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JACKSON T. CLODFELER AND HIS FAVORITE "OLD PONY"

This book of family history I dedicate to my Grandfather, Jackson T. Clodfelter, whose memory has preserved for us the early activities of the family.

FOREWORD

Since the earliest days of my childhood I have had a keen interest in my "kinfolks". When I was very small my mother entertained me with stories of the activities of the early members of the family rather than with fairy stories or nursery rhymes. So my interest has ever increased. And now as I relate the material that I have gathered together—and there is much that has gone into eternity with those fine old ancestors of ours—I only hope that I may pass on to the rest of you some idea of the respect that I have for those forefathers who pioneered into the new lands of this country and were really a part of America in the making. In these family traditions they left us a heritage of physical and moral character that I hope we may ever keep.

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To those who have responded to my request for data, I wish to extend my sincere thanks. May I acknowledge my indebtedness to those of each branch of the family who have given me so much assistance.

I dare to hope that the presentation of these facts will make an interesting and worthwhile contribution to the Clodfelter family history.

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EARLIEST RECORDS OF FAMILY

I have visited the Newberry Library of Chicago many times in search of family history. The earliest information that I can find of the Clodfelter family comes from Switzerland. A deacon of the Reformed Church in Canton Zurich at Feld der Glat (fields near the river Glat) was named Hans Glattfelden. The name still exists in that locality. These old church records show that a son, Felix, was born to Hans Glattfelden and his wife in 1674. Felix was married to Barbara Gorius and they were the parents of the sons who came to America. Casper Glattfelden came with his family to Pennsylvania in 1743, a brother Solomon came to Maryland a little later, and the third brother settled in North Carolina about 1750. We do not know much of this third brother's early life other than that he was the originator of the North Carolina branch of the family from which we descend. The name was soon changed to the simpler form of Clodfelter after they settled in America.

From the "Colonial Records of North Carolina", found also in the Newberry Library, we have the history of the old Bethany Church which was the place where our ancestors worshipped. "Bethany Church is another ancient organization of the Reformed charge. Here at a distance of twelve miles east of Lexington on upper Abbott's Creek settled Longs, Lokeleys, Beckerdites and Clodfelters (Glattfeldens) with other of their co-religionists, who now sleep in the populous grave yard close by, and united with their Lutheran neighbors to put up their first place of worship. The land deeds of this and the old Pilgrim Church date back to 1787, but long before that there was a Reformed Congregation there who met in a log church."

I found also in these "Colonial Records of North Carolina" that these same early settlers of Swiss and German origin were greatly responsible for the building up of agriculture wherever they lived. They were an industrious, economical, and home-loving group of people, extremely religious, and interested in the education of their children. They brought with them a larger percent of teachers than any other group of immigrants of the period. The above reasons are responsible for our hearing as little as we do of them among the soldiers and statesmen of Colonial Days.

I have recently been in correspondence with Miss Sally Lee Clodfelter and George D. Clodfelter of North Carolina who are of the same original Clodfelter stock that we are. They very kindly sent me the following inscriptions from old gravestones in the old Bethany Churchyard:

- 1872
- Joseph Clodfelter. Born Sept. 13, 1722; Died Feb. 18, 1823.
John Clodfelter. Born Aug. 17, 1751; Died Apr. 26, 1826.
Catherina Clodfelter. Born Feb. 2, 1755; Died Aug. 29, 1829
Jacob Clodfelter. Born 1770; Died 1837.
Margaret Clodfelter. Born 1771; Died 1857.

Miss Sally Lee Clodfelter tells me that she is the great granddaughter of Jacob and Margaret Clodfelter and she has always been told that Jacob had a brother John, who left North Carolina for Indiana about 1830. That definitely establishes our relationship with this family. We know that our first ancestor in Indiana was John Clodfelter, born in 1782. We also feel quite sure in drawing a conclusion that this John and Jacob were sons of the John and Catherina who sleep in Old Bethany. Joseph Clodfelter was the oldest North Carolina Clodfelter of whom we have record, and is evidently our original ancestor. These old gravestones are made of hand carved soapstone.

CLODFELTERS MOVE TO INDIANA

So far I have attempted to build up as much of the early family background as possible. The history of our immediate family begins in 1830 when John and Katherine Bowers Clodfelter and their nine children decided to seek a new home in the new country to the northwest.

John Clodfelter	Born Sept. 14, 1782
	Died Aug. 19, 1831
Katherine Bowers Clodfelter	Born Mar. 20, 1788
	Died about 1856

Their Children:

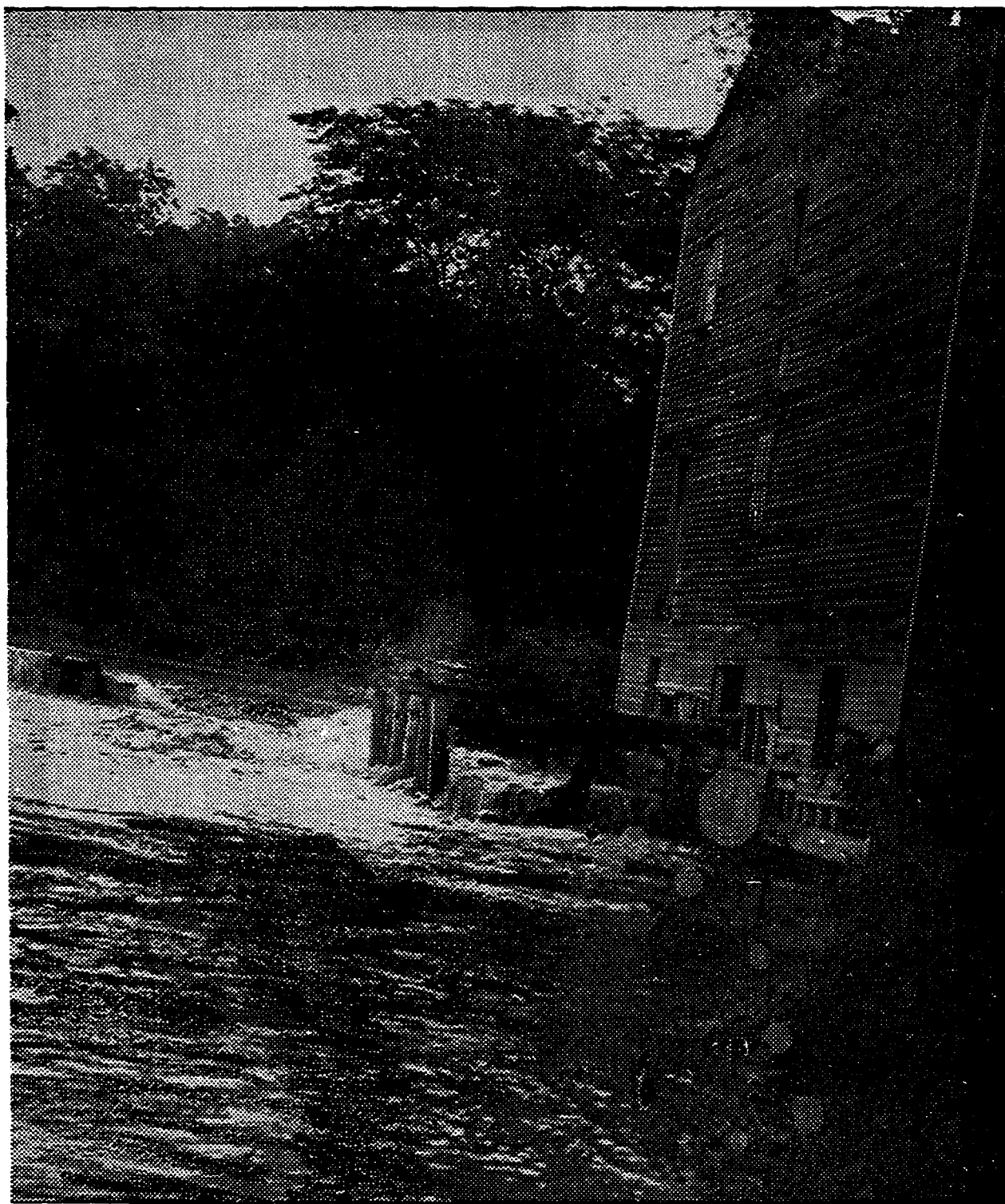
Solomon Clodfelter	Born Nov. 26, 1807
Elizabeth Clodfelter	Born April 1, 1810
David Clodfelter	Born June 1, 1812
William Clodfelter	Born May 28, 1815
Mathias Clodfelter	Born Dec. 2, 1817
Sally Clodfelter	Born Mar. 20, 1820
Noah Clodfelter	Born Feb. 21, 1823
John Clodfelter	Born Oct. 22, 1825
Katherine Clodfelter	Born June 29, 1828

The above vital record is taken from an old family Bible belonging to Randall Lookabill of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

From this point on, this story could not have been written had it not been for the knowledge of my own grandfather, Jackson T. Clodfelter, who has passed much of the following information on to me.

Let us take ourselves, then, to Abbott's Creek in North Carolina to the home of John Clodfelter. It was the summer of 1830 and a letter had been received from two families, former neighbors, who had moved to far away Indiana the previous year. The letter described their location as west of Indianapolis near Portland Mills on Raccoon Creek. It was a likely place with fertile soil and suitable climate for agriculture. The women of the family need not fear Indians or wild animals as neither had been of any trouble. Grandfather says that the women of the family had refused to come the year before because of their fear of the above difficulties. However, they had agreed to come in 1830 if these old friends went on ahead, tried it for a year and reported favorably by the first stage mail in the spring. So when this letter reached them they began preparations for the long journey through the wilderness, because they felt that there would be opportunity for greater progress. So the John Clodfelter family and the family of Mrs. Clodfelter's brother, the Bowers family, soon started by covered wagon up through the Shenandoah Valley until they finally struck the Cumberland Trail which has now become National Highway No. 40. Can we picture the difference of then and now with our perfect motor cars, paved highways, and detailed road maps!

They traveled slowly to say the least, camping at night with groups of other adventurous families, feeling perhaps there was safety in numbers as well as being glad for the added sociability of a larger group. Just how many weeks were required for this trip we do not know. Our grandfather, Solomon Clodfelter, was at that time twenty-three years old, and as the oldest son of the family it became his duty to ride the lead horse of a team of three horses which were hitched to the covered wagon. His father, John, walked most of the time and drove the extra stock that was being taken along with them. One of the rules of the road was, of course, to put out all camp fires. Another



OLD GRIST MILL AT PORTLAND MILLS

one, not so familiar, was concerning trees which were cut and used as wagon brakes. These roads over the mountains were so long and steep that it was impossible to hold the wagon in any way except by cutting small but branchy trees and fastening them to the back of the wagon where they served as a brake. Upon reaching the foot of the mountain all of these trees had to be removed from the road to make room for the next traveler. Sometimes this was a difficult chore because so many had already been deposited. However, they did make progress and at the end of two or three months they reached the small village of Indianapolis and inquired the way to Portland Mills. They were informed that Portland Mills was a thriving town about fifty miles farther west with a good grist mill, a tannery, and stores where salt, calico and other necessary supplies could be bought. Goods were brought up Big Raccoon Creek on flat boats from trading posts along the Wabash River. So the weary travelers must have felt their new home was near and hurried a bit more at this news! They came on down the trail to Putnamville (a stop on the stage route where that all important letter had been mailed to them in the spring) turned north to Greencastle, continued northwest through what is now Morton, until they reached Raccoon Creek. By this time they were in the right vicinity and started looking for a place where they could live. After crossing the stream near the site of the present covered bridge, they found a cabin a short distance to the north, which was not in use. It was here that they spent their first night as Indiana settlers, and this cabin became the family home until a permanent one could be established. John Clodfelter later entered eighty acres of land, which laid just north of this cabin, and there another house was built which we all know and shall refer to as the Old Home Place.

That winter without doubt must have been a strenuous one for the entire family with all of the duties of establishing a home and getting a living for a family of eleven out of a wilderness. We recall that history tells us the winter of 1830 was one of the coldest with the fiercest blizzards ever known. They all seemed to withstand the ordeals except the father. He became very ill with a deep cold late in the winter and never regained his health. He passed away Aug. 19, 1831. The mother, Katherine Clodfelter, took up the burden of maintaining the home for her family, and did so with the help of her older sons. She spent the rest of her life at this home place and did not pass away until 1856. Hers is certainly the story of a pioneer mother, if only we knew more of it!

John Clodfelter was buried on the Jesse Fordyce farm in Russell Township, evidently a place where one of the first cemeteries was started but was not continued. My own grandfather says that he was first shown the grave of his grandfather, John Clodfelter, after he was a grown man. One day he and his brother, Columbus, were threshing wheat for Jesse Fordyce who took them up to the hill where this early cemetery was located and showed them the grave of their grandfather. The grave is now hard to find since it is only marked by a piece of sandstone.

John's wife, Katherine Clodfelter, lived until 1856. She was buried in the Sutherlin cemetery, which is an old graveyard but has always been well kept.

FAMILY OF SOLOMON CLODFELTER

The following was copied from the vital Records of the family Bible that belonged to our grandfather Solomon Clodfelter. The Bible was handed down to his son John W. Clodfelter, and now belongs to his son, Lonnie Clodfelter.

Births

Solomon Clodfelter	Born Nov. 26, 1807
Charity Keen (his first wife)	Born Mar. 4, 1802
Sally McGaughey (his second wife)	Born Jan. 20, 1818
Matilda Hinkle (his third wife)	Born July 29, 1822

Births of Children

Washington Clodfelter	Born Sept. 24, 1833
Malinda Clodfelter	Born Feb. 18, 1842
Elmina Clodfelter	Born May 24, 1848
Jackson T. Clodfelter	Born May 6, 1850
Columbus L. Clodfelter	Born Sept. 20, 1852
Daniel Newton Clodfelter	Born July 15, 1854
Martha Ann Clodfelter	Born Nov. 26, 1856
John William Clodfelter	Born Feb. 26, 1859

Marriages

Solomon Clodfelter and Charity Keen were married Dec. 8, 1832.

Solomon Clodfelter and Sally McGaughey were married July 30, 1840.

Solomon Clodfelter and Matilda Hinkle were married Sept. 24, 1846.

Deaths

Charity Keen Clodfelter	Died Sept. 19, 1838
Sally McGaughey Clodfelter	Died Aug. 6, 1843
Solomon Clodfelter	Died March 14, 1889
Matilda Hinkle Clodfelter	Died April 4, 1897

OUR FAMILY TREE IN PICTURE



THE SOLOMON CLODFELTER FAMILY

LIFE OF SOLOMON CLODFELTER

During the fall and winter of 1830, when the family was establishing their first home in the Indiana forest, Solomon Clodfelter, the oldest son, was called upon to do a good share of the many hard tasks of each day. However, when spring came he walked to Indianapolis and secured work on the improvement of the road over which the family had traveled the previous summer, then known and often times still referred to as the National Trail. He earned sixty-five cents a day and had to pay his own board from this amount. He was glad to get a job, though, where he could earn and save some money. In August, however, he received word that his father was seriously ill and that he should return home. That was a difficult matter for there had been heavy rains and all streams were very high. Of course there were few roads and no bridges so the going was slow since he often had to travel far to cross a stream. When he reached home his father was dead and buried. We are not sure that Solomon returned to his work on the road, but he probably did, because it was with the money saved from this work that he set up farming on his first farm of forty acres, two miles south of the Union Chapel Church in Clinton Township. Solomon Clodfelter entered this land. Our records show us that Solomon Clodfelter and Charity Keen were married December 8, 1832. Their son, Washington Clodfelter, was born at the Clinton Township farm on September 24, 1833. They continued to live there until Charity Clodfelter's death September 19, 1838. She is probably buried at Union Chapel cemetery, but the grave is unmarked.

The next account we have is of the marriage of Solomon Clodfelter and Sally McGaughey on July 30, 1840. Sally McGaughey was the daughter of William McGaughey whose home was about a mile up the creek from Sutherlin Springs.

A bit of Indian lore might be mentioned here. The springs at this particular place have long been famous. Even at that date they were a favorite drinking place of the wild animals, especially deer. The Indians being wise to this had a sort of hide-out made of long poles and branches placed high up in the huge trees that grew above the springs. When the deer gathered there to drink the Indians could easily kill enough to keep themselves well supplied with meat. What youngster's eyes won't grow a little rounder now as he thinks of this true Indian story when he visits Sutherlin Springs!

Solomon and Sally Clodfelter had one daughter, Malinda, born February 18, 1842. Another story of adventure survives that period. One day when Washington and Malinda were quite small children, Solomon Clodfelter was walking down the road near where Clinton Center school now stands. He came upon a huge rattlesnake lying across the road apparently asleep. He had a great fear of snakes, as I believe we all have to this very day, but he knew he must kill it because of the thought of his small children at home and also his young stock that would be endangered by such a creature. He happened to be carrying an ax so he cut a great strong club and bravely set to work killing the rattler. After it was dead he cut it open and found that it had recently swallowed a tiny, baby fawn, and upon counting the snake's rattles found there were twenty-seven. I rather imagine Grandpa Solomon slept better that night, knowing that fellow was out of the way.

Sally Clodfelter died August 6, 1843, and was buried in the old part of Union Chapel cemetery. A story is told of seeing a large black bear run across the corner of the cemetery the day of her funeral. So again we are reminded that the country was a wilderness.

Sometime after this, Solomon sold the Clinton Township farm and bought out the other heirs of his father's farm and moved back to the Old

Home Place taking his two small, motherless children to live with his own mother.

On September 24, 1846, Solomon Clodfelter was married to Matilda Hinkle who was destined to a longer life than the first and second wives. For this reason we know more of her life.

Matilda Hinkle was born in Virginia, July 29, 1822, the daughter of Lott and Rosanna Hinkle. They came to Indiana in 1830 much in the manner of the Clodfelter family, except that a spring wagon was purchased for the women to ride in. Matilda and each of her sisters had been given a new calico bonnet before leaving Virginia. These bonnets were treasures indeed to those girls of pioneer days, for a calico bonnet was a choice possession. All went well until Matilda lost her bonnet along the way and wept bitterly. Her father soothed her with the promise of a new one when they reached Indianapolis. But alas! Indianapolis had no calico! They also were told that Portland Mills was the place to buy it. Therefore, that family settled in the vicinity of Portland Mills near our Clodfelters, so the loss of a bonnet brought us a grandmother!

The Hinkle family's first settlement was on the farm now known as the Pleas McGaughey place. Their cabin with the exception of a door is reported to have been built in one day by the men of the family and several kindly neighbors. As supper was being cooked the first evening, wolves appeared in the yard so that Grandfather Hinkle had to guard the doorway with his gun to insure the safety of his family. They soon found the wolves' den down by the spring, but they did no harm.

The nearest town for buying food supplies was Blakesburg which was on an old Indian Trail. The family often saw Indians passing by but they, too, were always friendly.

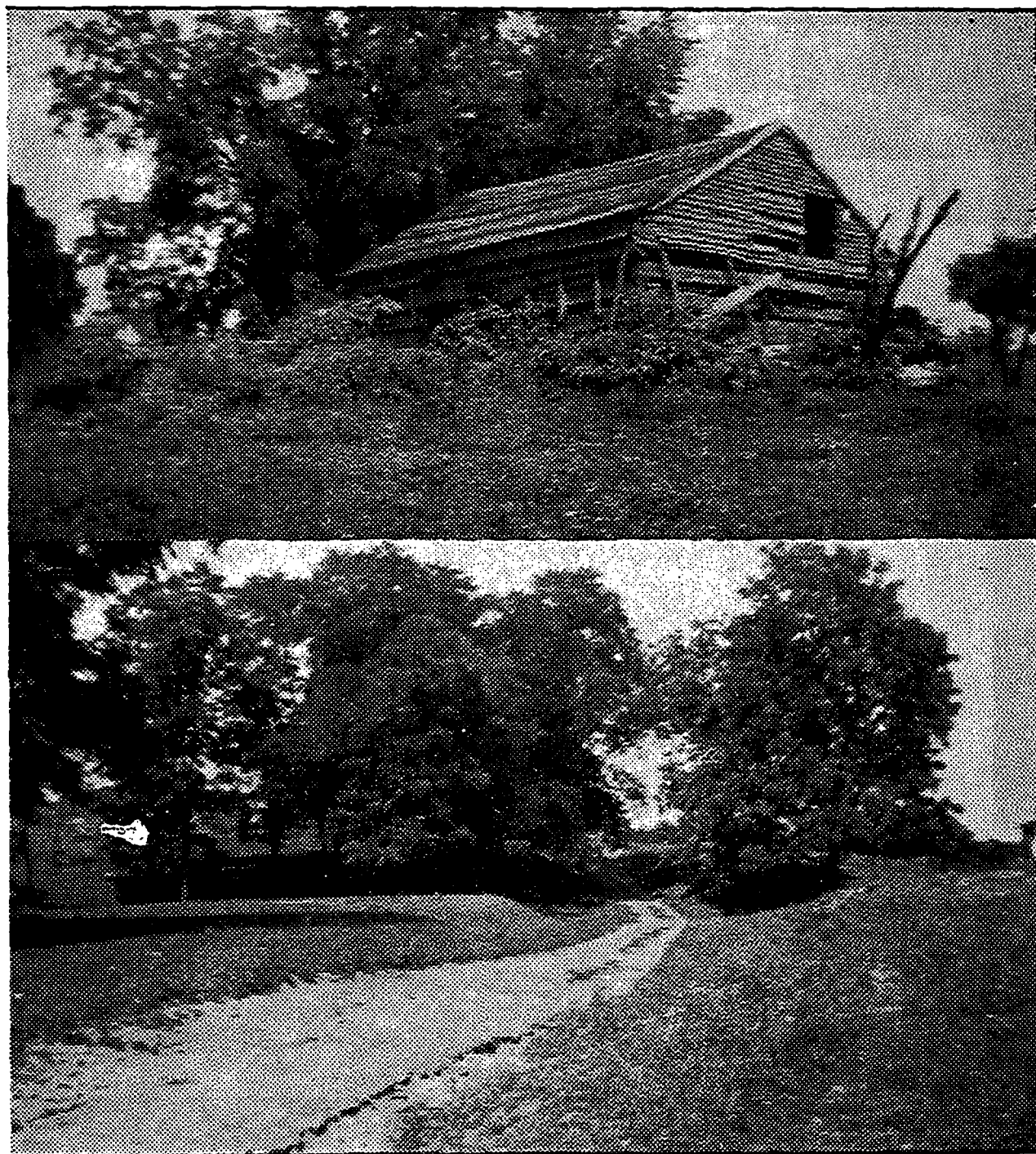
One day Matilda and her sisters were going to a neighbor's to borrow some coffee when they encountered a mother bear and two cubs. The girls ran to the house for safety and the men gave chase to the bear family, going almost as far north as Parkersburg before killing them.

Matilda became an expert seamstress and went from house to house sewing for the entire family, specializing in making men's clothing.

On the evening of Matilda's and Solomon's wedding the guests had gathered at her father's home. Someone asked, "Has Matilda's husband-to-be any wealth?" "Oh, yes," another answered, "he has a weather-boarded house; he is a well-to-do man." A little different manner of measuring wealth than now, but many things have changed since then.

After Solomon's and Matilda's marriage they went to live at the Old Home Place. Solomon's mother expressed a desire to have a little house of her own; she wished to be near but to be able to live her own life, and not disturb the activities of her son's family. So all of her sons—David, William, Mathias, Noah and John came and helped Solomon build a small snug cabin in the corner of the yard west of the house. She must have been a woman of great character and personality. What thoughts she must have had in those last years of her life as she sat by her own fireplace and reflected on that full life so well spent. My grandfather says he remembers her so well. When he was a small boy he loved to go to her cabin each day and talk to her, and watch her spin the wool yarn used by the family. She died in 1856, and was buried in the Sutherlin Cemetery.

The six children of Solomon and Matilda Clodfelter were all born at the Old Home Place. They went to school at an old log schoolhouse north of the present Russell Center school. This was a subscription school where the teacher went from house to house and had the parents sign up to pay a



ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE "OLD HOME PLACE"
APPROACHING PASTURE LANE

certain amount for each child. The school term was for a three-month period during the winter. Most children attended school from the ages of seven to sixteen or eighteen, when the boys went to work and the girls usually were married. Some of the teachers of this school were Alex Fairrow, Miss Brumfield and Miss Nan Secrets. The older boys spent the noon hour cutting wood for the big fireplace that heated the schoolroom.

One Sunday each month Solomon Clodfelter and his family went in the wagon or on horseback to the old Lutheran Church west of Portland Mills. This church was on the farm now owned by Donald Harbison, but has long since been moved to a location in Green Township near Milligan. All of the children were baptized in this church when they were babies.

It was a great holiday for the family when they all got into the wagon and went to Alamo to spend Saturday and Sunday in the home of their Uncle Mathias Clodfelter. Later on the oldest son, Washington, was married and lived in Whitestown, Boone County. A few times they all went there for a visit. It was really a great day to go such a distance as forty miles from home.

And so the time went on. More land was cleared. My grandfather remembers helping to cut and pile great hardwood logs, which were burned just to get them out of the way so the land could be cultivated. More houses were built, with improvement of roads and building of bridges; more schools, more towns, the coming of academies and normal schools; more churches, and the endless chain of progress leading up to the building of the railroads and the opening of another new territory farther west. This family saw all of these things occur and took their respective places in this course of events.

Solomon and Matilda Clodfelter lived on at the Old Home Place watching their children go out to establish homes of their own. But many times they came back for the counsel of their parents. As the two of them grew older, Matilda's eyesight became very poor, and Solomon could often be found, especially on Sunday afternoon, reading to her from the Bible. Solomon passed away March 14, 1889, and Matilda on April 4, 1897. Both were laid to rest in Union Chapel Cemetery, where several of their children and grandchildren have since been buried.

I want to place here in this story a Blessing that I have so often heard my grandfather, Jackson T. Clodfelter, ask before a meal. One day after dinner I said, "Grandpa, why do you always say this particular blessing?" He quietly and in reverent tone answered me, "Why, because it was my father's blessing, too." He repeated it slowly for me so that I might write it word for word. As I pass it on to you, I am sure it will bring back happy memories to a great many of you, who have gathered around that long table for a pleasant meal that was preceded by these words:

OUR GRANDFATHER'S BLESSING

"Our most dear Heavenly Father
We are thankful that Thou hast remembered
And blessed us with life through another night
And permitted us to see the light of a new day.
We are thankful for this food
Which we receive daily from Thy bountiful hand
For the nourishment of our bodies.
Bless this food to our use and us to Thy service.
Remember us and bless us, pardon us and save us.
We ask it all in Thy dear name. Amen!"

THE FAMILY OF WASHINGTON CLODFELTER

Washington Clodfelter	Born Sept. 24, 1833 Died Nov. 19, 1903
LaVina Harmon Clodfelter	Born Feb. 27, 1844 Died Dec. 29, 1924
Married Jan. 20, 1861	

Children

Emsteard Gilford Clodfelter	Born Feb. 15, 1862
Vilando Rumrell Clodfelter	Born June 19, 1865 Died Mar. 28, 1933
Edmund Dennison Clodfelter	Born Mar. 5, 1867
Cora Laoda Clodfelter	Born Feb. 13, 1869
Jacob Carson Clodfelter	Born Mar. 6, 1873
Ora Solomon Clodfelter	Born July 1, 1875
Winnie Gertrude Clodfelter	Born May 12, 1878
Florence Clodfelter	Born July 26, 1881
Eva Ladoska T. Clodfelter	Born June 27, 1884
Ivan R. Clodfelter	Born Apr. 15, 1889

WASHINGTON CLODFELTER

Washington Clodfelter was the only child of Solomon and Charity Clodfelter. He was born at the Clinton Township farm on September 24, 1833. We know very little of his early life except in the general knowledge that we have of the family at that period. He grew up as all pioneer boys did, getting what schooling he could, but acquiring most of his education from the home and the hard experiences of everyday life.

On January 20, 1861, he was married to LaVina Harmon, who was born near Whitestown, in Boone County on February 27, 1844. For some years they lived in Putnam County just north of Morton, but later moved to a farm in Boone County. In the spring of 1876 their home was burned, destroying almost everything in it. They took refuge in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Poovey (Mrs. Clodfelter and Mrs. Poovey were sisters) until another house could be built. They found it difficult, however, to regain all that had been lost. By this time the land farther west really was opening up and Washington Clodfelter felt the urge to push on where opportunity surely would be greater. Some of his relatives tried to discourage him, saying that taxes would be more in a new and undeveloped land; with roads, schools and civic improvements to pay for, that these were already completed in Indiana. He paid little attention to this criticism of the newer land, and it is just as well he did not; because I don't believe taxes have ever been a minus quantity in any community.

Mrs. Clodfelter gave this venture her full consideration and is reported to have said, "Well, father, you have been wanting to go to Kansas, if we ever are to go, now is the time before we are really settled again". So with their seven children, Emsteard, Vilando, Den, Oda, Carson, Ora, and 'Trude, only a baby, and what possessions they could take along, they started by covered wagon over a long trail to establish a new home—the third generation to carry the Clodfelter name and determination into new territory.

Nine weeks were required for the trip. The Wabash, the Mississippi, and the Missouri rivers were crossed, of course, by ferry boat. As they traveled along they came in contact with many other families, this being the year of the big boom for the west. Many wagons bore the slogan of "Kansas or Bust". After crossing the Mississippi at Hannibal, Missouri, they camped in a fifteen-acre camp ground completely filled with covered wagons. All of these people were friendly and gay. Oftentimes there were dances around the camp fire after supper was over and the horses were fed. No doubt it was easy to find a banjo and a player perhaps, able to play, "Oh, Susanna".

Each family was supplied with a tent for sleeping quarters, the older boys usually slept in the wagon. Oda says her memory of this was most unpleasant. They encountered rains and storms. Oftentimes the tent was blown down during the night, and there was no light except from the campfire, which also suffered from the rain.

Finally the family reached Neodesha, Kansas, where they visited with relatives for a week, then went on to Wichita for a few more days. Sometime in November they reached the home of Drew Harmon, Mrs. Clodfelter's brother, a few miles north of Belle Plaine. This family of nine was welcomed into that one-room prairie home already occupied by a family of four. They had a hard time, but they managed to get along while the father looked for a farm on which to settle. In the early spring they moved to themselves on a place nine miles southeast of Belle Plaine. A few years later they bought the farm which was to be the family home as long as they lived. At first they had a one room frame house for their bed room and living room, and a one room log house with a roof of dirt and prairie grass, for the kitchen and din-

ing room. The struggle was great for those first years, drouth and grasshoppers brought difficulties that had not been expected. But they were happy, and all worked together, feeling they had reached a place that really would become their home.

A strong determination finally resulted in their transforming that treeless tract of open prairie into a well cultivated farm, with a comfortable nine-room house surrounded by plenty of shade and fruit trees. This homestead is located between Belle Plaine and Oxford, Kansas, in the beautiful Arkansas river valley.

Three children, Flo, Eva and Ivan, were born in Kansas. All of the children are living except one, at the time of this writing. One childhood story survived those early days. Den and Oda being near in age were supposed to wash the dishes each night, a task that Den greatly disliked. One evening Den disappeared, but was found later in the living room and reminded by his father of this neglected duty. Den wisely replied, "Oh, no, father, don't you see Dennie has got his booties off." This expression became famous in the family, as an excuse whenever occasion demanded.

They were a family of steady, every-day Christians. Washington Clodfelter, having read the Bible through several times himself, often read aloud to the family in the evening, while his wife sewed or knitted for the family of ten children.

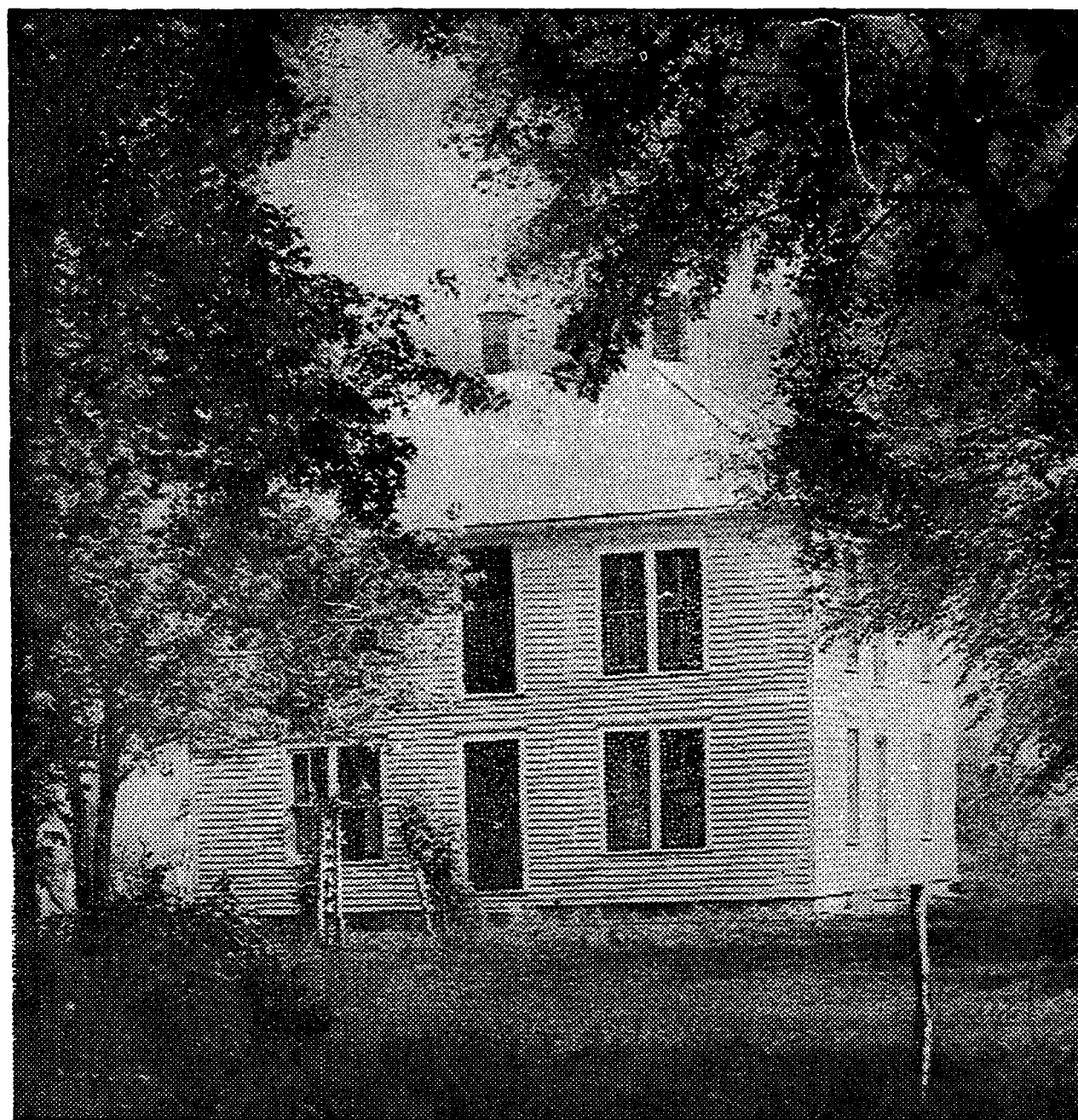
Their most used axiom, "Be ye temperate in all things," revealed their steady even life. Their children are all affiliated with some church of one denomination or another.

These two fine old pioneers have gone to their rest. Washington Clodfelter died November 19, 1903; LaVina Clodfelter died December 29, 1924.

Those ten children have carried on the tradition of their parents as they established homes in different parts of Kansas or Oklahoma, where their own sons and daughters have gone out to take their places in the world of today. Twenty of these grandchildren are school teachers; some coaches, some superintendents of schools, and six others have married school teachers. All of which rings true to those early ancestors of North Carolina whose greatest desire was to establish good homes and further education for their children and community.



FIRST KANSAS HOME OF WASHINGTON CLODFELTER FAMILY
LaVina Clodfelter and some of the children



PRESENT WASHINGTON CLODFELTER HOMESTEAD

THE CHEROKEE STRIP

This historic event of our country's development had a close connection with the progress of the Clodfelters, also. Den Clodfelter took part in that historic race of which so many stories have been written.

On September 16, 1893, the Cherokee Strip (58 miles from north to south and 175 miles from east to west) in the Oklahoma Territory was opened by the Government for settlement. At 12 o'clock noon of that famous day, a gun was fired and the race began. People started from the north, south and east sides of the strip—a vast prairie, no roads, no trees except on the streams which were dry. Some made the race in wagons, some in buggies, some in carts, and many, many on horseback. Den made the race in a buggy, which was sometimes on the ground and sometimes in midair as he ran across cow trails and buffalo wallows. He started from the north side of the strip midway between Caldwell and Hunnywell, Kansas, running 23 miles to stake a claim of 160 acres two miles south of the present town of Salt Fork. After a week he became dissatisfied with his claim and began scouting for another, since many persons had become discouraged and returned home. About 24 miles south of his first location he found a claim that seemed deserted. He found the numbers of the land on corner stones, which had been placed every half mile before the strip was opened. His number was southeast 25-21-4. The land office was 27 miles away in Enid, then a town of tents and shacks. People wishing to file land claims were given a number; then they formed in line to wait for their number to be called. Some days every number was present; others only a few; sometimes a person would find the number he held had been filed on already. Then they could file a contest (but these were often settled out of court with fist fights). After Den waited one day he was given a number; then waited ten or twelve days to file. After that he had actually won the race in all respects, so he returned to his land and started a sod shanty. This was done by plowing the sod and cutting it up into pieces twelve by eighteen inches, which were laid up into walls as bricks are used.

Those were real pioneer days, the details a little different from the experiences of the previous generations, but pioneers nevertheless. With only a little money and one team, that old determination to get ahead went right down to Oklahoma with Den. He, being single at that time, worked during the growing season and returned to his parents' home in Kansas for the most of the winter. He hired most of his sod plowed with an ox team, paying one dollar per acre. That must have been a sight to see—a man, a team of oxen, a walking plow, and that vast prairie! They were able to plow about an acre and a half per day.

On January 1, 1898, Den Clodfelter was married to Laura McAfee. They began their happy life together in that two room soddy with dirt floors. There was little furniture—a two-hole "topsy" stove being used both for cooking and heating. A drum in the pipe contained an oven circulated by the heat going up the pipe, and Laura assures me that it would really bake! They had one team, one cow, one dozen hens. If there was any crop to sell, they hauled it in a lumber wagon 17 miles to Perry, the closest town. They would start about four o'clock in the morning, spend a few hours in town buying necessities, which usually included coal, since they had no forests to supply fuel; and return home by eight or nine o'clock at night.

After a person lived on their land five years, they were given a patent (or deed) and that is what Den and Laura have on their home place. A few people desiring to prove up went away and worked, improved their land, and paid \$1.25 per acre for it.

Time went on, many improvements were seen, small frame houses and

barns, land fenced, and trees set out. Then they began raising more poultry and hogs but after hauling things to Perry received two cents to five cents per dozen for eggs, eight cents a pound for butter and \$2.50 per hundred pounds for hogs. So they still had little money, but they say they needed little because they grew most of their necessities. Especially after the men started going in numbers to the timber some distance away to cut and haul fuel for each other. All the people were neighbors and equal, living two or three miles apart, but still they walked back and forth on Sundays to visit each other while the horses rested. The contrast to the present is seen also in that there was no such thing as buying bakers' bread, pies or cakes, and no ready made clothes.

In 1893 a railroad was built connecting Perry and Enid, and four new towns sprung up along this line, giving a closer market for their produce and making life a little easier.

In 1908 the Oklahoma Territory was admitted to the Union and their mail came to Oklahoma rather than Oklahoma Territory. It was about this time that as a very small girl I visited this country with my mother. An experience I shall never forget and ever cherish is a trip from Aunt Vina's home in Kansas to Oklahoma by covered wagon. Eva Clodfelter, my mother, and myself made the trip over open prairie, seeing few houses, little cultivated ground, no trees, few fences, and so far as I was concerned, feeling like real pioneers even then. We visited all the folks, whom I shall never forget for their jolly hospitality, and returned to Kansas with a wagon load of fruit that had been canned in Oklahoma for the Kansas folks. It took us three days to make the trip down and four to return, a distance of one hundred miles. The picnic lunches eaten as we drove along that lone prairie road were high spots of the trip—to a five year old girl, anyway. Aunt Vina's home-made bread, boiled ham and pickles, with pumpkin pie and the best ginger cookies in the world, and an apple to finish the meal, and keep us from getting thirsty, can never be forgotten.

Time has marched on in Oklahoma as in the rest of the world. Now there are many comfortable homes and improved farms, good roads, telephones, electric lines, and excellent highways. Trees still are not plentiful, but the land is dotted with oil wells which have added so much to the wealth of Oklahoma.

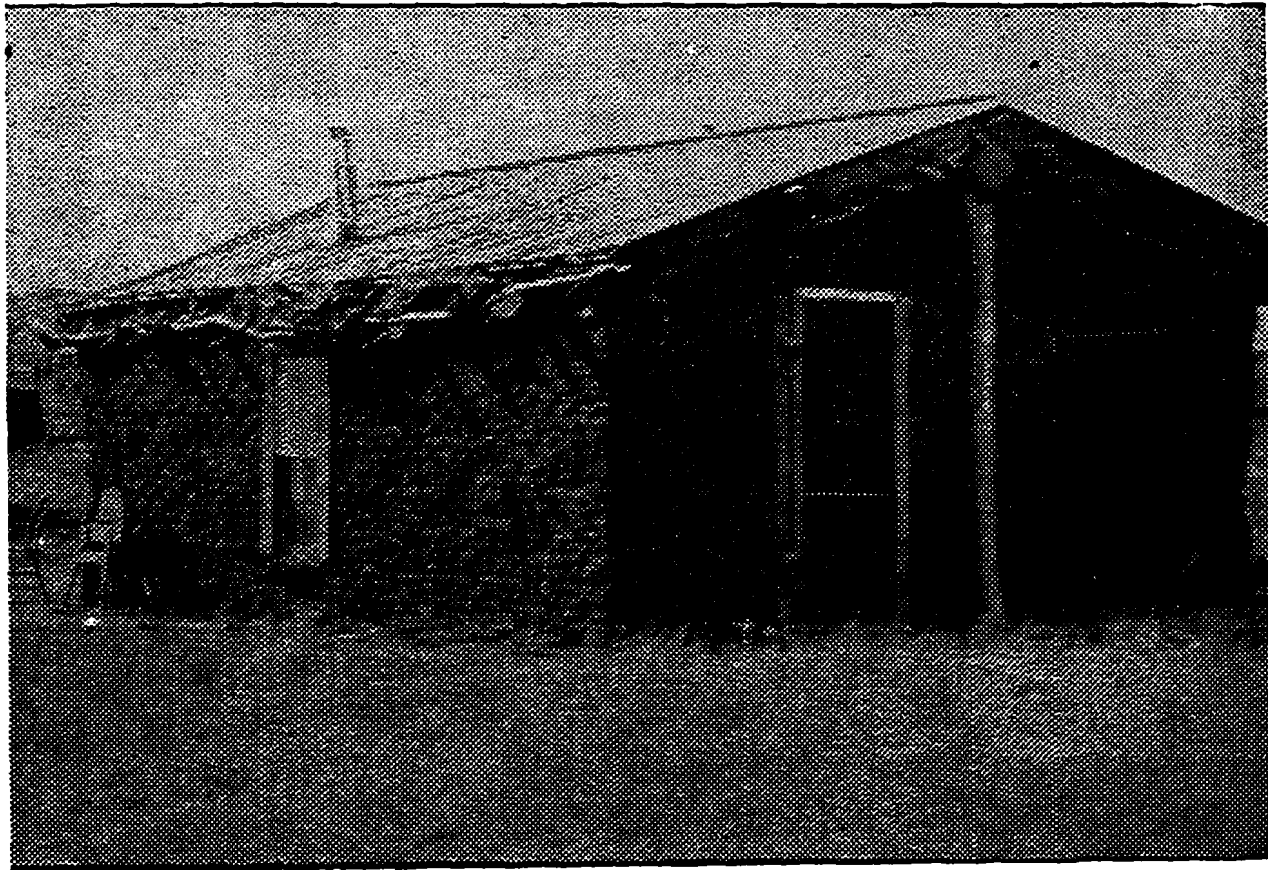
Laura and Den Clodfelter still live on the land Den filed. The two room soddy has been replaced by an eight room modern home. A family of five children have grown up and gone to homes of their own. What an interesting chapter Den and Laura have given to the Clodfelter history!

More of the Clodfelter family followed Den to Oklahoma before the turn of the century. In 1897 Vilando and Rena Clodfelter went to live with Den, remaining there until March, 1898, when they bought a farm of their own one mile east of Douglas. The story of their early days and progress is much the same as that of Den.

In 1898 Trude Clodfelter Foshee and her husband Walter Foshee bought their farm three miles east of Douglas, establishing another home in the new territory.

March of 1899 brought Emsteard and Sadie Clodfelter to join the settlement of brothers and sisters that was so swiftly becoming a part of the development of Oklahoma. They, too, started with a two room soddy, but have worked and prospered, bringing up a large and fine family, now having time to enjoy a comfortable home and reflect on those early years of pioneering.

In 1900 Will and Oda Clodfelter Johnson came from Illinois to the



TYPICAL OKLAHOMA SOD HOUSE

Built by the Clodfelters who settled
in the Cherokee Strip

farm, east of Douglas, and directly across the road from Rena's and Vilando's home. This completed the band of three brothers and two sisters of Clodfelters. All have had many experiences that go with developing a new land, and establishing homes and a good community.

The rest of the brothers and sisters have remained in Kansas. Flo and her husband went to the great western wheat country, to be followed later by Carson and Ivan. Ora is in the Arkansas valley on the opposite side from his father's place. Eva and Clay Ratcliff live at the homestead where Eva cared for the mother as long as she lived.

They all meet once each year for a three day reunion of camping out, picnicking, feasting, playing, and visiting. A great occasion in a great family! May it never cease!

FAMILY OF WASHINGTON AND LAVINA CLODFELTER

	Birth	Death
I Emsteard Gilford Clodfelter, Farmer	Feb. 15, 1862	
Sadie Bell Dally	Apr. 29, 1867	
Married Dec. 24, 1889		
Children		
1. Bernice Clodfelter	Dec. 31, 1890	
2. Edmond Jean Clodfelter. World War Service. Left Enid, Okla., July 24, 1918, for Camp Green Leaf, Ga. Honorable discharge issued from Camp Wadsworth, S. C., Base Hospital 134, on Oct. 5, 1918, on account of poor health.	Oct. 16, 1892	
Nina Sharp	Jan. 13, 1902	
Married Aug. 22, 1920		
Children		
1. Walter Oliver Clodfelter	Sept. 8, 1921	
2. Wilma Jean Clodfelter	Sept. 3, 1929	
3. Olive Blanche Clodfelter	Mar. 22, 1895	
Ralph Claunch	Nov. 13, 1896	
Married Nov. 12, 1913		
Children		
1. Thelma Maxine Claunch	Feb. 2, 1916	
Hoy Nave		
Married July 12, 1933		
Children		
1. Donald Lee Nave		
2. Paul Lewis Nave	Dec. 5, 1934	
2. Vera Estelle Claunch	June 7, 1918	
Kenneth Gigoux		
Married Jan. 3, 1938		
3. Robert Ralph Claunch	Jan. 20, 1920	
June Cline	June 6, 1920	
Married Feb. 28, 1938		
Children		
1. Barbara June Claunch	Aug. 19, 1938	
4. Melbourne Glenn Claunch	Nov. 4, 1921	
4. Wilber Glenn Clodfelter, Manager of grocery store Enid, Okla. Saw World War service.	Aug. 11, 1896	
Thelma Harris	Nov. 11, 1900	
Married June 10, 1923		
Children		
1. Glen Allen Clodfelter	Aug. 15, 1924	
2. Robert Lee Clodfelter	Dec. 30, 1926	
3. Wilber Ray Clodfelter	April 6, 1938	
5. Harold James Clodfelter	Aug. 22, 1898	Aug. 29, 1899
6. Mary Claire Clodfelter	Jul. 15, 1900	
Hobart Laurence Buchanan, United Brethren minister, Supt. H. S. Skeedee, Okla.	1900	
Married Dec. 25, 1921		

	Birth	Death
Children		
1. Laurence Edward Buchanan	May 8, 1923	
2. Erwin Leon Buchanan	Nov. 12, 1925	
3. Donald Eugene Buchanan	Dec. 5, 1927	
4. Mary Esther Buchanan	Jul. 25, 1929	
5. Vernon Lee Buchanan	Jan. 14, 1931	
7. LaVina Grace Clodfelter	Aug. 26, 1902	Nov. 8, 1902
8. Maude Beatrice Clodfelter	Apr. 26, 1904	
Charles Purnell, owner shoe parlor	Oct. 24, 1904	
Married Nov. 29, 1928		
Children		
1. Nelda Joan Purnell	Dec. 2, 1930	
2. Charles Neil Purnell	Apr. 19, 1934	
9. Ethel Faye Clodfelter	Jan. 29, 1906	May 22, 1906
10. Paul Leo Clodfelter, farmer	Jan. 6, 1909	
Vera Vincent		
Married April 2, 1935		
Children		
1. Paul Doyle Clodfelter	Nov. 30, 1936	
11. Maurice Gilford Clodfelter, farmer	Jun. 10, 1912	
Ruby Hubbard	Feb. 4, 1914	
Married June 10, 1934		
Children		
1. Margaret Eileen Clodfelter	Aug. 1, 1936	
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II Vilando Rumrell Clodfelter, farmer	Jun. 19, 1865	Mar. 28, 1933
Lorena Port	Aug. 2, 1872	Jan. 12, 1932
Married Dec. 29, 1891		
Children		
1. Hazel Dell Clodfelter	Nov. 13, 1892	
Rezin J. Pock, farmer		
Married Dec. 24, 1913		
Children		
1. Florence Pock	Oct. 2, 1914	
Wm. W. Wilcox, Geologist		
Married Apr. 24, 1937		
Sent to South America in geological survey work for oil company until 1945.		
2. John R. Pock	Oct. 13, 1915	
2. Cecil L. Clodfelter, tool pusher in oil fields. World War service, Feb. 22, 1918, to June 19, 1919, Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas with 90th Div. Embarked June 24, 1918, from Camp Mills, Long Island, on English ship Sharpshire. Landed LaHavre, France, July 10. Latter part of August relieved 1st Div. at front. Sept. 12 took part in first all American offensive which was staged at St. Mihiel. Entered Meuse Argonne on Oct. 17; continued until signing of Armistice Nov. 11, 1918. In Berncastle, Germany with Army of Occupation from Dec. 22 to May 12, 1919. Left Brest,	Dec. 22, 1894	

	Birth	Death
France, on U. S. S. Mongolia May 24, 1919. Landed in God's Country June 1, 1919, at Boston. Honorable discharge from Camp Pike, Ark., June 19, 1919. First Marriage Sept. 26, 1920 Marie Grubbs Second Marriage Aug. 6, 1934 Emma Williams		July 12, 1922
Children		
1. Charles Clodfelter	Jan. 1939	
3. Beulah M. Clodfelter C. R. Pickens, tool pusher in oil fields Married Sept. 26, 1931	May 18, 1897	
4. Nellie G. Clodfelter	Oct. 28, 1899	Jul. 22, 1922
5. Bertram Port Clodfelter Sylva Davis Married June 4, 1933	Jan. 3, 1902	July 2, 1933
6. Clarence T. Clodfelter, Supt. H.S. Red Rock, Okla. Marie DeShane Married Dec. 28, 1927	Apr. 17, 1904	
7. Francis Harold Clodfelter, Employed in print shop. Helen Kitt Married June 16, 1934	Aug. 29, 1910	



III Edmund Dennison Clodfelter, farmer	Mar. 5, 1867	
Laura Belle McAfee	Aug. 14, 1881	
Married Jan. 1, 1898		
Children		
1. Clifford R. Clodfelter, Supt. Schools, Dewey, Okla. Okla. A. & M. Univ. M. A. Beatrice Goyer Married Aug. 20, 1929	Nov. 17, 1898	
Children		
1. Cherie Ann Clodfelter	Nov. 29, 1930	
2. Clifford R. Clodfelter, Jr.	Jan. 27, 1932	
2. Harmon W. Clodfelter, Supervisor Compounding Plant in Oil Refinery Barnsdall, Okla. Okla. A. & M. Univ. M. A. Wilma Johnston Married May 11, 1928	Dec. 19, 1899	
Children		
1. Mary Nell	Aug. 21, 1934	Aug. 22, 1934
3. Ida Belle Clodfelter Eri M. Keller, Trucking Contractor at Pampa, Texas. Married Aug. 9, 1924	Dec. 22, 1900 Dec. 31, 1897	
Children		
1. Imogene L. Keller	Sept. 5, 1925	
2. Dorothea Gene Keller	Aug. 30, 1926	
3. Eri M. Keller, Jr.	Feb. 27, 1928	

		Birth	Death
4.	Elsie M. Clodfelter	Dec. 30, 1901	
	Elver J. Claunch, farmer	Sept. 7, 1902	
	Married Nov. 6, 1926		
5.	Melvin Carl Clodfelter, Coach	Jun. 26, 1904	
	and Math. Teacher, Ponca City, Okla. Okla. A. & M. Univ. A. B.		
	Wrestling Record:		
	145 lbs. Member Okla. A. & M.		
	National Champion Team 1927-1928		
	145 lbs. Missouri Valley Champion	1927	
	158 lbs. Missouri Valley Champion	1928	
	145 lbs. National Collegiate Champion	1928	
	145 lbs. National Amateur Champion	1932	
	145 lbs. National Y.M.C.A. Champion	1932	
	145 lbs. Member U. S. Olympic Team	1932	
	Coached 7 years at Enid High School; present coach at Ponca City High School. Developed eight Oklahoma High School Champions.		
	Pansy Collins	Dec. 24, 1901	
	Married Nov. 29, 1929		
	Children		
	1. Doris Jane Clodfelter	Sept. 3, 1933	Sept. 4, 1933
	2. Carol Louise Clodfelter	Feb. 8, 1937	
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IV	Cora Laoda Clodfelter	Feb. 13, 1869	
	William N. Johnson, Farmer	Sept. 1, 1859	Oct. 28, 1931
	Married Dec. 31, 1891		
	Children		
	1. Gladys Johnson	Oct. 24, 1894	
	Buford J. Edwards	May 9, 1891	June 16, 1928
	Married May 12, 1913		
	Children		
	1. Harold Lee Edwards	Feb. 12, 1914	
	2. Buford Donald Edwards	Jan. 1, 1917	
	3. Minnie Lorna Edwards	Oct. 13, 1919	
	2. Lloyd G. Johnson, Manager of Schlyuers Fruit & Produce Co., Tulsa, Okla.	Sept. 8, 1896	
	Grace Whitelock	Oct. 7, 1899	
	Married Feb. 25, 1918		
	Children		
	1. Kenneth L. Johnson	Dec. 2, 1918	
	Johnnie Howard Van Pelt	Mar. 11, 1920	
	Married Mar. 11, 1938		
	2. Garland Johnson	July 8, 1920	
	3. Ivyl Irene Johnson	Oct. 2, 1898	Feb. 23, 1938
	Bert Francis Page	Aug. 19, 1896	
	Married Dec. 6, 1917		
	Children		
	1. Frances Irene Page	Nov. 2, 1918	
	2. Donna Ione Page	Aug. 10, 1929	
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V	Jacob Carson Clodfelter, Farmer	Mar. 6, 1873	
	Hazel P. Thompson	May 1, 1878	
	Married Oct. 9, 1904		

		Birth	Death
	Children		
1.	Margarette Clodfelter	Nov. 21, 1906	
	William Logan	Mar. 11, 1900	
	Married Aug. 27, 1924		
	Children		
1.	Norma Lee Logan	Aug. 21, 1926	
2.	Medford C. Clodfelter	Mar. 11, 1912	
	Lola Markley	Nov. 10, 1914	
	Married May 24, 1933		
	Children		
1.	Jackie Clodfelter	Mar. 11, 1934	
2.	Fanelle Jean Clodfelter	Nov. 3, 1936	
3.	Clarence N. Clodfelter	July 5, 1918	
4.	Lutie D. Clodfelter	July 6, 1921	
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VI	Ora Solomon Clodfelter, Farmer	July 1, 1875	
	Mary E. Cone	Aug. 7, 1878	
	Married Sept. 27, 1899		
	Children		
1.	Leslie A. Clodfelter	Dec. 3, 1900	
	Alba K. Hopkins	Mar. 26, 1899	
	Married Nov. 24, 1921		
	Children		
1.	Winafred Elvaree Clodfelter	Sept. 10, 1922	
	Galeen Salome Clodfelter	Dec. 10, 1925	
	Gleason Dean Clodfelter	Oct. 18, 1927	
2.	Verna Salome Clodfelter	Mar. 11, 1903	
	Robert W. Sharp	May 21, 1904	
	Married May 21, 1929		
	Children		
1.	Judith Marie Sharp	Aug. 29, 1931	
2.	Joyce Eileen Sharp	July 23, 1935	
3.	Almeda Cone Clodfelter	Mar. 29, 1908	
	Paschal D. Prothro	Aug. 10, 1905	
	Married Dec. 24, 1926		
	Children		
1.	Eldred David Prothro	July 10, 1932	
2.	Floyd Marvin Prothro	Aug. 15, 1934	
3.	Loretta Mary Prothro	July 24, 1937	
4.	Forrest Solomon Clodfelter	Nov. 15, 1911	
	Edith Mae Rintoul	Mar. 25, 1907	
	Married July 30, 1932		
	Children		
1.	Rea Mae Clodfelter	Dec. 6, 1934	
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VII	Winnie Gertrude Clodfelter	May 12, 1878	
	Walter Jacob Fooshee, U.B. Minister, Bartlesville, Okla.	Dec. 16, 1873	
	Married Oct. 17, 1897		
	Children		
1.	Claude Lewis Fooshee, Teacher and Farmer	Aug. 18, 1898	
	Agnes Oveda Rader	July 13, 1908	
	Married June 4, 1930		

	Birth	Death
Children		
1. Dale Lewis Fooshee	Oct. 9, 1933	
2. Shirley Ann Fooshee	Feb. 2, 1937	
2. Floyd LeRoy Fooshee, Teacher and Farmer	June 24, 1900	
Lucille Egbert, Stenographer Married Aug. 9, 1930	Oct. 1, 1904	
Children		
1. Arthur LeRoy Fooshee	Sept. 30, 1931	
2. Lorita Anne Fooshee	Jan. 16, 1935	
3. Oma Ethel Jane Fooshee	July 19, 1902	
Roland Floyd Glover, Farmer Married Dec. 19, 1920	Aug. 2, 1900	
Children		
1. Ollie Gertrude Glover	May 28, 1922	
2. Luella Maxine Glover	Nov. 23, 1925	
3. Lloyd Donald Glover	Nov. 20, 1927	
4. Lula Faye Glover	June 20, 1930	
4. Alvin Ralph Fooshee, Teacher in Industrial Education	Mar. 14, 1904	
Eva Fae Reeder Married Aug. 17, 1929	Dec. 23, 1908	
Children		
1. Roland Alvin Fooshee	Feb. 18, 1932	
2. Lois Marie Fooshee	Feb. 14, 1935	
5. Lester Ray Fooshee, Sign Painter Coco Cola Co.	Dec. 20, 1905	
Chloe Fern Slagle Married June 5, 1926	Dec. 27, 1905	
Children		
1. Jackie Ray Fooshee	Aug. 20, 1929	
2. Graydon Lee Fooshee	Mar. 1, 1932	
3. Lila Mae Fooshee	Nov. 23, 1934	
6. Orpha Inez Fooshee, Cosmetologist	Apr. 23, 1908	
Roy Wilbur Davis, Manager Shoe Dept. Men's Clothing Store Married Oct. 23, 1929	May 27, 1900	
Children		
1. Roy Willard Davis	Aug. 12, 1930	
2. Patricia Joan Davis	Apr. 3, 1933	
7. Virgil Brooke Fooshee, United Brehren Minister, Eva, Okla.	Feb. 5, 1911	
Lora Grace Barnes Married Aug. 13, 1938	Aug. 16, 1918	
8. Gertrude Ruth Foshee	Oct. 20, 1913	
Kenneth Bird Freeman, Partner- ship in Grocery and Meat Market. Married Aug. 4, 1934	Feb. 29, 1912	
Children		
1. Gary Lee Freeman	Oct. 7, 1937	
9. Laura Irene Fooshee	Nov. 1, 1916	
Forest Francis Johnson, Janitor of School Married May 24, 1936	Dec. 11, 1915	

		Birth	Death
	Children		
	1. Sandra Sue Johnson	Feb. 4, 1938	
10.	Walter Warren Fooshee	May 24, 1919	
11.	Myrna Claire Fooshee	July 19, 1924	
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VIII	Florence Clodfelter	July 26, 1881	
	Orley M. Nix, Farmer	Jan. 31, 1882	
	Married May 29, 1898		
	Children		
	1. Flossie Marie Nix	Mar. 2, 1899	
	Harlan Andrew Ross	June 16, 1899	
	Married Dec. 22, 1918		
	Children		
	1. Ila Marie Ross	Dec. 29, 1919	
	2. Joyce Florence Ross	June 27, 1923	
	3. Larry Thomas Ross	July 24, 1929	
	4. Carol Vergene Ross	Aug. 1, 1935	Aug. 12, 1935
	2. Edna Mildred Nix	Feb. 1, 1901	
	Orville Davis	Sept. 20, 1894	Dec. 29, 1918
	Married Sept. 25, 1917		
	Children		
	1. Lorraine Davis	July 20, 1918	
	Second marriage Oct. 17, 1921 to		
	Homer Chaffin	Oct. 17, 1894	
	Children		
	1. Leon Chaffin	Sept. 6, 1922	
	2. Verle Chaffin	Sept. 10, 1924	
	3. Donnie Chaffin	Aug. 31, 1926	Jan. 10, 1927
	4. Bobbie Chaffin	Apr. 22, 1929	
	5. Floretta Chaffin	Aug. 2, 1932	
	3. Iva Mae Nix	Mar. 8, 1902	
	Ike Ratzliff	Mar. 20, 1896	
	Married Oct. 13, 1921		
	Children		
	1. Evelyn Ratzliff	Aug. 13, 1922	
	2. Florence Ratzliff	Oct. 27, 1923	
	3. Harvey Ratzliff	Apr. 17, 1925	
	4. Jaunita Ratzliff	Mar. 21, 1927	
	5. Wanda Ratzliff	Sept. 29, 1928	
	6. Lloyd Ratzliff	Oct. 11, 1929	
	7. Lee Ratzliff	July 24, 1935	
	4. Bert Everett Nix	Mar. 16, 1907	
	Goldie Mae (Logsdon) Diestler	Jan. 29, 1908	
	Married Aug. 11, 1927		
	Children		
	1. Donald Everett Nix	Sept. 22, 1928	
	2. Harold Ray Nix	Oct. 4, 1929	Oct. 5, 1929
	3. Gerald Lee Nix	Feb. 7, 1931	
	4. Dolores Mae Loberta Nix	Oct. 10, 1937	
Twins {	5. Clay Orley Nix	July 21, 1909	
}	6. Clarence Madison Nix	July 21, 1909	
	Hallie Woodring	Jan. 12, 1916	
	Married Nov. 1, 1935		

		Birth	Death
	Children		
	1. Loren Delano Nix	Oct. 10, 1936	
	7. Elsie Cleo Nix	Apr. 7, 1911	
	Mack Helsel		
	Married Sept. 14, 1932		
	Children		
	1. Joan Helsel	Aug. 21, 1936	
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IX	Eva Ladoska T. Clodfelter	Oct. 6, 1882	
	Clay Mearl Ratcliff, Farmer	June 27, 1884	
	Married Sept. 29, 1909		
	Children		
	1. Mearl Wesley Ratcliff, Employed by Schlyuers Fruit & Produce Co.	Mar. 7, 1912	
	2. Helen Maretta Ratcliff	Aug. 4, 1914	
	Robert Lewis Bullock, Farmer	Aug. 21, 1912	
	Married , 1937		
	Children		
	1. Jeanette Corrine Bullock	Nov. 8, 1938	
	3. Clay Leon Ratcliff	Jun. 26, 1916	
	4. Donald Claude Ratcliff	Oct. 8, 1918	
	5. Sarah Lavina Clareta Ratcliff	Feb. 5, 1921	
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X	Ivan R. Clodfelter, Farmer	Apr. 15, 1889	
	Katie E. Martin	Nov. 19, 1890	
	Married Nov. 16, 1910		
	Children		
	1. Wayne Washington Clodfelter	Aug. 13, 1911	
	Evelyn D. Smith	Feb. 12, 1914	
	Married Jan. 23, 1932		
	Children		
	1. Glenna E. Clodfelter	Oct. 29, 1932	
	2. Reva Alice Clodfelter	Jan. 19, 1914	
	George K. Casebeer	Nov. 30, 1910	
	Married Aug. 25, 1934		
	Children		
	1. Kelvin D. Casebeer	Jan. 21, 1938	
	3. Cline H. Clodfelter	Jan. 10, 1916	
	Dollie M. Shafford	Nov. 22, 1916	
	Married Aug. 29, 1935		
	Children		
	1. Dannie K. Clodfelter	May 11, 1936	
	2. Boyd C. Clodfelter	May 18, 1937	
	4. Bonita L. Clodfelter	May 31, 1918	
	Melvin C. Swafford	Nov. 24, 1916	
	Married Mar. 17, 1937		
	Children		
	1. Melva M. Swafford	Sept. 21, 1937	
	5. Ralph Elmo Clodfelter	May 4, 1920	Jan. 25, 1922
	6. Katylu A. Clodfelter	May 31, 1922	
	7. Ivan Ronald Clodfelter, Jr.	July 28, 1924	

MALINDA CLODFELTER SAYLER

	Birth	Death
Malinda Clodfelter Sayler	Feb. 18, 1842	Sept. 25, 1927
William Thomas Sayler	Feb. 3, 1834	May 30, 1908
Milbert Francis Sayler	Dec. 30, 1859	
Clara Sayler	July 7, 1861	
Alice Sayler	Sept. 13, 1863	
Alfred Voorhes Sayler	Sept. 23, 1865	Oct. , 1867
Jackson Purley Sayler	July 7, 1868	Sept. , 1870
Charles Sayler	July 7, 1868	
Jacob Sayler	Nov. 26, 1873	
Harve B. Sayler	Feb. 10, 1877	

MALINDA CLODFELTER

Malinda Clodfelter was born on February 18, 1842, to Solomon and Sally Clodfelter at their Clinton Township home. Her mother died when she was quite small. All that we know of her early life is included in the story of her father's life. As a little girl of pioneer days, naturally she grew up to share the responsibilities of everyday living.

She was married June 6, 1858, when sixteen years of age, to William Thomas Sayler. They started housekeeping in a log cabin located on the present Witt Sutherlin farm, less than a mile west of her father's home. We greatly admire the courage of these ancestors of ours who started so bravely into the task of shaping a home and bringing up a family when each day's work had to be done the hardest way. All of their eight children were born at their Putnam County home. In the spring of 1877 they moved to Montgomery County near New Market where they purchased a farm which was the family home for many years.

The father of this family came near being called to his country's service during the Civil War. Even though there was a family to be cared for, it seemed that he must go. His wife had his clothing in order and all was in readiness, when the war ended and his services were not needed.

William and Malinda Sayler forged ahead, teaching their children the principles of right living and good citizenship. The family was affiliated with church activities and the children given the best education possible according to the times.

They both lived to see their children well established in successful occupations and homes of their own, most of them in the fertile and prosperous Montgomery County. One great occasion enjoyed by them, as well as by all members of the family, was the first big reunion of the Clodfelter-Sayler families. This was planned and held in the lovely maple grove in front of Milbert Sayler's home. All of the folks looked forward to this gathering, and the fine hospitality of Milbert Sayler and his family for many years. A day of visiting together, a good program, and delicious food were the highlights of this family reunion, always held late in the summer when work was less strenuous and the fruits of Hoosier farmlands were at their best.

William and Malinda Sayler spent their last years at their home in New Market. He passed away May 30, 1908, and she died on September 25, 1927. Both are buried in the Indian Creek Cemetery.

FAMILY OF WILLIAM AND MALINDA SAYLER

	Birth	Death
I Milbert F. Sayler, Farmer America VanCleave Married Dec. 31, 1884	Dec. 30, 1859 Jan. 13, 1865	July 23, 1938.
Children		
1. Walter Leslie Sayler, Farmer Opal Bonwell, Teacher Married Oct. 23, 1912	Nov. 17, 1885 Jan. 20, 1888	
Children		
1. Robert Francis Sayler, Farmer Mary Pickle Married Nov. 23, 1937	July 11, 1914 Sept. 27, 1916	
Children		
1. Leslie Allen Sayler	Mar. 3, 1939	Mar. 7, 1939
2. Lois Esther Sayler	Oct. 23, 1916	Dec. 16, 1921
3. Charles Bayard Sayler	Jan. 29, 1922	
4. Ralph Addison Sayler	Mar. 24, 1924	
5. Barbara Jane Sayler	Feb. 16, 1927	
2. Clarence Lee Sayler, Farmer Maude Hoss Married May 17, 1911	Aug. 24, 1888 Aug. 9, 1891	Dec. 2, 1918
Children		
1. Charlotte America Sayler	Sept. 10, 1914	
3. Elva Esther Sayler Clarence Milligan, Farmer Married Jan. 21, 1916	Feb. 16, 1891 Oct. 20, 1889	
Children		
1. Dwight Lee Milligan	Dec. 6, 1919	
2. Mary Elizabeth Milligan	Oct. 11, 1925	
4. Elsie Marie Sayler Frank M. Steele, Farmer Married Oct. 3, 1917	Oct. 2, 1895 Jun. 2, 1897	
Children		
1. Edna Maxine Steele	Mar. 17, 1923	
2. Emery Lee Steele	Sept. 27, 1929	
3. Alice Marie Steele	Apr. 15, 1933	
5. Hubert Sayler, Farmer Myla Armentrout Married June 3, 1923	Dec. 20, 1898 Aug. 23, 1898	
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II Clara Sayler James Demoret, Farmer Married Nov. 27, 1879	July 7, 1861 Aug. 11, 1857	Mar. 30, 1927 Nov. , 1931
Children		
1. Grace Demoret Thomas Servies Married Oct. 23, 1901	Aug. 5, 1881	
Children		
1. Raymond Servies Mary Buskirk Married Aug. 25, 1927	July 25, 1902	

	Birth	Death
Children		
1. Robert Wayne Servies	Oct. 22, 1935	
2. Lawrence Servies	Jan. 26, 1904	
Agnes Hayes		
Married July 6, 1933		
Children		
1. Larry Dean Servies	Aug. 9, 1933	
3. Lloyd Servies	Jun. 20, 1906	
Helen Holland		
Married		
4. Helen Servies	Feb. 5, 1909	
Raymond Middieton		
Married Oct. 23, 1933		
5. Ruby Servies	July 29, 1915	
2. Myrtle Demoret	Dec. 21, 1883	
William Gott		Deceased
Married Mar. 3, 1904		
Children		
1. Lucille Gott	Oct. 3, 1905	
Clyde Kessler		
Married May 18, 1927		
Children		
1. Lois Marthene Kessler	Feb. 6, 1929	
2. Kathryn Jeannine Kessler	Sept. 3, 1932	Feb. 9, 1939
3. Roy Demoret (Saw World War Service)	Oct. 17, 1886	
Edith Grenard		
Married Feb. 20, 1918		
Children		
1. Lucy Jane Demoret	Nov. 8, 1918	
4. Mary Demoret	Feb. 23, 1889	
Otis Hall		Sept. , 1937
Married June 25, 1908		
Children		
1. Lois Hall	Mar. 23, 1910	
Merritt Lester Aseltine		
Married June 30, 1934		
Children		
1. Robert Hall Aseltine	Apr. 25, 1936	
2. Mary Louise Hall	Sept. 14, 1911	
3. Naomi Hall	Jan. 14, 1915	
4. Waneta Hall	Oct. 16, 1919	
5. Jeanne Hall	Oct. 31, 1921	
5. Hazel Demoret	Aug. 14, 1891	
Byron Busenbark, Farmer		
Married Dec. 19, 1909		
Children		
1. Wilma Busenbark	Nov. 11, 1914	
Willis Schenck		
Married Mar. 5, 1938		

		Birth	Death
Twins {	2. Beulah Busenbark	Oct. 10, 1918	
	Ralph Severson		
	Married June 6, 1937		
	Children		
	1. Jerry Severson	Oct. 31, 1938	
Twins {	3. Bonnie Busenbark	Oct. 10, 1918	
	Charles Larew		
	Married Dec. 19, 1937		
	4. Mary Emma Busenbark	Aug. 4, 1927	
	5. Meredith Busenbark	Aug. 4, 1927	
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III	Alice Sayler	Sept. 13, 1863	
	Joseph Clark		Aug. 5, 1928
	Married Aug. 5, 1882		
	Children		
	1. Mae Clark	Jun. 5, 1884	
	Ben Canine		
	Married Sept. 11, 1908		
	Children		
	1. Vera Katherine Canine	Sept. 23, 1909	
	Clarence Smith		
	Married April 1, 1936		
	2. Carroll Canine	July 8, 1912	
	Katherine Buser		
	Married Oct. 1, 1932		
	Children		
	1. Michael Clark Canine	Dec. 22, 1938	
	3. Esther Canine	Sept. 6, 1914	
	George Kessler		
	Married Feb. 2, 1934		
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IV	Alfred Vorhees Sayler	Sept. 23, 1865	Oct. , 1867
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V	Jackson Purley Sayler	July 7, 1868	Sept. 23, 1870
	Twins		
—o—o—			
VI	Charles Sayler, Auctioneer	July 7, 1868	
	Winnie Spencer		April , 1909
	Married Dec. 21, 1893		
	Children		
	1. Cline Saylor. U.S. Training	Aug. 19, 1896	
	Detachment, Univ. Vermont Mechanical		
	School in 1918.		
	Teresa Wall		
	Married May 3, 1924		
	Children		
	1. Max W. Sayler	Feb. 19, 1925	

	Birth	Death
2. Herman Sayler, Farmer; S.A.T.C. Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., 1918. Muriel Pope Married May 21, 1921	Dec. 7, 1897	
Children		
1. David Sayler	Mar. 22, 1922	
Charles Sayler's Second Marriage Luna Noble Married Dec. 25, 1913		
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VII Jacob Sayler, Farmer Pearl Davis Married Dec. 27, 1898	Nov. 26, 1873	
Children		
1. Paul Sayler, Farmer Mollie Stewart Married Oct. 27, 1920	Oct. 1, 1899	
Children		
1. Edward Lee Sayler	Nov. 17, 1921	
2. Wilma Lorene Sayler	Aug. 17, 1931	
2. Opal Sayler Willie Demoret, Farmer Married Dec. 17, 1919	Mar. 12, 1901	
Children		
1. Margaret Pauline Demoret	Oct. 22, 1920	
2. Lois Irene Demoret	May 28, 1923	
3. Dortha Dean Sayler Doyel Harbaugh Married Apr. 20, 1929	Jan. 8, 1906	
Children		
1. David Neal Harbaugh	May 22, 1932	
4. Minnie Sayler Harold Andrews Married Dec. 24, 1934	Mar. 5, 1910	

VIII Harve B. Sayler, Auctioneer Ella Brush Married Mar. 20, 1900	Feb. 10, 1877 Nov. 28, 1875	
Children		
1. Bertha Sayler Russell Bowers, Teacher in Public Schools of Idaho Married July 22, 1922	Apr. 10, 1901 Nov. 29, 1900	
Children		
1. Sara Ann Bowers	Feb. 22, 1929	

FAMILY OF ELMINA CLODFELTER

	Birth	Death
I Elmina Clodfelter	May 24, 1848	Jan. 13, 1879
Calvin Slavens		
Married Sept. 16, 1868		

Children

1. Ollie B. Slavens Jan. 10, 1872
(Unable to obtain further information)
 2. Bertie Solomon Slavens Oct. 2, 1875
(Building Contractor, Vallejo, Calif.)
- Mae Murray
Married Mar. 31, 1897

Children

1. Gurneth Mae Slavens June 6, 1898 May 24, 1929
(Was married; had one son)
2. Basil Dale Slavens Oct. 24, 1899
(Married; has one son, one daughter)
3. Kenneth Pearl Slavens Mar. 22, 1902
(Married; has two sons, two daughters)
4. Murland Kieth Slavens Apr. 8, 1906
(Married; has two daughters)
5. Bertie Murray Slavens June 18, 1908
(Married; has two sons, one daughter)
6. Darrel Dean Slavens Sept. 27, 1910
(Married; no children)
7. Cameron Elven Slavens Aug. 27, 1913
(Married; one son)

ELMINA CLODFELTER

Elmina Clodfelter, the first child of Solomon and Matilda Clodfelter, was born at the Old Home Place May 24, 1848.

She was married to Calvin Slavens on September 16, 1868. A wedding supper was given for them by a Nutgrass family for whom Calvin had worked. They went to housekeeping in the same log cabin that had been the first home of the original Clodfelter settlers in 1830.

Two sons were born to Elmina and Calvin Slavens, Ollie B., born January 10, 1872, and Bertie Solomon, born October 2, 1875. A third child was born on January 13, 1879, but neither the baby or mother survived. They were buried together in Union Chapel Cemetery.

The two small sons lived for awhile with their grandparents, later going to Clay County with their father. After they were grown, however, they returned to Putnam County to live among their mother's people.

Ollie Slavens was married and lived in Terre Haute.

Bert Slavens was married to Mae Murray March 31, 1897. They lived in the vicinity of Portland Mills until 1909 when, with their five children, they left Indiana to find a new home farther west. They lived in Illinois, Washington, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado and Texas before going to Vallejo, California for a permanent location. The experiences of this family hold some of the adventure of the frontier. Bert and his family went to the vicinity of Lamar, Colorado, in 1915 and took up a Homestead when that part of Colorado was new country. They could drive over trails (there were no roads) for miles and miles, never seeing a fence and no houses except dugouts. These two-room dugouts were made in the ground, with a roof of boards covered with sod, slanting from the ground upward to the front, which was just high enough for a window sash and a door. There were two reasons for building houses in this manner. They were the most economical but, even more important, was the protection they gave from the terrific blizzards of that country.

Bert tells of one occasion in 1918 when Basil, 17, and Kenneth, 15, were lost in one of those blizzards. They started to Lamar, seventy-four miles away, with four big loads of shelled corn, driving four horses abreast to a wagon and trail wagon. The blizzard came up the second day and the boys were gone for eleven days and nights. Nearly frozen to death Basil realized they must keep moving, so he forced his younger brother to get off the wagon and walk. They finally came to the home of a sheep feeder, about twenty miles from Lamar, who bought what was left of their corn after they had fed their eight horses all of those days. On the eleventh night after leaving home their father, who was very ill with the flu, and the mother heard the boys coming at a distance and singing at the top of their voices. The wagons had become stuck in drifts six miles to the north, but they were coming in with the horses. We can imagine what a happy homecoming that must have been.

Bert tells us that in spite of these difficulties this was a wonderful country in which to live. They were prosperous and had many friends there, but there were few schools. So after five years they sold out for a good profit and went to a place where their children might find better education.

That old family tradition just will hold true!

They are all in California in the building and contracting business now except Basil, who is a Baptist minister in Cortez, Colorado.

JACKSON TAYLOR CLODFELTER

Jackson Taylor Clodfelter	Born May 6, 1850
Mary Dulcenia Sutherlin Clodfelter	Born July 26, 1861 Died Mar. 5, 1880
Anna Ardell Carrington Clodfelter	Born Apr. 14, 1862 Died Feb. 11, 1932
Ella Zeora Clodfelter	Born Dec. 12, 1878
Daisy Dell Clodfelter	Born Jan. 28, 1880
Maude M. Clodfelter	Born Aug. 9, 1884
Dolpha Ray Clodfelter	Born Nov. 11, 1886 Died May 30, 1894
Bessie Leoda Clodfelter	Born Jan. 6, 1889
Manford Lawrence Clodfelter	Born Feb. 16, 1891
LaVina Martha Clodfelter	Born July 29, 1893
Alva Ray Clodfelter	Born Mar. 28, 1896
Carl Carrington Clodfelter	Born Aug. 5, 1898
Effie Irene Clodfelter	Born June 22, 1900
Ralph Darrell Clodfelter	Born Aug. 25, 1903
Evelyn Josephine Maurine Clodfelter	Born Jan. 26, 1907

JACKSON TAYLOR CLODFELTER

Jackson Taylor Clodfelter was born May 6, 1850, and is now the only surviving one of Solomon Clodfelter's children. He learned early in life the meaning of hard work, but also to enjoy the fruits of its accomplishment. He grew up to be a farmer, and along with his brothers, acquired the practical education necessary for any man who undertook to establish a home in this still new land. Their success was due to their eternal diligence. We are all acquainted with the comfortable home near Portland Mills that has been his for so many years. We are proud of his reputation throughout Putnam County and other parts of the state as a breeder and judge of thoroughbred Shorthorn cattle and spotted Poland hogs. And now that his most active days are over, his greatest pleasure is in seeing his sons and grandsons carry on the name as successful farmers.

On November 15, 1877, Jackson Clodfelter was married to Mary Dulcenia Sutherlin at the home of her parents, the John W. Sutherlins, in Russell Township. A wedding trip to Indianapolis was a rare treat to this young couple who had grown up unaccustomed to a city, such as even Indianapolis was in 1877. Upon their return an infare was given for them at the home of Solomon Clodfelter. They started housekeeping on the farm south of Raccoon Creek near a settlement of houses built around a saw mill, known as Hathaway's mill. Columbus Clodfelter, whom we all knew as "Uncle Tum", was a partner on the farm and made his home with them. The two brothers owned and operated one of the first threshing machines in the country.

Two daughters were born to Jackson and Dulcenia Clodfelter. Ella was born December 12, 1878, and Daisy on January 28, 1880. Fate was unkind to the little family and took away the young wife and mother, then only eighteen years old, on March 5, 1880. She was buried in Sutherlin Cemetery. The two little daughters were taken to the homes of relatives, Ella going to the home of her mother's uncle, Alfred Grimes, and Daisy was taken to the home of her grandfather, Solomon Clodfelter, where her Aunt Mat became a mother to her. Daisy, who is my mother, enjoys the memory of those few years with her grandparents in the ancestral home.

In February, 1882, "Jack and Tum", as they were familiarly known, bought the farm known as the "Old Brick", also along Raccoon Creek, but about five miles farther west. This old house was one of the very first brick houses in the vicinity, being built by a Mr. McGill in 1830 of bricks burned just east of the house. Solomon Clodfelter reported seeing it, to his great surprise, as he rode over the creek road to Portland Mills in 1830, the first time he took corn to the mill to be ground. Brick houses were most uncommon at that time, everything ordinarily being built of the most accessible material—logs.

On September 16, 1883, Jackson Clodfelter was married to Anna Ardell Carrington at the parsonage at Morton, Indiana. They went to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Carrington, for a wedding supper and then to the "Old Brick", which became their home for several years. Within a few days "Uncle Tum" took the two little girls, Ella and Daisy, down the old creek road on horseback, to a new home and a new mother.

The children born to Jackson and Anna Clodfelter while they lived at the "Old Brick" were Maude, Dolpha, who only lived to be eight, Bessie and Manford. Those were the days of simple and wholesome living, each with a task to do, as they all worked together to obtain more land which in turn gave a more comfortable living. The children attended the old Spencer School. They attended church at Hebron near the home neighborhood of the parents. The exchange of visits among relatives and friends,

or helping with extra work, and helping each other in time of sickness was the means of diversion from the regular routine at home.

In the spring of 1892 they bought and moved to the farm on the hill just south of Portland Mills which has since been the family home. Here LaVina, Ray, Carl, Irene, Ralph and Josephine were born. This place was in a better location and as modern conveniences came along the home expanded into a big comfortable place where everybody was welcome. The family became an important factor in the Portland Mills Christian Church, the father being an elder for so many years, and the mother always a mainstay in the Ladies Aids, and both always giving a ready welcome to visiting ministers or church workers. The children attended Portland Mills school, the younger ones going either to Clinton Center or Russellville High School, and several of them went on to institutions of higher learning.

Years passed, finally seeing all of the children into occupations and homes of their own. A good many grandchildren made their appearance. I can remember no happier experience than when, as a child, we drove to Grandpa's on Christmas Eve, joined the rest of the family, to go in the big bobsled over crunchy snow to the Christmas tree at the Church. Then back again to stay all night and spend Christmas Day. Neither shall I forget the Christmas of 1923, when the entire family were at home together. On that morning my grandfather, then seventy-three years old, walked out into the snow-covered woods west of the house, accompanied by thirty-three of his children and grandchildren, to select the Christmas tree. After careful choosing we all helped a little at cutting the lovely cedar, which was carried in ceremonial style back to the house to be set up in the living room, trimmed, and loaded with the gifts for a family of that size. A fine dinner, consisting of all the traditional Christmas food made according to family recipes, followed by a gay afternoon, completed that merriest of Christmas Days.

Another favorite family story of mine is of quite recent origin, but describes most completely a trait as deep as life in all of us. One day I received a letter from Irene in which she related having finished a task of jelly making that, somewhat to her disgust, had come at an inopportune time, but she said, "My Clodfelter Economy got the best of me and I did it rather than see the fruit go to waste." I read this to my husband and we both enjoyed the story. A few days later I happened to resort to a combination of left-overs for dinner and upon being questioned as to the contents of the dish, remembered Irene's phrase and said, "I guess I used some Clodfelter Economy in this." After thinking a moment my husband said, "Let's call it 'Clod-onomy' for short." So it has been, and will ever be I think, wherever there is a Clodfelter. I've passed the expression on to several of the immediate family, Irene included, and it has become a stock word with us. So if the rest of you have the trait, you may also have the word!

And so time has marched on, bringing a variety of experiences close to the hearts of us all. I would that I were more familiar with more of the favorite stories and happenings in the other branches of the family, so that I might make them a part of this record, for certainly the joys and the laughter that go with life are some of its rarest heritages.

On February 11, 1932, came the first break in this immediate family in a good many years, when the mother, Anna Clodfelter, passed away. She is buried in Union Chapel Cemetery.

Jackson T. Clodfelter, nearing his eighty-ninth birthday at the time of this writing, lives at his home where he still enjoys visiting with his family and friends.

FAMILY OF JACKSON AND DULCENIA CLODFELTER

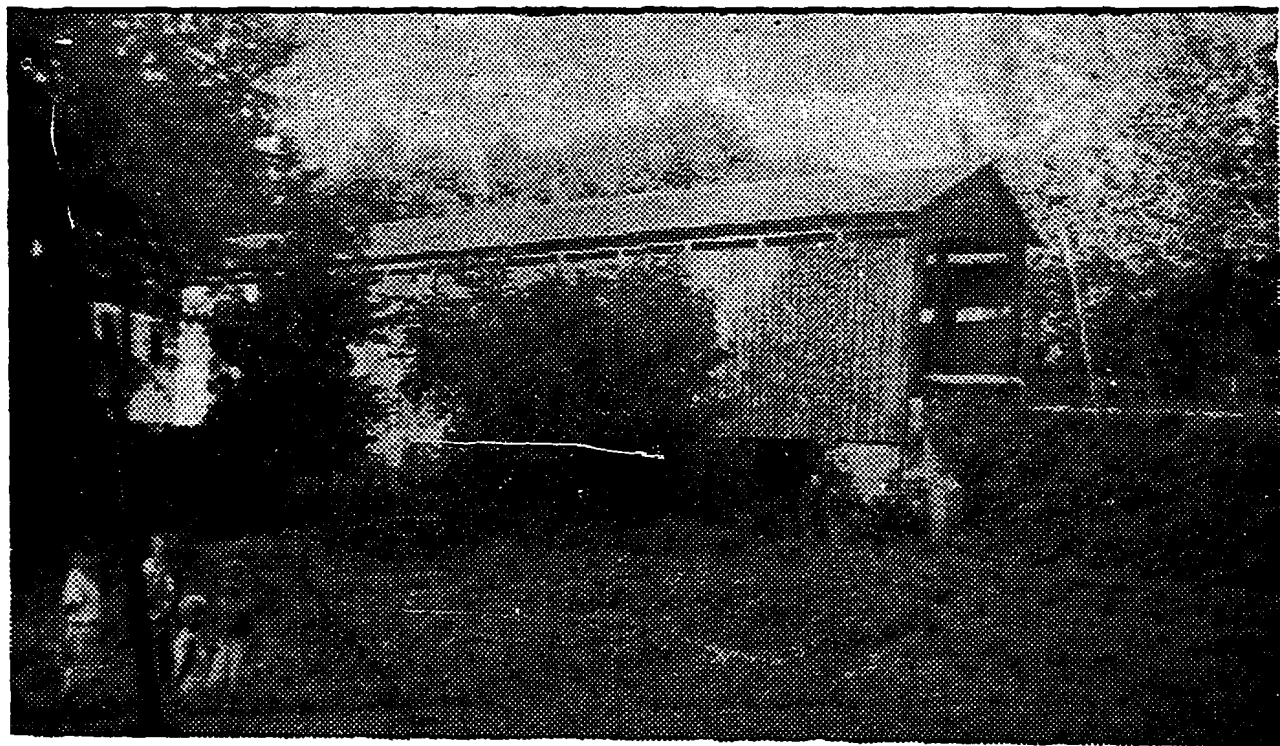
	Birth	Death
I Ella Zeora Clodfelter	Dec. 12, 1878	
John Guy Ratcliff, Farmer	Feb. 18, 1876	Nov. 23, 1913
Married Sept. 16, 1896		
Fred Dahlgren, Farmer		
Married Sept. 5, 1918		
Children (first marriage)		
1. Waunetta Pearl Ratcliff	July 7, 1897	
Rafe McGaughey, Farmer		
Married Aug. 30, 1917		
Children		
1. Lois Luree McGaughey	Nov. 8, 1918	
2. Lillous Ellen McGaughey	Oct. 25, 1920	
3. Pearl Evelyn McGaughey	Mar. 8, 1922	
4. John Frank McGaughey	Oct. 17, 1923	
5. Edgar Eugene McGaughey	June 17, 1925	
2. Virgil Cline Ratcliff, Plumber	Sept. 10, 1899	
Oreta Keyt		
Married		
Children		
1. Lucille Ratcliff	Mar. 12, 1930	
2. Betty Ratcliff	Sept. 2, 1931	
3. Donald Ratcliff	Aug. 1, 1935	
3. Sarah Dulcenia Ratcliff	Mar. 21, 1903	
Harry Powers, Teacher		
Married Aug. 28, 1920		
Children		
1. Roger Powers	May 23, 1923	
2. Elladine Powers	Mar. 9, 1925	
3. Sarabeth Powers	June 29, 1929	
4. Lawrence Ratcliff	Dec. , 1901	Feb. , 1908
5. Jackson Rudolph Ratcliff	Oct. 31, 1905	
Distributor Farming Implements.		
Mabel McKee, Teacher		
Married		
Children		
1. Darlene Jean Ratcliff	Dec. 17, 1933	
2. John Wesley Ratcliff	Mar. 7, 1936	
6. Milbert Wesley Ratcliff	Sept. 16, 1908	
Donnelly Printing Co.		
7. Daisy Caroline Ratcliff	Dec. 16, 1910	
Eustace Tilney, Motion Picture Operator		
Married May 6, 1930		
Children		
1. Joyce Tilney	Feb. 6, 1933	
2. Harold Tilney	Dec. 12, 1936	

	Birth	Death
8. John Guy Ratcliff, Steel Mill employee Jean Bain, Teacher Married May 8, 1937	Oct. 23, 1913	
Children		
1. David Ratcliff	Feb. 9, 1938	
Children of Second Marriage		
1. Mandy Christine Dahlgren Byron Gegner Married Dec. , 1938	July 23, 1919	
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II Daisy Dell Clodfelter	Jan. 28, 1880	
William Simpson Crodian, Farmer Married Dec. 6, 1900	June 16, 1859	Apr. 15, 1903
Durward P. Alexander, Decorator Married Sept. 10, 1908	Sept. 15, 1867	
Children of First Marriage		
1. Beulah Irene Crodian, Teacher, Attended Indiana State Normal School.	Mar. 14, 1902	
Floyd W. Yochum, Owner Grocery store. Attended Wabash College. Married July 9, 1927	Dec. 18, 1900	
Children		
1. Barbara Ann Yochum	May 11, 1928	Feb. 28, 1929

FAMILY OF JACKSON T. AND ANNA CLODFELTER

		Birth	Death
I	Maude M. Clodfelter, Nurse. Graduate New York Polyclinic Hospital 1912.	Aug. 9, 1884	
	William H. Welter, Real Estate Graduate Valparaiso Univ.	Nov. 11, 1884	
	Married Dec. 25, 1916		
	Children		
	1. William Jackson Welter	Nov. 29, 1917	
	Chicago Univ. M.B.A. 1939.		
	2. Charles Ray Welter	July 2, 1919	
	Student Chemical Eng. Purdue Univ.		
	3. Emily Ardell Welter	Jan. 15, 1922	
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II	Dolpha Ray Clodfelter	Nov. 11, 1886	May 30, 1894
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III	Bessie Leoda Clodfelter	Jan. 6, 1889	
	Eddie V. Alexander, Veterinarian, Asst. State Veterinarian of Indiana.	Jan. 30, 1881	July 14, 1937
	Married Feb. 2, 1907		
	Children		
	1. Alberta Marie Alexander, Teacher	Jan. 10, 1908	
	Attended Butler Univ.		
	Edward Raffensperger, Research Laboratories of Eli. Lilly Co.		
	Married		
	2. Lorna F. Alexander, Librarian	Jan. 31, 1910	
	Everett Lee Jones, Bank Teller		
	Married June 26, 1936		
	Children		
	1. Linda Lee Jones	Sept. 24, 1937	
	3. Doris Elaine Alexander	June 11, 1922	
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IV	Manford Lawrence Clodfelter, Farmer	Feb. 16, 1891	
	Cora McBride	1893	
	Married Oct. 4, 1917		
	Children		
	1. Vance Jackson Clodfelter	Oct. 11, 1919	
	Student Purdue Univ.; 4-H Club work		
	6 years; raised Prize Winning Calves at Indiana State Fair.		
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V	Martha LaVina Clodfelter	July 29, 1893	
	Piano Teacher.		
	John C. Vermillion, Teacher and Farmer. Air service during World War. Graduated DePauw Univ. 1921; Supt. Putnam Co. Schools 1923-1933.		
	Married Sept. 16, 1919		
	Children		
	1. Mary Jane Vermillion, Violinist.	Feb. 10, 1921	
	2. Frank Jackson Vermillion	Nov. 12, 1922	
	3. Robert Stanley Vermillion	Feb. 12, 1925	

		Birth	Death
VI	Alva Ray Clodfelter, Farmer. World War Service Sept. 21, 1917, to July 21, 1919, Camp Taylor, Ky., and Camp Shelby, Miss. Landed in Winchester, England, Oct. 19, 1917; La-Havre, France, Oct. 22, 1917. Non-Comm. Officer in Supply Co. 151 Inf. of 38th Div. Left Brest, France, July 1, 1919, Received honorable discharge from Camp Taylor, Ky., July 21, 1919.	Mar. 28, 1896	
	Olma Ann Irwin, Piano Teacher	Oct. 22, 1894	
	Married Dec. 3, 1919		
	Children		
	1. Gerald Irwin Clodfelter	Oct. 10, 1920	
	Student Purdue Univ. Won 4-H Club Scholarship to Purdue in 1938. Raised Reserve Champion Shorthorn Calf, Indiana State Fair 1938.		
	2. Margaret Ann Clodfelter	Feb. 11, 1926	May 14, 1934
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VII	Carl Carrington Clodfelter, Teacher and Farmer. S.A.T.C. Purdue Univ. 1918	Aug. 5, 1898	
	Grace Wood, Stenographer	Oct. 11, 1897	
	Married Dec. 3, 1924		
	Children		
	1. Paul Hayden Clodfelter	Aug. 24, 1925	
	2. Myron Carl Clodfelter	May 10, 1927	
	3. Gordon Lee Clodfelter	July 25, 1929	
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VIII	Effie Irene Clodfelter, Stenographer	June 22, 1900	
	Sanford Romine, Teacher.	Mar. 21, 1901	
	Married May 29, 1924		
	Graduated DePauw Univ. 1926		
	World War service, enlisted in U.S.N. 1918. Trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Station and Hampton Rds., Va. Served 10 months aboard U.S.S. New Hampshire as a fireman. Transported U. S. troops to Brest, France.		
	Children		
	1. Julia Jean Romine	Jan. 17, 1926	
	2. Malcolm Sanford Romine	May 2, 1929	
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IX	Ralph D. Clodfelter, Farmer	Aug. 25, 1903	
	Ruth Overpeck	Dec. 9, 1904	
	Married Jan. 29, 1927		
	Children		
	1. Max Ralph Clodfelter	Aug. 30, 1928	
	2. Allen Dwight Clodfelter	Feb. 1, 1930	
	3. Ardell Elaine Clodfelter	Feb. 2, 1936	
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X	Evelyn Josephine Clodfelter	Jan. 26, 1907	
	Arthur C. Nevins. Employed by National Loan Co., Terre Haute, Ind.	Sept. 5, 1904	
	Married Sept. 1, 1928		
	Children		
	1. Evelyn Marie Nevins	July 21, 1929	



OLD COVERED BRIDGE

Still standing across Raccoon Creek near Newton Clodfelter home.
At this location the early Clodfelter settlers crossed the
creek to reach their first Indiana home.

COLUMBUS LOTT CLODFELTER

Columbus Lott Clodfelter	Born Sept. 20, 1852
	Died Sept. 18, 1926
Caroline Carrington Clodfelter	Born Dec. 31, 1865
Ivyl Beatrice Clodfelter	Died when small
Wilbur O. Clodfelter	Born Sept. 27, 1888
Glen Clodfelter	Born Nov. 18, 1896

COLUMBUS LOTT CLODFELTER

Columbus Lott Clodfelter was born September 20, 1852. He became interested in higher education, after he had completed all the little log school house had to offer, and attended the Academy at Alamo, where he prepared himself for teaching. For seven years he was a thorough and conscientious teacher in the neighborhood schools. The terms were short, however, and when school was not in session he farmed with his brother, Jackson.

On December 31, 1884, he was married to Caroline Carrington at Greencastle, Indiana. They came to live in their new home that had just been built on the hill above the creek, not far from the first home of his brother, Jack Clodfelter. The two brothers, whose wives were sisters, continued to farm together for several more years.

Three children were born to Columbus and Carrie Clodfelter, a little daughter, Ivyl, who lived only a short time, Wilbur O., born September 27, 1888, and Glen, born in November, 1896.

In the summer of 1890 their farm home was burned. This caused a change of location and mode of living for the family. Columbus decided not to continue farming, so he and Charles Bettis bought the general store in Morton, which is across the street from the present one. They moved to Morton and later built the house where Mrs. Clodfelter now lives. The "call of the land" won out again after fifteen years of store business, so that in 1905 he sold the store and purchased a farm just north of Morton, which he tended or managed almost as long as he lived.

"Tum and Carrie", as they were dearly known to the community, were loyal members of the Union Chapel Church and willing helpers in any community project. Many people sought the advice of "Tum" Clodfelter. He was a great person to form his own philosophy of arising conditions and felt that there was compensation in all things.

Columbus L. Clodfelter passed away at his home on October 18, 1926. He is buried in Union Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Carrie Clodfelter lives at the family home in Morton, is still the good friend and good neighbor, and active in community affairs.

Wilbur Clodfelter followed in his father's footsteps by first farming, then buying in partnership with Frank Bettis, the same store in Morton that their fathers had owned. He later became assistant County Auditor for one year and was treasurer of Putnam County from 1926 to 1930. He is now connected with the Louisville Land Bank and lives at Lebanon, Indiana.

Glen Clodfelter followed the other example set by their father by becoming a teacher. He was graduated from Indiana State Normal School in 1920, and taught in various High Schools of Indiana for eleven years. He is now representative of a School Supply Company and lives in LaFayette, Indiana. Glen Clodfelter was in training for World War Service from August to December of 1918.

FAMILY OF COLUMBUS AND CARRIE CLODFELTER

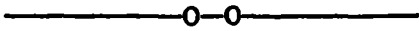
	Birth	Death
I Wilbur O. Clodfelter. Representative of Louisville Land Bank.	Sept. 27, 1888	
Charlotte Rose Nutgrass (first marriage)	May 6, 1888	May 26, 1920
Violet Fulk (second marriage)		
Married Aug. 11, 1930		

Children

1. Hubert Kieth Clodfelter, Farmer	Apr. 3, 1912
Elizabeth Eggers	
Married	

Children

1. James Richard Clodfelter	Feb. 1, 1929
2. William Lowell Clodfelter	May 26, 1930
3. Charlotte Rose Clodfelter	Feb. 25, 1932
4. Kieth Leonard Clodfelter	July 1, 1934
5. Caralee Clodfelter	Dec. 18, 1935
6. Joseph Franklin Clodfelter	Oct. 16, 1937
2. Doris Maxine Clodfelter	May 7, 1918
3. Charlotte Kathleen Clodfelter	May 21, 1920



II Glen Clodfelter. Salesman for School Supply Co.	Nov. , 1896
Emily Schilling, Bookkeeper.	July 11, 1898
Married May 15, 1920	
Children	
1. Donald Glen Clodfelter	Sept. 5, 1933

DANIEL NEWTON CLODFELTER

Daniel Newton Clodfelter	Born July 15, 1854 Died Aug. 2, 1929
Laura B. Collins Clodfelter	Born July 17, 1865 Died Jan. 11, 1925
Elmer Clodfelter	Born April 24, 1886
Clarence Clodfelter	Born Oct. 27, 1887
Elsie Clodfelter	Born June 29, 1891
Oscar Clodfelter	Born July 5, 1894
Clyde Clodfelter	Born May 9, 1905

DANIEL NEWTON CLODFELTER

Daniel Newton Clodfelter was born July 15, 1854, the fourth child of Solomon and Matilda Clodfelter. His personality was marked with a real seriousness to see any task well done. A most conscientious person at all times.

He was married to Laura B. Collins on December 31, 1884, at her home near Clinton Falls. They lived at the Old Home Place for awhile and cared for his aging parents. Later they moved to the house beside the creek where the brother, Jackson, and his first wife had lived. In a few years they built the house on the hill north of the creek where all of their children, Elmer, Clarence, Elsie, Oscar, and Clyde were reared. Many of us can remember going to Uncle Newt's for Sunday dinner and as children playing on those long steps that led up the hill from the road to the house.

On December 31, 1909, a triple silver wedding anniversary celebration for Newton and Laura Clodfelter, Columbus and Carrie Clodfelter, and Milbert and America Sayler, was held at the home of Newton and Laura Clodfelter, an occasion long to be remembered.

This family learned to work with great purpose of effort, to progress with the times, and acquired more land which added to their comforts of living.

In 1918 Newton and Laura Clodfelter went to live in the new bungalow on the hill south of the creek. This house had been built for the home of Oscar and Lillian Clodfelter, but Oscar was called to service in the World War so soon after their marriage, that they lived there only a short time. One incident, that stands out clearly here, is a family gathering in the fall of 1918 in honor of the Clodfelter boys, who were home on furlough before going overseas. We were all proud of those tall soldiers, even though fearful of what was before them. Everyone of them came safely home, however, by the summer of 1919.

The next few years were happy ones for the Newton Clodfelter family. The older children were all situated in homes of their own. Clyde was graduated from the University of Illinois, and became a High School teacher, at first in Indiana, now in Columbus, Ohio.

Laura Clodfelter passed away January 11, 1925, and Newton Clodfelter on August 2, 1929. Both are buried in Hebron Cemetery.

FAMILY OF NEWTON AND LAURA CLODFELTER

	Birth	Death
I Elmer Clodfelter, Farmer	Apr. 24, 1886	
Bettie M. Sewell	Dec. 16, 1890	
Married Feb. 28, 1912		
Children		
1. Howard F. Clodfelter. Employed Federal Offices, Indianapolis.	Nov. 30, 1912	
Gracie McKeehan		
Married Oct. 27, 1935		
2. Willard Lowell Clodfelter, Farmer	Aug. 9, 1914	
Madonna Newgent		
Married Sept. 10, 1936		
Children		
1. Reta Mae Clodfelter	Oct. 30, 1937	
3. Kenneth Lee Clodfelter	Nov. 7, 1916	
Student Purdue Univ.		
4. Lloyd W. Clodfelter	Feb. 13, 1920	
5. Lyle Sewell Clodfelter	Apr. 30, 1922	
6. Donald E. Clodfelter	Apr. 29, 1924	
7. William David Clodfelter	June 7, 1927	



II Clarence Clodfelter. Automobile and Tractor Sales Agency in Crawfordsville, Ind.	Oct. 27, 1897	
Bertha Carrington		
Married Sept. 11, 1907		
Children		
1. Dennis Clodfelter, Farmer	Feb. 11, 1908	
Mary Virginia Brothers, Teacher	June 15, 1910	
Married Mar. 20, 1930		
Children		
1. Earl Eugene Clodfelter	Jan. 14, 1934	
2. Sue Ann Clodfelter	Feb. 9, 1938	
2. Geraldine Clodfelter	Feb. 25, 1911	
Charles Marsteller, Farmer	Mar. 19, 1905	
Married June 6, 1931		
Children		
1. Doris Marie Marsteller	Mar. 19, 1932	
2. Charlene Marsteller	Dec. 25, 1933	
3. Charles Earl Marsteller	Dec. 27, 1936	



III Elsie Clodfelter	June 29, 1891	
Martin S. McBride, Farmer	Feb. 13, 1888	
Married Feb. 2, 1914		

		Birth	Death
IV	Oscar Clodfelter, Farmer	July 5, 1894	
	Lillian Hazlett	Nov. 22, 1898	
	Married July 22, 1917		
	Children		
	1. Rose Marie Clodfelter	May 5, 1918	
	Student Purdue Univ.		
	2. Ruby Mae Clodfelter	June 22, 1923	
	3. Laura Romell Clodfelter	Oct. 25, 1935	



V	Clyde Clodfelter, Teacher	May 9, 1905	
	Columbus, Ohio.		
	Helen Dorothy Gott	Sept. 9, 1907	
	Married Aug. 4, 1928		
	Children		
	1. Daniel Newton Clodfelter	Aug. 30, 1933	

MARTHA ANN CLODFELTER

Martha Ann Clodfelter

Born Nov. 26, 1856

Died May 27, 1883

William Potter

Married , 1882

Eva May Potter

Born May 14, 1883

J. Ludwig Frolander

Married July , 1927

MARTHA ANN CLODFELTER

Martha Ann Clodfelter was born November 26, 1856. Being the youngest daughter, it fell to her lot to keep house for the family since the mother's eyesight was nearly gone by the time Martha was grown up. She also cared for her brother's little daughter, Daisy, who was brought back to the Old Home Place to live for a few years after her mother died. Daisy (my mother) often remarks how dearly she loved her Aunt Mat, who was so good and kind to everybody.

Martha Ann Clodfelter was married to William Potter in 1882, and went to live on the farm known as the Jeff Mount place, about a mile southwest of the Old Home Place. A daughter, Eva May Potter, was born to them on May 14, 1883. Tragedy came to this family soon, however, when this young mother passed away on May 27, 1883. She is buried in Union Chapel Cemetery.

Eva Potter grew up to great achievement and experience in the world's progress. She taught for six years in Sterling, Indiana, and four years in Veedersburg, Indiana. Then she entered the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis for nurse's training where she was graduated in 1915. She followed this profession and when her country's call came for service she left for France on December 3, 1917. She was with Base Hospital No. 32 until January, 1919, then was transferred to Evacuation Hospital No. 9, at Coblenz, Germany, until June, 1919. None of us perhaps can comprehend the service Eva rendered to country and humanity during this period of World War nursing. After her return home she continued with her profession, finally going to the Veterans' Hospital at Walla Walla, Washington, where she was head nurse for four years.

Eva Potter and J. Ludwig Frolander were married in Juneau, Alaska, in July, 1927. They went immediately to Skagway, Alaska, where their home was waiting for them.

To quote one of Eva's recent letters is to give a bit of insight into some of her experiences. "Before I was married I spent my vacations in traveling over the western part of the U. S., with trips as far east as home. The Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, and Glacier Parks, Salt Lake, and Southern California, were a few highlights of my wanderings. But perhaps the most interesting of my adventures was as government nurse up here in Alaska. I spent a year in an Indian Village as a government nurse. At times there were only two other white persons in the village. In the winter there were four white teachers in the school. The village was sixty miles from the nearest town and was on an island at that. We had no radio station except for a few weeks during the salmon cannery season.

"Delivering babies, pulling teeth, minor surgery, and treatment of all KINDS of sickness was the daily routine. Of course, the Indians still have their own medicines, to add to the complications! But I learned a great deal about the Indians—they are interesting, harmless and very good if you understand them. I had lots of good times with them and there were always some of them visiting my quarters."

From other letters we learn that life in Alaska is as busy and modern as in our own community. Eva and her husband take part in all civic affairs of Skagway; public health projects, the library, clubs, and extension course from the College of Alaska. At home they now have their radio and favorite books in winter, and a garden and hot house during

the growing season produce as great a variety of flowers and vegetables as we ever have in the States.

Most certainly Eva has earned this peace and contentment after so many years of service to others. It seems to me that in her life we sense again that spirit of adventure and determination that has been so much a part of the progress of the family—from the days of the first Clodfelter who came to North Carolina before 1750, through the life of our Grandfather John who came to Indiana in 1830, and that pioneering spirit that saw Solomon and his children through the ordeals of conquering the wilderness.

So Eva, too, has carried along that spirit! May we salute our cousin of the farthest frontier!

JOHN WILLIAM CLODFELTER

John William Clodfelter	Born Feb. 26, 1859
	Died Dec. 16, 1936
Mary Porter Clodfelter	Born Oct. 4, 1861
Married Jan. 17, 1883	

Lonnie Lee Clodfelter	Born Dec. 31, 1884
Ross Clodfelter	Born Oct. 2, 1887
Charles Clodfelter	Born Feb. 3, 1890
Porter Clodfelter	Born Aug. 22, 1898

JOHN WILLIAM CLODFELTER

John William Clodfelter was born February 26, 1859, the youngest child of Solomon and Matilda Clodfelter. His early life consisted of the same pioneer training as that of his older brothers. I remember him, however, as having the ability to be jolly or, in turn sympathetic, to a greater degree than any other member of the family.

He was married to Mary Porter on January 17, 1883, at Portland Mills, Indiana. They lived in the same house that was first occupied by the oldest brother, Jack Clodfelter. This little area of less than a mile square is truly the land of the Clodfelters. Right here was the settling place of the original family, the home of Solomon, and the first home of each of his children.

The first child of John and Mary Clodfelter, Lonnie, was born on December 31, 1884. This day was a memorable occasion in the family because as we have already mentioned, it was the wedding day of two of the brothers, Columbus and Newton, the wedding day of their nephew, Milbert Sayler, and the birthday of this nephew, Lonnie Clodfelter.

After a few years John and Mary Clodfelter went to live at the Old Home Place and care for the aged parents. The father, Solomon Clodfelter, was bedridden for several years before his death and the mother, Matilda Clodfelter, was blind, so the task was not an easy one.

Three more sons, Ross, Charles and Porter, were born to John and Mary Clodfelter while they lived at the Old Home.

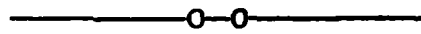
They bought more land to add to the original farm. In 1901 they built a new and comfortable home near the improved road. There the family lived for many years. They saw their sons married and settled in homes of their own.

John Clodfelter passed away at his home near Russellville on December 16, 1936, and is buried in Hebron Cemetery. Mary Clodfelter lives at Bainbridge, Indiana.

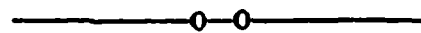
FAMILY OF JOHN AND MARY CLODFELTER

	Birth	Death
I Lonnie Lee Clodfelter, Farmer	Dec. 31, 1884	
Addie M. Wilson	Mar. 23, 1888	
Married Apr. 29, 1906		
Children		
1. Willis Leon Clodfelter, Farmer	May 9, 1907	
Nina Carpenter		
Married Apr. 29, 1927		
Children		
1. Robert Earl Clodfelter	Sept. 29, 1932	
2. Joanne Clodfelter	Sept. 24, 1938	
2. Everett Wilson Clodfelter, Farmer	Sept. 20, 1912	
Yvette Marsteller	Oct. 12, 1914	
Married Dec. 14, 1935		
Children		
1. Jerry Diane Clodfelter	Nov. 25, 1936	
3. Floyd Russell Clodfelter	May 18, 1925	
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II Ross Clodfelter, Farmer	Oct. 2, 1887	
Laura Pierce	Apr. 8, 1890	
Married Dec. 10, 1906		
Children		
1. Lenora Mae Clodfelter	Mar. 25, 1908	
Harold Harpold		
Married Aug. 3, 1928		
Children		
1. Robert Lee Harpold	July 8, 1929	
2. Jackie Gene Harpold	Jan. 23, 1931	
3. Mary Ruth Harpold	Nov. 16, 1933	
4. Lorna Mae Harpold	Nov. 4, 1935	
5. Harold Dale Harpold	Nov. 17, 1938	
2. Landy Franklin Clodfelter	Mar. 13, 1910	
Ruby Phelps		
Married Oct. , 1932		
Children		
1. Malcolm Ellsworth Clodfelter	June 4, 1933	
2. David Cleon Clodfelter	Dec. 4, 1935	
3. Virgil Dean Clodfelter	June 2, 1938	
3. Bert Elmon Clodfelter	Nov. 29, 1911	
LaVerne Phelps		
Married October , 1932		
4. Helen Muriel Clodfelter	Feb. 12, 1914	
Charles Sage		
Married Sept. , 1935		
Children		
1. John Noel Sage (adopted son)	Aug. 20, 1937	

	Birth	Death
5. Doris Alene Clodfelter Merle Ricketts Married Oct , 1932	Jan. 20, 1916	
Children		
1. Delores Marie Ricketts	Feb. 24, 1934	
2. Kenneth Merle Ricketts	July 20, 1935	
3. Wayne Ferrol Ricketts	Mar. 21, 1938	
6. Fred Lester Clodfelter	Mar. 21, 1918	
7. Thomas Earl Clodfelter	June 9, 1920	
8. Beulah Frances Clodfelter	Aug. 3, 1922	
9. Mildred Janice Clodfelter	Sept. 29, 1924	
10. Donald Dean Clodfelter	Aug. 3, 1927	
11. Frank Edward Clodfelter	May 10, 1930	



III Charles Clodfelter, Farmer World War Service	Feb. 3, 1890
Margaret Farnsworth	Feb. 16, 1897
Married Dec. 16, 1919	
Children	
1. Mary Catherine Clodfelter Paul Smith Married Sept. 16, 1935	Jan. 20, 1911
Children	
1. Nancy Louise Smith	May 20, 1937
2. Paula Jean Smith	Apr. 6, 1939
2. Hazel Louise Clodfelter	July 10, 1926



IV Porter Clodfelter	Aug. 22, 1898
Dora Yaryan	
Married July 31, 1919	
Children	
1. Dorothy Marie Clodfelter Ernest Eugene Akins Married Sept. 25, 1937	July 16, 1921
Children	
1. Ivan Eugene Akins	Apr. 26, 1938
2. William Frederick Clodfelter	Feb. 14, 1927
3. Lois June Clodfelter	Jan. 14, 1939