

*The Book
o' Beggs*

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A GENEALOGICAL STUDY
OF
THE BEGGS FAMILY IN AMERICA
ALSO
GLEANINGS CONCERNING THIS
ANCIENT GAELIC FAMILY
OF
BEG—BEGG—BEIG—BEGGE—BEGGS



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Preface

While hunting lions in one's family tree usually suggests Mother Goose's juvenile Isaac Walton whose ambition was "for to catch a whale", still it does not follow that one should be content with merely circumstantial evidence to prove that he once had a grandfather and that that grandsire had a Christian name and a local habitation, or at least a habitat.

If it is evidence of wisdom to know one's own father, it is surely further proof of one's sapience to know one's grandfather.

Seriously, I have been very much impressed with the need of greater care in the preparation and preservation of family records.

These records usually note only births, marriages, and deaths,—taking no account of change of residence; and are liable to loss in many ways. Public records, while permanent, are very meagre and not always properly indexed. In a shifting population like ours, especially in the west, it soon becomes difficult and often impossible to trace relationships.

I have recently had a practical illustration of the paucity of information to be derived from these records. In making application for admission to the Sons of the American Revolution, I found that while I had no difficulty in finding official proof of my grandfather's Revolutionary services, I was unable to ascertain the date of either his birth or his death; though my grandfather's family Bible, more than a century old—he was married in 1797—throws no light on these questions.

The insufficiency of family and public records is greatly to be regretted.

For the savage it is sufficient to know who are his friends and who his enemies.

For the man who lives wholly in his own local environment it may suffice to know who of his associates are of his kith and kin. But one whose horizon is broader, and whose blood is thicker than water, desires to trace that blood wherever it flows, and give it recognition whenever occasion may permit. Pride in one's family and a decent respect for the feelings of members living and yet to live, have a tendency to strengthen one's better self and inspire to more manly living.

Taking advantage of a period of enforced idleness, I have collected for the use of my father's descendants such facts concerning him and his American ancestors as they should wish to have preserved; and have compiled his family record to date, as far as obtainable. I have also compiled such records as I could secure of other members of his family.

As many of our people have not fully informed themselves concerning the stock from which we have descended, and consequently do not fully appreciate their heritage of blood, I have prefaced the meagre family history that I have been able to secure with a brief chapter on the Scotch-Irish.

The descendants of the Pilgrims and of the F. F. V.'s are justly proud of their ancestry and have an added motive for keeping their names untarnished.

But the man who, retracing the steps of his fathers, treads the Shamrock to reach the Thistle, may stand erect and unabashed in the presence of the sons of both the Puritan and the Cavalier.

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Introduction

The original plan of this Book o' Beggs was to make only a pamphlet following some of those descendants of Captain Thomas Beggs,² whose line comes down thru Charles³ and a few of his children; to give such historical data concerning the Beggs pioneers as Robert Henry Beggs had secured by search of old Virginia records, from little known histories of those early settlements, and from records of the Beggs brothers,—John, James, and Charles,—as they assisted in the organization of the new territory of Indiana.

As I take up the completion of his work and the task of placing it in the hands of the younger generations, it has seemed advisable to list the children even unto the 8th and 9th generations from the James and Elizabeth Hardy Beggs, who landed on the Jersey shore.

Accordingly, I have included all data that has been sent to me from several branches of this spreading tree of Beggs. To try to include all of the fruits of that tree would be a hopeless task. The great grandchildren of the oldest daughter of Charles³ alone, are scattered from Savannah, Ga., to the Pacific.

The important and the most difficult is the task of securing data concerning the first three generations in America,—and something from across the Atlantic.

The Scotch-Irish were pioneers. Pioneers do not live a life compatible with the careful keeping of records.

The years of the Beggs sojourn in Ireland were stormy times for all people of Scotch descent, and hastened their departure for America.

The wonder is, that any Irish records have been preserved. There are very few.

The family of Beggs, Beg (*Sic*), Begg (*Sic*), Beig (*Sic*), Begge (*Sic*), on both sides of the Atlantic, have been, for the most part, well-to-do farmers and tradesmen, belonging to the class of honest, industrious citizens which must be always the reliance and hope of any nation.

In every case where I have used any spelling other than Beggs (with the final s) I have indicated the variant spelling by adding the word *sic* in parenthesis.

The chapters on the Scotch-Irish, the Beggs Pioneers, and most of the data concerning the first three generations in America, are presented exactly as they left the pen of Robert Henry Beggs.

I had no thought of ever finding anything to indicate the exact location of the Antrim home of James Beggs,¹ since my husband had been unable to do so.

A visit to the Congressional Library, on my way to New York, to sail for a year's sojourn in Europe brought that information into my hands. My chapter of "Gleanings" gives the story.

Most of those who bear the name know that their traditional home is County Antrim. Prior to that, Ayrshire, Scotland, where the name was spelled without an s.

I was unable,—though I searched diligently,—to find any real record of the line into Ayrshire. I found no written records in Ireland, except upon tombstones.

Only by piecing together bits of family tradition on this side the water, and matching it with similar bits in the Beggs families about Ballycarry; and by similarity of family names and neighbors' names, can we be sure that the Ulster home has been located.

The tradition about the marriage of Robert Burns' family into the family of our James,¹ belongs also to the family of James Beggs, Sr. (1698) of Ballycarry. That seems to make certain that they came from Ayr, and were named Begg (*sic*).

Blank pages are included, hoping that all who own this book will keep their record up to date.

Many unrelated entries, found in the British Museum Library, in the Old Registry in Edinburgh and elsewhere are assembled under "Coats-of-Arms," hoping they may be of assistance to some one in piecing out his own story.

The record of such an ancient family, as is this old Gaelic one, would be a rich field for research and would yield much of interest for the one properly equipped for such delving into the far past.

There is no pretense that the book is complete as a genealogy. Even in giving recent dates of births, etc., some families are more complete than others because of failure of the one sending the information to realize the importance of such data, or because of not understanding just how much might be included, and for various other reasons.

In a work of this scope it is of course impossible to give complete and accurate references. Some have been mentioned in the text. Robert Henry Beggs noted in his work that the following were important for reference in giving data for membership in patriotic societies:

1. "Minute Book, County Court, Rockingham County, Va."
2. "History of the West and Northwest," published in 1868, by Stephen R. Beggs.
3. "Historical Sketches," Vol. 1, (published in 1907) by J. N. Gridley.

I gratefully acknowledge my debt to all members of the family who have so ably assisted me in bringing their lines down to the present year. Especially I should mention Miss Myra Beggs, Mrs. Virginia Sinclair Catron, Miss Dorothy Elder, Mrs. Nina Row Zwickey, Miss Nellie Beggs, Mrs. Nellie Epler Mills, and Mrs. Mary Epler Lynd.

It is a great joy to have completed the work on which my husband labored with great interest during his last three years. There was joy in the work for that reason, but there was also the keen delight of the hunter, in looking back through 600 years for records of men who bore the name.

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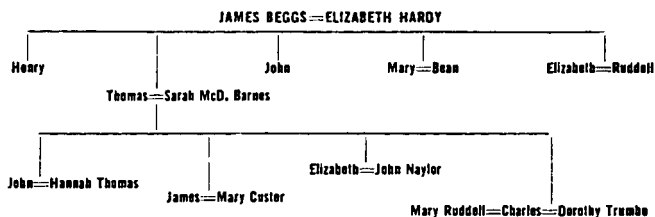
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EXPLANATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Following each person's name the full line of his descent from James¹ is given by initials and first names, in parenthesis.

Figures with two parallel lines following (as 39=) indicate that that person's genealogy is continued through the next generation. He is child No. 39 (small figures) in the 3rd generation; and becomes No. 39 (large figures) in the 4th, where his children are numbered.

b. means born; m., married; d., died.



It will assist greatly if this chart is kept in mind while reading of the Beggs of the first three generations in America.

This book is largely devoted to the descendants of Charles,³ although such information as has come to hand concerning John,² James,¹ and Elizabeth¹ has been included.

THE SCOTCH-IRISH

The somewhat clumsy compound, "Scotch-Irish," has been criticised as an awkward misnomer, but no acceptable substitute has been suggested. The name is used to designate the descendants of colonists from Great Britain who crossed over to the north of Ireland about three centuries ago,¹ and who a century later, began to migrate in large numbers to America. By far the greater part of these colonists were from Scotland but many were from the north of England, and among those who in the 18th century, settled in "the colonies," not a few were of unmixed English blood. It follows, then, that a genuine Scotch-Irishman need not have a drop of either Scotch or Irish blood in his veins, while a man whose parents are the one Scotch and the other Irish, is not necessarily Scotch-Irish. When these people first began to settle in America they were not called "Scotch-Irish" but simply "Irish" and as they brought the potato to New England (in 1719), this South American plant came to be known as the Irish Potato—a name it still bears.²

To understand in a general way the migration of these people from Great Britain to Ireland, and subsequently to the North American colonies it is necessary to go back in English history to the time of James I. About 1611 that monarch, whose troops had overrun the Province of Ulster and who confiscated a large part of the land, determined to people this land with Protestants to strengthen his hold upon the Emerald Isle. With such an end in view policy would dictate that he secure intelligent, enterprising and industrious colonists for the "Plantations of Ulster" as the district was called. That the king realized the importance of making careful selections is evidenced by the fact that he gave his personal

¹ There were other migrations from Scotland and other parts of Great Britain to the north of Ireland, both before and after this one, but this was the largest and by far the most important in its effects.

² An incident connected with this introduction of the potato is deserving of record in this place:

These "Irish" immigrants gave some seed potatoes to English acquaintances in a neighboring settlement who planted and cultivated them according to instructions. When the "balls" which were produced abundantly by these comparatively undeveloped potato plants of the time, reached full size these people gathered them and exhausted their ingenuity in trying to cook them in such a way as to make them palatable but gave them up as unfit for food. It was not till long afterwards when the ground was plowed in preparation for some other crop, that the potatoes were discovered.

attention to the matter¹ and to obtain the most satisfactory settlers confined his search mainly to the "inward parts of Scotland," though, as above stated, many were accepted from the north of England. That he was successful in his search is fully attested by history. Fiske tells us that the people sent over were "picked men and women of the best sort, yeomanry and craftsmen like those that settled Massachusetts and Connecticut with many generations of ancestry behind them on a far higher level of intelligence than the native peasantry of Ireland."² He further says that "they found the province the most neglected part of Ireland, a wilderness of bogs and fens which they transformed into a garden."³ "They also established manufactures of woolens and linens which have ever since been famous throughout the world," and further "Their social condition was not that of peasants, they were yeomanry and artisans. In a document signed in 1718 by a miscellaneous group of 319 men only 13 made their mark while 306 wrote their names in full. Nothing like this could have happened at that time in any other part of the British Empire, hardly even in New England."

As these Scotch immigrants differed in religious faith from the natives, and represented a hated conqueror, it was but natural that the feeling between the intruders and the former occupants of the land should become one of intense bitterness. But, since love laughs at lineage as well as at locksmiths, intermarriage was not an unheard of occurrence as the names of the Scotch-Irish conclusively prove.

As these colonists were highly prosperous in their new environment they doubtless would have remained contented in Ireland had the policy of the British government been wise and just; but early in the 18th century, when these people had been in their new home but three generations, laws were enacted that curtailed their civil and religious liberties, and to escape from this oppression they began in about 1719 to immigrate in large numbers to "the colonies." Discussing this movement, Froude uses the following language: "Vexed with suits in the ecclesiastical courts, forbidden to educate their children in their own faith, treated as dangerous to a state which but for them would have had no existence, the most

¹ MacLean's *Highlanders in America*, p. 42.

² Fiske's *Historical Writings*, Vol. VIII, p. 411.

³ Fiske's *Historical Writings*, Vol. V, p. 457.

⁴ Froude, Vol. I, p. 130.

earnest of them abandoned the unthankful service. If they intended to live as freemen, speaking no lies and professing openly the creed of the Reformation, they must seek a country where the long arm of prelacy was still too short to reach them. During the first half of the eighteenth century Down, Antrim, Tyrone, Armagh, and Derry were emptied of Protestant inhabitants who were of more value to Ireland than California gold-mines." So great was this movement that in some of the colonies these "Scotch-Irish" immigrants became a powerful if not indeed a dominant element. Fiske asserts⁷ that their migration to America was an event of "scarcely less importance than the exodus of the English Puritans to New England and that of the English Cavaliers to Virginia. It is impossible to understand the drift which American history, social and political, has taken since the times of Andrew Jackson without studying the early life of the Scotch-Irish population of the Allegheny region, the pioneers of the American backwoods." "I do not mean to be understood," he continues, "as saying that the whole of that population (that of the Valley of Virginia) at the time of our Revolutionary War was Scotch-Irish, for there was a considerable German element in it, besides an infusion of English moving inward from the coast. But the Scotch-Irish element was more numerous and far more important than all the others."

These Scotch-Irish immigrants found their way into all the colonies, but Philadelphia was their favorite landing place and large numbers located, many of them temporarily, in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. "Once planted in the Allegheny region they spread rapidly and in large numbers toward the southwest along the mountain country through the Shenandoah Valley and into the Carolinas." To the influence of these Scotch-Irish in Virginia Fiske attributes the early separation of church and state in that colony, the establishment of complete religious toleration, the abolition of primogeniture and entail, and many other important changes in the direction of democratic freedom." Like the Pilgrims these people had left their native land to escape persecution, and very naturally, like them they were quick to take alarm at any invasion of their rights on the part of the British government. For this reason we should expect to find fewer tories among the Scotch-Irish

⁷ Fiske's Historical Writings, Vol. V, p. 456.

⁸ Fiske's Historical Writings, Vol. V, p. 462.

than among other colonists who had suffered less from oppression in the home land. For the same reason we should expect these people to look with less favor upon slavery, than those who had suffered less for civil and religious liberty. In these expectations we are not disappointed. They were whigs almost to a man, during the Revolution and everywhere responded promptly whenever there was a call to arms. "We shall find the first voice publicly raised in America to dissolve all connection with Great Britain came, not from the Puritans of New England, or the Dutch of New York, or the planters of Virginia but from the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians."

A relatively small proportion of them became slave holders⁹ and many were actively and efficiently opposed to African slavery.

From Virginia the Scotch-Irish pioneers pushed westward into Kentucky and Tennessee and then on northward into Ohio, Indiana and Illinois where they were in the front rank of the free-soilers and bore the brunt of the battle in preserving the Northwest Territory from the blight of slavery. When the Civil War broke out it was the predominating influence of the Scotch-Irish in western Virginia that broke the Old Dominion in two, and it was the same element that saved Kentucky and a large part of Tennessee to the union during that deplorable conflict.¹¹

That the ancestors of the Scotch-Irish were "picked men and women" is a well authenticated historical fact. That their descendants who came to America before the Revolution were worthy sons of worthy sires is attested by every chapter of our country's history. A more specific proof however is furnished by an article contributed to the *Century Magazine*, September, 1891, by Henry Cabot Lodge entitled "The Distribution of Ability in the United States." This article gives the results obtained by studying the ancestry of the 14,253 persons whose names appear in *Appleton's Dictionary of American Biography* and reveals the fact that more than ten per cent of the people mentioned in this standard work were of Scotch-Irish extraction. C. K. Bolton in "Scotch-Irish Pioneers", finds¹²

⁹ Bancroft, Vol. V, p. 77.

¹⁰ "The institution of slavery never had a strong hold upon the people of Augusta. The Scotch-Irish had no love for it. * * * In 1840, out of a population of 19,628 the number of slaves was 4,135." Waddell's *Annals of Augusta County*, p. 414. "John McCue, an active and aggressive opponent of slavery, was elected to the legislature from Augusta County in 1832." *Ibid.*

¹¹ Fiske's *Historical Writings*, Vol. V, p. 462.

¹² Bolton's *Scotch-Irish Pioneers*, p. 309.

the Scotch-Irish population to have been but 6.7% of that of the entire country in 1790 as ascertained by the first U. S. census.¹³

Going a step farther and combining the percentages given by Senator Lodge with those ascertained by Mr. Bolton—including more than 95% of the entire population—we find that while a German population of 10,000 in 1790 had, at the publication of the work, produced 368 men of note, and a like English population 390, the same number of Scotch-Irish furnished 671 names for a biographical dictionary compiled without reference to ancestry by unbiased experts. For reasons that I need not recite, these figures cannot be taken at their exact face value when applied to the question of relative efficiency, yet, after making ample allowance for error, they still furnish strong proof of the vigor of the Scotch-Irish stock. This vigor is further attested by the fact that the Scotch-Irish furnished nine of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, fourteen major generals and thirty brigadier generals in the Revolutionary War¹⁴ and three of the twenty-two elected presidents of our nation.

Speaking in a lighter vein before the American Historical¹⁵ Association in 1896 (Vol. 1, p. 294) Woodrow Wilson thus characterizes the Scotch-Irish: "I am of an enduring blood—the Scotch-Irish. Now the Scotch-Irishman has no objection to talking about himself. If you will allow me to call your attention to it, a great deal of the history in regard to the south and the disclosure of the private affairs of the south is being done by the Scotch-Irish. The Scotch-Irish are following the admirable example set by New England. They are forming societies and proceeding to annex the

¹³ Several careful historians have accepted an estimate of the Scotch-Irish population greatly in excess of 6.7 per cent. This estimate is based, not on a census, but upon the numbers of Scotch-Irish immigrants known to have arrived within certain periods. This estimate seems to be based on reliable data but still it is only an estimate and cannot be accepted as against an actual enumeration made by the government within a few years after the Revolution. Waddell notes that 15 out of 16 of the justices of Rockingham County in 1778 were Scotch-Irish and remarks that the Scotch-Irish no doubt predominated in that county, but Dr. Wayland in *History of Rockingham County* finds that 70 per cent of the names in that county are German and that in the main these names appear upon the records in Revolutionary times. The evidence here seems conflicting, but when we remember that the German settlers were handicapped, as officials, by their language and that the Scotch-Irish were essentially frontiersmen and moved westward with the receding frontier, we can see that the Scotch-Irish may have predominated in 1778 and the German element a century later.

¹⁴ J. G. Craighead in *Scotch and Irish Seeds in American Soil*.

¹⁵ Proceedings of The American Historical Association, 1896, Vol. 1, p. 294.

universe. They are forming societies for the purpose of showing the United States that every element of value or importance in the history of the country has been contributed by the Scotch-Irish; and, I must say that I have the weakness to believe that a good deal of it is true.

You will not find the Scotch-Irishman anywhere other than at home. If he can get good whiskey and one or two other requisites of life, that is all that he requires. The rest of the circumstances he can conform himself unto with great kindness of spirit, and he has the appropriating spirit. The minute he lives in a region the region belongs to him. He does not belong to the region but the region belongs to him, and he is responsible for its past as well as its present and future. He has been adopted into the family; he has accepted the lineage, he has received the blood, and it is his purpose henceforth to apologize for nothing and to manage everything. Now I say this conquering spirit ought to conquer its place in history."

While the Scotch-Irishman stands clearly revealed in the above verbal cartoon he is no less readily recognized in the following from the pen of J. P. McLean:¹⁶ "The mass of them were men of intelligence, resolution, energy; religious and moral in character. They were a God-fearing, liberty-loving, tyrant-hating, Sabbath-keeping, covenant-adhering race and schooled by a discipline made fresh and impressive by the heroic efforts at Derry and Enniskilling." And further: "On the failure to repeal that act (Test Act, 1732) the protestant immigration recommenced which robbed Ireland of the bravest defenders of English interests and peopled America with fresh blood of Puritanism." That the Puritanism of these Scotch-Irish emigrants was not limited to opposition to oppression, whether political or ecclesiastical, is all too clearly proved by the earlier records at Staunton.¹⁷ These records furnish ample evidence that the hardy pioneers of Augusta county were not content with keeping the Sabbath themselves, and refraining from profanity, but insisted that others also, should obey the third and fourth commandments. Thus we find that on May 17, 1746, the grand jury presented

¹⁶ Highlanders in America.

¹⁷ These items were not obtained directly from the county records, but gleaned from Scotch-Irish in the Valley of Virginia, Boliver Christian; Annals of Augusta County, Jos. A. Waddell; History of Rockingham County, Dr. John Wayland, and Abstracts from Augusta Records.

"Robert Harper for being drunk and swearing three prophane oaths," and John Bramhan for "prophanely desiring God to damn Capt. George Robinson and his company." Nov. 1760 Samuel Hutt was indicted "for breach of the Sabbath in singing prophane songs." At the same court James Frame was called upon to answer "for breach of the Sabbath in unnecessarily traveling ten miles on the Sabbath day," Jacob Coger "for breach of peace by driving hogs over the Blue Ridge on the Sabbath day." In 1746 Valentine Sevier was presented "for swearing six profane oaths."¹⁴ A few other extracts from the Augusta recorder are added as further illustrations. On March 25, 1747, suit was brought in the county court against Andrew Cowin for "minister's steepends." The entry is as follows: "Andrew Cowin being called before us a member of sd. congregation to pay twenty shillings steepend Dew for four years

¹⁴ This Valentine Sevier was the father of Gen. John Sevier, a noted Indian fighter, a Revolutionary officer, governor of the State of Franklin during its transient existence, and the first governor of Tennessee. His father was a prosperous London merchant who had fled from France (French form of name Xavier) on the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. Valentine himself seems to have been a man of considerable means, judging from the number of sales of land made by him from time to time. The following bill of sale given by him in 1763 and on record at Staunton is reproduced as a fair sample of the business forms of the time:

Know all men by these presents that I, Valentine Severe, (*sic*) of Frederick County and Collony of Virginia, farmer, for & in Consideration of the sum of forty two pounds Ten Shillings and Seven pence Current Lawfull money of Virginia to me in hand paid by Andrew Bird of Augusta County in Colony aforesd, miller, whereof I do hereby acknowledge the Receipt, and my Self therewith fully & Entirely Satisfied have Bargained Sold Set over & Delivered and by these presents in plain & open market—according to the just and true form of Law in that case made and provided do bargain Sell Set over and Deliver into the sd. Andrew Bird and his heirs Exrs. adms. and assigns The Following Cattle Goods and Chattles Viz five Cows one with a young calf a two year Old heifer & three yearlings four feather Beds with all their Covering & furniture to them belonging withall my hogs and all my wearing apparal and all the Pewter and all other my housefurniture withall my iron pots and pans & three Smooth Bore Guns And every part and parcel of my movable Estate too tedious to mention in particulars all my Tools and Implements of Husbandry &c. To Have and to Hold the said Bargained premises unto the said Andrew Bird his heirs Exrs. Adms. & Assigns to the only proper use and Behoof of the said Andrew Bird his Exrs. Adms. and Assigns forever And I the sd. Valentine Severe for myself and my heirs Exrs. & adminrs. the said Bargained Premises unto Andrew Bird his heirs Exrs. & Administrators and assigns against all manner of persons Shall and will warrant and forever Defend by these presents. In Witness whereof together with the Delivery of these premises I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal This Eighteenth Day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and sixty three 1763.

Sealed and Delivered.

In presence of
Nicholas Zeehon
John Phillips

Valentine Severe (*sic*) (L S)

The above shows the usual spelling in these records.

past. He having made oath yt Mr. Creage never visit nor examined him in that time nor done his duty as a pastral minister to him ye sd. Cowin, our judgment is that ye sd. Cowin pay nothing and ye M R. Craig give ye Com. Credit for sd Sume and seven pence half penny Costs of sute." The minister mentioned here, Mr. Craig, did much pioneer work and sometimes found it difficult to secure suitable persons for elders in the new congregations he organized, but he did not find the difficulties insurmountable. His method of cutting the Gordian knot is best explained in his own words: "Wheer I cudna get hewn stanes I tuk dornacks."

The deputy sheriffs often found it difficult to get service on persons sued as shown by the returns made: Nov. 1752 in Williams vs. Bulger, John Lewis, D. S., made return: "not executed by reason of an axx." In the following year the entry in the same case was "not executed by reason of a gun."

At the February term, 1758, Mr. Bowyer made the following return: "Not executed by reason of the heathen Indians ranging so that I can't get up there."¹⁰ This is very probably the Mr. Bowyer who became a Lieut. Colonel in the Revolution.

In the case of Reed vs. Clendenning, Fb. 1756, the following entry was made: "not executed by reason the fellow gave me heel play, Geo. Skillern, D. S." This George Skillern became a brigadier general during the Revolution, and did excellent service, but as deputy sheriff he had his trials and was not always successful as witness the following: Nov. 1762, Young vs. Greer. "Not ex'd. Issue this against cousin again and perhaps after next court I may have better luck. Geo. Skillern, D. S." "This is my friends—issue it again and I'll storm his castle once more. Geo. Skillern, D. S." June 1763. "Issue this against the body once and I will lie at his house all night but I will have him. Geo. Skillern, D. S."

¹⁰ It is evident that there was no fiction in the matter of "the heathen Indians ranging." The Preston Register in the possession of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, shows that 84 persons were killed, wounded or taken prisoners in Augusta County from Jan. 1 to April 28 of that year, and 293 from October, 1754, to May, 1758, hardly a month passing without depredations.

Book of Deeds No. 16, p. 320, Augusta Records.

Henning's Virginia Statutes, Vol. 7, p.

That the "heathen Indians" were really "ranging" is fully attested by "The Preston Register" which shows that more than sixty settlers were killed or captured by the Indians in Augusta County from January to May of that year—more than 200 from October, 1754, to May, 1758.

Nov. 19, 1751, the following bill was presented: "To John Harrison for burying some Robbers by him killed; and for expenses to Dr. Lyn for dressing wounds of one of them, 640 pounds (tobacco).

To John Harrison for going for a coroner and other expenses about the above mentioned Robbers 310 pounds of tobacco."²⁰

In Bill vs. Warwick, 1754, "executed on the within John Warwick, and he is not the man." From the above it would seem that in filling civil as well as ecclesiastical positions it was sometimes necessary to take "dornacks" for want of suitable "hewn stanes."

The following from Parkman's "The Conspiracy of Pontiac," shows the Scotch-Irishman from a somewhat different angle: "The advancing frontiers of American civilization have always nurtured a class of men of striking and peculiar character. The best example of this character have, perhaps, been found among the settlers of Western Virginia and the hardy progeny who have sprung from that generous stock. The Virginia frontiersman was, as occasions called, a farmer, a hunter, and a warrior, by turns. The well beloved rifle was seldom out of his hands and he never deigned to lay aside the fringed frock, moccasins and Indian leggins which formed the appropriate costume of the forest ranger. Many of his traits have been reproduced in his offspring. From him have sprung those hardy men whose struggles and sufferings on the bloody ground of Kentucky will always form a striking page in American history."

In "Annals of Augusta," Waddell,²¹ himself of Scotch-Irish descent, reveals him more nearly from the point of view of McLean. On page 26 in describing the coming of these people into the Shenandoah Valley we read as follows: "It was impossible to bring wagons and all their effects were transported on horseback. The list of articles was meager enough, clothing, some bedding, guns and ammunition, a few cooking utensils, seed corn, axes,

²⁰Tobacco was the recognized medium of exchange at this time, and imprisonment for debt was not unusual. These facts are known, of course, by every school boy above the seventh grade, but they have a new meaning when found associated with one's own family history.

²¹Waddell's Annals of Augusta County, p. 255.

Waddell's Annals of Augusta County, p. 256.

saws, etc., and the Bible were indispensable and were transported at whatever cost of time and labor.

The settlers were almost exclusively of the Scotch-Irish race, natives of the north of Ireland, but of Scottish ancestry. Most of those who came during the first three or four decades were dissenters from the Church of England of the Presbyterian faith, and victims of religious persecution in their native land. They were generally a profoundly religious people bringing the Bible with them whatever else they had to leave behind, and as soon as possible erecting log meeting houses in which to assemble for the worship of God, with school-houses hard by." To these pen-pictures one more is added from an address by Wm. McKinley in 1893. "The Scotch-Irishman comes of a mighty stock—that we know—descending from those who would fight, who would die, but never surrender. Celt and Saxon are in him combined after each has been tempered and refined. As American citizens the Scotch-Irish have reason for pride. They were the first to proclaim for freedom in the United States; even before Lexington, Scotch-Irish blood had been shed in behalf of American freedom, and the spirit of Patrick Henry animated the Scotch-Irish to a man when the great clash came. "In the forefront of every battle was their burnished mail and in the gloomy rear of retreat was heard their voice of constancy and courage."

Of no race of people can Milton's words be applied in juster eulogy. "Inflamed with the study of learning and the admiration of virtue; stirred with the high hope of living to be brave men and worthy patriots, dear to God, and famous to all ages." Next to their intense patriotism, the distinguishing characteristics of the Scotch-Irishman is his love of learning. He is the ideal educator and he is a natural theologian. It would be difficult to find a college or a university without a Scotch-Irishman on its faculty. Another marked characteristic is the love of home and family, and wherever this prevails there are found many virtues, and high integrity and good citizenship. The home and the school-house have been mighty forces marking the progress of the Scotch-Irish race."

With these pictures at hand—portrait, cartoon or sketch—the reader will be able to form for himself a composite that may be a more faithful likeness than that portrayed by any one of these

²²William McKinley in Proceedings of the Fifth Scotch-Irish Congress, 1893.

masters. But be this picture what it may it will disclose the fact that Scotch-Irish blood is red rather than blue.

A descendant of these people, in tracing his ancestry may expect to find enterprise, integrity and loyalty to country and to religion; but he will have slight chance of finding either royalty or nobility in lineage, however much he may find in life and character. A century of pioneering in Ireland before beginning pioneer life in America makes it exceedingly difficult for one to trace through "the short and simple annals of the poor" his descent back to his Scottish progenitors. Pioneers are not noted for their records of vital statistics. He can be reasonably sure that his ancestors living about the time of the landing of the Pilgrims were among these "picked men and women" who crossed over from Scotland and the north of England to Ireland, but which ones there is little chance of determining.

But since these picked men were the sires of such sons as the Breckenridges, Alexanders, Lewises, Prestons, Campbells, Pickenses, Stuarts, MacDowells, Johnsons and Rutledges; Richard Montgomery, Anthony Wayne, Daniel Boone, James Robertson, George Rogers Clark, Andrew Jackson, Thomas Benton, Asa Gray, John Caldwell Calhoun, "Stonewall" Jackson, Geo. B. M. McClellan, Matthew Thurston, Horace Greeley, John Lothrop Motley, Wm. B. McKinley and Woodrow Wilson, we may be sure that their fathers, when occasion required, had quitted themselves like men in the land of the thistle and heather, and perhaps still earlier in the land of the shamrock, the earliest known home of the Scots.

The past services of the Scotch-Irish to our country are matters of history. What of the future? In American democracy no race or clan can long persist. Names are fast losing their former significance, and no longer carry with them their old time implications. A name once the proud boast of the Cavalier only may now conceal a predominance of Puritan ancestry. An O'Donnell may have fewer progenitors sleeping under the shamrock than under the edelweiss. In a few generations our descendants can each trace his lineage to all European nationalities and everybody will have crests and coats of arms galore, and all will be cavaliers and at the same time, sons and daughters of the Revolution. We have come together under the stars and stripes from the four quarters of the Caucasian world and we blend into a common mass. This

mass is the material from which the future American citizens are to be formed and our institutions—civil, social, educational and religious—form the mold in which this material must be cast. The material and the mold determines the character of the finished product. To this material now being fused in the great American melting-pot, the Scotch-Irish race has made a not unimportant contribution. From southern and eastern Europe a large and increasing stream of unrefined metal is pouring into this mighty retort, and to help maintain the quality of the charge the Scotch-Irish contribution is greatly needed; the gold of its religious faith and piety—gold purified in the refining fires of persecution—its iron will and perseverance that brook no backward step, and even its brazen assurance and self reliance that inspire it to attempt and to achieve the impossible—all these are valuable and indispensable ingredients in that blend of metals that, shaped in the matrix of American institutions, will give us a citizenship which we fondly hope and confidently trust will be superior to any the world has hitherto beheld.

BEGGS PIONEERS

Among the Scottish emigrants to Ulster were representatives of the Begg family, but their number and the Christian name they bore we cannot reasonably expect to learn.

After their removal to Ireland they added a letter to their name making it Beggs. There is reason to believe that the vowel has also undergone changes, and that Biggs, Beggs, Baggs and Boggs are all variants of the same patronymic, especially since coming to America. However of this there is no conclusive proof. How many of the Beggs name joined the Scotch-Irish migration to America during the first half of the 18th century, it would be idle to inquire. That a considerable number landed on the shores of the Delaware before the Revolutionary war seems probable since half a score served in various Pennsylvania regiments during that conflict, and the name was then, and still is, somewhat common in certain districts of the Keystone state.

Five are known to have gone southward into the valley of Virginia before 1750. The names of these five were Alexander, Henry, James of Lick River and James of Brock's Gap, and Robert.

Three of them served as constables. Henry was appointed May 18, 1748; James of Brock's Gap August 20, 1752; Alexander May 29, 1755.

James' of Brock's Gap also served as road surveyor, having been appointed May 16, 1754.

In colonial times the office of constable "was one of high importance including functions now assigned to various other officers" (*Encyclopoedia Americana*, Vol. V. Article Constables). As appointments to this office were made by the county court composed of a number of justices, these appointments may be taken as evidence that the appointees were men of character and responsibility.

The other James Beggs, the one whose Virginia home was on Lick Branch, was made guardian of Thomas Gilbert May 24, 1750, indicating that he had already established himself in a home at this date. He took up 100 acres of land "joining the land he formerly lived on," Feb. 24, 1751. No other facts concerning his life have been ascertained. He died in 1752, leaving a daughter Ruth.

The name of Robert Beggs first appears in the Augusta County

Records in 1748 when he served as a "proccessioner"²¹ for William Cowden of "Borden's Grant," a tract of land now a part of Rockbridge County. In January of the following year, Robert Beggs bought a certain note of Rev. Charles Tenant, which note he sold August 28, 1749, to Thomas Armor. Under date of March 20, 1781, we find the following entry: "Robert Beggs produced a certificate signed by the Clerk and William Fleming, Esq., Commissioner of Kentucky, of having a primitive right, which, he swears, he delivered to Colonel Daniel Boon, of which, he understands, he was robbed." In 1782 Robert Beggs had gone to Greenbrier County, Ky.

From the will of Alexander Beggs (who settled on Buffalo Creek about 1745), dated Nov. 19, 1789, and proved March 3rd, 1786, we learn that he had ten children—two sons and eight daughters. Of the two sons, Thomas and James, the former appears to have been the older and was named the executor of the will. The daughters were Jean, Agnes, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Margaret, Martha, and Frances. Thomas Beggs married Ann Whittlesey April 4th, 1786. Agnes married James Hickman May 30th, 1786. Sarah married Samuel Whittlesey August 29th, 1786. James married Janet Anderson Feb. 8th, 1787. Martha married Jonathan Poage Mar. 25th, 1794. Mary married John Hamilton Mar. 25th, 1794. Frances married ——— McBride—no date.

The estate of Sarah, widow of Alexander Beggs, was appraised June 3, 1794.

My information concerning Alexander Beggs was obtained during a scant three hours spent in the clerk's office at Lexington, in April, 1912. As my time was short, I confined my search to the deed books, will books, and land books.

The will of Thomas Beggs dated April 5, 1838, and proved Feb. 3, 1840, mentions the following children: Samuel, John, Elihu, Elizabeth, Jane and Ann, also a "grandson William Beggs living with me." Elizabeth married Francis Painter, April 18, 1815. Jane married John McClung Dec. 6, 1814. Samuel married Elizabeth Carter Nov. 9, 1820.

The records also show the marriage of Mordacai Crasser to

²¹A "proccessioner" was one who verified the boundaries of a tract of land and renewed the landmarks when necessary.

To "proccession" a tract of land was to renew the "blazes" &c that marked the boundaries.

Fanny Beggs Sept. 11, 1801, and Andrew Bailey to Jane Beggs Nov. 4, 1810. Fanny and Jane were probably the daughters of James Beggs.

Ann Beggs died in 1853 and William Beggs gave bond as administrator of her estate Nov. 1, 1853.

Stephen Beggs is mentioned Feb. 5, 1794, and Caleb Beggs in 1802. Both were probably descendants of Alexander Beggs.

James Beggs¹ of Brocks Gap was born in northern Ireland early in the eighteenth century—not later than 1720. His son Thomas² was born in New Jersey as early as 1744—probably earlier. The first exact date found on record in connection with the life of James Beggs¹ is Jan. 12, 1746, which is the date of a patent he received, to a tract of land in Augusta County, Virginia. This tract of 220 acres lies on the North side of Dry River—a small stream flowing into the north fork of the Shenandoah river, and near Third Hill, about a dozen miles north and a little west of Harrisonburg. As it required some time to secure a patent, James Beggs must have entered the Shenandoah Valley as early as 1745—probably not later than the early spring of that year. That he made this his permanent home is evidenced by the fact that his name appears in the county records at Staunton at least fourteen times between this date and 1777 when the county was divided and the Dry River country became a part of Rockingham County. In 1765 he sold to Uriah Humble the above described tract and in 1777 he sold to Peter Zetty an adjoining tract of the same size to which he had secured a patent dated June 15, 1760. Both deeds were signed by James Beggs and his wife, Elizabeth and are recorded in duplicate in the county clerk's office in Staunton. All these earlier deeds contain the old English provision for a nominal annual rental "when lawfully demanded." In the older deeds the rental is "three barley corns"—in the later, "an ear of Indian corn."

The patents were not recorded in the county books but are mentioned in subsequent deeds as a means of describing the lands and establishing the titles. That he obtained other lands in the same locality by patent admits of no doubt, but he still retained them when the county was divided and consequently his ownership did not become a matter of record in Augusta County. The older land records of Rockingham County were nearly all burned during the

Civil War when an attempt was made by the county officers to remove them from Harrisonburg."¹

It was mentioned above that certain deeds were recorded in duplicate, and to most persons this duplication of records needs some explanation. The explanation is this: Under English law the transfer of realty was complicated and expensive process—even a worse process than ours is now. To simplify and cheapen the procedure—especially to evade the provision for a public record—a method was devised by "lease and release." Neither the "lease" nor the "release" had to be recorded and both provided for the payment of a nominal rental, usually three barley corns, "when lawfully demanded." In course of time, however, the lease and the release became identical and constituted a cumbrous form of deed and both were put on record. Thus a method that was devised to avoid the expense of recording resulted in doubling that expense and those excessively verbose instruments came to be duplicated in the deed books in all their tiresome tautological iteration.²

Of the private life, politics and religion of James Beggs,¹ nothing is positively known, and but little can be safely surmised. That he was not litigious is evidenced by the fact that he lived in Brock's Gap for 35 years without becoming involved in any serious litigation.

In May, 1748, he and his neighbor Cornelius Murley seem to have had a serious misunderstanding, and each instituted proceedings against the other for trespass. Murley's complaint included both the wife of James Beggs¹ and their son, Henry.² However, both cases were dismissed and the two lived on adjoining farms for

²¹Among the wills that have disappeared from the Rockingham County files was that of John Lincoln, President Lincoln's great grandfather. John Lincoln's will was recorded June 22, 1789, and some of its provisions were brought out in the suit of Ryanel and ux. vs. Lincoln, filed in the Circuit Court of Augusta County March 26, 1813. John Lincoln owned 600 acres of land on Linville Creek, a few miles east of Dry River.

²²All the deeds in early days were entered in duplicate and the explanation of these duplications is somewhat interesting, and is as follows: Under English laws land could not be sold as other property and the direct transfer of title was impossible. To evade the law the seller executed a "lease" and the buyer a "release" and these instruments were written in parallel columns on a wide sheet of parchment which was then cut in an irregular line, making two "indentures" which were given to the respective parties. Each took his document to the recorder who tested them by putting the cut edges together, and having verified them placed both on record, making the transfer complete. Long after the actual "lease" and "release" were discontinued each party took a copy of the deed—still called "lease" and "release"—and placed it on record, thus resulting in a duplicate record.

a number of years after the incident without further litigation. Hence the friction seems to have been temporary. Only three times during more than a third of a century did he appear as plaintiff in an action for debt. In each of these cases his claim seems to have been just, as neither was decided against him.

One of the judgments obtained was against Valentine Sevier, the man "presented in 1746 for swearing six profane oaths," and whose son John Sevier became so justly famous in later years as warrior and statesman. This judgment, like the others, was probably payable in tobacco at a specified rate per pound.

As to religion and politics, the fact that he came to Virginia with immigrants who had left Ireland on account of religious persecution and who took an early and positive stand for civil and religious liberty, and the further fact that his grandchildren were of pronounced religious convictions and actively opposed to slavery;—these facts, it would seem, fully warrant us in assuming that he was an earnest and zealous Scotch Presbyterian and uncompromisingly opposed to the union of church and state.

Of the children of James Beggs,¹ except Thomas,² little is known. Of his daughters we know nothing except that they "married and reared families," probably in Virginia, possibly in New Jersey. Of Henry,³ probably the oldest son, our information is hardly more extended. The Staunton records show that he was appointed constable May 18, 1748; and that a week later Cornelius Murley brought suit against him,—which suit was dismissed.

Of the third son, John,⁴ we know even less. In fact we have no positive proof that there was a son John; but the John Beggs whose name together with the names of Thomas Beggs,⁵ Uriah and Martin Humble, Jacob Bear, Jacob Trumbo and the other residents of Brock's Gap, was added to the list of "tithables" in 1760, seems to have belonged to the family of James Beggs¹ and was probably "the son who died young without issue." No record of his death has been found.

An entry in Order Book, No. 6, Augusta County Records, shows that on Nov. 20, 1760, the names of John Beggs, Thomas Beggs, Jacob Trumbo, Uriah Humble and Jacob Bear and other Dry River residents were added to the list of tithables—i. e. persons subject to poll-tax—which would seem to indicate that these persons were either recent settlers or boys who had reached the age of sixteen

within the last twelve months. But at this time the lists of tithables were very far from being complete—in fact very unreliable. It is a matter of record that Jacob Trumbo, Uriah Humble and Jacob Bear had been landholders in Brock's Gap for at least five years as their lands were processioned in 1755 as recorded in the Augusta Parish Vestry Book, page 150. Thomas Beggs was at least thirty years old at this time, as he was a party to a suit at law in 1751. and Brock's Gap had been his home for not less than fifteen years. It follows therefore that this entry proves nothing in regard to the age of John Beggs except that he was at least sixteen.

In 1760 the name of Thomas Beggs was added to the list of "tithables" together with the names of Jacob Trumbo and Uriah Humble, both Dry River residents. Hence this entry seems to refer to the son of James Beggs¹ and indicates that he was at this time at least sixteen years old, and probably older.

In the same year Thomas Beggs² obtained judgment, Aug. 20, against William McGee for £39 9s 6d to be paid in tobacco, together with costs,—136 pounds of tobacco. In default of payment the defendant was to go to prison. This was doubtless the Thomas Beggs who brought suit in May, 1751, in March, 1759, and in March, 1760. In the other cases there was nothing to indicate which Thomas was concerned.

By the division of Augusta County in 1777 the Buffalo Creek country became part of the new county of Rockbridge—so named from its famous natural bridge—while the Dry River region became a part of Rockingham County.

As the families of Alexander and James were no longer in the same county, there is no further difficulty in identifying the Beggs named in the records, although there are four names common to the two families.

The will of James Beggs¹ was proved Aug. 23, 1779, by the oaths of Susanna McCoy and John Hatter and on the same day Thomas Beggs qualified as executor by giving bond in the sum of ten thousand pounds. The size of this bond, \$33,333.33 gives an erroneous idea of the value of the estate. The Virginia currency had already greatly depreciated in value as is indicated by the prices prevailing at this time. The county court from time to time fixed the maximum prices that might be charged at "ordinaries" or inns,

and the schedule established March 23rd, 1779, includes the following:

Whiskey the quart with loaf sugar	12s	(\$2.00)
A warm breakfast	9s	(1.50)
A warm dinner	12s	(2.00)
Bed with clean sheets, per night	5s	(.83½)
Oats or corn, per gallon	6s	(1.00)
Stableage with hay, a night	10s	(1.66⅔)
Pasturage, a night	6s	(1.00)

Comparing these prices with those now prevailing, it is evident that a \$33,000.00 bond in 1779 would represent no more value than one of \$10,000.00 would now. But to get a clearer notion of the depreciation, it is necessary to compare the prices established in 1779 with those prevailing before the breaking out of the Revolution. I quote from a list adopted by the Augusta court in 1760:

For a Hot Diet	9d	(\$.12½)
For a Cold Diet	6d	(.08⅓)
For Lodging with clean sheets	3d	(.04½)
For Lodging with feather bed	3 1/2d	(.04¾) .05
Whiskey, the gallon	6d	(1.00)

Comparing these two lists we find that prices had increased to about sixteen times what they were in ante-bellum days. A year later the "hot diet" had advanced from \$2 to \$12; two years later the high cost of living was indicated by a legalized price of \$30 for a meal. About this time we find a farmer in moderate circumstances giving an executor's bond for a thousand pounds (\$3,333,333.33) and it was not long till the continental currency had so far depreciated that it had become a by-word, and to this day "not worth a continental" is a vigorous expression for utter worthlessness.

Although James Beggs¹ had two daughters who married and had children, neither tradition, family bibles nor public records have preserved their names.² The family Bibles of James¹ and Thomas Beggs,² if still in existence, cannot be located. The "marriage bonds" and other documents pertaining to marriages in Augusta County under the colonial regime were filed in the government offices at Williamsburg, then the capital of the colony, and later destroyed by fire. The two sons, John² and Thomas,² were both sixteen or more years old in 1760, as they were both listed as tithables in that year.

²"In 1928, some family notes left by a son of Charles² were sent this writer. James¹ daughter Mary² married a man named Bean. Elizabeth² married Archibald Ruddell.

Thomas²⁷ married Sarah Barnes, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (McDowell) Barnes,²⁷ probably in 1764 or 1765 and was residing on a farm in the Dry River country at the breaking out of the Revolution. Owing to the fact that there were two other persons of the name in Augusta County, we cannot identify any record at Staunton as relating to the Thomas Beggs² of Brock's Gap.

The county court of Rockingham County was organized in April, 1778, and the record of its second session shows the appointment of Thomas as Captain.

Among the captains of the same regiment was Jacob Lincoln,—uncle of President Lincoln. Thomas Lincoln—his father—was a resident of Rockingham County at this time.

From the "order" books at Staunton we learn that Thomas of Brock's Gap went into the county court several times to enforce the payment of debts, but beyond this he does not appear to have been concerned in litigation. He was recommended for a captaincy of militia by the county court of Augusta County in 1777 and assigned to the company formerly commanded by Martin Humble, deceased. (Order book No. 16, pp. 215 and 222.)

On the organization of Rockingham County in 1778, he was appointed a captain in that county and qualified May 25, 1778. The commission was signed by the governor, Patrick Henry, but the oath was administered in the presence of the county court. His company was not called into active service, but in 1779 there was a call for one militiaman out of every twenty-five and he appears to have gone to Petersburg with a company of these new levies as "company Commissary" as it was known that he was an officer in the commissary department, and died at Petersburg of "camp fever" early in 1780. His will was filed for record May 23, 1780, and his widow, Sarah Barnes Beggs, and a neighbor, John Fitzwater, qualified as executors by giving bond in the sum of forty thousand pounds. The will book in which this will was recorded was destroyed as noted above, but the will itself with all other wills recorded in Harrisonburg should be on file in the county clerk's office. They of course were not carried off with the books—but they cannot be found.

²⁷The preservation of the maiden name of Mrs. Charles Barnes indicates that her people were proud of the name, and makes it probable that she belonged to the McDowell family so prominent in early days in Augusta County.

Thomas Beggs² left a widow and five children,—the oldest a boy of fourteen. A little more than two years after his death the widow married Col. Stephen Ruddell, a widower with one son, Cornelius, but whether other children, or not, I am unable to say. Cornelius was several years older than the oldest of the Beggs children. Two children were born to Stephen Ruddell by his second wife. The three groups of children seem to have lived together in harmony, as they kept together in maturity through two removals—first to Kentucky and then to Indiana. Mrs. Ruddell was still living in 1833 but was then very feeble and probably did not long survive.

Shortly after the marriage of Col. Ruddell and Mrs. Sarah (Barnes) Beggs, a school was established by Bishop Asbury of the M. E. Church at Harrisonburg, some twelve or fifteen miles from the Beggs farm and it seems probable that Col. Ruddell took advantage of the school facilities thus afforded.

James¹ and Thomas Beggs² had adhered to the faith for which the greater part of the Scotch-Irish of this country had abandoned Ireland, and were staunch Presbyterians. But Cornelius Ruddell became a Methodist preacher, while James,³ Charles,³ and Elizabeth³ Beggs became zealous laymen in that church.

It seems not improbable that the Harrisonburg school may have had something to do with this conversion to Methodism. The oldest son, John,³ did not go with his brothers and sister into the Methodist communion.

The four children of Thomas Beggs² all married in Virginia.

John³ married Hannah, daughter of John Thomas, a justice, coroner, and sheriff of Rockingham County, and later a member of the Assembly from Hardy County.

James³ married Mary Custer, daughter of Paul Custer (he spelled it Kuester), a Pennsylvania Dutchman, whose descendants need not blush for their lineage.

Elizabeth, or Betsy, as she was called—married John Naylor, the roots of whose family tree I am unable to trace, but whose branches give ample proof that it was sound.

Shortly after his marriage, John Beggs³ removed to Kentucky, locating in Woodford County, where he was joined by Charles³ in 1797, immediately after the latter's marriage. James,³ the second

son, was appointed justice of the Rockingham County Court about the same date, and remained several years longer in the old home.

A facsimile of the "marriage bond" of James Beggs¹ and Mary Custer illustrates further the manner in which official records were made in those days. It seems that the county clerk had no printed form and had to copy from an old English form book. It is evident that this copying was done in advance so that hand made blanks were ready for use at any time. Notwithstanding this fact some mistakes were made in this particular bond. In the first place "Fifty pounds" was inadvertently copied, but this mistake was corrected by striking out the incorrect word and interlining "one hundred and fifty dollars." The next error was in writing the adverb "severally" instead of the adjective "several." The third mistake is rather amusing. It is the substitution of "suddenly" for "shortly,"—so that the instrument reads, "a marriage is *suddenly* to be solemnized between" etc. It will be noted also that the clerk wrote "Baggs" and "Conrade Custard" in the body of the bond, while the signatures are "Beggs" and "Conrade Kuster." The letter signed by Paul Custer but evidently written by James Beggs¹ furnishes another example of spelling a name one way in the instrument and another in the signature, though, in this case, both spellings were allowable. The daughter had Anglicized the spelling while the father retained the modified German form.

The three brothers and their sister, John,¹ James,¹ Charles,¹ Elizabeth,¹ all went first to Kentucky, and after a few years to Indiana. I quote from Dennis' *Indiana*, p. 356: "James Beggs¹ might have made some more claim to greatness than any other member of this legislature (1817-1818). He was one of three brothers who came west in the latter part of the last century, settled for a time in Kentucky, and then came north of the Ohio because it was free soil, or at least more nearly so than Kentucky. They were all Virginians of Irish descent, the sons of Thomas Beggs,² a commissary in the Revolutionary army. Being fairly well-to-do each bought a five hundred acre tract in Clark's Grant and settled down to farming. James¹ was a graduate of William and Mary's; the other two had good common school educations. They were religious pioneers. John, the oldest, was a Baptist, later a follower of Alexander Campbell, and the others were staunch Methodists. They had enough Virginia in them to be very fond of reason and

not at all covetous of hard work. John was for some years a judge of the Clark County court. Charles¹ was a militia captain and served with credit at Tippecanoe. James was several times in the legislature. Beyond this they were not known in public life, but in the Falls country they were men of distinction, men of great strength of heart, of great brain. Their qualities made them of great importance in local politics, and during the territorial period they were head and front of the anti-slavery party in Clarks."

Quoting further (pp. 358 and 359): "In Clark County a mass meeting was called for Oct. 10, at Springville, then the county seat, to take action on the legislative resolution (a resolution favoring slavery). There was a large attendance and a general harmony of sentiment. John Beggs was elected chairman and Davis Floyd secretary. On motion of Abraham Little, John Owens, Charles Beggs, Robert Robertson and James Beggs were appointed a committee to draw up a memorial against the legislative resolutions. It is probable that James Beggs² prepared the memorial. He was best fitted of the committeemen to do so; and its occasional verging on Scripture style indicate him the author. This memorial is peculiarly memorable because it promulgated a theory which was new to Indiana and to the nation,—the doctrine of Squatter Sovereignty. It antedates by forty years the letter of General Cass in which this doctrine is commonly supposed to have been first enunciated."

From "Laws of 1810," p. 54, I quote as follows: "When the slavery law came up, it passed the House, but a tie in the Council left the deciding vote to James Beggs," its president, thus putting slavery forever out of Indiana affairs."

Dennis refers to this incident (p. 406) and adds: "The deciding vote of James Beggs³ on this occasion has always been a matter of just pride to his family. His venerable daughter, Mrs. Susan Armstrong, of Laporte, says, 'My father, being president of the Council, gave the casting vote which made Indiana a free state, for which I say, 'God bless James Beggs.' To her pious benediction we may fervently 'So may it be.'"

Immediately after his marriage Charles Beggs⁴ and his bride set out on horseback for Woodford County, Kentucky, whither his brother John had preceded him.

No account has been left concerning the trip of Charles Beggs⁵

and his bride, nor of that of either of the other brothers, but they probably took the usual route called the "Wilderness Road."

A description of a party that migrated to Kentucky a few years before, will answer in its main features, for anyone of the many parties of emigrants that passed over this trail—for it was a trail, rather than a road—within a few years after the close of the Revolutionary war.

As the "heathen Indians" were still "ranging," the emigrants traveled only in parties of considerable size. I quote from an account of a party that made the journey in 1784. "The families met according to agreement in Staunton Oct. 1st. All rode upon horses, and upon other horses were placed the farming and cooking utensils, beds and bedding, wearing apparel, provisions; and last but not least, the libraries consisting of two Bibles, half a dozen Testaments, the Catechism, the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church and the Psalms of David. Each man and boy carried his rifle and ammunition, and each woman her pistol, for their long journey was through a wilderness, and that infested by savages.

James Trimble's family (James Trimble was one of the principal men in the party) consisted of a wife and three children. Two were sons, one three years old, the other eleven months. These, the mother carried, one in her lap, the other behind her. By the time the party reached Abingdon, they had increased to three hundred persons. General Knox organized the unencumbered horsemen—of whom there were not more than twenty—into two companies, one to go in front, the other in the rear, with the women and children and pack horses in the middle. There was no road and the trail being wide enough for only one horse, the emigrants went in single file forming a line nearly a mile long. Clinch river was swollen by recent rains and in crossing it, Mrs. Trimble and her children came near losing their lives. A Mrs. Ervin carried two negro children in a wallet thrown across her horse. They were washed off the horse, but were rescued by a Mr. Wilson.

A party of eight horsemen overtook them at Clinch River and preceded them on the route. Measles broke out and there was scarcely a family in the train that had not a patient to nurse. Notwithstanding their exposure to rain for several days, no deaths occurred. Between Clinch River and Cumberland Gap the emigrants came upon the remains of the eight horsemen that had passed on

before them. They had been tomahawked, scalped and stripped by Indians. Some of the bodies had been partly eaten by wolves."

With the description of this party in mind, we can form a picture of the honeymoon trip of Charles and Dorothea Beggs. It will not be of two young people caparisoned as members of a city riding club, cantering side by side. But we should see the bride a rosy cheeked country lass, clad in homespun, mounted on a rather spirited nag, a pistol in the holster at the right horn of her saddle, leading a string of several pack horses, and in a long line of women and children also on horseback, most of the women either leading horses or carrying little children in their arms.

The groom is a man more than six feet tall, with black hair and blue eyes, weight near two hundred pounds, dressed in a fringed frock, Indian leggings and moccasins, a rifle strung over his shoulder by a leather strap; mounted on a vigorous steed, and with other men similarly equipped, either leading the van or guarding the rear of a mile long cavalcade. And this, not for a day, or two days, or three days, but for a long month through a wilderness infested with hostile Indians who had been so wronged by the white man, that to slay a paleface was for them a greater virtue than to slay a prowling panther.

After two years, Charles with his wife and infant daughter removed to the north of the Ohio River into what is now Clark County, Indiana. In the course of a few years he was followed by his brothers and brother-in-law; also by his step-father, Colonel Stephen Ruddell. Like most other Scotch-Irishmen they were conscientiously opposed to slavery. The hope of escaping the blighting influence of this "peculiar institution" had much to do with their removal from Kentucky.

Of Charles Beggs, J. N. Gridley writes, pp. 427-8, in "Historical Sketches": "Charles Beggs was a Methodist. The founder of his Church, the great John Wesley, had solemnly declared, 'Slavery is the sum of all villainies,' and Charles Beggs heartily agreed with him. His first child, Elizabeth, was born in a slave state (Kentucky). He lived among a people governed by laws that allowed a father to sell for money his own mulatto children and divide it among his white children. His soul cried out in protest against this awful condition; he would not consent to rear his children among such morally degraded; he resolved to go where he could

breathe free air. We find him again in 1800, a "home seeker." He crossed the Ohio river into the country that later became the State of Indiana. He settled close to the bank of that river in what is now Clark County. His brothers John and James must have had the same abhorrence of the curse of slavery for they soon joined him. Here Charles Beggs settled down in peace and contentment, he became a quiet farmer till he was called by his friends into public life. In 1813, assisted by his friend Abram Epler, he built a water mill; later, he became a merchant as well as farmer. The territory of Indiana was organized in 1800 with the capital at Vincennes and with General William Henry Harrison as governor. Although Charles Beggs³ had but just made his appearance from the south side of the river, his character and ability were immediately recognized and he was chosen as a member of the convention to draft a constitution for the new territory, from Clark County. He proceeded to Vincennes where he soon made the acquaintance of Governor Harrison, and they became the closest of friends. A few years later they fought together in the battle of Tippecanoe, in which Charles Beggs³ commanded a company of cavalry, and where Harrison at the head, acquired sufficient military glory to sweep him into the presidency of the United States.

The interior, filling up more and more rapidly, it was resolved to re-locate the county seat. Charles Beggs³ was a member of the state legislature and one of his brothers was a member of the senate. These men introduced the necessary measures to obtain the relief needed; and by constant and persistent effort, succeeded.

Charles Beggs was authorized to choose a fitting place for the county seat of the county. He located it upon two farms purchased from James McCampbell and Barzilla Baker, and upon them was laid out, in 1806, the town which has ever since been the seat of Clark County. In honor of Charles Beggs³ it was named Charles Town or Charlestown which is the present name. To help the building of this town, Mr. Beggs, then a prosperous farmer, thirty-one years of age, established a store. He was also engaged in purchasing the products of the farms, and loading them on flat boats, taking them down the Ohio and Mississippi to the lower towns,—as far as New Orleans, where, disposing of his boats and their cargoes he would return on horseback."

John³ and James³ remained permanently in Indiana, but



Home built by Captain Charles Beggs
near Little Indian, Cass County, Ill.

Charles¹ removed to Morgan County, Illinois, in 1829, where he died Oct. 21, 1869, at the age of 94 years, 11 months and 21 days.

The following is an extract from the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society, April, 1916, page 63:

"In 1829 there came to Morgan County (Ill.) from Clark County, Indiana, Capt. Charles Beggs. Capt. Beggs bought a block of the land which Mr. Conover had entered and became a near neighbor of Mr. Conover.

Capt. Charles Beggs was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, in 1775, emigrating to Kentucky in 1797, and to Indiana in 1800. Like Mr. Conover, he brought with him a large family and good Christian citizenship, the full counterpart of his near neighbor. Capt. Beggs served Indiana in her territorial and State legislatures and was a member of the convention that framed her constitution under which she was admitted as a state. He was with Harrison in his campaign against the Indians on the Upper Wabash, commanding a company of light-horse in the battle of Tippecanoe."

The old homestead of Capt. Beggs still remains in Morgan County, located near the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Town 16 north, range 10 west. The three mile strip that was taken from Morgan and added to Cass in 1845 put the old Conover homestead about as far into Cass as the Beggs homestead is in Morgan, about 40 rods."²

"Dorothy Trumbo, first wife of Charles Beggs," was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lair) Trumbo and granddaughter of a Jacob Trumbo who bought 400 acres of land in Brock's Gap, Augusta County, Va., June 23, 1752.

Dorothy Trumbo's father was born in Brock's Gap, 1755, and died there in 1843." Excerpt from letter of William Mackinlay, Secretary of Trumbo Family Association:—

"It is believed that the earliest known home of the Trumbos was Switzerland, and the earliest form of the name was Von Trumbach; that when they migrated to France it became Trumbeau. They espoused the Huguenot faith, and on the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, they took refuge in Germany where they adopted the German tongue. Early in the 18th century, they, with

²"Early Settlement of Walnut Grove, Cass County, Ill., by Wm. Eppler.

their German neighbors, migrated to Pennsylvania where all were known as Penn. Dutch. General John E. Roller of Harrisonburg, whose ancestors were of the same stock and entered Augusta County about the same date, is my authority for the story of the removal from France to Germany; thence to Pennsylvania, thence to Augusta County, Va."

According to General John E. Roller who belongs to the same stock, they were what he styles the "Forgotten Huguenots,"—i. e., French Huguenots who fled from France to Germany on the revocation of the Edict of Nantes,—forgot the French tongue but retained their religion. When they came to this country they were using German devotional songs to French tunes. General Roller has a fine collection of their devotional books.

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The following is a facsimile of the Bond given by the Executors of the will of Thomas Beggs:—

"Know all men by these Presents that we, Sarah Baggs (*sic*) and John Fitzwater, John Gratton, Henry Dove and George Chrisman are held and firmly bound to David Smith, Henry Ewing, Reuben Harrison, William Herring, John Davis, and Anto Reader, Gentlemen, Justices of the Court of Rockingham County, now sitting, in the sum of Forty Thousand Pounds to the Payment where-of, well and truly made to the Justices and their successors, we bind ourselves, and each of us, one and each of our Heirs, Executors, Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these Presents

Sealed with our seals this twenty-second Day of May, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty and in the fourth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George III Commonwealth.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Sarah Baggs (*sic*) and John Fitzwater, Executors of the last Will and Testament of Thomas Baggs, deceased, do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased which have or shall come to the Hand, Possession, or Knowledge of the said John and Sarah, or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for them and the same so made do exhibit in the county court of Rockingham at such time as they shall be there-unto required by the said Court, and the same Goods and Chattels and

Credits and all other Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased which at any time after shall come to the Hand Possession or Knowledge of the said John and Sarah, or into the hands of any other Person or Persons for them do well and truly administer according to law and farther do make a just and true account of their actions and doings there-in when there-to required by the said court, and also shall well and truly pay and deliver all the Legacies contained and specified in the Said Will and Testament as far as the said Goods and Chattels and Credits will thereunto extend and the Law shall charge then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered
in the presence of—

SARAH BEGGS
JOHN FITZWATER
JOHN GRATTEN
GEORGE CHRISMAN
HENRY DOVE

The names signed to this bond were those of leading citizens of the county. John Fitzwater and John Gratten were members of the first county court of Rockingham county, and Fitzwater became captain March 28, 1780, probably succeeding Capt. Beggs. George Chrisman was appointed captain March 26, 1781. Henry Dove, though he held no office, was a man of some repute. He signed his name in German script and was probably a Pennsylvania Dutchman. Scotch-Irish and Pennsylvania Dutch made up the greater part of the population of this region, the former predominating, especially in official circles. Many of the Germans had little command of the English language and this fact proved a handicap in official positions.

George Chrisman, bondsman for Sarah Beggs in 1780, and for John Beggs in 1789, owned 17 horses and four slaves in 1788.

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During the last half of the eighteenth century, the Virginia statutes required the applicant for a marriage license to give bond that there was "no lawful cause to obstruct" his marriage, and if the prospective bride was an "infant," i. e. under eighteen years of age, he must present written evidence that she had the consent of her father or guardian. The "marriage bond" of Charles Beggs is here reproduced partly as a legal curiosity, and partly to show the changes that had already taken place in such instruments. Com-

paring this bond with the one of James," it will be noted that the spelling has been simplified by omitting capitals in writing common nouns, and that the language is a little less cumbersome.

With the "marriage bond" of Charles Beggs" on file in the clerk's office, is a note of which the following is a copy:—

Sir:

You are hereby requested to grant to Charles Beggs a marriage licence for my daughter Dorotha, and in so doing you'll greatly oblige,

Yours,

JACOB TRUMBO

July 28, 1797

Teste

Conrade Custer

Henry Conger

The "marriage bond" runs thus:

"Know all men by these presents that we, Charles Beggs and Conrad Custer are held and firmly bound to his Excellency, James Wood Esq. Governor of Virginia and his successors in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to the payment where-of well and truly made, we do bind ourselves, our heirs, and our joint and several heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated the twenty-eighth day of July A. D. 1797 in the 22nd year of the commonwealth.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly to be solemnized between the above bound Charles Beggs and Dorotha Trumbo, daughter of Jacob Trumbo of Rockingham county, if therefore there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct such said marriage, then this obligation is to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

CHARLES BEGGS

CONRAD CUSTER

Witness

H. S. Gambill"

The marriage was "solemnized" Aug. 1, the Rev. Ferdinand Lair officiating.

Some of the Descendants of

JAMES BEGGS

FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA

1. James Beggs¹ was born in the north of Ireland, county Antrim, province of Ulster—exact date unknown. He married Elizabeth Hardy and sometime prior to 1730 migrated to America. He located in New Jersey where his son Thomas was born. No record has been found of the birth or death of any of his other children, of whom there were at least four. About 1745 he removed to Augusta County, Virginia, locating on Dry River, a tributary of the North Fork of the Shenandoah, in what is now Rockingham County. Here he engaged in farming with a fair degree of success, but served a while as constable and also as road overseer. He died in 1779.

Children of James¹ and Elizabeth (Hardy) Beggs:

1. Henry Beggs² b. 1727 or before that date.
2. = Thomas Beggs² b. 1730 or before that date.
3. John Beggs² b. 1744 or before that date.
4. Mary married ———— Bean.
5. Elizabeth married Archibald Ruddell.

J. N. Gridley in "Historical Sketches" (Enquirer Print, Virginia, Ill. 1907) says the daughters "married and reared families". Further than this, no record has been found. The same authority states that one of the sons died in early life without issue. This must have been John, as Henry is known to have attained his majority and to have served as constable in 1748.

SECOND GENERATION

No. 2

Thomas² (James)¹ was born in New Jersey as early as 1730—how long before that cannot now be determined. While still a lad, he removed with his parents to Augusta County, Virginia. As there were no wagon roads in this region at that time, the journey was necessarily made on horseback. Such household goods and family

utensils as they carried to their new home were transported in the same way. Thomas was brought up on his father's farm and seems to have remained with his father some years after attaining his majority. In 1764 or 1765, he married Sarah Barnes, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (McDowell) Barnes, and took up his residence on a farm of his own in Brock's Gap, and near that of his father. They were married in Augusta County, but the "marriage bonds" and marriage licenses were all filed at Williamsburg, the capital in colonial times and up to 1785. Because of destruction by fire, no public record of this marriage can be found. After the breaking out of the Revolutionary War he was appointed captain of the militia taking a place left vacant by the death of Martin Humble. On the division of Augusta County into Rockbridge, Augusta, and Rockingham Counties, he was appointed May 22, 1778, as captain in the last named county.²³

In 1779 the British captured Norfolk and other points near the mouth of the James. The governor of Virginia called one man out of every twenty-five into active service for state defense. These new levies were organized into companies. Thomas Beggs² went with one of these new companies as "Commissary" and early in 1780 fell a victim to "camp fever" at Petersburg, Va. His will was probated at Harrisonburg, May, 1780, his widow and John Fitzwater giving bond as executors in the sum of forty thousand pounds.

Children of Thomas² and Sarah (Barnes) Beggs:

- 6.=John Beggs³ b. Jan. 4, 1766, Augusta County.
- 7.=James Beggs³ b. April 4, 1768, Augusta County.
8. George Beggs³ b. (?) 1770, Augusta County.
- 9.=Elizabeth Beggs³ b. August 11, 1773, Augusta County.
- 10.=Charles Beggs³ b. October 31, 1775, Augusta County.

Brock's Gap is the name given to the district in which the Beggs farms were located. It became a part of the new county of Rockingham upon its organization in 1788.

²³Minute Book No. 1, page 6:

"At a court held for Rockingham County, Monday the 22nd day of May, 1778, Thomas Beggs, among others, being appointed captain of the militia, took oaths according to law, which is ordered to be certified."

THIRD GENERATION

No. 6

John Beggs³ (Thomas,² James¹) oldest child of Thomas and Sarah (Barnes) Beggs was born Jan. 4, 1766, and spent his boyhood on his father's farm receiving a fair common school education. February 16, 1789, he married Hannah Thomas, daughter of John Thomas,³⁰⁰ a prominent citizen of Rockingham County, serving successfully as "justice of the county court," coroner, and sheriff,—also as a member of the general assembly from Hardy County—although John Beggs was given 220 acres of land by his father's will, he disposed of his farm a few years after his marriage and was the first of the family to make a home in Kentucky, though Charles took the lead in the hegira to Indiana.

Removing with his brothers to the latter state, John Beggs³ joined with his brothers in the campaign against slavery. As a result of the publicity this gave him he was, for several terms, elected a "judge of the court,"—probably a justice of the county court organized after the Virginia model. Early in life he affiliated with the Baptist church, but later became a follower of Alexander Campbell, a Scotch-Irish Baptist minister who was excluded from fellowship because of his uncompromising opposition to written creeds. John³ died April 7th, 1845, in his 80th year. His wife, Hannah, born Nov. 23, 1764, died May 6, 1853.

Children of John³ and Hannah (Thomas) Beggs:

11. Elizabeth,⁴ b. Nov. 25, 1779, m. Alexander Marrs Sept. 16, 1819, d. June 21, 1829.

³⁰⁰John Thomas, father of Hannah, owned 680 acres of land in 1789 and was among the largest land holders in the county. He was the son of Reece and Jean Thomas, who located in Brock's Gap at an early date. Reece Thomas had four sons,—John, James, Reece, and Evan. Jean was a widow with two daughters when she married him. She survived him. He died in 1758 and his will is on record in Will Book No. 2, page 298, in the clerk's office in Staunton. Inventory of his estate is recorded in the same book. Among things listed are:—1 Quarto folio Bible £1—s4—0; 1 Quotation Bible £0—s2—d.6; 1 Young Man's Companion; 1 Psalm Book; 2 small books; a few old volumes of books; a parcel of Welch books; 1 spoke sheaver.

Although the Thomas' were Scotch-Irish, the Welch books and the name Evan, point to Wales as the home of one ancestor.

Although the evidence is not positive, it is quite satisfactory that John Thomas was a vestry-man and a justice in Augusta County; also the same in Rockingham County after the division; coroner of Rockingham County in 1778-9; sheriff of Rockingham County in 1783-4 and 1784-5, and a member of the Virginia assembly from Hardy County about 1793.

12. Catherine,⁴ b. Aug. 30, 1791, m. Walter Wheatley Jan. 30, 1823, d. June 11, 1830, children, James and John.
13. Sarah,⁴ b. July 12, 1793, unmarried, d. Dec. 29, 1868.
14. Jemima, b. May 27, 1795, m. twice; first to Jesse Combes, second to James Harden, father of the James Harden who married Caroline Beggs.³
15. Hannah,⁴ b. June 25, 1797, m. Charles Wesley Stillwell, d. June 8, 1873, children Julius, James, Joseph and two daughters. Chas. W. Stillwell died Dec. 3, 1836.
16. Rebecca,⁴ b. Oct. 4, 1799, m. David Drummond Sept. 12, 1821, d. Oct. 8, 1864.
17. = James,¹ b. Jan. 1, 1802, m. Matilda Drummond Jan. 16, 1823, d. Jan. 6, 1878.
18. Mary, b. Feb. 2, 1804, m. (1) ——— Fisher, (2) ——— Stillwell.
19. Ruth, b. March 19, 1806, m. (1) Phineas Money Nov. 13, 1834, who died June 27, 1835. Their daughter Lydia married Clinton Hostetter of Douglas, Ill., (2) Mordacai Cole.

No. 7

James Beggs,³ (Thomas,² James¹) second son of Thomas and Sarah (Barnes) Beggs, was born in a part of Augusta County now included in Rockingham County, April 4, 1768. His father died when he was a mere lad, but his mother and his step-father looked carefully after his education; otherwise he could hardly have taken a degree at William and Mary College. On the 28th of August, 1794, he married Mary Custer, daughter of Paul Custer, who wrote his name Kustar. Paul Custer was the founder of the Custer family in Rockingham County, Va., a family to which Dr. Wayland devotes several pages in his "History of Rockingham County." In its transition from the German form, Kuester, to the accepted spelling of today, the name underwent various changes, and appears in the records at Staunton and Harrisonburg as Kuster, Keester, Kiester, Kester, Custard, Custert and Custer.

From 1797 to 1801, James Beggs³ was one of the justices of the Rockingham County court.

Both James Beggs³ (Thomas,² James¹) and his wife united with the Methodist church in 1791, three years before their marriage. The Methodists seem to have secured a strong foothold in Rock-

ingham County about this time under the leadership of Bishop Asbury, who founded a school at Harrisonburg. The rules prepared by the trustees of this school for its government provide for six and one-half hours tuition in winter and eight in summer, exclusive of the noon recess. Rule 13 provides for a school garden for recreation, thus ante-dating by more than a century one of the newest things in the schools of today.

In 1805 James³ removed to Kentucky, but soon joined his brothers in Clark County, Indiana, where he died May 13, 1835.

Mary (Custer) Beggs died in Clarke County, Indiana.

Children of James³ and Mary (Custer) Beggs:

20. Sarah L.⁴ b. Feb. 20, 1797, Virginia; m. Dr. Goforth.
21. John B.⁴ b. Sept. 14, 1799.
- 22.=Stephen R.⁴ b. Mar. 30, 1801, Va.; m. Elizabeth L. Heart.
23. Margaret K.⁴ b. Feb. 16, 1805, Ky.
24. Dr. Thomas G.⁴ b. July 28, 1807 (?) Ind.
25. Susanna L.⁴ b. May 29, 1810, m. twice, (1) John Armstrong, (2) Banks Hall.
26. Barthena H.⁴ b. Jan. 4, 1812.

No. 9

Elizabeth Beggs³ (Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 11, 1773, d. at Concord, Ind., April, 1852, m. John Naylor whose name appears in Dillon's History of Indiana, published in 1850. She was so proud of the Beggs name that six of her children bore it as a middle name. In 1793, this family moved from Virginia to Kentucky. In 1805 they moved to Indiana, where John N. died in 1843.

Children:

- 27.=Isaac B. Naylor.
28. William B. Naylor, b. 1792, Va., m. Nancy Mars, res. Terre Haute, Ind.
29. Charles B. Naylor, b. 1794, Ky., m. 1818 at Frankfort, Ky., to Mrs. Lydia Grant Gano Miller who d. 1864.
30. James B. Naylor, b. 1796, Ky., m. Esther Tilford.
31. Sarah Barnes Naylor, b. and d. in Ind.
32. Dorothy B. Naylor, b. Ky., m. Jacob Miller.
33. Elizabeth B. Naylor, b. Ky., m. ——— Hagan.
34. Archibald Wm. Naylor, b. 1798, Ky., d. 1894, San Jose, Calif.
35. George B. Naylor, d. aged 10 yrs., Ind.

No. 10

Charles Beggs³ (Thomas,² James¹) was born October 30, 1775, in Augusta County, Virginia. He married Dorothy Trumbo in Rockingham County, August 1, 1797, Rev. Ferdinand Nair officiating.

Immediately after their marriage the young couple set out for their new home in Woodford County, Kentucky. Kentucky was slave territory. They had no sympathy with that peculiar institution, and deplored its blighting influence. Within about two years these young pioneers were among the home-seekers crossing the Ohio River and located in what is now Clark County, Indiana.

The children of Charles Beggs³ (Thomas,² James¹) and Dorothea (Trumbo) Beggs were:

36.=Elizabeth¹ b. June 15, 1798, in Kentucky, m. Henry Hopkins.

37.=Sarah¹ b. April 28, 1800, in Indiana, m. John Epler.

38.=Mary Ann¹ b. Jan. 29, 1802, in Indiana, m. Jacob Epler (brother of John).

39.=George W.,¹ b. Nov. 29, 1808, in Indiana, m. Huldah Garner.

40. Susan¹ died in infancy.

41. Rebecca¹ died in infancy.

Dorothy Trumbo Beggs died May 12, 1811, in Indiana. On Nov. 12, 1812, Charles Beggs married Mary Ruddell, daughter of Cornelius Ruddell, son of Stephen Ruddell by his first wife.

The children of Charles Beggs³ by his second wife were:

42. Cornelius¹ b. Aug. 16, 1813, in Indiana, d. Dec. 1845.

43.=William Harvey¹ b. Apr. 20, 1817, in Indiana, m. Mary Tucker, 1842, and many years after her death married Mrs. Mary Rex Kelley.

44.=James Lemon¹ b. Nov. 11, 1819, Indiana, m. Mary A. Crow, daughter of Rev. Wm. Crow, August 30, 1848.

45.=Margaret b. Dec. 23, 1821, in Ind. In Oct., 1842, married Isaac Milton Stribling, son of Benj. and Milly (Horn) Stribling. Died Sept. 26, 1856.

46.=Dorothy¹ b. Jan. 21, 1826, Ind., m. Samuel Sinclair.

47. Isaac¹ b. Aug. 31, 1828, Ind., d. Aug. 5, 1859.

48.=John¹ b. Aug. 7, 1831, Ill., m. Sarah Sinclair, Dec. 18, 1855.



Captain Charles Beggs.

FOURTH GENERATION

No. 17

James Beggs⁴ (John,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 1, 1802, d. Jan. 6, 1878, m. Matilda Drummond, Jan. 16, 1823, res. Arcola, Ill. Children:

49. Hannah Beggs,⁵ b. Sept. 28, 1823, m. Jesse Work.
50. John Beggs, b. Jan. 11, 1825, m. Louisa Work.
51. Nancy Beggs, b. Feb. 8, 1826, m. John Parr.
52. Elizabeth Beggs, b. Oct. 26, 1828, died two days later.
53. Margaret Beggs, b. Oct. 26, 1828, died two days later.
54. Sarah Beggs, b. Aug. 29, 1829, m. Hadley Henley.
55. Rebecca Beggs, b. May 26, 1831.
56. Caroline Beggs, b. Aug. 8, 1832, m. James Hardin.
57. Mary Beggs, b. Aug. 1, 1834.
58. = James Beggs.⁵
59. Katherine Beggs, b. May 10, 1838, m. ——— Foster.
60. Melinda Beggs, b. Sept. 3, 1839, m. John Foster.
61. Matilda Beggs, b. May 22, 1841, m. ——— Robertson.
62. Susan Beggs, b. Nov. 19, 1843, m. Henry Bottorff.
63. Jane Beggs, b. Oct. 15, 1845, m. James Foster.

No. 22

Stephen R. Beggs⁴ (James,³ Thomas,² James¹).

Stephens R. Beggs⁴ (James,³ Thomas,² James¹) was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, March 21, 1801, but from the age of six, his boyhood was spent in Clark County, Indiana. When eighteen years old he united with the Methodist Church at a camp meeting and at the age of twenty-one entered the Missouri Conference, and for many years was a tireless and successful pioneer "circuit rider." He married Elizabeth L. Heath, daughter of William and Susan (Hamilton) Heath, September 1st, 1831, being then at the close of his ninth year in the itineracy. In that year his bride accompanied him to Conference at Indianapolis, making the trip on horseback. After the session they continued their journey one hundred miles further to his father's home in Clark

County, and thence three hundred miles to her father, near Peoria, Illinois—fording the streams, sometimes at considerable risk and great discomfort. From Peoria they proceeded to his new field of work, Chicago Mission, where he initiated the work of the Methodist Church. Nearly fifty years later he served as chaplain at the semi-centennial celebration of the founding of the city. During the half century of his service as a Methodist preacher, "his experiences ran back into pioneer days, swept along the rough places and wound among the bridle paths of pioneer settlements." His reminiscences were found so interesting that Dr. T. M. Eddy, editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, secured them for successive issues of that journal and afterward encouraged their publication in a more permanent and extended form.

"Stephen R. Beggs⁴ died in Plainfield, Illinois, Sept. 4, 1895, aged 94; his mother was of the famous Custer family; was in M. E. ministry 71 years; assigned in 1822 to Missouri Conference which then included Indiana, Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois; was a circuit rider; in 1831 sent to Fort Dearborn, preached the first Protestant sermon in Chicago to twenty-five people, in a room of Dr. Harmon, Post Surgeon; later preached to soldiers as they stood in line for inspection. His pay for the first year of service was \$23.00 and a few clothes; second year, \$33.00. He built the first Protestant Church of logs, on North Clark Street. Later it was moved across the river to Washington and Clark Streets. He was in Rock River Conference from 1841 until his death."

The outcome was the publication in 1868 of "Pages From the Early History of the West and Northwest by Rev. S. R. Beggs," a work that deserves to be better known among the members of the Beggs family.

Children of Stephen R. and Elizabeth (Heath) Beggs:

64. Mary.

65. Elisa.

66. James W.,⁵ b. March 5, 1883, d. March, 1906, m. Emerett Clary; no children.

67. George West,⁶ m. Lilla Sumna; physician, Sioux City, Ia.

68. Charles Waugh,⁷ b. July 31, 1840, Peoria, Illinois.

No. 27

"Isaac Beggs Naylor" (Elizabeth Beggs,¹ Thomas,² James¹) b. July 30, 1790, in Va., d. 1843 at Crawfordsville, Ind.; was a lawyer and judge; m. Apr. 26, 1826, to Catherine Anderson (dau. of Capt. Robert Anderson), who was born in Dec., 1807.

Children:

69. Sarah Jane Naylor,⁵ m. ——— Hess.
70. Eliza Ann Naylor,⁵ m. ——— Brier.
71. Mary Catherine,⁵ died in infancy.
72. Catherine Anderson Naylor, m. ——— Brier.
73. Mary Dorothy Naylor, m. ——— Whiteford.
74. =Virginia Lydia Naylor,⁵ m. Hay.
75. Julia Dumont Naylor, m. ——— Whiteford.
76. Flora Merrill Naylor, died in infancy.

No. 36

Elizabeth Beggs⁴ (Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 15, 1798, Ky., m. Henry Hopkins (son of Robert Hopkins, born in Wales, and Nancy Spence, b. in Scotland).

Children:

- Dorothy Ann Hopkins,⁵ m. Matthews; no children.
77. =Rebecca Jane Hopkins,⁵ m. William Blair.
 78. =Nancy Spence Hopkins.⁵
 79. =Sarah Elizabeth Hopkins, m. James Cunningham.
 80. Martha Ellen Hopkins, d. in infancy.
 81. =Mary Gray Hopkins, m. Charles Elder.
 82. Ruth Amanda Hopkins, b. Jan. 26, 1849, unmarried.
 83. Charles Beggs Hopkins, m. Mary Carver.
 84. =Robert Henry Hopkins, m. Sue Stemmler, res. Denton County, Texas.
 85. George Milton Hopkins, b. Nov. 15, 1835, Ill., d. Jan. 26, 1896, m. Carrie Beebe Collins; Civil War, 1st Colorado Cavalry.
 86. James Madison Hopkins.
 87. =Zachariah Hopkins, m. Helen Cunningham Allen.

³¹Isaac Naylor:

Robert Henry Beggs had much correspondence with Mrs. Ethelrud Naylor MacQueen, who was preparing her father's line to be included within these covers. Until very recently no word has been received concerning her. She died in Evanston, Ill., in the home of relatives, while on her way from a sanitarium to her Montana ranch home. It is a source of great regret that it has been impossible to secure and include the Naylor data she had prepared. C. B. B.

No. 37

Sarah Beggs¹ (Charles,² Thomas,² James¹) b. Apr. 28, 1800, Ind., d. Jan. 11, 1882, m. Dec. 2, 1818, to John Epler (son of Abram Epler) b. Apr. 15, 1795, d. May 25, 1876.

Children:

88. Charles B. Epler,² b. Dec. 1, 1819, d. Aug. 8, 1855, m. Mary Eliza Lurton, Feb. 22, 1830. She died Feb. 16, 1910.

89. Abram Epler,² b. Oct. 19, 1821, d. Aug. 5, 1847.

90.=Cyrus Epler.²

91.=Mary Ann Epler,² m. ——— Barrett.

92.=Sarah Epler,² m. ——— Fairbank.

93.=Elizabeth Epler,² m. ——— Hall.

94.=John Milton Epler.²

95.=William Epler.²

96. David Epler,² b. July 7, 1837, d. Sept., 1838.

97. Myron Leslie Epler,² b. June 2, 1839, d. Sept. 5, 1866.

98. Margaret Ellen Epler, b. Aug. 27, 1842, d. Aug. 17, 1910, m. J. W. Prince, June 2, 1865. They had two children who died in infancy.

99.=Albert G. Epler.

No. 38

Mary Ann Beggs¹ (Charles,² Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 29, 1802, d. Oct. 24, 1884, m. Sept. 20, 1827, to Jacob Epler (son of Abram Epler) b. Feb. 20, 1803, d. Aug. 24, 1890. In 1829, they moved from Clark County, Ind., to Cass County, Ill. About 1849, they moved to Sangamon County, where Mr. Epler laid out the town of Pleasant Plains, presenting it with the cemetery where they both sleep.

Children:

100. George Andrew Epler,² b. Sept. 1, 1828, d. May 26, 1847.

101.=John T. Epler.²

102.=Ann Epler,² m. Felix Farrell.

103. James Epler,² b. Sept. 16, 1833, d. July 17, 1847.

104. Dorothy Epler,² b. Dec. 6, 1835, d. July 15, 1847.

105.=Sarah Epler,² m. Joseph G. McCoy.

106. Emily Epler,² b. Feb. 20, 1842, d. July 15, 1847.

107.=Jane Epler,² m. Captain John Newton Gillham.

108.=Stephen A. Douglas Epler.²

No. 39

George W. Beggs¹ (Charles,² Thomas,³ James¹) eldest son of Captain Charles Beggs,¹ b. Nov. 29, 1808, removed from Indiana to Illinois in 1830. He served in the Black Hawk war in 1832. On Jan. 23, 1834, he married Huldah Garner, daughter of Rev. James Garner and Elizabeth (Robertson) Garner, and granddaughter of Rev. James Garner, a Revolutionary soldier in the first Maryland regiment, Colonel John Stone, commanding.

From "Historical Sketches," by J. N. Gridley, Virginia, Ill., 1907, I copy the following: "Mr. Geo. W. Beggs¹ like his father cared more for knowledge than for corn and hogs; and although he acquired plenty of land, he was not noted as a money gatherer. He spent most of his leisure in reading and study. He was a man six feet in height, with blue eyes and dark brown hair, weighing 180 pounds and of commanding presence. His ability was recognized and he was called upon to undertake public responsibilities. He was chosen as a justice of the peace which was a most honorable position in those days, and he soon became known as a 'peace-maker,' settling many controversies that arose among his neighbors, in a quiet sensible way. He was selected by the county court as the agent of Cass County to receive from the state, sums due the county under the State Public Improvement Act. He was selected as one of the trustees of Township Seventeen, Range Nine, and assisted to lay out the town of Philadelphia in that township. At one time he secured a large number of votes of his friends for a county office he did not seek nor desire. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk war and took part in the battle that resulted in the defeat of that desperate chief.

"Mr. Beggs was an earnest worker in the Methodist church; was selected as class leader of the Garner Chapel Society of that denomination and took a prominent part in revival meetings. In the winter of 1846-7 a large meeting was held at the school house on the Page Williams farm some six miles distant from Mr. Beggs' residence. This meeting he attended night after night. The weather was severe. He contracted pneumonia which caused his death at the early age of thirty-eight years, on Feb. 1, 1847. After the death of the husband and father, the family scattered for a few months, but the mother soon gathered the children together again and reared them to manhood and womanhood. She died Aug. 25,

1863, at the age of 51 years and 7 months. She lies buried beside her husband and one of their children—John—in the Garner Chapel Cemetery."

The children of George W. Beggs⁴ (Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) and Hulda (Garner) Beggs were:

109.=Mary Elizabeth Beggs,⁵ b. Jan. 30, 1835 in Cass County, Ill.

110.=James Harvey Beggs,⁵ b. May 12, 1837, in Cass County, Ill.

111.=Charles Chandler Beggs,⁵ b. June 20, 1839, in Cass County, Ill.

112. John Epler Beggs,⁵ b. Nov. 15, 1841, in Cass County, Ill., d. March 27, 1856.

113.=Robert Henry Beggs,⁵ b. Sept. 24, 1844, in Cass County, Ill.

114.=Dorothy Ann Beggs,⁵ b. June 23, 1847, in Cass County, Ill.

No. 43

William Harvey Beggs⁴ (Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) m. Mary Tucker, Oct. 6, 1841. She died Feb. 3, 1847.

Children:

115. Thomas Benson Beggs,⁵ b. March 4, 1843, d. June 29, 1863, in Civil War battle of Missionary Ridge.

116. Abram Epler Beggs,⁵ b. Apr. 14, 1846, d. Feb. 26, 1903, in Kansas City, Mo.; married Mrs. Margaret (Gentry) Scott, d. July 25, 1925. No children.

On March 5, 1867, William Harvey Beggs⁴ m. Mrs. Sarah Jane (Rex) Kelley, b. July 17, 1840, Ind., dau. of William and Mary Ann (Meslor) Rex; resides Ogden, Utah.

Children:

117.=Carey Temple Beggs,⁵ b. Ill., Sept. 10, 1868.

118. Charles Harvey Beggs,⁵ b. Apr. 27, 1871; resides near Ogden, Utah.

No. 44

James Lemen Beggs⁴ (Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Nov. 11, 1819, near Charlestown, Ind., d. Dec. 22, 1889, Ashland, Ill., m. 1st Mary Jane Ward, June 17, 1846, who died 6 months later; m. 2nd Mary Ann Crow (dau. of Rev. Wm. and Susanna (Hall)



James Lemen Beggs
Son of Captain Charles Beggs



Margaret Beggs Stribling
Daughter of Captain Charles Beggs



Dorothy Beggs Sinclair
Daughter of Captain Charles Beggs

Crow), Aug. 30, 1848. She was born Dec. 18, 1828, d. Jan. 28, 1894, Ashland, Ill.

Children:

- 119.=Susan Ella.⁵
- 120.=Charles Edwin.⁵
- 121.=Lucy Jane.⁵
- 122.=Emma Rebecca.⁵
- 123.=William Crow.⁵
- 124.=John Landers.⁵
- 125.=George Henry.⁵
- 126.=Abraham Lincoln.⁵

No. 45

Margaret Beggs⁴ (Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 23, 1821, Clark County, Ind., d., m. Isaac Milton Stribling, Oct., 1842.

Children:

- 127.=Mary Joanna Stribling,⁵ m. Captain Wm. Hitchcock.
- 128.=James Thomas Stribling.⁵
- 129. Katherine Stribling.⁵
- 130.=Henry Clay Stribling ("Harry C.")⁵
- 131.=Margaret Louise Stribling,⁵ m. John Virgin.

No. 46

Dorothy Beggs⁴ (Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹), b. Jan. 21, 1826, near Charlestown, Ind., d. Nov. 6, 1915, m. Samuel Sinclair, Oct. 21, 1863, b. June 18, 1808, in Va. (son of George and Margaret (Craven) Sinclair), d. Feb. 7, 1888, res. Springfield, Ill.

Children:

- 132. Emma Louise Sinclair,⁵ b. Aug. 30, 1865, near Ashland, Ill.; now (1928) Corr. Sec. N. W. Br. W. F. M. S. of M. E. Church. Res. Springfield, Ill.
- 133. Margaret Sinclair,⁵ b. Nov. 11, 1869, d. Feb. 14, 1922.

No. 48

John Beggs¹ (Charles,² Thomas³, James¹) b. Aug. 7, 1831, Morgan County, Ill., d. July 10, 1915, m. Sarah Sinclair (dau. Samuel and Matilda Bird Sinclair) Dec. 18, 1855. She was born March 16, 1834, d. Nov. 19, 1912. Res. near Ashland, Ill.

Children:

134.=Emma Beggs.²

135.=Anna Beggs.²

136.=Charles Beggs.²

137. John Thomas Beggs,² b. Apr. 4, 1863; artist; d. March 25, 1897.

138. Nellie Beggs,² b. Apr. 6, 1865, d. Aug., 1865.

139. Myra Beggs,² b. July 7, 1867, res. John Beggs homestead.

140.=Samuel Watson Beggs.²



John Beggs
Son of Captain Charles Beggs

FIFTH GENERATION

No. 58

James Beggs³ (James Beggs,¹ John,² Thomas,² James¹) b. Indiana, Feb. 5, 1836, d. Feb. 25, 1895, m. Oct. 26, 1858, Amanda Brentlinger, b. Apr. 2, 1838, d. Oct. 22, 1911. Res. Arcola, Ill.

Children:

- 141. Dora A. m. Walter Apperson.
- 142. Charles J. m. Catherine Osborne.
- 143. J. Richard m. Florence McMillen.
- 144.=Mary F. m. Walter R. Dedrick.
- 145. Estelle B. m. Robert Lee Warne.
- 146. Frank Jacques m. Helen Jay.
- 147. Charlotte m. Frank Westenberg, deceased.

No. 67

³²Dr. George West Beggs³ (Stephen R.,¹ James,² Thomas,² James¹) b. May 17, 1837, d. April 10, 1906. Children:

- 67a. Freddie,³ b. and d. June 17, 1868.
- 67b.=Harriet Elizabeth Beggs.³
- 67c.=Alberta Aurelia Beggs.³
- 67d. Mae Beggs,³ b. Oct. 20, 1878, m. Harry E. Warner in 1906.

No. 68

*Charles Waugh Beggs³ (Stephen R.,¹ James,² Thomas,² James¹) was born in Peoria, Illinois, July 31, 1840, and married Frances M. Williams October 3, 1869. He engaged many years ago in the manufacture of proprietary medicines and is now president of the C. W. Beggs Sons & Co., which carry on the business built up by him in the city of Chicago. Though 73 years old, he still gives the business his personal attention and is head of the company in fact as well as in name. He resides at 811 Elmwood Ave., Oak Park, Illinois. (Date of above notes is 1913, by R. H. B.)

³²Data on the children of George West Beggs,³ No. 67, was received too late to be numbered properly. Those of the 6th generation will be found following No. 144; of the 7th generation, following No. 343. They are marked 67a, 67b, 67c, 67d, 67e.

Children of Charles W. and Frances (Williams) Beggs are:

148. Addie E., b. April 30, 1871.

149. Walter, b. July 3, 1873.

150. Stephen Jay, b. June 15, 1875, res., Chicago.

151. Minna, b. Nov. 11, 1881, has one son, res., Chicago.

Addie (Adelaide) married Dr. Fred Seville and was the mother of one child. Died Apr. 30, 1909.

Walter Beggs married Gertrude Liscomb. They have a son and a daughter. Residence, Chicago.

Stephen Jay Beggs¹ (Charles W.,² Stephen R.,³ James,⁴ Thomas,⁵ James⁶) married Helene Warder; resides at Elmhurst, Illinois.

No. 74

Virginia Lydia Naylor¹ (Isaac N.,² Eliz. Beggs,³ Thomas,⁴ James⁵) b. Aug. 13, 1840, Ind., m. Dr. Andrew Hay, Jan. 16, 1868; res. Evanston, Ill.

Children:

152. Flora Naylor Hay,⁶ unmarried.

153. = Kate Merrill Hay,⁷ m. Humphrey.

No. 77

Rebecca Jane Hopkins¹ (Elizabeth Beggs,² Charles,³ Thomas,⁴ James⁵) b. Ill. Jan. 21, 1820, d. in Kan. June 28, 1897, m. Mar. 9, 1837, William Blair (son of Wm. and Jane Seaton Blair) b. July 18, 1808.

Children:

154. Henry Blair,⁶ b. July 23, 1838, d. Aug. 8, 1841.

155. = William Blair,⁷

156. = Elizabeth Jane Blair,⁸ m. Charles C. Wheelock.

157. James Blair,⁹ b. Apr. 20, 1845, d. 1885; served thru Civil War.

158. = Margaret Ann Blair,¹⁰ m. John Black.

159. = Rebecca Blair,¹¹ m. Dewitt Clinton Ellsworth.



Mrs. Sarah Hopkins Cunningham

No. 78

Nancy Spence Hopkinsⁿ (Eliz. Beggs,¹ Charles,² Thomas,³ James¹) b. in Ind. March 17, 1822, m. Keeling Berry, Sept. 27, 1842, in Ill. He was born March 21, 1818, in Va., d. Feb. 4, 1888, in Ill. She died at McCook, Neb., Oct. 14, 1897.

Children:

160. Benjamin Lou Berry," b. Sept. 28, 1843, d. July 1, 1862.
161. = Henry H. Berry."
162. = Sarah Francis Berry."
163. = Hetty Berry."
164. = Elizabeth Berry."
165. Rachel Row Berry, b. March 1, 1853, d. March 25, 1905, at McCook, Neb. Never married.
166. Rebecca Berry, b. Nov. 16, 1854, d. Feb. 23, 1908, at McCook, Neb., m. Lou McConnell. No children.
167. = Nancy Berry, m. Dr. J. S. Parkhurst.
168. George Beggs Berry, b. May 2, 1859, Ill., d. July 17, 1906.
169. = Mary Mildred Berry, m. Lew Dunn.
170. = Charles Carlton Berry.

No. 79

Sarah Elizabeth Hopkinsⁿ (Eliz. Beggs,¹ Charles,² Thomas,³ James¹) b. Dec. 19, 1824, Ind., m. James Cunningham, Oct. 1, 1856. The writer of these notes visited her on May 3, 1928, at her home near Virginia, Ill. At this great age, she has suffered but slight deterioration of her faculties. The original golden color still lingers in the curls about her neck. The vigor of life is still in her voice and the clasp of her hand. Though all of her generation have long ago stepped thru the veil, she still finds life good enough to wish to continue. "It takes *life*, to love life." She is lovingly tended by her youngest sister, Ruth Hopkins, and her son, Henry, who has never married.

Children:

171. Henry Cunningham," b. July 24, 1857.
172. = Dorothy Ellen Cunningham," m. Flavius Fox.

No. 81

Mary Gray Hopkinsⁿ (Eliz. Beggs,¹ Charles,² Thomas,³ James¹) b. 1830, d. 1921, m. in 1850 to Charles Wakefield Elder, son of Dr. Andrew Wilson Elder, b. 1798, who graduated from Transylvania Univ. in Ky. in 1825; m. Eliza Redding; was an Ill. pioneer. Dr. Elder was a son of Matthew and Elizabeth McPherson Elder, both born in Va.; m. in Ky., 1793. Matthew was the son of Andrew Elder of Va. Charles Wakefield Elder was born in 1830, died in 1910 at Denver, Colorado.

Children:

173. = Andrew Wilson Elder.ⁿ

174. = Alice Cecilia Elder, m. Charles Tureman.

175. Dorothy Ellen Elder, 35 years teacher in Denver schools.

176. = Belle Everett Elder, m. William H. Peters.

177. = Mary Eliza Elder, m. Delbert Bowling.

178. Robert Henry Elder, m. Bertha Holly, in Denver, Colo., graduated from Ill. State Normal and Columbia Univ. Law School; Dist. Attorney of Kings County, N. Y., for 12 years; office 7 Dey St., New York City; res. near Croton-on-Hudson; no children.

179. = Charles Samuel Elder.

180. Alpheus Matthew Elder, musician, studied in Denver, Chicago, New York, Paris; head of piano department of Lamont School of Music, Denver, Colorado.

No. 84

Robert Henry Hopkinsⁿ (Eliz. Beggs,¹ Charles,² Thomas,³ James¹) b. in Ill. Nov., 1832, d. Nov., 1910, m. Sue Stemmler; went to Denton, Texas, in 1854; served thru Civil War in Confederate Army in Company G, 16th Texas Cavalry; was active in suppressing Indian raids in Denton County in 1869. Sue S. Hopkins died April, 1889.

Children:

181. = Robert H. Hopkins.ⁿ

182. John S. Hopkins, b. June 6, 1876, d. April, 1895.

183. = George M. Hopkins.

184. Annie Marie Hopkins, b. Oct. 15, 1886, died in infancy.

185. Susan Elizabeth Hopkins, b. Oct. 1, 1888, m. L. A. McDonald. City editor of the Denton (Texas) Record-Chronicle.



Judge Cyrus Epler

No. 87

Zachariah J. Hopkins^b (Eliz. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Feb. 27, 1843, in Ill., d. Feb. 22, 1899, m. Helen C. Allen Jan. 15, 1867; served from Aug., 1862 to 1865 in Civil War, Company C, 3rd Ill. Cavalry.

Children:

186. Arthur Allen Hopkins," b. June 2, 1868, Ill., d. Apr. 11, 1922, m. Iola Ethel Denny, Dec. 7, 1892; res. St. Joseph, Mo.

187. Carrie Elizabeth Hopkins," b. May 10, 1871, in Ill.

188.=Sarah Helen Hopkins," m. Charles Wood Hudson.

No. 88

Cyrus Epler^b (Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Nov. 12, 1823, d. July 9, 1909, m. Aug. 2, 1854, to Cornelia Augusta Nettleton who died March 29, 1916. Graduate Ill. College, 1847; elected State's Atty. First Judicial District, 1852; representative Ill. State Legislature, 1856-1860; Master in Chancery Circuit Court, Morgan Co., 1867-1873; Judge First Judicial Circuit of Ill., 1873-1879; Judge Seventh Circuit, 1879-1897; held and presided over 250 terms of court; also writer of note; residence, Jacksonville, Ill.

Children:

189. Carl Edwin Epler," d. March 10, 1927.

190. Maude Epler," m. Carroll Cambron, d. April 4, 1925.

191.=Dr. Ernest G. Epler."

192. Blanche Nettleton Epler," physician, Baltimore, Md.

193. Nellie F. Epler."

194. Effie Epler."

195.=Percy Epler."

No. 91

Mary Ann Fpler^b (Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Feb. 5, 1826, d. Apr. 23, 1849, m. Nov. 18, 1847, to Richard F. Barrett, b. Aug. 21, 1821, d. Dec. 8, 1908. Child:

196. John Epler Barrett," b. Aug. 18, 1848.

No. 92

Sarah Epler^h (Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,^h Thomas,^h James¹) b. June 4, 1828, d. March 27, 1904, m. Aug. 21, 1850, Daniel Wilder Fairbank, b. Mass., April 27, 1829, d. Feb. 19, 1893, Jacksonville, Ill.

Children:

197. = Evelyn Hall Fairbank,^h m. G. Brown.

198. = Frances Gertrude Fairbank,^h m. E. Carter.

199. Sarah Maria Fairbank,^h b. Nov. 22, 1861.

No. 93

Elizabeth Epler^h (Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,^h Thomas,^h James¹) b. Sept. 23, 1830, d. April 1, 1870, m. H. H. Hall Feb. 4, 1851.

Children:

200. Charles H. Hall,^h b. April 1, 1852.

201. Ida Marion Hall.^h

202. Mary Evelyn Hall,^h m. H. G. Cormick.

203. Margaret Hall,^h m. A. L. Kimberd; child, Cecelia.

204. John Hall,^h died in Spanish-American War.

No. 94

John Milton Epler^h (Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,^h Thomas,^h James¹) b. April 22, 1833, d. Feb. 17, 1913, m. Nancy Ann Epler March 29, 1855. She died July 17, 1916.

Children:

205. = Edward E. Epler.^h

206. Laura L. Epler, b. Sept. 18, 1857, d. April 3, 1891, m. Jesse A. Coons, Oct. 14, 1880.

207. Mary Ann Epler, b. Oct. 29, 1859, m. Charles Stevenson, Nov. 5, 1879; res. Little Indian, Ill.

208. = John William Epler.

209. David Franklin Epler, b. June 29, 1862, d. 1862.

210. = Frank May Epler.

211. = Charles Milton Epler.

No. 95

William Epler^h (S. Beggs,⁴ Charles,^h Thomas,^h James¹) b. April 15, 1835, d. Feb. 4, 1922; A.B., Ill. College; member conven-



John Milton Epler

Agriculturist. For many years president
of Illinois State Board of Agriculture.



William Epler

tion that formed first Constitution of Nevada; engineer topographical department first transcontinental railroad; m. April 12, 1859, Jane Abigail Woodman, b. March 6, 1838, in Mich. (dau. David and Abigail (Gray) Woodman), d. Oct. 2, 1863, Nevada.

Child:

212.=Ellen Woodman Epler," m. R. R. Mills.

Wm. Epler," m. July 5, 1870, Ellen Conover, who died March 23, 1926.

Children:

213.=Florence Epler, m. A. L. Watkins.

214. Myron Leslie, b. June 14, 1875; res. Kansas City, Mo.

215.=Clara Epler, m. R. P. Goforth.

No. 99

Albert G. Epler" (Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 22, 1845, m. Martha J. Vance, May 31, 1865; res. Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Children (all born in Illinois):

216. John B. Epler," b. June 22, 1866, died.

217. Nellie E. Epler," b. Aug. 1, 1867, unmarried.

218. Samuel Edgar Epler," b. March 25, 1869, m. Claire Sweetman, May 18, 1911. No children.

219.=Elizabeth E. Epler.

220.=Ada L. Epler.

221. Fred Epler, b. Dec. 23, 1875, d. Jan. 13, 1887.

222.=Jessie E. Epler.

223.=Ralph R. Epler.

No. 101

John T. Epler" (Mary Ann Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 16, 1829, d. June 15, 1918; 1st m. Mary Jane Foster, Feb. 22, 1854, child Elma Frances, d. aged 22 months; 2nd m. April 21, 1859, Rhoda S. Zane, b. Sept. 13, 1838, d. April 21, 1859. Children:

224. Charles Lee Epler," b. Sept. 17, 1860, m. Nov., 1886, Carrie Shelton, who died March, 1926, no children; res. South Haven, Mich.

225. George Austin Epler," b. May 5, 1862, d. Dec. 1, 1884.

226.=Mary Jane Epler.

227. Rhoda Ella Epler," b. July 8, 1867, m. Nov. 15, 1914, Samuel Watson Sinclair, b. Jan. 12, 1849. Res. Ashland, Ill.

On April 10, 1873, John T. Epler³ m. Jeanette Glover, b. Dec. 8, 1854. She resides at Pleasant Plains, Ill.

No. 102

Ann Epler² (Mary Ann Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 28, 1831, d. Dec. 23, 1911, m. May 30, 1866, to Felix Grundy Farrell; res. Jacksonville, Ill. Children:

228.=Felix Epler Farrell."

229.=Anna Farrell."

No. 105

Sarah Epler² (Mary Ann Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 16, 1838, d. Nov. 10, 1911, m. Oct. 22, 1861, to Joseph G. McCoy, b. Dec. 21, 1837, d. Oct. 19, 1915; res. Wichita, Kan.

Children:

230. Owen McCoy," b. April 4, 1863, d. Jan. 2, 1865.

231. Troy W. McCoy, b. May 15, 1865, d. Aug. 13, 1865.

232. Mary Epler McCoy, b. Sept. 7, 1866; teacher in public schools, residence 433 N. Francis St., Wichita, Kan.

233.=David B. McCoy.

234. Florence L. McCoy, b. Oct. 10, 1871; osteopathic physician; res. 433 N. Francis St., Wichita, Kan.

235. Eugene M. McCoy, b. June 23, 1874, d. May 7, 1894.

236. Ada McCoy, b. April 6, 1878, d. Feb. 2, 1879.

No. 107

Jane Epler² (Mary A. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 12, 1839, m. Nov. 15, 1864, to Captain John Newton Gillham, at Pleasant Plains, Ill. Children:

237. Anna Gertrude Gillham," b. Aug. 28, 1865, d. Sept. 4, 1867.

238. Charles Herbert Gillham, b. March 20, 1867, in Ill., m. Oct. 27, 1909, to Myrtle Hope Malloy; dentist, Kansas City, Mo.

239.=Stella Gillham, m. Kerr.

240. = Jacob Epler Gillham.

241. Newton Cloud Gillham, b. Nov. 29, 1873, in Mo.; attorney-at-law, Kansas City, unmarried.

242. = James LeRoy Gillham.

243. Walter Elton Gillham, b. June 9, 1878, m. Bertie Lee Broadhurst, Oct. 19, 1904; a consulting engineer, Kansas City, Mo.

244. = Jane Epler Gillham, m. ——— Porter.

245. Lois Gillham, b. July 28, 1882, d. Oct. 10, 1883.

No. 108

Stephen A. Douglas Epler⁵ (Mary A. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas² James¹) b. Jan. 19, 1845, d. May 17, 1920, m. June 1, 1869, to Martha Ann Crum, b. Jan. 12, 1848; res. Pleasant Plains, Ill. Children:

246. Jacob Crum Epler,⁶ b. June 17, 1871; physician and surgeon, Pueblo, Colorado; m. Nov. 12, 1898, to Elizabeth Kinsbrough, who died June 7, 1921. On May 27, 1922, he married Jane Scruggs. Dr. Epler served in Spanish-American and World Wars.

247. Cyrus Orrin Epler,⁷ b. May 25, 1875, d. Dec. 5, 1880.

248. Mary Steve Epler,⁸ b. Jan. 28, 1880, m. March 12, 1902, to John Henry Woodard; res. Belle Meade Park, Jackson Boulevard, Nashville, Tenn. Child, Porter Epler Woodard, b. Jan. 15, 1904, died June 14, 1904.

No. 109

Mary Elizabeth Beggs⁵ (Geo. W.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) m. William James Crews, son of Jesse and Susan (Snead) Crews. William's grandmother's name was Monroe, a distant relative of President Monroe. Four children were born to William and Mary (Beggs) Crews:

249. = Charles Webster Crews,⁶ b. Oct. 22, 1852.

250. = George Beggs Crews, b. July 25, 1856.

251. Luella Crews, b. Dec. 6, 1858, buried on 6th birthday.

252. = Mary Crews, b. April 15, 1864.

The mother died April 22, 1864. Mr. William J. Crews engaged in the dry goods business in Ashland, Ill., but failed as the result of the panic of 1857. He then removed to Macon County, Ill. During the Civil War he responded to a call for 100 day

volunteers and spent the greater part of his term of service in Virginia. On the expiration of his term of service he returned home and engaged in the saw mill business. A few years later we find Mr. Crews still in the saw mill business on the St. Francis river in Arkansas. Here he fell a victim to malaria and died.

No. 110

James Harvey Beggs' (George,¹ Charles,¹ Thomas,² James¹)
b. May 12, 1837, d. Jan. 2, 1883, in Denver, Colo., m. Emma Burch
(dau. of Abram Scott Burch). Children:

- 253. Olivia Tressa Beggs," b. July 9, 1871.
- 254. Anna Mary Beggs, b. Dec. 7, 1873, died in infancy.
- 255. George Adelbert Beggs, b. Oct. 24, 1876, died in 1919.
- 256. Dorothy Gertrude Beggs, b. Ma. 15, 1880, d. in infancy.

No. 111

Charles Chandler Beggs' (George,¹ Charles,¹ Thomas,² James¹)
b. June 2, 1839, m. Jennie Gaston, Nov., 1868; served in 21st Ill.
Infantry under Col. U. S. Grant; Lieut. in 110 U. S. C. I.; was in
siege of Corinth, Atlanta, Sherman's "March to the Sea"; in 1870
went to Idaho; drowned in Walla Walla River, June 17, 1874.

Children:

- 257. John Gaston Beggs," b. Dec. 24, 1869.
 - 258. William Henry Beggs, b. May 9, 1871.
 - 259. Harvey Franklin Beggs, b. ——— 1874.
- (No recent data has been secured.)

No. 113

Robert Henry Beggs' (Geo. W.,¹ Charles,¹ Thomas,² James¹)
the compiler of these notes, b. Sept. 24, 1844; graduate Illinois
College, 1868, Illinois State Normal University, Supt. Schools,
Wilmington, Ill., principal in Denver 32 years, Board of Trustees
University of Denver 22 years, writer, President of Crews-Beggs
Dry Goods Company, Pueblo, Colorado, from its beginning; mar-
ried Gertrude Town, daughter of Zera A. and Melvina (Simons)
Town, and granddaughter of Russell and Roxana (Skeel) Town,
and of Jabez Simonds and Thurza (Van Tuyl) Simonds. Gertrude
died May 15, 1888. Robert Henry died Dec. 14, 1914.

Children:

260. Helen Orlena."

261. Dorothea Kate.

On June 11, 1890, he married Clara Marian Beardsley, daughter of Jacob Titus and Amelia (Rockwood) Beardsley. Jacob T. Beardsley was of the 8th generation in descent from William Beardsley, born in England in 1605, migrated to Massachusetts and Connecticut, 1635.

Children:

262. Hilda Marian.

263. Robert Harold, b. May 3, 1895, d. May 5, 1926; World War; overseas Oct. 29, 1917, to March 18, 1919; served in Co. E 117th Ammunition Train, and as Dispatch Bearer for Adjutant General, in 42nd ("Rainbow") Division; at Luneville, Baccarat, Esperance, Souain, Champagne, Marne, Aisne-Marne, Vesle.

No. 114

Dorothy Ann Beggs³ (George,⁴ Charles,¹ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 23, 1847, d. Oct. 30, 1918, m. Joseph M. Epler, Nov. 25, 1868. He died April 17, 1925. Res., Julian, Nebraska.

Children:

264. Henry Milton Epler.

265. Isaac Troy Epler.

266. Jennie Gertrude Epler.

267. Mary Lola Epler, b. Jan. 20, 1877, d. Aug. 24, 1919.

268. Jessie Olive Epler.

269. James Leonard Epler.

No. 117

Carey Temple Beggs³ (W. H. Beggs,⁴ Charles,² Thomas,¹ James¹) m. Emma L. Bartlett Stockville, in Neb., Aug. 12, 1890; res. Mayton, Utah.

Children:

270. Dorothy Marie Beggs,⁴ b. Aug. 16, 1891, m. Harold King.

271. Robert Harvey Beggs, b. May, 1893, d. Dec. 2, 1893.

No. 119

Susan Ella Beggs^b (James L. Beggs,^a Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 12, 1849, d. Feb. 18, 1910, in Alhambra, Calif., m. Feb. 22, 1870, to Calvin Norton Wheeler, b. Nov. 20, 1848, in Mass., d. July 31, 1918, in Denver, Colo., both buried in Pasadena, Calif.

Children:

272.=James Calvin Wheeler.^a

273. Lillian May Wheeler, b. Sept. 18, 1874, Chicago; res. Alhambra, Calif.

274.=Clara Luella Wheeler, m. ——— Roberts.

275. Florence Reed Wheeler, b. Sept. 28, 1880; res. San Diego, Calif.

276.=Frank Edwin Wheeler.

No. 120

Charles Edwin Beggs^b (James L.,^a Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 22, 1851, d. Jan. 7, 1916, m. (1st) Emma Beggs (dau. of John and Sarah (Sinclair) Beggs) Nov. 5, 1879. She was born Sept. 7, 1862, d. Aug. 10, 1901; res. Ashland, Ill.

Children:

277. Nellie Beggs,^a b. Feb. 27, 1882; M. E. Church W. F. M. S. missionary to China, 1910-1918; res. Ashland, Ill.

278.=George Erle Beggs.

279. Harry Beggs, b. Jan. 11, 1885, d. Oct. 5, 1885.

280. Mary Gertrude Beggs, b. July 17, 1886; res. New York City.

281. Frank Edwin Beggs, b. July 20, 1889; res. Chicago.

282.=Edestina Beggs.

283. John Vincent Beggs, b. Feb. 17, 1893, m. Sept. 18, 1919, to Josephine Parkhurst, b. May 11, 1895; grain merchant, Ashland, Ill.

284. Lutie Alice Beggs, b. June 7, 1895; librarian at La Salle, Ill.

285. Sallie Sinclair Beggs, b. July 9, 1897, d. July 14, 1898.

286.=Virginia Beggs, m. A. N. Willson.

On June 23, 1903, C. Edwin Beggs married Jessie Wilson. She resides at Ashland, Ill.



Charles Edwin Beggs



Lucy Jane (Beggs²) Sinclair
Daughter of James Lemen and
Mary (Crow) Beggs

No. 121

Lucy Jane Beggs⁵ (J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 13, 1852, d. Oct. 12, 1909, at Normal, Ill., m. Jan. 22, 1873, to Henry Clay Sinclair (son of Samuel and Euphemia (Craven) Sinclair), b. June 14, 1844, d. Feb. 22, 1888. Both are buried in Centenary Church yard, near Ashland, Ill. Children:

287. Mary Euphemia Sinclair,⁶ b. Oct. 5, 1875, d. Apr. 24, 1877.

288. Virginia Gertrude Sinclair, b. Oct. 17, 1877; A.B. Ill. Wesleyan University; m. Jan. 22, 1926, Bayard Lacey Catron, an attorney-at-law, who was b. March 9, 1874; res. Springfield, Ill.

289. Edwin Roscoe Sinclair, b. July 28, 1879, d. Dec. 22, 1880.

290.=Samuel James Sinclair.

291.=Myra Anne Sinclair.

No. 122

Emma Rebecca Beggs⁵ (James L.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. March 11, 1855, Ashland, Ill., m. June 28, 1872, to Jacob Scott Duey, b. Aug. 27, 1847, Ohio, d. April 4, 1924, near Yucaipa, Calif. Emma B. Duey resides in Los Angeles.

Children:

292.=Anna Zelia Duey,⁶ m. C. Holzman.

293.=Harry Duey.

294. Winifred Pearl Duey.

No. 123

William Crow Beggs⁵ (James L.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Sept. 10, 1857, Ashland, Ill., m. Nov. 28, 1878, to Cora Agnes Richards, b. May 23, 1860, Uniontown, Ohio; res. Oakland, Calif.

Children:

295.=Ralph Richards Beggs.⁶

296.=Paul William Beggs.⁶

297.=Mary Estelle Beggs,⁶ m. L. R. Godden.

298.=Ida Emma Beggs,⁶ m. S. M. Davis.

299.=Nelle Helen Beggs,⁶ m. R. C. Hollinger.

300.=Myrtle Alfreda Beggs,⁶ m. G. E. Savory.

301.=Harry Richards Beggs.⁶

302.=Edwin Abram Beggs.⁶

No. 124

John Landers Beggs⁵ (James L.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 13, 1860, d. May 10, 1900, m. 1st Janey Atkinson, June 24, 1888, in Laramie, Wyo. She was born Oct. 20, 1863, Yorkshire, England, d. Jan. 22, 1889. One child:

303.=Mabel Jane Beggs.⁶

In 1892, J. L. Beggs m. Minnie Fee, who d. July, 1898, in Denver, Colo. Children:

304. Nelle Mary Beggs,⁶ b. June 4, 1893, Wyo., m. June 4, 1918, to Carl Shipp Marvel, B.S. degree Ill. Wesleyan Univ.; C. S. Marvel is Associate Professor of Organic Chemistry, Univ. of Ill. Res. Urbana, Ill.

305. Philip John Beggs,⁶ b. Apr. 29, 1894, married Nellie Bernice in 1920; res. Vernon, Tex. Child, Phyllis Minnie, b. Jan. 26, 1923.

306. Frank James Beggs,⁶ b. Dec., 1897, d. March, 1898.

No. 125

George Henry Beggs⁵ (James L.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Feb. 8, 1863, m. Josie Ervay in Casper, Wyo., about 1893. They and an infant daughter were drowned in the Big Horn River near Thermopolis, Wyo., June 24, 1898. Their first child, George, died in infancy.

No. 126

Abraham Lincoln Beggs⁵ (James L.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 4, 1865, d. Aug. 22, 1928, m. March 26, 1890, Alice Alford Sinclair, b. Apr. 9, 1870, Princeton, Minn., dau. of Peter Akers and Emma (Troyon) Sinclair.

Children (all born in Ashland, Ill.):

309. James Henry Beggs,⁶ b. Jan. 21, 1891; physician and surgeon, Los Angeles, Calif.; m. Velma Runyan Markham, July 22, 1918; no children.

310.=Rachel Beggs,⁶ m. Eugene Gardner.

311.=Wm. Watson Gailey Beggs.

312.=Eleanor Amy Beggs, m. H. F. Reynolds.

No. 127

Mary Joanna Stribling⁵ (Margaret Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 12, 1844, d. Oct. 23, 1912, at El Paso, Texas, m. Captain William Hitchcock, May 25, 1865.

Children:

313. =Milton Stribling Hitchcock,⁶ b. Apr. 18, 1866, Ill., m. Myrtle S. Meloney, Nov. 17, 1890, Kansas City.

314. Margaret Frances Hitchcock, b. Feb. 9, 1868, d. Jan. 14, 1926, at El Paso, Texas.

315. William W. Hitchcock, b. Sept. 24, 1874, m. Nov. 1, 1897, Hattie Horstman; res. Peoria, Ill.

No. 128

James Thomas Stribling⁵ (Margaret Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Apr. 7, 1846, near Virginia, Ill., d. March 18, 1912, m. Oct. 9, 1872, Adah Thompson; res. Ashland, Ill.

Children:

316. =Harry Alfred Stribling.⁶

317. =Lloyd E. Stribling.⁶

318. Maude Deweese Stribling,⁶ b. June 5, 1885, d. Nov. 22, 1899.

No. 129

Katherine Stribling⁵ (Margaret Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 11, 1849, d. June 8, 1922, m. June 20, 1888, Robert Bowles. Res. Palmyra, Mo.

No. 130

Henry Clay ("Harry C.") Stribling⁵ (Margaret Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. July 16, 1852, m. Sept. 28, 1882, Maggie B. Newman, who d. Jan. 16, 1892. Children:

319. Jessie Elizabeth Stribling,⁶ b. July 1, 1884, d. Oct. 13, 1884.

320. I. M. Stribling,⁶ b. Oct. 15, 1887, d. June 13, 1888.

321. Louise Stribling,⁶ b. Feb. 11, 1890, d. Dec. 15, 1890.

322. Maggie Bernice Stribling,⁶ b. Jan. 11, 1892, d. Aug. 17, 1892.

On Dec. 19, 1894, H. C. Stribling m. Edna V. Middour.

Children:

323. William Clinton Stribling,^o b. Oct. 11, 1895, m. Helen Iris Sowers, Aug. 14, 1926.

324. Glenn Stribling,^o b. Feb. 13, 1897, m. Pearl Bernice Schwartz, Nov. 22, 1919.

No. 131

Margaret Louie Stribling⁵ (Margaret Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Feb. 18, 1856, m. John W. Virgin, March 8, 1881; res. Virginia, Ill.

Children:

325. George S. Virgin,^o b. May 16, 1882, d. Oct. 29, 1883, at Leadville, Colo.

326. Dorothy Eliza Virgin,^o b. Apr. 10, 1886, at San Marcial, N. M.

327. Norma Lucile Virgin, b. Sept. 2, 1888, at San Marcial, N. M. Graduate Chicago Art Institute, Art Students' League, N. Y. Married Benjamin S. Von Swearingen, March 14, 1924; res. Santa Fe, N. M.

328.=Eli Horace Virgin.

No. 134

Emma Beggs⁵ (John,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 29, 1856, d. Aug. 10, 1901, m. Charles Edwin Beggs,⁵ Nov. 5, 1879. Res., Ashland, Ill. Children: see Charles Edwin Beggs,⁵ No. 120.

No. 135

Anna Beggs⁵ (John,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. July 27, 1858; A.B. Ill. W. College; m. Oct. 18, 1894, Rev. J. O. Kirkpatrick (Ill. M. E. Conference); res. Los Angeles, Calif. Children:

329. Myra Annie Kirkpatrick,^o b. Oct. 28, 1896, Ill., m. Sept. 26, 1922, to Charles Hoyt Shoemaker; res. Waukegan, Ill.

330. John Edwin Kirkpatrick,^o b. Aug. 18, 1899. Physician and surgeon, Los Angeles, Calif.



Emma Beggs (wife of Edwin Beggs)

No. 136

Charles Sinclair Beggs⁶ (John,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹)
b. May 23, 1860, m. Aug. 3, 1901, Helen Putnam (dau. Daniel
Cowdin and Kate (Urner) Putnam). Res. Old John Beggs
Homestead near Ashland, Ill. Children:

331. Thomas Putnam Beggs,⁹ b. July 22, 1902, Ill. Univ.
Electrical Engineer, m. Aug. 14, 1926, Myra Barbara Huntington
(dau. Edward John and Elizabeth (Ebinger) Huntington); res.
St. Louis, Mo.

332. Edwin Upton Beggs,⁹ b. April 5, 1908, res. John Beggs
Homestead.

No. 140

Samuel Watson Beggs⁶ (John,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹)
b. Dec. 8, 1869; A.B. Ill. College, Garrett Biblical Institute; m.
Dec. 18, 1894, Minnie Taylor (dau. Rev. John and Jane Belle
McDill Taylor); M. E. minister, res. (1928) Carrollton, Ill.

Children:

333.=Emma Taylor Beggs.⁹

334. Dorothy Alta Beggs, b. May 10, 1897, d. Feb., 1924.

335. Jessie Marguerite Beggs, b. Oct. 26, 1899, m. Apr. 3,
1926, Harry Abraham (son of Charles F. and Clara (Timm)
Abraham). Res. Oshkosh, Wis.

336. Minnie Myrtle Beggs, b. Apr. 24, 1903, unmarried,
teacher at Oak Park, Ill.

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No. 144

Mary F. Beggs,⁶ (James,⁶ James,⁴ John,³ Thomas,² James¹)
b. Nov. 11, 1871, m. June 20, 1894, to Walter R. Dedrick, b. May
3, 1866; res. Greeley, Colo. Children:

337. Helen Dedrick,⁷ b. Apr. 22, 1895, m. Edward Dilgarde;
res. Casper, Wyo.

338. Walter R. Dedrick, Jr., b. June 11, 1899, m. Josephine
Rule.

339. Mary Frances Dedrick, b. Sept. 4, 1903.

340. Dorothy Dedrick, b. May 15, 1908.

No. 67b

Harriet Elizabeth Beggs⁶ (G. W. B.,⁵ S. R. B.,⁴ James,³
Thomas,² James¹) b. Apr. 15, 1871, m. April 30, 1895, to George
Thorpe. Child:

67e.=Mae Louise Thorpe.⁷

No. 67c

Alberta Aurelia Beggs⁶ (G. W. B.,⁵ S. R. B.,⁴ James,³
Thomas,² James¹) b. March 7, 1874, m. Sept. 15, 1896, to William
Chaffee. Child:

67f. Dorothy Chaffee,⁷ b. July 11, 1899, m. Arnold Ledue,
July, 1922.

No. 153

Kate Merrill Hay⁶ (V. L. N.,⁵ Isaac N.,⁴ Eliz. Beggs,³
Thomas,² James¹) m. Mr. Humphrey; res. Evanston, Ill. Child:

341. Merrill Humphrey.

(Note:—No data received since 1913.)

No. 155

William Blair⁶ (R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,²
James¹) b. Nov. 15, 1840, d. May 3, 1926, m. May 3, 1866, Julia
Ann Wheeler, d. Feb. 28, 1922; served 4 years in Civil War.

Children:

342. Rebecca Melville Blair,⁷ died in infancy.

343. Rosetta Verlindia Blair.

344. John William Blair, m. Addie Bell; child, Lloyd Victor Blair."

345.=Robert Henry Blair.

346. James Oliver Blair, died in infancy.

347. Daniel David Blair, died.

348.=M. Dawson Blair.

349.=Ernest Athol Blair.

350. Ethel Belle Blair.

351. Daisy Dell Blair.

352. Claude Harrison Blair, m. Gertrude ———. Child, Orville Leroy Blair." Served in World War, Battle of Marne and Argonne Forest.

353. Julia Ann Blair, m. J. D. Hall. Child, Velma Bernice Hall."

No. 156

Elizabeth Jane Blair^a (R. J. H.,^b E. Beggs,^c Charles,^d Thomas,^e James^f) b. Oct. 28, 1842, m. May 4, 1865, Charles C. Wheelock, who d. March 8, 1899. Mrs. Wheelock resides near Cherryvale, Kan. Children:

354.=William H. Wheelock.^g

355. Frank E. Wheelock, b. Dec. 4, 1868, d. July 16, 1873.

356. Edith I. Wheelock, b. March 24, 1871, d. July 15, 1873.

357. Rebecca J. Wheelock, b. Oct. 9, 1875, d. Sept. 4, 1903.

358. Carl M. Wheelock, b. Feb. 6, 1879, d. Nov. 19, 1881.

359.=Charles O. Wheelock.

360.=David A. Wheelock.

No. 158

Margaret Ann Blair^a (R. J. H.,^b E. Beggs,^c Charles,^d Thomas,^e James^f) b. Oct. 30, 1848, m. Mar. 15, 1866, to John Black, b. Dec. 21, 1844 (son of Wm. and Mary S. Black). Children:

361. Emma Luetta Black.^g

362. Cora Elizabeth Black, b. Oct. 15, 1868.

363. Ida Furness Black, b. Aug. 2, 1870.

364. Jessie Gertrude Black, b. July 10, 1872, d. Oct. 10, 1900.

365. William Littleton Black, b. Jan. 10, 1874, d. Nov. 15, 1875.

366. Margaret Ethel Black, b. Feb. 19, 1878, m. J. J. Wilson, March 1, 1916.

367. Florence Leah Black, b. Nov. 7, 1882.

368. Rebecca Lillian Black, b. Dec. 19, 1885.

No. 159

Rebecca Blair⁶ (R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Nov. 26, 1851, m. Jan. 1, 1874, to Dewitt Clinton Ellsworth. Children:

369. Eugene Carlton Ellsworth,⁷ b. Jan. 10, 1875, d. Feb. 26, 1875.

370. James Arthur Ellsworth, b. Apr. 6, 1876, d. Mch. 7, 1877.

371. Margaret Jane Ellsworth, b. Jan. 28, 1878.

372.=Roy Blair Ellsworth.

373. Zoe Inez Ellsworth, b. April 23, 1885.

374. Lena May Ellsworth, b. Jan. 28, 1889, d. Nov. 23, 1896.

375.=Edith Myrtle Ellsworth.

No. 161

Henry H. Berry⁶ (N. S. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 1, 1845, Ill., d. Dec. 28, 1909, in Neb., m. Dec. 27, 1870, Amanda Mitchell, d. May, 1926, in Neb. Children:

380. Ira Carlisle Berry,⁷ b. Feb. 7, 1872, d. July 7, 1872.

381.=Carlton Row Berry.

382.=Everly Nelson Berry.

383.=Floyd Mitchell Berry.

384. Chester Bounce Berry, b. Apr. 4, 1886, at McCook, Neb.

385.=Mildred Frances Berry.

No. 162

Sarah Frances Berry⁶ (N. S. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. March 20, 1847, m. David Henry Plummer, Nov. 25, 1869. He was born Oct. 9, 1838, in Ky., d. Oct. 13, 1923, Springfield, Ill. Child:

386.=Nina Row Plummer.⁷

No. 163

Hetty Berryⁿ (N. S. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 9, 1848, Ill., d. March 20, 1919, m. May 12, 1870, Lemuel Heffelfinger, d. June 15, 1910; res. Red Oak, Ia. Children:

387. William K. Heffelfinger,⁷ b. June 17, 1871, d. Oct. 19, 1877.

388. Walter Heffelfinger, b. Jan. 12, 1873, unmarried.

389. Anna Gertrude Heffelfinger, b. Oct. 26, 1874, d. Sept. 1, 1875.

390. Berta Alice Heffelfinger, b. Feb. 29, 1875, d. Sept. 21, 1876.

391.=George Albert Heffelfinger.

392.=Elizabeth Heffelfinger.

393. Gussie Lou Heffelfinger, b. June 6, 1883, d. March 13, 1887.

394.=Mary Nancy Heffelfinger.

395.=Mabel Heffelfinger.

396.=Karl Berry Heffelfinger.

No. 164

Elizabeth Berryⁿ (N. S. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 16, 1850, in Ill., m. Oct. 28, 1869, William Bryning, born in Canada, Apr. 8, 1838. Children:

397. Della May Bryning,⁷ b. Apr. 20, 1873, d. July 4, 1873.

398. Carrie Grace Bryning, b. Nov. 14, 1874, d. Mch. 27, 1882.

399. Una Tice Bryning, b. Sept. 23, 1881, d. July 4, 1883.

400.=J. K. Bryning.

No. 167

Nancy Berryⁿ (N. S. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 7, 1857, m. June 28, 1888, Dr. J. S. Parkhurst, b. Aug. 19, 1853, in N. J. Res. Virginia, Ill. Children:

401.=Laird Parkhurst.⁷

402.=Georgia Berry Parkhurst.

403. Josephine Parkhurst, b. May 11, 1895, m. Sept. 19, 1919, John Vincent Beggs; res. Ashland, Ill.

No. 169

Mary Mildred Berry^u (N. S. H.,^s E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Feb. 26, 1861, m. Lew Dunn, June 28, 1888. Child:

404.=Verna Elizabeth Dunn.⁷

No. 170

Charles Carlton Berry^u (N. S. H.,^s E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Sept. 1, 1864, d. Jan. 7, 1905, in Minneapolis, m. Bertha Stevenson, Nov. 27, 1889 (b. Jan. 14, 1870). Children:

405.=Bonita Rachel Berry.⁷

406. Horace Field Berry, b. Jan. 23, 1900, in Chicago.

407. Charles Eugene Berry, b. March 21, 1897.

408. Virginia Bertha Berry, b. Sept. 17, 1903.

No. 172

Dorothy Ellen Cunningham^u (S. H.,^s E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 16, 1858, m. Feb. 28, 1884, Flavius Craven Fox. Children:

409.=Francis Cunningham Fox.⁷

410. Henry Craven Fox,⁷ b. July 7, 1887.

411.=Sarah Louise Fox.

412. Andrew Llewellyn Fox, b. July 3, 1891.

413. Alice Eugenia Fox, b. Oct. 27, 1893, m. Wm. B. Lang, Sept. 13, 1924.

414.=James Elisha Fox.

No. 173

Andrew Wilson Elder^u (M. G. H.,^s E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. 1851, d. 1907, m. Edith Trefethran, graduate Ill. State Normal Univ.; principal in Denver schools. Children:

415. Helen Irene Elder,⁷ m. John Reece, res. Oakland, Calif.

416. Robert Baxter Elder,⁷ graduate Colo. State School of Mines; professor in Idaho State School of Mines; 6 years in Korea; research worker for U. S. Government; writer; inventor; died 1923.

417. Andrew Darwin Elder,⁷ Univ. Colo. graduate engineer; res. Utah.

418. Doris Trumbo Elder,⁷ m. Marion Barney; res. Oakland, Calif.

No. 174

Alice Cecelia Elder^o (M. G. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) m. Charles Tureman in Ill. Children:

419.=Claude Lucas Tureman.⁷

420.=Horace Elder Tureman.

No. 176

Belle Everett Elder^o (M. G. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) m. William H. Peters; res. Chicago. Child:

421. William H. Peters, Jr.⁷

No. 177

Mary Eliza Elder^o (M. G. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) m. Delbert Bowling, who died in 1890. Child:

422.=Otho Samuel Bowling.⁷

No. 179

Charles Samuel Elder^o (M. G. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹). A.B. Wesleyan Univ., Bloomington, Ill.; M.D. Denver Univ.; medical course in Germany; m. Jennie P. Higgins. Child:

423. Dorothy Elizabeth Elder,⁷ m. Charles Shepherd Sterns; res. Denver, Colo.

No. 181

Robert H. Hopkins^o (R. H. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. March 2, 1874, Denton, Texas; m. Maude M. Stringer. He served in Spanish-American War; has been prosecuting attorney of Denton Co., city attorney of Denton; judge of 16th Judicial District of Texas. One son:

424. Robert H. Hopkins, Jr.,⁷ b. 1914.

No. 183

George M. Hopkins^o (R. H. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 5, 1884, Denton, Texas, m. Eleanor Fields. Children:

425. George M. Hopkins, Jr.,⁷ b. 1923.

426. Infant daughter.

No. 188

Sarah Helen Hopkins^o (Z. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Apr. 12, 1876, in Iowa; m. Charles Wood Hudson, May 11, 1898, at St. Joseph, Mo. Children:

- 427. Helen Hudson,⁷ b. May 21, 1899, at Maryville, Mo.
- 428. Charles Henry Hudson,⁷ b. March 4, 1903, at Maryville, Mo.
- 429. Arthur Hopkins Hudson, b. Nov. 7, 1908, at Maryville, Mo.

No. 191

Rev. Percy Epler^o (Cyrus,⁵ Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) m. Helen Took, Jan., 1903; has two children:

- 430. Palmer Took Epler.⁷
- 431. Helen Cornelia Epler.

No. 195

Dr. Ernest G. Epler^o (Cyrus,⁵ Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) m. Muriel Ilett; res. Ft. Smith, Ark. Child:

- 432. Edith Ilett Epler.⁷

No. 197

Evelyn Hall Fairbank^o (S. E.,⁵ S. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 7, 1851, d. July 1, 1921, m. June 4, 1872, George Wyckoff Brown, b. Jan. 25, 1845, d. July 6, 1918; res. Jacksonville, Ill. Children:

- 433.=Mabel Fairbank Brown.⁷
- 434. Clara Wyckoff Brown, b. Apr. 25, 1875.
- 435. Helen Epler Brown, b. Aug. 29, 1878, m. May 30, 1900, Charles Ernest Read, b. Oct. 8, 1875, d. March 5, 1902; res. Jacksonville, Ill.

No. 198

Frances Gertrude Fairbank^o (S. E.,⁵ S. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. May 22, 1854, m. Dec. 16, 1880, Edward Carlos Carter, b. Jan. 11, 1854. Children:

- 436.=Edward Fairbank Carter.⁷
- 437.=Paul Epler Carter.
- 438.=Gertrude Carter.

No. 205

Edward E. Epler⁶ (J. M. Epler,⁵ Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 6, 1855, m. Charlotte Ellen Cleary, Nov. 28, 1888. Res. near Hanford, Calif. Children:

439.=John Franklin Epler.⁷

440.=Charlotte Araminta Epler.⁷

Myron Cleary Epler,⁷ b. Aug. 22, 1897; res. near Hanford, Calif.

No. 208

John William Epler⁶ (J. M. Epler,⁵ Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 29, 1862, m. Minnie Maroa Philleo, May 18, 1892; res. Los Angeles, Calif. Children:

441. William Leslie Epler,⁷ b. 1893, m. Jennie E. Walker, 1926; res. Los Angeles, Calif.

442.=Frederic Norris Epler.⁷

No. 210

Frank May Epler⁶ (J. M. E.,⁵ Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Apr. 24, 1865, d. April 12, 1907, m. Samuel Eugene Breese, Oct. 3, 1884. Child:

443.=Earl Epler Breese.⁷

No. 211

Charles Milton Epler⁶ (J. M. Epler,⁵ Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 6, 1871, m. Willamena Boley, Feb. 9, 1896; res. Little Indian, Ill. Children:

444. John Gerston Epler,⁷ b. June 7, 1897.

445. Flossie Epler,⁷ b. July 14, 1899.

No. 212

Ellen Woodman Epler⁶ (W. E.,⁵ S. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 10, 1860, m. Richard W. Mills, Nov. 28, 1889. Mr. Mills was born Aug. 3, 1844, d. Nov. 30, 1909. Res. Virginia, Ill. Children:

446.=Epler Cadwell Mills.⁷

447. Myron Epler Mills, b. Sept. 19, 1896; World War, Naval Aviation; lawyer; m. Helen C. Greve, b. July 26, 1903; res. Beardstown, Ill.

No. 213

Florence Eplerⁿ (W. E.,³ S. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹)
b. Aug. 19, 1873, m. Apr. 22, 1903, to A. L. Watkins, who d. May
4, 1920. Children:

448. Margaret Watkins,⁷ b. Oct. 8, 1906; Lake Chas., La.
449. James Epler Watkins, b. Nov. 5, 1908.

No. 215

Clara Eplerⁿ (W. E.,⁵ S. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹)
b. Jan. 13, 1886, m. R. P. Goforth, Aug. 17, 1910; res. Lake
Charles, La. Children:

450. Richard Goforth,⁷ b. Nov. 17, 1913.
451. Charles Goforth, b. Dec. 11, 1918.
452. Jean Goforth, b. Dec. 13, 1924.

No. 219

Elizabeth E. Eplerⁿ (A. G. E.,⁵ S. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,²
James¹) b. Jan. 9, 1871, m. W. O. Clemons, Sept. 27, 1894. Chil-
dren:

453. =Martha J. Clemons.⁷
454. Maria Jane Clemons,⁷ b. June 8, 1897.

No. 220

Ada L. Eplerⁿ (A. G. E.,⁵ S. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,²
James¹) b. Dec. 23, 1872, m. Dec. 12, 1894, George Stribling, who
d. Jan. 19, 1905. Children:

455. =George E. Stribling.⁷
456. =Elizabeth Stribling.⁷
457. Albert E. Stribling,⁷ b. Dec. 2, 1903, Ill., m. Sept. 1,
1927, Ann Powell, b. Tenn., March 15, 1905.

No. 222

Jessie E. Eplerⁿ (A. G. E.,⁵ S. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,²
James¹) b. Dec. 25, 1877, m. June 19, 1900, Ben H. Witwer. Child:

458. Jeanette Witwer,⁷ b. Mar. 4, 1902, m. Will J. Price, Dec.
25, 1925.

No. 223

Ralph R. Epler" (A. G. E.,⁵ S. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 19, 1880, m. Florence Brokaw, Apr. 3, 1907. Child: 459. Elizabeth Epler,⁷ b. May 23, 1908.

No. 226

Mary Jane Epler" (J. T. E.,⁵ M. A. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 14, 1864, m. Dec. 27, 1892, William Lynd, b. Nov. 5, 1848, in Cincinnati, O.; res. Springfield, Ill. Children:

460.=Ella Jeanette Lynd.⁷

461.=John William Lynd.⁷

462.=Anna Zane Lynd.⁷

463. Joseph Merle Lynd,⁷ b. Sept. 15, 1900, m. Aug. 9, 1927, Katherine Greene Dunning; res. Springfield, Ill.

464. Myron Epler Lynd,⁷ b. March 3, 1903, d. Apr. 2, 1903.

465. Edgar Eugene Lynd,⁷ b. July 23, 1904.

No. 228

Felix Epler Farrell" (A. E.,⁵ M. A. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 28, 1868, m. Apr. 12, 1898, Isabelle Martin; res. Jacksonville, Ill. Children:

466. Felix Martin Farrell,⁷ b. July 18, 1902, m. Dec. 31, 1927, Matilda Hoskins; res. Detroit, Mich.

467. Dorothy Isabelle Farrell,⁷ b. Aug. 16, 1904.

No. 229

Anna Farrell" (A. E.,⁵ M. A. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 19, 1871, m. Aug. 20, 1896, Edgar Erman Crabtree; res. Jacksonville, Ill. Children:

468. Eleanor Farrell Crabtree,⁷ b. Apr. 3, 1901, d. Apr. 3, 1901.

469. Edgar Farrell Crabtree, b. Jan. 3, 1905, d. Jan. 3, 1905.

470. Leonard Farrell Crabtree, b. Dec. 12, 1907.

No. 233

David B. McCoy" (S. Epler,⁵ M. A. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 21, 1869, m. Edith Cheatham; res. Atlanta, Ga. Children:

471. Sarah Margaret McCoy,⁷ b. May, 1909.

472. Edyth McCoy,⁷ b. May, 1912.

No. 239

Stella Gillham⁶ (J. Epler,⁵ M. A. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 31, 1869, Ill., m. Dec. 27, 1893, Luther Yeager Kerr, who is a government engineer on the levees of the Mississippi River. Children:

473. Roland Gillham Kerr,⁷ b. Dec. 24, 1894, in Mo., d. June, 1895.

474.=Leroy Ewin Kerr.⁷

No. 240

Jacob Epler Gillham⁶ (J. E.,⁵ M. A. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 15, 1871, in Ia., m. June 26, 1901, Agnes Hunter North, at Yazoo City, Miss.; res. Kansas City, Mo. Child:

475.=John Newton Gillham,⁷ b. Sept. 19, 1905, now a student in University of Kentucky.

No. 242

James LeRoy Gillham⁶ (J. E.,⁵ M. A. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 15, 1876, m. Jan. 14, 1917, Dorothy Cooper; res. Kansas City, Mo. Children:

476. James LeRoy Gillham, Jr.,⁷ b. June 9, 1918.

477. Dorothy Jeanne Gillham, b. Aug. 29, 1922.

No. 244

Jane Epler Gillham⁶ (J. E.,⁵ M. A. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 23, 1880, m. Nov. 15, 1914, Thornton Porter; res. Tacoma, Washington. Child:

478. Sarah Jane Porter,⁷ b. Sept. 7, 1916.

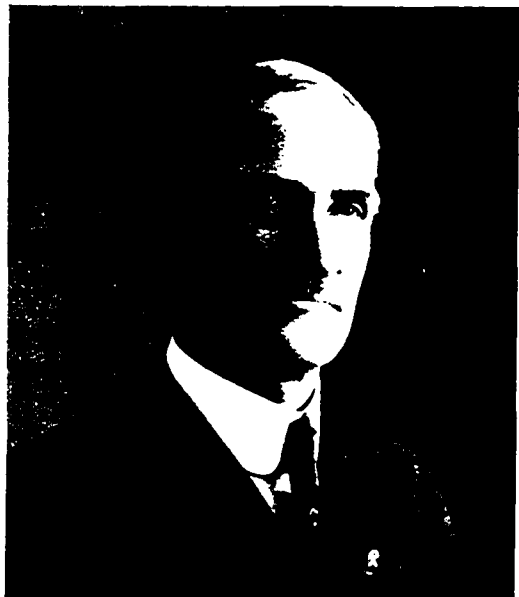
No. 249

Charles Webster Crews⁶ (Mary,⁵ Geo. W.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 22, 1852, d. Nov. 5, 1923, m. Ida McMurtrie, daughter of ——— McMurtrie and Zilla Klink McMurtrie, on Dec. 25, 1883. Their children are:

479. Lucile,⁷ b. Aug. 23, 1888, m. Charles Marsh, Sept. 29, 1915; musician; composer; studied in Boston, Berlin, Paris; winner of 1925 Pulitzer Prize (traveling scholarship) for musical composition. Res., Los Angeles.

480.=Clara, b. Mar. 15, 1893.

Mrs. Crews died in March, 1902.



Charles Webster Crews
Son of Mary Elizabeth Beggs Crews

January 18, 1905, Mr. Crews married Katherine Downing, daughter of David Downing of Virginia, Ill. Charles W. Crews taught school a few months, attended the Illinois State Normal University a short time, then entered a dry goods store in Virginia, Ill., where he remained for several years. In April, 1879, he went to Leadville, Colo., spent some time in prospecting. In 1881 he began merchandising, in which he is still engaged (now in Pueblo and Salida), and in which he has been very successful. Mr. Crews has for many years been recognized as one of the leading citizens of Pueblo. While he has always avoided politics, he consented in 1911 to serve as a member of a "charter convention" and assisted in framing the charter under which the city is now governed. Both daughters graduated from Dana Hall, at Wellesley, Mass.

No. 250

George Beggs Crews^a (M. E. B.,⁵ Geo. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. July 25, 1856, m. Aug. 31, 1883, to Kate V. Town, daughter of Zera A. and Melvina Simonds Town, granddaughter of Russell and Roxana Skeet Town and of Jabez and Thurza Van Tuyl Simonds; served as Medical Missionary, 1883 to 1885, at Chung King, China; transferred to Peking and labored till 1890, when ill health caused his return to Denver, Colorado. Kate V. Crews d. June 22, 1922. Children:

481. Lella Gertrude,⁷ b. July 15, 1890, m. July, 1916, to Roy L. Schram, b. 1890.

482.=Helen Melvina Crews.⁷

483.=Floyd Hooper Crews.⁷

484.=Mary Katherine Crews.⁷

No. 252

Mary Crews^a (Mary E. Beggs,⁵ George W.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Apr. 15, 1864, m. Nov., 1892, Irving Besly, son of Oliver and Isabella Besly. Children:

485. Leonard Besly, b. Apr. 4, 1894; res., New York.

486. Corinna Besly, b. July 31, 1897, died.

No. 260

Helen Orlena Beggs^a (Robert H.,⁵ George,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Sept. 18, 1876, in Ill.; A.B. University of Denver; m. July 14, 1903, Francis Lightfoot Lee Hiller, b. Jan. 12, 1869;

A.B. and A.M. University of Denver. Mr. Hiller's father was Thomas Jefferson Hiller, b. Nov. 28, 1830, Monroe County, N. Y., son of Rev. Isaac and Pamela (Phelps) Hiller (b. in Germany); practiced law in Hudson, Mich., from 1860 to 1908, d. Feb. 2, 1912. His mother was Clara Nichols Hiller, b. May 20, 1834, daughter of Samuel Nichols, b. in Antrim, N. H., in 1783, son of Thomas and Hannah (Clark) Nichols. Thomas Nichols was born in Scotland. Samuel Nichols came to Michigan in 1831; his second wife was Evelina Seymour, married on Nov. 18, 1831. Clara Nichols and Thos. J. Hiller were married Sept. 1, 1859.

Children:

487. Robert Hamilton Hiller,⁷ b. Dec. 29, 1907, Washington, D. C. Student in Ohio Wesleyan University.

488. Charles Thomas,⁷ b. Nov. 15, 1911, Washington, D. C.

489. Clara Gertrude,⁷ b. Nov. 15, 1911, Washington, D. C.

No. 261

Dorothea Kate Beggs⁸ (Robert H.,⁵ George W.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) graduate of Illinois State Normal School and Denver University; studied in Berlin, part of the time in Berlin University; taught in Fort Collins, Colo., high school, in Iowa State College as assistant in German; in Denver University as professor of German. Nov. 30, 1911, she married Victor Zenos Haven, son of Victor Zenos Haven and Alma Jane (Hill) Haven, both of New York. Died December 20, 1920. Mr. Haven and the children live in Heyward, California.

Children:

490. Ruth Alma Haven,⁷ b. Aug. 13, 1912.

491. Hilda Margaret Haven,⁷ b. June 6, 1914.

No. 262

Hilda Marian Beggs⁸ (Robert H.,⁵ George,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 17, 1892; A.B. Goucher College; m. Sept. 4, 1915, to Frank Joseph Henry (son of William C. and Lida (Merriman) Henry) b. July 23, 1899. Mr. Henry has A.B. and A.M. University of Denver, and attended Wharton School of Commerce, University of Pennsylvania. Residence, Atlanta, Ga. Children:

492. Dorothy Kathleen Henry,⁷ b. Aug. 30, 1917, Colo.

493. Barbara Ann Henry, b. July 23, 1919, Colo.

494. William Charles Henry, b. March 31, 1925, Georgia.

No. 264

Henry Milton Epler["] (D. Beggs,⁵ Geo. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 11, 1869, m. Lena S. Reuter, Feb. 26, 1896; res. Sheridan County, Kan. Children:

- 495. Ralph Harold Epler,⁷ b. Jan. 7, 1897.
- 496. Joseph Frederic Epler, b. Apr. 4, 1899.
- 497. Dorothy Henrietta Epler, b. Oct. 6, 1904, m. Aug. 1, 1925, Leslie Sample, who was born Sept. 6, 1900.
- 498. Milton R. Epler, b. Oct. 25, 1915.

No. 265

Isaac Troy Epler["] (D. Beggs,⁵ Geo. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Nov. 10, 1871, m. Nov. 26, 1919, Mabel Mallory, b. Mch. 20, 1902; res. near Julian, Neb. Child:

- 499. Inez Maxine Epler,⁷ b. Sept. 6, 1920.

No. 266

Jennie Gertrude Epler["] (D. Beggs,⁵ Geo. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Feb. 7, 1874, m. Dec. 16, 1896, Burton Cassellman; res. near Douglas, Neb. Children:

- 500.=Robert E. Cassellman.⁷
- 501.=Loren Burton Cassellman.
- 502. Frank Donald Cassellman, b. March 2, 1903.
- 503. Ruth Gertrude Cassellman, b. Nov. 20, 1905.

No. 268

Jessie Olive Epler["] (D. Beggs,⁵ Geo. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 28, 1879, m. Feb. 26, 1908, James Roy Cooper (son of Robert and Clarinda Cooper). Children:

- 504. Lola Christian Cooper,⁷ b. Dec. 24, 1908.
- 505. Joseph Robert Cooper, b. Oct. 28, 1910.

No. 269

James Leonard Epler["] (D. Beggs,⁵ Geo. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 31, 1886, m. May 31, 1910, Ada Agnes, dau. of Thomas and Alice Walker Reed. Children:

- 506. Hilda Alice Epler,⁷ b. March 13, 1911.
- 507. Melba Dorothy Epler, b. April 13, 1913.

No. 272

James Calvin Wheeler,⁶ (Ella B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. April 19, 1871, Ill., m. Nov. 20, 1893, Minnie Grimm (b. Nov. 30, 1866, in Penn.); res. Alhambra, Calif. Children:

508.=Alice Wheeler.⁷

509. Ella Wheeler,⁷ b. Oct. 9, 1896, Ill., res., Alhambra, Calif.

510. Robert Gordon Wheeler,⁷ b. Jan. 6, 1899, m. Dec. 31, 1925, to Evelyn L. Pierce (b. Dec. 16, 1904); res., Alhambra, Calif.

511.=Howard Grimm Wheeler.⁷

512. Florence Elizabeth Wheeler,⁷ b. May 13, 1904; res., Alhambra, Calif.

No. 274

Clara Luella Wheeler⁶ (Ella B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 19, 1877, Chicago, m. Oct. 21, 1908, Hugh Webb Roberts, b. Jan. 21, 1877, Florida; res., San Diego, Calif. Children:

513. Carol Ella Roberts,⁷ b. Dec. 25, 1911.

514. Hugh Evan Roberts, b. March 23, 1913.

No. 276

Frank Edwin Wheeler⁶ (Ella B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. April 2, 1883, m. Jan. 27, 1909, Lula Easterday, b. Dec. 9, 1882. Res., Twin Falls, Idaho. Children:

515. Edgar Wheeler,⁷ b. Dec. 1, 1910.

516. Pearl Wheeler, b. Jan. 22, 1913.

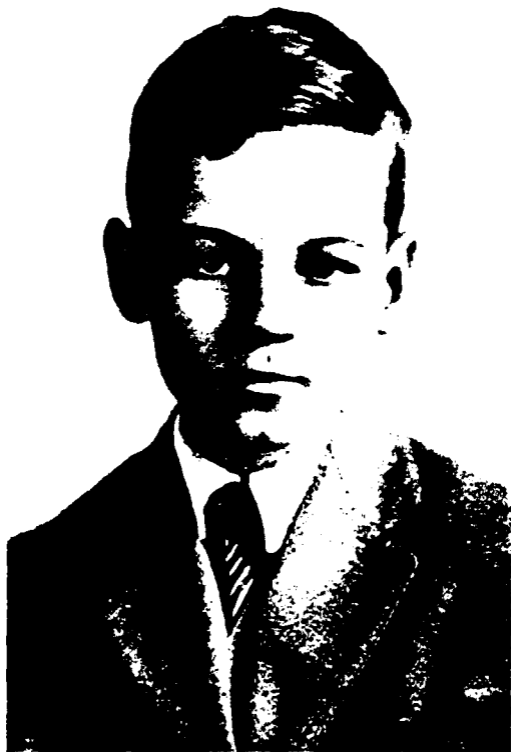
No. 278

George Erle Beggs⁶ (C. E. B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. April 23, 1883, Ashland, Ill., m. Sept. 26, 1912, to Frances May Ingalls, b. Oct. 21, 1887 (dau. Roscoe K. and Frances Hedden Ingalls) in Englewood, N. J.; graduate Northwestern University; teacher of Civil Engineering, Princeton University; received "Franklin Medal" of 1927, for most practical invention of the year; res. Princeton, N. J. Child:

517. George Erle Beggs, Jr.,⁷ b. Aug. 3, 1916.



George Erle Beggs
201 Prospect Ave., Princeton, N. J.



George Erle Beggs, Jr.
201 Prospect Ave., Princeton, N. J.



Home of George Erle Beggs
201 Prospect Ave., Princeton, N. J.

Constructed from the old brick from the recently demolished
Isabella McCosh Infirmary, Princeton University, according
to architectural plans made by the owner. Completed
January, 1928.

No. 282

Edestina Beggs^a (C. Edwin,^a James L.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 24, 1890; attended Goucher College; m. Feb. 26, 1913, Henry McKeown, b. July 4, 1888; res. Decatur, Ill. Children:

- 518. Clinton Beggs McKeown,⁷ b. Sept. 17, 1915.
- 519. Jessie Margaret McKeown, b. March 28, 1917.
- 520. John Henry McKeown, b. Dec. 25, 1918.
- 521. Edestina McKeown, b. April 15, 1921.
- 522. Katherine McKeown, b. Feb. 12, 1926.
- 523. Sally McKeown, b. Oct. 24, 1927.

No. 286

Virginia Beggs^a (C. E. B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. May 6, 1899, m. Dec. 28, 1921, Albert Newton Willson, b. Dec. 18, 1897; res. Elizabeth, N. J. Children:

- 524. Barbara Willson,⁷ b. June 18, 1923.
- 525. John Newton Willson, b. Feb. 20, 1925.
- 526. Donald Newton Willson, b. March 29, 1927.

No. 290

Samuel James Sinclair^a (L. J. B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 30, 1881, m. Oct. 6, 1914, Mary L. McIntosh, b. Nov. 15, 1890; both graduates Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill. He is president of Central Illinois Grain Co. Res. Ashland, Ill. Children:

- 527. Ruth Anna Sinclair,⁷ b. Sept. 5, 1915.
- 528. Dorothy Sinclair, b. Dec. 23, 1917, d. May 18, 1925.
- 529. Margaret Sinclair, b. Dec. 8, 1923.

No. 291

Myra Anne Sinclair^a (L. J. B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. March 28, 1886, in North Dakota; B.S. degree Illinois Wesleyan; B.E. Columbia University, 1910; m. June 24, 1913, Ralph Plummer Peairs, b. May 5, 1875, Ill., who is a physician and surgeon; res. Normal, Ill. Children:

- 530. Margaret Sinclair Peairs,⁷ b. Aug. 21, 1914, d. Aug. 22, 1914.
- 531. Myra Anne Peairs, b. March 21, 1916.
- 532. Nancy Jane Peairs, b. Feb. 7, 1921.

No. 292

Anna Zelia Duey["] (E. R. B.,["] James L.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Sept. 24, 1873, in Kansas, d. Apr. 12, 1911, in Calif., m. Charles Holzman, Sept. 4, 1891. Child:

533. = Anna Rowena Holzman.⁷

No. 293

Harry Duey["] (E. R. B.,["] James L.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 30, 1876, in Kansas, d. June 24, 1926, in Los Angeles, m. June 15, 1901, Florence Pollock, b. Sept. 28, 1878, in Iowa. She resides in Los Angeles. Children:

534. Harold Stewart Duey,⁷ b. Aug. 3, 1902, Ariz.; res. San Francisco.

535. Alice Louise Duey, b. Nov. 22, 1906, Ariz., m. March 24, 1907, Roy Christian Beck, b. Aug. 28, 1893, Chicago; res. Los Angeles.

536. Marion Elizabeth Duey, b. Dec. 15, 1909; res. Los Angeles.

No. 295

Ralph Richards Beggs["] (W. C. B.,["] J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. April 19, 1880, m. Sept. 21, 1905, Theresa Johnson, b. May 7, 1882; res. Oakland, Calif. Children:

537. Myra Olga Beggs,⁷ b. Feb. 1, 1906, d. Aug. 1, 1906.

538. Myron Leroy Beggs, b. Jan. 30, 1907.

539. Thurston Howard Beggs, b. Aug. 31, 1912.

No. 296

Paul William Beggs["] (W. C. B.,["] J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 16, 1881, m. July 30, 1906, Eva Bromley, b. May 10, 1886; res. Portland, Ore. Children:

540. Paul Howard Beggs,⁷ b. Oct. 1, 1909.

541. Philip Bromley Beggs,⁷ b. Nov. 24, 1910.

No. 297

Mary Estelle Beggs["] (W. C. B.,["] J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. July 3, 1883, m. Dec. 10, 1902, Lewis Russell Godden, b. Nov. 14, 1877; res. New York. Children:

542. Paul Russell Godden,⁷ b. Sept. 11, 1903.

543. Esther M. Godden, b. July 5, 1906, m. Jan. 5, 1928, M. L. McKenzie, b. in 1900; res. New York.

No. 298

Ida Emma Beggs" (W. C. B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. July 10, 1885, m. Nov. 30, 1903, Samuel M. Davis, b. July 28, 1881; res. Kingman, Ariz. Children:

544. Clara E. Davis,⁷ b. May 13, 1908.

545. Melvin Harry Davis, b. Nov. 29, 1911.

No. 299

Nelle Helen Beggs" (W. C. B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 10, 1889, m. June 1, 1906, Robert C. Hollinger, b. Feb. 17, 1884; res. Petaluma, Calif. Children:

546. Helen May Hollinger,⁷ b. Feb. 22, 1908.

547. Dolly Desta Hollinger, b. Jan. 11, 1912.

No. 300

Myrtle Alfreda Beggs" (W. C. B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. March 7, 1894, m. March 10, 1911, Guy E. Savory, b. March 9, 1892; res. Santa Rosa, Calif. Child:

548. Evelyn M. Savory,⁷ b. Feb. 13, 1913.

No. 301

Harry Richards Beggs" (W. C. B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Apr. 11, 1896, m. March 24, 1919, Katherine M. Fraga, b. Feb. 24, 1898; res. Oakland, Calif. Child:

549. William Harry Beggs,⁷ b. June 10, 1920.

No. 302

Edwin Abram Beggs" (W. C. B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 22, 1898, m. Aug. 6, 1921, Rose Bellow, b. Feb. 21, 1900; res. Oakland, Calif. Child:

550. Marjorie Leathe Beggs,⁷ b. Nov. 21, 1923.

No. 303

Mabel Jane Beggs" (John L. B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 9, 1889, m. July 29, 1914, Homer Edmund Hoffman, b. May 22, 1882; res. "Turtle Back" Ranch, near Wheatland, Wyo. Children:

551. John Augustus Hoffman,⁷ b. June 9, 1915.

552. Julia Hoffman, b. Nov. 14, 1918.

553. Homer Otho Hoffman, b. Feb. 24, 1923.

554. Jane Hoffman, b. Oct. 13, 1927.

No. 310

Rachel Beggs" (A. L. B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 21, 1892, in Ill., m. June 14, 1917, to Eugene G. Gardner (son of Edwin D. and Laura Dickinson Gardner, both born in W. Va. E. G. Gardner b. Jan. 18, 1890, in Calif. Res. Santa Paula, Calif. Children:

555. Thomas Lyle Gardner,⁷ b. July 14, 1919, d. Aug. 12, 1919.

556. Laura Alice Gardner,⁷ b. Aug. 4, 1921.

557. John Howard Gardner,⁷ b. Jan. 31, 1923.

No. 311

Watson Gailey Beggs" (A. L. B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Sept. 19, 1895, Ill., m. Nov. 3, 1918, at St. Paul, Minn., to Anna C. Hedenburg (dau. of Robert R. Hedenburg of Halleck, Minn.) Res. San Marino, Calif. Child:

558. Robert Hedenburg Beggs,⁷ b. Sept. 31, 1924.

No. 312

Eleanor Amy Beggs" (A. L. B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Nov. 22, 1899, Ill., m. June 20, 1921, Harrington Ford Reynolds, at Glendale, Calif. H. F. R. was born Apr. 4, 1901, son of Wm. Ford and Nellie Harrington Reynolds, Alameda, Calif. Res. Culver City, Calif. Child:

559. Harrington Ford Reynolds, Jr.,⁷ b. March 21, 1922.

No. 313

Milton Stribling Hitchcock" (M. J. S.,⁵ Margaret Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Apr. 18, 1866, Ill., m. Nov. 17, 1890, Myrtle S. Meloney, at Kansas City, Mo.; res. Peoria, Ill. Children:

560.=William Franklin Hitchcock.⁷

561.=Jo Perrine Hitchcock.⁷

562. Milton S. Hitchcock, Jr., b. Jan. 2, 1898, d. May 3, 1911.

563. Arnold Addison Hitchcock, b. Peoria, Ill., Jan. 29, 1900; res. Chicago, Ill.

564. Myrtle Harriet Hitchcock, b. Dec. 7, 1907; res. Peoria, Ill.

No. 316

Harry Alfred Striblingⁿ (J. T. S.,⁵ Margaret Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 23, 1876, m. Amanda Florence Coddington (b. June 23, 1876); res. near Ashland, Ill. Children:

565.=Ruth Coddington Stribling,⁷ m. R. R. Boynton.

566. Kermit Coddington Stribling, b. Feb. 15, 1909, d. Oct. 20, 1916.

No. 317

Lloyd E. Striblingⁿ (J. T. S.,⁵ Margaret Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Nov. 5, 1879, m. Nov. 8, 1899, to Mabel Dinwiddie, who was born May 1, 1880. Children:

567.=Dorothy D. Stribling,⁷ m. E. H. Alexander.

568. J. T. Stribling,⁷ b. Oct. 26, 1904, m. Apr. 17, 1928, to Eleanor Purvines, dau. of Loren Purvines, Pleasant Plains, Ill.

No. 328

Eli Horace Virginⁿ (M. L. S.,⁵ M. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Sept. 7, 1890, at Ft. Craig, N. M., m. April 21, 1920, Rachel Fern Rexroat; served in Co. A, 43rd Engineers, World War; res. near Virginia, Ill. Children:

569. Robert Horace Virgin,⁷ b. May 13, 1921.

570. Lewis Worthington Virgin, b. April 17, 1923, d. May 8, 1923.

571. George Eugene Virgin, b. May, 1924.

572. Alice Lou Virgin, b. Oct. 22, 1926.

No. 333

Emma Taylor Beggsⁿ (S. W. B.,⁵ John,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 14, 1895, m. Aug. 7, 1917, Harry R. Bradley (son of Nelson and Samantha (Rogers) Bradley); res. Oshkosh, Wis. Children:

573. Harry R. Bradley, Jr.,⁷ b. Nov. 2, 1918, d. in infancy.

574. Robert Calvin Bradley, b. Dec. 12, 1924.

575. Ned Richard Bradley, b. March 17, 1927.

SEVENTH GENERATION

No. 343

Rosetta Verlindia Blair⁷ (W. B.,⁶ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Bggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) m. Edwin B. Smith. Children:

528. Glenn Belmont Smith.⁸

529. Harry Augustus Smith.⁸

No. 67d

Mae Louise Thorpe⁷ (H. E. B.,⁶ G. W. B.,⁵ S. R. B.,⁴ James,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 4, 1897, m. Wilson Clark, Nov. 15, 1922. Children:

67g. George Thorpe Clark,⁸ b. Sept. 11, 1923.

67h. Mary Louise Clark,⁸ b. Nov. 28, 1925.

No. 345

Robert Henry Blair⁷ (W. B.,⁶ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) m. Louise ———. Children:

530. Robert Eugene Blair.⁸

531. Harry Edward Blair.

532. Grace Mildred Blair.

533. Gladys Monetha Blair.

No. 348

M. Dawson Blair⁷ (W. B.,⁶ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) m. Liza ———. Children:

534. Julia Blair.⁸

535. George Blair.

536. Arthur Blair.

No. 349

Ernest Athol Blair⁷ (W. B.,⁶ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) m. Louise ———. Children:

537. Evart Blair.⁸

538. Omar Blair.

539. William Blair.

540. Carl Blair.

541. Walter Blair.

542. Ernest Blair.

543. Melville Blair.

No. 354

William H. Wheelock⁷ (E. J. B.,⁸ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Sept. 22, 1867, m. Hettie E. Duff, March 4, 1890. Children:

544.=George C. Wheelock.⁸

545.=Oral L. Wheelock.

546.=Raymond C. Wheelock.

547. Elsie E. Wheelock, b. Aug. 3, 1894, d. Sept. 25, 1894.

548. Dolah V. Wheelock, b. Sept. 24, 1904.

No. 359

Charles O. Wheelock⁷ (E. J. B.,⁸ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Nov. 27, 1881, m. Aug. 19, 1902, Nettie Parrat. Children:

549. Anna J. Wheelock,⁸ b. June 14, 1904.

550. Ona B. Wheelock, b. Jan. 27, 1906.

551. Emery F. Wheelock, b. March 2, 1909, d. Oct. 1, 1925.

552. Cecil O. Wheelock, b. Sept. 28, 1911.

553. Wilma O. Wheelock, b. March 11, 1914.

554. Lena A. Wheelock, b. March 10, 1917.

555. James M. Wheelock, b. Apr. 16, 1919.

No. 360

David A. Wheelock⁷ (E. J. B.,⁸ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. July 8, 1885, m. Oct. 3, 1906, Dora M. Nicholas. Children:

556. Maynard E. Wheelock,⁸ b. Dec. 29, 1907, d. Feb. 9, 1908.

557. Melvin A. Wheelock, b. Jan. 18, 1909.

558. Marvelle E. Wheelock, b. Oct. 31, 1911.

559. Marion W. Wheelock, b. Apr. 11, 1914.

No. 361

Emma Luetta Black⁷ (M. A. B.,⁸ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 31, 1866, m. July 17, 1905, at El Paso, Tex., to Henry Lewis Purse, b. Nov. 28, 1874 (son of Edward Lewis and Sarah (King) Purse). Child:

560. John Henry Purse,⁸ b. Oct. 26, 1907.

No. 362

Cora Elizabeth Black⁷ (M. A. B.,⁶ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 15, 1868, d. Mch. 9, 1928, m. in 1893 to Charles F. Chapman, b. Nov. 12, 1868 (son of Thomas and Sarah E. Chapman). Children:

- 561. Georgia Chapman,⁸ b. Jan. 26, 1894.
- 562. Vida Chapman, b. Aug. 28, 1896.
- 563. Margaret Chapman, b. Nov. 12, 1898, m. Sept. 3, 1925, to Earl Meyers, b. May 17, 1893.
- 564. Francis Chapman, b. March 3, 1901.
- 565. William Chapman, b. Aug. 12, 1905.
- 566. Elizabeth Chapman, b. Aug. 18, 1908.

No. 372

Roy Blair Ellsworth⁷ (R. B.,⁶ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 8, 1882, d. Aug. 8, 1910, m. Sept. 20, 1904, Nora Edna Lynch. Children:

- 567. Charlotte Elizabeth Ellsworth,⁸ b. March 21, 1907.
- 568. James Clinton Ellsworth,⁸ b. Sept. 15, 1909.

No. 375

Edith Myrtle Ellsworth⁷ (R. B.,⁶ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. May 9, 1892, m. Sept. 2, 1919, Orion Columbus Dail. Child:

- 569. Betty Louise Dail,⁸ b. May 10, 1920.

No. 381

Carlton Row Berry⁷ (H. H. B.,⁶ N. S. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Feb. 20, 1873, m. Jennie Thompson; res. McCook, Neb. Children:

- 570. Roy Harmon Berry,⁸ b. Jan. 20, 1897.
- 571. Frank Henry Berry, b. July 12, 1903.

No. 382

Everly Nelson Berry⁷ (H. H. B.,⁶ N. S. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Sept. 19, 1875, in Ill., m. June 9, 1919, Cleo Rector, d. July 29, 1920, McCook, Neb. Child:

- 572. Everly Nelson Berry,⁸ b. July 29, 1920.

No. 383

Floyd Mitchell Berry⁷ (H. H. B.,^u N. S. H.,^o E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 20, 1879, in Ill., m. Lena M. Wilcox; res. McCook, Neb. Children:

573. Erma Berry,ⁿ b. July 14, 1905.

574. Eva Lucile Berry,ⁿ b. Sept. 1, 1912.

No. 385

Mildred Francis Berry⁷ (H. B. H.,^o N. S. H.,^o E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. March 16, 1889, Neb., m. April 17, 1909, P. E. Reeder. Child:

575. Betty Jean Reeder,ⁿ b. May 4, 1918, in Kansas City.

No. 386

Nina Row Plummer⁷ (S. F. B.,^u N. S. H.,^o E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 28, 1870, m. Jan. 29, 1896, George Zwickey, who was born in Switzerland, Nov. 30, 1844. Child:

576.=Georgia Nina Zwickey.ⁿ

No. 391

George Albert Heffelfinger⁷ (H. B.,^u N. S. H.,^o E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. July 25, 1877, m. Bertha Broham, Dec. 7, 1900. Child:

577. Oueta Belle Heffelfinger,ⁿ b. July 7, 1914, in Ohio, died.

No. 392

Elizabeth Heffelfinger⁷ (H. B.,^u N. S. H.,^o E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Apr. 18, 1879, m. Dec. 20, 1900, Harry Austin. Children:

578. Olga May Austin,ⁿ b. Oct. 7, 1901.

579. Ruth Helen Austin, b. Apr. 26, 1903.

No. 394

Mary Nancy Heffelfinger⁷ (H. B.,^u N. S. H.,^o E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 26, 1886, m. June 19, 1912, Milton Omar Beebe, chaplain, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C. Child:

580. Milton Omar Beebe,ⁿ b. Aug. 20, 1913.

No. 395

Mabel Heffelfinger⁷ (H. B.,⁸ N. S. H.,⁹ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 24, 1888, m. Carl Edward Olson, Aug. 27, 1913. Child:

581. Ronald Edward Olson,⁸ b. Oct. 14, 1920.

No. 396

Karl Berry Heffelfinger⁷ (H. B.,⁸ N. S. H.,⁹ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 13, 1895, m. Edith Price, in 1916; res. Red Oak, Ia. Child:

582. Paul Heffelfinger,⁸ b. Oct. 26, 1917.

No. 400

J. Kern Bryning⁷ (E. B.,⁸ N. S. H.,⁹ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Nov. 25, 1884, m. Lydia Agnus. Children:

583. Grace Elizabeth Bryning,⁸ b. Sept. 28, 1908.

584. Gladys Erma Bryning, b. Aug. 22, 1910.

585. Opal Kern Bryning, b. Dec. 25, 1912.

586. Martha Irene Bryning, b. May 9, 1918.

587. J. Karl Bryning, b. March 13, 1920.

588. Genevieve Bryning, b. June, 1922.

No. 401

Laird Parkhurst⁷ (N. B.,⁸ N. S. H.,⁹ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. May 19, 1889, m. Feb. 11, 1918, Pauline Wiley. Child:

589. John Carlton Parkhurst,⁸ b. July 14, 1920.

No. 402

Georgia Berry Parkhurst⁷ (N. B.,⁸ N. S. H.,⁹ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 17, 1890, m. Oct. 26, 1916, Warren Sudbrink. Children:

590. Nan Elizabeth Sudbrink,⁸ b. Feb. 22, 1919.

591. Warren Clifford Sudbrink, b. June 15, 1923.

592. Edwin Berry Sudbrink, b. Apr. 3, 1925.

No. 404

Verna Elizabeth Dunn⁷ (M. B.,⁸ N. S. H.,⁹ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. March 21, 1893, m. Thomas J. Walling, May 23, 1895. Child:

593. Mary Lou Walling,⁸ b. Oct. 10, 1927, Rushville, Ind.

No. 405

Bonita Rachel Berry⁷ (C. C. B.,⁸ N. S. H.,⁹ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 1, 1892, m. Lester Shannon. Children:

594. Clyde Leonard Shannon,⁸ b. Sept. 14, 1915.

595. John Charles Shannon, b. June 9, 1919.

596. Marian Virginia Shannon, b. Nov. 16, 1925.

No. 409

Francis Cunningham Fox⁷ (D. E. C.,⁸ S. H.,⁹ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. July 6, 1886, m. Frances Edith Taylor, Feb. 24, 1916. Child:

597. Frances Eleanor Fox, b. Dec. 18, 1916.

No. 411

Sarah Louise Fox⁷ (D. E. C.,⁸ S. H.,⁹ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. July 7, 1889, m. Henry H. Wankel. Children:

598. Virgil Ray Wankel,⁸ b. Aug. 22, 1911.

599. Dorothy Ellen Wankel, b. Nov. 21, 1914.

600. Carl Henry Wankel, b. March 23, 1917.

601. Floyd Craven Wankel, b. Aug. 16, 1920.

602. Ralph Allen Wankel, b. Nov. 22, 1926.

No. 414

James Elisha Fox⁷ (D. E. C.,⁸ S. H.,⁹ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Sept. 19, 1895, m. Atha G. Cline, June 16, 1917. Children:

603. Robert Wesley Fox,⁸ b. Feb. 6, 1920.

604. James Ray Fox, b. Sept. 10, 1924.

No. 419

Claude Lucas Tureman⁷ (A. C. E.,⁵ M. G. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) m. Anna Holt; res. near Hardin, Ill. Child:

605. Horace Holt Tureman,⁸ now (1928) a student in Colorado University.

No. 420

Horace Elder Tureman⁷ (A. C. E.,⁵ M. G. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) m. Isabella Webber; Director Denver Civic Symphony Orchestra; composer. Child:

606. Ruth Hopkins Tureman,⁸ student Denver University (1928).

No. 422

Otho Samuel Bowling⁷ (M. E. E.,⁵ M. G. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) A.B. University of Denver; Columbia Law School; office, 7 Dey St., New York City; m. Myrtle Frels. Child:

607. Robert Francis Bowling, b. 1926.

No. 433

Mabel Fairbank Brown⁷ (E. H. F.,⁵ S. E.,⁵ S. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. May 31, 1873, m. Aug. 15, 1900, Frank J. Waddell, b. Oct. 8, 1867; res. Jacksonville, Ill. Child:

608. Helen Francis Waddell,⁸ b. Aug. 6, 1902.

No. 436

Edward Fairbank Carter⁷ (F. G. F.,⁵ S. E.,⁵ S. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 30, 1884, m. July 11, 1908, Lydia Hagen Buell, b. Feb. 20, 1886, Troy, N. Y. Children:

610. Sarah Buell Carter,⁸ b. Aug. 11, 1910, Ontario, Canada.

611. Gertrude Fairbank Carter ("Nancy"), b. Oct. 17, 1913, Montreal.

612. Anne Carter, b. Oct. 28, 1918, Melbourne, Australia.

No. 437

Paul Epler Carter⁷ (F. G. F.,⁵ S. E.,⁵ S. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. March 6, 1886, Mich., m. Nov. 10, 1917, Elizabeth Slater Johnston, b. Feb. 28, 1887, Rochester, N. Y. Children:

613. Paul Epler Carter, Jr.,⁸ b. Sept. 1, 1920, N. Y.

614. Thomas Johnston Carter, b. Nov. 24, 1923.

615. Edward Carlos Carter II, b. Jan. 10, 1928.

No. 438

Gertrude Carter⁷ (F. G. F.,¹¹ S. E.,⁵ S. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 30, 1889, m. June 11, 1917, Cleon Marshall Bell, b. Oct. 8, 1889. Children:

616. Sarah Bell,⁸ b. June 28, 1918.

617. Virginia Bell, b. Oct. 5, 1919.

618. Evelyn Bell, b. Apr. 15, 1923.

No. 439

John Franklin Epler⁷ (E. E. E.,¹¹ J. M. E.,⁵ Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. May 20, 1890, m. Laura May McCreary, June 14, 1921; res. Hanford, Calif. Children:

609. William C. Epler,⁸ b. May 22, 1922.

610. Robert E. Epler,⁸ b. Feb. 12, 1925.

No. 440

Charlotte Araminta Epler⁷ (E. E. Epler,¹¹ J. M. E.,⁵ Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Jan. 20, 1893, m. Ralph E. Wells, Jr., Apr. 21, 1919; res. Los Angeles, Calif. Children:

611. Charlotte Ellen Wells,⁸ b. May 22, 1924.

612. Frances Grace Wells,⁸ b. Oct. 10, 1927.

No. 443

Earle Epler Breese⁷ (F. M. E.,¹¹ J. M. E.,⁵ Sarah Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Nov. 13, 1887, m. Edith West, June 15, 1909; res. New York City. Child:

613. Harry Epler Breese,⁸ b. Feb. 25, 1913.

No. 446

Epler Cadwell Mills⁷ (E. E.,¹¹ W. E.,⁵ S. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. March 16, 1893; University of Illinois Law School graduate; Lieut. Infantry, World War; m. Helene Odiorne, June 23, 1917; res. Virginia, Ill. Children:

614. Jane Mills,⁸ b. July 20, 1918.

615. Elizabeth Mills,⁸ b. Jan. 17, 1922.

No. 453

Martha J. Clemons⁷ (Eliz. E. E.,⁶ A. G. E.,⁵ S. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. July 21, 1895, m. Nov. 27, 1919, Alexander Piere. Child:

616. Betty Jane Piere,⁸ b. June 8, 1922.

No. 455

George E. Stribling⁷ (A. L. E.,⁶ A. G. E.,⁵ S. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Nov. 1, 1895, m. Edith Taylor (b. June 1, 1894, died July 28, 1923). Children:

617. F. Taylor Stribling,⁸ b. Apr. 25, 1921.

618. George E. Stribling, Jr., b. Sept. 8, 1922.

No. 456

Elizabeth Stribling⁷ (A. L. E.,⁶ A. G. E.,⁵ S. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ John,² James¹) b. Ill., May 12, 1900, m. May 17, 1920, Webster S. Rutledge, b. Neb., Aug. 20, 1883. Children:

619. Robert Stanley Rutledge,⁸ b. Sept. 25, 1923.

620. J. Clifton Rutledge, b. Cal., May 24, 1927.

No. 460

Ella Jeanette Lynd⁷ (M. J. E.,⁶ J. T. E.,⁵ M. A. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 9, 1893, m. Sept. 12, 1919, J. Harold Hampton, who was a captain in the World War; res. Tampa, Fla. Child:

621. Mary Anna Hampton,⁸ b. Oct. 19, 1921.

No. 461

John William Lynd⁷ (M. J. E.,⁶ J. T. E.,⁵ M. A. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. May 20, 1896, m. Nov. 17, 1920, Hildred C. Hatcher, b. April 27, 1898; served two years in World War; res. Springfield, Ill. Child:

622. Mary Carrie Lynd,⁸ b. Apr. 21, 1894.

No. 462

Anna Zane Lynd⁷ (M. J. E.,⁶ J. T. E.,⁵ M. A. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. July 13, 1898, m. Sept. 4, 1919, Carl U. Luers; served overseas in World War; res. Springfield, Ill. Children:

623. Gloria Ann Luers,⁸ b. Apr. 30, 1922.

624. Mary Lynd Luers, b. Dec. 30, 1924.

No. 474

Leroy Ewin Kerr⁷ (S. G.,⁶ J. E.,⁵ M. A. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. May 17, 1897, in Miss., m. June 6, 1925, Dale Apperson, in Tenn. Child:

625. Dale Apperson Kerr,⁸ b. March 17, 1926, Memphis, Tenn.

No. 480

Clara Crews⁷ (C. W. C.,⁶ M. E. B.,⁵ George,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. March 15, 1893, m. Sept. 7, 1916, Arthur Chancelor Wells, b. April 20, 1887 (son of Frank A. and Elizabeth (Barrett) Wells). Res. San Diego, Calif. Children:

626. Arthur Crews Wells,⁸ b. Nov. 12, 1918.

627. Katherine Wells, b. June 23, 1923.

No. 482

Helen Crews⁷ (G. B. C.,⁶ M. E. B.,⁵ George,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. July 2, 1892, m. Dec. 25, 1916, to Max R. Mickey, b. March, 1892 (son of David Mickey of Del Norte, Colo.). Res. Pagosa Springs, Colo. Children:

628. Robert Mickey,⁸ b. May, 1918.

629. Loren Joseph Mickey, b. Jan., 1921.

630. Ray Mickey, b. March, 1923.

631. Mary Maxine Mickey, b. April, 1927.

No. 483

Floyd Hooper Crews⁷ (G. B. C.,⁶ Mary,⁵ George,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Nov. 8, 1894, m. Jessie Ashmore, Nov. 19, 1916, who was born March 3, 1896. Res. Pueblo, Colo. Children:

632. Floyd Charles, Jr.,⁸ b. Oct. 1, 1917, d. Apr. 7, 1920.

633. Madge Catherine, b. March 21, 1921.

634. Marjorie Helen, b. April 25, 1924.

635. Mary Louise, b. July 27, 1927.

No. 484

Mary Katherine Crews⁷ (G. B. C.,⁶ Mary,⁵ George,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 14, 1898, m. Nov. 30, 1921, to Robert R. Freund (son of Geo. R. Freund), b. June 26, 1893. Res. Denver, Colo. Child:

636. Barbara Louise,⁸ b. Sept. 26, 1922.

No. 500

Robert E. Cassellman⁷ (J. G. E.,⁶ D. Beggs,⁵ Geo. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Aug. 16, 1898, m. Oct. 28, 1922, Bonnie Carolyn Selway, b. Oct. 12, 1900. Child:

637. Richard Selway Cassellman,⁸ b. Feb. 3, 1924.

No. 501

Loren Burton Cassellman⁷ (J. G. E.,⁶ D. Beggs,⁵ George,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Nov. 19, 1899, m. Jan. 15, 1925, Bernice L. McKee, b. Sept. 8, 1900; res. San Luis Valley, Colo. Child:

638. Patricia Lou Cassellman,⁸ b. Oct. 9, 1925.

No. 508

Alice Wheeler⁷ (J. C. W.,⁶ Ella B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 27, 1894, Ill., m. Oct. 2, 1920, Irl Richard Somers, b. Jan. 30, 1890, in Md.; res. Oak Park, Ill. Children:

639. James Richard Somers,⁸ b. May 6, 1923.

640. Nancy Charlotte Somers, b. March 4, 1925.

No. 511

Howard Grimm Wheeler⁷ (J. C. W.,⁶ Ella B.,⁵ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Nov. 28, 1901, m. July 5, 1926, Elsa Rosalie Eifrig, b. Dec. 16, 1904, Ontario, Canada; res. Oak Park, Ill. Child:

641. Howard Calvin Wheeler,⁸ b. Feb. 25, 1928.

No. 533

Anna Rowena Holzman⁷ (A. Z. D.,⁸ E. R. B.,⁹ J. L. B.,⁴ Charles,¹ Thomas,² James¹) b. Oct. 4, 1898, in Ariz., m. April 8, 1918, Wells Tyler Couch, b. Jan. 4, 1888, Minn. Res. Los Angeles, Calif. Children:

642. Winifred Elvenah Couch,⁸ b. May 6, 1919.

643. Elizabeth Ann Couch, b. May 9, 1926.

No. 560

William Franklin Hitchcock⁷ (M. S. H.,⁸ M. J. S.,⁹ Margaret Beggs,⁴ Charles,¹ Thomas,² James¹) b. April 13, 1892, m. Dec. 14, 1920, Olga Louise Dauber, at Christobal, Panama; res. Peoria, Ill. Child:

644. Barbara Lou Hitchcock,⁸ b. Nov. 17, 1926.

No. 561

Jo Perrine Hitchcock⁷ (M. S. H.,⁸ M. J. S.,⁹ M. Beggs,⁴ Charles,¹ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 9, 1895, m. June 25, 1924, Alma Kothe Kramer. Child:

645. Grace Elizabeth Hitchcock,⁸ b. March 19, 1925.

No. 565

Ruth Coddington Stribling⁷ (H. A. S.,⁸ J. T. S.,⁹ Margaret Beggs,⁴ Charles,¹ Thomas,² James¹) b. June 7, 1902, m. Ruben Riley Boynton, Oct. 24, 1922; res. near Pleasant Plains, Ill. Children:

646. Alfred Stribling Boynton,⁸ b. Aug. 30, 1923.

647. Josephine Coddington Boynton, b. June 21, 1927.

No. 567

Dorothy D. Stribling⁷ (L. E. S.,⁸ J. T. S.,⁹ Margaret Beggs,⁴ Charles,¹ Thomas,² James¹) b. Sept. 12, 1902, m. Edward H. Alexander, Dec. 5, 1922. Child:

648. William Lloyd Alexander,⁸ b. Feb. 10, 1925.

EIGHTH GENERATION

No. 544

George C. Wheelock⁸ (W. H. W.,⁷ E. J. B.,⁶ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Dec. 5, 1890, m. Jan. 2, 1918, Helen Brandt; served overseas in World War. Children:

- 649. George E. Wheelock,⁹ b. July 10, 1918.
- 650. Eugene P. Wheelock,⁹ b. Sept. 6, 1920.
- 651. William W. Wheelock, b. Sept. 13, 1923.
- 652. Marie E. Wheelock, b. Nov. 11, 1926.

No. 545

Oral L. Wheelock⁸ (W. H. W.,⁷ E. J. B.,⁶ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Feb. 6, 1891, m. Sept. 11, 1910, Claude E. Coyner. Children:

- 653. Twin daughters, died in infancy, May 19, 1911.
- 654. Paul E. Coyner,⁹ b. Oct. 9, 1912.
- 655. Marvel K. Coyner,⁹ b. Nov. 6, 1914.

No. 546

Raymond C. Wheelock⁸ (W. H. W.,⁷ E. J. B.,⁶ R. J. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. Feb. 6, 1893, m. Jan. 24, 1914, Katherine E. Lemmel; served overseas in World War. Child:

- 656. Phillip H. Wheelock,⁹ b. Dec. 4, 1914, d. Nov. 16, 1923.

No. 576

Georgia Nina Zwickey⁸ (N. R. P.,⁷ S. F. B.,⁶ N. S. H.,⁵ E. Beggs,⁴ Charles,³ Thomas,² James¹) b. April 27, 1900, m. Oct. 18, 1922, to Harold Omar Plummer, b. March 21, 1895. Child:

- 657. Betty Lou Plummer,⁹ b. Dec. 29, 1925.



Ballycarry Village, County Antrim.

The old cemetery lies at the "top of the village" near the church spire to left.

GLEANINGS FROM ANTRIM, FROM AYRSHIRE, AND FROM THE BRITISH MUSEUM LIBRARY

CLARA BEARDSLEY BEGGS

Ill health thru many years has delayed me in the completion of this Book o' Beggs, on which my husband, the late Robert Henry Beggs, labored during the later years of his life. When the book seemed about ready for the printer, a long sought bit of information came to hand which made further delay; namely, the Ulster home of a James Beggs who seems to have been the first of the name to land in America.

In the Congressional Library at Washington is Charles Knowles Bolton's "Scotch-Irish Pioneers," published by Bacon and Brown of Boston.

On page 342, under the heading, "Home Towns of Ulster Families 1691-1718" is this entry:

"James Beggs R. E. 1706-9-11-14, at Ballycarry, Antrim." A footnote explains that R. E. means Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Immediately, I decided to go to Ballycarry.

About the first of May, 1927, I landed at Belfast and took a train to the town of Antrim, as I had read that all records of the county were kept there. The registrar told me he had no dates prior to 1863 when the first law was passed requiring government registration of births, marriages and deaths. That gentleman said he was also registrar for the Presbyterian Church.

As we discussed my search, he said,—“Your James Beggs was probably 30 years old when he first served his church as R. E. in 1706. He must have lived in Ballycarry all his life, as those stern old Covenanters never elected anyone to that office whose whole life was not known to the community. The cemetery at Ballycarry may yield you some dates, but I doubt that any church records have survived the fierce struggles in Ulster.”

I went back to Belfast and took a bus to Ballycarry, which is 18 miles to the northeast.

From the pleasant faced boys who ran the bus, I learned that Ballycarry is a very old one-street village with no hotel;—“but perhaps the Tea Room Lady will take ye,” they said.

When I explained my errand to the Tea Room Lady, she said, "Why, my grandmother was Matilda Beggs." She had no record of her line.

Rays of the late afternoon sun were slanting across Lough Larne as I climbed over the ancient stile and walked through the deep grass of the old graveyard and met the sexton.

In answer to my query, "Have you any very old Beggs tombstones?"—he said, "That I have. An' the one I'm goin' to show ye is the oldest one I've got, exceptin' one; and no one can read whatever that said." He led the way around the ruins of the oldest Protestant church in Ireland. There, almost leaning against the old stone walls, stands a worn and lichen covered stone bearing the following inscription:

"Here Lieth
The body of James Beggs Sr. who
departed this life
the 2 of May, 1698
of age 81 years
Also Elizabeth Love his wife who
departed this life
this day Y 2 of March 1676."

This was surely the grave I sought. If this man was James, Sr., there must have been a James, Jr. As James, the first in America (1718) was R. E. in the Ballycarry church eight years after James, Sr.'s death, and of necessity known to the village thru his whole life, he must have been the James, Jr.

I learned that the man who claimed ownership of the old tomb was one Thomas Beggs of Cairnbrok, three miles away. He referred me to his oldest brother, James (now 78 years old) who lives in Greenmount St., Belfast. From him I learned that his great grandfather had a brother James who went to America in 1718, and that he had few relatives left in Ireland after the Ulster migrations to America.

These facts considered with the items recorded in Bolton's "Scotch-Irish Pioneers," leave no doubt that the old stone in the Ballycarry "graveyard" marks the final resting place of the father of that James Beggs, R. E., the first Beggs to land in America (1718).



Agnes Gray, at the ruins of the original Church of Ballycarry,
which was the first Protestant Church of Ireland.

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Erected

by Robert Beggs—Belfast—in memory of
his mother Jane Beggs who departed
this life on Nov. 13, 1808 aged 49 yrs.

Also his father Robert Beggs who
departed this life Feb. 12, 1828 aged 73 yrs.

Also the above Robert Beggs
born 12 Aug. 1798 died 16 April 1884

The Robert Beggs who died Feb. 12, 1828, was a cousin of the grandfather of Thomas Beggs of Cairnbrock, owner of the old tomb. The Matilda Beggs, grandmother of my hostess, Mrs. Elizabeth McKee, was a sister of that Robert Beggs. Thus both these families lead back to James, Sr., of the old tomb.

On the right side of the old tomb stands a stone "Erected by Wm. Beggs in memory of his father James Beggs who departed 20th Nov. 1830 aged 71 years." This James Beggs (whose wife was Elizabeth Campbell of Sterlingshire, Scotland) was the great grandfather of Miss Agnes Gray, who lives alone in Ballycarry, in the Beggs home,—one of the oldest in the village. I found her an interesting source of Beggs family tradition. The same stone records the death of James' son, William (died Nov. 20, 1830) who had seven sons,—five of whom are buried in America. The sons were named James, John (who died in America), Samuel, William (who lived at Coleman's Corners, N. Y.), Edward, Alexander (lived in Philadelphia), Gilbert (lived in Lynchburg, Va.). A daughter, Eliza, was the mother of Agnes Gray.

Judging by first names used, by the close proximity to the ancient tomb, and by all evidences which must be relied upon in lieu of book records, Agnes Gray's line merges into that of old James, Sr., although she lacks record of one generation.

The names of her great grandfather's line, on both sides of the Atlantic, are the same as those of the descendants of Captain Thomas Peggs.² The names used in the family of the man lying on the other side of the old tomb are also favorite names of our Revolutionary ancestor's line.

The name of Archibald running thru any Antrim County family would locate it in the vicinity of the Parish of Broadisland (Ballycarry).

Sir Archibald Edmonstone of Red Hall, three miles from Ballycarry, was given a grant of this land and the charge of "planting it with stalwart Scots" who would teach the native Irish how to build homes and raise crops. The original plan of the "planting of Ulster" was that the ratio should be an Englishman and a Scot to each Irishman.

Sir Archibald's name is still loved by the Beggs of Ballycarry, and their babies are often named for him.

James Beggs of Greenmount St., Belfast, says that the family came to Ireland from Ayr, though he knows no date of the move; that the name was Begg (*sic*); that the Begg (*sic*) and Burns family had intermarried. (A James Burns lies near James, Sr., in the Ballycarry graveyard. He died in 1755.)

Those same traditions have been passed down through the families of Captain Thomas Beggs' descendants. There is no doubt that it was a son of James, Sr., who was R. E. in 1706-9-11-14, and who came to America in 1718, since the present owner of the tomb, Thomas, is a great grand nephew of that same James.

James, Sr.'s tomb lies as close as possible to the ancient church and is the oldest one whose inscription can be read. He was without doubt zealous in establishing the church of his faith in this land of the "wild Irish." A tablet on the Ballycarry church reads: "Continuous services have been held by this congregation since 1613." Glancing thru a history of Presbyterianism in Ulster, I learned that the founders of the Antrim Presbytery were from Ballycarry.

The name of Archibald Beggs appears as a representative of the Ballycarry church in a Presbytery meeting of about 1750.

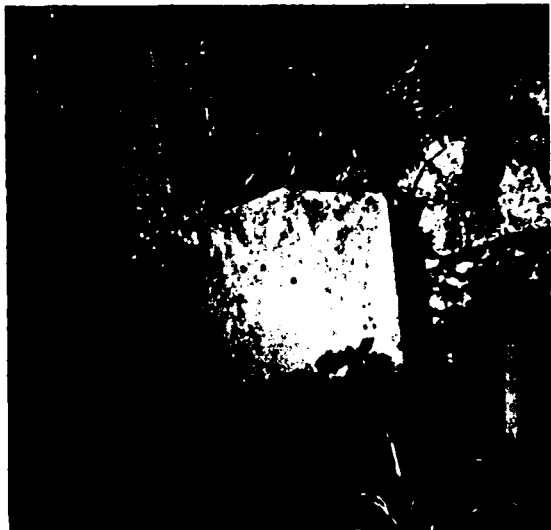
Beggs and McKee families are intermarried in Ballycarry. We find them neighbors in Virginia. A Captain McKee was appointed at the same time that our Captain Thomas Beggs² was; and James¹ had a lawsuit against a McKee.

James Beggs, R. E., must have been at least 42 years old when



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This old white stone reads:

"Here lieth the body of James Beggs, Sr., who departed this
life the 2 of May 1698 of age 81 years also Elizabeth Love
his wife who departed this life this day Y 2 of March 1676."

he came to America in 1718. The landing place of his boat has yet to be ascertained.

Obviously, James, R. E., was not the father of our James,¹ but they both came from Ballycarry and were descended from James, Sr., of the old tomb. Antrim County is known to have been the home of James,¹ father of Captain Thomas.

There were families named Beg, Begg and Beggs in Ireland long before the time of King James' Planting of Ulster, which was begun about 1605.

As the name is an ancient Gaelic word, it is quite possible that Ireland was the original home, and that they went from there into Scotland. Some of them may have gone on into Norway, since that is one trail of the Gaelic influence, and since one of the Begg men of Glasgow gives Norway as his traditional home previous to Ayrshire, and Aberdeen.

In the Belfast library I studied the "Planting of Ulster" hoping to find lists of the men who went from Ayrshire into Antrim. Ulster was planted by two Ayrshire men, Sir Arthur Hamilton and Bishop Montgomery. Hamilton undertook the western half, Montgomery the eastern half. They received large grants of land on condition that they plant it with Scot and Briton and accomplish the building of castles, homes, and churches in certain numbers within three years. I found only a few lists of the men they secured, but none for County Antrim, and no Begg name on any list.

Then I went to Ayr, and learned that there had "always been Begg (*sic*) families in Ayr, but no record had been kept of those who went to live in Ireland." Some of the elder members of the Beggs family of Illinois have stated that Robert Burns was related to their family. In the yard of the "auld Alloway kirk" in Ayr is the grave of Mrs. Isabella Burns Begg (*sic*), a "sister of Robert Burns, the poet." I found the grave of a James Burns near James Beggs, Sr. (1698) in Ballycarry. James Beggs of Belfast states that Robert Burns' sister married into his family.

There seems little hope of tracing James Beggs¹ to his Ayrshire home, in any direct way.

I found fourteen Begg (*sic*) families in the Glasgow telephone directory. I wrote letters to all of them. The answers I received were a delight as to expressions of courtesy, but brought only regrets as to material assistance in my search for a record of James Beggs.¹

Many of them said the Glasgow Begg families had come from Ayrshire.

A few quotations from those letters are given. Having no records back of 1698, these bits from contemporary members of the Begg family in Scotland may help to establish a feeling of kinship with those on the other side.

With great regret I leave the Beggs trail wandering off through the mists of Ireland and Scotland.

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EXCERPTS FROM GLASGOW LETTERS RECEIVED

John H. Begg, Isle of Man. "I am of the Ayrshire branch of the family. I understand that our branch came from Norway via Aberdeen."

James Begg, Timber Merchant, Glasgow. "Most of the clan whom I have known have been quite above the average, if I may say so to one of them. I am sure if you should discover in your research that some of their ancestors were hanged, you will find also that it was in a good cause."

James Begg, Paisley (near Glasgow). "I regret that I am unable— etc. I have always understood that Beg was old Gaelic for little, as, Malcolm Beg meant little Malcolm. The name Begg is not common, but is fairly distributed throughout Scotland."

James L. Begg, Property and Insurance Agent, Shettleston. "All the Begg family about Glasgow have come from Ayrshire. My grandfather's cousin was a famous Doctor of Divinity of Edinburgh. His son was "Bentley," a famous actor. Another son was Faithful Begg, Member of Parliament for Glasgow Division, 30 years ago, now a resident of London where he carries on a big business."

John Begg, Ltd. Scotch Whiskey Distillers, Glasgow. "As there are no members of the Begg family now connected with this business, we are unable to give you any information."

Thomas Begg, Insurance Agent, Glasgow. "You can rest assured that the family name in Scotland has gained much respect, not so much from any outstanding ability (though quite capable) as steady, well-doing, careful, religious, liberal in politics and broad-

minded. There is an artist near Glasgow, of the name, and of considerable note."

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Ayrshire is lowland, and is the oldest part of Scotland. It is also the richest.

Scotch clans and plaids belong to the Highlands. There is no Beggs plaid.

The wife of James Beggs¹ was Elizabeth Hardy,—probably of a Highland Scotch family.

There are Hardys of very ancient date in Wales. But no evidences of the Welsh are found in Ulster.

The Scotch Hardy family belonged to the Farquharson and McIntosh clans.

The Love or Luiff family belonged to the Gordon clan.

Elizabeth Love was the wife of James Beggs, Sr., of the old Ballycarry tomb.

Before 1645 the name was spelled Luiff or Luff. In the classic Gaelic of Ross-shire the word became Kinnon or McKinnon (son of Kinnon). Several Luiffs are in the list of the original fenars of the burgh of Paisley, after its erection in 1488. The names of Wm. Luf, John Luf and Thomas Luf appear in those records.

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COATS OF ARMS

Burkes' General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, gives four coats of arms to the Begg or Beggs name.

Fairbairns' Book of Crests of Families of Great Britain and Ireland, Vol. I, p. 45, gives the same four and an additional one.

There is only one place where claims of one's title to a crest or coat-of-arms may be established—that is, at the College of Arms in Queen Victoria St., London, near Godliman St., not far from Black-friars Bridge.

The title of the officer in charge is Portcullis. He showed me the steel room wherein are kept the records made by the Visitation of the King's Heralds. The first visitation was made in 1528, the last in 1687. During that period, a visitation was made once a year, —a census of titled and noble families recording their crests and coats-of-arms and all their names upon the family tree. The great

volumes,—handsomely bound,—record their treasured items with the greatest beauty and care possible for pen and brush.

After a search, Portcullis Butler told me that the oldest of the Beggs Arms was that of Mathew Begg of Boranstown, Ireland, given sometime in 1500 (I am unable to recall the exact date). It seemed unlikely to belong to our branch of the family, as his line has been Catholic. We should have to prove a direct line thru him, to have the right to use it. Portcullis Butler said also that only two of those listed by Burke are authentic. However, he says that the British government recognizes that records in Ireland are few, because of its chronic state of rebellion; that if one has proved that his family is one of the very old and loyal ones, a coat of arms will be issued, using an old one of the name, and slightly changing one quarter. This will be done,—for a sum,—a rather large one.

Technically, no lady has a right to use a crest or coat of arms.

During the latter part of the 19th century a wave of desire for arms swept over our country. I learned that many were assumed on no ground except that the name was the same. Accommodating lithographers did the work, asking no questions. It is estimated that only one-tenth of those claimed in America are used by right of ancestry.

In America we have no place for recording arms, as the British have, in the Heralds' College, London. Authorities consider it safe to say that if an American can trace his claim to the possession of a certain coat of arms to the year 1725, the arms may generally be counted genuine.

I left with Portcullis Butler, a sufficiently large sum of money to pay for an extensive search for record of any James Beggs who might have been the father of the James Beggs, Sr., of the old tomb. His letter dated Feb. 25, 1928, states that a thorough search of County Antrim is being made.

In the British Museum Library, with the assistance of a professional genealogist, I went thru long shelves of records of Ireland and Scotland,—noting every entry of the name of Beg or Begg or Beggs, earlier than 1700.

During the reign of Edward IV, a law was passed requiring the Irish of the lower class, and many English in certain conditions, to change their name to the name of "some town, as Chester, Trynn, Cork, Kinsale; or color, as White, Black, Brown, Green, etc.; or

trade or art, as Smith, Carpenter; or office, as Cook, Butler; and that he and his issue shall use this name under payne of forfeiting of his goods yearly, till the premises be done,—to be levied two times a year to the Kings' Warres, according to the discretion of the Lord Lieutenant of the King or his Deputy."

I wanted to discover whether the Beg name could be found before that law was passed. If in Ireland it would mean that they were not among the trouble makers; if in England, it would mean that they were people of some standing.

Several authorities state that the families are all old Gaelic, and are all from the same source, whether spelled Beg, Begg, Begge, Beig, or Beggs. The final s is found only in Ireland. It probably meant Begg's son, when first used.

I give a few of the entries I found:—

In O'Harts' Irish Pedigrees, is Beg, and Begg, in a list of the "principal families in Ireland at close of 17th century."

O'Harts' "*Landed Gentry* when Cromwell came to Ireland," lists David Beg, Thomas Begg, Mathew Begg, John Begg.

"Robert, Lord Dunsany, peer in Dublin Parliament, 1541 (reign King Henry VIII), married Eleanor, daughter of Sir Wm. Darcy. His daughter, Ellen, married Mathew Begg of Boranstown."

"Beggstown is mentioned as the home of Viscount of Kingsland, in 1543."

In the "Carew M. S. S., Calendar of Estate Papers," stands the name of Patrick Beg of Fleshillstone, under date of 1596.

Under date 1540, of the same MSS, a lease is granted to Walter Brokton of the town of Begetown.

Robert Begg is one of the names in a list of Priests that have been students in Donay, in 1613.

In the "Calendar of State Papers of Ireland," date 1608, is a petition of John Begg for having refunded to him 300 pounds loaned by him to the Treasurer of Ireland some years before.

In "Calendar of Documents of Ireland," date 1252-1284, is a receipt from Walter Dovedale for the Chattels of Robert Beg, who abjured the realm: 19 shillings, 4½ pence.

In Edinburgh, at the Old Registry, I found many a James and Thomas and John Begg thru the years of 1500 and 1600.

Robertson, in his "Ayrshire Families," mentions "George Rankin of Whitehill who married Janet, youngest daughter of James Logan of Knockshinnoch, by Margaret, daughter of *John Beg* of Dornal, and his wife Sarah, daughter of John Chalmers of Polquhairn, descendant of Gadgirth." George Rankin was a descendant of a "Flemish knight who came to the court of Alexander III, King of Scots, in 1280, on the occasion of the marriage of his daughter with Prince Alexander" (Holinshed). He obtained a grant of lands of Orchard-head and others, which his posterity held down to the end of the 17th century. Orchard-head is in Stirlingshire,—Parish of Both-Kennar."

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I failed to note the source of the following quotation:

"Beggs of Antrim appear to have, in some instances, enjoyed the rank of country gentry;—but generally to have been of the respectable farmer class. Thru several centuries a few of them seem to have risen to prominence. They have been dependable pillars of their church and sturdy captains for the army when needed."

Since I am unable to find record of a direct line back of James, Sr., of the old Ballycarry grave, it seems to be some satisfaction to learn what manner of folk some of the ancient Beg family were. These records would not have been kept if the people had not been of considerable importance in their day. My note book contains many more notations similar to those given.

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London has a "Blue Book." In it are listed the names of people living within a restricted area, where money and standing in society are cards of admission. There are six families of the names Begg and Beggs within its exclusive covers.

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The following is given as a curiosity:

In the Ballycarry graveyard, not far from the old tomb of James Beggs, Sr. (1698), is a grave bearing only the following strange inscription:

"James Burns, the Rambler, died 1755.
Chr3st 61s th2 64rd th1t sp1k2 3t
H2 r44k th2 Br21d 1nd br1k2 3t
1nd 6h1t th1t 64rd d3d m1k2 3t
Th1t 3 b2l32v2 1nd t1k2 3t."

The key to the reading of these queer lines is, that the figures 1-2-3-4-5-6, stand for the letters a-e-i-o-u-w. A recent London paper stated that Queen Elizabeth had been considered to be the author, but that some antiquarian of literature had discovered it to be much older than her day.

Burns and Begg families had been neighbors and relatives by marriage in Ayr. Here we see that they were neighbors in Ballycarry.

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The year 1718 marks the first great migration from Ulster to America.

Between 1714 and 1720, 54 ships carrying from 200 to 300 each, arrived in Boston with immigrants. Although details are wanting, it is known that the arrivals at the ports of the Delaware were much greater.

Bolton says that "for every one that landed in Boston, a dozen set foot in Philadelphia and Charleston,"—also that the great wave of 1718 brought most of its immigrants to New York and New Jersey. In one week in 1727, six ships from Ulster landed in Philadelphia. He also says that the uncles and cousins who came on the earlier ships were followed by nephews, cousins and grandsons, within a few years.

It helps one to realize how swift was this migration, to recall that by the time the Revolution began, there were over 800,000 Scotch-Irish in the colonies,—fully one-fourth of the population.

Another point that may give a feeling of satisfaction to the children of these pioneers should also be mentioned here. Many of the immigrants of those times came over as bondmen,—that is, their passage was paid by another person on condition that its value be returned in labor in America.

There were no bondmen on Ulster ships. A Scotch-Irishman valued his personal liberty too highly to secure his passage that way. His passage was paid in sterling at the start.

The name of every person who came over on the Mayflower was carefully listed. But no port seems to have lists of those who sailed from Ulster.

One can only conclude that life had been too stormy in Ireland to be able to make, or preserve records. In taking passage for America, their only thought was that they should arrive there. As they paid for their passage there seemed no need to make record of their going.

Several ships sailed from Larne, which is only nine miles from Ballycarry, on Lough Larne.

In 1725, one left that port for New Castle on the Delaware (now Wilmington). On May 9, 1729, the "George and Ann" landed at the same port—also from Larne.

Could James and Elizabeth Hardy Beggs have come on either of these boats?

Those who landed on the Jersey shore of the river did not stay many years there, as the governor of New Jersey dealt harshly with Dissenters.

Our James¹ landed in New Jersey. He was soon among those who joined the caravan that was steadily making its way across the first range of the Blue Ridge—and south into the Valley of the Shenandoah.

Bolivar Christian says that the first permanent settlement by the Scotch-Irish was made in Virginia, in 1732. Ephraim McDowell was the first permanent settler in Rockbridge County. He was an ancestor of Governor McDowell in whose term history was made for Virginia. There is no doubt that he was the ancestor also of Sarah (McDowell) Barnes who married Thomas Beggs.²

Descendants of those Scotch-Irish pioneers will have pride in the fact that their mecca—the neighborhood of New Castle, Del.—became early a stronghold of Presbyterianism in America.

It was communicated to the south by the ministers who accompanied the immigrants to the Valley of the Shenandoah, beginning in 1732.

Ford says in his "Scotch-Irish in America" that the first minister was probably Samuel Gelston, who visited Virginia in 1735.

Life was strenuous on all lines,—not only in the daily round, but also in that of the Sabbath day. Try to picture the "day of rest" for young John,¹ and James² and Elizabeth³ and Charles.³ Services began at 10 A. M. A recess was taken at mid-day for lunch, and the services continued till sunset. A five hour sermon was common.

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This biographical sketch of Robert Henry Beggs is composed of excerpts from a sketch of his life prepared by his friend, Dr. Henry A. Buchtel, Chancellor of Denver University,—from words spoken by dear friends and associates, at his funeral,—and from editorials.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George W. Beggs¹ died when Robert Henry, his youngest son, was but two years old. His boyhood was much influenced by his grandfather, Captain Charles Beggs, by his uncle, Rev. Greenbury Garner, by his courageous mother, and by the necessity for work, a common need in pioneer days in any land.

Quoting from a biographical sketch by Dr. Henry A. Buchtel, Chancellor of Denver University: "Cass County adjoins Minard County, where Abraham Lincoln lived as a young man before he moved to Springfield. The Beggs family in Virginia lived on a farm which adjoined the farm of Abraham Lincoln's grandfather. The heroic career of Abraham Lincoln was naturally one of the inspirations of the boyhood life of Robert Henry Beggs.

After the father's death the mother remained on the farm till her death in 1865. The children of a widow, living on a farm in days when Illinois was a pioneer state, in the midst of hardships, must develop physical and moral vigor.

The son of a widow has always had a great chance in our country for the reason that the widow will make any sacrifices to give her children the best educational advantages. The mother of Robert Henry Beggs did that for him. In the country school, Henry Beggs found one teacher who inspired him with a desire to know, and with a desire to become somebody. It was this teacher who told him that his mental powers were above the ordinary and that he ought to go to college. In 1861 the older boys heard the call of President Lincoln for volunteers for the great Civil war. Robert Henry was too young to serve. He wanted to go, but he stayed at home, plowed the fields, read all the books he could borrow and learned the war songs published in those days in the "Song Messenger."

He always carried an old silver watch which was bought by his brother, Charles, at Nashville while in the Union Army. Many people smiled at the old-fashioned time-piece, but for Henry Beggs it carried associations that were unspeakably dear. * * *



Robert Henry Beggs
with his first grandchild.

The brave mother died Aug. 26th, 1865. The son then set out to secure the college education his teacher had assured him was within his grasp. The teaching of country schools and doing farm work (often receiving only \$13.00 a month) were the means which fed the flame of his desire to know. His friend, J. N. Gridley, made effort to induce him to take up the study of law. But the decision to do otherwise was based on the idea that he might be tempted to make money by defending clients who had done wrong. The son of Huldah Garner was saturated with his mother's devotion to righteousness."—He taught school, planning later to go to Ann Arbor for a course in Civil Engineering, but his pleasure in teaching changed those plans. * * *

"In 1880 he was invited by Superintendent Aaron Gove to the Principalship of the Broadway School of Denver. For 32 years he held the best that Denver schools offered to principals. * * *

In 1883, he became interested with his nephew, Charles W. Crews, in the dry goods business in Leadville. In 1888 a branch store of R. H. Beggs & Co. was opened in Pueblo. Mr. Crews was managing director. Mr. Beggs attended to all matters relating to finance. In 1893 the Crews-Beggs Dry Goods Company was organized, embracing some of Mr. Beggs' ideas on co-operative ownership. * * *

The life of Principal Beggs now opened into wider fields through his mercantile associations and through his life as a churchman and trustee of the University of Denver.

In 1898 Principal Beggs wrote a three column article to show that the U. S. S. Maine was destroyed by an explosion of her forward magazine and not by submarine mines. Through Professor Charles Eliot Norton of Harvard this article was published in the Boston Transcript on Nov. 14, 1898, with a commendatory editorial. The chief contention was that the conditions of the wreck upon which the government commission mainly based its findings could not have been produced by an external mine, but were fully explained by an internal explosion. He revised the article adding copious extracts from testimony taken by the government commission, and when the commissions appointed to examine the "unwatered" wreck, made its report fully confirming his main contention, he republished the article for private circulation as "The Mystery of the Maine." His pen had been busy for years on arti-

cles of interest to the teaching profession, and on social problems of the day. About ten years ago, he began to write on the evidences in Nature of a beneficent Creator, and that evil is a by-product of good, and that a holy life here has a sequel beyond this life. These essays were not finished at the time of his death, but nevertheless they constitute a very remarkable addition to the philosophical thought of our times.

Dr. Beggs did not shirk his duty as a citizen. He gave a great many of his evenings to meetings of committees, notably to the Executive Committee of the University of Denver. * * *

Two academic degrees were won. Two honorary degrees were conferred as marks of appreciation of his scholastic attainments, namely, Master of Arts by University of Denver, and Doctor of Laws by the Missouri Wesleyan College.

For several years he was broken in health. The end came in Paradise Valley Sanitarium, at San Diego, Calif., on Dec. 14, 1914. Without the warning of an instant, "he was not, for God took him."

(From words spoken by Aaron Gove, Superintendent Denver Schools):

"A rare opportunity comes to one who is permitted to speak of the life and character of this friend. He was a man across the field of whose escutcheon lies no bar sinister. No obstacle appears in presenting an open portrayal of his career. * * *

At the age of 36, in the prime of manly activity, he was invited to Colorado. Our state was then in the throes of the birth of a public school system; school laws were formulating. Mr. Beggs, who had participated in the framing of the Illinois school law, was invited to Denver as an intelligent counsellor and promoter. He had never asked for a position. Position always sought him. * * * To his tact, acumen, and skill is much of our present healthy situation due. * * *

For 32 years he was associated with Denver schools, during most of which time my pleasure was to be his intimate professional working mate. I loved him, perhaps because he loved me, for truly, love begets love. I knew him,—his heart, his judgment, his devotion to duty, his integrity and his exceptional discretion in dealing with people,—men, women and children. * * * Were it possible to compile the details of his inner life, his victories and

his defeats, his strivings and his successes, the record would be quite equal—yea, brighter—than of eminent men in history. * * *

(Words from an Editorial and an Appreciation by Dr. C. B. Spencer of the Central Christian Advocate):

"In the transparency of friendship I had the rare opportunity to observe the evolution of a remarkable personality. I saw a great spirit pass through its phases up into activities and affinities little dreamed of,—or at least so wide in contrast as not to have been dreamed of by his associates. * * * What I observed in him was indeed a disclosure of the capacities of the human spirit. * * * The wisdom of Robert H. Beggs, when came the crisis of the Denver University, disclosed to others his rare business sagacity—a sagacity already shown in his relations to the great Crews-Beggs mercantile establishment—and by reason of it, he was chosen to a most responsible function in the church. His rare judgment was summoned to help plan the reconstruction of the Methodist Book Concern. It is not too much to say that his minority recommendation outlines in effect what is today the plan on which our great publishing enterprise is built. He traveled. He wrote profoundly. He became a sympathetic citizen of "the World." He was a patriot,—not "my country, right or wrong," but "my country, may she be right, or made so."

And all the while he was the same reticent, gentle, silent philosopher, seeing what he looked at, understanding and remembering. * * * Robert H. Beggs lived an enriched life at home. In all his life he was beautiful. Being a schoolmaster kept him young; his life as a citizen and traveler, kept him abreast of the age.

To us, personally, he was prop and counselor. With Bishop Walden and Bishop Smith and Robert T. Miller, we place his name for wise thinking on the great matters of our economy and the mightier matters of the Kingdom."

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