

GENEALOGIC SNAPSHOTS
OF THE
FAMILY OF JAMES NINDE, OF TEWKESBURY
AND HIS WIFE, SARAH WARD
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FOREWORD

This little pamphlet has been given the somewhat unconventional title—Genealogical Snapshots. It is not a consecutive history of the family ; in no sense can it be called a biography ; it is merely the putting together of genealogical facts gathered from the several branches which have sprung from the Ninde-Ward tree—James Ninde and Sarah Ward. It is a series of snapshots. Errors will doubtless be found ; information was often incomplete ; important omissions were inevitable. There was an attempt at impartiality, but it may seem to have failed ; our vocabulary is not exhaustless, and the list of desirable adjectives has its limitations, while repetitions of words and phrases is objectionable. The editor will in advance crave leniency in criticism, and, if possible, pardon.

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JAMES NINDE AND SARAH WARD

Rev. James Ninde, of Ramsbury Park and Tewkesbury, was born June 24, 1740, and was the third son of Isaac Ninde and Anne Cole of Ashton, Overbury, Gloucestershire, England. His father was a farmer, and James' early life being spent at home he must have become well versed in the routine duties of farm life. February 26, 1772, when thirty-two years of age, he married Sarah, daughter of John Ward, of Oxhill. At this time Mr. Ninde seems to have been conducting an estate at Chasely, near Overbury, but to have been also very active as a lay preacher, both his own and Sally Ward's journals containing constant allusions to the fact.

Preaching services were very frequent among the Methodists; there were few chapels with stated services outside the more important towns, but small organized classes were scattered throughout the country and whenever a traveling preacher was available a congregation quickly gathered to hear him. These preaching services were more frequent on a week-day, and at any hour from five in the morning till in the evening. There was occasionally an ordained clergyman, but for the most part dependence was had upon laymen, men who were capable and had leisure to devote to such duties.

Mr. Ninde and his bride spent several months in travel and visiting among their Gloucestershire relatives, not beginning their home life till late in October. At the end of the next year, December 18, 1773, they removed to Ramsbury Park, in Wiltshire, an estate belonging to Sir William Jones, and with an annual rental of £500, and here they remained for eight years. The journals contain many interesting allusions to the farm life at Ramsbury Park, to the daily routine, the domestic affairs, the visits of friends and relatives, to the harvests, when from 40 to 70 extra persons were employed for some weeks and which ended with the great harvest supper. At Ramsbury Park John Wesley was a frequent visitor, and Charles Wesley, Dr. Coke and other noted Methodists came upon occasion.

The status of the Methodists in relation to the English church at this time is shown by the fact that Mr. Ninde, while an active lay preacher and district steward under John Wesley, was also a good churchman, a vestryman in his parish and an overseer of the poor, which was, we think, a sort of church officer. They depended very largely upon the regular church clergy for the various ordinances and sacraments of the church, baptism, the holy communion, etc. It is believed that the family were attendants at the church services of various kinds, but they did not scruple to criticise the clergymen where they thought they were deserving of it.

In September, 1781, Mr. Ninde, not being able to agree with his landlord regarding the terms of rental, relinquished his lease and returned to Gloucestershire, taking an estate known as Tewkesbury Lodge. About three years later, January 26, 1783, Mrs. Ninde died, having been in failing health for a year or more. They had been married eleven years lacking one month; eight children had been born to them, six of whom lived to maturity and four of them to a good old age—the descendants of all six are today occupying positions of usefulness and respectability.

Sarah Ward Ninde was a superior woman. The Wards were a good family and Sally must have been a bright girl. Her journals, dating back to 1769, when she was twenty-two years old, are still extant and are written in a neat, uniform and legible hand, in quaint but excellent English, and with few errors in either syntax or spelling. In common with many of her sect her piety was strongly subjective, and her journal is much of it a recounting of her daily religious moods and struggles. Yet she was no recluse but a wide-awake woman, not only a class-leader at twenty-two, walking long distances to attend and aid in the meetings and to visit the poor and the sick; but she was active in the management of a large household, both before and after her marriage. As wife and mother she was a wise counselor, an efficient housewife, managing the farm affairs and the servants during the frequent absences of her husband, and she gave to her large family of children a most careful training. Also she was a reader and a student; she often bewailed her scant opportunities for mental culture, and yet one marvels at the amount and scope of her reading—theology, philosophy, history, science, poetry. She wrote innumerable letters; for years she

corresponded frequently with Wesley, some of her letters to whom have been published. At her death an obituary with a copperplate engraving appeared in an English magazine, but unfortunately all trace of this has been lost.

Mr. Ninde married again, July 31, 1783, his second wife being Miss Meleora Prior, the daughter of a Tewkesbury banker. The family seem to have made Tewkesbury their home till April, 1810, but the Lodge was given up some time during 1804. In 1781 Mr. Ninde formed a partnership with Mr. John Cole for the manufacture of cordage, but it is not known how long this continued; in 1785 Mr. Cole removed to America. Mr. Ninde seems to have continued his preaching, sometimes having regular secular employment, and at other times seeming to have regular work on a circuit, as the Methodists called a sort of "belt line" of preaching stations. Part of the time he seems to have himself resided at a distance from his Tewkesbury home while conducting his preaching work.

Late in May, 1802, Mr. Ninde set sail for America, going to Baltimore where his eldest son, James, had been for some years engaged in business. He took with him Mary and Elizabeth, children by his first wife, and Henry and Benjamin, children by his second wife. Also Isaac either accompanied him or went about the same time, as he was in America in the fall of 1802. Mr. Ninde was not long in America as he started on his return trip December 18, 1803, and after a tedious waiting in the Bay and a stormy passage arrived in England the 8th of the following May. The children were left in America; Henry and Benjamin had been apprenticed to trades, Mary had secured a position as governess, and Elizabeth had married a son of his old friend and cousin, John Cole. Isaac had started the baking business in Baltimore.

Mr. Ninde's life after his return seems to have been much the same as during the preceding years, working, journeying and preaching, but being more and more marked with the vicissitudes incident to age and unsteady employment. The care of the younger children bore heavily upon him, and there seemed to be many and sore financial straits, although his wife had an annuity from her father's estate which must have cared for her. Meanwhile, in 1810, the family had removed from Tewkesbury to Bristol, the seaport of Gloucestershire.

The older children, who were all comfortably settled in Maryland, were constantly urging their father to come to them, that he might spend the remainder of his days in rest and quiet. He had always a great fondness for the Western world and finally, although his wife preferred to remain with her friends in England, he embarked for America in June, 1816, landed in New York August 10, and reached Baltimore eleven days later. Mr. Ninde was by nature both independent and industrious—he scorned idleness, and could not brook being a burden to others. Yet many of his business ventures proved unfortunate and forced him in his final years to lean upon his children. The spring following his arrival in America, when nearing eighty, he undertook, in company with his daughters Mary and Diana, the conduct of a school in Easton; it was evidently not a success, for two years later Mary was again a governess and Diana had returned to England. From this time Mr. Ninde lived with his sons, in Baltimore and Easton, still at times in some kind of secular employ and also preaching as opportunity offered. He was in frequent correspondence with members of his family in America and in England—he had always been a letter writer.

Not very much is known regarding Meleora Prior Ninde. It is taken for granted that she was a woman of standing, being the daughter of a well-to-do banker in the not unimportant city of Tewkesbury, and she was without doubt a woman of piety and a member of the Methodist societies. That there was a sincere and abiding attachment between husband and wife is evident from the tone of the journals and letters. The fact of separation caused by Mr. Ninde's coming to America seems to have in no way affected their regard for each other, as appears also from the later manuscripts, and Mr. Ninde entertained hopes, even in his latest years, of returning and ending his days in the old home. That she was held in loving remembrance is shown in the fact of her name being handed down in the families of not only her own but also of Sally Ward's children, to the third and fourth generation.

The parts of Mr. Ninde's journal now in existence cover two periods—December, 1774, to February, 1784, and October, 1802, to the last month of his life, though during the later years the entries are mostly weekly, on Sunday. Among the last items are the writing of a letter to his son William, and the receipt of

one from his granddaughter Sally Ward, residing in England. His last sermon seems to have been preached on Sunday, June 30, just two months before the close of his life. His death occurred at the home of his son Isaac, in Easton, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, September 1, 1822, when he was in the 83rd year of his age. His daughter Mary, Mrs. Cresswell, between whom and her father there had always been the deepest affection, was with him in his final sickness.

The foregoing is but a crude and unsatisfactory sketch of the life of James Ninde; the only sources of information are sections of his journal, parts of the journal of Sally Ward Ninde, which contain only infrequent allusions of a historical character, and a few letters and traditional memoranda. He outlived most of his contemporaries, and his son William, who might have written intelligently and attractively about him, died in less than a fortnight after his father.

Mr. Ninde belonged to an old family, dating back to the Norman conquest, when they seemed to have held an estate in Gloucestershire, not far from Tewkesbury, under charter from the crown. This section has ever since been inhabited by the family and from here all known branches of the family originated. The family have been noted for their close kindredship and Mr. Ninde had always a strong affection for his brothers and for his children—it troubled him sorely that during much of his life part of the family were on one side of the sea and part on the other. It has been said that Mr. Ninde was a worker; he was restive when not in regular employment, and few men could walk longer distance, work more incessantly and at varying tasks, or endure fatigue better than he. "Walked fifteen miles and preached twice"; "This has been a busy day, between writing to my wife, preaching at Milton (probably a long walk), and foddering the cattle three times", are characteristic journal entries when he was sixty-five. Mr. Ninde must have been a good preacher, for he seems always to have been a welcome pulpit ministrant, and his service extended through probably sixty years. He was not educated in the schools, perhaps not far above the average intellectually, and he partook more or less of the superstitions and narrowness characteristic of provincial England at that day; but he was a good man, in every sense of the word, a man of worth, of the strictest integrity, of unques-

tioned piety, of great purity in heart and life, a man who earnestly endeavored to live in all good conscience toward God and toward men. Between his brothers and himself there existed the most loyal affection, and his children down to the fourth generation love and revere his memory.

FAMILY OF JAMES NINDE, BY HIS FIRST WIFE, SARAH WARD

James Ninde, Jr., born in Worcester, England, December 18, 1772; died in Baltimore, Md., August 29, 1852. He was the first of his father's family to come to America, reaching Baltimore in 1794, when he was twenty-two years of age, and residing there during the remainder of his life. He was a silversmith by trade and for many years conducted a watch and clock manufacturing business. He married February 26, 1797, Catherine, daughter of Captain John Blyth, a native of Dundee, Scotland, but later a resident of Dublin, Ireland, where Catherine was born. Thirteen children were born to them, five boys and eight girls; only six lived to maturity. We know only of James C., Sarah Ward, Claresa, and Theresa.

James Ninde was a man of character and standing in Baltimore. He was an expert in his business and the large number of sea captains sailing out of that important port were in the habit of coming to him when their watches or chronometers were in need of repairing or regulating. He was the accepted head of the family in America and held in the highest esteem by all. He was a man of strong will and held tenaciously to his opinions. The only adverse criticism recorded is the fact that he never forgot an injury. He was withal a staunch churchman and his family were all Episcopalians. It was he who restored the final "e" to the name; his influence is shown in that the entire family in this country followed his lead and adopted the changed spelling. His letters informing his brother Robert, in England, and Benjamin, in Ohio, of the deaths of the father and the brother William, who died within a few days of each other, are still in existence. He lived to the age of eighty; his wife died in 1860, also eighty years of age.

John Ninde—Born at Ramsbury Park, May 18, 1774; died at the same place when four years of age.

Mary Ninde—Born at Ramsbury Park, January 28, 1776. She came to America with her father at the time of his first visit, in 1802, when she was twenty-six years old. She was engaged as governess in several families and was esteemed as very efficient in this line of employment. In the summer of 1807 she was married to Mr. John Cresswell, of Baltimore, whose father was a friend of the family in England. They had one daughter, Mary Columbia, who was born in 1810. Mr. Cresswell lived but a few years, and after his death Mary, when not employed, made her home with her brother Isaac. After the return of her father from England, in 1816, she was associated with him and her half-sister Diana, who came with him, in conducting a school in Easton. She attended her father during his final illness, in 1822, and wrote an account of it to her brother James of Baltimore. Robert Ninde, of Worcester, England, seems to have sent for Columbia Ninde and to have educated her in England; at the age of nineteen she was married to Mr. John Savadge Davenhill, of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire. They had seven sons and two daughters, all of whom lived to maturity.

Mary Ninde seems to have been a woman of superior sense and very lovable disposition; her father always speaks in highest terms regarding her and seemed to rely upon her good judgment and loyal affection.

Isaac Ninde—Born March 29, 1777, at Ramsbury Park, Wiltshire. He adopted the sea life, as so many young Englishmen did in those days, but he was in America in 1796, and in October, 1802, he comes from New York to Baltimore and starts in business as a baker, his father and two sisters, Mary and Elizabeth, assisting him. His father soon returns to England, one sister marries and the other takes a position as governess in another city. Isaac removed to Easton, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, in May, 1820, and established a bakery and confectionery business which he continued during his lifetime. January 5, 1810, he was married to Sophia Maria Folger, of the Ridgely family of Baltimore. Two children were born to them, Mary Ridgely and Frederick Folger; the mother died in 1813, soon after the birth of her son. Isaac died September 11, 1829. He and other members of the family are buried at "Mount Hope," a private ground not far from Easton; it was situated on the estate of the Benneys, one of whom married Isaac Ninde's daugh-

ter. The land is still held by the family; a letter written by Mr. James McNeal to Miss Rosalie Ninde, a granddaughter of Isaac Ninde, under date of January 12, 1907, says: "Some time ago I visited that sacred spot, taking with me the record, and was thus enabled to identify the graves where lie the bodies of about thirty relatives and friends, and among others I came across the grave of your grandfather, Isaac Ninde. I stood there for a moment with bowed head, and though I knew nothing of him at all, or his son, your father, yet my memory went back to the days when I was only a little boy and used to hear my father speak so often and so favorably of his old friend, Dr. Ninde."

Isaac Ninde must have been a man in fair circumstances and his home one of old-time hospitality. His father spent the last years of his life with him and died only a few years before his son. His sister Mary, on the death of her husband, came to Isaac's home and spent much of her time there till her own death. Martha, his half-sister, was living with him at the time of his death.

William Ninde—Born at Ramsbury Park, Wiltshire, August 10, 1778. He received a classical education in England and, at the age of 26, followed his older brothers to America; he sailed from Bristol September 26, 1804, and arrived in Baltimore after a stormy passage of nine weeks. Mr. Ninde engaged in teaching in an academy in Baltimore, but deciding to enter the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal church he was ordained deacon by Bishop Clagget, and in 1810 had become rector of St. Margaret's, Westminster parish, across the Severn from Annapolis, and preached the Convention sermon that year. He was advanced by Bishop Hobart, and in 1812 he was rector of St. Ann's parish, Annapolis. He later returned to Baltimore, and it is supposed resumed teaching, as his father, who had recently arrived in America, alludes in his journal to the fact of assisting in his son's school. In 1818 he became rector of St. Stephen's, North Sassafras, Cecil County, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where he remained for four years and until his death, which occurred September 13, 1822, after a brief illness of typhus fever, and just twelve days after the death of his aged father.

Mr. Ninde married, in February, 1808, Mary, daughter of John and Ann Brewer Cole, of the Hill, Lyons, N. Y., and

granddaughter of Samuel and Anne Cole of Gloucestershire, England. The Ninde and Cole families had been intimate friends in England. The children were William Ward, Samuel, Thomas, George W., Eleanor, and Louisa Elizabeth.

An old chronicle says of Mr. Ninde, that he was rather tall and slender in person, and very scrupulous about his dress. He had a low voice, and a somewhat precise and embarrassed manner, but was a fine reader. He was a faithful minister of the gospel, universally beloved and respected by all who knew him. For the four successive years at St. Stephen's he was one of the Standing Committee.

Robert Ninde—Born December 31, 1778, at Ramsbury Park, Wiltshire. He remained in England and for many years conducted a large provision business in the city of Worcester. He seems to have been a most excellent man in every respect; his father often alludes to him in his journals with marked respect and affection. He married and had one daughter, who was named Sarah Ward, after her grandmother. The daughter was born January 18, 1800, and was married in 1817 to Michael Ward, a son of her grandmother's brother, and her second cousin. From this marriage there were three boys and two girls.

Elizabeth Ninde—Born at Ramsbury Park, May 17, 1781. She came to America with her father on his first visit, in 1802. In Baltimore she met Mr. Samuel Cole, a son of her father's cousin and former business partner in Tewkesbury, and they were married, February 14, 1803. After her husband's death, in July, 1821, she followed her many family relatives to western New York. She died in Palmyra, Wayne County.

She was a woman of great strength of character and above reproach as a Christian wife, mother and neighbor. The children were James, Catharine, Eliza Ward, Alfred Alexander, William Ninde, Mary, Samuel J., Sarah Ward. Catherine, Elizabeth, and William have descendants now living.

Sarah Ninde—Born at Oxhill, Gloucester, January 1, 1783. Died in infancy.

THE NINDE-WARD CLAN TO DATE — 1929.

James Ninde, Jr., of Baltimore.

Gen. James C. Ninde, was a Baltimore lawyer, a high Militia officer of the State, and a prominent member and historian of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He never married; his death occurred in Baltimore, June 27, 1856. Two sisters, Clarinda, and Theresa, conducted a school for young ladies in Baltimore for some time. The former later became the wife of the Rev. Dr. Moore, and the three moved to Ohio — we have no further knowledge of them. A daughter, Sarah Ward, named after her grandmother, became Mrs. William P. Stewart: we have a photograph of the tomb, in St. Paul's churchyard, Baltimore, with the names over its door, "James Ninde — Wm. P. Stewart." A daughter from this marriage, Sarah Jane Stewart, became the wife of Leonidas L. Smith, a North Carolina clergyman, and there were the following four children: Sarah C. Smith, Elgin, Ill., maiden lady, a teacher, and a devoted Episcopalian, died in December, 1922. We were in correspondence with her for years; she was in possession of many of the family records, and from these much of our knowledge regarding our ancestors has been obtained. Rev. James Stewart Smith, an Episcopal rector, served churches in Cleveland, Ohio, Evanston, Ill., Westminster, Md., Elgin, Ill., and Kansas City, Mo., in which place he died, in 1915. He never married. Mary C. Smith, became the wife of Charles H. Wayne, who died in 1909. Her home is at Elgin, Ill., and from her we received much of the information given of the Stewart and Smith families. There were no children by this marriage. William Ward Ninde Smith, named after his Ninde cousin; is a reserve man of the Home Fire Insurance Company of New York. He has recently purchased a small farm at Millville, in southern New Jersey, where he and his wife are living. They have had six children; one died in infancy, another with his wife are both deceased but left two children, boys, who are grown up. Their own children now living are: Leonidas Ward; an Episcopal clergyman with title of Venerable Arch Deacon, Diocese of

Kansas, with residence in Topeka; is married and has one daughter. Adeline Knowles, Mrs. Edward Rohrbach; has one son. Robert McNair, married and has one son and two daughters; he has a factory in Brooklyn, N. Y. Charles Selleck, married and has three boys and two girls. He is an expert mechanist, residing in Plainfield, N. J.

We have no knowledge of any other branches of the family of James Ninde, Jr., and are quite sure that all other children died young or without issue.

Isaac Ninde, of Easton, Maryland.

Following the sea in early life, he later returned to Baltimore, married Sophia Folger, of the Ridgely family, and settled in Easton, on the Eastern Shore. A daughter, Mary Ridgely, married James Benny, of Easton; they had one daughter, Mary S., who died, single, in her 18th year. On the Benny estate, still in possession of the family, is the burial place, Mt. Hope, where Isaac Ninde and other members of the family repose.

Isaac Ninde's only son, Frederick Folger Ninde, after his father's death, at which time he was seventeen years of age, went to Baltimore where were many relatives; he attended school, studied medicine, and was given his degree by the University of Virginia. A college mate, a relative of Lord Fairfax, persuaded him to come to Virginia, and for some time he was his professional partner, living with him at his beautiful place of Cameron. His marriage brought him an estate in King George County and which was his home during the rest of his life. He was not only an esteemed physician, with a broad practice, but both in early life, and again in later life, when obliged to give up his long drives, he was a preacher and a most acceptable one — he was a loyal and devoted Methodist. Four sons and three daughters came to maturity; Julien and Fairfax, the oldest and the youngest of the boys, became physicians, but the former was short-lived. Clifford was a merchant during most of his life; the Virginia post-office is still called, "Ninde's Store." Eugene Colton, the only one of the boys still living, is a merchant in Fredericksburg; he has a large family. Three of the girls are married: Evelyn, Mrs. Captain Woods, at this date living in Washington; Elizabeth, Mrs. Bryan, lives in Richmond, Va., has two sons and a daughter; Louise, Mrs. Harry H. Fisher, is living in Philadelphia, and has

two daughters and a son. Louise is a graduate of the Sargeant School of Physical Culture, Cambridge, Mass., and became well acquainted with the Nindes resident in that section. Eugene, Jr., the elder son, is in Kentucky; Robert, the younger one is in the store with his father. The two younger girls are also at home, caring for the father and brother. Dr. Frederick Fairfax Ninde, the youngest of the boys of Dr. Frederick Folger Ninde, was married to Lucy Pratt Ashton; she and three of their four children are living: Julien, has been for some years in a Government position in Washington; Mary Louise, a teacher, is with her mother at Colonial Beach, Va., and Virginia, is a lawyer's secretary in Washington. Of the three daughters of the senior Dr. Ninde, Ida married William W. Brown, and died without issue. Carrie became the wife of Dr. Veolo Oglesby Caruthers, of Ferrell, Va. They had a large family, three boys and three girls are still living and all married except the youngest daughter, who acts as her father's chauffeur, as he still visits his patients. The three boys, Veolo, William and Franklin, all live at Colonial Beach and are married. The oldest has the name and the profession of his father, and has a son in college who is to study medicine. The two married daughters reside in Richmond, Va. There are eight grandchildren.

Rosalie Louise, the youngest daughter, and the only one living, has a government position in Washington, where she went to help out during the World War. We have been in correspondence with Miss Rosalie for many years, and from her have kept up our knowledge of the Virginia branch of the family, the most prolific one of the Sarah Ward section.

Rev. William Ninde, of Maryland.

Rev. William Ward Ninde, the oldest of the family, was born on the old Hill farm at Lyons, N. Y., in the log cabin of the pioneer farmer-preacher, John Cole, while his mother was visiting at her old home, in 1809; the other children were born in Maryland. He was an accredited minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, joining Conference when only 18, serving the leading churches of his conference, becoming a Presiding Elder, and passing to his reward in 1845. He was a man of culture of exceptional eloquence as a speaker, and of charming personal character. He married Mary Moore, of Lowville, N. Y., and of

New England parentage. There were four children, all boys; William Xavier, Henry Summerfield, George Heber, Edward Payson—George Heber died in infancy. Mrs. Ninde, a woman of rare fitness for the life she was to lead, in a widowhood of thirty years and the bringing up of her children, died in 1876.

William Xavier Ninde, the oldest of the boys, was born in 1832, received his education at Lowville Academy and Wesleyan University, entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, served leading churches in northern New York, Cincinnati, and Detroit, became a professor and afterwards president of Garrett Biblical Institute, was elected to the Episcopacy in 1884, and passed away in the 69th year of his age. He fulfilled with marked ability every responsibility placed upon him during his long and varied life; his being called the St. John of the Episcopacy indexes well the character of the man. His duties led him to travel widely in this and foreign lands, and at home and abroad he was always a welcome visitor. He married Sophronia Falley, of Fulton, N. Y., whose father was the founder of Falley Seminary, of that village. She was a woman of fine culture; she survived her husband only a few years. Four children grew to maturity: Mary L., Edward S., George F., Frederick W.

Mary, the oldest of the children, married Dr. Frank D. Gamewell. Dr. and Mrs. Gamewell are retired missionaries, having spent many years in China; Mrs. Gamewell has written important books in the line of her missionary experience; Dr. Gamewell was for a long period General Secretary of the China Christian Educational Association, which included all schools and colleges of Protestant denominations in the mission field. Dr. Gamewell graduated from Dickinson College, afterward taking an engineering course at Cornell University. He won great distinction as the engineer in charge of the defenses during the Boxer siege of the foreign compound in Peking.

Rev. Edward S. Ninde, D. D., a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is a graduate of Wesleyan University, and has served for extended terms some of the leading churches of the denomination. He has written several books of value. He excels as a pulpit ministrant, and is a man of administrative ability, has traveled in this and other lands, and is often called upon to serve at special occasions. He never married. George

Falley, who has recently passed away, was a man of fine culture, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and Garrett Biblical Institute, the Theological Department of Northwestern University, and had done post-graduate work at other Universities—he was by instinct a student. He possessed a charming personality and will be missed by many friends. Frederick Ward Ninde, M. D. Univ. of Michigan and Ph. D. Univ. of Pennsylvania, is a medical specialist, devoting his time and talent to research work in Psychiatry. Following the example of his older brothers, he has remained single.

Henry Summerfield Ninde was born in 1835; he was a weakling as a young boy and was put on a farm at thirteen, where he spent two years. For the next twenty-four years he had a varied experience: four years as a civil engineer, thirteen years as a postal employe, two years in a printing office, with an occasional term in school scattered between other jobs. In 1872 he was drafted as general secretary of the new Rome Y. M. C. A., serving for twenty years; then for another twenty years he served in the International Committee office in New York City, being retired in July, 1912, in his 78th year. In 1860 Mr. Ninde was married to Eliza A. Lawton, of Verona. There were six children, four boys and two girls: Frederick Lawton, Eleanor Louise, William E., Clara May, George Falley, Ward H. Frederick died in infancy.

William E. Ninde received his education in the Rome schools, served his time in the drawing-room of the Locomotive Works in Rome and became a mechanical engineer. After twenty years of commercial work he became a member of the Applied Science College faculty of Syracuse University, where he was greatly respected and very efficient for nearly a score of years and till his death, in 1921. Professor Ninde was the author of "The Design and Construction of Heat Engines", a 700 page octavo of great technical value. In 1902 Mr. Ninde was married to Luella V. Stark, of Ft. Wayne, Ind. Mrs. Ninde is a Science graduate of Syracuse University, was for several years on the faculty of the College of Home Economics, has her M. S. degree, and is still engaged in further training.

George F. Ninde adopted the same profession as his older brother, served his time in the same place, and after some fifteen years in practical work received an appointment on the teaching

staff of the Harvard Engineering School where he is still serving—for his twenty-first year. He was married in 1902, to Ella A. Fales, of Cambridge, Mass. Her mother was a Winslow whose ancestor was a passenger on the historic Mayflower. There are two children, Eleanor Mae, now Mrs. Edmund W. Thurston, and George Edward, a last year's graduate from Wesleyan University. The Thurstons, both from Boston University, are now on the faculty of Montpelier Seminary, Montpelier, Vermont. Mr. Thurston's mother is an Alden, a descendant of John and Priscilla. These things are mentioned merely as being a happy coincidence. George Edward is just starting in commercial life.

Ward H. attended the Rome schools, entered Syracuse University and was graduated from the Fine Arts College, course of architecture, in 1895; later he specialized in structural steel. He was with the Solvay Process Company, Syracuse, for a while studying their methods, and then went to Boston for the remainder of his business life. He served several leading architectural firms, advancing rapidly, designing the steel work for many notable buildings, and was the steel engineer for the Allen and Collens Company when taken ill. He passed away in 1917. In May, 1909, Ward was married to Miss Mabel Adsit, of Syracuse, a student in the same course in college, and now an architect in that city. Their only child, a daughter, Constance Barber, entered Syracuse University, course of Business Administration, this year. Ward was an exceptionally fine personality, of high ideals, a superior pianist, and had many friends. His home-life was a beautiful one, while it lasted, for it was a happy marriage. The two girls are still living at the old home in Rome; Eleanor Louise has been an accountant most of her life and is still in business life, holding her position with changing firms. Clara May, after thirty-five years of successful teaching in the city schools, has retired under the State law. She is still as busy as ever, at home and in the community.

Edward Payson Ninde was a young child when our father passed away, and our home was unsettled for years. After he reached his teens he was for some years with relatives on the old farm of our Cole cousins, at Lyons, and he became attached to the country life. He intended to adopt that vocation, when he was suddenly taken with a fever and passed away. His boy

friends who gathered at the train to bid him good bye one spring evening, a few weeks later met the train and bore him from it on their shoulders.

Samuel Ninde, M. D., the 2d son of Rev. William Ninde, was a graduate of Fairfield Medical College, Herkimer County, N. Y., long since out of commission. He was a skillful physician as a young man, but became a victim of wanderlust, never settled down to regular practice but took up lecturing on phrenology and spent the best part of his life in roving about the middle west. He died during the Civil War, somewhere in Missouri.

Thomas Ninde, the 3rd son, was a lawyer of excellent repute, first in Lyons and Palmyra, N. Y., being postmaster at the latter place, and later in Ypsilanti, Mich., for the rest of life. He was president of the city for two terms, Probate Judge of Washtenaw County, and held other responsible positions; he was a man greatly respected during his long and useful life. Mr. Ninde married Miss Caroline Moore, daughter of Dr. Samuel Moore, a prominent physician of Wayne County. Of their children, William George died in young boyhood; John Caldwell passed away in his 23rd year. He was a young man of great promise, was at the time with a brother of his mother, Dr. Charles C. Moore, of New York. The daughter, Mary Elizabeth, became the wife of Albert Crane, a lawyer of standing, who had studied with her father. Most of their life was spent in Grand Rapids, Mich., but later they removed to Los Angeles, Calif. There Mrs. Crane is passing her sunset days with her two cultured daughters, Gertrude Ninde, and Alice Genevieve. Mrs. Crane is our only full cousin on the Ninde side, and we are in constant correspondence with the family.

George W. Ninde, a brilliant young man, appointed a tutor after his graduation from Wesleyan University, passed away after a short illness, on the threshold of his promising career. Eleanor Ninde became Mrs. Frederick Morley, in Lyons, N. Y. He was at the time one of the firm publishing the local paper; afterwards he established the Palmyra Courier; some years later he removed to Detroit, Mich., where he remained for the rest of his life, in newspaper and other occupations. During the Civil War he was Asst. Adjutant General of the State. Mrs. Morley survived her husband some ten years, passing away at eighty. Louisa E. Ninde, the maiden sister of Mrs. Morley, for most of

life a semi-invalid, spent her whole mature life with her sister passing away at seventy. She was the genealogist of the family maintaining for years correspondence with relatives in different parts of this country and England. Both of the sisters were women of rare culture; with two half-sisters they possessed fine artistic talents. The two were loyal Episcopalians, low church of the evangelical type of the South.

Mary Ninde, of England and Maryland.

Mary Ninde became Mrs. James Cresswell; her husband died their only child, Mary Ninde Columbia Cresswell, returned to England and was educated by her Uncle Robert, with his own daughter. Soon after leaving school she was married to John Savadge Davenhill, a well to do merchant, and there was a family of seven sons and two daughters. Columbia, taking her mother's given name, was the oldest of the family; she and Miss Louisa Ninde, of Detroit, corresponded, and we have the names of the boys, and their photographs after they were well grown up. At that date, at least five decades ago, several of the boys were in Australia, most of them were married, and doubtless Mary Ninde has a large representation in the present generation. Mary Davenhill became Mrs. John A. S. Lovatt, Esq., of Chislehurst.

Robert Ninde, of Worcester and Bristol, England.

Robert Ninde, who remained in England, had a daughter, Sarah Ward, who married a cousin, a Ward, a nephew of her grandmother, Sarah Ward Ninde; they had children but we have little knowledge of them. One of her grandsons, Radcliff Ward, came to this country for a visit early in the World War; while in New York City he came to Rome and called on us. He was an engineer and had been promoting a new railroad line from Paris to Switzerland, which was to shorten the distance 200 miles, and to which the war put an end. We have not heard from him since.

Elizabeth: Mrs. Samuel Cole.

Elizabeth was the youngest child of James Ninde and Sarah Ward that grew to maturity; she was born at Ramsbury Park, Wiltshire, England, and was brought to America, with several

of her father's other children, on his first visit to this country, in 1802. Not long after she was married to Samuel Cole, of Baltimore, a not very distant cousin. Six children lived to maturity: James, Catherine, Eliza Ward, Alfred, William Ninde, Samuel J.—Alfred died when a young boy. Mrs. Cole was a woman of rare qualities of mind and spirit; we have a beautiful tribute written by her son, but this outline affords no space for this and many other things that would be of much interest.

James Cole passed his younger years on the sea, but in middle life settled in Lyons, N. Y., married Susan Olin, had several children, but the family is now extinct. Catherine and Eliza Ward married in Baltimore; there were many children and grandchildren. Of the latter, Dr. Wm. Dulany Thomas, a prominent Baltimore physician—married and with an adopted daughter, and a nephew, Henry Thomas, remained in the city; Samuel Cole Redgrave was adopted by Joseph Cole, a Lyons relative; he became attached to a business house, married the daughter of the proprietor, and succeeded him in business. He was an officer in the army during the Civil War, and a daughter, Miss Irene Redgrave is living in Lyons—there may be other descendants. Besides the above there were many family connections in Baltimore and we know there are some still, but of which we have no definite information.

William Ninde Cole was long a prominent business man of Lyons, was publisher of the Wayne County Whig, and postmaster under President Fillmore. He married Emily, daughter of Capt. Ovid Goldsmith, of Athens, N. Y. In middle life he removed to Portage, Wisconsin, where he passed his remaining years. The children, who are still living, are: Isabella Hepburn, Hannah Buckley, and James A. Isabella Hepburn married Rodney O. Loomis, in 1869. Their children are: Isabel Chester, and Mary Emily. Hannah Buckley became Mrs. H. B. Fletcher. Their children are: Mabel, and John Pierpont. Mabel Fletcher became Mrs. Mabel F. Sheldon, and their children are: Emily Brewster, and John Fletcher. John Pierpont became a physician, and is superintendent of the Medical School, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa. The Pierpont children are Virginia, and John. Colonel James A. Cole, U. S. A., a retired Cavalry officer, resides at Charlottesville, Virginia.

NOTES

Samuel Cole, the husband of Elizabeth Ninde, was a son of Rev. John Cole, a cousin of James Ninde, Elizabeth's father; he was born at Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, England, and died in Baltimore, July 21st, 1821, in his 50th year. He is buried in St. Paul's churchyard, contiguous to the Ninde-Stewart tomb. For many years he filled the office of Registrar of the Vestry of St. Paul's Parish and Clerk—These facts are recorded on his tombstone.

The senior James Ninde and John Cole were cousins; so that when their children, William and Bessie Ninde, married Mary and Samuel Cole, their children were more than double cousins, and the strong blood relationship continued down through the following generations. These close ties of consanguinity seemed to react psychologically, and there has been a keen sense of friendship between the Nindes and Coles which is felt to the present day.

The family name has had a marvelous orthographic journey down the centuries, as has been the case with many other names; the reasons are various, but in part from the fact that often the one giving his name had to pronounce it simply because he could not write, and with the many dialects in England there was constant liability for errors (it is said that the residents of contiguous counties were often unable to understand one another). In 1086 it was Nymesfield, meaning, Nymes-clearing; in 1272 it was Nynesfell; in 1413, Nendsfeld; in 1845, Nynd. This is from a New History of Gloucestershire. Another authority runs from 1653 to 1821 in this way: Nynde, Nynd, Nende, Ninde, Nind. It was first pronounced with the short "i" in 1821. Lieut. Colonel Frederick W. Nind, Royal Artillery, Retired, with whom we corresponded for years and until his death, used the short "i"; his place, in Parkstone, Dorset, he had named Nymdsfeld. He had a large family and three of his sons held commissions in the English service in the World War. James Ninde, Jr., restored the final "e" to our branch of the family.

These outlines have been very general in scope, a little more in detail as we came nearer home; there has been no attempt at uniformity, and few dates have been given; the intention has been mainly to give to the present generations the family tree from which they have sprung, and the connections between the several branches of which they are the twigs. While there may have been few outstanding characters in our family there have been few unworthy names on the list, and we can boast of many who have rendered honest, honorable, lifelong service in their several fields, and of whom we may well be proud—there have been some lives that have made the name distinguished. We have said little as to religion: with few exceptions the members of our families, as far as known, have been communicants largely of the Protestant Episcopal, or of the Methodist churches—very many have been active factors in Christian work. Our ancestor, James Ninde, was a vestryman in his parish of the English Church, and loyal in his observance of its sacraments, and at the same time an officer and lay-preacher under John Wesley. A large percentage of our men entered professional life, including the ministry, while there have been many farmers and mechanics, and many of our women have been teachers. We have given to the world Physicians, Lawyers, Clergymen, Teachers, Engineers, Farmers, Merchants, Mechanics, Soldiers, Sailors, Printers, Editors, and Authors: as far as known, no one of the family was ever hung, put in jail, or drummed out of town. Still, in his journal great grandfather James Ninde, tells that when his younger brother, Benjamin, was running behind in the estate that he was managing, he advised him to abscond, lest he be put in jail for debt. And he a vestryman of his parish Church, and a lay-preacher of John Wesley. It reveals a strange lack in the public conscience of that day. We do not think that the advice was taken, or it would have been noted in the "journal."

The clan has been marked by great family loyalty; there have perhaps been exceptions, but there has been largely a commendable pride in the name and the traditions of the family for generations as far back as our history is known. And our experience has been that those who have taken on the name have with it assumed the characteristic pride and loyalty of the clan. We are one in spirit as in name. May these high ideals persist, undimmed, down through all coming generations.