

# The Severance Genealogy

The Benjamin, Charles, and Lewis Lines  
of the  
Seventh Generation

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## PREFACE

The suggestion which led to the compilation of this genealogy was made at the Reunion of the Severance families in Michigan on August 21, 1919, when the compiler presented a paper on "Some Account of the Severance Family." This was followed by correspondence with members of the family and a search of records. The genealogy herewith submitted is the result. The motto of our English ancestors was "Virtus Praestantior Auro"—"Virtue stands before gold, or Virtue is greater than gold."

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## INTRODUCTION

"Bob" Burdette, the well-known humorist and preacher once said: "You better not trace your genealogy, you may find your ancestor hanging on a tree."

A southern gentleman hired an expert to trace his pedigree. His friend met him on the street one day and hailed him with: "What's the matter old man, are you feeling seedy?"

"No, not exactly that," replied the gentleman, "but I'll admit I've been worried of late. You remember I hired a man to trace my pedigree?"

"Yes," replied the friend, "what's the trouble, hasn't he been successful?"

"Successful! I should say he has. I'm having to give him *hush* money."

So far as my investigations have been carried, I have failed to find an ancestor who was not an honorable patriotic citizen. John Severans of Boston, born in 1609, in England was a man of parts and of influence in Boston. His forefathers belonged to the landed gentry in England. His descendants have been professional men, artisans, merchants, and laborers.

An account of the origin of the name Severance has been given by Rev. John F. Severance.<sup>1</sup> He has traced the name back through England to France, and Germany and on to Roman times in

<sup>1</sup> The Severans genealogical history compiled by Rev. John F. Severance of Chicago. Chicago, R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company, 1893.

Italy. While he has not been able to verify his statements with printed documents, still he is reasonably and morally certain of the several links in the chain. Without going into the discussions, I have given below an historical account drawn from several sources.

The root of the name is Se-ver from which came the various modifications,—Severin, Severinus, Severns, Severans, Severens, Severeans, Severance. The first man to bear the name, so far discovered, was the father of Lucius Septimus Severus, born 146 A. D. at Sepsis, an African coast town. He was a Roman citizen and spoke the Punic tongue. Many Roman families carried the name,—a poet under Augustus; an orator under Tiberius; the Emperor Septimus Severus, and others. The Gregorian calendar names a Saint Severin. A church founded in mediaeval Paris carries the name Saint Severin. The mediaeval outer walls of Cologne, Germany has some very fine gate towers one of which is the Severins gate which opens upon Severins Street, a main thoroughfare at the head of which stands the Saint Severins Church, where Saint Severins, a learned and a prominent bishop officiated for many years. There was also a John Severans in Germany in 1580. Marcus Aurelius Severins born 1589 was a distinguished physician who at the age of twenty-five was elected to the Chair of Anatomy and Medicine in the University of Medicine in Paris. He soon became Surgeon in Chief of La Hospitale

Incurables. Pierre Severinus was a noted Danish physician who received the title of Doctor of Medicine from the King on his return from the study of medicine in Paris.

There are many Severin families in France. Rachel Severin, Foutet, France, wrote me that a noted agriculturist and beet sugar specialist lives in the Aisne department and that there were many "landowners and landworkers in the valley of the Garonne near the Pyrenees Mountains by the name Severin and that several districts of France and many families carry the name Severac."

In England, we probably find our direct ancestors. There is a record in Burke's Landed Gentry, page 1247, stating that "there are ancient and broken records tracing the ancestry of the Severans of Shrawley to a remote period." John Severans of Shrawley had a son, Thomas, of Broadway and Powick, who was succeeded by his son, John of Powick, who married, Mary, daughter of Richard Langley. He begat three daughters and two sons, one of which died unmarried. The other, the youngest son, named John, was probably the patriarch of the Severances in America, although there is no positive proof of it. Our record, therefore, begins with John Severans of Ipswich, England, who was in Boston in 1637, a freeman, and a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery in 1640. He was one of the founders of Salisbury, Massachusetts. His name appears in the list of names of men to whom lots and acreages

were assigned in 1639. He was a "Prudential Man" (Selectman)<sup>2</sup> often put in charge of public trusts of various kinds, of which "there can be no better evidence of a faithful discharge of the duties so imposed upon him; all of which proves that he was a man of sterling integrity and especially fitted for the various trusts placed in his hands."

Burke's Landed Gentry gives us no further information on this point. The name here is spelled Severne, but the form of spelling is not important. However, the changes are interesting. John of Boston signed his name Severans, so also his eldest son, John, and his second son, Joseph, and it is probably true that his other sons, Ephraim and Benjamin did also, but the descendants of Joseph kept the variations—Severans first and second generations, Severens, third generation, then Seaverns for the fourth generation. On the other hand, the other branches of the family changed the form from Severans to Severance in the third generation, about 1700.

<sup>2</sup> The Severans genealogical history, p. XI-XII.



*First Generation*

- (1) JOHN SEVERANS,<sup>1</sup> b. 1609?; d. April 9, 1682; m. in Ipswich, England, ....., 1635, Abigail Kimball, b.....; d. June 19, 1658; m. October 27, 1663, Mrs. Susanna Ambrose of Boston.

Salisbury, Mass.

- 1 Samuel,<sup>2</sup> b. September 19, 1637, d. young.
- 2 Ebenezer,<sup>2</sup> b. March 7, 1639, d. September, 1667, unm.
- 3 Abigail,<sup>2</sup> b. January 7, 1641, d. same day.
- 4 Abigail,<sup>2</sup> b. May 25, 1643, m. November 29, 1664, John Church.
- 5 Mary,<sup>2</sup> b. August 5, 1645, m. November 3, 1663, James Coffin, of Nantucket, Mass.
- 6 John,<sup>2</sup> b. November 27, 1647.
- 7 Joseph,<sup>2</sup> b. February 15, 1650.
- 8 Elizabeth,<sup>2</sup> b. April 8, 1652, d. ...., 1656.
- 9 Benjamin,<sup>2</sup> b. January 13, 1654.
- 10 Ephraim,<sup>2</sup> b. April 8, 1656.
- 11 Elisabeth,<sup>2</sup> } m. 1686, Samuel Eastman of Salisbury
- 12 A dau.,<sup>2</sup> } b. June 17, 1658, d. June 23, following.

*Second Generation*

Ephraim<sup>2</sup> (John<sup>1</sup>) b. April 8, 1656 at Salisbury, Mass. m. November 9, 1682 to Lydia Morrill. Executor of his father's will.

- 1 Ebenezer, b. November 29, 1694 at Salisbury, Mass.

*Third Generation*

Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> (Ephraim,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) b. November 29, 1694 at Salisbury, Mass. Son of Ephraim and Lydia. m. Anna, daughter of Abraham and Margaret Choat Fitts, Jr., of Ipswich, Mass.

1 Ephraim, b. November 17, 1723, Ipswich, Mass.

*Fourth Generation*

Ephraim,<sup>4</sup> (Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> Ephraim,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) b. November 17, 1723 at Ipswich, Mass. Son of Ebenezer and Margaret. He settled in Washington, New Hampshire at an early date and was a member of the first board of Selectmen in 1777, after the name of the town was changed from Camden to Washington. In his old age he moved to Topham, Vt., with his son, Daniel, and died there at an advanced age. We have knowledge of four of his sons and two daughters: Ephraim, *Daniel*, Rufus, Abel, Abigail, Molly.

*Fifth Generation*

Daniel,<sup>5</sup> (Ephraim,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> Ephraim,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) b. about 1750, near New Ipswich, N. H. He settled in Washington, N. H. as early as 1778. Died at Topham, Vt., March 10, 1817. m. Betsy Safford of New Ipswich, N. H. They had eleven children: Daniel, Jr., *Benjamin*, Nathan, Reuben, Micah, Abijah, Joel, William, Betsey born in Washington, N. H.

*Sixth Generation*

Benjamin,<sup>6</sup> (Daniel,<sup>5</sup> Ephraim,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> Ephraim,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) b. Washington, N. H. in 1782 where he resided many years and then settled in Claremont, N. H. where he died September 29, 1825. m. Betsey Dodge of Andover, Vt., who was born 1754 and died July 27, 1828, aged 74 years. They had eleven children, all born in Washington, N. H.

- 1 *Charles*, b. December 21, 1805, m. Martha Lamb about 1829, moved to Geneva, N. Y. 1830 and to a farm about four miles from Walled Lake, Michigan in 1835.
- 2 *Ezra*, b. June 24, 1809, m. Susan Lamb, settled near Plymouth, Michigan, d. January 10, 1879. Their children were: Daniel, Horace, Frank, Lucien, Rozina, Emma, Elizabeth.
- 3 *Betsey*, b. 1808, d. February 7, 1863.
- 4 *Joseph*, b. July 4, 1810, d. in Enfield, N. H., February 18, 1848.
- 5 *Daniel*, b. February 26, 1812.
- 6 *Nathan*, b. 1813, d. April 21, 1839.
- 7 *Benjamin, Jr.*, b. July 1, 1814, d. in Claremont, 1886.
- 8 *Loammie*, b. September 20, 1815, d. in Claremont about 1887.
- 9 *Lucinda*, b. February 6, 1817, m. William Redfield, Claremont, N. H. and died there about 1890. Her children were William Harrison, Claremont, N. H., d. about 1910; Mary, m. Orlando Goward, lives in Cornish, N. H.; Louis, Claremont, N. H., d. about 1920.

10 Mary, b. April 10, 1818, m. John Milton.

11 *Lewis*, b. March 25, 1822, m. Oct. 9, 1846, Almeda  
Nancy Green.

*Seventh Generation* (Benjamin Severance line)

(1) Benjamin,<sup>7</sup> (Benjamin,<sup>6</sup> Daniel,<sup>5</sup> Ephraim,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup>  
Ephraim,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) b. July 1, 1814, Washington, N.  
H., d. 1886? Claremont, N. H., m. Lois F. Osgood,  
October 15, 1835.

1 Emily L., b. August 27, 1836, d. March 12, 1837.

2 *Charles Lucien*, b. January 25, 1839, d. November  
13, 1901.

3 Elizabeth L., b. Dec. 12, 1842, d. March 23, 1846.

4 George Henry, b. April 5, 1845, d. September 11,  
1924.

5 Lucinda E., b. January 24, 1848, d. August 17, 1850.

6 John L., b. August 20, 1850, d. October 10, 1853.

7 Benjamin F., b. March 8, 1853, d. November 13,  
1926.

(2) Loammie,<sup>7</sup> b. September 20, 1815, m. Nancy Burnap,  
Ludlow, Vt., January 16, 1837, d. about 1887.

1 Joseph, b. February 22, 1839, d. July 24, 1841.

2 John, b. December 13, 1842, d. August 18, 1843.

3 Lydia A., b. April 25, 1845, d. 1923? m. Charles F.  
Webster, October 1869.

a Charles, b. 1875? d. 1890?

b Eugene, b. 1877?

c Winnie, b. 1880?

*Eighth Generation*

(1) Charles Lucien,<sup>8</sup> (Benjamin,<sup>7</sup> Benjamin,<sup>6</sup> Daniel,<sup>5</sup>  
Ephraim,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> Ephraim,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) b. Janu-

ary 25, 1839, Claremont, N. H., d. November 13, 1901, m. Laura H. Blake, October 10, 1871, Claremont, N. H. Educated in public schools of Claremont. Enlisted and was mustered into Co. G, 5th N. H. Vols. Oct. 12, 1861. Wounded at battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862 and carried ball in his thigh for rest of his life. Transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps July 1, 1863. Mustered out at the end of his term of enlistment October, 1864. Participated in the siege of Yorktown, battle of Fair Oaks and the seven days fight. Also served as Corporal. Served as post commander, Grand Army of the Republic and on the staff of State Department Commander. Did much in building up the south part of Claremont known as "Severanceville." Member of the New Hampshire Legislature in 1893 and re-elected 1895. Always a Republican, and a Universalist.

1 Harry Lucien Don, b. June 17, 1880.

(2) George Henry,<sup>8</sup> b. April 5, 1845, d. September 11, 1924, Claremont, N. H., m. Mrs. Vietta (Stockwell) Smith, November 21, 1877. Carpenter and builder; spent most of his active years in the development of south part of Claremont. Member, Trinity Lutheran Church.

1 Anna Lois, Claremont, N. H., b. September 3, 1878, Postal Clerk 1899-1901, m. James H. Carroll of Claremont, June 12, 1901.

2 Sophronia, b. April 7, 1880, graduate of Fitchburg Normal 1906, Principal Way Junior High School, Claremont, N. H.

3 George Henry, Jr., minister, Detroit, Michigan, b. April 8, 1884. A.B., Middlebury College, 1908, B. D. Gen. Theolog. Sem., N. Y. City, A.M., Columbia University 1913. Ordained to Episcopal ministry December 21, 1911, missionary in charge of Okanogan County, Washington, 1914. He now has a parish in Detroit, Michigan, m. June 22, 1921, Liela Parsons.

a Hope Vietta, b. Oct. 27, 1923.

4 Ethel M., New Haven, Conn., b. May 29, 1888. Graduate Fitchburg Normal School 1911. Teacher in Mass. and Connecticut.

#### *Ninth Generation*

(1) Harry Lucien Don,<sup>9</sup> (Charles Lucien,<sup>8</sup> Benjamin,<sup>7</sup> Benjamin,<sup>6</sup> Daniel,<sup>5</sup> Ephraim,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> Ephraim,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) b. June 17, 1880, Claremont, N. H., m. Marian A. Doe of Rumney, N. H., June 28, 1906. Graduate Dunbar Business College. Post Office Clerk Claremont, N. H., 1901-1909. Ass't. postmaster 1909-1923. Postmaster, 1923 to date. Commissioned by President Calvin Coolidge. 32nd degree Mason.

1 Ruth Ellen, b. November 18, 1915.

#### *Seventh Generation (Charles Severance line)*

(1) Charles,<sup>7</sup> (Benjamin,<sup>6</sup> Daniel,<sup>5</sup> Ephraim,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> Ephraim,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) b. December 21, 1805, Washing-

ton, New Hampshire, m. July 15, 1830, Martha Lamb,<sup>1</sup> b. March 9, 1812. Moved to Geneva, N. Y., 1830, then to a farm about four miles from Walled Lake, Michigan in 1835.

- 1 Lewis D., b. 1831, d. 1846.
- 2 Charles Lamb, b. December 14, 1833, d. April 30, 1907, m. June 12, 1856, Louisa Forbush, b. March 4, 1934, d. December 26, 1909.
- 3 Thomas Chalkley, b. December 18, 1835, d. June 6, 1914.
- 4 Adelia Diana, b. November 8, 1837, m. Glover Williams, d.
- 5 Nathan Ezra, b. April 22, 1840, d. February 22, 1920.
- 6 John, b. March 23, 1843, d. April 28, 1894.
- 7 King Jotham, b. July 7, 1844, d. February 11, 1927.
- 8 Elmina, b. May 14, 1850, m. Frank Sherman, d. January 8, 1892.

*Eighth Generation* (Charles Severance line)

- (1) Charles Lamb,<sup>8</sup> (Charles,<sup>7</sup> Benjamin,<sup>6</sup> Daniel,<sup>5</sup> Ephraim,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> Ephraim,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) Farmer and merchant, b. Dec. 14, 1833, Geneva, N. Y., d. April 30, 1907. Moved with his parents to Walled Lake, Michigan, 1835, m. June 12, 1856, Louisa Forbush,

<sup>1</sup> Martha Lamb was the daughter of Nehemiah Lamb and Hannah Palmer Lamb. Four of her brothers were Baptist ministers in Michigan,—Caleb, Reuben, Samuel, and Roswell. Thomas was a physician. Content married Horace Johns; Jane, Mr. Olds, and Susan, Ezra Severance. Hannah Palmer's sister, Thankful B., married Wells Hartsough. Their children were Harriet Emma, Mary Elizabeth, Sarah Amelia, Palmer, and Ursula. Palmer is a well-known musician and composer of hymns and songs.

b. March 4, 1834, d. December 26, 1909, Flint, Mich. Lived at St. Johns, Mich., Andalusia, Ill., Walled Lake, and South Lyon, Mich.

1 Perry, b. June 2, 1857, d. October 9, 1863, Walled Lake.

2 Arthur, b. Sept. 19, 1860, Walled Lake, Mich.

3 Eugene, b. July 16, 1862, Walled Lake, Mich.

4 Palmer, b. July 30, 1864, Walled Lake, Mich.

5 Henry Ormal, b. Feb. 19, 1867, St. Johns, Mich.

6 Clara Catherine, b. March 17, 1871, Andalusia, Ill.

7 Charles, b. November 4, 1873, Andalusia, Ill.

(2) Thomas Chalkley,<sup>8</sup> Farmer, b. December 18, 1835, Northville, Mich., d. June 6, 1914, Pullman, Washington, m. 1858, Martha McCall, b. April 20, 1838, d. Jan. 8, 1884. All the children were born on the farm near Walled Lake, Michigan.

1 Martha, b. Sept. 26, 1861, d. Feb. 21, 1925.

2 Thomas Chalkley, Jr., A.B. 1889, A.M. 1893, University of Michigan, teacher, merchant, and undertaker, b. July 26, 1863, d. Sept. 11, 1903, Rochester, Mich., m. Julia Mason.

a Wilbur, b. Nov. 8, 1899.

b Wilson, b. Nov. 8, 1899.

3 Mary, b. August 16, 1864, d. June 30, 1878.

4 Lewis, A.B., University of Michigan, 1892. Attorney at Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota. b. 1867, m. Nov. 1891, Lillie Holton, b. Nov. 2, 1874.

a Mark, L. H., b. Oct. 28, 1899.

5 Ira, Minneapolis, Minn., b. Jan. 18, 1869, m. April 27, 1899, Blanche M. Lewis.

a Lewis, b. April 13, 1900.



- b Irene, b. Nov. 21, 1907.
- 6 Irene, Spokane, Washington, b. Oct. 29, 1871, m. Oct. 1, 1916, Warren E. Waste, b. July 16, 1868.
- 7 George, B.S. Michigan State College, Professor, State Agr. College, Pullman, Wash., b. Feb. 4, 1874, m. Aug. 28, 1908, Ethel E. Espy, b. April 9, 1883.
  - a Percy Howard, b. Nov. 10, 1908, Pullman, Wash.
  - b Mabel Grace, b. Feb. 26, 1910, Palouse, Wash.
  - c Helen Katherine, b. Dec. 4, 1913, Pullman, Wash.
  - d Ethel Jean, b. July 6, 1924, Pullman, Wash.
- 8 Howard, Student Michigan state college, b. April 7, 1876, d. Aug. 17, 1910 at Wixom, Mich.
- 9 Mabel Connelly, teacher, b. Nov. 4, 1879, d. Feb. 20, 1913 at Puyallup, Wash.
- (3) Adelia Diana,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 8, 1837, Walled Lake, Mich., d. m. Glover B. Williams, b. July 27, 1827, d. Dec. 14, 1898.
  - 1 Otho T. Farmer, b. Nov. 23, 1866, St. Johns, Mich., d. Jan. 25, 1926.
  - 2 Warren G., Farmer, b. March 26, 1869, St. Johns, Mich., m. Myrtie Johnson, who died June 21, 1913.
    - a Harold, b. Aug. 9, m. Gladys Pyle.
    - b Belva, m. Archie Alverson.
  - 3 Estelle, b. March 7, 1873, d. Feb. 19, 1923, m. George H. Bond.
  - 4 Lura, Laingsburg, Mich., b. Aug. 20, 1875, m. Fred M. Baker, b. Dec. 12, 1874.

- a Doris, b. Feb. 6, 1901, m. Feb. 11, 1926,  
Barnie Sheren.
- (4) Nathan Ezra,<sup>8</sup> Farmer, Mason, Michigan, b. April 22,  
1840, Walled Lake, Mich., d. Feb. 22, 1920, m.  
Dec. 16, 1868, Janette Thoburn, b. July 23, 1845, in  
Lanarkshire, Scotland.
- 1 Walter E., Farmer, Mason, Michigan, b. July 18,  
1870, Walled Lake, Mich., m. Oct. 3, 1894, Alice  
Fay.
- 2 Frank J., Farmer, Mason, Mich., b. Sept. 4, 1873 at  
Mason, Mich., m. May 1, 1907, Amy V. Bullen.  
a Lenore Janette, b. Feb. 18, 1908.
- 3 Agnes May, Mason, Mich., b. August 27, 1876 at  
Mason, Mich.
- 4 Minnie E., teacher, Mason, Mich., b. June 15, 1882  
at Mason, Mich.
- (5) John,<sup>8</sup> Farmer, shoemaker, b. May 23, 1842 at Walled  
Lake, Mich., d. April 28, 1894, m. Nov. 19, 1862,  
Marian McCall, b. March 7, 1841, d. June 24, 1916.
- 1 Betsey, b. Sept. 17, 1863, Walled Lake, d. Oct. 7,  
1863.
- 2 Melvin, farmer, St. Johns, Mich., b. Sept. 18, 1865,  
St. Johns, Mich., m. April 9, 1887, Minnie Mur-  
dock.  
a Frances May, b. Aug. 26, 1891, m. May 4,  
1912, Jesse A. Winslow.  
b Carrie Margaret, b. July 7, 1895.  
c Leslie Clark, b. July 28, 1902.
- 3 Lemuel, minister, insurance agent, Hastings, Mich.,  
b. Jan. 24, 1868, St. Johns, Mich., m. June 15,  
1898, Laura May Chappell.

- a Alice Marian, student Western Normal College, b. Aug. 24, 1899, m. June 30, 1925, Wayne Frey.
  - b Lois May, student Western Normal College, b. Oct. 8, 1901.
  - c Ernest Lemuel, b. August 6, 1903.
  - d Hazel Margaret, b. Sept. 13, 1905.
  - e Helen Sarah, student Western Normal College, b. Sept. 7, 1907.
  - f Beulah Lucile, b. July 28, 1910.
- 4 John Wesley, Bad Axe, Mich., b. Oct. 29, 1869, St. Johns, Mich., m. July 3, 1919, Henrietta Strudwick, who died May 29, 1927.
- 5 Adelaide Connelly, b. July 21, 1871, Walled Lake, Mich., m. May 2, 1888, Fred Miles.
- a Perry Connelly, merchant, New Hudson, Mich., b. May 27, 1889, Novi, Michigan, m. Oct. 19, 1910, Iva Mae Ellis.
    - 1 George Frederick, b. Oct. 10, 1911, New Hudson, Mich.
    - 2 Vivian, b. Aug. 8, 1913, New Hudson, Mich.
    - 3 Margaret Ila, b. Oct. 10, 1919, Pontiac, Mich., d. Oct. 28, 1920.
  - b Louie Bion, merchant, Royal Oak, Mich., b. April 21, 1891, Novi, Mich., m. Dec. 28, 1916, Bessie Ada Renwick, who died Nov. 13, 1913, m. May 12, 1915, Ivanell Renwick.
    - 1 Robert Lawrence, b. Mar. 7, 1916.
    - 2 Betty E., b. Aug. 14, 1919.

- 3 Stanley Richard, b. Mar. 1, 1925.
- c Mabel Alice, b. March 4, 1893, d. Aug. 4, 1893.
- d Earl Nelson, B.L., U. of Mich. 1923, b. Oct. 6, 1898, Novi, Mich., m. Dec. 30, 1925, Irene Loraine Schultz.
- 1 Earl Nelson, b. Feb. 1, 1927.
- e Ethelwyn Blanche, graduate University of School of Music, musical director of public schools, b. Nov. 4, 1902, Novi, Mich., m. Sept. 2, 1926, Stanley J. Voorhees of Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 6 Sophronia Elmina, b. Nov. 13, 1872, Walled Lake, Mich., m. Sept. 6, 1892, Ray Sibley Drew.
- a Mabel Drew, b. Sept. 22, 1895, m. April 15, 1916, Leslie Edward Hadley.
- 1 Barbara Jean, b. Feb. 3, 1918.
- 2 Lois Winnifred, b. June 15, 1919.
- b Marian Adelaide, b. April 11, 1897, m. Nov. 23, 1927, Ben Brock.
- c Marieta Jeanette, b. June 2, 1898, m. May 21, 1916, George M. Audrich.
- 1 Virginia Georgiana, b. Feb. 14, 1918.
- 2 George, b. July 5, 1920.
- d Mildred Irene, b. Sept. 9, 1901, m. March 19, 1920, Leo Fay Ecord.
- 1 Blossom, b. Nov. 18, 1923.
- 7 Jeanette, b. March 20, 1874, Walled Lake, Mich., d. Jan. 1, 1876.
- 8 Martin L. W., b. June 2, 1875, Walled Lake, Mich., d. Feb. 11, 1880.

- 9 Chester Cole, b. Feb. 12, 1879, Walled Lake, Mich.,  
d. April 12, 1926, m. Aug. 20, 1898, Bessie Mabel  
Bone.  
a Esther Lois, b. Dec. 4, 1899, m. Aug. 3, 1922,  
Alderson Andrews.  
b Helen Janet, b. Feb. 16, 1902, m. May 30,  
1922, Carlton B. Henderson.  
1 Mary Esther, b. May 9, 1923.  
2 Douglas Severance, b. April 18, 1926.  
c Inez Leola, b. May 15, 1904, m. Oct. 31,  
Samuel H. Sullivan.  
d Glen Russel, b. Oct. 18, 1906.  
e Donald Bertram, b. Nov. 17, 1908.
- 10 Nellie, St. Louis, Mo., b. Aug. 2, 1879, Walled  
Lake, Mich.
- 11 Miraon, b. Oct. 7, 1881, Walled Lake, Mich., m.  
Nov. 19, 1902, May Allen.  
a Vernon.
- 12 Marian, St. Johns, Mich., b. Oct. 7, 1881, Walled  
Lake, Mich., m. Oct. 6, 1902, John Bandt.  
a Ruth Irene.
- 13 Earl Lewis, Ann Arbor, Mich., b. Aug. 3, 1883,  
Walled Lake, Mich., m. Nov. 19, 1903, Grace De-  
Groot, b. Mar. 3, 1883.  
a Aaron, b. Aug. 19, 1904.  
b Lena Rachel, b. Aug. 29, 1907.
- 14 Laura Mae, b. May 1, 1885, d. May 1, 1885.
- (6) King Jotham,<sup>8</sup> Farmer, b. July 7, 1844, Walled Lake,  
Mich., d. St. Johns, Mich., Feb. 11, 1927.  
A. m. Jan. 1, 1866, Sarah Cantwell, b. June 2, 1850,  
d. Mar. 3, 1877.

- 1 Cora Ann, Los Angeles, Cal., b. April 28, 1868,  
Walled Lake, Mich., m. Nov. 3, 1891, Ephraim  
Jennings Ford, b. Nov. 14, 1859, Howell, Mich.  
a Claude William, b. Dec. 30, 1898, m. Jan. 1,  
1920, Beatrice Edna Brooks, b. Oct. 2, 1896.
- 2 Lucy, Mason, Mich., b. Sept. 10, 1870, Walled Lake,  
m. 1913, Edgar M. Moore, b. June 29, 1867.  
a Kay Ralph, b. May 24, 1914.
- 3 Charles Jotham, b. Oct. 9, 1872, Walled Lake, Mich.,  
m. Sept. 1, 1906, Cora E. Slaybough, b. Dec. 10,  
1878.  
a Charles Stanley, b. June 2, 1907.
- 4 Emma Jane, b. Aug. 24, 1875, Walled Lake, Mich.,  
d. Feb. 20, 1927, m. Oct. 12, 1898, Addison Dar-  
win Stiles, b. June 24, 1861.  
a Verna May, b. Sept. 12, 1900.  
b Bruce Darwin, b. Dec. 11, 1906.
- B. m. April 9, 1878, Sophia Cornell, b. Feb. 22, .....,  
Windsor, Canada.
- 1 Edgar, b. April 22, 1879, Walled Lake, Mich.  
a Leona; b Cecil; c Joseph.
- 2 Naomi, b. June 11, 1881, East Jordan, Mich., m.  
B. C. Butler, Lansing, Mich.
- 3 Ruth, b. April 11, 1883, East Jordan, Mich., m.  
Frank Mankey, St. Johns, Mich.
- 4 Agnes, b. Jan. 18, 1885, East Jordan, Mich., m. C.  
H. Lyon, Lansing, Mich.
- (7) Elmina,<sup>8</sup> b. May 14, 1850, d. Jan. 8, 1892, m. 1875,  
O. Frank Sherman, d. Sept. 2, 1915, Syracuse, N.Y.
- 1 Sylvia F., Charlotte, Mich., b. Jan. 12, 1876, m.  
Jan. 10, 1899, Clinton E. Canfield.

- a Leonard Sherman, b. May 8, 1900, d. Aug. 6, 1904.
  - b Clyde Eugene, b. Dec. 13, 1902, d. Mar. 9, 1903.
  - c Donald Otis, b. Nov. 16, 1906.
  - d Neill Curtis, b. Feb. 28, 1914.
  - e Dee Forest, b. Aug. 27, 1918.
  - f Clare E., b. May 18, 1921, d. May 18, 1921.
- 2 Hiram Charles, Syracuse, N. Y., b. Feb. 9, 1878.
- 3 Daisy Adelia, b. Dec. 12, 1880, m. Benjamin Taylor, Ionia, Mich., d. Sept. 27, 1903.
- 4 Otis Fuller, b. May 12, 1883, m. Feb. 4, 1909, Bessie G. Noyes.
- a Gertrude Severance, b. Nov. 2, 1909.
  - b Margaret Noyes, b. Dec. 16, 1911.
  - c Richard Otis, b. March 20, 1917.
  - d Jean Eleanore, b. July 5, 1924.
- 5 Luretta Janette, Niles, Mich., b. April 16, 1885, m. 1901, D. W. Townsend.
- 6 Alice Mary, May, b. Feb. 1887, d. May 1888.
- 7 Lura Elmina, b. March 27, 1889, m. Jan. 9, 1910, Arthur E. Brooks, St. Johns, Mich.
- a Miona Rose, b. June 6, 1913.
  - b Sylvia Lanore, b. Oct. 7, 1916.
  - c Marvin LeRoy, b. March 29, 1919.
  - d Betty Jean, b. Oct. 28, 1925.

*Ninth Generation (Charles Severance Line)*

- (1) Arthur,<sup>9</sup> (Charles Lamb,<sup>8</sup> Charles,<sup>7</sup> Benjamin,<sup>6</sup> Daniel,<sup>5</sup> Ephraim,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> Ephraim,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>), Mason,

farmer, merchant, Flint, Mich., b. Sept. 19, 1860, Walled Lake, Mich., m. Celinda Susan Mascho, Dec. 23, 1880, b. May 16, 1859.

- 1 Clarence Arthur, b. Aug. 25, 1882, d. Sept. 11, 1883.
- 2 Stephen Lewis, Engineer, student, Mich. State College, Kenosha, Wisconsin, b. June 11, 1884, m. Nov. 25, 1909, Iva Lillian Shanck, b. Sept. 25, 1885.
  - a Stanley Edmond, b. Aug. 7, 1910.
  - b Wesley Arthur, b. April 22, 1912.
  - c Russell Verne, b. Dec. 2, 1913.
- 3 Jennie Electa, b. April 26, 1886, m. Lewis Martin Richmond, b. Aug. 21, 1886, mechanic, Flint, Mich.
  - a Martin James, b. July 21, 1905.
  - b Fay Adah, b. March 6, 1909, d. March 14, 1909.
  - c Reo Marguerite, b. June 26, 1912.
  - d Erie Arline, b. Aug. 25, 1914.
- 4 Adah Pleasant, b. Nov. 3, 1891, m. April 30, 1913 to Porter J. Bentley, b. Jan. 2, 1887, farmer, Mount Morris, Mich.
  - a Arthur Smith, b. Jan. 26, 1914.
- 5 Ora James, Mason, Flint, Mich., b. Oct. 15, 1889, m. Feb. 24, 1915 to Mary Ellen Gekeler, b. Aug. 12, 1889.
  - a Clifford Arthur, b. Feb. 23, 1917.
- 6 Margaret Louisa, b. Jan. 27, 1893, m. Feb. 24, 1917 to Clarence Bigelow, b. Aug. 26, 1892, mechanic, Flint, Mich.
  - a George W., b. Dec. 22, 1917.



- b Charles J., b. Oct. 28, 1918.
- c Myron C., b. Jan. 12, 1920.
- d Ralph L., Feb. 12, 1921.
- 7 Charles Jacob, b. Feb. 9, 1901, m. Dec. 23, 1924 to Pearl Dickinson, b. April 27, 1901, Flint, Mich.
  - a Bentley Jane, b. Nov. 17, 1926.
- (2) Eugene,<sup>9</sup> teacher, minister, rancher, real estate dealer, Santa Ana, California, grad. Mich. Normal College, b. July 16, 1862.
  - A. m. June 27, 1894, Frances A. Patterson, Vernon, Mich., divorced Aug. 21, 1916.
  - 1 Evelyn Mary, b. April 4, 1899, Reading, Mich., m. Thomas Henry Spohr, b. June 29, 1892, Colorado Springs.
    - a Frances Jean, b. Nov. 21, 1921, Los Angeles, Cal.
  - 2 Paul Donald, b. Jan. 17, 1901, Stanton, Mich., d. July 27, 1921, Santa Ana, California.
    - B. m. Oct. 24, 1917, Jewell Pearce, Riverside, California, b. Dec. 2, 1893.
    - 1 Eugenia Marie, b. June 13, 1924, Riverside, California.
- (3) Palmer,<sup>9</sup> farmer, mason, builder, Flint, Mich., b. July 30, 1864, m. Sept. 8, 1886, Mary A. Lowe, b. April 26, 1868.
  - 1 William, b. Oct. 6, 1887, d. March 21, 1908.
  - 2 Elmer, insurance agent, Flint, Michigan, b. April 20, 1890, m. Sept. 18, 1912, Hattie Hutchinson, b. Sept. 22, 1889.
    - a Dorothy Grace, b. June 14, 1913.
    - b Ida Mary, b. Aug. 30, 1914.

- c Palmer Elmer, b. Nov. 19, 1915.
- d Donald Edwin, b. Dec. 25, 1916.
- e Ruth Lucile, b. April 14, 1922.
- f Walter Merlyn, b. May 8, 1924.
- g Pearl Harriet, b. June 1927.
- 3 Madgie, b. June 9, 1892, d. April 26, 1905
- 4 Grace, b. Aug. 23, 1894, d. April 13, 1913.
- 5 Henry L., merchant, Flint, Mich., b. June 17, 1899,  
m. April 18, 1916, Myrtle Smith.
- 6 Rollin, Minister, Flint, Mich., b. June 20, 1901, m.  
March 3, 1924, Henrietta De Young.
  - a Ellen Catherine, b. Aug. 19, 1925.
  - b Robert Henry, b. Nov. 26, 1926.
- 7 Alta May, b. Oct. 5, 1903, m. April 7, 1921, Judson  
Bigelow, Flint, Mich.
  - a Marianna Harriet, b. Oct. 6, 1926.
- 8 Nora, b. June 28, 1908.
- (4) Henry Ormal,<sup>9</sup> A.M., M.Pd., Librarian, Columbia,  
Missouri, b. Feb. 19, 1867, m. Jan. 18, 1898, Anna  
M. Lane, b. July 7, 1867.
  - 1 Esther Grace, b. Sept. 21, 1905, B.S., U. of Mo.  
1926.
  - 2 Philip Lane, b. May 17, 1907, student U. of Mo.  
and U. of Mich.
- (5) Clara Catherine,<sup>9</sup> b. March 17, 1871, student Mich.  
Normal College, m. June 30, 1896, Albert George  
Weatherhead, b. Dec. 14, 1869 and d. March 18,  
1920, Flint, Mich.
  - 1 Pearl Harriet, b. Aug. 14, 1901, trained nurse.
  - 2 Lyle Albert, b. Nov. 25, 1906, d. Aug. 9, 1920.

- (6) Charles,<sup>9</sup> farmer, Cass City, Mich., b. Nov. 4, 1873.  
A. m. April 28, 1896, Carrie E. English, d. May 1896  
B. m. March 21, 1900, Gertrude Emily Patch, b.  
April 19, 1876.
- 1 Stephen Henry, b. May 21, 1901, d. May 27, 1901.
- 2 Roy William, Graduate, Mich. State College, teacher, b. Dec. 24, 1902.
- 3 Vernon Elmer, poultryman, postal clerk, Cass City, Mich., student, U. of Missouri, b. Aug. 21, 1904, m. Sept. 13, 1926, Erma Irene Smith, b. Aug. 10, 1909.
- 4 Charles Louis, b. June 9, 1907.
- 5 Harry Arthur, b. Feb. 6, 1909.
- 6 Helen Gertrude, b. April 6, 1912.
- 7 Lloyd Dean, b. April 24, 1916.
- 8 Bessie Arlene, b. Oct. 24, 1919, d. Nov. 18, 1919.
- 9 Clara Edith, b. Feb. 8, 1921.

*Seventh Generation (Lewis Severance line)*

- (1) Lewis,<sup>7</sup> (Benjamin,<sup>6</sup> Daniel,<sup>5</sup> Ephraim,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> Ephraim,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) b. March 25, 1822, Claremont, N. H., m. Oct. 9, 1846, Almeda Nancy Green, b. Oct. 9, 1830, Commerce, Mich., d. June 9, 1892.
- 1 Ellen Sophronia, b. Feb. 26, 1846, Flat Rock, Michigan, d. April 15, 1922, m. Edgar Hiram Moore, West Bloomfield, Mich.
- a Edgar McClellan, livestock breeder, Mason, Mich., b. June 24, 1867.
- A. m. March 16, 1905, Sarah Lamb, b. Feb. 2, 1882, d. Jan. 15, 1913.

## SEVERANCE GENEALOGY

B. m. Oct. 29, 1913, Lucy Severance, b. Sept. 10, 1870.

1 Kay Ralph, b. 1914.

b Andrew Lewis, attorney-at-law, Pontiac, Mich., b. Oct. 18, 1870, m. Oct. 9, 1895 to Emma Kinkley.

2 Emma Sophia, b. April 27, 1850, Flat Rock, Mich., d. May 9, 1926, m. Dec. 26, 1871, Joseph L. Seaton, farmer, Fenton, Mich., d. Mar. 27, 1919.

a Lewis Richard, b. Nov. 2, 1876, m. Mar. 3, 1897, Edna Marsh, b. Aug. 3, 1875, Fenton, Mich.

1 Velma, b. Mar. 2, 1899.

3 Charlotte Emily, b. June 8, 1853.

m. Jan. 23, 1879, Frederick C. Beeman, Fenton, Mich.

a Karl Reynolds, b. Oct. 28, 1879.

b Hiram Howard, b. Nov. 15, 1883.

A. m. July 20, 1895 to Emma Miller, b. Nov. 15, 1883, d. May 29, 1911.

1 Helen Mae, b. April 27, 1906, m. Aug. 21, 1924, Leland Brass.

a Howard Leland, b. Sept. 20, 1920.

2 Olive Pauline, b. Feb. 10, 1908, m. June 30, 1926, Howard P. Hicks.

B. m. Aug. 28, 1912 to Hazel Griswold, b. June 8, 1887.

c Bessie Almeda, b. Oct. 24, 1886, m. Oct. 14, 1913, Dr. James Duncan Campbell, Hopkins, Mich.

- 1 Margaret Jean, b. Sept. 26, 1914.
- 2 Barbara Catherine, b. Oct. 10, 1916.
- 3 John Malcolm, b. March 27, 1918.
- 4 Charlotte Ruth, b. April 5, 1919.
- d Ralph Earl Vincent, b. July 20, 1888, d. Aug. 20, 1919, m. Oct. 20, 1910, Mae Trimner, Reed City, d. Oct. 1918.
  - 1 Dorothy Janice b. Oct. 12, 1912.
  - 2 Robert Raymond, b. Dec. 8, 1913.
  - 3 Marie Margaret, b. Sept. 26, 1915.
  - 4 Ralph Trimner, b. Nov. 20, 1917.
- 4 Edgar Carlos, b. April 18, 1856, farmer, Fenton, Mich., m. Oct. 15, 1884, Hettie A. Sullivan.
  - a Clare Sullivan, b. Oct. 22, 1887.
- 5 Bessie Eva, b. Sept. 3, 1858, trained nurse, Pontiac, Mich.
- 6 Frederick Lewis, b. Jan. 23, 1863, Fenton, Mich., d. March 7, 1866.
- 7 Morris Ripley, Portland, Ore., b. Aug. 19, 1868, Fenton, Mich., m. April 2, 1890, Anna L. Stannard.
  - a Ruby Lucile, b. Dec. 24, 1891, grad. U. of Mich., m. 1906, Ray Burk Gripmen, Banker, Detroit, Mich.
    - 1 John Kindley, b. Sept. 15, 1917.
    - 2 Ray Burke, b. Jan. 9, 1919.
  - b Laverne Stannard, b. Oct. 28, 1902, grad. Ore. A. C. 1926.

