

**THE EDMINSTER FAMILY
IN AMERICA**

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INTRODUCTION

Origin of the Name

Most Edminsters who have an opinion on the matter believe their name is English in origin. The word "minster" means church or monastery or cathedral and stems from the Old English "mynster" and the Anglo-Saxon and German "minster" or "munster". The "Ed" could well have been a contraction from "East". Thus, the name might have meant "East Church", just as Westminster means "West Church". A few, particularly some among those who spell the name "Edmister", think that the origin was German, possibly deriving from something such as Edmeister, "meister" meaning "master".

I subscribed to the English origin opinion until I discovered (as a few others have too) that the first person of the family in America was a Scot, not an Englishman, and that he originally spelled his name "Edminsteire"! At least this was the spelling if we accept the references concerning his arrival in America as dependable on this point (2) (3) (4). Since we have nothing else to go on, and since this spelling would hardly seem to be a likely error of type-setting or manuscript writing, I have concluded that our ancestry is Scotch.

Another question arises: what do we mean by Scotch? If we mean Celtic, a serious question confronts us. Edminsteire does not look like a Celtic name. I attempted to run down this matter on a trip to Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1964. First, the Scottish Registry Office was visited to try to find some additional record of the John Edminsteire who was in the Scottish army at Dunbar in 1650 (See Part I). This proved futile as the records for this period are: 1) mostly lost due to wars and fires and decomposition of paper; 2) organized by parishes with no alphabetizing, making search extremely tedious and difficult; and, 3) largely illegible or undecipherable.

Next, the office of the Society for Scottish Genealogical Research was visited. None of their indexes revealed any genealogical information on any Edminsteires or Edminsters or any other name that could possibly be of the same family. Here, however, I did receive a comment that may be the solution to the dilemma. The lady in charge of the office made two observations: 1) that the name looked to be Continental, either French or a combination of French and German; and, 2) that a great many continentals, particularly French, came to Scotland with Mary, Queen of Scots nearly a hundred years before the time when John Edminsteire lived his early life in Scotland. Thus, it was suggested, the Edminsteire family may have been in Scotland only about three or four generations up to that time.

My last effort at Edinburgh was at the National Library of Scotland. No native Edminsters were found in their master index (two Americans were). Nor were any located in any reference volumes. And, finally, examination of all current telephone directories and available city directories failed to reveal any modern Edminsters (or other spellings) in all of the British Isles, including Eire.

Thus it appears that the trail of John Edminsteire's exact origin is lost forever and that none of his family remained in Britain to modern times.

In the United States, the spelling of the name was soon changed after John's arrival in Boston. He apparently merely dropped the ending down to "er" although some other spellings of his name are on the records (See Part I). During Colonial days a number of spellings were entered into the records and several were evidently in use. Following are the spellings found in official records of one sort or another:

| | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Edminsteire | Edminster | Edmister | Edminister | Edmunster |
| Edmuster | Edmester | Edmenster | Edmaster | Edmanster |
| Edmster | Adminster | Admister | Administer | Edmeister |

Those known to be in use today (1965) are:

Edminster Edmister Edminister Edmester

All positive evidence and most of the circumstantial evidence indicates them all to be one family.

In this book, the last name has been spelled for each family head as found in the records and as in use by various branches of the family.

Some General Comment

Some years ago, about 1940, I was on a business trip in Boston. Having finished my work for the day on Beacon Hill, I started walking towards my hotel. Peering casually in windows and at buildings I was attracted to a sign, "New England Historical and Genealogical Society". It was an ancient building suggestive of its name. I thought to myself, "why not stop in and see if, perchance, they have some information on the Edminster family".

I had known little of my family history and had not been particularly curious about it. I knew who my first cousins and aunts and uncles were and a little about my grandparents. My father, who had died some years before, had told me some family lore. He understood that the origin of the Edminsters in America was three brothers who came from England a long time ago. But he really knew little about his ancestors. His father had been an aloof, uncommunicative man. Even his father's middle name was a secret - and I still have not learned what it was. Dad knew vaguely that his father had come to Brooklyn, New York from New England but he did not even know his grandparents' identities.

I soon wished that my father could have been with me that day in Boston. He would have been thrilled. For, within an hour, I had learned far more about the family than he ever knew. And I had my first insight into the mysteries of genealogy.

A pleasant little lady had greeted me when I entered the building and asked if she could be of service. She seemed, fittingly, to be of a character with the building and the subject, elderly, and with a slightly stooped and studious manner of one who had likely spent a lifetime poring

over musty books. She soon produced a number of name index volumes in which were listed a number of Edminsters. One of these references proved to contain a fairly complete record of my father's family for five generations - from his great-great-grandfather down to his own family.

Thus began my active search for the full Edminster story - an innocent little pause in a routine days work. It has proved to be a hobby of consuming interest for a quarter of a century. It has brought me in touch with more Edminsters, I am sure, than any other member of the family ever knew. It has been fascinating, at times exciting, often rewarding and frequently frustrating. Almost all of those I have actually met have been interested in the family history and have been cooperative. Many of those I have written but never met have not responded. But in time their stories have been revealed in most cases, even without their participation.

The Edminsters have been and are a rather typical American family, I would say - at least among those that have been in America a long time. In the early generations they were mostly farmers. In later generations they have been mainly skilled workers, business men and professional people. There have been a fair proportion of teachers, professors, scientists, engineers, doctors, lawyers, and so on. They have not produced any U. S. presidents, congressmen or supreme court judges. But many have achieved eminence in their fields, many have been local leaders, and, probably most significant, many were pioneers. From the middle of the seventeenth century on for over two hundred years they helped open up America to settlement. Successively, they cut and plowed farms out of forests and prairies in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, and California. They were never the very first in a state but they were never far behind the first ones.

As to worldly goods, many of the early pioneer Edminsters were extremely poor. They moved westward with their belongings on their backs or in covered wagons. They eked out an existence, in many cases, on farms that were not very productive. But some of the earliest members of the family in eastern Massachusetts achieved a high degree of economic respectability. Some had fine homes that were well appointed and some were substantial land holders. In later periods a few amassed substantial fortunes. There were even a couple or three millionaires. But none was able to establish a financial dynasty. They either lost their fortunes or they were inherited out of the family. Today we compose a segment of the great American "middle class".

Edminster men have generally been somewhat taller than average; at least, there have been very few short men; most have been from 5' 8" to six feet. Most interesting among physical characteristics is the facial feature, the "Edminster Roman nose". My father told me that it was prevalent in our line. Certainly he and his brother that I knew had it. In a letter of 5 January 1965 to me, Clarice Edminster Carson (See Part VI) commented on my photograph: "It was quite a shock for me to open your (letter) and except for a few subtle differences to see a picture of my father...These earlier Edminsters must have been strong, determined

men with strong genes to be able to pass them through generation after generation." Her father, Edward Everett Edminster, and I are about sixth "cousins", yet some physical evidence of common ancestry shows. This same characteristic is notable in modern representatives of other lines too, in particular, some descendents of Henry (Part III) and Noah (Part IV), as well as Zebedee (Part II) and John (Part VI).

A large number of Edminsters have inherited family lore about ancestors who came over on the Mayflower, about there being a family coat-of-arms, about there being titled Edminsters in England, and so on. There was no Edminster on the Mayflower. However, Edminsters in two lines married female descendents of Mayflower passengers. Hence, their offspring qualify as Mayflower descendents. For these, see Number 15 in Part V and Number 11 in Part X. Many of us are descended from men who came to Massachusetts between 1623 and 1640, all some years ahead of John Edminsteire. Specifically, these ancestors through marriage are: Henry Howland (Part III); Thomas Makepeace (Part I); Joseph Bemis (probably) (Part I); and (probably) Richard Paul (Part I).

There is no Edminster coat-of-arms. All published summaries of English and Scottish coats-of-arms have been examined. Further, Truman Edminster, of Houston, Texas, responded to an English firm's letter saying they could furnish such but they eventually returned his money and admitted they could not produce it. I received a similar notice once but chose to ignore it. It is virtually certain there never has been one.

No records of any English Edminsters have been found, let alone a titled one; nor any city nor island named Edminster has been identified in Britain..

One of the family reported seeing an Edminster Street in Edinburgh, Scotland. However, this was an error in observation for the city officials there confirm that there is not and never has been such. The one likely seen may have been Edminston Street, named after a different family.

There was a Pullman sleeping car named EDMINSTER, built in 1915. It was air-conditioned in 1929, one of the first to be so equipped. After 46 years of service, it was scrapped in 1961, according to a letter I received from the Pullman Company. They did not know why it was so named but guessed it was to honor "a location", as was true of most of the cars of its plan. However, while there have been Edminster schools and Edminster cemeteries, there has been only one very small hamlet named Edminster (near Tonganoxie, Kansas). It was not a likely candidate to have a Pullman car named after it.

Edminsters have been known to have lived in 41 of the 48 contiguous states. In 1965 there were family residents in at least 38 states.

Military Record

Among the exemplary characteristics of the Edminster family is its record in the military service of our country. I have searched out the records of those who fought in our first three wars: The Revolution, War of 1812, and the Civil War.

Seven served in the Revolution, including all but one of the males of the period who might have been eligible.

Six served in the War of 1812.

The Civil War saw twenty-four of our men in the service, all for the North. Six of them gave their lives in this struggle and almost all were wounded or hospitalized with dysentery, malaria or other disease. Almost all of them volunteered. In two families both father and sons fought.

The service and pension records of these men in the United States Archives have been very valuable in tracing their histories.

Pattern of Describing Lineage

The descendants of John Edminsteire of Scotland for three or four generations to the period from the Revolutionary War to 1790 are described in Part I. This is the early history. Then the ten lines of the family from that period to the present are described in Parts II to XII, except Part VII. Part VII is a special description of the complicated and somewhat indefinite situation concerning Joseph of Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York.

In all Parts other than I and VII a standard numbering procedure has been followed. For each family head an arabic number is assigned beginning with "1" for the progenitor. Each of his children, in order of their births, is given a number in small Roman figures. Also, his sons who became heads of families - that is, had children - also are given an arabic number, in order of their ages. These sons are listed among the children only by name and birth date. Their families are later described in the order in which their arabic numbers come up. The arabic numbers are in one series for all of the heads of families in each Part. Thus, one can follow from father to son and on down the line by going to each indicated number.

Each head of family has his ancestors from father back to grandfather and on to the progenitor of each Part listed in parentheses after his name. This makes it possible to work backwards in time from any man through his ancestral line.

If one wishes to number his full paternal lineage all the way back to John Edminsteire of Scotland, it is necessary to add the generations covered in Part I to those in the later, particular, Part. To illustrate: my granddaughter, Julia Edminster, is given as a child of her father, Steven Edminster, who is thus numbered:

Steven Allen Edminster (Frank Custer⁶⁻⁵, Franklin S.⁴,
James Arvine³, Zebedee²⁻¹).

Julia's line back to Zebedee would begin: Steve Allen⁷, Frank Custer⁶⁻⁵, etc. In order to continue her lineage it would be necessary to add Zebedee's forbears, namely, William, James D. and John D. Thus, Julia's full lineage back to John D. Edminsteire would read:

Julia Edminster (Steven Allen¹⁰, Frank Custer⁹⁻⁸,
Franklin S.⁷, James Arvine⁶, Zebedee⁵⁻⁴, William³,
James D.², John D.¹).

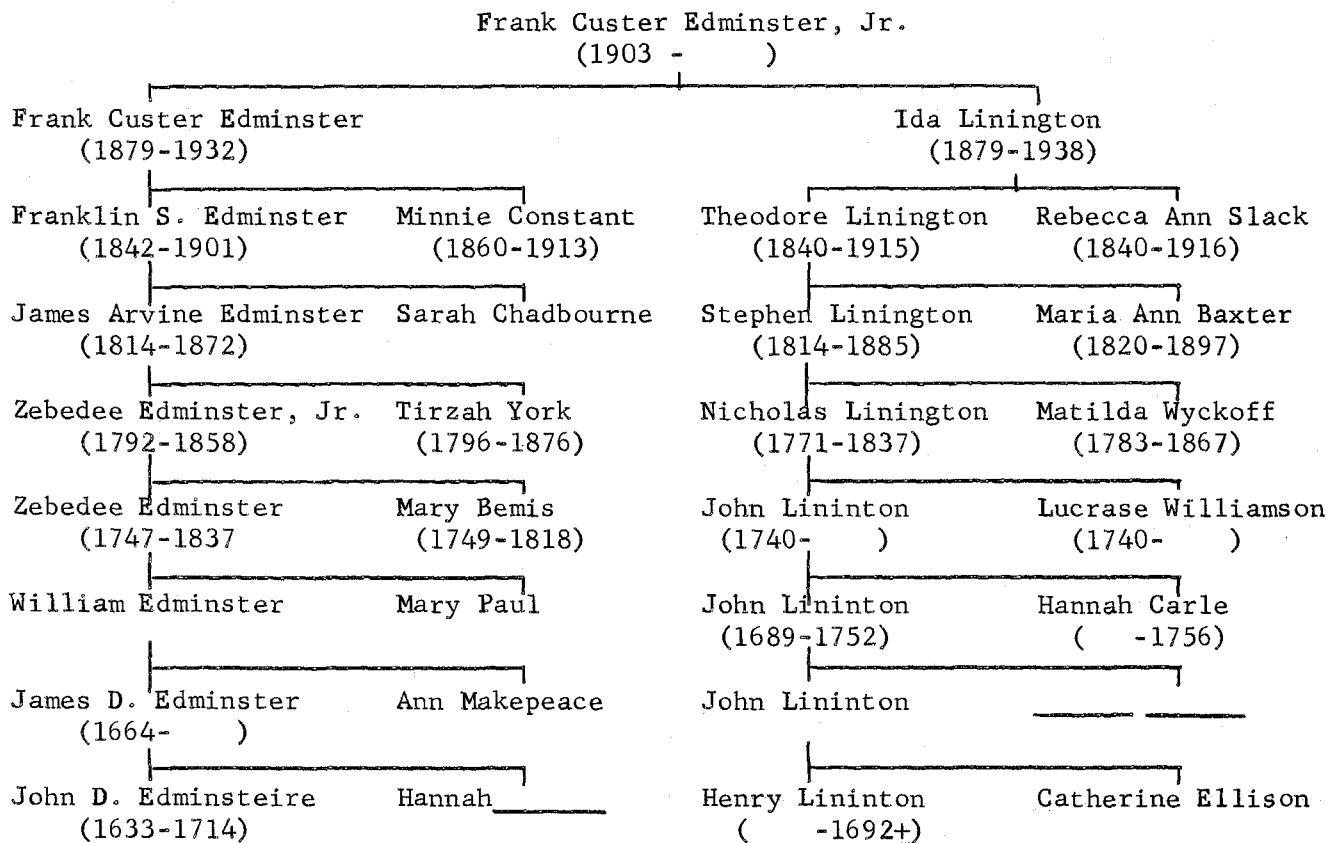
She is thus in the eleventh generation in America.

Information on daughters of Edminsters is given immediately after their name, including marriage and children as well as their birth date and place. Their descendents are generally given for only one generation. Their lines have not been pursued further in most cases for lack of time.

Citations from published records are indicated by a number in parentheses at the appropriate place in the text. These citations, or references, are listed according to number at the end of the book.

Most of the relationships and lineage described have been based on written records and correspondence and verbal information from those immediately concerned. However, some deductions have been made from circumstantial evidence. There may be, of course, errors here. Where the circumstances indicated a high degree of certainty, the adjective "probable" has been used. Where the evidence was less certain but with a substantial probability, "likely" has been used. In cases where the evidence was slim, "possible" has been used. Readers who discover errors in the book, or who have additional information, are requested to advise the author so that corrections and changes can be made in a later supplement.

Direct Lineage of the Author



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Part I. From 1652 through the Revolutionary War

First Generation in America

My father once told me that he had heard that the first Edminsters to arrive in America were three brothers who came to the Boston, Massachusetts area quite early. I was very young at the time and had little curiosity about our family history, such as I later developed. Other Edminsters have related this same story to me in subsequent years but it was not until 1963 that I found any written record to this effect. In a short biography of Reuben S. Edminster of Kansas (1) it states: "The family dates back in this country to three brothers who emigrated from England." No proof is given to support this statement. On a visit with Mrs. Annie Edminster Simpson and Mrs. Ida Edminster Hartford at Bangor, Maine in 1952, they said that they understood that the first Edminster here was a boy who stowed away on a boat from England to Massachusetts and that his name was Noah. I have found no records to substantiate these statements nor the variant that two of the three brothers returned to England. However, the earliest recorded Edminster of whom I know arrived by a means slightly resembling the stowaway idea.

A boat named the "John and Sara" sailed from London on or about 8 November 1651. Aboard were some 200 Scotch prisoners of the English consigned to a Mr. Charles Kemble of Charlestown. They arrived in Boston early in 1652 and among them was a John Edminsteire (2, 3, 4).

The prisoners were shipped by the freighters John Beex, Robert Rich, and William Greene of London by authority of an "...ordnance of Parliament dat 20th of October 1651". From the rest of this record it appears that these men were sent to the colony as "slaves...as a sort of banishment for their rebellion" They had been taken prisoners at the Battle of Dunbar, near Edinburgh, Scotland, September 3, 1650 when Cromwell defeated the Scots and took 10,000 prisoners. Accounts of this battle agree that it was a horrible one. "...the dead bodies of three thousand Scots strewed their native soil; and ten thousand prisoners...became the reward of the conquerors. Of the prisoners, 5100... being wounded, were dismissed to their homes, the other half were driven 'like turkeys' into England. Of these, 1600 died of a pestilential disease..." (5). Immediately after the battle, the prisoners were thrown into dungeons in a castle on Bass Island, just off the coast, the remains of which I observed on a visit to Scotland in 1964.

However, the colonists who acquired these men evidently were not very sympathetic to the slave status. The reference concludes with an excerpt from a letter to Lord General Cromwell from the Rev. John Cotton, as follows: "The Scots, whom God delivered into your hands at Dunbarre, and whereof sundry were sent hither, we have been desirous (as we could) to make their yoke easy. Such as were sick of the scurvy or other diseases have not wanted physick and chyrurgery. They have not been sold for slaves to perpetual servitude, but for 6 or 7 or 8 years, as we do our owne; and he that bought the most of them (I heare) buildeth houses for them, for every four an house, layeth some acres of

ground thereto, which he giveth them as their owne, requiring three dayes in the weeke to work for him (by turnes) and 4 days for themselves, and promiseth, as soon as they can repay him the money that he laid out for them, he will set them at liberty."

This account is in interesting contrast to the brief mention of this event in Lang's "History of England" (6): "Of Cromwell's prisoners many died of hunger or of dysentery caused by eating raw cabbages; the rest were sent to New England where they were well treated." Even as a slave, it appears that John was among the lucky ones.

John Edminsteire evidently had become free of obligation in a few years for in 1664, 12 years later, there is a record of a John and Hannah Edminster at Durham (Oyster River), New Hampshire (7). There may be some little question of assuming that these two Johns were the same person. First, there is the difference in spelling of the last name. Since name spelling commonly varied in those days, as we will observe as we proceed, it is not difficult to accept the change from Edminsteire to Edminster. No further records have been found with the spelling Edminsteire. The Durham record confuses the matter a little more for, after giving a reference "Edminster, John and Hannah, +26 and 22 in 1664. List 364", spells the name Edmanster in List 364. This list is a record of the settling of the estate of one Alexander Macdannel who had drowned. Among those who deposed that they had heard him call John Roy his only kinsman in this country were "John Edmanster +26" and "Hannah Edmanster +22". The +26 means that John was more or less 26 years old in 1664. If he were the same as the 1652 John, he would have been more or less 14 in 1652, a possible age for a prisoner captured two years earlier if he was more, more than less.

The next Edminster record is also of John (8). This tends to tie the three records together. It states: "EDMINSTER John l. 'Edmaster', 'Edmester'. Age 40, 1673; m.* (1) Hannah.....; (2) Sarah Tompson, June 17, 1679 (ae. 43, 1682) who was adm. church April 24, 1681, by dismissal from Reading Church; d. July 20, 1714. Issue - i. Hannah, b. Feb. 1, 1662-3. ii. John, March 12, 1665-6. iii. Prudence, Jan. 15, 1667-8; bapt. ae. a. 18, 27 (12) 1686-7; m. Joseph Pike, 1689. iv. Mary, Nov. 23, 1670; charged with burglary, 1689 (per files Inferior Court). v. James." All of these children were mothered by Hannah inasmuch as we later find James marrying in 1689, only 10 years after his father's second marriage. The above record suggests that James may have been born after the other four children, hence likely about 1771. However, archive records in the Mormon Genealogical Library at Salt Lake City indicate James birth as about 1664 at Freetown. An Archibald Tompson lived in Marblehead in 1637 and may have been Sarah's father (9). In another record (10) of John and Sarah's marriage, her name is spelled "Tomson". Also in this record, Prudence's marriage to Joseph Pike is given as taking place 1 July 1689.

Another citation of Sarah's admission to the church spells the last name Edmister (11) and is a list of "Persons admitted to full communion..." in the "First Church in Charlestown" and is in the record book of that church, p. 21. On page 275 of this record book it cites the baptism on 27 December 1686 of "...prudence D. John (aged about 18) Edmister." (12)

Note that John was 40 in 1673, hence was born in 1633 and was 19 in 1652 and 31 in 1664. This makes his age at the time of the arrival of the "John and Sara" in Boston more reasonable for a war prisoner. Also, note the alternative

*Abbreviations: m. - married; d. - died; b. - born; ae. - of age; a. - about; w. - wife; da. - daughter; s. - son.

spellings listed, the first of which is similar to the second spelling in the New Hampshire reference in 1664. The above records place John in Charlestown in the 1670's and 1680's. He was a shipwright according to a letter from George Tolman, Secretary, Concord Antiquarian Society, to Samuel B. Moore, of 4 April 1903, Concord, Massachusetts.

The next three records are of John Edmaster as an inhabitant of Charlestown. In 1677-78 he was listed in a group of citizens to be inspected by Tithingman John Fosdick (98), was among a list of residents in 1678 (13) and as having a daughter Prudence who was baptized on 27 February 1687 at the age of 18 (14). The dates given in the two records of Prudence's baptism are exactly two months apart, possibly due to discrepancies in the use of the calendar in that period; note also the double year dates given in reference #8, also caused by calendar difficulties arising from the use of the Roman calendar prior to 1751 in which the year began on March 25th.

Another record of John is that of his tax in 1688 (15). Under the title, "Taxes Under Gov. Andros, Town Rate of Charlestown, A list of the names with the Rates of Ye Inhabitants of Charlestown...August 21, 1688" is included:

| | <u>Heads</u> | <u>Estate</u> |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| "Jno Edmister | 1 | 1 8" |

The "1 8" is one shilling eight pence, seemingly not much of a tax but likely considerable at the time. Thus there is fair reason to conclude that all six of these Johns were one and the same man and that he probably is the ancestor of the whole Edminster family in this country, including the Edmisters, Edmesters, Edmasters and Edministers. It is probably significant that the original spelling, Edminsteire, was dropped once and for all by John, since it has never appeared again.

Incidentally, if anyone cares to know where the Edminster juvenile delinquency began in America, the "honor" apparently goes to Mary, in 1689, at the age of 19!

Now let us go back to the citation of John's marriages and offspring. Of Hannah we hear no more. Nor of Mary. The story (8) recounts John's real estate transactions: "Estate - Tax abated 1689. Buys of John Drinker, garden near fort, 1665. J.D. and w. Sarah, mort. to town house, on above lot, 1713." From this we gather that John's middle name began with "D", that he acquired property in 1665, built a house on it, and mortgaged it in 1713. Following this it gives a short account of son James, as follows: "James 2. Son of John 1; Freetown; m. Anne.....Estate - James D. and w. Anne, only son of John E., sells Nicholas Moorey of F., the fee-simple of house mort. by father, 1719-20. Ref. S. Austin, S. Baker, J. Breed, S. Dowse, W. Grubb." The Freetown referred to is about 45 miles south of Boston, in Bristol County, Massachusetts, and was a long-time location for the Edminster family. John died in 1714.

Second Generation

It would appear from this account that James' middle initial was also "D". The statement "only son of John E." is confusing but probably means that at the time, which was 1719-20, the other recorded son, John, had either died or was not known as to his whereabouts. This suggests that James was probably the only male of the second generation in this country to have issue. This record does not identify James' wife except for her first name, Anne. Elsewhere, (16) we

find that a James Edmester and Anne Makepeace were married in Taunton, Massachusetts on 19 April 1689. It is certain that this is the same James. Taunton is close to Freetown; the Anne checks; and the timing is satisfactory. Once more, the spelling variation is not a handicap (except to a genealoger!) According to archive records in the Mormon Genealogical Library, Ann Makepeace was born about 1668 at Freetown. Another reference (17) cites the fact that, "Sarah the second wife (of Remembrance Davis of Freetown) was a daughter of Christopher Fox and wife Hannah Edminster, and born March 30, 1724, near Freetown, Massachusetts, granddaughter of James Edminster and wife Anne Makepeace." Here the spelling is back to "Edminster". The pathetic remainder of this story of Sarah is that "...several children of Remembrance Davis by his second wife were so deformed that they could not live."

In the genealogy of the Makepeace family (18) it states, "Also, another deed dated Jan. 25, 1689, by William Makepeace, Thomas Makepeace, William Davis, James Edmester and Anne Edmester, wife of James Edmester, all of Freetown..." Spelling is back to "Edmester" again. Also, note that the January date in 1689 of the deed, above, is about nine months later than the April 1689 date of the marriage of James and Anne due to the fact that the beginning of the new year was on March 25th, and January was thus the 11th month.

In a discussion of the early residents of Freetown, especially one Lieut. Gardiner, is the following which places James in Freetown as a taxpayer in 1690; "To the record of Lieut. Gardiner we also owe the names of the resident taxpayers of Freetown in 1690, and which were as follows: John Reed, ...William Davis, William Makepeace, Thomas Makepeace, Ann Makepeace, widow, James Edminster, Job Winslow..." The widow Ann Makepeace in this note is the widow of William Makepeace and mother of Ann Makepeace Edminster. This William Makepeace had been drowned in 1681 (19). He was the second son of Thomas Makepeace who was born in England about 1592, came to Boston in either 1635 or 1637 from Daventry, Northamptonshire (20). It is not known whether or not this Thomas Makepeace was closely related to the Makepeace's of Northamptonshire, England, who owned Sulgrave Manor. Lawrence Makepeace, of London, in 1610 bought the Manor from Robert Washington, 4-great grandfather of George Washington of Virginia. Robert Washington's sister, Mary, married Abel Makepeace, father of Lawrence who acquired the famed Manor. Lawrence's son, also Abel, sold the Manor in 1659 (21).

In 1637, soon after his arrival in Boston from England, Thomas Makepeace was granted "...a house plot and garden place." with location given as "...bounded with Jeremy Houtchin, Southeast; William Wilson, South; the street, Westerly; and the Lane, Northerly. " It was "...in Hanover Street, near Court Street, and probably not far from where Concert Hall now (1857) is..." It was near the "Market Stead" where the first "Meeting House" was built and where the Brazier Building stood in 1896 (22). He was an original member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company and was "...a person of some consequence and of considerable wealth" (18). He acquired property in 1638 at Muddy River (Brookline), "in the Islands", and on Fort Hill, and in 1641, 200 acres in Dorchester (18).

The History of Dorchester, quoted in (22), says that Thomas Makepeace was of a liberal view as regards religion for in 1638 he was involved in a squabble and his detractors wrote, "we were weary of him unless he reformed". In 1641, with other owners, he contributed "...the whole of rents and profits of Thompson's Island to the town of Dorchester for the support of a free school."

Thomas Makepeace had six children by his first wife. Thomas, the eldest, returned to England. The second son was William who married Ann Johnson on 23 May 1661. The other four were daughters, the youngest of whom was named "Waitawhile". He married, second, a Mrs. Elizabeth Mellows, and by her had a son, Joseph, born 1646, died 1666. Thomas died in January or February 1667. His estate as listed in his will was valued at over 291 pounds (18).

It is not known where Thomas came from in England but he may have descended from "Abel Makepeace, Esq.", who, as noted above, married a daughter of Laurence Washington, Esq., of Gray's Inn, Mayor of Northampton in 1545 (18).

Son William Makepeace was a cooper's apprentice in 1653, later probably lived for some time on Block Island after his father's death. After that he lived at Freetown. Anne, who married James Edmester (Edminster), was the fourth of five children. In 1679 he had acquired "...a large tract of land on the Taunton River..." which was "...a half share of the one and twentieth lott on the Easterly side of the said Taunton River, being, by estimation, about 100 rods wide and four miles long from the said river Eastwards...on the Swanzey side..." Presumably this is separate from the 15th lot of the original 26 lots of "Ye Freeman's Purchase" bought in 1659 from Wamsitti and his squaw Tattapanum. No. 15 was first bought by Josiah Winslow, Sr., son of Gov. Edward Winslow. He sold it to William Makepeace in 1661 (23).

William Makepeace drowned in 1681 when about 48 years old as he and four others were crossing from Mattapoissett to Assonet when the leaky "canoe" capsized when "...the wind riseing caused a great sea..." His estate totalled over 180 pounds including house, land, cattle, swine and smaller items such as pewter, brass, iron, barrels, bags, keggs, pails, tubbs, bridell and saddle, two guns, two bibles, plow and churn (18).

A deed of 29 October 1688 by William Makepeace, Jr., to his sister Ann, who later married James Edmester, covered about 100 acres "...within the precincts of Freetown..." (18)

The only other reference to the children of the original John Edminster has already been briefly noted: Prudence, who was born in 1667-8, married Joseph Pike in 1689 (8). Thus, 1689 was an eventful year in the family - Prudence and James were married and Mary got arrested.

Now I wish to turn to another source of information on James, son of the original John. In 1905, one Samuel B. Moore, a descendent of an Edminster Moore who lived in New Jersey in 1769, corresponded with Mrs. Mandana Edminster Ramsay of Boston. Her son, Charles Merle Ramsay, allowed me to copy this correspondence. Mr. Moore had arranged with a Mr. J. H. Evans of Freetown to search town and church records there. Mr. Evans turned his results over to Freetown Town Clerk, Joseph S. Taylor who transmitted them to Mr. Moore in a letter of 7 April 1905. Mr. Moore in a letter to Mrs. Ramsay of 5 June 1905 states: "James Edminster was married to Ann A., Daughter of William Makepeace and wife Ann Johnson, April 19, 1689, the ceremony being performed by Major Thom. Leonard, of Taunton. William Makepeace was drowned in August 1681, or nearly eight years before the marriage of his daughter with James Edminster. The daughter received as her share of her father's landed estate about 100 acres, some of which has since been known as 'The Fox Fields'. Ann, daughter of James and Ann Edminster, married Seth Smith, of Fridove...Nov. 13, 1712. William, son of James and Ann Edminster, married Mary Paul, of Dighton,...Oct. 1, 1737." Another reference (16) includes the marriage of Anne Edminster (Edmister) and Seth Smith at Taunton on 13

November 1712. Also, William's marriage to Mary Paul at Freetown on 1 October 1737 by Sylvester Richmond, Esq., is recorded elsewhere (24). Mary Paul likely was descended from Richard Paul who came to Boston from England, probably from Suffolk, before 1650 (20). She was among four Mary Pauls (Paull) of Dighton who were married between 1733 and 1742 (25).

Third Generation

These records clarify two of the children of James and Ann, namely Anne and William. Hannah, already mentioned, was a third child of theirs. But this is as far as the records are clear as to this family. No other reference to Edminsters in this period tie clearly to James and Ann or to other parents. Three other Edminster girls who were contemporaries of Hannah and Anne in this, the third generation, were probably daughters of James and Ann and sisters of William, Anne and Hannah. It is, of course, possible that they were daughters of John Edminster, 2nd, or of some unknown Edminster, but this is improbable. Their records are: Rebecah Edmaster and Eleazer Treadway, both of Freetown, were married on 26 February 1723-4 (26). This is recorded in the same paragraph that also tells of the marriage of Hannah Edmister to Christopher Phox, both of Freetown. This marriage has already been noted from another reference wherein both names were spelled differently. Both marriages, as recorded in the Genealogical Advertizer, were performed by the same person. Hence they were probably sisters and thus Rebecah was probably a daughter of James and Ann. Later in the same reference (26), Thankfull Edmister is recorded as marrying Thomas Freelove, Jr., on 25 November 1731. She is likely another daughter of James and Ann. Lastly, Deliverance Admister and Samuel Hammond were married 5 November 1730 in Rochester, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, by Rev. Timothy Ruggles (24) (27). The first of these two references about Deliverance was found under "EDMINSTER (see Admister)". She, too, may be another daughter of James and Ann.

There were two more male members of this third generation whose identities we arrive at by indirection. First, a son, James, Jr., or at least James, 2nd. The fourth generation has a James Edminster, Jr. who was married to Miriam Phillips at Freetown in 1761 (28). He thus had a father named James who would have been a contemporary of William, Anne, Hannah, et al, and probably was another child of James and Ann. Further evidence derived from the Freetown records cited in a letter from Samuel B. Moore to Mandana Ramsay of 26 April 1905 lists the children of James and Mary Edminster who were born between 1734 and 1746. This places this James and Mary clearly in the third generation with William and the others.

The second of the two sons (probable) of James and Ann whose connection is derived by circumstantial evidence was Joseph. We learn of him through several records of the Axtell family of Massachusetts and New Jersey. One Thankful Axtell, widow, living in Mendham Township, Morris County, New Jersey made out her will on 29 August 1749 in which she bequeathed, "4ly, I give unto my grandson Ichabod Edmester my brown cow." (71) Searching further Axtell records, we find that Daniel Axtell (1673-1736), son of Thomas Axtell, married Thankful Pratt, daughter of Rev. Elder William Pratt of Massachusetts and South Carolina on 12 May 1702, probably in South Carolina. This is the same Thankful Axtell whose will is quoted above. She had a large family, among whom was Hannah Axtell, born 10 April 1710 in Massachusetts, probably Berkley, and who married on 10 February 1741, probably in Massachusetts, Joseph Edmister (72, 73). The Ichabod Edmester is clearly the son of Joseph and Hannah (Axtell) Edmister.

Another note mentions the Edmister family, among others: "Thomas Axtell came in 1643 when he bought four acres from his friend Edmund Rice at Sudbury, Massachusetts...Other associated early families in New England (in addition to Rice, Goodnow, Dill, Dilly, Tuttle, Dod and Beach that had just been mentioned) were Moore, Newton, Hayden, Linkon, Pratt, Gobel, Drury, Cook, Burt, Edmister, Cooper, Reed, Blachly and Ward." It appears from these, various Axtells married into the Burt, Cook, Edmister, Gobel and Pratt families (72). Also, it seems likely that the Moore family mentioned is the one that some Edminster married into judging by the "Edminster Moore" known to have lived in New Jersey in 1769.

Daniel Axtell died 9 February 1736 in Massachusetts. His "...widow, Thankful, was left at his death with all of his children (ten all told) with the exception of the first two who were married. Their ages were 20 down to 8" (74). Other localities in Massachusetts mentioned in the references where the Axtells lived besides Berkley and Sudbury were Marlboro where Daniel was born, Dorchester and Freetown. Edminsters lived at both Berkley and Freetown.

Since this Joseph Edmister was married in 1741, he was clearly in the third generation and almost has to be son of James and Ann and a brother to James, 2nd and William.

At this point we will include additional information about the Axtell family (72, 73, 74, 75, 94). Thomas Axtell who came to Massachusetts from England in 1643 was born in England in 1619, son of William Axtell. Thomas' brother, Daniel, was a Regicide and was beheaded. Thomas and his wife, Mary, brought with them children Mary and Henry, the latter about two. Henry married in 1665, had two sons, Thomas, born 1672 and Daniel, born 1673 and who married Thankful Pratt. Daniel had a grandson, Henry, 3rd, who was a Major, Eastern Battalion, New Jersey Militia of Morris County, in Col. Jacob Ford, Jr.'s Regt., Revolutionary War. Henry, 3rd had followed his father-in-law from Massachusetts to Mendham Township, Morris County, New Jersey about 1740 or '41. Apparently others in the family followed soon after, including Thankful Pratt Axtell who died there in 1749. When her son-in-law Joseph Edmister moved to New Jersey is uncertain but it was likely before 1749; else why would she will her brown cow to grandson Ichabod Edmester? Her son, William, Hannah's brother, also moved to Morris County between 1743-50, probably at the same time as Hannah and Joseph (94).

This completes the evidence available on the third generation, the grandchildren of John of Scotland and Charlestown. Diagrammed, the 3 generations are:

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|---------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| John D. (1633-1714) | | | | | | |
| Hannah _____ | | | | | | |
| Hannah 1662- | James D. 1664- | John 1665- | Prudence 1667- | Mary 1670- | | |
| | Ann Makepeace | | | | | |
| Anne | Hannah | Rebecah | Deliverance | Thankfull | James William | Joseph |
| S. Smith | C. Fox | E. Treadway | S. Hammond | T. Freelove | Mary Mary Paul | Hannah Axtell |

Fourth Generation

The fourth generation, as presently known, has twelve Edminsters, ten males and two females. This excludes children of the female Edminsters of the second and third generations, who had other surnames. Presumably they are all children of James, William and Joseph - six of James, four of William, and two of Joseph. It is quite likely that there were others, possible daughters of William or Joseph whose connections have not come to light. The children of James are clearly recorded; those of William and Joseph are not, so far as now known.

According to the Freetown records summarized by Samuel B. Moore, the six children of James, 2nd and Mary were:

- i. James, born 27 March 1734.
- ii. Mary, born 6 April 1736.
- iii. Noah, born 2 February 1739.
- iv. Hope, born 12 May 1741.
- v. Job, born 24 May, 1743.
- vi. John, born 18 December 1746.

There are additional records tying to James, Noah and John among these children. Nothing further has been found concerning Job, Mary and Hope.

The four who are probably sons of William and Mary are, in likely order of birth: William, Zebedee, Henry, and James.

We will discuss first the four sons of James, 2nd and Mary.

James, 3rd, was born 2 March 1734. There are two marriage records of James Edminsters and both probably refer to this man, one in 1752 and the other in 1761. In the first, James Edminster married Jude Rickard at Freetown on 27 April 1752 (28). Then, James Edminster, Jr. married Miriam Phillips at Freetown in 1761 as already noted. Ebenezer Hathaway was the minister in both cases. Further, this James is probably the man who later was captain of a privateer man-of-war vessel in the Revolutionary War. Under the heading, "War of the Revolution. Letters of Marque by Governor of Rhode Island" is listed: "1776. August 13th...Sloop Resolution, Freetown, 40 Tons; Capt. James Edmester. Supplies." (29) A letter of marque was a commission by a Government to a private person to fit out an armed vessel as a privateer to make prize of enemy ships. Thus, James was a sort of Naval Captain. Only one son, Noah (see below) is thought to be a child of this James although the James listed as son of William and Mary (Paul) could be son of this James.

Noah was born 2 February 1739. There is a record of a Noah, assumed to be this son of James and Mary, in connection with the French and Indian Wars. "...the official records in the State-house in Boston show that ... and the records of Freetown Treasury that to be relieved from going to war...James Edminster bought off his son Noah, who was impressed, by the payment of two pounds, eight shillings..." (30) The period was the campaign of 1756. The same event is also recorded in a discussion of the men that Freetown sent to the French and Indian Wars under "City of Fall River" in one of the county histories (31). This Noah was almost surely the father of Noah, Jr. who was a Revolutionary War soldier and sailor. The following record is most probably about this first of our Noah's too. "The mention is often made in the early records of Col. Royall's farm, and in 1770 appears the following: 'Medford,

April ye 6, 1770 In conformity to the province Law I am now to inform you that I have Let my Farm in Walpole (last in the occupation of Mr. Michael Hatch) unto Mr. Noah Edminster and Mr. Joshua Hatch, the first is from Freetown has a Wife named Louisa and five children (viz) Two Sons and Three Daughters. Mr. Hatch...I doubt not you will cause this my Intelligence to be noted on your Town Books. Am Gentleman your humble Servant Isaac Royall." (32) Thus in this family there was another son in addition to Noah, Jr., as well as three daughters. In another reference (33), he is known to have lived in Walpole in 1770 and that the name was "extinct" there by 1882, the reference date. Noah Jr.'s descendents are described in Part IV. Nothing more is known about the second son.

Job was born 24 May 1743. He was the third son of James and Mary and has no further specific records that have come to light.

John was born 18 December 1746, the fourth son of James and Mary. He is probably the same John who married Mary Howland at Middleborough, Plymouth County, on 17 March 1768. He was recorded as being from Freetown (35, 36, 37). In one reference (36), Miss Howland's name is given as "Mercy", the daughter of John Howland and Abigail Peirce. The third record (37), spells the lady's name "Marcy" and quotes them as being "...joyned in Marriage by me Ebenezer Hinds Baptist Minister." There is no war record known for John, he being the only possible eligible Edminster to miss it. His children are not known for certain but one of the Johns of the succeeding generation is surely his son and Hannah J. (see Part VI) may have been a daughter. Another likely son and the descendents of this line are covered in Part VI.

The other four known members of the fourth generation are presumed to be children of William and Mary (Paul) since it appears that James 3rd's children are fully documented above. The only other alternative is that there might have been a fourth son of James, 2nd and Ann (Makepeace) whose existence has not come to light. This is unlikely. The four boys who therefore are considered to be sons of William are William, 2nd, Henry, Zebedee, and another James. All but the eldest, William, 2nd, were soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

William, 2nd, who we list as probably the oldest son of William and Mary (Paul), is little known. A single record testifies to his existence and the circumstances of time indicate that he may have been of this family. A David Southerland of New Cornwall Precinct, Orange County, New York, made his will in 1769 (38) and in it named his daughter, Jane, as wife of William Edminster. Jane's mother's name was Mary. Since he was married in 1769 at the time of the will, but no children of Jane and William were indicated (other grandchildren were named in the Southerland will), William may well have been 20 to 30 years old, let us say 25. If so, he would have been born in 1744. As we have said before, unless another male Edminster is discovered in the third generation, an unlikely prospect, William almost has to be a son of William and Mary (Paul), likely their first. Nothing more is known of this William or of any offspring. It should be noted here that this William could hardly be the other William Edminster who settled in Union, New York before 1790 and who was probably about 20 years younger.

Henry Edminster was from Middleborough. When he moved from Freetown where he was born to Middleborough is not recorded but it is probable that it was after he was grown, possibly when he married. His wife was from Plymouth County in which Middleborough is situated. His birth date is not known but is likely

about 1749, making him a little younger than Zebedee. He married Roba Howland, daughter of Isaac and Katherine (Howard) Howland, on 13 January 1780 (35) according to information in a letter from Charles Merle Ramsay to Dr. Lynn Ramsay Edminster, both descendents of Henry, of 5 August 1962. Roba's parents were married in 1749, which suggests the likely period of Roba's birth. They had three sons and two other daughters and were descended from Henry Howland who came over from England on either the ship "Fortune" in 1621 or the ship "Ann" in 1623 (39, 40).

Henry and Roba had six children, three sons and three daughters. The family moved to New York State near Harford in what is now Cortland County in 1813. Two of the daughters who were included in the 1790 census were not listed in the 1800 census and presumably were married or had passed away by that time. They did not go to New York evidently but all the others did except probably the mother, Roba, who had likely passed away by that time; at least, she is not indicated in the 1820 census, the first after they reached New York. Also, no Edminsters were listed in the Middleborough censuses after 1800. Sons Henry, 2nd, and Howard, born in 1793 and 1794 respectively, both established families in New York. The oldest son is not named in any records and is only known from census data both in Middleborough in 1790 and 1800 and in Harford in 1830. It seems probable that he did not establish a family. Daughter Judith was born in 1791 and died in 1858, apparently did not marry, is buried at Harford. The other two daughters were named Hope and Charity. No other information is available about Hope but it is known that Charity married Noah Simmons of Middleborough in 1799 (16).

Henry was a Revolutionary War soldier whose record is in four places. In "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War", Volume 5, page 218: "Henry Edminster. Private, Capt. Amos Washburn's c., Col. Wade's regt.; enlisted June 22, 1778; discharged July 17, 1778; service 25 days at Rhode Island. Roll sworn to at Middleborough." Then, on page 223 of the same book, under Henry Edmister, surely the same man, it says: "Corporal, Capt. Henry Peirce's co., Col. Ebenezer White's regt.; marched Aug. 1, 1780; discharged Aug. 9, 1780; service 9 days; company marched to Rhode Island on an alarm. Roll sworn to at Middleborough." (41) In the "History of the Peirce Family" (42), Henry Edminster is listed in Capt. Henry Peirce's company of Lt. Col. Ebenezer White's regiment in 1780 as a non-commissioned officer and doing duty in Rhode Island. This confirms the identity of the first two records with different spellings. Then, in 1781, it lists Henry as a Private in Capt. Peirce's 7th company of the local Militia of Middleborough. Finally, in the "History of the Town of Middleboro, Mass." (43), he is listed as a corporal in 4th company, under Capt. Henry Peirce, and on page 136 it describes the alarm of August 1780 which was caused by 16 British troop ships off Rhode Island. They did not land, however. Henry's descendents will be described in Part III.

Zebedee Edminster, born in March of 1747 or '48, was my great-great-great grandfather. He was born in Freetown, as he attested when applying for a soldier's pension, but had moved to Oakham, in Worcester County, Massachusetts, by the time he married Mary Bemis of nearby Spencertown, in Spencertown on 12 September 1771 (44, 45, 46, 97). From an affidavit sworn to by Zebedee in 1832, which was a part of his application for a veteran's pension, we find that he was born in 1748; however, his tombstone gives it as 1747. Other documents relating to his war record are in the pension files of the National Archives.

Mary Bemis, Zebedee's wife, was born in 1749 according to her tombstone. She was probably a member of the prominent Bemis family of Spencertown, now Spencer, Massachusetts. However, the Bemis family history (47) lists her only in the "Addenda" in recording her marriage to Zebedee. This Bemis family descended from John Bemis who was born in Dedham, Essex County, England about 1550. His grandson, Joseph, came to Watertown (now part of Boston) in 1640. Many Bemis men served in the French and Indian and Revolutionary Wars.

Zebedee and Mary had six children born in Spencer beginning with Sarah in 1772, then Katharina in 1774, Henry in 1777, John in 1780, Persis in 1782, and Benjamin in 1787 (44, 97). Henry died in 1786 at Spencer (44). The 1790 census for Spencertown listed Zebedee with two males under 16 (John and Benjamin) and three females. These would be his wife and two daughters. Since Sarah and Persis are known to have lived after 1790, it appears likely that Katharina had died by then. Incidentally, his name was given as "Zebediah" in one record and both Edminster and Edmister spellings were used. None of these six children ever married so far as is known.

Zebedee fought as a soldier in the Revolutionary War in five periods. From "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors..." (41, page 218), we find the record of his first service: "Zebedee Edminster of Spencer. Private, Capt. John Woolcott's co. of rangers which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, from Brookfield and Spencer; service, 12 days." This was the alarm that was excited by the opening shots of the war at Lexington and Concord. Then, under the name of Zebedee Edmister, on the same page of the same reference: "Capt. Joel Green's co., Col. Ebenezer Learned's regt.; order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Roxbury, Dec. 13, 1775." On page 219, under the spelling Edmister, the next record continues: "Private, Capt. Joel Green's co., Col. Ebenezer Learned's regt.; muster roll dated August 1, 1775; enlisted May 11, 1775; service 2 mo. 26 days; also, Corporal, company return (probably October 1775) reported promoted to Corporal Sept. 30, 1775; also, Corporal, Capt. David Prouty's co., Col. Job Cushing's (Worcester Co.) regt.; marched July 27, 1777; reported left service before regular discharge; company marched to reinforce Northern army by order of Gen. Warner; roll dated Spencer; also, Private, Capt. Josiah White's co., Col. Job Cushing's regt.; enlisted Sept. 28, 1777; discharged Nov. 29, 1777; service 2 mo. 11 days, travel included; company raised to reinforce Northern army under Gen. Gates for 3 months; roll sworn to in Worcester Co."

Further light is shed on Zebedee's war record in his depositions in connection with his pension application, filed in the National Archives. On 1 August 1832, when he was 84, he swore to the following before the Judge of Probate of Wills at Claremont, Sullivan County, New Hampshire: "That in April 1775 he was a resident in Spencer...and stood as a minuteman ready to turn out on short notice or on an alarm. That in that month the enemy came to Concord near Boston on which occasion...(illegible)...for as such minutemen and went in pursuance of said call and joined John Wolcutt's company of Rangers which company was he thinks not attached to any regiment. That he went with said company at that time to Roxbury, Cambridge, Lexington and Concord all in the vicinity of Boston and...with said company doing duty as a private about two weeks. That he then returned home to said Spencer and there in the month of May he thinks early in that month in the same year 1775 enlisted as a private and as a substitute for one John Stebbins in the company of state troops commanded by Joel Green in Col. Larned's regiment. That he soon after joined said company and regiment at Roxbury and remained with said company and regiment doing duty at that time in pursuance of said enlistment

for the further term of eight months. That afterwards in the year 1776 he again enlisted as a private for five months in the state troops in the company commanded by Benjamin Bump in Col. Holman's regiment and went with said regiment to New York. That he was in the City of New York with said company when that city was taken by the British that year. That he was also at White Plains at the time of this battle then, though being at that time as a scout he was not engaged in that battle. That he served as a private in pursuance of this last mentioned enlistment the whole of said time of five months. That in the year 1777 he was drafted as a private and was attached to the company of state troops commanded as this declarant now thinks by Lieutenant Prouty of said Spencer...in the regiment commanded by Col. Larned above mentioned. That he went in pursuance of said draft to Stillwater in the State of New York and was with said regiment near Bemis Heights at the time of the battle there. But this regiment was not (illegible) up and he was not in that battle. That he was also present near Saratoga at the time Burgoyne surrendered to General Gates and that he served during this last campaign a further term of three months - making the whole period of service performed by this declarant sixteen months and one half."

His own story does not contradict the scattered official records of his service but it does add much to them. The main difference appears to be that his service in the New York City and White Plains area in 1776 was not gotten into the records as published. He seems to have been destined to barely miss several key battles - Lexington and Concord, White Plains, and Bemis Heights. His duties as a scout were likely in part responsible. There is also a Brief summarizing Zebedee's was record in the Pension Files signed by W. C. Easton, Examining Clerk. It lists the 16 months service 1775-1777 and states it is based on "one living witness and tradition." The living witness whose deposition confirmed Zebedee's was Caleb Chase. Mr. Chase's wife was sister to Zebedee's wife.

The deposition quoted above was in the hand writing of the Register of Probate. A further deposition, in a different hand writing which was presumably Zebedee's own, followed. In it he swore to his birth place and age, places of residence, and added one interesting note, as follows: "I remember Gen'l. Israel Putnam at New York, Gen'l. McDougall at White Plains and will recollect to seeing him taking snuff inordinately at the time of my being on a trip returning from a scout at White Plains..."

His application for a pension was successful and he received "53 dollars 33 cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March 1831".

The note in the published war records that he was reported to have left service before discharge following the July 1777 engagement is probably related to the fact that he had a son born on 7 September 1777. He evidently cleared himself for he enlisted again three weeks after this event. It is interesting to note that the three spellings of the last name in the war records are duplicated in the carvings on the three legible tombstones in the Edminster Cemetery at Cornish Flats, New Hampshire. Zebedee's stone is spelled Edminster, Mary's is Edmister, and Sarah's is Edmester.

Zebedee moved his family from Spencer to Cornish, New Hampshire sometime soon after the 1790 census was taken and before their seventh and last child, Zebedee, Jr., was born on 15 July 1792. It probably was in 1790 according to the deposition of his brother-in-law, Caleb Chase. It seems probable that the

moving of Caleb Chase's family from Spencer to Cornish in the late 1880's was the instigation of Zebedee's move. Zebedee lived in Cornish the rest of his life, dying in 1837 at the age of 90 (48). This reference lists only four children although it says, "There may have been other children". The four known in Cornish were Sarah, Persis, Benjamin and Zebedee, Jr. Thus, not only Henry had died in Massachusetts, and likely Katharina, but John also.

Zebedee's descendents are generally well known and will be covered in Part II.

James Edminster, born after 1755, presumed to be a son of William and Mary (Paul), was likely their youngest. He is the fourth James in the family. He was from Swansey (Swansea), not far from Freetown. We know of him from five records. The first three are his war records which are as follows (41): "James Edmister. Private, Capt. Peleg Peck's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's (Bristol County) regt.; enlisted July 27, 1778; discharged Sept. 10, 1778; service 1 mo. 15 days, at Rhode Island." This is on page 219 of the reference. On page 218 is this reference of a later enlistment: "James Edminster. Private, Capt. Peleg Peck's co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's regt.; enlisted August 2, 1780; service 8 days; discharged August 9, 1780; company marched on an alarm to Tiverton, Rhode Island; by order of Col. Slead, all the men in Swansey were joined in one company under Capt. Peck, the other officers refusing to serve." The third record (49) lists him as James Edminster of Swansea among those who were on the Revolutionary War Muster Rolls. The fourth record is the census of 1790, the first one, in which James Edminster of Bristol, Bristol County, Rhode Island, is listed as the head of family and the sole male over 16, with no males in the family under 16, and with four females in the family (50). We may therefore presume that he was married and had at least three daughters by 1790 but no sons living unless they had left home before the census was taken. No likely sons have been discovered.

In the 1800 census, James is listed as between 27 and 45 years of age with one female in the same age group, presumably his wife, and one female between 11 and 16. He was recorded this time as from Somerset, Massachusetts, which is very close to Bristol, Rhode Island. Assuming that this is the same James as in the 1790 census, two of the daughters must have left home or died by 1800 and after 1790. If this is the James who was a soldier in 1778, he could have been no more than 23 in 1778 since he was no more than 45 in 1800. This helps to confirm the identity. Further, being no more than 45 in 1800, hence no more than 35 in 1790, he could hardly have had sons grown and left home by 1790. Therefore, it is reasonably sure that he had no male heirs to carry on the name.

While we have assumed that this James was the son of William, there is the possibility that he was the son of James Jr. who was born in 1734 and Jude Rickard. They were married 26 years before he was a soldier. It makes no difference to subsequent relationships having the Edminster surname, however, since this James had no sons.

The third (probable) son of James D. and Ann, Joseph, was probably born in Massachusetts about 1715-20, married in 1741, Hannah Axtell, as noted earlier. They had at least one son, probably two.

Ichabod of Mendham, New Jersey. This person was clearly a son of Joseph and Hannah as evidenced by the will of his grandmother, Thankful Axtell. No further information about Ichabod has been found. He may have been born in Massachusetts and moved to New Jersey or he may have been born in New Jersey after his grandmother and parents moved there. Since his grandmother willed him a cow in 1749, he likely was old enough to appreciate a cow. It is therefore probable that he was born in 1742 or '43, a year or two after his parents married. It is quite possible that he is the same person as Joseph, 2nd, discussed below but since we have only the separate records of Ichabod and Joseph, at different periods, we must assume that they were different individuals.

Joseph, 2nd of Mendham, New Jersey. He is known to have been in Morris County, New Jersey during the Revolutionary War and was a soldier in that war.

The National Archives in Washington, D.C. has a "General Index to Compiled Military Service Records of Revolutionary War Soldiers". This index covers only soldiers in the federalized army and not those in the state militias. None of the six Edminsters who served from Massachusetts were in the federalized units. Five were in the state militia and the other, as noted above, was a naval commander. In this index is, "Edminster, Joseph 1 New Jersey Regiment Revolutionary War Private 489 General Index Card". Also, Card 492 is a cross-reference for "Joseph Edmister" saying that the original is filed under the name, "Joseph Edminster".

The folder for Joseph's records has only a few brief notes. He apparently served about eight months from 31 December 1776 enlistment to his capture by the enemy on 24th August. One record reads: "Joseph Edminster, Pvt., Capt. Silas Howell's Company, 1st New Jersey Regt., commanded by Mathias Ogden, Esq. appears on Company Muster Roll for month to May 31, 1777." Another: "Joseph Edminster, Pvt., appears on a Receipt Roll 'We the subscribers of Capt. Silas Howell's Compy., Colo. Ogden's Regt. do hereby acknowledge to have received from A. Ogden Jr. PYM^r the sums prefixed to our names which with moneys heretofore Recd is in full of pay, from Dates of Enlistment till the first day of May 1777. Pay Due £2 S10 D-" Another record shows service for April 1777 and still another the same pay due for May service, and another covers pay in June 1777.

The most comprehensive is still another record which is in slight conflict with the above. It reads: "Joseph Edminster, Howell's Co., 1st New Jersey Regt., commanded by the Rt. Honble. Wm. Earl Sterling. (Revolutionary War) appears in a book Copied from Rolls of the organization named above. Date of Enlistment - Dec. 31, 1776 Casualties - Prisnr August 24, 77"

There are two more cards covering company muster roll and company payroll for the month of October 1777, one having under "Remarks: Taken 24th August." Thus Joseph appears to have been credited with at least ten months of service.

Joseph does not appear in any pension records in the Archives.

In the files of the New Jersey War Records Office in the State Armory at Trenton, Joseph's original records are filed. A summary there says: "Edmester, Joseph (Edminster), Private, Cap't. Silas Howell's Co., 1st Regt., N.J. Continental Line; enlisted by Lt. D. Hart at Morristown, December 31, 1776; taken prisoner August 21, 1777." Another record gives the capture date as August 24th.

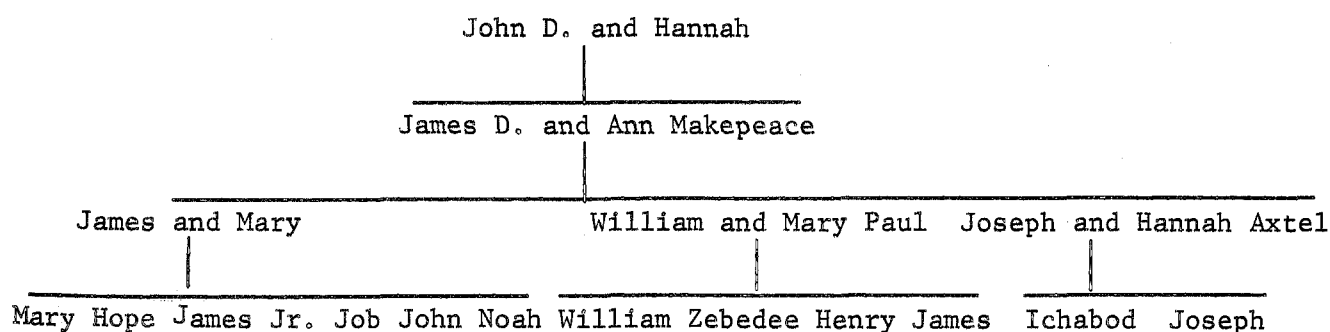
Note that Joseph's name is spelled three different ways in the records: "es", "is", and "ins".

The continuance of Joseph's record is based on further assumptions that the evidence applies to a single "Joseph". No further evidence of a Joseph has turned up in either Massachusetts or New Jersey. But the 1790 census for New York, county of Montgomery (at that time covering all of south-central New York State), town of "Chemungtown" (at that time covering what is now several counties) has a Joseph Edminster listed as head of a household with two other males over 16, two males under 16, and six females, presumably a wife and daughters. This is likely to be the Joseph from New Jersey and, presumably earlier, from Massachusetts. Supporting this view is a statement in a History of the Town of Lisle, New York (34), "Among the pioneers of the first year of the century was Joseph Edmister, who came from Massachusetts...Joseph Edmister had a large family..." The 1800 census of Tioga County, New York, which at that time included the Town of Lisle, had a "Joseph Edminston" as a head of family of one man and one woman, both over 45 years. This is likely the same man since spelling errors as well as illegibility of handwriting in census books was common; also, no "Edminston" family appears in other Lisle censuses.

There was a son (presumably) of Joseph who lived in Lisle, listed in the censuses of 1820 and 1830 as "Thomas", and who descendent Willis D. Edmister, lawyer of Binghamton, said was "Joseph". Thus he may have been Joseph Thomas or Thomas Joseph. In a letter about 1934, Willis D. told Clifford R. Edmister of Chicago that "these brothers came into this county sometime in late 1700 ('s) - think from Mass."

The further story of Joseph and his descendents composes Parts VII through XII of this book. Some of these sons clearly migrated to New York from New Jersey.

This completes the information on the known members of the fourth generation. Before proceeding further, let us diagram the three lines that produced this generation.



As already noted above, it is possible that James of Swanzey who we have judged to be a son of William and a member of the fourth generation could have been a son of James Jr., born in 1734, in which case he would have been a member of the fifth generation. It is also possible that another Noah, a soldier in 1778 and 1780, and who we will describe below as a son of James Jr., could have been a son of William and thus a member of the fourth generation rather than the fifth. These puzzles will have to await the uncovering of other records for their solution.

Fifth Generation Revolutionary War Soldiers

Of the seven Edminsters known to have participated in the Revolutionary War, five were of the fourth generation and have been discussed above. Two were of the fifth generation. Both were named Noah. As will be noted below, it has been difficult to separate their records as soldiers and to determine whether there were only two soldier Noahs or possibly three. The varied spellings used in the records have also complicated the job, five spellings in all being used. The seven records of their military service are here assigned to: 1) the Noah who stayed at Freetown after the war; 2) the Noah who went to Maine some years after the war.

Noah of Freetown and Dighton. Two records of a Noah that are included in "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War" (41) are believed to be of the man who stayed in the Freetown area the rest of his life and who we believe to be a son of James, Jr., the naval captain. If correct, this is the only combination of a father and son Edminster who both served in this war. In Volume 5, p. 218, of reference #41, the two records are: "Noah Edmester of Dighton. Private, Capt. Abel Babbitt's Co., Col. Freeman's regt.; marched Oct. 2, 1777; discharged Oct. 29, 1777; by Gen. Spencer; service 29 days; company marched from Dighton on a secret expedition to Rhode Island;" and, "Noah Edmester, Private, Capt. Abel Babbitt's co., Col. John Hathaway's regt.; enlisted August 1, 1780; service five days. Company marched to Rhode Island on an alarm." These two records clearly refer to a different man than the other five records on the basis of age and circumstances. These two are almost surely records of the same individual. It is probable that this Noah is the Noah Edmester listed in the 1790 census from Freetown, at which time there were two males in the family over 16, three males under 16, and three females.

This line is imperfectly known. Subsequent censuses show that Lemuel, born in 1780, was a son of this Noah. Also, it is probable that he had a son, Noah, and that this is the Noah who married Mary Terry, both of Freetown, on 1 January 1789 (28). It is possible that his oldest son, born before 1774 according to the census of 1790, was the Jonathan, 1769-1841, who married Jemima Clapp and lived in Malden (51). Jonathan spelled his name Edmester. A girl who may well have been a daughter of this Noah was recorded by her marriage in the archives of the Mormon Genealogical Library at Salt Lake City. She was Lois Edminster who married Nathan Reed, 9 December 1792, at Nobletown, Massachusetts, where he lived. It is also possible that she could have been a daughter of other Edminster fathers including Noah (born 1739, son of James and Mary), James, 3rd (born 1734) and John (born 1746).

The known and conjectured record of the descendents of Noah of Dighton and Freetown will be covered in Part V.

Noah, Jr., of Berkeley and Maine. Five of the Revolutionary War records of Noahs appear to apply to the man who later settled in Maine. He is Noah, Jr., of Malden, Berkeley and Taunton in Massachusetts. In a list of deaths (52) we find, "Noah Edminster, of Dixmont, Maine, died 21 December 1856, age 91, a soldier of the Revolution, and a native of Malden, Massachusetts." Other records confuse the exact age at death and hence date of birth but on the basis of this record he was born about 1765 and must have been only about 15 when he served in the Navy (Massachusetts Sea Service according to Hoyt's Index of Revolutionary War Applications). Another Maine record lists him as

one who had applied for a state veteran's bounty and is stated thus (53): "Edmester or Edminster, Noah, Newberg, e Berkley, Mass." The "e" indicates place of residence at time of enlistment. Newberg and Dixmont are only a few miles apart, the Edminster farms for several generations were close to the town line between Newberg and Dixmont, and the family is buried in cemeteries in both towns. Malden may have been his birthplace. He signed his name both Edminster and Edmester on official documents, as we shall see.

The next record is the war record of a Berkeley soldier (41): "Noah Edmister, Jr. Descriptive list of men raised agreeable to resolve of Dec. 2, 1780, returned as received by John Burt, at Taunton, April 18, 1781, to be conducted to Springfield and delivered to Col. Shepard; age 16 years; stature 5 ft. 1 3/4 in.; complexion, dark; occupation, laborer; engaged for Town of Berkley; term, 3 years; also, Drummer, Capt. Peter Clayes's (later Capt. J.K. Smith's) 3rd co., Lieut. Col. Calvin Smith's (6th) regt., return for wages, etc., for Jan. - Dec., 1782, 12 mos."

The fourth record was also from the Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors reference (41) but on page 221. Here, strangely, the name is spelled, Edmster: "Noah Edmster. Receipt dated April 17, 1781 for bounties paid said Edmster and others by the several classes of the town of Berkley to serve in the Continental Army." The clues to relate this to the other records are the date and place. The locale at Berkley ties it to two of the previous three records; the date of this "receipt" is after he had served time as a Drummer and the day before the "descriptive list" was given to John Burt at Taunton. These seem to be rather solid ties.

The fifth record is one with the spelling "Adminster". It is in Volume 1, page 89, of the same reference (41) and reads: "Adminster, Noah. Boy, ship 'Protector', commended by Capt. John F. Williams; engaged March 6, 1780; discharged August 17, 1780; service 5 mos. 11 days." This spelling of the name is given as one of the six synonymous spellings on page 218 of Volume 5 of the same reference (41). This reference to him as "boy" suggests that this is the same Noah as in the previous references. His own affidavits confirm it.

It would appear that this very young Noah was very determined to serve his country. He served from March 1780 to the end of 1782 almost continuously. He was a sailor, a drummer, and a private, all by the time he was 17!

The assignment of all these records with their different name spellings to this one Noah is fully confirmed by his own affidavits. On 4 April 1818, in a very good handwriting, he deposed as follows: "I, Noah Edminster, of Plantation No. 2, in the County of Penobscot & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, yeoman do hereby testify to say that about the year 1780 according to my recollection I shipped on board the ship Protector of 28 guns, Capt. J. Foster Williams. I was in the action when he fought and sunk the British ship Letter of Marque called the Admiral Duff of 32 guns. I was with him about six months. I was discharged. I then shipped on board the ship Tracy, Capt. Hopkins, on a cruise. We were taken prisoners by the British ships called the Intrepid and Cyclops. I was put on board the Jersey prison ship, was there about three months. I was exchanged. I then enlisted into Capt. Kilby Smith's company and Col. Smith's (6) Regt. where I served to the end of the war. I was honorably discharged at West Point. I hereby relinquish all claim to any previous pension on account of my said service. I do further testify and say that I have lost my discharge since my return. I am now under reduced circumstances and need the assistance of my country for support. Witness my hand Noah Edmester." It is interesting that

he spelled his name Edminster at the opening but signed it Edmester at the end. This deposition is in the Pension Files at the National Archives, Washington, D.C. and is attached to a Court Affidavit Form.

In a letter of 23 April 1937, copy of which is in the above pension file, Mr. A. D. Hiller, Exc. Asst. to Administrator of the U. S. Pension Office, wrote to Mrs. Edward L. Steinle of New Britain, Conn. in reply to her request for information about this Noah. In addition to summarizing the war service as given in Noah's affidavit, he wrote as follows: "Later, date not given, (after being returned home in the prisoner exchange) he enlisted at Berkeley, Bristol County., Mass., served in Capt. Kilby Smith's company, Col. Smith's Mass. Regiment, and in Capt. Redding's company, Col. Gamaliel Bradford's Mass. Regiment and was discharged in Jan. 1783.

"He was allowed pension on his application executed April 4, 1818, while residing in Penobscot County, Mass. on Plantation No. 2. In 1820, he gave his age as 59 years and in 1855 as 89 years. No explanation was made of this discrepancy in age...

"Soldier's widow, Sarah, was allowed pension on her application executed March 26, 1856, at which time she was 71 years...

"Sarah Edmester, widow of Noah Edmester, Certificate No. 6028, issued Feb. 6, 1857, commenced Dec. 24, 1855, rate \$96. per annum, Act of Feb. 3, 1853, Maine Agency."

The date 24 December 1855 is Noah's official death date and is probably the correct one. Noah's pension application was also supported by an affidavit signed by his father in Bristol., Mass. on 29 May 1819, in a very wobbly hand. It read as follows: "I, Noah Edminster of Freetown in the County of Bristol and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, yoeman of lawful age, do testify and say that during the War of the Revolution, my son Noah, then being about 17 years of age, enlisted for 3 years in the army - I went with him to Nath^l Morton, Esq. of Freetown for his examination - and I further say that he served the term he enlisted for with fidelity and received his discharge about 4 months after the peace took place - I further state that I am 80 years of age - and that my son Noah who now lives in the District of Maine is about 56 years old. & further this deponent saith not. Noah Edminster"

On 1 June 1820, Noah made another affidavit, also in the pension files, giving a "...schedule of my whole estate", as follows: "One log hut and house standing upon the land of the town - both of ten dollars in value - Old household stuff, besides necessary bedding, not exceeding five dollars in value - Two old axes and two hoes of the value of two dollars - Chain worth one dollar - I have no debts due to me that can be collected and owe as much as one hundred and thirty dollars - the income of the above property does not exceed the interest on what I owe - My occupation is that of a farmer but from age and infirmity cannot perform more than half a days work in a day - my family at home consists of eight persons, namely, myself, my wife Sally aged thirty-five years, who is sickly and has been under the hands of a physician and now able to do very little labor, my daughter Betsey aged fifteen years, my son Jeremiah aged fourteen years, my son Noah aged ten years, my son Reuben aged six years, and my son Lemuel aged four years, and my daughter Elmira aged two years - Except the foregoing and my necessary clothing and bedding, I have no estate or income whatever. Noah Edminster."

This one he signed Edminster. It is rather pathetic that such a patriotic young man should fall into such poor circumstances. But note: he had 16 children all told, 6 of them were at home when the affidavit was made, and 4 more were born in the next 8 years! And he was 55 (possibly 56 or 57) in 1820 when the affidavit was made and at least 63 when the last child was born!

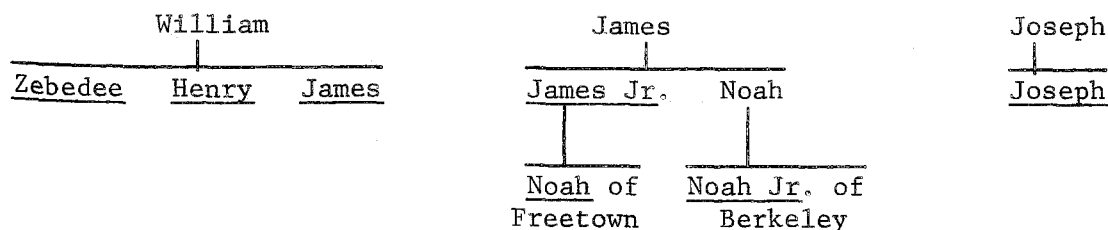
There are several other documents in Noah's pension file - affidavits of friends of Sarah identifying her and her status, affidavit of Noah in 1855 when he was 90 or over applying for Bounty Land, and an affidavit of William Evans of Berkeley, Mass. swearing that he served in the same military unit with Noah under Capt. Reading and Col. Bradford and that they were at West Point when Major Andre was executed.

Noah first married while still in Massachusetts. The identity of his wife is not clear but it was probably the recorded marriage of a Noah Edminster (Edmister) (Edmenter) of Berkeley to Tryphena Anthony of Taunton on 18 July 1793 in Freetown (16, 28). Tryphena Anthony was born in Swansea in 1765 according to Quaker records studied by Mrs. Mamie Glenn Edminster Oakley of Salt Lake City. Tryphena was a Quaker but was "thrown out" of the church when she married outside it.

Noah was not recorded in the imperfect 1790 census nor was his father, Noah, with whom he was probably still living at the time. By 1800 he had removed to what is now Penobscot County, Maine, then in Hancock County, Massachusetts. The 1800 census lists him as Noah Edminster, between 27 and 45 years old, with a female of the same age group, presumably Tryphena, 2 males under 10, and 3 females under 10. The only one of these children now clearly identified was Daniel, born in 1795. The location was "Township No. 2, Penobscot River (then illegible but possibly 'Dixment called Ken-duskeeg Stream') the College". He was noted as having emigrated from Taunton, Massachusetts.

This Noah (1765+ - 1855), the son of Noah, was succeeded in the next four generations with four more Noahs, the last one now, in 1964, living in Orange, Massachusetts. His line spread to Wisconsin, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania and elsewhere and probably constitutes the most populous group of descendants of any Edminster of the fifth generation. This line will be covered in Part IV.

In completing the family history through the period of the Revolutionary War, it may be well to show the relationships of the seven Edminsters who served in that war (names underlined):



Part II. Descendents of Zebedee and Mary (Bemis) Edminster

1. Zebedee Edminster was born in Freetown, Massachusetts in March 1748 (or 1747 ?) according to his deposition in applying for a Revolutionary War veteran's pension. He was probably son of William and Mary (Paul) but this is concluded through circumstantial evidence. He moved to Oakham, Worcester County, Massachusetts, probably late in the 1760's. On 12 September 1771, he married Mary Bemis of Spencertown (now Spencer) and they lived in that area until shortly after 1790 (45) (46). His record as a Revolutionary War was described in Part I; also, Mary Bemis' probable ancestry was noted as well as the six children born in Spencertown. When they came to Cornish, New Hampshire in the early 1790's, they had three of their six children with them. Henry, probably named after Zebedee's (probable) brother Henry, had been buried in 1786 and apparently Katharina and John also had died in Massachusetts although published records of the deaths of the latter two have not been found. All children of Zebedee and Mary:

- i. Sarah, born 29 February 1773 at Spencertown, never married. She apparently lived with her parents all her life and died at Cornish, 21 February 1804. She was buried next to where her parents were later placed in the "Edminster cemetery" at the top of a little hill at Cornish Flats.

- ii. Katharina, born 22 September 1774 in Spencertown. She was not mentioned among the children at Cornish, nor accounted for in the 1790 census, and it is probable that she died in Spencertown.

- iii. Henry, born 7 September 1777 at Spencertown, died there 4 April 1786 (45).

- iv. John, born 8 April 1780 at Spencertown, evidently died there before 1790 since he is not mentioned in the Cornish account (48) and is not accounted for in the 1790 census.

- v. Persis, born 14 August 1782 at Spencertown, never married. She died 6 September 1858, apparently was not buried in the family plot at Cornish.

- vi. Benjamin, born 21 November 1787 at Spencertown, moved with the family to Cornish. He never married. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, Private in Captain Reuben Marsh's Co. of Infantry, 6, 15, and 31 Regiments New Hampshire Militia, commanded by Col. John Steele. He served from enlistment on 26 September 1814 to 11 November 1814 at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He was paid off on 8 August 1820 in the amount of \$16.33, being \$8.00 per month plus subsistence of \$2.47, travel of 13 days included. (U.S. Archives records). He died 8 January 1862 at Unity, New Hampshire.

- 2.vii. Zebedee, Jr., born 15 July 1792.

Mary died 15 October 1818 and Zebedee 17 June 1837, both at Cornish. They are buried at Cornish Flats. It is interesting to note that the three stones still standing in the family plot have the surname carved with three different spellings: Edminster, Edmister, and Edmester. Much of this account of the family at Cornish is from "History of the Town of Cornish" (48).

2. Zebedee Edminster, Jr. (Zebedee¹), born 15 July 1792 at Cornish, New Hampshire, son of Zebedee and Mary (Bemis). He was the only child to marry and all later descendents of Zebedee are also descendents of Zebedee, Jr. He married 10 April 1814, Tirzah York, born 1796, in New Hampshire, daughter of William and Lucy (Hilliard) York. Author Child (48) gives this account of Zebedee, Jr., "They lived on the farm in South Cornish now (1910) owned and occupied by Charles S. Lear. He was a farmer, a man of unquestionable integrity and honor. He was rather an eccentric individual and of limited education. Yet he delighted in a gentlemanly address and deportment and he often used words unsuited to the case, that caused much fun for the fun-loving. Many of his expressions have outlived him and are still remembered. He was a good singer and for years led the choir in the Baptist church on the Flat. His majestic bearing in the choir is well remembered by the writer. He left Cornish about 1850 (?) and lived in Claremont (?) until his death 16 April 1858. His death was caused by falling off a load of hay, breaking his neck."

Tirzah York's father, William, was born in 1758, came to Cornish from Claremont, New Hampshire about 1780 (48, Vol. II, p. 435). His first wife, Lucy Hilliard, mother of Tirzah, was sister to Deacon Samuel Hilliard; she died 5 February 1823. William York was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving in Capt. Oliver Ashley's Co., Col. Benj. Bellow's Regt. He was "...at Ticonderoga May 1777, and was probably at Saratoga the following September and at the Surrender of Burgoyne, October 17, 1777." He died 1 February 1849, age 91. Tirzah was second of four daughters; there were five sons.

Zebedee and Tirzah had ten children:

3. i. James Arvine, born 7 September 1814.
 4. ii. John M., born 18 November 1817.
 5. iii. Phillip Henry, born 31 July 1819.
 6. iv. Noah Bartholomew, born 7 December 1821.
 - v. Sarah. She married John Henry Davis of Cornish, born 9 March 1820. They moved to Rockford, Illinois where she died in 1856 (?). Children, if any are not known.
 - vi. Elizabeth, born in 1831, died 28 April 1832, in Cornish.
 - vii. A child, born 1836, died 1 May 1838, in Cornish.
 7. viii. Thomas B., born 1840.
 - ix. Maria, married a Whipple, had no children.
 - x. Belinda, probably a member of this family, married George Stearns, moved to Rockford, Illinois.
3. James Arvine Edminster (Zebedee²⁻¹). born 7 September 1814 (tombstone says 1818) in Cornish, New Hampshire, son of Zebedee, Jr. and Tirzah (York). He married Sarah J. Chadbourne, born 21 June 1819, in Canada, daughter of William Chadbourne, who may be descended from James Chadbourn, Revolutionary War soldier from Maine (57). He was a carpenter and house builder. They lived in South Cornish for a time and later moved to Windsor, Vermont. Their children, all born in Cornish:
8. i. James Nathan, born 27 November 1839.
 9. ii. Franklin S., born 14 February 1842.
 - iii. Frances Maria, born 14 October 1848 in Cornish, married 8 September 1879, Jefferson Wilder, of Windsor, Vermont. They had no children.

James Arvine died 1 (or 2?) April 1872 and Sarah died 11 November 1882, both at Windsor where they were buried.

4. John M. Edminster (Zebedee²⁻¹), born 18 November 1817 in Cornish, New Hampshire, son of Zebedee, Jr. and Tirzah (York). He was married and had one child:
 - i. Hamilton Henry, born 7 June 1843 in Cornish. Nothing further is known of him by that name. However, it seems probable that records of John H. Edminster refer to the same man. John H. lived with the Daniel G. Deming family in Cornish in 1850, when 6; with the Hiram Sargent family in Cornish in 1860 when 17. Apparently he was orphaned before 1850. He was a soldier in the Civil War, serving in Co. B, 3rd Regt. New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. He resided at Sunapee, New Hampshire when he enlisted on 13 August 1861 as a Private. His service record gives his age as 18 which checks with the age of Hamilton Henry. He became Corporal 18 October 1862, Sergeant on 6 April 1864 and was mustered out at Bermuda Hundred, Virginia on 23 August 1864 (54). He later received an invalid pension on account of rheumatism and heart disease and his pension records reveal most all we know of his later life. He married, first Lottee E. Shoales (or Sholes) in 1869 at Delavan, Wisconsin. They were divorced at Chicago, 14 July 1882 (?), apparently had no children. He married, second, 25 October 1884, at Chicago, Ida M. Shepherd, born 8 April 1865 at Keswick, New Brunswick. They lived at Chicago but later separated. He was a sewing machine solicitor, was 5'7" tall, dark complexion, brown hair and gray eyes. He was listed in Chicago city directories from 1867 to 1917 at 12 different addresses. He died 1 February 1919 at Chicago.
5. Philip Henry Edminster (Zebedee²⁻¹), born 31 July 1819 at Cornish, New Hampshire, son of Zebedee, Jr. and Tirzah (York). He graduated from Castleton, Vermont Medical School in 1842 and practiced medicine in Newfane, Vermont beginning in 1844. He married 26 February 1845, Mary Lovell Shafter of Townshend, Vermont, born 1824. She was an aunt of General Shafter of Spanish American War fame. Their children, all born in Newfane:
 10. i. William Shafter, born 3 July 1846.
 - ii. Jessie Mary, born 10 August 1848, married Henry Pain Brainerd (56). He was a Civil War soldier in 31st Massachusetts Regt., was born in Maine. They had two children: i. Herbert Kittredge, born 18 August 1884 at Petaluma, California, married Myrtle Healy at Berkeley, California on 17 July 1912. She was born at Petaluma, 5 August 1886. Descendents include well-known doctors; ii. a daughter. Henry P. died 19 April 1915, is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Petaluma, California (91).
 - iii. James Henry, born 22 December 1851, twin of James Lovell, died as an infant in Newfane.
11. iv. James Lovell, born 9 January 1852, twin of James Henry.

Philip Henry died 28 July 1856 at Newfane. His residence there, near the museum, was still in good repair in 1956. He is buried in the cemetery across the tracks from the railroad station. Soon after his death, his widow and three children sailed around the Horn to California where some of her family had recently settled in Sonoma County, near Petaluma, north of San Francisco. This move established the largest branch of Zebedee's descendents and is probably the next most populous clan of the family in this country (most populous is the Wisconsin clan descended from Noah of Maine). Mary Lovell died 9 April 1892, is buried at Petaluma (91).

6. Noah Bartholomew Edminster (Zebedee²⁻¹), born 7 December 1821 at Cornish, New Hampshire, son of Zebedee, Jr. and Tirzah (York). He married, 13 September 1849, Lydia J. Bucklin of Grafton, New Hampshire. Their one child:

i. Carlos B., born 12 November 1850, married Martha J. Holman on 25 December 1871. He died 3 May 1873, having no children.

Noah Bartholomew died 18 March 1855 of smallpox at West Lebanon, New Hampshire and Lydia J. died there 4 May 1882.

7. Thomas B. Edminster (Zebedee²⁻¹), born in 1840 in Cornish, New Hampshire, son of Zebedee, Jr. and Tirzah (York) (48). He married 3 November 1860, at Newport, N.H., Irene M. Howard, born 25 September 1843 in Cornish, daughter of Marshall S. and Hopy B. Howard. He was a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting 21 August 1862 as a Private, Co. I, 14th Regt. New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. This regiment did guard duty at Washington until March 1863; in July 1863 it went north after being in New Orleans, became part of Sheridan's Army of Shenandoah and fought at Deep Bottom, Winchester, Opequan, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, and elsewhere. He was hospitalized 31 July 1864 at Washington. He died 27 December (or 13 Oct.) 1864, of disease while in service, at Springfield, Massachusetts. His name is listed on the west side of Soldiers Monument to those who died in the Civil War, at Cornish Flats (48). His widow remarried to Charles H. Thompson on 22 December 1866; they had no children. She died at Cornish 29 April 1874. Marshall Howard became guardian of the children in 1867.

Children of Thomas and Irene, both born in Cornish:

- i. Elizabeth Ann, born 18 September 1861, married 25 November 1879, Henry W. Stocker, a merchant of Windsor, Vermont. Their children: i. Henry Samuel, born 7 September 1882; ii. Howard Edminster, born 6 May 1891. The Stockers lived in Hartford, Connecticut in 1906.

12. ii. Henry Thomas, born 1 April 1863.

8. James Nathan Edminster (James Arvine³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 27 November 1839 in South Cornish, New Hampshire, son of James Arvine and Sarah (Chadbourne). He graduated from Kimball Union Academy in 1862 and Albany University Law Department in 1864, practiced law in Windsor, Vermont for 13 years and was states attorney three years. He was a soldier in the Civil War (54), serving in Co. E, 9th New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted as a Private, 1 August 1862, became a second lieutenant, and resigned 27 October 1862. His unit was part of the 9th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac and fought at South Mountain on September 14th and at Antietam on September 17th (48) (55). His widow later claimed that he had been promoted to Captain and had been Acting Colonel of a colored regiment. When they went into the Battle of Antietam their baggage - tents, blankets, etc - had been left behind and he was taken ill from exposure. The developing arthritis was so bad that he had to resign his commission. He married 5 November 1867, at Boston, Massachusetts, Helen Gertrude Porter, born 1840 at Lowell, Massachusetts, daughter of Lemuel and Wealthy M. Porter. James Nathan died 1 December 1878 at Windsor of T.B. "...brought on by rheumatism contracted in the army, his shoulders being so drawn together that his lungs could not act." (Pension Record, National Archives). Their one child:

i. Lemuel Porter, born 12 April 1869 at Windsor. After a few years his health required a drier climate and so his mother moved to Colorado. She remarried 1 December 1889, at Denver, Dr. W. W. Hibbard and divorced him in January 1891 because he had a serious chloral addiction. The high altitude at Denver proved bad for Lemuel Porter's health and they moved to San Francisco where she worked as a writer. She had some verses published, too. The son studied law and practiced in San Francisco for a short time. He was very active in the "Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U. S." and was elected "Companion of the First Class (No. 953), Commandery of California" on 26 January 1892, Insignia No. 9262. On 10 May 1893 he was taken ill of pneumonia and died the same day. He never married.

Helen Gertrude was granted a widow's pension of \$12. per month by a private act of Congress No. 3541 of 30 June 1906.

9. Franklin S. Edminster (James Arvine³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 14 February 1842 at Cornish, New Hampshire, son of James Arvine and Sarah (Chadbourne). He was listed among 37 Cornish men who were between 18 and 45 years old when drafted into the Army on 3 September 1863 (48). The reference notes that some were exempted and some other "...purchased a release by the payment of \$300., or by furnishing a substitute..." but it did not name them. My father told me that Franklin S., his father, did provide a substitute. Franklin S. married, first, 29 June 1864, at Windsor, Vermont, Mary E. Gay, of Windsor. They had no children and were later divorced. He built houses in Windsor, then moved to Boston and worked in advertising. He worked on commission and earned so much that the company told him he'd have to work on salary. He resigned and started his own business, developing such nationwide accounts as Castoria, Royal Baking Powder and Carter's Little Liver Pills. He moved his business to Brooklyn, New York before 1877. There he married, second, 19 February 1877, Minnie Constant, born 8 December 1860 at Brooklyn, daughter of Henry and Hattie Constant. In addition to the advertising business, he bought the R. H. Mc Donald Drug Co., and sold a popular patent drug, "Vinegar Bitters". Later, he had a stock and bond business, "Edminster & Co.", with office at 6 Wall Street, New York City. He also had banking interests and owned orange groves in California. He became very wealthy but lost his fortune in the bank panic of 1893. Children of Franklin S. and Minnie:

13. i. Frank Custer, born 13 June 1879. (He was my father).
ii. Dolly, born 13 April 1881, died 8 May 1881, at Brooklyn.
iii. Arthur Constant, born 13 June 1882, at Brooklyn. He never married. He was a soldier in the Spanish-American War and was an expert marksman. He got dysentery while in service. He lived in Brooklyn, led a very dissipated life, and died on a street there, 11 February 1914.
14. iv. Jesse Warner, born 5 February 1886.
v. Lillie May, born 10 April 1889 at Brooklyn. She married Richard Luce. Their child: 1. Paul. She died at Brooklyn.
vi. Mabel Alma, born 19 June 1895 at Brooklyn. She married, first, 31 October 1916, Howard Thompson Funk, born 9 April 1893. Their child:
i. Hazel, born 14 September 1920 at Brooklyn, married, first, 4 May 1941, Victor Johansen, born December 1913. They had a son, Craig Victor, born 30 June 1944; Victor died 26 July 1956 and Hazel, married, second, Lee N. Ennis, on 17 February 1961. Son Craig Victor attended University of Rhode Island. Mabel Alma and Howard were divorced and she married, second,

21 January 1942, Paul Meyerfeld, born 11 March 1895 in Brooklyn. This was his third marriage, the first two ending in divorce. There were no children by her second marriage. Mabel Alma died 22 September 1963 at Providence, Rhode Island and is buried in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York.

vii. Florence Belle, born 24 April 1898 at Brooklyn, married, first, in 1918, Albert Mark Van Horn, son of Cornelius and Blanche (Royce) Van Horn. Their son: i. Albert Mark, Jr., born 23 February 1919 in Brooklyn, married first, Antoinette Criscione, in New York City in 1942, had three sons, Albert M., born 27 July 1945 and Ronald born same day, and Robert also born the same day, triplets. They were divorced in 1949 and Albert Mark, Jr., married, second, in 1949 in Connecticut, Irene J. Busch, born 24 July 1921 at Woodside, Queens, New York, daughter of Andrew and Josephine (Walkowiak) Busch. Their children, both born in Amityville, Long Island, New York: Nancy Lee, born 14 September 1957 and Peter Allen, born 27 October 1960. Florence Belle and Albert Van Horn were divorced about 1920 and she married, second, 1 November 1920, Edgar G. Van Horn, born 23 December 1898, brother of her first husband. Their child: ii. Clyde Edminster, born 3 October 1921 at Brooklyn, married, in 1942 Marguerite Simonson. Their children: Clyde E., Jr., Jeffrey, Kristine, and Curtis. Florence Belle and Edgar G. later separated and she lived in Brooklyn in 1964. He died 25 June 1961 at Port Jefferson, Long Island. Franklin S. died 22 September 1901 in Brooklyn. I remember visiting Minnie Constant Edminster, my grandmother, at her brownstone home in Brooklyn around 1911 or 1912. She was a striking and imperious sort of woman and I recall the attention she gave me to make sure that I, a boy of 8 or 9, did not soil her parlor furniture. As was the custom there at that time, the "front parlor" was a little used room except for special occasions and at other times had the shades tightly drawn. Also, these Victorian era houses had the kitchen and dining room in the basement. These brownstone homes were row houses and looked much alike in the front. On one visit, after playing in the street for a while, I could not remember the number of grandma's house and got lost. Someone took me to the nearest police station where my parents later claimed me. That was an experience I will never forget. Minnie Constant died 2 March 1913, in Brooklyn.

10. William Shafter Edminster (Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 3 July 1846 in Newfane, Vermont, son of Philip Henry and Mary Lovell (Shafter). Following his father's death in 1856, he sailed around the Horn with his Mother and brother and sister to California. He was brought up in Petaluma, Sonoma County but he later moved to San Francisco where he was in the drayage business. He married, 15 February 1870, Adelia Robinson, born 23 June 1850 at Goshen, Indiana, daughter of John and Nancy Bacon (Judson) Robinson. William Shafter was over six feet tall, had a fine bass voice and sang for pay in San Francisco churches, with a singing group, and for a short time at the New York Metropolitan Opera. They lived on a 20 acre ranch in Blucher Valley, Merced County, California, and later in San Francisco. They were divorced and remained so for 25 years and then remarried. Their children:

i. Gertrude Mary, born 29 December 1870 at Blucher Valley, was a nurse, married Spencer Potts, died about 1949 and is buried at Walla Walla, Washington. They had two sons: i. John Edminster, born 1900 and in 1963 a doctor at Walla Walla; ii. Clayton, in 1963 a doctor at Grass Valley, California.

15. ii. Philip Henry, born 30 January 1872.
 iii. Jessie Estelle, born 16 October 1873 at Blucher Valley, married Frank Collins, had three children: i. Chester, born about 1894 and died about 1957, had a son, Chester Jr., who was a 33rd degree Mason; ii. Frank, Jr., who married Anastasia _____, and had a son, Gregory, who was killed in World War II on his 21st birthday; iii. Marian, who had a daughter, Kay, who married a Jim Martin.
 iv. Oscar Morris, born 1875 at Point Reyes, California, married Virginia Wentworth. He was a teamster in San Francisco. They had no children. He was a diabetic and died in shock from not getting insulin when needed.
16. v. Newton James, born 1 April 1878.
 vi. Bertha May, born 26 November 1879 at San Francisco. She was injured as a baby when her nurse dropped her. She never married, died in 1950.
17. vii. William Shafter, Jr., born 15 November 1881.
18. viii. Ralph Clayton, born 21 September 1885.
19. ix. John Leamond, born 21 August 1887.

A "Chester" Edminster was listed with the family in 1899, 1900, an iron worker but otherwise unidentified.

William Shafter and Adelia are both buried at Modesto, California.

(Much of the information on the descendents of Philip Henry in California I have obtained from conversations and correspondence with his granddaughters Adelia, Jessie Marie, and Juanita between 1950 and 1963).

11. James Lovell Edminster (Philip Henry³ Zebedee²⁻¹), born 9 January 1852 in Newfane, Vermont, son of Philip Henry and Mary Lovell (Shafter). He had a twin brother, James Henry, who died as an infant. He and his mother, sister and brother came to California by boat around the Horn following his father's death in 1856. He married in March 1880 at Portland, Oregon, Lucy Cook, born 18 September 1857 at Rockford, Illinois, daughter of John and Caroline (Palmer) Cook. She died in March 1907 at San Francisco. He was a teamster and carpenter. He died in California 13 February 1931. Their children, born in California:
- i. Mary Lovell, born 23 July 1882, married in June 1912 at Dorchester, Massachusetts, George H. Mc Carthy, born September 1874 at Boston, Massachusetts, lived in New Jersey. They had one daughter, Dorothy L., born 3 May 1919 at New York City, never married, lived at Greenbelt, Maryland in 1964. Mary Lovell died in 1954 at Montclair, New Jersey.
20. ii. Philip Maurice, born 3 November 1883.
 iii. Juanita, born 1 August 1885, in Marin County, married 21 May 1911 at San Francisco, Silvio Tognacca, born in 1885 in Marin County, son of Domanec and Sarah Tognacca. Their child, Phyllis, married Paul B. Jones and had five children: Thomas W., Jene R., Barbara Ridgeway, Charlene, Susan. They lived at Novato, California in 1964. Juanita lived at Petaluma, California in 1964.

21. iv. Vincent Cook, born 4 February 1893.
12. Henry Thomas Edminster (Thomas B.³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 1 April 1863 at Cornish, New Hampshire, son of Thomas B. and Irene M. (Howard). He married 20 September 1887 at Plainfield, New Hampshire, Mrs. Etta R. Stearns, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Cory) Robinson. They moved to Claremont, New Hampshire in April 1904 where he was a painter. She died 7 May 1938 and he 3 April 1941, both at Claremont. Their children:
- i. Donald Henry, born 6 October 1910 at Claremont, married 25 November 1938, at Lebanon, New Hampshire, Josephine Mary Kapise, born 5 September 1909, daughter of John and Antonia (Mroczhowsku) Kapise. They had no children, lived at Claremont in 1964 where he was a chemist.
- ii. Ruth M., apparently another child, lived with the family in 1934 according to the city directory, probably did not marry, lived in Claremont in 1962.
13. Frank Custer Edminster (Franklin S.⁴, James Arvine³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 13 June 1879 at Brooklyn, New York, son of Franklin S. and Minnie (Constant). After winning two scholarships at Boys High School in Brooklyn, he attended Cornell University at Ithaca, New York where he resided thereafter. After graduation with an A. B. degree in 1902, he married 1 April 1903, at Brooklyn, New York, Ida Linington, born 3 March 1879 at Brooklyn, daughter of Theodore and Rebecca Ann (Slack) Linington. The Linington family had resided on Long Island, New York since the latter part of the 17th century. Frank Custer taught at Cornell for a couple of years and then established a private tutoring and preparatory school at Ithaca, The Collegiate School, popularly known to many generations of Cornellians as "Eddie's". At various times he also started other businesses: auto tours about 1910 when there were no such; radio servicing about 1920 when radios first became commercial and were very complicated; and a travel agency about 1925. The auto tours and radio enterprises were short-lived. The school business virtually lost its clientele with the great depression of 1930 and was closed after his death 15 December 1932. His wife continued the travel business until her death 7 February 1938. Both are buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Ithaca.

Frank and Ida, my parents, were pioneers in automobile touring. Beginning about 1908 or 1909, the long summer vacations which the school business afforded were ideal for travelling. In a two-cylinder Maxwell touring car, loaded to the fenders with tent, cots, gasoline cans and the other impediments of camping, we travelled the northeastern states and eastern Canada guided only by U. S. Geological Survey topographic maps. This was continued annually with a succession of cars until about 1917 when such luxuries as hard roads, gas stations and road maps had appeared. In his later years he travelled abroad considerably and was about to take a train from the station at Ithaca for New York and a Caribbean cruise when he died from a heart attack. Their children, both born at Ithaca:

22. i. Frank Custer, Jr., born 26 December 1903.
ii. Minnie, born 10 April 1907. She graduated from Cornell University in 1930 and married 21 June 1930 at Ithaca, Charles William Webb, born 14 December 1906 at Ithaca, son of Charles Richard and Margaret

(Reeves) Webb. They were later divorced. Their two children, both born at Staten Island, New York: i. Frank Howard, born 3 July 1931, married Laura Leanah Williams, born 23 November 1935 at Brooklyn, New York, daughter of William and Jennie (Muh) Williams. Their four children: Elizabeth, born 14 October 1954 at Staten Island, Catherine, born 26 December 1957 at Ithaca, New York, Laura, born 17 September 1961 at Ithaca and Amy Louise, born 13 November 1964 at Elmira, New York; ii. Eleanor, born 18 April 1936, married 3 May 1958 At Staten Island, Kenneth Brennan, born 31 October 1931 at Staten Island. Their children, both born at Staten Island: June, born 15 February 1959, and James Kenneth, born 14 April 1962.

14. Jesse Warner Edminster (Franklin S.⁴, James Arvine³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 5 February 1886 at Brooklyn, New York, son of Franklin S. and Minnie (Constant). He continued his father's drug business for three years after his father's death in 1901 and then, when 18, removed to Vermont where he carried on a business of selling drugs and sundries, first at Brandon, then at Poultney, finally at Belmont. He married, first, 22 June 1907, Jessie May Bristol, born 16 June 1883, daughter of Edwin and Emeransa (Town) Bristol. Their children:

i. Ethel May, born 25 January 1908 at Wallingford, Vermont, married 30 November 1934, Raymond Wood. Their children, all born at Fairhaven, Vermont: i. Dorothy Ann, born 11 October 1935, married Walter Boynton, 28 December 1957 and they have three daughters; ii. Evelyn, born 1 September 1936, married Ronald Horton and they have a son and a daughter; iii. Robert, born 8 October 19__; iv. Faye, born 22 August 1946.

ii. Grace Elizabeth, born 14 August 1911 at Wallingford, Vermont, married 30 June 1934, Kenneth Gordon Stafford, born 31 July 1909 at Rupert, Vermont. Their children: i. Gail Elizabeth, born 5 October 1936, married 24 October 1955, Robert Charles Erwin, had no children by 1963; ii. Donna Grace, born 16 August 1941, married 20 May 1961, Jan Allen Richards. They had one son by 1963. Grace and Kenneth lived at Watertown, New York in 1963.

iii. Clara Ida, born 9 May 1914 at Hampton, New York, married 25 October 1936, Kenneth Bowers, born 10 June 1906, and lived at San Jose, California. Their children: i. Jessie La Verna, born 14 January 1938, married 20 December 1959, Jack Russell Thomas, born 16 February 1932, and have a son and daughter; ii. David John, born 18 October 1944; iii. Linda Faye, born 15 August 1953. Clara Ida died early in 1964 in San Jose.

Jessie May died 30 December 1917 at Brandon, Vermont. Jesse Warner married, second, 25 June 1919, Rachel Mary Hanson, born 17 March 1893, daughter of William and Minnie (Wheadon) Hanson. Their children:

23. iv. Howard Warner, born 22 June 1921.

24. v. Robert Edward, born 28 September 1923.

Rachel Mary died 21 August 1960 at Belmont, Vermont. Jesse Warner lived at Belmont in 1964.

15. Philip Henry Edminster (William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 30 January 1872 at Blucher Valley, Merced County, California, son of William Shafter and Adelia (Robinson). Known as "Ted", he married 24 November 1897 at Redwood City, California, Mattie May Jordan, born 20 January 1879 at Mariaville, Maine, daughter of Fredman Burr and Helen Dubois (Jellison) Jordan. They lived in San Francisco where he was in the teamster business, then was a contractor, and later lived in Fresno. He died 2 October 1942 at Fresno. Their children:
25. i. Lester Ross, born 7 October 1898.
 ii. Gladys Helen, born 13 August 1906 at San Francisco, married 11 August 1925, at Linwood, California, Denzil Victor Bronson, born 10 May 1903, son of Ethel (Le Duc) Bronson. Their children: i. Opal Ruth, born 1 February 1927, married Robert E. Jamison and lived at Sunnyvale, California; ii. Ramona Carol, born 27 October 19__, married Lewis Haan, was divorced and remarried. Gladys and Denzil lived at Moss Beach, California in 1965.
26. iii. Raymond Jordan, born 23 May 1909.
27. iv. Ralph Bresee, born 23 October 1911.
 v. Ruth Lorraine, born 5 July 1918 at Daly City, California, married 1 July 1947 at San Francisco, Robert Fairchild Vasey, born 18 December 1909, son of Lynn and Edna Vasey. They had one child, Joy Lynne, born 11 June 1949 at San Francisco. They were later divorced. Ruth lived with her mother, Mattie May, at Watsonville, California in 1964 where she teaches school.
16. Newton James Edminster (William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 1 April 1878 at San Francisco, California, son of William Shafter and Adelia (Robinson). He married Anne _____, had two children both of whom died in infancy. He was a red-headed, high-spirited lad who had trouble with his family and with the law. While at reform school at Whittier, California, he received a head injury playing football that contributed to later blindness and death. Later he reformed and became a Catholic. He died in 1912.
17. William Shafter Edminster, Jr. (William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 15 November 1881 (12 October?) at San Francisco, California son of William Shafter and Adelia (Robinson). He married Loretta Josephine Murphy, born 21 June 1879 at San Francisco, daughter of John and Jane (Crosby) Murphy. He worked for the City of San Francisco and was a labor organizer. Their children:
- i. Jessie Marie, born 18 April 1908 at San Francisco, married 19 September 1931 at Bolinas, California, Albert T. Imberg, born 16 April 1896 at Placerville, California, son of Andrew John and Hannah (Brun) Imberg. Their children: i. Jan, born 9 March 1933 at San Francisco, married 8 December 1951, Melvin Bauer, had three children, Blake, Amy and Bryce; ii. Brun, born 9 March 1935 at San Francisco, married 22 January 1962, Sachiko Masuda. Albert died 16 January 1963 at San Francisco where Jessie Marie continued to live.
28. ii. Howard William, born 10 July 1910.

William Shafter, Jr. died 6 May 1950 at San Carlos, California and Loretta Josephine died 26 February 1951 in San Francisco.

18. Ralph Clayton Edminster (William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 21 September 1885 at San Francisco, California, son of William Shafter and Adelia (Robinson). He married in San Francisco, Alice Cunningham, born about 1895 in Chicago, Illinois. He was a drayman in Modesto, California in the 1920's. He was present when his brother John was killed and the experience affected him. He was the last survivor of his family, dying at a rest home at Grass Valley, California late in 1962. Their children:
- 29. i. Frank Kenneth, born 17 July 1914.
 - ii. Gertrude Mary, born in 1917 at Stevinson Colony, Merced County, California, lived in Modesto, California in 1937, married Lyle Davis of Nebraska and had two children, Bessie and Billie.
19. John Leamond Edminster (William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 21 August 1887 at San Francisco, California, son of William Shafter and Adelia (Robinson). He married 15 October 1908 at Danville, California, Marian Frances Bennett, born 20 May 1890 at Pleasanton, California, daughter of Bert William and Rosila (Fairfield) Bennett. They lived at Modesto, California in 1922. He was electrocuted by accident 29 January 1940 while working on the California Central Valley Project. She died June 1950 and both are buried at Stevinson Colony, Merced County. Their children:
- 30. i. Bert William, born 1 September 1909.
 - ii. Adelia Marian, born 9 October 1911 at San Francisco, never married, lived at Glendale, California in 1964.
31. iii. John Leamond, Jr., born 5 February 1914.
32. iv. Oscar Morris, born 7 December 1916.
- v. Donna Ellen, born 25 February 1920 at Stevinson Colony, married, first, in 1937, Thomas Bland, had a daughter, Barbara; she married, second, Mike Antonini, had three children by him.
 - vi. Patricia Jane, born 17 March 1922 at Modesto, California, married John Gonzalves who died in 1958. They had two sons and three daughters.
33. vii. Robert James, born 18 August 1925.
- viii. Nancy Lee, born 26 October 1927 at Turlock, California, married 6 February 1954, Louis Ludwig, had one son and two daughters, lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 - ix. Sara Jessie, born 26 February 1932 at Turlock, California, married Douglas Wacker. They had no children before she died in 1954.
20. Philip Maurice Edminster (James Lovell⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 3 November 1883 in San Francisco, California, son of James Lovell and Lucy (Cook). He married 6 December 1904, Molly Coleman, born 12 February 1880 at Salem, Oregon, daughter of James R. and Elizabeth Coleman. He was a salesman, lived in San Francisco and Oakland, California, Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington. He died 13 February 1931. She lived in Pleasant Hill, California in 1963. Their children, all born in California:
- i. A son who died at birth, 1907
 - ii. A daughter who died at birth, 1908.

34. iii. Donald Coleman, born 22 July 1910.
35. iv. Philip Maurice, Jr., born 28 July 1912.
 v. Virginia, born 20 February 1916, worked in San Francisco
 1935-39, married 14 October 1939, George Condor.
 vi. Gene Elizabeth, born 22 December 1921, married 6 December 1941,
 Edward Mc Dean (?).
21. Vincent Cook Edminster (James Lovell⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born
 4 February 1893 in Petaluma, California, son of James Lovell and Lucy
 (Cook). He moved to Allentown, Pennsylvania where he married, first, 16
 October 1916, Erma Arlene Freeman, born 3 August 1895 at Lehighton,
 Pennsylvania, daughter of William D. and Sally Ann (Loch) Freeman. Their
 child:
- i. James Lovell, born 31 March 1919 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
 married 31 March 1940, Margaret Bauer, born 8 January 1921 at Allentown,
 daughter of Howard J. Mertz and Emily M. (Krick). (Bauer, her adopted
 name, was Emily M. Krick's second husband). They had no children. He
 was a Major in the U. S. Army and was killed October 1943 in World War II.
- Vincent and Erma were divorced July 1938. He married, second, Edna Mary
 Trexler, born 10 June 1893 at Alburdis, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles
 T. and Kate (Schlicher) Trexler. They had no children, lived at Allentown
 in 1964 where Erma also lived.
22. Frank Custer Edminster, Jr. (Frank Custer⁵, Franklin S.⁴, James Arvine³,
Zebedee²⁻¹), born 26 December 1903 at Ithaca, New York, son of Frank
 Custer and Ida (Linington). He received the B. S. degree in 1926 and
 M. S. in 1930 from Cornell University, was a 32nd degree Mason. He
 married 24 May 1929 at Ithaca, Edith May Kimple, born 8 January 1902 at
 Trumansburg, New York, daughter of Ernest and Katherine (Sarsfield)
 Kimple. She graduated from Ithaca Conservatory of Music (now Ithaca
 College) and was a concert pianist and teacher. She had earlier married
 in 1919, Harry Flynn, had no children, was divorced in 1928. Frank was
 a biologist with the New York Conservation Department from 1930-37; bio-
 logist and soil conservationist with the United States Soil Conservation
 Service at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, 1937-38; Upper Darby, Pennsylvania,
 1938-53; New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1954-57; Richmond, Virginia, 1957-61;
 and, Washington, D.C. from 1961. He was author of five books and over a
 hundred other publications on wildlife and soil conservation. Their
 children:
36. David Kimple, born 20 June 1931.
37. Steven Allen, born 20 June 1931.
23. Howard Warner Edminster (Jesse Warner⁵, Franklin S.⁴, James Arvine³,
Zebedee²⁻¹) born 22 June 1921 at Poultney, Vermont, son of Jesse Warner
 and Rachel Mary (Hanson). He graduated from University of Vermont and
 was a sales engineer. He married, 31 December 1942, at Long Island City,
 New York, Elizabeth Shirley Ford, born 18 August 1923 at Westboro,
 Massachusetts, daughter of Leon Ford. They lived at Cohasset, Massachusetts
 in 1964. Their children:

- i. Norman Alan, born 14 February 1948 at Laconia, New Hampshire.
 - ii. Dale Janice, born 28 July 1951 at Rutland, Vermont.
 - iii. Lynne Hanson, born 1 November 1954 at Milton, Massachusetts.

- 24. Robert Edward Edminster (Jesse Warner⁵, Franklin S⁴, James Arvine³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 28 September 1923 at Poultney, Vermont, son of Jesse Warner and Rachel Mary (Hanson). He graduated from University of Vermont and is an engineer. He married, 20 April 1946 at Rutland, Vermont, Norma Ann Person, born 16 September 1923 at Burlington, Vermont, daughter of Hiram Wells and Anna (Vogel) Person. They lived at Claarwater, Florida in 1964. Their children:
 - i. Nancy, born 8 October 1947 at Burlington, Vermont.
 - ii. John Persons, born 3 September 1953 at Poughkeepsie, New York.

- 25. Lester Ross Edminster (Philip Henry⁵, William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 7 October 1898 at Redwood City, California, son of Philip Henry and Mattie May (Jordan). He married, first, June 1919, at San Francisco, Eva Jurs, born 6 August 1904 at San Francisco, daughter of Henry J. and Mary Lillian (Baker) Jurs. They had one child:
 - i. Dorothy, born 9 September 1924 at San Francisco, married 26 September 1948, Tustin Ellison, had two children: i. Denise Alexandra, born 18 April 1954 at Palo Alto, California; ii. Michele Eden, born 8 April 1959 at Palo Alto.

He lived at Fresno, California 1925-40 and married, second, 1 June 1932, Viola Mae Littler Wilson, born 2 November 1902 at Girard, Kansas, daughter of Francis Marion and Pearl May (Van Dyke) Littler. He later was in the hard surfacing electrodes business, had his own plant at Troutdale on the Columbia River above Portland, Oregon where they lived in 1965. He flew his own plane in his business, was a 32nd degree Mason. Their children, both born at Fresno:

 - ii. Lester Ross, Jr., born 14 July 1933, married Dixie Lee Batten, had no children, died 22 December 1954.
 - iii. Carol Jean, born 22 July 1936, married Raymond David Haag, born 30 November 1934, had children: i. Mark David, born 12 June 1956 at Portland; ii. Chris Jeffrey, born 9 August 1957 at Portland; iii. Lisa Cayrn, born 12 August 1959 at Hayward, California; iv. Laura Kathleen, born 6 May 1962 at Hayward.

- 26. Raymond Jordan Edminster (Philip Henry⁵, William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 23 May 1908 at San Francisco, California, son of Philip Henry and Mattie May (Jordan). He married, first, about 1934, Dagmar Katrina Raunsbeck, born 8 September 1912 at Fresno, California, daughter of John and Thyra Raunsbeck who were born in Denmark. Their children:
 - i. Judith Dagmar, born 10 September 1936 at San Francisco, married in February 1954 at Olympia, Washington, Warren Stokes, born about 1931 in Washington, had two children: i. Sheri Lynn, born 1955; ii. Michael, born 1957. They lived at Olympia, Washington, in 1964.

- 38. ii. Ronald Raymond, born 1 October 1933.

They were divorced and he married, second, about 1949, Dorothea Edna Fries, born 24 July 1917 at Fresno, daughter of John and Katherine (Schnieder) Fries. They lived at Loma Linda, California in 1964 where he was in the hard electrode service business. Their child:

iii. Ted, born 26 October 1952 at Fresno.

27. Ralph Bresee Edminster (Philip Henry⁵, William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 23 October 1911 at San Francisco, California, son of Philip Henry and Mattie May (Jordan). He married, first, about 1930 at San Francisco, Helen Lucille Erb. Their children, both born at San Francisco:

39. i. Alan Douglas, born 13 December 1931.

ii. Nancy Marie, born 22 July 1933, married a Roeseler, had children: i. Catherine Gay, born 13 March 1953 at Pasadena, California; ii. Sandra, born 22 June 1954 at Pasadena; iii. Billy, born 11 January 1956 at Duarte, California; iv. Marie Lyn, born 12 March 1958 at Duarte; v. Arthur Allen, born 7 September 1959 at Duarte.

He married, second, about 1940, Paula Elston. They had no children. He married, third, by 1953, Alma Armstrong. They had no children, lived at Hayward, California in 1965 where he was a labor union official.

28. Howard William Edminster (William Shafter⁵⁻⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 10 July 1910 at San Francisco, California, son of William Shafter, Jr., and Loretta Josephine (Murphy). He graduated from University of California taught English in the high school at Pacifica, California, where he lived in 1965. He has written and published poetry and was listed in "Who's Who Among North American Authors", Volume V, 1931-32. He married, first, 31 December 1930, Adele Blum. They had no children. He married, second, Frances Bennett Dodge, born 28 May 1905 in San Francisco, daughter of George Andrew and Maude Ellingwood (Bennett) Dodge. Their children:

i. Jessie, born 8 February 1941 at San Francisco, graduated from San Francisco State College, married 29 December 1962, John Francis Moffitt. They lived at Madrid, Spain in 1965 where he was studying for a doctorate at University of Madrid.

ii. John Jeremiah, born 13 March 1943 at San Francisco, served in the U. S. Navy, was attending University of California in 1965 and engaged to Laura Overstreet.

Frances Bennett died 17 September 1953 at South San Francisco. He married third, Dorothy Quinn, born 25 February 1928 at San Francisco, daughter of John Joseph and Dorothy (Doyle) Quinn. Their children:

iii. Thomas William, born 17 June 1955 at San Francisco.

iv. Ann Virginia, born 20 July 1956 at San Francisco.

29. Frank (or Francis ?) Kenneth Edminster (Ralph Clayton⁵, William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 17 July 1914 at Stevinson Colony (Merced County) California, son of Ralph Clayton and Alice (Cunningham).

He was a pilot in U. S. Air Force in the Philippines in World War II and was a pharmacist at San Carlos, California where he lived in 1963. He married 6 June 1942, at San Francisco, Janice Burne, born 15 October 1917 at San Rafael, California, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Mc Manus) Burne. Their children:

- i. Stephen, born 19 December 1943 at Boise, Idaho.
- ii. Richard, born 14 July 1949 at Woodland, California.

30. Bert William (John Leamond⁵, William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 1 September 1909 at San Francisco, California, son of John Leamond and Marian Frances (Bennett). He lived at Stevinson Colony, Livingston, Merced County, California in 1963 where he was a taxidermist. He married in April 1935 at Los Angeles, California, Maxine Thomas, born 1 June 1915 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, daughter of Roy and Lucy (Parker) Thomas. Their child:

- i. Phyllis Jean, born 19 March 1936 at Los Angeles, lived in Modesto, California in 1956, married Melvin Santos.

31. John Leamond Edminster, Jr. (John Leamond⁵, William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 5 February 1914 at San Francisco, California, son of John Leamond and Marian Frances (Bennett). (His birth certificate says "John Francis"). He was Bos'n. Mate, U. S. Navy in World War II. He married, first, Dorothy May Davis of Texas. They had no children. He married, second, Sue _____ of Australia. They lived in Sydney, Australia in 1963 where he was agent for Caterpillar Tractor Company. Their child:

- i. Lester Powell, born in Sydney, Australia.

32. Oscar Morris Edminster (John Leamond⁵, William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 7 December 1916 at San Francisco, California, son of John Leamond and Marian Frances (Bennett). He was Captain, Military Police, in World War II. He married 23 April 1942, at Merced, California, Nellie Ann Libbey, born 3 September 1916 at Hutchinson, Kansas, daughter of Cyrus J. and Anna J. (Edlund) Libbey. They lived at Tulare, California in 1963 where he was a teacher and athletic coach. Their children:

- i. Ann Gethrie, born 7 March 1943 at San Luis Obispo, California.
- ii. John Monte, born 12 August 1944 at San Luis Obispo, California.
- iii. Richard James, born 3 December 1949 at San Luis Obispo, California.
- iv. William Libbey, born 20 July 1954 at Tulare, California.

33. Robert James Edminster (John Leamond⁵, William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 18 August 1925 at Turlock, California, son of John Leamond and Marian Frances (Bennett). He was a Paratrooper, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army, in World War II. He graduated from San Jose State College and was a science teacher and athletic coach at Merced, California in 1963. He married, in June 1952, at Medford, Oregon, Mary Ann Brill, born 17 January 1929 at Medford, Oregon, daughter of Scott Emerson and Olga Florence (Larson) Brill. Their children:

- i. Suzanne Rene, born 9 September 1957 at Merced.
- ii. Karen Jane, born 16 August 1959 at Merced.
- iii. Joel Patrick, born 13 October 1962 at Merced.

34. Donald Coleman Edminster (Philip Maurice⁵, James Lovell⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 22 July 1910 in California, son of Philip Maurice and Molly (Coleman). He married, first, May 1930, Jean Hudson, lived at Oakland, California 1938-43. Their children:

- 40. i. Donald Coleman, Jr., born 17 June 1932.
- ii. Nancy Gene, born 2 December 1934 in California.

- 41. iii. Mitchell, born 20 March 1938.
- iv. Susan, born 1 October 1944 in California.

He married, second, in 1947, Edna Deeds. They had no children, lived at Walnut Creek, California in 1963.

35. Philip Maurice Edminster, Jr. (Philip Maurice⁵, James Lovell⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 28 July 1912 at Oakland, California, son of Philip Maurice and Molly (Coleman). He married, 12 July 1933, at San Francisco, California, Laura Grant, born 14 December 1912 at Carlisle, Arkansas, daughter of Daniel P. and Mary S. (Mueller) Grant. Their children:

- i. Mary Stephanie, born 25 November 1934 at San Francisco, married in November 1953, Paul Stremple, had two children: i. Philip Paul, born November 1955; ii. Mary Suzanne, born June 1958.
- ii. Philip Maurice, 3rd, born 25 October 1939 at San Francisco. He had not married by 1963.

They lived at Redding, California in 1964.

36. David Kimple Edminster (Frank Custer⁶⁻⁵), Franklin S⁴, James Arvine³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 20 June 1931 at Ithaca, New York, son of Frank Custer, Jr., and Edith May (Kimple). He was twin to Steven Allen. He graduated from Cornell University in 1956 with B. A. degree, served in the U. S. Army 1953-55, studied at University of Vienna, Austria, 1956-61. He married, 4 May 1963, at New Haven, Connecticut, Elisabeth De Vane, born 4 December 1933 at New Haven, Connecticut, daughter of Dr. William and Mabel (Phillips) De Vane. He was a Foreign Service Officer with the U. S. State Department and they lived in Bangkok, Thailand in 1964. Their daughter:

- i. Rebekah Phillips, born 17 March 1964 in Bangkok.

37. Steven Allen Edminster (Frank Custer⁶⁻⁵), Franklin S⁴, James Arvine³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 20 June 1931 at Ithaca, New York, son of Frank Custer, Jr. and Edith May (Kimple). He was twin to David Kimple. He graduated from Cornell University in 1957 with B. A. degree, served in the U. S. Army 1953-55, studied at the University of Vienna, Austria, 1957-61. He married, 2 June 1956, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, Pamela Dorothy Ward, born 14 December 1929 in England, daughter of Harry and Dorothy (Clutterbuck) Ward. He was a translator and interpreter with the United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency at Vienna, Austria in 1964.

Their daughter:

i. Julia, born 19 July 1958 at Chalfont St. Peter, Buckinghamshire, England.

38. Ronald Raymond Edminster (Raymond Jordan⁶, Philip Henry⁵, William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 1 October 1933 at Fresno, California, son of Raymond Jordan and Dagmar Katrina (Raunsbeck). He graduated from Fresno State College with B. S. degree, served in the U. S. Navy, 1951-54, and was a computer engineer. He married 26 July 1952, at Fresno, Norma June Winter, born 10 June 1933 at Fort Morgan, Colorado, daughter of Fred and Marie (Sagel) Winter. They lived at Sacramento, California in 1963 and in Washington, D. C. in 1965. Their children:

- i. Debra Ann, born 18 June 1953 at Bremerton, Washington.
ii. Douglas Alan, born 12 July 1958 at Fresno, California.

39. Alan Douglas Edminster (Ralph Bresee⁶, Philip Henry⁵, William Shafter⁴, Philip Henry³, Zebedee²⁻¹), born 13 December 1931 at San Francisco, California, son of Ralph Bresee and Helen Lucille (Erb). He married, in San Francisco, 22 February 1951, Dorothy A. _____, lived in Glendale, California in 1964. Their children:

- i. Lucille, born 13 April 1953 in Pasadena, California.
ii. Steven, born 20 April 1954 in Glendale.
iii. Robert Dennis, born 11 April 1955 in Glendale.

Part III. Descendents of Henry William and Roba (Howland) Edminster

1. Henry William was probably born in Freetown, Massachusetts a year or more before 1750 and was probably the son of William and Mary (Paul) Edminster but these conclusions are reached through circumstantial evidence. Roba Howland, who he married 13 January 1780 at Middleborough, Plymouth County (35) was the daughter of Isaac and Katherine (Howard) Howland of Plymouth County, Massachusetts. Isaac was descended from Henry Howland who arrived in Massachusetts from England in either 1621 on the ship "Fortune" or 1623 on the "Ann", one or three years after the landing of the Pilgrims. (39, 40) (See also, Part I.)

Henry Howland, with his brother Arthur, arrived in the Plymouth Colony shortly after their brother John, who came on the Mayflower in 1620. "The origin of this family is believed to have been in Essex County, England, but extensive researches have failed to reveal the parentage of the three brothers..." (40) Continuing this record, "The first mention made of Henry Howland is in the allotment of cattle in Plymouth in 1624...He was among the earliest settlers of Duxbury (a few miles north of Plymouth) where in 1635 he was chosen constable, and was described as 'one of the substantial land holders and freemen'...for several years he was surveyor of highways in the town, and for nine years served on the grand jury. But in 1657 he refused to serve longer on the grand inquest, the apparent reason being that he had turned Quaker..."

"Thereafter he was an object of persecution by the authorities of the Colony...In 1659 Henry Howland was convicted and sentenced by the Court 'to be disenfranchised of his freedom in the corporation for being an abettor and entertainer of Quakers...Once, on refusing to pay his fine, his house and lands were seized by the Marshall."

"In 1652 Henry Howland was among the original purchasers of Dartmouth...acquired from the Indians. Subsequently, with twenty-six others, he bought the land known as Assonet, including the present town of Freetown, Massachusetts, and here his son Samuel settled..."

Henry Howland married Mary Newland of Lynn, Massachusetts. They had four sons: Zoeth, who was killed by Indians and whose descendents accumulated a great fortune in land and whaling and which was later famed as the Hetty Green fortune; John; Joseph; Samuel, whose son Joshua married Dorothy Lee. They were the parents of Isaac Howland who married Katherine Howard and who begat Roba who married Henry Edminster.

Henry Edminster moved to Middleborough, in Plymouth County, probably about the time of his marriage. He and Roba lived there for many years including the period of the Revolutionary War in which he served (See Part I).

Their six children were all born in Middleborough. Four of them were born by 1790 and were listed in the First Census that year. They were: a son, whose name has never come to light; three daughters, Charity, Hope and Judith. The other two sons were born after 1790; the census for 1800 listed three sons and one daughter, only Judith remaining at home. No Edminsters were listed in the 1810 census of the area which suggests that they may have left there by that time. However, they did not arrive

in Cortland County, New York until about 1812 or 1813 when they settled in what is now Harford Township, then named Virgil Township, Tioga County.

Only son Henry, Jr. and his wife are listed in the 1820 census of Virgil. But in the 1830 census son Howard's family is listed as well. With Howard, in addition to his own wife and children, are listed a male apparently his oldest brother. Also, his sister, Judith, is listed as being with him then. Roba apparently had died before 1830 and may have passed on before the family left Middleborough. Henry died at 82, probably at Harford (Virgil) and probably in or soon after 1830. The six children of Henry and Roba were:

i. Charity, born in the early 1780's, married Noah Simmons, of Middleborough, 4 October 1799 at Taunton Congregational Church (16).

ii. A son, born between 1884-89, who died at Harford, New York (probably) and likely between 1830 and 1840. There are no known named records of him and it is likely that he did not marry.

iii. Hope, born before 1790. She was not living with the family in 1800 according to the census but no further information about her has been found.

iv. Judith, born 17 November 1790, probably never married, died 10 January 1858 at Harford and is buried there. Hers is the only stone left in the plot but the vacant space suggests that there may have been other stones that are now (1962 when visited) gone.

2. v. Henry William Edminster, Jr., born 25 September 1793.

3. vi. Howard, born 1794.

2. Henry William Edminster, Jr. (Henry William¹), born 25 September 1793 (or 1795 ?) at Middleborough, Massachusetts, son of Henry William and Roba (Howland). He moved with his family from Middleborough sometime after 1800 and settled in the township of Harford, Cortland County, New York in 1813 (possibly in 1812). He married, before 1820, Mary Barnes, born 18 November 1802 at West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, daughter of Lemuel Barnes, Revolutionary War soldier, and Rebecca (Bement) (41). Their family is recorded in the censuses of Harford (first it was part of Virgil in Tioga County) in 1820, 1830 and 1840. However, they had apparently moved a few miles across the county line into Caroline, Tompkins County, from about 1835 to 1840. They had evidently moved a short distance again by 1850 for they were then listed in the census of the township of Dryden, Cortland County. He died at Harford, 31 March 1852 (1). Mary and the children soon after removed to Milo, Bureau County, Illinois where she died, 19 September 1866. Both of the Henrys were farmers. The 12 or 13 children of Henry, Jr. and Mary, all born in New York but order not certain, were:

i. Roba (or Rhoby or Ruby?), born about 1820 in Harford, New York, married 31 January 1839, George Haskins, also of Harford and a neighbor (58). Their children: i. Le Roy; ii. William Wallace; iii. Mary; iv. Douglas; v. Almetta; vi. Norton Brown.

4.
 - ii. Reuben S., born 8 July 1822.
 - iii. Judith, born 1824 in Harford, married Norton L. Brown who was born in 1820 and died in 1910. She died 1908. Both are buried at Harford. In 1962 I visited a Mrs. Hawley, 87, at Harford, and former Town Historian, who knew Judith Edminster Brown as "Gromm" when she, Mrs. Hawley, was a child. The Norton Browns had the following children: i. Charles J. who died at Harford 24 January 1876, aged 27, and who was buried beside his parents; ii. Richard; iii. Deete Iona, who married a Chapman; iv. Albie, a daughter who married a Wilcox. Judith's Uncle Howard lived with the Browns in 1860 before he went to Illinois.
 - iv. Loretta, who married Sewell Townsend. Their children: i. Fred; ii. a son; iii. possibly a third child, a daughter (who married a "Don Carlos" according to Mrs. Amber Edminster Bebinger).
5.
 - v. Orange, born 1826.
6.
 - vi. William Henry, born 1829.
7.
 - vii. John, born 30 August 1832.
8.
 - viii. Charles Barnes, born 7 April 1835.
 - ix. Caroline, born 1836 at Caroline, New York, married, first, Valentine Babcock; married, second, George Whitworth by whom she had a child, Libby who married a Currier.
9.
 - x. George William, born 20 September 1840.
 - xi. Andrew, born 1843, died 29 September 1859 at Harford and is buried there.
 - xii. Austin, listed as a child of Henry, Jr. and Mary without further record by George Clinton Edminster in his family record. He also listed two children as "may have died in infancy". These may be errors and may be children of Reuben S. Edminster, which see below.
 - xiii. Lucretia, born 1844, may have been in this family. She is listed in the 1860 census of Bureau County, Illinois as working for a Thomas Babcock along with Thomas De Maranville, 23. (Mrs. Amber Edminster Bebinger says she never heard of Lucretia.)

Information on Henry, Jr. and his family was obtained from U. S. Census records as noted, soldier service and pension records, biography of son Reuben in (1), genealogy of descendents of Henry Edminster compiled by George Clinton Edminster of Wyanet, Illinois (mimeographed, 1962), Harford cemetery stones, and conversations and correspondence with descendents.

3. Howard Edminster (Henry William¹), born 1794 at Middleborough, Massachusetts, son of Henry William and Roba (Howland). He had moved to Harford, New York by 1812. He married 10 April 1818 at Dryden, New York, Lucy Ronsenville, born between 1800 and 1810. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, enlisting at Caroline, New York and serving in Capt. Eli Bacon's Co., Col. Thompson Meade's Regt. New York Militia from 8 September 1812 to 30 October 1812. He was honorably discharged 8 March 1813 at Lewiston, New York. He received two land grants for his service, one of 40 acres and one of 120 acres. His application for a pension was denied because of inadequate length of service. He lived with his niece, Judith Edminster Brown in Harford in 1860. In the pension file is a

deposition by Consider Howland made in 1871 at Lisle, New York, probably a relative of his mother. Howard migrated to Bureau County, Illinois in the 1860's following others of the family who had gone there earlier. He was living in Illinois in 1870 with the family of Edward Haywood whose wife was almost surely one of Howard's children. There were three daughters, all born in Harford:

- i. A daughter, not identified as to name.
- ii. Lucy Ann, who died 2 June 1843, probably in Harford.
- iii. Nancy, who married Edward Haywood, and with whom Howard lived in 1870.

No information has been found about Howard's wife other than her name. Probably she had died or had left him before 1860. Howard likely died in Illinois in the 1870's as he is not found in the 1880 census.

4. Reuben S. Edminster (Henry William²⁻¹), born 8 July 1822 at Caroline, New York, son of Henry William, Jr. and Mary (Barnes). He is accounted for in the 1830 census of Harford, is missing in subsequent censuses of the area. However, it was not until 1855 that he removed to Milo, Bureau County, Illinois where he farmed and remained until 1873 (1). He then moved to Kansas, near Basehor, Leavenworth County, where he became "...one of the prosperous farmers of the neighborhood." According to the above reference "he started for himself without means and assisted in caring for his younger brothers and sisters until they were able to become self-supporting. He also gave his children good educational advantages..." He married 6 July 1844, Adelia (or Adele ?) M. Mc Cullough, born 21 October 1823 at Hartford, Connecticut. Her parents were both "foreign born" according to the census, likely from the British Isles. He was active in township and county affairs and held various local offices. Also, he was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and served in many church positions (1). He died 8 September 1906 and his wife died 11 January 1900; both are buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Basehor, Kansas. Their children, not necessarily in order of birth:

- i. Mary Jane, born 1846 in New York, married, first, David Vader; married, second, Owen Dunbar. Children by second husband: i. Chester;
- ii. Lena.

10. ii. Howard Simmons, born 7 June 1848.

11. iii. Austin Leander, born 2 February 1849.

iv. Lois Lurana, born 1854 (or 1863?), married John Griswold and had children: i. Gertrude, who married a Schroeder; ii. Lulu, who married Solon Don Carlos; iii. Everett, who died in childhood.

v. Mandana, born 1858, married Charles Cornell Ramsay in 1876. They lived in Hingham, Massachusetts and in Boston where her son, C. Merle Ramsay, lived in 1964. She died in 1932. She was much interested in family history and compiled a lot of information on the early Edminsters in Massachusetts. I have quoted from some of her notes and correspondence in Part I. Their children: i. Howard; ii. Helen, married, first, Clarence Pettingill and married, second, Fred Lowrie; iii. C. Merle; iv. Florence, married, first, Frank Huckins and married, second, a Frederick.

12. vi. Herbert Loyal, born 21 April 1861.

13. vii. Charles H., born 1861.
 viii and ix. Two children, both died in infancy.
5. Orange Edminster (Henry William²⁻¹), born 1826 at Harford, New York, son of Henry William, Jr. and Mary (Barnes). He married Phebe De Maranville, born 1834 in New York. (Note: The name De Maranville, rather unusual, was common in Freetown, Massachusetts. Louis and Charles De Maranville were Minutemen in the Revolutionary War (19) from Freetown. It seems probable that the De Maranville and Edminster families migrated together from Massachusetts to New York and later on to Illinois and Kansas as the names come up as neighbors in all places). Children of Orange and Phebe:
- i. Judith, who married a Ward.
 - ii. Sylvia (or Ruth ?), born 1857 in Illinois, who married, first, a Capperune, and married, second, a Clement and had a daughter, Virginia who married a Ritehouse.
 - iii. Ellsworth E., born 1862 in Illinois, was married and divorced and had no children. He lived at Springfield, Illinois 1927-34, is buried at Milo, Illinois, as is his father.
6. William Henry Edminster (Henry William²⁻¹), born 1829 at Harford, New York, son of Henry William, Jr. and Mary (Barnes). In the 1850 census he is listed as a laborer on the farm of Lyman Dewell, Caroline, Tompkins County, New York. He married, first, Martha Hatch, born 1832, sister of the wife of his brother, Charles Barnes. Their children, all born in Illinois:
- i. Ellen, born 1858, married, first, a Miller by whom she had two children:
 - i. Maude, who married a Wagner and lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa;
 - ii. Henry, who lived in Peoria, Illinois, had two daughters. Ellen married, second, Crate Baldrige. They had no children.
 - ii. Newcomb, born 1863. He had no children.
 - iii. Cora, born December 1870.
- William Henry married, second, Hester_____. Their children:
- iv. Emma.
 - v. Myrtle, who married Charles Young and lived in Skokie, Illinois. They had one son. Russell, who lived in Chicago in 1963.
 - vi. Etta. She might have been the "Mrs. Etta Edmonster" who lived in Parsons City, Kansas in 1905. Other members of the family lived there.
 - vii. Nettie, who died in infancy.
7. John Edminster (Henry William²⁻¹), born 30 August 1832 in New York, son of Henry William, Jr. and Mary (Barnes). He married, first, at Tonganoxie, Kansas, Mary Ann De Maranville. Their children:
- i. Orange.
 - ii. Josephine, born 11 January 1860 in Illinois, married William Collins, a widower, in Kansas, after 1880.

John enlisted in the Civil War at Milo, Illinois, 7 December 1861 and was Pvt. Co. F, 57th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was Honorably Discharged for disability, 23 August 1862. By 1889 he had become wholly deaf as a consequence of his war disability and received an invalid pension through application 707405 from Kansas on 29 May 1889 and was given Certificate 482512. Mary Ann died in Kansas, probably in Stranger Township, Leavenworth County, 11 March 1890. John married, second, 2 June 1892 at Topeka, Kansas, Mrs. Lilly M. Hutchins (born Lilly Orr). They had no children. He died at Superior, Nebraska, 24 November 1907. His widow filed pension application 881164 on 9 December 1907 from Nebraska which was denied.

8. Charles Barnes Edminster (Henry William²⁻¹), born 7 April 1835 at Caroline, Tompkins County, New York, son of Henry William, Jr. and Mary (Barnes). He married, 29 April 1855 in Tioga County, New York, Maria B. Hatch, born 14 July 1836 in New York, and sister to Martha Hatch who was first wife of brother William Henry. Maria died 2 October 1909 and Charles 27 October 1918, both at Wyanet, Illinois where they are buried in Forest Home Cemetery. Their children:
 14. i. Charles Freemont, born 3 October 1856.
 15. ii. Llewellyn D., born 22 September 1859.
 - iii. Jessie, who married a West and had two sons and one daughter, all born in Illinois:
 - i. Edmund, who married Lillian Harris and had two sons. He is buried at Wyanet; ii. Wilbur, who married Hazel Harris and had one son and one daughter. He is buried at Pekin, Illinois; iii. Ada, who married a Raker, lived in Gowrie, Iowa in 1964 had no children.
 - iv. Mae (or Mary?), who married a Pettegrew and had two sons:
 - i. Arthur, who never married; ii. Guy, who married, had no children, was buried at Bradford, Illinois.
 - v. and vi. Two other children, both of whom died in infancy.
9. George William Edminster (Henry William²⁻¹), born 20 September 1840 in New York, son of Henry William, Jr. and Mary (Barnes). He married 31 August 1862 at Tiskilwa, Illinois. Sarah E. Blaisdell, born 13 February 1844 at Goffstown, New Hampshire. They lived in Kansas City, Kansas in 1889 where he was a teamster and in Parsons City, Kansas 1908-14. Grandson Harry Eugene (No. 29, below) told me that George William was a powerful man, six feet tall and 235 pounds. Even in his later years he still drove a team and could throw hundred pound sacks of bran over a wagon. Sarah died 19 April 1920 at Joplin, Missouri and he 21 October 1921 at Sheffield, Illinois. Both are buried at Oswego, Kansas. Their children:
 - i. Carrie Roba (Rhoba ?), born 24 December 1863 at Milo, Illinois, married 10 February 1886, Will H. Jardine. He died 14 December 1932 at Joplin, Missouri, is buried at Oswego, Kansas. Their only child: Glenn Robert who married Etta _____, had children Geraldine and Glenn Donald. He tried out as a catcher for the New York Giants but didn't go on because his mother would not let him play on Sunday, according to Harry Eugene Edminster of Portland, Oregon. Glenn Robert also was an organist.
 16. ii. Frank Henry, born 29 April 1866.
 - iii. Newell Grant, born 27 September 1868, probably at Milo, Illinois, died 2 October 1876.

iv. Bertha De Etta, born 25 October 1873, probably at Milo, Illinois, married 15 August 1895, George W. Hand. The year before she lived in Kansas City, Missouri with her father and brother, Harry Dexter. The Hands lived at Sheffield, Illinois where he was the first lock tender on the Illinois-Mississippi Canal. They had three children: i. Ruth Henrietta, born 26 September 1896 at Sheffield, married 4 March 1912 at Ottawa, Illinois, Conway Philpott. They had four sons and three daughters; ii. Frank Dexter, born 30 December 1900, married 16 August 1919 at Cambridge, Illinois to Louisa J. Phillips. They had four sons and four daughters; iii. Bert Louis, married 29 May 1928 at Mineral, Illinois to Bernice D. Laird. They had two sons. Bertha De Etta died 15 April, 1942 and her husband 14 January 1954.

17. v. Harry Dexter, born 10 April 1877.

10. Howard Simmons Edminster (Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 7 June 1848 at Harford, New York, son of Reuben S. and Adele (Mc Cullough). He married, first Lizzie Nesbit, who died as a bride. He married, second, 22 June 1876, Julia Jones, born 6 May 1849 in Marshall County, Illinois, daughter of Edwin S. and Emily (Root) Jones. Edwin S. Jones had fought in the Blackhawk War in the 1830's with Abraham Lincoln, after emigrating to Illinois from Pennsylvania. Their children:

18. i. Bertrand Howard, born 3 January 1879.

19. ii. Earl Easton, born 26 May 1882.

iii. Ethel Adelia, born 5 November 1884 in Marshall County, Illinois, married Robert Harrison Bliss, lived at Greeley, Colorado in 1963. Their children: i. Julia, born 20 April 1907, died 24 December 1933; ii. Jack Edward, born 23 May 1910, married Eugenia Harms, had children: Judith Gene, born 9 February 1938 and Robert Harms, born 20 November 1940. He died 5 June 1955; iii. Robert Harrison, Jr., born 7 March 1913, married Anne Kresfeld, lived in Denver, Colorado with two adopted sons, John and Michael. Robert Bliss had died by 1964. She lived at Greeley, Colorado in 1963.

iv. Nina Lillian, born 11 May 1887 in Marshall County, Illinois, married Henry Stevenson, lived in Moorhead, Minnesota. Their children: i. William Howard, a professor at Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, in 1964; ii. Henry E., who lived in Washington, D. C. in 1964. Nina died 15 November 1949.

v. Edwinna Julia, born 22 December 1889 in Marshall County, Illinois, attended Knox College, married in December 1911, Harold Rice Spinner. They lived at Port Blakeley, Bainbridge Island, Washington, in 1963. Their children: i. Mary Jane; ii. Florence.

20. vi. Lynn Ramsay, born 2 January 1893.

Julia Jones died 30 April 1895 in Chillicothe, Illinois. Howard Simmons married, third, Nellie King Herridge. They had one son:

vii. Everett, who had died by 1964. He was probably the Everett K. who lived in Kankakee, Illinois from 1941-49 with wife, Lea Pearl.

Howard Simmons died 31 December 1919 at Chillicothe.

11. Austin Leander Edminster (Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 2 February 1849 at Harford, New York, son of Reuben S. and Adele (Mc Cullough). He moved with his family to Bureau County, Illinois in 1855 and on to Basehor, Kansas in 1873. He lived in Kansas City, Kansas in 1889. He married Elizabeth Stone, born 29 May 1859 in Illinois, sister of Laura Stone who married his brother Herbert. Their children:

21. i. Clyde Garfield, born about 1875.

22. ii. Truman Carey, born 12 September 1878.

iii. Floyd H., born 1891, married Lila M. _____, had no children. He worked at Wichita, Kansas in 1911, Sioux City, Iowa 1939-41, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 1942-47, La Crosse, Wisconsin 1948-55, was a telephone company purchasing agent, lived at La Crescent, Minnesota in 1962.

iv. Nina, who married, first, Chester Shaw, had no children. She married, second Carl Voight. She died 13 July 1938.

Austin Leander died 8 November 1912 at Basehor and Elizabeth died in March 1933.

12. Herbert Loyal Edminster (Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 21 April 1861 in Henry County, Illinois, son of Reuben S. and Adele (Mc Cullough). He was a teamster in Kansas City, Missouri in 1893. He married, first, Frances Adelia Brown, born 16 April 1863 in New York. Their children:

23. i. Reuben Walter, born 11 December 1880.

24. ii. George Clarence.

iii. Hattie Bell, born 1 October 1882 in Leavenworth County, Kansas, married 27 May 1903, Lewis William Koch, born 2 May 1881 in Tazewell County, Illinois. Their children: i. Kenneth Harold, born 28 October 1904, died 26 November 1904; ii. Dale Edminster, born 3 October 1908 at Tonganoxie, Kansas, married Esther Leona Franklin, born 29 August 1912 at Kansas City, Kansas, daughter of Patrick Ben and Louise A. (Stueve) Franklin, had children: Lauree Jeannine, born 29 February 1941 at Kansas City, Kansas, married 15 July 1961, David John Myers; and Lonnie Eugene, born 4 August 1952 at Kansas City; iii. Helen Louise, born 16 December 1910 at Tonganoxie, married, first, Erby Gilbert Chancey, had one child, Mildred Louise, born 24 April 1932 at Lawrence, Kansas and married 20 August 1955, Eugene Joseph Friday. Helen Louise married, second, 21 November 1935 at Tonganoxie, Rollie Laster, born 21 October 1899 at Tonganoxie, son of Ace and Grace (Show) Laster. They lived in Kansas City, Kansas in 1964. Hattie Bell died 5 July 1948 and Lewis William 3 March 1963.

Herbert and Frances were divorced and she remarried to A. D. Hamilton of Tonganoxie. He married, second Laura Stone, sister of Elizabeth Stone who married his brother Austin Leander. Laura was born in Sanava, Missouri, 24 March 1866. George Shelby advised me that Laura's last name was "Kembler" when she married Herbert, thus she had evidently had been married before. There was a very small railroad town about 2 1/2 miles from Tonganoxie, Kansas, on the Missouri-Pacific Railroad, named "Edminster", after Herbert Loyal.

13. Charles H. Edminster (Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 1861 in Illinois, son of Reuben S. and Adele (Mc Cullough). He worked for the Wichita, Kansas Park Board. He married, first, Cassie Shubert. Their children:

- i. Earl
- ii. Edna.

He married, second, Nettie _____. Their Children:

- iii. Dana.
- iv. Alfred Glenn, adopted about 1896, lived at Wichita, Kansas, married, first, Fern C._____, had children: i. Kenneth E., born about 1916, married, first, about 1934, Martha F._____, had children, Rogene, born about 1937 and Gary K., born about 1939 and had a wife, Barbara in 1961. Kenneth married, second, about 1955, Nora E._____, lived at Wichita in 1964; ii. Leichester H. ("Lee"), born about 1919, married about 1946, Winifred L._____, was a singer for a number of years and known as "Corky". They had a child, Peggy, born about 1946. Alfred Glenn married, second, about 1920, Mary A._____, had children: iii. Robert M., born about 1922, was in the U. S. Army in 1956, was likely the Robert M. who lived in Redwood City, California in 1964, and had wife, Lela_____; iv. Patricia A. Alfred Glenn was in the real estate business in Wichita from 1913 to about 1954, was in several partnerships at different periods. After about 1955, he and sons Kenneth and Corky operated the Shamrock Tire and Oil Company at Wichita.

Charles H. was a teamster in Kansas City, Missouri in 1893. He lived in Kansas City, Kansas in 1909 when Alfred also lived with him. He lived there again in 1924-25, was a carpenter, had a wife listed in the directories as "Maude". She may have been a third wife. She was listed beginning as "widow" and this listing continued until 1960.

14. Charles Freemont Edminster (Charles Barnes³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 3 October 1856 at Caroline, Tompkins County, New York, son of Charles Barnes and Maria B. (Hatch). He married Margaret Clinton, his cousin, born 20 April 1856 at Kettle Creek, Pennsylvania, whose father was a soldier in the Civil War. Charles Freemont was a farmer near Bradford, Illinois, operated a tile factory and grain elevator at Lombardville, Illinois and later a grain elevator at South Wyanet. After this burned in 1894, he joined his father and brother, Llewellyn, in a feed, grain, coal and implement business called C. B. Edminster & Co. He was an inventor of note, had at least ten patents, including a pitless farm scale, a computing scale, a churn, and others. He was active in civic affairs. Their children, all born in Illinois:

i. Grace Maria, born 15 May 1878, died 1 July 1885 at Milo as a result of an early fall.

ii. Gertie Cerisa, born 7 March 1880 at Providence, married Lewis Peck, a rural mail carrier at Wyanet, and had three sons: i. Glenn, who lived in Huntington, West Virginia in 1964; ii. Wayne, who lived in Wyoming, Illinois in 1964; iii. George, who lived in Ironton, Ohio.

iii. Nellie May, born 13 November 1881 at Providence, married Rev. C. C. Carpenter, lived in Peoria, Illinois in 1964, had one son, Norman.

iv. Myrtle Blanche, born 23 February 1883 at Providence, married Clarence Houghton and had one son, Dwight. She lived with her son and his family at Medford, Oregon in 1963.

v. Charles, who died in infancy.

vi. Clarabelle, born 29 May 1888 at Tiskilwa, married Harry Callaway and lived in Wyanet. Their children: i. Roland, who lived in Los Angeles, California in 1964; ii. Berniece, who married Al Shack, lived at Rockford, Illinois in 1964; iii. Sheldon, died in infancy.

vii. Ivy Elmetta, born 25 August 1890 at Tiskilwa, married Dell Cook and had one son, Ross. He lived in Glenview, Illinois in 1964, had a son and two daughters.

viii. Harold, born 22 January 1892 at Milo and died the same day.

25. ix. George Clinton, born 17 May 1894.

Charles Freemont died 13 April 1901 and his wife died in 1940, both in Wyanet.

15. Llewellyn D. Edminster (Charles Barnes³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 22 September 1859 at Wheatland, Illinois, son of Charles Barnes and Maria B. (Hatch). He was a coal, seed and implement dealer in Wyanet, first with his father and brother, and later with Mr. Peter Nelson. He married 9 February 1889 at Princeton, Illinois, Laura Harris, born 5 December 1868 at Hollowayville, Illinois. Their children, probably all born in Illinois:

26. i. Walter L., born 11 February 1890.

ii. Charles Willis, never married, lived in Wyanet, died Bradford, Ill.

iii. Amber, born 25 September 1895 at Wyanet, married 22 July 1919 at Chicago to Vira Lincoln Bebinger, lived in Brookfield, Illinois in 1964, had five children: i. Robert L., born 31 August 1921 at Chicago, died 1 September 1921; ii. Jack Edminster, born 18 March 1923 at Chicago, married 5 August 1944 at Sydney, Australia, Joan Isabelle Tucker, born 29 December 1925 in Australia. They had three sons and two daughters, lived in Brookfield, Wisconsin in 1964 where he is an engineer. He served in the army in Australia in World War II. iii. Willis Herbert, born 28 August 1924 at Princeton, Illinois, married 22 July 1946 at Brookfield, Illinois, Margaret Lillian Anderson, born 3 July 1926 in New York. They have a son and two daughters, lived at Buckeye Lake, Ohio in 1964 where he is in the insurance business. He served in the U. S. Navy in the Pacific in World War II; iv. Laurel Louise, born 23 December 1928 at Chicago, married 4 June 1949 at Brookfield, John Laub Mohun, born 6 November 19__ at Lima, Ohio. They had a son and a daughter, lived in Dallas, Texas in 1964; v. Donna R., born 5 March 1931 at Chicago, married 3 November 1956 in Brookfield, Novak Bayo (Bajovich), born 7 September 1923 in Chicago. They had no children, lived in Berwyn, Illinois in 1964.

Llewellyn and Laura are buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Wyanet, Illinois.

16. Frank Henry Edminster (George W.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 29 April 1866 in Illinois, son of George W. and Sarah E. (Blaisdell). He married 31 August 1887 at Kansas City, Missouri, Minnie Carr. They lived in Kansas City, Kansas in 1889 where he was a teamster and in St. Joseph, Missouri 1899-1900. He was a miller at Parsons City, Kansas in 1911. He died 3 January 1931 at Washta, Iowa and was buried at Oswego, Kansas. Their children:

27. i. Fred Harrison, born 11 February 1889.
 ii. Rachel Minerva, born 25 December 1893 at Whitefield Corners, Illinois, married 28 December 1914 at Navina, Oklahoma, Seymour Albert Maple. They lived at Guthrie, Oklahoma and had two sons: i. Charles Robert, born 28 November 1915 at Navina, married 10 June 1939, Vera Margaret White, had four children - Charlotte, born 5 October 1940 and died at birth, Charles Leon, born 18 September 1942, Querida Sue, born 12 June 1946 and married on 27 June 1964 to William Dale, Carlan Cline, born 6 February 1948; ii. Leo Fred Seymour, born 29 June 1919 at Navina and died 21 June 1925.
17. Harry Dexter Edminster (George William³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 10 April 1877 at Kansas City, Kansas, son of George William and Sara E. (Blaisdell). He married, first, 13 January 1898 in Kansas, Minnie R. Canney, born about 1871 in Omaha, Nebraska (probably). They lived at Parsons City, Kansas, 1905-16 at least, where he had a prize dairy herd, kept trotting horses, was listed in 1912 in the "Kansas State Directory of Principle Farmers", from Labette County. Their children:
28. i. George Louis, born 18 July 1899.
 ii. Maude, born 2 April 1900 (or '01 ?) in Oswego, Kansas, married Glenn Chappell, an attorney of Nowata, Oklahoma, where they lived. Their child: Martha Ann who married, had a son, taught ceramics at Oklahoma State University.
 iii. Glenna, born about 1903, lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma 1927-29, was corsetiere and department manager of the Boston Store in Phoenix, Arizona, 1930-32, married a Dr. Flohr, had no children.
29. iv. Harry Eugene, born 23 September 1905, twin to Eunice.
 v. Eunice, born 23 September 1905, twin to Harry Eugene, died March 1906. Minnie R. died 20 December 1918 at Towanda, Kansas, was buried there. Harry Dexter married, second, Ida O'Hare. Their children:
 vi. John, who worked in Joplin, Missouri in 1939, never married, had died before 1965.
 vii. Rosemary, born 28 February 1923, lived with her mother in Joplin, Missouri, 1938-42.

Ida was a hairdresser in Joplin, 1925-64, was listed in directories as "Widow, Harry D." beginning 1928, but actually they were separated. Harry Dexter moved to Oregon, died there at Gresham, 4 July 1959.

18. Bertrand Howard Edminster (Howard Simmons⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 3 January 1879 in Chillicothe, Illinois, son of Howard Simmons and Julia (Jones). He attended Illinois College, married, first, Anna Stenson, lived in Minot, North Dakota 1905-07 and in Fessenden, North Dakota 1907-12: Their child:

i. Howard, a soldier in World War I, lived in Wyoming where he was possibly the progenitor of later Edminsters known to have lived there including a possible son, James H., listed in city directories of Casper from 1934-41; a Mrs. Adeline listed there in 1943 was likely James' wife. A friend told me that he knew an Edminster in Wyoming in the 1940's who was a superb horseman. A James H. Edminster and wife, Adeline M., lived in Junction City, Kansas in 1948 and again in 1959-61 where he was with the U. S. Army. They were likely the same couple. They were in Scott's Bluff, Nebraska 1954-56 where he was "unit advisor" for U. S.

Organized Reserves. Adeline lived at Junction City in 1964, listed as a widow. Also, a John Edminster worked in Junction City in 1964 who may have been their son. Bertrand Howard married, second, Nellie Frances (Regan). She had previously married to a Shaw, was born at St. Joseph, Missouri. Their children:

30. ii. Robert Regan, born 5 April, 1916 in North Dakota.
- iii. A son who died in infancy.

They lived in North Dakota, Montana and Washington State successively. Bertrand Howard married, third, Laura G. () Cole. They had no children, lived at Yakima 1932-38. He died about 1939, and Nellie died in 1952 at Seattle where she had lived since 1932. Another possible child of Bertrand Howard was a Willa Edminster who was a stenographer in Minot, North Dakota in 1917.

19. Earl Easton Edminster (Howard Simmons⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 26 May 1882 in Peoria County, Illinois, son of Howard Simmons and Julia (Jones). He married Mamie Holahan who was born near Chillicothe, Illinois. They lived at Chillicothe, had two daughters:
 - i. Mildred, who married Frank Pettit, lived at Peoria, Illinois in 1964.
 - ii. Alice C., who was a stenographer in Peoria 1931-36, married Willis Rosenberg, was killed in a hunting accident about 1950.

Earl died about 1957.

20. Lynn Ramsay Edminster (Howard Simmons⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 2 January 1893 in Marshall County, Illinois, son of Howard Simmons and Julia (Jones). He married 19 May 1917 at Chicago, Illinois, Lucile Forsythe, born 9 September 1892 at Newton, Kansas, daughter of Howard and Margaret (Angood) Forsythe. He received the Ph. D. degree from Harvard University, was an expert in foreign trade and was Vice-chairman of the U. S. Tariff Commission. They lived in Washington, D. C. in 1965. Their daughter:
 - i. Margaret Anne, born 2 January 1929 at Washington, married in June 1952, Richard Kimmel. They have three daughters: i. Lynn, born 1956; ii. Barbara, born 1957; iii. Sally, born 1961.
21. Clyde Garfield Edminster (Austin Leander⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 19 October 1881 in Basehor, Kansas, son of Austin Leander and Elizabeth (Stone). He lived in Kansas City, Missouri 1905-10, was an engineer for the Park Board. He married Jessie Mae R. Minnie Millar, born 20 February 1882 in Tonganoxie, Kansas, lived in Houston, Texas where he was in the real estate business until about 1951. Their children:

31. i. Kenneth Truman, born 12 March 1903.

32. ii. Millar Arthur, born September 1908.

Jessie died 9 November 1943 at Houston and Clyde on 28 July 1951 in Harris County, Texas.

22. Truman Carey Edminster (Austin Leander⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 12 September 1878, probably in Basehor, Kansas, son of Austin Leander and Elizabeth (Stone). He was a civil engineer, married Mabel Ida Holt, born 21 June 1891 at Houston, Texas, daughter of Abe and Eudora (Mims) Holt. He died 14 August 1948 and she on 6 November 1960, both at Houston. Their children:
- i. Maurine Holt, born 5 May 1912 at Houston, married Robert T. Russ, 12 March 1932. Their child: Robert T., Jr. They lived at Denver, Colorado in 1965.
 - ii. Kathryn Elizabeth, born 17 January 1915 at Houston, married Robert L. Gartner in 1945. Their child: Robert L., Jr. They lived in Houston in 1965.
33. iii. Truman Carey, Jr., born 4 September 1923.
23. Reuben Walter Edminster (Herbert Loyal⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 11 December 1880 at Glenwood, Leavenworth County, Kansas, son of Herbert Loyal and Frances Adelia (Brown). He married 6 August 1901 at Akron, Ohio, Anna Marie Nuest, born 7 January 1884 at Akron, daughter of John Joseph (27 March 1848-8 January 1904) and Anna Katherine (Rittenberger) Nuest. Anna Katherine was born in Germany 23 August 1846, died 8 July 1916. Children of Reuben and Anna Marie:
- i. Lillian Della Marie, born 20 March 1902 at Akron, married James Gordon Donnally, born 28 September 1892 at Canton, Montana, son of James and Ellen Ann (Rhodes) Donnally. Their children: i. Mary Edith, born 6 September 1920 at Canton, married 2 February 1939, John C. Bauer, had children: Charles George, born 27 August 1939 at Tacoma, Washington, Frances Marie, born 10 June 1941 at Portland, Michigan, Joseph Michial, born 9 May 1943 at Portland, Mary Ann, born 20 June 1944 at Portland, and Robert Leo, born 14 November 1948 at Tacoma; ii. James, born 4 November 1924 at St. Regis, Montana, married, first, 19 August 1944, Mildred Fern Bigley, had children: Marie Eloise, born 13 October 1944 in California, Lynn, born 24 January 1948 at Honolulu, and Judy Ann, born 5 February 1950 at Tacoma, was divorced and married, second, 11 April 1957, Earlene Gissel, had children: Jeffery Dean, born 26 September 1957 in California and Duane Cordon, born 13 June 1959 in California; iii. Florence Elizabeth, born 16 September 1931 at Tacoma, married 4 February 1950, Francis Tekin, had children: Francis Stanly, born 27 July 1954 at Tacoma, Sandra Diana, born 24 August 1955 at Tacoma, Melody Ann, born 11 August 1961 at Olympia, Washington; iv. Charles Leroy, born 11 August 1935 at Tacoma, married 22 December 1962, Gloria Giles, had a child, Charlene Marie, born 24 October 1963 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. James and Lillian lived at Lake View, Washington in 1964.
34. ii. George Shelby, born 5 April 1904.
- iii. Mildred Hattie, born 20 March 1906 at Jarbalo, Kansas, married, first, J. M. Doggett. Their children, born at Townsend, Montana: i. Pauline Fern, born 9 February 1922, married 10 August 1940, Frank P. Bergdoll, had a son, Barry Lee, born 10 August 1922, and two daughters, Phyllis Jean, born 27 January 1945 and Linda Louise, born 3 April 1951, all at Sitka, Alaska; ii. Doris Elizabeth, born 30 January 1924, married in 1942, Gustav G. Scheuffele, had a son Gary David, born 9 January 1943 and a daughter, Patricia Louise, born 18 April 1948, both at Yakima, Washington; iii. Joseph Marvin, born 21 August 1926, married, first, in

1948, Leslie Rusco, had a daughter, Kathy Jean, born 11 March 1952 at Townsend, Montana, were divorced in 1953. He married, second, in 1953, Donna Strauss, born 7 November 1931 at Bismarck, North Dakota, had a daughter, Kristi Kay, born 16 November 1955 at Helena, Montana. Mildred Hattie married, second, D. O. Hallock, and she married, third, Eddie Graham. She married, fourth, Sam E. Woody, born 14 July 1901 at Emma, Texas and they lived at Soap Lake, Washington in 1964.

iv. Florence Louretta, born 1 February 1909 at Basehor, Kansas, married 12 May 1932 at Tacoma, Washington, Frank Stermitz, born 16 August 1907 at Aldridge, Montana, son of Vincent and Agnes (Kavcic) Stermitz. Their children, both born at Helena, Montana: i. Nancy Ann, born 1 June 1941, married 17 August 1956, Duane Dale Rhinehart, had one son and three daughters by 1964; ii. David Frank, born 21 January 1944. They lived at Helena in 1964 where Frank was state director for the U. S. Geological Survey.

35. v. Clyde Dale, born 8 December 1914.

vi. Esther Ellanor, born 11 July 1917 in Townsend, Montana, married 26 January 1940 at San Francisco, California, Robert Luther Beador, born 24 September 1915 at Charlemont, Massachusetts, son of Adler and Elizabeth Drew (Williams) Beador. Their children: i. Elizabeth Ann Drew, born 1 January 1941 in Washington, D.C., married 12 October 1962, Elwood Thorsten Budil; had a daughter Cynthia Ann, born 28 July 1963 at Tacoma; ii. Robert John, born 11 June 1949 at Cambridge, Massachusetts. They lived in Tacoma, Washington in 1964.

36. vii. Louis Leroy, born 8 May 1919.

viii. Opal Athelda, born 20 January 1923 at Townsend, Montana, married 3 March 1945 at Tacoma, Washington, Erhart Christian Ellwein, born 9 August 1911 at Roscoe, South Dakota, son of Benjamin and Philipinnia (Miller) Ellwein. Their children, both born at Tacoma; i. James Erhart, born 11 June 1946; ii. Ronald Benjamin, born 23 September 1949. They lived in Tacoma in 1964.

37. ix. Reuben Walter, Jr., born 18 March 1925.

Reuben Walter operated a concrete and brick construction firm. Anna Marie died 24 May 1958 and Reuben Walter 9 July 1963, both at Tacoma.

24. George Clarence Edminster (Herbert Loyal⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born probably in Illinois, son of Herbert Loyal and Frances Adelia (Brown). He married Eva Mae Forquer, born 3 November 1882. Their children, born at Chillicothe, Illinois:

38. i. Herbert Eli, born 27 September 1907.
ii. A daughter.

He played baseball with the Chicago Cubs but died in the flue epidemic of 1918. Eva Mae lived in Illinois in 1964.

25. George Clinton Edminster (Charles Freemont⁴, Charles Barnes³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 17 May 1894 at Wyandot, Illinois, son of Charles Freemont and Margaret (Clinton). He married 18 February 1922 at Peoria, Illinois, Alice Juel, born 22 June 1900 at Buffalo Center, Iowa, daughter of Peter

and Clara (Johnson) Juel. He worked at Le Tourneau, Inc. in Peoria 1941-59. They lived at Wyanet in 1964. Their children, all born in Wyanet:

39. i. Eugene Cecil, born 16 January 1923.
ii. Lucille Juel, born 25 February 1925, married Dr. I. M. Chesser. They lived at Tucson, Arizona in 1964. Their children:
i. Alan, born 4 May 1947 at Chicago, Illinois; ii. Chris, born 13 September 1948 at Chicago; iii. Steven, born 4 February 1955 at Tucson.

40. iii. Warren George, born 5 April 1930.

41. iv. Lowell Charles, born 19 December 1936.

26. Walter L. Edminster (Llewellyn D.⁴, Charles Barnes³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 11 February 1890 at Milo, Illinois, son of Llewellyn D. and Laura (Harris). He was a clerk in Minneapolis in 1910, in Chicago in 1914, married, first, 29 November 1918, Nelle Harris. They lived in Watertown, Wisconsin in 1924 later in Dallas, Texas. Their children:

42. i. James W., born 21 March 1920
ii. Walter Harris, known as "Corky", born 6 August 1930 at Harvard, Illinois. He lived for a time at Abilene, Texas, married Vivian Lusk, was a missile technician, lived in Minot, North Dakota in 1963 and in New Haven, Connecticut in 1965. They had no children.

He married, second, Nellie M. _____, was a salesman in Salem, Oregon from 1949-52, died there in 1952. Nellie lived there until 1956. First wife, Nelle Harris, lived at Pampa, Texas in 1963.

27. Fred Harrison Edminster (Frank Henry⁴, George W.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 11 February 1889 at Kansas City, Kansas, son of Frank Henry and Minnie (Carr). He married 16 September 1909, Anna Cecilia Schilling. Their children:

43. i. Edward Paul, born 27 November 1910.

44. ii. Frederick Bentley, born 2 January 1914.

Fred Harrison died 17 May 1932 at Kansas City where Anna lived until at least 1936.

28. George Louis Edminster (Harry Dexter⁴, George William³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 18 July 1899 in Kansas, son of Harry Dexter and Minnie R. (Canney). He served in the Navy, married in 1926 at Coquille, Oregon, Mabel Tomlinson, born 25 May 1907 in Decatur County, Kansas, daughter of Francis and Effie Elizabeth (Miller) Tomlinson. Their children:

i. Betty Lou, born 30 March 1927 at Myrtle Point, Oregon, married 20 June 1946, Eddie Pierce, born 1 January 1926 at Lewistown, Pennsylvania. Their child: Deborah Ann, born 3 January 1948. They lived in Lewistown in 1965.

ii. Donna Lea, born 12 October 1931 at Riverside, Oregon, married 31 May 1960, Charles Kelly, born about 1926, had no children by 1965 when they lived at Modesto, California.

iii. Goldie May, born 12 January 1934 at Myrtle Point, Oregon, married 3 September 1960, George Parker, born about 1929, had no children by 1965 when they lived at San Pablo, California.

45. iv. George Donald, born 28 October 1935.

v. Mary Alice, born 12 January 1939 at Coquille, Oregon, married 10 April 1959, Ronald Frank Nelson, born 6 January 1939, son of Richard and Laura Nelson. Their child: i. Ronda May, born 28 June 1962. They lived in Portland, Oregon in 1965, expected another child that year.

vi. Gary Gene, born 29 September 1943 at Portland, Oregon, was in the Army, unmarried, in 1965.

George Louis and Mabel were divorced and she married, second, 25 August 1950, Charles E. McSpadden, lived in Portland in 1965. George Louis died in 1961 at Lewistown, Pennsylvania, was buried there.

29. Harry Eugene Edminster (Harry Dexter⁴, George William³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 23 September 1905 at Kansas City, Missouri, son of Harry Dexter and Minnie R. (Canney). He married, first, at Napa, California, in 1927, Helen E. Mineut, born in Woodbridge, New Jersey, lived at Vallejo, California. Their child:

i. Helen Gene, born 1929.

They were divorced and he married, second, 10 May 1947 at Portland, Oregon, Maia England, born 19 November 1912 at Portland, daughter of William Harrison and Grace Fanny (Graham) England. She had had an earlier marriage to William Wheeler Butler which was annulled; there were no children. Child of Harry and Maia:

ii. Harry Eugene, Jr., born 1949.

Harry served in the Army in World War II, was a Mason. They lived in Portland in 1965.

30. Robert Regan Edminster (Bertrand Howard⁵, Howard Simmons⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 5 April 1916 in North Dakota, son of Bertrand Howard and Nellie Frances (Regan). He married, first, Geraldine S. Skillin of Yakima, Washington, born 29 February 1916. They lived at Yakima 1934-38 and at Seattle 1938-47, had one child:

i. Michael Robert, born 1950.

They were divorced and Michael Robert stayed with his mother. Robert Regan received the Ph. D. degree in economics from the University of California in 1960. He married, second, Diane Knudson, born 5 December 1933, daughter of Earl J. Knudson. Their children, twins:

ii. Mark Regan, born 3 February 1957.

iii. Robert Kevin, born 3 February 1957.

He was professor of economics at University of Utah and they lived in Salt Lake City in 1965.

31. Kenneth Truman Edminster (Clyde Garfield⁵, Austin Leander⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 12 March 1903 in Tonganoxie, Kansas, son of Clyde Garfield and Jessie (Millar). He married, first, about 1922, at Houston, Texas, Helen Morris Kiou, born 24 October 1900 at Columbus, Ohio, daughter of George and Louise (Morris) Kiou. He was an engineering draftsman in Houston. Their child:

i. Jessie Louise, born 15 June 1924 in Houston, married 18 August 1946, Joe Frank Tamborella, born 9 May 1923 at Houston. Their children: i. Anna Jo Dell, born at Galveston, Texas; ii. Michael Alan, born at Fort Worth, Texas. They lived at Victoria, Texas in 1965.

He married, second, in Houston, about 1946, Mary Louise Pitts. Kenneth Truman died November 1957. Helen Morris was living at Victoria, Texas in 1965.

32. Millar Arthur Edminster (Clyde Garfield⁵, Austin Leander⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born September 1908 in Kansas City, Missouri, son of Clyde Garfield and Jessie (Millar). He married, first, about 1932, Nadine Priscilla Brewer, born 21 August 1915. Their child, born at Houston, Texas:

46. i. Herbert Clyde, born 12 October 1938.

They were divorced about 1944 and he married, second, about 1946, Mildred E. _____. He was an engineer, died at Houston 19 April 1955. Nadine Priscilla married, second, G. E. White, lived in Houston in 1965. Mildred E. May have been the Mrs. Mildred Edminster who lived at Tucson, Arizona in 1958-59.

33. Truman Carey Edminster, Jr. (Truman Carey⁵, Austin Leander⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 4 September 1923 at Houston, Texas, son of Truman Carey and Mabel Ida (Holt). He served in the Army in World War II, married Virginia Ruth Johnson, born in Illinois 5 January 1922, daughter of Doc Ellis and Ruth Louella (Davis) Johnson. He had a civil engineering firm in Houston where they lived in 1964. Their children:

- i. Jonnie Rae, born 13 May 1946 at Houston.
- ii. Truman Carey, 3rd, born 23 May 1955 at Houston.

34. George Shelby Edminster (Reuben Walter⁵, Herbert Loyal⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 5 April 1904 at Tonganoxie, Kansas, son of Reuben Walter and Anna Marie (Nuest). He married, first, 21 December 1923 at Helena, Montana, Beatrice Ruth Sherman, born 4 June 1907 at Rexton Mackinac, Michigan, daughter of William Clay and Johanna C. (Hartwell) Sherman. They lived at Olympia, Washington from 1927. Their children:

47. i. George Sherman, born 23 January 1925.

48. ii. Howard Dean, born 26 July 1926.

Beatrice Ruth died 29 November 1933 at Olympia. He married, second, in October 1934, Geraldine Eels, born 4 March 1914 at Olympia, Washington, daughter of Chester C. and Daphne (Loomis) Eels. Their children, both born at Olympia Thurston:

iii. John Shelby, born 6 February 1936, married 9 July 1954 in Tumwater, Washington, Lorina Jane Horn. They had no children, were divorced about 1958. He lived in Olympia in 1961.

iv. Rosalie Hope, born 21 September 1938, married, first, 9 July 1956 at Tenino, Washington, Robert Stewart. They were divorced 25 July 1958 and she married, second, 9 August 1958, George L. Prindiville. They had two adopted children, Deborah Dianne, born 9 July 1957 and Teressa Mae, born 17 September 1958. They were divorced 16 February 1962.

Geraldine died 15 February 1941. He married, third Evelyn Virginia Gribble, born 4 December 1909 in Seattle, Washington, a divorcee, daughter of Albert and Carrie Gribble. Their child:

v. Daniel Lee, born 19 December 1946 at Olympia Thurston.

Evelyn Virginia died 5 March 1947. He married, fourth, 6 July 1947, Nena Aletha (Jones) Stoehr, born 10 June 1914 at Neodeshau, Kansas, a widow with children, daughter of James Arthur and Deliah Jones. Their children:

vi. Timothy Grant, born 8 December 1948 at Olympia Thurston.
vii. Georgeana Boveny, born 4 June 1950 at Olympia Thurston.

George Shelby and Nena lived at Tenino, Washington in 1964.

35. Clyde Dale Edminster (Reuben Walter⁵, Herbert Loyal⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 8 December 1914 at Basehor, Kansas, son of Reuben Walter and Anna Marie (Nuest). He married 3 July 1936 at Tacoma, Washington, Beatrice Lanor Cozine, born 4 November 1917 at Tenino, Washington, daughter of Sidney and Elizabeth Louise (Smith) Cozine. They lived in Salem, Oregon in 1938. Their children:

i. Judith Louise, born 24 May 1938 at Salem, married 27 December 1958, John S. Smith, had two children both born in Syracuse, New York:
i. Dale Cody, born 21 November 1959; ii. Cathie Jean, born 21 November 1963.

49. ii. Douglas Dale, born 31 July 1939.

iii. Janet Anne, born 24 August 1940 at Tacoma, Washington, married 1 October 1960, Michael George Nelson, had two children: i. Timothy Wayne, born 8 July 1961; ii. Deborah Louise, born October 1962.

50. iv. Robert Roy, born 10 April 1943.

v. Paul Michael, born 15 February 1950 at Portland, Oregon.
vi. David Mark, born 27 July 1953 at Tacoma.
vii. Sally Mae, born 25 August 1961 at Tacoma.

Clyde was c/n 1st class, U. S. Seabees in World War II. He was a building contractor and an ordained minister. They lived in Tacoma in 1964.

36. Louis Leroy Edminster (Reuben Walter⁵, Herbert Loyal⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 8 May 1919 at Townsend, Montana, son of Reuben Walter and Anna Marie (Nuest). He married Dorothy Mae Grobey, born 28 November 1925 at Seattle, Washington, daughter of William Robert and Florence Adeline (Young) Grobey. Their children, all born in Tacoma, Washington:

- i. Anna Marie, born 14 August 1944.
- ii. Lee Roy, born 23 June 1949.
- iii. Carol Jean, born 18 December 1950.
- iv. Pamela Hope, born 28 June 1964.

Louis Leroy worked for a chemical company in Tacoma in 1964. He was also an ordained Baptist minister.

37. Reuben Walter Edminster, Jr. (Reuben Walter⁵, Herbert Loyal⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 18 March 1925 at St. Regis, Montana, son of Reuben Walter and Anna Marie (Nuest). He served in the Army in France in World War II. He married, probably in 1944, Mary Louise Burleson, born 15 April 1925 in Tacoma, Washington, daughter of Bernard Estes and Mary Ella (Morrell) Burleson. Their children, both born in Tacoma, where they lived in 1964:

- i. Mary Anna, born 13 July 1945.
- ii. Carl David, born 18 May 1947.

38. Herbert Eli Edminster (George Clarence⁵, Herbert Loyal⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 27 September 1907 at Chillicothe, Illinois, son of George Clarence and Eva Mae (Forquer). He married, first about 1929, Rose Anna Weisenhoffer. Their children:

51. i. Billy Edward, born 23 October 1929.
 ii. & iii. Twin boys, born in March 1931, died as infants.
 iv. Delores Leone, born 11 July 1933 in Chillicothe, married Wayne G. Storm, had four children: i. David; ii. Micheal; iii. Greg; iv. Timothy. They lived near Chillicothe in 1964.

Rose Anna died 20 November 1933 and he married, second, on 16 July 1938, at Peoria, Illinois, Elma Mae Bungard, born 24 January 1914 at Chillicothe, daughter of Otis T. and Elizabeth (Berg) Bungard. Their children, both born at Peoria:

v. Mary Elizabeth, born 19 May 1939, married 11 February 1964, Jack Young Allison, had one child late in 1964, Anita Arlene, lived near Chillicothe.

vi. Nancy Irene, born 30 August 1942, married 24 September 1960, Kenneth Musselman, had one son, Eric Alan, lived near Chillicothe. They lived at Chillicothe in 1964.

39. Eugene Cecil Edminster (George Clinton⁵, Charles Freemont⁴, Charles Barnes³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 16 January 1923 at Wyanet, Illinois, son of George Clinton and Alice (Juel). He was a World War II soldier and was in the Battle of the Bulge in France. He married Gretchen Walker, was a stock-broker, lived at Tucson, Arizona in 1964. Their children:

- i. Scott, born 7 January 1950 at Wausau, Wisconsin
- ii. Mark, born 2 April 1951 at Wausau, Wisconsin.
- iii. Craig, born 6 December 1954 at Tucson.

40. Warren George Edminster (George Clinton⁵, Charles Freemont⁴, Charles Barnes³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 5 April 1930 at Wyanet, Illinois, son of George Clinton and Alice (Juel). He was in the U. S. Air Force in Germany,

married 19 July 1954, Kanibar Ingeborg of Munich, Germany. They lived at Tucson, Arizona where he was an architect. Their children:

- i. Michael Gary, born 5 March 1956 at Champaign, Illinois.
- ii. Lorraine Grace, born 23 May 1959 at Champaign, Illinois.
- iii. David Warren, born 15 May 1961 at Tucson, Arizona.

41. Lowell Charles Edminster (George Clinton⁵, Charles Freemont⁴, Charles Barnes³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 19 December 1936 at Wyanet, Illinois, son of George Clinton and Alice (Juel). He married 8 September 1958 at Princeton, Illinois, Linda Crabbs, born 7 June 1938 at Henry, Illinois, daughter of Clarence Milburn and Clara Elizabeth (Haun) Crabbs. They lived at Oxon Hill, Maryland in 1964 where he was S/Sgt., U. S. Army. Their children:

- i. Brian Lee, born 20 June 1959 at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.
- ii. Tamara Lynn, born 6 March 1962 at Washington, D. C.
- iii. Gary Tod, born 27 December 1963 at Washington, D. C.

42. James W. Edminster (Walter L.⁵, Llewellyn D.⁴, Charles Barnes³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 21 March 1920 in Illinois, son of Walter L. and Nelle (Harris). He married Josephine Law who was born in Lufkin, Texas. (Pampa directories 1947-63 list her as Elizabeth L.) They lived in Pampa, Texas in 1963 where he was a chemical engineer. Their children, all born in Pampa:

- i. Michael, born 31 March 1949.
- ii. Richard, born 5 May 1954.
- iii. Dianna.

43. Edward Paul Edminster (Fred Harrison⁵, Frank Henry⁴, George W.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 27 November 1910 at Moberly, Missouri, son of Fred Harrison and Anna Cecilia (Schilling). He married 28 October 1936 at Kansas City, Kansas, Betty Jane Meseraull, born 25 December 1913 at Kansas City, Kansas. They lived there in 1964 where he is an accountant. Their children, both born in Kansas City:

- i. Sallyanne, born 23 June 1941, was a school teacher in 1964.
- ii. Thomas, born 11 February 1946.

44. Frederick Bentley Edminster (Fred Harrison⁵, Frank Henry⁴, George W.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 2 January 1914 at Moberly, Missouri, son of Fred Harrison and Anna Cecilia (Schilling). He married, first, 1 May 1934 at Leavenworth, Kansas, Eileen Schick. Their child:

52. i. Frederick Bentley, Jr., born 9 February 1935.

He married, second, about 1941, Mrs. Georgia Gray, born 7 December 1915. They had no children, were divorced. He married, third, about 1947, Claire Jeanne Muehe, born 5 November 1925. They lived at Kansas City, Kansas in 1964. Their children, both born at Kansas City:

- ii. Michael Frederick, born 11 August 1948.
- iii. Robert F. , born 21 September 1949.

45. George Donald Edminster (George Louis⁵, Harry Dexter⁴, George William³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 28 October 1935 at Coquille, Oregon, son of George Louis and Mabel (Tomlinson). He married 10 March 1961, Donna Gale Browning, born 5 June 1936. They lived at Portland Oregon in 1965 where they expected their first child.

46. Herbert Clyde Edminster (Millar Arthur⁶, Clyde Garfield⁵, Austin Leander⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 12 October 1938 at Houston, Texas, son of Millar Arthur and Nadine Priscilla (Brewer). He graduated from University of Houston in Chemistry, married 20 June 1959 at Houston, Wanda Jeannette Standley, born 14 June 1939 at Houston, daughter of Memmon Judge and Iva (Rutland) Standley. Their children:

- i. Rhonda Renee, born 3 June 1961 at Houston.
- ii. Michael Wayne, born 29 October 1963 at Fort Worth, Texas.

They lived at Fort Worth in 1965 where he studied and taught at Texas Christian University.

47. George Sherman Edminster (George Shelby⁶, Reuben Walter⁵, Herbert Loyal⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 23 January 1925 at Helena, Montana, son of George Shelby and Beatrice Ruth (Sherman). He married, first, Lee Vivian Running. Their children:

- i. Lillian Andrea, born 27 November 1947.
- ii. Gloria Susan, born 23 January 1949.
- iii. Bruce Wayne, born 6 February 1950.

They were divorced in 1952 and the three children were later adopted by Charles R. Hayes of Pacific Beach, Washington on 27 January 1956. George Sherman married, second, Angella Masselli, born 21 November 1919 at Portland, Connecticut, daughter of Nicolas and Lucy Masselli. Their children:

- iv. Lucy Marie, born 12 January 1953.
- v. Donna, born 15 March 1954.
- vi. Angella Ruth, born 6 September 1956.

They lived in Wallingford, Connecticut in 1964. He had retired from the Navy and was an insurance adjuster.

48. Howard Dean Edminster (George Shelby⁶, Reuben Walter⁵, Herbert Loyal⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 26 July 1926 at St. Regis, Montana, son of George Shelby and Beatrice Ruth (Sherman). He married, first, Joan Bushelle, born 27 June 1931 at Olympia, Washington. Their child:

- i. Michael Dean, born 13 April 1949 at Olympia Thurston, Washington.

They were divorced and she remarried a Swartzel who adopted Michael Dean. He married, second, Yvonne Marie Henderson, born 27 July 1937 at Seattle, Washington, daughter of Jim James and Mildred (Lofgren) Henderson. Their children, all born in Seattle:

- ii. Debra Lynn, born 2 September 1957.
- iii. Cynthia Marie, born 23 January 1959.
- iv. Howard Dean, Jr., born 20 June 1960.

They lived in Seattle in 1964.

49. Douglas Dale Edminster (Clyde Dale⁶, Reuben Walter⁵, Herbert Loyal⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 31 July 1939 at Tacoma, Washington, son of Clyde Dale and Beatrice Lanor (Cozine). He married 5 December 1959, Karen Sue Bennett, lived at Puyallup, Washington in 1961. Their child:

- i. Susan Lynette, born 16 October 1960.

50. Robert Roy Edminster (Clyde Dale⁶, Reuben Walter⁵, Herbert Loyal⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 10 April 1943 at Tacoma, Washington, son of Clyde Dale and Beatrice Lanor (Cozine). He married 29 June 1962, Beverly Ann Cleveland. Their child:

- i. Michael David, born 26 August 1964.

51. Billy Edward Edminster (Herbert Eli⁶, George Clarence⁵, Herbert Loyal⁴, Reuben S.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 23 October 1929 at Chillicothe, Illinois, son of Herbert Eli and Rose Anna (Weisenhoffer). He married 18 June 1953, Martha Sweeney. Their children:

- i. Steven.
- ii. Karen.
- iii. Julie.
- iv. Kay.

They lived at Barstow, California in 1964.

52. Frederick Bentley Edminster, Jr. (Frederick Bentley⁶, Fred Harrison⁵, Frank Henry⁴, George W.³, Henry William²⁻¹), born 9 February 1935 at Kansas City, Kansas, son of Frederick Bentley and Eileen (Schick). He was in the Army in 1955, married 7 November 1959 at Hays, Kansas, Carol Joan Brungardt, daughter of Leo and Irene (Staab) Brungardt. They lived at Kansas City, Kansas in 1964. Their children, both born at Kansas City:

- i. Sabrina Ellen, born 4 February 1961.
- ii. David Bentley, born 4 December 1962.

Part IV. Descendents of Noah, Jr. and Tryphena (Anthony) and Sarah () Edminster

1. Noah Edminster, Jr. was born in Massachusetts, probably at Malden but possibly at Berkeley, in either 1764 or 1765 (one record indicates it was 1762 but this is unlikely). His father was Noah, son of James. His mother's name has not come to light. He was a soldier and sailor in the Revolutionary War and his war record was described in Part I. He married, first, Tryphena Anthony, probably born in 1765 in Swansea, Massachusetts, later lived in Taunton, in Freetown, Massachusetts on 18 July 1793 (16). They apparently had at least four children born in Massachusetts before moving to what is now Penobscot County, Maine prior to 1800. The location was west of Bangor in a section later developed into the towns of Dixmont and Newbergh. The family still owned land there in 1965. It is not known whether Tryphena died before 1810 or whether they were divorced. At any rate, prior to his second marriage, Noah, Jr. and Tryphena had ten children:
 2. i. Daniel, born about 1795.
 - ii, iii, and iv. Three daughters, born before 1800, probably all in Massachusetts.
 - v. Job, born before 1810.
 - vi. George, born before 1810.
 - vii. Betsey, born 1805.
 - viii. Jeremiah, born 1806.
 3. ix. Noah, 3rd, born 14 October 1809.
 4. x. Rubin (Reuben) W., born 1810.

He married, second, in 1810, Sarah _____, born about 1783 in Vermont. Their children, all born at Dixmont, Maine:

5. xi. Lemuel H., born 1816.
 - xii. Elmira, born 1817.
 - xiii. Belinda, born 1820.
 - xiv. Emely, born 1823.
 - xv. Elizabeth, born 1828.
6. xvi. Alexander, born 19 September 1828.

Three of his sons and seven of his grandsons fought in the Civil War. Noah died at Dixmont, 24 December 1855 and is buried at Newbergh. Sarah died 6 October 1868 at Dixmont. Noah's tombstone gives his age as 93 but other evidence shows it was more likely 91 or 90.

At this point we will note a record that is probably of the Edminster family but which cannot be correlated with any others. The U. S. Census for 1830, Penobscot County, Maine, Town of Dixmont, includes the family of Lemuel Admister. The family was composed of four males, ages 20-30, 15-20, 10-15, and 0-5, and three females, aged 50-60, 20-30, and 15-20. The family is not identifiable in any other census, before or after. It appears to be a mixed group, likely a husband and wife, each 20-30, a mother of one of them, a boy and a girl each between 15-20 who are likely brother and sister to husband or wife, and one son under five. The name Lemuel is common in the Edminster family and the spelling "Admister"

would be an easy error in recording. But he cannot be the Lemuel H., son of Noah, Jr., born in 1816 and who was only 14 in 1830. He could be one of the older brothers of Lemuel H, Job, George or Jeremiah, in case the middle name was Lemuel and he chose to use it. There was another Lemuel of the right age group, son of Noah of Dighton and Freetown, but he appears to be included in the 1830 census of Freetown. Thus, this Lemuel remains a mystery.

2. Daniel Edminster (Noah, Jr.¹), born 1793 in Massachusetts, probably at Berkeley or Freetown, son of Noah, Jr. and Tryphena (Anthony), probably. He went to Maine with his parents and there married, about 1825, Esther Packard, born 5 August 1805 (or 1809 ?), daughter of Eliphalet and Anne (French) Packard of Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Deacon Eliphalet Packard (1758-1819) was son of Ebenezer Packard (1724-1803) and Susan Perkins (1725-1810), grandson of David Packard (1687-1755) and Hannah Ames (1691-1767), great-grandson of Zacheus Packard (1657-1723) and Sarah Howard (1648-?), and great-great-grandson of Samuel Packard and Elizabeth _____. Samuel and Elizabeth came from Windham (near London), England in 1638 and settled in Hingham, Massachusetts. (Records from Mormon Church Library, Salt Lake City). Daniel and Esther had nine children, probably all born in Penobscot County, Maine:

7. i. George W., born 1 November 1826.

8. ii. David P., born 5 April 1831.

- iii. Mehitable P., born 19 April 1832 at Newberg, Maine, married Annis J. V. Kenny, born in Knox County, Maine. Their children, all born in Dixmont: i. Annis Roscoe, born 14 February 1854; ii. James Frank, born 11 June 1856; iii. Florence Ada, born 11 January 1864, was a tailor-ess, married, in Wisconsin, Emil Tetzlaff, a master tailor. Their children were Bess, who married George F. Harbort, lived at Madison, Wisconsin, died in October 1963, Hazel, who married Ted Walker, two other daughters, and three sons. Florence Ada died in the early 1940's. Mehitable liked to smoke a pipe but didn't want anyone to know about it. She died in Madison sometime after 1909.

9. iv. Daniel, Jr., born 17 November 1835.

- v. Mary H., born 1837, married a Webb, had a son, Daniel.

- vi. Joseph N., born 1839 in Dixmont, was a soldier in the Civil War. He enlisted 11 December 1861 as Private, Co. E, 14th Regt. Maine Infantry, was hospitalized at Carrollton, Louisiana late in 1862, given disability discharge 28 February 1863 and died 26 March 1863, probably in Maine. He had dark hair, was 5' 9 1/2" tall, a farmer. He probably did not marry. He is buried next to his parents in Dixmont cemetery.

- vii. Benjamin F., born 1841.

- viii. Lydia J., born 1849.

- ix. Esther, born about 1850, probably died before 1864.

In a will dated 27 October 1864, which is obviously in conflict with his death date given below, Daniel decreed "...that my funeral expenses be paid by the three youngest children, Mary H., Benjamin F., Lydia J., also the three named youngest children procure gravestones for myself and wife." This indicates clearly that daughter Esther had died as well as Joseph N., making the three named children the youngest. The will continues: "And I also bequeath to the three children of Betsy P. March, deceased, one

REBECCA FLORENCE EDMINSTER

HUSBAND: William Robert Gibson (RN=17)

B: 06 Apr 1821 @ Benton, ME
OM: 29 Mar 1846 TO Lydia Ann Lord (RN=21) @ Sabbatus, Me??
M: 02 Apr 1862 TO Wife Below @
D: 12 Mar 1891 @ Benton, ME
BUR: Benton, ME
FATHER: Samuel Gibson (RN=43)
MOTHER: Phebe Brown (RN=68)
OCC: Maine Central R. R. worker
REL:

WIFE: Rebecca Florence Edminster (RN=27)

B: 24 Dec 1844 @ Newburgh, ME
D: 19 Dec 1921 @ Fairfield, ME
BUR: Maplewood Cem Fairfield, Me
FATHER: Noah 3rd Edminster (RN=32)
MOTHER: Mehitabel Packard (RN=35)
OCC:
REL:

CHILDREN

1 M Lafayette E. Gibson (RN=28)

B: 01 Jul 1863 @ Fairfield, ME?
M: around 1890 TO Emma I. Wing b. 1862 d. 1954 (NO RN) @
D: 09 Apr 1917 @ Fairfield, ME?
BUR: Maplewood Cem. Fairfield
OCC:
REL: NO KNOWN LIVING PROGENY - 1995

2 F Sarah Alice Gibson (RN=29)

B: 28 Apr 1867 @
M: EDWARD LASCELLES
D: 02 Feb 1952 @
BUR: N.Y.
OCC: PROGENY LIVING - 1995
REL:

3 F Maud Mary Gibson (RN=30)

B: 13 Aug 1872 @
D: 03 Feb 1946 @ Sunset Nursing Home, Waterville
BUR:
OCC: SINGLE
REL:

4 M Charles Henry Gibson (RN=15)

B: 29 Jan 1879 @ Benton, ME? OR FAIRFIELD, ME
M: 01 May 1912 TO Alice May Shorey (RN=16) @ Fairfield
D: 29 Jul 1963 @ Madison, ME
BUR: Maplewood Cem Fairfield, Me PROGENY LIVING 1995
OCC: Electrician for R.R.
REL: Baptist

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OR CHARLES HENRY GIBSON
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dollar each and I do give and bequeath to George W. Edminster, David P. Edminster, Hester Ann Porter, Mehitable P. Kenney, Daniel Edminster, Jr., one dollar each, and I do give and bequeath to Mary H. Edminster, Benjamin and Lydia J. Edminster, my three youngest children, the farm equally divided and three sheep. The above named Mary H. Edminster, I give and bequeath the horse, wagon, sleigh, harness, farming tools and three cows and the hay is to go for the use of the stock that is now on the farm. The potatoes, hog and pig, I give and bequeath to my three youngest children above named and my furniture in full I give and bequeath to Mary H. Edminster the above named, clock, looking glass, bed and bedding I give and bequeath to the above named Mary H. Edminster. The above named youngest children are to pay my debts. Mary H. Edminster and Lydia J. Edminster are to be the executors..." (From Penobscot Probate Records, Volume 21, page 487). Betsy P. March and Hester Ann Porter have not been identified, conceivably may have been additional children of Daniel.

Esther died 9 May 1864 and Daniel 2 October 1864, both in Dixmont where they are buried.

3. Noah Edminster, 3rd (Noah, Jr.¹), born 14 October 1809 at Newbergh, Maine, son of Noah, Jr. and Tryphena (Anthony), probably. He married 14 December 1833 at Dixmont, Maine, Mehitable Alden Packard, born 25 December 1813 at Troy, Maine, daughter of Libbens and Betsy (Mitchell) Packard and a descendent of Samuel Packard who came from England. Libben's father was Joshua Packard of North Bridgeport, Maine and he married Mehitable Alden of Winthrop, Maine. Miss Alden was daughter of Samuel Alden and probably descended from famous John Alden. Noah was a soldier in the Civil War along with his sons Lemuel and Noah W. All were in the same Co. D, 14th Maine Infantry. It seems probable that he must have misrepresented his age to get in the army for he enlisted 11 November 1861 when 52 years old and his discharge papers in 1862 gave his age as 45. While enroute from Boston to Ship Island, Mississippi on the ship "North America", he contracted a severe cold due to the unheated ship and cold stormy weather. He was discharged for disability (dropsy) on 11 April 1862. He was six feet tall with dark hair and eyes, a farmer. He lived at Hermon Center and Etna, Maine except for the period about 1878-81 when he was in Wisconsin with other members of the family at Colby and New London. Their ten children, probably all born at Dixmont:
 10.
 - i. Lemuel Packard, born 9 January 1835.
 - ii. Lafayette, born 11 January 1837, died at Dixmont 10 February 1847.
 - iii. Nancy Ellen, born 4 February 1839, married Orlando Garland, died 13 December 1921.
 11.
 - iv. Noah Webster, born 2 March 1841.
 - v. Sarah, born 3 March 1843, died at Dixmont 4 February 1847.
 - vi. Rebecca, born 24 December 1845, married William Gibson, died 19 December 1921. They had a grandson, Clarence L. La Celles.
 - vii. Harriett, born 14 January 1847, married Silas A. Roundy, died 16 May 1905.
 - viii. Mary, born 24 October 1849, died at Dixmont 11 October 1864.
 - ix. Melissa Adeline, born 2 October 1851, married Charles W. Fogg, died 14 May 1930.
 - x. Alvaritta ("Allie"), born 6 September 1855, married William G. Bunker.

They had a son, Noah Edminster Bunker, born 20 September 1877 at Hermon, Maine, married Estelle Seavy. They had no children. She died in 1924 in Ogden, Utah, is buried there along with son and daughter-in-law.

Noah received a Veteran's invalid pension and his widow later received a widow's pension. He died 12 November 1890 at Newbergh and was buried at Hermon. Mehitable lived in Bangor, Maine in 1892, died 12 April 1910.

4. Reuben (Rubin) W. Edminster (Noah, Jr.¹), born 1810 in Penobscot County, Maine, son of Noah, Jr. and, possibly, Tryphena (Anthony) or, possibly, Sarah _____. He married, first, 22 December 1835 at Plymouth, Maine, Elvira H. Sawyer, of Plymouth. Their nine children:

12. i. James Sawyer, born 1836.

13. ii. William Henry, born 7 October 1840.

14. iii. Benjamin, born 22 February 1842.

iv. Reuben W., Jr. All we know of him is that he was killed in Texas in 1875 while "...protecting his money from a supposed friend and his accomplice..." according to a letter from his nephew, Amasa J., to B. H. Edminster of Fessenden, North Dakota in 1912.

v. Edward. He died about 1892 at Manawa, Wisconsin.

vi. Sybell. She married a Clark, lived at Steven's Point, Wisconsin.

vii. Rachel, born 1845 in Maine, as were the previous children, lived at Waupaca, Wisconsin in 1860, later married a Hall and lived in Missouri.

viii. Franklin R., born 19 March 1852 in Wisconsin, lived at Full Creek, Wisconsin in 1912.

ix. George E., born 21 July 1853 in Wisconsin, lived at Waupaca in 1882.

Reuben and family had left Maine for Dodge County, Wisconsin in 1852 (59), locating at Burnett for a year, then moving to Lynn. Elvira died in Wisconsin 16 January 1854. Reuben married, second, 9 December 1855, at Belmont, Wisconsin, Martha E. Amy (or Amey?), born 1838 in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas Amy. Their children, all born in Wisconsin:

x. Charles E., born 26 September 1856. He may be the half-brother of James Sawyer referred to by Amasa J. Edminster in a 1912 letter as living in Grand Forks, North Dakota and "...too slippery too catch." He was a farmer in the Red River Valley, never married, was killed by a piece of farm machinery.

15. xi. Lyman L., born 23 December 1858.

xii. Ellen Jane, born 15 October 1860, married Oscar Smith. She died 29 January 1941.

16. xiii. Albin W., born 16 April 1862.

Reuben enlisted in the Civil War in Co. E, 18th Wisconsin Volunteer Regt., on 12 December 1861 when he was 51 years old. According to his grandson, Dale Otis, Reuben paced the floor all night upon hearing of Abe Lincoln's call for fifty thousand troops from Wisconsin and enlisted the next day. His sons, William H. and Benjamin were also in the Civil War, William H. in the same company. He was wounded in the left hip in the battle of

Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh) on 6 April 1862. He lay on the battlefield unattended for two days before being removed to a steamer and sent to Evansville, Indiana No. 1 General Hospital where he died 10 May 1862. Son William H. was with him when he was wounded but was unable to break ranks and had to go on. Two Confederate soldiers found him and laid him in the shade under a tree after debating whether or not to bayonet him. Soon after his death his widow returned to her former home in Pennsylvania with her four children, leaving the dependent sons George E. and Charles E. by Reuben's first wife in Wisconsin. She remarried 27 June 1863 to Barney Danforth. He died 24 January 1895 after which the widow filed claim for renewal of her pension as widow of Reuben. She died in Crawford County, Pennsylvania 31 January 1907.

5. Lemuel H. Edminster (Noah, Jr.¹), born 1816 in Penobscot County, Maine, son of Noah, Jr. and Sarah. He married Martha _____, born 1816 in Maine. They moved to Wisconsin, probably in the late 1850's, were living in Mukwa Township, Waupaca County in 1860 and 1870; both probably died there. Their farm was close to that of nephew, George W. Their children, all born in Maine:
 17. i. John L., born 1840.
 - ii. Laura, born 1844.
 - iii. Frank, born 1844. He lived with brother John L. and family in Mukwa Township in 1870.
 - iv. Hattie, born 1856.
6. Alexander Edminster (Noah, Jr.¹), born 19 (or 16?) September 1828 at Newbergh, Maine, son of Noah, Jr. and Sarah. He married 30 November 1856, Abbie Jane Bowden, born 8 November 1831 (or 1836?) at Frankfort, Maine (or Winterport?). He was a Civil War soldier, enlisting 11 December 1861, along with six other brothers and cousins, and was on the ship "North America" out of Boston for Ship Island, Mississippi the following February along with brother Noah. He was injured on ship during a gale and rough seas and also contracted rheumatism and other troubles. He was discharged for disability on 23 June 1862 at New Orleans and was later pensioned as an invalid. He was a farmer and teamster, 5' 10" tall, dark eyes and hair. He died 27 May 1908 at Bangor, Maine and Abbie died in 1925. Both are buried at Newbergh. Their children, all born in Penobscot County:
 - i. Maria M., born 25 February 1857, married Preston Stevens.
18. ii. Reuben Samuel, born 16 July 1859.
- iii. Alexander, Jr., born 1860, never married, was not listed among living children in an 1898 pension record.
19. iv. John A. (or E.?), born 19 June 1863.
- v. Ambrose, born 9 June 1864, was drowned along with brother Amos on 17 June 1883, was not married, is buried at Newbergh.
20. vi. Levi A., born 29 June 1866.
- vii. Millie L., or Amelia, born 24 July 1869, married Ira N. Craig on 5 September 1886, died 2 March 1893. Their children: i. Leroy N., born 12 July 1887; ii. Elizabeth, born 24 June 1889; iii & iv. Abbie and Marion both of whom died very young.

- viii. Amos N., born 9 June 1872, was drowned along with brother Ambrose on 17 June 1883, is buried at Newbergh.
 - ix. Susie, born 1881, died 6 October 1881.
7. George W. Edminster (Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 1 November 1826 at Dixmont, Maine, son of Daniel and Esther (Packard). He married, first, Sarah Ann Knowlton, born 27 November 1832 at Dixmont, daughter of Jacob C. and Abigail Knowlton. Their children, both born at Dixmont:

- 21. i. George W., Jr., born 6 July 1853.
- ii. Hannah, born 1855, lived with the Knowlton family in 1870.

George went to Wisconsin, was a carpenter, and on 1 January 1863, in Wisconsin, he married, second, Helen Athalia Potter, born 14 January 1839 in New York State, daughter of Daniel R. and Rowena (Bassett) Potter. They had five children, all born in Wisconsin:

- 22. iii. Nelson Vernon, born 5 November 1863.
- iv. Lydia J., born 7 August 1866, died 18 January 1946, never married.

- 23. v. William Tecumpsah Sherman, born 23 January 1868.
- vi. Helen Miranda, born 28 April 1872, married Ezra T. Cottrill, born 19 October 1866 at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, son of James and Elsie Mary (Briggs) Cottrell. He died 26 October 1957 and she died 1 June 1956, both at New London. Their children: i. Rowena Elsie, born 22 September 1894 at Waupaca, married 15 April 1912, Arthur J. Lusty, had one son, died 23 August 1955; ii. Grace Helen, born 9 October 1896 at Waupaca, married 4 December 1915, Edward Elkhart, had one son.
- vii. Phila, born 23 June 1874, married William Walter Cottrill, born 22 December 1871 at New London, son of Samuel and Grace (Shaw) Cottrill. They had no children. He died 11 January 1952 and she died 26 June 1901, both at New London.

George's farm was close to that of his Uncle Lemuel in Waupaca County. He died 9 July 1879 in New London, Wisconsin where both he and his wife Helen are buried.

8. David P. Edminster (Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 15 November 1827 in Dixmont, Maine, son of Daniel and Esther (Packard). He married 20 August 1853 at Dixmont, Mary Jane Rea, born 5 April 1831. Their children, all born in Maine:

- i. Mary Etta, born 1 May 1854, married Elias D. Rowell on 2 November 1873. Also, she is probably the Mary E. who married Nathaniel L. Adam on 26 May 1894 at Readfield, Maine.
- ii. Charles E., born 5 (or 29?) August 1860, at Dixmont.
- iii. Lizzie A., born 19 September 1861, married 11 October 1886, Samuel L. York, born in Hermon, Maine.

- 24. iv. David P., Jr., born 19 July 1866.
- v. Walter G., born 8 November 1868.
- vi. Liniwood, born 1872, died 2 January 1872.
- vii. Henry L., born 11 May (or 6 July ?) 1875, was a teamster at Bangor in 1904, had a wife, Margaret, in 1923, had retired by 1944 at

Bangor, according to city directories.

No further information has been found on Charles and Walter. All children but Liniwood may have been alive when listed in 1915 in a pension record. Son David Jr. paid the bills at his father's death. David Sr. was a farmer, 5' 10" tall, of dark eyes and brown hair. He was one of seven Edminsters in his Civil War company. He enlisted 11 November 1861 and served in Co.'s B and D of the 14th Regt. Maine Volunteer Infantry and became a sergeant. He was troubled with piles soon after enlisting which he laid "...to the hard tack..." He was in Georgia and Louisiana with the army and later while on 24 hour picket duty at Fisher's Hill, Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, he contracted rheumatism in January 1864. After the war he became disabled from rheumatism, plus the effects of earlier fever, ague, deafness, liver disease and sunstroke. He had also suffered from loss of voice which he attributed to bad vaccine. This lasted for two years after his discharge 14 July 1864. He later lived at North Hermon, Maine, became unable to work and was pensioned. Mary Jane died 28 January 1900 and David died 8 May 1917 from a paralytic stroke.

9. Daniel Edminster, Jr. (Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 17 November 1835 (1831 or 1838 ?) at Bangor, Maine, son of Daniel and Esther (Packard). He was a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting 11 November 1861 as a Private, Co. D, 14th Regt. Maine Volunteer Infantry. He was disabled by illness in Spring 1863 in Louisiana, hospitalized there and the record says that he deserted on 26 March 1864 but this he denied. Nevertheless, he was denied a pension for this reason and they refused to remove the charge from his record despite his long protests. He was 5' 7 1/2" tall, light complexion, gray eyes, brown hair, a farmer. He married, first, in Maine, Anna Sarah Kenney, born about 1839 at Knox, Maine. They had one child:

25. i. Winfield Scott, born 26 July 1860.

They were divorced and she remarried, Richard Temple, of Knox. She died 20 March 1889. After the war he moved to New London, Wisconsin where he married, second, Nickolas Shaw, born 1835 at New London. She died 7 November 1877 at New London after bearing him four children, all born in New London:

ii. Nellie, born 24 December 1869. She married her first cousin, William Tecumseh Sherman Edminster on 5 April 1891. They had one child, Lester, born April 1893 and died 2 July 1893. Nellie died soon after on 18 August 1893 at New London.

26. iii. James, born 6 March 1871.

iv. Esther, born 27 September 1874, married August 1896, Charles Popke, had one child, Alice, born December 1904, married Daniel O'Connell, had three children. She died 26 September 1907.

v. Grace Ada, born 10 April 1877, died 10 September 1880.

Daniel married, third, Elnora Barnes, born 17 November 1854 in New York, daughter of Warren and Sarah (Gladden) Barnes. They had four children, all born in New Longon:

27. vi. George Lester, born 24 July 1882.

vii. Ruth, born 20 June 1888, married 13 October 1907 at Maple Creek, Wisconsin, Vernon Floyd Kendall, born 3 August 1883 at Lind Center, Wisconsin, son of Myron and Sarah (Jones) Kendall. Their children: i. Marjorie Claire, born 14 August 1908 at Iola, Wisconsin, married 30 August 1926, Oliver Kloehn; ii. Kenneth Everett, born 2 July 1913 at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, never married; iii. Audrey Ethel, born 6 November 1916 at Oshkosh, died 24 December 1916. They lived at New London in 1965.

28. viii. Milton Albert, born 31 October 1889.

ix. Nellie, born 8 December 1896, died 7 November 1918.

Elnora died January 1928 and Daniel died 11 July 1906 at New London.

10. Lemuel Packard Edminster (Noah²⁻¹), born 9 January 1835 at Troy, Maine, son of Noah, 3rd, and Mehitable (Packard). He married 8 April 1862 at Jackson, Waldo County, Maine, Emma (born "Emily") Cates, born 4 September 1833. Their child:

i. Ida E., born 23 September 1865 at Hermon, Maine, married 14 September 1904, at Bangor, Elmer L. Nichols, and lived at Bangor.

Lemuel was a soldier in the Civil War, was enrolled 18 March 1865 at Bangor in Co. I, 14th Regt. Maine Infantry. He served in Georgia and was disabled with malaria and ague, hospitalized and discharged 21 August 1865. He died as a result of these afflictions 14 July 1871 at Hermon and was buried at Dixmont. His widow was granted a pension in 1871, including an added \$2.00 per month for the daughter. Ida died at Bangor 23 July 1911 and was buried at Hermon Center.

11. Noah Webster Edminster (Noah²⁻¹), born 2 March 1841 at Dixmont, Maine, son of Noah, 3rd and Mehitable (Packard). He was a farmer, 5' 11" tall, had light hair and gray eyes. He enlisted in the Civil War 11 November 1861 and served as Private, Co.'s D and F, 9th Regt., Maine Infantry. He caught a severe cold while on guard duty during a cold rain which later resulted in his discharge for disability with lung trouble at Raleigh, North Carolina on 31 July 1865. He was pensioned for dropsy, swollen limbs, etc. in 1883. He married 7 November 1866 at Newbergh, Frances Lucretia Prescott, widow of Rufus E. Jewett (or Penett ?) who had been killed in the Civil War. She was daughter of Samuel and Saffrona Prescott of Belfast, Maine and was half Indian, her mother being Indian. Their children, all born in Maine:

i. Minnie, born 19 November 1867 at Etna, Maine, probably had died before 1898.

29. ii. Osceola, born 7 October 1869.

30. iii. Noah Israel, born 2 April 1871.

iv. Georgianna (Annie), born 14 March 1873 (or 1875 which she told me in 1952 ?), married, first, 1 June 1895 in Dixmont, Alva L. Brown; married, second, 1 September 1915 at Etna, Algernon Simpson, lived in Bangor.

v. Oscar, born in Etna, married 20 February 1889, Sadie M. Cothran. He had probably died by 1898.

vi. Helen, who had probably died by 1898.

Frances died 21 July 1900. Noah W. lived with son Noah Israel in Bangor in 1924 and by 1928 was totally helpless. He died there 31 January 1929.

12. James Sawyer Edminster (Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 27 February 1836 in Newbergh, Maine, son of Reuben W. and Elvira H. (Sawyer). He married 8 March 1863 at Plainfield, Wisconsin, Phebe B. Pierce, born 17 September 1841 in New York State, daughter of John T. and Anna (Cole) Pierce, of Plover, Wisconsin (60). After coming to Dodge County, Wisconsin with his parents in 1852 and living there a year and at Lynn a short time, they moved to Belmont about 1854. He farmed and lumbered in "The Little Pineries" until 1872 when he moved near Colby and "... went into the mill business; built a mill of his own on Sec. 13 in 1874, bought a farm and improved it. Built his present (1881) building in Colby in 1880. He was in the mercantile business as W. H. and J. S. Edminster; is now farming, lumbering and in the livery business...was a Supervisor one year." (59) He eventually lost all his money and in later years was supported by his oldest son. Children of James and Phebe, all born in Plainfield:

1. Amasa J., born 29 January 1865 (possibly born at Portage ?), married about 1889 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, Nellie M. Loiselle of Chippewa County, daughter of Etienne Loiselle. They had no children. He was "...well known in financial circles of (Chippewa) county as cashier of the Bank of Holcombe...has other important interests and holdings and is accounted one of the representative business men in this section of the state...he at the age of 17 engaged in lumbering and logging continuing in the business in this section of the state until the timber supply was exhausted. He also started a store at his first farm between what is now Cornell and Holcombe...When the village of Cornell was started he with one of his faithful clerks...and his cousin Philip Runkel, erected a store in that village...He owns considerable timber land and is engaged in the real estate business..."(61) In city directories of Chippewa Falls from 1913 to 1923 he was listed in business as "Robinson and Edminster" and as "Pres. Northwestern Mortgage & Loan Co." and "Pres. Holcombe State Bank". From 1925 to 1937 they lived in Minneapolis where he was a grocer (1925), in real estate (1926-34), and custodian of an apartment house (1935-37). He had evidently lost his fortune and this was corroborated by Clarice Edminster Carson who told me that his financial reputation in Chippewa Falls was not favorable when she was there in the early thirties.

In 1912 "A. J." corresponded with B. H. Edminster of Fessenden, North Dakota (See Part III), attempting to trace family ties. They never succeeded in establishing their relationship. In one letter of 7 July 1912 he described his early life: "I was always quite rugged and could stand the many hardships on the drives and in the Pineries and soon after branching out for myself at the age of 15 I was able to obtain good wages and at the age of 24 married a girl who was as rugged as I was and as willing to stand the hardships this country afforded. Twenty-five years ago we came up here on our wedding trip with four oxen and a jumper, forded the rivers, lost our trunk in the river with all our belongings, etc. but kept on..."

- ii. Alvin W., born 9 June 1867, had died by about 1892.
- iii. Annie (or Anis ?) A., born 15 August 1871.

James Sawyer died about 1894 in Chippewa County. Phebe lived with her son, Amasa J., as late as 1913 at Holcombe.

13. William Henry Edminster (Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 7 October 1840, at Plymouth, Maine, son of Reuben W. and Elvira H. (Sawyer). He was a Civil War soldier, Private, Co. E, 18th Wisconsin Infantry, enlisting 12 December 1861. He was in the Battle of Shiloh (Pittsburg Landing) and was by his father when the latter was wounded. He had to go on in formation and was unable to help his father who was not removed from the battle field for two days. William H. was supposed to have been AWOL from 22 June 1862 to 24 September that year but apparently was in a hospital at that time. He enlisted again for one year in the Navy at Chicago on 16 November 1863 and served on U. S. S. Clara Dolsen and U. S. S. Great Western. After honorable discharge on 17 November 1864 he was arrested on 30 November and after some "confinement" rejoined his command on 26 April 1865 and was again honorably discharged 18 July 1865. His total pensionable service was reduced to two years seventeen days because of the questions in the records. In 1863 at Milwaukee he had contracted a cold and measles resulting subsequently in total deafness in his left ear, double inguinal hernia and lung disease - the basis of his later pension and, still later, his widow's pension. He was six feet tall with black hair and hazel eyes, a farmer and lumberman, and for some time in the mercantile business with his brother, James S., at Colby, Wisconsin. He also lived at various times in Belmont, Blaine and Almons in Portage County, and was at Steven's Point in 1912. He married, first, in 1868, Mary E. King, born 30 December 1844 in Columbia County, Wisconsin, daughter of Wilson E. and Phebe King. She died 14 (or 1 ?) January 1891 at Belmont and is buried there. He had six children by his first wife:

- i. Minnie, born about 1869 in Portage County, married George Osborne, lived in Fall Creek, Idaho and Los Angeles, California, where she died in 1940. They had a daughter, Mildred, born about 1900 at Hansen, Idaho and who married Henry Newcomer.

31. ii. Clarence William, born 4 August 1870.

32. iii. Reuben W., born 19 (or 17?) March 1873.

- iv. Forest, born in 1876, never married, lived in Twin Falls, Idaho where he died 23 September 1945.

- v. Clyde E., born 9 November 1880 in Portage County, married, first, about 1918 at Twin Falls, Idaho, Marie Diver who came from Nelsonville, Wisconsin. She died about 1920 at Twin Falls, was buried at Amherst, Wisconsin. He married, second, Neva M. _____. There evidently were no children from either marriage. He died 4 July 1962 at Twin Falls where he was buried. Neva lived in Twin Falls in 1964.

- vi. Phoebe, born 5 March 1887 in Portage County, died 7 March 1887.

William H. married, second, 6 May 1894, Amanda Alecty Phelps, born 4 August 1860 at Theresa, Wisconsin, daughter of Asa C. and Asenath Eugenia (Finch) Phelps. They had one child:

- vii. Adelbert ("Bertie").

She had previously been married to William Russell in 1880 and was divorced in 1889. She received custody of a daughter, Cora, who later married a Minton and ultimately took care of her mother in old age at King, Wisconsin. William H. died 16 November 1916 at King, was buried at Belmont. Amanda married for the third time in 1923, Alford Ackley, who died in 1926. She then changed her name back to Edminster "for very good reasons", presumably pension eligibility. She did get a widow's pension in 1931. She died 26 July 1947 at a G. A. R. home at Farmington, Wisconsin and was buried at Steven's Point.

14. Benjamin Edminster (Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 22 February 1842 at Plymouth, Maine, son of Reuben W. and Elvira H. (Sawyer). After moving from Maine to Wisconsin, he was a Civil War soldier, being drafted 5 November 1864 into Co. A, 6th Regt. Wisconsin Infantry, known as the "Sauk County Riflemen". He was wounded with two gunshot in left thigh at Battle of Five Forks between Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia on 1 April 1865. He was hospitalized at City Point, Virginia and Washington, D. C. until May 1st and was honorably discharged 16 June 1865. He was later pensioned for the wounds, rheumatism and heart disease. He was 5' 9" tall, brown hair and dark eyes, was a farmer. He married, first 4 August 1864, Anna May Scarboro, daughter of John and Ann Scarboro. They had one child:
 - i. Elvira Ellen, born 30 June 1868 at Union, Wisconsin, married a Hite and lived at Rosholt, Wisconsin in 1912.

Anna May died 26 March 1887 (or 25 February ?) at Elrod, South Dakota. Benjamin lived in Union, Wisconsin, 1865-75; Northport, Wisconsin to 1878; Manawa, Wisconsin to 1890; Waupaca, Wisconsin in 1890, and then in Iron County, Michigan to 1893. He married, second, 20 May 1891 at St. Louis, Missouri, Ada Lee Whitley, of St. Louis, born 1 August 1869, daughter of Andrew Lilly and Mary Attway (Robards) Whitley. They lived at Kirbyville and Branson, Taney County, Missouri, until 1910 when they moved to Panama City, Florida. He died there 29 March 1912 of heart failure and was buried there. Ada remarried 20 December 1912, Robert Messing of Okarche, Oklahoma. He died at Kansas City, Missouri, 31 May 1941. She lived at Clayton, Missouri in 1948 when she moved to the Soldier's Home at St. Joseph, Missouri.

15. Lyman L. Edminster (Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 23 December 1858, probably in Wisconsin, son of Reuben W. and Martha E. (Amy). He had a first wife by whom he had two children:
 - i. Leslie.
 - ii. Agnes. She may be the Agnes listed as a stenographer in Boise, Idaho in 1908.

Later he owned citrus groves in California. He married, second, a Miss Smart, from Canada. They are probably the Lyman and Lillian Edminster who lived in Huntington Park, California in 1930. He had probably died by 1933 since the city directory then listed Lillian alone, and continued to list her through 1940. She was likely the Mrs. Lillian Edminster listed in Walnut Park, California, 1938-42.

16. Albin W. Edminster (Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 16 April 1862 in Wisconsin, son of Reuben W. and Martha E. (Amy). After his father's death in Wisconsin in May 1862, his mother returned to her former home

at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania with her four children of whom Albin was the youngest. He married Ella Pike, born in Vermont. Their children, all born in Cambridge Springs:

33. i. Lloyd, born 12 February 1885.
ii. Charles, born about 1887, never married, was a farmer, died about 1914.
34. iii. Dale Otis, born 3 October 1891.
17. John L. Edminster (Lemuel H.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 1840 in Maine probably son of Lemuel H. and Martha. He married Nickolas L. _____, born 1845 in Scotland. He was likely the Rev. John Edminster, pastor of 2nd Baptist Church in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in 1876. They had one child:
- i. Jane, born 1869 in Mukwa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.
18. Reuben Samuel Edminster (Alexander², Noah, Jr.¹), born 16 July 1859 at Dixmont, Maine, son of Alexander and Abbie Jane (Bowden). On 12 January 1887 he married Agnes V. Garland, his second cousin, born 21 December 1861 in Dixmont, daughter of Orlando and Nancy Ellen (Edminster) Garland. Their children, all born in Dixmont:
35. i. Leon Floyd, born 3 September 1887.
36. ii. Winfred Herbert, born 17 November 1889.
iii. Ida M., born 6 September 1895, married Charles E. Hartford on 20 February 1916 at Etna, Maine. He died 5 February 1955 and is buried at Newberg, Maine. She lived in Bangor, Maine in 1964.
37. iv. Merle L., born 30 October 1899.
v. Victor, born 1902, died 13 July 1903.

Reuben died 10 March 1943 in Dixmont and Agnes 22 December 1957 in Bangor, Maine.

19. John A. (or E?) Edminster (Alexander², Noah, Jr.¹), born 19 June 1863 in Penobscot County, Maine, son of Alexander and Abbie Jane (Bowden). He married, first, Minnie Toner. They had one child:
- i. Lena Edna, who married 11 November 1914 at Frankfort, Maine, Medbury Staples. They had one child. Both Lena Edna and the child died of T. B., probably in the 1920's.
- John went to California, married again at Nevada City, California, was buried there. There were no children by the second marriage.
20. Levi A. Edminster (Alexander², Noah, Jr.¹), born 29 June 1866 at Dixmont, Maine, son of Alexander and Abbie Jane (Bowden). He married Emma Knowlton, born 1873. She died in 1896 and he in 1945. Their children, all born in Dixmont:
- i. Fannie R., born 1894, died 1907.
ii. Rose E., who married Olney R. Bagley at Troy, Maine on 22 November 1919, died 7 August 1962.

iii. Ethel M., who married John Dunivan at Dixmont on 30 September 1911.

21. George W. Edminster, Jr. (George W.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 6 July 1853 at Dixmont, Maine, son of George W. and Sara Ann (Knowlton). He married Mellissa Cook, born 23 January 1859 at Dixmont, daughter of Moses and Eliza I. Cook. He died in Massachusetts. Their children, all born in Dixmont:
38. i. Joseph Allan, born 18 February 1875.
ii. Eldora, born 29 January 1879.
iii. A son, and iv. another child.
22. Nelson Vernon Edminster (George W.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 5 November 1863 at New London, Wisconsin, son of George W. and Helen A. (Potter). He married 1 January 1889 at New London, Della Arvilla Starks, born 24 August 1866 near Hortonville, Wisconsin, daughter of Samuel and Amanda (Axtell) Starks. Their children, all born in New London:
- i. Mamie Glenn, born 7 October 1889, married, first, 23 October 1907, George A. Rice, born 18 April 1882 at Embarrass, Wisconsin, son of William E. and Hannah (Van Norman) Rice. Their children: i. Lyle Edminster, born 24 September 1908 at New London, married 18 August 1934, Evelyn Erma Dutcher, born 14 March 1915 at Lawlor, Iowa, daughter of Ernest and Eva Amanda (Perry) Dutcher, had children - Vernon Perry, born 5 October 1935 at Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Gerald Vance, born 31 January 1939 at Rhinelander, Orville Allen, born 3 September 1942 at Rhinelander, and Sharlene Judy, born 24 January 1950 at Murray, Utah; ii. Lelah Orva, born 9 November 1910 at New London, married, first 24 June 1933, William A. Meyer, had children - Ruth Marie, born 6 September 1934 at Milwaukee, Betty Jean, born 12 November 1935 at Milwaukee, Ronald William, born 31 July 1939 at West Allis, Wisconsin, Nancy Glenn, born 19 January 1944 at Milwaukee, David George, born 4 April 1945 and died 5 April 1945, and Richard Allen, born 10 May 1947 at Cheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. She married, second 27 March 1957, Clyde Winegar Brown; iii. Clifford Orville, born 24 April 1917 at Clintonville, Wisconsin, married 14 January 1943 at Chicago, Myrtle Rosella Crye, born 10 August 1922 at Spooner, Wisconsin, daughter of Jacob Daniel and Mildred Maude (Turner) Crye, had children - Clifford Elton, born 30 October 1943 at Chicago and died 15 November 1943, Keith Conrad, born 8 January 1945 at Rhinelander, Marin Louise, born 19 September 1946 at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, twins born and died 8 May 1950 at Salt Lake City, Utah, Reo Zane, born 16 March 1951 at Salt Lake City, and Beverly Gay, born 30 March 1953 at Salt Lake City. Mamie Glenn married, second, 1 August 1922 at Bessemer, Michigan, Lloyd Herman Oakley, born 16 February 1888 in Spruce Center, Minnesota, son of David Herman and Clara Elizabeth (Whitman) Oakley. Their child: iv. Lloyd Elton, born 1 April 1925 at Rhinelander, served in the Navy in World War II, married 12 August 1944, Darlene Lucille Medhurst, born 21 March 1926 at Rhinelander, daughter of Jesse and Edith (Riley) Medhurst. Their children, all born in Rhinelander, Jesse Lloyd, born 12 December 1946, Terry Allan, born 17 January 1947 and Bradley Lee, born 9 March 1955. Mamie Glenn and Lloyd lived at Salt Lake City in 1965. She was a Mormon and worked diligently on the family genealogy.

ii. Laura Pearl, born 26 May 1891, married 11 August 1915 at Manawa, Wisconsin, Ray Harold Jenkins, born 17 December 1890 at Manawa, son of Charles and Mary (Churchill) Jenkins. Their children: i. Harlan Ford, born 25 June 1916 at Manawa; ii. Eileen Rae, born 27 June 1920 at Waupaca; iii. Charles Dean, born 27 December 1922 at Lind Center, Wisconsin; iv. Velva Lois, born 26 July 1925.

iii. Kitty Belle, born 20 February 1893, married 22 March 1917, Hale J. Knutson, born 7 June 1891 at Waupaca, son of Joseph and Lilly (Cram) Knutson. Their children: i. Donna May, born 25 October 1919 at Iola, Wisconsin; ii. Ilda Grace, born 4 March 1921 at Ogdensburg, Wisconsin; iii. Audrey Jean, born 23 July 1927 at Ogdensburg. She was a registered nurse; iv. Merville Hale, born 31 October 1930 at Ogdensburg. Kitty Belle died 10 February 1939 and Hale J. on 17 January 1953, both at Waupaca.

iv. Mabel Helen, born 24 February 1895, married 22 March 1916, Arthur Benjamin Polzin, born 15 August 1892 at Manawa, Wisconsin, son of John and Emelia (Schuelke) Polzin. He was a 32nd degree Mason. Their children: i. Verna Helen, born 6 February 1917 at Manawa; ii. Shirley Ann, born 25 August 1921 at Clintonville, Wisconsin. He died 2 May 1939 at La Porte, Indiana. Mabel Helen lived in Clintonville in 1965.

39. v. Roy Walter, born 31 March 1897.

40. vi. Paul Benedict, born 28 June 1898.

41. vii. Allan Duart, born 16 February 1901.

42. viii. George Dawley, born 2 October 1902.

43. ix. Loren Sylvester, born 2 November 1904.

44. x. Vinton Harvey, born 23 November 1906.

Nelson died 10 January 1938 at Waupaca and Della died 24 February 1950 at Rhineland, Wisconsin.

23. William Tecumpsah Sherman Edminster (George W.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 23 June 1868 at New London, Wisconsin, son of George W. and Helen A. (Potter). He married, first, 5 April 1891, at New London, his first cousin, Nellie Edminster, born 24 December 1869 at New London, daughter of Daniel, Jr. and Nickolas (Shaw) Edminster. She died 18 August 1893 soon after the death of their first child:

i. Lester, born April 1893, died 2 July 1893, in New London.

He married, second, 21 September 1901 at New London, Inez Davis, born 17 November 1876 in New London, daughter of Alonzo and Charlotte (Davis) Davis. Their children:

ii. Iris, born 24 July 1902 and died same year.

iii. Rose Helen, born 29 March 1905 at New London, married 15 January 1935 at Milwaukee, Raymond Lester Ebel, born 25 December 1909 in Cherokee County, Kansas, son of Adam (born Abel, in Germany) and Mary

Katerina (Meier) Ebel. She had a hosiery shop in Milwaukee 1929-31. Their son, Ronald Cullen, born 27 March 1936 at Milwaukee, married 27 April 1957, Jean Bruce Gartzke, born 3 April 1935, daughter of William and Jean (Bruce) Gartzke, had two sons and two daughters. Rose and Raymond lived at Hartland, Wisconsin in 1965.

"Sherman" and Inez lived in Milwaukee in 1930 when he was listed in the city directory as Sherman W. and as a farmer. He died 23 March 1956 at Okanchoe, Wisconsin and she died 1 October 1963 at Hartland, is buried in Garden of Apostles, Milwaukee.

24. David P. Edminster, Jr. (David P.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 19 July 1866 in Maine, son of David P. and Mary Jane (Rea). He married Mary Reed of Lincoln, Maine, born 5 March 1882. Their children, all born in Hermon, Maine:

i. Alice D., born 22 January 1904, was married seven times and had the following children (whose surnames as given are the last names of her seven husbands): i. Virginia Marsh, born 10 November 1922; ii. Viola Walker, born 15 March 1925; iii. Phyllis Burgess, born 7 November 1927; iv. Alton Gordon, born 13 January 1929; v. Alfred Gordon, born 22 January 1930; vi. Gerald Leonard, born 17 March 1934; vii. Donald Leonard, born 2 December 1937; viii. Wendell Leonard, born 2 December 1940; ix. Sandra Mc Loughlin, born 14 March 1944; x. Vivian Campbell, born 1 February 1947. Alice lived at Hermon in 1964.

ii. Mildred L., born 26 August 1906, married, first, 14 July 1923, Freeman Walker. Their children: i. Harold, born 25 December 1927; ii. Ada, born 28 August 1929; iii. Mary, born 16 January 1932; iv. Galen, born 26 April 1934. They were divorced and she married, second, Frank Mayhew. Their child: v. Frank, Jr., born 11 December 1939.

iii. Elizabeth J., born 19 July 1908, married, first, Harry Hartley on 24 August 1931, was divorced, married, second, 6 January 1946, Bennie F. Barker. There were no children by either marriage. They lived in Hermon in 1964.

iv. Dorothy M., born 24 June 1911, married, first, Harold White, 12 October 1930, was later divorced. She married, second, John D. Lawrence, on 4 April 1940. They had no children. She died 10 July 1962 at Bangor, Maine.

Mary died 8 May 1917 and David P., Jr. on 29 April 1937, both in Maine.

25. Winfield Scott Edminster (Daniel³⁻², Noah, Jr.¹), born 26 July 1860 at Dixmont, Maine, son of Daniel, Jr. and Anna Sarah (Kenney). He married 2 December 1881 at Knox, Maine, Georgianna Foss, born 1861. Their children:

i. Rosina C., born 1884, married, first 18 September 1905 at Belfast, Maine, Tundy T. Green, was divorced, married, second, Ralph F. Derby on 18 October 1916 at Belfast. Their child: i. Ralph Collins, born 2 August 1919, lived in Belfast in 1964. Rosina died 15 July 1937.

ii. Hattie E., born 2 April 1886, married, first, 2 May 1908 at Belfast, Fred R. Johnson. They were divorced and she married, second, Thomas B. Berry at Swanville, Maine. There were no children by either marriage. She lived in Belfast in 1964.

iii. Winfield Scott, Jr., born 1888, probably never married, died 26 August 1962. Florence Ada Kenny, daughter of Mehitable P. Edminster, visited Winfield Scott during the prohibition era (whether senior or junior is not clear but probably junior). She told her cousin Ruth, half-sister of Winfield Scott, that he lived in a "mansion" but she would not visit him again because he had got rich being a "purveyor of liquor"! The Winfield S. Edminster who lived in San Francisco 1917, 1932-34 with wife, Lila, could have been this man but not likely.

iv. Samuel D., born 1898, died 1899.

Georgianna died 25 May 1937 and Winfield Scott on 15 April 1949, both at Belfast.

26. James Edminster (Daniel³⁻², Noah, Jr.¹), born 6 March 1871 at New London, Wisconsin, son of Daniel, Jr. and Nickolas (Shaw). He married Jennie Kent Millard, was a mail carrier at New London. Their children:

i. Ada, born 4 July 1904, married Adolph Klatt.

45. ii. Marvin L., born August 1908 in New London.

James died 5 May 1956.

27. George Lester Edminster (Daniel³⁻², Noah, Jr.¹), born 24 July 1882 at New London, Wisconsin, son of Daniel, Jr. and Elnora (Barnes). He married 18 May 1904 at New London, Margaret Brown, born 13 June 1887 at Fiefield, Wisconsin, daughter of Philbrook Henry and Sarah Jane (Huntley) Brown. Their children:

46. i. Truman P., born 21 November 1904.

ii. Helen May, born 24 January 1907 at New London, married 9 January 1926, at Hortonville, Wisconsin, Milton David Collar and lived in Hortonville. Their children: i. Robert Emmett, born 15 August 1926; ii. Milton James, born 13 August 1928; both at New London. She died 20 April 1965.

47. iii. James Milton, born 24 October 1908.

48. iv. George Lester, Jr., born 31 December 1919.

George Lester had died by 1965 when his widow still lived in New London.

28. Milton Albert Edminster (Daniel³⁻², Noah, Jr.¹), born 31 October 1889 at New London, Wisconsin, son of Daniel, Jr. and Elnora (Barnes). He married 28 June 1916 at New London, Vesta May Parfitt, born 26 July 1889 at New London, daughter of James and Annie (Richards) Parfitt. They farmed near Eland, Wisconsin, were 7th Day Adventists. Their children:

i. Evelyn Audrey, born 7 April 1917, married, had two daughters, lived at Battle Creek, Michigan.

49. ii. Merle Victor, born 10 June 1918.

50. iii. Everett Milton, born 22 December 1921.

iv. Donald Erwin, born 16 September 1927, worked in Milwaukee in 1957, married Marian V. _____, lived in Oshkosh, Wisconsin 1961-64.

29. Osceola Edminster (Noah Webster³, Noah², Noah, Jr.¹), born 7 October 1869, probably at Etna, Maine, son of Noah Webster and Frances Lucretia (Prescott). He married Sarah M. Cochran. Their children:

i. Lillian, born 17 February 1889, married Ansel Cookson. Their children: i. Lancel, lived at Pittsfield, Maine; ii. Grace, married a Wyman, lived at Pittsfield; iii. Lucile, married a Weed, lived at Winslow, Maine; iv. Novella, married a Rogers, lived at Pittsfield. Lillian died 14 September 1963.

ii. Lavon, born 13 August 1896, married William Erskine. Their children: i. Lawrence, born 31 January 1916, lived at Dixmont, Maine; ii. Eunice, born 4 February 1917, married a Norris, lived at Newport, Maine; iii. Esther, born 28 February 1920, married a Winship, lived at Newport; iv. Roger, born 17 February 1922, lived at Etna; v. Richard, born 11 August 1929, lived at Dixmont; vi. James, born 6 August 1935, lived at Pittsfield, Maine; vii. Robert, born 19 June 1940, lived at Dixmont. Lavon lived at Dixmont in 1964.

Osceola and Sarah M. were both buried at Etna.

30. Noah Israel Edminster (Noah Webster³, Noah², Noah, Jr.¹), born 2 April 1871 at Bangor, Maine, son of Noah Webster and Frances Lucretia (Prescott). He married Anora Elizabeth Powers, probably about 1917. He had been an undertaker in 1901, a bookkeeper 1914-21, later was an auditor and accountant, all at Bangor. In 1924 he signed papers for his father as a Notary Public. Their child, born in Bangor:

51. i. Noah Israel, Jr., born 29 April 1918.

Anora Elizabeth was dropped from city directory listing in 1928, may have died by then. He was listed from 1930 to 1945 with a wife, Inez M., evidently a second marriage. Noah Israel died in 1950.

31. Clarence William Edminster (William H.³, Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 4 August 1870 in Portage County, Wisconsin, son of William H. and Mary E. (King). He married 25 October 1902 in Washington County, Wisconsin, Della Roebacher, born 25 October 1880 at Waupaca, Wisconsin daughter of William and Frances (King) Roebacher. Their children, all born at Farmington, Waupaca County:

i. Frances, born 30 June 1904, married 19 June 1927 at Waukegan, Illinois, Nels Forseth, born 18 January 1902 in Norway, son of Wallen and Agneta Forseth. Their children, all born in Waupaca: i. Vergel Rae, born 27 April 1928, married in May 1957, James Potts; ii. Robert Arnold, born 11 July 1929, married in December 1959, Jackie Fauk; iii. William

Ronald, born 27 February 1931, married 13 September 1952, Elaine Schulke;
iv. Donald Le Roy, born 14 January 1934, married in March 1956, Linda
Caldwell; v. James Aaron, born 30 May 1936; vi. Doris Mae, born 5
December 1937, married 18 May 1958, Lawrence Jagla. Nels died 31
December 1952 at Waupaca. Frances lived at Waupaca in 1964.

ii. Doris M., born 1 May 1907, never married, was a school teacher
at Waukesha, Wisconsin.

52. iii. Reuben, born 9 April 1910.

53. iv. Clifford, born 2 May 1915.

Clarence William died 28 (or 30 ?) April 1930 at Appleton, Wisconsin and
Della on 10 September 1956 at Waupaca, where both are buried.

32. Reuben W. Edminster (William H.³, Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 19 (or
17 ?) March 1873 in Portage County, Wisconsin, son of William H. and
Mary E. (King). He married 3 June 1917, Anna Ritchie, born 17 August
1882 (or 1880 ?) at Farmington, Washington. Her parents had crossed the
plains by covered wagon. They lived at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho where he
was a timber cruiser and she was a school teacher. Their child:

i. A child who died in infancy.

He died 1 May 1956 (or 1955 ?) in Coeur d'Alene where he was buried.
She lived there in 1964.

33. Lloyd Edminster (Albin W.³, Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 12 February
1885 in Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, son of Albin W. and Ella (Pike).
He married Mamie Brown. Their children:

i. Charles, who married Viola S. _____, had no children, died
about 1957. She lived in Titusville, Pennsylvania in 1964..

ii. Helen, who married a Pattison, lived in Colorado in 1964.

Lloyd died 1 December 1961 at Titusville, Pennsylvania.

34. Dale Otis Edminster (Albin W.³, Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 3 October
1891 at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, son of Albin W. and Ella (Pike).
He married 30 January 1912, Sadie Elberta Porter, born 3 May 1895 at
Centerville, Pennsylvania, daughter of William Henry and Mary Ann
(Peterson) Porter. Their children, all born in Cambridge Springs:

54. i. William Selden, born 14 June 1913.

55. ii. Ralph Porter, born 10 December 1918.

56. iii. Junior Dale, born 31 July 1928.

They lived at Cambridge Springs in 1964.

35. Leon Floyd Edminster (Reuben Samuel³, Alexander², Noah, Jr.¹), born 3
September 1887 at Dixmont, Maine, son of Reuben Samuel and Agnes V.
(Garland). He married, first Alice Taylor. Their only child:

i. Phyllis.

He married, second, in 1925, Hazel Lawrence. Their only child:

ii. Betty Ellen, born 4 February 1930 at Hamden, Penobscot County, Maine, married 25 November 1948, Reginald Parsons. They had one child, Barry Lee, lived near Dixmont, Maine with widow Hazel in 1963.

Leon was Private, 153 Depot Brigade, U. S. Army in World War I. He died, 30 October 1959 at Dixmont and is buried at Plymouth, Maine.

36. Winfred Herbert Edminster (Reuben Samuel³, Alexander², Noah, Jr.¹), born 17 November 1889 at Dixmont, Maine, son of Reuben Samuel and Agnes V. (Garland). He married 25 August 1917 at Tilton, New Hampshire, Vernie Gould, born 12 February 1893 at Jackson, Maine, daughter of George W. and Alice M. (Tasker) Gould. Their child:

i. Winona Gould, born 29 March 1925 at Norway, Maine, married 9 November 1946 at Norway, Dr. Allan S. Chase. Their children: i. Jeffery Edminster, born 1947; ii. Jennifer Alden, born 1950; iii. Gregory Stephen, born 1957.

"Win" was a soldier in World War I, graduated from University of Maine and received a Masters Degree from Harvard. He was Superintendent of Public Schools in Norway and, 1946-54 was Chief of Training Facilities, Veteran's Administration, Togus, Maine. In 1964 they lived, retired, in Norway.

37. Merle L. Edminster (Reuben Samuel³, Alexander², Noah, Jr.¹), born 30 October 1899 at Dixmont, Maine, son of Reuben Samuel and Agnes V. (Garland). He married 29 December 1926 at Santa Cruz, California, Thelma Agnes Porter, born 20 October 1907 at Hylton, Texas, daughter of John W. and Lily (Sims) Porter. He was a soldier in World War I and went West soon after. Their children:

57. i. John Linwood, born 5 August 1928.
ii. Janet Lillian, born 6 April 1935 at Nevada City, California, died 29 May 1939 in Utah.

They lived at Vallejo, California in 1964.

38. Joseph Allan Edminster (George W.⁴⁻³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 18 February 1875 at Dixmont, Maine, son of George W., Jr. and Mellissa (Cook). Note the extra "i" in the last name which he apparently added and which was continued by his children. He married, first, Hannah O'Connor, born about 1871 in County Cork, Ireland. They had four children, born in vicinity of Boston, Massachusetts:

58. i. James Watson, born about 1897.

59. ii. Harry A., born about 1903.

60. iii. George A.

iv. Helen N., who worked in Akron, Ohio 1914-16 when she lived at home.

Hannah died at 36, about 1907, was buried at Salem, Massachusetts.

He married, second, Katherine C. Dumas, born 1885 at Mobile, Alabama, daughter of C. A. Dumas. Their children, all born in Akron, Ohio:

61. v. Edward J., born 3 January 1911.
- vi. Allen, born about 1913, died in 1916 of infantile paralysis, was buried in Akron.
- vii. Leon, born 14 April 1917, was killed in an auto accident 21 December 1928.

Katherine died in 1917 at Mobile and is buried there.

He married, third, in Canton, Ohio, Elizabeth Gatesman, born 26 August 1890 in Pennsylvania. Their children, all born in Akron:

viii. Mary, who married Anthony Lo Casio in Akron, had two children, Arsola and Thomas, lived in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio in 1964 where he had an accounting business. She is probably the Mary Edminister listed in the 1947 Cleveland city directory as a hospital worker.

62. ix. Joseph Allan, Jr.
- x. Paul, born a cripple, died when 21 at Columbus, Ohio, is buried at Akron.

Joseph Allan was a hotel engineer at Akron where he died 13 December 1952. Elizabeth died there 25 March 1961.

39. Roy Walter Edminster (Nelson Vernon⁴, George W.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 31 March 1897 at New London, Wisconsin, son of Nelson Vernon and Della Arvilla (Starks). He was a soldier in World War I, married 18 September 1923 at Dubuque, Iowa, Martha Rosella Fry, born 13 March 1901 at Highland, Wisconsin, daughter of Stephen Louis and Anna (Kisting) Fry. Roy was a carpenter and woodworker. Their children, all born at Dubuque:

i. Della Marie, born 4 July 1904, married 29 December 1945 at Dubuque, Leo Lewis Koster, born 31 March 1923 at Dubuque, son of Herman Henry and Gertrude Ann (Kemp) Koster. Their children: i. Donna Lee, born 22 November 1946 at Yuba City, California; ii. Donald John, born 26 November 1948 at Moline, Illinois; iii. Timmie Joe, born 11 January 1957 at Moline. They lived at Rock Island, Illinois in 1963.

ii. Letisia Ann, born 21 June 1926, married 3 August 1945, Loras John Beadle, born 15 December 1926 at Dubuque, son of Thomas Elmer and Clara Ethel (Collins) Beadle. Their children, all born in Dubuque:
i. Thomas Collins, born 9 August 1946; ii. Connie Lee, born 13 December 1947; iii. Michelle Ann, born 21 January 1949; iv. Cathy Helen, born 3 April 1950; v. Loras John, Jr., born 9 May 1955; vi. Richard, born 27 February 1957; vii. Kellene, born 5 November 1958; viii. Julie, born 11 February 1960; ix. John David, born November 1961. They lived at Dubuque in 1963.

63. iii. Robert Paul, born 10 July 1938.
- iv. Rodney James, born 17 January 1945 (or 1946?), lived at home in Dubuque in 1963.

Roy Walter died 13 August 1964 at Dubuque.

40. Paul Benedict Edminster (Nelson Vernon⁴, George W.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 28 June 1898 at New London, Wisconsin, son of Nelson Vernon and Della Arvilla (Starks). He married 25 December 1924 at Omro, Wisconsin, Florence Gertrude Appley, born 27 July 1903 at Omro, daughter of Robert and Esther (Houer) Appley. Their children:

i. Earl Edwin, born 14 April 1926 at Eureka, Wisconsin, killed 25 October 1943 in the Battle of Leyte, World War II.

ii. Ruth Jean, born 19 May 1928 at Berlin, Wisconsin, married 14 December 1946, Harold R. Stang, born 26 February 1925 at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, son of George H. and Esther (Potratz) Stang. Their children:
i. Barbara Jean, born 4 September 1947 at Oshkosh; ii. Jeffrey Ralph, born 14 January 1949 at Oshkosh; iii. Rebecca Ann, born 18 February 1953 at Omro. They lived at Omro.

iii. Harold Keith, born 27 February 1933 at Berlin, married 25 July 1954 (or 1952 ?) at Wichita Falls, Texas, Shirley Jean Plotz, born 26 April 1934 at Neenah, Wisconsin daughter of Arthur and Helen (Haas) Plotz. They had no children by 1965, lived at Oshkosh.

iv. Phillip Appley, born 31 July 1938 at Omro, twin to Phyllis Ann, served in the U. S. Navy, married 19 July 1957, Margaret Lynn Westover, were divorced in 1959.

v. Phyllis Ann, born 31 July 1938 at Omro, twin to Phillip Appley, married 13 July 1957 at Victoria, Texas, Kenneth Eugene Ottman, born 13 January 1937 at Oshkosh, son of Reuben and Irene (Smith) Ottman. Their children, both born at Oshkosh; i. Debra Lynn, born 14 July 1958; ii. Sandra Ruth, born 13 January 1960.

Paul and Florence lived in Omro in 1963.

41. Allan Duart Edminster (Nelson Vernon⁴, George W.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 16 February 1901 at New London, Wisconsin, son of Nelson Vernon and Della Arvilla (Starks). He married 23 May 1928 at Omro, Wisconsin, Elsie Sophia Clausen, born 20 August 1908, daughter of Ed and Emma (Bremer) Clausen. Their child:

i. Nancy Jean, born 22 April 1936 at New London, a school teacher, married, first 15 June 1957, Gerald Arthur Schuhart, were divorced. She married, second, 17 December 1960, Donald Hoyman. Their child: Tami Lynn, born 2 February 1962 at Neenah, Wisconsin where they lived.

Allan and Elsie lived at Oshkosh, Wisconsin in 1964.

42. George Dawley Edminster (Nelson Vernon⁴, George W.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 2 October 1902 at New London, Wisconsin, son of Nelson Vernon and Della Arvilla (Starks). He married 29 August 1928, Lula Caroline Larson, born 20 August 1908 at St. Mary's, Kansas, daughter of John Louis and Mamie Adeline (Hawk) Larson. She earned the B. S. degree in Education, was a teacher. Their children:

64. i. Eugene Elvin, born 18 June 1929.

65. ii. Harvey La Verne, born 10 April 1934.

George and Lula lived at Omro, Wisconsin in 1963.

43. Loren Sylvester Edminster (Nelson Vernon⁴, George W.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹) born 2 November 1904 at New London, Wisconsin, son of Nelson Vernon and Della Arvilla (Starks). He married 5 April 1925 at Waupaca, Wisconsin, Norma Mae Ayers, born 10 January 1908 at Manawa, Wisconsin, daughter of Fred and Mina (Bell) Ayers. Their children:

i. Lola Joyce, born 12 November 1927 at Waupaca, married 5 April 1949, Robert E. Kluth, born 19 September 1926 at Clintonville, Wisconsin, son of Harry W. and Helen (Brown) Kluth. Their children: i. John Robert, born 13 December 1950 at Waupaca; ii. Steven Mark, born 20 October 1956 at La Crosse, Wisconsin.

ii. Eloise Rae, born 5 May 1932 at Waupaca, died 30 December 1932.

66. iii. Lew Ayers, born 13 August 1937.

44. Vinton Harvey Edminster (Nelson Vernon⁴, George W.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 23 November 1906 at New London, Wisconsin, son of Nelson Vernon and Della Arvilla (Starks). He married 18 June 1936 at Waupaca, Genevieve Leah Larson, born 23 September 1910 at Blaine, Wisconsin, daughter of John and Mamie Adeline (Hawk) Larson. She was sister to Lula Caroline who married Vinton's brother George. Their children:

i. Carol Ann, born 12 May 1940 at Omro, Wisconsin, married 25 November 1961, Dan C. Palfenier. Their child: i. Renee Kay, born 17 May 1963. She was a registered nurse and they lived at Robbinsdale, Minnesota in 1963.

ii. Donald Vinton, born 23 October 1942 at Chicago, Illinois, not married by 1965.

iii. Dale Allen, born 23 January 1944 at Chicago.

iv. Lawrence Bruce, born 3 June 1947 at Omro, Wisconsin.

They lived at Omro in 1963.

45. Marvin L. Edminster (James⁴, Daniel³⁻², Noah, Jr.¹), born August 1908 in New London, Wisconsin, son of James and Jennie Kent (Millard). He married Sarah Mare. Their children:

i. Joan, born 1928, twin to Jean, married Loy Johnson, lived in New London.

ii. Jean, born 1928, twin to Joan, married Rob Rowland, lived in New London.

iii. Jane, married Larry Perkins.

46. Truman P. Edminster (George Lester⁴, Daniel³⁻², Noah, Jr.¹), born 21 November 1904 at New London, Wisconsin, son of George Lester and Margaret (Brown). He married 30 December 1933, Lucille Erich. Their child:

i. George F., born 3 December 1934.

Truman P. died 24 July 1935 in Minnesota, was buried in New London.

47. James Milton Edminster (George Lester⁴, Daniel³⁻², Noah, Jr.¹), born 24 (or 27 ?) October 1908 at New London, Wisconsin, son of George Lester and Margaret (Brown). He married 14 June 1935, Wilma Bult, born 21 May 1914. Their children, all born at New London:

67. i. James Bernard, born 14 May 1936.

ii. Janice, born 10 January 1938, married Richard Fritz, lived at New London.

68. iii. Daniel J., born 1 December 1938, twin to David.

iv. David J., born 1 December 1938, twin to Daniel J., married Linda Braytrick, was a teacher and lived in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in 1964.

48. George Lester Edminster, Jr. (George Lester⁴, Daniel³⁻², Noah, Jr.¹), born 31 December 1919 at New London, Wisconsin, son of George Lester and Margaret (Brown). He married 20 September 1943, Margaret M. Tessen. Their child:

i. Ted, born 6 September 1944.

49. Merle Victor Edminster (Milton Albert⁴, Daniel³⁻², Noah, Jr.¹), born 10 June 1918 at Mukwa, Wisconsin, son of Milton Albert and Vesta May (Parfitt). He married Glenice A. Du Chateau, born 17 October 1921 at Green Bay, Wisconsin, daughter of Peter and Lillian (Peterson) Du Chateau. Their children, both born in Green Bay:

i. James, born 15 February 1947, died 5 October 1963.

ii. Phillip, born 16 January 1954.

They lived at Green Bay in 1963 where he was a refrigeration mechanic.

50. Everett Milton Edminster (Milton Albert⁴, Daniel³⁻², Noah, Jr.¹), born 22 December 1921 at New London, Wisconsin, son of Milton Albert and Vesta May (Parfitt). He married 28 September 1947, Isabelle Schmuhl, born 5 September 1924 at Polar, Wisconsin. Their children, probably all born in Wisconsin:

i. Nancy, born 16 August 1948.

ii. Peggy, born 19 July 1951.

iii. Jean born 1 December 1956.

iv. Kathleen, born 21 November 1959.

They lived at Eland, Wisconsin in 1964.

51. Noah Israel Edminster, Jr. (Noah Israel⁴, Noah Webster³, Noah², Noah, Jr.¹), born 29 April 1918 at Bangor, Maine, son of Noah Israel and Anora Elizabeth (Powers). He married 1 September 1946 at Bangor, Maine, Mildred Alma Page, born 27 April 1924 at Brewer, Maine, daughter of Robert Lewis and Lulu Beatrice (Wasson) Page. He was a Marine in World War II. Their children:
- i. Joan Page, born 16 July 1947 at Bangor.
 - ii. Jean Page, born 12 November 1950 at Bangor.
 - iii. Juliet Page, born 18 August 1952 at Bangor.
 - iv. Jennifer Page, born 25 May 1954 at Bangor.
 - v. Janine Page, born 23 June 1959 at Marlborough, Massachusetts.

They lived at Bangor until about 1955, lived in Orange, Massachusetts in 1964 where he was Superintendent of a regional High School.

52. Reuben Edminster (Clarence William⁴, William H.³, Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 9 April 1910 in Farmington Township, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, son of Clarence William and Della (Roebacher). He married 5 June 1954 at Waupaca, Lois Winkler, born 14 August 1925, daughter of Oscar and Averill (Johnson) Winkler. Their children:

- i. Reuben W., born 8 November 1955 at Waupaca.
- ii. Mary Lois, born 11 March 1957 at Iola, Wisconsin.

53. Clifford Edminster (Clarence William⁴, William H.³, Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 2 May 1915 at Waupaca, Wisconsin, son of Clarence William and Della (Roebacher). He married 20 May 1944 at Waupaca, Marie Jensen, born 1915 in Waupaca, daughter of Walter and Edna (Harvey) Jensen. Their children, both born in Waupaca:

- i. Dorothy, born 23 September 1945.
- ii. Clarence Walter, born 25 May 1948.

54. William Selden Edminster (Dale Otis⁴, Albin W.³, Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 14 June 1913 at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, son of Dale Otis and Sadie Elberta (Porter). He married 16 November 1936, his third cousin, Mary Marie Hutson, born 16 October 1917 at Union City, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles and Mittie Emiline (Smith) Hutson. Her grandmother, Ellen Jane Edminster, and his grandfather, Albin, were brother and sister. He was a farmer and was a factory steward for a time. Their children, all born in Meadville, Pennsylvania:

- i. Lowell William, born 23 October 1937, graduated from Pennsylvania State University, was a teacher in 1964.
- ii. Margaret Elaine, born 28 July 1939.
- iii. Theodore Melvin, born 6 September 1941.
- iv. Vern Delbert, born 16 July 1946.
- v. Barbara Joyce, born 11 July 1947.

William Selden was killed in a hunting accident 3 December 1951 near Cambridge, Pennsylvania. Mary Marie and the children lived in Cambridge Springs in 1964.

55. Ralph Porter Edminster (Dale Otis⁴, Albin W.³, Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 10 December 1918 at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, son of Dale Otis and Sadie Elberta (Porter). He married Charlotte Claudine Geer, born 22 July 1915 at Centerville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Claude and Hattie Geer. Their children:
- i. Marjorie Carol, born 28 October 1951 at Meadville, Pennsylvania.
 - ii. Ralph Porter, Jr., born 23 May 1956 at Union City, Pennsylvania.
56. Junior Dale Edminster (Dale Otis⁴, Albin W.³, Reuben W.², Noah, Jr.¹), born 31 July 1928 at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, son of Dale Otis and Sadie Elberta (Porter). He married 2 June 1950 at Titusville, Pennsylvania, Catherine Nora Mapes, born at Brookville, Pennsylvania. Their children:
- i. Nancy Ann, born 24 February 1959 at Meadville, Pennsylvania.
 - ii. Norma Jean, born 21 November 1961 at Meadville.
57. John Linwood Edminster (Merle⁴, Reuben Samuel³, Alexander², Noah, Jr.¹), born 5 August 1928 at Nevada City, California, son of Merle L. and Thelma Agnes (Porter). He married 19 June 1949 at San Francisco, Thelma Janice Hocker, born 3 January 1931 at Woodland, California, daughter of Collins and Thelma (Jones) Hocker. He graduated from California Polytechnic College, lived in Salt Lake City, Utah 1955-57, was in the agricultural chemicals business in San Francisco, lived at Concord, California in 1964. Their children:
- i. Michael, born 27 December 1951 at Vallejo, California.
 - ii. Sharon Lee, born 21 November 1953 at Vallejo.
 - iii. Gary Keith, born 1 July 1959 at Salt Lake City, Utah.
58. James Watson Edminister (Joseph Allan⁵, George W.⁴⁻³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 26 August 1895 at Roxbury, Massachusetts, son of Joseph Allan and Hannah O' (Connor). He married Rose Marie Benewich, born 22 May 1898 at New York City, daughter of Albert and Ann Benewich. They lived in Akron, Ohio where both children were born:
69. i. James Joseph, born 6 August 1921.
- ii. Rae Hannah, born 15 September 1923, married 2 December 1944 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, William Junior Phillips. Their children:
- i. Dennis William, born 23 April 1946; ii. Larry Thomas, born 20 July 1948; iii. Richard James, born 6 July 1951; iv. Jon Nelson, born 16 February 1954; v. Terence Ray, born 22 July 1959. He had been a Navy Carrier Pilot, worked for the American Red Cross in 1964 when they lived in Arlington, Virginia.
- They lived in Akron in 1964 after he had retired as a B. F. Goodrich Co. engineer.
59. Harry A. Edminister (Joseph Allan⁵, George W.⁴⁻³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 4 July about 1903, son of Joseph Allan and Hannah (O'Connor). He married Lydia J. Hammond. They lived at Stow, suburb of Akron, Ohio. Their children:

- i. Doretta, born 10 June 1921, married Herbert Keenan, lived at Akron.
 - ii. Harry A., Jr., who married Alice _____, may have had at least one child. They lived at Akron in 1964.
- 70.
 - iii. Eugene V., born 4 January about 1930.
 - iv. Lydia Jane.
 - v. Patricia.
- 60. George A. Edminister (Joseph Allan⁵, George W.⁴⁻³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born near Boston, Massachusetts, son of Joseph Allan and Hannah (O'Connor). He married Helen G. _____, lived in Canton, Ohio. Their children:
 - i. John E., who married about 1942, Mary P. _____, lived in Canton.
 - ii. Marilyn J.
 - iii. Another daughter.
He died about 1942 or 1943.
- 61. Edward J. Edminister (Joseph Allan⁵, George W.⁴⁻³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 3 January 1911 at Akron, Ohio, son of Joseph Allan and Katherine (Dumas). He married 2 June 1934, Edna Ceceila Summers, born 16 June 1911 at Barberton, Ohio, daughter of John Summers. Their children, all born in Akron, Ohio:
 - i. Edward J., Jr., born 4 July 1935, married 6 September 1958 at Akron, Evelyn C. Mize, born 28 May 1936 at Rome, Georgia. They lived at North Palm Beach, Florida in 1964, had no children then.
 - ii. Rosemary C., born 3 July 1938, married in Akron, Laverne Shannon, had two children: i. John; ii. Jeff. They lived at Anaheim, California in 1964.
 - iii. Lillian E., born 4 June 1947.
 - iv. Amelia A., born 9 May 1950.
- 62. Joseph Allan Edminister, Jr. (Joseph Allan⁵, George W.⁴⁻³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 13 November about 1935 at Akron, Ohio, son of Joseph Allan and Elizabeth (Gatesman). He married Nina Valentini, lived at Cuyahoga Falls near Akron in 1964 where he was a Professor of Engineering at University of Akron. Their children:
 - i. Michael.
 - ii. James.
 - iii. & iv. Two other children.
- 63. Robert Paul Edminister (Roy Walter⁵, Nelson Vernon⁴, George W.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 10 July 1938 at Dubuque, Iowa, son of Roy Walter and Martha Rosella (Fry). He married 7 April 1956 at Dubuque, Patricia Worley, born 4 December 1936 at Dubuque, daughter of George and Dorothy P. (Jones) Worley. Their children, all born in Dubuque:
 - i. Dennis, born 24 April 1957.
 - ii. Robert Paul, Jr., born 2 December 1958.
 - iii. Tina Marie, born 29 April 1961.

64. Eugene Elvin Edminster (George Dawley⁵, Nelson Vernon⁴, George W.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 18 June 1929 at Weyauwega, Wisconsin, son of George Dawley and Lula Caroline (Larson). He married 20 August 1949 at Omro, Wisconsin, Iva Mae Jackson, born 24 August about 1930 at Omro, daughter of Van and Ruth (Cameron) Jackson. He worked in Oshkosh, Wisconsin 1949-57 while living in Omro. Their children, all born in Omro:

- i. Diane Kay, born 8 July 1952.
- ii. David Eugene, born 25 July 1954.
- iii. Daniel Scott, born 30 August 1956.

They lived in Milwaukee in 1963.

65. Harvey La Verne Edminster (George Dawley⁵, Nelson Vernon⁴, George W.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 10 April 1934 at Weyauwega, Wisconsin, son of George Dawley and Lula Caroline (Larson). He lived at Milwaukee 1953-56, married about 1956, Mary Lou Ruska, born 2 May 1937 at Chatham, Michigan, daughter of Oscar and Evelyn (Twedale) Ruska. They lived in Milwaukee in 1958, at Omro Wisconsin in 1963. Their children, both born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

- i. Debra Ann, born 4 October 1957.
- ii. Douglas Harvey, born 2 February 1960.

66. Lew Ayers Edminster (Loren Sylvester⁵, Nelson Vernon⁴, George W.³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 13 August 1937 at Weyauwega, Wisconsin, son of Loren Sylvester and Norma Mae (Ayers). He married in 1956, Virginia Marie Rasmussen, born 14 February 1937 at Scandinavia, Wisconsin, daughter of Anton Erling and Gertrude Irene (Ernst) Rasmussen. Their children, all born in Waupaca, Wisconsin:

- i. Cindy Lou, born 11 November 1957.
- ii. Cathy Lynn, born 17 May 1959.
- iii. Cheryl La Rae, born 3 February 1962.

67. James Bernard Edminster (James Milton⁵, George Lester⁴, Daniel³⁻², Noah, Jr.¹), born 14 May 1936 at New London, Wisconsin, son of James Milton and Wilma (Bult). He married Patricia M. Roman. Their children:

- i. Scott Paul, born 1960.
- ii. Robert James, born March 1963.

They lived in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin in 1960.

68. Daniel J. Edminster (James Milton⁵, George Lester⁴, Daniel³⁻², Noah, Jr.¹), born 1 December 1938 at New London, Wisconsin, twin of David, son of James Milton and Wilma (Bult). He married Carol Mae Luedtke, born 14 August 1941. Their children:

- i. Deborah Marie, born 1959.
- ii. Michael John, born 1960.
- iii. Margaret Anne, born 1961.
- iv. Lisa Mae, born 1962.

They lived in Milwaukee in 1963.

69. James Joseph Edminister (James Watson⁶, Joseph Allan⁵, George W.⁴⁻³, Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 6 August 1921 at Akron, Ohio, son of James Watson and Rose Marie (Benewich). He married, first, about December 1942, Robilee Walsh. They had no children and were divorced. He married, second Eleanor Bell of Portalee, New Mexico, about 1948. Their children, both born in Akron:

- i. Jean, born 28 April 1950.
- ii. Christine, born 21 December 1952.

He was in the U. S. Air Force and was stationed at Roswell, New Mexico in 1964.

70. Eugene V. Edminister (Harry A.⁶, Joseph Allan⁵, George W.³⁻², Daniel², Noah, Jr.¹), born 4 January about 1930, son of Harry A. and Lydia J. (Hammond). He married Ina M. _____, lived in Akron, Ohio in 1960 but had moved near Los Angeles, California by 1964. They had three or four children.

Part V. Descendents of Noah Edminster (Edmester) of Freetown and Dighton

1. Noah of Freetown and Dighton, Massachusetts was one of two Noahs who served in the Revolutionary War. He was probably the son of James who was a Naval Captain in that war. (See Part I). It is possibly he who was the Edminster reputed to have participated in the famed Boston Tea Party. He was born before 1755. His name is spelled five ways in the records: Edminster, Edmester, Edmister, Edmaster and Edminister. If our analysis is correct about his descendents, the spellings Edminster, Edmester and Edmister continue in use in this line today. All of the modern Edmesters are of this line. Noah was listed in the 1790 census of Freetown, Bristol County, Massachusetts as being head of a family of two males over 16, three males under 16, and three females. There is uncertainty about a number of the relations in this line, as indicated below.

2. i. Jonathan, born 1769, was probably a son.

3. ii. Lemuel R., born 1780.

- iii. A son, not further identified.

- iv. John, born about 1785, drowned at New Bedford, Massachusetts in 1815, was possibly a son of this Noah(62). He is probably the John Edminster (Edmister) of Freetown who filed intention of marriage to Peddy Mirick at Taunton in 1812 on 12 September (16). He is also probably the John Edminster who served in the War of 1812 as a Private in Capt. Reuben Swift's company, Col. Benjamin Lincoln's 2nd Regt. of detached Massachusetts Militia. He served 12 days from 14 June to 5 July 1814 responding to an alarm at New Bedford. For this he received wages and allowances of \$4.40. His equipment, as given in his Service record in the National Archives included: musket, bayonet, iron ramrod, cartridge box, bayonet scabbard with belt, priming wires and brushes, knapsack, 2 flints and 24 cartridges with balls.

- v. A daughter, born before 1790 and who was not listed in the 1800 census at home, presumably either married or deceased, possibly Lois, who married 9 December 1792 at Nobletown, Massachusetts, Nathan Reed.

- vi. A daughter, born before 1790 and after 1774, who was at home in 1800, but was not listed with the family in the 1810 census.

Noah and his wife were listed in the 1810 census but with no others. He had probably died by 1830 as he is not in the census that year either as a head of family or with son Lemuel. However, a female, between 90 and 100, lived with Lemuel then, likely either his mother or his wife's mother.

2. Jonathan Edmester (Noah¹), born 1769, probably in Plymouth County, Massachusetts, was probably a son of Noah. He married Jemima Clapp, born 13 February 1774 in Dorchester, Massachusetts, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Price) Clapp (51). They removed from Plymouth to South Malden, Massachusetts where he taught school and later, in 1807 inherited his wife's father's brick yard. Their children:

- i. and ii. Two sons, born before 1795.

4. iii. Moses, born about 1795.

5.
 - iv. Aaron, born 1797.
 - v. Elizabeth Clapp, probably a daughter in this family, married 14 November 1818 at Malden, Nathan Kimball of Newburyport (65).
6.
 - vi. James Clapp, born about 1800.
- 7
 - vii. Timothy Clapp, born about 1802
 - viii. Sarah, who was probably the "Sally H." who married James Pickering, 12 January 1823 at Lynn, Massachusetts (92).
 - ix. Elijah J., born 11 August 1807, died 25 June 1838, probably did not marry.
 - x. Susan, who married Thomas R. Warren in Malden, 29 October 1836 (65).
 - xi. Caroline, who married James M. Davis in Malden about November 1837 (65).
 - xii. Emily, born 27 March 1810 at Malden, married, first, Oliver Cousens at Malden, 28 March 1833 (65). They had no children. She married, second, 8 November 1840, at Malden, Lemuel R. Edmester, Jr., probably her second cousin, born between 1805-10 at Freetown, son of Lemuel R. and Chloe (Allen). See head of family No. 8, below, where their children are listed.

In the 1820 census of Malden, 13 members were listed for Jonathan's family. He died 14 March 1841 and Jemima 30 May 1846, both at Malden.

3. Lemuel R. Edminster (Edmester) (Noah¹), born about 1780 at Freetown, Massachusetts, son of Noah. He married in 1804, Chloe Allen, born about 1782. Lemuel was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving as a Private in Capt. Lynde Hathaway's Co., 2nd (Col. B. Lincoln's) Regt. Massachusetts Infantry Militia from 20 June to 1 July 1814 and in 1st Co., Coast Guard, from 25 July to 12 August, 1814 (66). The muster rolls in the National Archives include, for example, payment for wages, allowance for clothing and allowance for arms, which the soldier furnished, totaling \$4.75 for one period and \$2.75 for the second. Their children, all born in Freetown:

- i. Noah, born 1805, probably a son of Lemuel R. and Chloe, married 1 January 1843 at Freetown, Jane Thomas, born 1823, daughter of Calvin and Lois Thomas. He died in 1845 and she in 1856 (28).

8.
 - ii. Lemuel R., Jr., born between 1805-10.
 - iii. A daughter, born between 1800-10.
 - iv. Mary A., born 1815, married 1844, David Terry, born 1813, a farmer of Freetown. She was a tailoress (16).
 - v. Chloe, born 1820.
 - vi. Hannah, born between 1820-25, married Hezekiah Mason on 10 September 1846. They had one son and two daughters. He was descended from Hezekiah Mason who received a Land Grant from the King of England.

9.
 - vii. Clothier A., born 1829.

There may have been another male child born between 1820-25.

Lemuel's name is spelled in various records as Edmaster, Edmester, Edminster, Edmister and Edminister. Both he and Chloe were listed in the 1860 census when 80 and 78 respectively, but were not in the 1870 census.

4. Moses Edmester (Jonathan², Noah¹), born about 1795, likely at Lynn, Massachusetts, son of Jonathan and Jemima (Clapp). He filed intention of marriage to Lydia Cummings of Providence, Rhode Island, at Malden, 9 March 1823 but whether they actually married is not known (65). He did marry Susanna Lefavour, at Lynn, about 1835 (intention filed 27 September 1835) (92). Their children, possibly not complete, born at Lynn (92);
- i. Susan Jemima, born 23 March 1837.
10. ii. Joseph Lefavour, born 2 March 1842, twin to Lydia Symonds.
 iii. Lydia Symonds, born 2 March 1842, twin to Joseph Lefavour, never married, lived alone in 1880.
 iv. Mary Ellen, born 26 January 1844, died of croup 1 November 1850 at Malden (65).

Moses was a cordwainer at Lynn in 1844 and a shoemaker (same thing) at Everett, Massachusetts 1870-74.

5. Aaron Edmester (Jonathan², Noah¹), born 1797 either in Plymouth County or Malden, Massachusetts, son of Jonathan and Jemima (Clapp). The name is also spelled Edmister and Edminster in some records. He married 18 January 1821 at Lynn, Massachusetts, Lois Smith (93). Their children, possibly not complete, born at Lynn:

- i. Eliza Clapp, born 25 September 1821, filed Intention of Marriage to Perez Coombs of Thomaston, Maine at Lynn on 3 November 1841 (92).

11. ii. Aaron, Jr., born 24 July 1824.
 iii. Mary, born 10 April 1826, married 20 September 1849, Gilbert D. Allen, born about 1829, son of Ezekiel. He was a cordwainer.

12. iv. William, born 1828, probably a son of Aaron and Lois.

Aaron, Sr. died 20 March 1832 at Charlestown, Massachusetts (63). Lois lived in Lynn until 1887, probably died about then.

6. James Clapp Edmester (Jonathan², Noah¹), born about 1800 in Dorchester, Massachusetts, son of Jonathan and Jemima (Clapp). He married, first, 27 January 1822 at Lynn, Massachusetts, Lydia (or Martha?) Knight. Their son, born in Lynn:

13. i. James Warren, born 21 May 1822.

He married, second, 3 April 1828, at Beverly, Massachusetts, Anne Woodbury of Beverly (99). Their children, all born in Malden or South Malden:

- ii. Almira W. (or Elmira?), born 28 January 1829, married Alvin D. Currier of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Intention filed 19 November 1850.

14. iii. George Washington, born 17 June 1831.

15. iv. Charles Wesley, born 27 December 1834.
 v. Harriet Augusta, born 16 February 1836.

- 16. vi. Elijah Briggs, born 14 December 1839.
- vii. Hannah Otis, born September 1842.
- viii. Annie, born 25 January 1844.

James Clapp was a brickmaker, inheriting a plant from his father.

- 7. Timothy Clapp Edmester (Jonathan², Noah¹), born about 1802 in Massachusetts, son of Jonathan and Jemima (Clapp). He married 26 April 1826 at Malden, Massachusetts, Huldah Howard, born about 1802 in Massachusetts. Their children, probably all born in Malden:
 - i. Huldah Maria, born 10 April 1827 (65), married 4 September 1845, John A. Savage, of Charlestown, son of George and Rebecca Savage. He died 30 December 1891 at Newtonville, Massachusetts.
- 17. ii. Timothy Clapp, Jr., born 5 February 1829.
- iii. John Howard, born 9 May 1831.
- iv. Sarah Ann, born 31 May 1833, was a teacher.
- v. Mary Elizabeth, born 17 November 1835.
- vi. Charles, born 10 October 1837. He was accounted for in the 1840 and 1850 censuses but no other records of him have been found.
- vii. Emily C., born about 1840. She "boarded" at Huldah Edmester's in Everett, Massachusetts in 1880, was listed in city directories until 1895, probably did not marry.
- viii. Ellen, born about 1842.

Timothy Clapp was listed as a "farmer" at Everett 1870-74, died by 1878. Huldah was listed in 1880 when daughter Emily and grand-daughter Carrie L. Stimpson, 14, lived with her. She was not listed in 1882.

- 8. Lemuel R. Edmester, Jr. (Lemuel R.², Noah¹), born between 1805-10 at Freetown, Massachusetts, son of Lemuel R. and Chloe (Allen). He married 8 November 1840, Mrs. Emily Edmester Cousens, probably his second cousin, born 27 March 1810 at Malden, Massachusetts, daughter of Jonathan and Jemima (Clapp) Edmester. Note that whereas his father appears to have spelled the name Edminster, this son adopted an alternate usage. Their children, all born in Malden or South Malden:
 - 18. i. Lemuel Albert, born 2 May 1842.
 - 19. ii. Oliver Nelson, born 2 May 1844.
 - 20. iii. Noah Franklin, born 3 November 1846.
 - 21. iv. Samuel S., born 21 December 1848.
 - v. Georgianna, born about 1853, married a Ramsey, was a teacher in Fall River, Massachusetts.

Lemuel Jr. lived with his brother, Clothier A., in his later years, as his own children would not have him. He was nearly 100 when he died. According to his granddaughter, Sara M., he was healthy at 99 "but got blood poisoning from a rusty nail."

9. Clothier A. Edminster (Lemuel R.², Noah¹), born 1829 at Freetown, Massachusetts, son of Lemuel R. and Chloe (Allen). Note that he, unlike his brother, Lemuel, Jr., retained the Edminster spelling. He was a farmer, married Phebe Jane Williams, born 1836. She was a descendent of Roger Williams, early settler of Rhode Island. Sara M. Edmester wrote me of visiting her grand-uncle, Clothier A., when a very small girl. She said, "I remember a very Puritanical family - such stern simplicity and such grand people." Their children, both born at Freetown:

i. Chloe Elizabeth, born 1858 (or 1859 ?), married a Washburn, was a school teacher.

22. ii. Clothier Franklin, born 1865.

They lived at Fall River, Massachusetts in 1911 and after. Clothier A. died there 1 August 1913 and Phebe Jane on 16 May 1922.

10. Joseph Lefavour Edmester (Moses³, Jonathan², Noah¹), born 2 March 1842 at Lynn, Massachusetts, son of Moses and Susanna (Lefavour). He had a twin sister, Lydia Symonds. He married Johanna S. _____, born about 1844-45 in Scotland. He was a stove installer and repairman, lived at Everett and Chelsea. Their children:

i. John A., born about 1868 at Everett.

ii. Wilbert J.

iii. Joseph, born December 1870 at Everett.

None of the children were listed with the parents in 1880 census. Joseph Lefavour died 11 November 1905 at Chelsea where his widow still lived in 1906.

11. Aaron Edmester, Jr. (Aaron³, Jonathan², Noah¹), born 1827 at Lynn, Massachusetts, son of Aaron and Lois. He was 5' 6 1/2" tall, dark complexion, dark hair, hazel eyes. He lived in Charlestown, Massachusetts from 1848-62, was a miller, a coffee grinder, watchman and shoemaker. He married 7 April 1859 at Lynn, Laura Ann Adams, born 1 October 1834 at Kittery, Maine, daughter of Oliver and Harriet A. (Fernald) Adams. They had two children:

i. Frederick Eugene, born 11 April 1860, had died "many years ago" according to his mother's affidavit in 1916. He could have been the "F. E. Edminster" who lived at 146 Waverly Place, New York City in 1888.

ii. Arthur Francis, born 12 August 1862, died 13 January 1867, both at Lynn.

Aaron enlisted in the Civil War on 9 August 1862 at Charlestown, was a Private, Co. B, 36th Regt. Massachusetts Infantry. He was wounded in battle at Cold Harbor, Virginia on 7 June 1864 and died in a hospital at Washington, D. C. on 30 July 1864 (64).

Laura Ann married, second, John F. Law, had one child, Grace Butman, who married a Keddy. Laura died 16 September 1916 at East Lynn, Massachusetts.

12. William Edmester (Aaron³, Jonathan², Noah¹), born 1828 at Lynn, Massachusetts, probably son of Aaron and Lois. He was listed in the 1841 city directory of Lynn as a cordwainer living at the same address as Lois, then a widow. In 1860 he was a shoemaker at Lynn living in a house separate from brother, Aaron, Jr., hence possibly married. He was probably the William who lived at Malden 1870-74. If so, his wife had died by 1880 and they had a daughter:

i. Sarah L., born 1851, was a dressmaker and married a Pellin (sp ?). This William may also be the one listed as a cabinet maker in Charlestown in 1852.

13. James Warren Edmester (James Clapp³, Jonathan², Noah¹), born 21 May 1822 at Lynn, Massachusetts, son of James Clapp and Lydia (Knight). He had at least one child by a first wife whose name is not known.

i. Charles W., born about 1852, lived with his father in the family of William Jennings at Chelsea in 1860. He was a journeyman brickmason in 1870, living at home with his father and stepmother.

James Warren married, second, Maria Louise Collier, born about 1841 in Vermont, daughter of Maria L. Collier, born in Massachusetts. Their son:

23. ii. William H., born 22 August 1862.

James Warren lived in Chelsea 1858-1903, was a brickmaker.

14. George Washington Edmester (James Clapp³, Jonathan², Noah¹), born 17 June 1831 at Malden, Massachusetts, son of James Clapp and Ann (Woodbury). He married, Mary E. _____, born about 1841 in Ireland. She was listed in the 1895 Everett, Massachusetts city directory as "widow" and was so listed until 1922. She died 3 August 1925 at Everett. Their children (probable), born in Massachusetts:

i. George W., probably "Jr.", worked in Boston 1895-1910, lived at Weymouth 1914-22 where he was a shoemaker, married Melissa A. _____, who was a widow by 1935.

ii. Hervey Briggs, born about 1862, worked at farming in 1880, listed in Everett city directories from 1882-86 living at father's home, 1895-1922 living at home of widow, Mary E. This suggests that he may not have married. He died 2 December 1925 at Everett.

iii. Sarah, born about 1864.

iv. Allen J., who worked at the same address in Boston from 1900-05 as George W., may have been another son. He was not listed in 1910 or later Boston directories. An Allen J. Edminister listed as a blacksmith in 1910 directory for Mobile, Alabama could have been the same person.

v. Edward, a teamster, worked at the same Boston location in 1910 as George W., may have been another, and likely younger, son.

George Washington was a brickmaker, lived at Everett from 1870-80, was a wood "carver" 1882-86.

15. Charles Wesley Edmester (James Clapp³, Jonathan², Noah¹), born 27 December 1834 at Malden, Massachusetts, son of James Clapp and Anne (Woodbury). He was a painter and mason, lived at Everett and Chelsea, Massachusetts

from 1870-86, boarded with his brother, George W., 1870-72, was still single in 1880. He married Josephine _____. She was listed as a widow in 1897. At that time, a probable son boarded there:

i. Ralph H., a bricklayer, died 21 April 1900, possibly in Alaska, probably did not marry.

Josephine was last listed in the Chelsea city directory in 1904, died at Somerville, Massachusetts 16 December 1925.

16. Elijah Briggs Edmester (James Clapp³, Jonathan², Noah¹), born 14 December 1837 in South Malden, Massachusetts, son of James Clapp and Anne (Woodbury). He married 30 September 1865 at Charlestown, Massachusetts, Susan Stimson, born 8 January 1837 at Charlestown, daughter of George and Sarah (Hires) Stimson (67). He became a brickmaker in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, taking control of the business in 1876 after working as a "brick striker" 1870-72. He was a Mason, a volunteer fireman, and attended the Universalist Church (51). According to Sara M. Edmester, they and others in the South Malden (Everett) family had fine houses, full of family antiques and paintings. They lived in Everett from 1879 to at least 1916. Susan died in Somerville, Massachusetts 27 January 1925. Their children, all born in Malden:

24. i. Franklin Herbert, born 25 July 1866.
ii. Henry Morton, born 3 October 1868, died 27 June 1869.
iii. Alvin Currier, born 29 May 1871, was a bookkeeper in his father's business at Everett, lived at his parent's home until 1918, lived in Belmont, Massachusetts in 1929, probably did not marry. He and sister Mable E. lived together at Somerville in 1940.
iv. A child, born 1873, died 14 June 1873.
v. Alice Maud, born 17 March 1875, died 18 July 1875.
vi. Mabel Evelyn, born 17 April 1876, was living at home 1904-40 with mother and brother, likely did not marry.

17. Timothy Clapp Edmester, Jr. (Timothy Clapp³, Jonathan², Noah¹), born 5 February 1829 in Malden, Massachusetts, son of Timothy Clapp and Huldah (Howard). He lived at Charlestown in 1854 and at Everett 1870-72 and was a cabinet maker. He married Augusta Carlisle (last name only probable, based on fact that a Mary A. Carlisle, 16, born in Maine, lived with them in 1860, likely the wife's sister), born about 1832 in Maine. Their children, born in Malden or Everett:

i. Adalee A., born 1860. Listed in 1880 census of Everett working for the James Skinner family.

25. ii. Frank C., born about 1862.
iii. Sarah H., born about 1864, was a teacher.

26. iv. Walter C., born about 1868.
v. Annie M., born about 1871.

Timothy, Jr. lived in Everett until at least 1910.

18. Lemuel Albert Edmester (Edminster) (Lemuel R.³⁻², Noah¹), born 2 May 1842 at South Malden, Massachusetts, son of Lemuel R., Jr., and Emily (Edmester). He was a soldier in the Civil War, Private, Co. E, 12th

Massachusetts Infantry and, later, Co. D, 20th V.R.C. He enlisted 16 June 1861, was wounded in the right thigh by a "minnie ball" at Antietam, 17 September 1862. He was hospitalized at Frederick, Maryland and later was in hospitals in Baltimore, Alexandria and Point Lookout. He transferred to the Veterans Reserve Corps 15 February 1864 and was mustered out 8 July 1864. By 1867 he was "...unable to walk far or to stand up more than an hour or two". Despite this he lived a long life. He was a grocery clerk before the war. He later lived in many places, including Chicago and San Francisco. He lived in Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1866, was listed in 1872 in Everett, Massachusetts as a "spiritualist medium", in the 1885 Boston directory as a physician and in 1900 as a "magnetic physician". He was listed as a physician in the 1885 New York City directory too. He was 5' 8-1/2" tall, dark complexion, black hair, brown eyes. He was a Knight Rose Croix in Scottish Rite Masonry. He married first, in 1870, Lucy Ann_____. They had one or more children, "...the only one in which children were born but it was just after the war so I do not remember..." Thus he deposed in a 1915 affidavit involving his pension. They were divorced and he married, second, Fannie E._____, in 1889. There were no children and they were divorced. He then married, third, Carolyn I._____, in 1902. They were divorced and had no children. She lived in Roxborough, Boston, in 1910. He lived his last years in Boston with a Hatch family. There he died, with no living relative, of arterio-schlerotic heart disease, on 24 August 1932, 90 years old. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Boston.

19. Oliver Nelson Edmester (Lemuel R.³⁻², Noah), born 2 May 1844 at Everett, Massachusetts, son of Lemuel R., Jr. and Emily (Edmester). He married Jennie Parker, born about 1854 in London, England, daughter of George and Sarah Parker. He lived in Everett in 1876 and in 1878 his wife was listed as an upholsterer. They moved to Boston when daughter Sarah was a year old, had a "breadstore" there 1879-85. Oliver was missing in the 1900 directory, may have died by then. Jennie died in 1934, probably in Boston. Their children:

i. Sara May, born about 1877 in Everett, never married, was a school teacher in Boston, lived there retired in 1964. She told me in a letter that her father had a flintlock used either by Noah in the Revolutionary War or by Lemuel in the War of 1812.

ii. Florence Mabel, born probably in Boston, married a Schmidt, died about 1963.

20. Noah Franklin Edmester (Lemuel R.³⁻², Noah¹), born 3 November 1846 in Massachusetts, son of Lemuel R., Jr. and Emily (Edmester) (Cousens). He married Mary Ellen _____, born about 1850 in Maine, lived in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He was listed there from 1866 when he was a watchman. In 1893 he had a variety store with son Herbert, "N. F. Edmester & Son", later expanded to two stores with bicycles, sporting goods, sundries and groceries. After 1908 he lived at North Andover, died there 23 December 1910. Mary lived in Lawrence until 1929. Their children, all born in Massachusetts, probably Lawrence:

i. William L., born about 1868, was a student in Worcester, Massachusetts 1888-89, moved to California in 1890, was a laundryman in San Francisco 1893-1901, lived in Los Angeles 1907-10 and in 1930. He probably did not marry.

27. ii. Herbert C., born about 1869.
 iii. Bertha, born about 1870.
28. iv. Frank Emer, born about 1872.
 v. Alice G., born about 1874.
 vi. Millie, born about 1878.
21. Samuel S. Edmester (Lemuel R.³⁻², Noah¹), born 21 December 1848 at Malden, Massachusetts, son of Lemuel R., Jr. and Emily (Edmester). He lived in Everett where he was a brickmaker and painter. He married Mary L. _____, born about 1854 in England. Their child:

 i. Arthur H., born August 1880, lived with his mother from 1897-1906. He was listed in the Everett directories 1910-30 living alone, likely did not marry.

Samuel S. died about 1881, Mary probably soon after 1906.

22. Clothier Franklin Edminster (Clothier A.³, Lemuel R.², Noah¹), born 1865, probably at Freetown, Massachusetts, son of Clothier A. and Phebe Jane (Williams). He married, first, 1 January 1890 (or 1891 ?), Sara Alberta White of Freetown, daughter of Albert F. and Sarah A. (Keene) White. She was a direct descendent of William White who was a passenger on the Mayflower. Her number in the "Mayflower Index" is 37817 (68). Clothier F. went to Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, between 1886-90 and started the school of architecture there. He taught there for many years and wrote books on architecture. Their children:

29. i. Albert Franklin, born 19 October 1891.
 ii. Allen White, born about 1901, married Laura Hammond, lived in Dover, New Hampshire in 1964. They had no children. He was a journalist, later a druggist. He also was a horticulturist and wrote books on the subject.

Clothier Franklin, who was sometimes listed as Franklin Clothier, was married, second to Bertha Phillips, born 20 November 1876. She had a brother, Howard F. Phillips who lived in Maine. Clothier F. died before 1933 and his widow lived in a nursing home in Brooklyn in 1963.

23. William H. Edmester (James Warren⁴, James Clapp³, Jonathan², Noah¹), born 22 August 1862 in Chelsea, Massachusetts, son of James Warren and Maria Louise (Collier). He married Anne Maria Rice, born 7 December 1865 at Salem, Massachusetts, daughter of William and Charlotte (Campbell) Rice. Their children:

- i. Amy L., born at Beverly, Massachusetts, married 30 January 1923, Frank O. Bartel, lived in Spartanburg, South Carolina in 1965.
 ii. Marguerite D., born at Chelsea, married Henry Jerrett, was divorced. She was a secretary in Boston in 1955, lived at Belmont, Massachusetts in 1965.

William H. was a salesman and store manager, lived in Chelsea and Belmont, died 22 November 1942 at Belmont, is buried at Beverly. Anne Maria died 9 March 1960 at Belmont, is buried at Beverly.

24. Franklin Herbert Edmester (Elija Briggs⁴, James Clapp³, Jonathan², Noah¹), born 25 July 1866 at Malden, Massachusetts, son of Elija Briggs and Susan (Stimson). He was a clerk in Boston in 1890, a store manager in 1899, lived at Everett. He married 26 June 1895, Janette Freeman Doty. In 1915 he was a store manager in New York City, lived in Ridgewood, New Jersey. Their child:

i. Hilda Hires, born 28 January 1898, later lived in Brooklyn, New York, and in Ridgewood, listed as a teacher there 1926-64, possibly was male (?).

A Frederick H. Edmeister was listed in the New York City directories 1911-15 with home noted as Ridgewood. In 1915 he was a buyer in the same firm where Franklin H., also spelled "Edmeister" in that directory, was department manager. He was obviously a member of this family but whether son of Franklin Herbert or what else is not known. No other records of Frederick H. have turned up.

Franklin Herbert died before 1926. Janette Doty died about 1942, probably at Ridgewood.

25. Frank C. Edmester (Timothy Clapp⁴⁻³, Jonathan², Noah¹), born about 1862 at Malden, Massachusetts, son of Timothy Clapp, Jr. and Augusta (Carlisle). He was a railroad gateman, married Alice A. _____, lived at Everett, Massachusetts. Their known child (there may have been others):

i. William J., who was a sheet metal worker, lived at Everett 1908-34. He married Mabel C. _____, died 24 January 1911 at Everett. His widow continued to live there until at least 1940.

26. Walter C. Edmester (Timothy Clapp⁴⁻³, Jonathan², Noah¹), was possibly a son of Timothy Clapp, Jr. and Augusta (Carlisle), born about 1868 in Malden, Massachusetts. He lived at home in 1890. Frank C., presumably his brother, was a close neighbor in 1895 when Walter had his own house. He was a machinist, by 1916 had wife, Carrie M. _____. Their children (probable):

20. i. Earl C., who lived with Carrie M. 1922-54 in Malden.
ii. Doris, who was a clerk, lived with Carrie M. in 1928.
iii. Dorothy, who was a stenographer, lived with Carrie M. in 1928.

Walter C. died 11 October 1924 at Everett. Widow Carrie M. lived in Malden until 1954.

27. Herbert C. Edmester (Noah Franklin⁴, Lemuel R.³⁻², Noah¹), born about 1869 at Lawrence, Massachusetts, son of Noah Franklin and Mary Ellen. He married Abia Isador, lived at Lawrence where he operated stores, at first with his father, selling bicycles, sporting goods, cameras, electrical supplies and talking machines; later, radios, washing machines and oil burners. Their child:

i. Herbert C., Jr., born about 1912, was a salesman in his father's store until about 1944. He served in the U. S. Army in 1945, about 1946 married Lois _____, lived in Lawrence until about 1953 where he was a salesman.

Herbert C., Sr. died about 1948. Abia lived at the family home until at least 1953.

28. Frank Emer Edmester (Noah Franklin⁴, Lemuel R.³⁻², Noah¹), born about 1872 in Lawrence, Massachusetts, son of Noah Franklin and Mary Ellen. He married Margaret E. _____, lived in Lawrence where he was an electrician. He could have been the F. E. Edminster listed in the New York City directory for 1888. Their children:

- i. Gertrude M.
- ii. Dorothy.

He died at Lawrence 30 June 1949. Margaret was not listed in Lawrence city directories thereafter.

29. Albert Franklin Edminster (Clothier Franklin⁴, Clothier A.³, Lemuel R.², Noah¹), born 19 October 1891 at New Bedford, Massachusetts, son of Clothier Franklin and Sara Alberta (White). He was the Bristol County representative of the Eastern States Farmers Exchange and lived at East Freetown. He married 11 June 1917, at Ames, Iowa, Elizabeth F. Talcott, born 13 September 1885 at Moorland, Iowa, daughter of Samuel Norton and Mary Avis (Brundige) Talcott. Their child:

31. i. Talcott White, born 1 October 1920.

Albert Franklin died 1 September 1958 at Middleboro, Massachusetts and was buried in White Cemetery, Freetown. Elizabeth lived in Sarasota, Florida in 1964.

30. Earl C. Edmester (Walter C.⁴, Timothy Clapp³, Jonathan², Noah¹), probable son of Walter C. and Carrie M., was a World War I soldier, lived in Everett, Massachusetts from 1918-29 with his mother, married by 1929, Elizabeth C. _____, lived in Malden until at least 1960. His mother lived with them through 1954. Elizabeth was a clerk in Boston 1941-50. A probable child:

- i. Jean E., who lived at home in 1950, was a stenographer in Boston.

31. Talcott White Edminster (Albert Franklin⁵, Clothier Franklin⁴, Clothier A.³, Lemuel R.², Noah¹), born 1 October 1920 at Freetown, Massachusetts, son of Albert Franklin and Elizabeth F. (Talcott). He graduated from University of Massachusetts, was a research scientist in soil conservation engineering in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He married 3 June 1944 at Beaver, Pennsylvania, Jeanne Wilson, born 18 May 1921 at Rochester, Pennsylvania, daughter of Karl Deane and Vera Adelphi (Flower) Wilson. They lived at College Park, Maryland in 1964. Their children:

- i. Linda Kay, born 22 July 1945 at Roanoke, Virginia.
- ii. Talcott Ross, born 24 April 1948 at Roanoke, Virginia.
- iii. Vicki Deen, born 28 April 1951 at Roanoke, Virginia.
- iv. Corinne Gail, born 25 July 1955 at Cheverly, Maryland.

Part VI. Descendents of John and Mary (Howland) Edminster of Freetown and Middleborough

1. John Edminster, born 1746 at Freetown, Massachusetts, 4th son and 6th child of James, 2nd, and Mary, has presented one of the more difficult of the Edminster genealogical puzzles. No positive records prove conclusively that the line we are about to describe is his; the fitting of names, dates and places through circumstantial evidence does make a reasonably good case. He is probably the John who married Mary Howland, daughter of John and Abigail (Peirce) Howland, at Middleborough, Plymouth County, Massachusetts on 17 March 1768 (See Part I) (35) (36) (37). Two male Edminsters are probably sons of John and Mary:
 2. i. John, Jr., born 4 July 1776.
 3. ii. Joseph, born about 1784.
 - iii. Hannah J., possibly of this family, born about 1774, married 14 December 1794, Hezekiah J. Nason. Both were from Freetown. She also might have been a daughter of other parents rather than John and Mary, including Noah (son of James and Ann), and James, 3rd (born 1734).

It seems likely that John and Mary both died between 1784 and 1790. This is concluded on the basis of: 1) lack of any John Edminster being listed as a head of family in the 1790 census; and, 2) he seems to be the only known Edminster who could be father of Joseph (see below) who was orphaned at a very early age.

2. John Edminster, Jr. (John¹), born 4 July 1776 - the day the United States declared its independence - in Massachusetts, probably in Middleborough, son (probably) of John and Mary (Howland). He is probably the John who married, first, 27 June 1803, at Freetown, Massachusetts, Judah Hathaway, of Freetown. He was from Middleborough at the time (28). He is surely the John whose family was recorded in the censuses for Middleborough from 1810 through 1850. Their six children are not known by name but they were:
 - i. A daughter, born about 1804.
 - ii. A daughter, born about 1806.
 - iii. A daughter, born about 1808.
 - iv. A daughter, born between 1810-15.
 - v. A daughter, born between 1810-20.
 - vi. A son, born about 1820.

All were at home in 1820. Two daughters were gone from home by 1830, one likely by marriage and one by death. Two more were gone by 1840 when one of the older girls was still at home. All children were gone by 1850, regretablely since the 1850 census was the first that recorded all first names. No Edminster likely to be the son in this family has been discovered in other records.

John was a soldier in the War of 1812. He served in Capt. Joseph Le Baron's Co. of Infantry detached from 4th (Washburn's) Regt. for 22 days in 1814 at Plymouth, according to records in National Archives (66). His pay for this service was \$5.86, in addition to which he was allowed \$1.84 for clothing furnished and \$0.37 for arms.

John married, second, Betty (or "Betsey") Ashley, 5 December 1822, at Dartmouth, Massachusetts. She was born in Massachusetts in 1787 (or 1789?) and was from Freetown (69). They evidently had no children. Betsey died 22 September 1856 and John 30 December 1863, both at Lakeville, Massachusetts (70). Three Freetown Ashleys, probably relatives of Betsey, Percival, Micah and Abram, were Revolutionary War Minutemen (19).

3. Joseph Edminster (Edmister) (John¹), born about 1784 in Massachusetts, probably son of John and Mary (Howland). Mrs. David C. (Lois) Dreier, daughter of Katherine Edminster and John A. Dale (see below), has furnished much of the information on Joseph and his descendents, obtained from her Uncle Everett Edward Edminster and other relatives. Census, army and pension records provided most of the rest, other than that of the last two generations. The 1850 and 1860 censuses of Jennings County, Indiana clearly show that Joseph was born in Massachusetts about 1784 or 1785. Family lore says that he was orphaned at an early age and was "bound out" when twelve as an apprentice to a blacksmith. From these facts, it seems that the only known Edminster who could have been his father was John of Middleborough. A theoretical possibility, also, is James, 3rd, born in 1734. He would have been 50 at the time of Joseph's birth, making it unlikely. The legends in this branch of the family also include the "three brothers from England" story, naming them as James, Joseph and Jerome, supposedly arriving in America about 1780. Since we were at war with England then, this would have been unlikely, apart from the other overriding evidence that refutes it.

Joseph married, first, Eliza _____, probably from Pennsylvania. They had three children, presumably born in Pennsylvania where family legend says that he came from to Indiana:

- i. Eliza, who married Joseph Plymate.
- ii. Pamela (or Permelia ?), who married George Biggart. They had no children but they raised Robert, son of her half-brother, Joseph. Mr. Biggart was a well-to-do cattleman and they lived at Wanatah, Indiana.
- iii. A child, name not known.

Joseph came to Geneva Township, Jennings County, sometime before 1830, travelling by ox team, cutting the way through the forest, taking five months. Once a year he went to Cincinnati to have corn ground and get supplies, 125 miles each way, taking three weeks. He married, second, 20 July 1824, Delilah Chapman, born in October 1801 in North Carolina. Her parents probably came from New York. She was red-headed and had seven re-headed sisters! Joseph and Delilah had nine children:

- iv. William, probably born in Indiana, died as a child.
- v. Robert, probably born in Indiana, died as a child.
4. vi. James Chapman, born 1830.
5. vii. Joseph, Jr., born 1832.
- viii. Telitha, born 1834, married John Thornton between 1850 and 1860.
- ix. Mary A., born 1836, was deaf and dumb from childhood from scarlet fever, married a Herrin, also deaf. They had three normal children, all boys (?), lived in Ohio.

6. x. Jerome, born 1 September 1841.
 xi. Patience, born 1844, married Timothy Jayne, Jr., born 1846 in Indiana, son of Timothy and Betsy Jayne, both born in New York. They had no children but raised Joseph, son of her brother Joseph. They lived in Harvey Township, Meeker County, Minnesota. She died about 1924. He apparently married again about 1925 and lived in California.
7. xii. Alfred, born 10 February 1846.

Joseph made a will dated 12 December 1864 leaving money to the daughters and dividing his land among the sons. Also, a granddaughter, Mary Dwellinger is mentioned. He died 30 August 1867 in Jennings County. Delilah died in June 1887 in Litchfield, Minnesota.

4. James Chapman Edminster (Edmister) (Joseph², John¹), born 1830 in Geneva Township, Jennings County, Indiana, son of Joseph and Delilah (Chapman). He married, first, in 1853 in Indiana, Louisa Robinson. Their only child:

8. i. William Howard, born 1856 or 1857.

Since this child was brought up by his stepmother, Louisa had died probably by 1858. He married, second, 5 June 1858, in Jennings County, Martha Jane Trousdail, born 1840 in Indiana, daughter of John F. (born in Ohio) and Elizabeth (born in North Carolina) Trousdail. She was related to Nathaniel Green of Revolutionary War fame to William Buchanan, a cousin of President James Buchanan. Their children:

- ii. Cora E., born 1 May 1859 in Jennings County, died about 1863.
 iii. Elizabeth, born 20 March 1861 at Queensville, Jennings County, married in 1879, Will Moon. Their children: i. Guy, born 22 February 1880 near Rochester, Indiana. His first wife, usually spoken of in the family as "that hellion", died young and had no children. He married again, Maude_____, had no children. He died in October 1933 in Minneapolis. She remarried, John Dillon, lived in Florida in 1964.
 ii. Roy, born 1883, married Ragna_____, had no children, died young of T. B.; iii. Faye (male), died in infancy; iv. Claude, born September 1888, married Ann_____, had no children, was a commercial artist in Minneapolis, died about 1921.
 They lived at Minneapolis where she died 7 December 1926. He died February 1928, is buried at Dassel, Minnesota.
 iv. Lulu, born 28 April 1863 in Queensville, died about November 1863.
 v. Margaret Alma, born 30 August 1865 in Queensville, married Fred Bach, born 5 November 1861, in 1887. Their children: i. Elfra, born 18 January 1888, died 2 March 1888; ii. Lulu Claire, born 4 July 1889, married John B. Worth, had no children. He died in 1951 and she at Long Beach, California 13 October 1953. Both are buried in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon; iii. James Leland, born 18 September 1892, married Lillian Clelland, had no children, died in Minneapolis in 1959; iv. Vernon Reynold, born 13 August 1894, married Ina Thompson, had one child: Kenneth Johann, born 1920 at Dassel, Minnesota and married Lorraine Jacobson and had two sons, Thomas and Brian. Kenneth lived in Santa Rosa, California in 1964. Vernon died

at Portland, Oregon 17 October 1946, is buried at Dassel where Ina later lived. The Bachs lived in Wheaton, Minnesota where the children were born. He owned a butcher shop, was very musical and claimed descent from the one and only Johann Sebastian Bach. In Wheaton he was the leader of "Bach's Military Band". He died in 1907 and she died in Minneapolis 20 December 1926.

9. vi. Everett Edward, born 23 November 1868.
- vii. Laura, born 1871 at Darwin, Minnesota, died when about three weeks old.
- viii. Katherine May, born 1 March 1872 near Rochester, Indiana, married 10 May 1894 at Dassel, Minnesota, John A. Dale, born 30 May 1871 at Saybrook, Ohio, son of Marvin Webster and Nancy Louise (Smith) Dale; he was living at Palo Alto, California in 1964. Their only child: Helen Lois, born 12 April 1897 in Roberts County, South Dakota, earned a Ph. D. degree from Stanford University, taught at Reed College, married 25 June 1930, David Collin Dreier, lived in Palo Alto. Their children were Katherine Helen, born 14 December 1931, and Frederick David, born 15 August 1935, both unmarried in 1964. Frederick was a chemist at Stanford Research Institute. Katherine May died 19 December 1939 at Palo Alto, was buried in Alta Mesa cemetery there.
- ix. Grace Pearl, born 28 May 1883, married in 1906, Louis Henry Boyer who was a brother of her brother Everett Edward's wife, Clara. A daughter, Verna, married J. R. Cunningham, had three sons, Neil Boyer, Jerold Russell and Lee Louis, lived in Long Beach, California. Louis died 17 April 1951 and Grace 4 June 1959, at Long Beach. Both are buried at Dassel.

James Chapman and Martha Jane had moved from Indiana to Meeker County, Minnesota around 1870 but were soon back in Indiana, near Rochester. They later returned to Dassel, Meeker County, where he died 26 October 1896. The Trousdaile family had also moved to Meeker County.

5. Joseph Edminster, Jr. (Joseph², John¹), born 1832 in Geneva Township, Jennings County, Indiana, son of Joseph and Delilah (Chapman). He married Ruth _____. Their children:
 - i. Robert, who died at Bemidji, Minnesota in January 1929.
 - ii. Joseph B., born in 1874 in Indiana, lived in Harvey Township, Meeker County, Minnesota in 1880 with his aunt and uncle. A Joseph B. Edminster who was a printer, editor and linotype operator with the Kalispell Journal at Kalispell, Montana from 1911 to 1917 was likely this same person. He lived in Yakima, Washington in 1918, had a wife, Florence, then.
 - iii. "Retty", thought to be "Mary".
 - iv. "Toy", probably Antoinette.

Ruth died young. Robert was brought up by his Aunt Pamela Edminster Biggart, Joseph, 3rd by his Aunt Patience Edminster Jayne, the other children by other relatives. No further records have been found of any members of this family.

6. Jerome Edminster (Edminster) (Joseph², John¹), born 1 September 1841 at Queensville, Jennings County, Indiana, son of Joseph and Delilah (Chapman). He was a Civil War soldier, enlisting 22 July 1862 as a Private, Co. H,

9th Indiana Legion. He was 5' 10 1/2" tall, light complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, a farmer. He was serving at Indianapolis, guarding prisoners in a storm when taken ill of cold and catarrh. The pension file shows that he was discharged 26 August 1862 although he also claimed that he "was in the Morgan raid in the summer of 1863." He married 12 October 1862 at Vernon, Indiana, Catherine Hulse Downs. Their children, both born in Indiana:

i. William, born 7 November 1863 in Indiana. He married Emma _____, lived in Peru, Indiana in 1899 where he was a cigarmaker, and lived in Kokomo, Indiana from 1916 to 1932.

ii. Charles Omer, born 1 April 1870 in Indiana. (Mrs. Dreier thought the second child's name was "Homer" but the pension application in 1904 witnessed by Charles O. seems dependable). The "Omer" listed in Peru, Indiana directory in 1899 was no doubt him. He and Doris Edminster, his wife, signed Jerome's pension deposition in 1904. He and "Dora" were living in Peru in 1919.

Jerome and Catherine moved to Rochester, Indiana in 1866 and to Peru, Indiana in 1882, where he lived in 1909, "a life-long Republican"! His application for an invalid's pension was denied.

7. Alfred Edmister (Joseph², John¹), born 10 February 1846 at Queensville, Jennings County, Indiana, son of Joseph and Delilah (Chapman). He was a Civil War soldier, enlisting as a Private, Co. H, 120 Indiana Infantry on 28 February 1864 at Columbus, Ohio. He fought at Nashville, Chattanooga and in the Atlanta campaign. He was hospitalized at Charlotte, North Carolina on 14 June 1865 due to illness and was discharged at Greensboro, North Carolina on 10 July 1865 due to disability from chronic diarrhia. He was 5' 9" tall, light complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, a farmer and lumberman. He married, first, in 1871 in Fulton County, Indiana, Louisa Marden Montgomery. Their children:

i. Linnie, born 1873.

ii. Verda May, born 1876.

iii. Florida, born 1879, married a Wallace, lived in Holcomb, Missouri. In 1928, evidently widowed, she applied for a pension as a "helpless" daughter of a veteran. The application was denied and she wrote, "I wonder if there is ever a hart in the world as sad as mine..." In her deposition she stated that her father, Alfred, had died 16 October 1883, a gross and unexplained error. This occurred, she said, "before the death of my mother Louisa Edmister his only wife..." Alfred had applied for an invalid's pension in 1883 but it was some years before it was granted. He worked in Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky in addition to Indiana. He married, second, 13 August 1919, probably in Tennessee, Mrs. Matilda Parnell Townsend, born 23 June 1864 at Cuba Landing, Humphreys County, Tennessee, daughter of Fry and _____ (Hudspeth) Parnell. She was 55, he 73 and her third husband. However, he "deserted" her 2 April 1920. She applied for half his pension and received it. He explained to the Pension Office: "We lived together 7 1/2 months and I found rather than to be nagged to death I told her she could have the farm..." Matilda died 12 August 1926 at Cuba Landing of "cholera morbus" plus T. B. Alfred died in the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Danville, Illinois on 29 May 1931 of "chr. myocarditis, arteriosclerosis generalized, senility."

8. William Howard Edminster (James Chapman³, Joseph², John¹), born 1856 or 1857 in Jennings County, Indiana, son of James Chapman and Louisa (Robinson). His mother died when he was a baby and he was brought up by his stepmother. He married, first, Arilla Stephens. Their children:

i. Clarence, born 1874, lived with his uncle and aunt, Everett Edward and Clara, for a time when he was about 12, later returned to Indiana, died by suicide in 1900 following an illness, was buried at Morocco, Indiana.

10. ii. Virgil E., born 11 August 1879.

He married, second, Hattie Vervalen of Dassel, Minnesota. Their only child:

iii. Jessie L., born 6 March 1897 in Dassel, Minnesota, raised in Missouri by her maternal grandmother, worked in Minneapolis in 1916 while living with Aunt and Uncle, the Moons, married Mark Gardner, had no children. She died 28 November 1958 at Santa Rosa, California.

William Howard is reputed to have abandoned his family in Muncie, Indiana. He died 15 February 1917 at Seattle, Washington.

9. Everett Edward Edminster (James Chapman³, Joseph², John¹), born 23 November 1868 at Queensville, Jennings County, Indiana, son of James Chapman and Martha Jane (Trousdaile). He moved to Dassel, Meeker County, Minnesota with his parents about 1869 in a covered wagon, returned to Indiana, and moved back to Dassel before he was 20. There, on 23 November 1893, he married Clara Ella Boyer, born 10 November 1873 at Elk River, Minnesota, daughter of Francis Marion and Georgianna (Sheldon) Boyer. She lived at St. Paul, Minnesota 1946-48, widowed, and in Vancouver, Washington in 1952. Their children, all born in Dassel:

i. James Marion, born 3 June 1898, married, about 1924, Ann Shasky of Bejou, Minnesota, had no children. She died in 1926 of T. B. in Colorado. He was a graduate of University of Minnesota and was an Associate Professor there when he died 7 April 1930.

ii. Lois Pearl, born 28 December 1900, never married, was a school teacher at St. Paul, Minnesota, lived retired at Long Beach, California in 1964.

11. iii. Paul Quentin, born 7 May 1905.

iv. Clarice Vance, born 13 February 1908, lived in St. Paul, Minnesota 1928-35, married 16 April 1937 at Vancouver, Washington, Everal Buckman Carson, born 25 March 1904 at Vancouver, son of Earl and Mattie Throckmorton (Buckman) Carson. Their children: i. Shannon Lois, (adopted), born 14 January 1943 at Portland, Oregon, married 19 August 1961, James Burtell Anderson; ii. Rosann Lee, born 27 December 1943 at Vancouver, married 16 June 1962, Timothy Dale Jacobson. The Carsons lived at Vancouver in 1965 where he is an attorney.

10. Virgil E. Edminster (William Howard⁴, James Chapman³, Joseph², John¹), born 11 August 1879 in Fulton County, Indiana, son of William Howard and Arilla (Stephens). He married in 1900 at Morocco, Indiana, Iva R. Potts,

born 24 November 1880 in Newton County, Indiana, daughter of Al Potts.
Their children:

12.
 - i. Leonard R., born 14 March 1901.
 - ii. Helen, born 12 March 1905 at Morocco, married 25 July 1928, Michiel Collins.
 - iii. Ruby, born 12 June 1908 at Converse, Indiana, married Lawrence King, died 7 February 1941.
13.
 - iv. Harold G., born 9 August 1911.

Virgil was an engine hostler. He died 12 November 1946 and Iva died 9 September 1963, both at Muncie, Indiana where they are buried in Beech Grove Cemetery.

11. Paul Quentin Edminster (Everett Edward⁴, James Chapman³, Joseph², John¹), born 7 May 1905 at Dassell, Minnesota, son of Everett Edward and Clara Ella (Boyer). He married 19 November 1940 at Dassell, Vivian Marjorie Walter, born 23 March 1915 at Toronton, South Dakota, daughter of Roland George and Anna Johanna (Weinrich) Walter. Their children, both born at Litchfield, Minnesota:
 - i. Wanda Ann, born 9 December 1941, worked in Sioux Falls, South Dakota 1960-61, lived in Cleveland, Ohio in 1965.
 - ii. Lervy James, born 11 March 1945.

They lived in Dassell in 1964 where he is in the lumber business.

12. Leonard R. Edminster (Virgil E.⁵, William Howard⁴, James Chapman³, Joseph², John¹), born 14 March 1901 at Momense, Illinois, son of Virgil E. and Iva R. (Potts). He married 25 September 1926 at Muncie, Indiana, Ruby I. Drumm, born 26 September 1907 at Muncie, daughter of George and Eva (Shough) Drumm. Their only child:

14.
 - i. Ralph R., born 8 November 1935.

Leonard was a supervisor in a gear manufacturing company, lived in Muncie in 1964.

13. Harold G. Edminster (Virgil E.⁵, William Howard⁴, James Chapman³, Joseph², John¹), born 9 August 1911 at Morocco, Indiana, son of Virgil E. and Iva R. (Potts). He married about 1933, Opal W. Hoover, born 10 December 1915 in Tipton County, Indiana, daughter of Grant and Mabel (Halberstadt) Hoover. He was a machine operator. Their children, born in Muncie, Indiana:

15.
 - i. Harold G., Jr., born 20 May 1935.
 - ii. Peggy, born 30 July 1937, married 15 April 1954, Wilbur Danner.
 - iii. Sue, born 1 August 1939.

14. Ralph R. Edminster (Leonard R.⁶, Virgil E.⁵, William Howard⁴, James Chapman³, Joseph², John¹), born 8 November 1935 at Muncie, Indiana, son of Leonard R. and Ruby I. (Drumm). He married 12 June 1960 at North Manchester, Ohio, Nancy Jameson, born 24 January 1937 at Ironton, Ohio,

daughter of Robert and Helen (Elliot) Jameson. He graduated from de Pauw and Washington University of St. Louis and in 1964 was a medical doctor in Grand Rapids, Michigan where they lived. Their child:
i. Susan Beth, born 7 April 1961 at St. Louis, Missouri.

15. Harold G. Edminster, Jr. (Harold G.⁶, Virgil E.⁵, William Howard⁴, James Chapman³, Joseph², John¹), born 20 May 1935 at Muncie, Indiana, son of Harold G. and Opal (Hoover). He married 10 April 1954, Barbra Crouch. Their children, born in Muncie:

- i. Larry Grant, born 23 January 1955.
- ii. Terri Jo, born 26 March 1956.

Part VII. Joseph Edminster (Edmister, Edmester)
(Born about 1742-43; died between 1800-1810, probably)

In Part I we discussed Joseph Edminster (Edmister, Edmester), son (probably) of Joseph and grandson of James D. and Ann (Makepeace) who was a Revolutionary War soldier from New Jersey and who, before 1790, probably, was the Joseph who had settled in Chemungtown, New York. It is also likely that he was born in Massachusetts and that his family moved to New Jersey some time before 1749. Continuing the assumption that these two were the same man, we will now give our best estimate of his family, the five sons of which will be the subjects of the last five parts of this genealogy. Some of this lineage is based on circumstantial evidence and may well contain errors.

It was noted in Part I that the First Census indicated that Joseph had four sons and five daughters at home in 1790 and that he was recorded, elsewhere, as having a "large family".

A citation about him appears in Smith's "History of Broome County" (34), page 401, as follows: "Among the pioneers of the first year of the century was Joseph Edmister, who came from Massachusetts. He took up five or six hundred acres of land, a not uncommon proceeding in those days. A part of the land was on the site of the present village of Lisle and a part on Owen Hill. A portion of the land in the Edmister estate formerly belonged to Wright Dudley, in the northern part of the village, extending up to the farm now owned by E. Carley (Note: this was first owned by John Edminster; see Part VIII); this was called Dudley Flats. Joseph Edmister had a large family and his son James inherited a portion of his father's lands..."

It seems probable that William Edminster, also listed as a head of family in the 1790 census of Chemungtown, was also a son of Joseph in addition to those listed at home with him, thus making five sons. No records of the lives of any of the daughters have been identified. (It is possible that one or more of the females in the household were other than daughters). The five sons, with probable identities, in likely order of birth, were:

i. James, born May 1761 (or 1763 ?) in Vermont according to the 1850 census, Broome County. If this is correct it means that his father, Joseph, must have lived for a period in Vermont in the early 1760's. James settled at Lisle, New York. All of his descendents used the "Edmister" spelling. See Part VIII.

ii. William, born about 1765-70, location not known but likely either New Jersey or Vermont, settled in Union, "Chemungtown", near Binghamton, New York on the Susquehanna River, before 1790. Most of his descendents spelled the name Edminster. See Part IX.

iii. David, born about 1770-73, probably in New Jersey, settled in Ulysses Township near Ithaca, New York before 1800, coming from New Jersey. His descendents were about equally divided in their spelling of the name between Edmister and Edminster. See Part X.

iv. Thomas Joseph, born about 1773-75, possibly in Massachusetts or possibly in New Jersey, settled at Lisle, New York. His descendants consistently have used the Edmister spelling. See Part XI.

v. Whitney, born 10 June 1790 in New York, probably at Lisle. He removed to Ohio with his family about 1835-40. His descendants spelled the name Edmister. See Part XII.

Part VIII. Descendents of James and Lois Edmi(n)ster of Lisle, New York

1. James Edmister, or Edminster, born about May 1761, as gauged from his tombstone at Lisle, New York, possibly 1763 and in Vermont as indicated in the 1850 census of Broome County (which includes Lisle), probably son of Joseph of New Jersey, Massachusetts and, possibly, Vermont. The last name is spelled with the "n" in the 1820 and 1830 censuses, without the "n" in the 1840 and 1850 censuses. His wife's name was Lois according to the tombstone and Louisa according to the census; she was born in Connecticut about August 1774 according to the tombstone, in 1880 according to the census. Their marriage was probably in New York. He was listed among 15 pioneer settlers of "Town of Union, (Road) District No. 6 (Ebenezer Green, Jr., pathmaster)" along with his brother William and father Joseph (or, brother Thomas ?) (76). Lisle was separated from Union in 1801. James inherited a portion of his father's lands in the upper part of Lisle Village (34). The same reference says: "John Edminster first settled where Ebenezer Carley now lives..." (that is, in 1885). This John appears to be the same man as James. James' great-grandson, Willis D., in a letter to Clifford of Chicago in 1934 referred to him as John. However, all censuses and other records, including his tombstone, says James with no middle name or initial given. One further note from the last reference, John had a farm on the river at Lisle and had "...two never-failing springs near the house..." Children of James and Lois, all probably born at Lisle:

2. i. Edwin, born 1805.

3. ii. George, born 1808.

4. iii. Miles, born 1812.

iv. Susan, born probably in 1816 (tombstone poorly legible), died 28 January 1865 at Lisle, evidently never married, is buried at Lisle.

v. Myra Ann, born 1818, died 30 June 1844 at Lisle, evidently never married, is buried at Lisle.

vi., vii and viii. Three other daughters, indicated by the census records, born between 1795 and 1820. One or more could have been females living in the family other than daughters.

Lois died 5 April 1851 and James 7 March 1853, both at Lisle where they are buried.

2. Edwin Edmister (James¹), born 1805 in a log cabin at Lisle, New York, son of James and Lois (34). He married Joanna_____, born 1805 according to the 1870 and 1880 censuses. Their children, all born at Lisle:

5. i. Philotus, born 8 July 1827.

ii. Helen M., born 1832, married Tyler Sherwood of Marathon, New York, 31 March 1858 (77). They had a son, Edwin, born 1859, who lived with his grandparents, Edwin and Joanna, in 1870 and with Edwin in 1880 after Joanna's death.

iii. Willard, a son listed in a letter of his nephew, Willis D., in 1934, but never shown in the censuses of 1840-60 by that name. A "Pierce" Edmister, age 17, was included in the 1850 Lisle census living with the family of Asahel Cannon and may have been this Willard.

Willard has not been otherwise identified. Pierce was listed in 1872 as a farmer leasing 47 acres on Lot 478 at Lisle (78).

Lois had died by 1880 at which time Edwin was disabled. He died in 1882 in a house close to the log cabin where he had been born.

3. George Edmister (James¹), born 1808 (or 1811 ?) at Lisle, New York, son of James and Lois. He married Harriett _____, born 1812 in New York. Their children, all born at Lisle:
 - i. A daughter, born before 1840.
 - ii. Eugene L., born 1840. In 1860 he lived with the family of Levi W. Glizen, presumably as a hired hand. He was a soldier in the Civil War, mustered in Co. E, 137th New York Infantry on 3 September 1862, died at Bolivar Heights, Virginia, 4 December 1862 of typhoid and diphtheria. He was 5' 8" tall, light complexion, gray eyes, light hair, a farmer. His name is spelled Edminster in all but one record.
 6. iii. Enaldo Pierce (given as "Cuneldon" in DAR record (79), born 1842.
 - iv. Emma Ann, born 1848.

George died 15 April 1853 at Lisle and is buried there. No other name is on the tombstone which suggests that Harriett may have moved away from Lisle.

4. Miles Edmister (James¹), born 1812 (or 1815 ?) in Lisle, New York, son of James and Lois. He was at home with his parents in 1850, married about that year, Susan _____, born 1818. They had one child:
 - i. Susan Gates, born 1851 at Lisle.

All three were listed at home in the 1860 census but only Miles and his wife in 1870.

5. Philotus Edmister (Edwin², James¹), born 8 July 1827 at Lisle, New York, son of Edwin and Joanna. He married Eliza F. Van Orsdale, born 3 October 1827 in New York. He was Postmaster of Lisle in 1870 "...when it was made a money-order office", and was Sheriff of Broome County in 1872. He was a Past Master of Center Lisle Lodge, F. A. A. M. He had a clothing store in Lisle and lived on Lot 44 of six acres (79). Their children, all born in Lisle:
 - i. Arminta, born 1847, married Wesley Smith, had died before 1934. They had a daughter who married a Mac Masters.
 - ii. Willis D., born 17 October 1853, twin to Willard E. He married, first, by 1880, Alice De W_____, born 1854 in Massachusetts of parents born in New Jersey. The 1880 census listed the family as including Dolly A., 8, born in New Jersey but she was more likely a sister of his wife as others said. Probably they had no children. However, the Binghamton, New York City Directory for 1892 listed Dolly A. and Adele Boyd Edmister, both stenographers and both living with Willis D. and Alice. Thus the identity puzzle is compounded. Alice De W. died in 1906 and is buried at Lisle. Willis D. married, second, about 1910, Rosa A. (Rosalia ?)_____, born 1861. They had no children.

He was a lawyer at Whitney Point, near Binghamton and Lisle, in 1880 and after that at Binghamton. He died in 1938 and Rosa in 1944. Both are buried at Lisle.

iii. Willard E., born 17 October 1853, twin of Willis D. He married Emma J. Sedgewick, born 14 September 1852 in Massachusetts, daughter of Edwin and Jane Sedgewick. They had no children. In 1880 he was financial clerk in Albany, New York. He later was an insurance broker in New York City and then he was President of Hanover Trust Company of Brooklyn and President of "Dutcher and Edmister Co.", 1 Liberty St., New York City. He also kept a home in Pittsfield, Massachusetts from 1913 to 1940. Emma died 5 March 1935 and Willard 10 June 1940. Both are buried at Lisle.

7. iv. Frederick, born 1863.

v. According to "History of Broome County" (34) there was a fifth child.

Philotus died 15 June 1877 and Eliza 2 April 1919, both at Lisle where they are buried.

6. Ennaldo Pierce Edmister (George², James¹), born 1842 at Lisle, New York, son of George and Harriett. He was listed with the family in the 1850 census but not in 1860, after his father's death. His brother Eugene lived with another family then and it is likely that Ennaldo and sister Emma Ann did too. He was probably the farmer living in Chenango Township, Broome County in 1880 and listed in the census as E. P. Edminster. If so, he had married Lorraine _____, born 1844 in New York. They then had one child:

8. i. Eugene C., born 1867.

The "E. Pierce and Lorraine M. Edminster" listed in Corning, New York city directories from 1913-19 are probably this couple. Ennaldo Pierce died about 1920 since Lorraine was listed as a widow from 1921-25 at Corning. She may have died about 1925.

7. Frederick Edmister (Philotus³, Edwin², James¹), born 1863 at Lisle, New York, son of Philotus and Eliza F. (Van Arsdale). In 1880 he was in school in Binghamton, lived in a boarding house. He was a medical doctor in Brooklyn, New York from 1885 to 1902 and later in Detroit, Michigan. There he was the Supreme Medical Examiner for the Maccabees. He married Consuelo _____. They had one child:

i. Ruth.

He died about 1923 at Detroit. In the 1926 Detroit City Directory, Consuelo was listed as widow of Frederick as she had been in the previous two directories. But in 1926 there was also listed another "Frederick Edmister" at a different address. It is doubtful if this Frederick was a child of Consuelo. She continued to be listed in Detroit directories through 1953, not thereafter, may have died then.

8. Eugene C. Edminster (Ennaldo Pierce³, George², James¹), born 1867 in Broome County, New York, son (probably) of Ennaldo Pierce and Lorraine. He married Mary Elizabeth _____, lived at Conklin, near Binghamton, New York where he had a grocery store and was Postmaster (80). Their child (probably, based on directory records):

i. Lorraine G., who was a stenographer in Binghamton in 1920. She was probably the Loraine G. who was "USA" in Washington, D. C. in 1918-19. A Lucy Edminster lived there with her in 1918, may have been a sister.

As far as we know, the name has died out in this line.

Part IX. Descendents of William Edminster of Union, New York

1. William Edminster, born about 1765-70, likely in Vermont or New Jersey, probably son of Joseph, Revolutionary War soldier from New Jersey and who settled in "Chemungtown", New York before 1790. William was also listed as a head of family in the 1790 census for Chemungtown, Montgomery County, New York. In that census he was counted as having one son under 16 and two females, presumably wife and daughter. He settled in a section later called Union Township, near one Oliver Crocker, about two miles east of Hooper and close to Chenango Township, on Lot 208. An 1829 New York State atlas shows Lot 208 on the north side of the Susquehanna River, at a big bend in the river, about four miles east of Union P. O. and two to three miles west of Chenango Township line, and about 15 miles south of Lisle where his father and brothers Thomas and James settled. Patterson Creek flows into the Susquehanna about 1 1/2 miles west of Lot 208. This area was a virtual wilderness when he came, the Indians having been suppressed only a few years before. William is named along with Joseph and James as pioneer settlers in Union, (Road) "District No. 6" (76), the Lisle area where Joseph and James settled having been part of Union Township at that time. A note in "The Annals of Binghamton" (81) indicates the hazardous life these settlers lived: "Ezekial Crocker was one of the sixty proprietors of the Boston Purchase. From Union he removed to the valley of the Chenango..."

"Oliver Crocker came a little after his father, with his pack upon his back...He was young at this time, only about 18 years of age; and seems to have been inclined from the beginning to shift for himself. While employed in clearing his land, he lived, he says, for a length of time upon roots and beech leaves. He boarded, or rather tarried by night, with one William Edminster and his little family; who were driven to nearly the same straits. They were relieved, in some degree, by a scanty supply of cucumbers, and still later by a deer or two..." The reference to William's "little family" suggests that the children were young, or few, or both. This checks with the census and also with the likelihood of his being Joseph's son. None of William's children are clearly named and tied to him by record. No census record of his family for 1800 or 1810 has been found. The family probably left Union and is probably the Edminster family that settled in Cayuga County, New York, in the Township of Cato, before 1820. Based on this probability, William had at least three children, probably all born in Union:

2.
 - i. Justus, born before 1790.
 - ii. A daughter, born before 1790.
3.
 - iii. William W., born about 1795-96, probably a son of William.

Since father William was not included with Justus' family in the 1820 census, and has not been located elsewhere, he may have died by then. His wife's name has not come to light.

2. Justus Edminster (William¹), probably son of William of Union, born in New York before 1793 and, almost surely, before 1790. The only record of him found is that of the 1820 census of Cato, New York where he was listed as having a wife, age between 27-45, and a son under 10. The

wife was born in Virginia. This son was probably:

4. i. William, born 1817.
3. William W. Edmister (William¹), born in 1795 or 1796 in New York, probably at Union, was probably a son of William of Union. Note that he had dropped the "n" from his name as his cousins at Lisle did. He enlisted in the War of 1812, in Capt. Horatio G. Armstrong's Co., 23rd U. S. Infantry, at Auburn, New York, on 12 April 1813, and "lived eleven miles from there". (Pension record in National Archives). This places him at Cato, probably, and ties him into the family with Justus. He served in New York and at Fort George he became ill "...with typhus fever and remained in the hospital in the Village of Newark just below Fort George until the troops debarked for winter quarters to Greenbush in the County of Albany, New York...in November 1813. When the troops arrived at Auburn...he left for home by the permission of Lieut. Whiting as he was still sick and helpless..." As a result of this he was charged with desertion. He joined up again at Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York, on 10 September 1814, in Co. of Capt. Van Vechten, in a regiment of militia. Other records show the Captain's name as Robert Elting. He was "in actual service at the City of New York for the term of three months...while the British Flee lay at Sandy Hook and was honorably discharged at the City of New York on or about the 10th day of December 1814..." In this pension deposition he further said that "he lost it (his discharge) in moving about the country as he has moved no less than seven times since his discharge..." The pension record is voluminous with papers concerning how much service he performed and whether or not he received his 160 acre land bounty. He had earlier received a certificate for a 40 acre land bounty, as a Veteran, but returned it and it is in the pension file. The 160 acre warrant he claimed he never received but the bounty land office claimed it had been assigned. He disclaimed the signature on the assignment but the file does not show the ultimate disposition of the case. By this time he was in North Plains, Ionia County, Michigan.

There is confusion as to his marriage, or marriages. His War Service record in the Archives gives his widow as Mary G. Sawyer and their marriage as having taken place 24 November 1819 in Lake County, Ohio. But the 1850 census of North Plains, Michigan lists him with "Clarissa, 39, (born in) Canada." In the 1860 census her birthplace is given "Canada West". Possibly "Mary G. Sawyer" and "Clarissa" were the same. This seems likely since the 1870 census lists him with "Mary, 66, fancy brush maker, (born in) Ohio". However, there are obviously some errors here. His children, listed with "Clarissa" in the censuses, were:

- i. William, born 1833 in Canada, only known through his listing in the 1850 census.
- ii. Lorinda, born 1838 in Michigan, not listed at home in the 1860 census.
5. iii. James W., born 1842 in Michigan.
- iv. Clarissa, born 1845 in Michigan, married Benjamin Baxter, born 1842, and had three children at home in 1870. At this time, father William W., 75, and Mary, 66, lived with them.

v. Miles. This person was probably a son of William W. as he witnessed one of William W.'s depositions. It is possible that he is son William, "i" above.

William W. died 7 December 1879, presumably in North Plains, Michigan.

4. William Edminster (Justus², William¹), born 1817, probably at Cato, New York, probably son of Justus. He married Sarah Mills, born 1818 in Cato, and whose father was born in New York and mother in Ireland. Their children, all born at Cato, New York:

i. Marerva (possibly intended to be Minerva ?), born 1836, listed at home in 1850 census but not in 1860. She may not be of this family as her census listing was out of chronological order.

6. ii. David, born 1839.

iii. Eliza, born 1842, listed at home in 1850 and 1860 but not in 1870, married Stephen Olmstead, had two children, William and Sarah, lived in Cato.

iv. Mary, born 1844, listed at home in 1850 census but not in 1860, married Sam Shannon, had four children: Edward, Harry, Rex, Gage; lived in Iowa.

v. Caroline, born 1849, likely died before 1860 since she was not listed with the family in the census that year.

vi. Charles F., born 21 May 1859, married 14 May 1891 at Cato, M. Louise Parker, born 14 November 1859 at Cato, daughter of Alvin and Catherine (Pierson) Parker. They had no children, lived two miles south of Cato in a big stone home, owned much farmland there. He died 26 February 1935 and she 10 January 1947, both at Cato where they are buried.

William's farm between Cato and Weedsport was valued in the 1870 census at \$8000. and he was listed as having \$1500. in personal property. Thus, for that time, he was well-to-do. In addition to the above children, the 1840 census indicates possibly two more. It showed William and Sarah with a son between 5 and 10 in addition to David, and a daughter between 10 and 15 in addition to Marerva. However, considering that William and Sarah were only 23 and 22 years old in 1840, these two children must not have been their own. Neither of the two were living in the family in 1850.

5. James W. Edmister (Edminster) (William W.², William¹), born 1842 at North Plains, Michigan, son of William W. and Clarissa. (In one record his name is spelled "Edmeister"). He married 4 November 1860 at North Plains, Melissa Baxter, born 1843, whose mother's name was Lucinda. Their only child:

i. Arthur W., born 1 October 1861.

He enlisted in the Civil War 4 August 1862 as a Private, Co. D, 21st Michigan Infantry, and was a Fifer. He is recorded as having "deserted while on foraging expedition 1 July 1863" but was present in the ranks May to August that year. Another record indicates he was captured at Franklin 24 February 1863. He was a sniper at the Battle of Chickamauga 19 September 1863 and was reported as missing from that time. He was captured and died in prison at Danville, Virginia 18 January 1864. He

was 5' 7" tall, light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, was a farmer. His widow remarried 4 June 1866, Hiram Race, who became guardian to Arthur W. A minor's pension was granted to Arthur which ran out when he was 16.

6. David Edminster (William³, Justus², William¹), born 17 July 1839 at Cato, New York, son of William and Sarah (Mills). He enlisted in the Civil War at Auburn, New York on 11 August 1862 in Co. C, 9th New York Heavy Artillery, was a bugler. He later became Corporal and then Sergeant. He was ill of rheumatism and malaria near Camp Foot, Maryland in 1863, returned to duty and was mustered out 6 July 1865 at Washington, D. C. He was granted an invalid's pension in 1892 and later, after his death, his widow received a pension in 1918. David had his own farm in 1870 with valuation of \$9000. in real estate. He married 5 April 1871 at Cato, Ezoa Leland, born 15 August 1850 at Cato, daughter of John and Mary (Hooper) Leland. John Leland had been born in Massachusetts. David was 5' 8" tall, dark complexion, blue eyes, dark hair, a farmer. Their children, all born at Cato:

7. i. John Leland, born 21 July 1873.
 ii. Mary Grace, born 11 June 1881, married 15 June 1904, Otis Darwin Jerolemon, born 1881, son of William and Harriett (Bidwell) Jerolemon. Their children: i. Leland, born 30 January 1907, married Hazel Saar, born 8 September 1914; ii. Robert, born 26 September 1915, married Dorothy Schraeder, born 9 December 1914, had children: Russell David, born 13 July 1941, Jean Ann born 15 February 1945, and Bruce William, born 24 September 1947; iii. Marian, born 12 October 1917, married Lloyd Schenk, had children: Nancy, born 8 May 1943, and Linda; iv. Arthur William, born 18 June 1922, married Verna Jane Bowden, born 22 January 1923, had children: Bonita Lee, born 16 April 1945, Sharon Elaine, born 4 July 1946, and Robert Otis, born 7 January 1949. Mary Grace lived near Weedsport, New York in 1964.

7. John Leland Edminster (David⁴, William³, Justus², William¹), born 21 July 1873 at Cato, New York, son of David and Ezoa (Leland). He married Edith M. Emigh, born 1876. Their children, all born in Cato:

- i. Lucille Mabel, born 4 October 1905, married W. Darwin Adams, lived in Carthage, New York where she was a teacher.
 ii. Florence Emigh, born 11 June 1906, died 8 April 1909, was buried at Weedsport, New York.
 iii. Alice Louise, born 21 October 1908, never married, kept house for her brother, Stanley, at Weedsport in 1964.
 iv. Stanley J., born 18 August 1910, never married, lived in Weedsport with sister Alice in 1964.
 v. Austin C., born 8 March 1915, died 8 June 1915, is buried at Weedsport.

John Leland died 21 April 1915, was buried at Weedsport. Edith M. died 1959.

This line of the Edminster family will now run out on the name side, at least in the Cato portion. There is some chance that the Michigan part of the line may have been maintained. If so, we have not been able to identify any beyond Arthur W., born in 1861. More research may change this.

Part X. Descendents of David and Mary (Davenport) Edmi(n)ster
of New Jersey and New York

1. David Edminster (Edmister), born about 1770-73, probably in New Jersey, was probably a son of Joseph, Revolutionary War soldier from New Jersey and Massachusetts. He married Mary Davenport, born before 1773, probably in New Jersey, daughter of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Cole) Davenport. They moved from New Jersey and settled in the Township of Ulysses, Cayuga County (later Tompkins County), New York, not far from Ithaca, in 1798. Their children:
 2. i. Aaron, born 27 February 1794 (or 1795 ?).
 - ii. Nathan, born probably between 1795-98, probably in New Jersey. Nothing more has been found concerning him.
 3. iii. Lewis, born 27 February 1799.
 - iv. A daughter, born between 1790-1800, probably in New Jersey, was with the family in 1800.
 4. v. William, born 1801.

No further record of David and Mary has been found after the 1800 census of Ulysses. Hence it is not clear whether or not they moved to the Big Flats - Catlin area in the Chemung River valley between Elmira and Corning, New York, as did three of his sons before 1830, but they probably did and probably about 1820. In a genealogy of son William's descendents prepared by George B. and Mary E. Farr in 1955. (typewritten), the authors say: "They were evidently of the large group of new people who came from Northeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New England following the campaign of General Sullivan, sent by order of George Washington to subdue the Indians and prepare the country for settlement after the Wyoming and Cherry Valley massacres." David and his family may well have spent some time in Pennsylvania enroute from New Jersey to New York. If our analysis is correct - that David was a son of Joseph and brother to James, William, Thomas and Whitney - he, David, arrived in New York at least a decade after the others and settled some 40 miles away from the Union-Lisle area where the others went.

The Davenport family, into which David had married, also moved from New Jersey to the area around Ithaca, New York and near Ulysses. His father-in-law, Cornelius Davenport, built the first grist- and sawmill on Fall Creek at Ithaca, about two miles above the "Big Falls". This probably refers to what is now known as Ithaca Falls. Cornelius died at Ithaca in 1818.

It is possible that this Cornelius Davenport was the Captain Cornelius Davenport who served in the Revolutionary War from New Jersey and whose grandfather, Humphrey, migrated from Devonshire, England to Morris County, New Jersey among the earliest settlers there. He settled in New Foundland, Morris County, about 1720, was a surveyor. Son Humphrey, Jr., father of Cornelius, kept store and tavern and built the first grist mill at Milton, New Jersey (82).

2. Aaron Edminster (David¹), born 27 February 1794 (or 1795 ?) in Morris County, New Jersey, son of David and Mary (Davenport). He moved with his parents in 1798 to Ulysses Township, Cayuga County (later Tompkins County), near Ithaca, New York where at that time there was but one farmhouse, that owned by General De Witt. He married in 1815, Mary Davenport, born 25 June 1793 in Morris County, New Jersey, daughter of John J. and Catherine Davenport. It is not known what relationship, if any, Mary Davenport, Aaron's wife, had to Mary Davenport, his mother. His wife's sister, Louise, married a Thomas A. Scott whose daughter later married Joe Edminster. After marriage, Aaron went to farming for himself and soon, probably in 1819, he and Mary settled on a farm in Big Flats, Chemung County, New York, some 35-40 miles from Ulysses. In 1818, an Aaron Davenport, possibly related to Aaron Edminster's wife or to his mother, had settled at Big Flats and may well have been the influence that brought the Edminsters to the locality (83). Aaron was listed in a county history along with brother Lewis as among the early settlers of Big Flats (84). He settled on the north line of the town of Big Flats, then a wilderness. Aaron had preceded his family and erected a floorless log cabin. "On their arrival...they laid a piece of floor with boards of their wagon box on which to lay their beds while he could haul lumber for a floor from a distant sawmill, being hospitably entertained by a Mr. John Martin and family who resided about two miles distant...(and) whose house was always a welcome home for newcomers until they could provide for themselves...In the year 1829 he experienced religion and as he himself has said found Peace in believing in Christ and a hope of Pardoned sin. And in 1830 united with the Baptist church of Big Flats...and in the year 1832 his wife united with the same church..." (From family letter of 12 April 1871 furnished by Mrs. James R. Frederick). Further, according to this letter, before he left Big Flats he left "...the remains of three children buried in a graveyard that he himself selected in the month of October 1831 and prepared the first grave..." He was known as "Deacon" Edminster and devoted much of the rest of his life to religious work. But in 1853 circumstances caused him to remove to Lowville Township, Columbia County, Wisconsin. He later sold portions of this farmland to sons Cornelius, Charles and Lewis. Aaron with his wife and youngest son, Jackson, moved again in 1869 to Caldwell County, Missouri, near Hamilton. There he was a prominent member of the Hamilton community (85). Here, as in Big Flats and Lowville, "he was a staunch member of the Baptist church...noone manifested greater zeal or did more in proportion to his means...he long served as one of its deacons. A man to be depended upon, he was ever ready to render aid when and where necessary..." Children of Aaron and Mary, all but the first two born in Big Flats:

- i. Rachel, born 1816 in Ulysses, died in 1885.
 - ii. Catherine, born 1817 in Ulysses, died in 1889.
- 5.
- iii. Cornelius, born 1820.
 - iv. Horace, born 1823, died 1848, was buried at Big Flats.
 - v. Charles, born 1825, settled on a farm near his father in Lowville Township, Columbia County, Wisconsin in 1855, may have later moved to Florida. He married but probably had no children.
 - vi. Nancy, born 1827, married Reuben Teeter, had a daughter, Helen, born in 1852. Helen married Byron Kinnear, probably had children (see under brother, Lewis, below), died 1882. Nancy and Reuben were buried in Minnesota and Helen at Poynette, Wisconsin. Nancy died 1883.

vii. Lewis D., born 16 January 1830, settled on a farm in Lowville Township, Columbia County, Wisconsin in 1867, near his father, had married in 1859, Mary Teeter, born 4 April 1831. They had no children but did take care of Helen, his sister Nancy's daughter, for a time and later raised two boys, Byron and Lewis Kinnear, presumably Helen's children. Lewis operated a hardware store in Poynette, Wisconsin which still stands (1964) and has a stone on the front marked "Edmister 1880". (Note spelling which possibly he had adopted). According to Mrs. James Frederick (see under #15), "Lewis made lots of money - but, was so generous in lending money to others that after his death his wife lived with relatives for a while - but died in the poorhouse at Wyocena, Wisconsin." Lewis had died 28 January 1908.

viii. William, born 1835, was listed at home in the 1850 census, may have been the third child to have died before 1854 (or, it may have been Frances).

ix. Iva, born 1836, died 1836, was buried at Big Flats.

x. Frances, born 1837, was listed at home in the 1850 census (see above, under brother William).

xi. Jackson, born 19 June 1840 (or 1842 ?), was listed in the 1850 census as "Aaron, Jr." This suggests that their names may have been "Aaron Jackson". He moved with his parents to Columbia County, Wisconsin in 1853. He married, first, in 1869, Mary Gardner, born in New York. The marriage was probably in Wisconsin, soon before they left with his parents for Caldwell County, Missouri. They adopted one daughter. He farmed a place adjacent to the town of Hamilton and had "...a comfortable home where he resides, and a noticeable feature of his surroundings is the neatness and system with which everything seems to be conducted" (85). He married, second, a widow, Mrs. Clarkson, in Missouri. He is buried in the Hamilton cemetery.

The note above concerning the burial by Aaron of a child in his new cemetery at Big Flats in 1831 suggests that this must have been another child than the eleven above since none of these could have died in 1831. It may have died at or near its birth. Mary, Aaron's wife, died in May 1876 and Aaron 18 March 1885, both in Caldwell County.

3. Lewis Edminster (Edmister) (David¹), born 27 February 1799, probably in Ulysses Township, Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, son of David and Mary (Davenport). He settled in the Township of Catlin, Chemung County, New York sometime before 1830, not far from where his brother Aaron settled earlier. His brother William also settled nearby. Lewis was named along with Aaron as among the early settlers of Big Flats (84). He later lived on Sing Sing Road in Big Flats Township, in the valley not many miles from the Catlin hills. He married his cousin, Susan Davenport, of Ithaca who was born in New Jersey 21 October 1799. Their children, all born in Big Flats:

i. Cornelia, born 1820, married a Garthwait, died in 1886.

ii. Harriet, born 1822, married Josiah Bennett, died in 1918.

iii. George, born 1824, probably was married but without having children, died 15 April 1909 at Big Flats.

6. iv. William, born 1 January 1827.

- 7. v. Levi, born 21 August 1829.
 - vi. Catherine, born 1831, married a Taylorson.
 - vii. Angelina, born 1834, married Herman Mosher, died 1917.
 - viii. Susan, born 1839, married William K. Sly, died 1927.
- 8. ix. Effingham, born 23 August 1843.
- 9. x. Rufus K., born 1845.

Susan died 29 September 1870 and Lewis 18 April 1876, both at Big Flats.

- 4. William Edmister (Edminster) (David¹), born 1801 in New York, probably in Ulysses Township, Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, son of David and Mary (Davenport). He had moved to "Martin's Hill, in the southwest corner of the town" of Catlin before 1830 (83), near brothers Aaron and Lewis. He married Polly Smith, born 1 February 1805. They moved to Pennsylvania for a few years in the middle 1830's and then came back to Catlin. He was described in a county history as a "successful farmer and business man" (84). Their children, all born at Catlin except William, Jr. who was born in Pennsylvania:

- 10. i. Burton, born 17 September 1827.

- 11. ii. Morris, born 18 August 1829.

iii. Mary, born 7 May 1831, married 3 October 1849, Valentine Farr, born 15 May 1818 (86). Their children, all born in Chemung County, New York: i. Zeruah Jane, born 13 August 1850, married John Relyea, had no children, died 24 July 1926; ii. John V., born 3 November 1851, married 28 February 1876, Harriett E. Chandler, born 9 December 1856, died 1941, had two children, a daughter Mary Edna and a son, George, who married Grace Young who lived in Chestertown, Maryland in 1963 and who furnished me with a genealogy of the descendents of William and Polly (Smith) Edmister prepared by her husband and daughter, Mary. John V. died 25 January 1925; iii. Esther Ann, born 21 October 1852, died 25 November 1860; iv. Martha Frances, born 8 January 1855, died 10 December 1860; v. Mary Ella, born 2 August 1857, died 27 November 1860. These last three all died from diptheria within two weeks; vi. George Washington, born 15 September 1860, died 9 August 1862; vii. William Edmister, born 8 June 1862, married 11 July 1900, Anna Bottcher, born 26 October 1870 and died 4 June 1933, and he died 16 January 1947; viii. Abraham Lincoln, born 11 February 1865, died 24 June 1888 in Cresco, Iowa; ix. Frances E., born 28 March 1872, married 25 March 1896, John B. Mc Nulty who was born 5 June 1870 and died 11 July 1921. They had two daughters: i. Mary Margaret, born 18 June 1900 at Big Flats, married 28 April 1920, Jerry Rhodes and lived at Big Flats in 1964. They had three children: Patricia Luselle, born 15 August 1921, Mary Katherine, born 6 October 1927 and John, born 7 September 1930; ii. Katharine, born 1 April 1903 at Big Flats, married 26 October 1939, Paul W. Morse, had no children, lived in Elmira in 1964. Mary Edmister Farr died 2 January 1899 and Valentine 28 June 1900.

iv. Horace, born about 1833; "they" went west to "Dakota" after first stopping for a time at Cresco, Iowa, near where brother David lived.

12. v. William Henry, born 1835.
 vi. Frances, born 1837, married Quinton Tompkins, born 1830. Their children: i. Herman, born 1855, married Jennie Thompson who was born 1857 and died 1902, had one son; ii. William H., born 28 January 1859, married Emma Almira Tittle who was born 1871, had four daughters, died 15 July 1945. Quinton died 1896 and Frances 1917.
 vii. Emma, born 13 May 1839, married John Rowley in November 1864. He was born 31 May 1838 at Corning, New York. They had six children: i. Nellie, born 14 February 1866, never married; ii. Mary F., born 15 February 1868, married Joseph H. Spencer, born 1866 and died 1926, had two sons. She died 4 February 1943; iii. Emma, born 30 January 1872, never married, died 13 March 1933; iv. Alice, born 13 October 1874, married 12 February 1915 to W. J. Wheeler, born 1870 and died 1953; v. Grace, born 22 July 1876, married 6 December 1899 to William V. Thompson, born 1877. They had one son and one daughter; vi. John, born 21 July 1878, never married, died 16 July 1901 when struck by lightning while drawing hay. Emma died in February 1887 and John in February 1923.
13. viii. David, born 23 January 1841.
14. ix. Dallas, born 1844.

In the genealogy of William and Polly and their descendents, George B. and Mary E. Farr stated: "The Edmisters were a substantial people, fair dealing, having a sense of humor - fun-loving and not trouble-making. The writer can well remember Uncle Will Edmister (son of William and Polly), after completing the building of a large barn on his farm at Erwin in the 1890's, having a day-long barn dance - picnic; and his general invitation received a hearty response, the cousins of both branches of the family (William's and Lewis') coming from far and near, some aged 80 or more, joining in the dances and other festivities." These authors have a further interesting - and true - note about the farms many of these Edmisters worked: "I also paid a visit to the farm...where Uncle Quint and Aunt Fan Tompkins lived for several years prior to his death there from typhoid fever in 1896. The place was not in bad shape (this was in 1955), the house looking much the same. The brook where Harry and I used to play and the pool that I fell into one cold morning were not in evidence on account of the hot, dry weather. The school house and the tree which bore the delicious palm-sweet apples in August were gone...While not abandoned the place was not worked like in the good old days. Uncle Quint milked 50 cows here and had no silo. These hill farms are definitely unprofitable to till under the present day economy, with many fields going back to forest, which is probably well. The early settlers sought the high land perhaps on account of the healthful location and the heavy cover of valuable timber which could go downhill to market."

Polly died 19 March 1846 at Big Flats during a tenth and unsuccessful pregnancy. Husband William died in 1860 and is buried in the Martins Hill cemetery near Tompkins Corners, town of Catlin, now "unbelievably neglected, with the stones down and broken, the graves sunken, and the whole area covered with a waist-high growth of hay, blueberries and weeds..." Many other Edmisters are buried there too.

5. Cornelius Edminster (Aaron², David¹), born 1820 at Big Flats, New York, son of Aaron and Mary (Davenport). He married 21 February 1844, Maryette Pound, born 1824, daughter of Joseph and Rhoda (Sayers) Pound. They moved

in 1854 to a farm in Lowville Township, Columbia County, Wisconsin, next to his father's farm. This farm remained in the family over a hundred years, finally being sold in 1963, I am informed by descendent Mrs. James Frederick of Rochester, New York. Children of Cornelius and Maryette, all born in Columbia County:

15. i. Aaron Horace, born 11 April 1848.
16. ii. Joseph, born 13 November 1849.
 - iii. Lewis J., born 28 May 1854, died 12 February 1857.
 - iv. Martha B., born 30 May 1856, married, first, 17 October 1872, Orlando Hinkson, had one child: i. Orlando Eugene, born 21 June 1884, married Verda Vanderpool, had no children, died 6 July 1964; married, second, 3 June 1891, Harrison Hemingway, had no children. Martha died 4 September 1931.
 - v. Melissa, born 2 December 1860, married December 1881, Frederick Hodgman, born 7 May 1856, had two daughters: i. Loverna, born 4 July 1892, married Frank Wilson, born 16 January 1889 and had four children; ii. Mildred, born 27 April 1899, never married, died in 1918. Melissa died 10 October 1934 in Wisconsin (or Oregon?).
 - vi. Mary Loverna, born 27 February 1867, married, first, 13 March 1890 at Lowville, Wisconsin, George Hall Keller, born 8 January 1867 near Batavia, Illinois. Their child: Lita, born 27 May 1894 near Batavia, married 2 July 1925 at Batavia, Clifford Hildebrand, born 7 June 1899 at Boise, Idaho, had three daughters. Mary Loverna married, second, 16 May 1931 (or 1932 ?) in Oakland, California, Robert M. Hart, born 6 January 1871 (?) in New York State. They had no children. He died March 1947, she on 22 December 1947, both at Chula Vista, California.

Maryette died 5 June 1881 and Cornelius in 1898. Both are buried in Rocky Run Cemetery, Columbia County.

6. William Edminster (Lewis², David¹), born 1 January 1827 at Big Flats, New York, son of Lewis and Susan (Davenport). He married 20 December 1849, Harriett Emily Whipple, born 26 November 1829 in New York. Her mother's name was Mahala and she was born in 1810. Their children, all born in Big Flats:

- i. Anna Belle, born 7 January 1851, married James Hughson, had no children, died 3 November 1867.
- ii. Charles M., born 15 August 1855, died 24 January 1856.

17. iii. George Whipple, born 23 April 1866.

William died 27 December 1886 and Harriett 19 February 1916, both at Big Flats.

7. Levi Edmister (Lewis², David¹), born 21 August 1829 at Big Flats, New York, son of Lewis and Susan (Davenport). He married Martha Cowan, born 1842. Their child:

18. i. Lewis, born 1864.

Levi was a farmer and a Justice of the Peace (83, 84). He died 13 June 1871 and Martha died about 1929 at Alpine, New York after remarrying following Levi's death.

8. Effingham Edminster (Lewis², David¹), born 23 August 1843 at Big Flats, New York, son of Lewis and Susan (Davenport). He married Hattie Ellen Taylorson, had two children, both born in Chemung County, New York:

19. i. Rufus T., born 15 July 1880.

ii. Jessie E., born 22 February 1887 at Big Flats, married 2 September 1908, George Bull, born 24 December 1872 at Mansfield, Pennsylvania, son of Steven and Emmajean (Snouce) Bull. They had no children. He died 30 April 1955 at Elmira, New York and is buried at Mansfield. She lived at Horseheads, New York in 1964.

Effingham died in March 1912 in Horseheads where he is buried. Hattie Ellen died 27 January 1913 at Whitney Point, New York and is buried at Corning, New York.

9. Rufus K. Edminster (Lewis², David¹), born 1845 at Big Flats, New York, son of Lewis and Susan (Davenport). He married Rachel Storms, born 1845 (tombstone says 1843), daughter of John and Louisa Camp Storms, Jr. They had one child, probably (see note below):

i. John Storms, born 1871, probably did not marry, died about 1950-55, is buried at Big Flats. He is probably the John Edminster listed in the Corning, New York directory for 1921 as an ice dealer in the firm of "Edminster & Crowley". (Note: on Rufus K.'s tombstone in the "old" Big Flats cemetery is another name in addition to his own, "John S. Edmister, died 1869". This may have been a son of Rufus K. and Rachel who died at or close to birth and whose name was used again for the John Storms born in 1871. Other places in the plot have Storms and Farr relatives).

Rufus K. died in 1913, Rachel in 1917, both are buried at Big Flats.

10. Burton Edmister (William², David¹), born 17 September 1827 at Catlin, New York, son of William and Polly (Smith). He married 23 April 1863, Eliza Jane Rowley of Corning, born 28 June 1833. Their children:

i. Velora E., born 24 January 1867, married 15 January 1890, William Albert Morrison, born 1864 and died 1948. She died 22 January 1905 (or 1903 ?).

ii. Hattie May, born 1 April 1871, died 27 March 1886.

iii. Ida Belle, born 24 October 1878, died 16 January 1927.

Eliza Jane died 29 April 1886 and Burton 25 January 1888.

11. Morris Edmister (William², David¹), born 18 August 1829 at Catlin, New York, son of William and Polly (Smith). He married Sarah Masters, born 1832 in New Jersey. Their children, all born in Catlin:

i. Frank, born 1853, married May Martin, a school teacher, but they never lived together according to members of the family. He was reputed to be "a very colorful individual...who used to run a saloon in Corning." He died 16 November 1907.

ii. Henrietta, born 1855, lived in Corning, never married, died about 1911.

iii. Lewis, born 1857, probably did not marry, died about 1879.

- 20. iv. William, born 27 March 1858.
- 21. v. Charles, born 1864.
- 22. vi. Isaac, born 18 June 1866.
- 23. vii. Morris Fred, born 17 May 1872.
- viii. Mary, died as a child.

Morris was a farmer and a Justice of the Peace (84). Sarah died about 1900 and Morris died at Catlin 17 October 1900.

- 12. William Henry Edmister (William², David¹), born 1835 in Pennsylvania, son of William and Polly (Smith). He married 29 May 1866, Mary Adelaide Seely of Erwin, New York, born 1842, daughter of Hanford H. and Rachel (Phelps) Seely. She was a direct descendent of Edward Fuller, passenger on the Mayflower in 1620. Her number in the "Mayflower Index" (68) is 30077. She also was descended from Jared Phelps, Revolutionary War Soldier and is DAR number 132495 (87). Their children, all probably born in Erwin, Steuben County, New York:
 - i. May, born 1868, married George Bull, born 1870 and died 1955. She died in 1907.
- 24. ii. Harry Hanford, born 1870.
- iii. Emma, born 1880, married Alfred Adams, born 1882 and died 1931. They lived in Chicago, Illinois.
- iv. Gertrude, born 1886, never married, was a high school teacher in Corning and Elmira, New York, died about 1924.

William Henry died 26 July 1911 and Mary Adelaide in 1920.

- 13. David Edmister (William², David¹), born 23 January 1841 at Catlin, New York, son of William and Polly (Smith). He married Olive Eldridge, born 23 May 1850. They lived in Cresco, Iowa where their children were born:
 - i. Emma, born 2 February 1872, never married.
 - ii. Mary, born 2 September 1876, never married, died 11 February 1918.
 - iii. Ira Guy, born 25 January 1885, married Fannie S. Strauss. He was a pharmacist in Kansas City, Missouri, where he later owned two drug stores. They had no children. He died at Kansas City 23 February 1933. His widow lived there in 1964.
- 14. Dallas Edmister (William², David¹), born 1844 at Catlin, New York, son of William and Polly (Smith). He married Helen Wormley, born 1846. They lived for a time at Horseheads, New York. Their children, born at Erwins, New York:
 - i. Mary Evalyn, born 1877, married Fred Bennett, born 1876. They lived in Horseheads, had five children: i. Dallas, born 1906, married Marjorie Rodabauer, had two children, Terry, born 1939 and Jennine, born 1942. He died in 1946; ii. Bernard, born 1908, married Irlene Houghtaling, born 1907. They had two children, Richard, born

1935 and Diane, born 1942; iii. Bela, born 1909; iv. Frances, born 1912, married Donald Drake, born 1915, had three children, Donald, born 1942, Phyllis, born 1944, and William, born 1947; v. Edwin, born 1914, married Julia Skella, born 1917, had two children, Dallas, born 1946 and Cherry, born 1952. Fred Bennett died 1947.

ii. Frances E., born 15 December 1880, never married, died 19 December 1951, is buried at Horseheads.

iii. Frank, born 20 October 1882, never married, died 16 May 1957, is buried at Horseheads.

iv. William, born 14 March 1887, never married, was a creamery worker and had a dairy farm, lived retired at Big Flats, New York in 1964.

Helen died in 1920 and Dallas 5 December 1912 at Big Flats. They are both buried at Horseheads.

15. Aaron Horace Edminster (Cornelius³, Aaron², David¹), born 11 May 1848 in Wisconsin, son of Cornelius and Maryette (Pound). He married 25 December 1869, Mary Charles, born 1852. Their children, all born in Wisconsin:

i. B. Franklin, who died as an infant.

ii. Sarah Melissa, born 26 January 1874, married Louis Blume, had one child, Harold.

25. iii. L. Judson, born 12 September 1875.

iv. Effie May, born 23 October 1883, married 12 June 1907 at Sparta, Wisconsin, Will Graham, born 14 January 1882. Their children: i. Donald Stuart, born 2 March 1908, died 12 October 1949; ii. Marjorie Jean, born 1 September 1909 (?); iii, iv, and v., triplets, Charles Marion, John Horace and William Glen, all born 8 August 1913. William Glen lived only six weeks; vi. Roger Dean, born 11 April 1915, died 12 August 1915. They lived in Crookston, Minnesota in 1963. That year she corresponded with her cousin, Helen J. Hutchinson, daughter of Jennie Louise Edminster Branton, giving her recollection of the Edminster ancestry as told by her folks. The story was that they were English, went to Holland a generation before coming to New York at the time of Peter Stuyvesant (late 17th century); name was originally "Minster". I have found no corroborating evidence to support this story.

v. Ruth A., born 19 July 1893, married 2 July 1932, James Cloyce Black, born 29 March 1889, died 24 March 1949. They lived in Cleveland, Ohio, had no children.

Mary Charles died in 1914 and Aaron Horace 13 August 1924.

16. Joseph Edminster (Cornelius³, Aaron², David¹), born 13 November 1849 in Wisconsin, son of Cornelius and Maryette (Pound). He married Hannah Adella Scott, born 2 May 1849, daughter of Thomas A. and Louise (Davenport) Scott. Louise Davenport was sister to Mary Davenport who married Aaron Edminster, Joseph's grandfather. The Scotts were married 16 April 1828 at Ithaca, New York and had 11 children. Children of Joseph and Hannah, probably all born in Lowville, Wisconsin:

i. Hattie Loverna, born 7 April 1872, never married, died 10 June 1892.

ii. Ella Melissa, born 11 January 1875, married Alfred Mountford, had four children: i. Doris; ii. Hollis; iii. Wayne; iv. Esther. Ella Melissa died 7 July 1961, is buried with her husband in Poynette Cemetery, Columbia County, Wisconsin.

iii. Jennie Louise, born 2 March 1877, married Thomas A. Branton, born 31 March 1876. Their children: i. a daughter who died in infancy; ii. Helen Josephine, born 12 February 1902, married 12 October 1921, Vernon E. Hutchinson, born 1899, had four daughters, one of whom, Marvel La Verna, born 16 April 1930, married James Roy Frederick, born 27 July 1926. Mrs. Frederick has furnished much of the information on her branch of the family.

Joseph died in 1919, Hannah Adella 23 January 1927. Both are buried in Rocky Run Cemetery, Columbia County, Wisconsin.

17. George Whipple Edminster (William³, Lewis², David¹), born 23 April 1866 at Big Flats, New York, son of William and Harriett Emily (Whipple). He received a Law degree from Columbia University and practiced law in Elmira, New York (84), was a Justice of the Peace. He married, first, 19 December 1891 at Elmira, Alma K. Berry. They had no children. He married, second, Mary Katherine Bower, born 16 September 1873 at Elmira, daughter of George and May K. (Kirsch) Bower. Their child, born at Elmira:

26. i. William George, born 27 September 1901.

George Whipple died 10 April 1919 and Mary Katherine 1 November 1941, both at Elmira.

18. Lewis Edminster (Levi³, Lewis², David¹), born 1864 at Big Flats, New York, son of Levi and Martha (Cowan). He married Lillian Moot, daughter of John and Sarah (Thatcher) Moot. Their children, all born at Alpine, New York:

i. Dorothy, born June 1901, married twice, had no children, died before 1964.

27. ii. Robert L., born 22 August 1902

28. iii. Russell Cowan, born 15 December 1903.

iv. Martha, born 1905, married Harris Jenkins, had six daughters.

Lewis died about 1946 at Elmira, New York, is buried at Horseheads, New York. Lillian lived with daughter Martha near Alpine in 1964, was "over 80" then.

19. Rufus T. Edminster (Effingham³, Lewis², David¹), born 15 July 1880 at Catlin, New York, son of Effingham and Hattie Ellen (Taylorson). He married 28 September 1904 at Catlin, Leona Van Order, born 1 December 1884 at Catlin, daughter of Horace Fayette and Flora (Carter) Van Order. He was a coachman and later a mill operator. Their children, all born in Horseheads, New York:

i. Catherine Thais, born 26 October 1907, married Laurence Tarbell, born 11 June 1909 at Ithaca, New York, son of Clarence D. and

Harriett (Mc Daniels) Tarbell, lived in Skaneateles, New York, had two children: i. Ann Louise, born 27 August 1940 at York, Pennsylvania, married 29 November 1959, Robert Bruce Fort; ii. John Laurence, born 3 February 1943 at Elmira, New York.

ii. Thelma Marie, born 24 January 1906, married in 1929, Lawrence Shappee, born 15 December 1898 at Horseheads, son of Grant and Harriet (Mc Dowell) Shappee, lived near Horseheads, had a daughter, Jean Marie, born 25 July 1944 at Elmira, New York, and adopted a daughter, Carol Virginia, born 29 March 1938 at Burlington, Vermont, married 9 September 1956, Charles Johnston.

29. iii. Dana Rufus, born 30 July 1912.

Rufus died 24 March 1959 at Horseheads where he is buried and where his widow resided in 1964.

20. William Edmister (Morris³, William², David¹), born 27 March 1858 at Catlin, New York, son of Morris and Sarah (Masters). He married 9 February 1881 at Canton, Minnesota, Elsie D. Hudson, born 17 May 1861. Apparently William had moved to Minnesota before he was 23. Their children, all born in Canton:

i. Julia S., born 1882, died as an infant.

ii. Grace E., born 18 January 1883, married 26 April 1905, Nat E. Wheeler, born 1885. They lived at Valier, Montana.

iii. George M., born 1 December 1891, married 1 October 1913, Grace Alumin. They lived for a time in Canton, had no children. They were likely the George M. and Grace Edminster who lived in Tacoma, Washington 1918-24 and the George M. and Grace O. listed in the Bellflower, California directory 1946-50. He died 9 September 1953. If the Tacoma identity is correct, there was a Merle, student and likely a son, living with them in 1924.

iv. Harry William, born 25 August 1894, married 5 September 1942, Gladys Wahlund, born 1904. They had no children. He died 9 September 1951, probably at Minneapolis, Minnesota where his widow lived in 1963.

v. Annette P., born 23 October 1898, married, first, 19 April 1922, Seymour Fosse, born 1880 and died 1931. She married, second, 14 May 1949, Arnold Aske, born 1892. They lived at Canton.

William died 31 December 1903 and Elsie 11 February 1950, both at Canton.

21. Charles Edmister (Morris³, William², David¹), born 1864 at Catlin, New York, son of Morris and Sarah (Masters). He married Mary Elizabeth Johnson, born 5 September 1875 at Catlin, daughter of Mahlon and Sarah (Winters) Johnson. Their children:

30. i. Fred Raymond, born 15 April 1902, twin to William.

ii. William, born 15 April 1902, twin to Fred Raymond, died in infancy.

iii. Julia, died about 1908 when very young.

Mary Elizabeth lived in Elmira, New York in 1963, listed as "widow".

22. Isaac Edmister (Morris³, William², David¹), born 18 June 1866 at Catlin, New York, son of Morris and Sarah (Masters). He married Julia M. Kingsley, born 1866. They lived at Corning and Painted Post, New York where he operated a taxi service. Their children, both probably born at Corning:

i. Hattie, born 3 June 1889, married, first Michael Mundy, had one child: i. Velma, who married Chester Coates. She married, second, Edward Roundville, had seven children: ii. Josephine Ann, who never married; iii. a daughter who married Buster Christ, lived at Morris, Pennsylvania; iv. Walter, who lived at Elmira; v. Donald, who lived at Elmira; vi. Maurice, who lived at Corning; vii. John Carey Edmister, born John Carey Roundville on 9 November 1927 (?) at Elmira, New York, married Condalaria C. _____, born 2 February 1923 at Austin, Texas. Their children: i. John Carey, Jr., born 5 August 1949; ii. Isaac Patric, born 6 January 1951, both at Austin, Texas; iii. Richard Allen, born 27 October 1953 at Salinas, California; iv. Dolores, born 2 September 1955 at Salinas; v. Ronald Gene, born 16 December 1957 at San Diego, California. According to John, "My mother gave me my grandfather's last name. I don't know why." They lived at Paris, Texas in 1964; viii. Robert, who died in 1964. Hattie died 22 May 1964.

31. ii. Maurice David, born 10 September 1891.

Isaac died in 1942, Julia in 1956; both are buried at Big Flats, New York.

23. Morris Fred Edmister (Morris³, William², David¹), born 17 May 1872 in Veteran Township, Chemung County, New York, son of Morris and Sarah (Masters). He married, first, Metta Johnson, who died in childbirth with her first and unsuccessful pregnancy. He married, second, 21 January 1902, Clara Agnes Small, born 29 January 1879 at Catlin, New York, daughter of George and Mary Jane (Kneall) Small. Their children, all born in Catlin:

i. Ruth, born 17 June 1903, married 5 October 1927, John Willis Perrigo. Their children; born at Catlin: i. Maurice, born 12 July 1928, married Patricia Bennett, had a son, Randy, born 14 April, 1952, were separated by 1964; ii. John Willis, Jr., born 4 October 1931, was not married by 1964; iii. Arberta, born 28 May 1933, married James Brown, had three children, Robin (F), born 22 April 1952, Debra, born 27 February 1957, Beth Ann, born 14 July 1960; iv. Lavina, born 2 August 1937, married 25 August 1956, Vincent Kotmel, had four children, Vincent, Jr., born 3 June 1957, Maurice, born 28 May 1958, Brian, born 10 April 1960 and Kathleen, born 21 April 1962. John Willis died 11 April 1961. Ruth lived in Catlin Township near Montour Falls, New York in 1964.

32. ii. Clifford, born 21 April 1905.

33. iii. George, born about 1908.

iv. Ethel, born about 1910, married Earl Bryan, lived at Liberty, Pennsylvania. He died about 1959.

v. Mary Lola, born 15 October 1911, married Robert Thayer, born 28 May 1903, lived at Catlin. Their children: i. Roberta Mary, born 23 June 1940 at Cooperstown, New York, married 23 June 1963, Harold Hill, had a son, Scott Allen, born 11 February 1964; ii. Francis Edmister, born 8 March 1942 at Oneonta, New York.

34. vi. Earl Albert, born 22 September 1913.

35. vii. Donald Clare, born about 1915.

viii. Gladys Irene, born 9 October 1919, married Adrian Miller, son of Henry and Florence Miller. Their children: i. Andrea Claire, born 1 January 1944, married 14 March 1964, Robert Marsh; ii. Shealia, born 19 November 1948; iii. Ricky, born 18 September 1953. They lived at Newark Valley, New York in 1964.

24. Harry Hanford Edmister (William³⁻², David¹), born 1870 at Erwin, Steuben County, New York, son of William and Mary Adelaide (Seely). He married 25 November 1903, Viola Leavenworth, born 1875. Their children, all probably born in Erwin:

36. i. William Hanford, born 2 August 1908.

ii. Marian Adelaide, born 28 August 1911, married Ray Hicks Daningburg, born 1908.

iii. Julia Marie, born 1913, married Noble Wolcott, born 1908.

Harry died in 1924 and Viola in 1948.

25. L. Judson Edminster (Aaron Horace⁴, Cornelius³, Aaron², David¹), born 1875 in Wisconsin, son of Aaron Horace and Mary (Charles). He married Reka Ludeking. Their children, probably all born in Wisconsin:

i. Howard C., born 1904 at Tomah, Wisconsin, married Rubla Gesell, lived in Barstow, California in 1963. They had no children.

ii. Byron A., married Josephine M. _____, lived in Milwaukee in 1931, in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1963 where he was in the U. S. Air Force.

iii. Wilmer, who lived in Roscoe, Illinois in 1963.

iv. Frances, who lived in Rockford, Illinois in 1925, married a Skaife, lived in Barstow, California.

v. Bergetta, who lived in Rockford, Illinois 1923-28 married a Budd, lived in Roscoe, Illinois.

vi. Mary Jane, who married a Linaberry, lived in Westfield, Wisconsin.

vii. Julia, who married an Evans, lived in Butler, Wisconsin.

viii. Harriett, who was a nurse at Rockford, Illinois, 1923-25, married a Retzlaff, lived in Rockford.

26. William George Edminster (George Whipple⁴, William³, Lewis², David¹), born 27 September 1901 at Elmira, New York, son of George Whipple and Mary Katherine (Bower). He married 16 May 1932 at Oneida, New York, Alice Wittig, born 31 August 1904 at East Smithfield, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Anna (Taylor) Wittig. Their children, both born at Elmira:

i. Carol Marie, born 25 September 1939, married Eric Spencer, lived in Richmond, Indiana in 1964.

ii. William Russell, born 25 May 1943.

William and Alice lived at Elmira in 1964.

27. Robert L. Edminster (Lewis⁴, Levi³, Lewis², David¹), born 22 August 1902 at Alpine, New York, son of Lewis and Lillian (Moot). He married Hazel Ameigh. Their child:

i. Hazel, born at Cayuta, New York, was married in 1964.

They lived in Elmira, New York in 1964.

28. Russell Cowan Edminster (Lewis⁴, Levi³, Lewis², David¹), born 15 December 1903 at Alpine, New York, son of Lewis and Lillian (Moot). He married 2 September 1931, Caroline Foster, born 1 May 1912, daughter of Fred and Gertrude (Smith) Foster. Their children, all born at Montour Falls, New York:

37. i. Charles Russell, born 7 December 1932.
ii. Le Roy Frederick, born 19 August 1942, married 21 June 1963, Nancy Fish.
iii. Donald Douglas, born 17 October 1946.

They lived near Alpine, Schuyler County, New York in 1964.

29. Dana Rufus Edminster (Rufus⁴, Effingham³, Lewis², David¹), born 30 July 1912 at Big Flats, New York, son of Rufus T. and Leona (Van Order). He married 30 August 1942 at Horseheads, New York, Gladys Miller, born 14 September 1912 at Logan, Ohio, daughter of Elliott and Arvinna (Terrpening) Miller. Their child:

i. Duane, born 6 January 1946 at Horseheads.

They lived at Horseheads in 1964 where Dana was in the trailer court and sales business.

30. Fred Raymond Edmister (Charles⁴, Morris³, William², David¹), born 15 April 1902, a twin whose twin died in infancy, in Catlin Township, New York, son of Charles and Mary Elizabeth (Johnson). He married Leona D. Gardner, born at Big Flats, New York, daughter of Judd and Lulu (Van Etten) Gardner. He was a mechanic and carpenter. Their children:

- i. Helen, who married 3 August 1945, Bert Hall, lived at Elmira Heights, New York.
ii. Frieda Rose.
iii. Raymond, who married Mary Ann _____, lived near Elmira in 1964.
iv. Julia.
v. Margaret.
vi. Fred Raymond, Jr.
vii. Robert, who married Sylvia _____, lived in Elmira in 1961.
viii. Charles, who lived near Dundee, New York.

Fred and Leona lived in Elmira in 1964.

31. Maurice David Edmister (Isaac⁴, Morris³, William², David¹), born 10 September 1891 at Catlin, New York, son of Isaac and Julia (Kingsley). He married Genevieve Martin, born 18 November 1892 at Corning, New York, daughter of Adelbert and Jennie Martin. He operated a taxi service.

Their children, both born at Corning:

i. Frances Mary, born 6 June 1918, married 7 February 1942 at New York City, William Kenneth Merrill, born 3 February 1915 at Elmira, New York, son of Athel and Mary (O'Brien) Merrill. She operated a gift shop called "Yankee Pedlar" at Watkins Glen, New York and a recreation area and pony farm on Harris Hill, famed gliding center, near Elmira, where they lived in 1964. Their child: Scott Thomas, born 29 December 1945 at Corning.

ii. Betty, born 8 July 1920, married James Dowling.

Their children: i. Bryan; ii. Anne; iii. Joy; iv. Mary. They lived in Corning in 1964.

Maurice and Genevieve lived in Painted Post, New York in 1964.

32. Clifford Edmister (Morris Fred⁴, Morris³, William², David¹), born 21 April 1905 at Catlin, New York, son of Morris Fred and Clara Agnes (Small). He married 22 December 1939 at Watkins Glen, New York, Helen Maine, born 10 April 1918 at Moreland, Schuyler County, New York, daughter of Frank and Julia (Crout) Maine. Their children, all born at Elmira, New York:

38. i. Isaac Frank, born 9 July 1941.

ii. Morris Fred, born 3 March 1943.

iii. Sharon Louise, born 9 December 1944, married 14 December 1962 at Watkins Glen, Kenneth Charles Taylor, had daughter Trudilyn, born 20 March 1964, lived in Watkins Glen.

iv. David Lee, born 30 November 1946.

v. William Arnold, born 13 December 1949.

They lived at Moreland in 1964.

33. George Edmister (Morris Fred⁴, Morris³, William², David¹), born 6 January 1906 at Catlin, New York, son of Morris Fred and Clara Agnes (Small). He married Marguerite Campbell, daughter of William and _____ (Canfield) Campbell. Their children:

i. Dorothy, who married David Morgan, had a son, David Michael.

ii. Margery, who married August 1963, lived in North Carolina.

iii. Fred, who was in the U. S. Air Force in 1963.

George and Marguerite lived near Painted Post, New York in 1963.

34. Earl Albert Edmister (Morris Fred⁴, Morris³, William², David¹), born 22 September 1913 at Catlin, New York, son of Morris Fred and Clara Agnes (Small). He married 29 July 1939, Margaret Clark, born 21 September 1919 at Catlin, daughter of Lawrence and Susan (Shanley) Clark. She was sister to Mary who married Earl Albert's brother Donald. Their children:

i. Thomas Lawrence, born 28 January 1941 at Catlin, was a student at East New Mexico University in 1965.

ii. Jerry Edward, born 24 March 1943 at Catlin, served in the U.S. Marines, married 9 May 1964, Jeannine Goodlive, born 27 November 1945, daughter of Frank and Gladys (Thomas) Goodlive, was in the Navy at Alameda, California in 1965.

iii. Sandra Margaret, born 7 September 1945 at Catlin, married in August 1964, Michael Gladden, born 31 August 1944, son of K. D. Gladden.

iv. Richard Earl, born 1 February 1949 at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

They moved to New Mexico in 1947 and lived at Albuquerque in 1965.

35. Donald Clare Edmister (Morris Fred⁴, Morris³, William², David¹), born 22 August 1916 at Catlin, New York, son of Morris Fred and Clara Agnes (Small). He married January 1940 (?) at Horseheads, New York, Mary Clark, daughter of Lawrence and Susan (Shanley) Clark. She was sister to Margaret who married Donald's brother Earl Albert. Their children:
- i. Suzanne Joy, born 15 April 1941, married December 1962, Harley Johnson.
 - ii. Donna Lee, born 7 October 1946.
 - iii. Kathy Loretta, born 31 December 1948.
 - iv. Dale Albert, born 23 July 1950.
 - v. Roxanne Lynn, born 28 March 1955.
 - vi. Lorrie Sue, born 20 April 1960.

They lived at Catlin in 1963.

36. William Hanford Edmister (Harry Hanford⁴, William³⁻², David¹), born 2 August 1908 at Painted Post, New York, son of Harry Hanford and Viola (Leavenworth). He married 28 May 1929 at Campbell, New York, Mildred Tong, born 31 March 1913 at Tioga, Pennsylvania, daughter of Raymond L. and Blanche (Borden) Tong. Their children:
- i. Joyce Ann, born 11 May 1930, was a nurse in Elmira in 1950, married 24 March 1951, William Rhodes, born 1925.
 39. ii. William Hanford, Jr., born 30 April 1933.
 - iii. Gayle Arlene, born 15 February 1936, married 2 October 1954, Robert Clarkson, born 1935.
 - iv. Jerry Lee, born 3 July 1943, married 11 February 1964, Carla Longnecker, was in the Navy in 1964.
 - v. Norma Jean, born 11 May 1946, married August 1962, Stephen A. Mandell.

They lived at Erwin, Steuben County, New York in 1963.

37. Charles Russell Edminster (Russell Cowan⁵, Lewis⁴, Levi³, Lewis², David¹), born 7 December 1932 at Montour Falls, New York, son of Russell Cowan and Caroline (Foster). He married 30 November 1956 at Troy, Pennsylvania, Patricia Rolls, born 4 December 1932 at Ovid, New York, daughter of Francis and Loretta (Chapman) Rolls. Their children, all born at Montour Falls, New York:
- i. Jeffrey Russell, born 14 September 1957.
 - ii. Steven J., born 24 August 1959.
 - iii. Michael Carl, born 18 August 1962.
 - iv. Scott Allen, born 7 March 1964.

They lived near Watkins Glen, New York in 1964.

38. Isaac Frank Edmister (Clifford⁵, Morris Fred⁴, Morris³, William², David¹), born 9 July 1941 at Elmira, New York, son of Clifford and Helen (Maine). He married 25 December 1961 at Moreland, New York, Sylvia Ann Horton, born 6 November 1942 at Corning, New York, daughter of Norman

and Elizabeth (Bovard) Horton. Their children:

- i. Cindy Elizabeth, born 10 October 1962 at Montour Falls, New York.
- ii. Wendy Ann, born 6 September 1963 at Montour Falls.

They lived near Montour Falls in 1964.

39. William Hanford Edmister, Jr. (William Hanford⁵, Harry Hanford⁴, William³⁻², David¹), born 30 April 1933 at Painted Post, New York, son of William Hanford and Mildred (Tong). He married, first, 13 February 1953, Rachel O'Dell, born 1934. Their child:

- i. Debra Sue, born 4 November 1954.

They were divorced and he married, second, in 1946, Clara Rose Fratarcangelo. Their children:

- ii. William Hanford, 3rd.
- iii. Mary Ann.
- iv. James Joseph.
- v. David Macheal.

They lived near Corning, New York in 1964.

Part XI. Descendents of Thomas (Joseph) and Lois Edmister
of Lisle, New York

1. Thomas (Joseph) Edmister (Edminster), born before 1770, possibly in Massachusetts, but also possibly in Vermont or New Jersey. No records are conclusive on this point. He was probably son of Joseph who settled in the Lisle area of Broome County, New York before 1790, which at that time was in Chemungtown, Montgomery County. This Joseph was probably the same Joseph Edminster who was a Revolutionary War soldier in New Jersey (See Part I and Part VII). There is confusion as to whether this presumed son of Joseph was named Thomas or Joseph but it seems likely that he was "Thomas Joseph". The censuses for 1820 and 1830 clearly give his name as Thomas with no middle initial. Also, there is a partly illegible tombstone in the Lisle cemetery for Thomas Edmi(n)ster, the latter spelling being unclear, which is probably his. However, some members of the family have thought he was "Joseph": Willis D. Edmister in a letter about 1934 to Clifford Edmister of Chicago named him as Joseph; Ernest Edmister, of Lisle, told me that the family remembered him as Joseph. Be that as it may, it is clear that, Thomas or Joseph, he is one and the same. He is mentioned as Thomas and being a property owner in an early history of Lisle (34). His wife was Lois (or Louise?) and was born in Connecticut in 1776. Their children, probably all born in Lisle, except Joseph and John:
 2. i. Amos, born 6 February 1798.
 3. ii. Joseph, born 24 August 1800.
 - iii. Lydia, born 5 November 1801, was at home in 1830, probably did not marry, died 27 March 1873, is buried at Lisle.
 - iv. William, born 28 December 1802, lived with brother James in 1850 and owned a farm at that time, evidently was not married. He committed suicide by hanging from a barn rafter on 18 August 1866 at Lisle.
 - v. Orrin, born 17 March 1804. It is believed that he had no children. He lived with brother Amos in 1880.
 4. vi. John, born 20 May 1805.
 5. vii. James H., born 1 November 1807.
 6. viii. Thomas, born 1 August 1809.
 7. ix. Aaron S., born 8 February 1812.
 8. x. Lyman Fox, born 12 June 1814.
 - xi. Ella, born 25 June 1816, had no children.

Thomas was listed in the 1830 census as a head of household between 60 and 69. He was not listed in the 1840 census and probably had died by then. Lois was living with son Amos in 1850 but evidently died during the next decade.

2. Amos Edmister (Thomas¹), born 6 February 1798 at Lisle, New York, son of Thomas and Lois. He married Lorilla _____, born about 1800. In the 1830 census he was listed with four females in his family in age groups

5-9, 10-14, 15-19 and 40-50. None of these fits his wife's age. Only the two younger ones could possibly be daughters but no clear records of them have been found. Amos and Lorilla were still living at Lisle in 1880. In 1872 he was listed as a farmer owning Lot 520 of 27 1/2 acres (78). Brother Orrin lived with them in 1880.

3. Joseph Edmister (Thomas¹), born 24 August 1800 in Warren County, New York (according to descendent Dorothy Davis), son of Thomas and Lois. He married Julia A. _____, born June 1814 (or 1815 ?) in New York, probably around Lisle. They were at Lisle in 1830 but by 1840 had moved to Almond Township, Allegany County, in western New York. Their children, all but William H. born at Canaseraga, Allegany County:

- i. William H., born 1833 (or 1835 ?) in New York, probably around Lisle. We know of him from two records: (1) he lived in this family in 1850 as shown in the census but was listed last after the younger children which usually signifies another family origin; (2) his Civil War service record. He was not listed with these parents in the 1840 census. His service record shows his Broome County birthplace but gives "place where soldier desires to be addressed" as Canaseraga, Allegany County. He enlisted at Elmira as a Private, Co. G, 23rd Regt. New York Infantry on 16 May 1861 when 26 (1850 census indicated 1833 birth rather than 1835). He was wounded in the battle of Antietam on 17 September 1862 and was mustered out for disability on 22 May 1863 at Harrisburg. He was 5' 6" tall, light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, a farmer.

9.
 - ii. Amasa Winchell, born 15 May 1842.
 - iii. John C., born 1843, died 10 February 1887 (tombstone says 42 years, 5 mos., 11 days), is buried at Canaseraga.
10.
 - iv. Frederick G., born 1848.
 - v. Orange, born 1850.
 - vi. Saphronia, who married a Thompson, lived at Canaseraga.

The children, except Saphronia, were listed in the 1850 census but the family has not been found in later censuses. Joseph died 20 January 1880 (tombstone gives age as 78 yrs. 4 mos.) at Gas Spring, New York, by which time one son had died. Julia died 1 July 1884 at Gas Spring. Both are buried at Canaseraga.

4. John Edmister (Thomas¹), born 20 May 1805 at Chester, Warren County, New York (or at Lisle ?), son of Thomas and Lois. He married on a January 9th, Achsah Jackson, born 2 March 1810 in Schroon, New York (or in Vermont ?). They lived at Lisle, New York in 1840 but by 1845 had moved to Birdsall, Allegany County, in western New York, not far from his brother Joseph who had come earlier. Their children:

- i. Mary L. (or E. ?), born 4 (or 5?) February 1837 at Lisle, died 17 October 1838 (or 13 November ?), is buried at Lisle.
- ii. Hannah, born 17 May 1838 at Lisle, died 22 May 1838.
- iii. Ruel J., born 13 December 1839 at Lisle. He was a Civil War soldier, enlisting at Portage, New York on 15 August 1862 as Private, Co. K, 130th New York Infantry and later served in Co. K., 19th New York Cavalry ("Dragoons"). He fought in battles in Virginia and was wounded

in action at Todd's Tavern on 7 May 1864 and died 9 May 1864 (tombstone says 11 May) in a hospital at Fredericksburg, was buried at Canaseraga. In letters to home (in National Archives, Pension File) he told about sending pay and bounty money home, of missing "sugarin" back home, and of getting horses for their unit. Ruel never married. He was 5' 11" tall, florid complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, a farmer.

iv. Lorenzo P., born 5 November 1841, was a life-long cripple, did not marry, died 26 March 1902.

v. Persis M., born 7 October 1843 at Lisle, died 28 September 1862. Her tombstone at Canaseraga gives her age as 18 yrs., 11 mos., 21 days.

vi. Lydia Ann, born 9 November 1845 at Birdsall, married Daniel J. Clark, born 1845. She kept a "hair book" in which were strands of hair of various members of the family and their birth and death dates. This memento was kept by descendent Constance Stevens in 1965 (see number 12, below). Lydia died in 1924 and Daniel 1926. Daniel was a Civil War soldier, was a prisoner at Gettysburg. They had a son, Ernest, who lived at Hornell, New York in 1964.

11. vii. William, born 12 September 1847 at Almond, New York.

viii. Benjamin, born 17 September 1849 in Allegany County, died 7 March 1853.

ix. James A., born 21 March 1852, was working on his parent's farm in 1870, married Josephine F. _____, lived in Salem, Oregon 1921-24 and in Portland, Oregon 1924-27. He died, a widower, 11 January 1928 in Portland at the home of Mrs. Bessie O'Neil, was buried in Lincoln Memorial Park in Portland. The following two boys are possible their children: i. Ruel Anson. He may have been the Ruel who worked in Chicago 1903-06. He lived at Portland 1909-16, was a bookkeeper and had wife, Effie D. _____. In 1931 he was living at Lewiston, Idaho with wife, Olive M. _____, and at Spokane, Washington 1945-53. He died about 1953. Olive M. lived at Spokane in 1964; ii. Arlie F., who lived at Portland, Oregon 1924-30, had wife, Geraldine R. _____.

12. x. Albert, born 31 March 1853.

A Minnie M. Edmister, born 1860, who probably never married, lived in later years with her cousins Lydia and Dan Clark, died 1924 and is buried at Canaseraga, but the identity of her parents is not clear.

John's 170 acre farm was assessed for \$1100. in 1864 and he was appraised by his neighbors as a "prosperous farmer...in comfortable circumstances ...". The 1870 census gave his real estate value as \$6000. In his last years he was unable to work and he died 29 November 1874 at Birdsall, is buried at Canaseraga. His tombstone gives his age as 67 yrs., 6 mos., 8 days. His widow later sold the farm and moved into the town of Canaseraga. She applied for a mother's pension in 1885, died 20 October 1887.

5. James H. Edmister (Thomas¹), born 1 November 1807 at Lisle, New York, son of Thomas and Lois. He married Lydia _____, born about 1802 in New York. Their children, both born in Lisle:

13. i. Harvey, born 1831.

ii. Lydia, born 1848. She is known by her listing with the family in the 1870 census as "domestic servant", may not have been a daughter of James and Lydia but if not is likely a relative since her name evidently was Edmister.

Brother William lived with James' family in 1850. Lydia died 27 March 1873, is buried at Lisle. James was listed in the 1880 census, living on the second lot from son Harvey in Lisle Village, age 67, with "Marandy E.", 43, "wife". Thus, he evidently remarried. James died 29 April 1881, is buried at Lisle.

6. Thomas Edmister (likely, Jr.) (Thomas¹), born 1 August 1809 at Lisle, New York, son of Thomas and Lois. He married, first, Amanda Johnson, born 1802 in Vermont. Their children, all born in Lisle:

i. Rodney, born 1830, still farmed with his father in 1860, evidently unmarried. Ernest Edmister of Lisle told me that he knew of Thomas' other two sons but never knew of Rodney. He may have moved away from Lisle or possibly had died by 1870.

14. ii. Orange Bowen, born 1831.

15. iii. Henry M., born 1833.

Amanda was with Thomas in 1860 but may have died before 1870 for by then he had married, second, Harriet _____, born 1819 in New York of parents both born in Massachusetts. Thomas and Harriet still farmed at Lisle in 1880.

7. Aaron S. Edmister (Thomas¹), born 8 February 1812 at Lisle, New York son of Thomas and Lois. He married 1 July 1846 at Lisle, Mariette J. Perkins, born 21 April 1825 at Upper Lisle. He was a farmer. They had one child:

16. i. Frank Perkins, born 10 March 1858.

She died 7 June 1887 and he 11 December 1896, both in Lisle where they are buried.

8. Lyman Fox Edmister (Thomas¹), born 12 June 1814 at Lisle, New York, son of Thomas and Lois. He married 3 October 1842 at Lisle, Chloe Seamans, born 14 January 1825 at New Berlin, New York (88). Their children, all born in Lisle:

i. Elvira Smith, born 18 May 1844, married 23 February 1861 at Milton, Pennsylvania, John J. Wells, born 2 September 1839 at Milton. He died 27 July 1896 and she 10 December 1910, both at Binghamton, New York.

ii. Charles M., born 20 April 1846 and died 12 January 1847, is buried at Lisle.

17. iii. Romaine F., born 30 April 1849.

iv. Charlotte M., born 23 June 1858. She never married, was a dressmaker in Binghamton, New York where she died about 1934.

v. Albertus, born 1860, died in infancy.

Lyman Fox was a shoemaker and a farmer. Chloe was a tailoress. He died 28 October 1866 at Lisle. Chloe had Romaine and "Lottie" still at home in 1870. She died 18 May 1882 at Lisle where both she and Lyman are buried.

9. Amasa Winchell Edmister (Joseph², Thomas¹), born 15 May 1842 at Canaseraga, New York, son of Joseph and Julia A. He married 1 March 1871 at South Dansville, New York, Cornelia Maria Harris, born 1 October 1846. Their children:
 - i. Cornelia Delphine, born 8 July 1872 at Canaseraga, never married, died 13 June 1932.
 - ii. Mertie Katherine, born 24 January 1876 at Canaseraga, married 16 September 1897 at Lisle, New York, Cyrus Lemuel Davis, born 5 July 1875 at Lisle, son of Eugene and Susan Ann (Beebe) Davis. Their children:
 - i. Cyrus Robert, born 29 August 1906 at Fulton, New York, married 20 April 1940, Arlene B. Kelly; ii. Dorothy Marian, born 27 June 1908 at Fulton, never married, lived at Rome, New York in 1964. Mertie Katherine died 12 May 1930 at Fulton, is buried at Lisle.
 - iii. Elizabeth Saphronia, born 10 August 1878 at Canaseraga, married 4 April 1906, Maurice E. Willard, had no children. She died 29 November 1954.
 - iv. Floyd Harris, born 30 October 1881 at Gas Spring, Allegany County, New York, married 27 June 1916, Lida Payne Cleveland, born 11 June 1885 at Central Plains, Virginia, daughter of Dr. John Poindexter and Sally (Sadler) Cleveland. She was descended from John Snead, Revolutionary War soldier from Fluvanna County, Virginia (89). They had no children. He earned degrees at Syracuse and Louisiana Universities and was Professor of Chemistry at the University of Puerto Rico and later at University of North Carolina. They lived, retired, at Chapel Hill, North Carolina in 1964.
 - v. William Hubbard, born 7 July 1883 at Canaseraga, never married, died 19 November 1919.

Amasa Winchell and Cornelia moved to Lisle, New York several years before son William Hubbard died in 1919 and worked the farm of Uncle Aaron Edmister. Amasa died 26 July 1907 and Cornelia 8 December 1918, both at Lisle.

10. Frederick G. Edmister (Joseph², Thomas¹), born 1848 at Canaseraga, New York, son of Joseph and Julia A. He married Carrie _____, born 1860. Their child:
 18. i. Earl J., born 1888.

Frederick G. died in 1909. His widow was listed in Hornell, New York city directories from 1914-45, died in 1947, is buried with Frederick at Canaseraga.

11. William Edmister (John², Thomas¹), born 12 September 1847 in Almond, Allegany County, New York, son of John and Achsah (Jackson). He enlisted in the Civil War on 9 February 1864 at Binghamton, New York as Private, Co. E, 5 New York Heavy Artillery. His age was recorded as 18 but he was, probably, only 16. He was discharged 2 April 1864, "He being under age and insufficient amplitude of chest". He was 5' 9 " tall, fair

complexion, dark eyes, brown hair, a farmer. He married Alice Pierce, was a mail carrier. Their children, all born in New York:

19.
 - i. Manley, born 1871.
 - ii. Mary, who married a Latimer, had two sons: i. Roy who married Mabel Hilsdorf, was killed in action in World War II; ii. Ray, who married Doris Harvey, had one son and one daughter, lived in Arkport, New York.
 - iii. Bertha, who lived at Hornell, New York, never married, died about 1949.
 - iv. Warren H., who never married, was an auctioneer and dealer in second-hand goods in San Diego, California, died there about 1952.
20.
 - v. Roy W., born 1885.
 - vi. Josephine, born 1887, married, first, Henry Heddon. Their children, all born in New York: i. William, born 1915, married Marjorie Allen, had two children, Linda, born 1941 and William H., born 1945; ii. Raymond A., born 1917, married Dorothy Allen, had three children, Henry, born 1944, Sue, born 1947, and Marjorie, born 1954; iii. Mary Jane, born 1920, married Rev. Robert Herne, had three children, Marcis, born 1944, Ronald, born 1946 and Marlene, born 1949, lived at Rochester, New York in 1964; iv. Ruth E., born 1921, never married, lived at Hornell; v. Esther, born 1925, married Douglas Kerr, had four children, twins Thomas and Douglas, born 1947, Nancy, born 1949, and Roger, born 1957, lived at Hornell. Henry Heddon died in 1927. Josephine married, second, Guy La Shure, lived at Hornell in 1964.

William died in 1929 and Alice in 1928.

12. Albert Edmister (John², Thomas¹), born 31 March 1853 at Birdsall, Allegany County, New York, son of John and Achsah (Jackson). The 1870 census recorded him as at school and working on his father's farm. He married 27 October 1897, Mary Helen Dresser, born 18 March 1873 at Whitney Crossing, New York, daughter of Joseph and Helen (Whitney) Dresser. They lived near Canaseraga in Allegany County and later at Whitney Crossing, nearby. Their children, all born at Whitney Crossing:
 - i. Helen Whitney, born 26 November 1907, died 5 January 1908.

21.
 - ii. Lawrence Whitney, born 29 March 1912.
 - iii. Constance Whitney, born 22 October 1913. She lived in Eugene, Oregon in 1947 as a graduate student assistant in mathematics at the University of Oregon. She married 27 August 1948, James Hugh Stevens, born 12 June 1917 at Spokane, Washington, son of Charles William and Ethel Stevens. He was a traffic manager with the Missouri Pacific Railroad. They lived at Aloha, Oregon in 1965. Constance was a professor of mathematics at Portland State College. Their children: i. Charles William, born 6 April 1951; ii. Mary Helen, born 21 December 1952.

Albert died 8 November 1925, is buried at Canaseraga.

13. Harvey Edmister (James², Thomas¹), born 1831 at Lisle, New York, son of James and Lydia. In 1860 he lived in the domicile of William Brown, hotel keeper, likely was employed there. He married Mary E. Shane

(last name probable), born 1838 in Ireland. He was a teamster in 1870. Their children, all born in Lisle:

- i. Rosa L., born 1865, was a school teacher, married James Ahearn, had two children Lawrence and Helen.
- ii. Lydia A., born 1866, listed as "Elizabeth" in the census.
- iii. Saphronia, born 1868.

Ernest Edmister, of Lisle, in 1963 said that he knew about Rosa but not the other two, suggesting that they may have died young. In 1870, John Shane, 13, whose parents were foreign born, lived with them and still did in 1880. He was likely brother to Mary E.

14. Orange Bowen Edmister (Thomas²⁻¹), born 1831 at Lisle, New York, son of Thomas, Jr. and Amanda (Johnson). He owned a farm of 95 acres at Lisle, married, first, 1863, Maria R. Coy, born 1835, daughter of Cyrus and Almira (Page) Coy of Oneida County, New York. Their children:

- i. Ella A., born 1865, was living with the family in 1880.
- ii. James M., born 1868, died between 1880 and 1885.

Ernest Edmister, of Lisle, advised me in 1963 that he thought these children may have been adopted. Maria died 5 May 1876 at Lisle and is buried there. Orange Bowen married, second, in 1877, Sophie Fuller, born 1837 in New York, daughter of Orlando and Sally A. (Shipman) Fuller, both born in Connecticut. Orange Bowen died 10 December 1897 at Lisle and is buried there with his first wife.

15. Henry M. Edmister (Thomas²⁻¹), born 1833 at Lisle, New York, son of Thomas, Jr., and Amanda (Johnson). He married, sometime after 1860, Sarah J. _____, born about 1843 in New York. Their child:

- i. Elizabeth, born 14 February 1868 at Lisle. She lived with "cousin" Darius Orton in Lisle in 1880. She married, at Marathon, New York, Miles Edmond Livermore, born 29 June 1872 in Center Lisle, son of Edmund K. Livermore (90).

16. Frank Perkins Edmister (Aaron S.², Thomas¹), born 10 March 1858 at Lisle, New York, son of Aaron S. and Mariette (Perkins). He married, first, 21 December 1881, Mary Ann Seymour, born 8 July 1864 at Greene, New York, daughter of Charles and Ann (Potter) Seymour. Their children, both born in Lisle:

22. i. Ernest Le Roy, born 1 March 1884.

23. ii. Clyde Seymour, born 19 October 1898.

Mary Ann died 31 August 1918 at Lisle. He married, second, Jennie Cox. They had no children. He died 19 March 1934 at Lisle and is buried there with his first wife.

17. Romaine F. Edmister (Lyman Fox², Thomas¹), born 30 April 1849 at Lisle, New York, son of Lyman Fox and Chloe (Seamans). He was a house painter, married 21 December 1887 at Lisle, Lucy Amanda Brooks, born 9 September 1853 (88). They lived in Binghamton, New York. Their child:

i. Mildred Luella, born 7 August 1891, never married, was a stenographer and lived at Port Dickinson near Binghamton.

Romaine F. died 11 March 1925. His widow lived at Port Dickinson with daughter Mildred until Lucy Amanda died about 1948.

18. Earl J. Edmister (Frederick G.³, Joseph², Thomas¹), son of Frederick G. and Carrie. He had married by 1914, Ruth E. Thomas (?), born 1893. He was a weaver, lived at Hornell, New York. They had a daughter.

i. Marian.

Earl died at Hornell in 1938.

19. Manley Edmister (William³, John², Thomas¹), born 1871 in New York, probably in Allegany County, son of William and Alice (Pierce). He married, first, Lenora Gilbert. They lived at Newfane, Niagara County, New York 1914-23. Their children:

24. i. Glen W.

25. ii. Ruel.

26. iii. Ray G., born 9 March 1906.

iv. Ruth, who married, had two children, had died by 1964.

v. Ellen, who married a Peters, had five children, lived near Syracuse, New York.

27. vi. Warren E., born 5 November 1910.

vii. Lawrence E., who lived at Lockport, New York.

viii. Mary, who married a Mason, had a son and two daughters, lived at Union Springs, New York.

Manley married, second, Myrtle Constantine. He died about 1950.

20. Roy W. Edmister (William³, John², Thomas¹), born 1885 in Allegany County, New York, son of William and Alice (Pierce). He married Edna E. West, lived at Coalmont, Tennessee, had three children:

i. Wilfred H., who married Ann J. _____, was an electrician, lived at Avon Park, Florida in 1963.

28. ii. Melvin.

29. iii. Arthur.

Roy died in Tennessee about 1954. His widow lived in Coalmont in 1963 where she operated a private hospital.

21. Lawrence Whitney Edmister (Albert³, John², Thomas¹), born 29 March 1912 at Whitney Crossing, Allegany County, New York, son of Albert and Mary Helen (Dresser). He married in June 1948, Marie Langer, born 20 October 1917. They lived in Rochester, New York in 1964. Their children:

- i. Jane, born 13 February 1951.
 - ii. Judy, born 28 December 1953.

- 22. Ernest Le Roy Edmister (Frank Perkins³, Aaron S.², Thomas¹), born 1 March 1884 at Lisle, New York, son of Frank Perkins and Mary Ann (Seymour). He married 7 July 1910, at Lisle, Mona Aldrich Johnston, born 22 February 1884 at Coburg, Ontario, Canada, daughter of John C. and Susan Aldrich (Scrymgeour) Johnston. Their children, all born in Lisle:
 - 30. i. Donald Aldrich, born 12 August 1912.
 - 31. ii. John Cassie, born 25 April 1916.
 - iii. Arlene Ruth, born 27 May 1918, married, first Charles Knoeller on 13 February 1943, divorced same year, had no children. She married, second, 9 March 1946 at Chenango Forks, New York, Mason H. Hollenbeck, born 20 February 1922 at Greene, New York, son of Harold and Crystal (Yarnes) Hollenbeck. Their child: i. David Mason, born 5 January 1947 at Johnson City, New York.

Ernest and Mona lived, retired, at Lisle in 1964.

- 23. Clyde Seymour Edmister (Frank Perkins³, Aaron S.², Thomas¹), born 19 October 1898 at Lisle, New York, son of Frank Perkins and Mary Ann (Seymour). He married 18 September 1918 at Lisle, Helen Irene Smith. Their children, both born in Lisle:
 - 32. i. Keith Seymour, born 21 January 1920.
 - 33. ii. Craig Smith, born 12 February 1926.

Clyde and Helen lived at Lisle in 1964 where he was Postmaster.

- 24. Glen W. Edmister (Manley⁴, William³, John², Thomas¹), born in New York, son of Manley and Lenora (Gilbert). He married Fern V. _____. Both were hospital workers at Burt, New York. Their children:
 - i. A daughter.
 - ii. A daughter.

- 25. Ruel Edmister (Manley⁴, William³, John², Thomas¹), born in New York, son of Manley and Lenora (Gilbert). He married, lived at Stoneham, near Boston, Massachusetts in 1964. Children:
 - i. A son.
 - ii. A son.
 - iii. A daughter.
 - iv. An adopted boy.

- 26. Ray G. Edmister (Manley⁴, William³, John², Thomas¹), born 9 March 1906 in Birdsall, Allegany County, New York, son of Manley and Lenora (Gilbert). He married 14 November 1938 at Youngstown, New York, Phyllis Litchard, born 16 January 1916 at Youngstown, daughter of Edward and Grace (Mann) Litchard. They lived at Newfane, New York in 1965. Their children:

- i. David G., born 24 October 1939 at Lockport, New York, married 20 March 1960, Alexandra Babcock.
 - ii. Brian W., born 26 April 1940 (or 1941 ?) at Niagara Falls, New York, married 17 August 1963, Mary Lou Peterson.
 - iii. Steven R., born 15 May 1943 at Lockport, married Barbara Saxton, lived in Gasport, New York in 1964.
 - iv. Gary M., born 19 July 1945 at Lockport.
 - v. Rachel L., born 11 July 1955 at Lockport.
 - vi. Timothy J., born 21 January 1957 at Lockport, was born a Mongoloid.
27. Warren E. Edmister (Manley⁴, William³, John², Thomas¹), born 5 November 1910 at Birdsall, Allegany County, New York, son of Manley and Lenora (Gilbert). He married at Newfane, New York, Anna Gillis, born 31 March 1914 at Burt, New York, daughter of Alexander and Martha (Bencene) Gillis. Their children, all born at Lockport, New York:
- i. John W., born 21 June 1938, married in 1959, Dorothy Martin.
 - ii. Gerald E., born 30 December 1939, married in 1960, Beatrice Hilliard.
 - iii. Emmett W., born 18 December 1942.
 - iv. Walter H., born 21 March 1944, married 9 January 1965, Connie Moore.
 - v. Allen K., born 8 July 1945.
 - vi. Elaine Mary, born 8 October 1946.
 - vii. Thomas Lee, born 8 August 1947.
28. Melvin Edmister (Roy⁴, William³, John², Thomas¹), son of Roy and Edna (West). He had two children by a first wife, who died. He married, second, and lived at Altamont Springs, Florida in 1963. He may have been the Melvin who lived at South Orange, California in 1940, and the Melvin H., who lived in and near Orlando, Florida from 1955-64. If so, he was a salesman in an auto electric firm in Orlando. His wife was listed as Betty A. in 1955-56, a teacher in a Seventh Day Adventist school. From 1957-62 his wife was listed as Madelyn Gloria, who worked at a sanatorium.
29. Arthur Edmister (Roy⁴, William³, John², Thomas¹), born probably in Tennessee, son of Roy and Edna (West). He married Elfa Lilly, lived at Coalmont, Tennessee in 1963. They had a daughter, Mable, and adopted children, James and Mary Ann. She may have been the Mrs. Elfa Edmister who lived at Decatur, Georgia in 1963 according to the Atlanta directory.
30. Donald Aldrich Edmister (Ernest Le Roy⁴, Frank Perkins³, Aaron S.², Thomas¹), born 12 August 1912 at Lisle, New York, son of Ernest Le Roy and Mona Aldrich (Johnston). He married 26 September 1936 at Brooklyn, New York, Lilyan Adelaide Teller, born 13 November 1913 at Brooklyn, daughter of William and Mamie (Issackson) Teller. He was a submariner in the U. S. Navy in World War II. Their child:
- i. James Aldrich, born 4 February 1948 at Johnson City, New York.
- Donald was a sales manager for Agway farmers cooperative in 1964, lived at Lisle.

31. John Cassie Edminster (Ernest Le Roy⁴, Frank Perkins³, Aaron S.², Thomas¹), born 25 April 1916 at Lisle, New York, son of Ernest Le Roy and Mona Aldrich (Johnston). He married 20 July 1941 at Lisle, Mary E. Shields, born 23 July 1921 at Chenango Forks, New York. He was in the U. S. Air Force in World War II, serving in both the European and Asiatic theaters. Their children:

- i. John H., born 15 September 1942.
- ii. Carol A., born 4 June 1947.
- iii. Timothy A., born 5 February 1949.
- iv. Nancy A., born 9 December 1950.
- v. William J., born 11 February 1960.

They lived near Washington, D. C. in Maryland in 1964.

32. Keith Seymour Edmister (Clyde Seymour⁴, Frank Perkins³, Aaron S.², Thomas¹), born 21 January 1920 at Lisle, New York, son of Clyde Seymour and Helen Irene (Smith). He married 27 June 1942 at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Daisy E. Moore, born 30 November 1919 in North Carolina. Their children:

- i. Russell Seymour, born 2 July 1944 at Boston, Massachusetts.
- ii. Gregory C., born 21 June 1947 at Chapel Hill, in 1963 was a student at University of North Carolina.

They lived at Charlotte, North Carolina 1948-50. Keith Seymour died 26 February 1950, is buried at Lisle. Daisy M. lived at Chapel Hill in 1965.

33. Craig Smith Edmister (Clyde Seymour⁴, Frank Perkins³, Aaron S.², Thomas¹), born 12 February 1926 at Lisle, New York, son of Clyde Seymour and Helen Irene (Smith). He married, first, 15 November 1947 at Killowog, New York, Vera J. Spicer, born 4 December 1929 at Binghamton, New York. They had no children, were divorced in December 1958. He married, second, 18 July 1959 at Lisle, Beverly J. Thomas, born 29 May 1929. She had divorced a first husband named Walker by whom she had three children who were adopted by Craig Smith: i. Linda G., born 18 August 1953; ii. Patricia A., born 24 February 1955; iii. Valerie D., born 21 October 1956.

Part XII. Whitney and Polly (Congdon) Edmister and Their Descendents

1. Whitney Edmister was born in New York State, probably in the Lisle area, 10 June 1790. His parents have not been positively identified. His evident inheritance of the Edmister spelling suggests his connection with the Lisle group who adopted the shortened spelling between about 1790 and 1830. Whitney was likely, therefore, to have been a son of Joseph Edminster (Edmister), Revolutionary War soldier from New Jersey who was probably the Joseph in the 1790 Census of Chemungtown, Montgomery County, New York. (There is also a slight - very slight - possibility that Whitney was, instead, a son of Noah of Freetown and Dighton, described in Part V). Whitney married 23 March 1815, in New York, Polly Congdon, born 20 September 1798 (1788 according to George W. Edmister) in eastern Canada. Their ten children, all born in New York:

- i. Henry, born 23 April 1816, probably never married, died 15 January 1837, probably in Ohio.

2. ii. Philander, born 8 September 1818.

3. iii. Alfred, born 11 May 1820.

- iv. Minerva, born 10 June 1822, married Joseph Houk, had three children: i. John; ii. Mary; iii. Minerva; they lived probably in Iowa.

- v. Joseph, born 10 May 1824, died 17 May 1845 in Ohio, probably never married.

4. vi. John Leonard (or Lenard ?), born 20 October 1827.

- vii. Whitney, Jr., born 8 January 1830, went South during the Civil War and "turned up missing" according to nephew Leonard Whitney.

5. viii. George Little, born 28 April 1832.

6. ix. Worden, born 16 June 1834.

- x. Samantha, who was blind in her old age.

Whitney and Polly moved to Delaware County, Ohio sometime in the 1830's after the children were born. They are listed in the 1840 census for Trenton Township, at which time four in the family were "engaged in agriculture", namely Whitney and sons Alfred, Joseph and John Leonard. At that time Henry had died and Philander was married and engaged in "Mfg. & Trade", listed next on the census sheet to his father's family. Whitney died 6 August 1854 in Ohio and Polly died 14 August 1880. (Much of the information on this branch of the family was obtained from descendents living in Ohio in the 1960's, including records in an old family bible).

2. Philander Edmister (Whitney¹), born 4 September 1818 in New York, son of Whitney and Polly (Congdon). He married Sarah____, born about 1822 in New York. He was a carpenter and farmer and was listed in the 1850, '60 and '70 censuses of Trenton Township, Delaware County, Ohio. Their child:

- i. Eliza J., born in 1841 in Ohio, was deaf and dumb, probably never married.

3. Alfred Edmister (Whitney¹), born 11 May 1820 in New York, son of Whitney and Polly (Congdon). He moved to Ohio with his parents in the 1830's and was listed in the 1850 census of Trenton Township, Delaware County, as a wagon maker. He was also a practical doctor. He had by then married Christian _____, born 1834 in Ohio. His brothers, John Leonard, George Little and Worden then lived in the same household with Alfred. His nephew, George W., wrote of him "...in his younger days (he) was an active member of the Christian Church making speeches and talks that were often called sermons they were considered so good." Their children, all born in Ohio:

i. Charles, born 1850, listed in the census of that year. He may have been the "Arthur" noted below; if so, he died before 1870, probably did not marry.

7. ii. Sylvester, born about 1852.

8. iii. Edson, born about 1855 (or 1859 ?).

iv. Martha, born about 1861, died about 1868-69.

9. v. George Washington, born 18 May 1865.

George W., in a letter to Stanley C. Edmister, said he had a brother, Arthur, born about 1856, but did not mention brother Charles. He said there were five children and that Arthur died before 1870. Christian died about 1865 (1867 according to son George W.) and Alfred died 25 October 1872 (1873 according to George W.).

4. John Leonard Edmister (Whitney¹), born 20 October 1827 in New York, son of Whitney and Polly (Congdon). He lived with his brother, Alfred, in Trenton Township, Delaware County, Ohio in 1850 and was then a farmer and an unlicensed "country doctor". He married Orpha Jane Ulrey, born 30 April 1833 in Pennsylvania, daughter of Stephen (1789-1850) and Jane (Crayne) (1789-1878) Ulrey. Orpha Jane was one of 11 children and was descended from Silas Crane (Crayne) who was a Revolutionary War soldier. They lived for a time near Cedar Rapids, Iowa and in 1874 moved to near Salem, Oregon. According to son Leonard Whitney, his "father was a country doctor but did not practice much on account of not having a license and no horses." He died 18 December 1887 near Salem. Their children:

i. Lucinda Ann, born 6 May 1864 in Ohio, married John Walter, died 8 October 1898 near Spokane, Washington. Their children: i. Ivy M., born 4 June 1884, never married; ii. Francis E., born 26 February 1886; both lived in Oakland, California.

10. ii. Leonard Whitney, born 5 September 1875.

11. iii. Joseph Francis, born 3 October 1877.

5. George Little Edmister (Whitney¹), born 28 April 1832 in New York State, son of Whitney and Polly (Congdon). He married in Ohio, 8 May 1855, Dorcas Greatrecks, born 1 October 1839. He was a carpenter and wagon-maker. Their children, probably all born in Ohio:

12.
 - i. Herman William, born 24 March 1857.
 - ii. Mary Jemissa, born 18 March 1859, married Sam Beeman, died 18 August 1907, probably in Ohio. Their children: i. Emma, who married John Vernon, lived in Ohio; ii. Mamie, who lived in Ohio.
 - iii. Aaron, born 2 July 1861, died 28 November 1861.
 - iv. Sarah Elizabeth, born 21 October 1862, died 18 September 1867.
 - v. A son who died as an infant, 2 September 1867.

13.
 - vi. Henry D., born 20 September 1865.
 - vii. Martha Jane, born 1 March 1869. She was probably the "Jennie" who lived in Iowa Falls, Iowa in 1937. She married Carl Brown, had one daughter, Goldie.

14.
 - viii. Charles Wesley, born 30 May 1871.
 - ix. A daughter born 13 December 1873, died as an infant.

15.
 - x. Leonard C., born 27 February 1876.

George Little and Dorcas also brought up brother Alfred's son, George Washington, for several years. George Little died 25 July 1900 and Dorcas on 11 February 1920, both probably in Ohio. She is buried in Trenton Cemetery, South Condit, Ohio.

6. Worden Edmister (Whitney¹), born 16 June 1834 in New York State, son of Whitney and Polly (Congdon). He lived with his brother, Alfred, in Trenton Township, Delaware County, Ohio, in 1850. By 1860 he was listed separately in the census as a wagon maker and had married Abbie Wise, born in Ohio in 1840. He also was a carpenter. He remained in Ohio but was not listed in the 1870 census of Delaware County. The identities of all of Worden's children have not come to light but according to R. E. Edmister of Centerburg, Ohio, Worden "has three grandsons living around here". This was in correspondence with Clifford R. Edmister of Chicago about 1951. One son was:

16.
 - i. John, who lived in Sunbury, Ohio.
 - ii. and iii. were probably daughters who barely lived to maturity. In a letter to Stanley C. Edmister, George Edmister of Nebraska said that his Uncle Worden had three children, "...two girls ages 17 and 19 who died at that time leaving a small brother who grew to manhood and married - John."

Another letter from Charles W. Edmister to Stanley C. in 1937 indicated that Worden had son John by wife, Abbie, and three other sons by second wife, Lizzie Easterday, and that he also had a third wife, Millie Hardesty. It was also said that "Worden Edmister was not a doctor, though he did pull teeth and helped with a lot of sick people. He was a minister of the German Baptist Faith (Dunker)," and had long white hair. The latter quote was from the R. E. Edmister letter.

7. Sylvester Edmister (Alfred², Whitney¹), born about 1852 in Ohio, son of Alfred and Christian. He was a farmer and merchant of Lewis, Iowa (93), married Rebecca Jennie Clark. Their children, both born at Lewis, Iowa:

17.
 - i. Stanley Clark, born 6 November 1881.
 - ii. Ora Eleanor, who moved to Cleveland, Oklahoma after graduating

from Drake University, was a school teacher and was active in the Eastern Star. She married Robert Boyd Morford and lived in Lawton, Oklahoma. Their children, who all lived in Lawton: i. Robert Boyd, Jr., married Leona_____, had two sons, died November 1960; ii. Portia, married L. J. Morford, had no children; iii. Stanley, who died young by accident; iv. Clare, who married Betty_____, adopted two children.

Sylvester died at Cleveland, Oklahoma in the 1920's.

8. Edson Edmister (Alfred², Whitney¹), born about 1855 in Ohio, son of Alfred and Christian. He married, lived at Sunbury, Ohio, and had four children:

- i. Ethel.
- ii. Opal, who married a Mc Kay, lived at Sunbury in 1963.
- iii. Alfred, who lived near Sunbury, never married.
- iv. Edward.

Edson died 3 February 1948 in Delaware, Ohio.

9. George Washington Edmister (Alfred², Whitney¹), born 18 May 1865 in Ohio, son of Alfred and Christian. He was brought up by Uncle and Aunt George Little and Dorcas after his parents went west in 1869. He ran away when in his teens and went to Valley, Nebraska where he became a butcher. He married Nettie N. Cook, born 14 February 1865 in Dancyville, Tennessee. They lived in Lincoln, Nebraska from about 1911. Their child:
- i. Clifford R., born 15 June 1892 at Valley, Nebraska. He graduated from University of Nebraska in law and practiced in Chicago after some years in Marshalltown, Iowa. He never married (?), lived near Chicago in 1964.

Nettie was last listed in the Lincoln city directories in 1932 and George W. in 1950.

10. Leonard Whitney Edmister (John Leonard², Whitney¹), born 5 September 1875 near Salem, Oregon, son of John Leonard and Orpha Jane (Ulrey). He married in Oregon in 1899, Nellie Snoderly, born 19 March 1879. They homesteaded in Montana in 1910. Their children:
- i. Ivan, who died in childhood.
 - ii. Vivian, who married Wilbur Cavitt, was a teacher, lived in Kalispell, Montana in 1964. He was a farmer. Their children: i. Betty; ii. Mildred; iii. William; iv. Lucille.
 - iii. Merlin M., born 14 May 1905, married Beatrice Kolstad, daughter of Theodore and Lydia Kolstad. They had one adopted son, Dale, lived at Calpet, Wyoming where he worked for an oil company. He died in February 1963. Beatrice taught school at Shelby, Montana in 1964.
 - iv. Ronald Joseph, born 15 March 1907, married, first, Fern____; married, second, Frances J. Sullivan. He had no children by either wife, worked for an oil refinery, lived in California in 1964.
 - v. Mabel, born 16 January 1909 at Greer, Idaho, married Glen Standiford, born 11 May 1904 in Wisconsin. They farmed near Galata, Montana. Their children: i. Alta, born 5 March 1929 at Lothair, Montana, married a Tucker; ii. Donna, born 13 October 1931 at Chester, Montana, married a Nesbo; iii. Muriel, born 31 July 1935 at Shelby, Montana; iv. Marion, born 15 September 1941 at Shelby, married a Wankin.

vi. Donald Elton, born 14 August 1910, married, first, Grace _____; married, second, Marie M. Self, who had had two children by an earlier marriage. Donald had no children by either wife, lived in Pittsburg, California in 1964.

18. vii. Roy Harold, born 24 June 1912.

viii. Dorothy, born 15 June 1914 in Montana, married Willis Violet, born 23 December 1909. Their children: i. Billie Lee, born 29 August 1941; ii. Richard H., born 11 June 1944; iii. Dave H., born 26 June 1945. They were farmers, lived at Lothair, Montana in 1964.

19. ix. Leonard B., born 26 September 1915.

Leonard Whitney was a school teacher in Montana, Idaho and Oregon. Nellie died in 1917; he died 23 September 1951.

11. Joseph Francis Edmister (John Leonard², Whitney¹), born 3 October 1877 near Salem, Oregon, son of John Leonard and Orpha Jane (Ulrey). He married, first, in 1906, a second cousin, Sarah ("Sadie") Johnson, born 4 August 1878 at Garrison, Iowa, daughter of George and Ellen (Robinson) Johnson. He was a carpenter, described himself in a letter as an "old farmer preacher" of the German Baptist Brethren, or "Dunkerds". Their children:

i. Ellen, born 22 January 1907, married E. Lloyd Cunningham and had two children: i. E. Lloyd, Jr., who married Ineke Brinke; ii. Joycelyn Ann.

20. ii. Ivan F., born 24 October 1908.

iii. Evelyn M., born 25 February 1913, married Vernon L. Hickman, had three children: i. Marlin, born 20 January 1937, married Shirley Ulrich and had a child, Karin, born in 1963; ii. Melvin, born 5 April 1940; iii. Gary Lee, born 23 March 1943, married Margaret Stover, 21 December 1963.

One of the daughters was a missionary in India and the other a teacher in Fresno, California. Joseph was a minister, had a second wife, Verna A. Cooney, by 1951. She was a poet. They lived in Paradise, California in 1963.

12. Herman William Edmister (George Little², Whitney¹), born 24 March 1857 near Lima, Ohio, son of George Little and Dorcas (Greatrecks). He married 27 October 1878 at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Anna Hoffhine, born 1856. They lived in Columbus, Ohio where he was a carpenter. Their children, probably all born in Ohio:

21. i. William Riley, born 13 June 1879.

ii. Florence May, born 15 October 1881, married, first, 20 December 1904, Marshall Harmon Neer, had children: i. Paul; ii. Dorothy Baird. She married, second, Patrick Mc Lean, had child: iii. Mary Harbison. Florence May died in July 1924 at Mt. Vernon. Marshall died in 1907 at Newark, Ohio.

22. iii. Ralph Elmer, born 2 August 1884.

23. iv. Charles Frank (or Franklin ?), born 30 August 1887.
 v. Nora Janette, born 11 December 1892, married 21 June 1918, Chauncey Edgar Neher, was a school teacher, had no children, lived at Wellington, Ohio in 1964.
 vi. Nellie Frances, born 18 September 1895, never married, was a dressmaker, lived in Ohio in 1964.

Herman William died 15 August 1936 at Centerburg, Ohio and is buried in Trenton Cemetery, Condit, Ohio; Anna had died in 1919, also in Centerburg, also buried at Condit.

13. Henry D. Edmister (George Little², Whitney¹), born 20 September 1865 in Ohio, son of George Little and Dorcas (Greatrecks). He was an author, had a temperance novel, "The Curse of Malvern", published in 1892. He was probably the Henry who was a realtor in Toledo, Ohio from 1898-1917. He married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Folsom, born about 1869. They had two children:
- i. Pauline, who married R. U. Hall, lived at Ottawa, Ohio.
 - ii. Mildred, who died when young.

Henry later disappeared after taking heavily to drink himself. Elizabeth lived with daughter Pauline in 1964.

14. Charles Wesley Edmister (George Little², Whitney¹), born 30 May 1871 at Mount Vernon, Ohio, son of George Little and Dorcas (Greatrecks). He went to Oklahoma about 1901 and became a teacher at the Concho Indian School. He married, first, Rose Rolison, born 6 April 1879 at Newark, Ohio. Their children, all born in Oklahoma:
- i. Bertha, born about 1898, married Arthur Edwards, died 1947. Their daughter, Gertrude, married G. Talerico, lived at Utica, New York in 1963.
 - ii. Clara, born about 1900, married William Fowler, lived at Macomb, Oklahoma in 1964. Their children: i. Durward, who moved to California; ii. Lloyd, who died in the 1930's; iii. Rose, married; iv. Bobby, who married and lived in Tecumseh, Oklahoma.
 - iii. Mabel, born 1904, married, first, Arch Huckaby. They had a daughter, Georgia, who married Ernest Vincent, a dentist in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She married, second, John Lively, had no children by this marriage, lived in Tulsa in 1964.

24. iv. George Wesley, born 28 August 1905.

Rose died about 1913. He married, second, Bertha Sparks. Their child:

- v. James, born about 1918, graduated from Oklahoma State University, never married, was an engineer with the U. S. Air Force, also was a Baptist preacher, lived with his mother in Tecumseh in 1964.

Charles Wesley died 5 January 1945.

15. Leonard C. Edmister (George Little², Whitney¹), born 27 February 1876 in Mount Vernon, Ohio, son of George Little and Dorcas (Greatrecks). He married Marjorie O. Campbell, born 21 May 1874 at Warren, Ohio, daughter

daughter of John and Martha (Snyder) Campbell. Their children:

25.
 - i. Jay Campbell, born 10 October 1899.
 - ii. Francis C., born 5 August 1902, died in infancy.
 - iii. Clifford, born 20 May 1903 in Pennsylvania, died in an oil field fire in Oklahoma, 22 September 1916.

Leonard went to Oklahoma and worked in the oil fields around Ardmore, died 22 August 1928 at Columbus, Ohio, is buried in Union Cemetery there. Marjorie O. lived with son Jay Campbell in 1964.

16. John Edmister (Worden², Whitney¹), born at Mount Vernon, Ohio, son of Worden and Abbie (Wise). He married Nina Lobach, born in Mount Vernon. They lived in Sunbury, Ohio. Their children:

26.
 - i. Roy P.
 - ii. Harold C., born 20 October 1898 at Condit, Ohio, married in 1926, Vivian E. Ryan, born 26 September 1896 at Mount Vernon. They had no children. He was a machinist and toolmaker, lived at Chula Vista, California in 1953, at San Diego 1956-60 and at Kernville, California in 1965.

John died in 1944 and Nina in 1965.

17. Stanley Clark Edmister (Sylvester³, Alfred², Whitney¹), born 6 November 1881 at Lewis, Iowa, son of Sylvester and Rebecca Jennie (Clark). He received a law degree from Drake University in 1905. He married, 2 April 1908, at Des Moines, Iowa, first, Estelle C. Clinite, born 19 September 1877 in Grundy County, Iowa, daughter of W. A. Clinite, farmer (95). They moved to Cleveland, Oklahoma where he practiced law, was in the fourth Oklahoma Legislature in 1914-15 (96), was a Probate Judge, and was a Tulsa County Judge of the Common Pleas Court. He was a Mason. Their children, all born at Cleveland, Oklahoma:

27.
 - i. Wayne Clinite, born 22 March 1909.
 - ii. Ruth Rebecca, born 19 November 1912, studied at Cameron State College at Lawton, Oklahoma, married 2 March 1943 at Tulsa, John C. Apple. They lived at Boise, Idaho in 1964. Their children both born at Tulsa: i. Rebecca, born 22 February 1944; ii. Stella Jane, born 20 November 1946.

28.
 - iii. Stanley Clark, Jr., born 1 October 1914.
 - iv. Virginia Caroline, born 30 January 1916, married 16 March 1946 at Tulsa, Prentiss Glenn Merry, lived at Enid, Oklahoma in 1964. Their children, both born at Tulsa: i. Glenn Allen, born 16 December 1946; ii. Edward Wayne, born 3 October 1948.

Estelle died 9 March 1932 at Tulsa. Stanley Clark married, second, in 1947, Inez Goddard, born about 1899. He died in July 1956 at Tulsa and is buried at Cleveland. Inez was a school teacher in Tuba City, Arizona in 1963.

18. Roy Harold Edmister (Leonard Whitney³, Leonard², Whitney¹), born 24 June 1912 at Galata, Montana, son of Leonard Whitney and Nellie (Snoderly). He married 11 January 1933 at Shelby, Montana, Eva Rischhoff,

born 9 June 1912 at Gary, Minnesota, daughter of A. E. and Martha (Holm) Rischhoff. He was a lumber dealer but suffered body paralysis in an accident in 1952. Eva has been Postmaster of Galata since 1943 and they lived there in 1964. Their children:

i. Harvey Roy, born 9 July 1933 at Chester, Montana, married Dixie Mc Cracken, died in 1953.

ii. Terry Richard, born 17 September 1948 at Shelby.

19. Leonard B. Edmister (Leonard Whitney³, Leonard², Whitney¹), born 26 September 1915, likely in Montana, son of Leonard Whitney and Nellie (Snoderly). He married, first, Betty_____. They had no children. He married, second, Rose Gertz who had two daughters by a previous marriage. Leonard B. and Rose had one child:

i. Donna.

He married, third, Myrtle M. _____ who had three or four children by a previous marriage.

Leonard B. and Myrtle had no children, lived in Pittsburg, California in 1964 where he was a mechanic.

20. Ivan F. Edmister (Joseph Francis³, Leonard², Whitney¹), born 24 October 1908 at Garrison, Iowa, son of Joseph Francis and Sarah (Johnson). He married in 1931, Lois Rupert, born 24 October 1909 at Reedley, California. They lived at Walnut Creek, California in 1964 where he was a medical doctor. Their child:

i. Ralph, born 1933, died 1954.

21. William Riley Edmister (Herman W.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 13 June 1879 in Knox County, Ohio, son of Herman W. and Anna (Hoffhine). He married, first, 2 April 1908, Carrie Kemmerle, born 4 March 1881, daughter of Christopher and Sarah (Swartz) Kemmerle. They lived at Columbus, Ohio where he owned a company that made steel products and elevators. Their children, probably all born in Ohio:

29. i. William Kemmerle, born 14 May 1911.

30. ii. James Oliver, born in 1914.

iii. Elizabeth Jane, born 14 December 1917, married in 1951, Bruce Roberts, born about 1908. They had no children. She died September 1957.

Carrie died 6 August 1941 at Columbus. He married, second, about 1942, Grace T._____, who had been a school teacher. William Riley died 19 October 1957 at Hollandale, Florida. He and Carrie are buried at Glen Rest Cemetery, Columbus. Grace T. lived at New Rochelle, New York in 1964.

22. Ralph Elmer Edmister (Herman W.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 2 August 1884 in Ohio, son of Herman W. and Anna (Hoffhine). He married 12 November 1907, Flora Alberta Bendle, born 1885. He was a farmer near Centerburg, Ohio. Their children, all born in Ohio:

31. i. Herman Franklin, born 28 September 1908.
ii. Dorcas May, born 1 August 1910, married 11 June 1936, Stanley Lawson, lived in Alexandria, Virginia in 1964. Their children: i. Penelope; ii. Deneise.

32. iii. Ralph Elmer, Jr., born August 1912.

Ralph Elmer died 21 September 1961 at Centerburg and was buried in Trenton Cemetery, South Condit, Ohio. Flora lived near Centerburg in 1964.

23. Charles Frank Edmister (Herman W.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 30 August 1881 in Ohio, son of Herman W. and Anna (Hoffhine). He married, first, Madge Harmon, born 1889, daughter of Peter and Ura (Mackey) Harmon. They lived in Mount Vernon, Ohio where he worked for a fuel supply company. Their children, both born at Mount Vernon:

33. i. Leslie P., born 27 August 1909.

34. ii. Edwin E., born 8 August 1916.

He married, second, Pearl Mc Kinstry. Their children, both born at Mount Vernon:

iii. Elizabeth, born 2 October 1920, married 30 January 1939, Alfred Herringhauser, lived in Toledo, Ohio in 1963.

35. iv. Dale, born 21 September 1921.

He married, third, Iva C. Tier, born 1895. Their child, born in Mount Vernon:

v. Shirley, born 1932, married 21 January 1950, Edwin Pealer, lived in Mount Vernon in 1963.

He married, fourth, Ida P. Weisner. Charles Frank died 16 March 1962 at Mount Vernon.

24. George Wesley Edmister (Charles Wesley³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 28 August 1905 at Canton, Oklahoma, son of Charles Wesley and Rose (Rolison). He attended business college in Oklahoma City 1925-26, married 11 September 1927 at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, Alice Gladys Johnson, daughter of William Henry who was the first Governor of Oklahoma in 1907 and Lillian (Bradley) Johnson. They lived in Oklahoma City in 1964 where he worked for the city government. He was a Mason. Their children, both adopted:

i. Sharon, born 1 November 1939, married, first, James Peterson, had two sons and three daughters, were divorced and the children lived in the Masonic Home at Guthrie, Oklahoma in 1964. She married, second, William Meredith, had one son, lived in Oklahoma City in 1964.

ii. Ronny, born 4 June 1943, was killed by a gun accident 26 June 1961.

25. Jay Campbell Edmister (Leonard C.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 8 October 1899 at Bangs, Knox County, Ohio, son of Leonard C. and Marjorie O. (Campbell). He married, first, Minnie E. Ferguson, born at Columbus, Ohio, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Ferguson. They had one son:
36. i. Edward Jay, born 5 February 1926.
- He married, second 25 January 1934 at Lilly Chapel, Ohio, Wanda L. Mc Glaughlin, born 30 October 1906 at West Jefferson, Ohio, daughter of Abe and Mary (Hoover) Mc Glaughlin. Their children, all born in Columbus except Donald E.:
37. ii. Donald E., born 23 November 1928.
38. iii. George Fred, born 13 February 1930.
iv. Betty Jean, born 16 August 1932, married Luther Cain on 15 June 1958. He was a high school teacher and six feet seven inches tall. Their children: i. Charlotte; ii. Karen; iii. Martin.
39. v. Paul Campbell, born 26 July 1935.
40. vi. David Carleton, born 3 May 1938.
vii. Mary C., born 7 January 1940, married 25 January 1958, George H. Burnett. Their child: i. Nancy Lee.

Jay Campbell was a minister of the gospel and a wood worker and they lived in Columbus in 1964.

26. Roy P. Edmister (John³, Worden², Whitney¹), born in Ohio, son of John and Nina B. Lobach. He married Mary B. _____. Their children (probable):
- i. Inez, born about 1936.
ii. Frank Earl, born about 1938, married about 1958, Sandra S. _____, lived at Findlay, Ohio.
iii. Roy Edward, born about 1942, was in the Navy in 1961, was at home in 1964.

Roy and Mary lived at Findlay, Ohio in 1965.

27. Wayne Clinite Edmister (Stanley Clark⁴, Sylvester³, Alfred², Whitney¹), born 22 March 1909 at Cleveland, Oklahoma, son of Stanley Clark and Estelle C. (Clinite). He earned degrees in chemical engineering from Oklahoma State and Cornell Universities and became well known in his field, publishing books and serving as a consultant to governments. He was a professor at Carnegie Tech at Pittsburg 1948-51 and at Oklahoma State University in 1964. He married, 24 August 1934 at Chicago, Illinois, Margaret Maleev, born 12 November 1912 at Tomsk, Siberia, Russia, daughter of V. L. and Natalie (Belikov) Maleev. She taught Russian at O. S. U. in 1964. Their children:
- i. Alvin Wayne, born 1 February 1939 at Chicago, married 30 December 1964 at Dallas, Texas, Margaret Ann Taylor, born 20 October 1941 at Dallas, daughter of W. M. and E. (Pepple) Taylor. They lived in Mill Valley, California in 1965 where he is an architect.

ii. Peter Wayne, born 19 July 1940 in Chicago, graduated from Oklahoma State University in economics, was in school in France in 1964, lived in Sausalita, California in 1965.

iii. John Wayne, born 22 August 1949 at Los Angeles, California.

Wayne Clinite may well be the tallest man in the entire family, being six feet four inches. They lived in Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1964.

28. Stanley Clark Edmister, Jr. (Stanley Clark⁴, Sylvester³, Alfred², Whitney¹), born 1 October 1914 at Cleveland, Oklahoma, son of Stanley and Estelle C. (Clinite). He married 7 August 1936 at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dorothy Mae Speaker, born 30 June 1915 at Mc Allister, Oklahoma, daughter of Elmer David Houston and Florence (Kreischer) Speaker. They lived near Kansas City, Missouri in 1964 where he had a business services business. Their children:

41. i. Stanley Clark, 3rd, born 26 February 1938.
- ii. Lewis Houston, born 2 September 1940 at Tulsa.
- iii. Karen Katherine, born 4 August 1942 at Wichita, Kansas.
- iv. David Wayne, born 7 July 1945 at Wichita.

29. William Kemmerle Edmister (William Riley⁴, Herman W.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 14 May 1911 at Columbus, Ohio, son of William Riley and Carrie (Kemmerle). He married Elizabeth Ruth Pletcher, born 31 March 1915 at Columbus, daughter of Orlando W. and Martha (Knauss) Pletcher. They lived near Columbus in 1964 where he owned an elevator manufacturing business. Their children, both born in Ohio:

- i. Richard Riley, born 1939.
- ii. Robert Orlando, born 1942, married 13 June 1964, Patricia Frundt.

30. James Oliver Edmister (William Riley⁴, Herman W.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 20 December 1914 at Columbus, Ohio, son of William Riley and Carrie (Kemmerle). He married Dorothy Zahl, born 17 November 1914 at Morris, Minnesota, daughter of Paul and Sophie (Huebner) Zahl. Their children:

- i. James Zahl, born 14 January 1947 at Morris.
- ii. Nancy Ann, born 30 August 1951 at Columbus.
- iii. Jane Dorothy, born 7 January 1955 at Morris.

He died 27 April 1954 at Columbus, is buried in Summit Cemetery, Morris.

31. Herman Franklin Edmister (Ralph Elmer⁴, Herman W.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 28 September 1908 in Ohio, son of Ralph Elmer and Flora Alberta (Bendle). He married 19 April 1941, Ruth Marie Brown. Their children, all born in Ohio:

- i. Joan Marie, born 21 February 1942.
- ii. Herman Franklin, Jr., born 22 September 1943, married 16 February 1963, Lois Jean Dunham.
- iii. Raymond Elmer, born February 1946, died as an infant.

32. Ralph Elmer Edmister, Jr. (Ralph Elmer⁴, Herman W.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 29 August 1912 at Columbus, Ohio, son of Ralph Elmer and Flora Alberta (Bendle). He married 15 February 1946 at Richmond, Virginia, Catherine Taylor, born 18 December 1925 at Tappahannock, Virginia, daughter of Richard Earl and Mary Emma (Groom) Taylor. Their children:
- i. Mary Lou, born 23 October 1948 at Columbus, Ohio.
 - ii. Doris Alberta, born 1 February 1951 at Richmond.
 - iii. Ida Penfelia, born 5 March 1953 at Richmond.
 - iv. Darlene Frances, born 1 August 1956 at Mount Vernon, Ohio.
 - v. Linda Sue, born 6 June 1957 at Delaware, Ohio.
 - vi. Richard Elmer, born 19 November 1958 at Mount Vernon.
 - vii. Brenda Joyce, born 10 September 1962 at Richmond.
 - viii. John Robert, born 2 September 1963 at Richmond.

They lived at Topping, Virginia in 1964.

33. Leslie P. Edmister (Charles Frank⁴, Herman W.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 27 August 1909 at Mount Vernon, Ohio, son of Charles Frank and Madge (Harmon). He married, first, at Mount Vernon, 20 August 1927, Esther Wysner, born 27 February 1906 at Anderson, Indiana, daughter of Edward and Cora (Wright) Wysner. Their children, both born at Mount Vernon:

- i. Mary Joyce, born 15 August 1928, married 17 March 1948, Silvio Del Georgio, had children: i. Shirley Ann, born 20 December 1948 at San Bernardino, California; ii. Philip James, born 22 June 1951 at San Bernardino; iii. Garry, born 26 September 1956 at Glendale, California; iv. Michael Allan, born 28 May 1958 at Glendale.

- ii. George Edward, born 22 August 1930, died in November 1930.

They were divorced and Esther lived at Glendale in 1965. He married, second, at Greenup, Kentucky, 26 October 1935, Ethel M. Huffman, born 26 August 1903 at Gambier, Ohio, daughter of William and Ida (Means) Huffman. They lived at Mount Vernon in 1965.

34. Edwin E. Edmister (Charles Frank⁴, Herman W.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 8 August 1916 at Mount Vernon, Ohio, son of Charles Frank and Madge (Harmon). He married, first, in 1933, Alice Proper, born 24 September 1916. Their children, both born at Mount Vernon:

- i. Thelma Ruth, born 4 December 1934, married 26 June 1953, Kenneth Armstrong.

42. ii. Henry Eugene, born 19 April 1938.

He married, second, Betty J. Barr, born at Centerburg, Ohio. Their child:

- iii. Larry Edwin, born 5 December 1941, married July 1963, Judith Ann Carr.

He married, third, 9 June 1945, Nora T. Jawdy, born 9 October 1922 at Franklin, Pennsylvania, daughter of Elias and Asma (Joseph) Jawdy.

Their child, born at Toledo, Ohio:

- iv. Gordon Leslie, born 11 August 1954.

They lived in Sylvania, Ohio in 1964.

35. Dale R. Edmister (Charles Frank⁴, Herman W.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 21 September 1921 at Mount Vernon, Ohio, son of Charles Frank and Pearl (Mc Kinstry). He married 2 February 1943 at Jonesboro, Arkansas, Merror Glynn Rogers, born 13 May 1921 at Hope, Arkansas, daughter of James Harris and Jessie Adale (Jones) Rogers. Their children:

- i. Dale Robert (probably, Jr.), born 19 May 1944 at Blytheville, Arkansas, married Janice M. _____, was a student at Havre, Montana in 1964.
- ii. Mary Ann, born 21 February 1945 at Blytheville, died the same day.
- iii. James David, born 31 May 1946 at Newark, Ohio, died the same day.
- iv. Charles Glen, born 4 April 1948 at Blytheville, twin to Frank Lyn.
- v. Frank Lyn, born 4 April 1948 at Blytheville, twin to Charles Glen.
- vi. Sharon Kay, born 15 May 1952 at Blytheville.
- vii. Roger Layton, born 27 January 1961 at Newark.

They lived near Thornville, Ohio in 1964, where he was a sheet metal worker.

36. Edward Jay Edmister (Jay Campbell⁴, Leonard C.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 5 February 1926 at Columbus, Ohio, son of Jay Campbell and Minnie E. (Ferguson). He was a machine operator, married Elsie A. Green, born 21 November 1926, daughter of Leslie and Lesta (Barcus) Green. Their children:

- i. Janet Kay.
- ii. Mitchell Jay.
- iii. Judy Gay.
- iv. Terry Ray.

They lived at Columbus in 1962.

37. Donald E. Edmister (Jay Campbell⁴, Leonard C.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 23 November 1928 at West Jefferson, Ohio, son of Jay Campbell and Wanda (Mc Glaughlin). He married 15 September 1945, in Kentucky, Anna Lillian Pratt, born 10 March 1929 at Lucasville, Ohio, daughter of Henry and Allie (Rowe) Pratt. Their children, both born at Columbus, Ohio:

- i. Michael E., born 24 July 1949.
- ii. Wanda Renee, born 12 December 1956.

They lived in Columbus in 1964.

38. George Fred Edmister (Jay Campbell⁴, Leonard C.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 13 February 1930 at Columbus, Ohio, son of Jay Campbell and Wanda (Mc Glaughlin). He married 15 June 1950, Loretta J. Whitt, born 17 September 1930. They lived in Miami, Florida in 1964, had one child:

i. Marsha Sue.

39. Paul Campbell Edmister (Jay Campbell⁴, Leonard C.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 26 July 1935 at Columbus, Ohio, son of Jay Campbell and Wanda (Mc Glaughlin). He married 24 November 1960 at Bangs, Ohio, Jane Bernice Geer, born 2 December 1931 at Pataskala, Ohio, daughter of Carl and Minta (Wickliff) Geer. Their child, born at Columbus:

i. Jeffrey Paul, born 29 June 1961.

They lived in Columbus in 1964.

40. David Carleton Edmister (Jay Campbell⁴, Leonard C.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 3 May 1938 at Columbus, Ohio, son of Jay Campbell and Wanda (Mc Glaughlin). He married 15 September 1954 at Liberty, Indiana, Nancy Lee Johnson, born 25 June 1938 at Columbus, daughter of Lewis R. and Isabel (Siders) Johnson. Their children, both born in Columbus:

i. Stephen Phillip, born 18 December 1956.

ii. Diana Lynn, born 2 April 1961.

David Carlton was killed in a skin-diving accident 2 July 1961 at Delaware, Ohio, was buried in Trenton Cemetery, Condit Station, Ohio.

41. Stanley Clark Edmister, 3rd (Stanley Clark⁵⁻⁴, Sylvester³, Alfred², Whitney¹), born 26 February 1938 at Tulsa, Oklahoma, son of Stanley Clark, Jr. and Dorothy Mae (Speaker). He married 4 February 1961, Judith A. Griffey, daughter of Harold and Vera (Braun) Griffey. Their child:

i. Duncan, born 28 April 1963 in Kansas City, Missouri.

They lived in Kansas City in 1964 where he was a sculptor.

42. Henry Eugene Edmister (Edwin E.⁵, Charles Frank⁴, Herman W.³, George Little², Whitney¹), born 19 April 1938 at Mount Vernon, Ohio, son of Edwin E. and Alice (Proper). He married 23 September 1956, Harriett A. Hawk. Their children:

i. Charles, born about 1958.

ii. Denise, born about 1959.

iii. Carol, born about 1961.

iv. David, born about 1963.

They lived near Mount Vernon in 1964.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS IN THE TEXT

- Page 9. Third paragraph should begin: "Four of the other known members..."
20. In first paragraph, line 8, insert "soldier" after "War".
25. Under vii, paragraph should end with "Island" in line 17 and a new paragraph begin with "Franklin".
35. Under 36, last line, after "born", change 17 to 19.
38. Third paragraph, 1st line, after "between", change to "1784-89".
45. In second paragraph, last line, insert "1946" after "beginning".
47. Under 29, third line should end with "1906", a new paragraph begin with "Minnie".
48. Top paragraph, third line ends with "son", a new paragraph begins with "bertrand".
49. Under 34. iii, 4th line, substitute 1942 for 1922.
- 61-62. First line on p. 62 should continue after "Bunker" at bottom of p. 61.
96. Under 26, son Earl C. should be number 30, not 20.
100. Under 4, third paragraph, 5th line, insert "and" after "fame".
102. In last paragraph, line 7, paragraph ends with "wife" and a new one begins with "Alfred".
111. Line 3, after "Mary Elizabeth" insert "Badger, daughter of Frederick Purington and Cornelia Badger (100)."
128. Under 23, viii, 3rd line, after "Robert Marsh" insert "had a daughter, Kristen, born 25 January 1965".
128. Under 23, viii, line 4, after "September 1953;" add "iv. Christopher, born 23 December 1964."
130. Under 32. iii, after "March 1964" add "and Starlett Beth, born 16 August 1965".
131. Under 35. ii, add "married 4 September 1965, Gary Wheeler."
135. Line 5 following "...never married." insert "His father swore in a deposition in the pension file that Ruel left neither widow nor child. However, niece Josephine (11.vi, below) said that Ruel had 4 children: Ruel, Arlie, Bessie and Nettie. They were actually children of brother James A. (ix, below), if we are correct. Josephine did not mention an uncle James A. in her listing of children of John and Achsah. She did include Minnie M. (see below)."
135. Line 4 under ix., after "...Bessie O' Neil" insert "a daughter along with another daughter, Nettie, who lived in Portland. He"
144. Under 2. Philander, at bottom of page, 1st line, "born 8 September", not 4.
147. Under 9, line 7, should be indented and a space of one line left above.
162. Add at end: "100. Giles Badger and His Descendents; John Badger, Manchester, New Hampshire, 1909.

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Edminsters Unplaced in the Genealogy

Among the hundreds of Edminsters (of various spellings) found in the records, I have been unable to determine the family connections of many. They are listed here. Any reader who can identify the relationships of any of these people is urged to send the information to the author. These records may then be included in a supplement to this book.

The source of each record is given, with abbreviations for City Directory (CD), telephone directory (TD). The spelling of the name in the record is given by abbreviation: Edmester - e; Edmister - i; Edminster - n; Edminister - ni. Other abbreviations used are: b - born; d - died; da - daughter; m - married; s - son; w - wife; wid - widow. Parenthesis numbers are reference citations.

- Abigail - i, m. Bradford Burt of Taunton, Mass. 10 May 1827 (16).
Agnes - n, stenographer, Boise, Ida. CD 1908.
Alfred C. - i, Lockport, N. Y. CD 1964.
Anita E. - n, Mrs., telegraph operator, San Francisco, Cal. CD 1930-34.
Anna - i, Marshalltown, Ia. CD 1961.
Arthur - n, d. before 1896, wid. Carrie in Chicago, Ill. CD 1896.
Bessie - n, ni, Mrs., Akron, Oh. CD 1922-24.
Blanche - i, Mrs., Mansfield, Oh. CD 1920.
C. H. - i, Los Angeles, Cal. CD 1914.
C. J. - n, San Francisco, Cal. CD 1958-62.
C. M. - i, Pendleton, Ore. CD 1912.
Charles - n, Chicago, Ill. CD 1872.
Charles Lester - n, w. Ruth, Jacksonville, Fla. CD 1928, 1933-42,
Miami, Fla. CD 1957.
Charles S. - i, Detroit, Mich. CD 1923.
Clarence - n, Chicago, Ill. CD 1899.
Deborah - n, m. Job Chase 16 August 1784, both of Berkeley, Mass. (23).
Dixie - n, Oakland, Cal. TD 1964.
Doris - n, Mrs., San Francisco, Cal. CD 1963.
E. L. - i, Buffalo, N. Y. CD 1909-10.
Earl - ni, express agent, St. Augustine, Fla. CD 1920-21.
Earl J. - i, w. Marie, s. John, Knox Co., Oh. directory 1950, Mt. Vernon,
Oh. CD 1954, 61, 64.
Earl J. - i, salesman, Spokane, Wash. CD 1955.
Edw. E. - n, w. Doris M., San Francisco, Cal. CD 1902, 1930-34.

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- Edward - i, Detroit, Mich. CD 1918, San Diego, Cal. CD 1916.
- Eldon M. - i, w. Mable A., s. Roy, da. Rebecca, Mt. Vernon, Oh.,
CD 1952-61, Knox Co., Oh. directory 1964.
- Elizabeth - n, m. Azor Curtis 23 August 1776 at Nobletown, Mass.
(Vital Records of Berkeley, Mass.)
- Evelyn - ni, Seattle, Wash. CD 1964.
- George R. - n, w. Mary O., Glendale, Cal. CD 1954.
- George W. - n, Justice of Peace, Waverly, N. Y. CD 1908-36.
- George W. - i, w. Goldie J., San Francisco, Cal. CD 1944.
- Grace S. - i, lived in Berkeley, Cal., San Francisco, Cal. CD 1918.
- Hannah - n, m. Lawrence Edward Allison (1857-86), (Bronsdon and Box
Families, 1902).
- Harriett A. - i, Mt. Vernon, Oh. CD 1964.
- Heaton J. - n, teamster, San Francisco, Cal. CD 1902.
- Helen - i, typist, South Bend, Ind. CD 1929.
- Helen E. - n, Mrs., San Francisco, Cal. CD 1940-42, San Jose, Cal.
CD 1941-59.
- Henry - n, b. 1838, farm hand, U. S. Census 1860, Allegany, N. Y.,
Town of Birdsall.
- Herbert J. - i, carpenter, w. Maude A., s. Stanley, Pasadena, Cal.
CD 1923-32.
- Howard - ni, w. Ruth, San Pedro, Cal. CD 1946.
- Howard - n, Camden, N. J. CD 1943.
- Ida B. - i, Washington, D. C. CD 1908-27.
- Ingeborg M. - n, Waukesha, Wisc. CD 1957.
- James J. - i, n, "USAF", Columbus, Oh. CD 1959-60.
- James R. - n, w. Mary, student, "rem to Cal.", Leominster, Mass.
CD 1958-61.
- John A. - i, w. Jean L., draftsman, Mt. Vernon, Oh. CD 1952-61.
- John C. - n, w. Connie C., Austin, Tex. CD 1961.
- John H. - i, Washington, D. C. CD 1962.
- Judy - n, Seattle, Wash. CD 1953.
- Kenneth - n, w. Martha, Los Angeles, Cal. CD 1937.
- L. R. - n, "v. pres. Alloy Steel Corp.", Cleveland, Oh. CD 1951.
- Levi - n, San Francisco, Cal. CD 1903-05.
- Lois - e, Mrs. Glendale, Cal. CD 1964.
- Lorman J. - n, Seattle, Wash. CD 1948-49.
- Louis - i, Erie, Pa. CD 1937.
- M. R. Edmeisters - Glendale, Cal. CD 1964.
- Maurice - i, w. Emaline, Pres. La Porte Co. Dist. Co., Michigan City,
Ind. CD 1940-43.
- Maurice E. - i, Muncie, Ind. CD 1953-46, Marion, Oh. CD 1959-64.
- Mike - n, student, San Jose, Cal. CD 1961.
- Milton B. - n, w. Elizabeth, labor union repr., Fresno, Cal. CD 1964.
- Nettie - i, Portland, Ore. CD 1917.
- Nola - i, Kansas City, Mo. CD 1934.
- Owen C. - n, w. Billie J., Columbus, Oh. CD 1961.

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Parmelia - n, owned 15 acres, Knox Co., Oh. directory 1915.
Raymond H. - i, w. Rosemary, Elmira, N. Y. CD 1961-63.
Reuben L. - n, w. Agnes G., da. Marguerite M., Milwaukee, Wisc.
CD 1917-52.
Robert - n, w. Catherine, Elmira, N. Y. CD 1942.
Robert - n, w. Matilda, d. by 1930, Grand Forks, N. D. CD 1925, 28,
Minneapolis, Minn. CD 1930-40.
Robert - i, w. Mary, s. James (?), Rochester, N. Y. CD 1956-58.
Robert L. - i, Brooklyn, N. Y. CD 1912.
Robert L. - i, w. Patricia L., Pasadena, Cal. CD 1956.
Robert S. - i, Petaluma, Cal. CD 1956.
Ruth - i, Mrs., Logansport, Ind. CD 1930, 35.
Sally - n, San Francisco, Cal. CD 1943.
S. Clarke - n, w. Carrie, s. Willis b. about 1890, s. Jack C (?), St.
Augustine, Fla. CD 1911-55.
Samuel - i, "USA", Petersburg, Va. CD 1918.
Shirley J. - n, resided Greendale, Wisc., Milwaukee, Wisc. CD 1961.
Ted - i, w. Carol, student, Walla Walla, Wash. CD 1962.
Thomas - ni, student, Birmingham, Ala. CD 1962.
Todd Edminster - San Francisco, Cal. CD 1957-58.
W. H. - n, railroad brakeman, Evansville, Ind. CD 1899.
William - i, "driver", Detroit, Mich. CD 1911.
William B. - n, w. Shirley D., Elmira, N. Y. CD 1961.
William H. - i, in 1917 a Lillian lived at same address, w. (1) Harriet,
w. (2) Viola M., teamster and railroad worker, d. about
1958, Toledo, Oh. CD 1915-19, 25, Erie, Pa. CD 1928-39,
Niagara Falls, N. Y. CD 1942, Tonawanda, N. Y. CD 1948-58.
Willis C. - n, w. Mildred, hotel manager, Jacksonville, Fla. CD 1928-49.
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