

FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS

PIONEER AND INDIAN STORIES

**SOPHIE DE MARSAC CAMPAU CHAPTER
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
1945-1946**

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This Volume is devoted to Family and Bible Records, Civil War Records, personal letters of travel, true experiences of pioneers with their families in their trek Westward in search of homes, their contact with uncivilized warring Indians, and with a picture of the patience, courage, fortitude and heroism that inspired them ever onward.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Grand Rapids, Mich.
this 19th day of September, A.D. 1946.

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(Mrs. Harry J.)*

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Children:--

Charles Russell Bell, Sr. b.Aug.12, 1891
Wife Thora Moberg, b.Apr.26, 1897
Charles Russell, Jr. b.Aug.10, 1922
Douglas Erwin, b.Feb.14, 1934

Lawrence Decker Bell, b.Feb.11, 1894
Wife Edith Battersbee, b.Dec.26, 1895

Mildred Marie Loper, b.Jun.19, 1896
M. Henry J.Loper, b.Oct. 1894
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Ronnie Loper, b.May 21, 1942

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Contributed by Mrs. Henry James Carr, Scranton, Pa.

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M. Miss Brown, First
M. Rhoda Rundlett, Second
M. Anna Chase, Third

John Carr's Children, Continued.

Jeremiah Carr, B. Mar.5th, 1770, Died Mar.25, 1844

Ruth Carr, B. May 18, 1772, D.Jan.2, 1792

Perley Carr, B. Apr.30, 1774, D.Sept.11, 1800

Samuel Carr, B.Aug. 5, 1776, D. Dec.25, 1780

Moody Carr, B.May 12, 1766. M.Feb.14, 1791, Ruth Hudson
Married, Second, Ruth Wilson

(Mistake)

Moody Carr's Children : -- (John Carr's Children Cont'd)

James Carr, B.Nov.15, 1793, M.Sally Webster, Dec25/17
D.Sep.29, 1843,

Moody Carr, B.Apr.5, 1796, D.Feb.25, 1886
M.First, Abigail Sanborn, of Fremont
M.Second, Polly Perkins,

Ruth Carr, B.Feb.9, 1799, M.Jesse Mudgett

Rhoda Carr, B.Dec.30, 1801, Died unmarried

John Carr, B.May 17, 1804, Committed suicide

These are Moody Carr's Children

Mary Ann, Carr, M. Asa Lamson

John Hudson, Carr,

Sarah E.Carr,

Alcina Carr, M. John Lyford
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Mary Carr, Married Jonathan S.Tuck

Ann Carr, M. First, Moses Sanborn
M. Second, Jacob Sanborn

John Hudson Carr, B. 1827 D. 1863, M.Mary P.Quimby
Mary Quimby was B. 1822, D.1894

Children:

William Everett Carr, Living in Amesbury,

Albinus Hamilton Carr, " " "

James Moody Carr, " " "

John Harrison Carr, " Near the old home
Address, Exeter, N.H.R.F.D.

Mrs.Mary E.Spaulding, 139 Upland Road, Quincy, Mass

Alcina Carr Lyford, Children:-

Walter H. Lyford, M.Estelle Ford

Fred C.Lyford, M.Ellen Osgood,
Living 33 Broadway, Concord, N.H.

Frank Herbert Lyford, M.First, Mary F.Doe
M.Second, Eva M.Wilson.
Living in the old Moody-Carr house in
Fremont, built by Moody-Carr in 1800

Abbie Elcina Lyford, M.John P.St John,
Living in Vermont

Burton Lyford, Died, Aged 23.

Page 4. Carr Family, George, James, John etal
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John Carr, Brother of Moody, Sr., Born May 13, 1768

M. First Miss Brown; Second Rhoda Rundlett, of Epping

M. Third Miss Anna Chase

Children of second wife:--

Perley Carr,

Samuel Carr, Married Miss Plummer

John Carr, M. First Harriet N. Carr, Sec. Elizabeth How

Edwin Carr,

Sally Carr, M. Mr. Kent

Betsey Carr, M. Charles Cheney

Caroline Perley Carr, M. Mr. Coffin

Ruth Carr, Sister of Moody, Sr. Married Jesse Mudgett

Children:

John, Moody, Rhoda, Mary, Elizabeth, Abbie and James

Page. 5. Carr Family. George, James, John etal
Contributed by Mrs. Henry James Carr, Scranton, Pa.

Tombstones in cemetery in Fremont, N.H., known as "Leavitt C."

Mr. John Carr, died May 2, 1786, aged 74 years

Mrs. Abigail Carr, wife of John Carr, D. Jun. 19, 1800, Age 92

Mr. John Carr, D. Jan. 12, 1825, Aged 85 years

Mrs. Ruth, wife of John Carr, D. Apr. 26, 1819, Aged 81 years

Mr. Perley, son of John and Ruth Carr, D. Sept. 11, 1800

Miss Ruth Carr, D. Jan. 2, 1792, Aged 19 years

Samuel, son of John and Ruth Carr, D. Dec 26, 1780, Aged 4 yrs.

Ruth, wife of Moody Carr, D. Oct. 11, 1806, 44 years of age

In memory of Jeremiah Carr, who died March 25th, 1844, age 74 y

Also of Ruth Carr, his wife, who died Dec. 4, 1843, aged 69 yr

Perley Carr died May 30, 1849, aged 44 years

In memory of Betsey G., wife of Rev. A. Plumer, and daughter
of the late Jeremiah and Ruth Carr, who died June 2, 1861,
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Page. 6. Carr Family. -- George, James, John etal
Contributed by Mrs. Henry James Carr, Scranton, Pa.
Record from family Bible of Mr. James Gilman Fellows
of Suncook, N.H.

Benjamin Fellows, son of Benjamin and Sarah Fellows, was
born June 22, 1776, and died Apr.22, 1864
He married Mary, daughter of Robert Wadley and Mary Goodhue,
Oct.13, 1799
Mary was born June 20, 1780, and D. April 8th,1866

Children;--

Jeremiah Fellows,	B.Nov.27,	1800
Gilman "	B.Oct.18,	1802, D.May 20, 1837
Mary "	B.Aug.18,	1806, D. Jul.27, 1811
Benjamin F. "	B.Dec.18,	1808, D.May 10, 1839
Johnathan G. "	B.Jul.31,	1811
David "	B.Sep.1,	1813, D.Nov. 5th,1815
James "	B.May 14,	1815, D. Jan 2, 1837

Children of Jeremiah and Sarah Fellows

Timothy Fellows, B.June 20th, 1835
James G.Fellows, B. Aug.6th, 1838

Page 7. Carr Family. George, James, John etal

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Lewis Leonard, Jonathan Leonard, Gilbert Leonard, Asa
Leonard, Henry Leonard, Nathaniel Leonard, Isaac Leonard
Heman Leonard, Silas Leonard etal

Lewis Leonard, 63, Born in Mass.

Melita, second wife, 46, Born in New York, 1787

Parma, N.Y. Census 1850

Horace Leonard, 23 Born in New York

Austin " 20, " " "

Elisa " 20, " " "

Florence " 2, " " "

Lewis " 2/12 " " "

Johnathan Leonard, 70-3 " " Conn. 1780

Perces (Hincher) 68 Mass.

Children;--

1850
Johnathan Leonard, 31, Born in New York
Burtania " 31, " " "
Hiram " 7, " " "
Elizabeth " 6, " " "
Celia F. " 2, " " "
Silas and Johnathan, " " Conn
Lewis (Johnathan) " " Mass, in 1850

Page 8. Carr Family. George, James, John etal
 Contributed by Mrs. Henry James Carr, Scranton, Pa.

 Lewis Leonard, Johnathan Leonard, Gilbert Leonard,
 Asa Leonard, Henry Leonard, Nathaniel Leonard, Isaac
 Leonard, Herman Leonard, Silas Leonard etal

Census 1850, Parma, New York

Silas Leonard,	71,	Born in Connecticut
Rachel (Bush)	65,	" " New York
Silas "	23,	" " "
Lucinda "	21,	" " "

Gilbert Leonard,	28,	" " "
Lucy A. "	23	" " "
Madison J. "	3,	" " "
Wallace D. "	1,	" " "

Census 1820

Brookfield,

Joshua Hincer, 1 Boy under 5, 1 Boy over 30
 2 girls under 5, 2 over 15, 1 under 30, 1 over

Census, 1850, Parma, N.Y.

Seth Leonard,	30,	B. in New York
Adaline "	26,	" "
Caroline "	9,	" "
John "	4,	" "

Asa Leonard,	38,	" "
Mary "	33,	" "

Page 9. Carr Family. George, James, John etal
Contributed by Mrs. Henry James Carr, Scranton, Pa.

Lewis Leonard, Johnathan Leonard, Gilbert Leonard,
Asa Leonard, Henry Leonard, Nathaniel Leonard,
Isaac Leonard, Herman Leonard, Silas Leonard etal

Asa Leonard,	38,	Born in New York
Mary "	33,	" " "
Julia "	12,	" " "
William "	9,	" " "
Mary "	5,	" " "
Lovina "	2,	" " "

Parma, New York, 1850

Henry Leonard,	77,	" " "
Margaret "	69,	" " Pa.

Nathaniel Leonard,	75,	" New York
Frances "	64,	" in Conn.

Census 1840, St. Joseph County, Mich. Town of Fawn River
Herman Leonard,

Children, Males 2, under 30, Females 1 under 10
" 1 " 50

Census 1850, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Isaac Leonard,	49,	Born in Vermont
Esther "	46,	" " "
Julius "	27,	" " New York
Betsey "	19,	" " Vermont

Page 10. Carr Family. Leonard Family.

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Census 1880, Alma Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Herman Leonard, Age 68 years, B. New York, Father B.R.I.

Mother born Conn.

Maria P. Age 57 years, B. " " "

Mother born Vermont

Frank E. " " 25 " B. Mich, " New York

Mother " Connecticut

Fred H. " " 19 " Michigan " "

Mother born Connecticut

Census 1830, Parma, New York

Silas Leonard, Males under 5 - 1, Males under 15 - 1

" " 20 - 1, " " 40 - 1

Females " 5 - 2, Females " 5 - 2

" " 15 -- 1, " 20 -- 2, under 40-2

Lewis Leonard, Males " 5- (6 Boys) (4 girls)

Jonathan Leonard, Children- 6 boys, 2 girls

Henry Leonard, " 2 " 1 "

Contributed by Lena Decker Bell (Mrs. Harry Orville Bell)
1319 Fisk Street S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan

Benjamin Fish Family

Decendants of Joseph Call

The writer is the daughter of Peter Lawrence Decker, who was born Jul. 27, 1835, on Pickard Street, Chautauqua County, N.Y. who died Mar. 11, 1889 in Knapp, Wisconsin. He married Harriet L. Fish, Feb. 23, 1860 in Jamestown, N.Y., who was born Jun. 19th 1836 in Machias, N.Y. Cataraugus County, and died March 18, 1877, near Wilson, St Croix County, Wis.- Springfield Township.

Harriet Fish was the daughter of Loren and Josephine Fish; the former born in New York in 1805, and who died in 1851. Josephine Call Fish (Moon) was born May 10, 1812 in New York, and died Mar. 6, 1891 in Webster, S. Dak., who was married in 183 (1832) in New York.

Josephine Call was the child of Joseph Call, Jr. born in April 1783, in Vermont. who died in 1814: Married Louisa Evans Nov. 3, 1807, who was born in 1780 and died in 1862.

The said Joseph Call Jr. was the child of Joseph Call Sr. born in 1741, in Hartford, Conn., and who died in Perry, Ohio in 1821. Was married Oct. 22, 1766, to Mary Sanderson, who was born July 3, 1742

3rd Generation, book called "Marriage and Births", Rec. of Town Clerk Woodstock, Vermont, and Secretarys of States Vital Records.

4th Generation, First Census of Ebenezer Dipe, Woodstock Vermont, and Leichester, Mass.-- History of Woodstock Vermont.

State authority for Service claimed by Volume and page Adjutant Generals Office, Montpelier, Vt.

" Joseph Call was in Captain Benjamins (John Benjamins Com.) Company of Militia, under the command of Col. Joseph Marsh, from the 16th day of Aug. to the 4th of Oct, 1777. He was in a roll of men that scouted from Woodstock in the year 1777 He was in Capt. Jesse Saffords Co. Of Militia, for their service in the late alarm, and their allowance for travel from their respective homes to Camp, commencing March 9th. Discharged Mar. 12th. He was in the roll of men who watched and guarded suspected persons or enemies of the United States of America by order of the Committee of Safety and of Town of Hartford, Lebanon and Woodstock. He was in Lebulan, Lyons County, employed in Service by order of the Committee of Safety of Windsor, in guarding the Committee at said Windsor, and guarding Col. Stone and others to Springfield etc. Service done in the month of August, 1777.

Signed W.H. Gilmore,
Adjutant General

(Vermont Seal)

Contributed by,
Miss Muriel F. Link,
60 S.W. Brown Street,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

(Copied from the family bible of Mrs. H. J. Carlough, found in the Salvation Army store, Grand Rapids, Mich. July 1845 by Iantha Bond Hebel. Bible printed in 1887 by Henry Altemus, Philadelphia, Pa.)

Henry J. Carlough and Eliza M. Babcock were united in marriage at Hartwell, April 6, 1859, by Alfred Allen, Minister of Gospel. Witnesses-- Frederick Bentley and Lydia M. Holmes.

Births:-- Henry J. Carlough, Feb. 13, 1835
Eliza M. " Feb. 9, 1841

Children:--
Clara I. " May 13, 1860
Ada J. " Aug. 20, 1862
Rettie " Jan. 1, 1866
Dellie May" Jan. 1, 1873

Marriages:--
Clara I. to Charles H. Prior, Dec. 28, 1881
Rettie to Frank Hanley, Aug 19, 1885
Della M. to Worthy M. Partridge, May 18, 1892

Deaths:--
Ada J. Carlough, May 8, 1886
Henry J. Carlough, Apr. 30, 1889
Rettie Hanley, Jul. 3, 1889
Clara Prior, Nov. 6, 1920
Eliza Carlough, Feb. 17, 1922
Della May Partridge, Feb. 1, 1842

Copy of Bible Records in the possession of Elizabeth Catlin
Robinson, of her forbears.

Eli Catlin, Sr. and Anna Durham were married Apr.28, 1870

Eli Catlin Jr. was born Feb.7th, 1780

Seth Catlin,	"	"	Apr.30,	1782.	Died	May 31st,	1883-	1803
Joel Catlin	was born,	Feb.20,	1784,	"	Mar.24th,	1784		
Henry Catlin,	"	"	Mar.4th,	1785	"	Jan. 1st,	1807	
Anna Catlin	"	"	Jul.	1787	"	Aug. 17th,	1805	
Cyrus Catlin,	"	"	Feb. 14th,	1790,				
Stephen Catlin.	"	"	Apr. 28th,	1792,	"	Sep. 5th,	1810	
Daniel Catlin,	"	"	Jul. 1st,	1794				
William Catlin,	"	"	Sept.28th,	1807				
Huldah Catlin,	"	"	Sept.22nd,	1801				

Copy of the record of Eli Catlin, Jr. and Family

Eli Catlin, Jr. was born in the State of Conn. Litchfield
County, on Monday the 7th of February, 1780

He was married to Sarah Butts, Jan.31st, 1802, by
Samuel Fuller, minister of the gospel of Rentsellerville,
Albany County, New York

Births. Anna Catlin was born on Monday, Nov.29th, 1802

Sallie	"	"	"	"	Dec.23rd,	1803
Betsy	"	"	"	"	Sunday, Apr. 14th,	1805
Cornelia	"	"	"	"	Monday, Apr. 27th,	1807
Rufus Leander,	"	"	"	"	Thursday, Aug. 11th,	1808
Charlotta Hannah,	"	"	"	"	Tuesday, Jun.26th,	1810

Page 2. Bible Records. Catlin Family. State of New York.

Eli Catlin, Jr. Continued.

Emma Catlin and Delia Catlin were born on Mon. Dec. 9, 1811.

Martha Catlin was born on Tuesday, December 14th, 1813

Benjamin Franklyn Catlin, Wed. February 15th, 1815

Rial Catlin, " " Monday, November 11th, 1816

Collistra, " " " June 8th, 1818

Esther Catlin, " " Tuesday, April 11th, 1820

Armunda Catlin " " Friday, June 21st, 1822

All born in Ohio, Athens County, Elk and Rome Twps.

Marriages:

Cornelia Catlin was married to Wm. Wallis, Jan. 1, 1824

Rufus L. " " " Sintha Lewis, Jan. 11, 1827

Delia " " " Lewis Calvin, Aug. 30, 1827

Martha Catlin, " " " George Yager, Nov. 12, 1820

Emma Catlin, " " " John Reed, Esq. Jan. 9th, 1831

Esther Catlin " " " George Tarr, Nov. 13, 1836

Benjamin Catlin, " " " Hannah Sintha Lillev, 16, Feb. '37
By John Reed, Esq.

Rial Catlin and Rachel Yager was married Nov. 16, 1837

Armunda Catlin and Benjamin Dill was married Mar. 12, 1840

Page 3. Catlin Family. Bible Records. Deaths.

Copied from bible in possession of Eliz. Catlin Robinson.

Deaths. In memory of Sarah Butts, wife of Eli Catlin, Jr., who died March 28, 1846, who was born Aug. 24, 1782, and who was married to said Eli Catlin, Jr., in 1802 and lived with him 44 years, one month and 28 days. Her age when she died was 64 years, 7 months and 4 days. She was the mother of 14 children -- eleven girls and three boys-- as the within record will show. This recorded by Eli Catlin, her husband, soon after her death, in Clinton Twp. Jackson County, Ohio Eli Catlin, Jr. departed this life July 21st, 1848, in Scott County, Iowa, at his sons residence -- Rufus L. Catlin near Blue Grass P.O.

Anna Catlin died August 26th, 1803

Sallie " " April 11th, 1805 (1805)

Betsey " " Oct. 27th, 1805

Charlotta Hannah, Sept. 27th, 1810

Martha Yager, " Sept. 8th, 1831

Collistra Catlin, Nov. 9th, 1840

Rufus Catlin, " June 19th, 1875

Esther Catlin, " May 21st, 1900 (Esther Catlin Tarr)

Page 4. Catlin Family. George and Esther Tarr.

George and Esther Tarr (Esther Catlin) were married 11-13-36

Armunda Anna Tarr, was born on Tuesday, Dec.26, 1837

Sally Ann Tarr, " " " Sunday , Jan.2nd, 1842

Mary Lovina Tarr, " " " " Feb. 2nd, 1851

John Pinckney Tarr," " " " July 10th, 1853

Emma Jane Tarr, " # " Saturday, July 5th, 1856

Marriages:

Armunda Anna Tarr was married to Arthur Camp,
on Thursday, February 2nd, 1854, by George Craig, Esq.

George Tarr, (son) born Jan. 27, 1809, died Mar.2, 1879
buried at Hamden

John Tarr (father of George) died Sept.1, 1840 at
Clinton Twp., Vinton County, Ohio
(Just East of Hamden Furnace, near first Creek, E.

Contributed by
Mrs. Edward (Nellie Covell) Haldaman,
1672 Kalamazoo, (Mich) Street,
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Leonard Covell was born in Cabot, Vt., Feb. 16, 1816
He came to Grand Rapids in 1837
Married Permelia Stone May 2, 1839. B. Paris, Oneida Co. N.Y. 12-31 (1821)

Children:-- Elliot Franklyn Covell, B. Aug. 7, 1841, Grand Rapids.
. Henry Leonard " B. Jun. 25, 1845 " "

Elliot Franklyn Covell M. Oct. 21, 1864 To--
Laura Submit Chapin, B. Mar. 5, 1843, Henrietta, Monroe Co., N.Y.

Child:-- Louis Chapin Covell, Born Jun. 22, 1875

Henry Leonard Covell, M. in Dunkirk, N.Y. Nov. 14, 1871 To--
Sarah Jane DeLong, B. Jul. 12, 1852, Dunkirk, N.Y.

Children:--

Harry Elliot Covell, Nov 8, 1872, Detroit, Mich.
Kate Permelia " Sep. 2, 1879 Grand Rapids, Mich.
Leonard " Jan. 14, 1874 Ionia, Mich.
Albert E. " Nov. 2, 1876, Grand Rapids, "

Harry E. Covell, married Emma Lewis, Mar. 16, 1898 " "

Child:-- Dorothy E. Covell, B. Dec. 13, 1899

Kate Permelia Covell, M. Edward H. Haldaman, B. Three Rivers, "
B. Feb. 9, 1878, M. Nov. 9, 1903

Children:-- Helen Francis Haldaman, B. Oct. 9, 1904, in Grand Rapi
Edward Covell " B. Oct. 12, 1906 " "
Robert DeLong " B. May. 19, 1909 " "

Helen Francis Haldaman, M. Arthur H. Gristert, Jul. 3, 1937 " "
No children.

Edward Covell Haldaman Jr. B. Oct. 12, 1931, " "

Edward Covell Haldaman, Sr. M. Violet May Bonk, M. Sept. 13, 1930 " "
B. Jun. 28, 1908

Children:-- Edward Covell Haldaman Jr. B. Oct. 12, 1931
James DeLong " B. Jun. 25, 1935
Bonnie Sue " B. Apr. 25, 1942

Robert DeLong Haldaman, M. Vivian Handford, Fort Wayne, Ind.
M. May 20, 1935, Divorced Sept. 1937

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Contributed by Mrs. Edward Covell Haldaman, Continued -- 2

Lewis Chapin Covell was Brigadier General, with 126 Regiment
who went to France in World War 1
He married Florence Holcomb Davidson, Jun. 12, 1906, B. 10-2-1879

Children:--

George Davidson Covell, B. Jul. 1, 1907
Lewis Chapin Covell, Jr. B. Jul. 28, 1909
Robert Leonard Covell, B. Mar. 25, 1915

George Davidson Covell, M. Norma E. Rubins, date unknown

Children: --

Sandra Covell, Nov. 29, 1941
George D. " Jr. Jul. 20, 1944

Lewis Chapin Covell, M. Mildred Francis Tiller (Junior) 10-24-44

Lewis Chapin Covell Jr. and Robert Leonard Covell are in the
Armed Forces in World War 2. All were born in Grand Rapids

Deaths :--

Elliot F. Covell died Jan. 16, 1909
Leonard Covell died Mar. 24, 1897
Henry L. Covell died Jul. 24, 1897
Permelia Covell D. Jun. 18, 1902
Laura S. Covell " Jan. 8, 1915
Sarah DeLong Covell, May 26, 1910
Harry E. Covell, D. Feb. 26, 1934
Leonard Covell, Age 4, 1878
Albert Covell, Age 22 months 1878

All died in Grand Rapids but Harry, who died in Chicago, Ill

ELEVEN GENERATIONS. Day, Hunt, Thompson, Kent, Winsemius
Contributed by Anna Kent Winsemius, Grand Rapids, Mich

- I. Robert Day, came from England in 1635
- II. James Day, b.1652
- III. Robert Day, b.1684 (1684)
- IV. James Day, b.1717
- V. Nathan Dav, b.1744
- VI. Anna Day, b.1779
- VII. Ann Hunt, b.1808
- VIII. Harvey Thompson, b.1838
- IX. Mollie Thompson, b.1870
- X. Anna Kent Winsemius, b.1900
- XI. Kent Winsemius, b.1925

Copy of the Military record of a Revolutionary Ancestor.
Connecticut Military Record.

1775- 1848
461

Eleventh Regiment of Militia(at New York in 1776)
Capt. Cady's Company, Capt Jos.Cadv's Co. Killingly, Conn.
Third Company, Eleventh Regiment, on their march to
Westchester Sept. 14, 1776
Corporal Nathan Dav, (5th name)

THE DAY LINE. HARVEY THOMPSON et al

Contributed by Anna Kent Winsemius, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Robert Day, Imigrant ancestor came from England in 1635 in the ship "Hopewell". Capt. Burdick, Master, sailing from London. He was 30 years old at the time and was admitted a Freeman June 2nd, 1641. He settled in Ipswich, Mass. He died Sept. 4th, 1683, aged 78. He married Hannan.

Children:

- I. John, Married Apr. 20th, 1664, Sarah, Dau. of Aaron Priegv
- II. Thomas B. 1643, M. Oct 20th, 1672, Anna Woodward
- III. Hannah M. Robert Lord
- IV. Sarah M. Jun. 17th, 1675, David Fiske
- V. (mentioned below)

II. James, son of Robert Day was born 1652 and was admitted a Freeman in 1673. He was executor of his father's will, Sept. 25, 1683. He died Mar. 2, 1690. He married Sarah Avres, and had an only son Robert (Mentioned below)

III. Robert, (2) son of James Day, was born Jan. 17th, 1684 in Ipswich, and was the ancestor of the Killingly, Conn. branch of the family. He married in Rowley, Apr. 4th, 1706 Elizabeth, Dau. of Lieut. John and Martha (Thorley) Dresser on May 31, 1706, he then being in Rowley, he deeded his home lot in Ipswich to Nathaniel Caldwell, and speaks of his father, James Day, thus establishing the relationship.

On Jan. 11, 1716 he was living in New Roxbury (now Woodstock) and joined with others in disposing of land in Brookfield

On Jan. 25, 1722 Robert Day of Killingly deeded land in Ipswich

"In right of my grand father, Robert Day deceased"

His estate was settled Nov. 12, 1754. He joined the Kill-

ingly Hill Church (Putnam Heights) Jun. 1st, 1825. Was constable Killingsly 1728. M. Elizabeth, Dau. John and Martha (Thorley) Dres

Contributed by Anna Kent Winsemiusm, Grand Rapids, Mich

Children of Robert Dav:

- Marv, M.Capt. Eleazor Warren , and D.Jul.8, 1744
- II. Sarah, Bap. Sept.23, 1722
- III. David
- IV. James (mentioned below)
- V. Elizabeth, Bap. 1717, M. Ar. Whitmore
- VI. Patience, B.Sept. 1717, M.John, son of Andrew Phillips
- VII. Jonathan, B. 1719, D. Jul.6, 1745
- VIII.Robert, B.1719 (Sept 23, 1722)
- IX. Susannah
- X. Thomas, B. Feb 19, 1727

James (2) son of Robert (2)Dav, was born about 1717, died in Killingly, Conn. Dec.25, 1782.

His tombstone has this inscription:
 "I sought the Lord in early youth,
 nor did I seek in vain;
 He lead me in the path of truth
 and great has been my gain"
 He was a blacksmith by trade; married in 1740 to
 Mary Parkhurst, of Plainfield, Conn. B. about 1721,
 D.in Killingly Jul.28, 1818, aged 97 years, Bur.Dayvill

Children:

- I. Nathan, Bap. Jul 28, 1744 in Putnam Heights Church
 Was a Corporal in Capt. Jas.Cady's Co.the 3rd, 11th.Regt
 Moved to Granville, N.Y. M.in Brooklyn, Conn. Sept.20
 1770, Hannah Hewitt
- II. Jonathan, bap.Mar.12, 1745, Corp. in Revolution
- III. Elias, B.Sept.25, 1746, " " "
- IV. Mary, B. Mar21, 1753
- V. Thomas, B.Jun 9th, 1755 Private " "
- VI. John, B. Mar.12, 1757 " " "
- VII. James, B.Aug 23, 1858
- VIII.Asa, B.Jul 23, 1760 " " "
- IX. David, B. Jul 20, 1762

Also Asa Hunt M.Anna Day, Oct,191797,B.Aug.1,1779,Killingly
 Anna Dav was the mother of Ann Hunt, who was mother HarvevThom
 pson

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Peter Lawrence Decker's Civil War Records
Also Benjamin Fish

Copied from History of the Ninth New York Cavalry, War of 1861-1865, and is respectfully dedicated to the sons and daughters of the veterans of the Ninth New York Cavalry, Company C., Newel Chenev Captain and Brevet Major, Poland Center, N.Y. March 1901

Battle of the Wilderness, in the fight at Todds Tavern, May 7th and 8th, 1864. The Ride around Lee's Army May 9th. The great Cavalry Battle at Yellow Tavern, May 11th The fight at Meadow Bridge, May 12th. At Hanover Ford and Crumps Creek, May 27th. At Old Church May 30th, At Cold Harbor May 31st and June 1st. At Trevillian Station Jun. 11th At White House Landing Jun. 21st. And his wonderful successful fight with the enemy's veteran infantry at Deep Bottom Jul. 28th It relates the story of its service in the brilliant campaign of the Shenandoah, at Cedarville Aug. 16th, at Kerneysville and Shephardstown Aug. 25th. At Smithfield Aug. 29th. Its great Cavalry charge at the battle of Winchester Sep. 19th. Its fight at Fishers Hill Sep. 22nd. At Mount Jackson Sep. 23 and 24th. Its rapid ride of 26 miles in pursuit of the enemy from Tom's Brook to Mount Jackson Oct. 9th. Its part in the great battle at Cedar Creek Oct. 19th, and the Gordansville raid in December. It tells the story of the part it took in the capture of Early's Army at Waynesboro Mar. 2nd, 1865. Of fighting its way with Sheridan's Cavalry, on its long ride across the country to City Point, and its service in the final campaign from Petersburg to the surrender of Lee at Appomattox Court House. It aims to be a correct record of the services of the regiment from the date of its organization in 1861, to its muster out July 17th, 1865

Benjamin Fish, brother-in-law, enlisted same time and was in practically the same battles. Was a Blacksmith also, same regiment but in Company B. They were mustered out together. On their arrival home they found Ben's boyhood chum, sister Maria M. Fish, aged 22 at death's door. She passed away July 25th of consumption.

Benjamin Fish died Dec. 1943 at Webster, South Dakota, where he had made his home for a good many years, at the age of 95 Correct date of his death was January 1842.

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Peter Lawrence Decker

Peter Lawrence Decker was Post Master in Lavant, N.Y. in 1861 under James Buchanan. Lavant is four miles from Jamestown. Also he was Post Master at Knapp, Wisconsin, in 1885, under Grover Cleveland's first administration.

The following are some memoirs left by my mother. P.L. Decker went into the army in December, after Davie was born in July. He enlisted in Ninth New York Cavalry, Company "C", New York Volunteers from Jamestown. My father had a Blacksmith Shop at that time, and my mother's brother, Benjamin Fish helped him in the Shop. Uncle Ben was 17 years old at that time, and my grandmother, Josephine Fish, who was a widow, and her children lived with my parents. When my father was inspired with patriotism and enlisted, he expected his brother-in-law to stay at home and take care of the business and the family, but Ben had other ideas, and the following day he too went down to enlist. He was large of his age and would easily pass for 18, but they would not sign him up until his mother gave her consent, which she did very reluctantly when she found how set his mind was on going. They enlisted as Blacksmiths; every fourth man in the Cavalry is a blacksmith and carries extra horse shoe nails and other necessary equipment necessary to keep the horses in first class condition; and each man carries horse shoes for his own horse. Incidentally my father had three horses shot from under him while in the service. Also I might mention that in their own Company their pet name for their Colonel was "Old Devine". Custer was one of their Captains. They were gone twenty-one months, sometimes listed as two years.

Father's Company kept after "Gorilla Mosby" in the Loudin Valley in Virginia, where the "Jackpines were so thick a cat couldn't get through them" The gorillas had hiding places and got away, and they would find Union Soldiers hung up with their tongues cut out. They chased them through here for months; they were camped all winter there. The mud was so deep one could hardly get through. Then Gen. Sheridan ordered them to "catch those gorillas and burn everything." They were divided into squads, and one squad would burn things and when the women and children would cry and beg for their homes and their property, they would burn what they could and console the women. Then another squad would come along and burn some more; then another squad, until the whole twenty miles was a heap of ruins. They had to do this to get those gorillas who were picking our men off with their files.

PETER DECKER, & Descendants. New York State.

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Peter Decker, b. about 1812. Probably from Holland.
Mary Pickard Decker, " 1813. New York State

Children:--

Peter Lawrence Decker, b. Jul.27, 1835, Jamestown, N.Y.
David, Melinda, Clarissa, Kate, Maria Decker Hoffman,
Viola Decker Ellsworth. Nothing definite known about them
James Peter Decker, b. Jul 3. 1852, Jamestown, N.Y., d. 1893

Peter Lawrence Decker, M. Jamestown, N.Y. Feb. 23, 1860, To-
Harriet L. Fish, b. Jun. 19, 1836, Machias, Chautauca Co. N.Y.

Children:--

Loren Fish Decker, b. May 28, 1861, Jamestown, N Y.
David Earl " b. Jul. 13, 1862 " "
Jay Conrad " b. Jul. 12, 1866 Wilson, Wis. D. July 1878
Lena Eva " b. Jun. 22, 1868 " " "
Guy Rufus " b. Jul. 9, 1871 " " D. Feb. 4, 1910
Josephine Marie b. May 7, 1874

Peter Lawrence Decker Second wife, M. Wilson, Wis. 1877
Margaret Fahey Kinnie, About 1880, " " D. 1921

Children:--

Cora Decker, B. and D. 1878 " "
Alice M. " B. About 1880 " "
Sarah Jane " B. " 1883 " "
Grover " B. " 1885 Knapp, Wisconsin
William " B. " 1887 " "
Howard " B. " 1889 D. same year

DECKER FAMILY of New York State

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Loren Fish Decker, M. July, 1881 Boiceville, Wis. To--
Phoebe Thomas Decker, b. about 1866 " "

Children :--

Leland James Decker, b. 1882, Wilson, Wis. d. Clarkson
Married an Idaho woman, Adopted and brot up a boy
Lived at Sand Point, Idaho, d. 1945.
Was in Navy of World War I.
Harriet Decker, b. 1884 at Wilson, Wis. D. Sand Ft. ?
Ray " b. Apr. 19th, 1886, at Wilson, Wis.

Ray Decker lived with a Mr. & Mrs. McAdams, of Adair, Okla.
Married Sept. 16, 1908, at Tulsa, Okla.

One child-- a daughter. M. and gave birth to a son and dau.
Ray Decker Married Mattie Decker at Tulsa, Okla. 1908

Daughter, Imogene Decker, b . Oct. 30, 1909, D. Feb. 9, 1932
Married a Mr. Stockton, Jan. 30th, 1929

Children:--

Loretta Stockton, b. Aug. 25th, 1931
Ray L. Decker Stockton Jr. b. Nov. 30th, 1929

Their present address is Pryor, Okla.
The children are with their grand-parents

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Family of Peter Decker of New York State

Peter Lawrence Decker's second son- David Earl Decker

David Earl Decker, B. Jul. 13, 1862, Jamestown, N.Y. D. Nov. 3, 1885-6
Ida Richardson, B. about 1866, Boiceville, Wis. M. about '81

Children :--

Roy Decker, B. about 1882, Wilson, Wisconsin
Baby Girl, B. and died fall of 1885-6

Roy Decker and wife May, have a fine farm at Sagle, Idaho,
They have over a thousand chickens, many cows --sell cream,
and farm produce.

Jay Conrad Decker, B. Jul. 12, 1866, at Wilson, Wis. D. Jul. 1878

Lena Eva Decker, B. Jun. 22, 1868, " " "
M. Harry Orville Bell, Jul. 2, 1890, who was B. Eau Claire, Wis.
Jan. 21, 1858.

Children:--

Charles Russell Bell, B. Aug. 12, 1891, Chicago, Illinois
Lawrence Decker Bell, Feb. 11, 1894, " "
Mildred Marie Bell, B. Jun. 19, 1896, Marquette, Michigan
Harry Orville, Junior May 13, 1898, " "

Charles Russell Bell, Married,
Thora Moberg, B. Apr. 26, 1896, Marquette, Mich.

Children:-- Charles Russell, Jr. B. Chicago, Illinois, August 10, 1898
Douglas Irwin Bell, B. Detroit, Mich. Feb. 14, 1894
(Correction; Charles R. Jr. was born in Marquette, Mich.)

Lawrence Decker Bell, M. Hale, Mich. Jun. 25, 1919 To--
Norma Alice McCallum, B. " " 1896
Edith Battersbee, B. Detroit, Mich. Dec. 26, about 1900. Second

Edith's daughter, B. " " Mar 23, '23. Marilyn Blake.
No children born to Lawrence & Edith Bell.

DECKER FAMILY, of New York State.

Third Child of Lena Decker Bell--Mildred Marie Bell.
Mildred Marie Bell, Married-- Dec. 13, 1919 at Soo
Henry J.Loper, B. October 1894, Sioux Ste Marie, Mich

Children :-- Only living child was
Harry Orville Loper, b. October 1st, 1920, Marquette.
Harry married Sarah Hollister, b.March 1923, Pontiac

Children :--

Ronald J.Loper, B.May 21st, 1942, Pontiac, Mich
Sister expected soon.

Fourth child of Lena Decker Bell

Harry Orville Bell Jr.b.May 13th, 1898, Marquette
He M. Gladys Ruggles, of Hurley, Wisconsin, June 192

Charles Russell Bell and Lawrence Decker Bell were in World War No.I. Harry Orville was too young, but was in S.A.T.C. Charles R.Bell, Jr. was in World War II, in Germany and France Tank & Machine Gun combat duty. Has bronze medal for Heriosm i Battle.

Harry O.Loper was in New Guinea, Phillipenes, Japan etc. Pacific Warfare. Overseas two years.

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Family of Peter Decker of New York State, Continued

Son, Peter Lawrence Decker, B. Jul.27, 1835, Pickard Street
Guy Rufus Decker, B. Jul.9, 198(1871) Wilson, Wisconsin
Youngest son of Guy Rufus Decker, son Percy LeRoy, Knapp, Wis.

Percy LeRoy Decker, B. Apr.29, 1903, Married --
Bonnie Velma Thomason, Sep.25, 1905, Rosalia, Wash.

Children :--

Carl Percy Decker, May 7, 1923, Tensed, Idaho
Leonard Calvin Decker, Sep.19, 24, " "
Elaine Joyce Decker, Dec.11, 1927 Spokane, Washington

Carl Percy married and has a small daughter. Didn't get name

Walter Decker, Carl Decker and Leonard Calvin Decker, were
all overseas on combat duty in World War 2

Also Percy LeRoy Decker was divorced in 1945, and has a child

Gertrude May Decker, B. Feb.25, 1901, Married --
Bernard S. Sherman, about 1922, At Marquette, Mich.

Child born:--

Nancy Dean Sherman, B. Jun.14, 1923, " "

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FAMILY of Peter Decker of New York State, Continued

Son, Peter Lawrence Decker, Born Pickard Street, New York, 1835
Son, Guy Rufus Decker, Born, Wilson, Wisconsin, July 9, 1871

Children of Guy Rufus Decker :--and wife,
Anna Gracie Emerson, B. Jul. 1, 1871, Pleasant Grove, Minn.
Died April 4, 1908, Portland, Oregon

Children:--
Leonard Albert Decker, B. Jul. 28, 1899, at Spooner, Wisconsin
Gertrude May Decker, B. Feb. 25, 1901, Knapp, Wisconsin
Percy Leroy Decker, B. Apr. 29, 1903, " "

Leonard Albert Decker, M. in State of Washington, To--
Violet James, Gibbons, B. Wallingford, Eng. in 1899

Children:--
Walter Lee Decker, B. Feb. 1, 1922, Spokane, Wash.
Mae " B. Sep. 19, 1924, " "
Leola Alice, B. October 1926, " "
Nancy Dean " B. " 1933, " "

Walter Lee Decker, M. and went to World War 1.
Mae and Leola both married but I couldn't get their names
They both had a child, also Walter had a child and a wife.

Josephine Marie Decker, M. Albert Stedman, Spokane, Dec. 12, 1911
Said Stedman was B. Mar. 17, 1869, Charlotte, Mich. D. Aug. 9, 1926

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Peter Decker Family of New York State. Continued

James Peter Decker, B. Jul. 3, 1852, Jamestown, N.Y. (1)
Wife, Addie Adell Frank, B. 1856, Busti, "
William Pickard, (2) D. 5-10'20, Jamestown, "

Child Born:-- Alice Decker, B. May 3, 1876, at Busti, N.Y.

Alice Decker, Married Charles Benson, B. Feb. 9, '72, Jamestown. (1)
Louis M. Powers, B. Jun 28, 1874 (Jun. 22, 1874) Panama. (2)
Charles Benson, (1) Died Jun. 5, 1924, Jamestown, N.Y.
Louis M. Powers (2) Married Jul. 12, 1926 " "

Children born to Charles Benson and Alice Decker:--
Dorothy Benson, B. Feb. 27, 1899, D. Jun. 29, 1931, Jamestown
Helen Lucille Benson, B. Feb. 10, 1912

Dorothy Benson, Married:--
Clarence Marsh (1) May 1, 1920, Jamestown, N.Y.
Clarence Marsh (2) Married again later

Children:--
Robert Benson Marsh, B. May 14, 1921
Baby Marsh, B. and D. in infancy.

Robert Benson Marsh, Married in State of Virginia
Nancy Ellen Taylor, B. Oct. 27, 1918

Helen Lucille Benson, Married:-- Apr. 12, 1930, Jamestown
Everett Carl Anderson, B. Mar. 5, 1910, Sweden.

Children:--
Marilyn Marie Anderson, B. Nov. 25, 1930, Jamestown, N.Y.
Wayne Everett Anderson, B. Sep. 23, 1932 " "

Clarence Marsh, Married (2) Florida woman

James Peter Decker may have been born in Ellery, instead of
Jamestown.
Electa Carpenter was Cousin Addie Decker's sister.
Will Pickard was a Cousin of James Peter Decker. Pickard
was a common name in N.Y. State, and there was a Pickardville.
Nettie Gay was a distant cousin.

BENJAMIN FISH FAMILY, of Providence, R.I.

(The following narrative is copied from old family letters and scraps of personal memoirs, contributed by different members of the family, and vouched for by Lena Decker Bell, Mrs. Harry Orville Bell, 13 19 Fisk Street, Grand Rapids, Mich in whose possession the letters remain)

Towards the close of the seventeenth century there came to our shores from Wales three brothers by the name of Fish. They drifted Northward from the port of entry, and finally settled at Providence, R.I. or on the soil in that vicinity, for they were farmers. In a few years they had small farms of their own, and wives from the emigrant population of the community, and they built small homes and raised families.

The youngest of the brothers was named Benjamin, and he married and raised a family of four children -- Asa, Levi, Eli and Benjamin. HIS youngest son, Benjamin, was born Sep. 29, 1694, and his son Benjamin was born about 1730.

Benjamin Fish the Third not so much is recorded of but Benjamin Fish the Fourth was my mother's grand-father, and was the one who bore arms during the Civil War, altho only a boy of about fifteen years of age he is recorded by Herbert O. Brigham, State Record Commissioner, of Providence R.I. in "the Military Census of 1777, whose records show that a Benjamin Fish appears as Private on roster of Minute Men, residence Tiverton, and received pay for twenty-four days service, Oct. 4, 1776." Also Benjamin Fish of Tiverton, served as Private, 1st Division, Capt. Cook's Co., Col. John Cook's Regt, Rhode Island Militia from July 24, to July 31st, 1778; also Private, same Co., Col. Nathan Miller's Regt, Rhode Island Militia, from Aug. 1st to Aug. 26, 1778" Also "Benjamin Fish served as Private, Capt. Martin's Co. Col. Christopher Lippitt's Regt. from Sept. 1776 to Jan. 18th, 1777". Also my great grand-father was supposed to have taken part in the celebrated "Boston Tea-party"

Benjamin Fish the Fourth was born Jan. 18th 1761 He lived also at Rutland, Vt., Hartford, Conn., Western New York, and later in Ohio. Then still later in Peru, Ind. where he died at the age of 87 years. He married Elizabeth Simmons in Providence, R.I., who was born in Conn. in 1776 and died in Machias, N.Y. in 1841.

My mother's brother, Delos Fish, spent a summer with his grand father in Peru, Ind. the summer before he died, and he told Delos many things about his early life and personal experiences which were intensely interesting to Delos, and threw considerable light on earlier events which had been unknown to the rest of the family. One thing Continued on second page. This was Revolutionary War, not Civil

BENJAMIN FISH Family, of Providence, R.I. 2nd page

(As given by Lena Decker Fish Bell, daughter of Harriet Fish Decker, Brother of Benjamin Fish the Fifth.) and Delos Fish)

Some of the relics of Revolutionary War days that Delos Fish mentioned were a four quart pail of Continental Money which of course was worthless, and an old bayonet which great grand-father used in the war and which he gave to my uncle Delos, and which was one of his dearest treasures. It has been told many times how he used to hunt woodchucks with it by running a stick into the bayonet, (jamming) chasing them into a hollow log and jamming the bayonet into them and twisting it around, dragging them out and killing and dressing them, and grand-mother would have meat for supper. He used to sleep with the bayonet under his pillow at night to prevent night-mare.

Benjamin Fish No.4 had two brothers -- Reuben and Horton-- and three sisters, Susan, Emily and ? Emily's husband Bowen was killed in the Rev.War. (He was also called Bunn) and was taken prisoner to Canada, and at some celebration there they all "Drank to the kings health" He was ordered to "drink to the kings health" , but instead he "Drank to the health of Washington and Damnation to the king" He got fifth lashes on his bare back, but said he thought it was worth it.

Grand-mother's uncle (Grand-mother Josephine Call Fish (Moon) owned North Hero Island in Lake Champlain. Hezekiah Howe,) Grand-mother's cousin Joseph Call was known as "the stoutest man living"; he lived in Bennington, Vt. Grand-mother had a brother, also named Joseph Call. Her mother was Louisa (or Lois) Evans, who had four children -- Milton, Joseph, Josephine and Louisa.

Benjamin Fish the 5th (Mother's brother) was born Apr.15th, 1847 in Levant, N.Y., and died December, 1841 in Webster, SoDak. He enlisted in Company B. Ninth New York Cavalry of Civil War, Dec.2nd, 1863. Was appointed Blacksmith Jan.21st, 1864. Transferred to Co.D. Oct. 28, 1864, and mustered out with his company , July 17th, 1865. He was with my father (Peter Lawrence Decker) all thru the war, and in same battles with my father. He was only 18 when he enlisted , but large of his age.

After their return to civilian life Peter Decker and his brother in law, Benjamin Fish, with the formers family and Fish's mother and sisters, trecked westward in search of Government land on which to found homes. They settled in Springfield Township, St Croix County , Wisconsin, where they lived many years. Later after Peter Decker's wife died, the Fish's moved to Webster, So.Dak., and Benj Fish married Mamie Prendergast, but had no children of his own, tho he raised and educated several of his wifes sisters children. He was a farmer, and was loved and revered by all.

BENJAMIN FISH FAMILY OF PROVIDENCE, R. I.

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Loren Fish was son of Benjamin Fish No.4, born 1805 and died 1851 at Machias, N.Y. He married in 1832 Josephine Call, who was born May 10th, 1812 in Machias, N.Y., and died Mar.6, 1891 in Webster, So.Dak.

Children:--

Delos Fish,	b.1832,	Jamestown,	N.Y,	d. 1925,	Genoa,	Neb.
Jane Fish,	b. ?	"	"	m. and m.to	Indiana	
May Fish,	b 1834	"	"	M. John Hunter.	Died	
Harriet Fish,	b.1836,	Machias,	"	M.P.L.Decker.	D.1876	
Delina Fish,	b.1838,	"	"	M.W.L.Spooner.	D. 1912	
Maria Fish,	b. 1840	"	"	D. 1863		
Benjamin No.5.	b.1843	"	"	D. 1942,	Webster,	S.D.

Delos Fish, M. Jerusha Fish of Akron, O.B.1832, D.1925

Children:--

Estelle,	b. Nov.16,	1860,	Waren,	Ill.	D.Jamestown,	Ind.1924
Ernest,	b. Nov.21,	1862,	"	"	D. 1940	
City,	b. Nov.15,	1864,	Elysian,	Minn.	Blessed with life	
Alice,	b. Mar.30,	1866,	"	"	D. 1918	
Merton,	b. Mar.2,	1870,	"	"	Living	
Bertie,	b. and D.	18772,	"	"		
Sister,	b. and D.	1874,	Culbertson,	Neb.		
Chalmer,	b.	1856,	Waren,	Ill.	Lived 6 yrs.	
Charlie,	b.	1854,	"	"	Lived 4 yrs.	

Alice Fish, Married Mart Irish, Genoa, Neb. 1902

Children:--

Robert Irish,	b.1904,	Niles,	Mich.	Has 2 Daus.
Ross Irish,	b.1906,			Has 2 Daus.
DeLoss Irish,	b.1910,			Has 3 Daus.

City Fish Married Joe Shall. Lives in West.

Children:--

James Shall,	b.	Lived 15	years.
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Merton Fish, Married.

Children:--

Chalmer Fish,	Lived 4	months.	Infantile Paralysis
Edward Fish,	b.1906.	Married.	Living.

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Children:--

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 Wife, Jerusha, 1834, Akron, Ohio, Genoa, Neb. 1912
 Estelle Fish, b. Nov. 16, 1860. D. Jamestown, Ind. 1924
 Ernest, b. Warren, Ill. Nov. 21, 1862, D. D. 1940
 City, b. Elysian, Minn. Nov. 15, 1868
 Alice, b. " " Mar. 30, 1870. D. 1918
 Merton, b. " " Mar. 2, 1870
 Bertie, b. " " 1874 D. 6 Mo. old
 Sister, b. Culbertson, Neb. but did not live
 Chalmer, b. Warren, Ill. 1856, Lived six years.
 Charlie, b. 1854, " four "

 Alice Fish, M. Mart Irish, at Genoa, Neb. in 1902

Children:--

Robert, b. 1904
 Ross, b. 1906
 DeLoss, b. 1910

 City Fish married Joe Shall. Still alive.

James Shall, only child, lived to be 15 years of age.

Robert Irish, lives at Niles, Mich. Has 2 girls.

Ross Irish, has 2 girls.

DeLoss Irish has 3 girls.-----

Merton Fish had 2 boys, Chalmer D. four months, Infantile Par.

Edward Fish, B. 1906, Married.

 Jane Fish, M. widower with 3 Ch. 2 Girls and a boy. They lived in Indiana. Children grew up and married. They had two girls of their own. Husband died. Moved to Bro Benjamins

 Children:--

May Nixon, B. Jun. 11, 1872, Webster, S. Dak. D. St Paul, Dec.
 Maud Nixon Williams, b. Sep. 6, 1874, Both b. in Indiana

Contributed by Lena Decker Bell (Mrs, Harry Orville)
1319 Fisk Street S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan

Benjamin Fish Family of Providence, R.I. Continued

May Josie Nixon, Married George Orin Bailey of Webster, S.Dak.

Children:--

Inez May Bailey, B. Jun. 18, 1893, St Paul, Minn.		
Irene Marion Bailey, Jul. 23, 1895	"	"
Lucille Olive Bailey, Oct. 5, 1897	"	"
Walter Nixon Bailey, Aug. 1, 1902	"	"
George Robert Bailey, Jul. 30, 1905	"	"
Burdette James Bailey, Apr. 20, 1909	"	"

 Inez May Bailey, Married and child Hazel May was born.
 Irene Marion Bailey, " " " Phyllis Lucile "
 All of the children except Walter married, and all live in St Paul
 Am sorry, but May forgot to list the husbands names, also wives.

Maud Ann Nixon, B. Sep. 6, 1874, Indiana. Married :--
 Roy Felton Williams, Married July 29, 1903, St Paul, Minn.

Children:--

Beulah May Williams, B. May 4, 1904,	"	"
Donald Felton Williams, February, 1908	"	"
Jane Nixon Williams, Feb. 13, 1913	"	"

 Jane Nixon Williams married.
 Donald Felton Williams, was in World War 2
 George Robert Bailey, married and has a child.
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Jane Fish (Nixon -) Married John Prendergast of Webster, S.Dak.
 1885-6. Children of John Prendergast were, Mamie (who married
 Benjamin Fish, brother of Jane Fish Nixon) Nellie, Lulu,
 Margaret and John Jr. She was a marvelous mother to those
 children and John was a fine husband and father to Jane Fish's
 two fatherless girls (May Josie Nixon, and Maud Ann Nixon)

Contributed by
Miss Muriel F. Link,
60 Brown St. S.W.
Grand Rapids, Mich.

(Copied from a family record (typewritten) in possession of
F. LeRoy Sheets, 163 Wallinwood Ave. N.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.
by Muriel F. Link, July 16, 1945)

Parents:-- Peter Gokey ----- B. Feb. 3, 1817, D. Sep. 13 '75
Terresa Farris ----- B. Jun. 12, 1818 D. Jun. 23 '74

Children:-- Married ----- Oct. 13, '39

Lewis Gokey	-----	July 27, 1840
Fanny	-----	Dec. 29, 1841
Henry	- - -	Jun. 25, 1843
Ezra	-----	Dec. 25, 1845
Mary	-----	Nov. 28, 1847
William	-----	Oct. 27, 1848
John	-----	Mar. 13, 1850
Charles	-----	Mar. 29, 1851
Sidney	-----	July 3, 1852
Sarah A.	-----	Sept 16, 1855
Caroline E.	-----	Dec. 20, 1857
Flora A.	-----	Aug. 26, 1859

Deaths:-- Mary ----- Jun. 3, 1865
Lewis ----- Feb. 5, 1866
Henry ----- May 9, 1875 at Rock Ridge, Col.
William Gokey & Allie A Smith, April 22, 1877

Personal information given me by F. LeRoy Sheets, who is son of
Sarah Ann Gokey Sheets (Mrs. Abner L.)

Typewritten record believed to have been made by Mrs. Helen Crater
of Jackson, Mich. daughter of Caroline E. Gokey McHenry --
(Mrs. Philip) Mrs. Peter Vollema, grand daughter of Mary
Gokey says name not Farris, but Jarves. (Terressa's name)
Terressa came from a family of lacemakers in northern France
near Belgium border. She left home when 18 years old and
came to America, where she met and married Peter Gokey.
He worked on a boat between Europe and Quebec. They went to
New York, then came to Turner Jct. Ill, now known as West Chgo
Then they bought 300 acres near Moline, Mich. Most of the
family buried in North Dorr cemetery. With exceptions: Henry
in Greenwood, Grand Rapids; Sarah in Sand Lake; Caroline in
Kalamazoo, and Flora in Long Beach, Cal.

Continued, Gokey Family record, by Muriel F.Link

Henry Gokey married ,(first wife not known)
Second wife, Bertha Schuette.

Mary Gokey married, 1st Hiram Cooley,
2nd Alonzo Kellogg

Sarah Gokey married Abner L.Sheets

Caroline E.Gokey married Philip McHenry

Flora A.Gokey married Thomas Graham

Infant son of Abner L. Sarah Sheets died May 1st, 1880
Infant daughter died March 10th, 1892, age nine months and
18 days.

F.LeRoy Sheets was born July 23, 1882 at Sand Lake, Mich.

Mrs. Arthur Kirkpatrick,
 Present Address, Stone Hills, Bridge St., N.W.
 Grand Rapids, Michigan

News Items of Early Grand Rapids. Year 1853

"A boiler for the Steamer "Michigan" was drawn to the city from Kalamazoo by five pairs of horses, arriving here Feb. 7th, 1853."

"March 8th a stick of timber 100 feet long, and a little over three feet in diameter at the butt, and sixteen inches at the tip was drawn down Monroe Street by ten yokes of oxen. This was intended for the main mast of a lake vessel"

"On March 22nd the Steamer "Michigan" was launched. It burned Jul. 11th

"That same year the first large steam saw mill was built by Powers and Ball; Previously a small saw mill operated by water power was located on Indian Hill Creek, in the Northern part of the town, where was sawed lumber for the first houses and buildings in Grand Rapids, also the lumber for the Baptist Mission building had been cut on this Creek"

In the year 1859.

"Large quantities of Land Plaster were sent out over the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad, in February, 1859"

"In the Spring of the year it was notable as the first time in the memory of white men, when there were no Indian Fishermen about the Rapids or on the Island. Not a wigwam or tent or camp-fire of the noble Red Men was seen here. The Indian Sturgeon trade was ended"

"In this year street improvements began, as new grade lines for Ottawa, Pearl and Canal streets were surveyed."

"Wolves and wildcats were plentiful, and a bounty of thirty dollars for full grown wolves, and ten dollars for the killing of four full grown wildcats"

Mrs. Arthur Kirkpatrick,
Present Address, Stone Hills, Bridge St. N.W.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1858.

"The first telegraphic communication here, was with Detroit, over the line of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad Company, when the following correspondence was exchanged.

"Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 14th, 1858

To the Honorable, The Mayor of the City of Detroit.
The Valley City shakes hands with the City of Detroit, and while nations rejoice at the successful laying of the Atlantic Telegrap we may be permitted to congratulate each other that distant parts are joined together by the misterious agent which makes all nations and mankind a brotherhood. Peace and Prosperity to the City of Detroit, and may her noble hearted citizens ever enjoy the blessings of civil and religious liberty.

G.M. McCray, Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids"

And the Reply from the Mayor of Detroit.

Detroit, Michigan, Sept. 14th, 1858

"To the Honorable, The Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The City of Detroit heartily responds to the friendly sentiment of the Valley City, and rejoices with her that science and art are combining to diffuse the blessings of civil and religious liberty throughout the world, and are by the Railroads and Telegraph bringing us into closer union with our Sister Cities, and identifying our interests and cementing our friendships.

John Patton, Mayor of the City of Detroit"

SAMUEL HOPKINS, and MARY LUTHER and their descendants. Page 1

Contributed by Anna Kent Winsemius (Mrs Harry) 1217 Underwood Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

"This pamphlet is prepared for the historical value it contains and for the pleasure of the descendants of Samuel Hopkins and his wife, Mary Luther, many of whom have helped me in collecting the data. Copies were sent to all relatives with request that any corrections or additions be made that were that advisable to make it as complete and authentic as possible. In later years I mean to place copies of this genealogy in the libraries of Bozeman and Portage. "

"I am especially grateful to the following for their help in collecting all this history.

To Inez Palmer Chamberlain for most of the genealogical information.

To Pearl Curtis Teeter for several stories and connecting links.

To Ellen Curtis Melton for the Indian story, and the picture of Irvin Hopkins.

To Jennie Curtis Kamp for several stories that appear in her name.

To my father, Layton Kent, and his sisters Maisie and Ethel for pictures, letters and a diary.

To Nancy Washburn Nason, Florence, Rogers, Charlotte Hopkins David for helpful answers to my many questions."

Page 2. Hopkins Family. Samuel Hopkins, Mary Luther et al

Contributed by Anna Kent Winsemius, 1217 Underwood, Grand Rapids

Below is given a brief resume of some of the early American families whose blood came to us thru Mary Luther and her husband Samuel Hopkins.

1. Roger Williams was boorn, probably in London in 1599.D.1683 He was a great religious leader; founder of Rhode Island and its first governor; author of its colonial constitution, much of which is unaltered today; linguist of note; Missionary to the Indians, and his influence over them was once respon- sible for the salvation of all the early colonies; personal friend of the poet Milton.

2. Mary Williams Sayles, Born August, 1633

3. Deborah Sayles Carr (B.probably Oct 7, 16 83 ?) her husband Caleb Carr was a son of Caleb Carr, Sr. born 1624 and emigrated in 1635. Governor of Rhode Island in 1695.

4. Mercy Carr, born Oct 7th, 1683, married Esek Browne, who was a grand-son of Chad Browne, who arrived in Boston in 1638, "was one of the original proprietors of Providence purchase having been exiled from Massachusetts for conscience Sake" Quotation from inscription on his tombstone. First ordained minister of the first Baptist Church in America. Was a co-worker and councilor of Roger Williams. Esek Browne was a grandson of Robert Carr, brother of Caleb mentioned above , so that we possess two strains of the same blood in our veins .

5. Esek Browne, B.August 13, 1712.

6. Lydia Browne, B.June 17, 1760, M.Jabez Luther. The Luther family was brot to this country by Capt.John Luther in 1635. He bot 90 acres from the Indians for a peck of white beans. In 1664 he was killed by the Indians , when trading in his boat near New Jersey. His son Samuel was a minister in Swansea, Mass. The American family is of the same German stock as the immortal Martin Luther, according to family tradition, tracing direct from his brother Johannes (John) Henry Luther, both of whom were born in Eisleben, Germany. John's decendants went first to Hadland (Holland) and later to England, where they became wealthy, and from there came Capt.John Luther to America in 1635.

7. Mary Luther, B.August 26, 1782, M.Samuel Hopkins

HOPKINS FAMILY. Letter from George on a ranch in the Mts.

Contributed by Anna Kent Winsemius, Grand Rapids, Mich.
These letters are now in the possession of Maisie Kent Erwin
of Bozeman, Montana.

November 4th, 1868. Up in Mountains.

Kind and Affectionate Sister Mattie:--

**** We are having
a fine fall up in the mountains; I have been to work by
the month ever since I came to this country, until last
Tuesday. We have bot a ranch or farm; when I said we
I meant Irvin, a young man by the name of John Kennedy and
myself, and if I make enuf to be worthwhile I shall come back
in 1870; but the times are very dull-- the country may all
bust up in less than a year; if it does I shall leave this
place, but there is a prospect that the times may advance
If so I shall remain here for some years to come.

Nov. 10th. It is a bright and clear day, the sun is so
bright you could scarsely see me out of doors if you were
here. The sun shines so bright and the mountains and vallevs
are all the same glistening snow. It snowed the sixth and
seventh and Sunday it was so cold the frost decended like
snow all day, although it was as clear as a bell.

Father is to work by the month on a dairy ranch.
He gets fifty dollars in greenbacks per month. Jack is up
in the mountains hunting bears; he has killed two. There is
no news but we expect to have some in a few days, about the
election of the president. The men in this country are
most all rebels and democrats.

Have written one letter to mother, and have received
one in return. You asked why mother came back
Do not sell your house and lot.

The following letter is unusually interesting because
it gives us a word picture of our ancestress about her daily
tasks sixty-two years ago, written in Gallatin Valley, Mon.
near what is now Manhattan.

Thursday Feb. 3rd. 1870

Dear Mattie:--

Mother is going to write to you every day for
one week of what we are doing everyday. It is a pleasant
morning; your father has gone to the post-office to carry
a letter I wrote to you, and one for George to Nancie.
George and Irvin have gone up tp Rob's place to see Jack
and Bill. I am all alone; have got my work done up. I have
some water on heating to wash my floors; while it is heating
I am writing to you. I have just made ten gallons of good
soap . Oh hard I wish you were here-- it is so hard to wait.
I have been washing Susie's feather- bed ticks so they will
be clean when she gets home. I wish you were here to help

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HOPKINS FAMILY. A bright picture of home life in the Mts.P.2

Written by Mother at George's ranch, to Mattie Hopkins Kent
Submitted by Anna Kent Winsemius, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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I want you to help me make my new calico dress.
(Mattie I have got you a new calico dress, too, but you need not tell the girls. It is very pretty)
Well my water is hot; I want to get the floors done before our folks get home. There the floors are washed; now I can sit down and smoke my pipe and rest and read a story in one of Harper's Weeklies, then I must starch and iron a fine shirt for Jack and some collars for myself. Now Father has come and I will get dinner; I have chicken for dinner and biscuit, coffee, sugar and cream (butter for the biscuit) The boys have not come yet.

It is night; I went and fed my chickens, and killed six roosters and dressed them. Now the boys have come home and are tearing around. Supper is over and my work is done They have all gone to bed and are snoreing, so I will say good-night. Friday. Good morning my daughter; we are all well and stirring aroundas lively as bees. It is a beautiful morning; this is mail day. Your father and both of your brothers have gone to the post-office for the mail. We have had no letters from you for two weeks; are so anxious about you and Etta. We do not know anything that you or Etta wrote. All he told us was that Etta wanted to come out here. He said that Mattie talked of coming out here some time. Now Mattie I was so afraid you had concluded not to come that it made me sick all the week. Oh dear me whet shall I do if you do not come. Later; letters received from both you and Ettie What shall I say to you , our sister, that we all want you to come and live with us as long as you live. Let nothing hinder your coming my child; if you haven't money enuf to come, write Mattie how I do want you and Ettie to come to Montana. Write when you start so that we will know about when to look for you.

Saturday;-- Good morning Mattie; Itis a warm pleasant morning here, not any snow. I have my work done up and am cooking some chickens for dinner. We have a visitor this morning: He is Jackson A.Curtis. He is looking for a draft he has sent to Helena and expects it today, and will send to Etta to come on the stage. Jack and the boys are playing ucer; father has gone to Mr.Thorps to see him about work for next summer. Must stop and make some biscuits for dinner. Jack and your brothers are having a great talk about going south to Arkansas next fall to kill wild hogs and wild turkeys but do not think they will go; they may go to California if they leave the mountains. Continued.

HOPKINS FAMILY. Continued. Day by day letter to Mattie Hopkins (Sines) Kent. Life on a ranch. Page 3

Contributed by Anna Kent Winsemius, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mattie, it is evening. Father is home and we have the chores done. George and Irvin have gone to the school house tonight to a writing school. It is ten o'clock; the boys are home. They said when they had finished writing they had a debate, then came home.

Sunday morning:-- It is the most beautiful winter weather we ever saw in any country we ever lived in since I can remember. Bill came down today; brot some sacks for me to wash and mend. I did it. He staid until after dinner ; I got them ready and he took them home. George went home with him. Irvin sits here by the table writing. I have done two churnings today; I am tired. My hand trembles. Father has just

come in with some eggs. Will write again tomorrow.

Mattie: I have just finished washing. Father is chopping some wood to haul to the house. Irvin has gone out hunting. George has gone over to the store to get some sugar. I have some pork boiling for dinner. The end of the week as recorded.

Povnette, Wisconsin, August 13th, 1885

A copy of a letter written by George Clarke Hopkins Sr. in his seventy-fourth year. He died in 1886.)

My dear children and grand children, and all the rest that want to hear from me.

My health is good at present, tho I am very lame in back and knees, and some times hard work to breathe. Rob's folks are well. Rob has got done cutting grain and has gone to stacking. Grace and Pearl are going to school. May and June was dry and warm; July was hot and wet. It was hard time to cut grain; Rob's winter wheat has grown in the shock. William Keefer's father died the last of June. It is cool today and pleasant.

I am going to Madison the first of September to the State Fair, and from there to Iowa, and cannot tell what I will do then; it may be that I will come home this fall. I want you to write to me so that I can get a letter before I leave Rob's.

I remain your father and friend, G.C.Hophins

Contributed by Mrs. Harry T. Winsemius (Anna Thompson Kent)
1217 Underwood Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Letter from George Clarke Hopkins (1849) to his Sister Martha.
Council Bluffs, -----

Dear Mattie:--

This is a dark gloomy day, the sky is overspread with thick heavy clouds that entirely shut out the sun and make everything a bout camp da rk a nd dull.

We had quite a storm last night; it commenced yesterday at tw o o'clock and rained until seven this morning. I and Sanford laid out and stemmed the storm but we thought it was long

We arrived here on the ? a nd wa s very much dissapoint-
ed to receive no friendly missives from either you or Libbie,
or a ny body else for that matter, but then I try to think that
you have writt en a nd the letters have misca rried. Sometimes
I think that you have forgotten me entirely, for you know that I
a m very ea sily discouraged when I don't receive any letters.

Sanford received a letter from his brother Charles when we go
here, but he didn't write much news. He said that Mrs. Scofield
wa s dead and Judd had taken his pla ce and gone to keeping
house, and he said that Burnett was visiting. That was all the
news except that they had turned Ed out of the lodge. I wanted a
letter so that I could have some news, but I just happened to
t hink that you had not thought of me for so long that you forgot
my na me. There is no use my asking you any questions, for I
never expect to hea r from you again, but if you should direct
letter to Virginia City, Montana, and I will get it if I ever
get there. There is a report that the Indians are a goin' to
butcher everybody this summer on the plains, but I have not the
lea st fear of being butchered by the inhuman red man.

We are camped twenty-five miles East of DesMoines, and we
expect to reach the Bluffs in nine or ten days if we have good
wea ther to travel. The report is that the Indians is aa goin to
be very bad this summer on the plains. We don't know if we can g
get through a t aall. I ca n't tell you where to direct as I do
not know which way we shall go, but I am looking for a great
qua ntity o f letters at the Bluffs. I wrote to Henrietta and
wa s going t o write one to Libbie, but it is getting so cold
t ha t I will do well if I finish this. Give my respects to all
of my many friends. Love to Libbie. Bro. George to Martha Sines

Note. Apparently the author of the above letter never got over
his fondness for camping out. In 1912 he moved from the Gallatin
Valley to Hardin- a new community -in the Eastern part of the
sta te. He shipped his household goods and machinery, but he
and his wife, Emma McGraw came through with a small buggy and
two horses, and enjoyed the trip very much. It is comforting to
me to know of his ha ppy life with his wife, after reading in
these letters the record of his early loneliness. As a 12 to 14
yea r old girl I wa s frequently in their home and it was a most
ha ppy place for a child to be. Uncle George could not even bring
in a load of ha y without taking "Em." along. Their companion-
ship was beautiful. He was one of the handsomest men I have
ever seen- Tall, erect and he moved among people with dignity.

Contributed by Mrs/Harry T.Winsemius, (Anna Thompson Kent)
1217 Underwood Ave, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Letter from George Clarke Hopkins (1849) to his sister Martha.
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To continue,

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"Perhaps I am prejudiced in his favor and admired him so greatly because he was so good to me. I felt very much at ease on his big knees and maybe he the fonder of me and my brothers because he had no children of his own. We only lived a couple of miles away, and it was such a treat to stay all night with Uncle George and Aunt Em.

He died in April 1914, and lies buried in the southwest corner of the Hardin Cemetery. The Cemetery was practically unoccupied at the time of his death, and he was placed in the grave closest to the home he had loved so well on the hill above the Cemetery.

It is written with considerable emotion!"

Anna Kent Winsemius

Contributed by Mrs. Anna Thompson Kent (Mrs. Harry T. Winsemius)
1217 Underwood Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

(Copy of a letter written by George Hopkins Sr. and wife Eliza Ann Salisbury, who with their two sons George Clarke and Irwin were travelling overland from Pownette, Wisconsin to Bozeman, Montana, when George Clarke Jr. was nineteen years of age. The original for this and the other letters of this period were preserved by Martha (referred to as Mattie and later as Matt) Emma Hopkins (Sines) Kent and are now in the possession of her daughter Maisie Kent Erwin of Bozeman, Mont.) A.T.K.W.

(Des Moines, April the 12th, 1868

Sister Mattie:--

It is as warm as a summer day. There is soft fleecy clouds sailing over head and around on the edge of the horizon there is thick black clouds that appear no design except to stay where they are. The weather is far different from what it was last night. I will have to give you a description of it. We camped last night about four o'clock and the weather was very sultry. Very soon the atmosphere changed thick masses of dark clouds came rolling up and shut out the rays of the sun, making everything look dark and foreboding. Soon there was vivid flashes of lightning and then came the heavy peals of thunder that shook the earth to its very foundations. We expected a very heavy shower but the most of it passed around but about nine o'clock it commenced in good earnest. I awoke at eleven o'clock and found the water about two inches or more under me (and just then Jack's voice rung out clear and strong, "lay still boys if it don't run over you" and we did lay still until we came near floating off and Irwin crawled out and light a fire and I and Sanford "clum" out after and it was raining a torrent. We sat up until morning and kept a good camp fire which was no short time, and towards morning the rain turned into a snow storm. We hitched up in the morning and moved out of the wind for it blowed a gale all night. (But I like camping out you know) There is one thing I will acknowledge and that is that I would rather have been down where my sister Martha lives talking to her or to somebody else, you know who, than sleeping with the fast falling rain for a covering. But then I enjoyed myself last night seeing the others shivering over the fire although I was a little chilly myself. This is Saturday and we are camped on what is called the Little Papillon. It is a small creek eight miles from Omaha City in Nebraska. We crossed the great Missouri River we had a grand time. I enquired for letters this morning but had not the satisfaction of procuring any. We received more telegrams that the Indians is quite bad in the plains. We expect to travel Sunday and start on the plains Monday morning, just four weeks from the time that we started. We have had remarkable good luck. I don't find much time to write. Will do better when we get to the Rocky Mountains. We don't expect to hear from you until we get to Gallatin Valley in Montana, but will endeavor to write you again before we get entirely out of civilization. From your brother George.

Letter from George Clarke Hopkins to his sister Martha Hopkins (Sines) Kent.

Contributed by Anna Kent Winsemius, 1217 Underwood Avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Des Moines, April the 12th, 1868

"Dear Sister:--

It is as warm as a summers day. There is soft fleecy clouds slowly sailing overhead, and around on the edge of the horizon there is thick black clouds that appear no design except to stay where they are. The weather is far different than what it was last night. I will have to give you a description of it. We camped last night at about four o'clock and the weather was very sultry. Very soon the atmosphere changed, thick masses of dark clouds came rolling up and shut out the rays of the sun, making everything dark and foreboding. Soon there was vivid flashes of lightning, and then came the heavy peals of thunder that shook the earth to its very foundations. We expected a heavy shower but the most of it passed around, but about nine o'clock it commenced in good earnest. I awoke at eleven o'clock and found the water about two inches or more under me (and just then Jack's voice rang out clear and strong. "Lay still boys if it don't run over you") and we did lay still until we came near floating off, and Irving crawled out and lit a fire, and I and Sanford "clum" out after it was raining a torrent. We sat up until morning and kept a good camp fire which was no short time, and towards morning the rain turned into a snow storm. We hitched up in the morning and drove out of the wind for it blowed a gale all night. (But I like camping out, you know). There is one thing that I will acknowledge and that is that I would much rather have been down where my sister Mollie (Martha) lives, talking to her or to some one else, you know who, than sleeping with the fast falling rain for a covering. But then I enjoyed myself last night seeing the others shiver over the fire, altho I was a little chilly myself.

This is Saturday and we are camped on what is called the Little Papillon. It is a small creek eight miles from Omaha City, Nebraska. We crossed the great Missouri River; we had a grand time. I enquired for letters this morning but had not the satisfaction of procuring any. We received more telegrams that the Indians is quite bad in the plains. We expect to travel Sunday and start on the plains Monday morning, just four weeks from the time we started.
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Page 2. Letter from George Clarke Hopkins to his sister Martha Hopkins (Sines) Kent. Valuable for its historical data, and interesting as trials and tribulations of pioneer days in the West. Continued.

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Continued. "We have had remarkable good luck. I don't find much time to write. I shall try to do better when we get to the Rocky Mountains. We do not expect to hear from you until we get to the Valley of Galletin in Mont. but shall endeavor to write you one or two letters before we get entirely out of civilization. . . . Supper is ready now and I shall have to stop so ***** until you hear from me again.

Note by A.T.K.W.

It was the custom to end their letters by saying "from such a one to another" The above letter was written when George Clarke Hopkins Jr. was nineteen years old. The original for this letter and the other letters from this period were preserved by Martha (referred to as Mattie, and later as Matt) Emma Hopkins Sines Kent, and are now in the possession of her daughter Maisie Kent Erwin of Bozeman, Montana. She very kindly loaned them to me to copy for this manuscript.

HOPKINS FAMILY. "A GOLD*SEEKING EXPEDITION IN THE (P.
BIG HORN REGION THAT FAILED;

HOSTILE INDIANS WERE ON WARPATH.

By "Mon Tana Lou " Grill. True Experiences.

Contributed by Anna Kent Winsemius (Mrs. Harry J.W.)

Meeting at Ed Quinn's cabin near Bozeman on Feb. 11, 1874, an expedition was formed for the purpose of prospecting for gold on the Rosebud River, east in the old Custer county of Montana territory. The expedition was made up of two parties, one of which had been formed through the influence of J.L. Vernon, and the other organized in Bozeman to open the lower country for settlement. Vernon who had been with Gen. Stanley up the Yellowstone River, in the summer of 1873, claimed he had found gold in paying quantities on the Rosebud River. Frank Grounds was elected captain at the Quinn cabin meeting. William Wright was elected lieutenant, and E.B. Way adjutant. Many Indian fighters and trappers were) from the Yellowstone valley and adventurous men hailing from the western section and other parts of the territory composed a part of the 149 men that composed the personnel of the expedition. William Cameron, who had been in the artillery service in the civil war, was placed in charge of the old Big Horn gun and 12 pound howitzer. Twenty/two wagons carried the baggage and provisions.

Two days later the expedition moved eastward along the north side of the Yellowstone river. Owing to poor grazing conditions the expedition averaged about ten miles a day on their march. Vernon, who had been instrumental in influencing the action taken, had advanced with a small party ahead of the expedition. Arriving at Pompey's Pillar he turned back and met the marchers near Canyon creek, when he proceeded with them until camp was made at the site of the Pillar. Realizing that he could not make good on his representation, Vernon with a companion left the party, reaching a point near Fort Buford he quarreled with his companion, cut him badly with a knife and then disappeared.

Reaching the mouth of the Porcupine on March 20th the expedition crossed the Yellowstone river on the ice. Remaining in camp below the mouth of the Porcupine for four or five days, a party of 12 men who had gone on a prospecting trip, returned on the 20th and reported they found no evidence of gold. Continued on Page 7

HOPKINS FAMILY. Story "Gold-seeking in Big Horn Region"

Contributed by Anna Kent Wensemius, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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"Discovering an old Indian trail the expedition moved on in an easterly direction leading to the Rosebud. When within about eight miles of that stream Bill Hineman and Charles Dryan, who had gone on ahead on a hunting trip, came rushing back to the expedition with 17 Sioux Indians at their heels, stripped down for a battle. The pursuing reds swerved from their course when they saw the party, ran up on a hill, while the advancing party from the train dashed ahead discovering the cache of the Indians, and brot back their robes, blankets, moccasins and dried beef.

The expedition had reached the edge of the great Indian country; It was a part of their great hunting grounds. Buffalo abounded. The intrusion of the white men was resented. Succeeding events brot with them constant contact with the warring savages. Shortly after this first encounter George Herendeen, about 50 yards in the rear of the march, saw an Indian running in the timber. Firing at him he cried "Indians". The expedition formed into two parties one of which would fire rapidly while the other would retreat, prepare for an attack and cover the retreat of the other. After the Indians had withdrawn to cover, one of the party-Bostwick by name, a picket, contacted the savages who made signs that they wished to talk with him. Ambushed, he fired and spurred and spurred his horse at full speed. He was shot four times; Jack Bean saved his life by wounding and attacking Indian who was drawing an arrow on him. Jack Yates then joined Bean when they withstood the attack while Bostwick was carried back to camp.

Each night the wagons were drawn together in the form of an oval. One night the corral was too small and the oxen were herded outside. A prowling Indian was shot by Dick Robinson. Later the Indians charged in, but dawn found the camp intact.

Traveling for a distance of about ten miles the expedition made camp at a place where the terrain begins to slope towards Rosebud. Three men scouted out for the camp each morning before the stock were turned out to graze. They were Stewart Buchanan, Harry Wilson and Yank Everts. From their observations the scouts gave it as their opinion that, as the Indian party had divided, one going up and the other down the Rosebud, fighting on a larger scale would follow when the main body of the Indians were informed of the situation. The expedition made ready to receive them.

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"The expedition crossed the Rosebud and camped about 400 yards beyond. A fresh Indian trail was discovered. Even the dead-heads and coffee coolers turned in and dug rifle pits with the display of much energy. As dusk came groups of Indians could be seen in dim outline in every direction. At 11 o'clock they began to hoot like owls. A flock of geese flew over their heads when they changed their tune, making hideous noises trying to imitate them. Two hours later three dogs went out barking at the intruders (attackers). One came back with an arrow through his body. Evidences found at day-light indicated that two of them had been eaten.

At this juncture a peculiarity appears in Indian fighting of which little mention is made in the narratives of savage warfare. Out of the darkness of the night the expedition heard an Indian declaiming. Then he stopped a bell tinkled, which was followed by a fusillade of bullets and then everything became quiet. This procedure was followed at intervals for two hours, always preceded by the tinkling of the bell. A rifle pit at the edge of the bench had been vacated and was occupied by an Indian. He was engaged in shooting at the horses. The rifle men could not dislodge him. Cameron was called upon to try the old Big Horn. Cutting a fuse short on a shell and depressing the pieces, he fired. The offending Indian was blown into bits. As the morning broke the Indians were found to be occupying a vantage point in an ash grove which Cameron silenced with a couple of shots of canister.

A steady firing was coming in from a coulee. A charging party was formed. Divided into three parts it advanced under the protection of the artillery, and succeeded in driving the Sioux from their shelter, and who dropped their rifles in their flight. Two crippled Indians were shot by another small party as it dashed into the bluffs on the other side of the corral. It was not ascertained what the casualties were among the Indians, but nine were left dead in the coulee. These were scalped. Twenty-three horses eight guns, some buffalo robes, blankets, moccasins, dried meats and pemican were captured. The expedition lost 21 horses. Tom Woodward, the only man touched by the Indian bullet, had been shot through the wrist.

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As the Indians withdrew the expedition moved on. A large head of Elk was sighted and believed at first to be Indians. When camp was made on a flat a half mile from the stream, the attempt to drive the stock to water was frustrated by the Indians who dashed out from the hills. The body of Yates was brought into camp and during the night was buried near a rifle pit.

A story gained currency that gold could be found on Goose creek, a tributary of the Tongue river. The expedition was divided upon the proposition of going to Goose creek. The majority decided to do so, while the minority argued that the Indians outnumbered them ten to one (10 to 1) and that any further advances into the Indian country would mean the death of all. The entire party decided then to retrace their steps to the settlements.

A short march was made to the Big Horn where camp was pitched on a fork of the Grass Lodge creek. As the pickets went out they were attacked by a large force of Indians. They came in safety and warned the camp. An Indian, coming out of the attacking party, made signs he wished to talk. Bill Hamilton, protected by a small party, conferred with the Indians who was disposed of with a volley of shots. That evening the guards were doubled.

When the expedition crossed the Grass Lodge creek, the field pieces were placed on a point to command the ford while the wagons were rushed over. Above the ford a thick grove of cotton-wood trees were discovered to harbor a large body of Indians, the train keeping away from it as far as possible. Before departing from the camp, however, some men in the expedition knowing that the Indians, if they came across the grave of Yates, would dig up the body, made an imitation grave in which they deposited their last shell. Lanyards were fastened to the cap. A wagon, bolts, and some chains were also placed and a head-board planted. Subsequently it was ascertained that the curiosity of some Indians, on the testimony of an Cheyenne who had been in the fighting, had cost the life of one Indian, and six, including two squaws, were wounded.

The train moved forward with a little body of men on each flank and an advance and rear guard. Several hundred Cheyennes, fresh from their agency, had joined the Uncapapa Sioux and made their boasts they would ride over the train.

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Believing that the Indians would attack again, the expedition remained for a day. A rifle pit was dug across the coulee in which 30 men were stationed for the night. Traveling a distance of nine miles the next day the expedition came to the Three Forks of the Rosebud. Indians had been seen in the hills and preparations were made for another battle. None followed. The expedition moved up a fork of the stream to the fork of the divide between the Rosebud and the Little Big Horn where three buffalo were killed. MAKING A DISTANCE OF TEN MILES THE NEXT DAY? THE EXPEDITION CAMPED on the fork of the Little Big Horn. In the evening what appeared to be two wolves were sighted, but well directed shots brot them upstanding and they rushed away on two feet.

At sun rise on the following morning a picked sound- ed the alarm of Indians. The guards and pickets ran in. Three columns of Sioux, each about 200 strong, appeared in sight. The two pieces of artillery were brot into play. Men came to protect the stock. The reception was so warm that the attacking party returned to the protection of the hills, from which point they fired slowly at the camp. Jack Yates was shot thru the heart when he went to - went out to - scalp an Indian Jack Bean had shot during the melee, after which Captain Grounds ordered all to come in and await events.

Making a short run down a gulch 12 Indians took possession of a gulch that commanded a corral. A charging party was formed at once. The attention of the Indians was distracted by firing from the camp as the party approached the hill. After a short rest the charge was made, when the Indians fled panic stricken. The fighting savages endeavored to protect one of their warriors who had lingered behind, wearing a fine war-bonnet and riding a spirited black saddle horse. He was hit in the head by a bullet, but the body became entangled in the lariat. Coveting the horse John Anderson sprang forward to get it, but was frustrated by a heavy fire from the hills. Lying down in a buffalo-wallow he waited his time, but saw the Indian getting up. Anderson drew his knife, made a run and beat the Indian, who being dazed was trying to get his gun into position to shoot, and gashed him in the body.

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Arriving opposite the grove the Cheyennes came out in line. They each wore a white shirt; they came charging. The flanks and rear guard came in with the exception of five men. Sweeney had a jammed shell, and was forced to retire. The remaining four would drop on one knee, fire, jump up, run a few steps towards the Cheyennes, drop and fire again with such audacity that the Indians swung around to the left in front of the train. The names of these four men are preserved and are Nell Gillis, Irving Hopkins, Ton Rea and "French" Pete.

The Indians, occupying a coulee about 250 yards in the rear of the train, poured in a galling fire. A force of 40 men charged it and the Indians fled, one Sioux being killed. This charge ended the battle. The Indians were seen riding back to the camp where the last shell had been buried. Jack Bean performed another feat that stands out in relief against the background of the engagement. Two Indians came out on a point near the old camp. Taking a rest one of them fired at the train, the bullet striking the ground under a horse in the corral. Bean returned the fire, using a long range rifle, a 120 grain Sharp's, and one of the Indians dropped dead. The distance was declared to be nearly a mile. That was the last shot fired in Indian warfare by the expedition.

Reaching Beauvais creek, a party of Crows greeted the expedition and made a gala night of it at the sight of the Sioux scalps and other trophies in possession of the expedition.

Reaching the Yellowstone River the expedition disbanded. It had been a complete failure as far as the discovery of gold was concerned. Credit was given to Captain Grounds for the manner in which he commanded the expedition bringing it thru without the loss of a man, with the exception of Yates. The experiences encountered were but the fore runners of that sanguinary conflict fought on the banks of the Little Big Horn two years later when General George A. Custer and his gallant men went down into the grim valley of death at the hands of a determined confederation of the Sioux and Cheyennes, but who later under the expeditions conducted by General Nelson A. Miles from Fort Keogh at the mouth of the Tongue River were compelled to treat for peace and returned to their respective reservations. "Mon Tana Lou" Grill, a play on the 4 mens names.

CHILDREN OF ASA HUNT AND ANNA DAY

As given by Mollie Thompson.

Asa Hunt was born Jul.4, 1771, at Norwich, Conn.D.Dec.13'48

Anna Day " Aug. 1,1779, Killingsey,Jan.3, 1851

By a first marriage Asa Hunt was father to Merina Hunt,

born in Granville, N.Y., 1790.D.Aug.27, 1801

William Russell Hunt,	b.Nov. 19, 1801
Almira,	b.Dec.19, 1803
Harvey,	b.Dec.10, 1805
Sala Meriah,	b.Dec.3, 1809
Hannah M.	b. May 21, 1811
Minerva,	b. May 21, 1813
Asa Harvey,	b. Oct.17, 1815
Saloma D.	b.Jun.17, 1819
Sophrona J.	b.Jun. 17,1819
George Day,	b.Jul. 21, 1821
Charles Z.	b. Jan. 8, 1825

HOPKINS FAMILY Martha Hopkins (Sines) Kent. Page 4

Contributed by Anna Kent (Mrs. Harry J. Winsemius)

This letter was written by Jennie Curtis (Fly) Kamp, about Martha Hopkins (Sines) Kent, and was taken from an old diary. It was written , or rather mailed to Anna Kent Winsemius for her book of memoirs.

"Dear Anna, what I am about to write heare you may have heard but I wanted this letter to appear in the records.

Your grand mother Kent married Henry Sines when she was sixteen years of age. She had a little girl named Anna born when she was seventeen, and two years later a boy Henry. Her husband was drafted and had to leave with the army when baby Henry was four days old. In two months word came that Henry was dving and Aunt Matt left her children and tried to go to him, but the railroads were torn up and it was impossible for her to go on. Then she was told that her husband was dead and buried in a trench with so many others that she couldn't even find his grave. (There is a tombstone in his name in the Poynette, Wis. cemetary) She was gone two weeks and while she was gone her little girl Anna took sick with scarlet fever and died, so she was left at nineteen with her baby and a broken-heart to face the world alone.

When Henry was five years old we were back in Wisc. for a visit and she came back with us to Montana. Grandfather and grand mother Hopkins and Uncle Irvin and George were here then . Aunt Matt was a fine looking woman and she had a good many suitors at once, for there were so many men and so few women here at that time.

Your grand father James Kent came to Montana in 1864 with four younger brothers, and he was only twenty. His father had been killed in the war (correction(-James Kent's father died of cholera in the California gold rush, and was buried at Fort Laramie, Wyo. in 1852) and his mother died of grief (Correction- his mother remarried and died a few years later of childbirth) The authority for these corrections is found in Grand mother's diary.

I have heard my father tell how he took care of those younger brothers and what good boys they were.

Henry Sines was drafted on the Union side, and James Kent's father's brother George on the Confederate side (Some say that his brother George served for three months but I have no proof of that. A.K.W.)

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Contributed by Anna Kent Winsemius. Grand Rapids, Mich.

Continued." Perhaps it was because these two had both suffered that drew them together, but in any case grandmother and grand father had married within two years.

Your grand mother Kent was a wonderful woman, brave strong and good and kind to everyone, and she had a fine brain. She was a fine singer; they used to drive down from Bozeman where she lived, near old Hamilton, and get her to sing when they had any special occasions. Your grand mother went everywhere to take care of the sick. She told me once she had helped 114 babies into the world without a doctor near, and I know there were a good many after that. and she went just as a neighbor with not one bit of pay for all that she did. When you were too young to realise how much every one thought of her, I heard Judge Carl Stewart say once that Mrs. Kent's word was worth more than most peoples bond, and he didn't know she was my gunt neither when he said it.

"According to Pearl Curtis Teeter I am one of the babies that Grandmother assisted, and I have been told that no one else thot me worth working over but that she worked until she brot me to. When asked whv she kept at it so long she answered that "She just couldn't face Mollie otherwise" You folks can understand why I am so interested in perpetuating her story. A.K.W.)

Contributed by Mrs. Harry T. Winsemius (Anna Thompson Kent)
1217 Underwood Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

(War Party in Curtis Cabin, as told by Jennie Kamp)

"I will tell you all that I know about this but I was only two years old when it happened, so I only remember what I have heard mother tell about it. Sister Ellen was seven, she should remember about it. So that you can understand it better I shall describe the cabin that was our first house in Montana. There was no nails, no lumber and no window lights at that time in Gallatin County. There was only one woman besides Mother, a widow Brown living on Reese Creek, nearer than Alder Gulch now known as Virginia City. The cabin had no door, and no window but an opening with a piece of starched cloth over it. Later Father hewed planks with his axe and put the cross pieces on with pegs of wood driven through holes bored with an auger. Our table was made the same way and our benches that we sat on. They crossed the plains with only a wagon pulled by two horses so they could only haul food, bedding and clothing.

Mother was alone with us two little girls when the blanket was flung aside and two Indians ran in a panting so like they had been running hard and long. They rushed to the fire place and crouched down by it. In a minute the blanket was again flung aside and the room was filled with Indians, all men. Of course mother was frightened but she could do nothing but hold us children against her and watch. The Indians seemed mad at the two fugitives, shook their hands at them and talked, but mother could not understand a thing. The two kept panting at Mother. After a while the Indians all sat down on the floor and one got out a pipe, filled it with kin-ickenick, the Indian tobacco, and smoked a puff or two, then passed it on to all the others and one by one they all took a puff. Then they passed it to the two who came in first, and these two looked pleased and they all filed out. Mother never knew what it all meant, but thought that by taking refuge in her house it saved them from some wrong thing they had done"

(By Jennie Curtis (Fly) Kamp, still living
at Hardin, Montana, Jan. 4th, 1946)

The diary of Martha Hopkins (Sines) Kent.

"Grandmother Kent's Diary "

"To be silent when one is in the right is Godlike "
 "The best revenge is not to make your enemy fail --
 but to succeed yourself "

The diary as given:--

George Layton Kent -- the father of James Kent and brothers -- was born in 1814 or 1815. He started for California in 1852, and died on the planes and was buried there. He left six children-- James, George, William, Reese, Joseph and Mary. Mary died when only two years old. George Layton's wife married again to a man named Crow, had two children born by him, dying when the last one was born. The other child is living, as far as I know. She died in 1856. Her maiden name was Maisie Bradford. They were born in Pennsylvania and were of English descent. James Kent and brothers came to Montana in 1864. Reese Kent was killed by a load of hay turning over on him on the Virginia road in March 1873. Joseph Kent was killed by a team throwing him off a bridge and falling on him in a slough in Manhattan. He left a wife and one child born a few days after the father was killed. The child died when about 17 years of age. James Kent died of Brights disease Oct. 14, 1887. All of the brothers buried near Manhattan in the old Hamilton Cemetery. William Kent was killed by an engine tipping over on him from the Middle Creek bridge, was scalded to death, lived about forty-eight hours after the accident. James Kent left a wife and six children. William Kent left a wife and twelve children. Joseph's wife remarried a man by the name of Sloan. William was killed in 1903 in October.

Born-- James Kent,	July 28, 1841
James Newton Kent,	July 28, 1904
Seymour Kent,	Aug. 16, 1877
George C. Hopkins,	Sep. 1, 1849, D. 4-1914
Irvin Hopkins left Bozeman,	Oct. 7, 1907 for Alaska
Daughters born, Ruby, Hazel and Agnes	

Maisie and Will:--

James Kent Erwin,	b. Dec. 21, 1894
Mae Agnes Erwin,	b. Nov. 9, 1896
William Howard Erwin,	Aug. 15, 1909
Lewis Erwin,	b. Sep. 16, 1900

"Grandmother Kent's Diary " Continued.

Layton and Mollie:--

Ramon Layton Kent, b.	Feb.28, 1908
Mollie Thompson Kent,	
Harvey Thompson Kent,	Oct.17, 1909

Semour and Leone:--

Mabel Kent, b.	Nov.23, 1900
Florence Kent, b.	Nov. 8, 1902
Newton Seymour Kent,	Oct. 15, 1907
John Cecil)	
James Sidney) b.	Aug. 13, 1909
Harley Kent,	
Kenneth Kent,	

Belle and Irwin:--

Lisle Gregory Kent, b.	Jan. 4, 1901
Lawrence Kent, b.	Aug.14, 1904
Fern Kent, b.	Mar.3 1910
Emmett Kent, b.	?

Ethel and Emmett Kent:--

Martha Elsie Essex, b.	Jun.4. 1905
Lewis Kent Essex, b.	Nov.5, 1907
Grace Geneveive, b.	May 19, 1909
Ruth Ethel Essex, b.	May 23, 1912

Newton and Alice:--

James Newton Kent, b.	Jul.28, 1904
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Grandfather Salisbury, b. 1785; d. Feb. 26, 1858

George C.Hopkins, Married Ann Salisbury,
Feb. 2nd, 1832

James Kent, d.Oct. 14, 1887, on Cottonwood, twelve
miles south of Bozeman, age 46 years.

Martha Hopkins (Sines) Kent, b. Feb 28, 1846, Erie Co.Pa.

"Grandmother Kent's Diary " Continued.

"I see not a stop before me, as I tread on another year,
But the past is still in God's keeping --
The future His's mercy shall clear, and what looks dark
In the future may brighten as I draw near"

Eliza A.Hopkins, b.Mar.2, 1812
Henry Sines, b. Mar.4,1865

Jackson Curtis, d. Mar.21,1905
May Curtis Gill, d. Mar.26,1906
Henrietta A.Curtis, d. Mar.29,1907.Buried Ravenden Springs
Lila Curtis , M. Stephen Weeks, Apr.3rd, 1877
Laura Ethel Kent Essex,b. b.Apr.8, 1882. M.Sep.5.1901
Maisie May Kent Essex, b. May 1st, 1874
Newton Kent, b.May 30, 1884, D.Sep.18, 1904
Irvin Kent, b.Jun. 15, 1879
Susan E.Curtis, b.Jun.28, 1838
George E.Hopkins, Sr. b.Nov. 17, 1811
Lulu J.Sines, d.Nov. 22, 1909
Nettie and Nellie Sines,d.Sep.23&24, 1908
Dec. 17th, 1905 Sprained my ankle.

"Fools make feasts and wise men eat them,
Wise men make jests and fools repeat them"

Henry and Lulu:--

Henry Martin Sines, b.Aug.11, 1889
Martha Emma Sines, b.Aug.23, 1893
Edwin Bradford Sines, b.Feb.22, 1894
Earnest George Guy Sines, May 25, 1901
Frederick Sines, b. Jun.3, 1904
Royal Erwin Sines, b. Jan.22,1906
Nettie and Nellie Sines,b. Jul.7, 1908

George C.Hopkins, b. Nov.17, 1811
Eliza A.Hopkins, b. Mar. 2, 1812
Mary Jane Hopkins, b. May 17, 1834
Henrietta A.Hopkins, b. Jul. 9, 1936
Susan E.Hopkins, b. Jun.28, 1938
Lydia A. Hopkins, b. Oct.9, 1840
Elsie A.Hopkins, b. Feb.3, 1843
Martha E.Hopkins, b. Feb.28, 1846
George Clark Hopkins, b. Sep. 1, 1849 - D.Apr.27,1914
Irvin B. Hopkins, b. Dec.9th,1851

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FROM WISCONSIN TO MONTANA
By Ellen Curtis Melton

In April 1864 my father and mother, grandpa and grandma Hopkins started for the West. Of course George and Irvin, their two sons were with them. Sister Jennie and myself were the only children in our family. We each had one wagon and span of horses. We traveled through part of Wisconsin and thru Iowa and ferried across the Mississippi River at Council Bluffs and Omaha and on thru Nebraska. We followed the Platte River for quite a long ways.

One evening we camped on the Platte River by a big spring where we went to get water. The Indians made us pay two bits for every pail full. There were hundreds of Indians camped there and they were real mean. Soon another train going to California stopped and staid all night with us. This other train was all men and well armed so we felt safer.

In the morning we all started together in one train. We had to leave the river and go up through a canyon, and we could hear the Indians in the brush following us. My mother drove the team and my father had his gun all ready to shoot. When we got out of the canyon there were lots of young Indians with their bow and arrows ready to shoot, but I guess the train was too big for them for they did not attack us. But we heard that the next train had a fight with them.

Not long after that we parted from Grandpa and Grandma Hopkins and the boys, and they went to California, and we took the Bridge Cut-off to Montana. Ours was the second train over the road. You can guess how rough it was. We had to ferry across the Wind River and the Yellowstone River. We reached the Gallatin Valley near where Bozeman now is, the 14th of July, 1864 I will never forget how beautiful the valley looked when we came in sight of it. The grass was as high as my head, and not a house or fence in sight. We camped on the East Gallatin River for a short time. Great herds of antelope would come and graze close to our camp and we could see deer every day.

Father found a nice place to cut hay on the West Gallatin River, so we moved over there and made it our home. It was quit a few years before we had a post office, and when we did it was called Hamilton, but when the Rail Road came through they named it Manhattan. It is close to where Hamilton was. My Grandmother and Grandfather Hopkins, your Grandmother and Grandfather Kent, and my father and mother are all buried there in the old Hamilton graveyard.

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F R O M W I S C O N S I N T O M O N T A N A. P.2

By Ellen Curtis Melton.

Your Grandmother Martha Sines came to Montana in 1870. In 1869 my father and mother and us children went back to Wisconsin for a visit. In the Spring of 1870 she came back with us. We came in a covered wagon to Omaha, and there we went in with other emigrants and chartered three R.R. cars. We put our wagons and house-hold stuff in one, our horses in another, and we all rode in the passenger car. We got off the train at Brigham City, Utah and came the rest of the way in the wagon.

Your Grandmother Martha lived with her brothers George and Irvin for several years before she married your Grandfather Kent.

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(Indian War Party in Curtis Cabin, as told by Ellen Curtis Melton)

" It was a day late in November 1864 and we had just moved into the first house we built in Montana. It was a log house with dirt roof the logs were pointed with mud, a dirt floor and a quilt hanging up for a door, with a large chimney made of dirt and rocks across one corner of the house. My Mother and some woman whose name I don't remember and us children were there alone. The quilt was pushed back and in come a Banock Indian and his squaw. They came in and sat down by the fire and just looked around for awhile. Soon we heard horses running right up to the door and in came fifteen or twenty buck Indians of the Nez Perces tribe. They squatted in a half circle around the fire and began to make motions and talk. The old Banock Indian backed into the corner and the squaw went out of the house in a hurry. Soon one Indian pulled a tomahawk from his belt and held it in his hand. My Mother thought he was going to kill all of us but no one said a word. But the tomahawk proved to be a pipe-- the head was hollow. They filled it with some kind of tobacco and started to smoke. Each one took two puffs and passed it on to the next. It went around twice and then they passed it to the old Indian in the corner. He smoked and passed it back and they all got up and went out without paying any attention to any of us. What it was all about I never knew"

(Pearl Curtis Teeter told me this story for the first time, and I have asked the two eye witnesses to tell it in their own words. "Aunt Pearl" mentioned one thing that they did not and that was that the old squaw returned to the cabin later and gave to Aunt Susie a dried buffalo tongue. It seems that they had been saved by (from) the young bucks and she wanted to show her appreciation. Did any of you Curtises ever stop to think what might have happened if some one had been around with a gun? Comments by Anna Thompson Kent)

By Ellen Curtis Melton, Gallatin Valley, near Manhattan

Contributed by Miss Muriel Link,
60 Brown St., S.W., Grand Rapids, Mich.

MARRIAGES 1881-- 1887.

Performed by Wellington Roscoe, Justice of the Peace,
Village of Sand Lake, Kent County, Michigan

1. October 5, 1881

Fav, James C, 22, White, Residence Sand Lake, B. Pa.
Occupation, Shingle weaver

Kingin, Jessev, 17, white, residence Courtland Twp.

Wit.-Whitmore, Jarred of Sand Lake

Willett, Edwin, " " "

2. October 18, 1881

Fowler, Charles M., 26, white, residence Sand Lake,
B.N.Y., Occupation-news dealer.

Delosh, Hattie, 10, residence Cedar Springs, Mich.
B.Michigan

Witness, Delosh, Anna, Cedar Springs, Mich
Shattuck, J.A.Sand Lake, "

3. January 20, 1882

Rivers, Jacob, 28, white, Res.Blanchard, Michigan
B.New York State, Oc.- Laborer

Kellogg, Lizzie May, 16, white, B.Mich, Res. Sand Lake

Wit.-Conklin, Thomas J., Sand Lake, Mich.

Hatfield, Maggie M. " " "

4. April 9, 1882

Field, Archie C., 23, white, Res.Pierson, Montcalm Co.
Occupation -Farmer

Brockway Justina O., 18, white Res.Sand Lake, B.Mich.

Wit.-Field, Samuel, Pierson Twp.

Thorn Wealth S., Sand Lake, Mich.

P.2, Marriages performed by Wellington Rosco, J.P.,
Village of Sand Lake, Kent County, Michigan.
Contributed by Miss Muriel Link

MARRIAGES 1881 -- 1887

5. June 25, 1882

Williamson, Thomas, 21, white, Res.-Howard City, Mich
B.New York State, Occ.- Steam Inspector
Hibner, Ella, 21, white, Res. Howard City, B.N.Y.State
Wit.-Dorland, John, Nelson Twp.
Dorland, Amanda, " "

6. July 23, 1882

McGrade, Patrick, 39, white, Res.Pierson, Mich
B.Ireland, Occ.- Laborer

Ellis, Ann, 30, white, Res. Pierson, Mich.B.Ireland
Wit.-Ellis, Anthony, Pierson, Mich
Tanner, F.J., Sand Lake, Mich.

7. September 30, 1882

Blackford, Levin D., 25, white, Res.Middleville, Barry Co.
B.Iowa, Occ.-School teacher

Everhart, Bell, 20, white, Res.Irving, Barry Co. Mich
Wit.-Dorr, Allegan Co, Mich
Wit.- Rasco, Eunice M., Sand Lake, "
Downs, Lottie, " "

8. October 1, 1882

Willett, Edwin O., 21, white, Res.--Sand Lake, Mich
B. Canada, Occ.- Shingle sawver

Irwin, Clara C., 17, white, Res.- Howard City, B.Greenville
Wit.- Fav, James C., Sand Lake, Mich.
Wetmore, J.D., " " "

9. January 15, 1883

Kellev, Stephen, 36, white, Res.- Twp.Newavgo Co.
B.Lucas Co., Ohio.,Occ.-Engineer

Shearrer, Elizabeth, 26, white, Res.Goshen, Elkhart CoInd
B.Richland Co., Ohio.

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Village of Sand Lake, Kent County, Michigan

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Reported, Shearer, Elizabeth, Continued.
Res. Goshen, Elkhart County, Ohio

Wit.--Rosco, Eunice M., Sand Lake, Mich
Carpenter, Mary, " " "

10. January 30, 1883

Trill, Edward, 50, white, Res.-Nelson Twp., B. England,
Occ.- Farmer

Woods, Caroline, 42, white, Res.-Sand Lake, B. Wayne Co. N.Y.
Wit.--Phillips, Lewis, J. of Sand Lake, Mich
Phillips, Ettie M., " " "

11. March 4, 1883

Smith, Frank, 22, Res.- Nelson Twp/
B. Kent County, Mich., Occ.- Shingle packer

Trill, Ophelia, 15, white, Res.-Nelson Twp., B. Kent Co. Mich
Wit.-- Rosco, Eunice M., Sand Lake, Mich
Lord, Christina, " " "

12. March 11, 1883

Reynolds, Gains D., 22, white, Res. Wayland, Allegan Co.
B. Allegan Co., Occ. Farmer

Tuttle, Jennie L., 18, white, Res. Sand Lake,
B. Rockingham Co. N.H.
Wit. Tuttle, Dexter M., Sand Lake, Mich
Tuttle, Mary M. " " "

13. March 31, 1883

Aller, John W., 57, white, Res. Sand Lake, Mich
B. Lennselaer Co. N.Y., Occ. Laborer

Reed, Cornelia E., 50, white, Res. Sand Lake, B. Hartland Co. Ct
Wit.--Rosco, Eunice M., Sand Lake, Mich
Rosco, Flora E., " " "

Page 4. Marriages. Sand Lake, Kent County, Mich.

Marriages performed by Wellington Roscoe, Justice of the Pc.

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14. June 3, 1883

Bailey, George W., 25, white, Res.- Nelson Twp., B.Conn.
Occupation,-- Laborer

Smith, Rosetta L., 19, white, Res. Pearson, Mich.
B. Alleghany County New York
Wit.- Smith, Susan R., of Pierson Twp.
Bradley, William, " "

15. June 3, 1883

Bradley, Jesse, 21, white, Res.-- Pierson Twp.
B. Alleghany Co, N.Y., Occ.- Laborer

Parker, Loisa J., 16, white, Res.- Nelson Twp., Kent Co.
Wit.- Smith, Susan R., Pierson Twp.
Bailey, George W., of Nelson Twp.

16. June 23, 1883

Mavnard, Charles H., 50, white, Res.- Sand Lake,
B. Cayuga Co, N.Y., Occ.- Blacksmith

Canfield, Sarah Anna, 38, white, Res.- Sand Lake, Mich
Born Putnam County, Ohio
Wit.- Fletcher, Adaline, " " "
Gill, William S. " " "

17. June 24, 1883

Reed, John F., 27, white, Res.- Sand Lake, Mich
B. Ashtabula Co, Ohio, Occ.- Farmer

Brennar, Mary E., 35, white, Res.- Sand Lake
B. Kosciusko, County, Ind.
Wit.- Morningstar, Henry, " "
Aller, John W., " "

Page 5. MARRIAGES , Sand Lake, Kent County, Mich

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18. July 14, 1883

Maurer, Harry A., 22, white, Res.- Howard City, Mich
B. Schuylkill Co, Pa., Occ.- Shingle- weaver

Keeler, Eva, 18, white, Res.- Howard City, Mich
B. Huron County, Canada
Wit.- Berridge, John, Sand Lake, Mich
Lewis B.W., " " "

19. July 21, 1883

Langdon, Beverly, 35, white, Res.- Howard City, Mich
B. Livingston Co, Mich, Occ.- Farmer

Hammond, Arvilla, (nee Bradley)24, white, Res.-Howard City
B. Mass.
Wit.- Balls, Wm., Sand Lake, Mich
Fluent, Algie, " " "

20. December 4, 1883

Blanchard, Thomas J., white, Res.- Eaton, Carroll Co. N.H.
B. Same, Occ.- Farmer

Martin, Mary Jane, 17, white, Res.-Sand Lake, Mich
B. Howell, Livingston Co, Mich
Wit.- Rasco, Eunice M., " " "
Wilson, Lelia, " " "

21. December 8, 1883

Hunter, Lewis Robinson, 20, white, Res.-Cedar Springs,
B. Nunica Junction, Ottawa Co, Mich, Occ.-Clerk

Page, Ida May, 16, white, Res.-Sand Lake, Mich
Born, Ada, Kent Co, Mich
Young, Stephen, " " "
Young, Sophia, " " " Witnesses

Page 6. Marriages, Sand Lake, Kent County, Mich

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22. May 30th, 1884

Hathaway, Nathan R., 22, white, Res.-Garrett, Dekalb Co. Ind
B.-Dekalb County, Ind. Occ.- Farmer

Hudson, Florence L., 15, white, Res.-Sand Lake, Mich
B.-Van Wert Co, Ohio
Wit - Offen, Mary A. " " "
Offen, Justus, " " "

23. November 15th, 1884

Gould, Charles, 27, white, Res.- Sand Lake, Mich
B. Nelson Twp, Kent Co, Occ - Farmer

Waterhouse, Austin P. of Ensley, Witnesses
Waterhouse, Jane " "

24. November 29th, 1884

Kilts, James Abiga, 21, white, Res.-Nelson Twp Kent Co
B. Wavnesfleet, Canada, Occ- Farmer

Smith, Susan S. (nee Bradley) 42, white, Res- Pierson,
Montcalm Co, Mich. B. Steuben Co, N.Y.
Witness Pollack, Fred W., Sand Lake, Mich
Bradley, Joseph, of Pierson, Mich

25. March 7th, 1885

Leger, Fred C., 25, white, Res-Nelson Twp, Kent County
B.-Jersey City, N.J., Occ- Farmer

Smith, Nellie May (nee Smith) 18, white, Res- Nelson Twp
B- Kent County, Mich
Wit- Lord, William C., of Sand Lake, Mich
Lord, Fastina, " " "

26. April 9th, 1885

Stewart, Fred E, 28, white, Res - Cedar Springs, Mich
B- Kent County, Mich. Occ- Farmer- Shingle-Weaver

Hanson, Matilda G., (nee Wyman) 27, white, Res- Cedar Springs

Page 7. Marriages, Kent County, Mich.

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Hanson, Matilda, Continued, B-Kembeck Co, Maine
Wit- Rasco, Mrs. Eunice M., of Sand Lake, Mich
Lee, Mrs. Sophia, " " "

27. August 24th, 1886

Thatcher, Miller D., 53, white, Res- Mitchellville, Mich
B-Ontario County, N.Y. Occ- Farmer

Acklev, Marv (nee Sherwood) 62, white, Sand Lake, Mich
B- Susquehannah Co, N.Y.
Wit- Bennett Henry W., Sand Lake, Mich
Bennett, Mrs. Susan S. " " "

28. November 7th, 1886

Bennett, Charles F., 25, white, Canno^o Twp.
B- Portage County, Wis., Occ- Farmer

Thorp, Susanna, 18, white, Res- Sand Lake, Mich
B.-Ashtabula County, Ohio
Wit- Thorp, Rovilla, Sand Lake, Mich
Allen, Frank, " " "

29. May 19th, 1887

Abrahamson, Charles J., 28, white, Res- Enslev, Newaygo Co
B- Finland, Occ- Farmer

Thalim, Marv T. (divorced, nee Erickson) 23, white,
Res- Enslev, Newaygo Co, Mich, B- Sweden
Wit- Chappell, Frank, of Sand Lake, Mich
Pollack, Fred W. " " "

30. June 20th, 1887

Horton, Allen E., 29, white, Res- Sand Lake, Mich
B- Onondaga Co, N.Y., Occ- Carpenter

Richardson, Helen E., divorced, 52, white, Res- Sand Lake
B- Alleghany County, N.Y.
Wit- Darke, George, of Sand Lake, Mich
Darke, Mary E., " " "

Page 8. MARRIAGES, Kent County, Mich

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31. June 22, 1887

Marshall, William, Sr., 76, white, Res- Sand Lake, Mich
B. ~~Staffordshire~~ Staffordshire, England. Occ- ~~Farmer~~
(Staffordshire) Occ- machinest

Coates, Sarah A., maid, 75, white, Res- Sand Lake, Mich
B- Coatesville, Chester County, Pa
Wit- Parker, Mary, of Sand Lake, Mich
Parker, William, " " " "

32. September 9th, 1887

Youmens, George, 26, white, Res- Oakfield, Kent, Co.
B- Northshade, Gratiot Co, Mich. Occ- Laborer

Runnell, Fanny F., 17, white, Res- Sand Lake, Mich
B- Nelson Twp. , Kent Co, Mich
Wit- Runnell, Lillie, of Sand Lake, Mich
Campbell, John E., " " " "

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Ancestors of George A. Frye

Morton

Anr. Comp/ of AM. Gen. Vol.4 P.750

George Morton (Mourt) 1585 - 1624, Financial Agent at London of the Mayflower Pilgrims; came in the "Ann" to Plymouth Mass., 1623, with his wife and five ch.; settled at Middleboro, Mass. at Levden, 1612, Julianna (1584- 1665), dau. Alexander Carpenter.

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Mercy Morton and Zachariah Eddy
Her parents on p.516- Ebenezer Morton and Mercy Foster
P.611- John Morton and Mary Ring
P.396- Andrew Ring and Deborah Hopkins
P.400- Stephen Hopkins of the Mayflower

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Mercy Foster m. Ebenezer Morton
P.1093- John Morton m. Mary Ring
P.1138- Andrew Ring m. Deborah Hopkins

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George (Mourt) Morton
Hon John (1616- 73), Admitted freeman, Plymouth Colony, 1648, dep. one of original proprietors of Middleboro, m. Lettice Hanford.

John (1656 - 1717) kept the first public school opened in America. m. 1687 -88, Mary Ring
Captain Ebenezer (1696- 1756) m. 1720, Mercy Foster

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Patience Morton 1615-92, dau. of George, m. 1634 John Faunce 1602- 1654 from England in the "Ann", 1623, Settled Plymouth Mass. P.612 - George Morton
Ephraim (Morton) (1623 - 93) , mem. Colonial Legislature over 30 years. M. Ann Cooper

P.613 - Ephraim Morton (1623 - 93) dep. Gen. Ct.
Vol.3, P.631- George Morton

Hon. John (1616 - 73) , ad. freeman, Plymouth Col. 1648; Dep; one of orig. Proprs. of Middleboro,

Lettice Hanford. John (1650- 1717) same as given

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Ancestors of George A.Frve, Continued

Morton

P.616 Alexander Carpenter

Julia Ann, came in the "Ann" 1623 with her sister Alice
m.1612, George Morton of York, Eng.

Patience Morton (B.1615) M.John Faunce, came in the "Ann"
1623.

Mayflower Descendant, Vol.11, P.193, Entered on Jul.6, 1612
M.George Morton and Julian Carpenter

George Morton, Englishman, from York, Eng, unmarried man and
merchant, accompanied by Thomas Morton his brother and Roger
Wilson, his acquaintance, with Julian Carpenter, single woman
from Bath, also situated in Eng, accompanied by Alexander
Carpenter, her father, with Alice Carpenter, her sister, and
Agnes Robinson her acquaintance.

They were married before Frans Adriaensz Von Leewen
and Jacob Padets, Sheriffs, this 23 July 1612

Mayflower desc. Vol.7, P.45. The numerous marriages between
descendants of the Mayflower Passengers and descendants of
George Morton of Plymouth, have made it necessary for the
Editor to collect, from original records and documents, many
notes concerning the Morton family, in order to verify such
marriages as ought to be included in "The Mayflower Genealogies"
and selections from these notes will be printed from time to
time , under the general title of "Morton Notes"

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John 3 Morton(John 2, Georgeal) of Plymouth and
Middleboro, Mass. M.Phebe Shaw of Plymouth, who D.Jun.11,1686
having two children; Joanna Morton, who M.Elisha Vaughn, and
Ebenezer Redding. Phebe Morton, who m.as 2nd wife John Murdock

John Morton m. 2nd at Plymouth, Mar.4, 1687, Mary 3 Ring, dau.
of Andrew and Deborah 2 (Hopkins) Ring, of Plymouth, and
Graddau. of Stephen 1 Hopkins of the Mayflower.

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Ancestors of George A. Frye. Continued. P.3

Morton

John and Mary(Ring) Morton had seven children; John D. in infancy
Mary. M. Thomas Tomson 3 (Mary 2 Cooke, Francis 1); and John
(second child of the name) died without issue; before his
father; Hannah, M. John Hodges; Ebenezer, M. Mercy Foster;
Deborah, M. Jonathan Inglee; Persis, d. without issue, bef. her
father

Births of eight of the nine children, by the two
wives were entered together, on the Plymouth town records,
and were printed in our first volume. The bapt. in 1687
of the first of the two sons named John is found in the
Plymouth First Church records.

John Morton made his will Jan. 7, 1717/18 and d. at
Middleborough Mar. 20, 1717/18. In the will he named his wife
Mary, his son Ebenezer, his dau. Joanna, and his three unmarried
daus. - Phebe, Hannah and Deborah; but did not mention the
surname of Joanna's husband.

The dec. here printed, dated Feb. 21, 1725/6 proves
marriages of the daus. as fol; Joanna had m. Vaughn and
left a widow; Phebe was wife of John Murdock; Mary wife of
Thomas Tomson; Hannah wife of John Hodges, and Deborah wf.
of Jonathan Inglee

John Morton and Mary Ring were married, and his
children by both wives were all recorded at Plymouth.

P. 91. John Morton's will made Jan. 17, 1717 1/18 at
Middleborough, to "wife Mary Morton (over and above the best
bed and furniture which of right belongs to her) the use of
the fire room in my house during her widowhood and do hereby
will and require my son Ebenezer Morton to find his mother
the use of a milk cow both winter and summer, and find wood
cut and brought to her door, and also pay her - 12s year out
of produce of the farm during her widowhood, and if through
age or infirmity my wife need better support, my will is
that my said son shall provide for her and maintain her
honorably during her life.

Contributed by Lenora Wason (Mrs. George A. Frve)
814 Kalamazoo Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan

Ancestors of George A. Frve

Morton

To my son Ebenezer Morton- my whole farm whereon I dwell, with all the land thereunto, viz. all my land in the purchase called the little lot purchase with the housing thereon, lying on the westward side of the river, also one yoke of oxen, two cows, with all my carts, plows and utensils belonging to my team, and also one feather bed and bedding, also remaining time which I have in Samuel Hackett, hereby requiring him to fulfill my indenture to said Hackett, also I give him all my wearing apparel, with my arms and ammunition, also my negro called Sherper, so long as my son shall pay his mother the sum above mentioned, and afterwards I give my negro unto my five daughters, unless my said son shall see reason to pay his five sisters or theris the sum of -40 and then the sd negro to remain to him forever.

To my three daughters where are yet unmarried, viz; Phebe, Hannah and Deborah, the use of one of fire room in my house along with their mother, and also do will and require my son to provide them firewood, cut and brought to their door, and to keep a cow for each of them, both in summer and winter, so long as they live unmarried and no longer they finding themselves the cows.

To my dau. Phebe a featherbed and bedding thereunto belonging.

To my dau Hannah " " " "

To my dau. Deborah " " " "

To my five daughter - my two lots of land in the South purchase in Middleborough, equally amongst them.

To my five daus., Johannah, Phebe, Mary, Hannah and Deborah, all my cattle(except the two oxen and the two cows already given to my son) also all my horse kind, my sheep, my swine, to be equally divided amongst them.

I give the remaining part of the household goods and moveable estate, equally amongst my six children, and it is my will that if the debts owing to me are not sufficient to pay my debts and defray my funeral charge, that what remains wanting shall be defrayed out of my stock given to my five daughters.

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Ancestors of George A. Frve Concluded

Morton

My beloved wife and my son Ebenezer were appointed sole executors.

Witnesses:- Isaac Lothrop, John Watson and Nathaniel Thomas, Jr.

Savage's Genealogical Dictionary, Vol. 2, P. 243, George Morton Plymouth, B. at Ansterfield, in Yorkshire, Bap. Feb. 12, 1599; Came to in the "Ann" 1623, with wife. at Leyden, Jul. 23, 1612 Julian, dau. of Alexander Carpenter, and four or five children D. Jun. 1624; Julian d. Feb. 19, 1665, aged 81. They had children: Nathaniel, Patience, who m. in 1633, a fellow passenger, John Faunce, father of the celebrated elder; John, b. 1616; Sarah 1618; M. Dec. 20, 1644, George, Bonham; and Ephraim.

John, Plymouth, son of George 1, came with his father and by wife Lettice had John, b. Dec. 11, 1649, d. soon; John again Dec. 21, 1650; Deborah, Mary, Martha, Hannah, Esther and Mansasseh and Ephraem, twins b. Jun 7, 1653; representative 1662; removed to Middleborough, of which he was representative 1672, and d. Oct. 3, 1673. His widow married Andrew Ring, and d. Feb. 22, 1691. He is by Judge Davis, reputed to be ancestor of Gov. Marcus.

Vol. 4, P. 256 N.E. Hist. and Gen. Reg. - List of those able to bear arms in the Colony of New Plymouth in 1643.
Plymouth - John Morton.

Vol. 26, P. 444- 445, N.E. Hist. and Gen. Reg. - George Morton with wife Julian, dau. of Alexander Carpenter, and sister of Gov. Bradford's second wife, arrived at Plymouth in the ship "Ann" Capt. William Pearce, master, in Jul. 23, 1623. They were m. at Leyden, Jul. 12, 1612. They brought with them four ch., viz: Nathaniel, who was afterwards secretary of the Plymouth Colony, and author of New England Memorial, and a brief Ecclesiastical history; John, who afterwards removed to Middleborough; Patience, who married John Faunce; Ephraim who was b. on the passage.

N.E. History and Gen. Reg. Vol. 15, P. 30. Items from city records at Leyden - George Morton of York, Eng., m. Jul. 23, 1612, Julia Ann Carpenter, her father, Alexander Carpenter and sister Alice were witnesses, with Anna Robinson and Thomas Morton, Bro. of groo

Contributed by Mrs. Harry T. Winsemius (Anna Thompson Kent)
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JAMES THOMPSON AND REBECCA RAMSEY

(Copied from an old family bible)

"This book is the property of James Thompson, who was born in the County Tyrone, Ireland, A.D. 1776, and emigrated to the United States in 1793. Was married to Rebecca Ramsey of Fayette County, A.D. 1800, who was born the 30th of April, 1780; and after her death was married to Agnes Glasgow, the 4th of April 1819, being at that time living in Jefferson County, Ohio; and after her death in October, 1822, was married to Margaret McCray of Fayette County, Pa., the 22nd of April, 1823, who was born the 20th of April, A.D. 1789, and is living at this time, the 5th of August, 1851 with his said wife Margaret in Jefferson County, Chi

--- Births ---

William Thompson	was born	the 15th	of March,	A.D.	1801
Mathew Thompson	was born	the 12th	of June,	A.D.	1804
Martha	"	"	5th	Oct.	1806
Mary	"	"	29th	April,	1809
Elizabeth	"	"	5th	Sept	1811
Rebecca	"	"	14th	June	1814

The above were the children of James and Rebecca, wife.

James McCray Thompson	, was born	the 28th	of April,	A.D.	1824
Rebecca Glasgow Thompson	"	"	29th	May,	1825
Sarah Jane Thompson,	"	"	13th	Jan.,	1829

(Furnished by Harvey George Thompson and Lida)

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(Copied from an old bible. Continued)

--- Marriages ---

Elizabeth, Daughted to James and Rebecca Thompson, was married
the 8th of Sept. A.D. 1851, to Moses Allen.

Mary, Daughter to James and Rebecca Thompson was married to
Robert Kirkwood, the 16th of October , A.D. 1858

Martha, Daughter to James and Rebecca Thompson, was married to
Benjamin Rex, December 3rd A.D. 1859

--- Deaths ---

Rebecca, Daughter to James and Rebecca Thompson, departed this
life, the 11th of July, A.D. 1816.

My Wife, Rebecca Thompson, departed this life, 9th of July, A.D. 18¹⁸

My Wife, Agnes Thompson, departed this life, 1st of Oct. A.D. 182²

John McCray, Son to James and Margaret Thompson, departed this
life, the 30th of May, A.D. 1824

Sarah Jane Thompson, departed this life, July 5th, A.D. 1833

James Thompson died (of the infirmities of age, Nov. 20th, 1854
In the 79th year of his age.

Rebecca Glasgow Thompson, died (Of Typhoid Fever) on the 3rd of
March, 1855, in the 50th year of her age. "

Contributed by Mrs. Harry E. Winsemius, (Anna Thompson Hent)
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(The following letter was written to the mother of the contributor when she was only eighteen years of age, and all names and dates are copied from their family bible)

Moses Hill, N.Y., March 17th, 1888

To Miss Molly Thompson,
Buena Vista, Penn.,

Dear Molly:--

I am your father's mother's brother's son, so will lay my claim for second cousinship right here and now. Our Aunt Almira, in a letter to father written in November '87, enclosed one from you to her, and coming across it the other day, resolve to write you and if it will not bore you too much, ask you to write me a short history of your people, our relatives in the west.

Father and Mother and one of my sisters visited our Aunt Almira a few years ago, and in consequence I know a little about her family, but of the children and the children's children of father's other sister-- your grand-mother, my Aunt Anna --I have heard very little. If you will enlighten me I will consider it a very cousinly kindness, and in exchange I will try to tell you something about the Hunts in this locality. By reference to my grandfather's bible I find that he was born the 4th of July 1771 at Norwich, Conn. Anna Day was born at Hillingsey (state or county not stated) August 1st, 1779; and was married to Asa Hunt at Granville, N.Y. (about twenty miles from here) on Oct. 19th, 1797. Merina Hunt was born May 21st, 1790 at Granville. (This aunt is by a former marriage of Asa Hunt) Mother's name not known to my father and it not being on the record, and my father being next to the youngest of the family. Perhaps Aunt Almira would know about her.

William Russell Hunt	, was born	Nov. 19th,	1801	
Almira Hunt	,	" "	Dec. 19th,	1803, on Saturday
Harvey Hunt	,	" "	Dec. 10th,	1805, at Granville, on
Ann Hunt,		" "	Jan. 3rd,	1808
Salla Meriah Hunt,		" "	Dec. 5th,	1809, on Saturday
Hannah M. Hunt,		" "	May 21st,	1811, " Monday
Minerva Hunt,		" "	May 21st,	1815,
Asa Harvey Hunt,		" "	Oct. 15th,	1815
Saloma D. Hunt,		" "	?	
Saphrona J. Hunt,		" "	June 17th,	1816, on Friday
George Day Hunt,		" "	July 1st,	1821, on Sunday, Quee
Charles E. Hunt,		" "	Jan. 8th,	1825
Merina Hunt,	Died"		Oct. 27th,	1831
Harvey Hunt,	"		Jul. 25th,	1836
Hannah M. Sellick,	"		Sept. 14th,	1835, in 26th year
Salla Meriah Wilson,	"		Dec. 6th,	1845, in Canada

We have here the record of 13 births and four deaths, of the children of Asa Hunt and Anna Day.

Asa Hunt died Dec. 13th, 1848, and Anna Hunt died Jan. 3rd, 1851

This is all for now. From your cousin, Will Hunt.

Contributed by Anna Thompson Kent (Mrs. Harry T. Winsemius)
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(Molly Thompson Kent's version of the "Indian Story", as given by the contributor.)

"As I remember it, this is the "Indian Story" as repeated to me by my grandmother. I think she said the man in question was her grand father, Samuel McWilliams, but it might have been great grand father. Her grand father had, with other neighbors, cleared and cultivated farms of their own, when the Indians made so many raids that they had to all move to a fort for protection until the Indians went away again. In Spring there had been no Indians around for awhile, so early one morning grand father (Samuel McWilliams, born Oct. 22, 1791 Fayette County, Pa.) and the oldest son went to the farm where they wanted to plant something, leaving the family at the fort. They had planned to return the same day but didn't quite finish their work so stayed over night. Were careful not to make any fire, lest the Indians might see the smoke, so they ate a cold snack.

During the night they were aroused by the horses running and neighing where they had left them in the pasture. Knowing the Indians were after them they went up a ladder of cleats nailed to the wall, and rolled as far back against the eaves as they could, and scattering some trash that was there in front of them to help conceal them. The Indians came in and finding evidence of their having been there, searched the lower room and then went up the ladder. One of them grabbed up a hunk of home made soap that grandmother had left there to dry. He chewed up a hearty bite and then began spitting and talking Indian to the others. Evidently saying there was no one there as they went down and rode away. However they had left the bars down and grandfather's horses had raced back to the Fort, where the guards found them, and supposing grandfather and son killed, a party started at daybreak to hunt for their scalped bodies, but instead found them coming back to the fort on foot.

Grand-mother always stressed the point that had not the soap diverted their attention, they might have made a more thorough search of the loft.

By Mollie Thompson Kent

Contributed by Mrs. Harry T. Winsemius, (Anna Thompson Kent)
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HARVEY THOMPSON AND ANNA MC WILLIAMS THOMPSON

Married sixty Years. Beuna Vista couple are still active.

Although they will round out sixty years of married life next Monday, Nov. 14th, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thompson of Beuna Vista, are still active and enjoying good health. They have arranged no formal celebration of the Anniversary, but are receiving the congratulations of a wide circle of relatives and acquaintances.

Mr. Thompson passed his 83rd year in September, and his wife, Anna McWilliams Thompson will be 80 next February. Mrs. Thompson was nineteen years and eight months, when she was united in marriage to Mr. Thompson, at New Matamoras, Washington County, Ohio, by the Rev. Farnhill, a Presbyterian Minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson moved to Beuna Vista in 1873, and have since made their home in that community.

For upwards of thirty years Mr. Thompson conducted a Store at that place. He retired from the store business some time ago. He has always been active, and during the past year put in and worked his garden, as well as proving an able care-taker of the family home place.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have nine children living, all married and doing well. Children of Harvey and Anna McWilliams Thompson.

Nancy Rebecca,	Born July 30th, 1865,	at Matamoras, Ohio
Matthew James,	" Nov. 16th, 1867,	" " "
Mary Irene,	" Sept. 1st, 1868,	" " "
Mollie Emma,	" Feb. 16th, 1870,	" Cochraville, Ohio
Jennie Clarissa,	" Nov. 29th, 1872,	" Shaner Station, Penna.
Margaret Stewart,	" May. 23rd, 1877,	" Beuna Vista, "
George William,	" Nov. 6th, 1879,	" " " "
Hannah,	" Sept. 6th, 1871,	" " " "
Bessie Anne,	" Nov. 12th, 1885,	" " " "

Harvey Thompson and Anna McWilliams were married Nov. 14/
1861 at New Matamoras, Washington County, Ohio
Mrs. Anna McWilliams Thompson died Aug. 26th, 1932, at Beuna Vista
Harvey Thompson died June 2nd, 1927, at Woodville Hospital, Penn
Buried from home of H. J. Thompson, June 5th, 1927.
Both are buried near Beuna Vista at the Mt Vernon Cemetery.

Signed H. J. T.

(Copied from the family bible of Harvey Thompson and Anna McW.
McWilliams Thompson. 11-22-31)

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Children of Harvey Thompson and Anna McWilliams.

Nancy Rebecca Thompson,	B. Jul. 20th,	1863,	New Matamoras,	Ohio
Matthew James "	B. Nov. 16,	1867,	" "	Wash. Co.
Marv Irene "	B. Sept. 1,	1865	" "	"
Mollie Emma "	B. Feb. 16,	1870	Cochransville,	"
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Copied from the Family Bible of Harvey Thompson and Anna
McWilliams Thompson.

This bible is in the hands of M. J. Thompson, Buena Vista, Pa.

They were married Nov. 14, 1861 at New Matamoris, Wash. County, O.
by Rev. Tannehill.

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Samuel Parker	----- Wed.	1-	1-	1800
Nancy Parker	----- Tues.	11-	10-	1801
Eldred Parker)	Twins.Sun.	9-	4-	1803
Elbert Parker)				
Avis Parker	-----	5	24-	1805
Warren Parker	----- Wed.	6-	17-	1807
Ira Parker	-----	4-	12-	1809
Lucy Parker	----- Fri--	7-	26-	1811
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Marriages:--

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Lucina S.Parker to (1) Nelson Lapham	3-	12-	34
Lucy Parker to Abiah Angell	5-	1-	36
Ira Parker to Marv C.Woodruff	4-	6-	54
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Warren Parker to Sarah Angell			N.D.
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Susanna Parker	----- Wed. Eve.	7-	18-	1838
Elbert Parker	-----	8-	12-	1851
Nelson Lapham	----- Sun.P.M.	6-	26-	1864
Samuel White	-----	2-	20-	1893
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Witnesses J.A.Chamberlain and Ira Higbey

Births:--

Wellington Rasco --- Feb.28, 1840
Eunice M.Chamberlain --- Aug. 17, 1851

Children:--

Florence E. --- Sept.17, 1869
Charles Henry --- Mar. 30, 1874
Vie Rasco --- Mar. 16, 1875
Earl Rasco --- Nov. 23, 1877
Mary Rasco --- Jun. 7, 1880

Deaths:--

Charles Henry --- May 5, 1874
Mary Rasco --- May 2, 1883
Wellington --- April 26, 1914
Eunice M. --- Sept. 18, 1921

Personal information in c/n with Rasco Bible record sent in
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Witnesses Phebe A.Blair and Frederick Wessel of Martin.
Certificate in possession of Muriel F.Link, 60 Brown St.S.W.
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Abram Philpott b. 1870. One child born to this marriage.
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Florence Emma Philpott married George Anson Link, Feb.3, 1891

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