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With much love this little booklet
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Zylpha Viola Corlew,
of
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by
her grandmother,
A. E. Branch Paulson.

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AUTHOR'S FOREWORD.

My Dear Cousins:—In putting this little bookiet in your hands, understand I have not done so with any thought of remuneration, as it costs you just what the printer charged me. Neither have I done it through pride in the work, as it is nothing to be proud of. I possess neither the education or ability to make it so. I have done the work because of a pride I feel in our ancestors, in their name, attainments, and history, and because of a heartfelt desire that this same pride may be handed down to future generations. I have not been able to travel, or search records, or interview people, hence have been almost entirely dependent upon the cousins for dates, and other information. I must especially mention Wm. S. Mills of Clifton Place, 352 Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Milo E. Branch of Mallet Creek, Ohio, and Mr. L. C. Branch of Visalia, California, and many others deserve mention who have helped by patiently answering my many inquiries. After much solicitation I have been able to get a few items of interest in regard to some of the achievements of the cousins. I would have been glad to have received more information of this nature, but a spirit of modesty seems to have forbid them from personally giving such information. I am truly thankful to all who have assisted me in this work: there are doubtless some mistakes in dates, etc. I realize that my part is but poorly done, however, I feel that I have done as well as I could under the circumstances. Many of you have the time, education, and ability to do better, and if you so desire there is all the opportunity in the world for you to exercise your talents in that direction. I am very respectfully, and with cousinly affection, yours truly.

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A PARTIAL HISTORY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF PETER BRANCH.

More than two and a half centuries ago stirring scenes were being enacted in the colonies of King Charles I. There were disputes, and despotism of the mother country to be overcome. There was war with the Indians, and dissensions among the colonists themselves. Notwithstanding all this the people grew in strength, knowledge, and a love of liberty, especially the latter.

At that time the printing press came, and improved methods in manufacturing. The people founded colleges, built churches, and public buildings, where they often met, and indulged in heated debates on subjects of vital importance to themselves, and their posterity. In the meantime England was growing jealous of her colonies, and decided to stop emigration. Therefore in 1638, when eight ships were preparing to sail for America, laden with supplies, and passengers, it was reported that they were to be detained. The captain of one of these ships, the "Castle," hearing the report, hastened his passengers aboard, and set sail, before being officially detained.

Among the passengers aboard this ship was Peter Branch of High Holden, Kent county, England, a carpenter, born 1601; he married Jan. 13, 1623, Elizabeth Gillame, who died previous to 1638, leaving one son John, born about 1628. Peter Branch died on shipboard, he made his will, which is recorded in Boston, Mass., First Book of Suffolk Wills, page 16; dated June 16, 1638. In this will he leaves his property to his son John, then about ten years of age, to be held in trust by one Thos. Weyburn for eleven years. John Branch was also apprenticed to this same Thos. Weyburn to learn the saddler's trade.

Upon arriving in the New World they landed at Scituate, Mass., where they resided for some time, going from there to Duxbury, Mass., John finally settled on Branch Island, eight miles north of Plymouth Rock, where on Dec. 6, 1652 he married Mary Sneed of Marshfield, Mass. John Branch died at Marshfield, Mass., May 17, 1711.

There were three heads of the Branch family living in America previous to 1640; Arthur, who settled in Connecticut; William, who lived at Springfield, Mass., and Christopher, who came here in 1623, and settled at Jamestown, Virginia, and left a long line of descendants.

Christopher was a son of Lionel Branch of England, and grandson of William Branch, Mayor of Abingdon, a relative of Sir John Branch, who was Lord Mayor of London in 1580, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and was knighted by the Queen a few days before Sir Walter Raleigh.

William Branch, a son of the Lord Mayor of London was at one time a priest of the Roman Catholic Church; he renounced his religion, was excommunicated, tried, condemned, and burned at the stake. This William Branch married ——— Fulton.

Peter Branch was a direct descendant of Richard Branch of Abingdon, and his wife Elizabeth Beauforest (beautiful forest), and was second cousin of Christopher, the Virginia Emigrant. Richard Branch was born prior to 1500, and died 1544. According to tradition he was descended from a Norman Knight, one Braunche who went over to England with William the Conqueror in 1066. The ancient seat of the Branch family in England was Abingdon-on-Thames, in Berkshire county, where many fine public buildings now remain as monuments to their generosity, loyalty and fidelity to their church, they being Catholics. *

* For additional history of this family in England see "Branch of Abingdon," by James Branch Cabell, of Dumberton, Virginia. It is an extensive work on Ancient Branch history.

JOHN BRANCH.

To John Branch, only child of Peter the emigrant, and Mary Speed Branch his wife, were born six children: John, Elizabeth, Peter, Thomas, Mercy, Experience.

John Branch, born 1654; killed at Reboboth, Mass., in 1676, in King Phillip's war.

Elizabeth, born Oct. 14, 1655; married June 22, 1677, Abel Cook of Preston, Conn.

Peter, born May 28, 1659; married Hannah Lincoln.

Thomas, born Feb. 18, 1661-4; died 1683-4, at Boston, Mass.

Mercy, born Nov. 28, 1664; married Ebenezer Spooner.

Experience, born 1669; married Lydia — who died in 1699.

PETER BRANCH, third child of John and Mary, born May 28, 1659; died Dec. 27, 1713. Occupation farmer. When 21 years of age he went to Taunton, Mass., where in about 1680, he married Hannah, daughter of Thomas Lincoln, born in Taunton, March 15, 1662; died in Preston, Conn., Jan. 1732; buried there. The above Thomas Lincoln was the miller of Taunton, and an ancestor of Abraham Lincoln. They went from Taunton, Mass., about 1683 to Norwich, Conn., where he bought the "Branch Hill" property of Oraneco, Sachem of the Mohegan Indians. A copy of the original deed is in the possession of R. Branch Follett, of Hartford, Conn. It has the signature of Oraneco, the Chief; his mark was the drawing of a wild turkey. The property was described in the deed as "Skunk hung amuck hill." The frame of the second house built by the Branches at Preston, Conn., more than one hundred and seventy years ago was recovered about seventy years ago, and is still used as a habitation. The Preston, Conn., records contain the following: Peter Branch departed this life Dec. 27, 1713. Hannah Branch, widow of ye above Peter Branch, dyed Januarie ye 16—1731-2.

CHILDREN OF PETER AND HANNAH BRANCH.

Mary, born June 28, 1685; Hannah, born July 12, 1688; Elizabeth, born March 5, 1691-2; John, Peter, Thomas, Samuel, Sarah, Joseph.

John Branch, fourth child of Peter and Hannah, born March 31, 1694, married Oct. 20, 1726, Martha Williams of Preston, at Wenborn, Mass.; children ten: Olive, John, Dorcas, Zilpha, Hulda, Hezekiah, Shubard, Amariah, Asa, Abel.

John Branch, second child of John, and Martha, born 1729; married June 5, 1758, Pricilla Tracy, lived in Pittsfield, went to Whiting, Vt., 1790, had at least seven children. Shubard seventh child of John and Pricilla, born July 24, 1772, at Pittsfield, Mass., married Free Love Rice, Jan. 1795, lived at Richmond, Va. Their seventh child William Branch, born April 20, 1809; married March 24, 1853, Lucy Knapp of Denmark, Ohio. Their child Rev. Herbert H. Branch is a Baptist minister in Illinois; Dorcas, third child of John and Martha, married July 30, 1752, old style, Zilpha, fourth child of John, and Martha born 1735; Hulda, born 1737; Hezekiah, born 1739; Amariah, born July 26, 1741; Asa, baptized April 1, 1744, married Elizabeth Tracy; Abel, born March 8, 1747. Asa Branch and his brother John served in the War of the Revolution, from Pittsfield, Mass.; Asa eighth child of John and M., baptized April 1, 1774, married Elizabeth Tracy, Sept. 18, 1766, born April 28, 1743; children six.

Heziah, (died aged thirteen years); Ziboa, Olive, Lucretia, born April 13, 1775, married William Branch; Betsey died 1846, unmarried. Peter Branch, fifth child of Peter and Hannah, born March 30, 1696, at Preston, Conn., died Aug. 20, 1759; married March 31, 1719, Content House, born March 31, 1700; children ten: Zepharriah, born March 20, 1720; Peter, born Feb. 20, 1723, died in childhood; Daniel, Desire, born Aug. 20, 1725; Content, born March 20, 1736; Seth, born April 12, 1739; Peter, born Aug. 8, 1743. *Temperance b. Sept. 7, 1728, m. r. b. Mar. 28, 1731, Gcnereckh. b. Nov. 23, 1733.*

Daniel Branch, third child of Peter and Content, born Aug. 24, 1724; died, Nov. 7, 1804; married, Nov. 27, 1755, Joanna Jencks, born June 18, 1730; died April 10, 1811; children eight:

Nicholas, born Nov. 25, 1756; Aheliab, born March 24, 1759; died, Feb. 16, 1831; Joanna, born Oct. 18, 1760, died Sept. 7, 1800; Joseph, born Feb. 2, 1762, died Sept. 18, 1763; Jane, born May 4, 1763, died April 24, 1829; Olive, born July 19, 1763, died Aug. 23, 1846; Nathaniel, born Aug. 24, 1767, died Aug. 24, 1851; Lydia, born Sept., 1770, died Jan. 21, 1851.

Nicholas Branch, first child of Daniel and Joanna, born Nov. 25, 1756, at Providence, Rhode Island, died Feb. 17, 1811. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and took part in four battles. In 1787 he was Ensign of the First Company of Providence, R. I. Capt. Chas. Holden. He married Aug. 5, 1781, Thankful — ~~born Dec. 25, 1753, died April 7, 1795; Nicholas Branch, married, second, Rhoda Crandell, died July 14, 1840; children eleven:~~

Marcy, born Nov. 1, 1783; died June 22, 1826; Nancy, born Nov. 26, 1784, died Oct. 4, 1785; Nicholas, born Dec. 28, 1785, died Feb. 17, 1811; Stephen, born March 31, 1789; Fanny, born May 2, 1792, died Sept. 12, 1793; William, born Oct. 30, 1798, died Dec. 15, 1880; John, born Oct. 21, 1802, died March 25, 1872; Nancy, born June 7, 1804; Rebecca, born April 27, 1807; George W., born July 4, 1810; Thomas, eleventh child of Nicholas and Thankful, born Dec. 16, 1813.

Hon. Stephen Branch, fourth child of Nicholas and Thankful, was born near Norwich, Conn., March 31, 1789, died May 27, 1851. He was educated in the public schools, went to Providence, R. I., and became a judge there; he took an active part in the Dorr Rebellion. He was kind, charitable and public spirited in all his dealings. He was one of the organizers of the Rhode Island Dispensary. He married four times: children six. He married Lucretia Loomis in 1807.

William Loomis Branch, born at Providence, June 11, 1810, died Nov. 19, 1858; Stephen, Jr., Albert, Thomas, born 1818, Henry born Feb. 16, 1820; child of fourth wife Edwin L.

William Loomis Branch, first child of Stephen, born at Providence, R. I., June 11, 1810, died Nov. 19, 1858; he attended the public schools, engaged in the furniture business in Providence, and later went to New York City, and from there to Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1855 he returned to the home of his childhood. In 1831 he married Catherine Baker; children five: William Tillingham Branch, born June, 1834, died July 10, 1835; William Tillingham Branch, born June 28, 1836, died Feb. 9, 1856; Mary B. M. Branch, born June 9, 1839, died Oct. 19, 1913; George Loomis Branch, born Aug. 11, 1846, died Nov. 8, 1868; John Baker Branch, fifth child of William and Lucretia, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1852; attended the city schools of Providence, R. I., until ill health forced him to leave school in 1868; after regaining his health he entered the employ of the American Insurance Company in 1869. This company was succeeded by the Newport Fire and Marine Insurance Co., which was subsequently merged in the Providence and Washington Co., in 1875, at which time he became assistant secretary, afterwards promoted to vice president, and subsequently president, in 1904. He is a director and trustee of several banks, is a recognized authority on finance and banking. He is a member of numerous clubs, and an enthusiastic yachtsman. He never sought public office, is a member of no secret society. Few are to be found who have continued in business as long, and won higher honors, or greater reward than John Baker Branch. He married Oct. 22, 1879, Fanny W. Mowry, born Dec. 16, 1851; children three: Florence Baker Branch, born Aug. 3, 1882, died July 29, 1883; Claud Raymond Branch, born Jan. 9, 1886; Beatrice Branch, born Oct. 9, 1888.

Thomas Branch, third child of Stephen, born 1813, died March 4, 1857; married Sarah L. Woodward; children two: Stephen S., Mary M. Mary M. Branch married Proctor Ferguson Sept. 20, 1865; had one child

at least, Adele Ferguson, married April 26, 1893, G. N. Knight.

Henry, fourth child of Stephen Branch, born Feb. 16, 1820, married Emeline Wilson; children four: Henry A., Franklin C., Adalaide B. Franklin C. Branch, born June 29, 1845, died Oct. 16, 1881; Emeline G. Hovey, fourth child of Henry and Emeline.

William Branch, sixth child of Nicholas and Thankful, born Oct. 30, 1798, died Dec. 15, 1880, married 1819, Mary Lee; children seven: Abby L. Branch, born Feb. 4, 1821, married Joseph Peckham; no children.

William Branch, seventh child of Nicholas and Thankful, born July 15, 1823, died June 22, 1887, married Abby Ann Harris, one child, Ella M.; James A. P. Branch.

Alpheus Branch, third child of William M. and Mary, born Aug. 9, 1826, married Lizzie Titcomb of Hampstead, N. H., deceased; children three: Philip W., Mary J., born May 12, 1828, died 1829; Chas. H. Branch, born March 17, 1830, died March 7, 1889, married Adalaide Hubbard; Edwin Branch, born Sept. 19, 1833, married Aug. 5, 1860, Sebela Mansfield, whose great grand father settled Mansfield, Mass., Mary Branch, born June 2X, 1835, married S. M. Vose; children six, but four living.

Thomas Branch, sixth child of Peter and Hannah, born Dec. 5, 1698, died Nov. 1, 1778, married Nov. 9, 1726, Zipporah Kinnie; children eleven: Eunice, born Dec. 7, 1727; Thomas, born July 3, 1729; Zipporah, born Feb. 25, 1731; Moses, born March 13, 1733; Kesiah, born May 15, 1735; Daniel, born April 15, 1737; Louis, born Dec. 17, 1739, married a Tracy; Hannah, born Jan. 15, 1742; Stephen born April 1, 1744; Nathan, born June 6, 1745; Esther Branch, eleventh child of Thomas and Zipporah, born March 21, 1748.

Stephen, ninth child of Thomas Branch, born April 1, 1744, married Dec. 10, 1767, Hannah Starkweather; children seven: Selah Branch, born March 11, 1770; Sanford, born May 13, 1772; Susa, born Aug. 17, 1774; John, born Oct. 11, 1776; Seth, born March 31, 1779; Sabina, born March 9, 1782.

Elisha Branch, seventh child of Stephen and Hannah, born June 15, 1785; Seth Branch, fifth child of Stephen and Hannah, born March 31, 1779, died in Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 11, 1825, married Rachel Hurd; and located in Cleveland, O., where he owned a farm that is now South Cleveland. He held numerous offices of public trust. To this couple were born eight children; one son Francis, died Nov., 1877, married Sarah Sleight; one child, Mrs. Jacob Hartzell. Also one daughter of Seth Branch survives; Susan Branch, born 1833, married — Gillette; children two: F. H. Gillette, Mrs. R. S. (Gillette) Clark.

Nathan Branch, tenth child of Thomas and Zipporah, born June 26, 1745, died Nov. 14, 1823, married Polly —; resided in Worthington, Mass. To them were born nine children, the greater number of whom settled in York, Ohio, on what is now known as Branch road, or South street. About the year 1830 they owned among themselves all the land on that street, from the Medina line west to the B. & O. crossing. Names of children: Lucinda, Daniel, Nathan, Levi, Betsy, Hannah, Elisha, Elias, Lucy, all of whom were born in Worthington, Mass.

Lucinda Branch, first child of Nathan and Polly, born March 17, 1772, married — Bruce; children five: Nathan, Ezekiel, Harvey, Joseph, Elisha. Harvey died and left two children, Caroline Bruce, and George Bruce.

Daniel Branch, second child of Nathan and Polly, born Dec. 24, 1774, died 1885, married Polly Parker of York, Ohio; children ten: Alfred, Daniel, Amelia, Calvin, James, Mary, Martha, Dexter, Catherine, Elizabeth.

Alfred Branch, first child of Daniel, born Oct. 30, 1799, married Mary Brewster of York, Ohio; children six: Charles, born 1826, died 1847; Franklin, born 1825, died 1852; Dexter, Daniel, George, Martha.

Dexter Branch, third child of Alfred and Mary, born 1830; children three: Harry, William, Carl, all dead.

Martha, sixth child of Alfred and Mary, born 1837, married Wilbur Pierce; children six: Lolo, born 1864, deceased; Mina, born 1865; Alfred

born 1865; Mary R., born 1872; John Crillard Pierce; Fanny L. Pierce. Mina Pierce married — Reck; children three: Wilbur Reck, Alfred Reck, — Reck.

Daniel Branch, second child of Daniel and Polly, born Jan. 26, 1802; Amelia Branch, third child of Daniel and Polly, born Jan. 12, 1804, died 1805. Calvin, fourth child of Daniel and Polly, born June 10, 1806, died 1808. James, fifth child of Daniel and Polly, born April 26, 1809; Mary Branch, sixth child of Daniel and Polly, born Sept. 15, 1811, died 1837; Martha Branch, (twin of Mary) seventh child of Daniel and Polly, born Sept. 15, 1811, died 1893, married — Stickney of Cleveland, Ohio; children five: Erastus, (deceased), Lucie, George, Jennie, Addie.

Jennie, married — McLaughlin; Addie, married Coburn; children three.

Dexter Branch, eighth child of Daniel and Polly, born Aug. 30, 1813, died 1822; Catherine Branch, ninth child of Daniel and Polly, born Aug. 10, 1816, died 1824; Elizabeth Branch, tenth child of Daniel and Polly, born Sept. 12, 1820, died 1897, married Henry Gardner; children four: Clark, Frank O., Darwin B., and William H.

Clark Gardner, married Sarah Root, died 1911; children eight, all musicians: Lynn, Belle, Earl, Madge, Gale, Blanche, Rex, and Berah.

Belle Gardner married Charles Canfield; children two: Doris and Jack. Madge, Earl, Blanche, are all married, and each have one child.

Frank O. Gardner married Carrie Reeves; children seven: Almeda (deceased), Frank, Lulu, Wade, Merlin, Vera, Altha.

Lulu Gardner married Dexter Phelps, 1906; one child named Gardner Phelps. Wade Gardner married Gertrude Peacock, 1909; children two, Madge and Merlin. Merlin Gardner, married 1912, Louisa Smith. Darwin Gardner married Emma Brenner; one son, Vernon, married 1913, Alice Jenson; Darwin Gardner died 1907. William H. Gardner, died 1912, married Sara —, died 1911. William H. Gardner had five children; by his first wife three, Morris, William, Flossie; two children by his second wife; all married.

Dr. Nathan Branch, third child of Nathan and Polly, born April 27, 1777; children seven: Electa, Nathan, Lydia, Elijah, Truman, Elizabeth, Mary. Electa Branch, first child of Dr. Nathan Branch married Deacon Asa Nash of York, Ohio; children four: Asa, Irwin, George K., Mary.

Asa Nash, Jr., married Eliza Hall; children three: Clara, Asa, Ernest. Clara and Ernest, deceased. Asa Nash, Jr., married, resides in California.

George K. Nash, ex-governor of Ohio, third child of Deacon Asa, married Mrs. Deshler; one child, Mary.

Mary, fourth child of Deacon Asa, deceased; married Henry Camp. two sons.

Nathan Branch, second child of Dr. Nathan, born April 28, 1805, married March 19, 1833, Sally Ann Dolph, born April 9, 1816, died July 12, 1839. Nathan Branch married second time, Mary Ann Houghton, born Nov. 25, 1818, on Jan. 6, 1841. Nathan Branch died June 28, 1886. Mary Ann Branch died March 8, 1900. Their children, eleven: Minerva, Ursula, Nathan Josiah, Mary Elizabeth, Hiram H., Levi, Truman Delos, Augusta D., Levi Edwin, Lewis Wm., Benj. Franklin. All of the above who are living reside at Warren, Pa., except Levi Edwin who resides at Jamestown, N. Y. Minerva, first child of Nathan, born Dec. 14, 1835, died Dec. 3, 1863, married Frank Clark, one child, Eugene Clark, married, several children.

Ursula second child of Nathan, born Feb. 18, 1838, married Jan. 2, 1857 Thos. Irwin, children seven: Andrew, born April 19, 1858, died April 4, 1892; Alice B., born March 25, 1860, married E. V. Nuru; Annie M., born March 3, 1862, died Sept. 1, 1892; Jane, born April 23, 1864, married Guy Littlefield of Painesville, O.; Edmond A., born May 24, 1867; Katherine P., born Aug. 17, 1872; Geo. B., born April 11, 1880. Nathan Josiah Branch, third child of Nathan, born July 26, 1842, was a soldier in the Civil War, a member of the 111 Pennsylvania Volunteers, mustered in service Sept. 24,

1861; prisoner from July 20, 1864 to May 21, 1865; mustered out July 19, 1865.

Mary Elizabeth, fourth child of Nathan, born Dec. 25, 1843, married Jan. 16, 1866, Darius Magee, born Dec. 17, 1842; children four: Jessie E., born Oct. 15, 1866, died Feb. 22, 1867; Harry B., born Jan. 24, 1869; Freddie, born Dec. 25, 1872 died Nov. 18, 1874; Baby Magee, born May 20, 1875, died May 30, 1875. Mary Elizabeth Branch Magee died March 15, 1909. Darius Magee died July 9, 1912.

Harry B. Magee, born Jan. 24, 1869, married Aug. 23, 1890, Florence E. Ferris, born July 17, 1871; children five: Fred Darius, born May 15, 1891; Mary Edna born Feb. 3, 1893; Sterling Dorn, born June 1, 1896; Gerald Ferris, born March 3, 1902, died April 27, 1902; Dorma Elizabeth born July 5, 1912.

Hiram H. Branch, fifth child of Nathan and Mary Ann, born March 7, 1845, married March 21, 1870, Mary Elizabeth Wright, born Feb. 16, 1844; children nine: Jessie, Edith, Mary, Lyle Wright, Wayne Hiram, Ervine Nathan, Gladys, Lynn Arthur, Allen Henry.

Jessie Branch, first child of H. H., born April 30, 1871, married June 9, 1897, Benj. H. Donovan, born July 30, 1870; children three: Neil Benj. born Dec. 5, 1902; Daniel B., born March 4, 1907; Frederick L., born Feb. 22, 1913. Mary Branch, third child of H. H., born Feb. 29, 1876, died Nov. 23, 1909. Lyle W. Branch, fourth child of H. H., born Nov. 10, 1877, married May 11, 1912, Daisy Adell Bates, born June 23, 1883. Wayne H., fifth child of H. H., born Nov. 29, 1880, married Sept. 7, 1907, Margaret E. Lyon, born Dec. 30, 1879, children two: Margaret Elizabeth, born March 16, 1906, Edna Lyon, born March 13, 1908. Ervine N. Branch, sixth child of H. H., born Sept. 16, 1882, married Sept. 16, 1908, Amy E. Bailey; one child Mary Louisa, born Oct. 19, 1912. Gladys, seventh child of H. H., born June 24, 1884, married June 24, 1908, Reui Monroe Forbes, born March 2, 1880; one child, Wilson H., born July 19, 1909. Lynn A., seventh child of H. H., born May 4, 1886, married Oct. 23, 1913, Elizabeth B. Jackson, born Jan. 25, 1888.

Levi Branch, sixth child of Nathan and Mary Ann, born April 25, 1847, died May 14, 1852. Truman D., seventh child of Nathan and Mary Ann, born Jan. 11, 1849, died March 24, 1850. Augustus D., eighth child of Nathan and Mary Ann, born Oct. 14, 1850, married Oct. 4, 1877, Maggie A. Conners, born Jan. 9, 1861, died June 17, 1883. Augustus D., married second time, 1887, Sarah Conners Scott, born June 23, 1859. Levi Edwin Branch, ninth child of Nathan and Mary Ann, born Sept. 9, 1852. Lewis Wm., tenth child of Nathan and Mary Ann, born Oct. 27, 1854, married Dec. 18, 1881, Isabel Wright, born Oct. 16, 1859; children three: Archie L., born March 21, 1883; W. Percy, born Feb. 27, 1887; Hazel B., born Nov. 27, 1888. Archie L. Branch, first child of Lewis and Isabel, born March 21, 1883, married Aug. 18, 1903, Disa L. Van Arsdale, born Sept. 22, 1886; children two: Gilford A., born Jan. 24, 1905; Robert P., born March 17, 1903. Benj. Franklin Branch, eleventh child of Nathan and Mary Ann, born Aug. 11, 1857, married Oct. 3, 1879, Edith Augusta Ames, born Dec. 15, 1861. One child, Florence Ruth, born Sept. 19, 1882. Edith A. Ames Branch died Feb. 19, 1913.

Ervine Nathan, sixth child of Hiram H. Branch, born Feb. 19, 1881, married Amy Evelyn Bailey, Sept. 16, 1908; Amy born Sept. 16, 1882; one child, Mary Louisa, born Oct. 19, 1912.

Lydia Branch, third child of Dr. Nathan, born Jan. 16, 1810, died April 17, 1888; married Aug. 2, 1840, Silas Miller; children five: Silas Flagg, born June 23, 1842, died May 8, 1863, at Franklin Tenn.; he was a soldier. Herman Miller, born Nov. 9, 1843, married Feb. 8, 1868, Mary M. Knapp; children one, Evelyn who died in 1892; Herman Miller served his country three years. Lucinda Miller born Oct. 18, 1847, married Jerry Whitehead, Dec. 28, 1875. Nathan Branch Miller, born June 18, 1849, married Sept. 1, 1883, Elizabeth Dute; children nine: Herbert born March 8, 1885; Laura born March 8, 1886; Minerva Miller born April 1, 1887;

Rolli Miller, born Feb. 24, 1886; Lida Miller born April 27, 1889; Clara Miller, born Aug. 26, 1892; Archie Miller born July 24, 1895; Wesley Miller born Aug. 2, 1896; L. G. Miller born March 24, 1889. George Miller, fifth child of Lydia and Silas, born Oct. 8, 1852, died Dec. 2, 1871.

Elijah Branch, fourth child of Dr. Nathan, born Dec. 24, 1812, died June 23, 1870; born in Worthington, Mass., died in Medina county, Ohio; married Feb. 25, 1841, Mary E. Phelps; children nine: Alice born 1842, died 1870; Laura born 1844, died 1880, married M. C. Burdoin; children two: Rudolph, died; Ralph Burdoin, married. Emma Branch third child of Elijah, born 1846, died 1847; George Branch, fourth child of Elijah, born 1848; Celesta, fifth child of Elijah, born 1851, died 1852; Leavett Branch, sixth child of Elijah, born 1854, died 1877. William Branch, seventh child of Elijah, born 1856, died 1912, married, children two. Harry Branch, eighth child of Elijah, born 1859, died 1903, married Emma Peck, children two: Harry and Alice.

Truman Branch, fifth child of Dr. Nathan, born 1817, in New York state, died Feb., 1884, married Amelia Pearson; children five: Adaline, Azro, Achsah, Lucinda, Orlando.

Adaline Branch, first child of Truman, born in New York state, Feb. 28, 1844, died May 25, 1905, in Litchfield, Ohio; married Martin Fritz, June 22, 1867; children three: Myrta J., born Feb. 16, 1868, married Feb. 25, 1914, John C. Winkler of Orville, Ohio. Ina Marie Fritz, born May 8, 1872, married Parker Van Valkenburg, Aug. 9, 1890; children two: Harry A. Van Valkenburg, born Aug. 21, 1891; Clara F. Van Valkenburg, born Dec. 4, 1901. Pearl L. Fritz, born Aug. 29, 1874.

Azro Branch, second child of Truman, born 1846, enlisted in Co. K, 103rd O. V. Infantry, Aug. 22, 1862; died at Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 25, 1863.

Achsah E. Branch, third child of Truman, born 1850, married in 1870, Charles Ayliff; children six: Mattie Ayliff, married Martin L. Alpress, 1906, he died in 1913, children one, Avis; Ora, second child of Achsah, born 1873, married A. M. Lattman, in 1900; Grace A. Ayliff, third child of Achsah, born 1876, married in 1896, McBurnie; children three: Leona born 1899; Irene L., born 1901; John C., born 1904. Luella I. Ayliff, fourth child of Achsah, born 1880, died 1901; Edmond Ayliff, fifth child of Achsah, born 1885; Jessie G. Ayliff, sixth child of Achsah, born 1888, married Roger S. Culver, 1912.

Lucinda, fourth child of Truman, born May 7, 1853, died July 1, 1904, married in 1880, Elmer Maydole; children two. Martha, died in infancy; Eva, born May 6, 1889.

Orlando Branch, fifth child of Truman, born Jan. 1, 1855, married May 9, 1881, Mary E. Holcomb; children three: Arthur Carl, Harry, Arthur Branch, born June 26, 1886, married April 10, 1909, Emma Blinniger.

Elizabeth W. Branch, sixth child of Dr. Nathan, born Dec. 6, 1818, died Sept. 5, 1875, married Sept. 17, 1844, William A. Smith; children three: Azor, Eunice E., William Irvine. Azor Smith, born Nov. 30, 1848, married 1876, Belle Sterling; children two daughters. Eunice E. Smith, born May 22, 1851, married D. V. Goodspee; children three. William Irvine Smith, born Nov. 5, 1859; not married.

Mary, seventh child of Dr. Nathan Branch, married Edward Averille, Feb. 18, 1846; children eight: David Brainard Averille, born Dec. 15, 1846; Mary Loretta Averille, born Sept. 29, 1848; Lucius Averille, born Sept. 8, 1850; Electa Averille, born Oct. 7, 1852, died Feb. 27, 1853; Rosamond Averille born Dec. 3, 1853; Ursula Averille, Charles, Chester C., David B., born Dec. 15, 1846; Mary Loretta Averille, married Oct. 10, 1872, Lewis W. Yerrington; children five: Fred B., Louie A., Claude, Maud, Mary.

Fred B. Yerrington, born July 30, 1875, married Dec. 24, 1901, Clara Grandy; children three: Mabel L., born March 20, 1904; Myrtle May, born July 27, 1906; Lura A., born July 13, 1908. Louie B. Yerrington, born Nov. 25, 1877, married Jan. 1, 1904, Myrtle Irwin. Caude Yerrington, born April 23, 1880, died Sept. 4, 1880. Maud A. Yerrington, born Jan. 27,

1884, married Sept. 4, 1911, George L. Schuh. Mary Yerrington born Dec. 20, 1891, died April 15, 1892.

Rosamond Averille, fifth child of Mary B. and Edward, married Dec. 15, 1875, Sedgwick Terrell; children five: Marcus E. Terrell, born Jan. 23, 1877, married Rose Rounds; Lennan S. Terrell born Nov. 22, 1879, married April 25, 1909, Gail Beckwith; Mary A. Terrell, born Jan. 12, 1883; Clarence Terrell, born Sept. 27, 1886, married April 26, 1908, Mae Van Voltonburg; Paul E. Terrell, born April 2, 1888, married Nov. 9, 1913, Hazel James.

Ursula Averille, sixth child of Mary B. and Edward, born March 12, 1855, in Dorr, Mich., married Jan. 1, 1874, Eugene Justice Carrel, of Hopkins, Mich., died Sept. 6, 1901; children six: Edward Daniel Carrel, born March 5, 1875; Ora May Carrel, born April 28, 1877; Chas. Alfred Carrel, born July 15, 1883; Grace Dorothy Carrel born May 30, 1887; Olive Elizabeth Carrel, born Sept. 29, 1892; Genevieve Eugenie Carrel, born Dec. 18, 1894; the first three, born in Dorr, Mich., the latter three, born in Grand Rapids, Mich. Chas. A. Carrel, married June 18, 1905, Sarah C. Thompson; children two: Phillip Jean, born May 3, 1906; Sarah Alice, born June 2, —; Charles, adopted son of Mary B. and Edward Averille, born May 3, 1860, married Jan. 1, 1881, Laura Pelton, died 1882; Chester C. Averille, born Feb. 20, 1862, married Alice Wescott; children three: Rosamond, born Sept. 1892; Lyman, born 1897; Russell Averille, born Feb. 8, 1910.

Levi Branch, fourth child of Nathan and Polly, born in Worthington, Mass., Sept. 27, 1779, died 1855, at York, Ohio. Married Mary Parks. Levi Branch came from Sweden, N. Y., to Medina county, Ohio, in 1830. There was but one cabin in the town at that time. The first election was held in Levi's barn; the first religious meeting was held in his house; the first school was in part of his house, his son Theodore being the teacher. Levi owned the only team in town, and was kept making roads and hauling provisions from Wooster and Portage. He brought a small stove with him from New York and set it up in his house; it being the only one in the community, it created no little curiosity. To Levi and Mary were born six children; Lawrence, Theodore, Levi, Elijah, Mary, Edwin.

Lawson Branch, first child of Levi and Mary, born March 3, 1894, in Sweden, N. Y., died in Medina, Ohio, 1868. Married Cordelia Phillips; children nine: Fanny C., John E., Julia M., Ellen A., James C., Miles, Almyra, Levi, Evaline.

Fanny C. Branch, first child of Lawson, was the first white child born in York township; born 1831. Married C. A. Abbott; children four: Alice, deceased; Mary M., Etta Abbot, married — Swigert, children two; Anna Abbott married — Van Patten; children three.

John E. Branch, second child of Lawson, married Sarah Crust, children four: Evaline A., Mary L., Fred E., Cora M. Evaline A. Branch, first child of John E., and Sarah, married Chas. Bennington; children five. Mary Branch, second child of John E., married Del Wade. Mary E., married second time H. R. Carpenter. Fred E. Branch, third child of John E., married; one child, Hazel. Cora M. Branch, fourth child of John E., married, children four, all sons. John E. Branch second child of Lawson, married second time Hannah Wragg.

Julie M. Branch, third child of Lawson, married A. P. Hall; children three: William, Lillie May, Nellie. William married, children one, Pluma. Nellie Hall married — Palmer, children one, May. Nellie married second time, Charles Palmer, brother of first husband.

Ellen A. Branch, fourth child of Lawson, born 1837, married M. C. McOnell, children two: Burt, Jay, both married.

James C. Branch, fifth child of Lawson, born Nov. 26, 1838, married Mandana Bissell, died May 16, 1912; children three: Frank D., born May 22, 1860; Anna A. Branch, born Nov. 30, 1863; Ernest E., born Oct. 15, 1870. James C. Branch married second time, Nov. 12, 1912, Mrs. Ella Gardner. Frank D. Branch, son of J. C., married Annie Frost, 1880; children two: Bert E. Branch, born Aug. 21, 1881; Corrydon A. Branch,

born May 3, 1883. Bert E. Branch, first child of Frank D., married Verna Dedman; children three: Theodore E., Edith, Sidney. Corrydon A. Branch, married Bessie —; no children. Anna A. Branch, second child of James C., married Sept. 2, 1885, Orlo C. Thatcher; children six: Mabel E., born Jan. 28, 1887, died Oct. 24, 1893; James Earl Thatcher, born Oct. 8, 1890, married Emma Bird Troutman, March 26, 1913; Evelyn M. Thatcher, born March 12, 1895; Florence L. Thatcher, born Feb. 13, 1897; Harold and Hazel Thatcher, born Jan. 24, 1900. Hazel died when five days old.

Miles Branch, sixth child of Lawson, born 1841. Enlisted in the Union Army during the war as one of the 100 day men; died in 1861.

Almyra Branch, seventh child of Lawson, married James C. Cross; children five: Nellie Cross, married Charles Lenord, one child, Blanch Lenord, married Sidney —; Minnie Cross, deceased; Pearl Cross married Lewis Trazee, children two; Bertha Cross married Arthur Warner, children two: Helen, Eugene. Roy Cross married Lona Scott; children two: Winifred, Donald.

Levi Branch, eighth child of Lawson, born 1845, married Marion Gardner, children three: Fred M., Merton E., Ethlyn. Fred M. Branch born Sept. 20, 1868, married Lorena Rounds; children two: Dorothy, born Oct. 8, 1893; Marion born Feb. 16, 1895. Merton Branch, second child of Levi, married Maud Smart, Oct. 12, 1897. Ethlyn Branch, third child of Levi, born Sept. 29, 1876, married John Burnett, May 29, 1900, died 1903.

Evaline Branch, ninth child of Lawson, born 1847, died —, married — Alexander; children two: Orlo, Herbert, both married.

Theodore Branch, second child of Levi and Mary, married Sarah Ann Welton; children three: Samuel, Chester, Mary. First two dead. Mary married Henry Burton.

Levi H. Branch, third child of Levi and Mary, born July 21, 1816, died 1882, married Mary Ann Bowen; children eight: Alvin L. Branch, first child of Levi H., born April 29, 1840, enlisted at Lincoln's first call for volunteers, in Co. K 8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at the battle of Antietam, sent to the hospital in Washington, D. C., was granted a thirty days furlough, then went to the front again, and was lost in the battle of the Wilderness, in 1864.

Sidney S. Branch, second child of Levi H., born Feb. 20, 1842, married Ann Hudson; children four: Hudson, Shirly, Elverda, Verneda. Edith, second child of Sydney S., deceased.

Nelson L. Branch, third child of Sidney S., married Edith Matthews, one child, Sherwood M. Branch, lives in Kila, Mont. Sidney S. Branch was a soldier. He was a member of Co. K 8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at Antietam, where a General Branch of North Carolina was killed. Sidney was also wounded at the battle of the Wilderness. He married second time, Elvira Stickney, and lives at Mears, Mich.

Nelson T. Branch, third child of Levi H., born March 26, 1844, died at Chattanooga, Tenn., 1865, buried at York, Ohio.

Henry M. Branch, fourth child of Levi H., born Aug. 3, 1846, married three: Ethel, Mabel, Hilda. Ethel, first child of Henry and Agatha, born Agatha C. Gardner, (dead); married second time, Mary L. Beard; children three: Ethel, Mabel, Hilda. Ethel, first child of Henry and Agatha, born Oct. 3, 1878, married July 28, 1898, Fred H. Benedict; children three: Loretta L., born June 3, 1899; Clyde B. Benedict, born Feb. 9, 1901; H. Merland, born July 9, 1906.

Mabel Branch, second child of Henry, (first by second wife), born June 9, 1899; Hilda M. Branch, third child of Henry, born March 24, 1902.

Hilas R. Branch, fifth child of Levi H., born March 16, 1849, married Jcsie Barager; children three: Alvin, Lena, Clare M.

Rev. Alvin L. Branch, first child of Hilas R., married Robena Hill, in Toronto, Canada, April 23, 1902; children two: Margaret Laura Branch, born Nov. 11, 1903, at Pentwater, Mich; Robert Moffatt Branch, born Sept.

30, 1907, at Jackson, Mich.; Helen E. Branch, born April 13, 1911, at Three Rivers, Mich. Lena H. Branch, second child of Hilar R., married Arthur B. Crane, Aug. 30, 1906; Children three: Stephen Alvah Crane, born May 15, 1910, in Tacoma, Wash.; Rachel L. Crane, born Dec. 19, 1911; Irene Evangeline Crane, born Jan. 16, 1914.

Milo E. Branch, sixth child of Levi H., born Feb. 22, 1852, married Alma Gardner, Feb. 22, 1874, born Sept. 14, 1851. They brought up two children, Harold Branch, born April 3, 1884; Margueretta Branch, born Nov. 24, 1897.

Caleb B. Branch, seventh child of Levi H., born Oct. 15, 1854, married Ida M. Wilbur; one child, Adah B. Branch, born Sept. 20, 1886.

Mary E. Branch, eighth child of Levi H., born Aug. 31, 1857; married Clark Dickerman, children two: Charley E. Dickerman, born Aug. 21, 1883; Bessie L. Dickerman, born April 26, 1891.

Charles E., first child of Mary E., and Clark, married Bertha Seely, June 20, 1908, born Jan. 1, 1887; children two: Russell Alvin Dickerman, born Aug. 4, 1911; Velma Irene Dickerman, born Jan. 5, 1913.

Elisha A. Branch, fourth child of Levi and Mary, born Sept. 3, 1818, died 1900, married Sarah Gardner; children two: Emelia and Ella. Emelia, born Nov. 24, 1847, married Lyman Watkins; children six: Frank, Perry, Willis, Cora, Ella, Henry.

Frank Watkins, first child of Lyman Watkins, born Aug. 23, 1880; married Adaline Parker; one child, Elwin Watkins, born Nov. 30, 1906; Perry, second child of Lyman, deceased; Willie Watkins, third child of Lyman, born Nov. 6, 1884; married Mildred Turner, one son, Lawrence Watkins, born Nov. 1913.

Cora, fourth child of Lyman Watkins, deceased; Ella, fifth child of Lyman Watkins, born Feb. 10, 1889; married Dan Barlow, Dec. 18, 1912. Henry Watkins, sixth child of Lyman, born Feb. 14, 1893.

Ella Branch, second child of Elisha and Sarah, born May 26, 1851; married Mason Gardner, died Oct. 4, 1875. Ella married second, James Branch, Nov. 20, 1912; children two: Oma, Gertrude. Oma Gardner, first child of Ella and Mason, born Nov. 7, 1872, died 1885; Gertrude Gardner, second child of Ella and Mason, born May 15, 1874; married Edwin Gower; children two: Thelma and Mason. Thelma Gower born May 2, 1899; Mason Gower born June 20, 1903.

Elisha Branch and Sarah adopted two children, and brought them up. The first one, Theodore Oxford Branch died when a young man, unmarried. The second one, William Russel Branch, was adopted so that his father could join the army. He married Jennie Van Orman, and was killed while coupling cars. Fremont Branch, the third adopted child of Elisha grew up to be a useful member of society, and filled numerous offices of public trust during his life time. He met his death by the accidental discharge of a shot gun.

Mary Elizabeth Branch, fifth child of Levi and Mary, born Jan. 19, 1822, died Oct. 17, 1882; married Aug. 9, 1840, Reuben Gardner, born Dec. 6, 1816, died Sept. 1, 1901; children eleven. Polly, Charles T., Mary A., Lucretia, Fanny A., Chloe M., Lydia L., Evangeline A., Harry R., Martha H., Willie.

Polly Gardner, first child of Mary E. and R. G., born Dec. 16, 1878; married Oct. 1, 1867, Daniel Gardner; children eight, five of whom died in infancy.

Reuben Gardner, sixth child of Polly and Daniel, born June 21, 1872; married 1900. Clayton Gardner, seventh child of Polly and Daniel, born Nov. 19, 1873; married 1898. Elon B., eighth child of Polly and Daniel, born July 9, 1877, married 1900.

Charles Theodore Gardner, second child of Mary E., and R., born Dec. 24, 1842; married May 22, 1866, Lydia Ann Apthorp, died March 25, 1900.

Mary Amelia, third child of Mary E. and R., born Sept. 29, 1844; married Feb. 14, 1886, Chester H. Pond, children four: Louisa Carolyn,

born April 17, 1867, married 1903; Grace Lillian Pond, born Nov. 12, 1870, died Aug. 3, 1875; Mary Pond, born June 29, 1873, died Jan. 9, 1874; Alice Gardner Pond, born Dec. 15, 1878, married 1902.

Lucretia Gardner, fourth child of Mary E. and R., born Nov. 6, 1846; married Aug. 19, 1871, Birney Samuel Hale; died July 6, 1894; children two: Homer J., born Nov. 5, 1872, married 1900; children two: Vernon C. Hale, born Jan. 16, 1902, Frances M. Hale, born April 23, 1903.

Fanny Adealia Hale, second child of Lucretia, born Feb. 22, 1877, married 1900, — Dickenson; one child, Dorothy Hale Dickenson, born Dec. 15, 1902.

Fanny Adealia Gardner, fifth child of Mary E., and Reuben Gardner. Chloe Melvina Gardner, sixth child of Mary and Reuben, born Dec. 20, 1850, married June 12, 1876, Edmond L. Phillips; children two: Eva, born Feb. 1887, died 1887; Ray Edmond Phillips, born Sept. 3, 1889.

Lydia Lovina Gardner, seventh child of Mary and R., born Feb. 16, 1853, died Dec. 7, 1883; married March 11, 1875, Homer F. Comings; children three: Mary B., born Feb. 13, 1876, married 1900; one child, Homer Norton, born 1901.

Evangeline Adella Gardner, eighth child of Mary and R., born Jan. 11, 1856, died Feb. 8, 1885; married April 1, 1877, John Delos Holcomb; deceased.

Harry Reuben Gardner, ninth child of Mary and R., born Dec. 24, 1859; married Oct. 2, 1886, Emma Chase.

Martha Helen Gardner, tenth child of Mary and R., born Sept. 2, 1862; died March 5, 1865.

Willie Gardner, eleventh child of Mary and R., born Nov. 1, 1868; died 1868.

Edwin Branch, sixth child of Levi and Mary, married Mary Van Bleet.

Betsy Branch, fifth child of Nathan and Polly, born Dec. 20, 1781, in Worthington, Mass.; married — Stone; children eight: Serepta, William B., Orson, Levi, Emila, Artemisa, Emily, Lucy.

Serepta Stone, first child of Betsy, born 1806; married — Hubbard.

William B. Stone, second child of Betsy, born Sept. 23, 1808; died Jan. 26, 1900; married Melissa Brintnall; children six: Milton, Harriet, Amelia, Sarah, George.

Milton B. Stone, first child of William B., born Oct. 28, 1842; married Esther Rice; one child, William Stone.

Harriet Stone, second child of William B., and Betsy, born Aug. 22, 1846; married George Seeley; children six: Wesley, Joseph, George, Mary, Charles, Hattie.

Wesley, born Feb. 5, 1863, married Dora Webb; children four: Orva, Walter, Pearl, Grace.

Orva Seeley, born June 20, 1884, married Mae —; one child.

Walter Seeley, born Dec. 19, 1886; Pearl Seeley, born Nov. 8, 1889; married; one child.

Grace Seeley, born April 25, 1890.

Joseph Seeley, second child of Harriet and George, born Aug. 25, 1846; married Emily Wood; children seven: Bertha, Bird, Homer, Delwin, Myron, Ruth, Victor.

Bertha, first child of Joseph, born Jan. 1, 1887; married June 20, 1908, Charles Dickerman; children two: Russell Dickerman, born Aug. 4, 1911; Velma Dickerman, born Jan. 5, 1913.

Bird Seeley, second child of Joseph, born July 3, 1889; married June 22, 1910, Ray Sweet; one child, Eleanor, born Aug. 6, 1912.

Homer, third child of Joseph, born June 5, 1892; married March 8, 1913, Nellie Beck; one child, Maynard Hortense, born Dec., 1913.

Delwin Seeley, born March 19, 1894; Myron Seeley, born Dec. 19, 1896.

Ruth Seeley, born Jan. 28, 1900.

Victor Seeley, seventh child of Joseph, born Dec. 12, 1897.

George Seeley, third child of Harriet and George, born Sept. 21, 1868; married Eliza Wyle.

Clyde Seeley, child of George Seeley, born Nov. 17, 1889.

Mary Seeley, fourth child of Harriet and George, born April 4, 1870; married Edward Clifford; children two: Leona Clifford, born June 8, 1889; Hazel Clifford, born Nov. 8, 1896.

Orson Stone, third child of Betsy Branch Stone, born 1811, died March 24, 1892; married Asenath Kimmer, 1841; children three: Gilbert, William, Levi. Gilbert Stone born 1843, married Miranda Patterson; children six: Robert, Lillie, Walter, Roy, Clarence, Pearl.

William Stone, second son of Orson, born April 22, 1849; died Dec. 4, 1896; married Clara Knapp; children two: Jay, died; Alice, born July 24, 1874, married June 17, 1894, Scuyler Hoff; one child, Dorothy, born July 2, 1903.

Levi Stone, third child of Orson, born 1851, married Della Bowman; children five: Minnie married Paul Williams, children two: Leola, Viola.

Hattie Stone, Homer Stone, Robert Stone, Thrada Stone, children of Levi.

Emily Stone, seventh child of Betsy Branch Stone, married William Welton; one child, Lucius Welton.

Lucy Stone, eighth child of Betsy, died 1904; married Lorensler Firman; children two: Nathan Firman, first child of Lucy Stone, married Elizabeth Cook; Darwin Firman, second child of Lucy Stone, married Sarah Miller; one child, Earl.

Hannah Branch, sixth child of Nathan and Polly, born April 9, 1784; died 1844; married Jan. 20, 1805, Nathan Prentice. They lived in Chester, Mass., and came from there to Medina, Ohio, in 1836; children, six: Barney Phineas, Lucy, (married — Robins), Calvin, Ashel, Daniel.

Elisha Branch, seventh child of Nathan and Polly, born April 9, 1787; married Sarah Thompson, who was a descendant of James Thompson, who came from England with a large colony under the leadership of Governor Winthrop, in June, 1630. James Thompson a descendant of James the Colonist had four sons, James, Johnathan, John, Joseph and eight grandsons in War of the Revolution; two of the sons had previously fought in the French and Indian Wars. To Elisha and Sarah were born nine children; Emaline, Betsy, Edwin, Cecilia, Cordelia, Nathan, Sarah, Hannah J., Mary J.

Emaline, born July 30, 1811; died Sept. 28, 1885; married Sept. 23, 1835, Lorenzo N. Pierce, born 1810, at Perry, Mass.; he was a successful teacher and farmer. They lived on their farm nearly fifty years, and both he and his wife were honored citizens, and faithful Christian parents. To them were born eleven children; Ellen E., Amalia M., Isaac L., Harriet E., Betsy J., Sarah E., Elisha B., Julia S., Alvah B., Melva A., Edwin T.

Ellen E. Pierce, first child of Emaline, born July, 1836; married Norman Everson, a prominent lawyer of Washington, Iowa; both dead and buried there; no children.

Amelia M., born May, 1838; married Joseph Packard of Weymouth, Ohio. He died from wounds received in the Civil War. Amelia M., married second, C. J. Warner of Medina, Ohio; no children.

Isaac L. Pierce, third child of Emaline, born Nov. 1839, was killed in the Civil War, near Harper's Ferry, April 24, 1864; he was Sergeant 2nd Ohio Volunteer cavalry; buried in Branch Cemetery, York, Ohio.

Harriet E. Pierce, born Nov., 1841; married Henry Howard, of Lafayette, Ohio. He was Lieutenant of 42nd Ohio Volunteers, infantry; both buried at their home, Red Cloud, Neb.; children two: Arthur P., Mabel B.

Betsy J. Pierce, fifth child of Emeline, born 1843, died 1847.

Sarah E. Pierce, sixth child of Emeline, born 1845, married Leonard Kimball, Nunah, Wis.; both buried there; children three: Clyde, Grace, Helen.

Elisha B. Pierce, seventh child of Emeline, born 1847; married Anna Styles of Michigan; both buried at Kearney, Neb.; children three; Isaac, Vernon, Norman.

Julia S. Pierce, eighth child of Emeline, born 1850, married Joseph

Warren, of Washington, Iowa; Julia now living at Red Cloud, Neb.; children five: Jessie, Walter, Emeline, Carl, Ruth.

Alvah B. Pierce, ninth child of Emeline, born 1853; married Mary Rummel; both living at Red Cloud, Neb.; children three: Lawrence, Claude, Laura.

Melva A. Pierce, tenth child of Emeline, born July, 1856; married Fred Phillips of Medina, Ohio; both living at Portland, Oregon; no children.

Edwin T. Pierce, eleventh child of Emeline, born June 1858; married Clara Barnhart, of Lafayette, Ohio; now living in Medina, Ohio; children five: Ralph W. Phillips of Leroy, Ohio; Robert E. Phillips, of Wellington, Ohio; Fred B. Phillips, of Pittsburg, Penn.; Arthur G. Pierce of Akron, Ohio; E. B. Pierce, of Medina, Ohio.

Betsy Branch, second child of Elisha and S., born Nov. 7, 1813; died April 11, 1903; married Dec. 8, 1841, T. B. Hudson.

Rev. Edwin T. Branch, third child of Elisha and S., born April 12, 1816; died Jan. 28, 1901; married Dec. 24, 1847, Lauretta Turner.

Cecelia M. Branch, fourth child of Elisha and Sarah, born Dec. 20, 1818, died Jan. 27, 1887; married Sept. 6, 1838, Ansel C. Bowen; children five: Angie M., Myron E., Delia S., Melva M.

Angie M. Bowen, born May, 1840; married Oct., 1868, Abram Depew; children two: Bessie L. Depew, born July, 1871; married 1897, Rollin E. Hart; one child, Dorothy Hart, perished in the Collinwood school fire, March 4, 1908.

Myron E. Bowen, born 1843, died 1846.

Delia E. Bowen, born 1851, died 1859.

Melva M. Bowen, born March 1858; married Sept. 1880, Samuel W. Bachtell; children three: Ray W. Bachtell, born 1881, married 1912, Daisy Campbell.

Ruth C. Bachtell, born 1885.

Myron A. Bachtell, born 1886.

Cordelia Sophia Branch, fifth child of Elisha and S., born Dec. 20, 1818, died April 1, 1905; married Silas Firman Judson, born June 9, 1818, died Sept. 23, 1883. This couple lived on a farm in Medina county, Ohio, from 1863, when they went to Benzonia, Mich., to work for the Master; children two.

Lyman Parson Judson, born Aug. 27, 1839; married Oct. 27, 1860, Brithiah Howard, died Oct. 10, 1906. Lyman P., married second time, Oct. 10, 1910, Rena Stimpson; children seven: Ellen Lois Judson, born Oct. 4, 1865; Edward Lyman Judson, born April 1868, died 1870; Frank Silas Judson, born July, 1870, died 1872; Ernest B. Judson, born July 31, 1874.

Lyman Parson Judson enlisted in Co. I, 2nd Ohio Volunteers, cavalry, May 7, 1862. He was seriously injured in a skirmish with the enemy by having his horse fall on him. He was discharged Sept. 1862; he never fully recovered from the injury. In 1873 he went from Medina, Ohio, to Benzonia, Mich., where he held many offices of public trust.

Ellen Lois Judson, first child of Lyman P. Judson, born Oct. 4, 1865; married April 10, 1905, resided in Benzonia, Mich., until 1911, when they went to Turlock, Cal., Edward L. Judson, born April 1, 1868, died 1870.

Frank Silas Judson, third child of Lyman, born July, 1870, died 1872.

Ernest B. Judson, fourth child of Lyman, born July 31, 1874; married Aug. 8, 1894, Maud Dixon; children three: Lyman Dixon, born July 19, 1895; Wilma Louisa Judson, born Sept. 21, 1898; Margauretta Birtiah Judson, born May 12, 1898; all members of the Congregational church.

Harlow Howard Judson, sixth child of Lyman P., born 1878, died 1879.

Irvin Dudley, seventh child of Lyman P., born April, 1881, died Sept. 1881.

Lois Sophia Judson, second child of Silas and Sophia, born April, 1843; married Feb. 9, 1865, George E. Steele; children three: Louie May, born May 9, 1867, died Aug. 1869; Ray J. Steele, born Feb. 2, 1869; Dewey

Steele, born June, 1872, died July 1872. Ray J. Steele married Jan. 1891, Marrion Hallie —; children two: Lois May, born Aug. 17, 1894; Olive born Aug. 15, 1896. Ray J. Steele married Feb. 22, 1908, Lena Kelzloss. Reside at Grass Valley, Calif.

Sarah Branch, seventh child of Elisha, born April 9, 1823, at Worthington, Mass., married Jan. 7, 1847, Albert C. Mead in York, Ohio; children eight: Nathan Cyrus, Charles Christopher, Edwin Albert, Myron Azro, John Newton, Emma Delia, Alma Caroline, Lois.

Nathan C. Meade, first child of Sarah, born Nov. 9, 1847, married March 24, 1869, Louisa Clay, of Williamston, Mich.; children four: Minor, Ida, Bertha, Fred.

Charles C. Mead, born May 16, 1849, married Oct. 24, 1877, Ella Viola Address of Williamston, Mich.; she died 1891; children three: Leora, Belle, Lois. Lois Mead married Eva Jane Akers; children one, Harold Mead.

Edwin Albert Mead, born March 18, 1851, married Jan. 22, 1873, Carrie Lansing; children three: Gerald Leroy, Angie Alma and another son who died young.

Myron Azro, fourth child of Sarah, born April 19, 1853, married Oct. 16, 1878, Kate Kappeller, of Mason, Mich.; children two: Florence and Lois E.

John Newton, fifth child of Sarah, born March 7, 1855, married July 5, 1881, Elsie A. Holmes of Ypsilanti, Mich.; children five: Alice Branch, Leon Hamilton, Aylwin, Ruth, Helen.

Emma D. Mead, sixth child of Sarah, born Sept. 29, 1857, married Nov. 8, 1882, Lucius R. Williams of Oberlin, Ohio; he died Jan., 1901; children four: Floyd, Vera, Vernon, Elinor.

Alma C. Mead, seventh child of Sarah, born Sept. 5, 1861, married Nov. 12, 1885, George E. Newell of Oberlin, Ohio, who died Aug. 20, 1912.

Lois Mead, eighth child of Sarah, born Feb. 5, 1865, married Oct. 6, 1896, Charles Ambrose Luay, of Lansing, Mich.

Hannah J. Branch, eighth child of Elisha and S., born Dec. 23, 1826, at Worthington, Mass., died March 29, 1898, at Madison, Ohio, married Nov. 24, 1844, John Williams, born May 14, 1809 in Vermont, died Sept. 11, 1893 at Mallet Creek, Ohio; children six: Elisha W., Lauretta T., Sarah C., Florence J., Hattie C.

Lauretta T. Williams, born Feb. 23, 1847; married Feb. 22, 1865, D. C. Thompson; children five: Calista, born Nov. 17, 1867; married Milo Lyman. Josephine Thompson, born Aug. 2, 1869; married Will Starr; Grace Thompson, born July 13, 1871, died; Royal Thompson born Dec. 6, 1877, married June 15, 1908, Elvera Douhan, born Feb. 7, 1881 at Ongermandland, Sweden; one child, Melton Douhan Thompson, born Aug. 25, 1909, at Hol-ycke, Col. Florence M. Thompson, born Sept. 7, 1882, died May 7, 1895.

Sarah C. Williams, born Sept. 28, 1848, married Aug. 24, 1881, Robert Brewster of Oberlin, Ohio; children two: Ethel May Brewster, born Nov. 28, 1883, in Madison, Ohio, married Nov. 14, 1912, Martin G. Adams, born Oct. 8, 1876, one child.

Robert B. Adams, born Sept. 13, 1913; John Wadsworth Brewster, born Oct. 14, 1882, at Madison, Ohio.

Florence Williams, born April 1, 1855, married George Swartz; children four: John, born 1880; married Edith M. Dickey; children three: Albert, born 1906, John D. born Sept. 10, 1908; Mabel Louisa born March 15, 1912. Amy C., born Jan. 4, 1883; married Dec. 31, 1902, A. J. Waltz, one child, Florence borne Oct. 5, 1903.

Winnie B. Swartz, born Oct. 1887; married June 6, 1910, John Beck. Oda G. Swartz born Sept. 30, 1889; married Feb. 14, 1911, L. J. Bopley; one child, Phillip George, born March 6, 1913.

John F. Williams died in infancy.

Hattie C. Williams, born Aug. 25, 1859; married March 31, 1885, Charles E. Clark of Oberlin, Ohio; children three: Stella E. Clark, born July

3, 1886; Maud S. Clark, born July 12, 1890; Rebah Clark, born June 19, 1895.

Stella E. Clark, married Sept. 7, 1905, Ralph Homer Searle of Oberlin, Ohio; children two: Clark B. Searle born June 23, 1906; Altha Maud Searle born Aug. 4, 1913.

Mary Jane Branch, ninth child of Elisha and Sarah, born March 22, 1827, at Worthington, Mass.; died Nov. 25, 1903, at Maquoketa, Iowa; married Nov. 21, 1844, Garret Spitzer of Medina, Ohio, born Nov. 7, 1817, at Glenville, N. Y.; died Jan. 3, 1891 at Medina, Ohio; both buried in the family burying ground at Medina, Ohio. Mr. Garret Spitzer was an excellent business man of good judgment; he was for over twenty years Advising Director of the Ohio Farmers' Insurance Co. To this couple were born eight children: Alice Arabella, Evalyn Matilda, Amherst Thompson, Aaron Elihu, Adelbert Lorenzo, Francelia Josephine, Luetta Miriam.

Alice A. Spitzer born Sept. 4, 1845, in Medina, Ohio; married Aug. 9, 1868, Captain Aaron M. Loomis, born April 30, 1831 at Rodham, N. Y.; children four: Mabel Ira Loomis, born Sept. 10, 1871, at Wyoming, Ia., married John Wilson Kirkpatrick, M. D.; children five: Clara L., born Sept. 29, 1892, died in infancy; Alice, born Oct. 27, 1893; Loomis Arthur, born April 23, 1897; Anna Maria, born Oct. 20, 1898; Martha Mary, born July 17, 1902.

Milo Mason Loomis, second child of Captain Loomis, born Feb. 20, 1874 in Wyoming, Ia., married Dec. 14, 1898, Isabel Anson; no children.

Arthur Timothy Loomis, third child of Captain Loomis, born Oct. 16, 1877; died 1879.

Flora Aristene Loomis, fourth child of Captain Loomis, born Oct. 21, 1881; died in infancy.

Evalyn Matilda Spitzer, second child of Mary J., born April 8, 1844, at Medina, Ohio; died Dec. 1905, at Xenia, Ohio; married June 7, 1868, Captain Wm. Colter Lyon, born July 7, 1841 at Wooster, Ohio; one child, Maud Evalyn, born Sept. 7, 1870, in Granville, Ohio; married April 2, 1891, Wm. Albert Galloway, M. D.; children three: Evalyn Hellen, born Feb. 8, 1893; Lyon William, born March 29, 1895; Elizabeth Mary, born May 21, 1902.

Amherst Thompson Spitzer, third child of Mary J., born Oct. 31, 1848, in Medina, Ohio; married Oct. 15, 1873, Ruth Aristene Calkins, born Sept. 5, 1850, at Richland, Mich.; children three: Elbert Benjamin, born Aug. 29, 1875, in N. Amherst, Ohio; married Aug. 2, 1900, Lillian Hemmester, born Jan. 27, 1874; children two: Elizabeth Kuhn, born Sept. 19, 1901, died Dec. 12, 1905; Cornelia Spitzer born March 4, 1877, married May 20, 1903, Ernest J. Newton, born Feb. 22, 1877 at Hinkley, Ohio; children two: Rowena Newton born April 16, 1905 at Harrisburg, Penn.; Evalyn Newton, born Nov. 19, 1906, at Pittsburg, Penn.

Evalyn Spitzer, third child of Amherst T., born May 9, 1880; married March 12, 1902, Frank W. Woods, of Chatham, Ohio; children three: Ruth Aristene Woods, born May 22, 1904; Helen Marie Woods, born March 21, 1907; Alice Louisa Woods, born Jan. 10, 1914.

Aaron Elihu Spitzer, fourth child of Mary, born Aug. 14, 1850, at Medina, Ohio, married Nov. 14, 1872, Flora A. Cochran, born March 11, 1852; children two: Clifford James, born Sept. 20, 1879, married May, 1911, Millicent Woods, of Chicago, Ill.

Raymond Garret, born Jan. 26, 1883, died Jan. 14, 1886.

Adelbert Lorenzo Spitzer, fifth child of Mary J., born Aug. 15, 1852, at Medina, Ohio; he was educated in the public schools, and at Lodi Academy. At the age of twenty years, in 1870, he and his brother Amherst established the banking house of Spitzer Bros., at N. Amherst, Ohio. He afterward, in 1882 sold his interest there, and moved to Toledo, Ohio, where with his cousin, Crilan M. Spitzer, he entered the banking and bond buying business; here he organized the house of Spitzer & Co., bankers and dealers in bonds, the oldest house of its kind in this country. Mr. Spitzer and family are prominent in the social life of Toledo, Ohio. He married Oct. 20, 1875, Sarah Strong born Aug. 13, 1854, at Seville, Ohio; died July 17, 1914 at

Toledo, Ohio; children four: Carl Bovee, born Feb. 17, 1877; Lyman Strong, born Feb. 2, 1880; Luetta Ruth, born March 14, 1883; Roland Adelbert, born Sept. 21, 1885.

Carl B. Spitzer, married Sept. 1904, Edna Brown; children three: Jane Fleetwood Spitzer, Nancy Bovee Spitzer, Suzanne Spitzer.

Lyman S. Spitzer married Blanche Burrnback; children two: Lydia and Luetta. Luetta Spitzer married Thomas R. Goodbody; children four: Harold T., Lyman, Thomas, Garrett.

Roland Spitzer, married June 7, 1911, Natalie Reynolds, one child, Philip A. Spitzer, born June 14, 1912.

Francelia Josephine Spitzer, sixth child of Mary J., born March 10, 1862, at Medina, Ohio, married Oct. 11, 1883, David M. Loose, M. D., at Myerstown, Penn.

Luetta Miriam Spitzer, seventh child of Mary J., born March 10, 1862; married Oct. 2, 1884, George L. Seeley, born May 2, 1853, at Lancaster, Mich.; children three: twins, and Clifton Moore, born July 15, 1885; married July 9, 1912, Goldie Hazel Allen, one child, Francelia B., born March 17, 1914.

Bessie May Spitzer, eighth child of Mary J., born Jan. 1, 1869; married Dec. 30, 1891, Hudson D. Bishop, M. D., born Oct. 7, 1886; one child, Robert Spitzer Bishop, born June 20, 1893.

Elias Branch, eighth child of Nathan and Polly, born July 20, 1789; children two: Wolcott and Delia.

Lucy Branch, ninth child of Nathan and Polly, born Dec. 27, 1791; married — Eastman; one child, Eunice Eastman.

Samuel Branch, seventh child of Peter and Hannah, born Sept. 2, 1701, at Preston, Conn., died and was buried there in 1756; married May 23, 1728, Ann, daughter of Asa Lamb of Groton, Conn.; children six: Samuel, Solomon, Cyprian, Ann, Isaac, Vine.

Samuel, first child of Samuel and Ann Branch, born Aug. 6, 1729, at Preston, Conn.; died there Feb. 15, 1773; married May 17, 1752, Hannah, daughter of Joseph Witter, born in Preston, Conn., Oct. 8, 1730, died Oct. 4, 1774 in the state of New York; children eleven.

Elizabeth Branch, first child of Samuel and Hannah, born May 3, 1753; married March 15, 1784, Samuel Booth. Solomon, born April 10, 1755, died Feb. 13, 1776. Walter born Nov. 14, 1757, married Eunice Shaw, lived at Stephentown, N. Y. Eunice born Nov. 15, 1758, died Aug. 18, 1764. William born Sept. 3, 1760; married Lucretia, daughter of Asa Branch. Hannah Draper Branch, born June 8, 1762; married Nov. 24, 1791, William Witter. Sarah born May 21, 1764, died 1826; married June 12, 1786 at Norwich, Conn., Newcomb Kinnie. Eunice born April 12, 1768; married — Bacon. Samuel born March 7, 1769; married Ruth Chritzy. Joseph Witter Branch born May 26, 1776, died in Ohio of cholera in 1832; married Ann Buel. Happy Branch, eleventh child of Samuel and Ann, born June 14, 1772, lived in Norwich, Conn., married Ralph Bolles.

William Branch, fifth child of Samuel and Ann, enlisted April 1, 1777, when but seventeen years of age, in Washington's army, under Capt. Jedeiah Hyde, Col. John Durkee's regiment. He was in the following battles: Germantown, Penn., Oct. 4, 1777; Mud Fort, Nov. 1777; Monmouth, N. J., June 28, 1778, and in other minor engagements and skirmishes. He participated in the siege of Yorktown, Va., was present at the surrender of the British Army, under Lord Cornwallis, Oct. 19, 1781. He was with General Washington at the historic camp of Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-78. He was detailed by Washington to act as one of the guards to take the body of Major Andre from the gallows. July 7, 1783, he was discharged from the army. At that time he was a member of Capt. Samuel Swift's company, Col. Zebulon Butler's Connecticut regiment, stationed at West Point, N. Y. He was honored with a Badge of Merit received from the hands of Washington, which bore the following inscription: "For six years' faithful service in the Army." The above William Branch was born Sept. 3, 1760, at Preston, Conn., died April 13, 1849 in North Madison, Ohio; occupation, farmer;

married Nov. 27, 1796, Lucretia, third daughter of Asa Branch, eighth child of John and Martha of New York state, born April 13, 1775 at Pittsfield, Mass.; died Dec. 5, 1857, at North Madison, Ohio; children five: William W., Olive, Samuel G., Erastus, Ambrose.

William Witter Branch, first child of William and Lucretia, born Aug. 31, 1804, at Aurelius, N. Y., died May 25, 1887 at North Madison, Ohio; occupation, a farmer, lawyer. Came from New York state to Kirtland, Ohio, in 1829; later to North Madison; married July 3, 1834, Lucy J. Bartram, daughter of Uriah Bartram of North Madison, Ohio, born May 25, 1816, in Huntington, Conn.; died May 17, 1897, at North Madison, Ohio, buried there.

Of the above William Branch, I quote the following from "The Western Reserve," a recent publication, by William S. Mills of Brooklyn, N. Y. "W. W. Branch was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Lake County, Ohio, in 1845. In 1848 he began a work which entitles him to a place among the foremost ranks of public benefactors. At that time the lines of railway between Toledo and Buffalo lacked the connecting link between Cleveland and Erie; the idea of making this connection was bitterly opposed by those interested in lake traffic. Judge Branch held meetings in school houses, and other available quarters along the proposed route, and made eloquent appeals to the people. * * * The judge fought three years, and as the outcome of his labors, the Charter for the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula railroad was secured." Children of the above William W. and Lucy, nine: William Wirt, John L., Cornelia, Ida A., Martha L., Oliver E., Mary Alma, Charles C., Happy E.

William Wirt Branch, first child of William W. and Lucy, born Sept. 5, 1835, at Kirtland, Ohio; came to Madison 1837; went from Madison to Charleston, W. Va., in 1885; occupation, manufacturer; married June 5, 1876, Annie Lewis, daughter of Ebenezer Lewis of Marcy, N. Y., born Aug. 22, 1848; children three: Wirt Lewis, born Oct. 31, 1876, died July 8, 1878; Mary Lucy, born June 22, 1880; William Lewis Branch, born Oct. 23, 1885.

John Locke Branch, second child of William W. and Lucy, born Oct. 4, 1837, at Madison, Ohio; went from Painesville to New York City. Occupation, lawyer. Married April 21, 1869, Mary L. Bolles, of New London, Conn.; children two: John Bolles, born Oct. 29, 1871, died Sept. 29, 1888; Anna Hempstead Bolles, born March 18, 1875.

Cornelia, third child of William W. and Lucy, born Sept. 19, 1839, died April 20, 1891, unmarried.

Ida A. Branch, fourth child of William W. and Lucy, born Aug. 22, 1842, at North Madison, Ohio. Married Aug. 14, 1878, William S. Mills, L. L. B., son of William Mills of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; went from Joliet, Ill., to New York City in 1880. Present occupation, Supt. of School 75 of Brooklyn, N. Y.; children two: William Branch Mills, born Jan. 19, 1880, died Jan. 22, 1880; Lucy Marjorie Mills, born Feb. 16, 1883, died July 30, 1887.

Martha Lucretia Branch, fifth child of William W. and Lucy, born March 19, 1845, at Medina, Ohio. Married June 8, 1871, Edward Elisha Lyman of Sunderland, Mass.; went from Sunderland to Greenlief, Mass., children four: Edward Branch Lyman, born June 7, 1872; Ethel Lyman, born Aug. 27, 1875; Henry Wm. Lyman, born April 1877; Hellen, born Feb. 6, 1881.

Oliver E. Branch, sixth child of William W. and Lucy, born July 14, 1847, at Madison, Ohio. Occupation, lawyer; married Oct. 17, 1878, Sarah Maria Chase, daughter of Winslow Chase, of North Weare, N. H.; children four: Oliver Winslow born Oct. 4, 1879; Dorothy Witter born Dec. 6, 1881; Frederick William, born Sept. 18, 1886; Rudolph Wellington, born Nov. 26, 1890.

Mary Alma Branch, seventh child of William W. and Lucy, born Oct. 2, 1850; went to Parkersburg, W. Va., 1886; from Parkersburg to Charleston, W. Va., 1890; married Dec. 23, 1889, L. Layman of Parkersburg, W. Va., children two: Regina L., born Jan. 5, 1891; Lucy A. Layman, born Oct. 5, 1896.

Charles E. Branch, eighth child of William W. and Lucy, born July 25, 1852.

Happy Ella Branch, ninth child of William W. and Lucy, born June 17, 1854.

Olive Branch, second child of William and Lucretia, born Nov. 21, 1806, died April 15, 1875, unmarried.

Samuel Gore Branch, third child of William and Lucretia, born June 23, 1809, in New York state, died Nov. 19, 1863, at Marshalltown, Ia.; buried at Madison, Ohio; occupation, carpenter; married Nov. 26, 1840, Arvilla Crocker, daughter of Roswell Crocker of Madison, Ohio, born Dec. 1, 1820; died Aug. 1, 1901, in Cleveland, Ohio; buried at Madison, Ohio; children five: Edward P., Albert, George R., Fannie, William S.

Edward Payson, first child of Samuel G. and Arvilla, born Feb. 22, 1844; married Sept. 1875, Abbie Clark.

Albert C. Branch, second child of Samuel G. and Arvilla, died at the age of fourteen years.

George Roswell Branch, third child of Samuel G., and Arvilla, born Aug. 24, 1848; died March 29, 1849.

Fannie M. Branch, fourth child of Samuel G. and Arvilla, born July 16, 1851, at Madison, Ohio; married Nov. 20, 1872, Charles M. Parsons; children four: Edward C. Parsons, born April 6, 1874; married Dec. 14, 1899, Minnie Morek, one child, Lucile M. Parsons, born March 17, 1901. Albert M. Parsons born Oct. 14, 1877. Jessie May born July 28, 1879. Harold Parsons, born Jan. 24, 1882.

William Samuel Branch, fifth child of Samuel G. and Arvilla, born Jan. 15, 1854; married Nov. 16, 1881, Jessie F. Johnson of Rochester, Minn., born Aug. 30, 1859, at Lost Creek, Va.; children three: William Samuel, born March 18, 1884; Payson L. P., born Dec. 17, 1886; Bertha Louisa, born Jan. 27, 1893.

Erastus Witter Branch, fourth child of William and Lucretia, born Sept. 5, 1811; died Oct. 17, 1883, at Madison, Ohio, unmarried.

Ambrose, fifth child of William and Lucretia, born Feb. 19, 1815; died Nov. 30, 1876, at Madison, Ohio; married Jan. 1, 1839, Chloe Curtiss.

Solomon Branch, second child of Samuel and Ann, born Oct. 13, 1730; died Nov. 9, 1745. Syprian, third child of Samuel and Ann, born June 15, 1731, died May 13, 1748. Ann, fourth child of Samuel and Ann, born Feb. 17, 1733; married May 15, 1750, Joshua Gates of Preston, Conn. Isaac, fifth child of Samuel and Ann, born Aug. 27, 1737; married Suzana Weakley. To them were born at least three children: Luther, born Oct. 1765; Vine and John. Isaac Branch lived at Pittsfield, Mass. Vine Branch, second child of Isaac and Suzana Branch, born July 4, 1771; married June 1772, Abigail Eaton; moved to Benson, Vt., soon afterwards, and resided there twenty-eight years, then went to Orangeville, N. Y. In 1836, they went to Lawrence, Van Buren county, Mich. Vine was a prominent member of the church, held the office of Deacon many years. He died March 16, 1852; his wife Abigail died Sept. 19, 1855; children eleven: Susanna, John, Isreal, Anna, Betsy, Luther, Vine, Susanna, second, Wealthy, Eaton, Amanda.

Susanna first child of Vine and A., born April 19, 1793, died May 2, 1793; John born July 11, 1794, died Feb. 8, 1819; Isreal born June 16, 1796, died May 16, 1873. He married twice; children eleven.

Anna, fourth child of Vine and A., born Nov. 1798, died July 17, 1842; married John Mellen, Jan. 12, 1820, at Orangeville, N. Y.; children nine; they went to Lawrence, Mich., where she died.

Betsy, fifth child of Vine and A., born Aug. 30, 1800; married Arrin Sutton, Dec. 25, 1822; she died Aug. 2, 1864.

Luther, sixth child of Vine and A., born July 4, 1802, died Aug. 17, 1845, married Sevilla Graves, June 20, 1824; children five.

Vine, seventh child of Vine and A., born March 10, 1804, died April, 1804.

Susanna, eighth child of Vine and A., born June 14, 1805, died June

26, 1805. Wealthy, ninth child of Vine and A., born April 29, 1807, died Aug. 14, 1874; married Feb. 24, 1839, Peter Clark; children four.

Eaton, tenth child of Vine and A., born April 8, 1808, died Jan. 11, 1891; married Oct. 3, 1833, Amanda Allen, at Orangeville, N. Y.; children six: Ira born Oct. 21, 1837; Elam, born Jan. 31, 1842, died June 28, 1874, children three: Rev. E. E. Branch of Iona, Mich., is one of them. No knowledge of the others. Francis, born Sept. 17, 1843; children seven. Luther, born 1846; children four. William born July 13, 1850; children three. Eaton, born Aug. 22, 1854; children, four.

John Franklin, second child of Luther and Sarvilla, born Aug. 29, 1826, died July 13, 1911; married 1853, Mary Elizabeth Hansen; one child, William F. Branch. The wife died March 6, 1905. William Frank Branch, born July 3, 1855, died Sept. 2, 1886; married Huldah Herrington, Aug. 18, 1876, at Norwalk, California; children four: Margaret Hene Branch, born 1878; married, no children. James Edward Branch, born 1881; married, children four.

Mary Elizabeth, first child of James E., Albert James, second child of James E., Thelma Margaret, third child of James E., Virgile Franklin, fourth child of James E.

John William Branch, third child of William F., and Huldah, born 1883; married; children two: Mae Beatrice, Huldah.

Harry Branch, fourth child of William F. and Huldah; not married.

Erastus Graves Branch, third child of Luther and S., born Dec. 23, 1829, died Feb. 3, 1873; married Oct. 14, Watervliet, Mich., to Emily Sophia Stoughton. In early life they both became earnest Christian workers; he was ordained for the ministry, and gave much of his time to gospel work; children seven sons: Andrew L., born Sept. 12, 1848, died Oct. 1848. Rev. Lemuel Joseph, second child of Erastus, born April 13, 1850; married July 23, 1870, Sarepta D. Kelly, born April 9, 1855; one adopted son, Hazen Edward Branch, born April 1, 1908. Rev. Lemuel J., is an ordained minister, and has put in the best part of his life in gospel work. John C. Branch, third son of Erastus, born June 3, 1852, in Watervliet, Mich., married April 9, 1870, Pauline Dunham, born July 30, 1852, died March 18, 1904; children four.

Joseph Luther Branch, first child of John C., born April 25, 1871; married Dec. 4, 1890, Olive May Albright, born Sept. 22, 1873; children three: Clarence E. Branch born June 20, 1892; Rena Edna Branch, born Nov. 26, 1897; Hazen S. Branch born Nov. 26, 1897.

Charles Henry Branch, M. D., second child of John C., born May 18, 1876; married Jan. 18, 1900, Phoebe Bird Grimes, born Dec. 29, 1874, in Laylor county, W. Va.; children four: Charles Henry, Jr., born May 28, 1903; Harold Dale, second child of Charles H. and P., born June 9, 1905; Owen Paul, third child of C. H. and P., born May 10, 1907; Kenneth Alfred, fourth child of C. H. and P., born March 5, 1910.

Emily Sophia Branch, third child of J. C. and Pauline, born Aug. 28, 1878; married June 19, 1898, Guy E. McMillen; children three: Elton F., Howard S., Donald E.

John Clausen, fourth child of J. C. and Pauline, born Oct. 18, 1892; married June 19, 1911, Ruth Emily Garland, born Dec. 25, 1891.

Rev. Mortimer A. Branch, fourth child of Erastus, born April 11, 1855; married March 15, 1874, Alice A. Wait, born Nov. 8, 1857; children five. Nathan Elias, first child of M. and A., born Feb. 22, 1875; married Rose B. Bellville, July 6, 1895; children four: John Quincy, born June 13, 1897; Wayne A., born March 19, 1909, died Sept. 13, 1901; Theodore McKinley, born Sept. 14, 1901; Wells L., born May 17, 1903; Luman Adelbert, second child of M. and A., born Dec. 11, 1876; married Alta Elvira Albright, March 7, 1896; children seven: Glen L., born June 17, 1897; Fern A., born Feb. 10, 1899; Reta May, born Jan. 29, 1901; Leslie Wayne, born Aug. 25, 1903; Erma Louisa, born July 29, 1905; Leland Wait, born June 14, 1910, died Sept. 3, 1913; Margie Ella, born May 7, 1913.

Olive Amanda Branch, third child of Mortimer and A., born Nov. 9,

1878; married April 30, 1898, Daniel W. Boss; children three: Samuel Edward, born April 11, 1899; Blanch B., born Oct. 11, 1900; Murnan Wells, born Oct. 25, 1905.

John Franklin, fourth child of Mortimer and A., born July 7, 1884; married Oct. 21, 1911, Eva Parker; one child, Forest Milton, born Jan. 10, 1914. Clyde Mortimer, fifth child of Mortimer and A., born July 23, 1893.

Charles R. Branch, fifth child of Erastus and Sophia, born Jan. 9, 1857, died March 4, 1889; married May 10, 1879, Leora S. Field; children three: Ella S., born March 9, 1880, died June 23, 1898; Ida May, born Sept. 5, 1856, died Sept. 10, 1889; Alice May, born Dec. 23, 1888, died July, 1890. Leora S., widow of Charles R. Branch, married Nov. 29, 1899, William Funk.

Adelbert Branch, sixth child of Erastus and Sophia, born Feb. 23, 1862, married April 24, 1881, Isabelle Hastings; children four: two boys and two girls: born Feb. 9, 1885; married March 29, 1905, Estella May Mylton.

J. Clifford Branch, second child of Adelbert and I., born July 28, 1888; Francis Mariettie, third child of Adelbert and I., born March 11, 1893; Myrtle Sophia, fourth child of Adelbert and I., born July 15, 1903.

Erastus G. Branch, seventh child of Erastus and Sophia, born June 15, 1864; married Feb. 7, 1883, Flora Maryette Fields; children four: Kitty Lutherna, Harrison E., Lulu Belle, Williard E.

Kitty L., first child of Erastus and Flora, born March 3, 1884; married April 16, 1900, Clark Arrible; children four: Flossie Evangeline, born June 20, 1901; Lillian Beatrice, born Aug. 1904; Pauline, born March 21, 1906; Ivan Alice, born May 29, 1910.

Harrison, second child of Erastus and Flora, born Aug. 26, 1888; married Nov. 23, 1910, Stella Parker; one child, Rollo F. Branch, born 1913.

Lulu Belle, third child of Erastus and F., born April 25, 1886, died March 2, 1887.

William E., fourth child of Erastus and F., born June 11, 1894.

Cynthia Branch, fourth child of Isaac and Survilla, born March 15, 1832, died Nov. 10, 1856; married 1850, Harlow Griffin; one daughter, Irene.

Amanda L. Branch, fifth child of Isaac and Survilla, born June 22, 1834; married Oct. 25, 1856, Solomon Kemp, born Dec. 25, 1836. He died July 1, 1863, at Memphis, Tenn.; he was a soldier in the Civil war; children three: Elnora S. Kemp, born March 8, 1858; Ella A. Kemp, born Feb. 11, 1861, died Jan. 16, 1875; Solomon L. Kemp, born March 6, 1863, died Jan. 1875; Elnora S. Kemp, married Nov. 21, 1873, Levi T. Rhodes; children nine: Olive Aretta, born Feb. 1875; John William, born Sept. 19, 1876; Anson Luther, born Nov. 22, 1878, died June 14, 1901; Flora Irene, born Nov. 18, 1883, died April 16, 1909; Ella May, born Sept. 10, 1885; Emily Florence, born Oct. 15, 1888; Clara Louisa, born Dec. 14, 1892; Alva Alton Rhodes, born Oct. 5, 1896.

Levi Branch, second child of Vine and Dorothy, married Electa Lyman; children twelve: Elmira married Isaac Brown; Eunice, second child of Levi and V., married Renslor Waldo; Sally, third child of Levi and E., married Lewis Smith; Lewis Branch, fourth child of Levi and E.; Lucy, fifth child of Levi and E., married Edward Chapman; Mandy, sixth child of Levi and E., married Ansel Hammond; Harriet, seventh child of Levi and E., married Seth Porter; Harry, eighth child of Levi and E.; Fanny, ninth child of Levi and E., married Joseph Dennison; Henry, tenth child of Levi and E.; Mary, eleventh child of Levi and E.; Lewis Branch, twelfth child of Levi and Electa. All of the above children of Levi and Electa were born between 1744 and 1770; family lived in central New York.

Eunice Branch, third child of Vine and Dorothy, married Isreal Leadbetter.

Lucy, fourth child of Vine and Dorothy, married ——— Ulty; one child, Lucy Ulty, married Norice Hatch.

Welthy Branch, fifth child of Vine, married Calvin Kendall.

Reswell, sixth child of Vine and Dorothy, married Theodosia Wright;

lived in Pittsfield, Mass.; children seven: Grove W., Vine P., Mary, Orson O., Rufus, Salome, Albert.

Grove W. Branch, first child of Roswell, born in Pittsfield, Mass., 1803, died in Dalton, Mass., 1891; married Farmelia Sprague; children, five: Caroline, married Dr. Henry Farre; Parmelia, married Samuel Hubbard; Lucy, married Ensign Smith, had three sons; Ellen, married — Chamberlain; George Branch, lives in Pittsfield, Mass.; Robert Mason Branch, married Martha J. Ross, children two; Caroline Branch, born 1873, married Edward P. Wassonneau, one child, Caroline; Grove Ross Branch, born 1880.

Vine P., second child of Roswell, died unmarried.

Mary, third child of Roswell, married Alonzo Goodyear; children three: Sarah, born March 1, 1841, married March 30, 1856, James Smith, children two: Lucy A. married Allen Stephens; Charles Smith, married Kittie Hatch; one son, Louis Smith. Seymour, second child of Mary and Alonzo Goodyear, born Oct. 3, 1844, married Jennie Perchase; children two: Mary S. Goodyear, married O. Hoover, one child, Clair Hoover; William G. Goodyear, died unmarried; lived in Chelsea, Mich.

Mary Branch Goodyear, third child of Alonzo, married Thomas Leah; children two: Lucy Leah, married M. E. Moore; Mabel Leah married Fred Arty.

Orson A. Branch, fourth child of Roswell, borne Nov. 14, 1810, died Jan. 27, 1887, married Ann Herrman; one child, Mary E. Branch, died unmarried; Orson lived in South Ergmont, Mass.

Rufus W. Branch, fifth child of Roswell, born Sept. 10, 1812, at Pittsfield, Mass., died Jan. 21, 1863 at Washtenaw, Mich., married Phebe D. Cornell, Oct. 8, 1840; children four: Abigail T., Theodosia W., Mary, Winfield Scott. Abigail Thurston Branch born Sept. 30, 1841, died March 31, 1890, married Nov. 14, 1867, Roger W. Walker; children two: Elvin B., born Jan. 9, 1870, died Dec. 15, 1887; Rufus Bert, born Sept. 10, 1871, died Feb. 15, 1890. Theodosia Wright Branch, second child of Rufus W., born Oct. 25, 1844, unmarried. Mary U. Branch, third child of Rufus W., born Oct. 20, 1848, died Jan. 11, 1883; married March 3, 1870, Floyd D. Van Riper; one child, Clara Belle Van Riper, born April 11, 1873; married June 1, 1910, Edward Hinckley. Winfield Scott Branch, born June 9, 1855, went west in 1872; whereabouts unknown.

Salome Branch, sixth child of Roswell, married Artemus Cutler, in Dalton, Mass., and died there; children two; Henry F. Cutler, married Addie Plimpton; live in Florence, Mass.; George T. Cutter.

Albert, seventh child of Roswell, married Hannah —; children three: Lucy A. Branch, married Edgar Brown; Adelia Branch married George Osterander; Mary Branch married — Atwood

Rufus Branch, seventh child of Vine, born 1787, died 1864 in Pittsfield, Mass., married Jerusha Hotchkiss of Richmond, Mass.; one child, William Hubbard Branch, who owns the farm bought by his grandfather, Vine 136 years ago, also the musket he carried in the war of '76.

Sarah, ninth child of Peter and H., born Sept. 16, 1704, on Branch Hill.

Joseph Branch, tenth child of Peter and H., born Sept. 20, 1707, on Branch Hill, Preston Conn., married Zerviah Tracy, daughter of David and Sarah, born Sept. 12, 1714, at Preston, Conn.; children six: Joseph, bap. Oct. 26, 1734; Asa, bap. Feb. 22, 1736; Zerviah, bap. May 21, 1738; Rufus, bap. March 16, 1740; Elizabeth, born Aug. 12, 1744; Masa, born ~~Oct. 6, 1745~~ ^(died Jan. 18, 1760 at Norwich Conn.)

Joseph Branch, first child of Joseph and Zerviah, born, Sept. 20, 1735, married — Flagg; children six: Melancton, Fayette, Almeda, Mariette, Julius, Henry. Fayette was living at Moore's Forks, N. Y., in 1896, aged 85 years; his children are Sidney Branch, living in Illinois; Nelson Branch, of Belmont, N. Y.; Julius Branch of Redmont, Vt.; Charles of Conn.; James Branch of Ellenburg, Vt.; Chauncey Branch, of Minneapolis, Minn., and one daughter, Mrs. Hancock, living in Connecticut. *error. Should be Joseph son of Masa see top of p. 46.*

Rufus Branch, fourth child of Joseph and Zerviah, born Feb. 5, 1740, on Branch Hill, Preston, Conn., died at Castleton, Vt.; buried there; married Abigail Mason, born 1744, at Preston, Conn., died 1835 at Castleton, Vt.

Abigail Mason was the daughter of Peter Mason and Elizabeth Fanning, and great-great-granddaughter of Major John Mason, Conqueror of the Pequots, and Governor of the Colony, for many years.

To Rufus and Abigail were born ten children: Margaret, Zerviah, Darius, Abigail, Mason, Rufus, Seth, Wait, Ruth, Ruba.

Rufus Branch was a minute man during the war of '76, and as such fought at the battles of Hubbardton and White Hall. When the signal was given announcing the approach of the British on Bennington, he dropped his sickle in the wheat field, and mounting his horse rode away to the battle. Joining Stark's forces he fought through the battle, and with the rest of the victors followed Baum's retreating "Red Coats" to Stillwater. While in that vicinity he fell into the hands of the British; he was taken on a many days' march through the wilderness to prison camp, from which, after many weeks' confinement, he made his escape, through the assistance of a British officer, with whom he had succeeded in getting on friendly terms. The officer gave him a musket, a few rounds of ammunition, a chunk of salt pork, what corn bread he could get in his pockets, and last but not least a compass to guide him through the forest. After making his escape from the British camp, great grandfather Rufus returned to his home, near Bennington, where his wife and six children anxiously awaited him. During his absence his wife had finished harvesting the wheat, butchered the hogs, gathered the wood for the winter, and made preparations to work the farm in case her husband did not return.

Great-grandmother Branch was a small woman, but a very resolute one. Many are the stories told of her bravery and wit. During the battle of Bennington, several of the neighboring families gathered at the Branch home, it being near the mountains, so in case the British were victorious they could flee to the hills, thinking the "Red Coats" would not follow them there. The women had brought their "valuables" with them, the collection consisting of several strings of gold beads, snuff boxes, books, and a side saddle. Fear and consternation reigned. However grand-mother Branch continued to card her flax; at last at the earnest entreaty of the women she tied her infant son Seth up in her "linsey" apron so as to be ready for flight if necessary. Still she sat pulling the cards, declaring she would not stir until she could see "what color the British eyes were." Years after her husband persisted in keeping a dog that she particularly disliked. One day the dog poked his nose too near a short cake she was baking on the hearth, whereupon she seized the brute and choked him until his tongue protruded, and his mouth was all froth. She then let him out of doors, and rushing to the shop door, a few yards away, where her husband was at work, she shouted "Rufus! Rufus! the dog is mad." Rufus seeing the dog running about, choking, and his mouth all froth, seized his gun and shot the dog, saying "Too bad, too bad, such a good hunter too."

In telling the story afterwards grandmother always said "I told no lie, the dog was undoubtedly mad, any dog would be to be choked as I choked that one."

Margaret, first child of Rufus and A., born June 24, in Lenox, Mass., married — Clark, and went to Cleveland, Ohio, about 1816. They drove a yoke of oxen from Castleton, Vt., to Buffalo, N. Y., where they procured a small scow boat on which they loaded their belongings. They poled the boat along near shore during the day, tied it up, and camped on shore at night. On the journey one son was drowned. About 1830 Mrs. Clark returned to Vermont on a visit, accompanied by her oldest son. They made the trip on horseback. They were about two months on the way, going by circuitous routes in order to find settlers to procure food. Soon after her return to Cleveland two daughters were married; one married a Dockstader; the noted comedian Lew Dockstader is undoubtedly a descendant of this couple. Another daughter married — Carthers. I have been unable to trace these families.

Zerviah Branch, second child of Rufus, born Feb. 7, 1765, in Lenox, Mass., died at Fletcher, Vt., 1843; married 1786, Lemuel Scott, born 1765,

at Bennington, Vt.; children nine; Jonnathan, Lemuel, Seth, Levi, and Abigail (twins) Anna, Emily, Jefferson, Wait.

Johnathan Scott, first child of Zerviah, born 1788, in Bennington, Vt., died 1838 in Fletcher, Vt., married Almira Ward; children nine: Madison Scott, married Hannah Beach; Children twins: Don Eugene and Hannah Rogene, supposed to be living in California. Harrison Scott married in Ohio, one son, Clarence, living in California. Elvira Scott married Rufus Montague, died in Fletcher, Vt., in 1888. Marie married Andrew Drew of Fairfax, Vt.; children six: Daniel Drew married Sarah Farnsworth of Fairfax, Vt., last heard of in California; Truman Drew married Sophrona Sanderson, both deceased; Reuben Drew died unmarried; John Drew died in Randolph, Vt.; Alma lived and died in Amherst, Mass., unmarried.

Nelson Drew, a Congregational minister, married; lived in Amherst, Mass.; died in 1893, one child.

Alma Scott, fifth child of Johnathan, died in 1896, in Fletcher, Vt.

Chauncey Scott, sixth child of Johnathan, married Prudence Chase; lived and died in Fletcher, Vt., no children.

Chandler Scott, seventh child of Johnathan, married in Iowa.

Benjamin F. Scott, eighth child of Johnathan, married in Louisiana in 1854, and resides there now.

Zerviah, ninth child of Johnathan, married Emerson Lovegrew; one son living in Texas.

Lemuel Scott, second child of Zerviah and Lemuel, born in Fletcher, Vt., in 1790, the first white male child born in the town; married Elizabeth Montague; children nine: Darius, Marcus D., Seth, Abigail, Lemuel, Anna, Rufus, Emily, Eunice. Darius Scott married Anna Larabee, children three; one daughter, name not learned. William and Marcus, both married. Seth Scott, second child of L. and E., married Lucy Ferrier, live in New York City; children ten; unable to locate them. Marcus D., third child of L. and E., married and resides in Canada. Abigail, fourth child of L. and E., married Henry Bromhamm, member of the Oneida Society of Perfectionists.

Lemuel Scott, fifth child of L. and E., married Mary Danforth; one son, Clarence. Anna Scott, sixth child of L. and E., married E. Payson Tyler, a Congregational minister; both dead; unable to locate their children, except one daughter, who lives in Dakota. Rufus, seventh child of L. and E., married Jane Powell; one son, George W. Scott, now living in Massachusetts. Emily, eighth child of L. and E., married David Carlton of Watertown, N. Y.; children three: Henry, Lute, Frank. Eunice died in childhood.

Seth Scott, third child of Zerviah and L., born in Fletcher, Vt., Feb. 2, 1782, died Aug. 4, 1868; married Oct. 16, 1825, Charlotte Rice, died July 8, 1869; children five: George M., C. C., C. H., William N., Wait. George M., born 1826, married Lucretia Bell, died June 26, 1870. Second wife, Susan Shandley, one child, Loretta B., married W. N. Parsons; children two: Winona Mae, born 1897; Evalyn Inez, born 1901. C. C. Scott married Nellie Boyd; no children. C. H. Scott married Bertha Bushby. William Scott, born in Fletcher, Vt., July 24, 1835, married Nettie Proctor, 1856, died 1863. Married second wife, Sophia Roby, died 1897; married third wife, Jennie Holbrook, 1900; children four, two by first wife and two by second wife. Wait Scott, fifth child of Seth, born Sept. 29, 1836, in Fletcher, Vt., died there Aug. 2, 1901; Married Joan Smith; children four: Winona M., Don J., Lottie W., Frank N.; daughter dead; sons live in Connecticut, unable to locate them.

Levi Scott, one of the twins of Zerviah and L., born in Fletcher, Vt., 1795, married Eunice Nichols; children five: Henry W., married Marie Spaulding; no children. Olive married Winfield Scott; no children. Lynn, married — Reynolds, no children. Aveline, married S. E. Montague, (deceased) married second time, Cates Sherman, one child, Cora Sherman. Abigail twin of Levi, born 1795, married Isabod Chase; children two: Abigail and Wait. Abigail married P. O. Weatherby, children four: Belinda, (deceased), Byron

married Edna Fox, children six: Alister, Herman, Fluelia, Willie, Lena, Natalia. E. J. Weatherby married Jennie Cox, children two: (twins) Lena and Lulu.

Anna Scott, sixth child of Zerviah and L., born 1797, married Cornelia Higgins; one child, Lucy Higgins, married E. W. Law, children four: Florence, Solace, (deceased), Olive, Phebe. Olive married Levi Stickney; one child, Cyrus Stickney of Massachusetts. Phebe Higgins married R. W. Bailey, deceased. She lived in Fletcher, Vt., in 1904.

Emily Scott, seventh child of Zerviah and L., born 1800; married Guy Kingsley; no children; lived in North Brookfield, Vt.

Jefferson Scott, eighth child of Zerviah and L., born 1803; married Mary Kingsley.

Wait Scott, ninth child of Zerviah and L., born 1805; married a Kentucky lady; children four: Newton, John, Edward, Martin; unable to locate them.

Darius Branch, third child of Rufus and Abigail, born June 4, 1757, in Lenox, Mass., died May 9, 1851, in Castleton, Vt.; buried there. Married in 1798, Triphena Goodwin, born March 20, 1772; died April 3, 1876, aged 104 years; children ten: Elijah, Zerviah, Clarissa, Almeton, Olive, Ruby, Darius G., Fannie, Philena, Norris M., Lucy.

Elijah Branch, first child of Darius, born Nov. 14, 1790, in Castleton, Vt., died May 14, 1869, in Mentor, Ohio; married July 15, 1815, Sophia Frisbie, born Nov. 14, 1795; died Nov. 7, 1888; children nine; Fayette, Henry, Clarissa, Darius G., Salome O., Marcia S., Elsa M., Abby F., Bruce W.

Fayette, born June 28, 1816; died Aug. 26, 1884; married Jan. 27, 1836, George B. Jester; no children.

Henry, born July 9, 1819; died March 8, 1843; married April 14, 1844, Eliza Beeman; no children.

Clarissa, born Nov. 8, 1820; died March 27, 1850; married Jan. 11, 1846, George Force; one child, Frank Force, supposed to have died of small pox in the west.

Darius G., born Oct. 23, 1822; died Sept. 10, 1897; married May 3, 1850, Sally J. Moore; children two: Henry and E. D. Henry Branch died Feb. 4, 1903, in Chardon, Ohio; married Olive Smith; no children. E. D. Branch married Nov. 19, 1891, Mary Woods.

Salome O., fifth child of Elijah, born Aug. 7, 1825; died Dec. 9, 1899; married May 18, 1850, Otis Haskell; no children.

Marcia, sixth child of Elijah, born April 12, 1828; died Dec. 5, 1892; married July 4, 1876, C. W. Munsell; no children.

Elsa M., seventh child of Elijah, born Aug. 16, 1830; died Nov. 15, 1890; married Jan. 31, 1850, D. W. Newell; children two: Nettie Newell married — Summers; children three: Berta, Eddie, Ethel. Frank E. Newell married Nettie Mack; no children.

Abby F., eighth child of Elijah, born Oct. 30, 1833; died Dec. 3, 1875; married March 27, 1857, C. W. Munsell; children three: George J., Lillie, Willie. George J., married Kate Mack, died 1890; one child, Marcia. Lillie married Thomas Whitman. Willie married Maggie Henderson; died 1898.

Bruce W., ninth child of Elijah, born July 11, 1835; married July 11, 1867, Emma Forbes, deceased; married second, Minerva Hattersly; children three: Earl B., Claud M., Oliver W., Earl B., born April 14, 1868, married July 17, 1890, Margia Finch; one son, Harrison Branch, born Feb. 9, 1891. Claud M., born Oct. 6, 1869. Oliver W., born Sept. 1876; married Oct. 18, 1899, Blanche Follett; one daughter, Marcia, born March 11, 1902.

Zerviah Branch, second child of Darius and T., born Aug. 15, 1792; died Oct. 23, 1795.

Clarissa, third child of Darius and T., born Aug. 28, 1795; died Oct. 4, 1796.

Almeron, fourth child of Darius and T., born Sept. 8, 1797, in Castleton, Vt., died there May 8, 1875; married Alma Northrup; children three: Albert, Willie, Caroline. Albert died aged 22 years. Willie died aged 16

years. Caroline died 1884; married Prof. R. M. Wright, died 1904; one child, Alma Wright, unmarried.

Olive Branch, fifth child of Darius and T., born Nov. 22, 1799 in Orwell, Vt., died May 12, 1892; married Rev. Ulrie Maynard; children five; Rosamond died in infancy; Matthew Maynard, born April 10, 1832; married Oct. 17, 1856, Mary Eudocia Foote of Cleveland, Ohio; children three: Alfred F., Cornelia L., Gardner. Alfred Foote, born Aug. 17, 1857; married June, 1882, Helen P. Goodwin of Marquette, Mich.; one child, James P. Maynard, born Nov. 20, 1887. Cornelia L. Foote, born July 31, 1860; married Sept. 4, 1887, William David Rees; children three: Dorothy, born Dec. 15, 1888; Henry Maynard Rees, born Nov. 17, 1890; Marian, born Feb. 20, 1892.

Frances Amelia Maynard, third child of Olive and Ulrie, born Dec. 31, 1836, in Castleton, Vt.; died 1914; married Aug. 8, 1860, Rev. George F. Hunting; children six; William P., George A., Bernice, Mary O., Henry G., Merrill M., William Pitt, and George Albert, died in infancy; Bernice, born May 15, 1865; Mary O., born Aug. 21, 1867; Henry G., born Sept. 1870; married April 20, 1900, Edyth Jenny of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Merrill Maynard Hunting, born July 1, 1875, married Dec. 23, 1903, Kate Hamilton, of Saginaw, Mich.

Darius G. Maynard, fifth child of Olive and Ulrie, born July, 1839, drowned at Marquette, Mich., July 17, 1867. He served three years in the Civil War as Lieutenant, Adjutant, and finally as Captain in the First Michigan Cavalry; was wounded and discharged. Married, 1864, Cornelia E. Foote of Cleveland, Ohio; one child, Nellie G., born March 16, 1866; married 1890, Eugene Van Horn, of Charlottenburg, Germany; children three: Helmuth, born 1891, died 1895; Vera, born 1893; Gard, born 1895.

Ruby Branch, sixth child of Darius and T., born Nov. 26, 1801, died Dec. 3, 1826, in Castleton, Vt.

Dr. Darius G. Branch, seventh child of Darius and T., born March 14, 1805; died Dec. 23, 1880 in Cleveland, Ohio; married, children two: Clara, born in Cleveland, Ohio, died Nov. 3, 1903 in Painesville, Ohio, unmarried. Willie Branch, born in Cleveland, Ohio.

Fanny Branch, eighth child of Darius and T., (see Dr. Isaac Branch, son of Luther and A.)

Philena Branch, ninth child of Darius, born Jan. 9, 1809; died Dec. 3, 1879; married May 31, 1846, Elijah White of Ogdensburg, N. Y.; lived and died there; no children.

Norris M. Branch, tenth child of Darius and T., born Oct. 12, 1811 in Castleton, Vt.; died April 27, 1881; married ——— Smith. Two sons, Burton A. Branch and William S. Branch; both reside in Chicago, Ill.

Lucy Branch, eleventh child of Darius and T., born March 7, 1816 in Castleton, Vt.; died there March 26, 1886; married July 18, 1843, Aaron Griswold; children two: Charles and Rosamond. Charles H., born Sept. 21, 1844; married Feb. 18, 1882, Eliza Otis; no children. Rosamond born Feb. 12, 1847; died Dec. 27, 1895; married Oct. 19, 1876, Walter Barnard; one child, Lillian, born May 28, 1879; married June 29, 1898, Seward E. Westfall; one child, Ruth, born May 7, 1901.

Abigail Branch, fourth child of Rufus and Abigail, born Dec. 4, 1770, in Lenox, Mass.; died Aug. 11, 1810, in Benson, Vt.; married 1790, Luther Branch, son of Isaac, born at Preston, Conn., Oct. 15, 1765. Luther Branch's second wife, Mary Burbank, born June 16, 1767; died Nov. 26, 1829, in Lenox, Mass.; children four: Mason, Samuel, Isaac, Abigail.

Mason Branch, first child of Abigail and Luther, born Oct. 16, 1791, in Benson, Vt., died March 8, 1864, at Stockbridge, Mich.; married Nov. 20, 1813, Maryette Burbank, born 1795 in Granville Mass.; died Feb. 1847 in Jackson Mich.; children five: M. D. Lafayette, Jerome C., Henry M., Edward H., Isaac. Marquis De Lafayette born May 15, 1815, in Burlington, Vt., died Jan. 8, 1904, at Owassa, Mich.; married Oct. 20, 1839, Rebecca Jane Young of Saline, Mich.; children two: Mariette married Robt. McKenzie; second daughter married A. W. Johnson, children two: Edward M. Johnson married Kate Drayer of Lansing, Mich.; B. B. Johnson, unmarried.

Jerome C. Branch, second child of Mason, born March 28, 1822, in Vernon, N. Y.; married Lovina Wood; no children. Henry M. Branch, third child of Mason and M., born June 23, 1825, in Lenox, N. Y.; died March 4, 1891, at Owassa, Mich.; married Elizabeth Gilbert; children two: Mason, Mariette. Mason married Ida Halleck; children five: Mariette, married Charles Magee, of Jackson, Mich. Edward Branch, fourth child of Mason and M., born Oct. 30, in Benson, Vt., married Evelyn Chase; one child, Edward Chase Branch, married Alice Thornhill; one child, Chase Thornhill Branch, born May 1902. Isaac N. Branch, fifth child of Mason and M., born July 14, 1833; married Aug. 8, 1858, Helen Fisher; no children. They adopted a boy and gave him their name; that he is an honor to it is shown by the fact that he is a member of the Legislature from Jackson, Mich.; he married Jannie Dibble; children four: Josephine, born 1892; Mildred born 1894; Marian born 1894; Harriet born 1897.

Samuel Branch, second child of Luther and Abigail, born April 30, 1797, in Benson, Vt.; was killed by Jessie Adams in Abbeville, S. C., July 19, 1840; married Jan. 11, 1821, Elizabeth Wilson of Abbeville, S. C.; children nine: Mary A., Sarah A., John L., Isaac B., Daniel W., Robt. M., James P., Frances C., William A.

Mary A. Branch first child of Samuel and Elizabeth, born Oct. 27, 1821, married Eli Holliday; both deceased. Augusta Holliday married Robert Rhodes; children two: Lulu, Fanny. Sullie Holliday married Lois R. White; no children. William Holliday married Julia — of Urbana, Ohio; one son, William. Elizabeth, Charles, Lucy, and Benjamin never married. Alice Holliday married Horace Rhodes.

Sarah Abigail Branch, second child of Samuel and Elizabeth, born Feb. 25, 1824, in Abbeville, S. C., married Francis Menkey; children six: Henry Alton Menkey, married Mary Swan; children two: Frank, William. Ella L., and Elizabeth H. Menkey, never married. Kate Q. Menkey married Goodman Johnson; children two: Lawrence Branch Johnson married Francis Butte; James Frederick Johnson. Francis Barstow Menkey married Julia LeGett; two children: Lawrence and Francis B. Isadore G. Menkey married Helen S. Norris; children four: Kate, Marvin Branch, Lawrence and Norris.

John Luther Branch, third child of Samuel and Elizabeth, born Aug. 27, 1825; married Margaret Inglesby; died 1868; children three. Married second wife, Nattie Gouchel; children two: John L., Samuel R., Benjamin F., Lavina, Edwin.

Isaac Branch, fourth child of Samuel and Elizabeth, born Dec. 16, 1828; married Lou C. Cocqueroft; both dead; no children.

Daniel Webster Branch, fifth child of Samuel and E., born June 3, 1831; married Annie Cocqueroft; children five: Clarence, Mary E., Ida C., (married George Branch Sondley), William W., George C.

Robert Mason Branch, sixth child of Samuel and E., born Jan. 18, 1833; died many years ago in Kentucky.

James L. Fettigrew Branch, seventh child of Samuel and E., born Sept. 26, 1834; died in childhood.

Frances C. Branch, eighth child of Samuel and E., born Nov. 24, 1836; married John Queen; children two: John, William; reside in Urbana, Ohio.

William A. Branch, ninth child of Samuel and E., born Oct. 9, 1838; married Ann Fitz; children eight: Frank, Rose, Mary, Kate, William, Clifford, Tully and Navy.

Isaac Branch, M. D., third child of Luther and Abigail, born Dec. 18, 1800, in Benson, Vt.; died in Atlanta, Georgia; married Nov. 8, 1829, Fanny Branch, daughter of Darius and Tryphena Branch, born Nov. 24, 1806; died Nov. 28, 1871; children ten, only three grew to man and womanhood; Mary F., Louisa H., and W. T. Mary Frances born July 15, 1833, in Abbeville, S. C., died there April 19, 1872; married Jan. 27, 1853, David Sondley; died 1870; children seven (three died in infancy); George B., Harriet R., Virginia A., and William. George B. Sondley born Dec. 15, 1854; married Feb. 1889, Ida Branch, grand-daughter of Samuel H., son

of Luther; no children. Harriet-Rebecca Sondley born July 16, 1857; married Nov. 3, 1876, J. C. Haddon; children six: Lula B., Clifford S., Irwin J., Virginia Mae, Salla, Mary G.; all born in Due West, S. C. Virginia A. Sondley born Jan. 27, 1863 is a trained nurse. William Tully Sondley born Feb. 16, 1866; married Mary Skinner of Huntsville, Ala.; one child, Hazel. Louisa H. Branch born June 29, 1842; died 1871; married 1871, R. M. Haddon.

William Tully Branch, child of Dr. Isaac, born April 23, 1845, in Abbeville, S. C.; died Nov. 6, 1903; married June 7, 1870, Anna Wilson; died 1890. No children.

Abigail Branch, fourth child of Luther and Abigail, born March 28, 1807 in Benson, Vt.; died 1873 at New Haven, Mich.; married May 30, 1827, George Wallace; children eleven: George A., Samuel, Mary, Alonzo and Lorenzo (twins), Francis, Daniel, Mary, Sarah A., John M., Lydia. George A. Wallace, first child of A. and G., born July 29, 1828, in Lenox, N. Y.; married Jan. 23, 1850, Nancy Ann Rose of Lyndon, Mich.; died May 16, 1875, at St. John's, Mich. George A., married second wife Oct. 3, 1876, Cynthia G. Norman; children six: Sarah A., Nancy J., Marion R., Samuel Bion, Cora A., Eva M. Sarah A. Wallace born March 26, 1851; died Sept. 14, 1851; Nancy J. Wallace born Feb. 28, 1853; married June 1, 1870, John G. Ecoth; children three: Cynthia born April, 1876; Maud L., born 1879; Wallace Branch born April 10, 1882, married March 15, 1903, Gertrude Heron born Feb. 22, 1884. Marion R. Wallace, third child of George A. and Nancy born July 19, 1855; died July 31, 1898, at Seattle, Wash.; married July 4, 1876, Forrest J. Raymond; no children. Samuel Bion Wallace, fourth child of George A. and Nancy, born Dec. 12, 1857, unmarried. Cora A. Wallace, fifth child of George A. and Nancy, born Aug. 15, 1862; married June 30, 1891, Winsor Earl; children two: Stanley Bion Earl, born Feb. 3, 1895 in Saxon, Wis.; Eve R. born Oct. 30, 1896. Eve M., sixth child of George A. and N., born April 27, 1866; married June 22, 1887, George F. Howe; children two: Hazel M., born Oct. 4, 1889, in Hurley, Wis.; Chauncey Howe, born July 26, 1892 in Saxon, Wis.

Samuel Branch Wallace, second child of Abigail and George, born Sept. 25, 1830; married Oct. 18, 1872, Elizabeth Barton, born March 9, 1845; children six: Bernice C., Carrie M., Bertha B., Ernest S., Ethel G., S. Branch. Bernice C., born Aug. 19, 1873; died March 7, 1883; Carrie M., born Jan. 10, 1876; Bertha B., born Aug. 10, 1878; married Sept. 17, 1897, George L. Ayers, born March 13, 1878; children two: Viola A. Ayers born May 30, 1898; Arnold B. Ayers born Feb. 19, 1902. Ernest S. Wallace born May 3, 1881; died March 4, 1883. Ethel L. Wallace born Dec. 18, 1883, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth. S. Branch Wallace born Aug. 16, 1886.

Mary Wallace, third child of Abigail and George, born April 15, 1833; married Nov. 1, 1854, Spencer Boyce, born June 4, 1829; children six: Loyal Ella, Samuel, George, Mary A., Sarah. Loyal Boyce born June 4, 1855, died Feb. 6, 1875. Ella, born May 8, 1857; married Nov. 2, 1881, Allen Skidmore; children two: Alta May born Dec. 28, 1883; Mary E. Skidmore, born Jan. 29, 1889. Samuel Boyce born Nov. 21, 1859, married Dec. 30, 1885, Anna Hadley; children three: Calista born 1887; Floyd born 1892; Howard born 1894. George Boyce born July 15, 1862; married Oct. 16, 1889, Mary Behm; children six: Spencer born 1892; Frances born 1894; John born 1895; Eliza born 1898; Leoretta born 1900; Mary born 1902. Mary Abby Boyce, fifth child of Mary and Loyal, born Oct. 3, 1872; married Nov. 13, 1895, — Roepcker; children three: Mary born 1897; Irene born 1898; Pearl born 1901. Sarah Boyce, sixth child of Mary and L., born May 9, 1875, died March 19, 1900; married April 10, 1897, Charles Daley; one child, Adornia born 1900.

Alonzo Wallace, one of the twins of Abigail and George born June 25, 1834; married Oct. 12, 1855, Elizabeth M. Ott, of Grand Haven, Mich. Alonzo was a soldier in the Civil War; was a prisoner six months. Children of Alonzo, eleven: Chester, William, Alonzo, Charley, Annie, Mamie, John,

Loyal, Mirta, Golda, Blanche. Chester Wallace born Aug. 17, 1856, married Ella Richards. William born June 5, 1859, married and has several children. Alonzo Wallace, born 1861, deceased. Charley born May 4, 1863, married; several children. Annie, born May 10, 1866, married — Austin; several children reside in Maine. Mamie, born May 10, 1866; deceased. John born Nov. 28, 1870, married Ida Jewett; children four: Leon, Mandie, Jewett, Roby, (the two latter deceased). Loyal Wallace born Aug. 13, 1874. Mirra, born Oct. 31, 1882. Golda born Oct. 26, 1883, married Sirvus Orth. Blanche Wallace, eleventh child of Alonzo, born Dec. 31, 1884.

Lorenzo Wallace, (twin of Alonzo), born June 25, 1834, married March 25, 1859, Anna M. Clapp, born June 6, 1839; one child, Frank E. Wallace, born Feb. 22, 1861, died Feb. 14, 1901.

Francis Wallace, sixth child of Abigail and George; unable to learn anything of their descendants.

Daniel Wallace, seventh child of Abigail and George, married, 1860, Emma Love; children four: Della, Arthur, George, Emma. Della born Oct. 11, 1864, married — McEntire; several children. Arthur born Dec. 18, 1866, married. Unable to learn anything further of the family. Nancy, eighth child of Abigail and George, died in childhood.

Sarah Abigail Wallace, ninth child of Abigail and George, born Oct. 11, 1844, in Lyndon, Mich., married Dec. 18, 1860, Alvin Evans born June 7, 1830, in Troy, N. Y.; died at Owasso, Mich., April 8, 1900; children four: George Truby born April 3, 1867, died Feb. 26, 1871. Wallace A. Evans born March 10, 1877, in Owasso, Mich., died there, March 3, 1881. Albert B. Evans born Oct. 9, 1880, married Nov. 19, 1902, Nettie Wood. Vernon Evans born June 9, 1887.

John M. Wallace, tenth child of Abigail and George, born 1846.

Lydia Wallace, eleventh child of Abigail and George, born Aug. 17, 1848, married, 1869, George Sawyer, deceased.

Mason Branch, fifth child of Rufus and A., born 1772, drowned in Castleton Pond, Vt., 1778.

Rufus Branch, sixth child of Rufus and Abigail, born Sept. 17, 1774, in Bennington, Vt., died Nov. 30, 1845, in Mesopotamia, Ohio. Married, Nov. 9, 1766, Sylvia Goodwin born March 6, 1774, died at Castleton, Vt., Feb. 6, 1804; children by first wife, four: Polly born July 6, 1798, died Aug. 6, 1800; Asa Branch born Sept. 2, 1800, died Jan. 5, 1813; Mason Branch born Feb. 9, 1802, in Castleton, Vt., died July 3, 1882, in Kingsville, Ohio; buried in Saybrook, Ohio, where he lived the last forty years of his life. A grand old man. John Branch, fourth child of Rufus, born Feb. 1, 1804, in Castleton, Vt., died Feb. 27, 1876, in Schodack, N. Y.; married Dec. 19, 1832, Mary Lewis, died March 3, 1873, in Schodack, N. Y.; children three: J. G. W., R. Huntington, Lewis. J. G. W. Branch, first child of John, born Nov. 16, 1833, in Chatham, N. Y.; was well educated; a lawyer by profession; became blind through an accident in a mine in New Mexico, in his early manhood. R. Huntington Branch born May 8, 1838, in Chatham, N. Y., married Elizabeth C. See, died Feb. 28, 1898; children two: Edwin and John. Edwin born July 17, 1877, in Schodack, unmarried. John Branch born Dec. 6, 1878, married Carrie Brooks; one child, John R., born Nov. 29, 1899, in N. Y. city. Lewis Branch, third child of John, born March 23, 1842, in Chatham, N. Y., married March 22, 1863, Estella Travis; children two: Charles J., Carrie E. Charles J. Branch married Aug. 8, 1888, Alida Beardsley; one child, Adealia, born June 7, 1889. Carrie E. Branch, born July 23, 1867, in Schodack, N. Y., married Aug. 1, 1895, John Patterson.

Rufus Branch, sixth child of Rufus and Abigail, mentioned above, married second time, June 5, 1804, Abi Joslyn; children six by second wife: Sylvia, Polly, Margaret, F. L., Angeline.

Sylvia Branch, fifth child of Rufus, Jr., born July 17, 1805, in Castleton, Vt., died Oct. 5, 1862, in Saybrook, Ohio; married Hiram Hickok; died Oct. 12, 1862; children two: Hiram Malon Hickok, born July 11, 1832, in Mesopotamia, Ohio; killed by being thrown from his wagon, in some

manner, while moving from Defiance county, Ohio, to St. Joseph, Mich.; married Sept. 18, 1856. Fanny Converse, died May 11, 1864, in Royalton, Mich.; children three by first wife; Evalyn, Gertrude, Myrta. H. Malon Hickox, married second wife, Betsy Arliff, Nov. 17, 1867, died March 28, 1898; children three by second wife: Bertha A., Rachel A., Arthur. Evalyn Hickox born June 11, 1857, in Saybrook, Ohio, married Nov. 28, 1878. Francis Mock; children nine: Walter born Dec. 17, 1879 married Dec. 25, 1903, Carrie Fouts. Earl, born May 13, 1882; Margaret P., born March 14, 1884, died July 11, 1898. Willie B., born March 1, 1886; Curtis, born May 7, 1889; Hazel born May 10, 1893; Charles born March 27, 1895; Evalyn born Nov. 22, 1897; Virgil born March 22, 1903. Gertrude Hickox born May 25, 1860, died Sept. 28, 1865, at St. Joe, Mich. Myrta Hickox, third child of Malon, born April 23, 1864, married William Swadling; one child. Bertha Hickox, fourth child of Malon, born Jan. 31, 1870, married Chas. Wesley Flinkenger; one child, Wesley L. Flickenger, born 1903. Rachel Angeline Hickox, fifth child of Malon, born Aug. 25, 1873, married William Paris; died Feb. 1, 1904; one child, William Lesta, born Sept. 27, 1902. Arthur, sixth child of Malon, born June 26, 1876, married Ivy Kellogg; died Aug. 3, 1899.

Lucy Hickox, second child of Sylvia and Hiram, born March 13, 1835, in Mesopotamia, Ohio; died in Pierce City, Mo., Nov. 19, 1889; married 1856, Fenner Cook, of Saybrook, Ohio, son of Silas Cook. Married second time, Philetus Farr, of St. Joseph, Mich.; children six: Etta, Louis, Albert, Alvy, Fred, Maud. Etta Cook, born Nov. 30, 1859, in Saybrook, Ohio; married James Loder, of Pierce City, Mo.; died there, April 12, 1890; one child, Odessa Jeannette, born Dec. 22, 1889. Louis E. Farr, married Cordelia Hite; children two: May, born 1893; Oscar, born 1896. Alvy Farr, married 1900, Louisa Paul; one child, born 1901. Fred Farr died in 1890. Maud Farr married James Howard; one son, born 1888.

Polly Branch, sixth child of Rufus Jr., born May 20, 1808, in Castleton, Vt.; died near Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 3, 1843; married Smith Jones; children three: Alf, Wakeley, Mary J. Alf died many years ago, unmarried. Wakeley Jones married; one daughter, living near Boston, N. Y., at last accounts. Wakeley Jones married second wife, Mate German of New Boston, N. Y., had one son; find no trace of them. Mary Jane Jones married — Woodward; children three sons; nothing learned of her or her descendants.

Margaret Branch, seventh child of Rufus Jr., born June 11, 1811; died March 3, 1813.

Ruby A. Branch, eighth child of Rufus Jr., born June 21, 1814, in Castleton, Vt.; died Dec. 9, 1850, in Mesopotamia, Ohio; married Oct. 9, 1834, Benjamin Bowers; children six: Sylvia M., Cornelius, Henrietta, Henry, Ellen A. Ruby A. Sylvia M., born Feb. 3, 1836; died March 12, 1889, in Grafton, S. D.; married June 9, 1856, William Phillips, of Waterloo, Wis.; children four: James, unmarried; Ella, married — Thompson; Myrtle, married — Reeves, of Howard, S. D.; Willie Phillips, Cornelius Bowers, born Aug. 4, 1838, in Mesopotamia, Ohio; died there in 1853. Henrietta Bowers, born Jan. 2, 1840; married John Wilson; children three: Etta, Claud, Lee. Henry Bowers, born Sept. 5, 1841, in Mesopotamia, Ohio; died on Vicksburg battlefield, May 28, 1863. Ellen Abi, born Sept. 9, 1844; married E. C. Campbell, of Clay Center, Kansas; children two: Myrtle, Azel. Ruby Abby Bowers, sixth child of Sylvia and Benjamin, born Sept. 1849, in Mesopotamia, Ohio; married Dec. 29, 1868, Chester A. Hosmer, of Parkman, Ohio; children three: Sylvester E., Lee, Stella. Sylvester, born Nov. 7, 1870, in Middlefield, Ohio; married Sept. 28, 1898, Norma Kohlrose; children two: Chester A., born Sept. 24, 1900; Herbert C., born Oct. 10, 1902. Lee Hosmer, born July 3, 1872; married Sept. 2, 1903, Janie Forrest. Stella Hosmer, born Aug. 14, 1877; married May 29, 1898, R. D. Cone; children three: Paul C., born Jan. 28, 1900; J. Merle, born March 15, 1903; Marjorie, born Oct. 31, 1910.

Frederick Linsey Branch, ninth child of Rufus Jr., born Oct. 3, 1819, in Castleton, Vt.; died Aug. 13, 1890, in Saybrook, Ohio; married Oct. 19, 1851,

Sophia P. Proud; children three: Angeline, Helen, Ernest. Angeline Branch, born Feb. 11, 1853, in Saybrook, Ohio; died there April 19, 1896. Helen M., born July 1, 1855, married Dec. 3, 1873, Alfred H. Stewart; children four: Paul, born Sept. 9, 1876, in Saybrook, Ohio; married Jessie Scovil; no children. Alma Stewart (twin), born May 30, 1880; married Nov. 9, 1902, Frank W. Richmond; children two: Harold W., Mildred. Alfred Stewart, twin of Alma, born May 30, 1880; married Clara Bartlett; no children. Marc Stewart, born June 16, 1883. Ernest Branch, born Jan. 16, 1863, in Saybrook, Ohio; married June 27, 1891, Estella Smyth; children two: Grace, born Aug. 6, 1893; Marjorie Branch, born Nov. 8, 1894. This family reside in Cleveland, Ohio.

Angeline Branch, tenth child of Rufus Jr., born July 29, 1823, in Castleton, Vt.; died Aug. 23, 1878, in Garrettsville, Ohio; married May 28, 1846, Lemuel Higby; children three: Isodene A., Perlle E., George. Isodene Adelia Higby, born Nov. 11, 1847, in Mesopotamia, Ohio; married Dec. 25, 1867, Edmond Knapp; children two: Perlle A., born May 6, 1883, in Garrettsville, Ohio, a teacher; Howard Knapp, born July 4, 1886. Perlle Etta Higby, born March 22, 1851; married Sept., 1868, Reuben Daniels; one child, George Ellis Daniels, born May 30, 1873, in Garrettsville, Ohio. George Higby, born Feb. 6, 1853; married June 1, 1878, Eliza Curtis.

Seth W. Branch, seventh child of Rufus and Abigail, born 1776, in Bennington, Vt.; died Sept. 16, 1854, in Shalersville, Ohio; buried there, where he settled on coming from Castleton, Vt., in 1832; married Polly Demming in 1798; she was born in 1779; died Jan. 27, 1864; children seven: Benjamin H., Mary, Martin D., Ferrand M., Eliza, Seth P., Laura G.

Benjamin Holton Branch, first child of Seth and Polly, born 1800; died 1824, at Monkton, Vt.; married Rosilla Branch, daughter of Elijah Branch, of Monkton, Vt.

Marv Branch, second child of Seth and Polly, born Dec. 30, 1801; died Sept. 2, 1889; married Hector Hickox Hall; died in Indianapolis, Ind., 1888; children three: Ann Eliza, Jane Adelia, Eliza Frances; all died in young womanhood.

Martin D. Branch, third child of Seth and Polly, born Feb. 16, 1804, in Castleton, Vt.; died March 8, 1881, in Orwell, Vt.; married June 25, 1831, Luna Tenny, born Aug. 27, 1803; died May 31, 1892; children, two: Isaac T., Vernon H. Isaac Tenny Branch, born Feb. 15, 1832; died at Orwell, Vt., Feb. 24, 1902; married Feb. 15, 1857, Mary Italy Churchill, born in Milwaukee, Wis., 1838; died Dec. 27, 1864; children two by first wife: Walter T., Vernon H. Walter Tenney Branch, born July 25, 1859; married May 19, 1887, Minnie Belle Campbell of Sewall, Vt.; children three: Carlton C., Churchill, Tenney. Vernon Harris Branch, Jr., born Feb. 3, 1863, in Milwaukee, Wis.; married Oct. 20, 1885, Luella Brown; one child, Hazel Branch. Isaac Tenney Branch, married second wife, Emma Sabina Moffit, born April 20, 1847; died June 15, 1903; children three: Jay, May, Anna. Jay Ernest Branch, born July 19, 1875, in Orwell, Vt. May Emma Branch, born July 19, 1875; married Sept. 28, 1893, Glenn Charles Phelps, born April 13, 1873; children four: Roy Glenn, born July 13, 1894; Mildred May, born Feb. 21, 1898; Effie Emma Phelps, born Feb. 15, 1901; Luella Anna, born Feb. 3, 1903. Anna Luna Branch, fifth child of Isaac T., born Dec. 10, 1880; married — Henniway; live in Manchester, Vt.; children, two girls. Vernon Harris, second child of Martin Branch, born Feb. 3, 1838; died 1888, unmarried.

Ferrand Madison Branch, fourth child of Seth and Polly, born Feb. 8, 1806, in Castleton, Vt., came from Sudbury, Vt., to Shalersville, Ohio, in 1832; from Shalersville to Saybrook, Ohio, in 1855, where he died Nov. 28, 1874; married Sophie P. Fairbanks, born Nov. 26, 1817, in Augusta, N. Y.; died June 10, 1896, in Saybrook, Ohio; children, two; Benjamin H. Branch, born in Shalersville, Ohio, March 10, 1842; died Oct. 11, 1862. Ann Eliza Branch, born in Shalersville, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1852; married March 24, 1868, C. J. Slocum; married March 15, 1877, John Cartner; died 1890; married Nov. 4, 1897, John Paulson, born October 10, 1842, in Trolenas, Sweden; children, three; Charles Ferrand

Slocum, born Jan. 23, 1869, in Saybrook, Ohio. Zylpha Viola Slocum, born June 21, 1871.

Ruth Ann Cartner, born Dec. 28, 1879, in Ashtabula, Ohio; married Arthur W. Corlew; one child, Zylpha Viola Corlew, born March 24, 1897, in Saybrook, Ohio.

Ruth Ann Corlew married second time, George Randall.

Eliza Branch, fifth child of Seth and Polly, born Feb. 27, 1898, in Castleton, Vt.; died in Oberlin, Ohio, Aug. 15, 1898; married Rev. George Clark; died in Oberlin, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1888; children, two; both died in childhood. This couple deserve more than a passing notice. Mr. Clark was an Evangelist. His field was from Massachusetts to Wisconsin. He was an ardent worker for the Master, being constantly in the field unless it be a few months in the summer. His wife was truly a helpmate to him in every sense of the word; working hard keeping boarders in the college town of Oberlin, Ohio, at \$1 a week. She would bake a large loaf of brown bread in the brick oven all night. In the morning at breakfast it would melt the butter. The boarders used to say "Why, Mrs. Clark, you must get up very early to give us warm bread for breakfast." She said years after, "I did not feel called upon to explain, but took the compliment for what it was worth." She sometimes accompanied her husband on his journeys, helping him much in his labors. Truly they gathered in many sheaves, and have gone to their reward.

Seth Perry Branch, sixth child of Seth and Polly, born in Benson, Vt., March 7, 1816; died in Ravenna, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1893; married May 13, 1845, Rebecca Sharp, born in Sharon, N. Y., April 26, 1818; died in Ravenna, Nov. 12, 1899; children two; Mary Evelyn, born April 26, 1849, in Shalersville, Ohio; married May 3, 1871, George C. French; no children. Elsie R. Branch, born April 26, 1858, in Shalersville, Ohio; died Sept. 8, 1912, in Ravenna, Ohio. Left a valuable property to found a home for aged people of Portage county, Ohio.

The above Seth P. Branch came from Rutland county, Vt., in 1833, but subsequently returned, and learned the mason's trade. On his return, after serving an apprenticeship, he formed the acquaintance of Miss Sharp, who was travelling with her father. This acquaintance culminated in their marriage, after he had prepared a home for his bride. He lived in Shalersville, and worked at his trade for many years in the neighboring towns. He was noted for his fearlessness in expressing his opinion on any subject at any time or place, if called upon to do so. He was highly esteemed and respected, and was honored with numerous offices of public trust in his town and county. He was a very witty man, very quick at repartee. It was said of him that he was never known to be at loss for an answer but once. He then lived with his brother Ferrand. One day as the family larder was getting low Ferrand decided to go out and shoot a deer (it being a usual thing to do in those days). Seth had a large dog that he set great store by. As Ferrand started out with his gun, he gave orders that the dog be kept indoors, and went on his way to the fallow. After travelling through the snow for over two miles, he sighted a fine buck; he took aim and was just going to pull the trigger when the dog came up and scared the game. Ferrand took aim again, this time at the dog; he was a good marksman. As there was no chance for more game that day he retraced his steps. Arriving home, Seth inquired "if he found any game." Ferrand related his experience, whereupon Seth said: "I'd a shot the flambergasted dog." Ferrand replied, "I did." Although feeling the loss of his dog keenly, he had not a word to say, but it was the first time, as well as the last.

Laura G. Branch, seventh child of Seth and Polly, born Dec. 15, 1817; married Samuel Stacy Hills; he died Jan. 25, 1853; one child, Chas. S. Hills, born Oct. 15, 1852; died Jan., 1853. After the death of her husband in Pekin, N. Y., Mrs. Hills made her home with her sister, Mrs. Clark, of Oberlin, Ohio. She was an ardent Foreign Missionary. She was a graduate of Oberlin College, class of '45; she taught school for \$1.75 a week to earn money to pay her way through college; died May 17, 1910.

Wait Branch, eighth child of Rufus and Abigail; born 1779, in Castleton, Vt.; died in Orwell, Vt. 1868; married July 13, 1800, Lucy Hyde, died 1850; children three: Wait, Franklin, Orson. Wait Branch, Sr., was a colonel in the war of 1812-14, and led his regiment at the battle of Plattsburg. The sword he carried is in the possession of his grandson, Major C. F. Branch.

Wait Branch, Jr., born in Orwell, Vt., 1801; died in Wilmington, Ill., 1854; married Feb. 13, 1832, Abigail Fuller; children three: Cynthia, William, James. Cynthia Branch, born in Licking county, Ohio, June 26, 1827; married April 12, 1852, James Wright; children six: Porter, Darwin, James M., Emory M., Charles G., Minnie S. Porter Wright, born in Granville, Ohio; married June 22, 1881, Zelta Van Fossler; children three: Elsie, born 1885; Lewell, born 1887; Ralph, born 1890. Darwin Wright died in childhood. James M. Wright, married April 27, 1887, Mary E. Smyth; children two: Paul, born 1890; Dorothy, born 1897. Emory Wright, married Sept. 11, 1888, Elma Smith; children four: Walter E. Wright, born 1889; Laura J. Wright, born 1891; Foster and Lester Wright, born 1893. G. Charles Wright, fifth child of Cynthia and James, married Aug. 9, 1888, Belle Holter; children two: Abigail M., born 1889; Grant G. Wright, born 1893. Franklin Branch, second child of Wait and Lucy, born 1802, in Orwell, Vt.; died in Tampa, Fla., Aug. 24, 1882. He was a graduate of Castleton, Vt., Medical College. Practiced his profession in Abbeville, S. C., for many years, going later to Tampa, Fla. He married Dec. 19, 1828, Livona Nichols, of Whiting, Vt.; she, with his infant son, died Oct. 2, 1829. Dr. Branch married Dec. 16, 1830, Matilda Vashfi Wilson, daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth, of Abbeville, S. C., born Aug. 11, 1809, died in Tampa, Fla., Aug. 25, 1857; children six: Darwin Austin, Franklin Addison, Frances Livona, James Arson, Helen Mary, Lucy Hyde. Dr. Branch married third time, Martha A. Turnbull, of Monticello, Fla.; one child, Henry Lee Branch, of Tampico, Fla., born Nov. 5, 1861. Dr. Darwin A. Branch, first child of Dr. Branch, born Dec., 1831, died Aug. 16, 1858; he was a graduate of Castleton, Vt., Medical College, and practiced his profession up to the time of his death. He was Quarantine Physician at the Port of Tampa, where he contracted yellow fever, which resulted in his death. He was a mason, also an Odd Fellow. Rev. Franklin A. Branch, second child of Dr. Branch, born in Abbeville, S. C., Aug. 22, 1833, died March 28, 1902; married Aug. 7, 1856, Sarah Ann Gates, daughter of Josiah and Mary Gates; died Nov. 7, 1857, at Manatee, Fla.; one child, Sarah Gates Branch, born Sept. 25, 1857, died Oct. 25, 1857. Rev. Franklin Branch married second time, May 10, 1859, Margaret A. Pettis; children six: Anna Livona, Thomas Pettis, Frank Garland, Maud Wilson, (two children died). Anna Livona, first child of Franklin A., born May 1, 1862 in Bambridge, Ga.; married April 14, 1885, Francis Wynn, resides in Oxford, Ga.; children five: Frank Branch Wynn, born Feb. 9, 1886, in Polk county, Ga., married Bernice Putnam; Julius G. Wynn, born Sept. 18, 1887; married Dec. 24, 1911, Bessie I. Hardin; one child, Julius G. Wynn, born Jan. 5, 1913, at Atlanta, Ga. Thomas Pettis Branch, second child of Rev. F. A., born May 30, 1864; he is connected with the Georgia School of Technology, at Atlanta, Ga.; married Dec. 23, 1895, Mary Susan Pharr; children three: Thomas Pharr Branch, born Sept. 19, 1896, at College Park, Ga.; Otis F. Branch, born 1899, died 1901; Sarah Wilhelmina Branch, born Sept. 29, 1903; Thomas Branch, first wife died; married second time, July, 1908, Mina Sweet. Maud Wilson Branch, third child of Rev. F. A., born July 23, 1866, at Jacksonville, Fla.; married Dec. 29, 1890, Thomas David Ellis. Dr. Ellis is Presiding Elder of Americus District of the M. E. church, Georgia; they reside at Dawson, Ga.; one child, Thomas David Ellis, born Aug. 27, 1901. Frank Garland Branch, fourth child of Rev. F. A., born Aug. 16, 1871, at Talbotton, Ga. He is president of the South Georgia College, at McRae, Ga.; married July 13, 1891, Hattie Harris Hollingshead; children six: Franklin G. Jr., born May 17, 1892; Henry Russell, born Jan. 19, 1896; William Harris, born March 6, 1898; Thomas Pettis, born Aug. 10, 1901; Hattie Elizabeth, born Oct. 12, 1903; Edward Hyde, born Aug. 7, 1907. All born in Putnam county, Ga. Maggie Lou Branch, third daughter of Rev. F. A., born Jan. 16,

1879; died Feb. 1, 1880. Frances Livonia Branch, third child of Dr. F. B., born Aug. 18, 1835, at Abbeville, S. C.; died at Monticello, Fla., March 20, 1880; married Oct. 30, 1852, Jasper K. Glover; children, five: Franklin Glover, first child of Jasper K., died in infancy; Louisa Bowie Glover, married John Garwood, at Monticello, Fla.; children, five: Glover, Jane, Frances, Cole, Wallace Glover, third child of Jasper, died young. Charley Glover, fourth child of Jasper K., married, died while a young man. Left a widow and two children, Fred Pasco Glover and Fanny Livonia Glover. George Boston Glover died in infancy.

James Orson, fourth child of Dr. F. Branch, born June 20, 1838, died Jan. 24, 1904; married Caroline Lee Hentz; children six: Emmie, Charley, Frank, Orson, Caroline Lee, Lee Waiting. Emmie Branch married James Simms Corner, at Savannah, Ga.; children two: Lucille, Callie; both married. Charles Hentz Branch married Zella Johnson; children two: Hentz and Garrett; Hentz Branch married, lives in Cedelle, Ga. Garrett Branch was drowned while on a vacation trip; Frank Branch married Julie Keys, went west; children two: Theresa, Julia. Rev. Orson Branch died young; he was cut off in the prime of life with a promising future before him. Caroline Lee Branch married Will F. Tunnig, a teacher; children two; Branch, —, Lee Whiting Branch is a lawyer at Quitman, Ga.; married Jasmine Snow; one child, Lillian Russell Branch.

Helen Mary Branch, fifth child of Dr. Branch, born in Abbeville, S. C., Feb. 15, 1840, died at Tampa, Fla., Dec. 22, 1868; married March 7, 1860, Edward A. Clark. They were married on board a vessel anchored in the river at Manatee, Fla., where the women and children were obliged to stay most of the time during the Indian depredations; children two: Helen Mary Clark, Vashti Clark; both died in infancy.

Lucy Hyde Branch, sixth child of Dr. Branch, born at Abbeville, S. C., Jan. 16, 1843; married June 12, 1861, Richard Lee Simms, of Covington, Ky.; one child, Richard Lee Simms, Jr. Richard Lee Simms, Sr., was an officer in the Confederate army; belonged to T. R. R. Cobb's legion, Georgia Volunteers, and fell at the battle of Crompton's Gap, South Mountain, Maryland, Sept. 14, 1862. Lucy Hyde Simms, widow of Richard Lee Simms, Sr., married April 16, 1882, Dr. Alexander F. Pharr; he died Dec. 21, 1900, at his home in Kirkwood, Ga. His widow now lives in Atlanta, Ga. Richard Lee Simms, Jr., born in Covington, Ga., April 23, 1862; married Jan. 30, 1889, Ernestaie Wharton, of Charleston, S. C.; children three: Frank Pharr Simms, born Aug. 25, 1890; married July, 1911, Saphrona Lasseter in Washington, D. C.; Irma Luella Simms, born Jan. 19, 1893, died Feb. 1892. Richard Lee Simms, (the third), born in Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 22, 1893; married Aug. 21, 1912, Loie Beckham; one child, Virginia Lee Simms.

Henry Lee Branch, seventh child of Dr. Branch, who was second child of Wait and Lucy, born Nov. 5, 1861, died in Tampa, Fla., July 14, 1904; married Nov. 17, 1884, Ida Seffner; children three: Lerma M., Henry Lee, Lottie. Lerma Branch, born Aug. 23, 1885, died Nov. 17, 1885. Henry Lee and Lottie Branch live in Mansfield, Ohio; both unmarried.

Orson Branch, third child of Wait Branch, Sr., born 1812 in Orwell, Vt.; died there May 11, 1872; married Rodilla Felton, died 1882; children seven: Lelia, Julia, Anna, Mary, Charles F., Henry D., Albert H. Lelia, Julia, Anna, Mary died in childhood. Dr. Charles F. Branch, born in Orwell, Vt., Dec. 1845, died in Amherst, Mass., about 1810; married Emma Cook, died Aug., 1876; married second, Ida Burbank, died Jan., 1890; married third time, Clara H. Greenwood, 1895; children five: James, born 1866, died 1866; Mary Branch married Frank Kinsman; Lillian Branch married Sherman Campbell; Helen Branch, born in Newport, Vt., 1884; Charles F. Branch, Jr., born in Amherst, Mass., Aug. 6, 1897; Dr. Charles F. Branch, Sr., fired by the spirit of his ancestors, answered his country's call by enlisting in the Ninth Vermont Infantry, Col. Stannard's Regiment, in June, 1862, when but sixteen years and six months of age. He was twice promoted on the field; he served in the 18th army corps under General Butler; also in the 29th under General

E. O. C. Ord. Took part in the following battles: Battle of Winchester, Va., Harper's Ferry, Siege of Suffolk, W. Va., Nansmond, Edenton Roads, Blackwater, Gloucester, C. H. Young's X. Roads, Newport Barracks, N. C., (where he was wounded), Swansboro, N. C., Jacksonville, Fort Harrison, Sept. '64, Redoubt of Dritton; Oct. and Nov. was eight weeks under constant fire; led 100 picked men to support a battery, and brought out but 43; wounded; promoted at the siege of Richmond; at the capture of Richmond was one of the first soldiers to enter the city. Promoted again. Came home at the head of the remnants of his regiment three days before he was 21 years of age. Soon after he entered college and after graduating, became a physician. That he was a popular one is shown by the fact that he was Professor of Hygiene in the Medical College of Burlington, Vt.; President of the State Medical Society of Vermont; Surgeon General of Vermont; Medical Examiner for several life insurance societies, and a member of three live medical societies.

Ruth Branch, ninth child of Rufus and Abigail, born 1783 in Castleton, Vt.; died in Portland, Mich., 1870; married Noah Arms, born 1782, died 1842; children six: Nelson T., Hiram H., Wait B., Selah R., Fanny L., William H.

Nelson Temple Arms, first child of Ruth and N., born Aug. 14, 1805, died at E. Nassua, N. Y., July 16, 1865; married 1830, Hannah Otterburn, died 1831; married 1836, Eliza Beals, died 1837; married 1839, Sarah Hancox, died May 19, 1886; one daughter, Frances E. Arms, born Sept. 22, 1846; married Oct. 25, 1865, Carlos Ambler, born Oct. 16, 1886; children two: Harriet Ambler, born Oct. 16, 1886; Charles Ambler, Jr., born June 6, 1879.

Hiram H. Arms, born 1807, died 1847; married Eliza Williams; no children.

Wait B. Arms, third child of Ruth and N., born Sept. 18, 1809, died at Le Roy, N. Y., Nov. 11, 1876; married Oct. 16, 1833, Julia Sheldon, born June 11, 1811, died 1899; children four: J. Frances, Horace S., Nelson T., L. Eliza, J. Frances Arms, born Nov. 20, 1834; married Dec. 31, 1862, Emory Coe, born Dec. 17, 1836; children three: Nellie A. Coe, born Dec. 19, 1873, at Le Roy, N. Y., Fannie L. Coe, born Aug. 18, 1875; married March 28, 1888, Charles Lawson. J. Florence Coe, born Aug. 3, 1877; married Nov. 7, 1894, Ernest L. Waid; children two: Frances Emogene Waid, born Oct. 15, 1889; Doris Elizabeth Waid, born April 28, 1900. Horace S. Arms, born Oct. 5, 1837, died Nov. 30, 1890, unmarried. Nelson Temple Arms, Jr., born Sept. 24, 1839; married May 7, 1873, Tillie Carr, died Oct., 1878; married Oct. 15, 1885, Clara De Haas, died Aug. 11, 1886; children two: Paul, Emma. Paul Arms, born April 19, 1875; married Mae Smith; one son, born July 14, 1901. Emma Arms died in infancy. L. Eliza Arms, fourth child of Wait and J., born June 11, 1842; married Jan. 13, 1862, E. Louis Snow, died Feb. 13, 1893; children five: Rose, Pere, Belle, Fred Louis. Rose Snow, married Dec. 16, 1892, Fred B. Taft; children two: Louis Taft, born May 11, 1894; Hilda Taft, born April 12, 1899. Pere Snow, married March 12, 1901. Belle Snow, married Nov. 19, 1900, Frank Pierson. Freddie and Louis Snow died in infancy.

Selah Arms, fourth child of Ruth and N., born 1810, died in Portland, Mich., 1865; married Margaret Ritter, died; married Maryette Griffin, born 1810, died in Portland, Mich., 1862; children four: George M., James, Ruth, Selah. George M. Arms, born in Portland, Mich.; married Alvira King; children two: Frank C., Lottie M. Frank C. Arms, born in Portland, Mich.; married Lottie Vance; one child, Gladys Arms, born 1895. Lottie M. Arms, married Herbert Knight; one child, Allen Knight, born 1896.

George M. Arms was a soldier in the Civil War, and deserves more than a passing notice. He was brought up on a farm, but at his country's call, true to the spirit of his forefathers, he enlisted in the Third Michigan Infantry, Co. E. At the battle of Bull Run he received a wound which resulted in the loss of a leg. After being confined in the hospital a year he was discharged. He had a silver medal presented to him by Phil Kearney. The story of its giving, loss and recovery are best told in his own words, condensed from the Portland, Mich., Review of July 26, 1903:

"It was two days after the battle of Fair Oaks, a chum and myself were going over the battlefield looking for wounded soldiers, when Phil Kearney rode up to us and said he wished to locate the Confederate picket line, as he wished to advance his own pickets as far as possible. We told him we would volunteer to find them. He said, 'Boys, do you realize that it is a desperate undertaking? You will be in danger of being shot at every step.' We replied that we would as soon chance it with a picket post as a rebel division. He then said, 'Arms, you are the smallest and can get through the brush better; will you go alone?' I said I would try it. He took my name, company, regiment and home address. He then took me to the extreme left of his division, at the upper end of a white oak swamp, which was covered with a dense growth of underbrush, while the water was from two to twelve inches deep. On leaving our picket line I had to lie down and crawl along; the brush was so thick I could not walk, if I had been disposed to. On my way I thought I would never be able to find my way back, although I was ploughing quite a furrow, as I dragged myself along. At length I reached dry land and with the point of my bayonet I marked the brush so as to be able to find my way back. I almost wished I was out of the job. I soon saw a light ahead. About that time a lonely mule set up one of his long drawn out 'He Haws,' so close to me that I thought I must have passed the picket. About this time you may guess I was taking short steps. All at once, not twenty feet away, just over the fence, I caught sight of a lonely Vidette. It seemed I had come a long way, but probably had not tramped over a hundred rods. I had the advantage of the Johnnie as I was in the brush, while he was running along in the woods. He heard me, but could not see me, so I had the drop on him. I whispered him to keep still, remove the cap from his gun and come over the fence. Seeing he could not do otherwise, he surrendered at once. I felt somewhat relieved when I had his gun in my hand. Looking along the fields on the other side of the fence, I could see a long line of infantry drawn up in line of battle. I asked him to whom they belonged. He told me they were Gen. John B. Magruder's corps. I made better time getting back. On reporting at headquarters you can imagine how I looked after crawling through that swamp of mud, dead leaves and frog spittle. After reporting and delivering up my captive, I was ordered back to my regiment. This was on June 4, 1862. On June 30, was the battle of Charles City X roads. The next morning after the battle Kearney handed me the medal done up in a scrap of paper. I slipped it in my cartridge box. This was the sixth day of the seven days fight before Richmond. The next day was the battle of Malvern Hill, during which a shot struck my cartridge box, scattering medal, ammunition and all to the four ends of the earth for all I knew. I never expected to see the medal again. It was picked up by a colored man while plowing on Malvern Hill in 1903. To get the medal again Mr. Arms had to use much diplomacy, and pay the finder \$5.00." When the trophy was plowed up it was reported to the editor of the Richmond News and Leader, who, getting the address from the medal, wrote Mr. Arms, who immediately opened communication with "Square Guy," the owner of the land, and thus regained his long lost treasure, upon the receipt of which Mr. Arms first made known to his friends the story of his bravery and its reward.

James Arms, second child of Selah and M., born in Portland, Mich., died there 1895; married Mary Martin; one son.

Ruth Arms, third child of Selah and M., born 1844; married Charles Hastings; one daughter, married J. Vangison.

Selah Arms, fourth child of Selah and M., born 1855, married Louisa Durling; children three: Hillman Arms, born 1882; Tina Arms, born 1884; Joe Arms, born 1888.

Fanny D. R. Arms, fifth child of Ruth and Noah, born 1812, died at Fair Haven, Vt., 1842; married Foster Wilder; no children.

William H. Arms, sixth child of Ruth and Noah, born in Vermont, 1816; married; children six; unable to locate them.

Ruba Branch, tenth child of Rufus and Abigail, born in Castleton, Vt. 1786; died there July 16, 1801.

* Masa Branch, sixth child of Joseph and Zerviah Tracy, born on Branch Hill, Preston, Conn., Oct. 6, 1745; married; children seven: Ethan, Jephtha, Joseph, David, Asher and two daughters' names not learned.

Jephtha, second child of Masa, married ~~Rebecca~~ *Rebecca*; children six: ~~Asher~~ *Asher*, born Oct. 4, 1794; Enoch, born Oct. 28, 1796; Expire, born Oct. 29, 1798; Caleb, born Sept. 7, 1799. Abigail, born July 15, 1802; Olive, born Nov. 30, 1804.

Asher Branch, *fifth* child of Jephtha and ~~June~~ *Masa Thankful Mills*, born ~~Oct. 1~~ *Oct. 1*, 1794; enlisted at the age of 18 in Captain Spaight's company, Col. Green's regiment of New York militia, war of 1812-14. He served at Moers, N. Y. After the war was over he went west with many others to Illinois, and there married April 22, 1821, Nancy D. Culbeth, daughter of William and Mary Robinson Culbeth, of White county, Ill. One daughter, Marion W., was born in Illinois, when Asher and his small family went to Somerville, Tenn., where he engaged in the mercantile business. When Texas was admitted as a state he moved to Nacogdoches county, where he was a merchant until the discovery of gold in California, 1849, when he and his son George W. joined the throng of pioneers to the Golden State. They went to the mines and engaged in merchandising at Quartzburg, Mariposa county. The country was too tough for Asher, who was a very religious man. He was not used to the gambling, swearing, drinking and fighting, and no churches in which to worship. He longed for civilization again, and after cleaning up about \$2,000 in "dust," he struck out for home with the "dust," and after arriving home he wrote back that he got there with the "dust" all right. He died April 18, 1875. Nancy died April 1, 1880; children eight: Marion W., George W., Norman B., Oliver C., Mills R., Lafayette, Virginia, Sarah.

Marion W. Branch, first child of Asher and Nancy, born 1823, in Illinois; married Jan. 12, 1837, M. Kuykendall; children fifteen: Frances, born Nov. 26, 1837; Mary E., born Feb. 4, 1840; William A., born July 30, 1841, died Oct. 17, 1841; Henrietta, born Dec. 19, 1842; George M., born Jan. 14, 1845; Nancy C., born Jan. 12, 1847; Norman H., born June 21, 1848; James M., born Oct. 6, 1850; Virginia T., born Nov. 17, 1851; Ruth R., born April 6, 1855, died Aug. 29, 1882; Mills H., born April 6, 1855, died Dec. 17, 1886; Sarah B., born Jan. 22, 1858; Emma, born Oct. 27, 1860; Martha H., born Dec. 2, 1862; Ida, born Aug. 12, 1865, died Dec. 4, 1899.

Frances J., first child of Marion W. and M. K., born Nov. 26, 1837; married William E. Barksdale, born 1829, died 1887; children three: George M., born —, 1859; William J., born 1867; Turner, born 1876. Mary E., second child of Marion W., married Jas. L. Langley, Henrietta, fourth child of Marion W., married Nov. 11, 1869, Barney Shivers; children seven: Milton J., born Nov. 29, 1870; Clemmie O., born Jan. 29, 1872; Avie D., born Feb. 3, 1873; Marion E., born March 11, 1875; Anna B., born July 8, 1877; Ela, born Sept. 11, 1879; Zenobia, born Sept. 18, 1882. George M. Kuykendall, fifth child of Marion W. and M. K., born Jan. 14, 1845; married Gussie Simpson, live in Oklahoma city. Nancy C. Kuykendall, sixth child of Marion W. and M. K., born Jan. 12, 1847; married Edward E. Potter, live in Oklahoma City. Norman H., seventh child of Marion W. and M. K., married Mary Shivers, live in Oklahoma City. James M., eighth child of Marion W. and M. K., born Oct. 6, 1850, married Lily R. Shivers, live in Oklahoma City. Virginia T., ninth child of Marion W. and M. K., born Nov. 17, 1851, married John Shivers, live in Grand Saline, Texas. Ruth R., tenth child of Marion W. and M. K., born April 6, 1855, married Natt Daniels, both dead.

Turner, third child of Frances J. and William E., married, Clemmie O., second child of Henrietta and Barney Shivers, married Joseph E. Bickley, Anna B. Shivers, fourth child of Henrietta and B., married Charles J. Williams, live at Geneva, Sabine county, Texas.

George W. Branch, second child of Asher and Nancy, born 1827, died

A Masa Branch married Mar 22, 1770. Thankful Bondish at Preston, Conn. dau. of Peter Bondish and Abigail —

Nov. 15, 1877; married Feb. 22, 1852, a widow, Mrs. Frances E. Harrison, who had lost her husband at Fort Yuma, crossing the plains. She was the daughter of Capt. Joseph Seawell, killed by the Indians at Warren, Texas, in 1840-41. Her maiden name was Mary Ann Rebecca Seawell, corrupted in some parts of the South into Sowell. Married at Hopeton, Mariposa county, (now in Merced county) California. The Mary Harrison mine in Mariposa county is named after her. George W. Branch enlisted in the army at the age of nineteen, war with Mexico; served in Capt. Muckelroy's company, Col. Jack Hays' regiment, Texas Rangers. After the war was over when gold was discovered in California, he, with his father, Asher, and many others, in 1849, joined Col. Jack Hays' company, and crossed the plains via Fort Yuma bound for the land of gold. He and his father Asher went into the mines and engaged in merchandising at Quartsburg, Mariposa county. Asher remained about two years, then sold his interest to William Aiken, the firm becoming Aiken & Branch. George W. continued in business a short time, sold out, married and settled at Branch's Ferry, on the Tuolumne river, near La Grange, Stanislaus county, where he took an active interest in the development of the new country. He was elected sheriff in 1860, and held that office many years. Afterwards held the offices of county clerk, county recorder and auditor of Stanislaus county. He was the most popular man in the county, a natural born politician, and made friends wherever he went. He was generous to a fault, his purse being always open to the poor and needy; one of God's noblemen in every sense of the word. To this couple were born five children, all born at Branch's Ferry: Leonidas C., Eugene F., Virginia A., John L., Josephine I.

Leonidas Clay Branch, first child of George W. and Mary, born Jan. 8, 1853, married June 25, 1879, Mary Jane Maddux, daughter of Rev. James Maddux and Maria L. Peck, daughter of Rev. Nathan R. Peck and Mary Rounds. After his father's death he took an active part in the political affairs of his county and served as county clerk, auditor, and recorder. Representative in the Legislature two sessions and was chosen Presidential elector in 1880. Took a prominent part in business affairs; was president of the Modesto gas-light and coal company for many years; secretary of the Modesto Water company, and owner of considerable real estate, and other interests. To this couple were born three children: Lulu Maddux, born May 5, 1880, died Dec. 12, 1898; Leona Louise, born Oct. 19, 1882; Kenneth Melrose, born March 2, 1890.

Eugene Francis Branch, second child of George W. and Mary, born May 2, 1854; married Ella, daughter of Hon. Miner Walden, Feb. 5, 1877; children five: George Walden, born Nov. 4, 1878; Clara Belle Branch, born Sept. 3, 1880; Mabel, born July 25, 1882, died April 9, 1891; Eugenia Frances Branch, born May 23, 1884; Louis Miner, born Dec. 30, 1887. Eugene Francis Branch has served in various official capacities, and at one time was county recorder of Stanislaus county. He is at present, and has been for many years connected with the Assessor's office of Fresno county, where he at present resides. He is considered an expert on land values.

George Walden Branch, first child of Eugene F. and Ella, born Nov. 4, 1878, married Mary E. Makin, Dec. 27, 1906; children two: J. Walden Branch, born March 23, 1908; George L. Branch, born Jan. 29, 1911. Clara Belle Branch, second child of Eugene F. and Ella, born Sept. 3, 1880, married April 5, 1899, Charles H. Willet; children two: Lyle Vernon, born Oct. 28, 1899; Alber Miner, born May 20, 1901. Eugenia Frances Branch, fourth child of Eugene F. and Ella, born May 23, 1884, married William B. Brashear, March 7, 1904; children two: Miner William, born June 13, 1906; Eugene Coleman, born Oct. 23, 1911. Louis Miner Branch, born Dec. 30, 1887, married Oct. 5, 1912.

Eugene Francis Branch married second time, Clara Belle Arnold, daughter of William Arnold and Sarah Bush; children two: Leland Eugene, born March 22, 1894; Olive Branch, born April 28, 1897.

Virginia Arabelle Branch, third child of George W. and Mary, born Oct.

23, 1855, died July 27, 1891; married July 22, 1873. Hon. John J. Scrivner; children three: Georgia Branch, Eugenia Belle, Florence May. Georgia B. Scrivner, married July 5, 1894. George E. Dabovich; children four; John Shelby, born Sept. 19, 1896; Carlisle Nelson, born July 19, 1898; both dead.

Hon. J. J. Scrivner is a lawyer in San Francisco. The Dabovichs live at Pleasanton, Cal. Florence May Scrivner, born Dec. 30, 1879, married Feb., 1898 C. E. Hoppe, of Berkley, Cal.; one child, born Jan. 8, 1900. They live in San Francisco. Mr. Hoppe is connected with the firm of Tillman, Bendell & Co.

John Lafayette Branch, fourth child of George W. and Mary, born March 15, 1858; married June 15, 1887, Irena Humphreys, daughter of Burton Humphreys and Lucinda Humphreys; one child, John Lafayette Branch, born Nov. 14, 1888. Prominent raisin growers in Fresno county, Cal.; live at Clovis, Cal.

Josephine Irene Branch, fifth child of George W. and Mary, born June 1, 1860, married Aug. 29, 1882, James Edward Williams, of Bonham, Texas, born Dec. 22, 1857; children six: Horace Allison, born May 12, 1884; Eugenia Blaine, born Aug. 7, 1887, died Aug. 10, 1888; Deola Lorene, born Dec. 19, 1890; Helen Louise, born Jan. 13, 1893; one daughter died in infancy, 1886; Virginia May, born Dec. 5, 1902. Deola Lorene is married; two children; Helen Louise is married, lives in Paris, Texas. James E. Williams and family live in Dallas, Texas, where he is connected with the firm of Sanger Bros.

Norman Bowdish Branch, third child of Asher and Nancy, born Jan. 15, 1830, died June 30, 1886; married Oct. 8, 1853, Nancy Allen Polk; children four: Elbertus Clinton Branch, born Aug., 1860; Norman Hood Branch, born Feb. 2, 1864; Kline Polk Branch, born Sept. 19, 1871; Ella May Branch, born June 3, 1872, died Oct., 1892. Elbertus Clinton Branch married Jessie Alberta Beeson, daughter of W. F. Beeson, D. D., and Margaret Fleming, at Tehuacana, Texas, June 19, 1883; no children. Norman Hood Branch married Della Kay (deceased), at Starville, Texas, Feb. 2, 1887; no children. Kline Polk Branch married Florence Nightengale, daughter of Prof. G. M. L. Smith, and Mary P. Fowler, at Nacogdoches, Texas, April 5, 1897; no children. Ella May Branch married James H. Barrett, at Linn Flat, Texas, Feb. 7, 1889; she died Oct. 13, 1892; one son, born Oct. 11, 1892, died Oct. 11, 1892.

Oliver Cromwell Branch, third child of Asher and Nancy, born Sept. 2, 1831; married May 12, 1852, Margaret Woolwine, died Jan., 1859. Married second wife, July 25, 1860, Margaret Burns; children seven: Laura A., born Jan. 15, 1856; Mary Emily, born May 4, 1858; James Monroe, born Aug. 12, 1860, died Jan. 3, 1898; Gennetta, born Sept. 29, 1865; Asher, born Aug. 24, 1872, died Sept. 19, 1872; Mattie, born Aug. 24, 1872, died Oct. 1, 1872; Alice Branch, born Oct. 31, 1877.

Mills Robinson Branch, fourth child of Asher and Nancy, died unmarried.

Lafayette Branch, fifth child of Asher and Nancy, born Jan. 17, 1843, died Jan. 8, 1895; married Sept. 22, 1869, Mary Elizabeth Childers, born Feb. 3, 1847; children five: Berta Della, born Oct. 23, 1871; Vaulton J., born Nov. 28, 1873; Eugene Edgar, born Aug. 3, 1876; James Oscar, born Aug. 9, 1879; Emily F., born Aug. 17, 1881.

Sarah and Virginia, daughters of Asher and Nancy, married, one a man named Coburn and the other a man named McCormick; have not been able to get their descendants. Both daughters are deceased.

The following are some of the Branches I have been unable to trace: Lemuel Branch, born in Onandaga, N. Y., married — Johnson; children four: Deodatus, Elias, Johnson, Flavia. Deodatus married, had six children, and now lives at Summer Hill, N. Y. Jav and George, whereabouts unknown; Cornelia deceased. Elmira married Frank Pickett; Elias died at Summer Hill, N. Y.; Flavia was in the Mexican War and never heard from afterward; Johnson, born Aug. 24, 1811, in Onandaga, N. Y., died at Kingsville, Ohio, Jan. 21, 1890; married Ann Greer, of Albany, N. Y., (deceased); married second time, Jan. 8, 1840, Ann Black, of Cortland, N. Y.; children six:

Ann Eliza, Sarah, Frances William (deceased), Elnora, Homer J. Ann E. Branch married Henry Gee of Monroe, Ohio; children two: Jennie, Fred. Jennie married Albert Morse; children three; oldest daughter married Charles Clark; one son and one daughter. Homer J. Branch, born April 23, 1853; married Dec. 31, 1874, Inez Colgrove; children three; Mary Branch, born 1879 at Kingsville, Ohio; married Jan. 1, 1900, Charles A. Brown; she died in Colorado, 1912. Homer Glenn Branch, born 1882. Harold Laverne Branch, born 1895. Nephews of Lemuel Branch: William, Marcus, John. The two former live in Tobias, N. Y. John died, had one son, Charles F. Branch of Tully, N. Y.

Deola Lorene Williams, third child of Josephine I. Branch and James E. Williams, born Dec. 19, 1890; married Aug. 20, 1907, James Omo Elliott; children three: Mary Elizabeth, born June 16, 1908; Ruth, born Oct. 6, 1910; Ann, born Nov. 7, 1913.

Helen Louise Williams, fourth child of Josephine I. Branch and James E. Williams, born Jan. 13, 1893; married Nov. 4, 1912, Earl Wayne Guthrie; one child, Earl Wayne Guthrie, Jr., born Aug. 23, 1913.

COAT OF ARMS OF THE BRANCH FAMILY.

The Coat of Arms used by the Branch Family of England, and their descendants, is



Branch

Argent, a lion rampant gules, armed azure, oppressed by a bend sable. Crest-out of a ducal coronet or, a cock's head azure, combed gules, holding a branch vert.

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Starr, Will, Oak Park, Ill.	Williams, Horace A., Dallas, Texas.
Stewart, Mrs. A. H., R. D. 3, Ashtabula, O.	
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THEODOCIA WRIGHT BRANCH

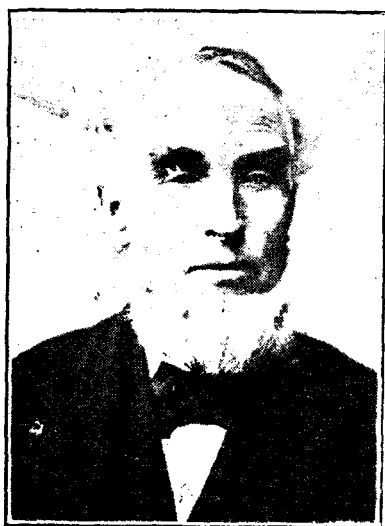
Was born October 25, 1844, near Eaton Rapids, Mich. Second daughter of Rufus W. and Phoebe Branch. She went with her parents to Dexter, Mich., where her girlhood days were spent. She experienced many of the hardships of pioneer days. She was a teacher and later conducted a millinery establishment at Dexter. She has known much of sorrow and bereavement, being the last living member of her family. She has lived a loyal Christian life, being a staunch Baptist for nearly fifty years. She resides with her niece, Mrs. Clara B. Hinckley, Howell, Michigan.

Born in Shalersville, O., April 26, 1858, died Sept 8, 1912.

“Everything seems changed since she has gone,
Oh, how we miss her as the days slip by;
Forgetting she is dead, we often long
To see the face we love, and wonder why
We do not hear her voice in accents sweet,
Alas! alas! no more will we rejoice
To clasp her hand. Still are her willing feet,
And hushed forever is her pleasant voice.



ELSIE R. BRANCH



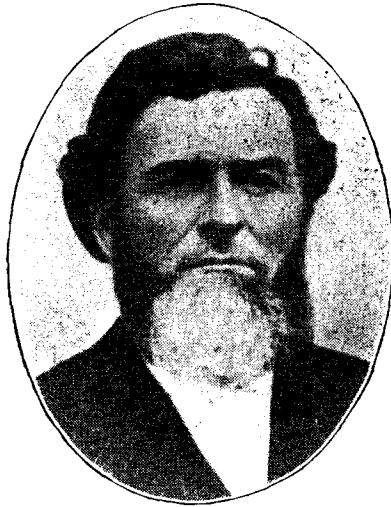
EDWARD AVERILLE

Married Mary Branch and settled on a farm in York, Medina Co., Ohio, 1846. In 1855 they went to Dorr, Mich., where they endured the usual vicissitudes of pioneer life, including fever and ague, the latter to such an extent that Dr. Nathan Branch drove through from Medina, O., to cure them. They helped to organize the First Congregational Church at Dorr, now removed to Moline. He died October 29, 1913, in the 90th year of his age.

Mary Branch Averille, second child of Dr. Nathan Branch, lived with her husband on a farm at York, O., where five of their six children were born. In 1855 they moved to Dorr, Mich. They were active in church work and loyal Congregationalists. Mary Branch Averille died June 8, 1897.



MARY BRANCH AVERILLE



ERASTUS BRANCH



EMILY SOPHIA BRANCH

Wife of Erastus G. Branch, deceased. She is the mother of seven sons. She has been all her life an earnest worker in the cause of Christ, and one of the best mothers this world has ever known.



Rev. Elder Lemuel Joseph Branch and wife, Ser- John C. Branch, physi- Rev. Mortimer A. Adelbert Branch and Erastus G. Branch Junior
epta D. cian and surgeon and wife Branch and wife, Alice wife Isabelle. and wife Flora.
Abbie by second marriage A.
January 1, 1905.

All five men are the sons of Erastus Graves Branch and Emily Sophia. All are prominent men in the business world, and all are members of the Church of God, with their wives and children.



RAY WILLIAM BACHTELL

Left the U. S. in 1911 and is now in Siam, a missionary. The following year he was married to Daisy Cambell, formerly of Pennsylvania. He received his college education at Occidental College, California. His theological course was received at Auburn, N. Y., and San Anselmo, California.



M. A. BACHTELL

A professor of O. S. U. Received his education in the Agricultural Department of that college and graduated in 1911, and has since been one of the instructors.



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FERROND M. BRANCH

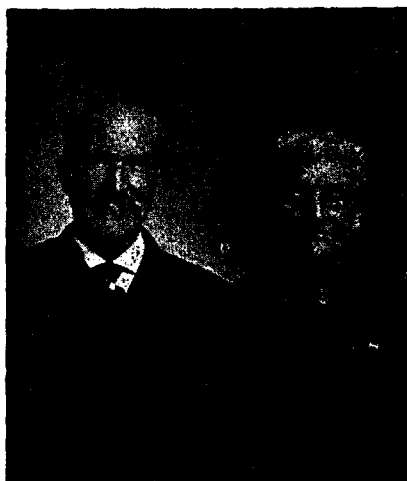
Was born in Rutland, Vt., Feb. 8, 1806. Came to Shalersville, O., in 1830, and to Saybrook, O., in May, 1854, where he died Nov. 28, 1874.



A. E. BRANCH PAULSON

Daughter of Ferrond M. Branch.

If I have helped to make some life brighter,
If I have helped to make some burden lighter,
If I have helped to soothe another's pain,
I shall not have lived my life in vain.



LEVI M. BRANCH

ed musical ability, vocal music being his specialty. He has taught many terms of singing school in the adjoining towns. Taught one year in the public schools of Medina, O. He was chorister of the Congregational Church at York 25 years. Was deacon of the church many years.

Was born Nov. 10, 1847, in York, O. Marion N. Gardner was born in York, O., Sept. 13, 1845. They were married there June 24, 1867. They were blessed with three children, Fred M., Merton E. and Ethlyn C. The latter married John Burnett. On account of failing health, she with her husband, father and mother, went to New Mexico in 1902. Not receiving the expected benefit they went to Texas in March, 1903, spending the summer there and returned to York in November. Ethlyn died Dec. 4, 1903, of tuberculosis. This trip, and the winter of 1912-13 spent in Florida, is the only time Mr. and Mrs. Levi Branch have not been "at home" in York, O., until 1908, when they disposed of their farm and moved to Medina, where they now reside. Levi Branch possesses mark-

Born April 9, 1823. Photograph taken May 16, 1914. Aged 91 years.



MRS. SARAH BRANCH MEAD



MILO E. BRANCH

Was born in York, Medina Co., O., Feb. 22, 1852. Alma M. Gardner was born in Paris, Kent Co., Mich., Sept. 14, 1851. They were married in York Congregational Church, Feb. 22, 1874. Having no children they adopted two. An infant born April 13, 1884, was taken by them in June, 1884, and given the name of Harold L. Branch. Edna Marguerite Stacy was born Nov. 24, 1887, and in the course of events became an inmate of the Children's Home of Lorain Co., and in 1905 was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Branch and is called Edna Marguerite Branch. She is now a student of York High School. They own and live on "Tower Hill" farm of 106 acres in York, O. Mr. Branch was the pioneer gas well owner, having drilled a fine well in 1899, on the 175 acre farm he afterwards sold. The first two and fifth wells in that township were drilled especially for gas. In 1913 they drilled a well on Tower Hill, which is a very fine one. Milo Branch, with his associate, Rev. C. E. Keller, was author of the Souvenir History of York Congregational Church in 1910, and rendered valuable service to the author of Branch History in 1904, and has also been very helpful with valuable suggestions and preparing material for this edition of 1914. He was the promoter of the Branch family reunion, an annual event at Chippewa Lake, Medina Co., Ohio. He has been its historian eight years and was its president two years. Mr. and Mrs. Branch are among the most progressive people of their vicinity. Both are active workers of the Congregational Church, where their services are considered indispensable. Their address is Mallet Creek, Ohio.



CLARK PEARSONS DICKERMAN

Was born in Northampton township, Summit County, Ohio, August 6, 1859. He moved to York township, Medina County, Ohio, in the spring of 1871, settling on what was known as the old Pearson farm, which his parents purchased.

He was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Branch on August 31, 1881. She was a daughter of Levi H. and Mary Ann Bowen Branch, and was born August 31, 1857. In the year 1883 they purchased what was known as the Aldan Apthorp farm, one mile east of York Center. They have two children, Charles Edwin, born August 21, 1883, and Bessie Louise, born April 26, 1891.

Mr. Dickerman is a farmer and live stock breeder and has as his partner his son Charles and together they run Locust Grove Stock Farm, making a specialty of thoroughbred Jersey cattle, Berkshire swine and fancy poultry. His post office address being Mallet Creek, Medina county, Ohio, R. F. D. No. 2.



CHARLES EDWIN DICKERMAN

Was born August 21, 1883, in York township, Medina County, O., where he has since resided. At present he is Township Clerk, Clerk of York Township Board of Education, Secretary of Mallet Creek Grange and Secretary of Western Reserve O. S. U. Association.

On June 20, 1908, he was married to Bertha Seeley and to them have been born two children, Russell Alvin, born August 4, 1911, and Velma Irene, born January 5, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Dickerman are both Branches by birth, having a common forefather in Nathan Branch, his line of descent being through Levi Branch, Levi H Branch, Mary Branch Dickerman, and she being descended through Betsy Branch Stone, William B. Stone, Harriet Stone Seeley and Joseph W. Seeley.



ASHER BRANCH

Masa Thankful Asher Branch, son of ~~Jeptia~~ *Mar 22* and ~~June~~ Branch, was born ~~Oct 4~~ 1794, at Benson, Rutland Co., Vermont. At the age of 18 he enlisted at Moers, N. Y., in Captain Spaight's company, Col. Green's regiment, N. Y. militia, for the war of 1812-14. After the war was over he joined the tide of emigration that had set in to the Northwest territory, as Ohio and Illinois was then called; settled in White county, Illinois, and was married there April 22, 1821, to Nancy D. Culbeth. Went from there to Somerville, Fayette county, Tennessee, and there engaged in merchandising. Left there about 1840-41, and went to Nacogdoches county, Texas.

When gold was discovered in California, he in company with many others, including his son, George W. Branch, crossed the plains with Col. Jack Hay's company and arrived in California in 1849. He and his son went into the mines and engaged in the mercantile business at Quartsburg, Mariposa county. He was a strictly moral and religious man, and rough frontier life did not suit him. He was eager to return to his home and civilization, sold out and went back home in 1851, taking with him about \$2,000 in "dust." He raised a large family. Was a Methodist and a Mason. Died at Linn Flat, Nacogdoches county, Texas, April 18, 1875.



GEORGE W. BRANCH

Son of Asher and Nancy Branch, was born in the year 1827, at Somerville, Fayette County, Tennessee. After receiving his education he entered a mercantile house at San Augustine, Texas, and was a clerk there when war was declared with Mexico. He enlisted at the age of nineteen in Capt. Muckelroy's company, Col. Jack Hay's regiment, mounted volunteers. After the war was over, when gold was discovered in California, he with his father and many others, crossed the plains with Col. Jack Hay's company, via Fort Yuma, bound for the land of gold. Arriving in California in 1849, he and his father Asher went into the mines, and became engaged in the mercantile business at Quartsburg, Mariposa county. His father became dissatisfied with the rough frontier life and sold out to William Aiken, the firm name being Aiken & Branch. The son did not remain in business long, but followed the example of his father, sold out and settled in "Branch's Ferry," on the Tuolumne river, near LaGrange, Stanislaus county. This was in 1852-53. He married February 22, 1852, at Hopeton, Mariposa county, a young widow, Mrs. Mary A. Harrison, who had lost her husband at Fort Yuma, crossing the plains in 1849.

He took an active part in public affairs and was elected Sheriff of his county in 1860, which office he held many years. He afterwards served as County Clerk and as Recorder and Auditor of his county. Like all pioneers he was a big hearted man, and his purse and his home were ever open to the needy and suffering. His many acts of charity endeared him to all the people and it was impossible to beat him for any office. He was a Mason. Died as he had lived, beloved by all who knew him, November 15, 1874.



LEONIDAS CLAY BRANCH

Son of George W. and Mary A. Branch, was born at "Branch's Ferry," Stanislaus County, Cal., Jan. 8, 1853. He was educated in the public schools of his native county at LaGrange, Knight's Ferry, and at the University of California, and Pacific Business College, San Francisco. He was married June 25, 1879, to Mary Jane Maddux, at Modesto, Cal.

He entered public life at an early age, and took an active interest in political, business and social affairs, and has been honored with various official positions, namely, County Clerk, County Auditor, County Recorder, Representative in the Legislature, two sessions, from Stanislaus county, and as Presidential Elector.

He was one of the organizers of the ^{Modesto Water Co. Inc.} Modesto Gas Light, Coal & Coke Company, and was president of the latter company fifteen years. Resides at Visalia, Cal., where he is engaged in the abstract and title business. He is secretary of the Mogul Oil Company, honorary member of the Luther Burbank Society, member of the Union League Club of San Francisco, the Visalia Club, Visalia, and is a Mason, Odd Fellow, and member of the Order of Native Sons of the Golden West. He is a contributor to the press and magazines and is the author of "Little Eugene and I" and other poems. He has two children living, Leona Louise Branch and Kenneth Melrose Branch.



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