



ALFRED AND MYRTLE DeBARD
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*GENEALOGY AND
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of the
DeBARD FAMILY*

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TO

The present and future generations of DeBards, this history of the DeBard family is affectionately dedicated, with the hope that every one of them will continue to maintain the high standards of morality and citizenship that have characterized this family so far.

"An inheritance of wealth may be desirable, but an inheritance of character is a dower beyond the ability of some persons to estimate or appreciate"—O. A. Seaton in *The Seaton Family*. Daniel Webster once wrote, "There may be, indeed, a respect for ancestry which nourishes only a weak pride, but there is also a moral and philosophical respect for ancestors which elevates the character and improves the heart, a respect which is laudably manifested by perpetuating their lineaments and describing their virtues."

—1943.

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In the preparation of this genealogy, the writer has been handicapped by a lack of information concerning the lives of many members of this family; the brief mention accorded some persons is not because their accomplishments were less important than others, but is from lack of data concerning their lives.

The more extended account given to the writer's immediate family branch is because he knows more about them. Comparatively little of this history is original with the writer. He has depended upon others and errors, no doubt, have crept in and the record of some families is lacking in some details because the members could not or did not furnish the information.

If the reader notes any error, please advise the writer. If anything has been said that is offensive to you, please pardon because it is not intentional.

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Some further mention of this will be made later. Also, for material furnished by George M. Smith of McMinnville, Tenn. that he obtained from his mother, Arabella (DeBard) Smith, just before her death. Also the writer acknowledges the help of his sister Mrs. W. B. Taylor of Speonk, Rhode Island, Miss Ethel DeBard of Clayton, Ind., a farmerette, and Seburn Clay DeBard of Fountain Inn, South Carolina; genealogy of the DeBards as obtained from the family Bible presented to Caroline Robbins (DeBard) Mead by her father James DeBard (recorded in his handwriting) and as related to me by my mother Arabella DeBard Smith (daughter of James DeBard) now living at McMinnville, Tenn. in her 81st year.

The reader has no doubt noticed that the people of the early pioneer days of our ancestors raised large families and were long lived, as a rule.

Would it be too much to conclude from this, that the power of reproduction is the power to live and that birth control which is advocated and practiced by contraceptive methods is destroying the ability to produce offspring?

Medical scientists claim that the average length of the lives of the present generation is increased.

This is true, but it has been increased by sanitary and preventive measures, saving babies and preventing children's diseases.

I don't think that there are as many people older than 70, as formerly; nor is the white population increasing as fast as it should.

LETTER OF G. M. SMITH

Two brothers named DeBard came from France before the Revolutionary War, names and dates unknown. They settled at or near Jamestown on the James River in Virginia. They must have come to this country between 1750 and 1760.

One of these brothers had two sons. One of these sons was named Ephriam, the other named Jesse. These sons were both soldiers in the Revolutionary War and fought at the battle of Brandywine.

G. M. Smith, March 14, 1923.

RESEARCH ON THE DeBARD FAMILY

KENTUCKY

Kentucky was on the border between the North and the South. Here met and flourished both the vegetable and animal life of each section: buffalo, deer, bear, wolf, fox, raccoon, opossum, squirrel, beaver and a multitude of smaller animals too numerous to mention.

In the marsh land around "Salt Lick Springs" are found bones of many of the animals mentioned above and deep in these miry swamps are found bones of prehistoric animals such as the mastodon. For ages, animals coming from many miles for salt ventured too far onto the soft ground and found graves in these salt marshes.

It is said that there were no Indian settlements in Kentucky. It was the Indian's hunting ground. Here the Indians of the North and the South met and often had bloody battles for the game. It was called the "Dark and Bloody Ground."

The rivers supported water fowl, birds of all kinds from the eagle to the humming bird abounded. The rivers teemed with fish.

I doubt if there is another spot on earth that supported such a variety of vegetable and animal life. Stately yellow poplars straight as an arrow and forty and fifty feet to the first limb, walnut, beech, several varieties of hickory, maple, black locust, willow, sassafras, laurel, chestnut, etc; also a great variety of bush and berry plants such as hazel nut, blackberry, strawberries, grew wild on the hills and in the valleys. Roots and herbs such as polk, gensing and yellow root were used for medicinal purposes.

Into this fruitful region came the progenitors of the two main branches of the DeBard family. Ephriam, with his bride, Mary Blackwell Lawrence, emigrated Westward from Eastern Virginia through the forests and across the mountains of Western Virginia and North Eastern Kentucky to the Ohio River, down that beautiful stream in a flat boat to Maysville, thence overland to Clark county where they settled in 1799.

His brother, Jesse who was evidently the older, went South from Virginia to North Carolina. Here he married Rhoda Ward in the year 1790. To them were born three sons: Wesley, Washington, and Franklin.

In 1803, he, his wife, and three little boys set out afoot, Westward through the trackless forest to Cumberland Gap through the mountains into Kentucky, near the point where Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee meet, and settled in Montgomery county, Kentucky.

Thus, by coincidence both brothers settled in Kentucky, but it is not likely that either knew of the other's whereabouts, as there was little communication between folks that far apart at that time.

The offspring of these two brothers joined that westward march which did not end until the last of the United States' frontiers were taken up.

According to the date of Ephriam's birth, 1779, in Dr. James DeBard's Bible, he would have been too young to serve in the Revolutionary war.

In order to explain this difference, if possible, James DeBard Smith, assisted by Davis Mead DeBard and others, made extensive search of the war records in Washington, D. C. and Richmond, Va. Following are excerpts from their findings:

In a letter from Geo. M. Smith to his brother, Jas. D., January 26th, 1927, he says; "I feel sure that Ephriam DeBard was in the Revolutionary War, but he must have been born before 1779 and he must have been over 40 years old when he died in 1820. I am going to try to look that up and perhaps can get some information from the War Department in Washington."

From a letter to Jas. D. Smith from Major Harry A. Davis, Washington D. C., January, 1930, I quote: "The Revolutionary records of the War Department do not contain anything pertaining to the name of DeBard . . . There is one James DeBourd, the only thing resembling the name.

Stone and Webster, Inc.,
49 Federal Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. DeBard:

Last week I spent four or five days poring over the records in the Virginia State Library, the State Archives and the Land office, in an effort to locate a "DeBard" in Virginia at the time of the Revolution. I am sorry to report that I could find no mention of the name.

However, I did find a few names which might interest you. A Thomas Cooke married Margaret "DeBourd", in Culpepper county in 1782.

Also a James Debord, from the same county, was a soldier in the Revolution.

In another instance, I found mention of a Warrant to William Walker for necessities furnished Elizabeth "DeBord" the wife of a Continental soldier. This woman probably was the wife of James "DeBord" mentioned above.

A James "DeBourd" or "DeBoard" of Madison county was a soldier in the Continental Army in the First Virginia Regiment and died in the service about the month of December, 1777. He had enlisted for the term of three years.

In the land office, I explored the records from 1652 up to the time of the Revolution and found the following information:

Granted to John "Debar", in 1652, 200 acres of land being in county of Lower Norfolk, and given him for the transportation of four persons into the colony.

Also, in 1652, a "Debarr" was granted 200 acres on the west branch of Elizabeth River and approved by county court of Lower Norfolk. This grant was renewed in January 1662.

The following was so interesting and humorous that I copied it entirely.

"In the name of George the Third, and for divers good causes and considerations, but more especially for and in consideration of 40 shillings of good and lawful money paid to the Receiver General of Revenues of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, 400 acres, lying in Albemarle County, were granted to Thomas "Devard" on May 16, 1765.

Sincerely (signed) Roger J. Hickey.

This Thomas "Devard" may have been the father of Ephriam.

Jas. D. Smith, who has done much research work in this name suggests that: "These brothers who came from France between 1750-1760, being French and probably not having mastered the English language, may have some bearing on the way the enlisting officer spelled what he thought they said."

"I am of the opinion that James, Margaret, and Ephriam were the children of Thos. "DeVard," and that the change from "DeVard" to "DeBard" was most likely."

Mr. Davis M. DeBard.

The writer believes that, as Dr. James DeBard, son of Ephriam DeBard, said that his father Ephriam served in the Revolutionary War and fought at the battle of Brandywine this is correct and that the date 1779 given as his birth was an error made in copying. The constant recurrence of the name "James" indicates that it was a family name and is some proof that all of these Deboards, Debarrs, and DeVards were of one stock.

The writer's grandfather, Dr. James DeBard, made some study as to the derivation and meaning of the word "DeBard". He decided that it should be written "deBard", "de" being a preposition meaning "from" and "Bard" the name of the province from which they came.

When I was a school boy, I decided to write my name "A. deBard". Soon I received a letter addressed "Ade Bard". I returned to the other form of the word, seeing that the name would be corrupted. As you will notice further on in this account, it has been misspelled in the War and Land Office records of Virginia.

In the Los Angeles Public Library, I found a book entitled "French Blood in America." In the chapter, "The Huguenots in Virginia", I found the following:

"The General Assembly of Virginia passed an act admitting all strangers, desirous of making their homes in Virginia, to the liberties, privileges and immunities of natural born Englishmen, upon their petition to the Assembly and of taking the oaths of Allegiance and supremacy."

Among the names of the Huguenots who took advantage of these laws was "DeBar".

At first I considered it a duty to write this history, but as it has proceeded, I have experienced a real pleasure in following the lives of our ancestors. They were Huguenots and in America, pioneers. Pioneering is a very noble occupation, but a very poor business, as my own life attests.

The agricultural life requires long-time planning, hoping, working and waiting; this develops faith, courage and a character, upon which is founded a good citizen.

As I have said the DeBards who came to America were Huguenots (French Protestants). As an appreciation of their sacrifices and also to show their character and the contribution that they made to civil and religious liberty in the U. S., I believe it is fitting to give some account of these heroic men and women who came to America to find homes.

The persecution of French Protestants which began with the burning at the stake of Joan of Arc, 24th of May, 1431, to the last French Martyr, 1762, in the city of Toulouse, Pastor Rochette, 25 years old, is one of the most harrowing stories in the history of man. It was not until 1802 that the Huguenots were given the privilege of holding public worship and were placed upon legal equality with the Catholic church.

Joan of Arc was not termed a Huguenot, but she was in spirit a Protestant, who were later called Huguenots.

During the long period of their persecution, the Protestants were robbed of their possessions, imprisoned, driven from home, murdered, and burned at the stake. In fact, all of the forms of cruelty that ignorant, treacherous, fanatical Catholic ecclesiastics could devise were inflicted upon them.

The Huguenots fled to Holland, England, Germany, Russia and all of the countries of Europe and during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries went to Canada and the American colonies.

France lost her most skilled artisans and best blood, and America gained a people who stamped its character upon her institutions and contributed not a little toward establishing civil and religious freedom in the United States.

It is said to their credit, that the French did not perpetuate their racial traditions and prejudices, but blended with other peoples to make Americans.

A comparison of Huguenot home life in America is made

with Puritan and Dutch home life, by Helen Evertson Smith in the book "French Blood in America" by L. J. Fosdick.

The art of living happily seems to be a native possession of the French, while it is not so with the Anglo-Saxon. His disposition is to take himself and life too seriously. This was the fault and defect of the Puritan; though it must be said that this is a fault far less grave in its consequences than the modern one of not taking life seriously enough.

The Huguenots hit a happy mean for the most part, and infused joy into their environment. Whether they had been rich or poor in France, there were few of the Huguenot refugees who were not poor when they reached America. Whatever their fortunes, however, the refugees were gentle, trained in many arts, and possessed of the keen perceptions, the courtesy, and the easy adaptability of their race. Home life among them was different from that of any other colonists because they came from a land more advanced in some things than either Holland or England.

The Puritans were keen witted with rigid notions of morality, and a harsh spirit towards those who disagreed with him, particularly in religion. The conditions of his life were hard, but full of mental, moral and physical health. He despised no handicraft, he neglected no means of cultivation, shirked no duty (nor did he permit any one else to do so if he could help it), and fought his way upward, unhasting, unrelenting, honestly, and persistently.

The Dutchman was milder than the Puritan, but equally as stiff necked and an inborn Republican as well as an educated Calvinist. Slower, narrower more prejudiced, he was less aggressive. To his commercial and industrial instincts, our country owes much of its prosperity.

The Huguenot—to complete the comparison between these three races which came together in the formation of the colonial life and character—was devout, less ambitious, affectionate of heart, artistic, cultivated, adaptable and also highly endorsed with the commercial instincts and skilled capacities.

He brought to America the arts, accomplishments, and graces of the highest civilizations then known, together with a sweet cheerfulness all his own.

"The Huguenot Society of America" was organized in 1883 by Rev. Alfred V. Willmeyer, Ph.D., pastor of the French Church in New York.

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

Ephriam DeBard, referred to, married Mary Blackwell Lawrence of Virginia (probably near or at Jamestown) in the year 1799. He came down the Ohio river with his bride and settled in Clark County, Kentucky, where he engaged in raising tobacco. In coming to Kentucky, they landed at Maysville from a flat boat on which they made the trip, and went overland from there to Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky. Ephriam grew tobacco and hauled it to Maysville, and took it from there down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans and sold it.

He died of flux in Clark County, Kentucky about 1820. His widow, Mary Blackwell Lawrence DeBard, went to live with her son, Dr. James DeBard, in Carter County, Kentucky, in 1849 and died in 1856 at about 76 years of age.

Ephriam and Mary Lawrence DeBard had 10 children, all of whom were born in Clark County, Kentucky, as follows: Seven sons and three daughters.

James, born April 16, 1800; Henry, born November 25, 1801; Harvey, born August 13, 1802; Elizabeth, born May 15, 1806; Sally, born February 14, 1808; Elijah, born January 13, 1810; Thomas, born January 9, 1812; Lewis, born April 9, 1814; Polly, born July 15, 1816; George Eve, born February 5, 1819.

1. James married Eliza Lewis Davis, October 13, 1829; lived in Carter County, Kentucky. He died on a visit to his daughter, Arabella DeBard Smith, on May 11, 1883 at McMinnville, Tenn. Eliza Lewis Davis died at the same place June 7, 1887. Had two sons and five daughters: Harriet Amanda, Alfred Davis, Mary Elizabeth, Caroline Robbins, Lucy, Arabella, and James Harvey.

More of these later, but first, the writer desires to relate some history of the Dr. James DeBard family, his grandfather, because he spent many happy school vacations on visits to "Carter Co.", as we called it, going to grandfather's. Many of the incidents of these visits and things that grandmother told him remain vividly in his mind today.

She was very proud of her Davis ancestry and of the DeBard name. She once said to me, "Son, you are the only male member of this branch of the DeBard family, except Jimmie, and he is a bachelor and will never get married, so upon you depends the perpetuation of the name."

She was mistaken, however, in Uncle Jimmie, for he did get married later and left two fine children, Davis Mead DeBard and Eunice. They will be mentioned later.

In 1833 "the stars fell", came down in showers, a wonderful and terrifying spectacle

The negroes all came running to the house from their cabins screaming "Oh, Mis' 'Liza, de world is comin' to an end!" They fell upon their knees on the floor, praying the Lord to save them.

During the Civil War, George Morgan, at the head of a Union force, passed through Carter Co., retreating before John Morgan, the Confederate Calvary raider. The Union force was almost starved when they reached Carter. They camped on or near Dr. DeBard's place. The corn was in roasting ear. They ate every ear of it, not stopping to cook it. Grandfather said it gave them the "scours", and the whole army smelled so bad that all the turkey buzzards in the country followed them. He did not see a buzzard for three months after they left.

The soldiers made Mrs. DeBard and the negro women cook up every dust of flour and meal and fry every pound of meat on the place for them to eat, took their cows, horses, sheep, hogs and chickens, burned up the fence rails for camp firewood. They went through the house taking anything they wanted. One soldier found a pair of new jeans pants belonging to James and stepped out on the porch to examine them. This was too much for James. He struck the soldier with his fist and tried to recover the pants, but without success.

There was a "pigeon roost", one fall, near the farm. I think it was before the Civil War, but am not sure. In the morning when the birds left their roost, in flocks, there were such numbers of them that the sun was hidden, like a cloud would do, until nine o'clock in the morning. Returning to roost at night from their feeding grounds, they lit upon the trees in such numbers, that often, large limbs were broken off. People went at night and brought them home by the sackful, pickling them

down in barrels for future use. This species of bird is now extinct.

The manager of Mt. Savage furnace fell sick of a fever and sent for Dr. James DeBard who was also sick. The doctor sent the messenger back saying that he could not come. The sick manager had a yoke of oxen hitched to a wagon, a feather bed put into the wagon and sent back to the doctor, imploring him to come.

Dr. DeBard got onto the feather bed, rode to the manager's home, had his bed placed by the side of the sick man's bed and stayed with him until he doctored and nursed him back to health.

The grateful manager gave the Dr. \$500, a very large fee at that time.

Dr. DeBard made many of his own medicines from roots and herbs growing in the hills of Kentucky. He nursed his bad cases himself, and was esteemed as a very successful physician.

During the Civil War he was arrested as a Southern sympathizer and confined for a short time in the Grayson jail.

He was very indulgent toward his slaves. The doctor's wife told me it took about all he made, practicing medicine, and all the slaves could make on the 1500 acre plantation to keep them. He often came home with a string of shoes for the negroes thrown across his saddle, almost touching the ground on each side. He had also brought jewelry for his own girls. She did not approve of these expenditures of money for jewelry. She wanted to save, and would often go into the field with the negroes, when Dr. was away visiting patients, to try to get some work done.

I remember the names of some of them. "Aunt" Mandy, I believe, was the name of one old woman, and her three sons were George, Mack and French.

During the war the doctor was offered a good price for them, but refused. They seemed like members of the family.

About this time George ran away to Ohio. Dr. DeBard made no effort to recover him.

Mack was a bachelor. He raised vegetables, working Saturdays, which time was allowed the slaves for their own, and sold them at Mt. Savage furnace. In this way he accumulated \$300 in coin. Dr. DeBard tried to get him to ex-

change it for Federal greenbacks. The exchange value at that particular time was three greenbacks for one silver dollar.

Mack was afraid of the paper money, and hid his \$300.

Soon after he was taken very sick. The Dr. knew that he could not recover, and urged the man to tell where he had buried his money, but Mack thought he would get well, and refused to tell.

After a few days Mack gave up and tried to tell them where the money was hidden, but he was so weak by this time that all they could understand was "Deep Hole Ridge". The money was never found.

French, Aunt Mandy's third boy, stayed on after the war as a renter. He raised a large family. On my visits to "Carter" I used to play with these pickaninnies running around in their shirt-tails. (If the reader thinks this indecent, what will he think when I tell him that I meet young women on the streets of Vista, Calif. and at the beaches today with not that much clothing on?)

These little Negro children dressed that way of necessity, as material for making clothing was obtained at great expenditure of labor.

Sheep were sheared, the wool carded, spun and woven on hand looms on the plantation, making jeans for the men's pants and clothing and linsey for the women. The women nowadays have no such excuse, for clothing is a drug on the market. I cannot explain it, unless it is that tendency, in all animal life, to revert to original species, gaining the ascendancy and we are drifting back to that state of barbarism from which we came.

While writing this, I have been living in the past, wondering if this machine age in which we now live, is not less conducive to our health, happiness, moral and spiritual well being than was the life of our ancestors who lived close to nature and so simply.

Eliza Lewis Davis DeBard had an exceptionally bright mind, but Kentucky frontier life furnished little opportunity for education. She remembered everything and could entertain one for hours relating family history. She never forgot how the Yankees had robbed them.

We shall now take up the history of the children of Dr. James DeBard (oldest child of Ephriam and Mary Lawrence

DeBard) and Eliza Lewis Davis. The writer descended from this line of the family; knows more about this branch and hopes that he will be pardoned for devoting so much of this narrative to it.

(1) Harriet Amanda, born Feb. 9, 1831, died Feb. 18, 1913, at McMinnville, Tenn., age 82. Married T. M. Cox of Pettus Co., Mo. Lived there until her husband's death, had no children. Harriet Amanda lived with her parents in Carter Co, Ky., for a number of years, and together with her brother James H. took care of them until her marriage to Mr. Cox and her departure for Missouri. She was a very industrious, self-sacrificing and noble woman.

(2) Alfred Davis, born Feb. 10, 1833, in Carter Co. Ky., died March 6th, 1912 in Kelley Hospital at Ironton, Ohio. Married Helen Augusta Seaton, had eight children, one son, the writer, and seven daughters. Alfred, Mary, Lilian, Helen, Harriet, Margaret, Carrie Bell and Eunice.

Dr. Alfred Davis DeBard received a medical education, attending lectures in Louisville, Ky. He began the practice of medicine in what was called "Greenupsburg," Ky. (afterward changed to Greenup, because of confusion of mail between there and "Greensburg," Ky.)

He came to Greenup from Ashland, Ky. 1857, to attend to the patients of Dr. Alfred Spalding until he recovered from a broken leg, caused by a kick from one of his driving horses.

He remained as a partner of Dr. Spalding for a time. I do not know how many years, but during this time he met Miss Helen Augusta Seaton, who was boarding in the Spalding family and teaching school.

Mama, as we called her, could be called a "Yankee school marm" as she was born in Boston. They thought in Kentucky at that time that only Yankees could teach school.

The young doctor and the school marm were married January 25, 1859.

After a short partnership, Doctors Spalding and DeBard dissolved partnership. Dr. DeBard set up for himself and practiced in that town for 55 years. Retired late in life, but continued to live in Greenup until his death in 1912. He ran a drug store several years.

He was a physical examiner of draftees during the Civil War and of applicants for pensions after the war.

He was exceptionally skillful in diagnosis. He bought in Cincinnati, Ohio and brought to Greenup Co. the first pair of forceps for extracting teeth—a tooth extracted for 50c. He was a charter member and elder of Presbyterian Church and Superintendent of Sunday School and teacher at times.

The Masonic lodge at Greenup was one of the large lodges of the state. Dr. DeBard was an active member, and a Knight Templar of the Maysville Commandery.

Dr. Oliver, a Cincinnati surgeon upon hearing of his death, said, "Dr. DeBard was a southern gentleman, of the old type. They don't make anymore like him these days."

Helen Augusta, wife of Alfred Davis and the writer's mother, was the fourth child of Ambrose and Mary Rand (Goss) Seaton. She was born in Boston, Mass. July 22nd, 1837, died in Greenup, Kentucky, February 28th, 1887. She came with her father's family from Boston to Maysville, Kentucky, where she grew up. Her father practiced medicine, also ran a drug store as a partner in the firm of Seaton & Broaderic. Mother, leaving her Maysville home, came to Greenup to teach school, and, as related above, married, and during the twenty-eight years of her married life raised a large family. She came of that ancient Seaton family who trace their lineage back to the time of Mary, Queen of Scots, whose cause they espoused in her struggle with the Stuarts. These Scotch Presbyterians considered the religious education of their children their chief obligation. She was a charter member of the Greenup, Kentucky Presbyterian Church.

She took each one of her babes to the altar to have it christened and dedicated to the service of the Lord; there taking upon herself the solemn obligation to bring up that child in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Seven sisters followed me, the writer, as the years passed. Two died young. The remaining five grew up earnest, conscientious Christians. Our mother's whole life was one of duty to her family. She offered her life a sacrifice, upon the altar of duty, to her family. "Mama" died in the fiftieth year of her age as calmly as one going on a short journey. Her last words were, "Tell Alfred to meet me in Heaven. Alfred was in Western Kansas.

She was assisted in raising her family by "Auntie", her oldest sister, who never married. She came to our home in 1860

when I was about 1-year-old and stayed until about 1901. Below, I quote from her obituary, written by my father, as a tribute to her memory from myself, because her care and teaching has had profound influence upon my life.

"Auntie", Mary Elizabeth Seaton, eldest of a family of seven children of the late Dr. Ambrose Seaton and wife Mary Goss, was born in Amherst, N. H. Nov. 3, 1829 and died at the home of S. W. Peters, whose wife was her niece, at Roncerverte, W. Va. July 27, 1909, so had not quite completed her 80th year.

Miss Seaton, a child of covenant, was born and reared amidst religious influences. Her home was one of culture and refinement. She united with the Presbyterian Church early in life at Maysville, Ky., and continued an earnest and consistent Christian, a staunch Presbyterian and a model woman—faithful in her attendances upon all the ordinances of her church.

Among the strongly marked traits of her character—were uniformity in habit, speech and action—industriousness, conscientiousness, gentleness, hopefulness, reverence, faith, purity and sunshine. These were just a few of the characteristics of this exceptional woman.

For a number of years, she was a very successful and faithful teacher in the Sabbath School. Many of her former pupils recognize her ability as a teacher and in grateful remembrance cherish her memory. Among them are Joseph K. Pollock of Cincinnati, Ohio.

It is seldom that a life more nearly fulfills the requirements of Psalm 15: verse 2 than did hers. Her whole life was one of unselfish ministry to others. It might be said of her—as the Master said of Mary: "She hath done what she could."

After a long and useful life she has been gathered home to Jesus Christ.

She was buried from Presbyterian Church at Greenup on Friday, July 30th, 1909 at 9 o'clock A. M. The day was bright with sunshine and her body was laid to rest beneath a bank of fragrant flowers in River View cemetery. Though she has gone, yet she shall ever live in the hearts and memories of those who loved her. We have pleasant recollections of her ways and words, her life was a living epistle of Christian character.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. L. Brown, the choir furnished music and sang favorite songs of the deceased. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord".

THE CHILDREN OF ALFRED DAVIS AND
HELEN AUGUSTA DeBARD

I. Alfred, the author, was born in Greenup, Greenup County, Kentucky, November 15, 1859.

He attended the public school in Greenup and Riverton private school, going to Irving College, Tennessee two years. Returning to Kentucky, he served two or three years as depot agent and telegraph operator at Leon Station E. L. & B. S. Ry., Carter County, Kentucky. Resigning from the position to help his father on the old DeBard farm of 1500 acres.

After two years here, he emigrated to Grant Co., Kansas. Took up three quarter sections (480) government land. Two successive crop failures on account of dry weather forced him to leave that section of the state, penniless.

He and a friend walked twenty-four miles to Hartland, Kansas on A. T. & S. F. Ry. and gave a brakeman 52 cents to let them ride in a box car to Dodge City, Kansas.

Alfred began teaching school near Atlanta, Kansas, 1889 where he was united in marriage, 1891, to Miss Myrtle Haworth, one of his pupils.

He and his father-in-law, M. P. Haworth took part in that historic "Race" into the "Cherokee Strip" 1893.

They did not get a "claim" in this race and Alfred, wife, and baby daughter went to Greenup, Kentucky, where Alfred entered the drug business with his father. At the end of three years, he and family returned to Oklahoma, purchasing a relinquishment of 80 acres government land near where he had made the race four years before.

He lived in Oklahoma ten years farming and teaching school, being assisted by his wife when he had a very large school which was often the case in district schools before they were consolidated and the children transported by buses.

Later he taught school four years in Kentucky, making twenty years in the school room. During one of these calendar years, he taught thirteen school months.

Alfred served as census enumerator three different times in three different states, in Greenup County, Kentucky, 1880, Cowley County, Kansas, 1910, in San Diego County, 1930.



Dr. Alfred Davis DeBard.

Helen Augusta Seaton DeBard,
wife of Dr. Alfred Davis DeBard.



Dr. James Harvey DeBard
(and wife, Eliza Lewis Davis)

He and his industrious wife, who came from a family of pioneers, have developed three different ranches on three different frontiers; Kansas, Oklahoma, and California and have wound up on a two acre avocado ranch in California, poor in this world's goods, but rich in the Lord, in the possession of a fine family, stirring memories of frontier life, and the belief that they have done what they could in life's perilous adventure.

They have always been active in church work, teaching classes in Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred DeBard Sr. celebrated their fiftieth marriage anniversary October 4, 1941 at the age of 82 and 68.

All of their children were converted and baptized before leaving home.

Their names and the order of birth are as follows: 1. Helen, 2. Mahlon Pleasant, died in infancy, 3. Ambrose Seaton, 4. Jonas Haworth, 5. Earl, 6. Alfred, 7. Ashby.

THE CHILDREN OF ALFRED DeBARD AND
MYRTLE HAWORTH DeBARD

1. Helen, born in Torrance, Cowley County, Kansas, September 17, 1892. Married W. O. Bryant April 17, 1919 by Rev. E. P. Wise at Akron, Ohio, where Bryant was working in the Goodyear Rubber factory. They had one child, a girl, Iona Marie.

After graduating from high school Helen taught five years in the city schools of Arkansas City, Kansas and the district schools of Cowley County.

They lived in Kansas and Oklahoma.

At this time Helen and her daughter, Iona Marie, are living together in Inglewood, California, the mother working in a defense factory making parts for bomber airplanes. Iona is a stenographer and typist in The Traveler's Insurance office in Los Angeles. They are both earnest and active workers in the First Christian Church of Inglewood. It looks as if this war is going to take not only all we have, but our young people as well.

Since the above was written, Iona Marie married William Harmon Watkins, November 1942.

Mr. Watkins is serving his country in the army air corps, as an engine mechanic. He is now stationed in New Guinea.

Iona's mother, Helen, married the second time to Harry Rolph, ten days prior to her daughter's marriage. They live in Inglewood, California.

2. Mahlon Pleasant was born in Greenup, Kentucky Oct. 2, 1894, and died Feb. 2, 1897, in his grandfather Haworth's home near Atlanta, Kansas, being 2 years, 3 months old. Mahlon was born in the same house in which his father was born and dressed by Aunt Evelyne Jackson (colored) who had dressed his father at birth 35 years before.

3. Ambrose Seaton born, Dec. 20, 1898, nine miles Northeast Newkirk, Oklahoma. Married Olive Chandler Sept. 11, 1924 in Los Angeles, California. Went to housekeeping in their new home at 3125 Garden Avenue. Olive was operating a comptometer in the office of the Fairbanks, Morse Company.

They have one child, a girl, Suzanne Althea, born April 25, 1926. Ambrose, like all of his brothers helped on the farm and attended the public school. He went to the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan and has developed into a very capable agricultural engineer, employing eight to ten men caring for orchards in this Vista irrigating district. California. He is a veteran of World War I, having served in France two months in combat force and ten months in Hospital Corps. He is President of Rotary Club and active in all civic enterprises. A director in the Escondido Sunkissed Orange Association and a member of the Vista Unified School District board.

Suzanne is attending school and when work is pressing, she drives the tractor and farm trucks for her father. We are finding out in these war times that women can do most any kind of work. She is also a member of Vista Jr. Ambulance Corps.

4. Jonas Haworth, born April 3, 1900, nine miles Northeast Newkirk, Oklahoma. Married Irene Marie Grunder in Los Angeles, California, November 26, 1925, no children.

Irene is a leading fashion artist in Bullock's Wilshire store in Los Angeles.

Jonas attended the public schools and helped his father on the farm, but when only 17 he volunteered in the Coast Artillery and sailed for the Philippines Feb. 5, 1918. He was honorably discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa, Sept. 2, 1919., returning home after twenty months service on Corregidor under Commanding Officer Co. Dorries, Company Commander Maurice Barker. He tried to volunteer in this second World war but was not accepted and now has to content himself with serving as air-raid warden in his Los Feliz district, Los Angeles, California.

He has at this time a good position as collection manager with General Motors Acceptance Corporation, 714 W. 10th St. Los Angeles, California.

5. Earl, born Dec. 18, 1901—nine miles Northeast Newkirk, Oklahoma, married Hilda Wilcox of Arkansas City, Kansas, who was born near Wellington, Kansas, Nov. 29, 1907. They were married in Wichita, Kansas, Feb. 12, 1924. They have no children.

Earl attended the public schools and helped his father on

the dairy farm one mile west of Arkansas City. When his parents left, he and his brother Ashby purchased the cows and other stock, machinery and feed and operated the dairy until his father sold the farm. Earl then moved to another farm, ran the dairy there.

He and Hilda made several trips between Kansas and California, for like many others, when once enjoying the climate, scenery and other advantages of California, they always come back. They now operate, for the owner, one of the largest rabbitries in California, near Vista, California.

6. Alfred, Jr. born Nov. 18, 1904, nine miles Northeast Newkirk, Oklahoma, married Irma Penner of Hillsboro, Kansas, Oct. 13, 1937. They have one girl, Marcia Ann, born Sept. 12, 1942. Alfred, after graduating from Arkansas City, Kansas, high school, graduated from Kansas City, Missouri Osteopathic Medical and Surgical College. He worked his way through this college, being head clinic student of obstetrical department during college, and, after many hard knocks, established himself in a good practice at Hillsboro, Kansas. He specializes in Obstetrics and is doing some independent research work into the cause and treatment of the disease commonly known as Undulant Fever caused by drinking milk from cows having "Bangs" disease. Little was known about this disease in human beings until lately. Alfred thinks that the germ manifests itself in many ailments, being called rheumatism, arthritis, etc. by some doctors. He maintains a small hospital in Hillsboro, Kansas, at present.

7. Ashby, born Dec. 17, 1906, 8½ miles Southeast Arkansas City, but in Oklahoma. Married Velma Ash, Dec. 5, 1921, at Winfield, Kansas. Of this union one child was born, a girl, Veva Joe, who married Sylvester Spore, April 13, 1941. They are living in Wichita, Kansas where he is employed in an airplane factory. They have a son, Sylvester Joe, born June 26, 1943.

Ashby's second marriage was to Geraldine Smith, Sept. 6, 1933, of Vista, California. They have one son, Terrance Lee, born Aug. 9, 1934.

Ashby was in partnership with his brother, Earl, in the dairy business near Arkansas City, Kansas, before coming to California. In Los Angeles, he was a milk salesman for the Adohr Milk Company, moving to San Diego, California, where

he and his family now live. He is a wholesale milk salesman for the Qualitee Dairy. Ashby has been dairying and selling milk since he was 14 years of age, beginning for his father, working before and after school and during vacations.

The second child of Dr. Alfred Davis and Helen Augusta DeBard was Mary Seaton, born in Greenup, Greenup Co., Kentucky, 1862, May 1st, died Feb. 22, 1906.

She was united in marriage with Thomas N. Biggs by Rev. Mebane, Feb. 30, 1893, and to them were born three sons: 1. Alfred DeBard. 2. Naylor. 3. Seaton.

II. Mary taught a private kindergarten school of her own for several years in Greenup, Kentucky. She was peculiarly adapted by disposition and study for this work. She is especially remembered for her devotion to the education and training of her three boys, and it is regrettable that she did not live to see what fine successful men they made. All of her thoughts and energies were devoted to their welfare. She was kind, indulgent, and attentive to their slightest wants. Her character was strong and earnest. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Greenup, Kentucky.

Biographies of her boys follow:

Alfred DeBard Biggs, born December 20, 1893, Greenup County, Kentucky. Graduated from Pikeville College Academy, Kentucky, May 25, 1911. Maryville College, Tennessee, 1915. A. B. degree and from Rush Medical College, 1922. He served his internship in St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, where it was followed by a year of Research Fellowship 1923-1924. After three years of general practice at Big Bay, Michigan, he served one year as Resident Pediatrician of the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago (1927-1928). Since that time he has been engaged in the practice of Pediatrics in Chicago, with offices at 1713 W. 95th Street. At present he is a Senior Attending Pediatrician at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, Consulting Pediatrician to the Roseland Hospital and Attending Physician to the Chicago Home for the Friendless. He is author or co-author of the following contributions to the Medical Literature;—

(1) Pseudo-leukemia Gastro-Intestinalis, Journal American Medical Association, Vol. 83.

(2) The Prognosis of Chronic Infectious Endocarditis, The Archives of, Internal Medicine, Vol. 35.

(3) Observations on Congenital Megacolon, Journal of Pediatrics, Vol. 13.

(4) Congenital Hypoplasia of the Mandible, American Journal of Diseases of Children, March, 1943.

He was married to P. Nishine Sprague, August 25, 1923. Three children were born to them. Phyllis Hoyt, April 3, 1926, Elaine DeBard, May 26, 1927, Alfred DeBard, January 11, 1932. All reside at 9554 Longwood Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

Naylor Bragg Biggs. Born in Greenup, Kentucky, July 18, 1895. Naylor started to school in Greenup and went to school in Pikeville the same year that Alfred went. He left Pikeville and came to Tiffin, May 18th, 1913. After coming here he obtained work and went to Heidelberg Commercial College. After receiving a commercial education he became secretary to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in 1916. In 1918 he enlisted in World War I and was stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois, and Camp Robison at Sparta, Wisconsin, until the armistice. He returned to Tiffin May 18th, 1919 and took up his duties at that time as Secretary of the Tiffin Chamber of Commerce. April 3, 1920 he married Marian Gladys Thomas of Tiffin, Ohio. Jean Marie was born October 1st, 1923, and Helen DeBard was born April 18, 1927. In 1923-24-25 Naylor attended the National School for Commercial and Trade Executives at Northwestern University in Chicago. This was a summer school course. Naylor is a man of keen judgment and with the assistance of his sympathetic and understanding wife has developed into a very capable business man.

Their oldest child, Jean Marie, after one year at college, is attending commercial college.

The younger daughter, Helen DeBard, sixteen in April, 1943, is a sophomore in high school, and is a very good student.

Seaton Humphrey Biggs, born June 20, 1898, Greenup, Co., Kentucky, died June 11, 1932. Married June 26, 1918, to Carrie Jackson of Elkhorn City, Kentucky. He was educated at Pikeville College, Kentucky, where he graduated May 17, 1918. He later made his home with his family at Elkhorn City, Kentucky, where he engaged in various business enterprises.

Eldest daughter, Mary Frances Biggs Anderson, born April 23, 1919.

Youngest daughter, Margaret Record Biggs, born Janu-

ary 31, 1922, married James W. Coleman, Jr. February 19, 1938, died September 17, 1938.

III. Lilian, third child of Dr. Alfred Davis and Helen Augusta DeBard, born December 17th, 1864, died March 5th, 1865 and was buried at Maysville, Kentucky.

IV. Helen Goss, fourth child of Dr. Alfred Davis and Helen Augusta DeBard, born March 9th, 1866, died March 14, 1931 at Ashland, Kentucky. She was married twice. Her first husband, Scott Clifton, and the writer went to western Kansas together, where they took up government land. Later he was a member of the faculty of Wilmot Academy in Kansas. He and wife returned to Kentucky where he died after less than a year of married life.

Her second marriage was to James Burns, who for a number of years was bookkeeper for Ashland Rolling Mill Co. at Ashland, Kentucky, where they lived until their deaths.

I remember with gratitude the letters that sister Helen wrote me up to her passing. The beautiful penmanship, nice choice of words and correct grammatical sentences were prominent characteristics of her letters. If she blotted a sheet, or made a mistake, it was copied on a new sheet of paper. She never sent out a letter unless it was neat and correct.

Helen was a beautiful girl, and had a head of hair that would be a marvel today. When she stood erect, her hair reached to her knees and enveloped her entire body.

Of this union there were three children.

1. Gordon died in infancy.

2. Helen, died in Grayson, Kentucky, 1938, 43 years old. She married Junius Wilhoit. They had one son, Gordon. Helen was active in church membership, president of the Woman's Club, Democratic Woman's Club and at the time of her death, city clerk. Junius Wilhoit still lives in Grayson, Kentucky.

Warren, born January 14, 1899, Shellsford near McMinneville, Tennessee, married Marian Kramer of Ashland, Kentucky, on June 26, 1928.

Warren attended school in Ashland, Kentucky, New York City and Wareham, Mass. Mechanics had interested Warren from childhood so he pursued this type of work, supplementing his practical experience with additional technical subjects . . . extension work with the University of Chicago and

the University of Pennsylvania in engineering. He is at present (1942) mechanical engineer with the American Rolling Mill Company, dealing primarily with the operating and maintenance of this company's new one thousand ton blast furnace.

Warren and Marian are active members of the Presbyterian church and are interested in civic activities.

V. Carrie Bell DeBard, fifth child of Dr. A. D. and Helen DeBard, born Feb. 28, 1869, died Dec. 7, 1876.

VI. Harriet D. DeBard, sixth child of Dr. A. D. and Helen DeBard, born Jan. 21, 1872, was never married and after a useful life is now living in the home of her niece Mrs. Eunice Myers at Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y.

Sister Harriet, a graduate nurse, served in Ancon Hospital, Panama, in that trying climate, and aided still more trying patients, tough men from all corners of the globe, until the completion of the canal.

Later, in a New York hospital she sustained a back injury, from which she has not entirely recovered, and has now retired from nursing.

In a letter written from Panama, she said, "In the perpetual summer of 80 degrees, vegetation grows very rapidly and decays rapidly, creating a poisonous atmosphere; and it is impossible to avoid having some malaria in one's system. The wet season lasts from May 15 to December 15. During this time it rains on an average of six days a week."

VII. Margaret DeBard, seventh child of Dr. A. D. and Helen DeBard, born Dec. 24, 1874, married, June 1st, 1897 in Greenup, Kentucky to Samuel Wurts Peters, who, at the time of his marriage was cashier in the Farmer's and Merchant's Bank. They moved from Greenup to Ashland, Kentucky, where Sam was employed as bookkeeper in a wholesale feed store. From Ashland they moved to Ronceverte, West Virginia. Sam was now working as traveling salesman for Armour & Company. (Meat Packers, Chicago, Ill.) Moving to Knoxville, Tennessee in 1916, he was made manager of Armour & Company's branch house. In that same year, Sam was transferred to Huntington, W. Va. and moved with his family there, returning to Knoxville in 1918.

He resigned from Armour & Company in 1925 and became

an insurance agent for the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, Pa.

Sam died Feb. 22, 1930 in Knoxville, Tennessee, age 54 years.

Margaret and Sam had two boys and seven girls.

1. Henry William Peters, born May 13, 1898 in Greenup, Kentucky, married Josephine Hannah Brown of Roanoke, Virginia, March 26, 1921. They have two children.

(a) Margaret Laird Peters born Oct. 26, 1922 in Abingdon, Virginia. *Henry William Peters Jr. Nov. 4 - 1926*

(b) ~~Margaret Elizabeth Womack~~, born March 1, 1935, in Bristol, Tennessee.

Henry William Peters, Sr. is a traveling salesman for the East Tennessee Packing Co. of Knoxville, Tenn. They live in Bristol, Tenn. and are members of the Presbyterian church.

2. Alfred DeBard Peters, born February 13, 1901, in Greenup, Kentucky. Died July 12, 1902.

3. Margaret DeBard Peters, born April 20, 1903, in Greenup, Kentucky, married Francis Wayne Womack of Greenup, Kentucky, September 8, 1926. Wayne has a position under Civil Service. They live in Frankfort, Kentucky, and are members of the Presbyterian church.

Margaret and Wayne have three children.

(a) Francis Wayne Womack, born April 11, 1928 in Ashland, Kentucky.

(b) Margaret Elizabeth Womack, born March 1, 1935, in Greenup, Kentucky.

(c) Edward Peters Womack, born January 17, 1938 in Frankfort, Kentucky.

4. Mary Wurtz Peters born November 13, 1905, in Ashland, Kentucky. Mary has B. A. and M. A. degrees from the University of Tennessee. Employed as teacher of Mathematics in a high school in Knoxville, Tennessee. Member of Presbyterian church.

5. Harriet Davis Peters born April 6, 1908 in Ronceverte, West Virginia. Harriet has a B. A. degree from the University of Tennessee; teaches Social Science in Junior High School in Knoxville, Tennessee. She is a member of the Presbyterian church.

6. Helen Seaton Peters and

7. Adaline Louise Peters (twin daughters), born Feb.

24, 1911, in Ronceverte, W. Va.

Helen married Charles Urban Neas of Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 5, 1936. Charles Neas a graduate of the University of Tennessee is an accountant. A member of the Lutheran church.

Helen is an assistant librarian in the public library of Knoxville, Tennessee, and member of Presbyterian church. They live in Knoxville.

Mary Urban Neas, (adopted) daughter of Helen and Charles Neas, born in Louisville, Kentucky, January 12, 1943.

Adaline Louise married James Milo Kaderly of Knoxville, Tennessee, June 9, 1934.

Milo Kaderly graduated from the University of Tennessee as a mechanical engineer. He is employed at The Fulton Syphon Company of Knoxville, Tenn. Milo and Louise are members of the Presbyterian church and live in Knoxville, Tennessee. They have three children.

(a) Helen Seaton Kaderly born June 19th, 1938, in Knoxville, Tennessee.

(b) Susan Elder Kaderly born March 2nd, 1941, in Knoxville, Tennessee.

(c) Margaret DeBard Kaderly born April 29, 1942, Knoxville, Tennessee.

8. Sarah Russell Peters born Jan. 1st, 1914, in Ronceverte, W. Va. Married David Luke Morgan of Puryear, Tenn., in Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 10, 1936.

Sarah and Luke graduated from the University of Tennessee in June, 1936. Luke is employed at the Fulton Sylphon Company in Knoxville, Tenn. and is a member of the Church of Christ. Sarah is a member of the Presbyterian church. They live in Knoxville and have three children.

(a) David Luke Morgan, Jr. born Sept. 21st, 1937, Knoxville, Tennessee.

(b) Harriet Davis Morgan, born March 18, 1940 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

(c) Sarah Russell Morgan, born July 16, 1943.

9. Martha Goss Peters born Jan. 2nd, 1918, in Huntington, West Virginia. Martha is employed as secretary in the office of the Fulton Sylphon Co. in Knoxville, Tenn. She is a member of the Presbyterian church.

VIII. Eunice, youngest of the Dr. A. D. and Helen A. DeBard family was born in Greenup, Kentucky, Greenup Co.

She married William Butler Taylor Jr. also of Greenup. They moved to Gallipolis, Ohio, where he was in business and lived six years. Two children were born. William died at the age of 28 years and Eunice moved back to Greenup and lived with her father Dr. Alfred DeBard. She attended Richmond Normal School and fitted herself for teaching and taught several years in the Greenup Graded School. Later she became Postmistress of Greenup and served during Wilson's Administration. Eunice and William were members of the Presbyterian church in Greenup.

1. Charles DeBard Taylor was born in Gallipolis, Ohio. He graduated from Maryville Preparatory School, Maryville, Tennessee, and University of Kentucky. He taught school in Greenup High School for several years then went to New York City where he received his master's degree at Columbia University. For eight years he taught in the Thomas Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, New Jersey, the senior High School of 1700 boys. The work he did on his Ph. D. degree was done at Harvard University and New York University.

For the last three years he has been director of guidance at the Thomas Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, New Jersey. He married Irma Virginia Rankin at Elizabeth, June 24, 1942, where they are now living. Both are members of the Presbyterian church.

2. Eunice Clifton Taylor was born in Gallipolis, Ohio. She graduated from Maryville Preparatory School, Maryville, Tennessee, and attended the University of Kentucky for three years. She taught school in the Greenup Graded Schools and Wurtland, Kentucky. In May, 1927, she married Carl Edwin Meyer of Kenova, W. Va. He has been employed with McCrory Stores Corporation as buyer for the last sixteen years. They have three sons, all born in New York. All attend the Community Church and live now in Great Neck, N. Y.

- (a) Carl Edwin, born Aug. 6, 1928, in Flushing, N. Y.
- (b) John DeBard, born Aug. 21, 1935, in Flushing, N. Y.
- (c) James Seaton, born Sept. 30, 1936, in Flushing, N. Y.

ANOTHER BRANCH OF THE DeBARD FAMILY

Mrs. W. B. Taylor saw the name A. A. DeBard in a New York paper and wrote him. Below is an excerpt from his reply

which gives some history from another probable branch of the family.

56 Tompkins Street,
Stapleton, New York.
May 17, 1937.

Mrs. William B. Taylor,
270 Convent Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of April 28. I regret that I have not answered it sooner but I was away from New York for a fortnight and am now busy giving examinations. I thought I would write you this to let you know that I received your letter.

I have never run across any other DeBard in the United States. My father's family—his father and three or four uncles came from France about the period 1880-1890 from a section in the northern part of France, around Belfort. We have known that part of the family came to America many years ago. There is a book entitled FRENCH BLOOD IN AMERICA which mentions the family as one of those settling in the South (Georgia or Carolina, I believe). We also have a coat of arms x x x x x. The family is French Huguenot, Dijon is named as its seat at the time of the granting of the coat of arms. The name "Alfred" is very common in the family, being my middle name, my father's middle name and I have a great-uncle of the name.

Sincerely,

(sgd) AUGUST A. DeBARD, Jr.

CHILDREN OF DR. JAMES DeBARD AND
ELIZABETH LEWIS DAVIS DeBARD

(continued)

(3) Mary Elizabeth, third child of Dr. James DeBard and Elizabeth Lewis Davis DeBard, born March 19th, 1835, died Dec. 20th, 1922, at Ashland, Ky. Married Alvin Burns and lived most of her life in Carter Co., Kentucky. Had three children, —James DeBard, Alvin Dennis and Eliza Bell.

a. James D. Burns, born March 16, 1865, in Tilton, Ky, died August 28, 1927 in Ashland, Kentucky, married his cousin Helen Goss DeBard. They had three children. Gordon died in infancy, Warren lives in Ashland, Kentucky. Helen Seaton married Junius Wilhoit of Grayson, Kentucky, died 1938, leaving one son, Gordon. She was city clerk of Grayson at time of her death.

James D. was bookkeeper for the Ashland Rolling Mill Company for a number of years. He was a member of the Presbyterian church in Ashland, Kentucky. He attended school in Lebenon, Kentucky, and Grayson, Kentucky, and was well informed on any subject and highly respected.

b. Alvin Dennis, born at Bell Grove Springs, Flemming County, May 10, 1868, died in Ashland, Kentucky, December 22, 1922, married Jean Boyce. They had two children, one boy and one girl.

1. Alvin Daniel Burns, now living in Richmond, Ky.

2. Mary Katherine Ashby Burns, living in Ashland, Ky.

Alvin Senior was depot agent at Grayson until a short time before his death. Because of failing health, he moved to Ashland and died soon after. Alvin had a cheerful disposition, an active, inquiring mind and he was liked by everybody. He was member of Presbyterian church.

c. Eliza Bell Burns was born in Flemingsburg, Ky., July ?, 1862. Married James Lee Potts. They had two children:

1. Carrie, living in Richmond, Ky.

2. Elizabeth, living in Ashland, Ky.

Eliza B. Potts and husband, James, lived in Grayson, Ky.

until Mr. Pott's death, when Eliza moved to Ashland, Ky. where she now (1943) lives with her daughter, Elizabeth.

(4) Caroline Robbins, fourth child of Dr. James DeBard and Elizabeth Lewis Davis DeBard born Feb. 1837, died July 6, 1914, at McMinnville, Tenn. Married George Warren Mead of Warren, Pa. Mr. Mead was wharf master of Greenup, Ky., on the Ohio river, sold out and moved to Shellsford, Warren County, Tennessee, where he was partner in a flour grist and saw mill until his death. Mrs. Mead moved to McMinnville in Jan. 1899, living there until her death. Had no children.

(5) Lucy Davis, fifth child of Dr. James DeBard and Elizabeth Lewis Davis DeBard, born Oct. 19, 1840, died Nov. 16th, 1876, in Carter Co., Ky. She was never married but lived with her parents in Ashland, Ky. and Carter County, Ky.

(6) Arabella, sixth child of Dr. James DeBard and Elizabeth Lewis Davis DeBard, born Dec. 24, 1842. Went to Tennessee with her sister Caroline R. Mead in 1869. Married Capt. F. M. Smith of McMinnville, Tenn., June 6, 1871. Lived and died there May 27, 1926, Capt. Smith having died June 13, 1914, age 78. Had three children, James DeBard and George Mead (living) and one daughter, Elizabeth. After her husband's death, Mrs. Smith lived with her daughter Elizabeth until Elizabeth's death, then with her son George, until her death.

Arabella DeBard, mother of three children whose record is above was Capt. F. H. Smith's second wife. By a previous marriage he had a son, Irving W., born 1865, died 1923, leaving a wife and daughter living in McMinnville, Tennessee.

a. James DeBard Smith was born April 14, 1872. He married twice. First wife—Annie Lynam, April 20, 1907. She died July 3, 1919. No children. Second marriage to Stella Ann Kennedy, of Toronto, Canada, at Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28, 1925. One child, a girl, Frances Marion, born Jan. 9, 1926. He left McMinnville, Tenn. in 1890, went to Chattanooga, Tenn., where he lived until 1899, then moved to Atlanta, Ga., where he is at this writing in the employ of the Armour Fertilizer Works as Purchasing Agent and Traffic Manager, purchasing supplies needed to keep the plant in repair.

b. George Mead Smith married twice—first to Jane Whitson, of McMinnville, Tenn., who died in 1907. They had one child, Elizabeth Graves, who married Ward DeWitt of Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 15, 1924. They have one son, Ward, Jr.

born Oct. 15, 1925, one daughter born in 1933. George married the second time, Lillie James Walling, Feb. 1918. No children.

In a letter to the writer dated March, 1941, George says that soon he will have been in the banking business 50 years. Is at this time very busy as President of the First National Bank of McMinnville, Tenn., Mayor of the town and member of the Draft Board.

c. Elizabeth Smith, born Nov. 16, 1875, died Sept. 22, 1922, aged 47 years. Married Henry Conley of Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 22, 1897. They had two boys, George DeBard and Frank Marion, both living at Tullahoma, Tenn. and in business with their father.

(7) James Harvey DeBard, youngest child of Dr. James and Elizabeth Lewis Davis DeBard, was born March 30, 1846, died Feb. 7, 1907, at Shellsford, Warren County, Tennessee. Married Laura Davis at Pine Grove, Kentucky, 1883. Laura D. died at the home of her daughter, Eunice D. Foss in Savannah, Georgia, in May 1940. She was buried by the side of her husband at McMinnville, Tenn. They had two children, Davis Mead DeBard, born November 1, 1884, and Eunice F. DeBard, born October 1, 1888.

James Harvey DeBard remained on the farm in Carter County, Kentucky, operating the farm and together with his sister, Harriet, taking care of their parents for a number of years. James Harvey then entered into contracting work, making fills for railroads when they were being constructed in Kentucky. There at Pine Grove he met and married Laura Davis. After their marriage they moved to Shellsford, Tenn., and entered into a partnership with George Mead, his brother-in-law, in the sawmill, gristmill and lumber business. Children of James H. and Laura Davis DeBard continued.

Davis Mead DeBard is a very capable business man, Vice President of Stone & Webster Service Corporation, a utilities concern, that owns plants all over the United States.

a. Davis Mead DeBard married Eleanor Pratt of West Newton, Massachusetts in 1913, where they now live. They have a daughter, Elizabeth Frances DeBard, born January 6, 1914, and a son, Davis Stuart DeBard, born May 13, 1915. Elizabeth is Assistant Director of U. S. O. at Alexandria, Virginia. Stuart, until recently, has been a lawyer in Boston and now is an Ensign in the Navy. He married in 1939, Cather-

ine Douglas of Philadelphia, and they have one daughter, Ellen Douglas, born April 16, 1941.

b. Eunice DeBard married Howard Coburn Foss in 1910. Mr. Foss, besides many civic activities in Savannah Georgia, was President of the Savannah Electric and Power Co. He died January 10, 1938, leaving his wife, who still lives in Savannah, and two daughters, Eunice DeBard Foss and Laura Coburn Foss.

2. HENRY, the second son of Ephriam and Mary Lewis DeBard, married, lived and died in Missouri, having several children:

- (a) Mattie, a daughter, of Platts City, Missouri.
- (b) Fannie Oliver, a daughter, of Olathe, Kansas.
- (c) David DeBard, a son, Platts City, Missouri.

3. HARVEY married, lived and died in Texas, having one child, a son, R. E. DeBard of Haskell, Texas.

4. ELIZABETH married a man named Whittaker, lived and died in Texas, having no children.

5. SALLY married John Conkwright, lived in Missouri. They had a son, Allen H. who lived and died at Sedalia and other children. Allen was a splendid Latin Scholar. On a visit to the writer's parents in Greenup, Ky., he was inspired to persist in the study of that language. Allen H. Conkwright practiced medicine a number of years.

Mrs. Sally Conkwright left 19 heirs to-wit: Mrs. H. E. Porter, a daughter, of Sedalia, Mo., Mrs. Nannie Black, a granddaughter, being a daughter of Cynthia Cox, a deceased daughter, of Clifton City, Mo., R. A. Cox, a grandson, being a son of a deceased daughter Cynthia Cox, of Tanpa, Oklahoma, George Cox, a grandson, being a son of Cynthia Cox, a deceased daughter, of Clifton City, Mo., J. G. Cox, a grandson, being a son of Cynthia Cox, a deceased daughter, of Clifton City, Mo., J. H. Cox, a grandson, being a son of Cynthia Cox, a deceased daughter, of New Smyrna, Fla., W. E. Cox, a grandson, being a son of Cynthia Cox, a deceased daughter, of Lawton, Oklahoma, Sarah Overstreet, a granddaughter, being a daughter of Cynthia Cox, a deceased daughter, of 2310 Allen Ave., St. Louis, Mo., Rebecca Overstreet, a granddaughter, being a daughter of Cynthia Cox, a deceased daughter, of 2424 T St., Lincoln, Nebraska, Tarlton Cox, a grandson, being a son of Cynthia Cox, a deceased daughter, of

Scotia, Washington, J. W. Conner, a grandson, being a son of Margaret Conner, a deceased daughter, of Sedalia, Mo., A. H. Conner, a grandson, being a son of Margaret Conner, a deceased daughter, of Red Bluff, California, F. P. Conner, a grandson, being a son of Margaret Conner a deceased daughter, of Cloverdale, California, J. D. Conner, a grandson, being a son of Margaret Conner a deceased daughter, of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Florence Cox, a granddaughter, being a daughter of Allen Conkright a deceased son, of Clifton City, Mo., Adelaide Conkright (age 9) great-granddaughter, being a daughter of S. A. Conkright, a deceased grandson, who was a son of Allen Conkright, a deceased son, of Sedalia, Mo., Allen H. Conkright (age 6) a great grandson, being a son of S. A. Conkright, a deceased grandson who was a son of Allen Conkright a deceased son, of Sedalia, Mo., Sidney Conkright (age 3) a great grandson, being a son of S. A. Conkright a grandson, being a son of Allen Conkright deceased son of Sarah Conkright, Mrs. Shellie Franklin, a granddaughter, being a daughter of Sallie Starr a deceased daughter, of Sedalia, Mo.

(Adelaide, Allen H. and Sidney Conkright are all infants and are in the charge of their mother, Jessie W. Conkright, of Sedalia, Mo.)

6. ELIJAH married and lived in Palestine, Texas, having several children, namely:

- (a) Mrs. Elviva Boyles, a daughter of Palestine, Texas.
- (b) Mrs. Flora Phillips, a daughter of Palestine, Texas.
- (c) J. D. DeBard, a son, of Palestine, Texas.
- (d) Frank DeBard, a son, who has not been heard from for over 15 years, but was last heard from in San Jose, Calif.
- (e) Mary Lacy, a daughter of Denton, Texas. Mary Lacy had a daughter, Julia Carroll, and a son, R. Y. Lacy, of Pittsburg, Texas.

7. THOMAS married, lived, and died at Selam, Alabama. He had no children. The writer remembers having seen Uncle Thomas on a visit to Kentucky that he made during Reconstruction Days. He was county clerk of his county in Alabama. I told him that I had read in the newspapers that the whites in the South intimidated the Negroes and would not let them vote and I would like to know whether these accounts were true. He replied, "We allow them to vote, but do not always count their votes."

8. LEWIS married, lived and died at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and had no children. He was a cabinet maker and was very well-off in this world's goods.

9. POLLY married John White, lived in Danville, Ky., (some accounts say Missouri) where she died.

The following history of the George Eve DeBard branch of the family was contributed by Sebern Clay DeBard, his grandson, who spent considerable time gathering data for his very correct and complete record.

10. GEORGE EVE DeBARD, son of Ephriam and Mary Blackwell Lawrence DeBard, as stated before, was born in Clark County, Kentucky, February 5, 1819, and in his early manhood was a live-stock dealer; buying up large droves of mules and horses in Kentucky and Missouri and driving the stock through the country, through Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina; and on his trips through the Cross Anchor section of Spartanburg County, South Carolina was the Harris plantation, a stop-over point for resting and feeding the stock; there he met and later in November 27, 1843, married Nancy Elizabeth Harris; (record of her parents not available). To this union there were six children, namely—Lewis Wylie, Mary Agnes, Henry Clay, James Alfred, Thomas Harvey and Sara Elizabeth (Lizzie).

George Eve and Nancy Harris DeBard settled on a plantation near what is now the town of Woodruff, South Carolina, and there reared their children: Moved to Reidville, South Carolina about 1885 and entered into the mercantile business, where George Eve died March 26, 1892. For many years he was 'Justice-of-the-Peace'—(Magistrate) for his township, and the whole neighborhood for miles around came to him for legal council and advise. He was called "Squire" by all the grown-ups. He owned several slaves back on the plantation, and after they were freed in 1865 he called them into "the big house" and told them that the Union had won the war and thereby they were at liberty to go where they pleased: One old negro slave named "Gull" replied, "Marse, dat done mean notin' to me, kaze I'se been as free as I wants to be living wid you and Misus Nancy." Old 'Gull' lived out his years there on the plantation, and "Marse George" put him away to his last resting place. Other former slaves lived on with "Marse George" for years. Some drifted away for a while, but came

back and wanted to live with "Marse George", saying there was no place like home. Until the children grew up, and at times while "Marse George" was away from home, he left orders with 'Gull' and he in turn gave orders to the other negroes and saw to it that they did their chores, while he 'Gull', was detailed to wait on and protect "Misus Nancy". Nancy Harris DeBard, born February 26, 1821, died April 18, 1898, age 77. They were both buried at Cedar-Grove church cemetery, Laurens County, South Carolina. Everyone who knew George Eve and Nancy Harris DeBard, pay them this tribute: "That they were a distinct contribution to society and their country."

Note: On the preceeding page it is stated that George Eve DeBard was a live-stock dealer out of Kentucky and Missouri. It has been related and handed down from him, that when he became of age, his father gave him a horse and saddle, (as was the custom in those days), and whatever else was given him is not known; and after attaining age 21, he went for a temporary stay with his sister Salley, who married John Conkwright, living in Missouri. And in all probability he rode his horse from Kentucky to Missouri. It is further related that he and his brother-in-law, John Conkwright, formed a co-partnership in the livestock business. It is also related that George Eve in his late teens served three years apprenticeship as a saddle and harness maker, and was a craftsman in the art.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE EVE AND NANCY
HARRIS DeBARD

Lewis Wylie, born Sept. 13, 1846, served in the Confederate army in the Civil War, died of Measles in Virginia while in the army June 1, 1865, and was buried at Long Island, N. Y. He never married.

Mary Agnes, born Sept. 10, 1848, married Monty T. Westmoreland, son of Andy Westmoreland of Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and to this union there was one child, Cora Maude. Mary Agnes died Oct. 8, 1926 at Fountain Inn, South Carolina, and was buried at Belview church cemetery, (near the old plantation), Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Her husband preceeded her in death in 1920. They were both of the old school, fine noble Christian characters.

Dr. Henry Clay, born June 27, 1850, studied medicine at a medical institution at Atlanta, Georgia, and for some years practised medicine in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. First married Maggie Arnold of same county and state, who died about a year later. His second marriage was to Anette Benson of same county and state. She outlived him some years. (Record of the parents of either of his wives not available). There were no children to either union. Dr. Henry Clay died Oct. 16, 1882 at Wellford, South Carolina, and was buried at Cedar-Grove church cemetery, Laurens County, South Carolina. He was a prominent physician in his day.

James Alfred, born Oct. 5, 1853, first married Elliott Roberts, daughter of Sebern R. and Margaret Linsey Roberts of Spartanburg County, South Carolina in 1877, and to this union there were six children, namely: Gordon, Daisy Dale, Wylie Clyde, Sebern Clay, Maisy Mae and James Elliott. Elliott Roberts DeBard, born Sept. 12, 1857, died March 7, 1889, and was buried at Wellford, South Carolina. "She was a woman of exceptionally high Christian character," is the tribute paid her by all who knew her.

James Alfred married the second time in 1892 to Rosalee Elizabeth Wofford, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Wofford of Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and to this union

there were four children, namely: Winifred Davis, Ora Oree, Nancy Elizabeth and George Thomas. James Alfred died Jan. 3, 1924. Rosalee Wofford DeBard, born Nov. 2, 1861, died Feb. 27, 1927, and she bore the same tribute as did his first wife. They were both buried at Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

James Alfred moved from the old plantation to Wellford, South Carolina in 1884, and lived there until 1894, and in the early nineties was a member of the board of Spartanburg county commissioners. He then moved to Fountain Inn, South Carolina; and was twice mayor of the town, and also served as magistrate of his township, until failing health necessitated his retirement. He was kind and dutiful as a husband and father, for he was a man of high Christian character.

Thomas Harvey, born Sept. 4, 1856, died Jan. 5, 1871, age 15.

Sara Elizabeth, born Aug. 6, 1861, married Jefferson Marion Farrow June 10, 1883, and to this union there were eleven children, namely—first born, a son, died in infancy, second, a daughter, died in infancy, Broadus, Debraugh, Weyman, Blanche, Leo Knight, Henry DeBard, Annie Belle, tenth born, a daughter, died in infancy, and Thomas Jefferson. This family was reared near Fountain Inn, South Carolina. Sara DeBard Farrow, died Nov. 15, 1915 and was buried at New Harmony church cemetery, Laurens Co., South Carolina. Her husband preceded her in death in 1908, and was buried beside his wife. They both were of high Christian character.

Children of Monty T. and Mary DeBard Westmoreland, and as stated before, there was only one child.

Cora Maude, born May 31, 1870, married Loran Balcombe of Spartanburg County, South Carolina, (name of his parents not available,) and to this union there were four children, namely—Daisy Estell, Thomas Grady, Andrew Howard and Pratt. Cora Westmoreland Balcombe died May 26, 1895. Her husband married again and died some years ago.

CHILDREN OF JAMES ALFRED AND ELLIOTT
ROBERTS DeBARD

Gordon, died in infancy.

Daisy Dale, born May 26, 1879, died Jan. 8, 1897, age 18.

Wylie Clyde, born Sept. 3, 1881, died Jan. 22, 1908, age

27. He never married.

Sebern Clay, born June 11, 1883, married Kathryn Irene Will, of Columbus, Ga. Jan. 12, 1935. They have one child, Ann Ferebee Wills, age 11. Sebern Clay and family now living at Fountain Inn, South Carolina, where he has for the past 21 years been engaged in the insurance business; served as alderman and clerk of his town for a term of two years, and was re-elected and resigned.

Maisy Mae, born May 16, 1885, married Frank W. Welborn, son of D. F. and Mary Gilliland Welborn of Laurens County, South Carolina, and to this union there was one child, Nona Oree. Frank W. Welborn and his wife now living at Fountain Inn, South Carolina, where he has been engaged in the banking, farming and fertilizer business for the past 29 years.

James Elliott, born June 19, 1888, married Lillie Helen Curry, daughter of Lewis S. and Mary Adams Curry of Laurens County, South Carolina, and to this union there were two children, namely—Mary Carolyn and Hazel Elliott. James Elliott and family now living at Fountain Inn, South Carolina, where he is engaged in the mercantile and filling station business.

CHILDREN OF JAMES ALFRED AND ELLIOTT
WOFFARD DeBARD

Winifred Davis, born April 17, 1893, married Frank R. Holden of Greensboro, North Carolina, (name of his parents not available), and to this union there were three children, namely—Franklin DeBard, Thomas Whitted and Shirley Jean. Frank R. Holden died Aug. 23, 1942, at Monroe, La., where Winifred DeBard Holden and children now live.

Ora Oree, a daughter, died in infancy.

Nancy Elizabeth, born June 2, 1897, married J. Gibbon Armstrong, son of Luther B. and Lena Owens Armstrong of Laurens County, South Carolina, and to this union there were six children, namely—James Robert, Jack Bernard, Mary Elizabeth, Edith, Nancy Rebecca and Jerry Alfred. J. Gibbon Armstrong and family now living at Fountain Inn, South Carolina, where he is now serving on the police force.

George Thomas, born April 24, 1900, unmarried, now living at Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

CHILDREN OF SEBERN CLAY AND KATHRYN
WILLS DeBARD

Ann Ferebee Wills, age 11.

CHILDREN OF FRANK W. AND MAISY
DeBARD WELBORN

Nona Oree, born April 11, 1913, married Carroll D. Putman of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, (name of his parents not available), have no children, and are now living at Greenville, South Carolina.

CHILDREN OF JAMES ELIOTT AND LILLIE
CURRY DeBARD

Mary Carolyn, born Nov. 14, 1915, married Robert Lindle White of Windfield, La., (name of his parents not available), and to this union there is one child, Robert Lindle, Jr. They are now living at Greenville, South Carolina.

Hazel Elliott, born Jan. 7, 1920. Unmarried, and now living with her parents at Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

CHILDREN OF FRANK R. AND WINIFRED
DeBARD HOLDEN

Franklin DeBard, born 1914, died 1923, age 9.

Thomas Whitted, born April 11, 1917, married a girl at Monroe, La., in 1942. He is now serving in the Air Corp with U. S. Army in England.

Shirley Jeane, born Dec. 6, 1928, and living with her mother at Monroe, La.

CHILDREN OF J. GIBBON AND NANCY
DeBARD ARMSTRONG

James Robert, born Aug. 4, 1917, unmarried, now living at

Laurens, South Carolina, employed by an Undertaker establishment.

Jack Bernard, born April 27, 1919, unmarried, now a sergeant in the U. S. Army and stationed at Augusta, Ga.

Mary Elizabeth, born March 27, 1921, married Hovey Murk Gault of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, son of Hovey N. and Jennie Lockman Gault. Now in the medical corp, U. S. Army, stationed in Florida.

Edith, born May 31, 1922, unmarried, now living with her parents at Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Nancy Rebecca, born Dec. 9, 1929, age 12.

Jerry Alfred, born Oct. 4, 1931, age 11.

CHILDREN OF JEFFERSON MARION AND SARA DeBARD FARROW

First born, a son, died in infancy.

Second born, a daughter, died in infancy.

Broadus, born May 23, 1886, married Maggie Young of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, (name of her parents not available), and to this union there were twelve children, namely—Marion Loys, Loyd LeRoy, Frederic Leon, Robert Lewis, Broadus Levi, Joseph Leith, Margaret Leona, Leo Jackson, William Henry Leslie, Lawrence Bruce, Harry Lee, and Mary Louise. Maggie Young Farrow died March 29, 1927, and was buried at Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Broadus Farrow married the second time Dec. 8, 1928, to Mollie Kellett of Greenville County, South Carolina. No children. He and his family now live near Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Debraugh, born Sept. 21, 1887, married Samuel B. Thomason of Greenville County, South Carolina, (name of his parents not available), and to this union there were eight children, namely—Ruth Elizabeth, Ruby Louise, Mattie Belle, Bernice, Samuel Vesta, Geneva Loucile, Leo Bartlett and Blanche Rebecca. Samuel B. and Debraugh Thomason now living near Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Weyman, born July 5, 1889, married, (name of his wife and her parents not available), now living in New York City.

Blanche, born Dec. 14, 1891, married and had one child, lived at Savannah, Ga. some years. died March 19, 1942, and was buried at Savannah, Ga.

Leo Knight, born Jan. 3, 1893. Was a sergeant in World War I, died of pneumonia in France, was buried at New Harmony church cemetery, Laurens County, South Carolina.

Henry DeBard, born June 7, 1895, also served in World War I, now living in New York City.

Annie Belle, born Dec. 7, 1897, married Erskin L. Clardy of Laurens Co., So. Carolina, (name of his parents not available), and to this union there were three children, namely—Helen Elizabeth, Henry Jefferson and Clara Belle. This family now living at Greenville, South Carolina.

Tenth born, a daughter, died in infancy.

Thomas Jefferson, born July 15, 1900, married, (name of his wife and parents not available), they have two children and are now living in New York City. As stated before, Sara DeBard Farrow died Nov. 15, 1915.

CHILDREN OF LORAN AND CORA WESTMORELAND BALCOMBE

Daisy Estell, born June 17, 1888, married William Wesley Peden, (record of his parents not available), of Laurens Co., So. Carolina, and to this union there was one child, John Wesley. William Peden and wife now living near Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Thomas Grady, born May 8, 1890, married Madiline Weisner of Laurens Co., South Carolina, (record of her parents not available), and to this union there were four children, namely—Grace Hazel, Nona Elizabeth, Thomas Grady and Weyman Franklin. Thomas Grady married again and is now living at Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Andrew Howard, born June 3, 1893, married Nannie Campbell of Greenville Co., So. Carolina, (record of her parents not available), and to this union there were two children, namely—William Bruce and Wayne Howard. This family now living near Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Pratt, born May 17, 1895, married Grace Peden of Laurens Co., So. Carolina, (record of her parents not available), and to this union there was one child, Robert Loran. This family now living near Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

CHILDREN OF BROADUS, (SON OF SARA DeBARD
FARROW) AND MAGGIE YOUNG FARROW

Marion Loys, born Nov. 18, 1906, married a girl in Missouri, (name not available), they have one child, Mary Alice. Marion Loys entered the U. S. Army in 1926, is now a First Lieutenant, in field artillery serving overseas.

Loyd LeRoy, born April 16, 1908, married a girl in Washington, D. C., (name not available), they have one child, Mary Margaret. He entered the U. S. Army in 1942, and is a corporal, stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Frederic Leon, born Oct. 26, 1909, married Flora Stewart of Fountain Inn, So. Carolina, (record of her parents not available), and there were two children from this union, Kenneth Leon and Larry Joe. Frederic Leon served four years in the U. S. Navy, 1926-1930, and died Oct. 21, 1942, at Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Robert Louis, born April 16, 1911, married Eva Elizabeth Graydon, (record of her parents not available). They have two children, James Broadus and Margaret Elizabeth, and are now living near Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Broadus Levi, a son, died in infancy.

Joseph Leith, born Feb. 5, 1915, married Jacolyn Montgomery, native of Virginia, have one son, Joseph Leith, Jr. Joseph Leith entered the U. S. Army in 1935, now stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Margaret Leona, born Aug. 9, 1917, now living with her parents near Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Leo Jackson, born June 24, 1919, entered the U. S. Army Sept. 1941. Rank—Second Lieutenant, stationed at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

William Henry Leslie, born Feb. 5, 1922, now a student at Clemson College, is a corporal in R.O.T.C.

Lawrence Bruce, born July 20, 1923, now living with his parents near Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Harry Lee, born March 13, 1925, now living with his parents.

Mary Louise, born Nov. 22, 1926, now living with her parents. Maggie Young Farrow, born Jan. 18, 1889, died March 29, 1927, buried at Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

CHILDREN OF DEBRAUGH, (DAUGHTER OF SARA
DeBARD FARROW) AND SAMUEL B. THOMASON

First born, died in infancy.

Ruby Louise, born Nov. 12, 1909, married William Fred Melton, son of Milledge Melton of Greenville, So. Carolina, and three children were born to this union, namely—Carolyn Louise, William Earl and Joyce. The latter two died in infancy. This family now living near Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Mattie Belle, born Oct. 1911, married Clarence Walker Smith of Greenville, Co., So. Carolina, (record of his parents not available), and to this union there were four children, namely—Margaret Elizabeth, Francis Jean, Robert Walker and Leo Donald. This family now living near Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Bernice, died in infancy.

Samuel Vesta, died in infancy.

Geneva Loucile, died in infancy.

Leo Bartlett, born Oct. 17, 1923, married Mary Bess Barton of Greenville, So. Carolina in 1942.

Blanche Rebecca, died in infancy.

CHILDREN OF ERSKIN L. AND BELLE
FARROW CLARDY

Helen Elizabeth, born Jan. 10, 1918, unmarried, now living with her parents at Greenville, South Carolina.

Henry Jefferson, born April 22, 1920, unmarried, now living with his parents.

Clara Belle, born Nov. 14, 1923, married Joseph Clayton Bannister of Anderson Co., So. Carolina, now living at Greenville, South Carolina. No children.

O, WHY SHOULD THE SPIRIT OF MORTAL
BE PROUD?

"O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?
Like a swift-fleeting meteor, a fast-flying cloud:
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,
Man passes from life to his rest in the grave.

The leaves of the oak and the willow shall fade,
Be scattered around and together be laid;
And the young and the old, and the low and the high,
Shall moulder to dust and together shall lie.

The infant a mother attended and loved,
The mother that infant's affection who proved;
The husband that mother and infant who blessed,
Each, all, are away to their dwellings of rest.

The maid on whose cheek, on whose brow, in whose eye,
Shone beauty and pleasure—her triumphs are by;
And the memory of those who loved her and praised,
Are alike from the minds of the living erased.

The hand of the king that the scepter hath borne;
The brow of the priest that the mitre hath worn;
The eye of the sage and the heart of the brave,
Are hidden and lost in the depth of the grave.

The peasant, whose lot was to sow and to reap;
The herdsman, who climbed with his goats up the steep;
The beggar, who wandered in search of his bread,
Have faded away like the grass that we tread.

The saint who enjoyed the communion of Heaven,
The sinner who dared to remain unforgiven;
The wise and the foolish, the guilty and the just,
Have quietly mingled their bones in the dust.

So the multitude goes, like the flower or the weed
That withers away to let others succeed;
So the multitude comes, even those we behold,
To reap every tale that has often been told.

For we are the same that our fathers have been :
We see the same sights that our fathers have seen ;
We drink the same stream and view the same sun,
And run the same course our fathers have run.

The thoughts we are thinking our fathers would think ;
From the death we are shrinking our fathers would shrink ;
To the life we are clinging they also would cling,
But it speeds for us all like a bird on the wing.

They lived, but the story we cannot unfold ;
They scorned, but the heart of the haughty is cold ;
They grieved, but no wail from their slumbers will come ;
They joyed, but the tongue of their gladness is dumb.

They died—aye ! they died ; and we things that are now,
Who walk on the turf that lies over their brow ;
Who make in their dwelling a transient abode,
Meet the things that they met on their pilgrimage road.

Yea ! hope and despondency, pleasure and pain,
We mingle together in sunshine and rain ;
And the smiles and the tears, and the song and the dirge,
Shall follow each other, like surge upon surge.

'Tis the wink of an eye ; 'tis the draught of a breath,
From the blossom of health to the paleness of death ;
From the gilded saloon to the bier and the shroud—
O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud ?”

—William Knox.

The above poem was included at the request of Sebern Clay DeBard who, I suspect, after writing some genealogy, so much of which is birth and death, was impressed by the tragedy of this endless procession from the cradle to the grave, which this poem so beautifully describes.

The writer's wife, Mrs. Myrtle DeBard, almost sixty years ago, as a school girl in Kansas, was her school's best elocutionist and this poem was one of her favorite readings.

It used to be the practice in district schools to devote Friday afternoon to declamations, dialogues and spelling matches.

It is said that these verses were repeated by Abraham

Lincoln on the 22nd day of March, 1864 to Frank B. Carpenter;
Mr. Lincoln remarking at the time that he had committed
them to memory while a young man, but had never known the
author.

HISTORY AND LINEAGE OF JESSE DeBARD AND RHODA WARD DeBARD LITTLE HOWARD

JESSE DeBARD (De board), born in Virginia, 1760. Nothing more is known of his history prior to his marriage to RHODA WARD, in Wilkes County, North Carolina in the year 1790.

In the year 1803 he and his wife emigrated to Kentucky afoot, coming by way of Cumberland Gap and settled in Montgomery County and at that time Morgan Station. After living here some number of years, Jesse DeBard started back to visit his old home in North Carolina. His wife received no letter from him, as in those days there were no mails and communication was very difficult, depending upon persons traveling from one state to another. After the lapse of a year or so, she heard that he had died.

Following is the life history of Rhoda Ward.

RHODA HOWARD

One Hundred and Eighteen Years Old, and Hale and Hearty.

Her trip through the wilderness to Kentucky eighty years ago—her husbands and her children—living through four American wars, and conversant with all—a remarkable case of longevity and preservation.

Correspondence of the enquirer.

Owingsville, Kentucky, February 23, 1884.

On the waters of Slate Creek, about six miles southwest of the town of Owingsville, Bath County, Kentucky, lives Mrs. Rhoda Howard, who is doubtless the most remarkable instance of longevity in the state, or perhaps in the United States. Unlike most of the alleged centenarians, her age is established by the most incontestable proof.

Mrs. Rhoda Howard was born in Wilkes County, North Carolina, in December, 1767. Her maiden name was Ward, and she married Mr. Jesse Deboard in her native County and State in the year 1790. By this marriage she had three children—Wesley, Washington, and Franklin. In 1803 she, with her

husband, emigrated to Kentucky afoot, coming by way of Cumberland Gap, and settled in Montgomery County, near where she now resides, and at that time Morgan Station. After living here several years, her husband, Jesse Deboard, started to visit his old home in North Carolina, leaving his wife and family behind. After the lapse of a year or so the lady heard that her husband was dead, although she received no letter from him, as in those days there were no mails and communication was very difficult, depending upon persons traveling from one state to another. Thus hopelessly waiting and watching for him for several years she concluded he was dead. She married again, and this time to Mr. Henry Little, by whom she had two children—John and Julia Ann—the latter now a very old lady, living in the town of Owingsville, the wife of Mr. J. W. Countz. Her second husband died, and she married Mr. James Howard, a revolutionary soldier. He died in Bath Co., the old lady says, so long ago that she has forgotten the time. She is now drawing a pension from the United States Government as the widow of a Revolutionary soldier, James Howard.

When her interviewer rode up to her house and hallooed she came to the door, asked him in, and when he had done so she proffered him a seat. She soon impressed him as a very remarkable woman and the oldest-looking person he had ever seen. She is tall and spare, about five feet nine inches in height, stands erect, not stooping as old people usually do; has a Roman nose and dark piercing eyes. Her hair is white as snow; her complexion sallow, and she is lively, active and talkative. She sweeps her own room, and eats with the rest of the family. She lost her teeth many years ago, and one of her eyes has failed, but she says she can see as well out of the other as ordinary people. At present she is living with her two sons, Washington and Franklin, the former of whom is seventy-five and the latter seventy-four years old. She said she had always enjoyed good health, and never taken medicine except in a short illness in the year of 1889; that she had led a very active life; had worked very hard in her younger days, and undergone many hardships and privations.

She continued, saying that the people of this generation know nothing of how people used to live, of what they endured and suffered; but she believed that the people then were happier and more hospitable than the people of this day. She dis-

played several articles manufactured by her own hands when a young woman. She has a pair of hand-cards upon which she has carded many pounds of cotton and wool. She requested a pipe of tobacco, and when supplied she sat in the corner by her bright wood-fire and smoked and chatted away merrily. She replied to a question that she had been smoking since she was sixteen years old; that she began it as a remedy for phthisis; and in this connection she related a superstitious custom prevalent among the people of that day, as follows: The way phthisis in children was cured was to take the child into the woods, stand it up against a tree, and, placing an auger on top of the head, bore a hole in the tree, and then take a lock of hair from the child's head, insert it in the auger hole and drive a wooden pin in it, and if the child outgrew the tree it would get well, but if the tree outgrew the child it would never recover. Here is a woman who has used tobacco for a hundred years. What is to become of the theory of those who rail against the use of the weed?

Mrs. Howard is a remarkable woman in many respects; although she is one hundred and eighteen years old, she still possesses all her faculties. She is the connecting link between the last and present centuries. She was nine years old when the bell of Independence Hall, in Philadelphia proclaimed Liberty throughout this land; she was born the same year that George Washington visited the eastern portion of this State, and made surveys along the Big Sandy River; she was . . .

Rest of record is lost.

To them were born three children: Wesley, Washington, and Franklin.

WESLEY—while still a young man went west and nothing whatsoever is known about him or his descendants, if any, so that is a missing link in our history that is yet to be solved, if ever.

FRANKLIN—the youngest, never married and died in Owingsville, Kentucky, about the year 1885.

WASHINGTON—the date of birth unknown, was married to Nancy Basey about the year 1832, settling on a farm in Decatur County, Indiana. They had seven children, as follows: Andrew Jackson, Sarah, William Franklin, Mary, Margaret, Louisa, and Martin.



Mr. and Mrs. J. Andrew DeBard.
Taken 1897 while in Kansas State Legislature.
Parents: Mrs. Grace Moyer.
James Andrew DeBard and Minnie Keopple.



William F. DeBard and wife, Sarah Ellen Smith DeBard.
Union Soldier in Civil War. Died Feb. 24, 1914. Age 76 years.

Following is the history of the children of Washington and Nancy Basey DeBard:

I. ANDREW JACKSON—born Sept. 10, 1834, died Nov. 26, 1909. Married Martha A. Brown Aug. 24, 1850, who was born Mar. 20, 1840 and died Feb. 24, 1888. They had two children:

1. MARY VIOLA—born Sept 25, 1875, Indiana, and died Feb. 4, 1876.

2. JAMES ANDREW—born Oct. 14, 1860, Indiana, and died July 31, 1938. He married Minnie Keopple Feb. 13, 1887, who was born Mar. 9, 1868, Iowa. They had:

a. GILBERT LAWRENCE—born Aug. 14, 1888 in Kansas. He married Rose Taylor Oct. 13, 1913. They had Gilbert L. born April 8, 1916, in Seattle; Bonnie Jeanne, born July 29, 1918 in Yakima, Wash.; and Gilbert Lawrence was married the second time to Mary Chambers and a son was born to them, George Lawrence, Feb. 21, 1935, in Arkansas.

b. CLINTON—born Feb. 1890, in Kansas. He married Ethel Williams July 10, 1939. No children.

c. GRACE—born Mar. 1, 1892, in Kansas, and married George E. Moyer June 21, 1917. They had: Marianna born June 14, 1919, in Seattle and married Leroy Marschke, April 11, 1940; had a son, Lynn, born Feb. 29, 1941 in Seattle; George William born Sept. 21, 1921, Portland, Oregon; Robert Allan, born Mar. 27, 1924, Yakima.

d. JAMES RUSSELL—born Dec. 6, 1893, Kansas. He married Virginia Carroll July 1928; had Carolyn Virginia born Feb. 23, 1935, Seattle.

e. MAURICE VICTOR—born Nov. 22, 1895, Kansas, and married Dallas Booth Aug. 8, 1920. They had Barbara Joyce born Aug. 14, 1927, in Seattle; and Richard Wayne born Sept. 1930, in Seattle, Washington.

f. KAY IVA—born Jan. 30, 1897, Kansas and married Clarence Rector Hall, Dec. 25, 1922. To them were born: Jordan (Jack) June, 1927, Berkeley, Calif.; and Anne Lewellen, Nov. 2, 1932, in Berkeley.

g. BERNICE LUELLA—born Dec. 29, 1899, Kansas and married Samuel I. Cunningham Nov. 3, 1927. To them were born: Lee, Aug. 20, 1937 in Seattle.

II. SARAH—born 1836, married Christopher Phillips in 1856, and had three children:

1. CHARLOTTE, unknown.
2. WILLIS, unknown
3. GEORGE, deceased.

III. WILLIAM FRANKLIN—born 1836 in Decatur County, Ind., married Sarah Ellen Smith, Oct. 20, 1865. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War—died Feb. 24, 1914, age 76 years. Sarah Ellen died March 13, 1925 at the age of 86 years. They had nine children:

1. NANCY ELLEN—born Aug. 31, 1867, and died July 2, 1895. She married Oliver Edrington Dec. 21, 1887 and had three children:

- a. MABLE FERN, born Oct. 15, 1888, married Fortner McDonald April 10, 1910 and had three boys; Thomas Morton, Loren, and Roger Marion.

- b. TRESSIE, born Dec. 19, 1892 and died Jan 11, 1893.

- c. ANSEL RUSHTON, born June 11, 1893 and married Maud Chamness, Nov. 19, 1914. They had eight children: Donald Murrey, Merlin, Earnest, Virginia Ellen, Calvin, Ruth Carolyn, Robert, and Russell.

2. IZORA MARGARET—born Feb. 13, 1869, and married Fred Lanham, July 29, 1926.

3. CLINTON C.—born Nov. 26, 1870, Tipton Co., Ind., married Gertrude Miller, Jan. 21, 1894. They had four children.

- a. MINNIE MYRTLE, born March 11; died Aug. 27, 1895.

- b. MARY LETHA, born June 16, 1896, married Hazael Blackwell, June 12, 1928. They had one child, Harold Blackwell, born April 27, 1930.

- c. LESTER SHIRLEY, born June 25, 1900, Boone Co., Ind., married Josephine Rubino July 2, 1933.

- d. RUTH EDNA, born Nov. 23, 1911, married Chester Languel, Oct. 14, 1933. They had two boys—Jerry Lee, born May 27, 1936 and Jimmie Dale, born August 1, 1939.

4. THOMAS LEWIS—born Oct. 29, 1872, Tipton Co., Ind., married Jane Billingsly, Feb. 25, 1894. They had five children:

- a. BERTHA ETHEL—born Jan. 5, 1895, Ind.

- b. OAKLE MARIE—born May 4, 1898, Ind. died Apr. 27, 1909.

c. HARRY ROBERT—born Sept. 27, 1902, Ind., and married Josephine Bott, Nov. 20, 1931. They had three girls: Janet Marie, born Oct. 18, 1932; Harriet Rose, born Oct. 20, 1934, and Nancy Ellen, born March 16, 1938. James Russell, April 7, 1944.

d. ANSEL RAYMOND—born July 21, 1904, Mich., married June Reynolds, June 20, 1932. They had three boys: Thomas Reynolds, born Nov. 26, 1935, Mich.; John Raymond, born Nov. 26, 1935, Mich., and Robert Bruce, born June 3, 1937, Mich.

e. WILBUR FRANKLIN—born Feb. 14, 1913, Mich. married Jane Urschel, April 24, 1937. They had one child, Patricia Jane, born Feb. 7, 1939.

5. RHODA LEONA—born Oct. 29, 1875.

6. AMANDA EMMA—born Dec. 8, 1877.

7. JAMES BLAINE—born April 11, 1880, Ind. married Jessie Sharp Aug. 20, 1902. They had nine children:

a. LELAND CLAY—born Oct. 26, 1903, Ind. married Marjorie Kirk, 1924. They had one child, Robert Norman, born Dec. 19, 1924. Leland C. married the second time to Edith Endicott and had a son, Don Alvin, born May 1, 1939.

b. RUSSELL FENTON—born June 11, 1905, Boone Co., Indiana.

c. ROBERT EBURN—born Feb. 24, 1907, died Oct. 10, 1907.

d. DORIS LEONA—born April 16, 1908, married Kenneth Kernodle May 8, 1934 and had one child Nancy Jeanne, born Dec. 6, 1941.

e. CLARICE ELLEN—born March 17, 1910, married E. R. Clouse, Dec. 29, 1939 and had one child, James Burton, born Jan. 14, 1942.

f. ANNABELL—born Dec. 1, 1912.

g. JAMES VOIL—born March 9, 1915, died March 22, 1915.

h. ORAN WENDEL—born March 16, 1916 and married Mary Lou Sparks Nov. 12, 1937. They had one child, Jacqueline Ann, born March 16, 1939.

i. WAYNE LAWRENCE—born Sept. 14, 1917, married Mary Catherine Paddock, June 29, 1939, and had one child, Judith Carol, born June 17, 1940.

8. ETHEL LOVINA—born April 5, 1883.

9. WILLIAM GLENN—born Feb. 7, 1886, died Oct. 5, 1886

IV. MARY—born 1839, married Geo. Turner about the year 1867. They had one child:

GEORGE JR., born about the year 1864, and married Nannie Bowhn in the year 1896. They had three boys:

- a. BOWHN, born in Greensburg Decatur Co., Ind.
- b. FRANCIS, born in Greensburg Decatur Co., Ind.
- c. FLOYD, born in Greensburg Decatur Co., Ind.

V. MARGARET—born July 9, 1841, died in Jan. 1915, married William Rightnour in Tipton Co., Indiana, March 2, 1863. They had 5 children:

1. FRANK—born Feb. 2, 1864, never married; died July 1, 1934.

2. ALBERT—born Aug. 23, 1867, married Janie Wilhete Nov. 2, 1904. They had one son:

a. LLOYD, born June 27, 1908; married Hazel Wright, Sept. 20, 1933. They had one child: Everett, born Sept. 11, 1934.

3. EMMA—born January 30, 1869; died Feb. 17, 1929, married Isaac Isenbarger Dec. 26, 1896. They had three children:

a. CORMILLES G., born April 11, 1899; married Mary Percy Dec. 28, 1926. To them were born Carl J. on July 30, 1928, and Mary Helen on February 9, 1930.

b. RUTH D., born Oct. 12, 1903; married Paul Bowman June 21, 1924, and had three children: Harold Eugene, born August 3, 1926; Betty Low, born March 24, 1928; and Carol Everett born August 20, 1929.

c. GLADYS MARIE, born Nov. 3, 1906; married Warren McCafferty June 1, 1923 and had Robert Warren born Aug. 4, 1924; Bonnie Lee born May 28, 1931; and Sue Ann, born April 3, 1943.

4. ELIZABETH—born May 20, 1872; married Sef Needham 1902. There were no children born to this union.

5. SADIE—born March 3, 1875; married Elias F. Plew Oct. 15, 1896. To them were born:

a. GLADYS, born Nov. 2, 1897; married Paul Homelin, Oct. 27, 1935.

b. FLOYD LEON, born Nov. 14, 1903; married Gladys Moore April 30, 1938.

Margaret's second marriage was to Wesley Beck and to this union there was one child, Minta, born June 16, 1882. She married Millard Shelley and they became the parents of nine children.

VI. LOUISA—born June 9, 1848; died Oct. 29, 1915; married Joseph Sering. They had the following children:

1. EVA—born Nov. 27, 1867; died May 9, 1927. She married first to Edward Duckworth. (Eva later married Daniel Callahan who died in summer of 1914). Eva and Edward Duckworth had three children:

a. ROBERT, not married; now living in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

b. KATE, married Mr. Woody, now living in Crawfordsville. They had Miles Frederick and James Kyle.

c. MABEL, married Mr. Dickerson; living at LaFayette, Indiana. One son was born, Leroy also living in LaFayette.

2. JOHN R.—born Feb. 29, 1869; married Myrtle Lytle March 15, 1890. The following children were born:

a. ERNEST L., born May 7, 1891; married to Mamie Shepherd in Dec. 1916. They are the parents of nine children: Walter, Rolland, Estella, Wanda, Dewey, James, Gerry, Lois and Nadine. The two oldest girls are married and Estella has two sons: Walter a Sgt. in the Engineering Division, and Rolland is in the Air Corps. The rest are at home and live in East Peoria, Illinois.

b. GRACE PEARL, born June 28, 1894; married to John Wesley Young in Sept. 1912. To them were born: Russell, Aug. 12, 1913, now married and living in Indianapolis with three small sons: Imogene Delores, Oct. 25, 1918, married to Allen Turk and have a young son and live in Indianapolis. (John Wesley Young died in Oct. 1934, and Grace remarried August, 1935, to George Conner of Indianapolis where they now reside.)

c. MINNIE HAZEL, born Dec. 14, 1898; married Owen E. Kincaid, Sept. 4, 1925. To them were born the following children: David Arlie, May 11, 1927; Elizabeth Ann, February 4, 1929; and Robert, July 14, 1932. They reside in Crawfordsville.

d. GLADYS ELEANOR, born January 10, 1903; married Peter Anglin in June, 1919. To them were born Mary

Catherine, Dorothy Lucille, Donald Ray, and Junior. Both girls are married and each has two children. Donald is in the Coast Guard and Junior is in the Army. Gladys was married again, after separation from first husband, to Frank Hamilton in 1927 and to them were born Shirley, Maxine, Richard and Eleanor Kay. They reside in Bartonville, Illinois.

3. EDWARD—born Feb. 28, 1870. He never married and died July 8, 1923.

4. PERRY—born Dec. 20, 1873, died Oct. 18, 1940; married Berniece Hanley Feb. 6, 1909. They had: Genevieve B. born Dec. 4, 1910; married Lloyd Widener and have one daughter, Sharon; Milo P. born Feb. 7, 1912, and now resides in LaFayette, Indiana.

5. MINNIE—born Jan. 1875 and died in Jan. 1899.

6. ELLA—born Jan. 5, 1879; married Byron Sweeney and to them was born one son, Sherman, who died in infancy.

7. JAMES L.—born Jan. 1, 1880. He married a girl by the name of Florence and to them was born one daughter, Waneta, who is now married and resides in Chicago. James joined the U. S. Army during the first World War and has not been heard from since, so is presumed dead.

8. HARRY—born Jan. 1, 1887 and died Feb. 1891.

9. BESSIE DEE—born May 1, 1885; married first to Harry Miller and to them was born:

a. DANIEL, who died in infancy.

She was later married three times; first to Frank Rutan, then to Edgar Brown, and last to Evan Smith. She is now Mrs. E. F. Smith and resides in Ashland, Oregon.

10. WALTER—born Oct. 6, 1889. He went out west in about 1909 or 1910 and corresponded with home folks at intervals until after the death of his mother in 1915. He has not been heard from since, so is believed dead.

VII. MARTIN—youngest son, born 1844; married Caroline Davis and had two sons:

1. LUKE—deceased.

2. WILLIAM EMMONS, born Nov. 4, 1870; married Amie Jane Broshar Mar. 4, 1897. They had four children:

a. ROY BASIL, born Feb. 6, 1898; married Ruby Myrtle Cox Jan. 12, 1924. They had one child, Martha Jane, born June 23, 1929.

b. EARL FRANKLIN, born Oct. 30, 1901; married Gladys Dooley, April 16, 1927.

c. CARL, born July 29, 1904; married Eunice Barringer June 9, 1928. They had two children: Robert Lee, born May 23, 1929 and Harriet Ann, born April 6, 1938.

d. MARY CATHERINE, born Sept. 24, 1912.

END OF JESSIE LINE.

At first I considered it a duty to write this history, but as it has proceeded, I have experienced a real pleasure in following the lives of our ancestors. They were Huguenots and pioneers in America. Pioneering is a very noble occupation, but a very poor business, as my own life attests.

And now as I reach the close of this history, I shall not say "The End" but "Au Revoir", and if we do not meet again, I hope some future member of the family will continue this story which shall be a history always in the telling, but never told.

(s) Alfred DeBard Sr.

POSTHUMOUS

Alfred DeBard Sr. died August 22, 1943, Sunday at 4 p. m., age 83 years. He was at work in his lovely garden on the ranch at Vista when he suffered a slight stroke on May 15. He and wife were visiting at their only daughter's, Mrs. Helen Rolph, at Inglewood, California, when he had a second stroke and was ordered to bed on June 1st by his doctor. He was finally taken to a sanitarium in Los Angeles on July 11th. Good nursing and medical care were given him. His wife was by his bedside when the end came.

He loved life and hoped to live much longer, but was not afraid to die and re-affirmed his faith several times during his last illness. He was laid to rest in the Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, California.

The ranch was sold during his illness and his widow lives at Inglewood in a cottage near the daughter.