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On Dec. 27th or 28th, 1802, in Bedford Co., Va., Thomas Watson **(b** . ; d. Tippecanoe Co., Ind., Aug. 31, 1855) married Rebecah<sup>6</sup> L. Moorman (b. in Va., Nov. 15, 1782, d. Tippecanoe Co., Ind., May 20, 1847), the eldest child of Charles' Moorman of Bedford Co., Va., and his second wife, Nancy Hancock. Nancy, who was born Aug. 6, 1762, in Chesterfield Co., Va., was the eighth child of Simon<sup>4</sup> and Jane (Flournoy) Hancock, descended on her father's side from Simon<sup>1</sup> Hancock who settled in Lower Norfolk Co., Va., prior to 1637; from Col. Thos. Lyggon of Henrico Co., Va.; and from Capt. Thos. Harris (who came to Virginia in 1611) and his wife, Adria Osborne<sup>x</sup>. On her mother's side, Nancy was descended from the French Huguenot Flournoys, who after 1562 lived in Switzerland, whence they had fled on account of the massacre of Huguenots. The family had originally come from Flournois, Champagne, France. Charles<sup>2</sup> Moorman (b. May 23, 1747) was the son of Thomas and Rachel (Clark) Moorman, Quakers of Bedford Co., Va. At this writing (June, 1940) we have not established with certainty the parentage of Thomas Watson, but from quite a mass of circumstantial evidence it seems likely that he was the son of Jesse and Margaret ( ) Watson, and that Jesse was the brother of James and John, and the son of John and Margaret (Paschall) Watson Mather Lewis -Margaret being the daughter of Thomas<sup>3</sup> Paschall, a prominent Quaker of Philadelphia, of Welsh descent, born in 1693.

So far we know little of Thomas's immediate family, but we do know he had at least one brother, Jesse, who, after his wife's death, lived with his nephew for some time until his (the uncle's) death, probably about 1860. It is possible that the "Rebecca Watson of Virginia" who married Jeremiah Allen and lived in Montgomery Co., Ohio (written up in White Co., Ind., History), was a sister of Thomas

Watson, but it is rather unlikely.

We have just discovered (May 29, 1940) in an old cemetery behind the auditorium of the Methodist camp meeting grounds at Battle Ground, Ind., the graves of Thomas and Rebecah L. Watson, of Rachel Watson, wife of Jesse, of Mary (McCart) Watson and her baby, Thomas E., of Rebecca R. Hollingsworth, and some infants (one little stone marked "M.W.", the other blank). This Rachel was evidently the wife of the Jesse who was Thomas's brother. Her tombstone informs us that she was born July 18, 1784, and died June 10, 1846. It is much overgrown with lichens, and the first date could be 1781. The last numeral could also be incorrect.

Rebecah's tombstone, also lichen-covered, reads "Rebecah L., wife of Thos. Watson, died May 20, 1847, aged 63 years." Possibly the last figure is a "5"; otherwise it does not correspond with her birth date, as furnished by Achilles Moorman. (For the benefit of descendants of other pioneers buried in the old forgotten grave yard, I will here put down the names which I noticed on other tombstones; the list is not complete, but nearly so. They are: Bury, May, Bartlett, Marsh, Quackenbush, Archibald, Clark, Barnard, Vanbrunt, McClean (or Glean), Kolb, Knight, Hedges, Burget, Sampson, Johnson (Wm. and Mary, etc.), Miller, Holloway, Love, Shearer (Jas., d. 1843, etc.), Alkire, Goddard, Stiles, Morgan, Gowen, Patterson, Franklin, Pattison, Pond, Snyder, Birch, Worth, Allen, Shaw, Archibald (Robt., d. 1838, aged 66, etc.), Hamilton, Layne, Snider, Morgan, Cooper.)

We know that Thomas and Rebecah Watson were living in Bedford Co., Va., at least in 1806, for in that year, on April 23rd, our Jesse Lewis Watson was born there. We also know that they had at least nine children, tho we are not sure of their order, except that Nancy was the eldest sister and Amanda the youngest one, not born until 1829. The children, of whom we know, are these: Nancy; Charles M.; Jesse Lewis; William H.; Sarah; Thomas; James; Franklin; Samuel; and Amanda.

According to the History of White and Pulaski Cos., Ind., which was published in 1883, the year before Grandfather Jesse L. Watson's death, Thomas Watson and family (as many as were then born), in 1811 moved to Greene Co., Ohio. Jesse was then five years old. It appears from a government land patent record that in 1811 some Thomas Watson patented land in Fairfield Co., Ohio, which is two counties (according to the present division) east of Greene Co. (The record from the U. S. Dept. of the Interior, Gen'l Land Office, Washington, D.C., reads as follows: "May 1, 1811, a patent based on Chillicothe final credit certificate 1053 (prior) issued to Thomas Watson for S.E. 1/4 Sec. 23, T16 north of the Ohio R. Base, R. 18 west of the State Line, Ohio. This land is located in Fairfield Co., Ohio."

However, it is probable that this was not our Thomas. If it was, the family must have moved on before long to Greene Co., where there seem to have been a number of other Watsons and Moormans, in Ross Twp. At any rate the article in the White Co. history (the facts in which were probably furnished by Jesse L. Watson) states that Thomas was engaged in the mercantile business in Greene Co.; that when he (Jesse) was fourteen years old they moved to Jamestown, where his father continued in the same business, and he assisted in it. It was here, on Feb. 7, 1828, that 21-year old Jesse was married to his first wife, Mary McCart (y?). On Oct. 30 of the following year Jesse with his wife and first baby, Ann Eliza, moved to Tippecanoe Co., where they remained a year or so, before they moved on to White Co. Here he bought 40 acres of timber land northwest of the present village of Brookston, and built himself a log cabin - 16 x 18 - one of the first in the county. There were then but five families living in White Co. the Jotham and Ashby Goddards, the Wm. Phillipses, Royal Hazeltons, and Joseph Thompsons - and the northern part of the county was not even surveyed till 1832. (In Tract Bk. 1, p. 11, White Co., Ind., - at Monticello - is found "Jesse L. Watson, W1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 20, T 25, R 4, Ap. 20, 1831"; the Gen'l Land Office, Wash., D.C. wrote Aug. 19, 1939 -

#1779713 "B" - that a patent was issued on May 15, 1837, to Jesse L. Watson, for E 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 21 T 25 N, R 4 W, 2d P.M., Ind., "based on Crawfordsville cash entry 29167".

An interesting account of the early settlement of northern Indiana is to be found in Hamelle's "History of Indiana" (see p. 155 ff, p. 272 ff, p. 418 ff). (See also Cox's "Recollections of the Early Settlement of the Wabash Valley" and Stewart's "Recollections of the Early Settlement of Carroll Co., Ind.") Hamelle says: "By 1825, settlers were entering the northern half of the state. Land sales at Crawfordsville opened Dec. 24, 1824, but no permanent land office was established until 1828. Crawfordsville became the converging point for all settlers northwest of the capital. The first settlers of Lafayette and Delphi and what was then called the upper Wabash country, made their way from the upper Whitewater Valley across by Andersontown, thence down White River to Strawtown near Noblesville. There they took the Wilderness Road by Thorntown to Crawfordsville. From White R. to Crawfordsville there was not a white man's house along this trail in 1825. A score of families constituted the little settlement at Crawfordsville, and then the forest stretched unbroken to Terre Haute. - - -In January, 1826, Tippecanoe Co. was set off, and in May following, the commissioners located the county seat at Lafayette. - - - - During the years 1829-1835 the flood of immigration poured along the roads that centered in Indianapolis. From there they took the Crawfordsville, Logansport, or Terre Haute trails." In 1830 the leading counties were Wayne, Dearborn, Jefferson and Franklin. Tippecanoe Co. had a population of 7,167; Fountain 7,644; Montgomery 7,386.

But to get back to the Watsons, the story is told that, while Jesse and his little family were living in the log cabin in White Co., a rumor went about that the dreaded Indian chief, Black Hawk, was "Almost advancing upon the settlement with a large band of his warriors. the entire settlement abandoned their homes, and repaired to places of greater security. Mr. Watson, however, after deliberately pondering the subject, decided that, as he could not leave his home without great sacrifice, and as he did not think it practicable for Black Hawk to reach the settlement ----- he would keep the matter a secret from his family, and take the chances. - - - - When the scare was over and the neighboring settlers had all returned to their homes, then, and not until then, did he inform his wife of the massacre which was apprehended, but did not take place; and he says he believes that she never fully forgave him for keeping it a secret from her." (See "Counties of White and Pulaski, Ind.", p. 165-6)

It was probably during this period, also, that another incident occurred which is still related in the family. One night Jesse was riding along a trail in the dark, letting his horse "have his head." Suddenly the horse stopped stock still, and refused to proceed. Upon investigation, Jesse discovered the body of a dead Indian lying across the path. In 1833, Jesse's father, Thomas, moved from Ohio to Tippecance Co., Ind., and leased Davis's Ferry, which was four miles northeast of Lafayette. Jesse joined him, and for four years assisted in running the ferry. From now on, we know very little about Thomas and Rebecah Watson. We do know that Thomas, who was a staunch Whig (Republican), represented his district in the Indiana State Assembly in 1837-8, and according to his grandson, James S., was also a member of the State Constitutional Convention that framed the present constitution in 1850-51. Carrie Chaney, his granddaughter, thinks his home was at Delphi, Ind. As stated above, Rebecah died in 1847, Thomas in 1855, and both are buried at the old Battle Ground Cemetery.

About 1837, Jesse L. Watson and his brother, Charles M., went into the drygoods business at the Battle Ground. He remained here until 1855, when he returned to White Co., where he purchased lots in the town of New Bradford (now Monon). In the meantime, many changes had been taking place in his family. His first wife had presented him with four more children, before her death in 1842 at the age of 32. A year later he married Sarah Ann Peck, also of Tippecanoe Co. The marriage was performed by R. T. Griffith, "M.G." [Minister of the Gospel], on June 13, 1843, (Tippecanoe Co., Ind., Mar.Rec., Vol.  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , p. 357). According to the family Bible (of the next wife), Sarah died Oct. 1, 1845, leaving one baby, Wm. Wallace, who was born the preceding August.

But Jesse, now with a family of five living children, did not long remain a widower. In June of the following year (see Tippecanoe Co. Mar. Rec., Vol. 3, p. 51) he married Ann Mary (Fox) Langsdon (then of Tippecanoe Co., but formerly of Montgomery Co., Ohio), widow of John C. Langsdon. In the nine years that she had been John's wife, she had had six children, - five daughters and one son. The daughters had all died, but the son, John Anthony, lived to be an old man (he died in Dayton, 0., in 1926). Now Jesse's and Mary's combined children numbered six. By 1853, when James S. Watson was born, it would have been increased to ten, had not Jesse's and Mary's first three boys - Henry Scott, Emeroy, and Jesse - died in infancy. The White Co. history speaks of their having five children, but the family Bible records but four. Jesse probably never saw his namesake son, Jesse, for he went to California during gold rush days, and was gone probably two years or more. In a very interesting old letter now in our possession, written by Jesse to his wife in July, 1851, he says, "He [Mr. Richardson, who had just arrived] tells me that my little son is a fine child, which pleases me of course. I wish I could see the little fellow; you must kiss him for me. You say you call him Jesse with my consent. If this be your wish my Dear Mary, why so be it, but I have always thought that I never would call a child so unfortunate and homely a name, but in this case your wish is my will." Two months later, while he was still gone, the little son died. A letter to his wife, written Aug. 28, 1850, and now in the possession of Lewis M. Watson, tells of his keeping a "tavern" there, where all the Indiana boys stopped, so that he was "all the time surrounded by intimate friends, which makes the time pass much more pleasantly." At the time of writing, he said that Nelson Littleton and John Neff and a dozen others from Lafayette and

Delphi were there. Others whom he mentioned in this letter as being in California were Jerome Kennedy and his brother, Dr. Garrett, Joseph Dehner (?), Hirman Dehner (?), Zeph Richardson, Jeremiah Stanfield - who was still suffering from the effects of mountain fever - and John Hare. In the second letter he speaks of the death of Wash Musselman, of John and Gerry Stanfield, and of Ann Mary's brother-in-law, John Dewees, who "died in the midst of cholera, when dozens were buried per day without numbering the graves or marking them in any way."

Jesse evidently did not stay in Sacramento very many months, as he was at Volcano Bar by the following winter, hard at work mining. So far as we know, he found little gold, but he says in his letter, "I am determined to do my duty in trying, and if I fail, it shall not be for the want of industry, economy, and perseverance."

When he finally returned home - probably by "the November steamer," which he mentioned - he went by way of Cape Horn, and must have reached home by early summer, 1852. We still have a memento of this trip, in the shape of a cane, made of extremely heavy black wood, probably rosewood, which he brought back with him from South America.

When James S. Watson, Jesse's youngest child, was only two years old, his mother died. For the next two years his half-sister, Amanda, took most of the care of him, until his father was again married, this time to Ann Mary's sister, Malinda (Fox) Dewees "of Ohio", a widow with one son. Her husband had been with Jesse during the gold rush in California and, as noted above, had died there during the cholera epidemic. By this last marriage, Jesse had no more children.

The same year that Jesse and Malinda were married, he "purchased the only tavern in the village, but afterward engaged in merchandising until 1870, when he traded this for a farm." "He later went into the lumber business. At various times he had been Justice, Notary, and Postmaster. Though a pioneer, he was progressive and always kept abreast of the times. He was an ardent republican and for many years was a conspicuous figure in county conventions as chairman of the delegations from his township." At the time of his death in 183; he was the oldest survivor in the county.

On his tombstone is the inscription, "Jesse L. Watson, b. April 23, 1806, d. April 22, 1884. A just man is gone, but his memory ever liveth." It will be observed that had he lived another day he would have been 78 years old. Beside him is buried his fourth wife, Melinda, who outlived him five years. Near by lie his daughter, Mary Amanda Burnau, her husband, and daughter.

As so often happens, none of the family took any interest in finding out where the roots of their family tree went to, until it was too late to do so easily. By that time, most of the older generation had died off, - in fact, all those who really knew anything much of the family history before recent years. However, a few have been able to contribute a little, which we shall now set down, as a little is better than nothing.

Carrie (Dye) Chaney, eldest daughter of Thomas's daughter, Amanda, says her mother used to tell her that they were of the First Families of Virginia; that they were eligible for the D.A.R. (tho she does not remember thru whom); that Thomas Watson was in some war, but can not say which one (must have been War of 1812?); that her great-uncle Jesse was a handsome man, whose picture she once gave to Father Watson; that she knows nothing of the Quaker ancestry nor ever heard of the Mathers or Lettons, nor knows anything about a Watson family Bible; that she thinks the "Spears" in James S. Watson's name was "for an old friend of Uncle Charles and his brothers who some years ago lived in Sterling, Ill." She said she once gave to the late Kate Watson of Rensselaer an oil painting of Thomas Watson, but this Kate Watson denied. (Evidently the memory of one of them was at fault).

In 1923 James S. Watson wrote to his half-cousin, Arthur Thompson, evidently in answer to some questions from him concerning the family, telling about a number of their cousins (see "Excerpts from Letters from James Watson"). He said, "I suppose the name Lewis is a family name. I have often heard father tell of having <u>cousins</u> by that name. My oldest son's name is Lewis Martin and father <u>named him</u>. I suppose he wanted to keep the name in the family." He thought the "L." in Arthur's mother's name stood for Loring, and supposed it was some family name on her mother's side, but he did not know.

Major Fred A. Thompson, brother of Arthur above, wrote in 1939 that he remembers "Grandfather, Mother, and Uncle Jim (James S. Watson) as distinctly as the I saw them yesterday. Grandpa (Jesse) was my boyhood ideal; over six feet, built in proportion, wore glasses, was a gentleman of the old Southern school, retained his soft southern drawl. ---- Uncle Jim / really his cousin ] was my boon companion; I was almost constantly with him all over the farm. We children were born on Tippecanoe St., Lafayette, Ind. Mother used to take me and my younger brother Clarence to Monon every summer for a short vacation, during the years I was from five to eight." Then his father opened a factory at Muncie, Ind., in competition with the Studebakers. "This was the last I ever saw of the Watsons." When he was twelve, his father got a contract to build a section of the Chi. and Alton Ry. in central Missouri. In 1877, the family traveled with a train of covered wagons from Muncie to Kansas City, Mo., where they settled. "Father was in those days considered a master builder." "I do not remember my older brothers ever going to Grandpa's with us. They were ten to twelve years older than I and were away from home." He tried to locate the old family Bible that was formerly in his possession, but finally came to the conclusion that it must have been destroyed at the time his home was burned while he was serving in the army in the Phillipines.

Major Thompson's niece Ethel of Kansas City wrote (in 1939) that her mother also thinks the Bible was destroyed in the fire; that her family did inherit a lot of old books, but some of them were stored in a closet and when they moved they unfortunately forgot them; that she was under the impression that the Watsons came from Fairfax Co., Va.; that she thought the "L." in her grandmother's name stood for "Louise", but "whatever it was, she always hung on to it;" that her Uncle Arthur used to tell her that when he was a small boy his mother used to tell him what a fine family she came from in Virginia, and "from what he remembered of those early day's conversation, the Lewis in her family's name came from Meredith [means Meriwether] Lewis, the explorer of the Lewis and Clark expedition, but he was too small to pay much attention, and when he was old enough to care, his mother was dead."

Lewis M. Watson says Grandfather Jesse L. was six feet two and that he and his brothers were called the "Big Four." All were great hunters.

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Following are the descendants of Thomas and Rebecah (Moorman) Watson, insofar as we have been able to ascertain them. The order of their children is probably not altogether correct.

I. Nancy Watson, b ; d. prob. in 1830's; m. Hollingsworth (this was a good Quaker name). They probably had a son Thos., and had at least one dau., Lucinda, who lived in Pontiac, Ill., with her aunt, Mrs. Dye. Lucinda (b. in Ohio Oct. 20, 1831, d. Apr. 24, 1906) and her husband, John Allen Fellows (b. Tompkins Co., N. Y., Oct. 14, 1831, d. Jan. 17, 1892) are buried on Lot 1, Blk. 18 of the Pontiac Cemetery, near the Dyes. Nancy Hollingsworth and her husband died in Indiana when Lucinda was very young. J.A. and Lucinda Fellows were mar. Ap. 10, 1862 (See "Hist. of Livingston Co., Ill", publ. 1878, p. 631). He was in Civil War (1862 to end) in Co. G, 129th I.V.I.

> Doubtless the Rebecca R. Hollingsworth who died Jan. 28, 1851, at the age of 23 yrs. 4 mo. 18 days (therefore b. Sept. 10, 1827), and is buried at the Battle Ground beside Thomas Watson, was also a dau. of Nancy Hollingsworth.

II. Jesse Lewis Watson, b. Ap. 23, 1806, Bedford Co., Va.; d. Ap. 22, 1884, Monon, Ind. M. 1) Feb. 7, 1828, Mary McCart(y?), who d. Ap. 27, 1841, aged 33 yrs. 10 mos. Bur. in old Battle Ground cem. (see above) Had chil. (Watson): 1. Ann Eliza, b. Jamestown, Ohio, June 11, 1829; d. Monon, Ind., Jan. 15, 1909. Bur. Monon. M. Jan. 17, 1849, Wm. Holmes. Had chil. (Holmes):

1) Horace Greeley, b. Feb. 5, 1853 2) Frank, b. Jan. 6, 1858 3) Jesse, b. Nov. 22, 1859; d. Sept. 3, 1911 4) Charles, b. Oct. 16, 1862 5) Arthur Morton, b. Sept. 1, 1864; m. 1) Oct. 4, 1891, Alice May Youngs, b. d. Jan. 4, 1929 Buried in Bedford cem. Had chil. (Holmos): (1) Gladys, b. Oct. 21, 1892, at Monon; m. 1) Feb. 6, 1912, at Monon, Almond P. Hurphreys. Had child (Humphreys): (1) Max P. Humphreys, b. Monon, Feb. 8, 1913; m. Audrey Toole. Had child (Humphreys): ((1)) Max P., Jr. b. Max P., Sr., d. Gladys div.; m. 2) H.B. Tuteur. No chil. (2) Pauline, b. Jan. 25, 1895; m. June 3, 1929, N.Y., Robt. E. Phasey. No chil. Res.: 1655 Macombs Rd., Bronx, N.Y. (3) Oris, b. Jan. 12, 1894; m. Pearl Adams; Had chil. (Holmen): (Res., Revnolds, Ind.) (1) Audrey (2) Dale. (4) Kenneth, b. Nov. 15, 1896, d. Aug. 27, 1897. Arthur m. 2) Eleanore Present address R. R. 11, Box 340B, Indianapolis, Ind. 2. Rebecca L. (ewis?), b. near Brookston, White Co., Ind., July 24, 1831; d. Kansas City, Mo., July 15, 1899; M. LaFayette, Ind., 1850, Henry Clay Thompson. Had children: (Thompson) 1) Arthur Lewis 2) Charles James 3) Fred Albert 4) Clarence Lewis

5) Claude Clay

6) Jessie Rebecca
On account of the large number of descendants of Rebecca and Henry, we will append a separate chapter on them. See below, p.15.
3. Charles Edward, b. Aug. 14, 1833, White or Tippecanoe Co., Ind.; d. ; m. 1)
m. 2) Cordelia Buck. Had chil. (by 2d wife?):

1) Lewis; lived in St. Louis.
2) Jesse
3) Clara; m. Algoe. Lived in Byron, Greene Co., Ohio (Byron now on R.R.3, Xenia, 0.)

- 4. Mary Amanda, b. Tippecanoe Co., Nov. 26, 1837; d. Monon, Feb. 9, 1909. M. Dec. 1, 1867, Leander Burnau (son of Thomas of Ky.), who was b. Nov. 5, 1834, d. Mar. 17, 1909. Leander was in the Civil War, and was wounded in the Battle of Lookout Mt. Had children: 1) Effie, b. Sept. 16, 1868, m. Apr. 17, 1893, Frank Felz, b. Chicago, Oct. 23, 1867: Had one child. 2) Charles, b. Monon, Ind., May 26, 1872; mar. Feb. 4, 1901, Mary Allen, of Ohio. Their children: (1) John, b. July 1, 1903 (2) Edith, b. Feb. 18, 1905 (3) Charles F., b. June 1, 1906 (4) Wm. H., b. Sept. 22, 1907 (5) Richard G., b. May 27, 1914 3) Edna J., d. Aug. 14, 1898, aged almost 19. 5. Thomas Ewing, b. Ap. 24, 1841, d. Sept. 15, 1841. Probably named after Thos. Ewing, the prominent pioneer, jurist and statesman of Ohio. Jesse m. 2) June 13, 1843, in Tippecanoe Co., Sarah Ann Peck. (The marriage license called her "of Tippecanoe Co.", but the White Co. history said she was "of Dearborn Co.") She d. Oct. 1, 1845. Had child: 6. Wm. Wallace Watson, b. Aug. 12, 1844; d. in Berea(?), ; no children. Fla. Mar. Jesse m. 3) June 29, 1845, in Tippecanoe Co., Ann Mary (Fox) Langsdon, also of Tippecanoe Co., widow of John C. Langsdon (who d. June 24, 1845; she had mar. him June 22, 1836), and dau. of Henry Fox (Heinrich Fuchs) and Anna Maria Steinbrecher. She was formerly of Montgomery Co., Ohio. Ann Mary d. 1855. Jesse's and Mary's chil:
  - 7. Henry Scott, b. Jan. 3, 1848, d. June 29, 1848.
  - 8. Emeroy, b. Feb. 14, 1849, d. July 9, 1849.
  - 9. Jesse, b. Oct. 18, 1850, d. Sept. 14, 1851.
  - 10. James Spears, b. Mar. 5, 1853, d. June 27, 1925, Evanston, Ill., at home of son, Charles. Buried in Monon, Ind.

beside his wife. M. Nov. 30, 1879, at Bedford Church, near Monon, Hester Ann ("Hetty") Martin, dau. of Milton and Julia Ann (Blackman) Martin (who was dau. of Capt. Sam Blackman and Charlotte Jackson, mar. in Boston May 22, 1811), of Monon. Hetty was b. Nov. 7, 1850, in Wash. Co., Ind.; d. Mar. 21, 1920, at Monon. Their children: 1) Infant, b. & d. same day, Nov.16, 1870 38) Lewis Martin Watson, b. Sept. 9, 1884; m. Dec. 30, 1922, in Chicago, Ill., Marion Williams, b. June 7, 1897, only child of Samuel Silver and Harriet (Hendricks) Williams. No children Res.: 4804 S. Grand Ave., Western Springs, Ill.

- 43) Charles Hamilton Watson, b. Jan. 13, 1887, M. May 27, 1916, at Highland Park, Ill., Estelle Osborn Clark, of Highland Park, b. Sept. 1, 1888, only child of Francis Charles ("Frank C.") and Emma Georgianna (Osborn) Clark. Res.: 2316 Thayer St., Evanston, Ill. Their chil.: (1) Charlene Estelle, b. Mar. 5, 1918, in Chicago. M. June 19, 1936, at Kansas City, Kan., David Wilson Pollock, 4th, of Powersville, Mo., b. Powersville, Sept. 10, 1914, eldest son of D. W. and Hazel(Allen) Pollock. Their chil. (Pollock): (1) Pamella Frances, b. Evanston, Nov. 3, 1937. (2) David Wilson, 5th, b. Evanston, Apr. 1, 1939. Res.: 1940, Princeton, Illinois (2) Virginia Fairfield Watson, b. Chicago Feb. 8, 1920. Student (1940) at Northwestern U. 54) Fred, b. 1892; d. 1892.
- Jesse m. 4) 1857, Malinda (Fox) Dewees (widow of John W. Dewees, who was b. June 8, 1820, d. Oct. 28, 1850; had one living son, Chas. M.) b. Oct. 25, 1816, d. Sept. 30, 1889. She was a sister of his 3d wife, Ann Mary. (Malinda's handillumined birth certificate, of which we have photostat copies, is in our safety-deposit box; it was found in her family bible, which, like her sister Ann Mary's, is in our possession). She and Jesse had no children.
- III. Charles M. Watson, b. July 5, 1808, d. Feb. 9, 1881. m. 1) prob. in Green Co., O., Aug. 26, 1835, Elizabeth Ballard (who d. Aug. 23, 1836) (The name Ballard is often met in Virginia, in connection with the Moorman and Johnson ancestors of our Watsons. Probably the Bal-

lards migrated west at the same period.) Had child (Watson):

1. Charles B., b. Aug. 19, 1836; d. in infancy.

m. 2) Nov. 24, 1837, Amanda Babcock, of Mich. (who was b. 1806, d. May 15, 1868). Had chil. (Watson): 2. Henry H., b. July 10, 1840; d. May 20, 1917, Chicago Heights, Ill.; m. Nov. 1869, at Rensselaer, Ind., Mary Shortridge (who d. May 7, 1904, Rensselaer). Res.: Pleasant Ridge, Ind. Their chil. (Watson) (taken from family Bible): - 11 -

- - (1) Edward
  - (2) Dolly
  - (3) Maine.
- 2) Daisy Alice, b. 1872, m. Jan. 28, 1897, at Albuquerque, N. Mex., Robt. Abraham. Had chil. (Abraham):
  - (1) Robert
  - (2) Rebecca.
- 3) Bernice Helena, b. 1875, d. June 22, 1936;
   m. June, 1895, at Rensselaer, Peter Kohler. No children.
- 4) James Franklin, b. 1876. Not known what became of him.
- 5) Henry Harrison, b. 1877, m. Feb. 2, 1916, at Frankfort, Ind., Mary Ruth Hayes. No children.
- 6) Elizabeth Amanda, b. 1881, d. Jan. 2, 1929, at Crete, Ill.; m. June, 1907, at Chicago Illinois, John A. Sharp. Their chil. (Sharp):
  - (1) Dorothy
  - (2) George
  - (3) Bernice.
- 7) Charles Shortridge, b. 1883, m. Apr. 19, 1923, at Crown Point, Ind., Sadie Brady. No children.
- 8) Jeanette, b. 1887, m. May 7, 1909, at Chicago Hts., Ill., J. J. McAvoy. Their chil. (McAvoy):
  - (1) Jack
  - (2) Mary.
- 3. James Franklin, b. June 23, 1844, d. Sept. 10, 1897; m. Dec. 18, 1879, Kate Richie, b. Feb. 1, 1857, d. Jan. 5, 1934. Lived in Rensselaer. Ind. Their
  - d. Jan. 5, 1934. Lived in Rensselaer, Ind. Their chil. (Watson):
    - 1) Elsie, b. Oct. 20, 1880; mar. June 10, 1903,

Dr. Ira M. Washburn, of Rensselaer. Their chil. (Washburn):
(1) Josephine, b. July 1, 1904; mar. June 30, 1930, Dr. J. N. Collins. Residence, Indianapolis, Ind.
(2) Mary, b. Jan. 30, 1906; m. Dec. 25, 1933, Robt. Bonesteel. Res.: Des Plaines, Ill.
(3) Dr. Richard N., b. Dec. 25, 1907; mar. Sept. 23, 1938, Mjerial Bjerken. Res.: Rensselaer.
(4) Elsie, b. April 12, 1915. Res.: Chicago.

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2) Ella, b. Apr. 8, 1882; m. Aug. 21, 1907, Benjamin F. Fendig, who was b. Aug. 28, 1868, d. Oct. 20, 1934. Res.: 114 College Ave., Rensselaer, Ind. Their chil. (Fendig): (1) Ralph Watson, b. June 14, 1908 (2) Frederick, b. May 4, 1911 (3) Philip Franklin, b. Mar. 1, 1923. 3) Myra, b. Aug. 24, 1887; m. Oct. 16, 1915, Dr. Raymond C. Beeler. Res.: Indianapolis, Ind. Their child (Beeler): (1) John Watson, b. July 2, 1921. 4) Catharine, b. Apr. 22, 1896; m. Apr. 4, 1920, Leland T. Hadley. Res.: 7246 Constance Ave., Chicago. Their children (Hadley): (1) Barbara, b. Jan. 31, 1921 (2) David Watson, b. Sept. 10, 1930. 4. Elizabeth ("Libby") A., b. June 12, 1849, d. May 27, 1926; m., nr. Rensselaer, Apr. 7, 1870, Wm. H. Gwin, b. Oct. 8, 1843, d. 1896. Had children (Gwin), all b. near Rensselaer, Ind.: 1) Elmer Wm., b. Jan. 30, 1872; m. Oct. 2, 1901, Fannie Wood. Had chil. (Gwin): (1) Leon, b. Jan. 29, 1902; m. Dec. 25, 1920, Mildred Jones. Res.: Rensselaer. Had chil. (Gwin): (1) Donald Wm., b. Aug. 10, 1926 (2) James Carl, b. Apr. 5, 1928 (2) Frances, b. Apr. 3, 1904; d. 1905 (3) J. C., b. and d. 1907 (4) Marion (son), b. Oct. 10, 1909, d. Oct. 5, 1925. 2) Elvia Alice, b. Nov. 23, 1874; m. June 12, 1906, Franklin M. Haskell, b. Jan. 27, 1863, d. Jul. 11, 1936. Had chil. (Haskell): (1) Kneeland, b. Jan. 12, 1908 (2) Bernard, b. Aug. 8, 1915. 3) Pleasant Marion, b. Mar. 19, 1879; m. Dec. 20, 1914, Lewistown, Mont., Ernestine Taylor. Res.: 408 Cook St., Lewistown, Mont. Had chil. (Gwin): (1) Wm. Taylor, b. Jan. 16, 1916 (2) James, b. Oct. 6, 1918; m. May 25, 1940, Livingston, Mont., Jean Gretencort (3) Gladys Marion, b. June 9, 1920.

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4) Carrie Elizabeth, b. Apr. 28, 1882; m.

Chicago, Dec. 24, 1913, Raymond Berry. Res.: Albion, Ill. Had chil. (Berry): (1) Janice L., b. Nov. 1, 1914. (2) Wm. Eugene, b. Dec. 14, 1916 (3) Stephena Elizabeth, b. Aug. 19, 1918. 5) Leslie Sherman, b. Sept. 30, 1885; m. Rensselaer, Frances Eliz. Martin, b. Mar. 31, 1892. Had chil. (Gwin), all b. nr. Rensselaer: (1) Martin, b. Oct. 9, 1919 (2) Dale, b. Feb. 4, 1921 (3) Donna, b. Feb. 19, 1923 (4) Marvin, b. Mar. 2, 1929 6) Hayes, b. June 23, 1889, d. Aug. 6, 1920 7) Annie Gladys, b. Mar. 20, 1892, d. 1898. Chas. M. m. 3) Mar. 23, 1869, Sara Jessie Porter, who lived nr. Rensselaer. IV. William H. Watson, b. ; d. , b. . (her estate M. 1) Sarah B ; d. was probated Dec. 13, 1875, in Tippecanoe Co., Ind.) Had chil. (perhaps others): 1. James Frank, b. ; d. in Mo. 2. Reed C. (was in Civil War), mar. Ada McLaughlin in Tippecance Co. in 1865. D. after 1900 in Mo. M. 2) Maria Tanner, of Grand Ridge, Ill. V. Thomas P. Watson, b. Ohio, July 20, 1820; d. Wyanet, Bureau Co., Ill., Nov. 24, 1891; m. Mary ; b. "Perryville" (prob. Perrysville, Ohio or Ind.), Nov. 27, 1829, d. Aug. 31, 1904. Moved to Ill. 1868. Thos. and Mary (also an Anna L. Watson, prob. a grand dau., age 1 yr. 10 mo. when she d. in Feb. 1901) bur. on Lot 175, in Wyanet Cemetery. Had chil. (Watson) and possibly 1 or 2 others: 1. Lida (prob. their child). b. 1845, d. m. Bureau Ga, Jan. 30, 1883, Leroy Stock, b. in 1846. 2. Edward, b. Ind., in 1847, d. ; m Minnie Pease, b. Ill. in 1856. Had at least 4 chil., incl. 1) Lida 2) Thomas, m. and had at least 1 child who d. an infant 3) Mary Eliza, b. Wyanet, Oct. 22, 1884. 4) Dak, b. Wyanet, Ap. 30, 1889. 3, Lycurgus, b. Ind. in 1850; d. ; m Mary Lathrop, b. Bureau Co., in 1852. Had chil. (and perhaps others): 1) Ada, b. m. 1) d. Hoffman; div; m. 2) Johnson. Res. Chicago. 2) Grace Belle, b. Wyanet, Oct. 10, 1878 3) Mary Edna, b. Wyanet, Sept. 11, 1882. 4) Son, b. Wyanet, Apr. 15, 1887 4. Mary, b. Ind. Nov. 19, 1865; d. Wyanet, Dec. 14, 1885; m. Wyanet, June 17, 1885, Gains B. Brown. 5. Possibly dau. Maggie, who may also have mar. a Brown.

(A Parsnelia or Parhelia, A. Watson, b. Concord Twp. May 24, 1856, d. Wyanet, Aug. 13, 1913, bur. Sheffield, Ill., probably belonged to one of the above Watson families.) ; d. (before 1875?), Lived VI. Franklin Watson, b. in Minn; m. Chil.; 1. Charles - lived at one time in Newton, Kansas. 2. Louise ?, m. Lee? (The above information was furnished by one cousin; another said Franklin was not married.) ; d. VII. Sarah Watson, b. ; m. Tippecance Co., Oct. 31, 1836, William Fleming. Had chil. (Fleming): 1. Alonzo, d. about 1916. Went blind about 10 yrs. before his death. Had chil. (Fleming): (order uncertain) 1) Wm. 2) Sallie, b. ; m. Frank Peck 3) Hattie, b. Sallie and Hattie were in California at least at time of their father's death. 2. Lide VIII. Samuel Watson, b. ; d. prob. about 1885. Had chil. (Perhaps m. others): 1. Ed 2. William; lived in Rochester, Ind., and later in Spokane, Wash. 3. Emma. IX. Mary Amanda Watson, b. May 18, 1829; d. Mar. 2, 1910; m. Rensselaer, Feb. 19, 1857, Job Evans Dye, of Rensselaer, who was b. Feb. 21, 1820, d. July 18, 1880; both buried at Pontiac, Ill., Lot 8, Blk. 18. Had chil. (Dye) (all b. in Pontiac, Ill.): 1. Carrie Lou, b. Dec. 8, 1857; m. June 17, 1901, George Chaney, of Pontiac. No children. Resides now (1940) with sister, Mary Joanna.

2. Sarah Estella, b. Aug. 27, 1860. Unm. Lives with sisters. 3. Mary Joanna, b. 1861; m. Albert L. Cook. Res: 3620 N. Stevens St., Tacoma, Wash. Have chil. (Cook) (b. Pontiac, Ill.): 1) Ernest D., b. Oct. 1, 1887; m. March, 1913, at Tacoma, Pearl Clulow of Tacoma. Res., Tacoma. Child: (1) Janet Cock, b. July 30, 1914. 2) Proctor Fyffe (Ted), b. Oct. 16, 1891; m. July 19, 1914 or 15, at Tacoma, Esther Peterson, of Tacoma. Res.: Beverly Hills, Calif. (Ted is a newspaper columnist, the author of "Cook's Cuckoos"). Their chil.: (1) Proctor Fyffe Cook, Jr., b. July 20, 1917 (2) Mary Joan Cook, b. Feb. 20, 1922.

Descendants of Rebecca L. Watson (Dau. of Jesse L.)

Rebecca Lewis (or Loring, or Louise?) Watson, b. July 24, 1831, II. 2. d. July 15, 1899, at Kansas City, Mo.; m. 1850. at LaFayette, Ind., Henry Clay Thompson, b. Meriden, Conn., March, 1829, d. Kansas City, Mo., July 20, 1910. Had chil. (Thompson) 1) Arthur Lewis, b. LaFayette, Ind., Oct. 21 (or 27), 1853, d. Santa Monica, Calif. ; m. LaFayette, Ind., Nov. 14, 1876, Mary O'Hara, b. LaFayette, Ind., Mar. 20, 1856; now living (1940) in Denver, Colo. Had chil. (Thompson): (1) Ralph Cook, b. LaFayette, Ind., Nov. 21, 1877; m. Nov. 21 (or 12), 1912, at Kansas City, Mo., Adelia Hubbard; present res.: 1320 Steel St., Denver, Colo. Had child: (1) Hubbard, b. Kansas City, Mo., 1916. (2) Fred William, b. LaFayette, Ind., Oct. 22, 1878; m. 1901, Kansas City, Ethel Jones. Res.: El Centro, Calif. 2) Charles James, b. LaFayette, 1855, d. Chicago, 1897. 3) Fred Albert, b. Mar. 29, 1865; m. 1) Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 5, 1835, Marion Scougall, b. Rockford, Ill., Oct. 5, 1866, d. San Diego, Calif., Jan. 18, 1918. Had chil. (Thompson): (1) Arthur Leroy, b. Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 3, 1886; d. San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 5, 1920; m. Kansas City, Sept. 6, 1908, Edith Lawson Casey, b. Palo Ponto Co., Texas, Feb. 21, 1887. Res.: Kansas City, Mo. Had chil.: (1) Margaret Jean, b. Kansas City, Apr. 8, 1908 Hugh John, b. Bellingham, Wash., Oct. 25, (2)1909. (2) Fred Albert, Jr., b. Kansas City, June 18, 1890, mar. San Francisco, Dec. 22 (or 27), 1922,

Margaret St. Clare Marr, b. Norton, B. C.,

Canada, Apr. 8, 1908. Res.: Portland, Ore. Had child:

Richard Frederick, b. Portland, Oct. 25, 1909.

(3) Nathan Clay, b. Kansas City, June 29, 1892; m. Petaluma, Calif., June 25, 1923, Ruth Frances Poehlmann, b. Petaluma, Sept. 12, 1904; res.: Petaluma. Had chil.:

Nathan Clay, Jr., b. Petaluma, Jul. 9, 1924
Marion Otillie, b. Petaluma, Dec. 24, 1933.

(4) Margaret Scougall, b. Kansas City, Aug. 25, 1894; m. Redwood City, Calif., Feb. 3, 1913, Kemo Arthur Kurt Schamber (Amer., of French-German descent), b. Ukiah, Calif., Dec. 14, 1892. Res.: Seattle, Wash. Had chil. (Schamber): (1) John Kurt, b. Alameda, Calif., Mar. 31, 1916 Jean Marion, b. Alameda, Jul. 16, 1919 (2)(3) Betty Ann, b. Petaluma, Calif., Feb. 17, 1923 (4) Wm. Robert, b. Petaluma, Sept. 14, 1926 (5) Theodore Arthur, b. Petaluma, May 1, 1929. (5) James Franklin, b. Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 26, 1896. Res.: Palo Alto, Calif. (6) Donald Scougall, b. Kansas City, Mo., Mar. 27, 1899; m. Berkeley, Calif., May 24, 1924, Ester Gusteria Gilkey, b. Medford, Oregon, Sept. 15, 1900. Res.: Washington, D. C. Had chil. (Thompson): (1) Donald Gilkey, b. Berkeley, Calif., Jan. 15, 19 (2) Abigail Boutwell, b. Wash., D. C., May 13, 1936. Fred Albert, Sr. (#3) m. 2) San Francisco, Calif., May 24, 1921, Mary Frances (Edwards) Lewis, widow, b. San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 10, 1880, who had 2 chil. by her first husband - Dorothy Lewis, b. Ft. Wingate, New Mexico, Apr. 29, 1905, and Hugh Howard Lewis, b. Manila, P.I., Oct. 29, 1912. (Dorothy m. at Kelly Field, May, 1924, Capt. Elmer Theodore Rundquist, b. Chicago, 1898, and is now (May, 1940) residing at France Field, Panama Canal Zone; had chil., (1) Howard Edwards, b. San Raphael, Calif., Sept. 5, 1926, and (2) Peter, b. Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 2, 1929). Lieut. Hugh Howard Lewis (Annapolis '34), now on U.S.S. "Tuscaloosa", home port Norfolk, Va., m. New Orleans, La., July 25, 1937, Florence Levy, b. New Orleans). Thompson's now 215 Kampmann Avenue Res. of Fred A.

San Antonio, Texas.

4) Clarence Lewis, b. LaFayette, Ind., Feb. 15, 1869; d. Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 5, 1928; m. Kansas City, Sept. 3, 1891, Nannie Plummer, b. West Liberty, Ky., Mar. 3, 1869. Res.: Kansas City. Had chil. (Thompson):
(1) Ethel Marion, b. Kansas City, June 12, 1892. Res.K.C.
(2) Jessie Alma, b. Kansas City, Mar. 11, 1894; m. Kansas City, Sept. 22, 1917, Albert Nathaniel Short, b. Cressington Park, Garton, England, Nov. 19, 1888. Res.: Kansas City. No children.
5) Claude Clay, twin of Clarence, b. LaFayette, Ind., Feb. 15, 1869; d. LaFayette, 1871.
6) Jessie Rebecca, b. LaFayette, Ind., 1871; d. LaFayette, 1872.

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kary (O'Hara)	15	Grace Belle	13
Nannie (Plummer)	16	Hattie	14
Nathan Clay	15	Henry H.	10
Ralph Cook	15	Henry Harrison	11
Rebecca L. (Watson)	8,15	Henry Scott	4,9
Rich. Frederick	15	Jeck	11
Ruth F. (Pochlman)	15	James	1,2
Thompson (Joseph)	2	" Frank	13
Thorntown, Ind.	3	" Franklin	11
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Tompkins Co., N. Y.	7	Jeanette	-,0,3
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Volcano Bar	5	Lowis Lowis	8
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Washington, D. C.	16	Lide	14
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Watson		Lycurgus	13
nda	13	Malinda (Fox) Dewees	10
Alonzo	14	Margaret (Paschal)	1
Amanda	2	Maria (Tanner)	13
Ann Eliza	2,7	Marion (Williams)	9
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Bernice Helena	10	" Edna	13
Catharine		<sup>14</sup> Eliza	13
	12	" (Lathrop)	13
Charlene Estelle	10	" (McCart)	1,7
Charles	13	Minnie (Pease)	12
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TO WELD	8	Nancy	2
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