

A
LANE GENEALOGY

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OUR LINE OF DESCENT.

- (1) WILLIAM LANE born England. To America about 1635. Died Dorchester, Mass. 1654.
- (2) GEORGE LANE born in England. To America with his father; Married Sarah Harris; Died 1689-9 Hingham, Mass.
- (3) JOHN LANE born Jan. 20, 1647-8, Hingham, Mass. Married Mehitable Hobart. Died Norton, Mass. Nov. 23, 1712.
- (4) EPHRAIM LANE born June 24, 1694. Rehoboth, Mass. Married Ruth Shepperson. Died Attleborough, Mass
- (5) ELKANAH LANE born April 1, 1719, Norton, Mass. Married Hannah Tingley. Served in Revolutionary War. Died Dec. 6, 1811 at Swanzey, New Hampshire.
- (6) ELKANAH LANE born Jan. 14, 1745, Norton, Mass. Married Esther Dinsmore. Served in Revolutionary War. Died Oct. 21, 1811 at Swanzey, New Hampshire.
- (7) ELKANAH LANE born Oct. 23, 1783, Swanzey, New Hampshire. Married Sarah Foster. Died Jan. 3, 1864 at Irene, Illinois.
- (8) SAMUEL PARKER LANE born Aug. 18, 1819, Rhome, Maine. Married Mary Jane Smith. Died Sept. 3, 1893 at Belvidere, Illinois.
- (9) THOMAS EDWARD LANE born March 10, 1843 Bangor, Maine. Married Celinda Emeroy Sergeant. Died June 21, 1922 at Belvidere, Illinois.
- (10) LUTHER PARKER LANE born Dec. 10, 1868, DeKalb County, Illinois. Married Bernice Louise Neff. Died Jan. 8, 1950 at Belvidere, Illinois.
- (11) LYAL GERTRUDE LANE born Aug. 14, 1909 Belvidere, Illinois. Married Frank Nelson Hall, 1931. Lived San Juan, McAllen, Denton, Texas.
- (12) TERRY FRANK HALL born Sept. 16, 1946.

For above first seven generations, see in Vol. #2 "Lane Family" by Fitts 1897.

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We are most fortunate that many Lane descendants have been interested in assembling data of their ancestors and from their collective gleamings came several volumes in 1897, published by James Hill Fitts, under the title of Lane Family. These excellently cover the lines of the several Lane emigrants, who arrived in New England in the early 17th century. Unquestionably these volumes are in many of the leading libraries and historical societies of the East. My wife and I, while on a genealogical trip to New England in 1962, saw our first set in the Connecticut Historical Society of Hartford, Conn. Fortunately after a 2 year search, we were able to secure Volume 2, which details my wife's ancestor, William Lane of Dorchester, Mass.

The Preface of Volume 2 says in part: "The Hon. Ebenezer Lane of Ohio spent much time in looking up the family of William Lane of Dorchester, Mass. He visited England in 1859 and 1860, where he discovered an old home of the Lane family in the central part of Norfolkshire. There he saw monuments in the church and tombstones in the churchyard with the name Lane upon them. He went into Lane Hall where the family resided. It was then owned by Mr. Lewis, who had married the Lane heiress and was living in Rome to educate their children. Mr. Lane's "Imperfect List of Descendants, etc," was an early attempt to publish a family history."

Fitts for some reason makes practically no comment on the English ancestorage or the home location in England of any of these Lane lines. Certainly it must have been and is available on some of them, but evidently he decided to limit himself exclusively to their activity here. Probably there are sources in some of our libraries showing the ancestors of our William Lane.


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COATS ARMORIAL.

The Lanes are a very ancient family. The name appears in England with William the Conqueror in 1066. Several Coats of Arms are displayed in different counties of England.

" ARMS--Per Pale, Azure and Gules; three saltiers coupe Argent.

CREST--Two Eagles' heads issuant out of a Crescent, Or. The dexter gules, the sinister azure.

Motto--Celeriter."

"Sir William Lane of Horton, Co. Northampton, knighted 1597.
ARMS: per pale ar. and gu. three saltiers coupes; that in the dexter chief az, that in the sinister of the first, and that in base per pale of the third and first."

"Sir George Lane. Or. on a bend gu. betw. two fleurs-de-lis sa. A lion pass. of the first.

CREST-- A mermaid holding a cup."

"Hon. Francis Lane. Ar. a lion ramp. sa. a border sa. on a canton az. a crown or."--GENERAL ARMORY BY SIR BERNARD BURKE.

1st Generation.

WILLIAM LANE (1) was a resident of Dorchester, Mass. as early as 1635 and had come to this country to escape religious oppression.

The settlement at Mattapan, on Massachusetts Bay, was incorporated by the name of Dorchester, Sept. 7, 1630. The first inhabitants were chiefly from the counties of Devon, Dorset and Somerset, England. The Dorchester Church Records states: "They came to America for the purpose of enjoying those religious privileges, which the measures of Archbishop Laud denied them at home."

Several tracts of land were granted William in 1637 and "Jan. 2, It is ordered that Good: Lane shall have one acre, the little neck towards the harbor." March 18 he received two additional grants of between six and seven acres.

Dorchester established the first public school in the country, to be supported by taxation, in 1639. The name of William Lane is on the list of 71 inhabitants in 1641 and on Dec. 12, 1641 William - signing by an X - and other proprietors relinquished their individual grants of Thompsons Island for the free school.

William died about July 1st, 1654 for on the 6th his Will was entered and an inventory filed showing his estate value as being 82 lbs 10s 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, according to Suffolk Probate Records.

William's wife had evidently died prior to 1650 for his Will dated Feb. 28, 1650-51, which reads as follows, makes no mention of her:

"Unto Thomas Rider my son-in-law and daughter Elizabeth his wife, my new dwelling house in Dorchester with all the outhousing, garden etc., only to and for the use of my daughter and her children forever, except my great Lott in the great Lotts of Dorchester within Pale and without, Estimated 24 acres more or less which I give unto my daughter Mary Long.

Also such personal Estate as I die possessed of shall by my Executors be thus distributed:

Unto son Thomas Linckhorne of Hingham lbs 8 in silver.

Unto son George Lane of Hingham lbs. 8; son Nath Baker of Hingham lbs 8; son Andrew Lane of Hingham lbs 8; the discharge of these Legacies in silver aforesaid, lbs 60 due unto me upon Bill from Mr. John Glover.

The remainder of the bill after lbs 32 in Legacys (being twenty-eight) I give unto Mary Long my daughter together with all my personal estate,-- except one standing bedstead in the parlor also one table and one chest in the house and also two fatts in the leantoo to wett Barley in which I give unto my son Rider and his wife to remain at the house.

Unto Mary Long all my cattle, hay, corn, mault, swine, pewter, brass, bedding and all my Estate, funeral charges and Legacies being discharged.

Unto Freedom Kingley who has been my faithful servant 20s.

Mary Long to have liberty in my dwelling house after my decease for the removal of herself and goods from thence such time as my executors think convenient, not exceeding six months after the day of my burial, also such liberty in the barn and upon the land concerning her hay, corn and cattle, which is thus to be understood that it shall not at all p'judice or hinder Tho Rider from the use of the land at all; in case I die in such season as the land is to be planted or sown, he to have liberty so to do and she have liberty to reap and take what was by me planted and sown."

Their children in the order mentioned in William's will were:

1. Elizabeth born in England. Married Thomas Rider, who came to America in ship Hercules in 1634.
2. Mary born in England. Married (1) Joseph Long in England, where he died. Mary and 2 sons, Joseph and Thomas, came to America with her father. Mar. (2) Joseph Farnsworth and had sons Joseph and Samuel.
3. Annis born England. Married there about 1630 Thomas Lincoln. They came to Hingham about 1635. She died 1682.
Their children:
 - A. Thomas, mar. Mary Chubbuck and had children Lydia; Mary; Thomas; Josiah.
 - B. Joseph, mar. (1) Prudence Ford. (2) Sarah Bisbee. Children: Joseph; Israil; Nehemiah; Elisha.
 - C. Benjamin, mar. Feb. 6, 1667 Sarah Fearing. Children: John; Margaret; Benjamin; Thomas; Jeremiah; Jonathan.
 - D. Deborah
 - E. Sarah.
4. GEORGE LANE. (See as next Generation).
5. Sarah, born England. Mar. Nathaniel Baker original settler of Hingham. One daughter, Mary, mar. John Loring.
6. Andrew of Hingham. Mar. Trypheny_____.

2nd Generation.

GEORGE LANE (William 1) was born in England and came to America as a young man with his father. He is shown as one of the early planters of Hingham, Mass.

There were settlers at Barecove as early as 1633, who were assessed in 1634. Rev. Peter Hobart and his colonists joined them, and the plantation was erected in July 1635. The first distribution of land was Sept. 18, 1635, when Mr. Hobart and twenty-nine others drew for themselves houselots. The name of the plantation was changed to Hingham, by order of the General Court, Sept. 21, 1635. Specific grants of pasture and tillage lands were made the same year.

George Lane was among the thirty proprietors and drew Sept. 18, 1635, his houselot of five acres situated on the main street, now North Street, "No 21 from the cove on the north side of the road to Fort Hill." He had ten shares in the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Divisions; a grant of ten acres at Nutty Hill and thirteen acres in the common lands.

George, who was a shoemaker, married about 1635, Sarah, daughter of Walter and Mary (Fry) Harris. Walter came to America in 1632 and was at Weymouth, Mass. for some 20 years, dying at Dorchester Nov. 6, 1654. His wife survived him less than 3 months. George was appraiser of the goods of Thomas Collier given in to Court, 1647; had a lot bounded on the southward by land of William Hersie, Senr., Mar. 9, 1657; was appraiser of the estate of Thomas Collier, Mar. 23, 1659; selectman, 1669 and 1678; freeman, Oct. 8, 1672.

The first meeting house in Hingham, built in 1635, was palisaded and had belfry and bell primarily for defense. The town agreed to build a new house Jan. 19, 1679, which was raised July 26, 1681, and dedicated Jan. 8, 1681, at a cost of 430 pounds. This is now the oldest meeting house in continuous use in New England. George Lane was assessed 6 lbs 6 shilling for the cost of the meeting house and was assigned "the seats under ye pulpit."

George died June 11, 1689 and his wife March 26, 1694-5. George's Will was entered for probate Aug. 20, 1689. The inventory reveals that he died possessed of considerable property. Bequests were made to his wife; sons Josiah, Ebenezer, and Peter; to daughters Sarah Luis, Elizabeth Poor and Mary Ellis; to grandchildren Thomas Robbarts, George Umphrey, William Umphrey, Ebenezer Humphrey, Joseph Humphrey and Mary Lane, daughter of son Josiah.

The children of George and Sarah were:

1. Sarah. Ept. March 1637-8. Mar. Ltnt James Lewis.
2. Hannah. Mar. Thomas Humphrey.
3. Josiah. Bpt. May 23, 1641. Mar. (1) Mary____.(2) Deborah Gill.
4. Suzannah. Mar. Capt. Joshua Robbarts.
5. Elizabeth. Mar. Walter Poor.
6. JOHN. (See as our next generation.)
7. Ebenezer bpt. Aug. 25, 1650. Mar. Hannah Hersey.
8. Mary. Mar. Ellis.
9. Peter bpt. 1656. Died Feb. 6, 1711.

3rd Generation.

JOHN LANE (George 2, William 1) was born at Hingham, Mass. on Jan. 20, 1647-8. He was a shoemaker and one must be alert in researching, not to confuse him with John, the carpenter son of Andrew. He married (1) on June 18, 1674 Mehitable, born at Hingham July 4, 1651, the daughter of Thomas and Jane Hobart. Jane was "seated" Jan. 5, 1681 "in the fift seate next ye pew, the wife of John Lane, shoemaker."

In 1689 John was appointed constable and on Feb. 15th of that same year his wife, Mehitable, died at age of 39. By her John had had five children: Samuel; Priscella; Mary; Asaph.

About 1693 John married (2) Sarah Briggs, born 1644, and about that year they removed to Norton, Mass., near the boundary between Norton and Attleborough. He was taxed in Attleborough, Nov. 12, 1696, 1 lb to help pay the town's debt of 5 lbs, 15s 1d and was chosen grand jurymen Mar. 22, 1696. He was assessed in Norton in 1710 for building the first meeting house and was on the committee June 12, 1711 to secure the incorporation of Norton. His wife, Sarah, was admitted to the Norton church in 1718.

John died at Norton, Nov. 23, 1712 and Sarah died Nov. 12, 1727 at age 83 years.

Fitts' book quotes: "John's grave is marked by a stone of usual height, now with jagged edges, showing the wear of many years of storm and sunshine." - Mrs. Mary A. Lane. Also "His gravestone shows his age was 62, which would make him born in 1650" - George Faber Clark.

The children of John and Sarah were:

1. EPHRAIM. (See our next generation.)
2. John b. Attleborough Feb. 18, 1695. Mar. Keziah Tiffany.
3. Sarah died young.
4. Benjamin b. Norton Feb. 15, 1698. Mar. Hepzibah Moss.
5. Sarah b. June 22, 1701. Mar. Benjamin Setley.
6. Melatiah b. June 18, 1703. Mar. Jonathan Woodstock.
7. Elizabeth mar. Eleazer Fisher.
8. Ebenezer b. Apr. 6, 1707. Mr. Elizabeth Follett.

4th Generation.

EPHRAIM LANE (John 3, George 2, William 1) was born June 24, 1694 at Rehoboth, Mass.- a part of Taunton, North Purchase was changed to town of Norton in 1711. Ephraim was admitted to full communion with the Norton church in 1715.

On Jan. 10, 1716-7 he married Ruth Shepperson, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Fuller) Shepperson of Attleborough, Mass. Ruth united with the Norton church in 1718.

It is evident that John Shepperson died about 1721 as Bristol County deed records show that by deed dated July 26, 1721, that Ephraim Lane and wife Ruth relinquished to Daniel Shepperson "all our right, interest and demands, unto all the lands, houses and buildings of the estate of our honored father, John Shepperson, deceased of said Attleborough."

Fitt's book states that the numerous Lanes of Norton and vicinity were largely descended from Ephraim and Ruth.

Their children were:

1. Ephraim born Sept. 30, 1717. Mar. Mehitable Stone.
2. ELKENAH (See him as our next generation.)
3. Ruth born 1721. Died infant.
4. Ruth born Jan. 11, 1722. Mar. John Pratt.
5. Jonathan born Feb. 25, 1724.
6. Abigail born Sept. 11, 1727.
7. Samuel born Sept. 30, 1729. Mar. Elizabeth _____.

5th Generation.

ELKANAH LANE (Ephraim 4, John 3, George 2, William 1) was born at Norton, Mass on April 1, 1719. He married June 10, 1742, Hannah Tingley, born 1720, of Attleborough, Mass. Hannah died Sept. 15, 1772. Probably soon thereafter or possibly even before her death Elkanah moved his family to Swanzey, New Hampshire.

In the book, The History of Swanzey by B. Read, we read the following; Page 63: "During the ten years which elapsed from the resettlement of the town in 1752 to the annexation of the Richmond gore in 1762, the settlements increased but slowly. The fact that the township proved to be in New Hampshire instead of Massachusetts, the fear of Indian raids and the peculiar manner in which the land in the township was laid out & divided, - all had a tendency to deter persons from coming hither to settle. It could not have been pleasant to go to the field or to church with gun in hand for protection, or with soldiers to guard them while worshipping or laboring. After the Richmond gore was annexed to Swanzey in 1762 the lots were purchased quite rapidly and settlements made upon them, and there was increased activity in settling the old part of the township. There was a large increase of inhabitants in the town between 1762 and 1777. This was largely made up of young men who came and established permanent homes, and many of whom eventually became prominent and influential citizens. Amongst those who settled in the town during this period were Elkanah Lane and Elkanah Jr."

Page 531: "Elkanah Lane, the ancestor, lived on C. L. Lane place, which has ever since been the home of some of the family. His son, Elkanah lived on E. Lane place by Bridge brook, and Samuel on the old homestead."

Page 253: "The Mount Caesar cemetery at Swanzey Centre doubtless dates back to the first settlement of the town."

From other lines of Lanes there were many Samuels and Luthers - perhaps that is why my father was named Luther Parker Lane.

On April 21, 1775 Elkanah joined the Minute Men under Capt. Joseph Hammond and marched at sunrise April 25, 1775 for Concord and Lexington, Mass. The town paid him for 15 days service at Cambridge, Mass. and for 5 days in the Militia at another time, 1 lb, 9s, 3d. He was appointed to the committee of Correspondence and Inspection for Swanzey under the Continental Congress. He served as selectman in 1785.

Elkanah died Dec. 6, 1811 in his 93rd year. His children were:

1. Hannah born Apr. 30, 1743.
2. ELKANAH. (See as the next Generation.)
3. Luke born Feb. 30, 1747
4. Ruth born Dec. 1, 1752. Mar. Wyman Richardson.
5. Samuel born Jan. 9, 1759. Mar. Emma Scott.
6. Abigail married June 30, 1795 Ebenezer Hills.

6th Generation.

ELKANAH LANE (Elkanah 5, Ephraim 4, John 3, George 2, William 1) was born in Norton, Mass. Jan. 14, 1745. He married (1) in 1768 Esther Dinsmore, born Aug. 6, 17__ , of Attleborough, Mass. the daughter of Samuel and Esther Dinsmore. (Sometimes spelled Densmore and Dunsmore).

Elkanah is recorded as a Revolutionary soldier from Swanzey. He enlisted as sergeant from Oct. 21, to Nov. 16, 1776, in Joseph Whitcomb's Co., Samuel Ashley's Reg. of Militia and marched to Ticonderoga. He was paid for one month service in the Militia at Ticonderoga in 1776 and for 4 months in the Continental Army in 1777, and was paid a bounty of 1 lb 10, 16s, 8d. He served on the committee of Swanzey to receive accounts of soldiers, Feb. 23, 1778 and was selectman in 1785 and 6.

Sometime prior to 1800 Esther died. Elkanah died Oct. 21, 1811. Their children were:

1. Esther died infant.
2. Esther
3. ELKANAH. (See as the next generation.)
4. Hannah born Feb. 19, 1786. Died young.
5. Hannah born Dec. 16, 1791.

Elkanah married (2) Annis Knight. He died Oct 21, 1811. His children by his second wife were:

1. Alvinzy. Married Lucy Arnold.
2. Prudence Mar. Jonathan Eaton
3. Clarissa Mar. _____ Sawin.
4. Annis
5. Lurena Mar. _____ Cheney.

7th Generation.

ELKANAH LANE (Elkanah 6, Elkanah 5, Ephraim 4, John 3, George 2, William 1) was born at Swanzey, New Hampshire, Oct. 23, 1783. He married March 28, 1804 Sarah Foster. He was a member of the Congl. Society of Swanzey at it's formation Dec. 26, 1809. Elkanah, a farmer, a teacher and preacher, moved his family to Maine and lived at the following places: In 1816 at Rome, Kennebec County. From 1819 to 1831 at Mercer. In 1832 at New Sharon. 1833 Parkman, Penobscot County. In 1844 he removed to a farm at Irene, near Belvidere, Illinois.

The Boone County, Illinois History of 1909 Volume II page 874 refers to him as Rev. Elkanah Lane of the Methodist Episcopal church says:" and many who were early settlers long remembered and often spoke of his

preaching." It is quite certain he had preached in Maine but a check of Maine Methodist rolls do not show his name.

Elkanah's final years were spent at the home of his son, Samuel, whose farm was at the south edge of the village of Irene, Ill. on the east side of the road. Here he died on Jan. 3, 1864 at the age of 80. Due to the heaviest snowfall in history, it was impossible to move his body from the house for two weeks. He was buried in Flora Cemetery, but on Nov. 15, 1906 his body was removed to the Belvidere Cemetery to the lot of his son, Samuel. There is no marker on this lot showing of Elkanah's burial.

Elkanah's Flora cemetery gravestone - broken in two pieces - was discovered nearly 100 years after his death - under the porch of the farm home where Lysal Lane (Mrs. Frank N. Hall) had been born.

The children of Elkanah and Sarah were:

1. Fredrick.
 2. Baker born____ lived near Machia, Maine in 1832.
 3. Ephraim
 4. Elkanah born 1809 (was alive and living in Maine in 1869)
 5. SAMUEL PARKER born Aug. 18, 1816. (See as our next Generation.)
 6. Wesley born 1818. (was alive and living in Maine in 1869)
 7. Edward
 - A. Judd married____ Lived near Manchester, Ia.
 - B. George (Cousin of Thomas E. Lane) married Allie____ lived in Iowa in 1932.
 - C. Zilda - married Frank Childs:
 1. Mildred
 2. Mable lived near Manchester, Ia.
 - D. Albert. Lived near Manchester, Iowa.
 8. Possibly a daughter born about 1806, whom Samuel referred to as "Sister Foster", who died in 1862.
- Possibly these children are not in the correct order.

8th Generation.

SAMUEL PARKER LANE (Elkanah 7, Elkanah 6, Elkanah 5, Ephraim 4, John 3, George 2, William 1) was born at Rome, Maine, Aug. 18, 1816. He married Oct. 5, 1839 at Hodgdon, Maine, Mary Jane Smith, daughter of Thomas Smith. At the age of 68 Samuel wrote a "Little Sketch of My Life", which reads as follows:

"I was born in the town of Rome, in Kennebec Co., and State of Maine. August 18th, A.D. 1816. My parents were Elkanah and Sarah Lane. They were poor, but honest and industrious. They often moved as most poor people do.

The first time I recollect was to the J. Hastings farm in the town of Mercer in Summerset Co. I was then two and one-half years old. There we lived twelve years. There most of the playful days of my childhood were spent. Although now 68 years of age, yet how distinctly do I remember the pleasant days which I have spent playing by the brook that ran near the house or ranging in the grove or sporting with old Point, the dog, under the widespreading apple trees in front of the house with my brother, Wesley (who was one year and a half younger than myself) always by my side.

When I was about 14 years of age my father moved to a farm in the town of New Sharon, on the banks of Sandy River. That was a good farm, but when the water was high we were on an island; no one could get to us only in a boat. My new association here I thought delightful. What happy school days were those spent there! How many pleasant hours were spent during the long evenings at the singing or spelling schools, or at home when a few

could get together. While living there I joined for the first time the Temperance Society. I was never sorry for doing so. I had one friend there who seemed dearer than all the rest; her name was Harriet Nevel Hovey. I loved her as I loved my own life.

We only lived there two years. Father moved from there 50 miles East, into Penobscot County. Before he started he hired me out (on condition I was willing to go) to my brother Baker, to go to Machias 150 miles away on the Atlantic Coast. I was to have \$7.50 per month for eight months. I was anxious to go as I had never been over twelve miles from home and thought this a good opportunity to see a little of the world.

My dear mother felt very sad to have me go. I did not then know of all the tender ties that exist in the parent's heart. Is it strange that a Mother should weep for a loving boy, of only 16, leaving home - going on foot and alone into a far country to live in a seaport town. All strangers except the family he lives with; surrounded by all the evil influences that always exist in such towns. But notwithstanding all, I thought I would go as Father was willing.

So they made me a haversack and packed all my clothes, and the first of April 1832 I strapped on my pack and started. I remember 'twas hard to say good-bye, while all the family was in tears, but I pressed out of the door with a big lump in my throat.

The first day was very pleasant. I fell in company with a young man going to Bangor. We put up the first night in a town on the Kennebec River. That night it rained, and all the next day. But we went on, many places the water and ice running over the road, but we waded through. We would then turn the water out of our boots and go on. At four o'clock P.M. we were hungry enough to stop at a tavern for dinner. It was four miles to the next tavern. We thought we could go there that night.

We had fallen in company with another young man who was acquainted with the country. I was all ambition, so we three started. The first thing had to go down through an old saw mill to get across a stream of water. Then the road ran through heavy timber nearly to the tavern. When we got about three miles 'twas quite dark, and we came to water in the road about knee deep. Our third man said there was a river there running some distance parallel with the road and crossing under a bridge at the edge of the woods. The two young men locked arms and, with sticks of wood, felt their way along about 40 rods (I followed them close behind). They then found the water was getting deeper. They thought they had come near the bridge, but the planks were gone, so we had no alternative but to turn and go back where we got our suppers.

When I got out of the water my legs were as numb as sticks. Had hard work to stand on them. When we got back to the tavern the house was full of lumbermen. They could not take us in, and we had to go half a mile further back to another tavern.

The next morning we started again, and found a boy at the river with a boat who took us over. The weather came off fine and we had no further trouble in getting to Bangor. There I left my company and had to go the rest of the journey, 75 miles, alone. Still I felt I was not alone. The Almighty's hand was over me, and I felt the assurance that he would hear the prayers of pious parents at home for my safety. I was six days on my journey.

I enjoyed myself there with old acquaintances quite well. Brother Baker came down and staid and worked on the mills some time. I stayed and worked my time out - eight months. Did not lose any time. This was a great help to me about using carpenter tools, as I helped build the mills and some houses. I was 17 years old that August. That fall was the first of my wearing flannel underclothes.

When my time was out I lashed on my knapsack again, and started for home afoot and alone, as I went; the journey was not quite so long in the fall as in the spring, as father had moved into Penobscot County.

I went to school that winter in Parkman. In the Spring Father bought a farm in Foxcroft and moved there; this was in A.D. 1834, and I was 18 years old that summer. The next winter I went to school at the four corners. Father taught. The next summer I worked for Cyrus Holmes four months. Then brother Wesley took my place and I went to Foxcroft Academy. This was in 1835. Then in my nineteenth year, that winter, I taught my first school in the town of Corinth - 20 miles north of Bangor.

Here one of the greatest events of my life took place. Then and there, in 1836, in the month of May I gave my heart to God and he filled me with his heavenly love. Although that was 50 years ago, yet that light has not become dim within me.

The next summer, 1836, 20 years old, I worked at home with Father on the Stedman farm and went to the Academy in the fall. The next winter I taught two schools, one in Charlestown and one in Foxcroft.

The next year, 1837, I was 21 years old. Worked at home till haying, then commenced for myself by working two and one half months for Esq. Hassel of Sebeck.

Then through the influence of Caroline Chamberlain (with whom I had been keeping company three years) I went down to Aroostock County to teach school. She went also as she had relatives there, who were very kind to me and helped me to get schools. I taught two that winter in the White settlement. Worked the next summer for Mr. Putnam, in Houlton. This was in 1838, when I was 22 years of age. Next winter taught one school in White settlement and one on the west side of the timber in the House District.

This was where I formed the acquaintance of Mary Jane Smith (my wife). Had given up Carrie a year before. Mary Jane and I were baptized by sprinkling on the bank of the Houlton River March 1839, by Brother Thompson, a Methodist preacher.

That next summer I worked again on the farm for L. Putnam. Was then keeping company with Mary Jane. Generally went to see her every Saturday night, starting near dark and going on foot six miles (how much sacrifice one will make for the object of his love). Went to church with her on Sunday; went home with her to get dinner; then had to put back to Putnam's in time to do the chores. This I mention to show that I was faithful to my employer.

I was then leader of the Methodist class in Houlton Village, which consisted of three females and myself. This was quite a trial to me, as I was quite a diffident boy, but God helped me; and one of the girls that worked in the millinery shop where we held our meetings was happily converted.

In October of that year there was a camp meeting held in Hodgdon near Mary Jane's father's. Elder Caplin was the presiding elder. I was acquainted with him when a small boy, so I had him to marry us the 5th day of October 1839. That winter I taught in father Smith's district and boarded with them.

In the Spring of 1840 I moved my wife home - 130 miles West, to the town of Parkman in Piscaticus County, 40 miles north of Bangor. I had bought a farm of 50 acres there two years before. Let it to Brother Foster while I went east to earn what money I could to pay on the farm. Think we commenced keeping house March 12th 1840. Our buildings were comfortable; house was new, but not finished.

We then and there erected the family altar, and dedicated ourselves and all we had to God; for we felt that all belonged to him and we were only his stewards. That was 45 years ago, but we have always endeavored as far as possible to sustain that altar. It has been a great blessing to us and we trust it has been to the children, who were taught to kneel with us. And when we lie silent in the grave, I trust they will never forget the old family altar, where God's blessing was asked for them every morning.

Keziah, our oldest, was born the 12th of Oct. A. D. 1840. The latter part of Nov. I left my family and went again to Hodgdon to teach school. Went on foot, as I had once before. Took the two schools that I had previously taught in the White settlement. When good sleighing came on Brother Thomas Smith went on after my wife and brought her home. She stayed till near the breaking up of sleighing, then he took her back and she stayed at my Father's till I finished my schools, about the first of April. I went home on foot, 130 miles is nothing for a young man to walk if he has any pluck.

I worked on my farm summers and taught schools winters till the Spring of 1845, when I sold out and made all arrangements to move to the West. We then had three children. On the 15th of July 1845, we closed the door of our first happy home and started for the far West. It was uncertain with us then what state I should settle in. I was then 29 years old. I had a weakly wife and three little helpless children and but little money. But I had pluck, and faith in God, that He would provide for us. for He had said that no good thing would he with-hold from those that walk uprightly, and He fulfilled His promise and did abundantly bless us.

We came to Boone County, Illinois, where we have ever since been. I first purchased 40 acres prairie with small house and 28 acres broken in the town of Flora. Also purchased at the same time 40 acres of timber in De Kalb County. Paid for the whole \$400. Run in debt \$100. Had but \$300 to commence with. Paid all out for land; had to get along for every thing else as best we could.

For our chairs had oak slabs; for table an ash board hung to the side of the house by leather hinges; had prairie bedsteads. For our tea we had sage; for coffee, had browned wheat. Notwithstanding all our deprivation we were happy, for we were in a beautiful country and our anticipations were high for the future. I soon bought an addition to the farm; sold ten acres of timber and got a yoke of oxen and wagon. We could then do the farming and go to meeting on Sundays. Had no churches but held all religious meetings in school houses.

Had an addition to our family once in about two years. So we soon had quite a good sized family. Had not much help outdoors, so I had to work very hard, as I was not able to hire much. But God blessed us with intelligent children and provided means to keep them all comfortable. We bought additions to the farm from time to time and built good buildings. Lived on the farm nearly 25 years. (Known 1965 as old Everett Ryan farm.)

In March 1870, moved to Belvidere. Let the farm to S. H. Bailey. Bought a house and lot in town which we occupied. It seemed hard to leave the old farm where we had toiled amid all the discouragements of poverty. Had made all the improvements and raised our nine children. I think it was a poor move.

The next year, 1871, I sold the farm to Mr. Ryan of New York for \$6500 cash down. Paid up for our house and lot and put the balance of the money in the bank. Let the most of the money, but reserved some and in the fall of 1871 bought the Lee Brothers grocery for \$1650. There is where I missed it; that was another bad move. I did the best I could with it for three and one-half years and then traded it to H. H. Barmore of Caledonia towards his farm, consisting of 157 acres, for which I paid in all \$6000.

After a couple of years sold our house and lot in Belvidere for \$900 only about half what it cost me. That was the best I could do then; property was so low there. I kept that farm till I had the use of it 8 years, then sold to Andrew Whiting for his son Ephraim for \$50 per acre. Got for the whole farm \$1300 more than I gave for it. When I sold in October 1883, I bought at the same time the Thurston farm, 2½ miles west of south Belvidere where I still own at this date - March 1885.

On the 6th day of May 1882, I bought a house and lot in Poplar Grove of H. Hendrickson to make a home for self and wife in our declining years for we were soon to be left alone, as the children would soon all be married. In the following November we moved to our new home."

In a diary Samuel kept are the following items:

- 1860 A. Lincoln elected President by 239 electoral votes. Douglas got 25.
- 1866 Paid War Tax of \$115.
- 1889 Benjamin Harrison was inaugurated President. The people will rejoice that they have again got out of the clutches of southern democracy.

Samuel died at his home, at the southeast corner of Pearl St. and 3rd St., Belvidere, Illinois, on Sept. 3, 1893. His wife died Dec. 25, 1901. Both are buried in the Belvidere Cemetery. Their children were:

1. Keziah Smith born at Parkman, Maine, Oct. 12, 1840; married Sept. 24, 1860 Joseph Fountain. They lived and died at Rockford, Illinois. She died Nov. 14, 1924. Their children were:
 - A. Martin - married twice
 - B. Minne - died young
 - C. Marion Berdel (Bert); mar. Nora____. Lived and died in Rockford, Illinois.
 - D. Willie - died young.
2. THOMAS EDWARD born March 10, 1843 at Bangor, Maine. (See as our next generation.)
3. Sarah Foster, born Jan. 18, 1845 in Maine. Died March 15, 1917; Mar. Solomon H. Bailey. They lived in South Dakota. She died in Belvidere, Ill. Their children:
 - A. Jennie - mar. Herbert Levett.

4. Eliza Ann born July 24, 1847. Died Aug. 27, 1924. Married Sept. 24, 1864 to Francis (Frank) A. Leaman. Lived in Iowa. Children:
 - A. Fred
 - B. Gene
 - C. Al
5. Melvina born Dec. 3, 1849. Died Dec. 27, 1924. Married Jan. 1870 to Clark Anderson, born May 8, 1831. Their children:
 - A. William
 - B. Myrtle born Mar. 7, 1873. Mar. Will Atkins and had children:
 1. Arthur
 2. Verna, who married Ken Merrill
 3. Mabel
 4. Raymond.
6. Belinda B. born April 3, 1852; died Feb. 9, 1883; married in 1871 to Parker M. Banks - a banker in Webster City, Iowa. Had child:
 - A. Bert. Lived in Iowa.
7. Ellen Antoinette (Nettie) born March 5, 1855; Died _____ married Moses Lucas in 1872; He was born Flora Twsp. June 1, 1851; died 1925. One child:
 - A. Berdell (Bert) born Sept. 25, 1873. Mar. Lily Rudolph. Child:
 1. Bernita. Lives in Fla. (1960)
8. Freelon H. born Jan. 7, 1859; died Nov. 19, 1927; married Nov. 9, 1882 to Tryphena Cleveland - she died Feb. 16, 1931. Their sons:
 - A. Earl Henry born Oct. 18, 1887.
 - B. Ralph born Oct. 9, 1889; married Verna Huber and had children:
 1. Eleanor born Dec. 12, 1913; mar. Ackerman and had Charles Burton Bailey br. July 11, 1940 (adopted).
 2. Charles Robert, born Dec. 13, 1921; married _____ had child Gene Robert born April 20, 1947.
9. Hattie Belle born Sept. 27, 1865; died _____; Married Sept. 10, 1884 to Ephraim Whiting. Had one child:
 - A. Andrew born October 3, 1906; married Agnes Ratar, daughter of Charley on _____ . She died _____ in Belvidere. Had children:
 1. Donna Lee born _____ . Married Jim McGuire
 - Children:
 - a. Melissa
 - b. Casey
 2. Ardith Kay born _____ . Married Gordon Tangman
 - Children:
 - a. Tommy
 - b. Susie

9th Generation.

THOMAS EDWARD LANE (Samuel 8, Elkanah 7, Elkanah 6, Elkanah 5, Ephraim 4, John 3, George 2, William 1) was born March 10, 1843 at Bangor, Maine. His parents moved to a farm near Irene, near Belvidere, Illinois, in 1845, when Thomas was but 2½ years old. There he married on Oct. 11, 1865, Celinda Emeroy Sergeant, born March 5, 1849 the daughter of Eli and Hannah Hogle Sergeant of Gaines, Orleans County, New York. Eli was a native of Vermont.

The young couple started farming in the township of Flora, Boone County Illinois, and there their first child, Charles, was born. About 1868 they moved to a farm on the Guerdon Henry road in the town of Franklin, DeKalb County, just across the Boone County line and there Luther was born. They removed to a farm south of Garden Prairie in the town of Spring for some 6 years. Thomas' final farm activity was in Flora township on the Will Kaltenbach farm some 4½ miles south of Belvidere, Illinois, on the road running east from Hall's corner on the Stone Quarry road. Here in addition to his farming activities he raised coach horses.

Thomas was 6 foot tall, slender of build, rather quiet by nature and possessed excellent health. In 1901 at the age of 58 he retired from the vigorous farm life, to a home on Pearl St., in Belvidere. Here his wife, Celinda, died June 8, 1904 at the age of 55. Thomas then gave up his home and spent his remaining 18 years with his son Luther and family. His granddaughter, Lyl, recalls him most fondly, as a pleasant person in the home and a lover of dogs and animals. He regularly drove 5 miles to Belvidere twice a week to be shaved. His return was eagerly awaited, as he always brought back popcorn, bananas and sugar rock candy. He spent hundreds of hours playing cards with the grandchildren. Unfortunately his final year of life was spent under most poor physical conditions and he became a tremendous care to an uncomplaining son, Luther and wife. He died at their home at 720 Pearl St., Belvidere, on June 21, 1922. Both he and his wife are buried in the Belvidere, Illinois, cemetery. Their children were:

1. Charles LeRoy Lane, born April 25, 1867. Married Maude Ethel Sprague Dec. 5, 1888. She was born Nov. 6, 1870. They lived on the Stone Quarry road, 4 miles south of Rt. #5 Belvidere. Maude died July 18, 1923. Charles died July 4, 1955. Both buried in Belvidere cemetery. Their children were:
 - A. Verna born July 14, 1889. Died Feb. 7, 1909.
 - B. Leon John born Feb. 18, 1894. Died Aug. 17, 1931.
Married Ruth Parks. Their children:
 1. Lewis
 2. Betty Jane
 - C. Madge born Nov. 2, 1898. Married (1) Glen Fleming. Divorced. Their child:
 1. Glenora Jayne, born Feb. 19, 1920. Married Ed Minich and have son:
 - (a) David, born Dec. 10, 1954.
 - D. Thomas born Oct. 27, 1901. Married Mabel Krop.
No children. They live (1965) in Belvidere, Ill.

2. LUTHER PARKER (See as our next generation.)

10th Generation.

LUTHER PARKER LANE (Thomas 9, Samuel 8, Elkanah 7, Elkanah 6, Elkanah 5, Ephraim 4, John 3, George 2, William 1) was born Dec. 10, 1868 on a farm on the Guerdon Henry road in the town of Franklin, De Kalb County, Illinois - just across from the Boone County line. He first attends the Canada school, but his family moved to a farm south of Garden Prairie, Illinois, in Spring township and there Luther attends school #10 for 6 years. His father then removed to the Will Kaltenbach farm in Flora township, some 5 miles south of Belvidere, on the east and west road running from the Stone Quarry road to the Bloodpoint road. Luther attending the nearby Hall school and his school master was Fred Hall. (Fred's son, Frank, would marry Luther's daughter, Lyal, some 50 years later.)

Since 1865 Francis, or Frank as he was known, Hall had lived on the south side of this road at the southeast corner of the cross road and the Stone Quarry road. His children Fred, Addie, Millie and Mark had been raised there and they had been most friendly with the Thomas Lanes and sons Charlie and Luther.

On Dec. 16, 1891, Luther married, in the Methodist parsonage at Belvidere, Bernice Louise Neff, who was born Sept. 16, 1871 in Flora township, the daughter of Martin and Martha (McKee) Neff, who had been natives of Blair County, Penn. The Neff home was some 6 miles south of present (1965) State Highway #5, on the Stone Quarry road and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Graves corner. The farm was on the north side of the road. Bernice too had been taught by Fred Hall.

The young couple lived with his parents for a year and then rented the adjoining - George Kaltenbach farm and there Clifford was born. In 1898 they moved to a farm some 2 miles north on the Stone Quarry road, where they lost their barn by fire. In 1901 the Lanes moved to the Weber farm some 5 miles south on the Stone Quarry road and there Mildred was born. At the death of Luther's mother in 1904, his father came to make his home with them.

March 2, 1905 Luther purchased and moved onto the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14-43-2 of Mrs. Sprague - 80 acres, on the north side of the road and on the same cross road east of Halls corners, where they had first gone to housekeeping. Here Lyal Gertrude was born Aug. 14, 1909. In 1913 Luther hired Nat Culver and sons Bead and Mark to build on to the house and it was transformed into an ultra-modern home of 12 rooms.

Lute, as Luther was always called, collected township taxes, was school director and served on the election boards for many years. He and his wife were most interested in the affairs of their Grange, being particularly fond of the dances and social events. They took no part in church activities although Bernice frequently read her Bible.

Lute was about 5 ft 5 inches, was stockily built of about 165# in his later years - was very slim when married. His eyes were grey-green; his face round, his hair dark. He was full of fun, laughed easily and enjoyed people. He was a hard worker and a successful farmer, being most considerate of his animals.

Bernice was only some 5 ft tall and of slight build and weighed about 100 lb - a characteristic of the Neff's. She was exceedingly energetic, amiable and a devoted mother and housewife.

After an 8 month hitch at Camp Grant in Rockford, Illinois, in World War I, son Clifford married Joy Allen on Sept. 25, 1919 and moved to Belvidere. Lute had been feeling poorly and with the loss of Clifford's aid, he sold the farm to John Gray on Feb. 26, 1920 and after one month in a home on Union Ave, he bought and moved into a fine home at 720 Pearl Street.

With the nations farm land prices skyrocketing, Luther (much against the wishes of his wife) on March 1, 1920 bought a 125 acre farm of George Willis, some 5½ miles south on the Stone Quarry road, giving a \$19,000 mortgage at 5%. This would prove a disastrous investment.

Lute worked for the County road commission and for Keen-Belvidere Canning Company in the summer. In the winter he was in the shipping department of the National Sewing Machine Co. Arthritis had been slowly spreading throughout his body and at the age of 59 he had to quit all jobs never to work again.

Farm prices had collapsed throughout the country and after a long hard battle to meet the interest and note payments on the farm he had purchased, Lute with his working days at an end, had to deed back the farm - losing all he had put in it. This took practically all of his money. His wife went out canvassing with products, house to house.

With the departure of their two daughters by the marriage route, Lute sold their home in 1932 and moved into the Gabel Apartments at the corner of Garfield and 1st st. There on August 13, 1934 Bernice had her second stroke and on Nov. 7, 1934 she died at Highland Hospital. Jess and Mired Dawson moved in to give Lute care - as his condition was steadily worsening and his joints setting. He was taken to famous Dr. Locke of Canada and to Rochester, Minn., where he personally saw Dr. Charles Mayo - all for naught.

With the Dawsons moving to Detroit, Michigan, Lute went to live with old friends, Bert and Fan McNeal at 213 West 3rd Street, Belvidere, on Jan. 1, 1936. In September he fell on the stairs and never was able to walk thereafter. For the next 10 years he never left his room except on 3 occasions, when he was carried downstairs in a chair for auto rides by Joe Pettey and his son-in-laws, Jess Dawson and Frank Hall. In spite of his many years of affliction he never soured on life, but was a pleasant person to visit and many were his callers. By January 1946 his joints were set and except for being set up to smoke 4 times daily, he was confined to his bed. On Dec. 19, 1949 he was taken to Maple Crest Home and there died Jan. 8, 1950. Both he and his wife are buried in the Belvidere cemetery alongside his parents. Their children were:

1. Clifford Martin, born Dec. 19, 1896 in Flora Twp. Married Sept. 25, 1919 to Joy Allen, daughter of Elias Allen of Flora Twp. born Dec. 12, 1900 at Zanesville, Ohio. Joy died Dec. 13, 1962 in Florida. Had 1 child:
 - A. Verle Allen born Aug. 25, 1921. Not married in 1965. Lives in Chicago, Ill.

2. Mildred Lucille born Oct. 29, 1901, Flora Twp. Belvidere, Ill. Married Jan. 8, 1932 in Saginaw, Mich. to Jesse Raymond Dawson of Belvidere, Illinois, son of Warren and Mary Ellen (Wright) Dawson, born Jan. 12, 1906. No children. Living in Sherman Oaks, Calif. in 1965.
3. LYAL GERTRUDE, born Aug. 14, 1909. (See as our next generation.)

11th Generation.

LYAL GERTRUDE LANE (Luther 10, Thomas 9, Samuel 8, Elkanah 7, Elkanah 6, Elkanah 5, Ephraim 4, John 3, George 2, William 1), was born Aug. 14, 1909 on the family farm in Flora township, some 5 miles south of Belvidere, Illinois. The 80 acre farm on the north side of the road $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of the old Hall corners on the Stone Quarry road, was all under cultivation. It was a fascinating world for Lyal. There were cows, horses, pigs and chickens - an orchard with apples, plums, pears, cherries. A large garden, from which came the hottest horseradish imaginable. Many huge black walnut trees provided tasty nuts.

Grandfather Thomas Lane lived with them and he was a great pal and favorite- playing games and cards constantly with Lyal. His wife had died in 1904 and he made his home with Lute.

Across the road and but a few hundred yards to the west was the one-room Hall school, where Lyal's father had attended. There she received her first four years of "larning" - having only one other in her grade.

In 1915 Luther Lane purchased a 4 cylinder Overland automobile. It was, of course, a "touring" type with a top that folded back and side curtains available for a sudden storm - sedans were not being produced as yet. Great was the excitement and joy over same and a week-end trip of 15 miles was an event for much planning and conversation. The roads were unpaved and the dust stifling and always the regular event of a "flat tire". A huge picnic lunch was a must and often eaten on the steps or lawn of some county school house.

The entire family enthusiastically attended all Grange events - the many dinner and dances. Lyal remembers of going to sleep many nights on the hard benches while her parents danced. Neighborhood gatherings were frequent (there were no movies, radios or TV sets to absorb ones time. Ones pleasure was with other people). Sunday was a day of gathering and to the Lute Lane home regularly came the Charlie Lane youth and others for singing, with Mildred at the piano, listening to the Victorola, popcorn and candy making. The card table remained up and busy. Horseshoes and baseball were favorite outdoor sports, with Lute as active in the play as the teenagers.

But animals were Lyal's main love and she spent much time with the stock. Her grandfather had a fine horse called Roxey and brother, Clifford, a spirited driving horse named Rick. Heaven poured forth for the 7 year old girl in August of 1916, when her grandfather paid half of the \$30 charge (Lyal taking \$15 out of her bank savings) and bought her a 3 years old spotted black and white pony. Bessie, as she named her, would be with her for 8 years and was the major interest of her life.

On March 17, 1920, the Lane family having sold the farm, moved to Belvidere, Illinois. to the dismay of 11 year old Lyal. She was given the choice of taking one of her pets - the pony or, Bub, the dog. Needless to say the pony was the choice. The new home was 720 Pearl Street and Lyal attended nearby Washington School. The maintenance of a pony in town became a problem and along with Lyal's legs growing longer - so after 4 years, on Oct. 11, 1924, a tearful 14 year old on insistence of her parents, sold her closest friend.

After high school Lyal took a course at Erowas Business College, Rockford and after completion worked for Legal Loan Company, Rockford Newspapers and Leath Furniture - all in Rockford.

In November of 1931 she went to south Texas on the Mexican border of the lower Rio Grande Valley with George and Golda Wise. There she joined Frank Nelson Hall, formerly of Belvidere, Illinois, and son of Fred and Axie (Shiplott) Hall - the same Fred who had taught Lyal's father and mother. At Pharr, Texas on Nov. 16, 1931 they were married by Presbyterian Rev. Archie Reed.

Lyal was 5 foot tall, weighed 103 lbs, had dark brown hair and grey-green eyes. Frank was 5 foot 9½ inches tall, weighed 145 and had dark brown hair and brown eyes.

The newlyweds started housekeeping ½ mi. east of San Juan, Texas, at Steward Road corner. The Halls raised oranges and grapefruit and managed property for non-residents. In 1940 the family - then numbering 4 as a son Richard and daughter Martha had been added - moved 5 miles west to 720 East Pecan St., McAllen, where they had a forty acre tract - 20 of it in oranges and grapefruit. Frank no longer managed properties of others, but cared for several groves they now owned. In addition he maintained an office in real estate and investments. Mexicans provided practically all of the farm, yard and home labor.

Starting in 1941 the Halls spent the major part of each summer at Belvidere Park, Delavan Lake, Wisconsin, some 36 miles from Belvidere, Illinois. This was the favorite fishing lake of Frank's father, who had taken his family there beginning in 1895. In 1946 Frank purchased one of the units of Belvidere Park, which ever since has provided a summer rendezvous for the family.

On May 16, 1946 they moved to 601 Kennedy St., McAllen, to a home with a most beautiful yard and a 20 acre grove.

Lyal after 20 years in the constant warmth of extreme south Texas was feeling listless so after Dick's graduation from high school in 1950, the family, urged by their good friends the Arno Nowotnys, moved some 350 miles north to 107 Laurel Lane, Austin, Texas. A home was leased and Frank became active in oil investments in West Texas and spent all but week ends in that area. In a desire to be with the family, Frank purchased a home at 2503 West Ave K in San Angelo, Texas and in 1951 moved the family therein.

Soon after arriving in Austin, the Halls decided, that wasn't the area where they wished to live, so California and Florida was carefully examined. Then Texas was criss-crossed and every town of consequence was visited. It was agreed by both Lyal and Frank that Denton - a two college town 4 miles north of Dallas, appeared most suitable. In September of 1952 the Halls moved to that city and after a few months of renting, bought a two-story brick, 9 room home at 2041 West Oak St. Here they still reside at this writing in 1965.

Lyal's love of horses has never diminished. She has never needed companionship to enjoy them. It was - and is - a daily enjoyment of currying, grooming, coddling and riding that has seen her possessing ponies and horses for 42 years of her last 49, and at this writing she has 2 Tennessee walking horses and a Shetland pony for the grandchildren. The children of Lyal and Frank are:

1. Richard Gordon, born Aug. 23, 1933. Married Dec. 21, 1952 at Longview, Tex. Mary Louise Knott, born March 14, 1931, the daughter of William Henry and Lillian Webb Knott of Longview. Their children - all born at Longview are:
 - A. Beverly born April 14, 1954.
 - B. Richard Gordon Jr., born September 13, 1957.
 - C. Kenneth Lane born April 2, 1961.
 They live at 604 Oakdale St., Longview, Texas. (1965)
2. Marsha Lane, born July 1, 1936. Married June 15, 1957 at Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he was in the U. S. Army, Arthur J. Moore, the son of Charles Moore of Belle Vernon, Pa. 1965 finds him stationed at Ft. Polk, La. Their child:
 - A. Tracy Jo born May 25, 1962 at Honolulu, Hawaii, where her father had an armed service assignment.
3. Terry Frank, born September 16, 1946 at Rockford City Hospital, Rockford, Illinois, although the family home was in McAllen, Texas. Lyal had used Dr. Heinemeyer of Rockford during her pregnancy while summering at Lake Delavan, Wisconsin, so there she remained for this important event.

ELKANAH LANE, Great, Great, Great Grandfather of Lyal Gertrude Lane (Mrs. Frank N. Hall of Denton, Texas) died at Swansey, New Hampshire on Oct. 21, 1811.
His inventory totaled \$3355.62 - a large estate for those days.
He was a substantial citizen. The following are some of the items listed in the inventory of his estate.

The home farm containing by estimate 230 acres	\$2075.00
One pair of Oxen \$60.00	60.00
One striped backed cow	14.00
Twenty-two sheep at \$1.50 each	33.00
One large Swine	8.00
Five geese	2.00
Seventeen Hens	2.12
Wheat in sheaf Est. at 5 bushels	7.00
Twenty Bushels Rye by Est. in sheaf	16.67 plus
Potatoes by est. 15 bus.	.67
Salt Fork by Est. 16 lbs.	2.50
Cheese - 208 lbs.	12.28
One single sleigh & Harness	12.00
One ox yoke and appendages	1.50
One flail	.20
Two whitstones	.10
One barrel of Cider	.75
Eleven pillow cases	1.25
One bed and bedspring	12.00
One warming pan	2.50
Six yds diaper	2.50
Wool three pounds	1.00
Cotton yarn four skeins	1.25
Geese feathers 2 lbs.	.10
One case knives and forks	1.50
One note signed by Thomas Applin dated Aug. 23, 1811	72.50
2 candle sticks	.06
One pair hand bellows	.25
One coffee pot	.12
One qt. pewter pot	.33
One woman's saddle	15.00
One mans saddle	7.00
One pew in Swansey Old Meeting House	35.00
One share in Swansey Sorial Library	1.67
One gun & Pavanet	7.00
Two butter boxes	.25
One candle stand	1.50
One Weaver's loom and apparatus	3.50
Six cider barrels	3.00
One cheese tub	.83
One spinning wheel for wool	1.00
One cheese press	1.00
One pair spectacles	.17
One large bible	1.50
One small bible	.50
Two vol Mosser geography	1.50
Harvey's meditations	.33
Pleasing Library	.25
Farming	.10
Watts Psalms	.17