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## Introductory Note

At the Washburn-Calvin reunion held in 1923 at the Winamac Park a committee was appointed to prepare and publish in a convenient form a brief geneological history of the Washburn-Calvin descendants. The information embraced in these pages is derived from the following sources:

First—A brief history prepared in 1879 by Dr. I. B. Washburn of Rensselaer, son of Moses L. Washburn. The writer of this early history had many conversations with Grandmother Calvin the mother of these Washburn-Calvin descendants and several of her early experiences are told in her own words.

Second—By my father, Isaac L. Washburn also a grandson of Grandmother Calvin and to the writers knowledge next to the oldest of that generation still living. He has been able to give me many facts of our early ancestors that may be regarded as authentic as he lived in the same locality as did Grandmother Calvin, that of Cass and Pulaski Counties, Indiana.

Third—By correspondence with members of the different branches of the family.

I have not been able in some instances to obtain as much information as I would have liked but such information as I have will serve as a nucleus for each of the families interested to carry forward its own line.

I have not attempted to go back in the geneology further than the marriage of Isaac Washburn and Rachael Laycock in 1804. I have data establishing the fact that there was a John Washburn in Virginia before 1619. A John Washburn at Duxbury, Massachusetts about 1628 and a William Washburn at Stratford, Connecticut in 1655. These are the earliest settlers known to the Association called "The Washburns of America." This Association is in fellowship with the "American Society of Colonial Families."

While I fully realize that marriage has brought into the family new blood I have had to confine myself strictly to the Washburn-Calvin lineage.

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### **“Rachael Washburn Calvin”**

Mrs. Rachael Calvin was born in the state of Virginia on May 9th, 1786. While she was yet quite a small child her parents moved to Pennsylvania. After staying there a short time they removed to Kentucky where the town of Washington now stands. They being among the first settlers there and her father helping to build the first house in Washington. From Kentucky they moved to Brown County, Ohio, fifty miles east of Cincinnati. With the exception of the settlement at Cincinnati there were but five white families within a radius of fifty miles. Their nearest neighbors were about fifteen miles distant. The Indians were plentiful all around them, committing murders, thefts and other depredations. They did her father no damage except to steal a very valuable horse from him but they did damage to the others. Among the incidents related by Mother Calvin is the following occurring at one of her neighbors: While the men were at work in the field the Indians stole up to the house, snatched a small child from the door and ran with it. The screams of the women brought the men who pursued the Indians so rapidly that fearing capture they tomahawked and scalped the child and threw it in a brush pile. Here its moans attracted the attention of the whites who took it home and strange to relate it lived to be quite an old man. The Indians would not bother the whites so long as the men were at the house but if the men left home to go any distance it was necessary to give the women arms and furnish food and water to last them until the return of the men, as it was extremely dangerous for the women or children to venture from the door even for a bucket of water. The men seldom left home except to go to mill. Even this was quite a trip for them as they had to go over into Kentucky—about one hundred miles. All this distance had to be made on horseback and it took nearly two weeks to make the trip. They also had to go to the big Kanawha river over into Kentucky for their salt. The distance was a hundred miles or more and the price of salt several



dollars per bushel and they carried it home on horseback. A person passing through that portion of the great state of Ohio today and seeing the great cities, fine farms, paved roads, and all the conveniences that invention, labor and art have produced would hardly believe that our great great grandparents lived there when it was a great wilderness overrun by men as wild and savage as the fiercest of wild beasts but nevertheless it is true. Our early ancestors had to contend with every inconvenience that a wilderness is heir to. There were no stores whereat to buy groceries, provisions, clothing, etc., without going many many miles and hence they did without many of those little nic nacs that we think so necessary. Their work was of the most primitive kind. Each house had its own loom and nearly every woman was a weaver. Mother Calvin, like the children of all early settlers had to labor very hard. When the weather was pleasant she would help the men in clearing up the ground and preparing it for planting. If the weather was not in a condition for her to work out of doors she would have to sit at the spinning wheel or walk back and forth over the floor to the hum of the large wheel twisting wool or flax or if not at either of the above tasks, she was perhaps busy at the loom as each of these implements was necessary in the manufacture of wearing apparel as the early settlers made it.

One of the most thrilling incidents of her childhood life is the following, in her own words:

"Once when my father was away to mill (he had to go so far it took him almost two weeks to make the trip) the Indians surrounded the house. Mother, my little brother, and myself were the only occupants. My mother climbed up and looked out at the roof of the house to see how many Indians there were. She saw quite a number of them so she came down and put little brother and myself into a pit under the floor while she slipped out of the house and started for help." Imagine, if you can, my readers, the thoughts of Mother Calvin as she was then but a child in years, left alone with her baby brother in a wilderness, surrounded by savages thirsting for blood. Her father away seeking to procure the necessities of life and having no knowledge of her dangerous position. Her mother gone to seek aid from the nearest neighbors and they being ten or fifteen miles distant. Imagine if you can, the agony of that mother leaving all she held dear in the world, except her husband, surrounded by savages who at any moment might break into the house murder the children or what would be still worse take them into captivity. But Mother Calvin lived to tell of the adventure.

"Once my father sent me on an errand to the house of a neighbor. I was only seven years old and as I was returning I was met by a bear. I thought the best thing I could do was to climb a tree which.

I did as soon as possible. The bear kept me there for several hours but finally went away and left me to go home. You may be assured that I went home very rapidly." This story shows the confidence and self reliance the children of early pioneers were taught to place upon themselves and their own abilities. Mother Calvin at the age of seven when met by the bear instead of screaming as no doubt many of us would have done, she thought of the means of escape. That of climbing a tree suggesting itself she put it into practice and thus escaped his Bruinship.

Another incident happened while they were crossing a prairie in their schooner. "The Indians set fire to the grass which approached us very rapidly. My father placed me on a horse and sent me on ahead four miles to where there was a settlement. There I obtained help and saved our property." Many of my readers have seen prairies on fire and know that the blaze moves very rapidly. Those whose lives depend on their movements must be comparatively rapid in their actions. So you may know Mother Calvin was not very long in going those four miles after help. The above incidents are only a few of the many thrilling episodes that occurred in her early life and will serve to give the readers of this book an idea of what it was to be a pioneer and a pioneer's child.

Rachael Laycock and Isaac Washburn were joined in wedlock October 9, 1804. The husband being the son of George Washburn, one of their nearest neighbors. The paternal parents of both had been neighbors in Pennsylvania. They had moved down the Ohio river in a flat boat, had lived in Kentucky for a short while and from there had moved into Ohio.

The children born to this union are Nicholas, George D., Phoebe, Moses L., William W., Isaac H., Levi L., Elizabeth Ann, and Azubah. In 1826, her husband died leaving his widow in very good circumstances but with quite a family to care for. On December 16, 1828 she was again married to Vincent Calvin and from this marriage two children were born, Vincent Perry Calvin and Rachael Calvin. These eleven children form the basis upon which this geneology is founded.

Our early ancestors did not have the exalted opinion of Woman's sphere in life as we of this age do. She was judged by her apparent capability of doing a great amount of physical labor. The idea that they could in any other way be a helpmeet to their husbands rarely entered their minds and they generally expected their wives to fulfill their standard of womanhood. This consisted of cooking, washing, ironing, making and cultivating their gardens, milking several cows and usually in the case of sickness of their husbands to do all the out

door work in addition. Allow me to say that Mother Calvin's life was no exception to this rule and in addition to her duties as a wife she was the mother of a large family. If she had not been a woman of an iron will and a hale vigorous constitution she certainly would have succumbed to the terrible ordeals through which she passed during a long and busy life. Mother Calvin was a member in good standing of the Baptist Church and had been for sixty-eight years previous to her death. She was kind hearted and charitable yet always firm in her decisions. Her last years were spent in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Azubah Brown at Star City, Indiana, where she had the best of care both in sickness and in health. She lived to be ninety-eight years of age and in all probability would have rounded out the century had she not met with an accident; that of burning one of her feet—infection followed and her death occurred a few days later, in May of 1884.

Her known descendants number 612.

## Nicholas Washburn

The subject of this sketch was the oldest son of Isaac and Rachael Laycock Washburn and was born in Brown County, Ohio on April 14, 1808. Coming to Cass County, Indiana with his mother, step-father and brothers and sisters in 1830. Being the oldest of a large family he did not remain at home very long. After several years of exploration he located in Montgomery County, where he entered a large tract of government land. The soil of this locality being very fertile he soon accumulated several thousand acres of land. He also dealt largely in stock.

His children are as follows: George W., born June 10, 1830; Nancy, born April 16, 1833; Rachael, born March 19, 1836; Jane (deceased) age not given; Minerva, born May 12, 1840; Mary, born March 27, 1842; John W., (deceased) infant; Riley, (deceased) infant; D. M., born August 3, 1850.

George W., oldest son of Nicholas Washburn married Louise Whetstone. Their children are Ella Washburn, wife of Irwin A. Dutchon, (deceased).

William W. Washburn, (living).

Jessie L. Washburn, wife of Charles Kirkpatrick, (deceased).

The grandchildren of George Washburn are through the family of William W. Washburn and are Gould, George, Jr., and Beard.

Nancy Washburn Woods was the mother of ten children. Rachael Washburn married Hezekiah Beckley. Their home was on a farm south of Royal Center but is now a part of that town. They were the parents of eight children.

Minerva Washburn McComas, daughter of Nicholas Washburn was born in Montgomery County and was married to David McComas March 5, 1857. A short time after their marriage they removed to Kansas where they reared their family of five children.

Three children, Louisa, born July 25, 1858; Charles William born in November of 1863 and Hal, born in 1875, died in infancy.

Harriet, the oldest daughter, born January 22, 1860 died Oct. 31, 1921. She was married to A. S. Kemper. Their children were as follows: Grace, born January 29, 1883 and who married Henry Tucker. Carolyn, born September 17, 1885 married to Dr. A. D. Smith and they have one daughter, Kathleen, born March 4, 1910. Elizabeth, the third daughter, born March 31, 1889 was married to George Barcus and they are the parents of one son, Stephen, born August 5, 1923. Daniel S., the youngest and only son of Harriet and A. S. Kemper was born December 6, 1897. He and wife are both living.

Charles Warren McComas, the third son of Minerva and David McKomas was born May 29, 1865. He and his wife are both living and are the parents of four children; Elsie, born October 6, 1885, married J. V. C. Christenson. David C., born June 10, 1888, living and wife living. Garnett, born December 15, 1895, living, married J. B. White and they have one daughter, Helen Rae, born April 8, 1917.

Charles Finis McComas, born February 26, 1898, living and wife living. They have two children, Charles William, born January 23, 1918 and Barbara Ann, born July 4, 1922.

Mark M. McComas, born Nov. 6, 1867 is the third son of Minerva and David McComas. He and his wife are both living.

Fannie C. McComas, born May 11, 1870 married C. R. Eggleston and have two sons, Rolland McMahan, born June 6, 1889 and Clifford R., born December 9, 1906.

Noble P. McComas, born February 14, 1873, married, he and wife both living. They have one daughter, Thelma, born November 9, 1899, who married Omar Ketchum and they have two sons, Jack born October 9, 1922 and Billy Roy born in August of 1924.

Marmaduke, better known as Dr. M. A. McComas, was born January 3, 1885. He and his wife are the parents of two children. Marmaduke, born January 3, 1916 and Patricia, born October 3, 1922.

## George D. Washburn

George D. Washburn was the second son of Isaac and Rachael Washburn and was born in Brown County, Ohio, February 19th, 1810. He was married to his step sister, Betsey Calvin, October 5, 1829. In 1830 they moved from Ohio to Cass County, Indiana, near Logansport. About four years later they moved to what is now the town of Royal Center, purchasing a farm there. He reared his family of seven children on this farm and while living there he was ordained a Baptist Minister. As there was no church buildings in these early pioneer days the religious services were held in the homes. As there was no means of transit he had to walk many, many miles giving his time and money without recompense. In 1865 he bought a home in the suburbs of Monticello, Indiana. It was here that his wife passed away, October 5, 1871. A year later he married Anna E. Baxter, who died in 1899. After her death he resided with his son Lewis in Royal Center, Indiana, passing away September 27, 1902, at the venerable age of 92.

His children are Tirza A., Eliza J., Lewis N., Emily E., Jefferson C., George W., and Phoebe M.

The children of the oldest daughter, Tirza A. Scott-Hewitt are Emma Scott Engler, John Wm. Scott and Jessie Hewitt Sayler.

Emma Scott Engler, one child, Stella Engler Firmey. John Wm. Scott, three children; Earl Scott, Hazel Scott Hann, and Gladys Scott Clark. Jennie Hewitt Sayler, three children; Donald G., Kenneth, and Everett.

The children of Stella Engler Firmey are Engler, Forest and Ryan. The children of Earl Scott are Gladys and Harold. Hazel Scott Ham, one child and Gladys Scott Clark, one child. Donald G. Sayler, one child, Thomas Kenneth Sayler, one child, Shirley Mae Everett Sayler, no children.

Eliza J., second daughter of George D. Washburn, married James Bernetha. They had five children, George and Edward died when mere children; Lon E., living at North Judson; Belle, living at Rochester; and Harry, living at Rochester.

Lon E. has an adopted daughter; Ruth, no other children.

Harry has two daughters; Madge Allison and Mildred Meyer, both residing at Rochester, Indiana. Madge has two children; Harry B. Allison and James Allison. Mildred has a daughter Julian Meyer.

Lewis Nelson Washburn married Charlotte King. They were the parents of four children. Emma died in infancy. Ida married

Wm. Bingaman, no children. Mattie married Walter Sayler, and they were the parents of the following children: Virgie Sayler Hyatt, five children; Lola Sayler Heckles, one child. Edith Sayler Kelso, one child. Helen Sayler Daniels, one child. Stanley Sayler, two children. Robert Sayler, not married. Dr. George W., married Altha Hinton; they have one daughter; Dorothy and an adopted son Darl.

Darl Washburn, whose home is in Greely, Colorado was married in 1925 to Edith Franklin of that City.

Emily Elizabeth Washburn married Jacob Walters. They were the parents of one son; George W. Walters.

George W. is the father of two daughters; Edna and Mildred McCormel Holloweg. Mildred has one child who is a great great grandchild in that family.

Jefferson C. died October 5, 1855.

Dr. George Washington Washburn married Mrs. L. Carbaugh in 1870 and in 1911 married Miss Belle Wilson. No children.

Phoebe Melissa Washburn was born March 6, 1844, was the youngest daughter of George D. Washburn, was married to John Lytle May 24, 1863. Eight children were born into this family as follows: Tirza, born June 5th, 1864. Mary Elizabeth, born July 17th, 1865. Sarah Emma Jennie, born Feb. 7, 1867. Infant, born November 7, 1869 (deceased), George David, born Feb. 28, 1871. Lillian Edna, born Dec. 18, 1876, died Oct. 2, 1908.

Elsie Eliza, born August 18, 1880, died May 21st, 1895. Calvin Archie, born May 18, 1882. Tirza, their oldest daughter was married to George Berkshire and they were the parents of eleven children; eight of whom are living; Mary E. was married to Chas. T. Overly and to this union thirteen children were born. Eleven are still living.

S. E. Jennie Lytle was married to Peter Kahler December 6, 1888 and were the parents of two daughters and one son; Pha, Eva, and Maurice.

Eva married Harvey Hiatt and they have two children. Helen H. and Harry Neil.

Pha married Cloyd Gilpin and Maurice married Eunice Jackson of Indianapolis, where he is located.

George D. Lytle married Inez Beatty and are the parents of eight children, seven of who are living; names not known to the writer.

Calvin Archie Lytle married Eva Pherson and they have one son and one daughter. John and Melissa Lytle have thirty-one grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren.

## Phoebe Washburn Bernethy

Phoebe Washburn was the oldest daughter of Isaac and Rachael Washburn and was born in the same locality as was her brothers and sisters that of Brown County, Ohio. She was born April 16, 1813 and was 17 years of age when the family came to Indiana. She was married to Robert Bernethy and their home was on a farm three and one-half miles north west of Royal Center. The children born into this home are as follows: John M., born July 23, 1830. Elizabeth Ann, born January 9, 1832. George W., born May 11, 1835. William W., born September 13, 1837. Rachael J., born April 4, 1840. Azubah E., born July 16, 1842. Calvin S., born March 13, 1845. Robert P., born October 7, 1847. Moses G., born November 27, 1849. James R., born June 14, 1851. Hezekiah W., born January 24, 1853. Nicholas R., born January 26, 1856.

John M. Bernethy, married and was the father of five children.

Elizabeth Ann, married Newton Woods.

William W. Bernethy, three children.

Rachael J., married Thomas Beckley and was the mother of two sons and two daughters; Charles E., born May 30, 1862. Luella, born November 18, 1864, died April 21, 1866. Perry, born November 11, 1867, died August 17, 1881. Mattie G., born September 7, 1872.

Charles E. married Lena Graves. Mattie G. married Charles Bess.

The grandchildren of Rachael J. and Thomas Beckley are James Thomas Beckley, born October 30, 1885; Grace Belle Beckley, born September 25, 1887; Jessie Lucinda Beckley, born January 11, 1890; Charles Nelson Beckley, born December 11, 1893; Katherine Jane Bess, born December 8, 1894.

Their great grandchildren are through the family of Charles Beckley and are Alice and Betty, daughters of Bert and Grace Beckley Skillen.



Mary Earnestine, Martha Maxine and James B., daughters and son of Henry and Jessie Beckley Lutes.

Mary Jane, Charles Z., and Joan and Jo Thomas (Twins) the children of Nelson.

Jane Irene Weaver, daughter of Katherine Jane Bess Weaver through the family of Charles and Mattie Beckley Bess.

The family of Robert Perry Bernethy consisted of three daughters and two sons as follows: Minnie W., Sallie J., Thomas J. Georgia A., and Flossie P.

His grandchildren are nine in number and their names are William W., Mary, Mary, Theodore, Robert, Clyde, William, Francis, Jessie and Theodore. Their last names are not known to the writer.

The great grandchildren are four in number; Robert, Seth, Fay and Fern. The number of other grandchildren of Phoebe Bernethy taken from the previous history are Azubah E., one child; Moses G., two children.

## Moses L. Washburn

Moses L. Washburn first saw the light of day April 2, 1815. He was the third son of Isaac and Rachael Washburn and he also was born in Brown County, Ohio. At the age of 18 he came with the parental family to Indiana. Their mode of traveling was in a Covered wagon and several families that were neighbors in Brown County Ohio established a settlement in Cass County. His first investment was a quarter section of land near Royal Center, Indiana. In 1838 he came to Indian Creek Township, Pulaski County and entered a quarter section of land in that township and on this farm he continued to make his home until his death with the exception of thirteen years between 1851 and 1864 when he lived on his farm in Cass County in order that his children might have school privileges. When he entered his land in Pulaski County he in company with several neighbors walked from there to the town of Laporte to obtain their land patents from the government. There were no roads at that time. They followed Indian Trails and waded the streams and camped at night. They had to carry their provisions with them except such game as they could procure on the way. It took two weeks to make the round trip, a distance of about 60 miles one way and would easily be made now in a couple of hours. Being one of Pulaski County's earliest pioneers he held numerous local offices of trust and responsibility. He also took an intelligent interest in the welfare of the community and was a consistent member of the Baptist church.

As an illustration of the high regard which those early settlers had of the observance of Sunday the following incident is related by one of his sons. Their church service was called a Class meeting and was held in the school house. On this particular Sunday one of the families came home with us for dinner. Mr. Skillen and my father were sitting on the porch in front of our house when two fine young deer made their appearance on the cleared spot at the school house which was near. Mr. Skiller said "Mose I wouldn't advise anybody to go hunting on Sunday but if a deer came that close home and I

had a gun I believe I would shoot it." Father replied by saying: "There hangs the gun and it is loaded." After a little jesting as to who would shoot Father took the gun and shot killing one of the deer. The other deer ran a short distance and stopped and my older brother shot this one. When it came time for them to go home Father threw one of the deer into Mr. Skillen's wagon but he immediately objected and said "now Mose you know the rule; 'The hide always goes with the gun'." So the deer was skinned, he taking the meat and leaving the hide as that was all that had any money value. It was worth fifty cents if applied on taxes.

Another illustration of their social life at that time was as follows: Grandfather Washburn had a Maple Camp on his farm in Cass County and when early spring came the sap had to be taken care of on Sunday as well as on week days, but extra care was taken to be quiet and strict about that day's work, but at one particular time the younger scions of the family in the spirit of fun let it be known very quietly that they would be at the camp the following Sunday. Then these same boys climbed demurely into the wagon with their parents and went to the camp. Later the neighbors began to arrive; Grandfather, in the spirit of hospitality poured into a large kettle more syrup but the boys when his back was turned poured in still more. Well, the result was that by the middle of the afternoon there were 125 people at the camp but they had maple sugar and taffy enough for all.

In March of 1837, our subject was married to Susannah Brown, a native of Preble County, Ohio. Four children were born to this union; Israel B., born January 9, 1838. Rachael A., born September 19, 1839. Isaac L., born April 17, 1842. Eli P., born January 13, 1844. The first wife died September 5th, 1859 and in September of 1860 he married Marilla A. McGoveney, a native of West Union, Ohio. To this last marriage were born three daughters and four sons as follows: Emma J., born November 1, 1861. James T., born September 23, 1863. Dora E., born October 12, 1865. Mary H., born July 21, 1868 (deceased). Henry B., born April 12, 1871. Moses R., born April 23, 1873. Leonard E., born May 23, 1875.

Israel Brown, better known as Dr. I. B. Washburn, served as a surgeon in the Civil war and while home on a furlough in July of 1864 was married to Martha Ann Moore. Their children are Lulu May, born May 10, 1865 in Royal Center, Indiana; died May 15th, 1891. Mary Susannah, born August 10, 1867 in Star City, Indiana. Elsie Augusta, born August 18, 1869 in Star City; died October 11, 1871. Warren Willis, born in Royal Center, September 2, 1872. Ira Miller, born June 23, 1874 in Logansport, Indiana. Ellis Moore was born January 9, 1876 in Logansport, Indiana; died August 2, 1876. Helena Elda born January 28, 1881 in Rensselaer, Indiana

and Donald Brown was born November 11, 1885 in Renselaer; died January 20, 1888.

Warren W. Washburn married Aetna Kennedy and they have one son Israel Brett, born October 7, 1905.

The children of Dr. Ira M. and Elsie Washburn are Josephine, born July 1, 1904; Mary Dorothy, born January 31, 1906; Nathaniel R., born December 25, 1907; Elsie Anna, born April 12, 1915.

Helena Washburn married Errett Graham. They are the parents of one son and two daughters, Mary McLeod Graham, born August 11, 1906 in Chicago; Earnest Washburn Graham, born January 14, 1911 in Chicago and Martha Ellen was born in Indianapolis March 17, 1921.

Rachael Ann Washburn, oldest daughter of Moses L. and Susannah Washburn married Dr. James Thomas. Their home was in Royal Center. She died shortly after their marriage leaving no descendants.

Isaac Levi Washburn was born in Pulaski County, Indiana and with the exception of a few years when his father moved back to Cass County that his children might attend school almost his entire life was spent in this county. He was married on February 2, 1862 to Mary Elizabeth McCombs of Royal Center. The children of Isaac L. and Mary E. Washburn are Susannah, born August 16, 1863; was married to Charles A. Badger, April 18, 1883, died April 11, 1891. Rachael Ann, born February 1, 1865; married Alonzo E. Stalnaker; died April 10th, 1883. John Elliott, only son of Isaac L. and Mary E. Washburn married Ida B. Simms, November 13, 1889; died June 14, 1919. The children born into this family are Loyd, Hugh, Vern Elliott, Glenn (deceased), Marie (deceased) and Glatice.

Loyd was born May 29, 1891. Married Emma Wandri, one daughter, Eleanor. Hugh, born June 10, 1893, was married to Lillian Spears September 16, 1914, and their family consists of two sons and a daughter. John Elliott, born April 28, 1917. Hugh Eugene, born February 19, 1921. Leona Ruth, born April 24, 1923.

Vern Elliott Washburn, born October 23, 1895 was married to Maude Butler January 1, 1920 and they are the parents of one son Vern Elliott, Jr., born January 9, 1921.

Glatice Dianna Washburn, youngest child of Elliott and Ida Washburn was born February 15, 1901, was married to Henry B. Colburn, June 6, 1921. Their children are Henry Bradford Colburn, born December 14, 1922 and Constance Colburn, born May 27, 1925, died June 1, 1925.

Martha Alice, third daughter, born to Isaac and Mary E. Washburn was born on December 25, 1870 and was married to James Brown Blew December 25, 1890. A daughter and a son were born

to them as follows: Mary Gem, born November 16, 1891; married Otto E. Lindgren, June 22, 1920. They were the parents of one son, David Wicks (deceased), born February 22, 1922. Donald Washburn Blew, born July 23, 1893, died November 4, 1915.

Frances Mildred Washburn, youngest daughter of Isaac L. and Mary E. Washburn, was born March 23, 1877 and was married to Att'y Leonard W. Felker, June 29, 1898.

Eli Perry Washburn was born in Indian Creek Township, Pulaski County January 13, 1844. He was the youngest child of Moses L. Washburn by his first marriage. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the 46th Indiana regiment in which he served for about ten months. At that time on account of ill health he was sent home. After he regained his health he re-enlisted in the 20th Indiana regiment in which he served until the close of the war. In the latter regiment he was in active service many times. He was twice married. The first marriage was to Rosetta Steward, who died about a year later leaving a baby daughter who died after only a few months of life. Several years later he married Letty Ann Skillen and to this marriage were born four sons and one daughter as follows: Moses Perry, Katherine, Leroy (deceased), Earl and Merle twins who died with measles at the age of ten months.

Moses Perry, oldest son married Phoebe A. Lowry and they are the parents of two daughters; Lillian May and Edith Ilene. Lillian May married Orville Newport and they have one son, Harold Leonard. Edith Ilene married Lester D. Hopkins, all are residents of Logansport.

Katherine, only daughter of Eli P. and Letty Ann Washburn married Jacob J. Lowery and their family consisted of four daughters and one son as follows: Sylvia, Iva (deceased), Ocie, Pearl and Richard Washburn.

Sylvia is the wife of Marvin Briggs, Ocie married Merle Bowers and has a daughter Sylvia Alice.

Pearl married Harry Hoffman and they are the parents of a daughter, Katherine Louise.

The mother Katherine Lowery died July 3, 1920.

Emma J., oldest daughter of Moses L. and Marilla Washburn married Sydney E. Smith. To them was born one son George Clifford, born March 5, 1885.

Sydney E. Smith died April 2, 1886. George Clifford Smith died January 23, 1887. Emma J. Smith married Edwin Frain January 1, 1888 and to this union two daughters were born.

Dora J. Frain born November 18, 1889. Edna Marilla Frain born April 5, 1891. Edna married Harry F. Hammerly November 29, 1922.

James T. Washburn was married on November 8, 1887 to Mary J. Marker and their children are Clyde C., born September 12, 1888; Rose A., born September 23, 1890; Franklin B., born September 1, 1893; Anna M., born February 3, 1896; James L., born February 24, 1898; Maude G., born August 11, 1903.

Rose A. Washburn was married April 12, 1913 to Cecil G. Ent. Their children are as follows: Nov. 7, 1913, a daughter (deceased); James T., born May 3, 1915, died July 2, 1923; Dorothy E., born June 8, 1917 (deceased); Rose A., the mother of this family died in July of 1924.

Franklin B. Washburn, unmarried, died February 26, 1912.

Anna M., married Charles G. Brown, April 14, 1918.

Maude G., married Wm. J. McClure October 27, 1920. Their children are Tommy O. McClure, born February 13, 1921; Mary M. McClure, born March 2, 1923.

Dora Elizabeth Washburn, second daughter of Moses L. and Marilla Washburn was married to George W. Lidgard in 1889. One son (deceased) was born in 1891. George W., the husband died in October 1891. Dora Elizabeth Lidgard was again married January 1, 1894 to Joseph Fitz. They have an adopted son, Harry Washburn.

Henry Bardwell Washburn was married to Apaulona Miller. They are the parents of one daughter; Helen W. who married Roy Corts. They have two children; Billy Washburn and a baby daughter.

## William W. Washburn

William W. Washburn, fourth son of Isaac and Rachael Washburn was born in Brown County, Ohio, June 11, 1817. In company with other members of his family he moved to Cass County, Indiana in 1830 settling near an Indian village called Logan's Port, now the present site of the city of Logansport. Four years later they moved ten miles north-west of this settlement and became the first settlers of the present town of Royal Centre.

He was married February 14, 1839 to Jane Calvin who died April 16, 1865. They became the parents of six children; Elihu Parker, born January 24, 1842, died April 1, 1922; Ira C., born May 28, 1844, died September 25, 1862; Mary Jane, born April 3, 1846; John A., born June 17, 1849; Albert N., born June 8, 1852; Minerva E., born February 21, 1859.

Later in life he married Lucetta Conn and to this union were born Anna Conn, who died in infancy; George W., born September 6, 1876.

Elihu Parker Washburn, son of Wm. Washburn, married Rebecca Reichard. Born to them were five children; Emma Isabelle, married James H. White, one daughter; Newton Elihu married Anna Rusk, no children; John Mitchel married Mary A. Sears, four children; Blanche A. married Edwin C. Cannon, one daughter; Bert H. married Maude Calvin, adopted son.

Elihu P. married Mary E. Bennett, born to them two sons; Dale Owen and Ira Bennett.

Ira Bennett married Vera Fry.

The grandchildren of Elihu Parker Washburn are Elsie Grace McGeehe, daughter of Emma I. and James H. White; Marjorie, Helen, Harold and Herbert through the family of John M. and Mary A. Washburn.

Marjorie married Lawrence Moulton; Helen married Howard Jackson; Bernice I., daughter of Blanche and Edwin Cannon, born August 10, 1893; Richard Bert, adopted son of Bert and Maude Washburn.

The great grandchildren of Elihu P. Washburn are John, Jimmie and Joe Moulton.

Bernice Cannon married Wm. Kingrie and has one daughter Dolores Irene.

Mary Jane, daughter of Wm. W. Washburn married Thad Ferrien and moved to California where they reared their family. Their children are as follows: Leslie, Alzena, Ida, Fred, Charlie and Emma.

Leslie and Ada Ferrien live in Korbel, California and their children are Wilmoth Lillian, Nela Alzena, Charles Leslie, Edward Newton, Earnest Monroe and Frederic Yates.

Their grandchildren are through the family of Wilmoth and Shedrich Oharra. Wilmoth Zertha (deceased).

Earnest Rae and Clyde Ferrien, children of Nela Alzena and Claude Brounlow and Merle Jane, Lane Leroy and Donald Newton, Children of Edward Newton and Christine Ferrien.

The children of Alzena Washburn Vandenburg are Arthur R., (deceased), Carrie May, Myrtle, Charlie and Wallace, (deceased).

Carrie Vanderburg Craigie has one son, Harold. Myrtle Vandenburg Stout has 3 children, Leslie, Maxine and Barbara.

Ida-May Ferrien married Thomas Hunter; the names of their children are Basil James, Leland Otto, Mabel Gladys, Clyde Edwin, Sybil Walker, Ionia Iolia, Leonia Lenora and Viola Lillian.

The grandchildren of this family are Williard Leroy, Melvin Warren, and Leland Lawrence the sons of Leland Otto.

Donald Thomas, the son of Clyde Edwin; Walter Harvey, son of Sybil Walker Pitts; Lois Elaine, daughter of Ionia Iolia Kirkmo.

Fred Ferrien married Laura Briceland and their children are Lee Ferrien, born December 4, 1903; Willis Monroe, born May 20, 1907; Tillie May, born May 13, 1910. Fred Ferrien's wife died in 1912 and in 1914 he married Eva McKee. Their children are Fred McKee and Albert Leslie.

John A. Washburn, son of Wm. and Jane Washburn married Barbara Kahler January 9th 1873. Their children are as follows: Henry Edward, born September 27, 1874, died June 10, 1920; Harriet, born July 4, 1876, married John Crain; Effie J., born Oct. 22, 1878, married Wm. Young; Lillie, born April 5, 1880, married John DeMoss; Alfred Owen, born Jan. 13, 1882, married Mary Lodes; Arthur, born March 4, 1884, married Lena Burnson; Alice,



born July 14, 1887, married B. Rice; Myrtle, born November 25, 1894, married Clark Hickes; Edna, born January 16, 1899, married Floyd Carlson; Milford, born March 12, 1904.

Their grandchildren are as follows: Florence and Pearl Crain, Fern and Ruth Young, Harley, Ray, Everett and Juanita DeMoss, and David Allen, son of Owen Washburn.

The children of Arthur Washburn are Edith Blanche, Paul Arthur, Julia Elizabeth and twins named Gale Allen and Dale Calvin.

Ada Dorothy Howard and Mabel Rice, children of Alice and B. Rice.

Ralph Eugene, Barbara Irene, Nellie and Carl Hicks, children of Myrtle and Clark Hicks.

Lucile and Ethel Carlson, children of Edna and Floyd Carlson.

Minerva Elizabeth Washburn married G. C. Bates. One son was born to them, Charles Lewis, who died at the age of fourteen. Their home is in Kansas.

George W., youngest son of Wm. W. and Lucetta Conn Washburn married Fannie Blackburn. They have two children, Olive E., who married Otto C. Brenner, and Wm. Reuben.

### Isaac H.

Isaac H. Washburn, the fifth son of Isaac and Rachael Laycock Washburn was born March 27, 1819 in Brown County, Ohio and like the rest of his brothers and sisters came with his mother and step father and settled in what is now the town of Royal Centre. His children consisted of two daughters, Mary E. and Ruth.

Mary E. married William House and they were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are still living. Following are their names: Ella, George, Verdie, Tillie, Anna, Carrie and Leroy. Their grandchildren are Herbert and George Peed, sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Peed; Milfred House, son of George House; Leonard Burton, son of Mrs. Anna House Burton; Mrs. Carrie House Thompson, three sons, Dale, Glen, and Roger and Leroy House, four daughters, May, Margaret, Mary and Dorothy.

Ruth Washburn married William Laycock. They had two sons, George and Joe (all deceased).

### **Levi L. Washburn**

Levi L. Washburn was the sixth son of Isaac and Rachael Washburn and was born June 26, 1821. He was the only one of their children to leave no descendants.

### **Elizabeth Washburn Buck**

Elizabeth was next to the youngest of the children of Isaac and Rachael Washburn. She was born in Brown County, Ohio, May 18, 1823. She was one of the group that came to Indiana in 1833 in company with her mother, step-father and brothers and sisters, being at that time only 10 years of age. She was married to John Buck and their home was in Pulaski County, just north of Thornhope. They were the parents of 10 children, only two of who are still living; Felix G. Buck, and Fielden P. Buck. The family geneology follows:

James Buck, born November 21, 1841, died December 1st, 1901.

Willis H. Buck, born November 1st, 1843 (deceased).

John Thomas Buck, born February 22nd, 1846 (deceased).

Felix G. Buck, born January 6th, 1849.

Mahalia A. Buck, born April 6th, 1851 (deceased).

George L. Buck, born September 6th, 1853 (deceased).

Fieldon P. Buck, born January 11th, 1856.

Elizabeth L. Buck, born May 23rd, 1858 (deceased).

Jonathan D. Buck, born October 6th, 1860 (deceased).

Harvey J. Buck, born December 19th, 1862 (deceased).

James buck was married to Martha Miller who died 1869. To this union one child was born, Martha Carrie, October 24th, 1868. James Buck married again to Ruth A. Nickles, August 3rd, 1871 and to this union five children were born as follows: John N. Buck, born June 8th, 1872; Charles E. Buck, born December 3rd, 1875 (deceased); Minnie J. Buck, born June 19th, 1879 (deceased); James Claud Buck, born July 22nd, 1881; Ida Ethel Buck, born September 24th, 1886.

Martha Carrie Buck was married to Otto W. Bridenbaugh, June 7th, 1898.

John N. Buck was married to Ora Bell Clouse----1898 and

to this Union were born thirteen children as follows: Earl Cleon Buck, born May 1st, 1898; Carl Franklin Buck, born February 17th, 1900; Everet Buck, born August 30th, 1901, died September 5th, 1901; Grace Luellen Buck, born August 31st, 1902; James Otis Buck, born September 13th, 1904; Albert Sylvester Buck, born November 8th, 1906; Don Claudis Buck, born April 5th, 1908; Ruth Matilda Buck, born April 30th, 1910; Gertie Ethel Buck, born May 2nd, 1912; Esther Mary Buck, born June 30th, 1914; George William Buck, born July 31st, 1916; Edna Opal Buck, born November 17th, 1918; John Eugene Buck, born November 25th, 1920.

Earl C. was married to Mary Doran June 26, 1919. Carl F. was married to Amanda Swartz, December 28th, 1921; to them one child was born, Betty Jane, October 28th, 1923.

Grace L. was married to Bruce Day on December 31st, 1922; to them one child was born, John Marion, May 11th, 1923.

Ida Ethel Buck was married to L. B. Dye on November 23rd, 1907 and to this Union were born two children; Ruth Irene, born March 20th, 1909; Fae Ethelyn, born August 13th, 1917.

John Thomas Buck was married to Caroline Fisher, now deceased. To this Union were born eleven children; William T. Buck, born September 1st, 1867, died November 6th, 1912; Effie A. Buck, born November 22nd, 1869, died February 7th, 1870; Martha A. Buck, born Jan. 18th, 1871, died August 27th, 1872; Emma L. Buck, born March 8th, 1873, (deceased); James F. Buck, born April 22nd, 1874, died September 22nd, 1876; Charlotte R. Buck, born February 28th, 1876; Elizabeth C. Buck, born December 6th, 1878, died April 12th, 1912; Laura E. Buck, born September 24th, 1881; Felix G. Buck, born September 13th, 1884, died March 4th, 1920; Minnie M. Buck, born December 31st, 1887, died January 29th, 1888; Josephine L. Buck, born January 26th, 1890.

William T. Buck was married to Lorinda C. Vangundy on June 8th, 1889 and to this Union were born nine children as follows: Maggie V. Buck, born June 18th, 1890, died December 22nd, 1908; Gertrude A. Buck, born June 6th, 1892, died April 13th, 1896; Thomas J. Buck, born July 14th, 1894, died August 9th, 1913; Lyda A. C. Buck, born February 23rd, 1896; Lola R. Buck, born Feb. 23, 1898, died July 28th, 1899; Harry W. Buck, born June 28th, 1899, died August 29th, 1899; Mason W. Buck, born September 12th, 1900, died October 14th, 1900; Lorinda M. Buck, born November 16th, 1903; Bertha H. Buck, born July 16th, 1908.

Maggie V. Buck, married to Martin Gast February 24th, 1908.

Lyda A. C. Buck, married to Clarence R. Strong, June 6th, 1914. To this Union were born four children as follows: Dorothy M., Raymond E., Warren R., and Phillis W.

Lorinda M. Buck was married to Ira Nickles, November 9th, 1922. To them was born one child.

Charlotte R. Buck was married to Henry Shidler, January 1st, 1894 and to this Union were born nine children as follows: H. Melvin, May 7th, 1894; Mary C., June 15th, 1896; Thomas P., August 2nd, 1898; Harry E., August 11th, 1901; Everett, Grover M., Darl, Olive R. and Woodrow W.

H. Melvin Shidler was married to Mable Biddle on June 3rd, 1915, to this Union one child was born; Russel.

Mary C. Shidler was married to Samuel Brugh on January 17th, 1914 and to this Union were born four children as follows: Agnes, Ruth M., Charles and Milton E.

Thomas P. Shidler was married to Ruth F. Biddle on November 30th, 1919 and two children were born to them; Thomas P., Jr. and Gerald N.

Harry E. Shidler was married to Olive Zeider on September 9th, 1922.

Elizabeth C. Buck was married to George W. Moyer on September 28th, 1897 and to this Union were born nine children as follows: Infant twins (deceased), Stacy L., James E., Mildred M., Gertrude I., Doris L., George W. (deceased), and an Infant (deceased).

Mildred M. Moyer was married to Arther Bennett on August 30th, 1902.

Laura E. Buck was married to Thomas L. Shull on November 4th, 1901 and to this Union were born three children as follows: Thomas L., Athalene L., and Isabell T.

Felix G. Buck was married to Augusta Stock (deceased) on April 7th, 1909. To them were born two children, Robert and Felix Paul (deceased). Felix G. Buck was married again to Maud Cauffman on April 12th, 1916 and to this Union were born two children, Thomas and Ralph W.

Josephine L. Buck was married to Everet Day on January 1st, 1908.

Felix G. Buck, M. D. was married to Eunice Brooks, one child, Geneveve (deceased); was married again to Ann M. Jones.

George L. Buck, M. D. was married to Malinda Fickle (deceased)—married again to Blanche Tanner.

Fieldon P. Buck was married to Amanda J. Wirick on September 16th, 1875, (deceased). Married again to Lillian M. (Minton) Carey on June 26th, 1909.

### **Azubah Washburn Brown**

Azubah Washburn married Riley Brown. Their only child Mary Elizabeth was born September 27, 1845, (deceased).

Mr. Brown entered his land adjoining that of his brother-in-law, Moses L. Washburn and made that his home for many years. Later he moved to Star City and operated a grain elevator there until a short while before his death.

It was with this daughter that Grandmother Calvin lived for a number of years prior to her death and where she received the best of care. The writer remembers distinctly when she used to often be in this home and how grandmother then about 95 was usually sitting in a very high straight backed rocker knitting. She did not wear glasses. She liked to knit mittens making them in a block pattern by using two threads of different colors. This would be considered quite an art today and while she knit how she did enjoy telling how the world was when she was a little girl. How she would marvel if she could come back to earth and see her great great granddaughters doing so many of their household tasks by the use of electricity. Talking to their friends over the telephone or listening over the radio.

## Vincent Perry Calvin

Vincent Perry Calvin, only son of Vincent and Rachael Calvin, who was born March 13, 1830 and was married to Katherine Burton. They established their first home on what is now the North East part of the town of Royal Centre. Some years later they purchased a farm near Kewana, Indiana and on this farm they lived for many years and here their family was reared. After retiring from active life they resided in Kewana.

This venerable couple was so blessed that they lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, an occasion which is accorded only a few people. Their children are George M., born December 19, 1851; Mary E., born December 24, 1853; Vincent Wm., born January 10, 1856; John W., born April 3, 1858; Israel B., born June 29, 1860; McClellan, born June 1, 1863; Catherine J., born October 25, 1865; Martha L., born November 6, 1867; Peter S., born June 12, 1869; Hannah M., born March 20, 1872; Robert P., born July 25, 1874; Sarah C., born March 20, 1876.

The oldest son, George M., married Sarah Apt. Their children are Glenn, Fern, Octavia, Grover (deceased) and Edith.

Glenn married Charlie Miller and their children are Corene, Edith, Calvin, Mary, Edward and Robert.

Fern married Bert Burns. Their children are Josephine, Calvin (deceased), Earnest and George Manners.

Octavia married Leonard Hemminger. Their children are John Calvin, Whitfield, Helen, Lela May, George Manners, and Albert Ray.

Mary E. Calvin married Charles C. Wisely. Their children are Mary Catherine, Emily Jane, Myrtle May (deceased), Effie Luellen, John Hugh, Hanna Madge, Thurman Clifford, Edith Blanche, Gertrude C., and Lavanchia Marie.

Mary Catherine married John Engle. Their children are Harvey, Walter, Hilda (deceased), Carl, Robert, Julia, Bernice, Donald, Margery, Earnest and Dorris.

Emily Jane married Wm. Brugh. Children are Treva, Thelma, and Lavanchia.

John Hugh married Grace Margaret Wilson. Children, Floyd Clair, and Carl Frances.

After the death of his first wife he later married Anna Guy Purdum and by this marriage one child born, John Hugh.

Hannah Madge married Raymond Dean Urbin. Children are Lona, Everett, Wilbur and Gerald.

Thurman Clifford married Leona Bruce; no children.

Edith Blanche married Charles M. Powers. Children are Charles, Jr., Betty Lou, and Mary Alice.



Gertrude C. married Robert C. Lamborn. Children are Margaret Luella and Ralph Conroy.

Lavanchia Marie married Joseph W. Messman. No children.

Vincent Wm. Calvin married Melissa Toner. Their children are Bertha, Perry, Albert (deceased), Frank, John, Edna, Elmer (deceased), Omer (deceased), and Arthur.

Perry Calvin married Carrie Cannon. Children are Mabel and Vincent.

Arthur Calvin married Aurel Mogle. Children are Jeanette, Wallace and Lois May.

Edna married Ralph Comer. One child, Dorese.

John W. Calvin married Jennie Carter, (both deceased). No children.

Israel B. Calvin married Jessie Sparks. One child, Vere S. Calvin.

Vere S. Calvin married Elmnora Harding. One child, Jean.

McClelland Calvin (deceased).

Catherine J. Calvin married Frederick Gillespie. Children are Howard, Bert, Warren, Victor, Hazel, Van Tuyle and Mary.

Howard married Lillian Kurtz. Children are Charles, Frederick and Robert-Howard.

Bert Gillespie married Oneta McKee. No children.

Warren Gillespie married Margaret Metzger. One child, Catherine.

Victor Gillespie married Maude Emmons. No children.

Hazel married Herman Beckner. One child, Marjorie.

Van Tuyle married Sylvia Metzger. Children are Frances and Norman.

Mary married Harry Darter. One child, Harry, Jr.

Martha Luellen (deceased).

Peter S. (deceased).

Hanna Maude married Bert Washburn. One adopted child, Richard.

Robert Perry married Caroline Trice. Children are Alice, Jean and Richard.

Sarah C. married Alonzo Troutman. Children are Bert, Perry, Isabelle, Julia, May, Grace, Ella, Mary and Caroline (deceased).

Bert married Lillian Anderson. Children are Donald and Darlene.

Perry married Ethel Agnew. Children are Jaris and Ivan Roy.

Isabelle married Gerald Weldy. One child, Catherine E.

### **Rachael Calvin Graves**

Rachael Calvin was the youngest of the two children born to Vincent and Rachael Calvin and was the sister of Vincent Perry Calvin whose biography is found elsewhere in this book. The date of her birth is August 28, 1832. She was married to William Graves and they had one daughter, Azubah Ann. This daughter Azubah Ann married William Wikells. Two children were born to them but their names are unknown to the writer.

<b>PRESIDING OFFICERS</b>			<b>Earliest Washburn Settlers in America</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>WASHBURN - CALVIN</b>		<b>John, in Virginia</b>
<b>Dr. G. W. Washburn</b>			<b>before 1619.</b>
<b>Secretary-Treasurer</b>	<b>REUNION</b>		<b>John, at Duxbury,</b>
<b>George Washburn</b>	<b>1910</b>	<b>1925</b>	<b>Mass. about 1628.</b>
<b>Honorary President</b>			<b>William, at Strat-</b>
<b>I. L. Washburn</b>			<b>ford, Conn. in 1655.</b>

This association was permanently organized at Spencer Park, Logansport, Indiana on September 10, 1910 as the Washburn-Calvin Reunion.

The following were its first officers: Dr. E. P. Washburn, Buffalo, Indiana, President; George W. Washburn, Logansport, Sec'y; Isaac L. Washburn, Star City, Indiana, Treas.

The records show that 71 attended this meeting. The record attendance being 329.

## Our Heritage

The family is of German extraction but many generations have come and gone since it was founded in America. We of the present age hardly pause long enough to think of the hardships our early ancestors had to experience or the courage it required whenever they decided to push further west and taking their families and their belongings start on their journey to a new country. They had to be people of very determined character and possess great power of adaptability to circumstances. But these were the events that shaped and moulded their characters.

In 1776 four days were required to make the trip from New York to Boston. The same length of time required now to go by rail from Boston to San Francisco. Instead of the traveling bag which the modern traveler carries the pioneer of those days took three essential articles. A rifle, an ax, and a hoe to be used for protection, shelter and food and when he came to a river he and his horse had to swim for there were no bridges.

After the introduction of flat boats traveling along the rivers was found to be more feasible. This was the mode of travel when our ancestors came from Pennsylvania down the Ohio River into Kentucky. A couple of generations later when they came from Brown County, Ohio to Cass County, Indiana, they came in covered wagons.

There were at that time a few stage coaches but that was too expensive and besides these covered wagons afforded more privacy and accomodation in the way of space for household goods and beds.

Our early ancestors would no doubt smile if they could see us today starting out with our automobile all packed for a long journey or on a camping trip and they would add with a twinkle in their eye that to them belongs the honor of originating the first house on wheels.

Given to us as a heritage from our early ancestors have been some very marked traits of character. The heritage of religion has

been one of these. Our great great grandparents were Baptists and held to this faith strictly. There were no churches but the Christian home was considered sacred and the living room of a household could be transformed into a temporary church on short notice. As time passed they cut the trees, hewed the logs and built churches. Crude as they might seem to us of today they were just as dear to the people of those days as our more expensive architecture is to us.

In the same manner in which they built their churches they had to build their school houses. They were a one room log building and boards laid on pegs driven into the wall served as seats. Their school year was of about two months duration in the middle of the winter and it was not an uncommon thing to walk five miles to school for our pioneer fathers were interested in the education and proper training of their children and although they penetrated the wilderness, they brought civilization with them and they did not forsake the manners and customs of refined life but used them in such a way as to be a proper example to those who would come after them.

While they had no knowledge of the study of Eugenics, they fully understood that to maintain their economic, military and political level they dared not neglect the coming generation.

Thus we have instilled into our veins such traits as integrity, ambition, sternness, (almost to the point of severity) and hospitality. If we would stop occasionally and question ourselves just how much of our personality have we inherited and how much has been acquired we would recognize heredity more than we do.

The heritage of patriotism began with our ancestors when they fought in the Colonial wars. Our great great great grandfather served throughout the Revolutionary war and then was a comrade of Daniel Boone in his raid into Kentucky.

As a proof that patriotism did not wane was the number of sons from the second generation that served in the Civil war. The World war call came not only to the sons but the daughters as well and it was the fourth generation that responded. For citizenship had come to women by this time. An event not even dreamed of by our early ancestors and our daughters had the opportunity of proving their patriotism along with their brothers.

The earliest vocational life of our ancestors was trapping. Wild animals were in abundance, many of these furnished food and their fur could be exchanged for necessities that could not otherwise be obtained or the hide could be tanned and made into shoes.

After their home, which was usually a one room log cabin, was built they would clear a small piece of ground and plant potatoes and some garden vegetables which would add greatly to their living. This gradually developed into farming and furnished the incentive

for going further west where more farming land could be procured. A homestead could be entered which consisted of 160 acres at \$1.25 per acre. Since that time the sons and daughters of the generations following have entered almost every vocation in life and while ambition, thrift and economy have been marked characteristics handed down to us. They also found time for hospitality and social life, common in those days.

The accumulation of wealth was not an exclusive goal.

In thinking of "heritage" we are so apt to apply it to the material things such as money, a priceless treasure, or land, but the kind of heritage I have reference to can not be estimated in dollars and cents and the value of our heritage should be adjudged by the eyes of our souls rather than the eyes of our purses.

To be able to perpetuate our ideals, to keep trust in our heritage is one of the present generation's great problems. Just how we meet it will be revealed in our generations to come. Are we going to be able to pass on to our children and our children's children the high principles of right living and keep the standard that was given to us. All along this road from the ox team to the airplane each relay of generations has had its own problems to meet but the same motive that prompted them will prompt us; That of living again in our children.

*What is the glory of age I said  
Is it a hoard of gold and a few good friends  
When we reach the day that we look ahead  
And see the place where our journey ends  
A "Mother" smiled as she answered me  
The glory of age isn't gold or friends  
When we reach the valley of "Soon to be"  
And note the place where the journey ends  
The glory of age be it understood  
Is the child somewhere who is making good.*