

# *The Story of the Benedicts*

A GENEALOGY OF THE BENEDICT  
FAMILY FOR THE DESCENDANTS  
OF IRA AND SEELY BENEDICT OF  
THE SEVENTH GENERATION IN  
AMERICA.

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## *Editors' Foreword*

Observers of our actions have at times confided as to their doubt whether it could have been long since our ancestors came down out of the trees. With fear, but great courage, we proceeded to look, and "now it can be told."

Who are our kinsfolk? Where do they live? What are they doing? Just how are we related?

What about our ancestors? When did they come to this country? Where did they live—or don't you care?

Anyway, here is the record as we find it. We hope you get as much pleasure in reading it as we have had in its preparation. We regret having been unable to get an equal amount of detail about each family, but your kind response to our numerous letters has been truly appreciated.

Lyle Benedict, Platteville, Wis. (collector of data)

Donald Benedict, Belmont, Wis. (printer)



## *Dedication*

This little booklet is respectfully dedicated to Dr. Ira L. Hanford, 738 Gunderson Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, whose interest and fund of information has made it possible.

We appreciate his diligence, through the years, in gathering and preserving information from books, epitaphs, correspondence, and from travel during a special trip to New York and Connecticut.

To the families in the East, especially Mrs. Sheldon Hoyt of Walton, New York, William Homer Benedict, and Platt Hanford, we are greatly indebted.

From the West Coast has come much interesting information, a product of the research of Mrs. Marjorie Black of Long Beach, California.

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## *The Name and Family of Benedict*

The name of Benedict was originally a baptismal name derived from the Latin word "benedictus," meaning benediction or blessing.

The first to use the name is believed to have been St. Benedict, an Italian hermit of about the year 496 A.D. He was the builder of twelve monasteries and the founder of the Order of the Benedictines. Between the years 575 and 1740 fourteen popes have borne the name of Benedict.

Historical records indicate that the family is of French origin. Apparently to avoid religious persecution, they fled to Germany, then to Holland, and finally to England at an extremely early period. Among the earliest records of the name of Benedict in England is that of Benedict de Pennington, County Cumberland, in the year 1185.

Available historical material on the Benedicts shows them to have been a conservative, upright, and energetic family, of greater than average mental ability, often notably successful in their chosen professions.

Among the Benedicts who fought as officers in the War of the Revolution were Captain Elisha, of New York; Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph, of New York; Captains Daniel and Noble, of Connecticut; Adjutant Amos, of Connecticut; Ensign Caleb, of New York; Lieutenant Peter, of New York; and Lieutenant Samuel, of Connecticut.

There is a tradition to the effect that for many generations the name was handed down from only son to only son. One William Benedict, who was living in Nottinghamshire, England, at the beginning of the sixteenth century, had a son named William, who had a son also named William. The third William was the father in 1617, of an only son

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named Thomas. After the death of his first wife, the third William married the Widow Bridgum, but there was no further issue by this marriage.

In 1638, THOMAS (1) and his step-sister, Mary Bridgum, the daughter of his father's second wife by her first husband, emigrated to New England and shortly after reaching America were married. They first made their home at Southold, on Long Island, N. Y., where they were the parents of five sons and four daughters. Thomas and his family later removed to Huntington, thence to Jamaica, and eventually settled at Norwalk, Conn., where Thomas was deacon, selectman, town clerk, and representative at various times in his career.

According to Lamb's History of New York (see Vol. I, p. 202 and footnote), Thomas Benedict from Nottinghamshire lived at Jamaica, L. I., and became a man of distinction among men of the period. He was magistrate, the director of a little trained band in the neighborhood, a pillar in the church (Congregational), the arbitrator of differences between the settlers and the Indians, one of the legislative body to create and codify the system of law on Long Island after its conquest from the Dutch and, subsequently, a member of the Colonial Assembly.

After it had been announced that Long Island was "no longer under the Dutch government, but under that of Connecticut" the residents sent a petition to the General Court at Hartford:

"As we ar alruddy according to our best information under the scurts of your patten, so would you be pleased to cast over us the scurts of your government and protection." This was signed by Thomas Benedict, Thomas Benedict Jr., and others.



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The sons of Thomas (1) and Mary were named Thomas, JOHN (2), Samuel, James, and Daniel. (It is believed that all of the Benedicts in this country who spell their name this way are descendants of these five men).

Of the daughters of the immigrant Thomas (1), Betty married John Slawson or Slauson, of Stanford; Mary was married in 1680 to John Olmstead, of Norwalk; Sarah was married in 1679 to James Beebe, of Stratford; and Rebecca married a Dr. Samuel Wood.

Thomas (2) eldest son of the immigrant Thomas, married Mary Messenger at Jamaica, L. I., but later removed to Norwalk. Their children were Thomas (an only son) and five daughters, Mary, Hannah, Esther, Abigail, and Elizabeth.

John (2) son of the immigrant Thomas, born at Southold, L. I., removed with his family to Norwalk and married Phoebe Gregory 11|11|1670.. Their progeny were Sarah, Phoebe, JOHN (3), Jonathan, Benjamin, Joseph, James, Mary or Mercy, and Thomas. John the elder succeeded his father as deacon of the Norwalk Church.

John (3) born 3|3|1676, died 1|16|1766, son of the first John and grandson of the immigrant Thomas, married Mary Haite. Children: John, Mathew, CALEB (4), Nathaniel, Anna or Hannah, and Phoebe.

Caleb (4) born 1709, married Mehitable Hoyt. Eight children were born in New Cannan, Conn. CALEB (5) in our line.

Caleb (5) Bapt. Dec. 28, 1740, died 5|6|1812. Married Deborah St. John, 1|28|1760. She was the mother of ten children. CALEB (6) in our line. Married 2d. Hannah Pennoyer, Jan. 1786, who died 1806, New Canaan, Conn. Caleb (5) served in the Revolutionary War under Captain John Carter. Listed in the D.A.R. Lineage Book, Vol. 17, p. 9 as 16018.

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### CHILDREN OF CALEB (5)

Caleb (6) Bap. 4|18|1762, d. at Walton, N. Y., 9|21|1822. M. 1|1|1784 to Rebecca Seely, d. 10|21|1789. M. (2d) 6|10|1790 to Sarah Seymour. Moved to Walton, N. Y., in 1797.

Silas (6) Bap. 11|27|1763, M. Mercy Hoyt, 10|22|1785.

Deborah (6) Bap. 12|8|1765, M. Eleazer Bouton Jr.

Elizabeth (6) Bap. 11|1|1767, M. Lindal Fitch,\* settled in Walton, on the "Mountain" in 1790.

Mehitable (6) Bap. 11|5|1769, M. Daniel Weed.

**CHILDREN OF CALEB (6):** (Record by Mrs. Sheldon Hoyt).

Caleb (7) b. 7|9|1784, d. 2|15|1853 or 1883.

SEELY (7) b. 5|23|1786, d. 4|21|1848. (Detail later).

IRA (7) b. 6|2|1788, d. 5|10|1875. (Detail later).

Seymour (7) b. 1792.

Rebecca (7) 1|1793, m. Eliphalet Seely, died North Walton.

Sally (7) m. Nathaniel Fitch. Parents of Augustus, George, Lyman, Sarah, and Julia.

Silas (7) d. Oct. 1814. Soldier War of 1812.

Linus (7) b. 1|15|1801.

Anna M. (7) m. Seymour Fitch Benedict, 12|12|1822. She with six children were burned to death 12|7|1844.

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\*Note—Lindal Fitch with four others, Seymour Fitch, Silas Benedict, Mathew Benedict, and Thaddeus Hoyt, with their families and possessions, came overland with ox carts from New Canaan, Conn., and established homes on the "Mountain" in 1790—the first settlers there. The five had spent the previous summer there, making introductory preparations for their homes. From Edward S. Hoyt's centennial report of the "Mountain" prayer meeting. Thaddeus Hoyt was a brother of Edward S. Hoyt.

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(From this point on the descendants of the children of Seely (7) and Ira (7) will be traced, each in turn, to the present generation).

### DESCENDANTS OF SEELY (7)

- (8) Delilah, b. 5|12|1816, at Walton, d. 5|10|1845. M. 11|10|1834 to Alfred Fitch HANFORD, son of Linus and Polly Fitch Hanford.
- (9) Mary Elizabeth, b. 5|25|1838, d. 7|24|1921 at Darlington, Wis. M. to John BRAY (1829-1924 of Elk Grove township near Platteville, an Englishman of keen intellect and stalwart character. He participated in the Gold Rush of the early 50's. Story of his experience has been preserved by Mrs. Orville Benedict of Darlington, Wis.)
- (9) George Edwin Hanford, b. 1842, Walton, N. Y., d. 3|21|1863. Enlisted in 1862 in Co. B., 23rd Regiment of Wis. Volunteers. Was in Vicksburg campaign, where he contracted malaria fever. He was granted a parole, but on his way home died at Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, and was interred in the national cemetery there.
- (8) Joseph Seely, b. 4|5|1821, moved to Wis., one mile north of Bashford. In the early 70's moved to Canton, S. D. M. 3|12|1844 to Lydia Ann Bailey, a step-daughter of Ira Benedict, b. 7|24|1820.
- (9) Emma Jane, b. 3|4|1849 in New York, d. 5|20|1928 in Veblen, S. D. M. 3|11|1874 at Canton, Dakota Territory, to John Hoffman HOLSEY, b. 3|31|1839, d. 1918. Established the first general merchandise store at Canton, S. D., 1868.

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- (10) Joseph Benedict Holsey, b. 12|25|1875 at Canton, Dakota Territory, d. 3|27|1935 at Northfield, Minnesota. Pharmacist. Owned a drug store at Veblen, S. D. Retired with family to Northfield, Minn., in August 1932. M. 1|29|1903 in Minneota, Minnesota, to Thora Kleven, b. 4|12|1881 in Litchfield, Minnesota. Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Kleven. She and two younger daughters live at 712 S. E. 4th Street, Minneapolis, Minn.
- (11) Maxine Sioux, b. 11|12|1903 in Veblen, S. D. Musician-vocal. Address: 1905 Pillsbury Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota. M. 8|15|1923 in Owatonna, Minn., to W. Granville SLETTEN of Northfield, Minn. Owned shoe store in Northfield, Minn. Died 5|22|1939.
- (12) Treva Sletten, b. and d. 6|9|1924 in Northfield, Minn.
- (12) Mary Granville Sletten b. 11|17|1926.
- (11) John Anders, b. 5|12|1909 in Veblen, S. D., d. 11|14|1811 in Veblen, S. D.
- (11) Gretchen Isabel, b. 4|6|1916 in Veblen, S. D. Dramatics.
- (11) Elizabeth Joan, b. 11|26|1920 in Veblen, S. D. Student.
- (10) Nellie May Holsey, b. 8|2|1883 at Canton, S. D. Teacher in Los Angeles schools. Address: 1801 N. Alexandria, Hollywood, Cal. M. to Eppa DAVIS, who was killed in an accident shortly after their marriage.

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- (10) Theodore Ernest Holsey, b. 10|2|1885 at Canton, S. D. Address: So. 2417 Tekoa St., Spokane, Wash. Electrical engineer. Division manager of the Big Bend division of the Washington Water Power Co. M. 12|22|1915 to Laura Taylor of Waitsburg, Wash. No children.
- (9) Josephine R., b. 6|20|1850, d. 11|19|1934 in New York City. Graduate of Oberlin Conservatory of Music, both vocal and piano. M. 1874 at Sioux Falls, Dakota Territory, to Curtis Husted WINDSOR, b. 1848 at Elkhorn, Wis., d. March 1913, Sioux Falls, S. D. Lawyer.
- (10) Ella Isabelle Windsor, b. 11|17|1876 at Sioux Falls, S. D. Address: New York City. M. 1901 to John Prior, lawyer at Sioux Falls, S. D., d. 1906.
- (11) Jane Prior, b. 7|4|1902. Now in Y.W.C.A. work in Chicago, Ill.
- (11) Josephine Prior, b. 10|16|1903. M 1934, now living in New York City.
- (12) Child born Feb. 1936.
- (12) Child born June 1938.
- (10) Curtis Horatio Windsor, b. 7|19|1879. Spanish-American War veteran, civil engineer, production engineer, Captain U. S. Ordnance Dept., Pittsburgh, Pa during World War. Canton-Hankow Railroad, China 1902-04, Panama Canal 1905-07. Examiner, analyst and member of clinic the Employment Stabilization Institute, U. of Minn., 1931-2. Member

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of Survivors of Madera-Mamore expedition Bolivia, Brazil Expedition Author of "National Rehabilitation" and several other articles, including "Toward Pure Democracy," to be published in 1940. Address: 2915 Knox Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn. M. Sept. 1910 to Alice Smith at Sioux Falls, S. D. She died in 1913.

(11) Marjorie, b. 7|6|1911 at Spokane, Wash. M. 1939 to W. E. COATS at Reno, Nevada. Address: 1519 Garden St., Glendale, Cal.

M. 1|10|1914 at Minneapolis, Minn., to Margaret Korthof, b. 1|9|1891 at Renville, Minn., U. of Minn.

(11) Curdith Margaret Windsor, b. 12|13|1914, Minneapolis. Secretary stenographer, law firm, Minneapolis, Minn.

(11) Caryll Hortense Windsor, b. 5|8|1916, Minneapolis, Minn. M. 8|8|1937 at Hudson, Wis., to LeRoy L. THORESEN.

(12) LeRoy Thoresen, b. 5|13|1938, at Minneapolis, Minn.

(11) Dorothy Jane Windsor, b. 12|1|1917 at Pittsburgh, Pa. Bookkeeper, shoe firm, Minneapolis, Minn.

(11) Curtis Horatio Windsor, b. 10|27|1918 at Sioux Falls, S. D. Cost estimator, metal stamping and die firm, Minneapolis, Minn.

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- (11) Virginia Lou Windsor, b. 8|9|1920, Montevideo, Minn. Stenographer shoe distributing company, Minneapolis, Minn.
- (11) Chester Husted Windsor, b. 7|31|1921, Montevideo, Minn. Student.
- (11) Richard Windsor, adopted son, b. 3|7|1931 at Neenah, Wis. Now in school.
- (10) Carrie Josephine Windsor, b. 1886 at Sioux Falls, Dakota Territory, d. April, 1928, at Los Angeles, Cal. M. Julius Walcot HUMPHREY, loan agent, N. W. Life Ins. Co., Milwaukee, Wis., July 1914, at Sioux Falls, S. D., d. June ,1925, in Chicago, Ill. No children.
- (8) Caleb Seymour, b. 10|14|1825. M. 8|30|1848, to Sarah Ann White of Walton, no children. He went to war and never came back.
- (8) Samuel Edwin, b. 1|29|1827. M. to Mary Emily Deforest, daughter of Hiram Deforest of Franklin, N. Y.

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- (9) William Homer, b. 10|16|1854, living at Sidney Center, N. Y. Justice of Peace, retired. M. 6|14|1877 to Gertrude Cunningham—no children.
- (9) Marcia Elizabeth, invalid for years.
- (9) Aurilla J. and Annie Seymour (9) died young.
- (8) Hannah, b. 8|14|1831, d. 6|1|1897. M. 12|6|1866 to Ebenezeah WOOD (2d wife).
- (9) Mary, m. 3|12|1899 to Adam Wolf, school janitor—now retired. One child died in infancy.
- (9) Seely Wood, b. 6|6|1872, lives on old farm near Walton. M. 2|16|1898 to Alice Gray, b. 6|11|1874, d.
- (10) Hannah, b. 8|11|1900. M. 9|18|1926 to Earl LOVELESS, b. 10|1|1903. Address: Liverpool, N. Y., mechanic for Town of Salma, N. Y.
- (11) Donald, b. 6|24|1932.
- (11) Sandra, b. 1|19|1937.
- (10) Reeves Wood, b. 8|29|1902. Address: Walton, N. Y., farmer. M. 1|30|1926 to Wanda Allen, b. 12|31|1908.
- (11) Mary, b. 6|10|1926.
- (11) Louis, b. 3|28|1928.
- (11) Robert, b. 2|4|1930.
- (11) Anna, b. 11|15|1931.
- (10) Mary, b. 6|18|1904. M. 8|27|1929 to Lauren HUMPHREY, b. 1|26|1907. Milk sales-salesman. Address: 160-38 97th St., Howard Beach, L. I.
- (11) Katherine, b. 9|29|1930.
- (11) Theodore, b. 12|28|1932.
- (9) Seely Wood, M. (2d wife) 10|25|1906 to Isabella Middlemist, b. 3|13|1858.



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### DESCENDANTS OF IRA (7)

(7) Ira, b. 6|2|1788, d. 5|10|1875. M. Hannah Fitch of Walton, d. 1834. Her grandfather, Seymour Fitch, served in the Revolutionary War in the 9th Co., 9th Regiment under Captain John Carter, General Wooster, and Colonel John Mead of White Plains. (Ira later married Polly Bailey, widow with 9 children—no issue).

(8) Edward Seymour, b. 2|19|1814, d. 4|11|1894. M. in 1834 to Polly Hanford, daughter of Linus Hanford, of Walton. (Note—She used the name Polly. Her mother's name was Polly, but some authorities say her correct name was Mary).

(9) Lewis, Lucy, Ira, Sherman Seymour died in early childhood.

(9) Anne Eliza, b. 11|5|1837. M. Benjamin HOGEBONE on 11|10|1852.

(9) Ella Minerva, b. 5|15| 1848. M. 11|23|1865 to Simson CLARK. There were at least two daughters and one grandson.

(9) Lucy Elizabeth, b. 3|28|1841. M. to Charles WATROUS.

(8) Elizabeth, b. 10|2|1815, d. 4|4|1841. M. William S. HOYT.

(8) Lewis, b. 4|20|1819, d. 4|2|1884. In the fall of 1850 they removed to Wisconsin, locating on a farm at Bashford, P. O. at Platteville, Wis. M. Anna Bailey (a step-daughter of Ira Benedict) 10|23|1839.

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- (9) Perry. b. 3|16|1842, d. 7|21|1929, farmer at Belmont, Wis. M. 11|27|1862 to Agnes Warner, d. 3|8|1867.
- (10) Grant, b. 8|6|1863, d. 10|14|1922. Widely known as a breeder of registered Short-horn cattle. M. 11|28|1888 to Gladys Robinson, b. 8|11|1870.
- (11) Ethel, b. 10|6|1889, Platteville Normal, teacher, pianist. M. 12|8|1914 to Elmer J. KILPATRICK, b. 9|10|1891 Univ. of Wis., Extension Supervisor, Univ. of Kentucky, 151 Kentucky Ave., Lexington, Ky.
- (12) Morgan, b. 8|22|1915, U. of Ken., Ken. Highway Comm.
- (12) Lawrence, b. 12|18|1916, d. 7|25|1917.
- (12) Gladys, b. 11|4|1919, U. of Ken.
- (12) Barbara, b. 9|29|1922, U. of Ken., musician.
- (11) Hazel, b. 1|15|1893, Belmont High School, piano. M. 6|1|1920 to Clay E. STEELE, b. 4|15|1895, U. of Wis., credit manager and assistant treasurer Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Chicago; 411 Elmore Ave., Park Ridge, Illinois.
- (12) Dorothy, b. 8|23|1922.
- (12) Howard, b. 4|2|1930.

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- (11) Mildred, b. 3|4|1895, Belmont High School. M. 12|24|1917, to James EDWARDS, b. 6|20|1893, operates the Robinson home farm near Belmont, Wis.
- (12) Isabel, b. 9|22|1918, Belmont High School. M. to Hilman Stenulson, b. 9|27|1917, farmer at Platteville, Wis.
- (12) Grace, b. 1|3|1919, Belmont High School.
- (12) Margaret, b. 5|7|1921, band, Belmont High School.
- (12) Robert, b. 4|12|1924.
- (12) Florence, b. 5|20|1926.
- (12) Eleanor, b. 7|27|1927.
- (12) Betty Jean, b. 8|22|1929.
- (12) David, b. 11|29|1931.
- (12) Russell, b. 1|14|1933.
- (11) Donald, b. 9|8|1906, LaCrosse Normal. Publisher of "Belmont Success," Belmont, Wis. M. 6|11|1930 to Mildred Gratz, b. 12|18|1905 A. B., Carthage College.
- (10) Frank Lewis, b. 12|14|1864, 219 Highland Blvd., Waterloo, Iowa. Prominent in the business and civic life of Waterloo. Partner and merchandiser in Black's Department Store. M. 5|14|1890 to Louise Wilson.
- (11) Frances (by adoption) d. Mar. 1936. M. to Carrol STEWART, newspaper man, Toronto, Canada. Golf champion. There is one son, Robert.

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- (9) Perry (2nd wife) Ellen Hill, b. 1845, d. 1872.
- (10) Jessie, b. 4|8|1869. Address: Powell, Wyo. M. 10|14|1901 to Thomas WALTERS, b. 6|8|1879. Dry cleaning plant at Powell, Wyo.
- (11) Elizabeth, b. 1|1|1907, d. 7|14|1935.
- (11) Lawrence D., b. 5|16|1908, manager of Oil Well Supply Store at Casper, Wyo. M. Anna Blaine, b. 1|26|1908 at Cody, Wyo.
- (12) Larry, b. 3|10|1932.
- (12) Blaine, b. 5|26|1934.
- (11) Frank T., b. 7|22|1912, owner of Powell Laundry, Powell, Wyo.
- (10) Carrie, b. 11|26|1872, d. 1873.
- (10) Cora, b. 11|26|1872. Address: 228 N. Lawe St. Appleton Wis. M. 12|30|1891 to Dr. Edwin MORSE, Doctor of medicine and surgery, b. 11|12|1860, d. 11|10|1930.
- (11) Leslie, b. 9|22|1892, d. 4|9|1894.
- (11) Ernest, b. 9|19|1894, d. 8|1|1936. Salesman for papermill machinery. M. 2|25|1919 to Eva Schwemerlein. Address: 118 N. Rankin St., Appleton, Wis.
- (11) Irene, b. 5|14|1902, Address: New York City. Business: advertising. M. 8|21|1926 to A. W. Means (divorced).
- (9) Perry (3rd wife) M. 10|1|1873 to Mrs. Sarah Barstow, b. 5|4|1843, d. 2|11|1926.

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- (9) Nathan Eugene, b. 2|27|1847, d. 8|3|1935. Salesman, a strong church man. M. 11|28|1867 to Frances Parmalee, b. 7|31|1847, d. 5|27|1927.
- (10) Clarence, b. 5|8|1870, d. 4|22|1898. M. 6|17|1896 to Cora Taylor, b. 1868. Her present address: Mrs. Cora Brudick, Rainbow Drive, Cedar Falls, Iowa. She is a specialist in the raising of gourds. Her second husband, Mr. Burdick, died about five years ago.
- (10) Ernest E., born 5|23|1875, real estate business, 518½ Washington Ave., Iowa Falls, Iowa. M. 12|11|1901 to Katherine Ramsdell.
- (11) Ellis Neil, b. 10|14|1902. Salesman, address: 5234 Devonshire Avenue, Detroit, Mich. M. 9|21|1930 to Ruby Fitzgerald.
- (12) Katherine, b. 7|2|1938.
- (10) Charles H., b. 11|23|1877, at Belmont, Wis., d. 2|3|1939 at Iowa Falls, Iowa. Dry goods merchant until 1933, secretary of Chamber of Commerce, Iowa Falls, 1933 to his death. M. 7|14|1904 to Annie O'Neil, address: Iowa Falls, Iowa.
- (11) Genevieve Frances, b. 11|3|1907, d. 11|23|1908.
- (11) Margaret Ann, b. 5|26|1909, stenographer at Des Moines, Iowa.
- (11) Hugh O'Neil, b. 1|4|1911, d. 4|26|1919.

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- (11) Marian E., b. 11|28|1913. M. 6|15|1939 to Clarence BECKER, electrical engineer, 1429 Lunta, Chicago, Ill.
- (11) Mary Catherine, b. 7|30|1920, sophomore in Ellsworth Junior College in Iowa Falls.
- (10) Louis, b. 3|17|1881, d. 10|7|1915. Business: commercial art, interested also in travel and photography. M. 6|25|1910 to Cora O'Donnell, b. 11|23|1886 in Chicago. (Present address: Mrs. R. E. Murphy, 6623 Greenview Ave., Chicago).
- (11) Joseph O'Donnell, b. 11|27|1912, d. 7|5|1917.
- (11) Louis, b. 10|26|1914. Address: 6414 N. Paulina, Chicago. Draftsman. B.S.C. Loyola U. Won golden gloves boxing honors twice in high school, also three medals at college. Basketball. M. 4|29|1939 to Doris Runkle, b. 3|5|1914 at Chicago. A. B. Rosary College.
- (9) Emory J., b. 1|25|1854 at Belmont, Wis., in the building used for the first Wisconsin Capitol. Lived at Lancaster, Wis., Nashville, Minneapolis, and other points. D. 8|15|1934. Buried Forest Lawn cemetery, Dallas, Texas. He made some seventy inventions, the best a sugar server. Regarded, especially in his late years, as a trusted counselor of those in distress. M. 8|18|1874 to Amelia Margaret Scott, b. 9|22|1854 at Bloomington, Wis., d. 5|10|1887 at Dell Rapids, S. D.

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- (10) Nellie, b. 6|26|1875 at Belmont, Wis., d. at New Rochelle N.Y. Taught the same rural school as her mother near Bloomington, Wis. M. 1894 to James Burnett d. M. (2nd) to James Clairborn LINCOLN (a second cousin of Abraham Lincoln) Last known address New Rochelle N. Y. No children. Lincoln had children by a former marriage. A son, James Jr., may live in New York City.
- (10) Bessie Pearl, b. 9|23|1878 at Belmont, Wis. Address 1103 W. 35th St., Los Angeles, Calif. Never married. Traveled widely. Sold many of her father's inventions.
- (10) Oralee, b. 9|23|1880 at Lancaster, Wis. D. in Hazelrigg, Ind., buried in Indianapolis, Ind. She was an artist—murals. M. (1st) to Harry Baker of Chicago (divorced).  
M. (2nd) to Carl BYERS. No children.
- (9) Emory, m. (2nd) 8|13|1888 to Mollie Stocker, d. 8|13|1895 at Minneapolis.
- (9) Emory, m. (3rd) Dec. 1896 to Nettie Boddy d. 1899.
- (9) Emory, m. (4th) to Marcella Kahn of Chicago, d.
- (8) Maria, b. 1|30|1822, d. 9|15|1888, m. Alfred Fitch HANFORD as his second wife. He was born Dec. 4, 1812, died Jan. 21, 1892. He was the son of Linus and Polly Fitch Hanford. Polly was the daughter of Nathaniel Fitch, whose son,

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Nathaniel, married Sally Benedict, sister of Ira Benedict. They were the parents of George, Augustus, and Lyman Fitch.

The Hanford family removed from North Walton vicinity in 1856, locating at Bashford, a small farming community, 7 miles east of Platteville, Wis., on a farm adjoining the Louis and Nathan Benedict farms, where they lived until 1872, when they moved to Darlington.

(9) Hannah Delilah, b. 8|16|1849, d. 9|21|1895.

(9) Ira Linus, b. 10|8|1861, married Adelaide E. Jelliff of Brodhead, Wis., on Feb. 6, 1889. She died March 18, 1925. The only child is Mildred Maria (10) who married Harold M. PINE, Aug. 14, 1930. Home is 738 Gunderson Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

(8) Nathan S., b. 11|1|1823, d. 9|2|1898. Enlisted Aug. 29, 1864, corporal Co. E., 43rd Wis Volunteers. Discharged 6|24|1865. They moved to Bashford in the early 50's. to Darlington, Wis., in 1877. M. Clarinda Neff, b. Feb. 1824, d. 11|19|1904.

(9) The first child, Eudora E., b. Jan. 1850, died at Walton, N. Y., 4|16|1851, while the father journeyed West locating a home for his family.

(9) Leander, b. 6|1|1852 was drowned while attending Platteville Normal.

(9) Hattie F., b. 1854, d. 5|18|1877.

(9) Estella, b. 1858, d. 7|10|1862.

(9) Lillie, b. 1860, d. 3|4|1862.



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- (9) Myrtie, b. 4|24|1862, d. 6|18|1933. M. 11|16|1882 to George POOLE, b. 9|21|1861, farmer, nurseryman, Darlington, Wis.
- (10) Mable, b. 10|2|1884, Darlington high school. M. 8|6|1907 to Chris NELSON, b. 4|28|1882, mortician, cornetist, Darlington, Wis.
- (11) Norma, b. 5|25|1908, Platteville Teachers College, teacher, M. 12|27|1928 to Lawrence STOUT, b. 6|26|1905, electric appliance store, Darlington, Wis., expert rifleman.
- (12) Marilyn, b. 2|12|1930.
- (12) Carol Jean, b. 1|4|1933.
- (11) Elton, b. 3|3|1921.
- (10) Leroy, b. 3|26|1888, regular on Darling-high school state championship football team in 1904. Car man for Great Northern Railway, Kelley Lake, Minn. M. (1st) 6|29|1909 to Fern Maxwell Dingley, b. 11|1|1892, d.
- (11) Eloise Irene, b. 7|20|1911. M. (1st) 6|1|1929 to Jergen Nelson, shoe clerk (divorced).  
M. (2nd) 2|15|1936 to Joseph E. ROWE, b. 3|17|1909, machinist, 741 E. 24th St., Minneapolis, Minn.
- (11) Norman Allan, b. 5|13|1914, inspector Western Fruit Express, 595 Dayton Ave., St. Paul, Minn. M. 4|26|1938 to Johanna Onstead, b. 1|18|1915.

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- (11) Lucia Jeanette, b. 11|4|1916, American Legion Award 1934, best all-around student, Greenwood H. S. M. 6|19|1937 to Stanley PETRICK, b. 5|7|1913, welder at Hibbing, Minn.
- (10) Leroy, m. (2nd) 4|25|21 to Florence M. Challberg, b. 1|12|1898, Polk County Normal, St. Croix Falls, Wis.
- (11) Donna Mae, b. 1|9|1927.
- (11) Arnold E. Lee Poole, b. 4|1|1916, child of 2nd wife by former marriage, adopted by Leroy—1926. Member National Honor Society, and National Thespians, Dunwoody Industrial Institute, electrician at Anoka, Minn.
- (9) Orville N., b. 9|24|1868. Darlington H. S. Teacher in early life. Breeder of registered Holstein cattle at Darlington, Wis. Prominent in layman activities of Baptist church at Darlington, Wis., and in state associations. M. 10|2|1895 to Edna Beers, b. 12|28|1875, Darlington H. S.
- (10) Lyle L., b. 5|2|1897, served with U. S. Marines, France 1918–19, won Wisconsin Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest—1920. Beloit College—1921. Insurance Agency, Platteville, Wis. M. 6|11|1927 to Lorene Wise, b. 2|2|1903, U. of Wis., 1925, English teacher.
- (11) David, b. 3|24|1928.
- (11) Grace Lorene, b. 11|23|1935.
- (10) Leona, b. 5|20|1899, U. of Neb. 1931. Commercial teacher, Waupun, Wis.

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- (10) Nathan, b. 3|23|1901, U. of Wis. (agriculture). Purchased and operates home-  
stead farm at Darlington, Wis. M. 12|27|1923 to Lucille Merriam, b. 2|25|1905,  
Darlington H. S. Voice and piano.
- (11) Irene, b. 9|30|1927.
- (11) Isabelle b. 7|18|1929.
- (11) Doris b. 2|28|1931.
- (11) Janet, b. 9|19|1932.
- (10) Olive, b. 12|11|1906, Platteville State  
Teachers College, teacher of geography  
and science. M. 8|4|1934 to Lucian  
NEWBERRY, b. 8|17|1905. Northwestern  
U., certified public accountant. Field  
auditor Wis. Tax Commission, 1112 So.  
13th St., Manitowoc, Wis.
- (11) Joan Claire, b. 2|24|1938.
- (10) Ormond, b. 2|15|1904, U. of Neb., 1931.  
Certified seed inspector, Neb., (potatoes)  
1929-31. Supervisor of Relief Gardens,  
Chicago, 1934-7. Mgr. of Co-op Oil Co.,  
Darlington, Wis. M. 5|28|1931 to Hazel  
Hagerman, b. 5|28|1905, U. of Neb., 1931.  
Commercial teacher.
- (11) Spencer, b. 12|21|1934.
- (10) Berniece, b. 2|2|1910, Platteville State  
Teachers College. Teacher at Manitowoc,  
Wis.
- (10) Helene, b. 10|1|1918, Spencerian Business  
College. Employee at home office of  
Northwestern Life Ins. Co., Milwaukee,  
Wis.

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- (8) Cordelia, b. 2|26|1823, d. 7|10|1898. M. 11|2|1848 to Geo. M. HANFORD (his second wife) b. 5|19|1817. d. 11|8|1878. He was the son of Levi Hanford and was fifth cousin of Alfred Hanford. They spent their lives on the "mountain" near Walton, N.Y.
- (9) William L., b. 10|22|1849, d. 2|9|1930. M. Anna 6|2|1858, no children.
- (9) Eliza M., b. 5|18|1852, d. 1|28|1920. M. to William T. Moore.
- (10) Anna Moore, b. 7|18|1875, d. 2|8|1926.
- (10) Henry Samuel Moore, b. 10|4|1878. M. to Florence Aygart, b. 9|3|1878. Present address: 252 Montgomery St., Newburgh, N. Y.
- (11) William Charles Moore, b. 5|3|1909, d. 10|27|1938. M. to Gretchen Wait
- (12) Robert H. Moore, b. 12|8|1934.
- (11) Marjorie Emma Moore, b. 9|5|1911.
- (10) Charles William Moore, b. 12|15|1886. M. 6|29|1910 to Mabel Roosa, b. 9|11|1885. Present address: 14 LaFayette Ave., Middleton, N. Y.
- (11) Barbara Moore, b. 3|11|1913. M. 9|3|1933 to Richard H. McPhillips, b. 8|13|1913.
- (12) Nancy McPhillips, b. 8|6|1934.
- (12) Richard Barry McPhillips, b. 6|15|1936.
- (11) Maxwell Roosa Moore, b. 8|1|1917.
- (9) Samuel Ira, b. 2|2|1854, d. 7|7|1939. He entered the ministry, graduating from the Chicago Theological Seminary, and spent his entire ministerial life in Nebraska. He had pas-

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torates at Long Pine, Aurora, and Weeping Water, totaling 18 years. For the ensuing 18 years he was State Superintendent of the Congregational Churches of Nebraska. For the next five years he was State Registrar and Treasurer of the churches, and for the last 11 years failing eyesight compelled his retirement. M. 6|29|1887 to Rosetta C. Ritsher, b. 7|16|1859, d. 4|15|1938.

(10) Ruth Louise. b. 10|19|1888, Doane College, post graduate at U. Neb., teacher. M. 6|29|1920 to Harry Herron JOHNSTON, b. 1|22|1888, Doane College, served in 355 Infantry in France during World War, business: insurance. Address: 3025 R. St., Lincoln, Neb.

(11) Marjorie May Johnston, b. 2|10|1922, U. of Neb.

(11) Glenn Hanford Johnston, b. 10|22|1923.

(11) Dorothy Ann Johnston, b. 1|6|1928.

(10) Gertrude Lois, b. 7|13|1890. Address: 3025 R. St., Lincoln, Neb. Head of religious education and young people's work for the Congregational Churches in Nebraska. Doane College; A. M., U. of Neb.

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- (9) Platte M. Hanford, b. 6|2|1856. Address: Walton, N. Y. Farmer. M. to Emily Ogden, b. 12|13|1857, d. 8|1|1887.
  - (10) Georgie, b. 5|31|1884, d. 6|14|1884.
  - (10) Mabel O., b. 3|15|1885, d. 4|14|1887.
  - (10) Elizabeth Emily, b. 5|19|1887, d. 1|29|1937. M. 8|29|1911 to Henry S. HOYT as his second wife. Farmer at Walton, N. Y.
- M. (2nd wife) 3|29|1899 to Jennie Bradley, b. 7|25|1863.
  - (10) Ellen Hanford, b. 12|23|1900. English teacher, Utica, New York, high school.
- (9) Henry Carter, b. 6|6|1859, d. 2|25|1860.
- (9) Lucia Cynthia, (known as Lulu) b. 9|17|1868, d. 9|2|1910. M. 1|6|1897 to Henry S. HOYT, b. 9|25|1869, farmer.
  - (10) Martha Hanford, b. 5|12|1899. M. 6|27|1925 to Alvin J. HODGE, b. 1|22|1900. Walton, N. Y.
    - (11) Alta Jeanne, b. 7|20|1926.
    - (11) Elinore Marie, b. 9|12|1927.
    - (11) Richard, b. 7|11|1929, d. 7|13|1929.
    - (11) Marcia Eva, b. 2|26|1931.
    - (11) Joyce Marian, b. 11|16|1933.
    - (11) Bruce Alvin, b. 5|14|1935.
    - (11) Shirley Kathryn, b. 10|5|1936.
  - (10) Harold Lewis, b. 4|22|1901. Government employee at Walton, N. Y.
  - (10) Kathryn, b. 8|26|1903. M. 10|18|1929 to Raymond BARTLETT, Walton, N. Y.
    - (11) Douglas Raymond, b. 5|3|1931.
    - (11) William Henry, b. 9|22|1933.
    - (11) Robert Hoyt, b. 4|26|1937.
    - (11) Kathryn Lucille, b. 7|7|1938.
- (8) Mary, b. 7|7|1828, d. 11|27|1902. Lived at Walton, N. Y. Never married.

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- (8) Hiram Fitch Benedict, b. 12|20|1830, Walton, N. Y., d. 4|6|1901, Canton, S. D. Farmer at Bashford, Wis. Farmer and carpenter at Canton, S. D. Congregationalist, choir. M. 11|20|1855 to Lydia Thompson, b. 9|26|1833, Pa., d. 9|6|1894.
- (9) Willis Erwin, b. 7|16|1858, Bashford, Wis., d. 8|17|1917. Buried in Canton, S. D. Lived at Belle Fourche, S. D. Lawyer after 1895. Known as Judge Benedict. Served in South Dakota state legislature and senate. Grand Master of I.O.O.F., state of South Dakota. Represented order at Sovereign Grand Lodge at Boston, Richmond, Va., and Detroit, Mich. Congregationalist. M. 8|12|1889 to Maude Ionia Druse, b. 10|11|1860 at Marengo, Ill. Address: 330 Cedar Ave., Long Beach, Cal. Past president of Rebekah Assembly, South Dakota. Represented state at national assembly the A.R.A., Cincinnati, 1923. Congregationalist.
- (10) Marjorie Alice, b. 6|30|1890. Address: Mrs. M. A. Black, 330 Cedar Ave., Long Beach, Cal. All Saints School, Sioux Falls, Oberlin College, U. of Wis. summer session. Assistant to registrar of Oberlin College 1925-6. Teacher, stenographer, short story writer. Protestant Episcopal and Congregational Churches. M. 11|10|1917 to James BLACK, b. 8|20|1891, Kelso, Roxboroughshire, Scotland, d. 2|6|1919 at Belle Fourche, S. D. Butte County Bank. Officers Training

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Camp, Ft. Snelling; commissioned Captain 1918 at Camp Hancock, Ga. Died of influenza six weeks after demobilization.

- (9) George Elsworth, b. 1|23|1863, at Darlington, Wis., died unmarried.
- (9) Clifton Edward, b. 8|18|1868, at Darlington, Wis., d. 2|18|1939 at Spokane, Wash. Grocer at Canton, S. D., and Spokane. M. 3|2|1898 to Bernice Edna Caswell, b. 8|16|1878 at Cherokee, Iowa. Address: 1121 W. Chelan St., Spokane, Wash.
- (10) Lyle Clifton, b. 2|8|1900 at Canton, S. D. Address: E. 544 Princeton, Spokane, Wash. Musician. Hobby, photography. M. to Louise Romitch (Dodd).
- (10) Dwain E., b. 7|9|1906 at Canton, S. D., electrical engineer. Hobby, candid camera. Address: 242 N. Cheery St., Moscow, Idaho. M. Estella B. Wegner.
- (11) George Allen, b. 7|6|1938.
- (9) Bert Eugene, b. 9|16|1875, d. 9|16|1894. (He and his mother were sick with typhoid at the same time. She died on September 6th and he died about a week later, not knowing that his mother was dead). Unmarried.
- (8) Helen, b. 2|10|1833, d. 4|5|1855. M. to Edward S. HOYT, soldier in Civil War, lived on the "Mountain."
- (9) Fannie, b. 9|27|1859, d. 11|25|1936. Never married.
- (9) Ira, b. 12|3|1861, d. 2|18|1930. M. to Margaret Pine, d. 2|22|1926.



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- (10) Charles, b. 10|6|1887. M. 6|17|1908 to Nellie Bennet, d. 1|28|1924.
- (11) Marion E., b. 8|2|1909. M. to Clarence BALDWIN, employed by Wm. Hyzer Sons of Franklin, N. Y. Home address: Merrickville, N. Y.
- (12) Janice Elizabeth, b. 7|20|1935.
- (12) Francis Elaine, b. 4|11|1937.
- (12) John Orrin, b. 10|13|1938.
- (11) Glenn. b. 4|9|1915 at Jermym, Pa.
- (11) Margaret E., b. 12|17|1917. Sidney Center, N. Y.
- (11) Stewart H., b. 12|22|1923, adopted at time of mother's death, by Albert Nichols, R.F.D. No. 3, Walton, N. Y.
- (10) Margaret, b. 3|5|1894. M. 10|10|1917 to Ward BAKER, R.F.D. No. 2, Bainbridge, N.Y.
- (11) Rufus Sheldon, b. 7|21|1918. M. 9|30|1939 to Gertrude Roose of Deposit, N.Y., b. 9|19|1919.
- (11) Juanita Emily, b. 9|7|1923.
- (11) Ruth Helen, b. 5|16|1925, d. 6|7|1925.
- (11) Wilford, b. 9|13|1929.
- (10) Sheldon Benedict, b. 8|16|1897, Walton, N.Y. M. 5|18|1927, to Dorothy Seely of Walton, b. 6|28|1905.
- (9) Helen, b. 9|29|1864, d. 12|12|1933. Never married.

