

A Branch of the Woodruff Family

From John Woodruffe
the Younger John
Nathaniel Woodruff and
Stephen Woodruff from
Southampton, L. I., New York

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At this late date it is difficult to find records of our family without searching the records of old wills, family bibles, land titles, church records and tombstones. I have followed all these methods, and when in doubt secured a genealogist to verify some records. The most valuable contribution to our records was the book by Francis Eben Woodruff, "The Woodruffs of New Jersey."

In his book Mr. Woodruff starts the record of our ancestors with:

1. Thomas Woodrove 1508-1552, Fordwich, Kent, England.
2. William Woodroffe, died 1587.
3. Robert Woodroffe, died 1611.
4. John Woodroffe, 1574-1611.
5. John Woodruffe, 1604-1670. This John moved from England to Southampton, Long Island, 1640.
6. John Woodruffe, younger son, 1650-1703.

In the book of wills of Suffolk county, New York, by Pelletreaux, is the will of John Woodruffe, made in 1701. He died in 1703. He gave the names of the boys first in order of their age, then the names of the girls in order of age. They were Samuel, Joseph, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Isaac, Jonathan, Sarah, Hannah, Abigail, Elizabeth. As John Woodruffe had inherited a fairly large estate of land in Southampton he was able to give each of the boys good farms. To each girl a suitable legacy of money, according to the custom at that time.

To the oldest son Samuel, and to his widow, were given the homestead on the main street, and other land. To Joseph he gave 20 pounds in money, as Joseph had decided to locate at Westfield, New Jersey. The other boys received land as described in the will. The family of Benjamin continued for many generations in the community of Southampton, and are listed in the history of Southampton by Howell.

The first mention by Howell of one of the Woodruffs who removed, was a descendant of Benjamin named Sylvester. Where he

located is not named. Another descendant of Benjamin who removed was Elias Woodruff who located at Plattsburg, New York. Another was Joseph Woodruff, who located in Orange County, New York. From the records by Howell it is indicated many of the descendants in Suffolk county, New York, were from the line of Benjamin.

The oldest son Samuel Woodruff retained the family homestead in Southampton after the death of his mother. About 1720 he had leased the home to another family, and about 1728 sold the home to the Pelletreaux family who retained the property for many generations. A picture of this home is in some of the early books about the town. I have not secured a list of Samuel's family.

Joseph Woodruff located at Westfield, New Jersey, and his family is the subject of the book by Francis Eben Woodruff, "The Woodruffs of New Jersey." In the list of ancestors (5 John Woodruffe), he had two sons both named John. The older son John left Southampton with John Ogden to become one of the founders of Elizabethtown, New Jersey. This older son John left a large family at Elizabeth and those families increased all around that part of Essex county. Thus there were two distinct branches of the Woodruff family from the two sons named John, in Essex county, New Jersey.

Next coming to Nathaniel Woodruff, mentioned in the will, he married Abigail Leek of Easthampton in 1705. It was stated in the will he should be given his land when he was twenty-one years old. I have assumed the date of his marriage may have coincided with the date he received his farm land. This was located at Bridgehampton, just east of Southampton. By this inference it would place his birth about 1684. I have not secured any information about Isaac and Jonathan, the two younger brothers. Genealogists have recorded the marriages of the Woodruff girls in Southampton. The first girl mentioned in the will was named Sarah Davis. Howell gives her birth date as January 20, 1660. She was over forty when her father John Woodruffe died. In trying to get her relationship we found a will of Zechariah Davis who named his brother-in-law Samuel Woodruff as the executor of his will. Through the Woodruff girls the family was related to other early families at Southampton.

When looking up the Davis family, several were recorded as being weavers. At some time, date not given, Nathaniel Woodruff, younger brother of Sarah, became a weaver. During the winter months if

there were not too many chores about the farm, Nathaniel may have become somewhat of a professional weaver. I have found no historical notes about him. But when the time came to write his will, recorded in New York Wills, Vol. 2, he wrote, "in the name of God, Amen. December 21, 1725. I, Nathaniel Woodruff of Southampton, in Suffolk county, weaver, being sick." etc. The will was proved March 31, 1726. The witnesses were Samuel Haines, Thomas Halsey, Charles Howell. Nathaniel was about 42 years old when he died. No doubt his sickness was severe for he knew two or three months before he died that he possibly would not recover.

We now take up in order the will of Nathaniel Woodruff, weaver, of Southampton, as we are descendants of this Nathaniel. After naming his wife Abigail to receive "one-third of my land and household goods, and the lower room in my dwelling house during her widowhood, I leave to my sons Nathaniel and Isaac, my home lot, to be equally divided between them, also my new lot of lands in the woods, also my upland and meadow at Brushy Neck and a 50 pound right of commonage from the Canoe Place to East Hampton bounds. I leave to my sons Isaac and Nathaniel each 5 shillings to be paid when of age. I leave to my children Abigail, Sarah, Ebenezer, Jonathan, Amy, Mary and Stephen all my goods and movables after my wife's decease. My executors are to sell my right of commonage in Quoque purchase."

We have not followed out the administration of the will, as our purpose here is to identify our members of the family. Howell in his history did not follow up Nathaniel's children as he did those of Benjamin. But Francis Eben Woodruff gave minutely all the information available about Joseph Woodruffe, who located at Westfield, New Jersey. The writer assumed that if Nathaniel's children did not continue to be permanently identified in Southampton, the same as the children of Benjamin, the logical place to look for them might be near some of their relatives who had migrated elsewhere.

In this way by reading in "Woodruffs of New Jersey," about the location of Joseph Woodruffe, and his location on the Rahway river, then in Joseph's will a reference to the loom at Nathaniel Woodruff's, we found a clue to the old loom of Nathaniel Woodruff, weaver, our ancestor. So the first son of Nathaniel, Nathaniel Jr., fell heir to his father's loom, left Southampton instead of staying on his farm

with his brother Isaac, and went to New Jersey to become a professional weaver. Of course he may have done farming also, but we did not locate any land belonging to him at his new location.

Nathaniel Woodruff, thus being located, we wanted confirmation. We looked up New Jersey wills giving the name of Nathaniel Woodruff and found some naming him as Nathaniel Woodruff, the weaver, at Ashswamp, on the road to Rahway. One was by a Mr. Meeker, from whose estate a payment was made to Nathaniel Woodruff, weaver. In another will Nathaniel Woodruff had given a bond and it had not been paid. This will also named him at Ashswamp. These dates were about 1740 to 1750. How long Nathaniel remained at Ashswamp we did not learn. The possibility may have been that he returned to his farm at Southampton, and with Isaac again. There was still Jonathan and Stephen, younger brothers to account for. At some time not yet learned, Stephen Woodruff became a weaver also. He too seems to have joined with Nathaniel at Ashswamp.

We are now interested in Stephen Woodruff, because he became our ancestor. While associated with Nathaniel, Stephen was active in the Westfield community and became acquainted with Hannah Crane, who he married. Judging by Nathaniel Woodruff's will in 1725 that Stephen was the youngest child, he was born about 1720. Just when he got married we could not learn because the records of the Westfield Presbyterian Church of that date had been lost or burned. We could find no references to Stephen Woodruff, weaver, as having owned a farm or other land. To identify his further relationship, the New Jersey Historical Society referred us to Charles Gardner, who identified in a will of Jonathan Crane, a grandson Stephen Woodruff, to receive a part of the Crane farm, and a Sarah Woodruff, granddaughter, to be given a legacy by Stephen. As a further identification, Stephen Woodruff, this grandson, had joined Scotch Plains Baptist Church.

Not having a family record to guide us we again had to depend on a court record that stated a guardian had been appointed December 27, 1769, for Stephen Woodruff, son of Stephen Woodruff. The object of appointing a guardian was because the father Stephen Woodruff had died. After a diligent search we located a tombstone "Stephen Woodruff, died 1769," in the cemetery at the end of "the road to Rahway." This tombstone is at the front iron fence.

We could find no explanation for the mention of Hannah being the wife of Wm. Terry. This indicated she had become separated from Stephen and remarried. With only two children mentioned as the children of Stephen and Hannah, our ancestor thus became this Stephen Woodruff. He too became a weaver. This identification was made by a grandson Samuel Woodruff, who stated his grandfather was a weaver, and came from New Jersey. This reference is in the History of Cincinnati and Hamilton county, by Ford. In a recent issue of Proceedings of New Jersey Historical Society, July 1945, is a Scudder's Almanac. Under date of September 19, 1786, Stephen Woodruff is given credit for weaving a woolen piece of twenty yards at 1 shilling per yard.

Regardless of what weaving Stephen Woodruff may have been doing, he became a successful farmer. We could find no reference to his having joined the army during the Revolutionary war. Yet where he lived the British made repeated raids on all the farms in the community for food and supplies. His location was at a four corners of Mountain Avenue to Westfield, the road from Scotch Plains to Springfield, and a road to the north. Two of Stephen's aunts received portions of the Crane farm also. Mary, daughter of Jonathan Crane, married Jonathan Marsh. Rebeckah, wife of Joseph Acon. Stephen's mother, now Hannah Terry, received one-third of the farm. No record was found as to where Stephen's sister Sarah Woodruff continued to live, which was no doubt with the step-father and her mother.

Stephen Woodruff, our ancestor, kept a bible record of his family from this time on. This bible is still in the family of Samuel Mathews at Pendleton, Indiana. By means of the Bible record, the census of 1790, the deeds to land, and Stephen's will we could verify the records needed for this family history. One omission was his neglect to write the last names of his wives. There were three wives. Stephen Woodruff was born August 30, 1755. He died April 16, 1828. In his bible he did not record his wedding date, but wrote I married Rachel, born September 15, 1754. Rachel died August 1, 1794. The two executors of Jonathan Crane's will were Stephen Crane and John Stites. From indirect evidence we had reason to believe Rachel's last name was Stites. This was because their first baby was named Stephen Stits, born May 17, 1780. As no further record was made of this baby it may have died in infancy.

Softe (so written for Sallie) born June 10, 1783.

Polly, born Jan. 16, 1785.

Hannah, born Nov. 5, 1785.

Some time after the birth of Hannah a Major Benjamin Stites returned to Scotch Plains and Newark from a trip to Ohio. Stites secured the cooperation of Judge John Cleves Symmes in organizing the East Jersey Company with a view to making a settlement at North Bend where Cincinnati is now located. Some time during the preparations for the expedition Stephen Woodruff, with his family and some others, possibly including Hezekiah Stites, went to Redstone Fort (Brownsville), Pennsylvania. It seems to have been Stephen's intention to join the expedition under Major Stites on the way to Cincinnati. But for some unexplained reason he bought a farm in Washington county, Pennsylvania, to remain for an indefinite time. The man he bought the farm from was Solomon Line. On looking up Solomon Line in New Jersey we found he had been located near Ashswamp previously, and thus knew the Woodruffs from that locality.

When the Symmes-Stites expedition went to Ohio Hezekiah Stites went along to act as a surveyor and later became identified in that locality. Stephen Woodruff added an additional large farm to his original purchase and prospered. The 1790 census listed his name as Woodrough, the record confirmed the bible record as to the number in the family and as to males and females. But when we examined the land records at Waynesburg, which is now in Greene county, the name Woodruff was correctly spelled. I have an idea Stephen was a jokester and told the census taker to spell the name with rough at the end. To him it was not a serious matter about getting his name in the census. Stephen had his membership transferred from the Scotch Plains Baptist Church in New Jersey to the Muddy Creek church at Redstone.

Now returning to the bible record we find Stephen and Rachel had the next baby Rachel born March 28, 1791.

Hezekiah was born April 25, 1792.

Betsy was born April 24, 1794.

A possible serious complication may have arisen after the birth of Betsy, from which Rachel did not recover, and she passed away August 1. Thus came the first serious break in a most happy mar-

ried life. At this time their farm was still on the frontier and Indians made incursions into their territory, stole food and livestock. The locality was not thickly settled, though settlers were passing them by the thousands on the way westward to find new homes.

As a decision had to be made about the care of the family of six children born from 1783 to 1794, Stephen looked to the next farm, where lived Catherine Line. No doubt Catherine had already been a ready helper to Rachel, so when Stephen asked her to marry him at once, she consented. At some other time a longer wait might have been conventional, but a three months baby was not conversant with conventions other than personal needs. While it was a necessary marriage later events proved it to be a happy marriage. Catherine was born July 5, 1776 and she died July 12, 1800. Thus from the records Stephen was 39 and Catherine only 18.

In the following year Rebeckah was born September 15, 1795. Samuel was born April 23, 1797.

Then came a new decision. Old friends from New Jersey and some who had gone on to Ohio no doubt found their way to the Woodruff farm and brought tales of the fine land to be had in Ohio and dirt cheap. With many of the old friends in the new land, especially the Stites, Stephen talks it over with Catherine, and together they agree to leave Pennsylvania. The preparations required the securing of the necessary boat, loading the stock and provisions, and along with thousands of the people on their way westward they joined the great migration. Thus some time after harvest in 1797 Stephen Woodruff and family are on the way down the Ohio river.

A beautiful spot on the old farm in Pennsylvania has a family burial plot right next to the road, but no grave markers had names on them, so we could not identify the grave of Rachel. We mention this for the information of many of the descendants of Stephen and Rachel who live in Cincinnati and elsewhere.

We have no record as to where Stephen and Catherine with the children stayed over winter on arrival at Columbia, now a part of Cincinnati. But on April 30, 1798, is recorded the purchase of the first 125 acres from Walter M. Barret to Stephen Woodruff, yeoman, late of Pennsylvania, on Clough Creek, in Anderson township, part of the 2000 acres given originally to George Washington. Another 150

acres were added later.

After some clearing and putting up a house, and with many old friends not far away, the family got off to a new start. In 1799 another boy came to Stephen and Catherine, Stephen Lyon Woodruff. Thus we have the name changed from Line to Lyon, as someone verified the correct spelling. Lyon is an old New Jersey family name, with whom many Woodruffs and Cranes were married.

What became of the boys and girls of the Woodruff family that settled on Clough Creek? The farm was very largely extended. What became of Sarah Woodruff, sister of Stephen? She married a man named Kern and raised a large family.

It will be easier to dispose of the girls first from the bible record: One married Hawkins, one married Wells, one married Tarry or Terry. The first name of each man was not recorded. Tradition says one married Hutchinson, one married Nicely, or Knisely. This is all we have learned about them.

The oldest son was Hezekiah, born 1792 in Pennsylvania. When Hezekiah got married his father bought for him 50 acres from John Kelly, next to the original Woodruff land. Hezekiah later sold this and bought other land on the Ohio Pike, now recorded as the Hezekiah Woodruff Estate. When the writer was collecting this data we were told that Hezekiah did not belong to the other Woodruffs, so we did not copy all his records. It was not till we found Stephen Woodruff's bible that we knew some error had been made.

Hezekiah has many descendants in and about Mt. Washington, and Cincinnati. Names submitted by Mary Belle Woodruff will be added.

Samuel Woodruff remained in the old home on Clough Creek. Some descendants still live there. He had two sons, Stephen Lyon Woodruff and Samuel Durham Woodruff. They left no sons to carry on the name. Mr. H. F. Bridges has supplied a list of names of the daughters' families.

Stephen Lyon Woodruff, born 1799, is our ancestor. In 1800 Catherine Woodruff died, leaving Stephen again with a motherless family. But this time the older girls were able to take over a good part of the responsibility of the home. Some time later Stephen again

married, but tradition says the honeymoon was short and no record made of her in the will.

In 1826, after a full and fruitful life, Stephen Woodruff made his will, leaving all his property to his sons Samuel and Stephen, and gave nothing to Hezekiah. The girls each received money. He died in 1828, and was buried in the farm burial lot on Clough Creek, now Forestville.

STEPHEN LYON WOODRUFF

Stephen Lyon Woodruff, born 1799, our ancestor, married Elizabeth Markley. Their children were:

Joab, 1821, Mary, 1825, Samuel, 1832. Samuel was not married. He died during the Civil War and is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery. Mary married Robert Gardner, and had a large family.

JOAB WOODRUFF

Joab, born 1821, was our ancestor. He married Sarah Robbins. An amusing incident occurred on the wedding day. His father went to the court house and had a separate entry of the marriage saying his son Jacob Woodruff this day married Sarah Robbins, giving the same name of the minister. No other mention of Jacob occurs in family history and no explanation of the father's odd action.

The children of Joab and Sarah Woodruff were: Samuel R., 1842; Mary E., 1844; Stephen Lyon, 1846; William, 1848; Francis R., 1850; Sarah M., 1851; Emma, 1854; Joab H., 1856; Effie C., 1859; Edward F., 1861.

The writer could get no clear record of the early movements of Stephen Lyon Woodruff, born 1799 on Clough Creek. It was said he built the first brick house in the community, and upon visiting this brick house it was on the land originally belonging to Hezekiah. Part of the property he owned was on Indian Hill in addition to his share of the farm on Clough Creek. Our next definite connection was when we found he bought a large farm on Winton Road in 1845 in Springfield township of Hamilton county. He lived here until his death in 1864. At the same time he joined with his son Joab in purchasing a farm across the road on the east side and farther south. Here again a brick house was built and also is still standing. But his home farther north was torn down by a new owner to make place for a later resi-

dence.

While Stephen Woodruff continued to operate his farm Joab was raising his family near by and also was in business in Cincinnati with a horse market and selling wagons and carriages. While most of the family were young the Civil War came on. Samuel wanted to enlist, but was persuaded to work in a factory at Dayton making wagons for the army. He became a painter and wheel striper. Soon he married Susan Dulhagen. They had two children, Ida and Samuel, both died in infancy. He volunteered in the army after the death of his father.

Mary Elizabeth married Francis Williams.

Stephen Lyon married Elizabeth Lanphear. They had one child Laura B., died in infancy.

Joab H. married Lida J. McGinnis. They had Lida Alice (mar. Shirley Carr); Helen Mabel (married Charles E. Felton).

Sarah Matilda married Dr. W. L. Jerman. They had son Jay.

Effie C. married Dr. Allan Moore. They had Myrtle, Woodruff, Frank, Muriel, M. A. (Dewey), Chalmers.

Edward F. married Ida Weighell. They had Emma, Florence, Beatrice.

During the Civil War period the deaths occurred first of Samuel M., brother of Joab, in 1863. In May 1864 Joab died of consumption. Only two months later the father Stephen Woodruff died in July 1864. Stephen's property was divided between his wife, daughter Mary Gardner, and the grandchildren, children of Joab. As each of the children married and moved away there was none to continue the old farms in Springfield township. While there are many descendants of the daughters it was only Samuel's family continued the family name. After returning from the army he next married Emma J. Lamphear, sister of Stephen's wife Elizabeth.

SAMUEL RIDGEWAY WOODRUFF

Samuel R. Woodruff and Emma J. had Joseph Arthur 1867 (who died 1942. He had no children). Stephen Albert 1876 (the writer). After the war Samuel returned to Dayton, later moving to St. Louis, Chicago and then to a farm in Adams county, Wisc., where he died in 1906.

Stephen Albert Woodruff married Ethel Pearson. Their children are Margaret Emma, 1899, Alice Jane 1901, Samuel John 1902, Stephen

Albert Jr. 1903, David Pearson, 1910.

Alice Jane married first Carl Naffz. Their children are Helen Marie, Charles Stephen, Joan Louise. Alice married second Henry Harms.

Samuel Woodruff married Louise Davis. Their children are Dorothy Louise, Samuel Jr.

Rev. Stephen Albert Woodruff Jr. married Data May Miller. Their children are Stephen Albert III and Margaret Ann.

David Pearson Woodruff married Goldy Anderson. Their children are Evelyn, James, Richard.

These boys are the only Woodruffs from Stephen Woodruff, born 1799.

It is now three hundred and five years since the landing of John Woodruffe in Southampton, Long Island.

SAMUEL WOODRUFF AT CLOUGH CREEK

Returning now to the family of Samuel Woodruff, at Clough Creek, he was born in Pennsylvania in 1797 and died 1834. He married Cynthia Durham. Their children were Jane, Catherine, Martha, Stephen Lyon, Elizabeth Jane, Samuel Jr., Cynthia Ann.

Of the above, Catherine married Johnson, Martha married Hopper, Cynthia Ann married Mathews.

Cynthia Ann and Joseph Mathews had John Alden Mathews, Martha Lewella, Samuel Woodruff Mathews, Elizabeth Jane Mathews, Ada Ann Mathews, Joab Mathews.

Samuel Woodruff, Jr., married Amelia Durham White. No further record. As Stephen and Samuel left no sons the name Woodruff terminated with them.

John Alden Mathews married Sarah Jane Merrill. Their children were Elvada, Ivey Pearl, Alden E., Rev. Joseph Stanley Mathews, Ethel Marie.

Ivey Pearl Mathews married George Burk. Their children were Evylin, Ruth, Robert, Harold, Judith, Lawrence, Marjorie.

Evylin Burk married Asa Trester. One child, Howard Trester.

Ruth Burk married Fred Rizzo. No children.

Alden E. Mathews married Sylvia Haythorn. Their children were Joseph, Mildred, David, Ray, Howard, Robert, Thomas.

Rev. Joseph Stanley Mathews married Margaret Knell. Their children were Paul, Lois, Evylin, Ruth Jane.

Ethel Marie Mathews married Harold Bridges. One child, Rich-

ard H. Bridges.

Samuel Woodruff Mathews married Clatie Morrison. Their children were Elizabeth Ann, John Joseph.

Elizabeth Ann Mathews married Jess Helbert. No children.

Elizabeth Jane Mathews married Henry Franklin Bridges. Their children were Walter Clifton, Ada Elma, Mabel Ann, Harley.

Mabel Ann Bridges married Frederick Hamilton. One child, James Frederick Hamilton Jr.

Ada Ann Mathews married Theodore T. Hawkins. Their children were John Wilbur, Joseph Trillden, Janie Marie.

John Wilbur Hawkins married Elberta Von Grundy. One child Ruth Hawkins.

Joseph Trillden Hawkins married Bertha Fench. No children.

Janie Marie Hawkins married Clarence Maddux. They had Paul, Clyde, Bessie.

Joab Mathews married Olga Meyers. Their children were Ralph, Walter, Rosa Marie.

When these notes were collected, Joab Mathews and family were living in the original Stephen and Samuel Woodruff old home on Clough Creek at Forestville. It was Henry Franklin Bridges who located for us the original Stephen Woodruff bible with the records.

Other records received from Mr. Bridges included the following:

Martha Woodruff, daughter of Samuel and Cynthia Woodruff married John S. Hopper. Their children were Samuel, married Mary Ann Hawkins; Elizabeth married Theodore Johnson, Hester married William Stagg, Cynthia married Abraham Lewellyn, Catherine married Van Ransler Johnson, Mary married George Powell, Abraham married Sallie Banks, Ellen married John Kendall, Hattie married Charles Wilfer.

HEZEKIAH WOODRUFF AT CLOUGH CREEK

Not having completed a search for the family of Hezekiah Woodruff, we can only give random notes regarding him. He was the oldest son of Stephen and Rachel Woodruff, born in Pennsylvania in 1792. When he got married his father bought for him 50 acres from John Kelly, where the Jo Stegbauer home is located at Clough Creek. This was sold to enable Hezekiah to purchase 100 acres from James

Taylor on Ohio Pike in 1815. Later this property was mortgaged to John Markley in 1820.

Later parts of the property were transferred or mortgaged as follows: Gerrard Woodruff to Jonathan Woodruff (brother); Dan Bennett to Stephen Woodruff; Stephen Woodruff to Garrard Woodruff; Jonathan Woodruff to Gerrard Woodruff; Jonathan Woodruff, Elizabeth Woodruff and Lafayette Woodruff to Gerrard Woodruff (Lafayette was a brother of Gerrard), Mary Bennett was referred to as the late Mary Woodruff. There was Andrew J. Woodruff made a transfer to Lafayette Woodruff. In the case of the original 50 acres of Hezekiah the deed says the 50 acres were sold by Hezekiah Woodruff and Elizabeth Woodruff to Garrett G. Hopper on Oct. 29, 1813.

Other names on the property rolls were Jonathan Woodruff, born 1816 died 1853. This indicates Jonathan or John was a son of Hezekiah and not Jonathan as the father of Hezekiah as reported to the writer.

Thus the children of Hezekiah Woodruff were Gerrard, Mary, Stephen, John or Jonathan, Lafayette. (Subject to correction.)

Later were Johnson T. Woodruff and Mary Belle, Thompson P. Woodruff, Eliza J. Jones, children of Gerrard Woodruff.

With the cooperation of Mary Belle Woodruff the following names are added for the line of Hezekiah. She says "My father's name was Johnson Turpin Woodruff born in 1856, died 1913. My mother is Mary Belle born 1861. I have three brothers living: Johnson Raymond, 1889. Ralph Gerald, 1897, and Harold Elbert, 1904. Arthur Turpin born 1894, died 1914. My name is Mary Belle Woodruff, born 1890.

Harold Woodruff married Norma Moser. One daughter Carol.

Stephen Woodruff married Hester (maiden name not known). Three children, Clem, Bowman, Jennie.

Clem married Eliza Meyers. Their children were Frances Eldia Ann, Everett Bowman.

Eldia Ann married Rev. E. R. Lewis. They have one child, Wesley John Lewis.

Wesley John Lewis married Louise Key. No children. He next married Doris (maiden name not given). They had child Eldia Mae.

Everett Bowman Woodruff married Hanna E. Weimer. Their

children are Lawrence Neil, Linda Lee, Carolyn Ann.

Bowman Woodruff married M. Louise Cord. Their children were Earl, Daisy, Pearl, Ben and Ada.

Earl Woodruff married Nellie Clineman, two sons, names not received. He next married Ellen. They have one daughter Eloise.

Daisy married Eppert. One son, Dale and one daughter.

Pearl, now deceased, married Lowell Bennet. Their children are Genevieve, Russell and Harold.

Genevieve married W. W. Myers and have one child.

Russell has three children.

Harold has two boys.

Ben married Henrietta. One daughter Inez.

Ada married and makes her home with Ben.

Jennie married M. Charles Whitaker. Four children Ruth, Corbet, Nona, Edna.

Ruth married Mr. Eaton.

Corbet married.

Nona married Harmon Brothers. One daughter.

Edna married Mr. Horn.

Gerard Woodruff, my grandfather, married Mary Sly. They had three children, Eliza Jane, Johnson Turpin, Thompson Pierce.

Eliza Jane married Absalom Jones. Two daughters Oda and Alta.

Alta married Frank Rath. Three boys, Verl, Floyd, Gerald.

Verl is married.

Floyd married Blanche Smith.

Johnson Turpin Woodruff married Mary Belle Byington. Their children Johnson Raymond, Mary Belle, Arthur Turpin, Ralph Gerald, Harold Elbert.

Johnson Raymond married Sonoma Platt. No children,

Thompson Pierce Woodruff married Miss Myers. They had twins. One died. The other, Harry, was adopted by the Myers.

Thompson then married Lillian Anderson. One son Norman. One daughter Emma.

While these records are not systematic they will help many of the family to identify distant relatives. Several branches of the family

have not been interested in having their records included. But we have included all the Woodruff names we could get.

If there is interest in having a supplement to tell about our various families, we could let each family send some interesting information to the author. There may be some questions about the family that other members can answer.

There are a few extra copies of this family history to be had from the author at 50 cents per copy.

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