

THE ELAM FAMILY

(with special reference to)

Josiah Elam and His Descendants

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THE ELAM COAT OF ARMS

Elam (Kent Co., England)

Ar. a sword with the point upwards, in bend sa.

Crest:—Between the attires of a stag attached to the scalp,
a boar's head erased and erect proper.



DEDICATION

This family history is dedicated to my two nephews, James Warren and William Wheeler Elam, who are the only "Elam Boys" now living in Greene County, Ohio, where their great-great-grandfather, Josiah Elam settled in 1801. I hope that they may enjoy this story of their fathers, and may gather therefrom interesting information and valuable inspiration.

—HARVEY W. ELAM.

FOREWORD

This book is written for the pleasure and information of those who are interested in the Elam family. It is also my very modest contribution to current genealogical and historical literature. I firmly believe that some knowledge of family history is an important part of a liberal education. As the years go by, it becomes increasingly desirable that family historical data should be written and published and not left to the caprice of verbal tradition. This service, I have endeavored to perform for my father's family. It has been a very delightful task and I trust that the result of my labors will be found worthy of confidence.

My great-grandfather, Josiah Elam, founded a distinct branch of the Elam family. After his removal to Ohio, he was so far away from all his kindred that his children grew up without knowledge of their Elam relatives. However, most of the Elam families in America can trace their ancestry back to Virginia; and thus we have a common bond of interest. The first three chapters of this book is a history of Josiah Elam and his descendants. This is the branch of the family in which I have a special interest and concerning which I have made a special effort to secure information. The last three chapters is a collection of notes about some of the collateral branches of the Elam family. These notes will be of interest to many of my readers, and will be of value to any one who may have occasion to do research work in Elam history and genealogy. The most of my material was collected in the summer of 1931; but circumstances compelled me to delay the publication of this history.

In order to present a more interesting story, I have included a few family traditions for whose historical accuracy I can not vouch, although I believe them to be substantially true. For the most part this book is based upon public and private documents of unquestioned validity, and on the personal recollections of reliable people.

A large number of people have helped me in writing this book, and I have tried to make suitable acknowledgments at the conclusion of each chapter. However, I am indebted to so many persons that it will be impossible to mention them all by name. My manuscript has been read and edited by my cousin, Miss Edna Elam, of Spring Valley, Ohio, and her co-operation has been very helpful. To each and every one who has assisted me in any way in the preparation of this book, I return my heartfelt thanks for their kindness. Copies of this family history will be found in the Congressional Library at Washington, D. C., and in the libraries of the State Historical Societies of Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio.

—HARVEY W. ELAM.

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CHAPTER I

THE ANCESTRY OF JOSIAH ELAM

Among the early colonists of Virginia were Robert, William, Gilbert, and Martin Elam. These men were related but the degree of their relationship is unknown, except that Gilbert was a son-in-law of Robert, and Martin was a nephew of William. That Gilbert Elam married Ann Elam, a daughter of Robert Elam, is proven by the following documentary evidence. A deed executed April 2, 1694, transfers 50 acres of land from Gilbert Elam and Gilbert Elam, Jr., of County and Parish of Henrico, the husband and eldest son of Ann Elam, deceased, the daughter and heiress of Robert Elam of the county aforesaid also deceased, to Joseph Royal, the consideration being 50 pounds sterling. The said 50 acres of land granted by patent to Isaac Chaplaine and bounded as expressed in patent December 1, 1620, and by said Chaplaine conveyed to aforesaid Robert Elam and recorded at a court held at Neck of land, March 1, 1642. At the same time a bond was given by Gilbert Elam, Sr., and Gilbert Elam, Jr., to Joseph Royal, warranting the title to this tract of land and reciting among other things that the land was transferred by John Chaplaine to Robert Elam, grandfather to the above named Gilbert Elam, Jr., (Henrico County Records, 1688-97, pages 479-481). The correct name of the man who sold the land to Robert Elam is a side issue with which this history is not concerned. The important matter to be observed is that Ann Elam was the daughter of Robert Elam, the wife of Gilbert Elam, Sr., and the mother of Gilbert Elam, Jr.

Further proof of this peculiar relationship may be found in a deed executed October 1, 1694, by which Gilbert Elam, Sr., and Gilbert Elam, Jr., son and heir to the said Gilbert Elam, Sr., and Ann, his wife, formerly Ann Elam, for a consideration of 26 pounds currency paid Gilbert Elam, Jr., (with consent of his father) by Robert Hancock conveyed to said Hancock 61 acres in Varina Parish, Henrico County, adjoining Arthur Mosely, Abraham Womack, and Gilbert Elam, Jr.

(Same record as above, page 512). From this evidence I conclude that Gilbert Elam, Jr., was the grandson of Robert Elam through his mother and not through his father. It is highly probable that Gilbert Elam, Sr., and his wife, Ann Elam, were cousins, but of this I have no positive proof.

The name Elam is English and is derived from Elham, a village near Canterbury, Kent County, England. Elham is probably a contraction of Elmham, meaning a village of elms, and residents of that community first bore the name of Elham which afterwards became Elam. The early Elams belonged to the gentry as distinguished from the nobility, and the Elam coat of arms would indicate that the family was noted for military valor. The coat of arms may be roughly described as follows: A silver colored shield with a diagonal sable band, in which (band) was a sword pointing upward. The crest was a boar's head, snout up, between the horns of a stag. The Elam Knights thus armored must have presented an imposing appearance.

Kent County, the original habitation of the Elam family is in the southeastern part of England, but by the seventeenth century there had been a great migration of families within the British realm. There is good reason to believe that the Elam family participated in that migration. Hence no definite statement can be made as to the locality from whence the early Elams came to America. The traditions, on this subject, among the different branches of the Elam family are very conflicting. Some say we are English, some say we are Scotch-Irish, and some say we are Welsh. No one known to me has any substantial proof to offer in support of his tradition: so I shall venture an opinion which likewise is without proof. My personal belief is that the Elam family is of English origin, as were most of the first settlers in eastern Virginia. The Scotch-Irish families came a little later and settled farther west in the state. Intermarriages were frequent, and in this way some of the Elam family acquired Scotch-Irish blood, Scotch-Irish traits, and eventually the reputation of being Scotch-Irishmen. The Welsh tradition, which is not so common, may have had a similar origin. This is nothing more than conjecture: positive statements can not be made for want of accurate knowledge. I understand some investigation of English records is

being made at the present time. This investigation shows traces of the Elam family in England from 1273 down to 1929, and that they lived in Kent, Suffolk, Somerset, Lancashire, Yorkshire, and elsewhere. But so far no evidence has been found as to the locality from which the emigration to America took place.

Robert Elam was the first to come to America, his name being among the head rights in a land patent granted to Christopher Branch in 1638. This means that Christopher Branch financed and supervised the importation of a group of colonists into Virginia and was allowed 50 acres of land for each immigrant thus imported. It is altogether probable that the importation took place some time before the land patent was issued. So that Robert Elam probably came to America about 1635. He was a man of good social standing since he possessed silver with his own monogram. He was also a man of some enterprise because by 1652 he was able to finance an importation of his own. In the Virginia land office, Book 3, Page 114, may be found the following record:

"To all and whereas, now know Yee, I Richard Bennett, with the advice and consent of the Council of State, do grant unto Robert Elam five hundred and three acres of land, lying and being in Henrico County, on the south side of the James River, about Bermuda Hundred, said land being due unto the said Robert Elam by and for the transportation of eleven persons into the colony, whose names are included below. Dated October 20, 1652.

Robert Elam,	Eliza Bridgway,	John Parke,
Ann Elam.	William Partridge,	George Swain,
George Smiler,	Richard Hayward,	John Revel."
John Drongcole,	Richard Hudson,	

Eleven persons at 50 acres each would call for 550 acres. The forty-seven acres were probably deducted to cover some revenue charge. Ann Elam, whose name appears in this list, was the daughter of Robert Elam and married Gilbert Elam shortly after her arrival in America. How much longer Robert Elam lived is unknown, but there is some very strong circumstantial evidence to indicate that most of his property eventually went to Gilbert Elam, Jr., the oldest son of his daughter, Ann.

Gilbert Elam, Sr., in September, 1661, had a patent for

land on the south side of the James River. between the lands of Thomas Sheppy and Richard Johnson (Henrico County, Va.) How much earlier than this he had been in the colony is unknown. Many of the Virginia land patents were issued without the headrights being named therein, and, since this is practically the only source of information by which the time of arrival in the Virginia colony can be ascertained, it follows that in many instances it is impossible to determine the time that Virginia colonists came to America.

In a deposition taken February 1, 1686, Gilbert Elam, Sr., stated that he was about 57 years old, and his son, Gilbert Elam, Jr., stated that he was about 27 years old. This would indicate that Gilbert Elam, Sr., was born about 1629, and his son, Gilbert Elam, Jr., was born about 1659. According to another deposition Ann Elam was about the same age as her husband, Gilbert Elam, Sr. The meager records do not permit us to be more exact about the ages of our ancestors.

Gilbert Elam, Sr., was an enterprising man buying, selling, and patenting large tracts of land. In addition to the grant heretofore mentioned, he patented in 1671 a plantation of 867 acres, and in 1691, together with Gilbert Elam, Jr., and his son-in-law, Edward Ward, he patented 2015 acres of land. This land patent is recorded in Vol. 8, Page 147, of the records of the Virginia Land Office and reads as follows:

"To all &c. whereas &c. now know yee that I the said Francis Nicholson Esqr. Lieut Governr &c. Give and Grant unto Gilbert Elam Sr. and Gilbert Elam Jr. and Edward Ward a tract of Land containing two thousand and fifteen acres of () Lying and being in ye County of Henrico and in ye Parish of Varina and on fallen Creek maine branch Vizt. beginning at a corner white oake, Standing on ye South Side of the sd branch and runneth thence south one hundred and sixty poles to a Corner pine, thence west Seven hundred and fifty poles to a corner black oake, thence north four hundred and fifty Six poles to a Corner black oake, thence east north East one hundred and twenty two poles Crossing fallen Creeke to a Corner black oake, thence East by South three hundred & twenty poles to a Corner black oake, thence east South East three hundred and two poles to a Corner black oake, thence South by East Eighty-Eight to a Corner pine on fallen Creek,

thence up sd Creek as it wendeth to ye place wee begun. Including ye afores'd two thousand & fifteen acres of Land which sd Land being due by and for ye transportacon of forty one persons wh to have and to hole & to be held &c. Yielding & Paying &c. Provided &c.—Dated ye 28th Day April, Anno Dom. 1692.

Jno. Drake	Jno. Knowles	William Thomas
Daniel (negro)	Abram Flood	Sarah Meary
Bess (negro)	John Gardner	Jno. Ellison
Tawney (negro)	James White	Wm. Wetherford
Jno. Colbourne	Tho. Neat	James Amys
Hannah Smith	Tho. Elliot	Jno. Richardson
Geo. Dodson	Teague Collaine	James Turner
Edward Wood	Jno. Lawrence	Jno. Whitby
Jno. Jennings	Anne Doughty	Wm. Elly
William Stark	James Harris	Eliza Revis
Withe Hichs	Jno. Porter	Dorothy Turner
Jno. Potter	Thos. Livesay	Hester James
Robert Frost	Jno. Walsafe	Richard Whitby"
Mary Simpson	Jno. Redliffe	

It is obvious 35 acres were deducted to pay some revenue charge.

In 1678 Gilbert Elam and wife, Ann, gave all the land which they took by patent, bearing date March 25, 1671, to their grandson, Henry Gee, Jr. Among the minor land deals of Gilbert Elam, Sr., was the purchase of 25 acres of land from Col. Wm. Byrd in 1691. Col. Byrd was a noted man whose colonial manor, Westover, was not very far from the Elam settlement. Governor Harry F. Byrd and Commodore Richard Byrd are descended from Col. Wm. Byrd. The old court records of Henrico County contain a number of references to Gilbert Elam, Sr., as a witness, juryman, etc., but these contain little information of historical value. In 1690 he was presented by the grand jury for swearing. In 1695, upon petition of Gilbert Elam, Sr., an ancient, weakly, poor man, it was ordered that he be henceforth exempted from paying the county levy. These items show that times were different in 1695 from what they are today. It may well be that Gilbert Elam, Sr., met with some reverses in his old age but there is no reason to think that he died in poverty.

The will of Gilbert Elam, Sr., may be found in Henrico County Wills Book No. 5, Page 653, which may be found in the archive department of the Virginia State Library.

"In the name of God amen. I, Gilbert Elam, Sr., being in perfect health and memory doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and form as followeth:

"Viz.—first, I give and bequeath my Soul to almighty God who gave it hoping through the merits of my Dear Savior Jesus Christ to receive full and free pardon for all my sins, and my body to ye earth from whence it came; and after Debts & funeral Charges paid: I give my Worldly Estate as followeth—

"Impst. I give to my Grandson Hen. Gee all my land at Packers, being about one hundred acres or thereabouts to him and his heirs forever.

"I give to my daughter Elizabeth a feather bed and all that belongs to it and three hundred and Seventy Acres of Land lying on falling Creek to be divided between her and my Grandson Gilbert Gee to them & their heirs forever. And warming pan and a brass Kettle to my daughter Elizabeth the Kettle to be the biggest.

"Likewise I give to my two grandsons Henry and Gilbert Gee each of them a fixt gun and to Gilbert Gee a small Chest with lock and Key. Likewise I give to my Sone Thomas Elam three hundred Acres of Land on Falling Creek, to him and his heirs forever.

"Likewise I give to my Son Gilbert and my two Sons-in-law Edward Ward and Robert Broadway Each of them one shilling apiece. And do make my Sone Thomas Elam my whole and Sole Executr of this my last will and testament, revoking all others by me made viz. Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seale this 17th of Feby 1693/4.

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Signed sealed in	Gilbert G.E. Elam Sr.	red wax.
the Presence of	mark	
his	Henrico County June ye 1st 1696.	
Edwd, X Oliver	Proved in Court by ye oath of Mr.	
mark	John Worsham one of the subscribed	
John Worsham	Witnesses.	
Phebee Worsham	Test:	

James Cocke Cl. Cur."

The signature Gilgert is a mistake on the part of the scrivener or some copyist; there is no question that Gilbert Elam is the correct name of the testator. It seems that this will or some other cause produced some dissension in the Elam family for the following court order appears under date of June 1, 1696.

"Action of Tresspass and Assault and Battery brought by Thomas Elam and Elizabeth Elam, his wife, against Gilbert Elam and Ann? (Mary), his wife. Referred by consent of both parties to next court." On the same day an order of probate was issued to Thomas Elam, and this would prove that Gilbert Elam, Sr., died in the spring of 1696.

Gilbert Elam, Jr., was born about 1659, and quite early in life came into possession of considerable property, probably derived from the estate of his Grandfather, Robert Elam. The meager records would indicate that Gilbert Elam, Jr., took a rather active part in both public and private business for a young man. He was foreman of the grand jury of Henrico County in 1683 and again in 1693, a fact which in itself would imply that he was a highly respected citizen. He also served as constable which was then a position of some honor and responsibility. For some years he was quite active in buying and selling land, sometimes in conjunction with his father and sometimes in an independent capacity. He married Mary Hatcher, a daughter of Edward Hatcher. He died a comparatively young man, and on October 15, 1697, Mary Elam, widow of Gilbert Elam, petitioned the court for an order to probate his will. In a Henrico County book kept in the archives of the Virginia State Library marked 1697-1704 (not numbered) on page 42, appears a mutilated copy of the will of Gilbert Elam, Jr., dated September 18, 1697, and proved December 5, 1697. The first part of the will is missing and I can only conjecture as to its import. Probably the lost portion conveyed considerable property, but I doubt if any additional heirs are named. I have in my possession a photostat copy of what remains of this will. Some of the words have faded beyond recognition, but sufficient remains to convey much valuable information concerning the testator and his family. The latter part of this will reads as follows: "to him and his heirs forever, my plantation I now live on, excepting one part

and parcel of the aforesaid land which I give and bequeath unto my son Gilbert Elam to him and his heirs forever: bounded as followeth by a slash that cometh from Abraham Womack and runneth down to the half way swamp, my will is that the aforesaid part and parcel of land be marked and laid out by Mr. Robert Hancock and William Clark for my aforesaid son Gilbert Elam. Item: I give and bequeath unto my son William Elam to him and his heirs forever my land lying and being on the north side of Falling Creek excepting fifty acres of the aforesaid land which I give unto my son Robert Elam to him and his heirs forever; and fifty acres more of the aforesaid land which I give to my son Gilbert Elam to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give unto my daughter Mary Elam the largest gold ring and the largest silver bodkin that is now in my house. Item: I give unto my daughter Ann Elam my other gold ring and silver bodkin which are smaller. Item: I give to my daughter Martha Elam one pewter dish and one young sow. Item: I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Elam one large new pewter dish and one young sow. Item: I give unto my daughter Sarah Elam one new pewter dish and one young sow. Item: I give unto my daughter Obedience one new pewter dish and one sow. Item: I give unto my son Robert Elam my large Bible and my gun now at Edward Ward's, and one feather bed and bolster with a new — to be delivered to him when he comes of lawful age, the bible and gun to be delivered at my decease; also I give unto my said son Robert the bedstead now in the outward room, and the turkey carpet now in my house, and one blanket to be delivered with the aforesaid bed. Item: I give unto my son Gilbert Elam one silver spoon marked with his name, one feather bed and bolster with a good tick and a rug, and one new blanket to be delivered him when he comes of lawful age, and my will is when my aforesaid sons Robert Elam and Gilbert Elam come to the age of seventeen years to have the privilege of ground to work on, on the plantation I now live on until they come of lawful age, then each son to live on his own part. My will further is that my aforesaid two sons have privilege of housing on the aforesaid plantation for what corn or tobacco they make in ye time aforesaid. My will further is that my son Robert Elam and my son Gilbert Elam be at

proportionable charge of repairing on building of what housing he or they shall have occasion to make use of for the time aforesaid. Item: I give unto my son Gilbert Elam one small gun, now in my house, well fixed to be delivered at my decease. Item: I give unto my son Robert Elam one middling Iron pot and one chest to be delivered when he comes of lawful age. Item: I give unto my son Gilbert Elam one middling Iron pott and one chest to be delivered him when he comes of lawful age. Item: I give unto my sons Robert Elam and Gilbert Elam my grind stone to the use and privilege of them both and what tools I have I give unto my aforesaid sons to the use and privilege aforesaid. Item: I give and bequeath to my son William Elam one musket now in my house. Item: my will is after my decease my son Robert Elam live and abide with my father-in-law, Edward Hatcher and his wife until he comes of the age of seventeen years: as also my will is that my daughters, Mary Elam, Anne Elam, Martha Elam, Elizabeth Elam and Sarah Elam tarry and abide with my father-in-law, Edward Hatcher and his wife until they come to the age of seventeen years or married. Item: my will is that my son Gilbert Elam tarry and abide with his god-father, William Hatcher, until he attain the age of seventeen years. My will further is that my sons Robert Elam and Gilbert Elam have the liberty of my dwelling house to begin from the age of seventeen until they come of lawful age. And I do hereby make, will and ordain my loving wife, Mary Elam, my full whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. Witness my hand and seale this 18th day of September, 1697.

G. E. Sealed in Red Wax.

Henrico County, Dec. 1st, 1697.

Signed and sealed in
presence of Edward Ward.
William Hatcher.
Charles Roberts.

Proved in open court by the oaths
of Edward Ward and William
Hatcher, two of the subscribed
witnesses.

Test.

James Cocke,

Cl. Cur."

The reader will observe that the testator in the distribution of his personal property was far more generous to Robert and Gilbert than to William. This may be due to some parti-

ality on the part of the father, or it may be that William was older and had already received his share of such property. It will also be observed that the legacies to sons were far more generous than the legacies to daughters. This was in accordance with the custom of the times.

In the court records of Henrico County, the following items appear:

"Mar. 1, 1700: On petition of Robert Elam (aged about 16 years) one of the orphans of Gilbert Elam, late of this county dec'd, John Hatcher admitted his guardian and John Dawson ordered to deliver up to said Hatcher, estate he hath in his custody belonging to said orphan. Hatcher's bond 100 pounds sterling. Edward Hatcher and Francis Carter securities.

"Aug. 1, 1700: Petition of John Dawson against John Faile to give security for Gilbert Elam's orphans' estate, referred to next court on prayer of Faile, he promising to bring then an account of said estate and find new security and discharge his present one.

"Aug. 20, 1702: Upon petition of John Hatcher, guardian to Robert Elam, one of the orphans of Gilbert Elam Jr. dec. ordered that John Faile who married said Elam's relict be summoned to next court to answer to what shall then be objected to on behalf of said orphan.

"Aug. 21, 1704: Ordered that Abraham Womack, guardian to Robert Elam, one of the orphans of Gilbert Elam deceased, do give account of what he hath in his hands belonging to said orphan, and that he give security at next court.

"Aug. 20, 1705: It was ordered that Mr. Allanson Clerke be summoned by ye Sheriff, next court to give account of what estate he has in his hands belonging to the orphans of Gilbert Elam dec.

"Aug. 20, 1707: It was ordered that Robert Elam give bond with security for what estate he hath in his hands belonging to (nothing further given on the record)." These items prove that Gilbert Elam's widow married a man by the name of John Faile, and create the suspicion that the estate of Gilbert Elam, Jr., was not very well preserved for the benefit of his children.

In the Henrico County records under date of February 25, 1708, the following item may be found: "Gilbert (G. E.

—his mark—(Elam) of county and parish of Henrico to Robert Hancock of same (county and parish) Consideration being 50 pounds sterling 100 acres (which was given me by the will of my father Gilbert Elam late of County Henrico dec.) at or near half way tree in parish and county aforesaid between my brother Robert Elam's land and land now in possession of John Hancock. (Recorded March 1, 1708)."

On the same date the following item appears: "Robert Hancock of parish and county of Henrico to Gilbert Elam of same (county and parish) consideration being 50 pounds sterling, 200 acres south side James River near place called and known by name ye Red Water."

By this deal Gilbert Elam, whom I shall call Gilbert Elam III to distinguish him from his father and grandfather, parted with a portion and possibly all of his ancestral land. The acreage of his inheritance is not set forth in what we have of the will of Gilbert Elam, Jr., nor can we be sure that all that the father provided was properly preserved for the benefit of the son. When Gilbert Elam III made his own will many years later, there is no mention of land on Falling Creek or any indication that any of his estate was ancestral land. It is reasonably certain that, whatever the size of his inheritance may have been, all his ancestral land was disposed of early in life, and the proceeds invested elsewhere.

In 1724 Gilbert Elam III was appointed guardian of Elizabeth Ward, daughter of Richard Ward deceased.

In the Virginia State Land office may be found certain records of which the following are outlines:—Book 19—1739 to 1741, Page 576

"Granted by George II.—Consideration—Divers good causes and considerations, but more especially in consideration of the sum of Forty-five shillings—Granted to Gilbert Elam—440 acres lying and being in the county of Henrico on the south side of James River—On John Pride's land—crossing a fork of Dry Creek—on a fork of Deep Creek—Fee rent one shilling yearly for every fifty acres or fraction thereof—Cultivating three acres of every fifty—Twelfth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine—

Signed,

William Gooch."

In the same book on page 658 may be found this record:

"Granted by George II—Consideration—Divers good causes and considerations, but more especially in consideration of the sum of Three pounds five shillings. Granted to Gilbert Elam a certain tract or parcel of land containing 650 acres lying and being in the county of Henrico on the South side of the James River. Beginning at Robert Elam's Land—to points on Peter Baugh's land—to several points on John Pride's land—across Horsepen Run—Fee rent one shilling to be paid yearly &c. &c. and three acres of every fifty to be cultivated &c. &c.—10th day of June one thousand seven and forty—

Signed,

William Gooch."

In 1748 Henrico County, Virginia (of which Richmond is the county seat) was divided and the portion south of the James River was called Chesterfield County. Henceforth the Elam family records, for the most part, are to be found in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

On page 29 of Will Book I of Chesterfield County, will be found the will of Gilbert Elam III or Gilbert Elam, Sr., as he was known in his life-time.

"In the name of God Amen, the twenty second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty, I, Gilbert Elam, of the County of Chesterfield, being of Perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Dye, Doe make and ordain this my last Will and Testament In manner and form following:

"First, I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it hoping through the meritorious Death of my blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to Receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins and as for my Body I Recommend it to its kindred earth to be buried at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named and as Touching such worldly estate it hath pleased God to bestow on me I give and dispose of in manner and form following:

"It is my Will and Desire that all my just debts and Funerall Charges be first paid.

"Item:—I give to my well beloved Wife, Mary, the Plantation I now live on with all Conveniencys appertaining thereto

during her Life and after her Decease to Return to my daughter Mary Elam containing two hundred Acres which I give to her and her heirs forever but if my said Daughter dye without issue then the said Land to return to my Daughter Elizabeth to her and her heirs forever.

“Item:—I give unto my daughter Elizabeth one hundred acres of Land more or less joining to the before named so joining to Capt. Thomas Friend’s Line likewise to William Robert-son’s which I give to her and her Heirs forever but if my said Daughter Elizabeth dye without Issue then the said Land to return to my Daughter Mary to her and her Heirs forever.

“Item:—I give to my son Gilbert three hundred acres of Land lying and being on the north side of Horsepen Branch on Deep Creek to him and his Heirs forever.

“Item:—I give and bequeath to my son James three hundred acres of Land lying and being on the south side of Horsepen Branch on Deep Creek being already divided by a line already run: to him and his Heirs forever.

“Item:—I give to my son Robert three hundred acres of Land lying on the Main Deep Creek and joining to Henry Clay’s land to him and his heirs forever.

“Item:—I give to my Daughter Ann one hundred and twenty acres of Land of the same tract joining to John Pride’s line to her and her heirs forever.

“Item:—I give to my daughter Lucy one hundred acres of Land of the last Surveigh, I made joining her Brothers Robert’s and James’s to her and her Heirs forever.

“Item:—I give and bequeath to my daughter Judith one hundred acres of Land of the same new surveigh that her Sister Lucy has of, to her and her Heirs forever.

“Item:—I give to my Son Gilbert my Troupers Arms.

“Item:—I give to my Son Robert one gun, feather Bed and Furniture.

“Item:—I give to my Son James one feather Bed and Furniture and one Silver Spoon.

“Item:—I give to my Wife Mary one negroe Man called Caesar during her life and after her decease the valuation of the said Negroe to return to my Daughters Lucy and Judith. I likewise give to my wife whom I appoint Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament two Beds and Furniture, one

chest of drawers, one silver spoon, my Sorril Mare and Spaid Mare and gray Horse. I also give to my Wife Mary all my money I have, and all my Stock of Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

"Item:—I give to my Daughter Mary one feather Bed and furniture.

"Item:—I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth one feather Bed and furniture and for the Rest of my Estate not yet named I desire it may be equally divided between my Wife and Children and desire that my estate may not be appraised and do hereby utterly disannul all other former Wills and Testaments by me before made and doe acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and Seal the Day and year above written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered

in Presence of

Edward Wilkinson.

Samuel Yeargain.

his

Gilbert G. E. Elam (L. S.)"

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This will was proved March 2, 1751, which would indicate that he died early in the year 1751. His age can not be given accurately, but I am quite sure he and his brother Robert were about the same age and Robert was born in 1684.

This will would indicate that the testator was a man of liberal ideas since he made careful provision for his wife and daughters as well as his sons. His widow Mary Elam survived him but a few year; she died in 1756, and her son Robert was appointed administrator of her estate September 3, 1756.

In my family descent I now come to one whom I shall call Gilbert Elam IV to distinguish him from his father, grandfather, and great grandfather. In his lifetime he was known as Gilbert Elam, Jr., to distinguish him from his father. Very little is known about this man save a few things that can be inferred from his will. He was an invalid for some time before his death, and it was ordered at the June Court in 1753 that Gilbert Elam, Jr., be levy free. The court entries would indicate that he died about August, 1756. His will may be found in Will Book I of Chesterfield County, Virginia, Page 238, and reads as follows:

"In the name of God Amen this eighteenth Day of December in the year of Christ One thousand seven hundred and fifty-five I Gilbert Elam of Chesterfield County being sick and weak

in Body but of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

“Item:—I desire that my beloved Wife Elizabeth may have the use of the Plantation whereon I now live during her Widowhood & after the expiration of her Widowhood to be rented out and the Profits thereby accruing to be used towards maintaining and educating my children.

“Item:—I give bequeath & devise to my son Josiah Elam the Plantation whereon I now live with one sett of Troopers Arms. & all my Books to him and his heirs forever.

“Item:—My desire is that my son Josiah Elam shall not be held nor bound by any Indenture or Bond or any other obligation whatsoever longer then while he shall arrive to the Age of eighteen years. at which Age I give him full possession of what I have already given him and devised to him to act and do by him the said Josiah Elam in all manner of respects whatsoever. as tho he was arrived at the age of twenty-one years.

“Item:—I desire that the land I hold in the name of my wife Elizabeth containing by estimation one hundred and fifty Acres lying on the third branch & one negro girl named Aggy may remain in the Possession of my said wife Elizabeth & to her only proper use during her life.

“Item:—I also give to my son Josiah Elam one hundred and fifty acres of Land lying on the third branch to him and his Heirs forever. Item:—I give to my daughter Keziah Elam one negro girl named Aggy & her increase to her and her Heirs forever.

“Item:—All the rest of my Personal estate after my just Debts are paid, I give to my said wife Elizabeth whom I hereby appoint my Executrix & my Brother James Elam my Executor & I also desire that there may be no appraisement of my estate. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal the day and year above written.

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Thos. T. More

Gilbert Elam Jun. (L. S.)

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Edward Friend Jr.

Thomas Friend Jr.

Gilbert Elam IV was the first of his line in America who was able to sign his name to a will. His interest in the education of his children and the fact that he mentions books in his will prove him to have been a man of intelligence and progress. I have no reliable information as to his age at the time of his death, but he was probably the oldest son of his father's family. His solicitude for the freedom of his son Josiah shows his desire that his son should be spared the humiliation of a long indenture, which frequently broke the spirit of a youth and unfitted him for work of a responsible nature.

I am very sorry that I have been unable to learn more about Elizabeth Elam, his wife, or Keziah Elam, his daughter. It is said that Elizabeth Elam afterwards married Archelaus Nunnally, a resident of Powhatan County, Va. Her subsequent history is unknown to me. The history of Josiah Elam will be given in the next chapter.

The ancestral line of Josiah Elam is as follows: Robert Elam, the first of the family to come to America; his daughter, Ann, and her husband, Gilbert Elam, Sr.; their son, Gilbert Elam, Jr.; his son, Gilbert Elam III, known in his day as Gilbert Elam, his father and grandfather having died while he was a minor; and Gilbert Elam IV, known in his day as Gilbert Elam, Jr., to distinguish him from his father. This Gilbert Elam, Jr., was the father of Josiah Elam who was born in Virginia and died in Greene County, Ohio, in 1821.

I invite the reader's attention to all the evidence bearing on the identity of each of these ancestors. It is highly important that this be clearly established since guess work has no place in genealogy.

My reasons for believing that Josiah Elam, the son and heir of Gilbert Elam IV, was the same Josiah Elam that came to Greene County, Ohio, in 1801, will be given in the next chapter.

That Gilbert Elam IV was the son of Gilbert Elam III needs but little argument. Note the words "troopers arms" in both wills. One will speaks of a son, James Elam, the other speaks of a brother James Elam. Note the location of the land devised by Gilbert Elam III to his son, Gilbert, and compare the deed given by Josiah Elam to James Elam. (See the next chapter).

That Gilbert Elam III was the son of Gilbert Elam, Jr., is not so apparent, since there is no item in the will of Gilbert Elam III which can be identified as ancestral property. However the following facts are worthy of consideration.

First:—The similarity in the names of the children, while not proof, is strongly indicative of a close relationship. Compare the names William, Robert, Gilbert, Mary, Ann, Martha, Elizabeth, Sarah and Obedience; the children of Gilbert Elam, Jr., with the names Gilbert, James, Robert, Mary, Elizabeth, Ann, Lucy and Judith, the children of Gilbert Elam III.

Second:—In the will of Gilbert Elam III mention is made of his home plantation of 200 acres. This is probably the tract he bought of Robert Hancock in 1708.

Third:—The son of Gilbert Elam, Jr., would be of proper age to carry out all that we know of Gilbert Elam III.

Very little affirmative evidence is needed in this case because there is not the slightest trace of opposing evidence. There were very few men by the name of Elam living in Virginia in the early part of the eighteenth century and so far as existing records show only one by the name of Gilbert Elam. The matter may be stated thus: The Gilbert Elam who traded plantations with Robert Hancock in 1708 was undoubtedly the son of Gilbert Elam, Jr. He was at this time a young man since he was less than 17 years of age at the time of his father's death in 1697. We must assume that this Gilbert Elam vanished, so that nothing more is known about him; and another Gilbert Elam came upon the scene of action from an unknown source to secure large land grants in 1739 and 1740, for the patentee of this land was undoubtedly Gilbert Elam III. Such a thing is possible but very far from probable. A clear preponderance of the evidence proves that the Gilbert Elam who died in Chesterfield Co., Va., in 1750 was the son of Gilbert Elam, Jr., rather than the son of any one else who could be named. In genealogical research it is not always possible to establish everything by ironclad proof. In many cases reasonable certainty is all that can be secured. We may be reasonably certain that Gilbert Elam III was the son of Gilbert Elam, Jr.

That Gilbert Elam, Jr., was the son of Gilbert Elam, Sr., appears on the face of the record and requires no further argument. My reasons for believing that Gilbert Elam, Sr., was

the son-in-law of Robert Elam, the original immigrant, have already been given and there is no need of repetition.

The documents which I have presented, supplemented by a few items to be found in histories of early Virginia, show that the colonial Elams though not distinguished were highly respected. The fact that Robert, Gilbert, William, and Martin Elam appear on the list with the term "Mr." prefixed indicates a good social position. This is further evidenced by the fact that Robert Elam had silverware with his own monogram. From a financial point of view the early Elams were in comfortable circumstances, being neither poor nor rich. It is reasonably certain that most if not all of them belonged to the Established Church, and Robert Elam of Dale Parish served as a processioner in his parish.

The early Elams were uneducated due for the most part to lack of opportunity. A secondary consideration bearing on this matter was their lack of social and political ambition. They were content to be "small planters" in social life although some of them owned plantations of considerable size. In the early days of Virginia, schooling was considered the prerogative of the professional classes and those who were, or desired to be considered, the social aristocracy. However, about the middle of the eighteenth century a better spirit arose among the Virginians in regard to education, and in that better spirit the Elam family shared. Some of the early Elams made donations to William and Mary college, and the will of Gilbert Elam IV shows that he possessed a small library and was concerned for the education of his children. From that time on the record of the Elam family in regard to education is very good.

In regard to many important matters my knowledge is so limited it would be foolish to attempt to generalize. In all cases where we are ignorant of the facts the safest assumption is that our ancestors shared the life of the people among whom they lived. The Virginia colonists were intensely human, having some pronounced virtues for which they should be remembered and honored, and some serious faults over which we should throw the mantle of charity.

Note:—The source material for this chapter is to be found in the archives of the Virginia State Library at Richmond, Va.,

and in the public records preserved at Chesterfield C. H., Va. This material was examined, for the purpose of tracing the ancestry of Josiah Elam, by Mr. H. C. Roberson a genealogist of Washington, D. C. He was successful in his quest, and I wish to thank him for his efficient service. Desiring additional information concerning certain points, Mrs. E. L. Gibbon, of Richmond, Va., made a hasty examination of certain records, and her report has likewise been helpful. The "Torrance data," to which reference will be made later, supplied me with a few additional items of interest. Based on these reliable sources of information there can be little if any question about the ancestral line of Josiah Elam.

CHAPTER II

JOSIAH ELAM

Over the grave of Josiah Elam stands a marker bearing the inscription, "Josiah Elam died Feb. 28th. 1821. in the 69th year of his age." This would indicate that he was born in the latter part of 1752 or the first part of 1753. According to family tradition Josiah Elam was born in Culpepper County, Virginia, in 1753; and, together with one sister, Keziah, he was left an orphan at an early age. He had one or more relatives by the name of Gilbert. He served in the Revolutionary War and later moved to Kentucky from which state he emigrated to Ohio in 1801.

In my research, I have found one and only one "Josiah" among the Elams of colonial Virginia: namely, the son of Gilbert and Elizabeth Elam whose ancestry I have traced in Chapter I. Fortunately the recorded facts about this Josiah Elam verify the family traditions to an unusual degree. The only contradiction of consequence relates to the place of his birth. According to family tradition, which has found its way into certain county histories, Josiah Elam was born in Culpepper County, Virginia; while the documents would indicate that he was born in Chesterfield County, Virginia. It is true that the documents known to me contain no positive statement; and it is quite possible that the parents of Josiah Elam may have lived for a short time in Culpepper County; and their son Josiah may have been born there. It is far more probable, however, that he was born in Chesterfield County, Virginia, the ancestral home of the Elam family; and that the tradition about Culpepper County arose in later years, when correct information could not be obtained. While the historical data concerning Josiah Elam is not abundant, it is sufficient to enable us to follow his life from beginning to end with reasonable assurance that we are on the right track.

Very little is known concerning the youth of Josiah Elam.

His father provided in his will for the education of his children, and there is tangible evidence that this provision of his will was carried out. A family heirloom in the form of an arithmetic, written by Daniel Fenning and published in London in 1767, contains this notation on the cover, "Josiah Elam's Book, May 24, 1775." Figures, on sundry pages scattered through the book, indicate that Josiah Elam, in his study, practically completed the arithmetic. The book itself is radically different from a modern textbook in arithmetic; being written in the form of a dialogue between Philo the teacher and Tyro the pupil. It is difficult to compare such a book with modern textbooks: but I should think that a scholar capable of making satisfactory progress therein would be as far advanced as a modern high-school scholar. His writing is very fine but neat and legible. The ability to study such a book would in itself prove that he was able to read with some degree of proficiency. Hence, we may safely affirm that Josiah Elam was well trained in the fundamentals of reading, writing and arithmetic. He may have pursued other studies, but of this I have no proof. Considering the limited facilities, for securing an education, that existed in Virginia at that time, this is a very creditable record.

A Virginia youth of that day acquired much of his education outside of the schoolroom. A Virginia planter usually expected his sons to become planters like himself and trained them with that end in view. This parental training, while very informal, was quite effective in building good mental and moral habits, which after all is the essence of a good education. The Virginians were expert hunters and fishermen and understood in a very practical way the animal and plant life about them. By the middle of the eighteenth century many of the planters had small libraries, and the father of Josiah Elam was of that number. Last but by no means least, Virginia in the eighteenth century was the home of great statesmen. Such men as Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Marshall, and Patrick Henry were a source of inspiration to every Virginia youth of character and intelligence. How far Josiah Elam shared in this broader education, I do not know; but, in some way, he prepared himself for a useful career in the great enterprise of winning the West for civilization.

In 1774 Josiah Elam, then living in Cumberland County, Va., sold a plantation of 159 acres to Mark Puckett for thirty-seven pounds Virginia currency. The cause of his removal to Cumberland County is not known; but, as the counties Cumberland and Chesterfield are only thirty miles apart, he would still be able to look after his property interest in Chesterfield County.

Among the descendants of Josiah Elam it is generally understood that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His grandson, the late George Truman, of Spring Valley, Ohio, is my authority for the statement that "Josiah Elam enlisted at the breaking out of the war and served through the same with honorable distinction." The only public records I have been able to find concerning his military service are:

First:—A notation found in War Book 4, Page 171. This unbound book is kept in the archives of the state library at Richmond, Va., and bears the following title, "A list of soldiers of the Virginia line, a Continental establishment who have received certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeable to an act of assembly passed November session 1781." The notation itself reads as follows: "Josiah Elam by William Mosely, July 5th. 1783. 16 pounds-19 shilling-9 pence." This notation shows beyond dispute that Josiah Elam served in the Revolutionary War; and the patriotic societies, such as the D. A. R. and the S. A. R. will accept this statement as proof of service.

Second:—The name of Josiah Elam appears as an infantry soldier in Document No. 44. A list of non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the Virginia Line of Continental Establishment whose names appear in the army register, who have not received Bounty land, printed by Samuel Shepherd, Richmond, Va., printer to the commonwealth in 1835. It may be observed in passing that the Revolutionary War records of Virginia are far from complete, those of Chesterfield County being very poor, and it is quite possible that Mr. Truman's statement concerning the service of Josiah Elam is substantially correct.

Josiah Elam is listed as a taxpayer in Powhatan County, Va., in 1782, 1783, and 1784. Powhatan County lies between Chesterfield and Cumberland Counties and was the home

of his mother and step-father Archelaus Nunnally. Josiah Elam owned property in that county, but, if he ever lived there, it was for a very short time.

At the close of the Revolutionary War, the people of Virginia turned their attention toward the West. Some of her soil was becoming exhausted by continual cropping, and it was easier to move than it was to fertilize. The spirit of adventure was high; and a new country is always attractive to men who love excitement. The soldiers had been promised land as part of their pay, and many of them were anxious to realize on their bounty rights. In accordance with the old Virginia custom, the bounty legislation took good care of the men of rank and station. A private soldier received 100 acres, a lieutenant received 2666 and 2-3 acres, while a general received much more. As a consequence private soldiers and non-commissioned officers, if men of property, often ignored their own bounty rights and purchased an assignment of the bounty rights of some officer who did not care to go west and occupy the land himself. Such was the procedure of Josiah Elam.

The following deed shows the final disposal of his Virginia plantation. "This indenture made this thirty first day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty-five between Josiah Elam of the county of Chesterfield of the one part and James Elam Sr. of the same county, of the other part witnesseth; That for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said James Elam Sr. the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and himself fully satisfied: hath given, granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto the said James Elam Sr. and to his heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the said county of Chesterfield on the North Side of Deep Creek, containing by estimation three hundred acres, be the same more or less and bounded as followeth to-wit adjoining the lands of the said James Elam Sr., William Daniel, ——— Moore, Gilbert Elam, Gibson Flournoys, and Peter Baugh, together with all houses, woods, and underwoods with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise pertaining to have and to hold the said granted land and premises to him the said James Elam Sr.

and to his heirs and assigns forever in full and absolute right and fee simple without any let, hindrance, or disturbance whatsoever from all and every person or persons whatsoever that shall lay any claim, right, or title to the above sold premises or any part thereof and the said Josiah Elam for himself and heirs, executors, administrators, etc., convey unto the said James Elam Sr. the above sold land to his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns and shall forever defend by these presents against all persons whatsoever: In witness thereof the said Josiah Elam has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed and acknowledged

in the presence of

Josiah Elam (seal)

Benjamin Lockett

James Elam Jr.

Deed Book 7 Page 381.

Robert Haskins.

Chesterfield County, Va.

In Vol. 5, Page 352, Virginia Grants, the following record may be found: "Patrick Henry esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, To all to whom these presents shall come greeting: Know ye that by virtue and in consideration of a military warrant No. 75 issued the twenty-sixth day of December One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, there is granted by said Commonwealth unto Josiah Elam, assignee of Benjamin Mosely, a certain tract and parcel of land containing one thousand acres by survey bearing date the twentieth day of January One thousand seven hundred and eighty-five lying, being in the district set apart for the officers and soldiers of the Virginia Continental line on the waters of Poague's and bounded as followeth to-wit:

"Beginning at three hickory saplings N. E. corner to William Barrett's survey No. 264 running south 400 poles crossing a branch to a hickory, sugar tree, and gum tree, thence west 400 poles to three maples North-east corner to Robert Gamble's one thousand acre survey number three hundred and fifty-two, thence north four hundred poles with said Gamble's line to a black oak and two maples, thence east four hundred poles to the beginning; with appurtenances to have and to hold said tract or parcel of land and its appurtenances to the said Josiah Elam and his heirs forever. In witness whereof the said Patrick

Henry esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath hereunto set his hand and caused the lesser seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on the twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six and of the Commonwealth the eleventh.
P. Henry."

By this grant Josiah Elam became the owner of one thousand acres of land in what is now Hopkins County, Kentucky. Prior to the organization of Hopkins County the land was in Christian County, Kentucky. Just when Josiah Elam moved from Virginia to Kentucky is not known: nor is it known if he had ever visited Kentucky prior to his removal to that state. But when he did move, he did not settle on his land grant, but on a small farm not far from Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

On the 12th of September, 1787, Josiah Elam was living in Kentucky and signed a petition asking that tobacco be accepted for taxes and other purposes; and that a warehouse for inspection be established near Steele's ferry near the mouth of Stone Lick on the Kentucky River. This petition was presented to the Virginia House of Burgesses and allowed. In 1788 Josiah Elam signed a petition asking for a division of Fayette County. The petition was granted by the Virginia House of Burgesses and the new county was called Woodford. The tax returns indicate that Josiah Elam's farm remained in Fayette County. These two petitions would indicate that Josiah Elam's farm was a few miles northwest of Lexington, Kentucky. It seems that he bought and sold small tracts of land so that his real estate holdings varied. In 1793 Josiah Elam paid taxes on 200 acres of land and 4 blacks in Fayette County, Kentucky. It was noted that he was the owner of 1000 acres of land in Christian County, Kentucky.

The pioneer settlements of Kentucky were greatly troubled by the Indians sometimes as horse-thieves and sometimes as military enemies. As a result the Kentuckians became expert Indian fighters, and according to family tradition Josiah Elam took an active part in that kind of work. I quote from an article written by George Truman and published in the Spring Valley Blade: "In 1790 Josiah Elam as captain of a company of cavalry went with General Harmar on an expedition against

the warlike tribes of Indians who were preventing the settlement of the North-west Territory. In a severe battle near where Ft. Wayne, Indiana, is now located, they were defeated by the Indians and compelled to retreat, having suffered a considerable loss in killed, wounded, and prisoners. The next year he went on a similar expedition with Gen. St. Clair who had an army of 2000 men, but they, too, met with a terrible defeat losing about 900 of their soldiers. In 1794 Josiah Elam went with "Mad" Anthony Wayne whose forces swept everything before them. After the battle of the Maumee which occurred in August, 1794, Mr. Elam returned home and that fall married Sarah A. Porter, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1771 being eighteen years younger than her husband." The traditions handed down in other branches of the family are less specific than the Truman tradition but they all agree that Josiah Elam took some part in at least one of these expeditions during which he passed through the Miami Valley where later on he established his home. I have not been able to find anything in the public records touching this military service. As a matter of fact very few records were kept by the Kentucky militia, who co-operated with the national troops in these Indian expeditions, and some of the records that were made have been lost.

The court house at Lexington was burned some years ago and many of the early records were lost never to be replaced. I have been unable to find any written record of Josiah Elam's marriage, therefore, I accept Mr. Truman's statement as the best evidence obtainable, as to the time and place the marriage occurred.

The motives which induced Josiah Elam to move from Kentucky to Ohio are not fully known. Presumably, he was actuated by the same considerations which caused a large number of Kentuckians to move to Ohio, as soon as the Indians were subdued by the victory of General Wayne. These men desired to improve their financial condition and to rid themselves of slavery quietly but effectively. Josiah Elam as a soldier against the Indians had a good opportunity to observe the fine agricultural possibilities of the Miami Valley; and, when the time came for him to choose his land, he made a good choice. Although he was a slave holder in Kentucky, there is a definite

tradition that his removal to Ohio was influenced to some extent by a desire to rear his family in a free state.

Josiah Elam chose as his final place of residence a tract of land on the west bank of Caesar's Creek, which is a tributary of the Little Miami River. The farm is located six miles south of Xenia, Ohio, and two miles east of Spring Valley, Ohio, and is about half way between Cincinnati and Columbus. I am unable to state in detail the successive steps by which his title to the land was perfected, but the final step was the issuance of the following patent by the United States Government.

"To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting:—
Know ye that in consideration of military service performed by Benjamin Mosely (a Lieutenant for three years) to the United States in the Virginia Line in the Continental Establishment and in the pursuance of an act of the Congress of the United States passed on the 10th day of August in the year 1790 intituled "An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment to obtain titles to certain lands lying north-west of the River Ohio between the Little Miami and Scioto, and another act of said Congress passed on the 9th day of June amendatory of the said act. There is granted by the United States unto Josiah Elam assignee of the said Benjamin Mosely a certain tract of land containing, six hundred-sixty-six and two thirds acres situate between the Little Miami and Scioto Rivers northwest of the River Ohio as by survey bearing date the eighth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and four and bounded and described as follows to-wit:—Survey of six hundred and sixty-six and two thirds acres of land on part of a Military Warrant No. 75 in favor of the said Benjamin Mosely (the whole amount thereof being for two thousand six hundred sixty-six and two thirds acres) on Caesar's Creek. Beginning at two sycamores on the bank of the Creek, upper corner to Robert Gibbon's survey No. 1295, thence up the creek with the meanders thereof N. 18 E. 24 poles N. 4 W. 17 poles N. 73 W. 16 poles N. 29 W. 14 poles N. 19 E. 48 poles N. 13 E. 21 poles N. 5 E. 40 poles N. 64 E. 22 poles; passing the mouth of a branch at fourteen poles N. 48 E. 28 poles N. 39 E. 40 poles N. 69 E. 20 poles N. 49 E. 24 poles N. 39 E. 14 poles N. 60 E. 26 poles to a sycamore, hackberry, and elm, thence N. 60

W. 340 poles crossing a large branch at 122 poles to a dog-wood, ash and elm. Thence S. 30 W. 398 poles crossing a branch to a white oak, hackberry and hickory; thence S. 74 E. 340 poles passing Gibbon's corner and with his line to the place of beginning; with the appurtenances to have and to hold the said tract of land with the appurtenances unto the said Josiah Elam and his heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof the said Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States of America, hath caused the seal of the United States of America to be hereunto affixed and signed the same with his hand at the city of Washington the twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord 1807 and of the Independence of the United States of America the thirty-first.

By the President Th. Jefferson.

(Seal)

James Madison, Secretary of State.

Endorsed on the back:

Benjamin Mosely was originally entitled to the bounty land granted by the within patent to Josiah Elam who claims under the said Mosely.

War Office 27th April, 1807.

H. Dearborn.

Secretary of War.

Recorded in the office of the Department of State, Vol. IV, page 391, of the records of Patents granted to the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment.

27 April 1807.

S. Pleasanton."

This survey is No. 1797 Virginia Military District and was made by James Galloway, Jr., Josiah Elam and James Porter were chain carriers and James Fowler was stake marker. The original manuscript issued by the Government in 1807 is now in the possession of Harvey J. Elam a great-grandson of Josiah Elam and the owner of a part of the original tract described above. Of the six hundred and sixty-six acres patented by Josiah Elam, his descendants own about four hundred and eighty acres, a very unusual circumstance in this part of the country. Josiah Elam had been living on his land sometime before this patent was secured. He probably had obtained what was called a certificate of entry, which defined the land very

loosely and protected him in his occupancy of the land until his title could be perfected.

In 1801 Josiah Elam came to Ohio without his family to establish his claim and prepare for the coming of his family. He was the first settler in what is now Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio. During this first year he erected a cabin, cleared a small piece of land, and planted an orchard. The trees he brought with him from Kentucky, and this was one of the first if not the first orchard of grafted fruit in Greene County. A few trees were still standing and bearing fruit as late as 1884. In the spring of 1802 his family moved to Ohio. At that time the family consisted of his wife; four children, John, Susannah, Elizabeth and Keziah; also two former slaves, Black Betty and Charley. The latter was a great mimic and according to tradition could quote verbatim long passages from the speeches and sermons which he heard.

In my opinion the original Elam cabin was located near the site of the Ambrose Elam house now the property of Harvey J. Elam, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Mrs. Nettie Fulkerson, of Spring Valley, Ohio. George Truman who was born in 1835 says that he remembers this first cabin, and that in his boyhood it was used for a loom house as the early settlers spun and wove all the material for their bedding and clothing mostly from flax.

Josiah Elam in the first year of his residence in Ohio planted a peach orchard which soon bore large crops. In accordance with the custom of the times he had a small still. Alcoholic stimulants were considered a necessity in those days. However, Josiah Elam was put out of the distilling business very promptly and effectively. It seems that, although the Indians had given up their claims to the land and peace had been made, there were many roving bands of Indians traveling through the country pretending to be hunters. These Indians soon learned the places where fire water or whisk could be obtained; and, when the men were away from the house, they would sneak up to the cabins and demand whisk, threatening death if their insolent demands were not complied with. Mrs. Elam always proceeded to humor them as far as possible, giving them their dinner and drinks and treating them as kindly as possible. This old time hi-jacking, however, was far from pleasant to the women and children, and before many years

Josiah Elam dismantled his still and ceased to make brandy.

Josiah Elam and his wife were members of the Primitive Baptist Church, located at Middle Run in the extreme southwestern part of Greene County. Mr. Elam was received by letter, June 25, 1808, and his wife was received by letter, August 27, 1808. In neither case does the record show the name of the church in Kentucky from which their membership was transferred. In 1812 there was a division in this church and the resident minister Joshua Carman was himself unfellowshipped for having violated the rules of the church by baptizing five persons who were identified with what was called the New Light movement. Some of the members, however, sustained Rev. Carman in this action: and they organized a new church which was located about a mile south of Bellbrook, Ohio, and was called the Carman Baptist Church. Josiah Elam and his wife joined the new movement and were somewhat reluctantly unfellowshipped or turned out of church by the faction that remained in the old church. Later there was a Baptist Church of the liberal kind organized at Spring Valley, Ohio; and, as this was much nearer the Elam home, Mrs. Elam worshipped there in the closing years of her life.

Josiah Elam served on the grand jury in 1808 and again in 1810. He probably performed other service of a public character of which the record has been lost. I find only one case on record in which Josiah Elam was a party to the suit. He obtained a judgment against one Robert Silvers before James McBride, a justice of the peace. The suit was based on a note for thirty-one dollars and seventy-three cents, the consideration for the note being forty bushels of wheat. The case was appealed to the Common Pleas court and was tried before a jury November 1, 1819, and a verdict was rendered in favor of Josiah Elam for thirty-three dollars and eighty-six cents. Execution was issued to the Sheriff of Montgomery County for the judgment and costs. It is alleged that this Sheriff failed to perform his duty and a motion was filed to amerce said Sheriff. Said motion was set for hearing April 26, 1820, and for three successive days notice of this hearing was given by public outcry at the door of the court house. At the hearing the motion to amerce the sheriff was overruled, and I suppose that Josiah Elam lost his money. But the record clearly shows that Josiah

Elam was no quitter when he thought he was in the right. In this litigation he was represented by his son-in-law, William R. Cole.

Concerning his personal characteristics I have very little reliable information. It is said that he was about five feet eight or nine inches tall and weighed about 185 pounds. Some of his children had light curly hair, blue eyes, and were very large people; and, according to my information, these characteristics are quite common in the Elam family. In his will he showed unusual concern for the education of his children. And the record shows that this concern bore good fruit.

He died in Wilmington, Ohio, February 28, 1821, while on a visit to his children who lived at that place. He was buried on his own farm on the brow of a hill overlooking the beautiful Caesarcreek Valley. The Elam family burial plot is enclosed by a substantial iron fence and is better cared for than most family cemeteries.

His widow, Sarah Porter Elam, survived him until 1850. Though denied the advantages of an education, she was a woman of strong character. After her removal to Ohio she made several trips back to Kentucky, riding horse-back all the way, a distance of one hundred and fifty miles. She assisted the neighbors in sickness, being skilled in the use of those home remedies on which the pioneers had to depend for medical relief. She was left with a large family some of whom were quite young, and she succeeded in rearing ten children to maturity. Some of her grand-children were left orphans, and she took them in and made a home for them. When her son, Ambrose, built the new house in 1842, a special room was built for the pleasure and convenience of his mother. It is said that she was suspicious of the food cooked on the new fangled cookstove which her daughter-in-law had secured; so her son humored her by fixing her room with an ample fireplace so that his mother could continue to cook in the good oldfashioned way. She died September 25, 1850, and is buried by her husband in the pioneer Elam cemetery.

Sometime after Josiah Elam came to Ohio, a number of his wife's relatives followed, but I am not able to give the exact date of their coming. For his mother-in-law, Susannah Porter, he built a cabin about 100 rods north of his own cabin. Some

think that this was the first cabin built by Josiah Elam and that his family occupied the same until the second cabin was built after which the first cabin was turned over to Susannah Porter. It seems to me, however, that the weight of the evidence is to the effect that the original cabin was located as I have stated, and that the second cabin was built originally for Susannah Porter who lived there until her death in 1821. Her son, James Porter, came to Ohio at an early day and probably lived with his mother. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and died from exposure incident to that war and left a widow and nine children. After his death, Josiah Elam deeded sixty acres of land to Jane Porter, widow of James Porter, and her nine children, the consideration being one hundred and ten dollars.

Prior to this time he had sold fifty-six and one-half acres of land to Adam Coppes, the consideration being \$144.00, also fifty-six and two-thirds acres to James Stephenson. These three tracts lie west of what is now called the Waynesville Road. On August 8, 1816, Josiah Elam sold to Samuel McKnight one hundred and twenty-five acres of land off the south side of this survey, the consideration being twelve hundred and fifty dollars. This farm remained in the McKnight family for many years; but by the will of Samuel McKnight (a nephew of the original purchaser) the farm was devised to Edwin Elam. It is now the property of Mrs. Minnie B. Funk, who is identified with both the Elam and McKnight families.

Josiah and Sarah Elam had ten children who grew to maturity, John, Susannah, Elizabeth, and Keziah were born in Kentucky and James, Isaac, Cynthia, Jane, Carman, and Ambrose were born in Ohio.

In accordance with the custom of his ancestors Josiah Elam made a will which disposed of his property in the following manner:

"I, Josiah Elam, of the county of Greene and State of Ohio, being old and infirm and of a sound mind considering the certainty of death and that it must shortly happen, have determined to make this my last will and testament in manner following: that is to say, I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Elam all my beds and bedding, household and kitchen furniture of every description to be at her disposal, also my brown mare

and black mare, four milch cows, her choice of my cattle, half my stock of sheep and hogs, and the whole of farming utensils and tools of husbandry.

"To my daughter, Keziah Elam, I bequeath my bay colt also a saddle and bridle. My landed estate in Greene—(County Ohio)—I desire may be divided into three equal parts as to quantity: One third part joining the land belonging to heirs of Paris Horney and James Anderson, I devise to my son, Isaac Elam, to him and his heirs forever: One other third part to my son, Carman Elam, along the line of Samuel McKnight, I devise to him and his heirs forever: the other third part where I now live, I bequeath to my wife, Sarah Elam, during her natural life, at her decease to descend to my son, Ambrose Elam, his heirs, and assigns forever. My landed property in Hopkins County, Kentucky, I direct to be sold, and the net proceeds of sale or sales to be equally divided amongst six of my children to-wit:—my son, James Elam, and my daughters: Susannah, Betsy, Keziah, Cynthia and Jane. And I do authorize my executors to sell, receive the pay, and convey the afore-said Kentucky land and I further desire that the monies coming to son, James, and my two daughters, Cynthia and Jane, be by my executors laid out in U. S. land for their benefit.

"To my son, John, I would leave a good deal, but that he has already got his full proportion of my estate: it would, therefore, be doing an injustice to the rest of my children to give anything more. All my personal property not herein disposed of, I direct to be sold and the monies arising therefrom (after my debts, funeral charges, and necessary expenses of administration be paid) to be placed in the hands of wife, Sarah Elam, to assist her in schooling and educating my children. And I do appoint the above Sarah Elam my executrix and William R. Cole, of Wilmington, executor of this my last will and testament and do revoke all other wills heretofore made: In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this twenty-ninth day of December in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

Josiah Elam (Seal).

"Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said Josiah Elam, as and for his last will and testament, in presence of William McKnight, Robert Porter, and Andrew Porter witnesses."

This will is recorded in volume C&D Page 485 probate court records of Greene County, Ohio. And, on page 497 of the same volume may be found a record of the inventory of his personal property.

Inventory of the personal estate of Josiah Elam deceased.

One brown mare	\$ 35.00
One bay yearling colt	30.00
One suckling colt	10.00
One white cow and calf	10.00
One red cow	8.00
One red and white steer	8.00
One brindle heifer	6.00
Two yearling steers	5.50
Two calves	1.50
One still and vessels	59.75
Thirty geese	7.50
Fifteen hogs	15.00
Twelve sheep	12.00
One wagon	40.00
One shovel plow	1.50
Horse gears	5.50
One plow and tackle	5.00
One mattock, two hoes, and one log chain	3.00
One grain fan	15.00
Sundry grain tubs and a half-bushel and some corn	6.62 1/2
Twenty bushels of wheat	9.50
Two cans and meal sieve	2.25
One rifle gun	10.00
One barrel with whiskey	4.32
Two empty barrels	1.50
Three sugar kettles	8.00
Two pots and bails	3.00
Two spinning wheels	3.00
Nine chairs	2.50
One clock and case	20.00
One breakfast table	4.00
One dining table	8.00
One cupboard and furniture	12.50
One bureau	10.00
One heckle and one pair of steelyards	4.00

Two beds, bedsteads, and furniture	50.00
Two beds, bedsteads and covering	40.00
One bedstead and covering	10.00
One bedstead and trunk	2.00
One bed	15.00
Sundry books	5.00
One looking glass	1.00
One wool wheel	2.00
One dresser and furniture	8.00
Sundry carpenter tools	2.00
Sundry carpenter tools in closet	1.00
Three axes and one grindstone	4.75
One loom and tackle	13.00
A man's saddle	8.00
A side saddle	8.00
Some dry bacon	3.00
One table in kitchen	1.50
One water bucket and bail75
One fire shovel and flat iron	1.75
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Total	\$564.19½

We the undersigned do hereby certify that the above is to the best of our knowledge and abilities a true inventory of the personal estate of Josiah Elam deceased. Given under our hands and seals this 28th of May 1821.

Wm. McKnight	} Appraisers
Edward Mercer	
William Davis	

Recorded on the 7th day of July 1821.

Note:—The chief source material for this chapter is to be found in the public records of Chesterfield County, Virginia; Fayette County, Kentucky, and Greene County, Ohio. An article written by George Truman and published in the Spring Valley Blade in 1892 has supplied information of value. A few family traditions have been included, because I believed them to be both reliable and interesting.

GENEALOGICAL CHART

Robert Elam.

Ann Elam married Gilbert Elam, Sr.

Gilbert Elam, Jr., married Mary Hatcher.

Gilbert Elam III married Mary ———.

Gilbert Elam IV married Elizabeth ———.

Josiah Elam married Sarah A. Porter.

John Elam (m) Phoebe Heaton.

Susannah Elam (m) Wm. R. Cole.

Elizabeth Elam (m) Caleb West.

Keziah Elam (m) Uriah Farquhar.

James Elam (m) Mary Dunn.

Isaac Elam (m) Mary McKnight.

Cynthia Elam (m) Arthur Roberts.

Jane Elam (m) Jeffrey Truman.

Joel Elam (m) Sarah Robinson.

Ambrose Elam (m) Susan R. Babb.

CHAPTER III

The Descendants of Josiah Elam

Section I

John Elam and His Descendants. (Incomplete.)

John Elam, oldest son of Josiah and Sarah Porter Elam, was born in Fayette County, Kentucky, about 1795. His parents moved to Greene County, Ohio, in 1802, and were among the early pioneers in this part of the state. No traditions remain concerning the boyhood of John Elam, and, in the absence of definite information, I shall indulge in no conjectures. At the outbreak of the war of 1812 he enlisted in a company raised by Capt. Ammie Maltbie. To this company was assigned the duty of erecting a blockhouse fort called McPherson's Station in Logan County, Ohio. Such forts were designed to protect the pioneer settlements in southern Ohio from attack by the British and their Indian allies operating from Canada as a base. The company performed other duties of importance and was mustered out of service at the conclusion of the war.

According to family tradition John Elam learned the trade of a millwright and moved to Indiana to build mills. This was a very useful trade in pioneer times. Transportation facilities were poor, and the public convenience required numerous local mills to grind the wheat and corn into flour and meal. For the most part these mills were situated along the water courses and were operated by water power. The construction and operation of these mills was a very important industry, and there is reason to believe that John Elam was not only a millwright but also a practical miller.

About the time of his removal to Indiana (1816?), he received a portion of his father's estate and was married to Phoebe Heaton. I am not able to give the time and place of this marriage, but the will of John Heaton, Sr., and certain

deeds on record in Greene County, Ohio, regarding the transfer of land in the Heaton family, furnish conclusive proof of the marriage itself. Nor am I able to name the place in southern Indiana to which John Elam moved, but his daughter Mahala was born at Madison, Ind., in 1831.

In 1832 John Elam moved to Fulton County in the northern part of Indiana, which at that time was almost an unbroken wilderness. It seems that the U. S. Government had made a treaty with the Pottawattomie tribe of Indians, stipulating among other things that in consideration of the Indians ceding their lands, the government would erect a mill to grind the Indians' corn and would provide and support a miller. This mill was built on Lake Manitou and was known as the corn-cracker mill. It is reasonably certain that John Elam had some connection with this mill, but the exact nature of his employment is not known by this writer. In 1835, the Pottawattomie tribe of Indians was moved to a new reservation west of the Mississippi River, and a short time thereafter the old corn-cracker mill was dismantled.

The date of John Elam's death is unknown to me, but it occurred sometime prior to 1844. He was the father of at least five children: John, Sarah, Melissa, Lucetta?, and Mahala. He is buried near Rochester, Ind.

Phoebe Heaton Elam, the wife of John Elam, was a daughter of John Heaton, Sr., one of the early pioneers of Greene County. He was a native of Virginia and married Sarah, the daughter of John Warden. He purchased a small farm of eighty acres about three miles from the Josiah Elam tract of land. He died in 1823 and is buried in the Mercer graveyard which is located just across Caesar Creek from the Elam farm. He left three sons: Ebenezer, John and Joseph Heaton; and six daughters: Elizabeth (Heaton) Millard, Sarah (Heaton) Worrel, Lydia (Heaton) Heaton, Phoebe (Heaton) Elam, Parmelia (Heaton) Rogers, and Hannah (Heaton) Peterson. After the death of her first husband Phoebe Heaton Elam married a man by the name of Buzan, and according to a deed signed in 1844, she was then living in Pulaski County, Indiana. Her subsequent history is unknown to me.

John Elam, son of John and Phoebe Heaton Elam, was born February 5, 1819, and died at Rochester, Ind., May 16,

1873, aged 54 years. The following article was published in the local newspaper at the time of his death: "The deceased was one of the oldest citizens of Fulton County having emigrated to this place from Southern Indiana in 1832 with his father, who was appointed by the Government to manage the old Pottawattomie mills. He has resided in Rochester and its immediate vicinity ever since, devoting his time alternately to agriculture and merchandizing. * * * His death was not unexpected yet his many relatives and numerous friends who knew the man and valued him for his many good qualities, will feel deeply the loss they have sustained. The members of the family have our warmest sympathy. Funeral services by the Rev. Mr. Skinner at the Methodist Church, Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock."

Supplementing the above account I shall add a few items of interest. He married Elizabeth Smith, who was born in 1817 and died in 1881. She was a woman of fine character, the memory of whom is very precious in this branch of the Elam family. To this marriage five children were born: John W., Josephine, Mary Kent, Joan, who died in infancy, and Job, who was born February 22, 1847, and died July 28, 1862.

John Elam served as a Justice of the Peace for a number of years and was locally known as "Squire Elam." A peculiar incident of Squire Elam's life is still remembered by some of the older residents of Rochester. He owned a farm near the town, and it was his custom to drive to the farm daily in a wagon. One day while watching the funeral procession of a prominent citizen, he remarked that when he died he wanted only a rough box for a coffin, placed in a wagon behind the white horses and taken to his last resting place. This was probably just his Elam way of saying that he did not approve of expensive and ostentatious funerals. It is certain that he was buried in a becoming manner in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Rochester, Ind.

John W. Elam, son of John and Elizabeth Smith Elam, was born on the old Elam homestead in Fulton County, Indiana, May 29, 1840. He was educated in the public schools of Rochester, Ind., and the Valparaiso Male and Female College. (Now Valparaiso University).

In the spring of 1862 he left school and enlisted in Co. D.

87th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. When the regiment was organized, John W. Elam was made orderly sergeant; later he was promoted to second lieutenant and then to the rank of captain, which position he held to the end of the war. His regiment saw hard service during the winter of 1862-1863 and in the summer of the latter year was engaged in building fortifications about Murfreesboro, Tenn. Later the regiment participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, the siege of Atlanta, the return march of Hood to Dalton, Georgia, and other engagements of importance.

At the close of the war Mr. Elam engaged in the dry goods business at Rochester, Ind. On February 4, 1866, he was married to Freelove White, a daughter of Theron White, a prominent lumber dealer of Valparaiso, Ind., in pioneer times. To this marriage six children were born, two of whom died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Elam remained in Rochester a few years and then moved to Valparaiso, Ind., which was their home for the remainder of their lives.

Capt. Elam took an active part in politics. He was an ardent Republican and an earnest advocate of the principles of that party. In 1867 he was appointed postal clerk by James M. Tanner, and served in that capacity for eleven years. From 1886 to 1894 he was Auditor of Porter County, Indiana, serving two four-year terms. From 1902 to 1906 he was deputy United States Revenue Collector. In 1906, he was appointed postmaster at Valparaiso and was re-appointed for a second term a short time prior to his death. His long record as a public official is in itself a high tribute to his popularity and affords convincing evidence that he was both honest and efficient.

He was a member of the Chaplain Brown Post G. A. R. and of the Valparaiso Lodge of Elks. In the former organization, he was very active and delighted greatly in the comradeship of the boys who wore the blue. He was famous as a story teller and was always in demand at political and patriotic gatherings to make talks.

He died November 15, 1910, at Valparaiso, leaving a widow and four children. His children all live in California. They are Mrs. Marian E. Langley and Mrs. Leon Wheeler, who live in Los Angeles, and Warren G. and Raymond Elam who

live in Santa Barbara, California. His widow survived him until 1917. She was a woman of culture and belonged to the William Henry Harrison chapter of the D. A. R., Valparaiso, Ind.

Josephine, daughter of John and Elizabeth Smith Elam, was born in or near Rochester in the year 1844 and died in the same place in the year 1883. She was married to Charles W. Caffyn, May 8th, 1865. To this marriage one child, May, was born. Mr. Caffyn was a business man operating a grain elevator and serving two terms as County Auditor of Fulton County, Ind. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was born in 1842 and died in 1913. Both he and his wife are buried in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery at Rochester, Ind.

May L. Caffyn, only daughter of Charles W. and Josephine Elam Caffyn, was born in Rochester and was educated in the public schools of that place. She married Elbert A. Awalt, who died February 24, 1919. No children were born to this marriage. Mrs. Awalt now (1931) resides at 623 1/2 Broadway St., Paducah, Ky.

Mary Kent Elam, daughter of John and Elizabeth Smith Elam, was born in or near Rochester, Ind., November 20, 1852. She was married May 26, 1873, to James T. Gainor. No children were born to this marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Gainor spent their married life in Rochester, Ind. Mrs. Gainor died September 25, 1912, and her husband died July 13, 1924. Both are buried in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery at Rochester, Ind.

Sarah Elam, daughter of John and Phoebe Heaton Elam, married Dr. ——— Brainerd. To this marriage one child, Carrie, was born, who later became the wife of E. A. Rose. Mr. and Mrs. Rose made their home in California. They had two daughters. Further information unavailable.

Melissa Elam, daughter of John and Phoebe Heaton Elam married ——— Grainger. They had two daughters, Allie and Sadie. The latter married but died leaving no children. The former was living in California some years ago. Further information unavailable.

Lucetta? Elam daughter of John and Phoebe Heaton Elam married ——— Reid. They had a son, Frank Reid, who was the father of Lester Reid and Nell Reid. Lester Reid was

born in 1867 and died in 1919. He married Sadie Bittres. To this marriage three children were born: Paul M., Marian, and Marjorie who died in 1913 at the age of six years. Mrs. Sadie Reid now lives at Akron, Ind. Nell Reid married James J. Ryan, to this marriage two children were born. Frances and Frederick. Frances Ryan married ——— Schmidt. They have a son. Further information unavailable.

Mahala Elam, daughter of John and Phoebe Heaton Elam, was born in Madison, Ind., May 13, 1831. The next year her parents moved to Fulton County, Ind., which at that time was a new country. Concerning the childhood and youth of Mahala Elam, I have no detailed information except that her father died while she was still a child. She was married November 15, 1849, to David Edwards. To this marriage two children were born, Sarah Jane, who was born December 31, 1851, and died November 16, 1854, and John Dallas (q. v.). Mahala Elam Edwards died December 15, 1874, and is buried in the Citizens' Cemetery at Rochester, Ind.

Her husband, David Edwards, was born March 16, 1823. He was a son of James R. Edwards. He spent most of his life on a small farm a short distance south east of Rochester, Ind., close to Lake Manitou. He was a carpenter by trade, and this was his principal occupation, but he did some farming as well. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church located in the neighborhood where they lived. He died September 14, 1888, and is buried in the Citizens' Cemetery at Rochester, Ind.

John Dallas Edwards, son of David and Mahala Elam Edwards, was born near Rochester, Ind., February 27, 1856. He received a good education, and for a number of years, he was a successful teacher in the public schools of northern Indiana. On September 8, 1875, he was married to Clarissa Whittenberger at Mt. Zion, Ind. To this marriage seven children were born: Elba, Faye, Mabelle, Albert Lee, Frances, Robert D., and Richard K. Of these children Albert Lee died in childhood. (October 16, 1885-March 21, 1893). The other children lived to years of maturity and received from their parents unusual co-operation in making preparation for lives of usefulness.

In order to enlarge his income and provide for the needs of his family Mr. Edwards discontinued teaching and became

an expert electrician. To give his family the best possible opportunity to secure an education, he moved to Ithaca, N. Y., the seat of Cornell University. In this congenial place, he spent the last years of his life watching with intense interest the progress of his children in their educational work. He was a quiet man who kept his own counsel, but he had a wide variety of interests and made his influence felt for good in many ways. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was a deacon in the church for many years. He was also a Mason and a Past Chancellor in the Knights of Pythias Lodge. He met with an accident and died in Ithaca, N. Y., August —, 1927, and is buried in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery at Rochester, Ind. His surviving widow is now living at 119 Auburn Ave., Ithaca, N. Y.

Concerning the Edwards family my information is very limited, but I am pleased to present a few items which I am quite sure will be of interest to my readers.

Miss Elba Edwards is a teacher in the high school at Ithaca, N. Y.

Miss Faye Edwards graduated from Cornell University with the Phi Beta Kappa key. She taught French for a number of years at Lynnbrook, Long Island, N. Y. She died July 3, 1931.

Mabelle C. Edwards was a high school and business graduate. She was married to Arthur Rising, December 28, 1909, and died February 23, 1911.

Frances D. Edwards is a graduate of Cornell University and was married to Herman Smith, July 6, 1918. She is a member of the Eastern Star and Pythian Sisters and lives at 119 Auburn Ave., Ithaca, N. Y.

Robert D. Edwards, son of John Dallas and Clarissa Edwards, was born January 21, 1895. He is a graduate of Cornell University, majoring in chemistry. He served in the World War as a chemist, with the rank of Lieutenant. He was married in 1919 to Florence Stenberg of Chicago. To this marriage two children were born, Stella Marie and Robert Deane. Mr. Edwards was bereft of his wife in 1925, subsequently, he was married to Lavina Normile. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards now reside at 3345 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis.

Ind., where Mr. Edwards is at present (1931) employed as a salesman.

Richard K. Edwards, son of John Dallas and Clarissa Edwards, was born June 25, 1901. He received a high school education and enlisted in the World War when he was only 17 years of age. He joined the marines and was stationed at Washington, D. C., and later was in the army of occupation in Germany for fourteen months. He was married to Laura Conway in 1923 and now lives at 38 Gaylord St., Binghamton, N. Y., where he is employed by the Pure Oil Company.

Note:—In the preparation of this chapter, I have received valuable help from Mrs. Clara Edwards, 119 Auburn Ave., Ithaca, N. Y., and Mrs. May L. Awalt, 623½ Broadway St., Paducah, Ky. Minor assistance has been given by a number of persons whom I can not name but to whom I am very grateful.

It is no easy task for an amateur writer to assemble and edit historical data, collected by correspondence from strangers and about strangers. Under such circumstances mistakes both of commission and omission are apt to occur. I trust, however, that the mistakes of this chapter will not seriously impair its historical value.

GENEALOGICAL CHART

The John Elam Family

John Elam married Phoebe Heaton.

John Elam married Elizabeth Smith.

John W. Elam married Freelove White.

Mrs. Marian E. Langley.

Mrs. Leon Wheeler.

Warren G. Elam.

Raymond Elam.

Josephine Elam married Charles W. Caffyn.

May L. Caffyn married Elbert A. Awalt.

Mary Kent Elam married James T. Gainor.

Joan Elam.

Job Elam.

Lucetta? Elam married ——— Reid.

Frank Reid married ———.

Lester Reid married Sadie Bitters.

Paul M. Reid.

Marian Reid.

Marjorie Reid.

Nell Reid married James J. Ryan.

Frances Ryan married ——— Schmidt.

Frederick Ryan.

Sarah Elam married Dr. ——— Brainerd.

Carrie Brainerd married E. A. Rose.

Melissa Elam married ——— Grainger.

Allie Grainger.

Sadie Grainger married ———.

Mahala Elam married David Edwards.

Sarah Jane Edwards.

John Dallas Edwards married Clara Eliza Whittenberger.

Elba Viola Edwards.

Faye Lenore Edwards.

Mabel Clare Edwards married Arthur Rising.

Frances D. Edwards married Herman Smith.

Albert Lee Edwards.

Robert D. Edwards married (1) Florence Stenberg.

Stella Marie Edwards.

Robert D. Edwards, Jr.

Robert D. Edwards married (2) Lavina Normile.

Richard K. Edwards married Laura Conway.

Section 2

Susannah Elam Cole and Her Descendants

Susannah Elam, daughter of Josiah and Sarah Elam, was born in Fayette County, Kentucky. The date of her birth is unknown, but it was probably sometime in the year 1797. In the spring of 1802 she accompanied her parents to Greene County, Ohio, where she grew up the oldest daughter of a pioneer with a large family and very few neighbors; as such she must have lived a busy but somewhat lonesome life. She received some education because she was able to witness a deed, but definite statements about her education can not be made for want of knowledge. She was married July 15, 1813, to William R. Cole by the Rev. Joshua Carman. Just before her marriage, her husband located at Wilmington, Ohio, to practice law, and she remained a resident of that place until her death in 1827. She was the mother of two and possibly three children, the evidence on this point being somewhat conflicting. She is buried in the Elam pioneer graveyard. There is a marker over her grave with a lengthy inscription in very small letters. It is so weather worn that it cannot be read, but it is evidently the tribute of a husband to a faithful wife.

In Durant's History of Clinton County, Ohio, I find a sketch of William R. Cole from which I shall quote with minor changes:

"William R. Cole was born in the city of New York in 1780, the precise date not ascertained. While quite a small boy he was taken to Lexington, Kentucky, then little more than a cluster of block-houses, stockades, and settlers' cabins. There he was brought up and educated. In 1801 Mr. Cole attained full age. Of his history for the next ensuing nine years, there is no account whatever. I infer that he spent about two years of the nine in reading law as a prerequisite to his admission to the bar, August 13, 1810, at Cleveland, Ohio. He was licensed to practice law by the supreme court. Beyond this simple fact the inquirer is left to grope in the dark. Where he studied law, under whose instruction he read, or how he spent the time, which he evidently did not employ in legal studies, are matters involved in very great darkness. The next appearance of Mr. Cole is in Greene County in the region of Bellbrook or rather near where Bellbrook now is. The date was 1812.

In that year he married Miss Susannah Elam of that neighborhood. (This is an error, the year should be 1813.—H. E.) There is reason to believe that he had resided here sometime before the marriage was consummated. If so, how was he employed? My impression is in school teaching. The fruits of his marriage were two daughters, Sarah Ann and Emmaline and one son, Alfred C., the youngest of the three. Sarah Ann was married to Rev. Aylette Raynes, now of Kentucky, July 4, 1833. Emmaline died unmarried several years ago. Alfred C. died before his sister, also I believe unmarried.

"In October, 1812, Mr. Cole settled in Wilmington, Ohio. On the 5th day of that month the Court of Common Pleas elected him to the office of prosecuting attorney for the county. This position he held until the second Tuesday in October, 1834, when the office became elective by the people. Mr. Cole was not a candidate before the people for the office. His immediate successor was his friend, John Taaffe.

"Mr. Cole's father settled in Wilmington in 1813. On October 14th of that year, Asa Holcomb, the first merchant in Wilmington, conveyed to Solomon Cole the lot on which the first goods in Wilmington were sold. The number of the lot is 110 near the railroad, on which stands the dwelling, long the residence of Robert B. Harlan, and still occupied by members of his family and in which Mr. Cole resided for many years. The lot, with other lots afterward purchased by the father, were intended for the son, and on the death of the former in 1824, this intention was fully carried out by will.

"Of Mr. Cole from 1812 to 1818 little is known deserving particular mention. He had, no doubt of it, a large share of the legal business in the courts of the county, much of it important and lucrative, and he seems to have conducted it in about the usual way. In 1818 he was elected to the state senate and re-elected in 1820 for the counties of Clinton and Greene. Mr. Cole in 1826 was a candidate for Representative in Congress in the district composed of the counties of Clinton, Highland, Brown and Adams but failed of election. His successful competitor was William Russell, who was re-elected several times.

"In 1827 Mr. Cole lost his wife, and on the 18th day of December in the same year he was married to Mary McMannis,

third daughter of Judge George McMannis. In the fall of 1829 Mr. Cole united with the Christian Church at Wilmington, having a short time before been immersed at Dayton, Ohio.

"In the month of April, 1837, he removed from Clinton County to Wilmington, the then county seat of Dearborn County, Indiana, with a view to the practice of the law at that place. Another object, it may be, was to bring his son forward at the bar, he having been reading law for some time with a view to becoming a professional lawyer. How well he succeeded in business there, we do not know. Perhaps, not as well as he expected. His son died soon after, before attaining any great prominence at the bar. In 1843 Mr. Cole removed again. He left Indiana and settled at Princeton, the county seat of Bureau County, Ill. His object doubtless was to obtain professional business and to be near the relatives of his wife. He was not there very long. On the 10th day of April, 1847, he died. A friend writing to me (Judge Harlan) says, he died in the ripeness of his intellect and fullness of his Christian faith and hope."

The above sketch of William R. Cole was prepared by Judge R. B. Harlan, a pioneer lawyer and judge of Clinton County, Ohio. It is my understanding that Judge Harlan's historical notes were prepared from memory some years after the events they describe, therefore his history may contain a few minor errors. But it is so much fuller and better than anything else extant that I have copied it entire and will supplement it with a few additional comments.

There is reason to believe that Mr. Cole was a widower when he married Susannah Elam, and that he had a son, Josiah Cole, by his first marriage, who afterwards became a wealthy business man of Kansas City and New Orleans. Josiah Cole never married, and at his death all his property went to non-relatives.

The descendants of William R. Cole now living have no traditions concerning an Alfred C. Cole. They do not dispute the correctness of Judge Harlan's statement further than to say that they have no knowledge of him. Among his descendants the tradition exists that William R. Cole was a judge. I am unable to find verification for this tradition, but it may be well founded notwithstanding.

In politics William R. Cole was an ardent follower of Henry Clay. By chance I came across a tally sheet giving the vote by which William R. Cole was elected to the Ohio state senate in 1818. His opponent was Jacob Smith of Greene County who had represented the district many years. Mr. Cole lived in Union Township, Clinton County, while his Elam relatives lived in Sugarcreek Township, Greene County.

Greene County Vote

	Cole	Smith
Bath Township	1	96
Beavercreek Township	47	21
Caesarcreek Township	16	3
Miami Township	22	12
Ross Township	8	14
Silvercreek Township	2	31
Sugarcreek Township	93	4
Xenia Township	138	86
Total	327	267

Clinton County Vote

	Cole	Smith
Union Township	136	70
Liberty Township	24	8
Clark Township	19	36
Richland Township	40	5
Chester Township	58	11
Greene Township	71	1
Vernon Township	66	33
Total	414	164
Grand Total	741	431

No further information is available concerning Emmeline and Alfred C. Cole. They both died many years ago and left no children. I now present sketches of Sarah Ann Cole and her descendants, based for the most part on data furnished by Miss Leigh Gordon Giltner, of Lexington, Kentucky, a granddaughter of Sarah Ann Cole.

Sarah Ann, daughter of William R. and Susannah Elam Cole was born in Ohio, (probably at Wilmington) the exact

date being unknown. She was married to Rev. Aylette Raines, July 4, 1833, at Wilmington, Ohio. To this marriage three children were born: Aylette, William Henry, and Sarah Elizabeth. Sarah Cole Raines was in many respects quite a remarkable woman. Tall, handsome and stately, she had a fine intelligence and much personal charm. She was highly ambitious and possessed the loftiest of standards and ideals. Her intense pride of race was, perhaps, her most marked characteristic. Many considered her somewhat haughty, as she held herself rigorously aloof from miscellaneous contacts and association with inferiors in education and breeding.

She loved flowers and had a wonderful knowledge of botany, knowing the name and species of almost every flower that grew. She greatly disliked gossip and unkind criticism of others and often admonished her only daughter to "discuss books and events and not to indulge in personalities." She spent much of her married life in Paris, Kentucky, but spent her declining years with her daughter at Eminence, Ky., where she died, February 3, 1870.

Aylette A. Raines, the husband of Sarah Cole Raines, was born in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, January 22, 1798, and died September 7, 1881. He moved to Jefferson County, Kentucky, in 1811. He was a man of brilliant intellect and possessed an exceptional memory, being able to repeat almost verbatim a paragraph or even a short article read aloud to him.

Originally a Universalist in belief, he engaged in debate with the noted Alexander Campbell, founder of the Church of the Disciples (sometimes known as the Christian Church): and he was later converted to that belief, becoming a minister in this church and preaching until a few years before his death, when his vision failed so that he was unable to read. He held a pastorate at Paris, Ky., where he made his home for many years. But his labors were not confined to his own parish. He frequently went on preaching tours in the interest of his church. He was well known in southern Ohio, southern Indiana, and throughout Kentucky as an able minister of the Disciples Church. He died at the home of his daughter Elizabeth Giltner and is buried at Eminence, Kentucky.

Aylette Raines, Jr., son of Aylette and Sarah Cole Raines, served as a surgeon in the Confederate army, was captured, con-

tracted small-pox in a northern prison, and died from its effects soon after he was sent home which was about 1866. He was married to Jerusha Baxter but died without heirs.

William Henry, son of Aylette and Sarah Cole Raines, practiced medicine for some years but died at an early age. He married Elizabeth Boulden. One son was born to this marriage, who died in infancy.

Sarah Elizabeth Raines, daughter of Aylette A. and Sarah Cole Raines, was born February 3, 1838. She was married to William Spenser Giltner, August 26, 1856. In her youth Elizabeth Raines was noted throughout Kentucky as a belle and beauty, and many who knew her then speak of her as one of the most beautiful women they had ever seen. She possessed many and various gifts: was a writer of some ability: had a considerable art talent: and wrote numerous plays and sketches for amateur production. "She was as lovely in character as in person, being beloved by all who knew her, from the favored guests who visited her hospitable home to the humblest colored servant in her menage, many of whom remained in her service from fifteen to twenty years."

She was a devout Christian and gave freely of her time and strength and resources to those in need. Her children still meet persons who remember her fondly and who speak of her as "one of the most beautiful as well as the best of women." She died during the night of June 8, 1894, (of heart failure), after having witnessed the graduation of her youngest son that day.

William Spenser Giltner, the husband of Sarah Elizabeth Giltner, was a direct descendant of King William the Silent. A daughter of Wolfort Webber, a son by a morganatic marriage of King William, married his ancestor John Francis Giltner.

William Spenser Giltner, son of John and Rosanna Sidener Giltner, was born May 18, 1827, on an ancestral estate some miles from Lexington, Kentucky. He was educated at local schools and later graduated from Bethany College. He entered the ministry (Church of the Disciples) and preached for a number of years. He was elected President of Eminence College, located at Eminence, Ky., an office he held for forty years. In addition to his executive duties, he did some teaching in Latin and Greek and some experimental and laboratory work in chemistry. The college under his administration was a pros-

perous institution, whence have come numerous men and women of usefulness and distinction. After the death of Mrs. Giltner the college was closed for all time and the buildings are now used as a Veteran's Home by the Odd Fellows Lodge.

He died at Danville, Kentucky, at the home of his eldest daughter Anabel (Mrs. Henry Brewer who then lived in Danville, though now residing in Louisville) on December 15, 1921.

"W. S. Giltner was a shining light in the Christian Church. He took charge of Eminence College when its preceding officials had practically failed and made it a power in the world of education. He taught the doctrines of the higher spiritual life, and lived in his own individuality that experience he desired others to follow."—Constitutionalist.

Anabel, eldest daughter of William Spenser and Elizabeth Raines Giltner, married Henry Antil Brewer of Eminence, Kentucky, where for many years they made their home. Their children were: Frank Giltner, Elizabeth Carleton and Mary Leigh. Henry A. Brewer, who owned a fine farm near Eminence, also a lumber yard, which he managed successfully, died December 21, 1905. Ten or twelve years later Mrs. Brewer and daughters purchased a residence in Danville, Ky. Mrs. Brewer and daughter, Elizabeth, have for the past three years resided at No. 2035 Alta Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, though they still retain their home in Danville.

Mary Leigh Brewer, now Mrs. Walter Barrett Nichols, resides at No. 140 St. Mildred's Court, Danville, Kentucky, in which city Mr. Nichols, associated with his father and two brothers, has large business interests. They have one child, James Monroe Nichols, born April 12, 1923.

Frank Giltner Brewer is a travelling auditor for a large Louisville firm. He is an accomplished linguist and a great traveller and has contributed articles to various trade magazines, which prove him to be a fluent writer. He married Anne Bullitt and has headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky.

Elizabeth Drane, daughter of William Spenser and Elizabeth Raines Giltner, is a musician, who has studied with noted instructors both in America and abroad. She plays the piano and violin and has always been faithful to the highest standards

of her art. She lives at 171 Ashland Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky.

Leigh Gordon, third daughter of William Spenser and Elizabeth Raines Giltner, is an author by profession. She graduated at Eminence College and later studied at the University of Chicago, the Chicago Musical College, and the Morgan School of Expression. She is the author of a volume of verse entitled, "The Path of Dreams," published by the Revell Company, of Chicago. She has contributed poems, novellettes, and stories to *Century*, *Harper's Weekly*, *Collier's*, *Red Book*, *Munsey's*, and many other magazines. Miss Giltner is the author of some popular photoplays, including *The Broadway Bubble* (starring Corrinne Griffith), *The Understudy*, and *The Alibi*. Further information about Miss Giltner may be found in "Who's Who in America." She lives at 171 Ashland Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky.

William Henry Giltner, son of William Spenser and Elizabeth Raines Giltner, was born at Eminence, Kentucky, January 23, 1871. He was educated at Eminence College, Harvard University and studied law at the University of Michigan. Mr. Giltner practiced law at Louisville, Kentucky, for many years. Recently he has been giving much of his time to his business interests. He is interested in rock asphalt and oil. He married Margaret Davis Head and they now live at "The Hotel Seelbach," Louisville, Kentucky.

Robert Raines Giltner, son of William Spenser and Elizabeth Raines Giltner, was born at Eminence, Kentucky, June 22, 1872. He was educated at Eminence College and married Flora Head. To this marriage two sons have been born, Robert Marion and William Carleton. The latter was born September 7, 1907, and died May 26, 1913. Robert R. Giltner is one of America's leading Hereford breeders. He also maintains a fine herd of Holstein cattle. He and his brother, F. C. Giltner have 1000 acres of Kentucky Blue Grass land devoted exclusively to pure-bred registered cattle, which they ship to South America, Hawaii, Cuba and Mexico in addition to a large domestic trade. In 1928 Mr. Giltner was designated one of Kentucky's master farmers: an honor that is highly prized by those who are engaged in the farming business. He is not only a distinguished stockman, but he is also interested in business

affairs. He is a director in two banks and two colleges. Mr. Giltner is a member of the Christian (Disciples) church at Eminence, Kentucky, where he resides. He is a widely known and highly esteemed Kentucky gentleman.

Robert Marion Giltner, son of Robert Raines and Flora H. Giltner, was born at Eminence, Ky., July 1, 1903. He married Helen Fairleigh and has two children: Robert Harding, aged five, and William Fairleigh, aged three (1931). Mr. Giltner resides at Eminence, Kentucky, and is a farmer and cattle breeder by occupation.

Frank Carleton Giltner, son of William Spenser and Elizabeth Raines Giltner, was born at Eminence, Kentucky, July 20, 1876. He was educated at Eminence College and was married to Mary David Tanner. To this marriage one child was born, Martha Elizabeth, who is now a student in college. Mr. Giltner is associated with his brother Robert R. Giltner in the cattle business and is one of the leading breeders and exporters in Kentucky. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and is the secretary of the Veterans' Home of this organization for the State of Kentucky. This institution is located at Eminence and occupies the buildings which once housed Eminence College of which Mr. Giltner's father was the honored president for forty years. Mr. Giltner lives at Eminence, Kentucky, which is located about forty miles from Louisville.

I shall close this chapter with a verse from the pen of Miss Giltner, whose literary work is highly regarded by those who are competent to judge of such matters.

The dim sun slips adown the sky
That dies from gold to gray;
The homing birds that Southward fly
To my heart's hailing make reply,
Piping: "Goodbye, Goodbye!"
Southward I turn my wistful eyes,
Southward, where all my treasure lies,
Whither the homing swallow flies,
Piping: "Goodbye, Goodbye!"

Note:—In the preparation of this chapter I have received valuable aid from Miss Leigh Gordon Giltner, of Lexington, Kentucky. The sketches of Aylette Raines and wife, and Wil-

liam Spenser Giltner and wife were written by Miss Giltner, and published without any important changes. In addition to these very interesting sketches, Miss Giltner assisted in supplying the necessary information for the entire chapter. The material about William R. Cole is taken from Judge Harlan's sketch in Durant's History of Clinton County.

GENEALOGICAL CHART

The Susannah Elam Cole Family

Susannah Elam married William R. Cole.
 Sarah A. Cole married Aylette Raines. Sr.
 Aylette Raines, Jr., married Jerusha Baxter.
 William Henry Raines married Elizabeth Boulden.
 Elizabeth Raines married William Spenser Giltner.
 Anabel Giltner married Henry A. Brewer.
 Frank G. Brewer married Anne Bullitt.
 Elizabeth Carleton Brewer.
 Mary Leigh Brewer married Walter B. Nichols.
 James Monroe Nichols.
 Elizabeth Drane Giltner.
 Leigh Gordon Giltner.
 William Henry Giltner married Margaret Davis Head.
 Robert R. Giltner married Flora Head.
 Robert M. Giltner married Helen Fairleigh.
 Robert Harding Giltner.
 William Fairleigh Giltner.
 William Carleton Giltner.
 Frank C. Giltner married Mary David Tanner.
 Martha Elizabeth Giltner.
 Emmaline Cole.
 Alfred C. Cole.

Section 3

Elizabeth Elam West and Her Descendants

Elizabeth Elam, daughter of Josiah and Sarah Porter Elam, was born April 19, 1799, in Fayette County, Kentucky. She was brought to Greene County, Ohio, in 1802 by her parents who were among the early pioneers of south-western Ohio. Here she passed her childhood years concerning which I have no information except that she was familiarly called Betsy. She was married to Caleb West, November 25, 1819, by the Rev. Joshua Carman. To this marriage at least nine children were born: Hiram, Ira, Chauncey, Louisa Jane, Edwin Ruthven, Sarah Ann, Elizabeth, Josiah Elam, and Caleb, Jr. Ira and Chauncey died in infancy; the others lived to years of maturity. Caleb West died at Piqua, Ohio, in 1845, and Elizabeth West died at the same place in 1846. The younger children were cared for by their Elam relatives until they were able to do for themselves. In the lapse of time the family traditions about Elizabeth West have faded away, but the character and attainments of some of her children are well known and afford convincing evidence that these children were favored in their early years with a good christian mother.

Caleb West, the husband of Elizabeth Elam West, was born December 27, 1796. He was the son of Ira and Mehitabel West, but the place of his birth is unknown to me. According to my meager information, Caleb West was a business man and lived in Xenia, Dayton, and Piqua, Ohio. He was both a merchant and a manufacturer. As a business man, he possessed vision and energy, but lacked prudence and system, and was entirely too generous in the extension of credit. To make matters worse, he was unfortunate in some of his partnerships, and so, in spite of some good business qualities, he died a poor man.

Caleb West possessed a strong social nature and loved good company. Early in life, he joined the Masonic order, and in 1819 he became one of the charter members of the Xenia Lodge. In his quest for pleasure he sometimes went a little too far as the following record will show. In 1829 the grand jury of Greene County, Ohio, presented John Dodd, John Ankeney, Jr., Michael Nunnemaker, Caleb West, Harry E. Spencer,

Simon Kenton (a nephew of the old Indian fighter), Samuel Harry, Joseph Bullard, and Samuel Eyler, all late of the township of Xenia in the county of Greene aforesaid, and being idle and evil disposed persons and of very dissolute habits and gambling dispositions—did unlawfully play and bet together at a certain game of cards called "Loo" and did then and there by playing and betting at said game of cards called "Loo" did win and lose from each other a large sum of money to-wit the sum of six and one-fourth cents. * * * To this charge the men plead "guilty" and were fined ten dollars each and placed under bond for their future good behavior. While the indictment refers to these men as idle and dissolute, as a matter of fact some of them were among the leading business men of Xenia in pioneer times. It is no disgrace to the Elam family that Caleb West was found in such company.

My information about Caleb West is taken largely from the public records of Greene County, Ohio. It should be remembered that such records often make the evil that men do live after them and allow their good deeds to be buried with their bones. The high quality of Mr. West's associates and the high quality of some of his children would indicate that Caleb West must have been a man with many fine traits of character, which I am unable to set forth in this sketch for lack of information. Caleb West died at Piqua, Ohio, October 10, 1845.

Hiram West, the oldest son of Caleb and Elizabeth Elam West, was born in or near Xenia, Ohio, in the year 1820. My only information concerning this remarkable man is derived from an article written by George Truman and published in the Spring Valley Blade in 1892. "Hiram West died in Texas leaving a wife and child. He left Spring Valley a young man and went to New Orleans about 1843, thence to Texas, joined the Texas rangers under Gen. Sam Houston and helped in their struggle for independence. Next he enlisted in the U. S. army with the rangers, was taken prisoner, and remained in Mexico several years after the (Mexican) war. He next went under General Lopez to Cuba and after several hard fought battles was taken prisoner by the Spanish troops and sentenced to ten years in the Spanish dungeons. Through the intercession of the U. S. government he was paroled and brought back to America. During the late war he was an officer in the rebel army and was

taken prisoner with Gen. Pemberton's army at Vicksburg. Hiram West was engaged in Indian campaigns, helped to run the boundary lines of Texas, and participated in other exciting events during his entire life. A letter received by the writer (Mr. Truman) shortly before his death advised against rambling and said he could have had more true happiness to have remained at his old home near Spring Valley. As it was with him he had acquired a fixed habit of rambling and was not contented fifteen minutes in any one place." I made some effort to learn more about Hiram West and his family, but have met with no success.

Louisa Jane West, daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth West, was born in or near Xenia, Ohio, September 20, 1824. She married a man by the name of Fairman who owned a shoe store in St. Louis. She died at Louisville, Ky., May 30, 1864. She was the mother of two children, Charles Fairman, who for a number of years lived in New York City, and a daughter, the late Mrs. Carver who died in Florida in 1914 or 1915, leaving no children.

Edwin Ruthven West, son of Caleb and Elizabeth West, was born in or near Xenia, Ohio, February 24, 1827. After the death of his parents, he made his home with his Elam relatives where he died August 28, 1850. He is buried in the Elam pioneer cemetery six miles south of Xenia, Ohio. According to a family tradition, which has continued through the years in the Elam family, Edwin West was an exceptional fine young man.

Caleb West, Jr., son of Caleb and Elizabeth West, was born September 5, 1836. At the age of ten years he was bereft of both of his parents and for a few years made his home with his Elam relatives. In the early fifties he went west with his brother Josiah and became a resident of St. Cloud, Minn. He was a printer by trade and worked on the first newspaper published in St. Cloud. He was a soldier in the Civil War belonging to Co. I. Seventh Minn. Infantry. Soon after the war he met with a tragic death being drowned in the Mississippi River. He left a wife and an adopted child.

Sarah Ann West, daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth West, was born February 24, 1829, in or near Xenia, Ohio. Shortly after her birth her parents moved to Dayton, then to Piqua,

Ohio, where they lived till their death in 1846. Sarah A. West was married to William League, October 27, 1850. Presumably the marriage took place in Piqua, Ohio. To this marriage four sons were born: Edwin West, James D., William, Jr., and Charles E. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Ada, Hardin County, Ohio, where they lived until her death which occurred August 31, 1863. She was a good woman, and was sorely missed by her husband and young children.

William League, the husband of Sarah A. League, was born in Augusta County, Virginia, June 30, 1828. At the age of twelve he learned the cooper's trade. In 1847 he came to Piqua, Ohio, where he married Sarah A. West in 1850. Prior to 1852 he moved to Ada, Hardin County, Ohio, where he was a prominent business man for many years. He had a large cooper shop or stave mill, employing about fifty men with an out-put of one hundred barrels a day. He made hundreds of oil barrels for John D. Rockefeller before that oil magnate had attained fame. Later he enlarged his plant and added the making of spokes and ax-handles. In the meantime he operated a general store and was engaged in other business activities among which was the erection of at least two store rooms in Ada. In 1873 he abandoned his cooper shops at Ada and moved to Pittsburgh to engage in similar business. He moved his family to Pittsburgh in 1874, but in 1876 his plant was destroyed by fire, and he moved to Chicago where he again engaged in his old business, which he continued to follow until advanced age.

In the meantime he had remarried, but I do not know the name of his second wife. During his residence at Ada, he was one of the founders of the Baptist Church, and for many years he was an active and influential member of that church. He took an active interest in politics, and in 1898 he was the People's Party candidate for congress in the fifth congressional district of Chicago. He died in Chicago, January 23, 1910. I quote from a historical article printed in an Ada newspaper. "Mr. League was a fine business man, honest in all his dealings, and never had any trouble with his employees. His old foreman said of him that he was a remarkable man in many respects."

Edwin West League, son of William and Sarah League.

was born August 26, 1851. He is a cooper by trade and for many years was associated with his father in that business. He was married to Annette S. Maguire, October 2, 1873, at Ada, Ohio. To this marriage four children were born: May, who died many years ago, James E., Mabel E., and Eugene T. James E. League was born March 1, 1876. He is a machinist by trade. He is a member of the Eagle's Lodge and lives at Plymouth, Ind. The daughter Mabel E. was married to Wilfred Barker, June 17, 1903, at Chicago, Ill. She has two children, Helen Louise and Edwin H. Barker. Both of these young people are graduates of the Plymouth High School and Helen has spent some time at the Indiana University. She is a stenographer, and Edwin is employed by the Crowley Company as a salesman. Mrs. Barker is a photographer and lives at Plymouth, Ind. Eugene, the youngest son of Edwin W. League, was born July 9, 1886. He lives in Chicago and has been employed by the Western Electric for fifteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. League have been living in Plymouth, Ind., for the last 26 years. Previous to that, they had lived in Chicago for 16 years. Their early married life was spent at Ada, a fine college town in northwestern Ohio. They are members of the Methodist Church. Mrs. League takes a commendable interest in family history and in 1912 collected some information that has been of great value to me in the preparation of this book.

James D. League, son of William and Sarah A. League, was born March 8, 1854. His youth was spent at Ada, Ohio, where his father was an active business man in pioneer times. He married Mary Druckmiller of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. They had no children. For many years Mr. League was the agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. He died January 21, 1923, leaving a widow who still lives at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. (1931).

William League, Jr., son of William and Sarah Ann League, was born at Ada, Ohio, March 18, 1856, and died December 21, 1909. He never married.

Charles E. League, son of William and Sarah Ann League, was born at Ada, Ohio, April 23, 1859. He left for the Klondyke when the gold fever was on in 1896 and has never been heard from since.

Elizabeth West, daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth Elam West, was born December 10, 1831, at or near Dayton, Ohio. She received a good elementary education and was a woman of refinement and intelligence, but I am not able to state the schools she attended. After the death of her parents in 1846 she made her home with relatives for a few years. She went west and became a resident of Cedar County, Iowa, where she was married to Robert A. Davidson, March 31, 1855. To this marriage nine children were born: Ellen D., Anna, Charles Elam, James R., Frank F., Sadie, Mabel, and two others who died in infancy. Mrs. Davidson was not used to pioneer life, and was often homesick and afraid when younger, but she was a very sweet woman with a pleasing appearance and a fine spirit. She kept her faculties to the day of her death. She was beloved by her children and adored by her husband. In the eighties she and her husband made a visit to their Ohio relatives. They proved themselves to be very interesting company. She died March 24, 1910.

Robert A. Davidson, the husband of Elizabeth West Davidson, was born in Monahan County, Ireland, in 1829. He came to this country when quite young and became a resident of Cedar County, Iowa. He belonged to that determined race known as the Scotch-Irish. About the time of his marriage (1855) he entered a large tract of government land. By industry and thrift he paid for it and kept it to the day of his death. As a farmer he specialized in feeding cattle and raising hogs, in both of which he was successful. He gave all his children a high school education and most of them spent some time in college. He and his wife were faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church, and all of his family became members of the church. He was in all respects a good citizen having a fine reputation for honesty and uprightness of character. He died September 18, 1913, and is buried at Stanwood, Iowa.

Ella Davidson, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Davidson, married George R. Crow, a farmer by occupation and a very active member of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Crow are now (1931) living at Girard, Kansas. They have two children, Mabel, who married Ervin Baker and

resides at ———, Kansas, and Robert Crow, who is a resident of Colorado Springs.

Anna Davidson married Charles Maley, who was a farmer and stockman by occupation and is a member of the Masonic order. To this marriage three children were born: Marian, Margaret, and Lyle. Marian is the wife of Dr. Harkness and lives at Highland Park, Ill. Margaret is employed by Dr. Harkness as his office assistant. Lyle is an attorney who lives in Highland Park but practices his profession in Chicago. He married Irene Davis and has one son, Charles David Maley. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maley are living a retired life and reside at Mechanicsville, Iowa. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Charles Elam Davidson married Margaret Maley. In his active life he was a farmer and stockman and lived near Stanwood, Iowa. He served for a number of years as president of the local school board and has held other positions of honor and responsibility. He is a christian gentleman of high standing and is an elder in the United Presbyterian Church. Both he and his wife are in frail health and are living quietly at College Springs, Iowa. They have eight children: Grace, Charles, Howard, Mary, Bertha, Lois, Kenneth and Dorothy. Grace Davidson married Rev. Clement D. Loehr, pastor of the Ninth Avenue United Presbyterian Church, at Monmouth, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Loehr have seven children. Franklin and Margaret are students at Monmouth College; Howard, Catherine, and Mary are now in high school, while Jacob and Doris are still in the grades. Bertha C. Davidson is superintendent of the Junior High School at Rockford, Iowa. Charles Earl Davidson married Flossie Hill. He is a farmer and lives near Coin, Iowa. Howard Samuel Davidson, married Helen Hanna. They have two children, Donald Joseph and Mary Margaret Davidson. They reside at 1605 Highland, Wilmette, Ill. Clara Lois married Harry Bussard and lives at Clarinda, Iowa. Mary Elizabeth Davidson married George Lyman. They live in Des Moines, Iowa, as do Kenneth and Dorothy Davidson. The latter is married to Paul Borthwick and has two children, Roger Kenneth and Betty Ruth.

James R. Davidson married Anna Byers. He was a landholder but devoted most of his time to salesmanship. He was

a good mechanic and engineer whose services in adjusting steam engines used by threshermen were in wide demand. For some years he travelled for the E. A. Ross Co., of Springfield, Ohio, manufacturers of steel silos and ensilage cutters and other farm equipment. Mr. Davidson was a christian gentleman and a man of good social qualities. He had no children. His wife died about ten years ago, and Mr. Davidson himself died in 1930 at the home of his sister, Mrs. Henry Britcher.

Franklin Fairman Davidson married Emma Williams. He is a landowner but for some years his chief interest has been manufacturing. In former years he was an extensive dealer in horses and shipped large consignments to the eastern markets. Mr. Davidson is a fine christian gentleman and is an active member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson reside in Minneapolis. They have one son, Franklin W. (Further information unavailable).

Sadie Eva Davidson married Charles L. Bartley, a farmer and stockman. To this marriage one son was born, Sherman Davidson Bartley, who is now (1931) employed in the office of the Mid-West Utilities Co., at Chicago. Mr. Bartley belonged to the Masons and the Woodmen and was a highly respected christian man. He died very suddenly several years ago.

His widow subsequently remarried, her second husband being Mr. Henry Britcher, a substantial farmer who specializes in raising and feeding hogs. They have a fine home on the Lincoln Highway near Clarence, Iowa. Mrs. Britcher is a member of the Eastern Star and takes a live interest in all that makes for community welfare.

Mabel, the youngest daughter of Robert A. and Elizabeth Davidson, is quite a talented artist, having studied in the Art Institute of Chicago and other studios, oils, water colors, sepia and china. She owns and operates her own kiln. She married Perry W. Moffett a farmer and horseman and a man of good social standing. They belonged to the Presbyterian Church, while Mr. Moffett was a Mason and a Knight of Pythias and Mrs. Moffett was an Eastern Star and a Rebecca.

The issue of this marriage was two daughters, Laura Louise and Oma Lucille. Domestic trouble arose between Mr. and Mrs. Moffett and they were divorced. Mrs. Moffett sub-

sequently married William Stirling, of Denver, Colorado, who died some time ago and she is now the wife of Mr. William A. Elliott, a retired ranchman, who lives at Ft. Morgan, Colorado. Laura Louise Moffett is the wife of Robert Rives Hancock. They own an estate in Virginia but live in Iloilo, a small town on one of the Phillippine Islands, near the city of Manilla. Mr. Hancock is a railroad man. Mrs. Hancock is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. At one time she was secretary in an Episcopal Hospital near Shanghai, China, but was ordered home during some of the recent troubles in that country. Oma Lucille, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Moffett, is married to Paul Shaw, an aviator, and lives in Iowa City, Iowa. They have one child, Lawrence D. Shaw. Mrs. Shaw is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Josiah Elam West, son of Caleb and Elizabeth Elam West, was born December 13, 1833. He received a good education for the times, a part of which was obtained in the schools of Piqua, Ohio, where the family was living at the time of his father's death in 1845. His mother died one year later, and Josiah made his home with his Grandmother Elam for a few years. In the early fifties he and his younger brother left their Spring Valley home to seek their fortune in the great West. I am unable to trace their movements step by step, but in 1855 they became residents of St. Cloud, Minn., where both of them spent the rest of their days. At that time St. Cloud was nothing but a small village. Josiah West lived to see St. Cloud become a thriving city and was always an ardent and effective booster for his home town.

Josiah E. West was married to Alcetta Mason, October 16, 1854. To this marriage three children were born: Willis Mason, Paul, and Max. He was a good father and gave his sons a good education which laid the foundation for their careers of usefulness and distinction.

He had a good military record. When the Seventh Minn. Infantry was organized, he was appointed Sergeant of Co. I. He was promoted to Second Lieutenant, April 12, 1864, and was made Captain, June 13, 1865. He was mustered out with his regiment, August 16, 1865. This regiment saw service first against the Indians who had taken advantage of the war to stir up trouble. The regiment was ordered south, October 7,

1863, and participated in a number of minor engagements and in the important battle of Nashville, December 16, 1864.

Josiah E. West was a man of vision and energy like his father, but it seems that he also possessed some Elam prudence, and therefore his efforts were more productive of permanent results. He was a merchant, hotel builder, promoter and superintendent of the construction of a dam across the Mississippi River, and a dealer in real estate. In all these enterprises he was mindful of the public good as well as of his private interest. He was an active Republican and served as postmaster of St. Cloud for twenty-one consecutive years. He was one of the original members of the Baptist Church in St. Cloud. He was an active member of the G. A. R. and was identified with other organizations for the promotion of the public welfare. He died in 1912, and one of his friends in an eulogy pronounced him the leading citizen of St. Cloud in his devotion to the public good.

Willis Mason West, son of Josiah Elam and Alcetta Mason West, was born in St. Cloud, Minn., November 15, 1857. He was educated in the University of Minnesota, receiving his A. B. degree in 1879 and his A. M. degree in 1881. He was married to Melissa Mott of Faribault, Minn., in January, 1883. To this marriage the following children were born: Ruth, Rodney Mott, Margaret, Ralph Leland, Walter Mott, and David Ripley. Mrs. West died in 1896, and in December, 1902. Prof. West was married to Elizabeth Beach of Faribault, Minn. To this marriage the following children were born: Anne, Donald Beach, Jane, Robert Beach, Katherine, Frank Beach, and Edith. Prof. West served as Superintendent of the schools of Duluth, Minn., (1881-1884), and of Faribault, Minn., (1884-1891). He became professor of history in the University of North Dakota in 1891, and a year later he accepted the same position at the University of Minnesota. Prof. West was a teacher of ability, but his aptitude proved to be for research work and the writing of history in the form of text-books to be used in high schools and colleges. In this profession he achieved a fine reputation, and his books have been extensively used throughout the country.

He resigned his position in the university in 1912 and moved to Grand Rapids, Minn., to operate a dairy farm. I am

not advised as to the success of this farming venture, but I have read some of his books and they reveal an unusual insight into the problems that confront the American farmer. He continued at this undertaking for ten years and then returned to Minneapolis to devote his entire time to research work and the writing of history.

During the World War, Prof. West rendered valuable service in the publicity work of the government. Many years before he had assailed the German pretensions to a superior culture: so he was prepared to support with his whole heart the cause of the American people. His book on "The Story of American Democracy," was seized by Mayor Thompson of Chicago in his spectacular crusade to rout from the schools and libraries of Chicago the insidious influences of King George of England. Mayor Thompson's proscription of this book was wholly uncalled for. Prof. West was no propagandist for King George or anyone else. He was a scholarly and forceful writer of history whose civic ideals were closely akin to those of Theodore Roosevelt of whom he was a great admirer.

In accordance with his desire Prof. West was privileged to keep at his work to the very end. He died May 2, 1931, and the funeral services were held at the family residence, 406 Fifth St., S. E., Minneapolis, Minn. Further information may be found in any recent volume of "Who's Who in America."

My information about Prof. West's large and interesting family is very limited. Miss Ruth West is head of the history department of the Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane, Washington. She is joint author with her father of two history text-books. Rodney Mott West is registrar of the University of Minnesota and lives in St. Paul. Miss Margaret West is a teacher in the schools of Minneapolis. Ralph Leland West is a veterinary surgeon and lives at Waseca, Minn. Walter Mott West is Secretary of the American Association of Social Workers and lives in New York City. David Ripley West is a lawyer and lives in Minneapolis.

Of the second family Anne West is married to Lawrence Robinson and lives at Cedar Grove, New Jersey. Elizabeth West is a librarian and lives in Minneapolis. Donald West is a lawyer and lives in Minneapolis. Jane West has made a study of interior architecture. At the present (1931) she is living in

Minneapolis. Robert and Katherine West are still in college, while Frank and Edith West are high school students.

Paul West, son of Josiah E. and Alcetta M. West, was born in St. Cloud, Minn. He married Cora ———. To this marriage four children were born: Clara, Edith and Paul were born in St. Cloud, while the fourth child, Ralph, was born in Louisiana. For some time Paul West has lived in a suburb of New Orleans, but his address is not known to me. Edith married a man by the name of Drew and was living at Malden, Mass., a short time ago. (Further information about this family is unavailable).

Max West, son of Josiah E. and Alcetta M. West, was born in St. Cloud, Minn., November 11, 1870. He was educated at the University of Minnesota, received his A. B. degree in 1890, his A. M. degree in 1892, and his Ph. D. degree in 1893. He spent some time in graduate study at Columbia University and the University of Chicago. He specialized in political economy and sociology. During his stay in Chicago he was an editorial writer for some of the leading papers of the city. He lived at the University Settlement and at the Chicago Commons in order to obtain first hand information about some of the economic and social problems that he was studying.

Max West was married October 6, 1894, to Mary Mills, of Faribault, Minn. To this marriage five children were born: Dorothy, Edward Mills, Marjorie, Philip Sanborn, and Frances Eleanor. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. West lived in Washington, D. C., where he was employed by the United States Government as a special investigator of economic and social problems. During this time he published a number of valuable papers dealing with taxation and other economic questions. He achieved a wide reputation as an economist and was a man of great promise in his profession, when he died January 7, 1909. (Further information about Max West may be found in "Who's Who in America," Vol. 5).

Mary Mills West, the wife and widow of Max West, was born in Faribault, Minn. She was the daughter of Edward Payson and Mehitabel Sanborn Mills. Her ancestors were New England people who moved to Minnesota at an early day. Her father taught the first district school at St. Anthony Falls which is now the city of Minneapolis. She was educated at

the University of Minnesota and was a classmate of Max West whom she afterwards married. She is a writer of ability and has contributed articles and stories to the Ladies' Home Journal and other magazines of high standing. After the death of her husband Mrs. West entered the government service and was employed for some time by the Child Welfare Bureau. She is the author of a bulletin published by the government on "The Pre-Natal Care of Expectant Mothers." In 1919 Mrs. West left Washington and moved to California. After a very busy life, she is now trying to take things easy. She resides at 2918 E. Regent St., Berkely, California.

Dorothy, daughter of Max and Mary Mills West, graduated from Smith College in 1918. She taught and did newspaper work in Honolulu, then went on to Japan where she worked for a time, coming home to be married in 1925. Her husband, Charles L. Manson, is manager of an insurance business long in his family. Previous to his marriage he was engaged in newspaper work. Mr. and Mrs. Manson live at 901 First St., Wausau, Wis.

Edward Mills West, son of Max and Mary Mills West, was graduated from the Western High School in Washington, D. C. He won the four-year scholarship offered by the University of Pennsylvania to high school graduates, many points above all his competitors, and entered the University in 1917, but left in 1918 to enlist in the army. After his discharge, he re-entered the University, but his army experience had done so much damage to his health and eyes that he finally decided to join his mother in California. He is a writer and lives at Monterey, California.

Marjorie West, daughter of Max and Mary Mills West, graduated from the University of California in 1922 and in 1923 received her M. A. degree in bio-chemistry. She is now in the Experiment Station of the University of Honolulu as bacteriologist or bio-chemist. She has lately written a scientific paper on the effect of heat on the organisms hostile to pine-apples. She is the wife of William Rice Lorimer, a business man of Honolulu. They live at 270 R. Beach Walk, Honolulu.

Philip Sanborn West, son of Max and Mary Mills West, lives with his mother at Berkeley, California. He plays the

violin and is studying drawing and painting. He has strongly marked artistic tendencies.

Frances Eleanor, daughter of Max and Mary Mills West, graduated from the Berkeley High School and the University of California in 1929. She is teaching physical education and is dean of the girls in the Newport Union High School. Newport Harbor, California, is located southwest of Los Angeles. Her address is (1931) 1520 Miramar Drive, Balboa, California.

Note:—In the preparation of this chapter I have received valuable aid from Prof. Willis Mason West and his daughter, Katherine. Mrs. Mary Mills West, Mrs. Henry Britcher, Mrs. Grace Loehr, and Mrs. Edwin W. League. Some of these persons are trained writers and I am very grateful to all of them for their co-operation.

GENEALOGICAL CHART

The Elizabeth Elam West Family

Elizabeth Elam married Caleb West.

Hiram West married ———.

Ira West.

Chauncey West.

Edwin Ruthven West.

Caleb West, Jr., married ———.

Louisa Jane West married ——— Fairman.

Charles Fairman.

Elizabeth Fairman married (1) unknown, (2) Mr.
Frontenau. (3) Mr. Carver.

Sarah Ann West married William League.

Edwin West League married Annette Maguire.

May League.

James E. League.

Mabel E. League married Wilfred Barker.

Helen Louise Barker

Edwin H. Barker.

James D. League married Mary Druckmiller.

William League, Jr.

Charles League.

Elizabeth West married Robert A. Davidson.

Ella Davidson married George R. Crow.

Mabel Crow married Ervin Baker.

Naomi Elaine Baker.

Robert Crow.

Anna Davidson married Charles Maley.

Mary Maley married Dr. Carleton A. Harkness.

Margaret Maley.

Lyle Maley married Irene Davis.

Charles David Maley.

Charles E. Davidson married Margaret Maley.

Robert Davidson.

Mary Davidson married George Lyman.

Grace Davidson married Clement D. Loehr.

Franklin Davidson Loehr.

Margaret Jean Loehr.

Howard Clement Loehr.

Kathryn Grace Loehr.
 Mary Elizabeth Loehr.
 Doris Ethel Loehr.
 Jacob Charles Loehr.
 Bertha C. Davidson.
 Paul Davidson.
 Charles E. Davidson married Flossie Hill.
 Howard S. Davidson married Helen Hanna.
 Donald Joseph Davidson.
 Mary Margaret Davidson.
 Lois Davidson married Harry Bussard.
 Kenneth Davidson married Ann ———.
 Dorothy Davidson married Paul Borthwick.
 Roger Kenneth Borthwick.
 Betty Ruth Borthwick.
 James R. Davidson married Anna Byers.
 Franklin Fairman Davidson married Emily Williams.
 Franklin W. Davidson.
 Sadie Eva Davidson married Charles L. Bartley.
 Sherman Davidson Bartley.
 Mrs. Sadie Bartley married Henry Britcher.
 Mabel Ruth Davidson married Perry W. Moffett.
 Laura Louise Moffett married Robert R. Hancock.
 Oma Lucille Moffett married Paul Shaw.
 Lawrence D. Shaw.
 Mrs. Mabel Moffett married William Stirling.
 Mrs. Mabel Stirling married William A. Elliott.
 Josiah Elam West married Alcetta Mason.
 Willis Mason West married (1) Melissa Mott.
 Ruth West
 Rodney Mott West.
 Margaret West.
 Ralph Leland West.
 Walter Mott West.
 David Ripley West.
 Willis Mason West married (2) Elizabeth Beach.
 Anne West married Lawrence Robinson.
 Donald Beach West.
 Jane West.
 Robert Beach West.

Katherine West.
Frank Beach West.
Edith West.
Paul West married Cora ———.
Clara West.
Edith West married ——— Drew..
Paul West.
Ralph West.
Max West married Mary Mills.
Dorothy West married Charles L. Manson.
Edward Mills West.
Marjorie West married William Rice Lorimer.
Phillip Sanborn West.
Frances Eleanor West.

Section 4

Keziah Elam Farquhar and Her Descendants

Keziah, daughter of Josiah and Sarah Elam, was born about 1800 in Fayette County, Kentucky. While very young, she was taken by her parents to Greene County, Ohio, which was then a wilderness. Concerning her childhood nothing is known. She was married to Uriah Farquhar, November 2, 1820, by the Rev. Joshua Carman. To this marriage three children were born: Jonathan, Edmond, and Mary. Her husband was a physician and practiced his profession at Wilmington, Ohio, till 1835 when he moved to Logansport, Ind. According to family tradition, Aunt Keziah was somewhat reserved in her manner, but was highly respected by those who were privileged to know her well. She and her husband made occasional visits to their Ohio relatives, thereby maintaining an interest in the Elam family affairs as long as she lived. She died in 1883 and is buried in the Mt. Hope Cemetery at Logansport, Ind.

In Durant's History of Clinton County, Ohio, there is a chapter on the early physicians of that county prepared by Dr. Aquila Jones then a resident of Wilmington, Ohio. His sketch of Dr. Uriah Farquhar is the best account of his early life known to me and I shall present it almost verbatim. "Dr. Uriah Farquhar, son of Benjamin Farquhar, who was one of the earliest settlers on Todd's Fork, then in Warren County, Ohio, was educated for the medical profession and placed in the office of Dr. La Throp, of Waynesville, Ohio, with whom he remained till the close of the war of 1812. When he had completed his studies, or soon thereafter, he located in Wilmington, Ohio, and occupied as a residence and office the home now (1882) owned by Clem Marble. He possessed a strong, nervous, and sanguine temperament, was very credulous and easily imposed upon. In improving the rich and fertile soil of Clinton County, the atmosphere was filled with malarial poison, and diseases in this locality were very common in the summer and fall seasons and the physicians had much to do. Dr. Farquhar devoted himself with unabated energy to relieving the people from their malarial complaints and, after laboring for twenty years or more in Clinton County he removed

to Logansport, Ind., where he remained in the pursuit of his beloved profession until he had completed his four score years. He was for many years a member of the Christian Church (Disciples). He was ever ready to give attention to all who needed his services. With a kind heart and a generous nature, it was hard to amass wealth and equally hard to retain it. Hence when he left Wilmington for Logansport in 1835, he was not overburdened with currency or property."

In a History of Cass County, Ind., written by Thomas Helm in 1878, the following statement is to be found: "In July, 1834, Dr. G. N. Fitch located here (Logansport) and was followed by Dr. Uriah Farquhar in June, 1835. They were the most eminent of the early physicians acquiring a most enviable reputation in their particular sphere. Dr. Fitch still remains but Dr. Farquhar died a few years ago." He is buried in the Mt. Hope Cemetery at Logansport, Ind.

Jonathan Farquhar, son of Uriah and Keziah Farquhar, spent his life in Logansport, Ind. He died about 188-, leaving two sons, one of whom lived in Indianapolis, the other lived at Kokomo, Ind., but moved to California many years ago. (Further information unavailable).

Edmond Farquhar, son of Uriah and Keziah Farquhar, lived for a while at Kokomo, Ind., but moved to California in the early seventies. He had two children, one of whom died in infancy, and a daughter concerning whom I have no information. (Further information unavailable).

Mary Farquhar, daughter of Uriah and Keziah Farquhar, married Horace Peters. They had one child, Eva, who married a man by the name of Reynolds. Mr. Peters was a merchant in the city of Logansport for many years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Peters died in the eighties and are buried in the Mt. Hope Cemetery at Logansport. Their daughter, Eva Peters Reynolds, is a very talented musician. She has studied the piano with some of America's noted musicians and is herself a piano teacher of recognized ability. She resides at 1101 High St., Logansport, Ind.

Section 5

James Elam and His Descendants

James Elam, son of Josiah and Sarah Porter Elam, was born in Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio, in the month of May, 1802, the precise date not being known. He was the first child born in the family after their removal from Kentucky to Ohio. Some of his descendants claim that he was the first white child born in Greene County, Ohio. (See Kennedy's History of Logan County, Ohio). So far as the south central portion of the county is concerned, the claim is well founded because Josiah Elam was the first settler in Spring Valley Township, and his son, James, was born soon after the family arrived in Ohio. Concerning the youth of James Elam, I have no information. He was married to Mary Dunn, February 9, 1827, by the Rev. John P. Taylor. Shortly after their marriage, he and his bride had their portraits made by an artist who sketched with a pen. These unusual portraits are still preserved by one of his descendants, Mrs. Della McCune, of Columbus, Ohio, and are really a work of art.

After his marriage James Elam moved to New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio, where he lived for a short time and then moved to Logan County. He was one of the first tavern keepers in Rushsylvania, then a thriving village on the old Sandusky trail which led from Cincinnati to Lake Erie. In this village there were three taverns, all of them huge log cabins, and the chief patrons were the teamsters who hauled grain and merchandise over the old trail. It seems that James Elam was interested in farming, for he bought a farm of 71 acres from William Stewart in 1844. With the coming of the railroad the tavern business in the villages was practically destroyed. Owing to this and other causes James Elam closed up his business in Logan County and turned his eyes toward the West.

In 1858 a small quantity of gold was discovered near Pike's Peak in Colorado, and soon there was a wild rush to the new gold fields. According to my information, James Elam and his sons, Giles, John, and Isaac, participated in that exciting pilgrimage each of them driving an eight ox team. When they arrived at their destination, they found that Pike's Peak afforded scant opportunity to make a living and no opportunity

to make a fortune, so they retraced their steps until they came to the Missouri River and settled in Platte County, Missouri, near the town of Weston.

Here James Elam and his family underwent the hardships and enjoyed the pleasures that belong to pioneer life. I have seen a picture of the buildings erected by this pioneer of western Missouri, and, while the scene is primitive, it would appear that the family had a neat and comfortable home.

A small picture of James Elam, taken in his old age, shows a sturdy old gentleman, somewhat corpulent like his brothers, who had enjoyed life in spite of many hardships. He died about 1868 and is buried at Weston, Missouri. He had six children: Sarah, Giles, John, Isaac, Susan, and George D. Concerning John and Isaac I have no information except that John married and died without children and is buried at Weston, Missouri. Isaac worked on the railroad and disappeared many years ago. Mary Dunn Elam, the wife of James Elam, is also buried at Weston. I do not know the date of her death.

Sarah Ann Elam, daughter of James and Mary Elam, was born in or near New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio, May 10, 1832. She was married to Dr. Isaac A. Doran, January 10, 1851, at the residence of her father in Rushsylvania. She was the mother of three children: Thomas Benton, C. Elam, and Della Florence, who was born January 1, 1864, and died March 30, 1869. Mrs. Doran spent practically her entire life in Rushsylvania. She was devoted to her home and family. She was a good housekeeper and had a lovely yard and flower garden of which she was very fond. She was careful of her appearance and still more careful of her conduct. She had some trying circumstances to meet, but she met them in a way that commanded the respect of the community. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Church. She died June 14, 1878, and is buried at Rushsylvania.

Dr. Isaac A. Doran, the husband of Sarah Ann Elam, was of French Huguenot stock. He was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in 1820. He came west and was educated as a doctor of the eclectic school. The greater part of his life he was both a doctor and a druggist. He lived at Rushsylvania, a village in the north-eastern part of Logan County, Ohio. He was an active member of the Republican party and

served as postmaster for many years. He was a member of the Masonic Order and the Methodist Church. After the death of his wife, he married her cousin, Elizabeth Stephenson. He died December 8, 1895, and is buried at Rushsylvania.

Thomas Benton Doran, son of Isaac A. and Sarah Ann Doran, was born in Rushsylvania, June 14, 1852. He was married to Mary Aldrich, May 26, 1870. To this marriage one child was born, a daughter named Della Florence. Thomas Doran spent his entire life in Rushsylvania, being engaged in a variety of work. He died October 6, 1888, and his widow died nine months later. Both are buried at Rushsylvania.

Della Florence, daughter of Thomas B. and Mary Aldrich Doran, was born at Rushsylvania and educated in the public schools of that place. She was married to John McCune, January 2, 1903. For six years they lived in Rushsylvania, but in 1909 they moved to Columbus, Ohio, and now reside at 5711½ North High Street. Mrs. McCune is an accomplished dramatic reader and devotes some of her spare time to public speaking in behalf of causes in which she is interested. Her chief interest, however, is her home, in which she has carefully preserved some very interesting mementoes of her Elam ancestors. Her husband, John McCune, was born in Rushsylvania, Logan County, Ohio, July 13, 1869. During most of his life, he has been a railroad man, and is now (1931) employed by the N. & W. R. R. Co. at Columbus, Ohio.

C. Elam Doran, son of Isaac A. and Sarah Ann Doran, was born July 30, 1857, at Rushsylvania, Ohio, and was educated in the public schools of that village. He was married July 5, 1887, to Rilla Jane Chapman at Columbus, Ohio. To this marriage two children were born, Pearl A. and Sarah E. Mr. Doran has been a railroad man most of his life. He resided in Columbus, Ohio, till 1901 when he moved to California. He now lives at Los Angeles, Calif. His two daughters also live in Los Angeles: they are both married but have no children.

Giles Elam, son of James and Mary Dunn Elam, was born in Ohio and died in Missouri. He never married. He was a farmer by occupation and belonged to the Masonic Order. About the year 1878 he made a visit to his Ohio relatives. He

told his niece that he desired to remember her three-year-old child with a gift that would be both useful and lasting. In this concern for utility and permanence he showed himself to be a true Elam. He died about 1892 and is buried at Weston, Missouri.

Sue Elam, daughter of James and Mary Elam, was born in Logan County, Ohio. She became a beautiful young woman as shown by her portrait which is still preserved by her niece. She married Theodore Lentz, a resident of Platte County, Missouri. She died November 21, 1873, and is buried at Weston, Missouri. Her husband lived to be a very old man and died recently at Leavenworth, Kansas.

George Dunn Elam, son of James and Mary Dunn Elam, was born in Logan County, Ohio. While a child he was taken by his parents to Missouri and grew to manhood in that state. According to the public records he was married to Mrs. Malinda Davis, January 13, 1874. His wife's maiden name was Malinda Leopard. To this marriage four daughters were born: Della, Ida, Lida, and Bessie. Ida and Lida are twins. George D. Elam was a farmer by occupation. He and his wife attended the Methodist Church. Mrs. Elam died in 1890 and Mr. Elam died in 1892, leaving four orphan girls to make their way in the world. These four girls are still living in or near Leavenworth, Kansas, and I am glad to include them in this family history.

Della Elam, daughter of George D. and Malinda Elam, married Lee Cecil, and for some years they lived on a farm. Later they moved to Leavenworth where Mr. Cecil worked for the railroad until his death which occurred some years ago. To this marriage five sons were born: Clifford, Jay, Kinsberry, John, and Nelson. Mrs. Cecil now lives in Leavenworth, Kansas. She and her family are members of the Baptist Church, and Mrs. Cecil is a member of the Eastern Star. Her sister, Bessie Elam, makes her home with Mrs. Cecil. Clifford Cecil is employed by the C. B. & Q. R. R. Co. He is a Mason and a Shriner, and resides in Leavenworth. Jay Cecil is engaged in radio and television work. He married Gladys Bowen. They have no children and live in New York City. Kinsberry or K. B. is employed by a lumber company in Leavenworth. He married Billie Parson. They have two children, Anna

Rose and John Lee, commonly called Jackie Lee. John Cecil lives in Leavenworth, Kansas, and is employed by the C. B. & Q. R. R. Co. Nelson Cecil lives in Leavenworth and is (1931) engaged in radio work. He married Eda Benbaum and they have one child, Betty Lee.

Ida Elam, daughter of George D. and Malinda Elam, married Henry F. Thies. Mr. Thies is a painter by trade. They live at 612 Walnut St., Leavenworth, Kansas. Mrs. Thies is a member of the Christian Church, the Rebecca Lodge, and a Ladies' club, and takes an active part in all of these organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Thies have no children.

Lida Elam, daughter of George D. and Malinda Elam, married L. V. Cline who is a farmer by occupation and lives near Edgerton, Missouri. Mrs. Cline is a member of the Christian Church.

Note:—In the preparation of this chapter I have received very valuable help from Mrs. Della McCune who lives at 571 1/2 North High St., Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Ida Thies who lives at 612 Walnut St., Leavenworth, Kansas. For their fine co-operation I am very grateful.

GENEALOGICAL CHART

The James Elam Family

James Elam married Mary Dunn.
 Sarah Ann Elam married Isaac A. Doran.
 Thomas B. Doran married Mary Aldrich.
 Della Florence Doran married John McCune.
 C. Elam Doran married Rilla Jane Chapman.
 Pearl Doran married _____.
 Bessie Doran married _____.
 Della Florence Doran.
 Giles Elam.
 John Elam married _____.
 Isaac Elam.
 Susan Elam married Theodore Lentz.
 George D. Elam married Malinda Davis nee Malinda Chatern
 Leipard.
 Della Elam married Lee Cecil.
 Clifford Cecil.
 Jay Cecil married Gladys Bowen.
 Kinsberry B. Cecil married Billie Parson.
 Anna Rose Cecil.
 John Lee Cecil.
 John Cecil.
 Nelson Cecil married Eda Benbaum.
 Betty Lee Cecil.
 Ida Elam married Henry F. Thies.
 Lida Elam married L. V. Cline.
 Bessie Elam.

Section 6

Isaac B. Elam and His Descendants

Isaac B. Elam, son of Josiah and Sarah Porter Elam, was born February 18, 1806, on the farm east of Spring Valley, Ohio, where his father located when he came to Ohio. He received a good elementary education, a part of which was attained by walking a distance of about five miles to Union Academy located in Xenia Township, Greene County, Ohio.

He was married to Mary McKnight, August 29, 1837. After his marriage he built a two-story frame house on the farm he received from his father's estate. This house is weather-boarded in black walnut from a tree which grew on the farm. While this house was being built, they lived on an adjoining farm. When their new home was completed, they removed to it and continued living there up to the time of their deaths. They had four children: Jane, James, William and Josiah. Isaac B. Elam took an active interest in the welfare of the community. For a number of years he was a member of the Spring Valley Township Board of Education and served in other positions of honor and responsibility. He was highly esteemed for his upright character. In politics he was first a Whig and then a Republican.

By his thrift and good management he was able to purchase two farms, one from his brother, Joel C., when he moved to Indiana, and the other on the New Burlington Pike, known as the Mercer farm. This was a tract of 421 acres, of which Isaac Elam retained 218 acres and sold the remaining 203 acres to his brother Ambrose. At the time of his death Isaac B. Elam was the owner of approximately 460 acres of good land.

His wife died January 7, 1856, and is buried in Woodland Cemetery at Xenia, Ohio. She was the daughter of William and Jane Fulton McKnight. William McKnight came from Virginia to Ohio in 1804. At that time he and his brother purchased a tract of land along Caesarcreek just south of the Elam land. It was on this farm that Mary McKnight was born June 17, 1814. The McKnights were Presbyterians. From the beginning they have been prominent and useful citizens in the Spring Valley community.

After the death of his wife, Isaac B. Elam with his chil-

dren continued to reside on the farm. He died September 28, 1864, and is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

In the probate court records of Greene County, Ohio, will be found a record of the inventory of the personal property of Isaac B. Elam made October 12, 1864, by M. Daugherty, Moses Walton and Edward Mendenhall, appraisers. I believe that this inventory will be of interest to my readers because it demonstrates the efficiency of Isaac B. Elam as a farmer and at the same time throws some light on how farm operations were carried on in the Miami Valley in the days of the Civil War. The appraisement was well made as the property was sold at public auction for substantially the appraised valuation.

Schedule of Personal Property of Isaac B. Elam:

1. Two stands of bees	\$ 10.00
2. Five empty bee hives	4.00
3. One barrel of salt75
4. One barrel of soap	1.00
5. One barrel of meat	7.00
6. Five sickles	1.00
7. One keg and nails60
8. One maul and three wedges	2.00
9. One box and shoemaker's tools	1.00
10. One box and old irons50
11. One pair of sheep shearers	1.50
12. Lot of tools, planes, augers, etc.	6.00
13. Two corn cutters50
14. Two scythes	1.00
15. One log chain	3.00
16. Lot of old chains75
17. One grindstone25
18. One ground auger	2.00
19. One spade, one shovel, and hoes	3.00
20. Three scythes and sneaths	3.00
21. One axe (old)25
22. One sled (old)	1.00
23. One ground roller	10.00
24. Seven meal bags	2.00
25. One buggy and harness	100.00
26. One two-horse wagon	35.00
27. One four-horse wagon	150.00

28. Two pairs of stretchers	\$ 3.00
29. One cutting box	8.00
30. Two hogsheads	5.00
31. Hay ladders	3.00
32. One cross cut saw	3.00
33. Two grain cradles	5.00
34. One fanning mill	5.00
35. One hay rake	5.00
36. Five forks and one rake	2.00
37. One corn sheller	3.00
38. One man's saddle	5.00
39. Three double shovel plows	10.00
40. Three single shovel plows	1.00
41. One small barshare plow	5.00
42. One two-horse harrow	5.00
43. Six single-trees	2.00
44. Four double-trees	3.00
45. One barshare plow	15.00
46. One barshare plow	10.00
47. One barshare plow	5.00
48. One barshare plow	2.00
49. One cultivator	1.00
50. Two old plows and three shovel moulds	2.00
51. One stalk rake	1.00
52. One-half bushel measure	.50
53. Two old baskets	.25
54. Two sets single harness	14.00
55. One set wagon harness	14.00
56. Two pairs harness and traces	5.00
57. One lot black walnut plank	10.00
58. One lot white walnut plank	25.00
59. One log sled	2.00
60. Thirty-five hogs	350.00
61. One sow and nine shoats	55.00
62. One bay horse	125.00
63. One bay mare	125.00
64. One colt sucking	30.00
65. One colt yearling	50.00
66. One white calf	7.00
67. One white and red cow and calf	35.00

68. One white cow	\$ 30.00
69. One spotted cow	25.00
70. Three buck sheep	12.00
71. 106 sheep	424.00
72. Two steers	80.00
73. Two white steers	70.00
74. Five steers	75.00
75. One white heifer	20.00
76. Two cows	70.00
77. 300 earthen crocks	30.00
78. Eight large kettles	35.00
79. One large cistern	10.00
80. One sled	3.00
81. 34 acres growing wheat	170.00
82. Fifteen cords of firewood	37.50
83. One thousand bushels of oats	550.00
84. 31 bushels of wheat in Carson's Mill	49.60
85. 400 bushels of wheat in barn	600.00
86. Forty bushels of wheat, rent wheat	64.00
87. Thirty dozen sheaf oats in barn	15.00
88. 15 tons of hay in barn	225.00
89. One lot of potatoes	10.00
90. 1700 bushels of corn	1275.00
91. 85 acres of stalk pasture	85.00
92. Garden vegetables	5.00
93. One barrel sugar	32.00
94. One set quilting frames	.25
95. One keg (water)	.75
96. One meal sieve	.25
97. One pair steelyards	.50
98. One washboard and wash tub	.50
99. One tub and pickles	2.00
100. One oven and tallow	1.50
101. One iron bound keg	1.00
102. Two jugs of molasses	2.25
103. Seven jugs	1.00
104. Six fruit cans and fruit	3.00
105. Three empty fruit cans	.30
106. Twenty-two milk crocks	2.20
107. One churn	.50

108-109.	1½ gal. measure, funnel and strainer	\$.50
110.	Four tin buckets	.75
111.	Cupboard ware	10.00
112.	One dining table	6.00
113.	One breakfast table	2.00
114.	One kitchen table	2.00
115.	One cook stove and trimmings	15.00
116.	One glass lantern	.25
117.	One coffee mill	.50
118.	One sad iron, two candlesticks and two dusters	2.00
119.	Seven cane bottom chairs	10.00
120.	25 yards floor carpet	28.00
121.	One card table	6.00
121-a.	One map United States	3.00
122.	One large mirror	4.00
123.	Nine odd chairs	2.25
124.	Shovel and tongs	.50
125.	Two pair andirons	1.00
126.	One clock	5.00
127.	One glass lamp	.75
128.	One candle stand	1.50
129.	One bedstead and bedding	25.00
130.	Old carpet (upper room)	2.00
131.	One bed, bedstead and bedding	20.00
132.	One chest	3.00
133.	One bedstead and cord	2.00
134.	One bedstead, bed and bedding	30.00
135.	One bedstead, bed and bedding	15.00
136.	Six blankets	10.00
137.	Two bed ticks	5.00
138.	Two coverlets	5.00
139.	One map of Greene County, Ohio	2.00
140.	One map of Presidents	.50
141.	One settee	2.50
142.	One bureau	4.00
143.	One wash bowl and pitcher	1.50
144.	Old carpet	3.00
145.	One keg of lard	13.50
146.	Five empty barrels	2.50
147.	Two dozen chickens	5.00

148. Money on hand (paper)	\$ 22.15
Total	<u>\$5596.10</u>

Appraisement made October 12, 1864.

Jane Elam, daughter of Isaac B. and Mary (McKnight) Elam, was born July 7, 1838, near the site of the old Elam homestead. She was educated in the schools of Spring Valley Township. She married Robert Mendenhall, December 22, 1859. They had two children, Mary and Kelly. A few years after their marriage they removed to her father's farm on the New Burlington Pike. At his death she received this farm and resided there till her death. She was a woman of many admirable traits of character. Although confined to her home by illness many years before her death, she was well informed and was interested in what was taking place about her. She died November 2, 1901, and is buried in the Spring Valley Cemetery.

Robert Mendenhall, the husband of Jane Elam, was the son of Benjamin and Ann Simison Mendenhall. They were among the pioneer settlers of Spring Valley Township and adhered to the Quaker faith. They lived near the Elams. Mr. Mendenhall was an enterprising farmer and supported the Republican party. He died at his home on the New Burlington Pike, March 22, 1921, at the age of 86 years. He is buried in the Spring Valley Cemetery.

Mary Mendenhall, daughter of Robert and Jane (Elam) Mendenhall, was born on a farm near Spring Valley, Ohio. She received her education in the schools of Spring Valley Township. She was married to William Ferguson, January 3, 1882. He was the son of Robert and Mary Ferguson, who lived on a farm adjoining the Mendenhall farm. For several years they lived with his father and mother. It was on the Ferguson farm that their two children, Leon and Mildred, were born. Later they removed to a farm on the New Burlington Pike. William Ferguson died January 16, 1889, and is buried in the Spring Valley Cemetery. After the death of her husband, Mary Ferguson and her two children removed to New Burlington. She remained there for several years and then removed to her father's farm in the Richland neighborhood. At

her father's death, she received this farm in the settlement and resided there until 1926, when she removed to Spring Valley, Ohio. She is a member of the Methodist Church.

Leon Ferguson, son of William and Mary Mendenhall Ferguson, was born December 26, 1882, and was educated in the public schools of Spring Valley Township. He was married to Bertha (Anderson) Darr, March 1, 1916. She is a member of one of the old families of the Richland neighborhood. They have a son, Paul, who attends the centralized school at Spring Valley, Ohio. The family are Republicans and attend the Methodist Church. They live on a farm near Spring Valley, Ohio.

Mildred Ferguson, daughter of William and Mary Ferguson, was educated in the schools of Spring Valley Township. She was married January 26, 1905, to James Laurens of Greene County, Ohio. They have twin children, Mary Wilma and Robert Donald. The children attend the Spring Valley centralized school. They reside on her mother's farm near the Richland Methodist church of which they are members. Their address is Xenia, Ohio, R. R. No. 4.

Kelly Mendenhall, son of Robert and Jane (Elam) Mendenhall, was born July 28, 1871. He attended the schools of Spring Valley Township. He was married June 12, 1901, to Maria E. Winters of New Burlington, Ohio. They resided with his father and mother after their marriage. At their death he retained the farm, which he sold in March, 1930. They had three children: Robert J., Allan K., and Alma J. Allan and Alma are twins. Robert J. died October 8, 1921, at the age of 18 years. He had completed the work of the Spring Valley Township Schools at the time of his death. Allan K. and Alma J. received their elementary education in the schools of Spring Valley Township. Later they attended the Xenia Central High School where they graduated with honor.

Alma J. Mendenhall married Erba Beason, June 14, 1929. They live near New Burlington, Ohio. They have two children, Nancy May and Charles Allan. After the sale of their farm, Kelly Mendenhall and his wife and son Allan moved to New Burlington where Mrs. Mendenhall died December 25, 1930. She was a member of the Methodist Church and was an active worker therein. Her death was a loss to the com-

munity and a very great loss to her family of which she was a devoted wife and mother.

James Elam, son of Isaac B. and Mary (McKnight) Elam, was born November 26, 1839. He received his education in the schools of Spring Valley Township. He enlisted in Co. B, 74th O. V. I. during the Civil War and died at Camp Chase near Columbus, Ohio, April 12, 1862. He is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

By some inadvertence the name of this soldier has been omitted from the official roster published by the State of Ohio. There is no question, however, about his being a soldier. In addition to the family information, in which I have full confidence, his name will be found in Robinson's History of Greene County in the War. The late Coleman Heaton, of Xenia, Ohio, a soldier in the same company, told me that he remembered James Elam distinctly as a soldier at Camp Chase. He was a large fine looking man and his comrades were greatly shocked when he succumbed so quickly to his disease. Mr. Heaton was quite sure that the omission of his name from the roster was a clerical error and not due to any flaw in his military record.

William Elam, son of Isaac B. and Mary (McKnight) Elam, was born February 17, 1842, on the farm Isaac B. Elam received from his father's estate. He received his education at the Richland school. He was a soldier in the Civil War, being enrolled in Co. G, 154 O. V. I. He was married to Cornelia Adams, January 18, 1865. She was a daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Adams, who lived on the Xenia-Cincinnati pike about four miles from Xenia. They went to house-keeping on his brother Josiah's farm. Later, having built a house and barn on the farm which he received from his father's estate, they removed to this farm. They had four children: Minnie, Edwin, Cora and Ora E.

William Elam was a good farmer and a good citizen. He was a man devoted to the interest of his family, and was esteemed in the community where his influence was for the best. He was a Republican and served as township trustee. The family attended the Richland M. E. Church. His wife died July 3, 1890, at the age of 48 years. His daughter, Cora, died

December 26, 1891, at the age of 20 years. They are buried in the Spring Valley Cemetery.

He was remarried April 6, 1899, to Letitia Huffman of New Burlington, Ohio. They resided on the farm, and it was there William Elam died February 23, 1913. He is buried in the Spring Valley Cemetery. His widow survives him and is (1931) living in Spring Valley, Ohio.

Minnie Elam, daughter of William and Cornelia (Adams) Elam, was born on the Isaac B. Elam farm. She was educated in the Spring Valley Township Schools. She was married to Hervey E. Funk, August 27, 1885. They went to house-keeping in Caesarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio. Two of their children, Albert E. and Jesse E., were born there. In 1890 they removed to the Ambrose Elam farm. It was there that their two daughters, Mary A. and Martha J., were born. Later they purchased land just north of the Josiah Elam farm. They built a house on this land and removed there. Their youngest child, Ralph, was born on this farm. The family still reside on this farm.

Their children were educated in the schools of Spring Valley Township. Albert E., Martha J., and Ralph are at home. Mary is a nurse in the McClellan Hospital at Xenia, Ohio. Jesse E. Funk married Elizabeth V. Duke, December 6, 1915. They have six children: Charles M., Ileen V., Irma M., Pauline D., Cora B., and Stanley E. They live in Spring Valley, Ohio, where Mr. Funk is engaged in the barber business.

Edwin Elam, son of William and Cornelia (Adams) Elam, was born on his father's farm in Spring Valley Township. He was educated in the schools of Spring Valley Township. He was a Republican and took a rather active interest in local politics. He was highly esteemed by the political leaders of Greene County for his honesty and good judgment in political matters. He served very acceptably as township trustee but never aspired to higher offices.

He was married April 23, 1891, to Sallie Mills, daughter of William and Alice Mills, who lived on a neighboring farm. They went to house-keeping in Xenia, Ohio, where he was employed by the Chew Publishing Company. They had a son, Luther, who died in infancy. They lived in Xenia a few years and then removed to the farm of his great-uncle, Samuel

McKnight. This farm adjoined his father's farm on the south and is a part of the original tract of land patented by Josiah Elam when he came to Ohio. Later he sold it to the McKnights. At the death of Samuel McKnight, by the terms of his will, Edwin Elam received this farm. Mr. Elam's wife died in May, 1914. After her death he rented his farm and moved to Spring Valley. In the later years of his life he took an interest in pedigreed stock and specialized in Shorthorn cattle. He was a man of genial disposition and had many friends. He died August 17, 1916, and is buried in the Spring Valley Cemetery. His sister, Minnie Funk, inherited his real estate at his death and still retains this land. Through inheritance from her father and brother Mrs. Funk now owns about 240 acres of the original tract patented by Josiah Elam her great-grandfather.

Ora E. Elam, daughter of William and Cornelia (Adams) Elam, married Edward Walton, of Spring Valley, Ohio, February 9, 1892. They resided with her father for a short time. Later they removed to Xenia, Ohio, where she died November 13, 1893, at the age of 20 years. She is buried in the Spring Valley Cemetery.

Josiah Elam, son of Isaac B. and Mary McKnight Elam, was born December 30, 1843, on the farm which Isaac B. Elam received from his father's estate. He received his education at Richland school in Spring Valley Township. He voted the Republican ticket. After his father's death, he made his home with his brother William and his wife until his marriage with S. Elizabeth Sims, which took place September 24, 1874. She was the daughter of George and Sarah (Buckles) Sims. Her father's people were among the early settlers of Warren County, Ohio. It was in this county she was born. Her mother's people, the Buckles family, were among the first settlers of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio. They were Baptists, of which denomination she was a member.

At his father's death Josiah Elam received the home farm, and it was there that he and his wife went to housekeeping. They had six daughters: Maud, Bessie, Mary, Irene, Kizzie, and Edna. Irene died February 1, 1899, at the age of 14 years. His wife died December 13, 1899, at the age of 53 years. She and Irene are buried in the Spring Valley Cemetery.

Josiah Elam was a man of upright character and was very

conscientious in all business transactions. He was a firm adherent of the old adage, "Honesty is the best policy." Although he had a rather reserved nature and was somewhat of a recluse so far as social activities were concerned, he thoroughly enjoyed a friendly visit with his friends and neighbors and was always interested in furthering any undertaking which was for the betterment of the community. He believed in good schools and served a number of years on the local board of education. He was truly a rural man, as the country offered more pleasures to him than the city. He showed great interest in the management of his farm, and in his leisure hours he appreciated no form of recreation more than a stroll in the woods, being especially interested in trees, which he greatly admired. In 1921, his health having failed, he with his daughters left the farm to take up their residence in Spring Valley, Ohio. He died May 1, 1923, and is buried in the Spring Valley Cemetery.

Josiah Elam's daughters were educated in the schools of Spring Valley Township. Bessie attended Antioch College and then taught school for a short time.

Mary is a nurse. She graduated from the McClellan Hospital Training School at Xenia, Ohio. Later she did post graduate work in the Boston Floating Hospital, Boston, Mass. During the World War she was in service at Camp Sherman near Chillicothe, Ohio. She is a member of the American Legion and also a member of the American Nurses' Association.

Edna graduated from Antioch College, receiving the degree of A. B. Later she attended the Ohio State University where she received the degree of A. M. At present (1931) she is teaching English in a high school at Middletown, Ohio. She is a member of the American Association of University Women.

Bessie, Mary, Kizzie, and Edna are living in Spring Valley, Ohio. They are interested in farming, and own the farm which their Grandfather Elam received from his father's estate. They are Republicans. Mary, Kizzie, and Edna were members of the Richland Methodist Church. When they left the farm they transferred their membership to the Methodist Church of Spring Valley, Ohio.

Maud Elam was married May 9, 1900, to William Smith of Jamestown, Ohio. He is a son of Alfred and Susan Smith. He is interested in farming and other business enterprises. They

live at 107 E. Third St., Xenia, Ohio. They are members of the Methodist Church and Mrs. Smith is an active member of the W. C. T. U. They are Republicans.

I shall close my account of this family with a story. Some time since one of the daughters of Josiah Elam was being reproached as not being "a good American" because she did not care to join a certain organization which was very popular at that time. This reflection on her patriotism aroused her Elam spirit, and she made a reply that is worth preserving. "It is not for me to decide whether or not I am a good American, but I do know that men of my family served in every war that America has been in except the World's War and as there were no men in my family to go to that war, my sister went." It is needless to say there was no further argument about Elam patriotism.

Note:—In the preparation of this chapter I have received valuable assistance from Miss Bessie Elam, of Spring Valley, Ohio. She has always been interested in the family history and her assistance has been both competent and generous.

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The Isaac B. Elam Family

Isaac B. Elam married Mary McKnight.
 James Elam.
 Jane Elam married Robert Mendenhall.
 Mary Mendenhall married William Ferguson.
 Leon Ferguson married Bertha Anderson Darr.
 Paul Ferguson.
 Mildred Ferguson married James Laurens.
 R. Donald Laurens.
 Mary W. Laurens.
 Kelly Mendenhall married Maria E. Winters.
 Robert J. Mendenhall.
 Allen K. Mendenhall.
 Alma J. Mendenhall married Erba Beason.
 Nancy May Beason.
 Charles Allan Beason.
 William Elam married Cornelia Adams.
 Minnie Elam married Hervey E. Funk.
 Albert E. Funk.
 Jesse E. Funk married Elizabeth Duke.
 Charles M. Funk.
 Heene V. Funk.
 Irma M. Funk.
 Pauline D. Funk.
 Cora B. Funk.
 Stanley B. Funk.
 Mary A. Funk.
 Martha J. Funk.
 Ralph Funk
 Edwin Elam married Sallie Mills.
 Luther Elam.
 Cora Elam.
 Ora Elam married Edward Walton.
 William Elam married (2) Letitia Huffman.

Josiah Elam married S. Elizabeth Sims.

Maud Elam married William Smith.

Bessie Elam.

Mary Elam.

Irene Elam.

Kizzie Elam.

Edna Elam.

Section 7

Cynthia (Elam) Roberts

Cynthia Ann Elam, daughter of Josiah and Sarah Porter Elam, was born in Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio, March 15, 1808. In her youth, according to family tradition, she was the fun maker of the Elam family. It is said that one day when her older sisters were entertaining their beaux, Cynthia caught the pet dog and gave him a coat of red paint and turned him loose in the living room to the great amusement of the young men and the great consternation of the young women. It would be interesting to know the reaction of her parents to this episode, but unfortunately that bit of family history has been lost.

Cynthia Elam first married ——— Murray. Further information about this marriage is unavailable. It is certain that Mr. Murray died before they had been married very long, for we find in the marriage records of Logan County, Ohio, that on the 23rd day of November, 1843, she was married to Arthur Roberts who was a resident of that county. This marriage also was of short duration for Mr. Roberts died September 6, 1859, aged 59 years.

His widow, Cynthia Roberts, lived alone the remainder of her life in Rushsylvania, Logan County, Ohio. She had no children. She owned a small farm of twenty-five acres, a few town lots, and her own home. She received a small pension. She was well respected in the community where she lived. She made occasional visits to her relatives in Greene County where she was a welcome guest. She died April 12, 1886, aged 78 years and 27 days, and is buried with her husband, Arthur Roberts, in the Miami Cemetery near Rushsylvania.

Section 8

Jane (Elam) Truman and Her Descendants

Jane Elam, daughter of Josiah and Sarah Elam, was born in Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio, April 3, 1810, and her entire life was spent in this part of Ohio. She was married to Jeffrey Truman, August 3, 1828. To this marriage twelve children were born, three of whom died in infancy. The other children were: Angeline, Isabella M., George, Elvira, Corilla, Arthur, Jane, Henrietta, and Elam L. Her husband died in 1851, and she was left a widow with a large family, and little property. She met her heavy responsibilities with courage, and by industry and good management succeeded in rearing a family that were highly respected for their intellectual and moral worth. She was always ready for emergencies. If unexpected company came, as they frequently did in pioneer times, it seldom caused her any embarrassment. While her resources were very modest, she always had something in reserve and with very little trouble could prepare a very nice meal.

She appreciated the importance of an education. Three of her daughters and a grand-daughter whom she reared became school teachers, and her sons were much above the average in intelligence. In her youth she was a member of the Baptist Church in Spring Valley. After the abandonment of this church, she did not join elsewhere but frequently worshiped at the Friends Church. For many years she lived just across the river from Spring Valley, on what is now called U. S. Route No. 42. She outlived all her father's family and died December 27, 1894. She is buried in the pioneer Elam cemetery, and was the last person buried therein.

Jeffrey Truman, the husband of Jane Elam, was born in the city of Philadelphia in 1793. He was the son of Joseph Truman and wife, his mother's maiden name being Llewellyn. Both of his parents were Quakers of Welsh stock. Joseph Truman was a coppersmith and his son, Jeffrey, was trained in the same art and also as a silversmith. In 1819 Jeffrey Truman came to Waynesville, Ohio, and established a store. He also practiced medicine and dentistry to some extent and taught school as well. Men of this type filled a useful place in

a pioneer community. He presently came to Greene County and located at Bellbrook, then a thriving village. He remained in Bellbrook till 1827 when he laid out the town of Transylvania (a long since vanished hamlet which was located just across the Little Miami River from Spring Valley, Ohio). He built the first house in the town which served as a store, tavern, and post-office.

Some time later he removed to Warren County and for four years was engaged as a silversmith at Franklin, Ohio. He then returned to Transylvania and resumed his business there conducting his tavern, working as a silversmith, and teaching school. During the progress of the Mexican War, Jeffrey Truman, who was then operating a store at Bellbrook, enlisted in the service and was sent to Mexico as bookkeeper for an army paymaster, rising to the position of paymaster before the war ended. In the fall of 1850, he left Transylvania and moved to Waynesville with the expectation of opening a store there, but death interfered with his plans. He died January 1, 1851, at Waynesville, Ohio, and is buried in the Elam pioneer cemetery. Jeffrey Truman was married three times. By his first wife, Esther Gilpin, he had one son, Thomas H., whose last days were spent at Covington, Ind. His second wife was Dorothy Ann Isham, by whom he had one son, Joseph M., who went to California where his last days were spent. In my sketch of his third wife, Jane Elam, I have named his children by her and hence there is no need of repetition. In politics he was an ardent Democrat and his sons adhered to the same faith.

Angelina, daughter of Jeffrey and Jane Elam Truman, was born May 23, 1830, and died September 27, 1858. She was married to Job Lashley of Warren County. To this marriage one child was born, Isadora Bell Lashley. (No further information).

Isadora Belle Lashley, daughter of Job and Angelina Lashley, was born near Spring Valley, March 12, 1857. After the death of her parents she made her home with her Grandmother Truman. She received a good elementary education and for a number of years taught school in the vicinity of Spring Valley. She was married to Rufus Squires of New Burlington, September 5, 1883. To this marriage two children were born, Arthur and Angelina. Mr. and Mrs. Squires

lived on a farm a few years and then moved to Spring Valley where they kept a restaurant for some years. Later they moved to Dayton and then returned to Spring Valley where their last days were spent. During much of their married life Mr. Squires was handicapped by poor health, but by careful management they made a good living and left a small estate to their children. They were members of the Friends Church. Mrs. Squires died March 16, 1926, and Mr. Squires died December 22, 1929. Both are buried at Spring Valley.

Arthur, son of Rufus and Isabelle Squires, was born August 14, 1884. He is a machinist and lives (1931) at Milford, Michigan. Angelina, daughter of Rufus and Isabelle Squires, is married to ——— Werner and lives at Hamilton, Ohio.

George Truman, son of Jeffrey and Jane Elam Truman, was born March 1, 1833, in Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio. He received a good education in the local schools and served as a soldier in Co. G, 154 O. V. I. He learned the trade of blacksmith and worked at this trade for many years in Spring Valley. In later years he conducted a hardware business in Spring Valley. He was married September 16, 1857, to Charlotte Simison. To this union two children were born, Ida J. and Horace. His first wife having died October 13, 1866, he was married the second time to Elvira Fisk on September 17, 1867. To this marriage three children were born: Minnie, J. Llewellyn, and Cora.

Mr. Truman was an intelligent man who took a lively interest in public affairs. For many years he was the Mayor of Spring Valley and held other local offices. Being a staunch and sincere Democrat, higher political preferment could not be attained in Greene County which is overwhelmingly Republican. He was frequently consulted by his friends and neighbors about business affairs and executed many legal papers as a notary public. In all such matters he was reasonable and honest, and if occasion required, he was sympathetic and generous. Occasionally some technical error would occur in his work, but nothing that reflected on his honesty or general intelligence. He took a commendable interest in the history of the community and wrote a series of papers to the local newspaper about the pioneer families of Spring Valley Township.

These papers have been very helpful to me in the preparation of this book. Mr. Truman was a sociable man and greatly enjoyed a practical joke. As a business man George Truman was honest and obliging, but he lacked shrewdness and was entirely too liberal in extending credit. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, the I. O. O. F. and the G. A. R. He died June 5, 1904, and is buried at Spring Valley, Ohio.

His wife, Elvira Fisk Truman, was an active worker in the church and lodge. She possessed both originaive and executive ability and was a woman of many and varied gifts. She died about April 11, 1918, and is buried at Spring Valley.

Ida J. Truman, daughter of Geo. and Charlotte Truman, was born in Spring Valley, June 27, 1858. She died, April 25, 1880, and is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio. She was a young woman of charming personality, very democratic in her manners and had the gift of making friends with all classes of people. Her early death was much lamented. Her brother, Horace, died in infancy and is buried in Woodland.

J. Llewellyn Truman, son of George and Ella Fisk Truman, was born in Spring Valley, Ohio, February 17, 1870. He was educated in the Spring Valley public school being a graduate of the village high school. He has been employed practically all his life by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. For some time he has been a passenger conductor on that system. Mr. Truman married Lila Haney of Clinton County, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Lucille. She was married to Walter H. Dove, May 7, 1931. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Truman lived at Richmond, Ind. Later they moved to Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Truman now resides. Mrs. Truman died December 5, 1925.

Minnie and Cora, daughters of George and Ella Truman, died in infancy and are buried in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

Elvira Truman, daughter of Jeffrey and Jane Truman, was born November 6, 1836. She was educated in the local schools and taught for a number of years in the vicinity of Spring Valley. She was married to William Hatfield, January 21, 1869. After his death, she removed to Montana where she resumed teaching. Some years later she was married to Henry Reding. They lived some years in Montana and then moved to

High River, Alberta, Canada. They remained in Canada but a few years and then moved to Spalding, Idaho, where Mrs. Reding died July 15, 1912. Elvira Hatfield, as she was called in the family circle, possessed many virtues, among which was a commendable degree of family pride. In her will she made provision for the maintenance of the pioneer Elam family burial ground.

Isabella M. Truman, daughter of Jeffrey and Jane (Elam) Truman, was born December 6, 1831, and died September 27, 1846.

Jane Truman, Jr., daughter of Jeffrey and Jane (Elam) Truman, was born April 10, 1845, and died September 9, 1861.

Corilla Truman, daughter of Jeffrey and Jane Truman, was born March 25, 1839. She was educated in the local schools and for a short time engaged in teaching. She was married to W. Milton Scarff, October 18, 1860. To them were born three children: Ella A., Jennie K., and Truman Merrill. Most of her life was spent on farms in the vicinity of Spring Valley. She was an active member of the Methodist Church and took a special interest in Sunday School work, serving as a teacher for many years. She was also interested in the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and served as secretary of the local auxiliary. She was a woman of sterling character and enjoyed the respect of all who knew her.

Her husband, W. Milton Scarff, was a son of William and Elizabeth Scarff, pioneer Methodists of Greene County. Milton Scarff himself might be called an old fashioned Methodist. He delighted in prayer meetings and class meetings in which his fervent prayers and clear testimony, backed by a consistent christian life, made a lasting impression for good in the community where he lived. He died June 7, 1900. After his death Mrs. Scarff moved to Spring Valley, where she died, January 4, 1905.

Ella A., daughter of W. M. and Corilla Scarff, was born August 16, 1865. She was educated in the public schools and for several years was a public school teacher. She was married to W. Spencer Morris, October 14, 1896. To this marriage two children were born, Wm. Stanley and Howard LaVerne. After her marriage Mrs. Morris lived in Dayton, Ohio, where

she died October 7, 1907. She was an intelligent christian woman, highly respected by all who knew her. Spenser Morris, was born near Bellbrook where his forbears were pioneer settlers. Mr. Morris was for many years connected with the People's Street Railway Company of Dayton in a responsible position. At present (1931) he is residing in Dayton, Ohio. William Stanley Morris was born in Dayton, Ohio, July 4, 1897. He is a son of Spenser and Ella Scarff Morris. He was educated in the public schools being a graduate of the Stivers High School. He was married October 5, 1927, to Rosalie Mae Swigart, of Bellbrook, Ohio. He is a mechanical draftsman and is now (1931) living in Cincinnati. Howard LaVerne, son of Spenser and Ella Morris, was born in Dayton, Ohio, January 15, 1900. He was educated in the public school system of Dayton and is a graduate of Stivers High School. He is now engaged in farming in Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio.

Jennie K., daughter of W. M. and Corilla Scarff, was born in Xenia, Ohio, September 21, 1867. She was educated in the public schools of Greene County. She taught school for a few years previous to her marriage to M. Edward Evans. To this marriage two children were born, Don Scarff and Hazel M. Mrs. Evans was a talented woman. The papers and recitations which she prepared for church and community gatherings were always well prepared and well delivered. For this community service she is still remembered. She died July 18, 1908. M. Edward Evans, the husband of Jennie Scarff Evans, was born December 18, 1866. He was a son of Moses and Sarah Evans. The Evans family have always been people of influence in the Spring Valley community. Edward Evans was educated in the public schools of Spring Valley Township and engaged in farming in which he was successful. For many years he was a member of the Spring Valley Township Board of Education. He was a Republican and belonged to Spring Valley Lodge I. O. O. F. He died April 28, 1930. Don S. Evans was born in Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio. He was educated in the public schools of Spring Valley Township and Xenia City. He is a farmer and his address is Spring Valley, R. R. No. 1. Hazel M. Evans was born April 2, 1900. She was the daughter of M. E. and Jennie Scarff Evans. She was

educated in the schools of Spring Valley Township and was a young woman of fine personality and had many friends. She died July 31, 1923.

Truman Merrill Scarff, son of W. M. and Corilla Scarff, was born October 6, 1875. He was educated in the public schools of Greene County and spent a short time in advanced schools. On October 27, 1904, he was married to Mae Crites, a daughter of Aaron and Margaret Crites, for many years prominent in the church and community life of Spring Valley. Merrill Scarff is a licensed minister of the Methodist Church and at one time had charge of work in Highland County where his services were very acceptable. Being compelled by the condition of his health to give up regular preaching, he has been engaged in business in Spring Valley. He still renders valuable services as a local preacher in places that otherwise would have no religious service. Mr. and Mrs. Scarff have one son, William Earl. He was born August 9, 1905, and was educated in the Spring Valley schools and Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky. At present (1931) he is with his father in the contracting business. The family live in Spring Valley, Ohio.

Arthur Truman, son of Jeffrey and Jane (Elam) Truman, was born February 9, 1842. He was educated in the public schools near Spring Valley. On October 24, 1861, he enlisted in Co. B, 74th O. V. I. He participated in a number of engagements. On December 16, 1862, he received an honorable discharge on account of physical disability. He returned to his home near Spring Valley where he remained until 1869 when he started west. He travelled by railroad to Sioux City, Iowa, and thence up the Missouri River on the steamer "Deer Lodge," which stuck on a sandbar almost every day, to Fort Benton. From Fort Benton, he with others travelled by wagon to Helena, Montana. He kept a diary on this trip which took many days. In later life, his account of Montana pioneering was very interesting to his eastern relatives. From Helena he went to near Bozeman and after a few changes took up a homestead in the Spring Hill country and engaged extensively in the raising of wheat, oats, and hay. He remained on this farm until 1910, when he sold the farm and with his family moved to Bozeman and lived a retired life. He was a staunch Democrat and in 1892 was elected to the State Legislature of

Montana, from Gallatin County. He was a public-spirited man and took a lively interest in the social welfare of the community. On January 19, 1888, he was married to Mrs. Sarah Crouse. Two children were born to this marriage, Joseph K. and Ida Ruth. Mrs. Truman died in Bozeman, August 14, 1912, while Mr. Truman lived till July 11, 1927.

Joseph K. Truman, son of Arthur and Sarah Truman, was born at Springhill near Bozeman, Montana, November 18, 1889. He was married to Ruth Chivers of Helena, Montana, May 29, 1918. They have two children, both of whom were born at Helena, Stanley Lawrence on May 21, 1919, and Wallace Arthur on January 23, 1922. Mr. Truman is now (1931) employed by The Pacific Northwest Public Service Company. He resides at 1406 Bunage St., Portland, Oregon.

Ida Truman, daughter of Arthur and Sarah Truman, was born near Bozeman, Montana. On November 30, 1922, she was married to Clifford Hoey Morrow. They have three children: Maxine, born October 3, 1923; Vera Mae, born November 16, 1924; and Arthur Edward, born August 14, 1927. They reside at Bozeman, Montana, where Mr. Morrow is engaged in the plumbing business.

Henrietta Truman, daughter of Jeffrey and Jane Truman, was born near Spring Valley, January 28, 1847. She received her education in the public schools, and taught school for a few years. She was married to William H. Adams, November 21, 1867. Two children were born to this marriage, Aurelia E. and Byron L. She was a member of the Spring Valley Methodist Protestant Church. She spent her entire life near Spring Valley. Mrs. Adams was a woman of intelligence and refinement and was highly respected by all who knew her. She died August 7, 1909, and is buried at Spring Valley. Her husband, William H. Adams, was a native of Virginia. He was born in 1841 and came to Spring Valley in 1859. He was a good farmer and by thrift and good management achieved a reasonable degree of success. He died July 30, 1917.

Aurelia Adams, daughter of William H. and Henrietta (Truman) Adams, was born near Spring Valley, Ohio, October 27, 1868, and died December 26, 1886. She would have been one of the first graduating class of the Spring Valley High School if her health had permitted her to finish her course.

Byron L. Adams, son of W. H. and Henrietta Adams, was born near Spring Valley, July 24, 1870. He was educated at local schools and the Miami Commercial College at Dayton, Ohio. He married Ida M. Anderson, February 8, 1898. Her family were pioneer settlers in the Union neighborhood just south of Xenia, Ohio. In October, 1898, he moved to Chicago where he was employed as a bookkeeper until January 1, 1910. He then returned to Spring Valley and for a few years engaged in farming. Mr. Adams moved from the farm to the village March 1, 1919, and was connected with the Spring Valley Farmers' Exchange Company until the plant was destroyed by fire in December, 1925, and the company was dissolved. Since that time, he has been connected with the Roxanna Grain Company as business manager.

Elam L. Truman, son of Jeffrey and Jane (Elam) Truman, was born in Spring Valley Township, December 19, 1849. He was reared in Greene County, received his education at local schools, and learned the trade of carriage maker. He was married to Clara M. Warren, of Bellbrook, daughter of John and Cynthia Warren. To this marriage four children were born: John, Willard, Lyman W. and Springer. John and Willard died in childhood. Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Truman lived in several places and engaged in a variety of enterprises. In 1908, he went to Limestone County, Alabama, and bought a tract of land. His wife died February 26, 1910. In the fall of 1913 he disposed of his land to an advantage and returned to Spring Valley, where he was married December 24, 1913, to Mrs. Martha H. Tolbert, widow of Geo. B. Tolbert and daughter of Jonas and Prudence Stump. Elam Truman was a member of the Methodist Church and of the I. O. O. F. He died June 24, 1920. He was a companionable man, and had many friends. My father, James Elam, and he were about the same age, and, if my father had a favorite among his Elam cousins, it was Elam Truman. He had a good mind and a sympathetic heart and a friendly visit with Elam Truman was a pleasure that my father greatly enjoyed.

Lyman W. Truman, son of Elam L. and Clara Warren Truman, was born at Spring Valley, Ohio, July 1, 1888. He was married to Leila Mae Zehner, October 7, 1915. To this marriage four children were born, H. Leon, Clara Lue, Hubert

Warren, and James Edward. At present (1931) Mr. Truman is operating a garage at Athens, Alabama.

Springer W. Truman, youngest son of Elam and Clara Warren Truman, was born at Spring Valley, July 19, 1893. He is now (1931) living at Marion, Ohio.

Note:—Many of the facts upon which this chapter is based were secured for me by Mr. Byron L. Adams, of Spring Valley, Ohio, and I greatly appreciate his co-operation.

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The Jane (Elam) Truman Family

Jane Elam married Jeffrey Truman.
 Angeline Truman married Job Lashley.
 Isadora Belle Lashley married Rufus Squires.
 Arthur Squires.
 Angeline Squires married ——— Werner.
 Isabella M. Truman.
 George Truman married (1) Charlotte Simison.
 Ida J. Truman.
 Horace Truman.
 George Truman married (2) Elvira Fisk.
 Minnie Truman.
 J. Llewellyn Truman married Lila Haney.
 Lucille Truman married Walter H. Dove.
 Cora Truman.
 Elvira Truman married (1) William Hatfield.
 Elvira Hatfield married (2) Henry Reding.
 Corilla Truman married W. Milton Scarff.
 Ella A. Scarff married W. Spencer Morris.
 William Stanley Morris married Rosalie Mae Swigart.
 Howard LaVerne Morris.
 Jennie K. Scarff married M. Edmond Evans.
 Don Scarff Evans.
 Hazel Evans.
 Truman Merrill Scarff married Sarah Mae Crites.
 William Earl Scarff.
 Arthur Truman married Mrs. Sarah Crouse.
 Joseph K. Truman married Ruth Chivers.
 Stanley Lawrence Truman.
 Wallace Arthur Truman.
 Ida Ruth Truman married Clifford Hoey Morrow.
 Maxine Morrow.
 Vera Mae Morrow.
 Arthur Edward Morrow.
 Jane Truman.
 Henrietta Truman married William H. Adams.
 Aurelia E. Adams.
 Byron L. Adams married Ida Anderson.

Elam L. Truman married (1) Clara M. Warren.

John Truman.

Willard Truman.

Lyman W. Truman married Leila Zehner.

Leon Truman.

Clara Truman.

Hubert Warren Truman.

James Edward Truman.

Springer Truman.

Elam L. Truman m. (2) Mrs. Martha (Stump) Tolbert.

Section 9

Joel Carman Elam

Joel Carman Elam, son of Josiah and Sarah Elam, was born in Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio. The date of his birth is unknown to the writer, but he was about 66 years old when he died in 1879. The unusual name Carman was in honor of Joshua Carman, a pioneer Baptist preacher, who was a great favorite with the Josiah Elam family. In the family circle he was usually called Carman, but in the probating of his will he is referred to as Joel C. Concerning his youth I have no information. By the terms of his father's will he inherited the south portion of the home farm. On April 1, 1836, he sold this farm to his brother, Isaac, and moved to Logansport, Ind. In the year 1850 he was married to Sarah Robinson. No children were born to this marriage. He became a prosperous farmer, and it is my understanding that he was a nurseryman as well as a farmer. He was a large man being tall and well proportioned. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church. He died May 13, 1879, and is buried at Logansport. His wife had died a few years before. He left a will, and as it discloses some things of interest about his life it is included in this family history.

WILL

"I, Joel C. Elam of Cass County, Indiana, a farmer, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, in view of the uncertainty of death, do hereby make, publish, and declare this my last Will and Testament.

"Item 1st. I direct that as soon as practicable, after my death, all my debts shall be paid including the expense of my last illness, funeral expenses, and the costs of the monument to be placed at my grave, in the event that one shall not have been provided by me while living, for the grave of my deceased wife, suitable to receiving a description commemorative of me when my body is laid by the side of hers, and it is my wish that the monument shall not cost to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars.

"Item 2nd. I do hereby give and bequeath to the person or persons as the fact may be who shall have taken care of me, meaning here the chief care and trouble during my last illness,

the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid by my executor as soon as possible after the payment of my debts enumerated in item 1st of this will.

"Item 3rd. I do hereby give and bequeath unto Lydia Mitchell, a sister of my deceased wife, the widow of William Mitchell, late of Logansport, Cass County, Indiana, the sum of two hundred dollars, to be paid to her by my executor out of the proceeds of my estate.

"Item 4th. I do hereby give and bequeath unto Margaret Robinson, spinster, sister of my late wife deceased, residing in Logansport, Cass County, Indiana, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to be paid out of the proceeds of my estate.

"Item 5th. I do hereby give, devise, and bequeath unto William Robinson of Mercer County, State of Missouri, a brother of my deceased wife, the sum of two hundred dollars to be paid to him by my executors out of the proceeds of my estate.

"Item 6th. I do hereby give, devise, and bequeath to William Mitchell, Logansport, Indiana, the son of Lydia Mitchell, aforesaid and nephew to my late wife, the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid to him by my executors out of the proceeds of my estate.

"Item 7th. I do hereby give, devise and bequeath unto the surviving children, I mean those now living of James Robinson, deceased, late of Livingston County, Illinois, and who was a brother of my late wife, the full sum of twenty-four hundred dollars to be divided equally among them. As understood by me, this will give to each one of the said children the sum of three hundred dollars, there being eight of them.

"Item 8th. I do hereby give, devise, and bequeath unto the surviving children of James Elam, my brother, late of Platte County, Missouri, the sum of two thousand dollars to be divided equally between them share and share alike, that is to say as I understand it, there being five in number, four hundred dollars to each one to be paid to them by my Executor out of the proceeds of my estate.

"Item 9th. I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to my sister, Jane Truman, widow of Jeffrey Truman, the use during her lifetime of the full sum of twenty-nine hundred dollars (\$2900.00) to be by her loaned at interest, the interest to be

hers alone absolutely to use, to enjoy, and dispose of at will and pleasure, the principal to be divided at her death among her children and a grand-daughter, Isadora Belle, share and share alike, except that one of said children, a son, my nephew, E. L. Truman, shall have one hundred dollars more than each of the others, and it is my desire as far as it is practicable and safe the several shares of said sum of twenty-nine hundred dollars (\$2900.00) aforesaid shall be loaned to the several children of each amount equal to the share he or she would be entitled to receive at the death of their said mother, they to pay the interest to her while she shall live. The said sum of \$2900.00, to be paid to her out of the proceeds of my estate by my executor.

"Item 10th. I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to my nephew, Jonathan Farquhar, of Logansport, Ind., the sum of nine hundred dollars to be paid to him by my executors out of the proceeds of my estate, and I do hereby direct that in case that I shall hold at the time of my death certain shares of the capital stock of Logansport, Burlington Gravel Road Company of the face value of five hundred dollars, which I now hold, then and in that event that stock shall be transferred to my said nephew, Jonathan Farquhar, in lieu of five hundred dollars of the above bequest. In the event that I shall have parted with that stock before my death, the bequest shall then be as above provided, J. E. (\$900.00) to be paid out of the proceeds of my estate.

"Item 11th. I do hereby give, devise and bequeath unto my nephew, Edmond Farquhar, late of Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana, (now of Santa Barbara, Calif.) the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) to be paid out of the proceeds of my estate.

"Item 12th. I hereby give, devise and bequeath unto my niece, Mary Peters, wife of Horace B. Peters, of Logansport, Cass County, Indiana, the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) to be paid to her out of the proceeds of my estate.

"Item 13th. I do hereby give, devise, and bequeath unto the trustee of Noble Township, Cass County, Indiana, the sum of two hundred dollars to be by him as such trustee, held, used, and expended upon the work of a now contemplated change of highway in said Township, by which the road as

changed shall be located on the section line between Sections No. 1 and 2 in Township No. 27 North Range No. 1 East provided and this bequest is made upon the express condition that said contemplated change shall have not been completed during my lifetime. And provided further, that said contemplated change shall be completed within a period of two years immediately following my death. These conditions being assumed said sum shall be paid to said trustees as such trustees for the use and purpose above mentioned, by my executor out of the proceeds of my estate.

"Item 14th. I do hereby give, devise, and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate which shall remain after satisfying the bequests and paying the expenses of settlement and the like unto the trustees of the Second Presbyterian and Baptist churches of Logansport, Cass County, to be divided equally between the two boards of trustees of the two church organizations, to be by each of said boards of trustees held, used, and expended by them in their said capacity of trustees for church purposes and no other. The separate share to each board of trustees to be paid to them by my executor out of the proceeds of my estate upon final settlement.

"Item 15th. I do hereby constitute and appoint Andrew Burnett and James W. Lee, of Noble Township, Cass County, Indiana, to be executors of this my last Will and Testament, and hereby and by virtue of this instrument they are empowered to make sale of any and all real estate of which I shall be seized, at private sale without notice and without notice of Court of legal proceedings in Court, of any kind relating thereto with full power to make, execute and deliver to bonafied purchasers good and sufficient warranty deeds as the case may be over their own signatures as my executors and all the powers and duties may be executed by either of them if the other shall fail or refuse to qualify as my executors.

"My estate, consists and probably will consist, at the time of my death, of my home farm in Noble Township, Cass County, Indiana, of about two hundred and forty-one acres, which I think should realize \$10,000, my house and some lots in Thomas addition to the City of Logansport, Indiana, which I think ought to realize thirty-four hundred dollars, and some personal property. The real estate upon forced or cash sale

probably would not realize what I expect from it; it is therefore my will and desire that my executors shall take time in the settlement of my estate. They shall sell the real estate upon long time taking payments with 6 per cent interest and that as fast as realized legacies shall be paid with money on hands in the order of the ages of the legatee. Commencing with the oldest first and that is to say with the oldest class brothers and sisters of myself and my deceased wife first and follow with my nephew and nieces first.

"In witness whereof, I have this 28th day of October, 1876, set my hand; interlineations numbered, respectively from 1 to 19 were noticed by me.

Joel C. Elam.

"Executed and signed in our presence by Joel C. Elam to us well known to be a resident of Noble Township, Cass County, Indiana, and the above instrument was declared by him to be his last Will and Testament, deliberately and understandingly made and our attention was especially called to the alteration and interlineations as they now appear which were numbered from 1 to 19 consecutively as they occur.

"Witness our hands this 28th day of October, 1876.

H. C. Thornton.

W. W. Thornton."

Section 10

Ambrose Elam and His Descendants

Ambrose Elam, the youngest son of Josiah and Sarah Elam, was born February 7, 1817, in what is now Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio. Concerning his childhood I have very little information. Presumably he attended a neighborhood subscription school; and it is known that he finished his education in an academy at Wilmington, Ohio, where his married sister was living at that time. He took a special interest in mathematics and advanced far enough in this study to make land surveys, but he never followed the profession.

Ambrose Elam was married to Susan R. Babb on the 10th of October, 1839. In 1842 he built a brick house on the farm which he had inherited from his father, it being the original Elam homestead. This house was a very creditable dwelling in its day; and later in 1869 it was extensively remodelled, until it could truthfully be said that the Ambrose Elam place was a beautiful country home. Unfortunately the house was some distance from a public road, a disadvantage which seems more serious today than it did in former times.

Concerning the activities of Ambrose Elam from 1840 to 1860 I have little detailed information. The period was one of rapid development in the Miami Valley, owing to the completion of the turnpike and railroad to Cincinnati, thus giving the farmers of this section of the country access to the markets of the world. Better markets meant better prices for farm produce and more money to buy goods and more goods to buy. Production was spurred, large areas of timber land were cleared, better houses and barns were built, and activity of every kind abounded. Ambrose Elam as an ambitious, capable, young farmer did his full share of the work of his day. He became one of the successful farmers of his community.

In 1859 he and his brother, Isaac, purchased the Mercer farm, a tract of 421 acres of land on the other side of Caesar-creek from the Elam land. Ambrose Elam took 203 acres of this tract, making his farm 328 acres in all. His farm was somewhat like a ribbon, being about two miles east and west and averaging about one-fourth mile north and south. The land was very fertile, some of it being first bottom, but most

of it being second bottom or upland of good quality. Ambrose Elam was a good farmer, he was a good workman on a farm as well as a good farm manager. He excelled at broadcasting wheat and other small grains, also at stirring off maple sugar, and many other kinds of farm labor. He was a good employer of farm labor, never crowding his men unless it was absolutely necessary but always taking pains to see to it that no time was wasted in idleness. He operated a cidermill in order to utilize the apples produced in his own orchards and also to increase his income by doing custom work for the neighbors.

He was an exceptional man physically. It is said that when he was a young man he could shoulder a barrel of flour unassisted. He was a well read man. He selected his reading material with good judgment and had the power to select and retain worth while information. He was a constant reader of the Cincinnati Gazette and for some years he also read the New York Weekly Tribune. During the Civil War he took a daily newspaper in order that he might keep abreast of the stirring times. The post-office was two miles distant, the family were busy people and there was no rural delivery, but very few days were allowed to pass without getting the news of what was going on at the front. He was a good conversationist. He chose his words well and could express himself with clearness and precision. His mind was well stored with interesting information and he was at home with all kinds of company. Once the neighborhood school teacher spent an evening at his home. He entertained her with interesting stories about Thomas Corwin, a celebrated statesman, orator, and wit of pioneer times who lived in an adjoining county. These stories made such an impression upon the teacher that she remembered the evening with pleasure as long as she lived.

He was a public spirited man. In 1856 he was one of the leaders in the organization of Spring Valley Township and served for many years as a trustee of that township, and at one time was a member of the local board of education.

In 1870 he was elected land appraiser for Spring Valley Township, a position of responsibility and honor. He also served as a director of the Greene County Agricultural Society or Fair Board. In all these positions he was faithful and honest

and proved himself to be worthy of the honors bestowed on him by his friends and neighbors.

In politics he was first a Whig, then a Republican. He was a loyal supporter of the principles and policies of Abraham Lincoln. He took an interest in the Granger movement and was induced by his Granger friends to become their candidate for Representative in the Ohio General Assembly in the year 1873. As such a candidate he was endorsed by the Democratic party and polled a very creditable vote, especially in the southern part of the county where he was personally known. Greene County being strongly Republican and his opponent, I. M. Barrett, being a very popular and capable man, Ambrose Elam naturally failed of election. He soon returned to the Republican party, the fundamental principles of which, he had always supported. I think that he supported Rutherford B. Hayes for Governor in 1875, and I know that he supported Governor Hayes for President in 1876.

Ambrose Elam had a keen sense of humor. In 1876 he attended the centennial exposition at Philadelphia in company with his daughter, Maria. His wife was not able to go because of some temporary illness. On his arrival at Philadelphia he wrote his wife a letter setting out in detail the events of the trip. It seems that his train was met at every station with bands of music and great cheering crowds of people anxious to see his distinguished party. At the conclusion of the letter he added a postscript stating that Governor Hayes, the Republican nominee for President, had boarded the train at Columbus and possibly some of the cheers may have been for the Governor.

Ambrose and Susan R. Elam were the parents of seven children: Louisa J., Maria, John Babb, James, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Emma. He was a good husband and father. He took pride in his family and was keenly anxious for their success. He took unusual pains to give his children a good education, most of them spending some time in advanced schools, and his oldest son, John B., became a graduate of the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio.

He was not a member of any church, but he was an active patron of the American Bible Society and for a number of years was treasurer of the Spring Valley auxiliary of that organization. In all his relations with his fellow men he sought to do

justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with his God.

He died July 14, 1878, after a brief illness and is buried in the Woodland Cemetery at Xenia, Ohio. He left a will distributing his property among his five living children. This will is recorded in Volume L, Page 538 of the probate court will records of Greene County, Ohio. As it contains nothing of special interest I shall not cumber my story with a record of the same.

Susan Robinson Babb, oldest child of Peter and Jane (Scarff) Babb, was born in Frederick County, Virginia, July 22, 1820. Her parents moved to Greene County, Ohio, when she was about two years old. Her father purchased a farm about four miles south of Xenia and became one of the substantial citizens of the community. Susan secured an elementary education, although I am not able to state the schols attended. She was married to Ambrose Elam, October 10, 1839. As a wife and mother she was faithful and capable. After the death of her husband in 1878, for a period of ten years, she managed the farm and did so successfully. She was a woman of progressive ideals and was ambitious for her children. Her interest in her children and grandchildren was untiring. Her house was a most delightful place for children to visit as I can personally testify. The buildings were some distance from the public road: so there was no trouble about traffic, and no complaint about noise. Her yard was large and well kept with a hillside on the brow of which stood a large locust tree with a rope swing; at the foot of the hill was the spring house where Grandmother Elam kept her milk and butter. Back of the spring house was a watering trough for the livestock. Out in front of the house was a wide lane; on one side of this lane there was a large sand bank made by nature for the Elam children to play in. The barns and corncribs and sheds always contained things of interest to boys and girls. On this farm there were two apple orchards and the remnants of an old cidermill.

About fifty rods distant was Caesarcreek with good fishing and swimming. Grandmother Elam always kept a good supply of pies and cookies and sometimes maple sugar or bought candy, and no child was allowed to go hungry around her house. This is just a glimpse of the picture that arises in my

memory as I think of my Grandmother Elam and her lovely home. I know full well that there were other lovely grandmothers besides mine, but I know of very few that were favored with such lovely surroundings to make a child's heart glad, as was my Grandmother Elam.

She was a member of the Richland M. E. Church. She died April 20, 1888, and is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

Louisa J. Elam, was born September 27, 1840, being the oldest child of Ambrose and Susan (Babb) Elam. She was educated in the local schools at Richland and Spring Valley. On February 12, 1862, she was married to Moses A. Walton. One child, Nettie Maria, was born to this marriage. She was a faithful member of the Methodist church and was a woman of fine character. Heavy responsibilities were hers, but she met them with courage and good judgment. She was a good housekeeper and a good cook and knew how to minister to all kinds of people. In rendering service she was not only willing but capable. She was one of those practical, useful women, to whom it is very hard to do justice in a biographical sketch. She was a good wife, a good mother, and a good neighbor. She died June 13, 1905, and is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

Moses A. Walton, son of Samuel and Catherine Walton, was born near Spring Valley, Ohio, July 22, 1840. His parents were orthodox Quakers and his ancestors for many generations had been devoted to the principles of that faith. He was educated in the public school at Spring Valley and was married to Louisa Jane Elam, February 12, 1862. For a number of years he engaged in farming and stock buying. He kept his farm in a good state of cultivation; but the times were bad for farmers, and Mr. Walton discontinued farming and gave his undivided attention to his duties as Commissioner of Greene County to which office he had been elected in 1884. He was very active in Republican politics and served as Commissioner of Greene County for five years, 1885-1890. He was superintendent of the Greene County Infirmary for one year, 1890-1891. Previous to this he had served as a member of the local board of education and as township trustee. In the latter

part of his life he was a rural mail carrier out of Xenia. As a public official he was honest and obliging.

He delighted to serve the people and was never happier than when doing a personal kindness to some one who needed help. He was a Methodist, Odd Fellow, and Mason. During the active years of his life he took a very active interest in the Masonic order. He had an extensive acquaintance and a large circle of friends. He died July 10, 1909, and is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

Clarence M. Fulkerson, son of Amos and Susan Beck Fulkerson, was born in Spring Valley Township, July 14, 1862. He was educated in the public schools of the locality and was married to Nettie M. Walton, September 5, 1888. To this marriage two children were born, Louisa Susan and Ruth Emma. He was very devoted to his family and spared no effort to promote their welfare. Part of his life was spent in farming, and part was spent in business. At one time he was vice-president and purchasing agent for the Buckeye Veneer Company, of Dayton, Ohio. He was independent in politics and never sought public office. He was interested in fraternal orders, being a Mason, Woodman, and Junior. He died October 21, 1926. His surviving widow, Nettie M. Fulkerson, was born in Spring Valley Township, being the daughter of Moses A. and Louisa J. Walton. She was educated in the public schools of Spring Valley Township and village, and practically her entire life has been lived in and near Spring Valley. She is a member of the Methodist church, Eastern Star, and D. of A. She lives in Spring Valley, Ohio.

Carl Sims, son of G. Val and Alice Sims, was born in Spring Valley, Ohio, January 10, 1891. He was educated in the public schools of Spring Valley and at the Miami-Jacobs Business College, Dayton, Ohio. He was married to Louisa Susan Fulkerson, September 14, 1916. She is a daughter of Clarence M. and Nettie M. Fulkerson and was educated in the public schools of Spring Valley. They have one son, Carl Sims, Jr., who was born May 6, 1920, at Kenton, Ohio. He is now attending public school at Huntington, W. Va. Mr. Sims is a business man and is now employed by Green & Green, a large baking concern of Dayton, Ohio, as the manager of their distributing plant at Huntington, W. Va. Mr. and Mrs. Sims

are members of the Methodist church, and Mr. Sims is a 32nd degree Mason and also a Junior. Mrs. Sims belongs to the Eastern Star and the Rebecca order. They reside at Huntington, W. Va.

Russell Stingley was born in Clinton County, Ohio, January 11, 1898, being a son of William and Elizabeth Stingley. He was educated in the public schools of that county. He was married to Ruth Emma, daughter of Clarence M. and Nettie M. Fulkerson, February 10, 1927. Mrs. Stingley was born in Spring Valley and has always lived in that community. Mr. Stingley is an electrician and is now (1931) employed by the Dayton Products Company, of Dayton, Ohio. He is a Mason and Odd Fellow, while Mrs. Stingley is a Methodist, Eastern Star, and D. of A. They live in Spring Valley, Ohio.

John Babb Elam was born on the Josiah Elam farm in Greene County, Ohio, December 16, 1845, and was the son of Ambrose Elam and Susan Babb Elam.

When eighteen years of age, he enlisted in the Civil War in the 110th Ohio Regiment, which was a veteran regiment at the time and part of the sixth corps. His first battle was the Wilderness, and from then on he was with Sheridan and Grant in the Valley Campaign until the end of the war. He was wounded slightly at the battle of Cold Harbor and again at the storming of the works at Petersburg when the Confederates were driven out of Richmond. He did not have to leave his command, however, and was present at the surrender at Appomattox.

At the close of the war, he went to Miami University and graduated there, in 1870, at the head of his class in his studies. He there became a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and after graduation was made a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He took the law course at the University of Michigan and graduated in 1872. He then started in the practice in Indianapolis and soon became an assistant in the Prosecutor's Office. The Prosecutor did not enjoy the trial of cases and from the start Mr. Elam was active in the trial of cases. In 1878 he was himself elected Prosecuting Attorney and held the office for four years. He possessed unusual ability to estimate in advance the value and effect of evidence and made it a point never to indict anyone that he was not reasonably sure would be con-

victed. He was also very skillful in developing evidence from the witnesses and making it effective in argument. During his administration, an unusually high percent of those who were indicted were convicted.

At the conclusion of his term as Prosecutor, he joined the firm of Shepherd, Elam & Martindale, and before a great while he became a member of the firm of Harrison, Miller & Elam.

In 1888 he assisted in procuring the nomination and election of his partner, Benjamin Harrison, for President of the United States, and his other partner, W. H. H. Miller, became Attorney General of the United States.

A new partnership was then formed with Ferdinand Winter, one of the leading lawyers of Indianapolis.

From 1887 until 1891, Mr. Elam served as Police Commissioner in Indianapolis. This was the last time that he held public office. From then on he continued in the active practice of the law and was in many important cases.

Among other clients, he represented the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, which was a pioneer in Indianapolis in the business of writing liability insurance, and he had a large part in developing the law in Indiana applicable to this business. He was also, for a considerable period, a Director of the Indianapolis Telephone Company and attorney for the C. H. & D. Railway Company.

Among his associates, he was ranked as an exceptionally able trial lawyer. He had an unusual ability to perceive what facts were material evidence and would be regarded as material by men on the jury, and then present those facts in a forceful way.

After the return of Mr. Miller from Washington, the firm was reorganized and was for a while Miller, Winter & Elam and later, Miller, Elam & Fesler, and at the time of his death, on March 26, 1916, the firm was Elam, Fesler, Elam & Young.

In 1875, he was married to Emma Lee and had two children, Ambrose Lee Elam and Harvey J. Elam.

He always took a considerable interest in literary matters and was for many years a member, and for one term President of the Indianapolis Literary Club, before which he read a large number of papers. He was also a member of the Contemporary

Club and for one term its president. He was also a Mason and a member of the First Congregational Church.

One of the public works in which he took a great interest in the last years of his life was the erection of the monument of President Harrison, which stands in University Park in Indianapolis. He was chairman of the committee and in charge of the erection of this monument and selected the inscriptions for this monument from various speeches of General Harrison. One of these inscriptions, which he thought very appropriate, was, "Great lives do not go out; they go on."

Emma Lee Elam was born in Franklin County, Indiana, October 30, 1849. She was the daughter of John R. Lee and Cyrene Davis Lee. She graduated from Oxford College for Women, and in 1875 was married to John B. Elam and came to Indianapolis to live.

After her children were grown, she developed a great interest in charitable and educational work. She was appointed President of the Board of Trustees of the Indiana Women's prison and served in that capacity for several years. At the time she entered upon this work, the young girls guilty of petty offenses and women who were confirmed criminals were all confined in the same institution. During the period of her administration, a separate institution, known as the Indiana Girls' School, was erected by the State at Clermont, Indiana, and in some measure according to plans which she devised. After this institution was erected, the younger girls guilty of petty offenses were transferred to this institution, and Mrs. Elam continued for many years on the board of trustees of this institution.

She was also for many years President of the Indianapolis Orphan Asylum. At the beginning of her administration, this was a small institution located on College Avenue, and during her administration a new location was secured on East Washington Street, and a much larger institution constructed, and she continued to serve as president of the institution until failing health forced her to resign.

She also served as President of the Board of Trustees of Oxford College for Women, at Oxford, Ohio, and during the period of a few months in 1917 acted as President of the College.

She was also at various times President of the Indianapolis Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Society, a member of the Marion County Board of Charities and Corrections, member of the State Board of Charities for about sixteen years. She also founded in Indianapolis the local chapter of the Needlework Guild of America and was Honorary President thereof at the time of her death. She was also President of the Women's Union of the First Congregational church, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' College of Indianapolis. She was also a member of the Indianapolis Women's Club, the Women's Department Club, and the Contemporary Club.

She was a woman of unusual tact and poise and possessed the ability to keep different factions working together harmoniously to an unusual degree, and on this account was enabled to handle the work of president of the various associations of which she was an officer in a way that was generally satisfactory.

She died March 11, 1920, and is buried in the Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind.

Ambrose Lee Elam was born April 10, 1876, and was the son of John B. Elam and Emma Lee Elam.

He graduated from the Indianapolis High School and then went to Amherst College where he graduated in 1898. While in college, in addition to maintaining a creditable standing in his classes, he played on the college football team.

After graduation he took employment with Ward Brothers Wholesale Druggists, at Indianapolis, and continued with the company for about seven years. He then became associated with the firm of Bobbs-Merrill Company, a publishing house at Indianapolis. After serving with that company about a year he returned to the drug business and was employed by Merck & Company, manufacturing chemists in the City of St. Louis, and continued with them for several years.

He was never married and died August 5, 1913, at the age of thirty-seven.

Harvey J. Elam, son of John B. and Emma L. Elam, was born May 17, 1879. He was educated in the public schools of Indianapolis, Amherst College (A. B. 1901) and Harvard Law School (L. L. B. 1904). He is a member of the Chi Psi and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities. He is a member of the law firm

of Fesler. Elam & Young, Indianapolis, Ind. He was married to Katherine Layman, daughter of James T. and Cora B. Layman, February 15, 1910. They have three children: John Harvey, born August 10, 1912; Mary Katharine, born July 7, 1915; and James Layman, born November 24, 1926. John is a student in the University of Chicago while Mary and James attend school in Indianapolis. Mr. Elam is a member of the Indianapolis Literary Club, the Contemporary Club, the Indianapolis Dramatic Club and the Hoosier Athletic Club. He is a Republican in politics.

Mrs. Elam is a member of the Indianapolis Dramatic Club, and the Contemporary Club. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. They live at 3236 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind.

James Elam, son of Ambrose and Susan R. Elam, was born July 7, 1848, on the old Elam farm located in Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio. He received his elementary education at Richland, a neighborhood school, and later attended the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, for a short time.

In 1870 he united with the Richland M. E. Church and remained a member thereof until his removal from the neighborhood in 1892, when he transferred to the Union M. E. Church. He was a faithful unassuming christian and took a special interest in Sunday school work, serving as a Sunday school teacher for many years.

He married Ella Davis, May 25, 1876, and went to housekeeping on a farm adjoining his father's in Spring Valley Township. In 1892 he sold this farm and bought the Davis farm located in the Union neighborhood, a pioneer Methodist settlement in Xenia Township, Greene County, Ohio. By this change he was able to give his children better school advantages.

As a farmer, he was industrious and frugal and provided a comfortable living for his family. As a neighbor he was respected for his honesty, sincerity of purpose and loyalty to convictions. As a husband and father, he was untiring in his devotion to the best interests of his family. He had six children: Harvey W., Louie, Newton (who died in infancy), Davis B., Marie, and Alberta.

James Elam was favored with an unusual memory, and

his recollections were both interesting and informing. While never ambitions for public office, he took the interest that becomes a good citizen in public affairs. He usually voted the Republican ticket, but was never narrow or bitter in his partisan devotion.

He died on his birthday, July 7, 1918, at his home near Union Church, and is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

Ella (Davis) Elam, surviving widow of James Elam, deceased, was born January 2, 1858, in the Union neighborhood, Xenia Township, Greene County, Ohio. She was educated in the local school and in early childhood united with the Union M. E. Church. Her parents, Newton Davis and Catherine (Loyd) Davis, were very active in the church. Her mother was a descendant of William Owens, Sr., who united with the Methodist church at Norfolk, Virginia, in 1772, being, it is believed, the first Methodist in the state of Virginia.

She was married to James Elam, May 25, 1876. She now lives in South Park, a residential suburb of Xenia, Ohio. Three of her children live with her. The other two children and two grandchildren live nearby. Her address is R. R. 1, Xenia, Ohio.

Harvey W. Elam, son of James and Ella Elam, was born October 8, 1877, in Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio. Educated in country schools, Xenia High School, Antioch College, and The University of Chicago. Degrees Ph. B. Antioch College, 1901, and Ph. M. University of Chicago 1905. On account of impaired health was unemployed for a short time. Clerk of Xenia Township and Clerk of Xenia Township Board of Education, 1910-1921. Clerk of Courts, Greene County, Ohio, since 1921. Took an active part in raising funds for the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. during the World War. Is the author of this family history. Unmarried, Methodist, Republican. Address R. R. 1, Xenia, Ohio.

Louie Elam, daughter of James and Ella Elam, was born in Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio. She was educated in the country schools and the Xenia High School. She has been a teacher in the public schools of Greene County since 1910. She holds a teacher's life certificate from the State of Ohio. In addition to her school duties she is making a home

for her brother and his two orphan children. She is a member of the Methodist church and resides at R. R. 1, Xenia, Ohio.

Davis B. Elam, son of James and Ella Elam, was born June 22, 1887, in Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio. He was educated at Union Grade School and the Xenia High School. He was married to Nettie Mae, daughter of H. A. and E. E. Wheeler, October 15, 1918. This marriage was blessed by two children, James Warren, born March 20, 1920, and William Wheeler, born November 22, 1922. Both are now (1932) attending the Union Grade School. Nettie Elam died March 28, 1926. She was a woman of fine character and had many friends. She was a good pianist, and as such rendered valuable service to the church and the community.

Davis B. Elam is a farmer. Methodist, Republican and Mason. His address is R. R. 1, Xenia, Ohio.

Marie Elam, daughter of James and Ella Elam, was born in Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio. She was educated in the Union Grade School, the Xenia High School, and the Miami-Jacobs Business College at Dayton, Ohio. She is now employed as a deputy in the office of the Clerk of Courts. She is a member of the Methodist church and resides at R. R. 1, Xenia, Ohio.

Alberta Elam, youngest daughter of James and Ella Elam, was born in Xenia Township, Greene County, Ohio. She was educated in the Union Grade School and the Xenia High School. She assists her mother in the care of the home. She is a member of the Methodist church and resides at R. R. 1, Xenia, Ohio.

Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Ambrose and Susan R. Elam, was born on her father's farm in Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio, March 13, 1854. She was educated in the country school and at Xenia Female College. She taught school a short time in Spring Valley Township. On December 23, 1879, she was married to Wilbur O. Maddux and moved to Cedarville, Ohio, where they engaged in the grocery business. After a few years she and her sister, Maria Elam, built a house on the land willed them by their father, which is located five miles south of Xenia on the New Burlington Pike. About the time she moved into her new home her health began to fail, and she died March 5, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Maddux were the

parents of one son, Fred Wilbur. She was a member of the Methodist church. She was a woman of attractive personality and had many friends. Her surviving husband, W. O. Maddux, re-married, his second wife being Miss Adda Crampton. She died in 1929 and Mr. Maddux died November 26, 1932, near Xenia, Ohio.

Fred W. Maddux was born in Cedarville, Ohio, July 6, 1881, being the son of W. O. and Elizabeth Maddux. He was educated in the public schools of Xenia and vicinity and at the Culver Academy, Culver, Ind. He went west and lived for some years at Spokane, Washington, where he was married to Anna M. Olsen, February 20, 1909. They have two children, Elizabeth Elam, now (1931) a student in the University of Washington at Seattle, and Fred Wilbur, commonly called Pete. Mr. Maddux is (1931) employed by the New World Life Insurance Company, of Spokane, Washington, in a responsible position. He is a Republican, Mason and Elk. He and his family attend the Episcopal church. They reside at 1838 Shelby St., Seattle, Washington.

Maria Elam, daughter of Ambrose and Susan R. Elam, was born on her father's farm in Spring Valley Township, Greene County, Ohio, November 7, 1842. She was educated at the public school and at the Xenia Female College. She was an intelligent woman and had a mind capable of appreciating things that are worth while. Her health, never robust, became seriously impaired and through most of her life she was an invalid. She bore her misfortune bravely, although she keenly felt her loss. She took a special interest in her nephew, Fred Maddux, and took care of him for a few years after the death of her sister, Elizabeth Maddux. After many years of suffering she died August 3, 1891, and is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio. The tribute read at the funeral service contained a phrase which fitly describes her life. "She hath done what she could."

Sarah Ann Elam, daughter of Ambrose and Susan R. Elam, was born December 30, 1850. She attended the neighborhood school and is said to have been a beautiful child. Her hair was straight while most of the family have curly hair. She died April 21, 1866, and is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

Emma, youngest child of Ambrose and Susan R. Elam, was born May 6, 1860, and died February 25, 1864. The family having no photograph of the child, had one taken after death which shows a beautiful child in a beautiful sleep. She is buried in Woodland.

Note:—The sketches of John B. Elam, Emma L. Elam and Ambrose Lee Elam were prepared by my cousin, Harvey J. Elam, of Indianapolis, Ind. He has also rendered other assistance of value in securing the necessary data for this book. In the preparation of the remaining sketches, I have received very valuable co-operation from another cousin, Mrs. C. M. Fulkerson, of Spring Valley, Ohio. I am very grateful for their valuable help.

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The Ambrose Elam Family

Ambrose Elam married Susan R. Babb.
 Louisa J. Elam married Moses A. Walton.
 Nettie M. Walton married Clarence M. Fulkerson.
 Louisa S. Fulkerson married Carl Sims.
 Carl Sims, Jr.
 Ruth E. Fulkerson married Russell Stingley.
Maria Elam.
John B. Elam married Emma Lee.
 Ambrose Lee Elam.
 Harvey J. Elam married Katharine Layman.
 John Harvey Elam.
 Mary Katharine Elam.
 James Layman Elam.
James Elam married Ella Davis.
 Harvey W. Elam.
 Louie Elam.
 Newton Elam.
 Davis B. Elam married Nettie Mae Wheeler.
 James Warren Elam.
 William Wheeler Elam.
 Marie Elam.
 Alberta Elam.
Sarah Ann Elam.
Mary Elizabeth Elam married W. O. Maddux.
 Fred W. Maddux married Anne Olsen.
 Elizabeth Elam Maddux.
 Fred W. Maddux, Jr.
Emma Elam.

CHAPTER IV

The Colonial Elams

In tracing the ancestry of Josiah Elam, I have recited all that I know of my colonial ancestors. In this chapter I shall present some facts concerning other colonial Elams most of whom were neighbors and relatives of my ancestors. These two chapters should be read together by those who are interested in more than one branch of the family. Most of the data of the early colonial period can be easily classified and related to the proper person. The data of the later colonial period is much harder to classify because there are so many persons having identical names.

Of the four original colonists, I have already given some account of Robert and Gilbert. The other two, William and Martin, now claim our attention. Concerning Mr. William Elam my information is very limited.

On February 1, 1675, he bought 100 acres of land of Robert Woodson and sold it to Mr. Martin Elam in 1686.

In October, 1677, on petition of Robert Bullington showing that William Elam has pulled up the stakes which were set for marks to bound land belonging to orphans of Frances Tayler dec., ordered that William Elam shall replace the stakes.

"In list of tithables ordered by Henrico County to fit out men, horse, and arms according to act. In Bermuda Hundred,

Mr. Martin Elam 6 tithables.

Mr. Gilbert Elam, Sr., 5 tithables.

William Elam 2 tithables."

This would indicate that William Elam did not enjoy the financial and social prominence that some of his relatives achieved.

In his will, William Elam left one shilling to his son-in-law, John Cox, Sr., and the remainder of his estate to his loving cozen Martin Elam. The word cozen in those days was frequently used synonymously with the word nephew and it is

highly probable that it was used in this sense in William Elam's will. The will of Martin Elam made a few years later mentions property received from his uncle, and it is almost certain the reference is to William Elam. The will of William Elam was dated February 18, 1688, and was probated February 1, 1689, according to the record to be found in Henrico County, Virginia, 1688-1697, page 110.

Mr. Martin Elam was a very active citizen of colonial Virginia, and many of his activities both good and bad are reflected in the records that have come down from the past.

1678—Mr. Martin Elam drunk by his own confession.

1678—Martin Elam and John Clyburne were fighting.

1679—Martin Elam was a member of a coroner's jury.

1682—Martin Elam was about 47 years of age.

1682—Martin Elam was an appraiser for the estate of Nathan Drew.

1682—Mr. Pygott won from Martin Elam and John Milner 700 pounds of tobacco at a game of cross and pile.

1682—Mr. Martin Elam bought a loom, it being the first of its kind in the Virginia Colony.

Mr. Martin Elam was a donor to William & Mary's College. The will of Martin Elam may be found in the Henrico Records, 1688-1697, page 606, and may be thus abstracted.

"Sick and weak in body—

"Son Martin Elam—all lands in Bermuda Hundred and privilege to get timber and fencing at Flintons: no one to fall or clear any of the heads of my land that I now dwell on that lies beyond the main road that goes into John Worsham's field. My silver tankard, bed, and furniture, one of the great chests that was my uncle's, 2 pewter dishes, 6 pewter plates: the young bay horse I had of Thomas Cheatham, the biggest iron pot, hooks, and rack: 3 cows, 2 steers, 4 ewes, and 1 sow.

"Son John Elam—all land at Flintons on both sides the slashes, also 200 acres at Proctor's joining on Fowler's line: 3 silver spoons, that has my own name on them, a chest in the middle room: bed and furniture, 2 pewter dishes, 6 plates, 1 iron pot and hooks. 1 walnut table 3 ft. long, 3 heifers, or 3 cows, 4 ewes, 2 sows with pigs.

"Remainder of land at Proctor's to my three daughters (names not given here) to be equally divided between them.

"Daughter Mary—my silver cup marked with my own name and my wives (wife's?), 3 silver spoons with the same mark, 1 small brass kettle, bed and furniture, a small trunk, 3 heifers or cows, 4 ewes.

"Daughter Frances—1 silver cup on old Perrin's mark, 4 silver spoons, two of them on old Robert Elam's mark, a great brass kettle that was my uncle's, a pair of andirons and a large spitt, bed and furniture, 2 cows with calf, and 4 ewes.

"Daughter Martha—bed and furniture, 1 cow, 4 ewes.

"Son John—choice of my guns, he to take one and my son, Martin, to have the other two.

"Servants living at time first of my children marries or comes to age to be equally divided between my wife and children.

"Sons to have benefit of their labor at the age of 17 years and son, Martin, to have ground to work on and housing for his crops.

"Remainder of estate (a young mare excepted, to go to son John) to wife (name not given) and she executrix.

"No one to sell or dispose of servants."

Dated 7 March 1691/2, witnesses, John Worsham, Joseph Royall, Richard Ligon, probated November 20, 1695.

Mr. Martin Elam was an enterprising man, and was very fond of good company. The fact that he was occasionally arrested for drunkenness and gambling, is not to his credit, but probably there were some extenuating circumstances of which we are ignorant.

The closing years of the seventeenth century show a strange mortality in the Elam family. William Elam died in 1689. Martin Elam died in 1695. Gilbert Elam, Sr., died in 1696. Gilbert Elam, Jr., died in 1697. Thomas Elam died in 1696 or 1697. Martin Elam, Jr., died in 1705. Unless I have made a mistake in my reckoning the only males left in the Elam family were John Elam, the youngest son of Martin Elam, and the three sons of Gilbert Elam, Jr., William, Robert, and Gilbert. It is possible that Thomas Elam left a son, but if so, all record of him has been lost. Concerning Thomas Elam himself, who was the youngest son of Gilbert Elam, Sr., I have a few items.

In 1692 Thomas Elam was presented by the Grand Jury for swearing thrice.

In 1693 Thomas Elam was presented by the Grand Jury for swearing two oaths.

In 1694 Thomas Elam was presented by the Grand Jury for swearing one oath.

On May 26, 1694, Thomas Elam was married to Elizabeth Bevan.

In June, 1696, Thomas Elam served on the petit jury, and at the same time he qualified as the executor of his father's will. It seems that Thomas Elam died about the year 1696. His business affairs were left in very bad shape due to causes which are not disclosed by existing records.

Martin Elam, Jr., the eldest son of Martin Elam, Sr., willed his mother a life estate in his property to pass at her death to his lawful brother, John Elam. His step-father, Francis Patram, was made sole executor of his will, a mark of confidence which is highly creditable to both men.

Concerning John Elam, the younger son of Martin Elam, Sr., I have one item. On June 30, 1707, John Elam, County Henrico, sold to John Worsham, Jr., and Joseph Royall, Jr., of the same county for a consideration of 22 pounds and ten shillings sterling, 160 acres of land called by the name of "Flintons." This deed was recorded August 1, 1707. Some subsequent items in this chapter about John Elam may refer to this man, but, since I am not sure about their relevancy, they are omitted here.

In my research I have found nothing concerning William, the oldest son of Gilbert Elam, Jr. I find many items about William Elam, but none that are clearly or even probably referable to this particular William. The two younger brothers, Robert and Gilbert, fill an important place in Elam history. They both became men of property and influence with large families, and they are the chief connecting links between the earlier Elams of the seventeenth century and the large Elam connection that lived in Virginia during the closing years of the colonial period.

In my sketch of Gilbert Elam III will be found some items about his brother, Robert Elam. These items were made a part of that sketch because in my judgment they have a bear-

ing on the argument I was making concerning the parentage of Gilbert Elam III. At the time Gilbert Elam was patenting his land on Deep Creek. (1739-1740) Robert Elam was patenting large tracts of land aggregating almost 1200 acres in the same vicinity. Shortly after Gilbert Elam made his will in 1750, Robert Elam made his will, and the same was probated in 1755. This parallel in their activities may be without meaning, but when considered with other facts and circumstances, it strengthens my belief that these two men were brothers and the sons of Gilbert Elam, Jr.

I happen to possess a photostat copy of the will of this Robert Elam of Dale Parish together with an inventory of his estate. Inasmuch as this Robert Elam is probably the progenitor of the majority of the Elams now living in America, I shall publish these documents in full.

"In the name of God amen: the First day of January One thousand seven hundred fifty and three I Robert Elam Sen. of Dale Parish in the County of Chesterfield being of perfect mind and memory, Thanks be given to God, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my executors, and as to my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

"Imprimis I give and devise to my son Robert Elam and his heirs forever one hundred and twenty acres of land where he now lives be the same more or less. Bounded by the slash that runs in the Halfway Swamp.

"I give and devise to my Grandson Peter Elam and his heirs forever One hundred Acres of Land beginning at the slash above said, along the Path by my fence across the Road to the Spring Bottom thence down the Bottom to the Head of the Creek thence up a little Bottom to the River. I give and devise to my son Richard and his Heirs forever all the remainder of my Land where I now live.

"I give and devise to my two sons Robert and Richard

and to their Heirs forever all that Four hundred and eighty acres of Land on the Licking Branch to be equally divided between them. but my will is that my son Richard shall have his first choice.

"I give and devise to my son Robert and to his Heirs forever my negro man Adam and the tools he works with.

"I give and devise to my son Lodwick and his Heirs forever my negro boy Joe.

"I give and devise to my son Gilbert and to his Heirs forever my negro boy Primus.

"I give and devise to my son Richard and his Heirs forever my negro boy Simon.

"I give and devise to my Daughter Mary my negro Girl Judy, but my desire is that the first child the aforesaid Judy shall have shall go to her son William. and if my aforesaid Daughter Mary should die before she is married then I desire the aforesaid Judy to go to her son William and his Heirs forever.

"I give and devise to my daughter Eliza Stratton a negro Girl named Sary to her and her Heirs forever.

"I give and devise to my daughter Obedience the first child my negro wench Kate shall have.

"I give and devise to my Daughter Martha one cow and calf, also my negro girl Sukie.

"I give and devise to my daughter Anne Walthall, my negro girl Isbell, also one Bed and Furniture.

"I give and devise to my Daughter Mary one Bed and Furniture, also four Dishes and half a dozen Plates, & one chest, a Loom, & one Iron Pott that holds about six gallons, also one cow and calf.

"I also devise to my aforesaid Daughter Anne one cow and calf.

"I also devise to my son Robert my grindstone, & to my grandson Robert I devise my gun.

"I devise to my son Gilbert all my wearing Cloathe.

"I give and devise to my loving wife during her natural life three negroes viz, Frank, Kate, and Abram, and at my wife's death, I give and devise the said Abram to my son William and his Heirs forever, and all the rest of my estate not already given away after my Wife's Death, I desire may be

equally divided amongst my five sons, except my wife hath a mind to give some of the stock or House furniture in her lifetime equally amongst Robert, Gilbert, Lodwick & Richard. And my desire is that my estate may not be appraised, hereby revoking all other Wills by me made do constitute and appoint my sons Robert and Richard my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written. But my Will and desire is that my Wife shall have the use of my plantation to work her negroes on and to maintain her stock, and that my Daughter Mary continue on my aforesaid plantation.

Signed Sealed Published & declared	His
to be my last Will & Testament	Robert R. E. Elam
in presence of us,	Mark

Jno. Archer.

His
William X Womack."
Mark

An inventory of the Estate of Robert Elam Deceased.

"To eleven negros Cate, Frank, Addom, Simon, Primos, Jo, Abram, Jude, Sary, Suckey, Isbell. To 4 Head Horses, to a leaven Head Cattle, to six sheep, twenty five hogs, eight gees, fore Feather Beads, and Furniture, three chests, too Tables, too trunks, too pare Iron Potracks, to wash bole, to pare hatchets, to pare stilyards, to fore Wheals, to too jugs, to fore saws, to pare Bellows, to a desk, too Glasses, to plowshare, and irons, to three iron Potts, to Brass Kittle. To pare Spoon Moles, to too Saddles, to pare Harness, to Cart and Wheels, to Frying pan, to Sifter & Can, To Box Iron & Candlestick, to pare Compasses, to too Butter Pots, to a Cupboard, to a spit to a still, to pare Wheal Boxes, to a sheat and Hammock, to pare pich forks, to 71 (?) pewter, to 11 earthen Bowls, to 22 yards Irish lining, to 16 yards cotton, to velvet hood, to a broad and narrow Hoes, to two Boys Felt hats, to too pare womans shoose, to twenty three barrell Inddon corn, to twenty-seven bushels Wheat, to Nine hundred thirty-five pounds Tobacco, Eight Pounds, eight shillings and too pence. All the remaind-

er of the Estate divided by Lotts and agreed on.

Robert Elam	}	Executors."
&		
Richard Elam		

My argument with reference to the parentage of Gilbert Elam III applies with still greater force to Robert Elam of Dale Parish. In addition to the evidence presented in the sketch of Gilbert Elam III, the reader will note the phrase, "Bounded by the slash that runs in the half way swamp," and compare with a similar phrase in the will of Gilbert Elam, Jr. (1697), "by a slash that cometh from Abraham Womack's and runneth down to the half-way swamp." It would seem from this and other expressions in the will of Robert Elam that he retained till his death some of the land inherited from his father Gilbert Elam, Jr.

This Robert Elam was an active man in church affairs and was appointed processioner of Henrico Parish, September 27, 1731.

I shall now present synopses of sundry Elam wills to be found in the Will Records of Chesterfield County, Virginia, together with some miscellaneous items to be found in the deed and order books of that county. From my study of this material I have drawn up a tentative genealogical chart which appears at the end of this chapter. It should be remembered that this chart is based on very limited data and cannot be guaranteed as correct or complete. However, I trust it will be found approximately correct and a help rather than a hindrance to those who attempt to do research work in Elam genealogy. For convenience in reference each name is given a number.

Chesterfield County, Virginia, Records

Will Book 2, page 91.

"Richard X Elam (his mark) of Dale Parish, Chesterfield County. (No. 9).

"Being sick and weak in body.

"To my son, Martin Elam, land and plantation at the Licking Branch, 1 negro boy Joseph—should said Martin die without issue these bequests to my son John Elam.

"To my son George Elam when he shall arrive to the age of 21 years, negro man named Cook, which said negro loaned to my wife until George is of age.

"To my son George Elam land and plantation whereon I now live, and should said George die without issue then to my son John Elam.

"To my son William Elam, negro boy Ben, my wearing apparel and what few things said William has now in his possession of household furniture.

"To my son John Elam, negro boy Roger.

"To my daughter Mary Daly, negro girl Lucy, and the gold ring she (dtr.) now wears, also what few things of household furniture now in her possession: and at the death of my wife, feather bed and furniture.

"To my Dtr. Elizabeth Elam, when 21 years or married, negro girl Patt.

"To my wife Sarah Elam, during life or widowhood, plantation where I now live, negro man named Cook, (until George is 21 years old), 2 negro wenches Aggy and Phillis, household furniture, plantation utensils, stock of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs. To have liberty of driving her hogs on my son Martin's land at the Licking Branch for the advantage of the mast when any.

"To my Dtr. Sarah Elam negro woman Phillis loaned to my wife.

"To my Dtr. Patience Elam, negro wench Aggy, after wife's right as mentioned. *

"If any of the children die before 21 years of age or married then their part of the estate equally divided among surviving children.

"To my son George, (after my wife's death or widowhood) plantation utensils loaned her.

"Stock and household furniture lent my wife to be equally divided after her death or widowhood between sons John, Martin, and George and daughters Elizabeth, Sarah and Patience.

"Executors, my wife Sarah Elam, brother William Elam and John Archer, Jr.

"Witnesses: John Archer, Jr., Peter Elam, and Robert Elam."

Will Book 3, page 120—Inventory and appraisement of estate of Richard Elam deceased 1769, Recorded 1777.

Will Book 3, page 148.

"Martha E. Elam (her mark) of Chesterfield Co.

"Brother John Archer, negro Juba.

"Nephew John Archer, negroes, Tom, Jane, and her child Primus, feather bed and furniture, desk and table.

"Nephew William Archer, negro Phillis, feather bed and furniture but in case either nephew die under 21 years of age survivor to have estate left.

"Brother John Archer, use of negroes Tom and Jane until my nephew John Archer arrive to 21 years of age.

"Executors, Brother John Archer and friend William Green.

"Dated 10 April 1776.

"Witnesses—George Markham and John Hill."

"May 4, 1778, Appraisement Martha Elam's Estate.

1 desk	£ 8
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1 walnut table	£ 5
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2 Feather beds & furniture	£ 30
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£ 43

"Will Book 3, page 171."

The names of the slaves mentioned in this will indicate that this is the Martha Dudley who married John Elam as will appear a little later in this chapter.

Will Book 3, page 374.

"Robert Elam, Senr. of Chesterfield County. (No. 6.)

"Son Robert Elam, 2 negroes, Abram and Bess.

"Grandson Robert Elam, son of my son Robert Elam, 2 negroes, Lucy and Jesse.

"Son Peter Elam, 5 negroes, Adam, Jack, Murreer, Janey, and Jamey, also all household furniture.

"Son Branch Elam, negro girl Winey.

"Stock of cattle to be equally divided between my sons Robert Elam and Peter Elam.

"Residue of my estate to be equally divided amongst all my children.

"Executors—sons Robert Elam and Branch Elam.

"Estate not to be appraised.

"Dated November 14. 1776.

"Witnesses—John Farmer, Junr., Henry Cheatham, and Richard Elam."

Will Book 3. page 280.

Inventory and appraisement estate of Robert Elam, deceased, October 6. 1779.

James and John Brown, administrators.

Note—The identity of the Robert Elam referred to in this note is not clear.

Will Book 3. page 435.

"Gilbert Elam of Chesterfield County. (No. 7).

"Wife—Susannah Elam, one work beast, loom, spinning wheel, use of my plantation below the Spring Branch to her—only the liberty of my house for my daughter Martha during her single life (and that part of my land to my son Robert Elam and if he dies without issue for his Brother Waltus to have it) also half my household furniture and stock of all kinds to her and her children that shall then be alive which is Bille Cannon Elam and Francisna Elam and Benjamin Elam and Robert Elam & Waltus Elam and Susannah Elam and Jeremiah Elam.

"My sons James Elam and Lodwick Elam, Gilbert Elam and Godfrey Elam and daughters now alive Ann Godsee, Martha Elam and Susannah Hill and the part of the estate that my daughter Martha Elam has shall belong to her daughter Bette Ann Elam.

"Whole of the remainder of my estate to be equally divided amongst my wife Susannah Elam children and my children above named.

"Son Burwell Elam, a certain parcel of land above the Spring Branch beginning at mouth of the Spring Branch up to Flournoy's line.

"Daughter Jene Elam, negro man Sawney, cow and calf, black mare, flax wheel and trunk.

"Executors—Richard Elam and Berkly Elam."

Dated Sept. 18, 1771.

Witnesses—Matthew Farley, Daniel Elam, William Sems,
and Daniel Elam, Junr.

Will Book 3, page 493.

Sept. 7, 1784.

William Elam Sen. Chesterfield County—(No. 5).

"Son William—Land and plantation whereon he now lives in Powhatan County, being 200 acres, also 400 acres I hold in Prince Edward County on Vawn's Creek, 3 negroes Jammy, Jacob and Kate in his possession, my wearing clothes, what personal and real estate now in his possession; and what money I have lent him.

"Son, Daniel Elam, 3 negroes, Bowser & Jack, now in his possession, real and personal estate now in his possession; what money I have lent him.

"Son, Richard Elam, 3 negroes, Tom, Sam and Amey, now in his possession, real and personal estate now in his possession, money lent him.

"Son, Barkeley Elam, land and plantation I now live on, negro called Dick, feather bed and furniture, 1/3 stock of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, the ox cart and gear, 1/2 household and kitchen furniture, 1/2 part of plantation tools and the grindstone.

"Grandson, Henry Elam, son of James Elam, feather bed and furniture.

Granddaughter, Francis Cox, 5 negroes, Sukey, Mitchell, Dick and Hannah now in her father's possession and Joe now in mine.

"Grandson William Elam son of James Elam, 5 shillings.

"Daughter, Obedience Farley, 3 negroes, Philace, Peter, and Rachel. Stock and household furniture now in her possession during her life then to be equally divided between her children.

"Daughter, Elizabeth Cheatham, 3 negroes, Bob, Frank, and Jamy, and stock and household furniture now in her possession.

"Daughter, Mary Lockett, negro Simon, and increase of Jane my grey colt in her possession, sheep and stock, household furniture now in her possession.

"Daughter, Dinah Elam, stock and household furniture now in her possession.

"Daughter, Nancy Bass, 4 negroes, Peg, Pompey, Isabella, and Ned, iron pott of about 10 or 12 gallons, stock and household furniture now in her possession.

"Daughter, Frances Baker, 2 negroes, Matt and Lucy, small square table that stands in my room, stock and household furniture now in her possession, during her life and then to be equally divided among all her children.

"Granddaughter, Patience Smith, negro boy Siah, feather bed and furniture and the chest that's called hers.

"Residue of estate real and personal to be equally divided amongst all my children, then living except my Still and a feather bed and furniture to my son Barkeley Elam.

"Executors, Son Richard Elam, Henry Cheatham, & Edward Bass.

"Estate not to be appraised."

"Witnesses—Christopher Bass, Robert Haskins, Jun., Benjamin Lockett and Robert Haskins, Senr."

Will Book 4, page 2.

"Robert Elam, Dale Parish, Chesterfield Co. (No. 17).

"Wife Elizabeth Elam, negroes, Abram, Lynn, Bess, and Betty during natural life.

"Son Robert Elam, negroes Julius and Nutsue.

"Son Alexander Augustus Elam, negroes Frank, Nancy and Moll.

"Wife Elizabeth, stock of all kinds and household furniture until my son Robert Elam comes of age then to be equally divided between my wife and my two sons, son Robert to have his share and son Alexander Augustus's share to remain in his said mother's hands until he come of age. After wife's death negroes bequeathed her to be divided between sons: Robert to have Lynn and Bess, Alexander Augustus to have Abram and Betty.

"Executors. Wife Elizabeth and friends, John and Thomas Goode.

"Dated October 13, 1785.

Witness—James Desear, James Hodge, and John Perkins.

Will Book 4, page 61—Inventory and appraisement of estate of Robert Elam deceased. March 14, 1786.

Will Book 4, page 233-4—Estate of Robert Elam deceased in account with Elizabeth Winfree, Executrix. Recorded July Court 1789. Appears as Estate of "Captain Robert Elam."

Will Book 4, page 233-4—Inventory of the estate of William Elam, deceased, taken March 6, 1790, and appraisement made the same day. Returned by Mary Elam.

Will Book 3, page 542—Inventory of estate of Gilbert Elam, deceased, also appraisement. November 10, 1784.

Will Book 3, page 542—Inventory (no appraisement) estate of William Elam, deceased. March 14, 1785.

Will Book 4, page 425.

Will of Richard Elam, Senr., Chesterfield Co. (No. 15).

"Estate to be kept together under the directions of executors for discharging and paying my debts and for the schooling, support, and maintenance of my wife and all my children which I desire may all live together till they marry or come of age, executors to give any one of them or all of them any part of my negroes or other estate as they may see cause making as nearly as possible an equal division in all things except land and when youngest child arrives to the age of 21 years or marry the whole estate to be equally divided amongst my ten children, to-wit: Polly Elam, Betsy Elam, Edward Wooldridge Elam,

William Green Elam, Pleasants Elam, Nancy Elam, Patsy Elam, Richard Elam, John Elam, and Joseph Elam.

"To my five sons—Edward Woolridge Elam, William Green Elam, Pleasants Elam, Richard Elam, and John Elam, my tract of land and plantation on Swift Creek that I purchased of Robert Wooldridge and Josiah Jackson, by estimation 500 acres to be equally divided amongst them.

"Son Joseph Elam, land and plantation I now live on after my wife's death.

"Wife Phebe Elam, use of land and plantation I now live on during her life then to son Joseph also to have support and maintenance out of my estate until my youngest son Joseph shall come of age. If wife desires it at any time or if she shall marry, executors shall lay off $\frac{1}{3}$ of negros, stock of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture and plantation tools, which are loaned to her for life and at her death to be equally divided among all my above mentioned children.

"To William Flournoy Junr. small tract of swamp land lying between Tomahock Creek and Geneto Road it being all the land I hold over the road there and its part of the tract I now live on.

"Executors—William Flournoy Junr., Edward Bass and Richard Elam.

"Dated July 9, 1791.

"Witnesses—Edward Friend, William Roberts, John Roberts, and Robert Haskins.

Will Book 4, page 433.

Will of Daniel Elam of Chesterfield County.

"Wife Mary Elam, use of land and plantation I now live on during her life then to my daughter Sally Elam—in case of Sally Elam's death without issue to my three brothers to-wit—William Elam, Robert Elam and Thomas Elam, to be equally divided between them.

"Wife—loaned the use and residue of estate real and personal (except that part hereafter disposed) until daughter Sally Elam arrives to the age of 18 years or is married at that period of time I give to said Sally, negro boy Siah, feather bed and furniture, horse saddle and bridle out of what is loaned to wife.

All other things loaned to wife during her natural life then to descend to my daughter Sally Elam.

"Brother William Elam, tract of land in Kentucky on the waters of Licking, being the land I had of my uncle Robert Wooldridge, containing 250 acres.

"Executors to sell negro woman called Nooe and money to be laid out in another or others as they think best and add them or that to the estate for benefit of my wife and daughter.

"Dated 29 December 1792.

"Witnesses—John Porter, Daniel Elam, Benjamin Hill and Robert Haskins.

Will Book 4, page 579.

"Inventory of the estate of Richard Elam deceased, taken Feb. 25, 1792, with appraisement annexed.

"William Flournoy, Jr., Edward Bass, and Richard Elam, Executors."

Will Book 4, page 599.

Will of James Elam of Chesterfield County (No. 11).

"Grandson William Elam, son of William Elam deceased. 80 acres part of tract I now live on adjoining lines of William Blankinship and Peter Baugh.

"Son Richard Elam, Land and plantation I now live on, which he shall not be possessed of until 2 years after my death, likewise all my lands on south side of Horsepen Branch—with all my blacksmith's tools.

"Son, Henry Elam, 5 shillings.

"Wife Lucy Elam, feather bed and furniture, loom, slays and harness thereunto belonging, woolen and linen wheel, cotton cards, large chest, 2 choice pots, pair flat irons, half of plantation utensils, half of the puter, bay horse called Dunkin, saddles called hers, yoke of steers and cart, 2 cows and calves and all provisions laid in smoke house, half of stock of sheep—also lends to wife, Lucy Elam, land and plantation on north side of Horsepen Branch and at her death said land and plantation to my daughter Bettsa Elam and should she die without issue said land to my grandson, Robert Baugh, son of Peter Baugh.

"Wife Lucy Elam loaned 3 negroes, Peter, Simon, and Soll.

"Daughter, Bettsa Elam, negroes, Anna, Silvia, Haley and Ned. Feather bed and furniture called hers, chest called hers, mare called Disia, saddle called hers, cow and calf, pied heifer called hers.

"At death of my wife, Lucy Elam, negro Soll to be equally divided between my 2 daughters, Mary Ann Baugh and Bettsa Elam.

"I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Elam, Phoebe Cheatham, Sally Gordon, and Patience Smith the two other negroes Peter and Simon lent my wife and at her death to be equally divided among them.

"Wife Lucy Elam to have crop that is growing or may be on plantation at time of my death, also 30 £. and to have the use of plantation I now live on for the space of 2 years after my death.

"Residue of estate to be equally divided between my children: Richard Elam, Phebe Cheatham, Sally Gordon, Patience Smith, Mary Ann Baugh, and Bettsa Elam.

"Executors—Son Richard Elam, Aaron Haskins, George Markham, and Edward Bass son of Thomas Bass."

Dated Feb. 6, 1796.

Witnesses—R. Haskins, Jr., Archer Blankinship, and John Condrey.

Chesterfield County Court Order Book

"John Elam, Jr. licence to keep ordinary at his home in this county. Dated Oct. 6, 1749. Order Book 1, page 14.

"John Elam, Jr. Surveyor of road from Wintespock down to fork below John Ward's. Dated Oct. 6, 1749. Order Book 1, page 16.

"John Elam Jr. Surveyor of road from Fork below Bent's Bridge to his house. Dated Oct. 6, 1749. Order Book 1, page 16.

"William Elam, Surveyor of road from county line down half mile below Robert Ashurst's. Dated Nov. 3, 1749. Order Book 1, page 18.

"Will of Gilbert Elam, deceased, proved March 2, 1751. Order Book 1, page 95.

"Inventory returned and ordered recorded. June Court 1751. Order Book 1. page 116.

"John Elam. licensed to keep ordinary at his house in this county. May Court. 1752. Order Book 1. page 186.

"Robert Elam. constable took oath of his office March 1753. Order Book 1. page 313.

"On petition of Gilbert Elam. Jr., ordered that he be levy free. June Court. 1753. Order Book 1. page 348.

"Will of Robert Elam deceased. Recorded September 5, 1755. Order Book 2. page 124.

"Inventory of estate of Robert Elam. deceased. Recorded Sept. 3. 1756. Order Book 2. page 216.

"Will of Gilbert Elam. Jr., deceased. Recorded Sept. 3. 1756. Order Book 2. page 219.

"Inventory Gilbert Elam. deceased. Returned and recorded Nov. 5. 1756. Order Book 2. page 233.

"Administration of estate of Mary Elam. deceased. granted her son Robert Elam. Sept. 3. 1756. Order Book 2. page 221.

"Ann Elam. orphan. of Gilbert Elam. chooses James Elam her guardian. October Court. 1756. Order Book 2. page 232.

"Inventory and appraisement of estate of Mary Elam. deceased. Returned and recorded. January Court. 1757. Order Book 2. page 250.

"Richard Elam appointed constable in district whereof John Hodge hath been late constable. August Court. 1758. Order Book 2. page 458.

"James Elam to be entered on list of tithes. October Court. 1765. Order Book 3. page 605."

Deed Books of Chesterfield County, Virginia

Deed Book 1. page 287. Dec. 7. 1750.

"Robert Elam of Chesterfield County to his son Gilbert Elam of same county. £ 5 currency. 400 acres Chesterfield Co., beginning at a corner Turkey oak on a branch of Deep Creek adjoining Thomas Kirkham—granted said Robert Elam by patent July 20. 1738. Witnesses—Thomas Stratton. John Griffin. Robert Elam. Jr."

Deed Book 2. page 91.

"John Elam. Jr., Chesterfield County, to John Hill of

same county, £ 70 currency, 125 acres Chesterfield, purchased by Edward Elam of Philip Worsham. Witnesses—Thomas Jones, Daniel X Elam (his mark), and Richard Day."

Deed Book 5, page 366.

"Gilbert Elam of Chesterfield County to George Robertson of same county, £ 37, 10 s. currency. 125 acres of land."

Deed Book 5, page 367.

"Lodowick Elam of Cumberland County, to John Elam, Chesterfield County, £ 616 currency. 150 acres on Wintepock Creek between that and the Sir line. Witnesses—Robert Elam, Mary Elam, William Elam."

Deed Book 6, page 34.

"William Elam of Chesterfield County to grandchildren descended from my daughter Sarah Elam, now deceased, unto my son-in-law, James Elam, negroes Agge, Bowser, Pompee, Pegg, Rachel, and Moll (grandchildren's names not given) during his life and at his death to my grandchildren. Recorded Oct. 30, 1767."

Deed Book 6, page 35.

"John Elam, Jr., Dale Parish, Chesterfield County to Abram Swiney or Swaney of Amelia County, 150 acres on Wintepock Creek joining John Elam, Sr., and James Robertson's quarter—said Swaney to build two houses one 12 feet wide and 16 feet long, with a 10 ft. wide shed to it. The other a barn 20 ft. square and to plant an orchard of apple trees, as many as Elam shall say, and 500 peach trees, 225 lbs. inspected tobacco 1st year and 450 lbs. yearly to end of 7 years."

Deed Book 6, page 173.

"May 30, 1769. John Elam to his son Samuel Elam, north of Dale Parish, Henrico County, during said Samuel's life—land whereon said John Elam lives, four calves, stock of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs on said land. Household furniture." No Elam witnesses.

Deed Book 6, page 175.

"November 9, 1769. Richard R. Elam (his mark) of Chesterfield County, to Josiah Dailey, lease land left Richard by his father, Robert Elam, called his Licking branch land, lies about 3 miles from Chesterfield County C. H. 240 acres with improvements thereon. From date hereof to Jan., 1779, on

paying his Majesty's Quit Rents. Witnesses, Robert Elam, Peter Elam, Branch Elam."

Deed Book 6, page 212.

"Robert Elam and Richard R. Elam (his mark) of Chesterfield County—Bond to each other in sum of 500 £ currency. Nov. 9, 1768.—Whereas Robert Elam, deceased, left to said Robert and Richard by his will a tract of land in Chesterfield County, about 3 miles north of the Court House of said County and said Robert hath agreed that the division line shall begin at a white oak in the slash at the letter D. in the plat and to go south in a course straight across the land, said Richard having first choice doth choose the lower part. (Plat not recorded here). Witnesses—Josiah Daly, Peter Elam, Branch Elam."

Deed Book 6, page 390.

"Nov. 30, 1772. Robert Elam, Dale Parish, Chesterfield County, to James Elam of same county—82 acres joining lands of said James Elam, William Moore, Richard Walthall, Henry Burton, and said Robert Elam being part of a patent granted said Robert Elam, Aug. 3, 1771. Witnesses—Jacob Ashurst, Elam Farmer, Gilbert Elam."

Deed Book 6, page 381.

"Feb. 29, 1772. Robert Elam, Chesterfield County to Elam Farmer of same, £ 12 currency, 16 acres beginning on run of a branch of Deep Creek joining Elam Farmer's line. Witnesses—Thomas Nunally, James Elam, Daniel Elam."

Deed Book 6, page 355.

"Sept. 26, 1771. William Elam, Chesterfield County to his son, Richard Elam, 381 acres on north side of Swift Creek, down said creek to mouth of Tomahock and up the run thereof crossing Genetoe Road at the Bridge, to marked trees on Col. Friends' and Genetoe Road, to Swift Creek Bridge, thence down said creek as aforesaid. Including plantation my said son, Richard Elam, now lives on with all houses, orchards, etc. Witnesses—Daniel Elam, Richard X Sims (his mark) and James X Sims (his mark)."

Deed Book 6, page 358.

"William Elam, Chesterfield County, to son, Daniel Elam, 381 acres, on Otter Branch and on both sides Deep Creek agreeable to Moofhells patent, to mouth of Deep Creek, thence up Wooldridge's line, thence on his life to Ellisons, thence on his

(line) to Otter Branch aforesaid. Including plantation said Daniel lives on, all houses, orchards, etc. Witnesses—Richard X Sims (his mark), James X Sims (his mark), and Richard Elam."

Deed Book 7, page 291.

"Jan. 8, 1774. Henry Burton, Ann Burton, and Benjamin Burton, Chesterfield County to Capt. James Elam, of Chesterfield County 65 £ currency. 120 acres on branches of Deep Creek adjoining lines of Elam, Church and Walthall, in Chesterfield County, including plantation whereon said Henry Burton now lives, being land devised by Gilbert Elam late of this County deceased, to his daughter Ann wife of said Henry. Witnesses—Luke Fowler, Richard Elam, and Archer Blankinship."

Deed Book 7, page 348.

"Gilbert Elam, Chesterfield County to Thomas Moor, of same, £ 21 currency. 21 acres on North Horsepen Branch of Deep Creek, Chesterfield County. Witnesses—James Elam, William X Sims (his mark), and William X Blankinship (his mark)."

Deed Book 7, page 145.

"Aug. 13, 1772. John Elam of Amelia County to Peter Talbott of Chesterfield County, £ 150 currency. 150 acres in Chesterfield County, bounded by lands of Samuel Elam, Thomas Sears, James Robertson, and Joseph Wilkinson. Witnesses—John Hill, Henry Mills, James X Miles (his mark), and Wm. X Grisel (his mark)."

Deed Book 7, page 403.

"June 7, 1774. Martha Dudley, widow of Thomas Dudley, deceased, of Chesterfield County, of first part; John Elam of Chesterfield County, of second part, Archer Trayler of Chesterfield County, of third part.

"Whereas marriage suddenly intended to be solemnized between said Martha Dudley and John Elam, agreed that said Martha shall have absolute and sole right in 5 negroes, Juba, Tom, Jane, Primus and Phillis and their increase, feather beds and furniture—said John Elam shall have profit and use of said negroes and other estate during life of said Martha, if he lives so long and no longer. Witnesses—Joseph Trayler, and William Trayler."

Deed Book 7, page 381.

"June 3, 1774. Josiah Elam, Cumberland County, to Mark Puckett of Chesterfield County £ 37: 10s. currency. 159 acres in Chesterfield County adjoining lines of William Walt-hall, Abram Puckett, William Newby, James Clark, Gardner Fowler and Thomas Hanks.—No Elam witnesses."

Deed Book 7, page 139.

"July 10, 1776. Lodowick Elam and Jane X ux. (her mark) of Cumberland County to his son John Elam of Chesterfield County. £ 616 currency. 150 acres on Wintespock Creek, between that and the said line. Witnesses—Robert Elam, Mary Elam, and William Elam."

Deed Book 7, page 391.

"Aug. 7, 1774. Robert Elam, Dale Parish, Chesterfield County to Richard Batte, of same Parish and County, £ 200 currency, 160 acres Chesterfield County, joining Edward Folkes down half way slash to Richard Batte's thence to line of Peter Elam, thence up a slash to Sarah Elam's thence up the slash to Thomas Stratton's thence up said slash to William Mosely's line thence to James DeSears line."

Deed Book 7, page 398.

"June 11, 1774, Samuel Elam, Chesterfield County, to John Elam and Martha his wife of same—sum of 5s. To said John and Martha during their lives and to the longest liver of them and no longer. 150 acres on East side Surline Branch being part of the land whereon said Samuel Elam now lives." No Elam witnesses.

Deed Book 4, page 397.

"March 5, 1761, John Elam and John Hill executors of John Stores of Chesterfield County, to William Wattis of Chesterfield County—£ 15 currency—100 acres on the second Branch in Chesterfield County."

Among the Elams who helped to establish American independence by participating in the Revolutionary War are the following whose records, for the most part, are in the Virginia State Library: Capt. Branch Elam, Capt. Robert Elam, Capt. James Elam, Ensign Bartilott Elam, Lieut. Robert Elam, Second Lieut. Richard Elam, Second Lieut. Samuel Elam, and the following who were privates or non-commissioned officers: Alex-

ander Elam. Berkeley Elam, Henry Elam, James Elam, Jesse Elam, John Elam, Josiah Elam, Lodowick Elam, Richard Elam, Solomon Elam, Solomon H. Elam, Thomas Elam, William Elam, Godfrey Elam, and Simmons Elam. This list can not be guaranteed as complete or accurate. But I am quite sure it is approximately correct and that evidence can be found that will prove that these men were in the service. Probably there were a few other men by the name of Elam in the service whose record has escaped my notice; if such be the case it is to be hoped that additional historical and genealogical research may bring the facts to light that will place their names on the roll of patriots to whom our country owes its existence.

In colonial days the chief abode of the Elam family was Chesterfield County, Virginia. At an early date they began to migrate, and by the time of the Revolutionary War, Elams were to be found in a number of Virginia counties including Powhatan, Amelia, Nottoway, Cumberland, Prince Edward, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg and Charlotte. There had also been some emigration to the Carolinas and Georgia and possibly to what is now Kentucky.

The Virginia enrollment (the record of some counties has been lost) of heads of families in 1785 mentions Branch Elam, Burwell Elam, Daniel Elam, Elizabeth Elam, James Elam, Lodowick Elam, Richard Elam, Robert Elam, Samuel Elam and William Elam, all of Chesterfield County; Edward Elam and William Elam, of Charlotte County; John Elam, of Amelia County; and Robert Elam, of Powhatan County.

The 1790 census gives the name of John Elam as a resident of Edgefield County, South Carolina. The colonial records of North Carolina show that there were Elams living in that state about the middle of the eighteenth century. The colonial records of Georgia state that William Elam moved from North Carolina to Georgia about 1764 locating at Wrightsboro, a Quaker settlement. Daniel Elam was a justice of the peace in Richmond County, Georgia, in 1790. For many years there has been a family of Elams in Connecticut, but I know nothing of their origin or their history. There may have been a few Elams in some of the other colonies, but if so I have no information concerning them.

At the conclusion of the Revolutionary War many people

started west to grow up with the country. In this movement the Elam family was well represented. By the year 1800 the Elam family was well established in Kentucky and Tennessee. Later they migrated to other states until now there are few if any states where the Elam family is not represented. This dispersion of the family has been accelerated by the movement from the country to the city. In almost any large city directory the name Elam will be found. Many of these persons are recent arrivals from the country. .

Note—The source of material of this chapter is the same as for Chapter 1. A large part of the chapter, beginning on page 142 and ending on page 156, is a transcription of the notes made by the Rev. William Clayton Torrance, an eminent genealogist, for the benefit of Mr. Charles W. Elam, Sr. (See the next chapter). This is the Elam material referred to in William & Mary's Quarterly, Vol. 24, page 277. I am sure the publication of this material will be appreciated by those who are interested in Elam history and genealogy. I am very grateful to Mr. Charles W. Elam, Jr., of Mansfield, La., for his permission to use this valuable material.

GENEALOGICAL CHART

An incomplete list of colonial Elam men descended from
Gilbert Elam, Jr.

(Not guaranteed)

1. Gilbert Elam, Jr.
2. William Elam (no information).
3. Robert Elam.
5. William Elam.
 13. William Elam.
 14. Daniel Elam.
 15. Richard Elam.
 40. Edward W. Elam.
 41. William G. Elam.
 42. Pleasants Elam.
 43. Richard Elam.
 44. John Elam.
 45. Joseph Elam.
16. Berkeley Elam.
6. Robert Elam.
 17. Robert Elam.
 46. Robert Elam.
 47. Alexander Augustus Elam.
18. Peter Elam.
19. Branch Elam.
7. Gilbert Elam.
 20. Burwell Elam.
 21. James Elam.
 22. Lodwick Elam.
 23. Gilbert Elam.
 24. Godfrey Elam.
 25. William C. Elam.
 26. Benjamin Elam.
 27. Robert Elam.
 28. Waltus Elam.
 29. Jeremiah Elam.

- 8. Lodwick Elam.
- 30. John Elam.
- 9. Richard Elam.
- 31. Martin Elam.
- 32. George Elam.
- 33. William Elam.
- 34. John Elam.
- 35. William Elam, a natural son of Mary Elam and a
grandson of Robert Elam No. 3.
- 4. Gilbert Elam.
- 10. Gilbert Elam.
- 36. Josiah Elam.
- 11. James Elam.
- 37. William Elam.
- 48. William Elam.
- 38. Henry Elam.
- 39. Richard Elam.
- 12. Robert Elam.

CHAPTER V

Representative Elam Families

This writer has neither the time nor the means to prepare a complete history and genealogy of the Elam family. That task is reserved for some future historian who will find his labor very interesting, and I trust that his remuneration will be commensurate with the merit of his work. In my search for information about Josiah Elam I have found many things of interest about some of the collateral branches of the Elam family. I am quite sure that many of my readers will be interested in the character and achievements of our more distant "cousins." Of the Elam families who have achieved some degree of prominence, mention should be made of William Jefferson Elam and his descendants.

William Jefferson Elam was born in Virginia, and was a descendant of Edward Elam of Charlotte County. When a young man he moved west to Tennessee where he was married to Miss Cynthia Wheaton. To this marriage the following children were born: Joseph Barton, Charles Wheaton, John H., and Margaret. He served as a member of the Tennessee state legislature. He was a member of the Tennessee Rifles during the war of 1812, serving as a lieutenant under General Jackson in the New Orleans campaign. From Tennessee he went to Texas and there took a conspicuous part in the establishment of the Texas republic. Sometime later he moved his family to Fort Jessup, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Joseph Barton Elam, son of William J. Elam, was born in Arkansas, June 12, 1821, while his parents were on their way to Texas. After the family located at Fort Jessup, he was admitted to the bar. During the early part of his professional career he held the office of district attorney. For twenty-five years he served in the Louisiana legislature as representative and senator. In later life he represented the fourth district of

Louisiana in the Congress of the United States for four years (1877-1881). He was married to Mary Stewart, a native of Alabama. To this marriage three children were born: Mary Stuart, who became the wife of E. W. Sutherlin, a prominent attorney of Shreveport, La., William Jefferson, who died a bachelor, and Charles Wheaton. Joseph B. Elam died at Mansfield, La., in 1885.

Charles Wheaton Elam, son of Joseph B. Elam, was born in Mansfield, La., Mar. 18, 1866. He was educated at the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, graduating with the class of 1887. He then entered the office of his brother-in-law, Judge E. W. Sutherlin, of Shreveport, La., with whom he finished reading law. He established himself in the practice of law at Mansfield, La., and was very successful in his profession. He was legal counsel for the Kansas City Southern Railway Company and other companies of importance in the north-western part of Louisiana. In politics Mr. Elam was an unswerving Democrat and served his party in various positions of honor and responsibility. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church, serving for many years as senior warden, and also as lay reader. He took a deep interest in efforts to improve the social welfare of the under-privileged. He was a good American citizen and a great honor to the Elam family.

One of his many virtues was a commendable interest in family history and genealogy. In 1913 he employed Rev. Clayton Torrance, an eminent genealogist, to make some investigation of the colonial Elams in Virginia. For some reason it was impossible to complete the investigation, and therefore the possibilities of a complete and thorough genealogical investigation remain unknown. But the results obtained by this partial investigation are sufficient to make the whole Elam family debtor to Charles W. Elam. Rev. Torrance published a few notes on the Elam family in *William & Mary's Quarterly* Vol. 24 and these notes have been helpful to every one that has had occasion to do research work in Elam history, since they were published. Charles W. Elam is now dead, but his son and namesake, Charles W. Elam, of Mansfield, La., kindly loaned to the writer the original notes prepared by Rev. Torrance for his father. While the investigation was not completed, it was thorough so far as it went, and these notes con-

stitute the largest and best collection of Elam colonial data of which I have knowledge. I have used this material freely in the preparation of this history, especially the preceding chapter on the colonial Elams, and gladly acknowledge my obligations to Charles W. Elam, the patron of the investigation.

He was married to Miss Lucy B. Burden, March 18, 1891. To this marriage the following children were born: Charles W., Daniel B., deceased; Emma G., wife of F. A. Petty; Irene S., wife of J. H. Sutherlin, of Oklahoma; Susan E., wife of B. A. Williams, of Dallas, Texas; and Jos. B., husband of Margaret Taylor, of Texas, by which marriage he has the following children: Jos. B., Johnetta, Mary Stuart, and Margaret. Charles W. Elam died in 1917 and is buried at Mansfield, La.

His son, Charles W. Elam, attended the State University of Louisiana for five years, majoring in history, languages, and government. He was in the World's War for two years, enlisting as a private and being discharged as 1st Lieut. He is married and resides at Mansfield, La., being a farmer and salesman by occupation.

A near relative of William J. Elam, Lucius Elam by name, was one of the pioneer settlers of Catahoula Parish, La., and there married Elizabeth Bray. To this marriage the following children were born: James, Priscilla, Henrietta, and Adeline; by a later marriage he had one son, Samuel Lucius, Jr. James married and had one son, Charles. Priscilla married Lewis C. Spencer but had no children. Henrietta married William Brainerd Spencer. Adeline married Samuel Walker Spencer; they had one daughter, Rowena, who married Joseph S. Jones. A son of this marriage, Lewis C., had his name changed from Jones to Spencer by act of the legislature. He married Alice Smead and is the father of four children: Elizabeth, Alice, Rowena, and Sarah. Samuel Lucius Elam, Jr., of Vidalia, La., and Natchez, Miss., married Abbie Hawthorne. To this marriage one child was born, Eva Elam, who married Mr. Splan, moved to California, and married a second time.

William Brainerd Spencer, the husband of Henrietta Elam, was born in Catahoula Parish, La., Feb. 5, 1835. He was a graduate of Centenary College and the law department of the University of Louisiana at New Orleans. He was admitted to

the bar in 1857 and commenced practice in Harrisonburg, La. The same year on December 10, he was married to Henrietta Elam. To this marriage six children were born: Deborah, Mary Cass, Walker Brainerd, Adeline Elam, Estelle and Brainetta. Deborah Spencer married T. S. Jones and had one child, Eliza Perry, who married James Halligan. They have two children, Elwood and Perry Halligan, and live in Rosindale, Mass. Mary Cass and Adeline Elam Spencer live in New Orleans. Estelle Spencer married Anthony Doherty and lives in Baton Rouge, La. Brainetta Spencer married Richard B. Montgomery and lives in New Orleans. They have three children: Richard B., Jr., married to Annetta Wolfe, Alice Spencer and Brainerd Spencer Montgomery.

William Brainerd Spencer was a soldier in the Confederate Army with the rank of captain. At the close of the war he resumed the practice of law in Vidalia, La. In 1876, he successfully contested the election of his opponent to the Forty-fourth Congress, and served as a member of Congress from June 8, 1876, to January 8, 1877, when he resigned to accept an appointment as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

He resigned this judicial position April 3, 1880, and resumed the practice of law in New Orleans. He died February 12, 1882, and is buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Baton Rouge, La.

Walker Brainerd Spencer, son of William Brainerd and Henrietta (Elam) Spencer, was born at Natchez, Miss., March 13, 1868. He was married to Annie Cooley Clark, of Clarkland Plantation, La. To this marriage two children were born: Dorothy and Walker Brainerd, Jr. Mr. Spencer is a member of the law firm of Spencer, Gidiere, Phelps, and Dunbar, which is one of the leading law firms in the city of New Orleans. He takes an active interest in public affairs and served as chairman of the Citizens League Committee, that in 1896 framed the charter for the city of New Orleans. He is still active in municipal reform work. He is a member of the Board of Administrators that control the finances of Tulane University. The Spencer family is deeply interested in the progress of this institution. In politics Mr. Spencer is an Independent Democrat. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, the

American Bar Association, and many civic and social organizations. He lives at 3222 Coliseum St., New Orleans, La. (Further information may be found in any recent volume of *Who's Who in America*).

Another Elam family living in Louisiana is descended from James Mason Elam, who was born in Nottoway County, Virginia, January 30, 1796. He entered the U. S. Navy at the age of 12 years and was in active service on the Mediterranean in 1815, being on board the flag-ship of Commodore Stephen Decatur at the siege of Tripoli and during the action in which Ross Hammade was killed. He was discharged by the disbanding of the Navy at Norfolk in 18— and came to New Orleans in 1818. He was engaged for some years in the sugar business. He was married November 26, 1825, to Rebecca Chambers, of Camden, S. C., and settled in East Baton Rouge Parish where he was an overseer farmer and magistrate till 1832 when he was admitted to the bar of Louisiana. He was later admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court, and was a successful lawyer. He died in Baton Rouge, La., November 8, 1856, aged 60 years. He was the father of James Essex Elam, who was born in Baton Rouge, La., in 1829 and died in 1873. Miss Mamie R. Elam, a daughter of James Essex Elam, is now (1931) living at 330 St. Ferdinand St., Baton Rouge, La. She possesses a silver cup on which is engraved the Elam coat of arms, but I am not informed as to the history of the cup.

While James M. Elam was engaged in the practice of law, he was joined by his brother-in-law, James Hunter, a native of Powhatan County, Virginia, who had married Mr. Elam's sister, Mary, and was seeking a favorable location to establish himself as a lawyer. His history is not known to me, but his son, Andrew Jackson Hunter, became a resident of Texas and lived there till his death in 1882. Loulie Hunter, a daughter of Andrew Jackson Hunter, married Edwin M. House, better known as Col. House. Colonel House is a very distinguished business man and statesman. He was the friend and counselor of President Woodrow Wilson during the World's War and served on the commission that signed the treaty of Versailles at the end of the war. Mr. and Mrs. House reside at 104 E. 68th St., New York City. They also maintain a home at

Austin, Texas, in which state Col. House has large financial interests.

The Atlanta Sunday American in September, 1930, published some very interesting articles on the Elam family written by Mrs. Lillian Prewitt Goodknight who lives at 4455 Kahala Ave., Honolulu, Hawaii. Mrs. Goodknight is very much interested in the Elam family history and genealogy and has done research work of value both in this country and in England. I am pleased to present Mrs. Goodknight's family line so far as it has been developed at the present time. Mrs. Goodknight has condensed her material as much as possible, but I am quite sure that the careful reader will have little trouble in understanding her outlines.

"The Elam family was in Dallas County, Texas, before 1849, when the first newspaper was published. It was represented by William B. Elam and wife, Mary, and family who came from Illinois in 1845; Isaac Elam, wife Margaret and family who came in 1847; W. M. Elam and family, before 1849; Jesse Elam and family, before 1849; and Andrew, Benton, and several other Elams, came single before 1849."—History of Dallas County, Texas, by John Henry Brown.

From the Census of 1850, enumerated Nov. 2-11, 1850, by Ben Merrell, Dallas County, Texas:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Value of Real Estate Owned</i>	<i>Birthplace</i>
Jesse Elam	68	M	Farmer	\$1000	Georgia
Rosa Elam	68	F			Virginia
Isaac Elam	47	M	Farmer	\$ 640	Kentucky
Margaret Elam	38	F			Missouri
Benjamin F. Elam	14	M			Illinois

Line of Jesse and Rosa Evans Elam, as given by their granddaughter, Matilda Elam, 1921:

Jesse Elam—

b. 1782—Georgia; d. Sept. 1854, Dallas Co., Texas. Emigrated to Ky., Mo., and to Dallas Co., Texas, 1847. Was a soldier in the Kentucky troops at the battle of Tippecanoe, Nov. 7, 1811. m. (in Virginia?) Rosa Evans (b. in Va. 1782; d. "during the Civil War, about 1864," at Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas).

Issue:

- 1—William B. Elam (Emigrated with family, 1845, from Illinois, to Dallas Co., Texas; fought in Civil War for the Confederacy; elected on executive committee of first board of the Dallas Co. Pioneer Association, 1875) m. Mary Robertson.
 - 2—Maxie Elam.
 - 3—Amanda Elam.
 - 4—Califirna Elam.
 - 5—Isaac Elam b. June 2, 1803, Kentucky; d. Nov. 26, 1873, Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas; Em. to Mo., Ill., and to Dallas Co., Texas, 1847—m. (1) 1827, in Illinois, Margaret Lanham (b. Dec. 25, 1812, in Mo.; d. Sept. 2, 1869, Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas) dau. of Sylvester and Jane (Estes) Lanham. m. (2) Mrs. Thompson.
- Issue of William B. Elam and Mary (Robertson) Elam.
- Artimicia Elam (m) James Gill of Ky.
- Isaac Elam (m) Lucy Cole, in Texas. Confed. soldier.
- Andrew Elam (m) Lottie Newman, Texas. Confed. soldier.
- Calfirna Elam (m) Benjamin Ayers.
- George Elam (m) Amanda Hay.
- Thomas Elam (m) ——— Hay.
- William Elam died unmarried.
- Mary Elam.
- Margaret Elam married (1) Joseph Ready; (2) Isaac Moore.
- John Elam (m) Martha Cox in Texas.
- James Elam (m) Elizabeth Newman in Texas.
- Issue of Isaac Elam and Margaret Lanham Elam: 10 children:
- 1—Parilee Elam m. Frank Bethurem.
 - 2—Benjamin Franklin Elam (b. Oct. 6, 1834, near Menden, Adams Co., Ills.—1850 census says b. 1836—; d. Feb. 21, 1899, Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas; int. in Pleasant Mound Cemetery—Confederate soldier, Civil War—left arm disabled).
- m. (1) Angeline Moore (b. May 19, 1839, near Winchester, Scott Co., Ills.; d. March 25, 1871; Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas; int. in old family cemetery on farm near Elam Station) daughter of James and Delilah

- Moore of Scott Co., Illinois.
 m. (2) Katherine Jones (b. in Ky.; d. Feb., 1915, Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas).
- 3—William Curtis Elam (b. 1837, Benton, Scott Co., Missouri; Confederate soldier) m. Mary Jane Johnson (b. in Kentucky).
- 4—Jane Elam (b. 1839, Mendon, Adams Co., Ills.) married Money Weatherford of Kentucky and Illinois.
- 5—Drusilla Elam (b. 1841, Benton, Scott Co., Mo.) m. Christopher Cox.
- 6—Mary Frances Elam (b. 1843, Benton, Scott Co., Mo.) m. Alfred Summers—Issue: Charles, Alva, and Frank Summers.
- 7—Matilda Elam (b. 1845, Benton, Scott Co., Mo.; blinded by an accident in childhood; d. 1923, unmarried; int. at Pleasant Mound Cemetery, Dallas Co., Texas).
- 8—Martha Adaline Elam (b. 1846, Benton, Scott Co., Mo.; living in Dallas, Texas, in 1921). m. Joseph Pratt of South Carolina.
- 9—Thomas Benton Elam (b. 1848, Elam Station, Dallas Co., Tex.; Confederate soldier) m. Bettie Wade of Illinois.
- 10—Narcissa Elam (b. Benton, Scott Co., Mo.; probably one of the first born children, and married before 1850) m. Joseph Cox of Mo., in Dallas Co., Texas.
- Issue of Benjamin F. Elam and Angeline Moore Elam —
- 1—Frank Elam (b. Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas; d. about 1892; m. Emma Cox in Dallas Co., Texas).
 Issue of Frank Elam:
 Claude Elam, Dallas, Texas, in 1927.
 Alice Matilda Elam, m. Charles Benjamin Austin; living (1921) in Dallas Co., Texas; 8 children.
 Margaret Elam; m. ——— Rizzotto; one child living in Ft. Worth, Texas.
 James Robert ("Jimbo") Elam, b. Dallas Co., Texas.
- 2—James Elam (b. April 14, 1856, Elam Station, Dallas County, Texas; d. Sept. 28, 1895, at Elam Station). m. Nancy Pratt of Dallas Co., Texas.

Issue:

Mamie Elam (b. Dallas Co., Texas) m. Millard H. Horton of Virginia and Texas (d. March 3, 1930, at Denison, Texas; int. at Dallas, Texas).

Issue:

Violet Horton m. Charles Kieth; Harold Horton, Marion A. Horton, Dorothy Horton, and Millard H. Horton, Jr.

- 3—Robert Columbus ("Dick") Elam (b. Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas), m. (1) Samanaha Ellen Prewitt, June 11, 1882, in Dallas Co., Texas. She was born March 11, 1861, in Ind., dau. of James Paulen Clark Prewitt and Sarah Burns; granddaughter of Robert Hurt Prewitt and Elizabeth Clark; gt. gr-daughter of Byrd Prewitt and Sarah Hurt; gt. gt. gr-daughter of Michael Prewitt and Elizabeth Simpkins; and gt. gt. gt. gr-daughter of General George Byrd Prewitt of Virginia.

"Dick" Elam m. (2) Mrs. Mary ——— of Dallas, Texas.

Issue by 1st marriage:

Della Leona Elam (b. March 23, 1883, Kleburg, Dallas Co., Texas; d. in 1923 at the same place). m. James Jett, April 10, 1898, at Kleburg, Texas. Issue—Robert Jett, Neva Jett, Jack Jett, Lela Grace Jett, and Imogene Jett.

Leonard Clark Elam (d. in infancy).

Corinna Lora Elam (b. Aug. 18, 1891, Kleburg, Texas; d. July 25, 1910, Kleburg, Texas). m. Edward Lipscomb of Richmond, Virginia, at Kleburg, Texas, on Mar. 19, 1910.

- 4—Martha Jane Elam (b. Jan. 5, 1869, Elam Station, Dallas Co., Tex.; d. Jan. 14, 1916, Hooker, Texas Co., Oklahoma). m. (1) May 31, 1885, at Elam Station, Dr. Geo. Thompson Prewitt. (1857-1916). He was a brother of Samantha Ellen Prewitt and his ancestry is given in the preceding section.

Issue of Benjamin F. Elam and Katherine Jones Elam:

- 1—Guy Elam, living in Dallas, Texas, (1921) b. Elam Station, Dallas Co., m. Rose Minx of Dallas Co.,

Texas. Issue: Leonard Elam, Erwin Elam, Cecil Elam, and others.

2—John Elam born at Elam Station and married Ermine Pike of Dallas Co., Texas.

3—Lyda Elam born at Elam Station, married Arthur Bennett, of Dallas Co., Texas. Owner of the old Elam place.

4—Beulah Elam (b. Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas). m. (1) Harty Cumberland of Dallas Co., Texas. Issue: Melvin H. Cumberland (d. aged 19 years, accidentally shot while hunting with his cousins on the old Elam place). m. Miss ——— McLemore, Dallas, Texas.

5—Leland Elam (b. Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas), living in Dallas.

Issue of Martha Jane Elam and Dr. George Thompson Prewitt:

Amelia Lillian Estelle Prewitt (b. Aug. 15, 1887, Kleburg, Dallas Co., Texas; educated in Washington, D. C., and the College of Hawaii) em. to Chihuahua, Mexico, 1910, and to Honolulu, Hawaii, Nov., 1911, m. October 31, 1908, Kansas City, Mo., Clifton Shealey Goodknight (b. Nov. 4, 1878, Simpsonville, Shelby Co., Ky.) son of William Middleton Goodknight and Adeline Newton Phillips of Simpsonville, Shelby Co., Ky.

George Leland Prewitt (b. Feb. 21, 1889, Kleburg, Dallas Co., Tex.) Named for his father and Dr. Bohannon, the family physician; living at Trinidad, Colo. Married Jan. 14, 1915, Effie May Atkins at Guymon, Texas Co., Oklahoma. She was b. Dec. 5, 1892, Mesquite, Dallas Co., Texas, dau. of James Amos Atkins and Florence Margaret King, both of Virginia, Texas, and Oklahoma. Issue: George Leland Prewitt, Jr., (b. Sept. 12, 1920, Hooker, Texas Co., Okla.); d. Aug. 2, 1929, in a fall from Simpson's Rest, near Trinidad, Colorado.

Martha Jane Elam Prewitt m. (2) July 11, 1898, Dallas Co., Texas, Charles A. Dennis, son of "Pink" Dennis and Elizabeth Nelson. No issue.

Issue of William Curtis Elam (son of Isaac and grandson of Jesse Elam).

- 1—Emily Estelle ("Ett") Elam (b. March 17, 1863, Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas) m. Feb. 10, 1881, Elam Station. William Thomas Moore (b. April 14, 1859, Scott Co., Ill.) son of Marion Moore and Margaret Vickers (d. 6 days after birth of son, William Thomas Moore).
- 2—Isaac Henry ("Tose") Elam (b. 1866, Elam Station) m. about 1891 at Elam Station. Mary Ellen Markham, dau. of Cornelius Jackson (Neely) Markham and Elizabeth Pruitt.
- 3—Addie Florence Elam (b. Dec. 29, 1868, Elam Station), m. (1) Jan. 21, 1886, at Elam Station. Henry Jackson Bruton, son of Richard Bruton and Elizabeth Cox.
m. (2) in 1895 at Elam Station. William Mitchell Daniels, born in Missouri.
- 4—Sarah Catherine Elam (b. Aug., 1870, at Elam Station), m. in Dec., 1885, at Elam Station. Robert E. Ferguson, son of James Ferguson.
- 5—Martha Jane Elam (b. in 1872 at Elam Station), m. Thomas Peeler.
- 6—Willie May Elam (b. May, 1874, at Elam Station), m. Charles Wesley Busby, son of James Busby and Nancy Lee.
- 7—Charles Franklin Elam (b. at Elam Station), m. at Elam Station. Virgie B. Rose, dau. of James Rose and Mary Moore.
- 8—Lucy Jack Elam (b. Nov. 4, 1882, at Elam Station), m. at Elam Station. Wiley Hodges, son of John Wesley Hodges and Mary Jane Jetton, of Alabama.

Issue of Emily Estelle ("Ett") Elam and William Thomas Moore:

- 1—William Marion Moore (b. Jan. 9, 1882, Pleasant Mound, Dallas County, Texas), m. Dec., 1900, Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas. Alta Corinne Dennis, dau. of "Pink" Dennis and Elizabeth Nelson.

- 2—Thomas Jefferson Moore (b. March 20, 1884, at Pleasant Mound), m. May 3, 1905, at Elam Station. Eva Rebecca Wernsing, dau. of Ed. and Kate Wernsing.
- 3—Lena Moore (b. Mar. 23, 1887, and died Sept. 17, 1888).
- 4—Mary Leland Moore (b. May 4, 1890, Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas), m. at Pleasant Mound, Dallas County, Texas. William Gordon Hodges, son of Wesley and Mary Jane Jetton Hodges.
- 5—Margaret Florence Moore (b. Sept. 1, 1893, at Elam Station), m. at Macedonia, Texas, Henry Garland Read (b. in Louisiana), son of Robert and Sally Read.
- 6—Lennie Curtis Moore (b. June 29, 1896, at Elam Station), m. at Mesquite, Dallas Co., Texas; Durward Kent (b. in West Virginia), son of John L. Kent and Mary Murrill.
- 7—Henry Eugene Moore (b. Aug. 22, 1898, Elam Station, Dalls Co.) m. Feb. 22, 1922, Dallas, Texas, Ethel Sale (b. Dec. 31, 1903, Decatur, Texas), dau. of Samuel McClellan Sale of Kentucky and Mary Senora Deering of Arkansas.
- 8—Ida May Moore (b. May 16, 1901, Pleasant Mound, Dallas Co., Texas), m. Oct. 16, 1919, Mesquite, Dallas Co., Texas, Lawrence Augusta Murdock (b. April 7, 1902, Elam Station, Dallas Co., Texas), son of Solomon Alexander Murdock of Georgia, and Ollie Blanche Conner of Kentucky.
Issue: Lawrence Augusta Murdock, Jr., and others.

Probably no state has more people by the name of Elam than the state of Kentucky. In the "Blue Grass" state, the Elam family are not only numerous but highly respected. Through the kindness of Mr. S. S. Elam, of Lexington, Ky., I am able to present a historical outline of one of the representative families of Kentucky Elams. In this outline the first numeral shows the order of birth in the immediate family, the second numeral

shows the order of the generation, counting Walter Elam the common ancestor as number one.

Walter Elam Branch of the Elam Family

By S. S. Elam, Lexington, Kentucky

- 1-1 Walter Elam moved from Wise County, Virginia, and settled near West Liberty, Morgan County, Kentucky, in 1818. He took out patents for a large boundary of land extending from the head of White Oak to the Bob Elam Farm near West Liberty. These lands were given to his sons, James and Richard, and to his daughters. He also took out patent for a 500 acre farm at the mouth of Trace Branch and extending to the Morgan-Magoffin County line at the head of Trace Branch. This land was later given to his son, Jeremiah, his youngest son.
- 1-2 Bill Elam the oldest son of Walter, remained in Wise County, Virginia.
- 2-2 James Elam, who lived at the foot of the hill just south of the Bob Elam farm near West Liberty was the second son of Walter.
- 3-2 Richard Elam, died 1843, and was buried near the old home site at Gordon Ford near West Liberty, Kentucky.
- 1-3 Polly or "Pop" (Elam) Lemaster.
- 2-3 Betty (Elam) Roberts, died 1901.
- 3-3 Lieutenant Meniffee Elam was killed at Salyersville, Kentucky, battle in 1862.
- 4-3 William or Devil Fork Bill Elam, died 1914. He reared a large family on Devil Fork of North Fork in Morgan County, Kentucky.
- 5-3 Easter (Elam) Frazier, died 1929.
- 6-3 "War Creek" James Elam, first postmaster of Elamton, Ky. James Mathew Elam, his eldest son, was second postmaster of Elamton. John Elam and Ida Elam were children of James Mathew Elam.
- 7-3 Matthew McClure Elam, 1839-1923, a Union soldier and school teacher, married Emily Grant Botner, daughter of Captain O. D. Botner.
- 1-4 Jennie (Elam) Garred, 1873—.
- 2-4 Victoria (Elam) Burgess, 1875—.

- 3-4 Oliver Meniffee Elam, 1877. Formerly a banker. Now a road contractor of Ashland, Kentucky; married Jessie Kroiner, of Paris, Ky., have two children, Louise and Oliver, Jr.
- 4-4 Dr. Arthur Matthew Elam, 1884. Received his degree of B. M. E. at Kentucky State University, where he taught for a number of years. He taught at Ohio State University, at Columbus, where he received his D. D. S. degree, and practised dentistry at West Mansfield, Ohio, for some years. He served on the school board of West Mansfield, until he moved to Lexington, Kentucky, where he practices his profession. He is a Mason, an officer and Sunday school teacher in the Baptist Church. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, and Omicron Kappa Upsilon, honorary dental fraternity. He married Clotilda Bonta of Lexington. To them were born Clotilde Dorothy who is making an outstanding record as a student in mathematics at the University of Kentucky; Phyllis Bonta and Emily Paralee are in school.
- 5-4 Emery Whitney Elam, 1890. Married Marie Smith of Louisville, Kentucky, where they now reside.
- 6-4 Dr. Botner Fredrick Elam, 1892. D. D. S. of Columbus, Ohio; married Lucile Irvin. They have one child, Joan.
- 4-2 Jeremiah Elam, 1812-1883, was six years of age when his father, Walter, came to Kentucky in 1818. He was named after his grandfather, "Jeremiah-of-all" Patrick of Magoffin County, Kentucky. He was a first cousin of Captain Reuben Patrick who succeeded in holding in check guerrilla warfare in eastern Kentucky during the Rebellion. Jeremiah married Elizabeth Nickell who was noted for her physical strength. We know that Jerry Elam's offspring have numbered somewhere between 400 and 500 since his marriage 100 years ago.
- 1-3 Merideth Elam married in Carter County, Ky., and reared a large family. The eldest son was named Leander. Merideth was a singing master.

- 2-3 James Elam. born 1834. Married Queen Wells of Carter County, Ky., and reared a large family.
- 3-3 William or "Lying Bill." 1836. So called for his wonderful yarns of fishing, horses, etc. He and his brother, Shelby, fought four years in the Union Army during the Civil War, and re-enlisted for another four months. He, too, married and settled in Carter County, Ky., where he reared a large family. His eldest son, Bert, a school teacher, married Mayme Johnson, at Williamstown, Kentucky. He died there about twelve years ago. His eldest son, Fritz, 1909, was graduated from the University of Cincinnati, and now does research work for the Proctor and Gamble Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 4-3 Robert Elam, 1838. Was killed at Paintsville, Kentucky, while serving in the Union Army during the Civil War.
- 5-3 Polly or "Pop" (Elam) Cisco, 1839. Married Crocket Cisco of Magoffin County, Kentucky. They reared a large family.
- 6-3 Jane (Elam) Hylton, 1841. Married Lee Hylton of Morgan County, Kentucky. They reared a large family.
- 7-3 Rebecca Elam, 1843. Died after reaching maturity.
- 8-3 Elizabeth (Elam) 1845. Married Pete Teets. She was the manager and owner of the Teets Brothers' Shows for a great many years. Her four sons recognized her ability and followed her leadership as long as she lived.
- 9-3 Shelby Elam, 1847. Who soldiered through the Civil War with his brother, William, married Mrs. Lydia Lykins to whom was born one son, Mack. He married a Howard and lives with their three children at Matthew, Kentucky.
- 10-3 Taylor Elam, 1849-1906. Was known throughout a large section of Morgan County as a practical joker. He married Katherine Harper.
- 1-4 Bill Elam, 1873. Married Ida Whitt. To them were born, Finley, 1903; McGuire, 1899; Edna, 1901;

- Clay. 1905; Jessie. 1907; Lucile. 1909; Nora. 1911; Clinton. 1915.
- 2-4 Lou (Elam) LaMaster. 1871. Married Squire Flem LaMaster and reared a large family at Bloomington. Kentucky.
- 3-4 James Elam. 1875. Married Flora Lemaster to whom were born three daughters. Nannie (Elam) Lewis. 1907; Frances (Elam) Lewis. 1909; Alka. 1911.
- 4-4 Clay Elam. 1876. Married Susie Lykins to whom were born two children, Malcolm. 1900; and Beatrice. 1911. The latter married a Kennaird. Clay's family live in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 5-4 Elizabeth (Elam) Easterling. 1878. Married John Easterling and now lives somewhere in Kansas.
- 6-4 Shelby Elam. 1880. Married Docia Mullins and moved from Morgan County, Kentucky, to Oklahoma.
- 7-4 Frank Elam. 1882. Went to Oklahoma where he married and then moved to Kansas.
- 8-4 John Elam. 1884. Went to Oklahoma where he married and from there moved to Canada.
- 10-4 Taylor Elam's second wife was Rhoda Haney. They reared a family of several children. Celia (Elam) Gibson of Cannel City, Kentucky.; Phoebe (Elam) Davidson, who lives at Indianapolis, Indiana; Russell. 1896; Toney. 1892; Rennie. 1900; Major. 1898, deceased.
- 11-3 Leander C. Elam. 1850. Married Frances Nickell. They are both living at White Oak, Ky., having celebrated their Golden Anniversary seven years ago. Their nine children are living and have families.
- 1-4 Lola (Elam) Conley. 1875. Married Francis Marion Conley and lives at Wenatche, Washington. They have eight children. They own a fruit ranch near Wenatohee.
- 2-4 Shelby Smith Elam. 1878. Received the A. B. and M. A. degrees from the University of Kentucky, Lexington. Kentucky. Spent the summer of 1907 in Europe and married Brenda Davis of Newport, Tennessee. in 1908. He spent several years in school work. having served four years as county superintendent of

schools, Magoffin County, Kentucky. In 1922, he launched Kentucky School News and published it at Frankfort, Kentucky, until 1924, when he went to Lexington, Kentucky, and entered the real estate business. He now lives at Lexington. His children are Roberta, 1909, a senior at the University of Kentucky; Edward, 1911, runs a grocery; Miriam, 1913; Norman, 1916; high school pupils are out of school this semester (1931), while Elizabeth Ann, 1922, is in school.

- 3-4 Minnie (Elam) McClure, 1880, and her husband, W. A. McClure, own a store at Rardin, Illinois. They have a large family.
- 4-4 Butler Jackson Elam, 1882. Who was graduated at the law college of Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky in 1907 and who practises law at Lexington, Kentucky, now married Hortense Patrick of Salyersville, Kentucky. Their oldest daughter, Frances, teaches at Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Lurline, 1912, is a freshman at the University of Kentucky; Alka, 1915, is a high school student and Mary Jane, 1921, and Henry Lee, 1918, are in the grades.
- 5-4 William T. Elam, 1884. Married Della Nickell and lives at Florress, Kentucky. Flossie (Elam) DeLong, their eldest daughter, married Raleigh DeLong.
- 6-4 Ernest E. Elam, 1887. Married Sarah Pratt and lives at Clearfield, Kentucky. They have the following children: L. C., 1912; Olive, 1914; Pearl, 1917; and Paul, 1921; Fannie, 1928.
- 7-4 Kelly C. Elam, 1890. Married Ida Cassell of Morgan County and lives at Lexington, Kentucky, where he does contract work. They have the following children in school: Hobert, 1917; Elizabeth, 1919; Katherine, 1921; Hubert, 1924; Irene, 1926; James Donald, 1931.
- 8-4 Nick Elam, 1892. Married Laura Pelfrey and lives at Matthew, Kentucky. Edith is in high school; McKinley, Jr., 1917; Buell, 1921; Minnie Nell, 1925, are their children.
- 9-4 McKinley Elam, 1895. Served in the World War. He

fought in St. Mehiel, Argonne and other sectors. He was graduated from the University of Kentucky with the degrees of B. S. and M. A. He married Nancy Beatty of Fayette County. They have one son, David, 1926. McKinley owns and operates a dairy in Fayette County, Kentucky.

- 4-2 Jeremiah Elam's second wife was Ella (Hylton) Elam.
- 1-3 John Elam, 1860, their oldest son married Margaret Canada of Florross, Kentucky.
- 1-4 Rennie (Elam) Frederick.
- 2-4 Lafayette Elam married Ida Elam, daughter of Matthew Elam and granddaughter of War Creek James Elam. The latter was the son of Richard Elam. To Lafayette and Ida were born Pearl, 1915, and Mattie, 1917.
- 3-4 Elmer Elam, 1890, married Docia Lykins. They have five children.
- 2-3 Cynthia (Elam) Bolin, 1862. Wife of William Bolin of Florress, Ky., and reared a large family.
- 3-3 Pete Elam, 1864, died a bachelor in Texas a few years ago.
- 4-3 Alice (Elam) Prater, 1866, of White Oak, wife of Ellis Prater of White Oak. They reared a large family.
- 5-3 Emily (Elam) Yates, 1868, wife of Valentine Yates, lives in eastern Texas. They have a large family.
- 6-3 Thomas J. Elam, 1870. A school teacher, married Louise Oney and entered the mercantile business in 1898 at Florress, Ky. He has made quite a success in this business and is now Vice President of the Commercial Bank of West Liberty, Kentucky.
- 1-4 Goldia (Elam) McClure, 1890, is the wife of Morton McClure of Illinois.
- 2-4 Clifford Elam, 1892. Married Carrie Cox. They live at West Liberty and have two children. Helen, 1923, and William Thomas, 1925.
- 3-4 Hattie (Elam) 1894. Married Ernest Oney of White Oak, Kentucky.
- 4-4 Bonnie (Elam) Cox, 1897. Married Thomas Cox of Florress, Ky.
- 5-4 Homer Elam, 1899. Married Mattie Cox. He has de-

veloped a cash and carry grocery in West Liberty which enjoys a county wide business.

- 7-3 Robert Elam. 1873. Married and lives at Mathis, Texas.
- 9-3 Samuel F. Elam. 1875. Married Nora Sebastian and lives at Pearl, Texas. They have nine children.
- 10-3 Charles Elam. 1878. Married Henry Edmonson. They live at Pearl, Texas, and have two children, Mildred. 1907. and Jackie. 1914.

In response to my request I have received the following letter from Mr. G. Milton Elam which is self-explanatory.

Methodist Home. College Hill.
Cincinnati, Ohio.
May 4. 1931.

Mr. Harvey Elam.
Xenia, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

Your letter of April 21st directed to me at Wise, Va., received today and contents noted with much interest. I shall be glad to co-operate with you in any way that I can in getting up a history of the Elam family. I do not know very much about my branch of the Elam family, but I will give you all that I know of my ancestors. I was born in Scott County, Va., near Nickellsville, July 11, 1856. My father, William Elam, was born in Russell County, Va., June 4, 1826, and died in Scott County, Virginia, January 15, 1888. My grandfather, Nimrod Elam, was born and died in Russell County, Va., but I do not know the dates of his birth or death, but he died about 1885. My great-grandfather was William Elam. He raised his family in Russell County, Va., but finally moved to Morgan County, Ky., and died there. I do not know where he was born, but he was born further east in Virginia, somewhere, probably, near where you say that Josiah Elam was born. My father married Nancy Dingus of Scott Co., Va. My grandfather, Nimrod Elam, married Mary Easterling of Scott County, Va. My great-grandfather married Rebecca Raines of Russell County, Va. They had the following sons:

Gilbert. Nimrod, my grandfather. Samuel. Dow, Walters or Walter, and William.

"I taught school 21 years in Virginia and 27 years in Kentucky. I was County Superintendent of Schools of Lawrence County, Kentucky, one year and on the County Board of School Examiners eleven years. I worked as a regular employed instructor in 52 County Teachers' Institutes in Kentucky, seven in Tennessee, one in North Carolina, and one in New Mexico, and was one of fifteen instructors in two State Summer Normal Schools in Virginia. I retired from teaching in 1922, and my wife and I are now members of the Methodist Home for the Aged here in the City. My grandson, Samuel Milton Elam, has a book out on the "Life of George Borrow." He will have a novel out in the fall entitled, "Watch the Stars Immortal." He lives in New York City and is only 24.

Very respectfully yours,

G. Milton Elam."

In a personal interview with Mr. Elam I gathered a few additional facts. He was married to Rebecca E. Bond, August 29, 1879. To this marriage seven children were born: William N., Charles M., Martha, George W., Harry B., Nancy C., and James K. Of these children only two are living: Charles M., who holds a responsible position with the B. & O. R. R. Co. in Cincinnati, and James K. who is a barber in Chicago.

From sketches of Milton Elam's life prepared by some of his old pupils, it is evident that he was greatly beloved as a teacher, not only for his professional ability but also for his fine moral influence. His whole life has been one of service: spent in behalf of youth who were poor, but, for the most part, ambitious to improve. Many of his old pupils have achieved a large measure of success in life, and some of them have been very thoughtful of their old teacher. My visit with Mr. and Mrs. Elam was very pleasant and their information about the Elam family has been very helpful.

Charles M. Elam married Nancy Brickley. To this marriage two children were born: Samuel Milton and Harry E. Elam. Mrs. Elam died some years ago, and Mr. Elam remarried, his second wife being Mabel McNenny. To this marriage two children have been born: Charles H. and Bond W. Elam.

Samuel Milton Elam is a writer by profession. He has already published some novels, and is a young man of promise in the field of literature. His home is in New York City.

James K. Elam, the youngest son of G. Milton Elam, married Grace Bell. They have three children: Barbara Jean, Harriett Ann, and Harry Bell.

Dr. Kyle P. Elam, a brother of G. Milton Elam, was for many years county physician for Grainger County, Tenn. He resided at Tate Springs, Tenn., and was widely and very favorably known. Dr. Elam died about four years ago.

James Elam a Revolutionary soldier is buried near Royalton, Ky. He came to Kentucky from Wise County, Va.

Mr. Charles M. Elam is interested in family history and genealogy and through his co-operation I am able to present a genealogical chart of this branch of the Elam family.

William Elam (m) Rebecca Raines.

Nimrod Elam (m) Mary Easterling.

Absolom Elam (m) Susan Moore.

Robert Elam.

James Elam.

William Elam.

Enoch Elam (m) ——— Buckles.

Arthur B. Elam (m) ——— Bruce, Ft. Thomas, Ky.

William Elam (m) Nancy Dingus.

Seven sons and six daughters, one of whom is

G. Milton Elam (m) Rebecca Bond.

Charles M. Elam.

John Elam.

George Elam.

Rebecca Elam (m) William Bond.

Nancy Elam (m) Dr. John Burnett.

Betsy Elam (m) Neal Burnett.

Sally Elam (m) James Vicars.

Margaret Elam (m) Joseph Disney.

Prof. Frank Disney, Berea College, is a descendant.

Daughter of William Elam and Rebecca Raines (m) Daniel Ramey.

Mrs. J. M. Hill, Wise, Va., is a descendant.

Waltus Elam (m) Ellender Wheeler.

Menifee Elam (m) Margaret Elam (daughter of Wm.).

- John Elam (m) America Graham.
 Magoffin Elam and other children.
 Wal Elam.
 Kate Elam (m) Raines Elam (son of Gilbert).
 Barbara Elam (m) George Elam (son of William).
 Gilbert Elam (m) ———?
 Raines Elam (m) Kate Elam (daughter of Waltus).
 Other sons and daughters.
 Samuel Elam (m) ——— Cottle.
 Joseph Elam (m) ——— Perry.
 William Elam.
 Uriah Elam.
 Dow Elam (m) ——— Vicars.
 Harvey Elam (m) ———?
 Cora Elam (m) Dr. Jay Carter (divorced).
 Edward Elam.
 Harvey Elam, Greenup, Ky.
 Columbus Elam.
 William Elam (m) Mary Cottle.
 George Elam (m) Barbara Elam (daughter of Waltus).
 Oliver Elam.
 James Elam.
 David Franklin Elam (m) Kate Davis.
 (See note about D. F. Elam).
 Monroe Elam (m) ——— Dennis.
 Noah Elam (m) ——— Bays.
 Margaret Elam (m) Meniffee Elam (son of Waltus).
 Nancy Elam (m) ——— Reed.
 Mary Elam (m) James Dennis.
 Zelda Elam (m) George Johnson.
 Nancy Elam (m) Ambrose Holbrook.
 Cam Holbrook.
 William Holbrook.
 Ralph Holbrook.
 Minton Holbrook (m) Nellie Wheeler.
 Charles R. Holbrook, Ashland, Ky.
 Barbara Elam (m) Jesse Kazee.
 Laban Kazee.
 Elam Kazee.
 In the Atlanta American for Sept. 7, 1930, appeared an

article on the Elam family written by Mrs. Goodknight of Honolulu. One of her notes reads as follows: "D. F. Elam, of Index, Ky., a great grandson of one of the earliest Elams of whom we have any record, says that his great grandfather, Gilbert Elam and three brothers, who emigrated with him from Tuckho, Ireland, were at the settlement of Richmond, Va." It is evident that D. F. Elam is in error about the original Elam immigrants being present at the founding of Richmond which occurred in 1737. The Elam family were in Virginia a hundred years before that event. Both Gilbert Elam, Sr., and Gilbert Elam, Jr., were dead forty years before Richmond was founded. Furthermore I very much doubt if the original Elam immigrants came from Tuckho, Ireland. (See Chapter I). However there is usually some truth in these family traditions and it is quite probable that D. F. Elam's great-grandfather was named Gilbert and that he and three of his brothers were present at the founding of Richmond in 1737. The only Gilbert Elam having three or more brothers at that time was the Gilbert Elam who made his will in 1771. He was the son of Robert Elam of Dale parish who was born in 1684 and died in 1755. This Gilbert Elam names ten sons in his will and one of these sons, William Cannon Elam, was probably the grandfather of D. F. Elam.

My belief in regard to this important matter is confirmed by a recent letter from Mr. Charles M. Elam who says that he has definitely established his descent from William the son of Gilbert Elam. This family line is as follows:

Robert Elam

Ann Elam married Gilbert Elam, Sr.

Gilbert Elam, Jr.

Robert Elam

Gilbert Elam

William Elam

Nimrod Elam

William W. Elam

William Elam

D. Frank Elam

G. Milton Elam

Charles M. Elam

Mr. D. F. Elam commonly called "Uncle Frank" died in 1931 at an advanced age. He left some very interesting historical records about the Elam family.

CHAPTER VI

Miscellaneous Notes and Sketches

Among the Elams who have achieved some degree of fame, mention should be made of William C. Elam, at one time editor of the Richmond, Va., Enquirer. He was born in North Carolina but came to Richmond while a young man. About 1879 he obtained control of the Richmond Enquirer, which in former days had been the Whig paper of Virginia.

Mr. Elam in conjunction with others promulgated a plan to relieve the financial distress of Virginia. This is called in Virginia history the Readjustment Movement. It was very similar to the Populist Movement which arose a few years later. The movement met with some temporary success but soon collapsed because of the inherent weakness of its financial plan. But Mr. Elam was no doubt sincere, and he taught the politicians of Virginia a much needed lesson: namely, that true statesmanship could not ignore the needs of the people and atone for such negligence by making long-winded speeches about the heroes of Virginia and the dastardly black republicans of the North. Mr. Elam demanded that the legislature and the Governor get busy and do something for the people who needed substantial relief. Therefore, while the specific plan of relief advocated by Mr. Elam was faulty, his efforts to benefit his fellow man were in the end productive of good results. Aside from politics Mr. Elam conducted a high-class newspaper giving a great deal of business and social news. Soon after his death the paper suspended publication. This occurred about 1884.

W. C. Elam fought the last duel in Virginia. His opponent was Col. Thomas Smith, a son of ex-Gov. Smith. Mr. Elam had written an editorial which reflected discredit on Col. Smith's father and refused to retract his statements. The duel took place June 6, 1880, near Oakwood Cemetery in the city of Richmond. Both men fired and Elam was struck in the chin but was not seriously injured.

William C. Elam was a fearless editor. Although a southerner living in a southern city and writing for southern readers, he did not hesitate to accuse Jefferson Davis with carrying off a satchel full of swag when he fled from Richmond at the close of the war. Had Mr. Elam possessed larger wisdom and less feeling he would have accomplished more in the end. But even with some pronounced faults he did a great deal of good which I am glad to recognize in this family history.

James B. Elam was born in Powhatan County, Virginia, December 29, 1847. The family has been in Virginia since the time of his great-grandfather who, according to the family tradition, came from Wales. His grandfather, Beverly Elam, spent his life in Powhatan County, where he owned and operated a plantation. Albert Perry Elam, father of James B. Elam, was born in 1815, served in the Confederate Army, and died in 1866. He married Mary Elizabeth Foese; to this marriage the following children were born: James B., Virginia Caroline, who married John Owens, John Thomas, William Arthur, and Bettie, who married E. Pendleton Bickers.

During the latter part of the war, James B. Elam was a member of the company formed by the Danville R. R. employees and was called out on several occasions when the city was threatened. In 1869 he began his service with the real estate firm of Richardson and Company. His advancement was steady, and in 1881 upon the death of Mr. Richardson he succeeded to the head of the firm, and from that time till his death he was recognized as one of the leading real estate men in the state of Virginia.

In 1874 James B. Elam was married to Betty Taylor. To this marriage a daughter, Annie, was born. She is now the wife of R. R. Roberts, a wholesale shoe merchant of Richmond. Mr. Elam took an active part in the civic and social affairs of Richmond. He was a Methodist, Democrat, and Mason. He was the owner of much property in and near Richmond; including a fine residence at 1825 Monument Ave., and a farm near Richmond, where Gen. Lee made his headquarters and took his observations during the battles of Mechanicsville, Cold Harbor, and Fair Oaks. James B. Elam died in 192—.

Charles R. Elam, son of Thomas D. and Lina Cogburn Elam, was born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia in 1881. He was educated at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and is a mechanical engineer by profession, being at the present time the owner of the Virginia Engineering Company in the city of Richmond. He was married to Lucy H. Jackson of South Hill, Virginia, in 1903. They have two children, Charles R., Jr., and Francis H. Mr. Elam is a member of the Baptist Church and of the Democrat party.

The Elam family has been represented in south central Illinois for many years.

Matthew Elam, who was born in Prince Edward County, Virginia, in 1790, and his son, Joel J. Elam, who was born in Williamson County, Pa., December 27, 1819, helped to cut the weeds and dig the stumps when the public square of Shelbyville, Ill., was established.

At a county commissioners court held at Vandalia, Illinois, June 3, 1839, satisfactory proof was evinced that William Elam, Mary Richardson Elam now Griggs, Elizabeth Elam, Joel Alexander Elam and Thomas Elam are the legal heirs of Alexander Elam, deceased; and, that the said Alexander Elam died sometime within the year 1797 in Mecklenburg County, Va.; and was a Revolutionary Soldier.—Virginia soldiers of 1776 by Burgess, Vol. 1, page 182.

Archer Elam moved from Tennessee to Illinois about the year 1840. He remained in Illinois a few years and then emigrated to Iowa where he died some years ago. His son, James T. Elam, married Amanda Elam, a daughter of James H. Elam who emigrated from North Carolina to Illinois about the year 1830. W. A. Elam of Mulberry Grove, Ill., and J. Frank Elam of 320 W. Damen St., Chicago, Ill., are sons of James T. and Amanda Elam.

Marriage records, not given elsewhere and occurring prior to 1800.

Mary Elam, daughter of Martin Elam, Sr., married Stephen Hamlin in 1696.

William Walthall of Amelia County, Va., married Ann Elam, in 1752. See will of Robert Elam, Chapter 4.

John Combs married Frances Elam, September 11, 1750.

Lodowick Elam married Judith Blackwell Powell, May 21, 1791.

Essex Elam married Lavinia Crowder in September, 1792.

Barkeley Elam married Mary Israel Wilson, granddaughter of William Hall, September 15, 1778.

William Elam of Cumberland Co., Va., married Frances Cox, December 12, 1758.

Ann Elam of Goochland Co., Va., married John Godsey, November 14, 1762. See will of Gilbert Elam in Chapter 4.

Edward Elam of Lunenburg County married Jenny Pamplin, May 12, 1791.

Martin Elam married Mary Phillips, June 9, 1775.

Richard Elam married Nelly Sorrels in Shelby County, Kentucky, in 1796.

From the correspondence of William Clayton Torrance with Charles W. Elam some very interesting facts may be learned concerning the scope of his investigation.

"Enclosed you will find the first results of my 'dig' for Elam material in the Henrico County Records. The 'pile' I have unearthed is much larger than I anticipated and I sincerely trust that the 'discoveries' may prove interesting to you. I have given full abstracts of all documents discovered and full notes from court orders trying in each instance to embody in my abstract every vestige of the record which had either a historical or genealogical aspect. If I have failed to make matters clear I shall be glad to throw any light possible on the subject."

"The volumes have been carefully examined and the only additional information which might be gained would be in reading through each will of record in Henrico for further mention of the name of Elam. I do not mean Elam wills, for I have carefully read and abstracted each one of them. I mean wills made by parties of other names. This would be an awfully large undertaking."

"The remaining Henrico Records after 1750 do not throw any light on the Elams. You will notice that all their property was on the south side of the James River. In 1748 the county of Chesterfield was formed from that part of the territory of Henrico lying south of the River. Our next venture will be into Chesterfield County."

"Henrico County was formed in 1632 or 3, but all of the records prior to 1677 were destroyed, and there are sundry gaps in the records after that date."

From a second letter of Mr. Torrance to Mr. Elam, I quote as follows:

"I am sending you a packet of notes from Chesterfield County. I shall have to go back to Chesterfield again, however, because there are some more deeds there and the order books are rather difficult to get over on account of having to examine them virtually page by page. I had some days off so I ran down to the Court House and you have the results."

"Charlotte and Amelia Counties—both of which I have examined are disappointing. No Elam wills in Charlotte ante 1825, and none at all in Amelia. Prince Edward has only two Elam wills ante 1825—one of Robert Elam dated 15 November 1815, the other of Joel Elam, dated 20 March 1820. Plenty of Elam deeds (grantor and grantee) in Prince Edward between 1776 and 1825, and a few Elam deeds in Amelia. I shall have to return to these places as I did not have time for more than a survey."

"I have a list of some fifteen land patents (Colonial) and shall abstract them as soon as possible—and I have the names of some of the Elams who served in the Revolutionary War. I am going to make my big search for them last. Then I am going to make a detailed search in the land and personal records from 1782 (their beginning) down to about 1810. These lists have been perfect godsend to me when I could not possibly straighten matters out from other sources. * * *"

It is a matter of great regret, that it was impossible to complete this very efficient investigation. However, a splendid beginning was made, and future researchers will find their task easier because of the work done by Mr. Torrance in behalf of Charles W. Elam. I am quite certain that careful and patient investigation of the unexplored material will yield many addi-

tional facts of interest: and, when these additional facts are added to what is already known, it is highly probable that some of the other branches of the Elam family will be able to trace their line of ancestors back to the original settlement in Virginia. But the reader is warned against expecting too much from hasty and amateurish investigations: such as are usually made by tourists who stop over at sundry places for a day, to collect information about their ancestors. Such investigations will probably yield very little beyond the material contained in this book.

It is claimed by some that all the Elams in America are descended from the original colonists referred to in Chapter I of this book. I doubt very much the validity of this claim, but my information is entirely too meager to warrant a definite statement.

I shall close my book with a few items from English sources which have been collected by Mr. E. Dwelly of London for Mrs. Goodknight of Honolulu, whose interest in Elam history and genealogy has brought to light much valuable information.

- Canterbury Wills—Prerogative Court
 - John Elam, grocer, St. Gregory, London, 1619.
 - Robert Elam, clothier, Old Barneston, 1654.
- Canterbury Wills—Commissary Court
 - Geoffrey Elham—Dover—1496.
 - Henry Elham—Dover—1540.
- Names Taken From Ancient Tax Rolls
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