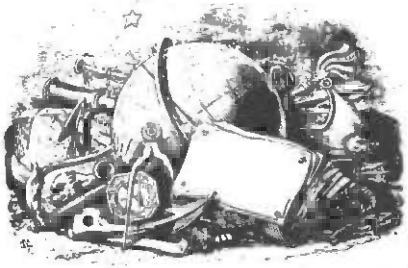
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To the memories of my cousin, Rev. Glenn Cline Oldaker, my mother, Willie (Lawson) Oldaker, and to my father, Rev. Lowery Elzy Oldaker.

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PREFACE

My wife and I became interested in genealogy in 1980. We were on our way to Yellowstone National Park and decided to stop in Salt Lake City for a day or two to see the sights. We discovered the Genealogy Library there and found information about our families and caught the "bug".

I had heard that my cousin Glenn Oldaker was working on a book about the Oldaker family so I asked my brother Joe, in West Virginia, to see if he could find out Glenn's address and telephone number. He did and I wrote Glenn a letter and followed with a telephone call. Up until his death I called him frequently and wrote him about every two or three weeks. He invited my wife and myself down to visit him and we planned to do so.

In April of 1981 we flew to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, rented a car, stopped overnight with my brother in Buckhannon, West Virginia and drove on to Culpeper, Virginia where Glenn lived. I had not seen Glenn since the early 1920's which would have been about sixty years. Glenn was 85 years old at that time. He was not in good health but he told me he would "rise to the occasion" which he did. We spent the first afternoon talking, much of which I recorded. The next day, with my wife Marie, as the chauffeur we toured the Virginia countryside and saw many of the places where the Oldacres had lived in the 1700's. I remember the date because it was my wife's birthday, 23 April 1981.

We saw the "Oleaker Farm" near Markham and the Garrett place which is nearby on Thumb Run. We visited the Trappe near Upperville where the Oldaker's lived and had a grist mill.

We saw the home where Henry Oldaker Sr. lived in the 1700's which has been remodeled and is now owned by General Joseph Fellows, U.S.M.C. (Retired).

I asked Glenn when he was going to publish his book and his answer was that he wasn't through yet. He did not tell me that he was going to leave me his research material. In June of 1982, after his death, I received a phone call from Joyce Hutcheson of Culpeper saying that he had wanted me to have his material. I received a box which contained a lot of incoming correspondence but none of his outgoing mail. From reading this it appeared that Glenn had pretty well completed a rough draft of a book about 1965, but I have no idea why he did not publish it.

He had handwritten pages about each of Henry Oldaker Sr.'s sons and related families. I had difficulty in reading his writing and many pages were marked with changes. With the help of a magnifying glass, I did the best I could to interpret the information. I changed, deleted, and added information as I received information from my sources. The biggest change was the addition of material to the Abraham Oldaker (1) line to which I had been devoting my time.

In a book of this magnitude there will certainly be errors, dates will be incorrect, names will be wrong, even families may be incorrect and incomplete. We encourage our readers to let us know about these things and we will maintain this information for a possible future revision. Many Oldakers did not answer our letters, so their families may have been omitted. We did not know where to contact some descendants, so we could not include them.

I feel that much of the information contained in this book is not available anywhere. Glenn's correspondents in the 1960's may have died by this time, not all of them, but a large percentage. I hope that some future Oldaker or Oldacre will use this book as a baseline and continue to research for more answers to preserve our ancestry.

I encourage Oldacres/Oldakers to write to me and provide me with changes, deletions, and additions to this book.

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INTRODUCTION

If Glenn Oldaker's theory concerning Henry Oldaker coming to America under the assumed name of Acres is correct then they arrived in Boston in the year 1630, ten years after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. This Henry from England born about 1612 took ship from Boston to Barbados in 1634. He had a son, Henry, born in Barbados about 1652 who came back and settled in Newbury, Massachusetts. He married Hannah Silver in 1673-4. They had a son Henry born 1676-1677. This Henry migrated to New Jersey possibly through Pennsylvania. He married an Elswick and they had a son Henry, whose marriage license in Burlington County, New Jersey shows that Henry Old Acres married Elinor Borden on 11 October 1732.

The first chapter of the book concerns the fourth Henry who married Elinor Borden in New Jersey. They migrated to Hampshire County, Virginia and because of repeated Indian attacks came back to Loudoun County, Virginia at a place called The Trappe near Upperville, Virginia.

Following the chapter about Henry Sr., there are chapters about son John, who migrated to Bedford, County, Virginia and then finally to what is now Mason and Putnam Counties, West Virginia. Son Henry Jr. died in Loudoun County, Virginia but his descendants migrated into Ohio. Son Abraham (1) died in Loudoun County, Virginia but his son, Abraham (2) migrated to Harrison County, Virginia on Rooting Creek. The area where he lived is now in Upshur County, West Virginia. Son William moved from Loudoun County to Hardy County, Virginia (Now W. Va.) and had a grist mill at present day Wardensville, West Virginia. There was a postoffice there called Oldaker's Mills. William died in Hardy County. Jacob migrated to Franklin County, Virginia and on to Adair County, Kentucky, some of his decendants migrating on to Alabama and Texas. This line kept the Oldacre spelling of the name. Issac and family migrated to Highland County, Ohio in the year 1816. Issac was 70 years old at that time. There is also a chapter about the daughters of Henry Oldaker Sr. but not much information was obtainable concerning them.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF GLENN CLINE OLDAKER

Glenn was born near Crawfordsville, Indiana, the son of Alva Vincent Oldaker and Martha (Luzader) Oldaker. His father, although born in West Virginia, lived in Indiana for a few years until he returned to Culpeper, Virginia in 1909. Glenn was 12 years old at that time.

Glenn went to church regularly and became interested in the ministry. He attended Randolph Macon College for a year and then came home. He taught school for two years at Radiant in Madison County, Virginia. He was a handsome man and all the girls were a little bit in love with him but he married Ruth Forbes, the daughter of a bank president.

Ruth and Glenn attended Moody's Bible Institute in Chicago where he graduated a licensed minister. Ruth went to Moody as a special student and her studies included a course in story telling. Glenn later published some of her stories in a book which is probably still on sale at the Christian Book Store in Culpeper.

Glenn was an evangelist and was a wonderful singer. His wife, Ruth, played the piano and also sang. They traveled all over the country. Most of their work was with the Methodist Episcopal Church South. They held many revival meetings, and many times had a hundred or more conversions.

Ruth died in 1966 and it was then that he started the Christian Book Store. It was incorporated as the Christian Book Store and Library Incorporated, a non-profit corporation. Glenn left all of his property, real and personal or mixed, to the book store.

Edward L. Oldaker

THE FAMILY OF HENRY OLDAKER SR.
AND ELINOR BORDEN

The first intimation and dim realization that there may have been Oldakers in an early American settlement prior to 1700 was afforded us on the day and occasion of our discovery of "Oleaker Farm" near Rattlesnake Mountain in Fauquier County in 1961.

We had searched diligently among the memorial stones of the old section of the burial ground on three sides of the beautiful country parish church, nearby Oleaker Farm, known as Leeds Parish Episcopal, for some time looking for Lyda Oldaker, who according to Neta Montgomery's notes had "lived and died on Rattlesnake Mountain." Our search revealed nothing. We were advised to seek an interview with Rev. Hinkle, an octogenarian and former rector of the parish for many years, now retired and living in the vicinity on the east side of Rattlesnake Mountain. We found Rev. Hinkle and his wife located in a perfect dream of a cottage and setting--log cabin modernized in detail, which if it could talk, could probably tell us many things we would like to know.

Upon the mention of our name, Mrs. Hinkle, who is totally blind, but has a mind's eye looking clear and far into the past as well as the future, asked if we were related to the Oldakers in Brooklyn Borough of New York City. We knew little about any Oldakers in Virginia or elsewhere, let alone New York City. Those in New York to whom she referred were former parishoners of the Hinkles and were said to be fine people. Thinking that these Brooklyn Oldakers were probable late descendants of our ancestral line we gave no further attention to their possible connection with us at that time.

At that time we didn't even know the names of any Oldakers who had lived on Oleaker Farm except possibly Lyda Oldaker; an unnamed Oldaker who had left Fauquier County and settled in Harrison County now West Virginia, but exactly what kin he was to us we did not know. But that is another story and is told elsewhere in "The Oldaker Story."

After finding that Abraham was our great grandfather according to the West Virginia records, and that another Abraham antecedent who had left Fauquier County and settled in Harrison County and that yet another Abraham had come to Fauquier County from Loudoun County we went in search of another antecedent in Loudoun, whom we found to be Henry Oldaker Sr., wife Elinor, whose children 10 in number were named in his will made in the year 1773. Then we were faced with the problem--where did this Henry Oldaker come from and we started back. Tracking on Henry having found in a deed to John Oldaker that he (John) was "late of Hampshire County."

A trip to Romney of Hampshire County revealed that Henry Sr. and family had residence on Lost River waters of Cacapon River near present day Wardensville now in Hardy County, West Virginia by deed from Fairfax dated January 1, 1761, which land was sold to Ingraham in 1763 and 1765 whereupon the family had moved east over the Blue Ridge to Loudoun County preceded by a son, John Oldaker, and his brother-in-law John Dyer, both of whom bought land at Upperville in Fauquier County, later moving and living near Henry Sr. and others of the family whose plantations were at The Trappe in Loudoun County, Virginia.

Now where did Henry come from to Hampshire County was the next part of the unsolved problem of Henry Sr.'s origin. We pursued our search on the 10 children and descendants of Henry Sr. an account of which occupies a greater part of our manuscript, charting the families of their descendants and their movements through six generations from Henry Sr. to the present generation, all the time, as we searched and researched, keeping in mind the all important item, the parentage of Henry Sr. and location of the early home of the Oldakers in America.

While tracking down the descendants of this second generation from Henry Sr. through or by means of the records in the possession of living representatives, census and county records, we had some correspondence with some Oldakers of direct English descent who were and are living in Canada--some from the Worcestershire branch, i.e., the Stratford-on-Avon Oldakers, descendants of William the banker and Charles of Pershore; others were of the Derbyshire and Staffordshire branches represented by a certain Arthur E. Oldaker of Surrey who corresponded with me after my letters directed to Canada had been relayed to him. This Mr. Arthur E. Oldaker is a genealogist of the first magnitude, having spent some 40 years of spare time in research on the Oldaker family and compiled 20 volumes of collected data totaling some 3500 pages--reaching back to the middle ages. Our contact with Arthur was a high water mark and a signal event for the year 1962. Arthur is confident that if we can uncover the parentage of Henry Sr., he can definitely identify the family in England from which Henry sprang.

The second event of the year concerned the Akers family. Having some records where the name should definitely appear as Oldaker we knew the record writer had erroneously placed the name as Akers, and when in Franklin and Montgomery Counties of Virginia, I found Jacob and John Oldakers located at the same time in the same communities with Akers my confusion was great and my face was red, for, by the evidences and circumstances, I was almost sure the families were the same or closely related; and for some explicable reason the "Old" had been dropped from the name.

So, I traced the Akers back to New Jersey where one William Akers had acquired "lands on West Jersey prior to 1698 at which time he with others had 100 acres from the West Jersey Company, for a church, schoolhouse and ground in Maiden Township above the falls of the Delaware."

About this time I had a letter from Arthur E. Oldaker setting forth the marriage license of Henry Sr.

New Jersey Marriage Licenses 1724-1734

1732, Oct 11 Henry Old Acres of Evesham, Burlington County yeoman and Elinor Borden, spinster
(From the Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey; Vol. 16, 1941)

An extra was included--a William Oldaker, a sawyer, aged 32 sailed from London to Philadelphia as an indentured servant in 1774.

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More confusion! Oldakers and Akers in Virginia but at an earlier time in the same county of New Jersey; for at that time Maiden Township was in Burlington County of West Jersey.

Along with this came information that some Akers in England were originally Oldakers who 150 or more years ago dropped the "Old" from the name. We felt no satisfaction about the matter until I received word from another that he had spent a day at the Library of the Society of Genealogists in London, and sent me his findings, appended in our M.S., showing that a certain William Akers was of the lineage of John Akers of Boston, married probably before 1664. Whereupon and wherefore we drop the Akers for a while and hold to the "Oldakers".

Because of the nearness of the counties of Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware and Chester in Pennsylvania, to West Jersey where Henry Sr. and Elinor were married we had a double check made on those counties on the basis of three marriages of Henry's children: Issac married Lucretia Pugh, Rebecca married Burson, Hannah married Dyer. These are Pennsylvania family names and appear on the map of Pughtown, Bursonville and Dyerstown. It was only an indication of possible residence, supported by tradition from several sources that the original home of the Oldakers was in Pennsylvania, but a double check by qualified librarians located no early Oldakers in the state.

The third unusual happening for the year 1962 was a lead from Barbados, that in a 1715 Census a Gros:viner (Grosvenor) Oldaker, 45 years old was listed as a white inhabitant there in the Parish of St. John. This man could

easily fit in as the father of Henry Oldaker Sr. This English lineage was checked and recorded by Arthur E. Oldaker and it was noted that he was baptized at Bushbury in Staffordshire on August 14, 1673, son of Thomas and Deborah Oldaker of that parish.

I checked the records of ships (that were available to me) arriving at Philadelphia from Barbados, given in the Quaker records of Philadelphia and New Jersey. I have found no Oldaker yet in these lists. The Quaker archives of Pennsylvania yielded nothing. I wrote to the Council of Proprietors, Western Division of New Jersey at Burlington concerning land grants. I received nothing except vexation of the spirit. There were no land grants to Oldakers in New Jersey.

I wrote to the County Clerk of Burlington County who handed my inquiry to a historian Mr. John W. Haines of Medford Lakes, New Jersey who faithfully checked the records in Burlington County and the records in Trenton, gratis. There were no land holdings by Oldakers on record in New Jersey. There were some by Akers.

I wrote to the Genealogical Society of New Jersey hoping to trace Henry through the Bordens of New Jersey. A letter in reply gave the address of Mrs. C. F. Borden of Shrewsbury, New Jersey, who, I was informed had done considerable work in genealogy on the Borden family of New Jersey. Another item pointed to Kings County, New York where an early settlement of Oldakers was indicated by Mr. Ken Stryker-Rodda of the above named Society.

Now Kings County is that part of the City of New York known as the Borough of Brooklyn. Brooklyn! Then I remembered dear old Rev. and Mrs. Hinkle living in the shadow of Rattlesnake Mountain in Fauquier County, Virginia. They knew the present day descendants of these first Oldaker settlers in Kings County! Then I remembered again that Lucille Oldaker had written about these Oldakers living in Brooklyn, saying that she had visited them when she lived in Manhattan and inquired concerning their family background only to be told that they and their foreparents had always lived there.

A probable explanation of Rev. Hinkle's story on the New York Oldakers of Brooklyn may be the descendants of the Boston Acres who migrated to Jersey, viz. the descendants of Obadiah, who, living at Woodbridge, would be about 30 miles from Brooklyn. Well indeed could they say "our people have always lived here." Here again, however, is the difficult problem of the Oldakers being Acres or vice versa.

Note: (June 1964) Mrs. C. F. Borden failed to respond.
We enlisted the help of the top genealogist and historian Mr. Ken Stryker-Rodda of the Genealogical Socity of New

Jersey, who had given the lead on Kings County Oldakers, even suggesting available source materials. I checked therewith the New York Public Library Secretary and waited for Mr. Stryker-Rodda's final check. The Secretary of the Library made an extended search for me, but there were no references to Oldakers. I heard no more from Mr. Stryker-Rodda and I can only infer that he found nothing for me in Brooklyn Parish and County records and was too busy to report nothing.

Barbados may be the solution to the problem of the origin of Henry Oldaker Sr.; as it appears at this writing.

Note: (Feb 1965)

Perhaps Mr. Stryker-Rodda's reference to Brooklyn was Brooklyn Borough of Boston instead of New York. The Acres families of Thomas and John settled at Boston ca. 1635 in Muddy River (Now Brookline).

By consideration of the death dates of the children of Henry Oldaker Sr. and the marriage dates of their children plus the consequent birthdates of the fourth generation of Oldakers we arrive at the estimated birthdates of the second generation of Oldakers:

1. Hannah Oldaker born ca. 1733
2. John Oldaker born ca. 1735
3. Henry Oldaker Jr. born ca. 1737
4. Abraham Oldaker born ca. 1740
5. William Oldaker born ca. 1743
6. Mary Oldaker born ca. 1746
7. Jacob Oldaker born ca. 1750
8. Rebecca Oldaker born ca. 1751
9. Issac Oldaker born ca. 1754
10. Elinor Oldaker born ca. 1756

Henry Oldaker Sr. was not a Loyalist, and he did not die in 1773 the year he made his will in Loudoun County, Virginia. We were considerably bothered by the evident time lag between the making of his will and the probation thereof in 1785. We present here two items that are gratifying indeed.

1. Fothergill's tax lists for Virginia 1782-1787 lists two Henry Oldakers in Loudoun County. This could only mean one thing--that Henry Sr. was still living in the year 1782. Thus it became evident that Henry Sr., Henry Jr. and Elinor were deceased about the year 1785.

2. I found this notation in Virginia archives-- "I hereby testify that I have received of Henry Oldaker, 113 pounds of bacon valued at 2,542L 10S

for which payment shall be made agreeable to act of assembly--Given under my hand this 27th day of June 1781.

Richard Eastin, Commissioner Frederick Co. Va.

We note Samuel Adams paid $2000 for a suit of clothes and a hat. We think we copied the item correctly but that looks like a "powerful" price to pay for bacon. Yet, consequently we are reminded that, everything else being in proportion, and considering the value of dedicated minds, men and munitions expended, our independence and freedoms were purchased at an overwhelming cost!

Little wonder that George Washington was discovered on his knees pleading with Almighty God from a snowy thicket at Valley Forge; or that Fielding Lewis the munitions maker went broke having sacrificed his personal fortune to supply the needs of the army thereby putting his beautiful Kenmore Estate in Fredericksburg on the auction block; or that Betty Washington Lewis, his wife, leaving her Kenmore home to run a mill, endeavoring thereby to keep soul and body together. And since this may not be generally known your narrator will be pardoned, surely, should we put in our Oldaker history the fact that Betty Washington Lewis, visiting her daughter, Betty Lewis Carter, wife of Charles Carter, at Western View, Culpeper County, Virginia (now owned by the Oldakers) was superintending work at Sycamore Mills on Western View Farm; caught a severe cold, died of pneumonia, and was buried in the Carter family burial ground at Western View Farm. She was the only sister of General Washington.

In the final analysis Betty Washington Lewis was a casualty of War. The war years were hard on all worthy Americans. Looking at the years 1775-1785 and the evidence of decease for Henry Sr., wife and son of Henry Jr. we are inclined to place them in the same category as Betty Washington Lewis. Nor do we wonder that Henry Sr. in his will laid down an alternative "If he (John) will not stay and take care of my wife, he shall have no part of my estate." Even then he could see the approaching storm. Patrick Henry had rung the alarm bell of the Colonies, by his speech before the Virginia Burgesses; the Boston Massacre, the Battle of Alamance, the Stamp Act, the Tea Tax were things of common knowledge. Henry knew that John would not likely stay and he didn't. He became a waggoner in the Revolution. Jacob followed--in Captain Peter Helphenstin's company.

Thank you Mr. Fothergill and Mr. Eastin for recording these two historical items for us Oldakers. You have greatly enhanced the value and valor of our ancestral heritage.

WILL OF HENRY OLDAKER SR.

Book C Page 192. Leesburg, Virginia, 8/31/1773.

In the name of God, Amen. I Henry Oldakers Sr. of Shellburne Parish and county of Loudoun, being sick and weak but of sound and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament for settling my temporal concerns.

Imprimis,--I give and devise to my son in law John Dyer who married my daughter Hannah, who is dead, one shilling starling, she having had a part of my estate before.

Item. I give and devise to my daughter Mary Lewellin, one shilling starling, she having had a part of my estate before.

Item. I give and devise to my daughter Rebekah Burson, one shilling starling she having had a part of my estate before.

Item. I give and devise to my son Abraham Oldaker one shilling starling, he having had a part of my estate before.

Item. I give and devise to my son Henry one shilling starling he having had a part of my estate before.

Item. I give and devise to my son Isaac one shilling starling he having had a part of my estate before,

Item. I give and devise to my daughter Elenor Oldaker one bed and furniture and one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and devise to my son William Oldaker one half of the land I now live on, the upper part whereon he now lives and has a grist and saw mill, which land was leased of Lord Thomas Fairfax by Richard Buckalew, and purchased of the said Buckalew, to him, his heirs and assigns for and during the term of the said lease.

Item. I give and devise to my son John Oldaker the lower half of the land including the plantation I now live on, to him his heirs and assigns for and during the terms of the lease.

Item. I give and devise to my son John Oldaker all my stock of horses cattle and sheep and hogs, and all my household goods and movables of what kind soever, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give my loving wife Elenor the use of my whole estate and plantation during her life, and at her death and not before the same, to go as above directed.

Item. My will and desire is, if my son John will not stay on the plantation and take care of my wife during her life that he shall have no part of my estate, but all that I have left to him shall go to my son Jacob, and if he will not stay and take care of my wife, then to other of my sons who will take care of my wife during her life.

Lastly, of this my last will and testament, I constitute and appoint and ordain my son William and my son John Oldaker, sole executors, revoking and annuling all former wills made by me.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of August 1773.

Daniel Harris
James Sybold, William Smith

His
Henry X Oldaker, Sr. I.S.
mark

At a court held for Loudoun County August 8, 1785 this will was proved by the affirmation of James Sybold, and at another court held for said county October 10, in the year aforesaid the same was further proved by Daniel Harris and ordered to be recorded.

DEED BOOK 1 PG 2 ROMNEY(HAMPSHIRE CO.)

Elwicks-Exors to Keplinger (Elzeweek) (Caplinger) Oldaker

This indenture made the 8th day of September in year of our Lord 1761 between Rachael Elswick extrix and Henry Oldacre executor of John Elswick dec'd late of the County of Hampshire, and colony of Virginia of the one part and John Keplinger of the County of Augusta and colony aforesaid of the other part, Whereas the said John Elswick the testator in his lifetime and at the time of his death was fiefed in his Desnense as of fee of and in a certain Tract or Parcel of land situate lying and being on the Lost River of Cacapon--in the aforesaid county of Hampshire former Augusta County and being so--there fiefed made his last will in writing bearing date the 23rd day of January MDCCLVI and therein and thereby did among other things declare it to be his will and that his executors should make sale of all his lands, buildings, Mills and for the payment of his debts and other purposes there is mentioned and did constitute and appoint the said Henry Oldacre and his wife, Rachel Elswick to be executors of the said last will and Testament which was duly proved in the County Court of Hampshire and Certificate for obtaining probate was granted to the said Rachel Elswick who took upon her the brother of the executors thereof as will fully appear by the records of the said County Court (relation being thereunto had)

Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Rachel Elswick and Henry Oldacre exer's the s'd John Elswick dec'd for and in consideration of the sum of 135 pounds current money to them in hand paid by the s'd Rachel Elswick and Henry Oldacre have granted bargained, allined ensured, relayed and confirmed and in possession of the power to them given by the said will do by there presents grant, bargain, sell, alien, ensure and confirm unto the said John Keplinger his heirs and assigns all that tract or parcel of land lying on the east side of the Lost River containing 206 acres be the same more or less, being part or parcel of the tract of 406A formerly granted to the said Testator John Elswick in his lifetime by patent bearing date June 3, MDCCL from the right Honorable Thos. L. Fairfax which parcel of 206A (bounds given mentions Ann Dunbar's grist mill)

Witness: Peter Steenberger
Peter Hog, Sam'l Dew
Joseph Flow

Her
Rachel X Elswick
mark

Be it remembered that on the day of the date of the within Indenture Livery J. Seifer (?) of the 206A of land & of the grist mill within mentioned was performed by the said Rachel Elswick * & Henry Oldacre by delivering possession of the same to the said John K by a handful of earth and a key to the mill on the premises in the name of the whole etc----

*We think Rachel Elswick was sister of Henry Oldaker who married John Elswick

Note: Ann Dunbar is mentioned in Judy's History as one of the early settlers of what is now Hardy County 1735-1760 (But she was there in 1756) adjoining the Elswick.)

Note 2: This land was part of 406A patented to John Elswick 1750 by Fairfax. Thomas Elswick had 200A by will. Keplinger bought 206 acres and mill.

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SUGGESTED CHART ON ELSWICKS

Christian Evick (Elswick) a first settler in Hampshire (probably father of John)

Thompson Elsway probable son had 888A in 1786 (probably Thomas Elswick)

Edward Elvick, early settler at Gormania, Grant County (From History of Hardy and Grant County)

8 Generations
John Elswick of Lost River with Rachel had son
Thomas Sr. Elswick had son (total of six children in

1786)
Thomas Jr. Elswick (had total of four children in 1782)
James Elswick probable son of Thomas Jr. married Rebecca Silkett in 1812 (had four children in 1820)
Nelson Elswick and brother _____ (Ruby living in Florida is daughter of _____)
Joseph P. Elswick
Joseph O. Elswick and Elbert Allen Elswick, wife Edith living in Belespring, Virginia)
Boyd Elswick living in Spottsylvania County at Paytes, Virginia.

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We visited Boyd Elswick in October 1965. He said, "You very much favor my father," and produced a photo from his wallet. I was thunderstruck with the strong resemblance whereby we conclude that either Rachel Elswick, wife of John, was nee' Acres or Oldacres, a sister of Henry Oldacre; or Henry's mother, name unknown, was a sister of John Elswick. Since John Elswick's will was made in 1756; probated in 1761, and Henry Oldacre's will was made in 1773, probated in 1785, it is more likely that Henry Oldacre was nephew to John Elswick--Henry's mother being an Elswick.

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Hatings 18 Sunnyside
St. Church Barbados 9/20/63

Dear Mr. Oldaker,

I received your letter dated August 22, 1963, yesterday, containing a cheque for $8.00 which is hereby acknowledged.

Mr. Henry J. Cadbury contributed an article in the November 1941 Journal of the Barbados Historical Society, recording the Quaker marriage between John Brett and Mary Kirl at John Brett's house in the Parish of St. Michael, Barbados. This marriage happened to have been preserved in the Department of Records, 302 Arch St. Philadelphia. The article is of interest on account of the light he throws on Barbadian Quaker Records. He remarks that Quakers "were careful to record births, marriages and deaths with regularity and completeness. Such record books certainly once existed for Barbados Quakers; and their loss is therefore keenly felt by anyone who would recover the history of their important element in the Island's early English History."

The Curator of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society also told me when I telephoned him that he knew nothing of any preservation of any early Quaker records in Barbados. The interesting thing for you, I should think,

concerning the particular marriage is that among the over 30 witnesses were the names of Joseph Borden, 41 and Ann Borden, 41 (in 1683) (They were born in 1642).

Mr. Henry Cadbury from records at 304 Arch Street in books numbered 115 and 116 has collected the names of Barbadian Quakers from some minutes for years 1685-1761. No Oldaker appears in his list but he includes the following Bordens:

Joseph Borden 1683
Ann Borden 1702-06
Katherine Borden 1740

He also remarked in his second article in the Historical Journal of Barbados of November 1946-February 1947 in which is recorded the names of the three Bordens just mentioned that "other material lists of Barbados is known to be in existence, some of it in England and temporarily unavailable, and so he gave a partial list as a beginning.

I have been through the records of the indices for the 17th and 18th centuries and find only one reference to an Oldacre in the census of 1715. The following are the results of my research."

Baptism of Oldacres 1637-1806 - None
Marriages of Oldacres 1637-1806 - None
Burials of Oldacres 1637-1806 - None
Census paper of 1679 - None
Census papers of 1715 - Parish of St. John, P. 247
Gros:viner Oldacre 1 man, age 45 years
No women, no boy, no girl or age.

It may have been that if he were married that his wife and child might have been out of the island.

Yours faithfully,

H. G. Hutchinson

OUR DEDUCTIONS ON BARBADOS ARE HERE PRESENTED

Joseph Borden was in Barbados in 1683. He and Ann Borden (probably wife) were at the wedding (Quaker) of John Brett and Mary Kirl (Kerell) in St. Michael's Parish, Barbados (date not given, ca. 1683). By 1687, John Brett is deceased and according to Albert Cook Myers "Quaker arrivals at Philadelphia" Mary Brett, widow of John Brett of Mershan, and son Daniel from Mo. Mtg. at Mershan, County of Kent, England of 7 mo. 8, 1687. 'We lately come to understand' that they 'was arrived amongst you at Phyland in safety.

She was an inhabitant of Marshan divers years.' Among signers were Thomas, Mary, and Elizabeth Brett (probably parents and sister of her husband John Brett. In Philadelphia 7 mo. 30 1687 she is ready to marry Seemenie Adams who has certificate from Falls Mo. Meeting Bucks County, Pennsylvania in order to marry Mary Britt widow of Philadelphia, dated 8 mo. 5, 1687.

Back now to Joseph Borden, and Ann 41 in 1683. By 1702 Joseph is deceased in Barbados or has no affiliation as a Quaker but Ann is living and recorded in Quaker meetings 1702-1706. Katherine Borden is listed as a 1740 member. She is daughter of Joseph and Ann. But Ann is deceased in Barbados after 1706. Now who was this Joseph Borden?

I wrote to the Burlington County, New Jersey Historical Society and have a letter from Mr. John W. Haines, genealogist for the Society. From his letter I deduce that a Richard Borden, emigrant to Boston 1635 is the father of the three Bordens coming to our notice, born ca. 1640-1650.

1. Benjamin (1) Borden 1648-1729 married Abigail Grover, daughter of Rev. James Grover, founder of the first Baptist Church in New Jersey. Their son Benjamin (2) Borden* was born April 6, 1675, in Middleton, New Jersey and married ca. 1710 Zemiah Winter, his cousin, daughter of William Winter of West Jersey. The Borden family seat was in East Jersey.
   a. Sons of Benjamin (1): Richard, James, Benjamin (2), Joseph, Safety, Jonathan, David, Samuel.

2. Joseph Borden 1643-1705(?) wife Anna, daughter Katherine, all of Barbados and Quakers living there 1683-1740; Parish of St. Michael.

3. Francis Borden, wife, Jane Vicars had among other children:
   a. Thomas born 1684 married Margaret _____
   b. Francis (2) born 1680 married Mary _____
   c. Richard 1668-1751 married Mary _____ evidently settled in Evesham of Burlington County, New Jersey.
      (1) James 1692-1771 married Jane _____
      (2) Joseph born 1694 married Sarah Baker. Stated as brother of Benjamin and was administrator of Benjamin's estate. Joseph lived in Salem County, New Jersey.
      (3) Jonathan 1696-1769 married Martha Holmes
      (4) Benjamin born 1698(?) of Evesham died 1758
      (5) Hannah born ca. 1700 married _____ Coxe
      (6) Mary born ca. 1702 married John Tindall
      (7) Amy born ca. 1705 married _____ Foy
      (8) Ann born ca. 1708

*A brother of this Benjamin (2) Borden born April 6, 1675 and died 1743 was Joseph Borden, founder of Bordentown, New Jersey. He gave, in 1740 land for a Quaker Church in Bordentown, John Alexander Kelley, the historian, says that Benjamin (2) was from Bordentown and that he married Zemiah Winter.

If our placement of Elinor is valid and can be verified as the granddaughter of Benjamin (1) Borden and daughter of James and Mary Borden our genealogy is clear and available 11 generations back from James, son of Benjamin Borden (1).

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As a note aside we call attention to the allied families of the above Bordens, Baker, Holmes, Coxe, Tindall, also names found in similar Borden lists, as Branson, Walton, Brownley, Harris, Earl, Richardson and Cook. These are families recorded on the Virginia frontier, on Lost River of Hampshire County, and in other localities of Frederick County, obviously settlers influenced by Benjamin Borden and allied families from the Jersies to proprietary lands in Virginia 1730-1780.

Many of these men were Quakers and it is recorded that Benjamin Borden settled about 100 families on his acquired Virginia lands. Some historical writings say that he was an agent of Fairfax. Others deny any basis for this claim.

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This is the climax to the Borden story. We are sure all these belong to the same family because of their location in New Jersey; with the recorded passing to and from Barbados by Quakers; by the recurrence of the given names, Richard, Joseph and Benjamin; by the association of these names with locations in East and West Jersey; and by the synchronizing of dates given and deduced.

The placement of Joseph of Barbados and Elinor of Evesham and the remaining placements are valid and authentic.

Given these facts and findings on the Bordens and Grosvenor Oldacre in Barbados; and the Bordens and Henry Oldacre in New Jersey, we are led to the conclusion that the families were acquainted and shared their association on the Virginia frontier.

Summing up these matters with a backward look, we reach the finale on the Borden story as concerns the origin of Henry Oldacre.

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In the year 1715 when the Barbados census was taken, a white inhabitant 45 years old was listed as Gros:viner Oldacre. He was born 1669 and baptized at Bushbury,

Staffordshire, England and migrated to Barbados as a young man, living in the Parish of St. John at the time of the census. His parents were Thomas and Deborah Oldacre of Bushbury.

We know nothing more of this Gros:viner (Grosvenor) Oldacre. Like many later men of the Oldacre tribe he disappears, leaving no trail to follow.

But in 1732 a Henry Oldacre appears on the scene in Burlington County, New Jersey and marries Elinor Borden. We next find them in Benjamin Borden's frontier country of Virginia in the year 1753 when a deed of 347 acres of land is made by Lord Fairfax and surveyed by George Washington, ten years after Benjamin Borden had died.

We believe Henry Oldacre and Elinor, his wife, came into Virginia with Benjamin Borden ca. 1732-4 and had been living in Frederick County for 20 years when Lord Fairfax called for a survey of his boundaries, at which time, Henry Oldacre being within the bounds of the Proprietary had a deed made out for him by Fairfax in 1753 whereupon his tax so began and Oldakers have been paying taxes ever since."

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SKETCH ON BENJAMIN BORDEN

Since Benjamin Borden appears somewhat responsible for the Oldaker settlement in Virginia and thereby for the subsequent marriages of Henry's sons and daughters to Virginia women and men; Bartlett, Harris, Hardy, Pugh, Tellis; and Dyer, Burson, Lewellin, Wallace; and thereby setting in motion those ensuing migrations which have scattered in all directions throughout America and elsewhere, we feel that a sketch on Benjamin Borden would be fitting and interesting to the house of Oldaker.

Benjamin Borden has a unique place in early Virginia history being in that class of colorful characters, known as adventurers such as Lord Fairfax, Colonel William Russell, John and Issac Van Meter, Joist Hite, Morgan Morgan, Thomas Chester, Marquis Calmer, Major Samuel Earle, and Robert McKay.

Some think that Benjamin Borden's was one of the 16 families that Joist Hite brought into Frederick County in 1731. In 1734 he is listed in one of the 49 settlements who were "marking improvements;" and he has two tracts with 4,265 acres. He acquired a very large tract in Shenandoah County on which he settled 18 families headed by Captain Peter Scholl formerly of Perkisman Creek near Philadelphia. Having sold these lands off he acquired (in 1739) 92,100 acres on the headwaters of the James River.

By tradition Borden and his wife Zemiah were Baptists, but four of his sons-in-law and their wives were Quakers. As dissenters, Borden and Zemiah, his wife, and his son-in-law Ed Rogers, and his daughters, Deborah Borden and Mary Fearnley were remanded to the gaols in Orange and Frederick Counties on charges of tumultously meeting in a rebellious manner and for speaking several profane scandalous contemptible words against that Holy Order of Baptism. On acknowledging their error the said women were dismissed. They paying the costs.

Benjamin Borden was one of the justices appointed by the Orange Court to represent his section in 1734 and recommended to be Justice of the County of Frederick in 1743; the year of his death. Borden lived most of his life in New Jersey where he still owned property at his death. His manor seat was near Borden's Great Spring in Frederick County. He had the reputation of great shrewdness, and it was said that he was not above "sharp practice" and that "old Mr. Borden was both cunning and polite."

The will of Benjamin Borden dated April 3, 1739 and naming his children is recorded in Orange County Court House, Virginia. He deeded 500 acres of his home tract to William and Mary Fearnley confirmed by will and the Fearnley Estate

in present Warren County is one of the finest homes in this fine section of Virginia.

Benjamin Borden to our reckoning was brother to James borden, the father of Elinor Borden of Evesham, Burlington County, New Jersey, who married Henry Oldacre Sr., our ancestor, in the year 1732.

Borden is a prominent American name. The Oldaker tribe is indebted to the Bordens for our ancestral mother, Elinor. Thousands of babies owe their lives to Borden's Baby Food and thousands of adults are acquainted with Borden's Silver Cow (canned milk). There are many hundreds of other fine Borden products. The Borden Research Laboratories have contributed much to the American way of life.

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WILL OF JAMES BORDEN

Know all men whom it may any ways concern that I, James Borden, of the Township of Freehold in the County of Monmouth and Eastern Division of New Jersey, yeoman. Being very sick and weak in Body but of sound mind and disposing memory. Thanks be to God for it I devise appoint and ordain this to be my last will and Testament. In manner and form following, First and principally I bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in decent manner.

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Mary Ann the legacy and benefits hereof mentioned instead of her dower the use of the plantation I now dwell on until she marry or my son Richard comes to 21 years of age which shall first happen and if she shall continue my widow after my son Richard comes to age as aforesaid then I give and bequeath unto my said wife the use of one half of s'd plantation as long as she shall continue my widow. And one quarter I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph and the quarter of said plantation unto my son Richard for so long time as their mother shall live or (remain?) unmarried. My will is that my son Joseph six years shall give unto my daughter Inocent five pounds and so every year after for three years more five pounds a year until he pay her 20 pounds in all money at 8 shillings per ounce and if he or any of his heirs or assigns make default in all or any part of s'd payments then my will and intent is that my said daughter Inocent her heirs or executors into the lands of the said Joseph do enter and the said Land to hold until she be fully paid all of the remaining part of the legacy above said out of the profits of her said part of the Land.

Item My will and intent is that my son Richard in one year after he comes to age pay unto my said daughter Innocent

five pounds and the year following five pounds more; and the year following five pounds unto my daughter Phebe and the year after that five pounds more unto my said daughter Phebe and if he or his heirs or assigns shall make default in all or any part of said part or parts of said payments, Then my will and intent is that said daughter their heirs or executors or either of their heir, heirs, or executors Into the lands hereby represented unto the said Richard do enter and the same to both or either of them to hold according as default both hath been made Untill they or she be fully paid all or the remaining part or parts of said legacy out of the profits of said land that shall fall to said Richard's part.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Borden his heirs and assigns forever after the marriage or death of his mother (whether before or after my son Richard comes to age) the one half of my plantation to be equally divided in quality and quantity.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Borden his heirs and assigns forever after the marriage or Death of his mother (which shall first happen before or after he comes of age) the other half of my plantation to be equally divided in quality and quantity.

Item I give and bequeath unto my fine other daughters, (viz.) Rebekeh, Abigail, Mary, Hellen, and Ann, a shilling a piece money at 8 shillings an ounce as all the above s'd legacys are to be.

Item After all my just debts are paid and the debt to Loan Office discharged, I give and bequeath unto my wife (instead of her dower as above s'd) the use of the remaining part of my moveable estate during her life and at her death to be assigned amongst my children as she shall think fitt.

I do hereby make and appoint my Loving Friends James Lowry and Robert Lawrence executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty third day of December in the first year of George the Second King of Great Britain etc Anno Domoni 1727

Signed Sealed and declared
In the presence of
Richard Horsfull
William Lawrie
Thomas Lawrie

The most interesting thing about the will of James Borden aside from furnishing us the names of our ancestral grandmother Hellen, alias Helenore, alias Elinor, is the

Borden seal acknowledging the signature of the Testator. It is the same seal for James Borden 1677-1728 as for Henry Borden of Hedcorn 1370. It even antedates Henry of Hedcorn by 150 years, we believe, for, by the records, it is evident that the seal bears the likeness of Robergia wife of Francis De Bourdoun and their two children, Simon the sickly little one and Richard the strong lad "From him the Borden line will succeed."

The record also shows that Mary Borden probated the will in Burlington County; witnesses swore their witness of the will in Burlington County of which was Richard Horsfull who also (with Robert Montgomery) made the inventory in 1728; and Mary was later in 1730 authorized to administer the estate by the surrogate Court in Burlington County.

Burlington was evidently the county in which both Elinor and Henry Oldacre lived when they married about four years after the death of James Borden in 1728. The names of Elinor's brothers were Joseph and Richard; and her sisters were: Innocent, Phebe, Rebekah, Abigail, Mary and Ann.

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MARY BORDEN APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR

OF JAMES BORDEN WILL

Be it remembered that on the twenty second day of February Anno Dom. One Thousand seven hundred and thirty personally came and appeared before me Samuel Busbill D. Surrogate and Register of the Western Division of the Province of New Jersey Duly Commissioned and authorized Mary Borden widow and Relict of James Borden and Administrator of all and Singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased with his last will and Testament annexed, and being one of the people called Quaker on her solemn affirmation according to law did declare and affirm That she will well and truly administer all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased to the use in the said will mentioned and that she will make and Exhibitt a true and perfect inventory of all and Singular the said goods Chattels and Credits and Exhibit the same unto the Registry of the Prerogative Court in the Secretary's office at Burlington, and also render a just account where thereunto required.

Affirmed at Burlington
before me--

Note: On the same date Richard Horsfull and William Lawrie swore themselves before Samuel Busbill as witnesses to the will of James Borden, on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, etc. at Burlington. Inventory recorded November 16, 1728 by Richard Horsfull and Robert Montgomery.

OUR BORDEN ANCESTRY

Now gather round, boys and girls, all ye descendants of Henry Oldacre Sr. and I'll try to give you a digest of your Borden ancestry spanning 18 generations.

Stilwell's Miscellanies 1:241 says, "The Borden family is of Norman origin, the name first appearing in England in the time of the Conqueror, inscribed on the Battle Abbey Rolls as Bordoun. Richard Borden, the American pioneer, was son of Matthew."

F. E. Stow Collection: "At the time of distribution of lands after the conquest, the Borden family received property in Kent County. The American family can be traced to Henry Borden of Parish Hedcorn, County Kent, born 1379-80."

F. R. Holmes: Page XXVI Richard Borden, Quaker, surveyor, son of Matthew, 9th generation from Henry, was baptized at Hedcorn, 1596, came to Boston, Massachusetts, 1635, became one of the founders of Portsmouth, Rhode Island in 1687, lived at Acquid Neck, Rhode Island in 1638, was admitted freemen 1641.

Generations:

9. Richard Borden. The Colonial Dames record gives his dates as 1601-1671 [But Holmes says he was baptized in 1596]. He married 1625 Jane (or Joan Fowle 1604-1688. Of their 10 children recorded, Francis d. 1703, Joseph born 1643; and Benjamin born 1649 immigrated south, Francis and Benjamin to New Jersey and Joseph to Barbados.

10. Benjamin Borden* 1649-1728, married Abigail Grover, about 1670. She was daughter of Rev. James Grover founder of the First Baptist Church in New Jersey. She was born 1654, died 1720. They lived in Freehold Township of Monmouth County. They had 10 children of record of whom were:
    a. Benjamin (2) Borden 1675-1743 married Zemiah Winter (He was a Virginia land speculator and adventurer.)

b. Joseph Borden 1687-1765 married Mary Ann Conover. He was founder of Bordentown and gave land for a Quaker Church in 1740
c. James Borden 1677-1727 married Mary Ann _____

11. James Borden (as Above), resident of Monmouth County, we think is our progenitor. His will which precedes this article names a daughter Hellen which could easily be Ellen**; and either one a transcribed name for Elinor. Witness the case of Francis Marion Oldaker of Indiana; all records concerning his family gave his wife's name as Ellen Wright. But in his will her name is Elenor. After much research, study and correspondence we feel as sure as it is reasonable to be, that James and his wife Mary Ann are the parents of Elinor (Elenor) Borden.

*In June 20, 1677 Benjamin Borden had deed for 351 acres of land in Monmouth County, New Jersey in seven parcels.

**Even if her name was Hellen, when spoken by an Englishman it would be Ellen, for among the English an "H" is silent. Later in making another check on documents transcribed in 1963 in Romney of Hampshire County, we found this: "Henry Oldakers and his wife Helenore deeded to Edward Snickers 347 acres on Lost River." It states that Henry was of Loudoun County, Virginia. Elinor-Dedimus-recorded in 11 December 1764.

This one recorded name "Helenore" verifies James Borden as father of Elinor alias Hellen alias Helenore.

THE NINE GENERATIONS OF BORDENS ANTE RICHARD

From 40 pages of most interesting notes on the Borden family compiled from the records in Library at D.C. we give the first nine generations from Henry of Hedcorn Parish Court of Kent (reading down):

1. Henry Borden born 1370 wife Robergia
2. Thomas Borden of Hedcorn born ____ died ca. 1469 married Isabelle Thomas will is dated 1469
3. John Borden of Hedcorn born ____ will dated 1469 married Binet' Tarnar
4. William Borden of Hedcorn born ____ died 1531 married (1) Joan (2) Thomasine (3) Rose
5. Edmund Borden of Hedcorn married Margaret will dated 1539
6. William Borden of Hedcorn born 1515-20 married Joan will dated 1557
7. Thomas Borden born ____ died 1592 married Margaret Reader

8. Matthew Borden of Hedcorn born ____ died 1620 married Joan
9. Richard Borden of Hedcorn baptized 1595 married 1625 Joan Fowle To Boston and Rhode Island 1635-38

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ROBERGIA DE BOURDOUN

On the old Roman Road built by Julius Caesar during the conquest and his occupancy of Britain, stands the village of Borden about 39 miles from London, 15 miles from Canterbury, and the town of Settingbourne in the County of Kent. London was built on the site of Caesar's camp, and Borden was built on the site of Ancient David Worship and later the site of a Roman Temple. The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in the village of Borden was built of stones from these ruins 1134. The Church is in the Parish of Hedcorn and was consecrated in the year 1210. It is the church of the Borden families who have lived in Kent since the Battle of Hastings in 1066 A.D.

In Lady Chapel of this church is a memorial brass, marking the grave of William Borden who died in 1531, buried between his two wives Joan and Thomasine. This brass was placed there A.D. 1904 by Mrs. R. Y. Cook of Philadelphia, U.S.A., born LaVenia Borden, his descendant.

In the second course of a wall in the Tower is a stone bearing the Borden Coat of Arms. On the opposite wall is an engraved cross, with Francis De Bourdon, wife and two sons kneeling at mass; also and inscription, the Borden moral code:

BE JUST - for the Lord only loaned us that which we have whether of goods or of talents, and in their use we must consider the rights of all men.

BE MERCIFUL - for we shall have no greater claim to the mercy we all shall finally need than that we forgive our brother's faults.

BE TRUE - to friendship and to God, for truth is all of this life worth the having, and perfect truth is what the life to come shall reveal to us. It is the prince of darkness that is the Prince of Lies.

In the Borden families covering a span of 684 years a tradition persisted that someone of the early family of Borden had placed pertinent records in the wall of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul when it was consecrated

(1210). Richard Y. Cook and his bride Lavenia Borden, on their honeymoon visited the village of Borden and surmising that the stone in the wall of the church bearing the Coat of Arms of Borden might conceal some valuable records of the family, in a secret nightly mission had the stone removed for investigation.

They found that the stone was hollow and contained a cylindrical leaden box bearing the Borden Coat of Arms. Inside the leaden box was a cylinder of yellow cloth of well oiled linen and waxed on the inside. This contained a parchment manuscript prepared by Robergia De Bourdoun.

[We wish we could give here the full text of the manuscript, but an abstract will have to support.]

Robergia mentions her two sons "Simon, is weak and sickly; Richard is named for King (Richard The Lion Hearted); he will be strong, a man of iron, wise and peaceful. From him the Borden line will succeed. It is now 154 years since Count William of Normandy defeated and killed the Great Harold, King of England, at Hastings. There fell also Ethelwolf my Saxon mother's grandfather and Lord of all the lands which William the Conqueror gave to his vassal, Francis De Bourdon. My mother (was) Elfrida of Kent; my father Francis De Bourdon."

This was followed by the three passages of the Borden moral code as before quoted found inscribed on the wall of the Tower room.

This is to us such an amazing document, we are minded to just leave it for others as it is, and let them wonder as I have over it's providential recovery and genealogical significance. However, we present a few deductions to all of the descendants of Elinor Borden and Henry Oldacre to show what the story means to us.

1. It means that first we have an unbroken lineage from Elinor Borden of Evesham, New Jersey to Henry Borden of Hedcorn, Kent; 13 generations of Borden ancestry plus 7 of Oldacre ancestry, making a total of 20 generations, 1370-1965.

2. It means that we could have another providential recovery of several generations in the Borden line between Henry of Hedcorn 1370 and Richard son of Robergia ca. 1190, we would have (and do have potentially) our ancestry back to the Great Lord Ethelwolf who fell on the field of battle defending his Anglo-Saxon homeland at Hastings 1066'

We give next, the lines reading down from the Saxon Lord, Ethelwolf:

Ethelwolf born ca. 1030 died 1066
Son _____ born ca. 1060
Elfreda born ca. 1100 married Simon De Bourdon
*Robergia born ca. 1140 died ca. 1220 married Francis De Bourdon
Richard De Bourdon born 1185-1190
Henry Borden born 1370 of Hedcorn

*It is stated that Robergia died in 1220 A.D. and is buried in the churchyard of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Note: We have two De Bourbouns, Osbert and Philip who pastured sheep for King Henry III and supported certain monasteries on islands and districts other than Hedcorn 1226-1295, who, we are inclined to believe are likely descendants of Simon other than Francis husband of Robergia. They are mentioned as successful of De Bourdon lands but do not seem to the line of De Bourdons of Hedcorn Parish. Their names do not appear as repeated in the descendants of Henry born 1370 of Hedcorn.

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When I was a kid at school learning the Golden Rule, in the sixth grade at Youngs Chapel, Montgomery County, Indiana my most interesting study was a yellow book, History of England (First steps in the) Mowry. The illustrations were graphics, indeed, and in my 68 years I've never forgotten the portrayal of Caesar's landing to face the fierce Britons who were resisting Caesar's soldiers. As I studied those faces, I remember what I thought then, that the foremost Briton in the picture very much resembled my father! And I wondered then and do now, could it possibly be that my people were there when Caesar landed? Looking at the above chart I clearly see that Ethelwolf is certainly my kinsman by the Borden line, and it could be that he is a nearer kinsman by a more direct line!

The Bordens were certainly in the vanguard leading the way, so now let's bring up those straggling Oldacres. Why did Richard Borden of Hedcorn (born 1595) leave the Borden manors of Kent? Well, they say the old Archbishop of Canterbury nearby was a bad egg! Fifty four dissenters had been burned at the stake in nearby communities of Hedcorn.

Richard, John and George Borden arrived in Boston 1630-35, Syman Acres with son, Thomas Acres, wife Priscilla arrived at Boston about the same time. Thomas died in 1651. George Borden got in trouble, somehow related to Mrs. Hutchinson's controversy, and returned to England. Richard and John Borden, Quakers, persecuted by the Puritans, moved

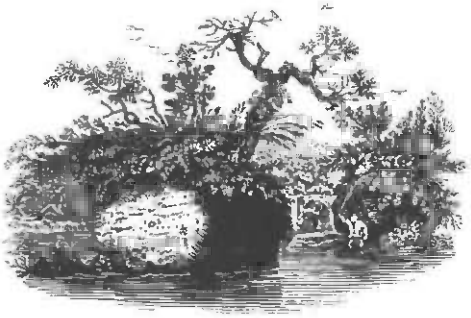
to Rhode Island and were identified with Roger Williams. Benjamin and Francis, two sons of Richard Borden landed in New Jersey ca. 1664-7.

The association of residence of Bordens and Acres in Boston and Jersey suggest an acquaintance in England which cannot be verified. They were Acres in England or they were Oldacres there and changed their names to Acres for purposes of security. And I don't blame them for it; I'd rather change my name than change my religion or be burned at the stake. On arriving in America I could take back my full name by making Old a middle name, as it seems as Henry did.

Henry Old Acres, you were a great guy!

Helenore Bourboun, you were a great lady to hide your identity with the great Ethelwolf these 900 years.

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FAMILY OF JOHN (1) OLDAKER

Time was, up to the year 1960, when we never knew that such a person as John Oldaker ever lived. We were introduced to him by John Gott, historian of Fauquier County, two hundred and thirty years after John Oldaker was born. He is the one mentioned in the case of the Carter-Green land dispute in the year 1813, as having come over the Blue Ridge from Hampshire County about the year 1760 to buy or lease land with John Dyer, his brother-in-law, whose deposition in the case is given in Chappelear's "Notes on Upper Fauquier County." John Dyer and John Oldaker found available land on Pantherskin Run near the present site of Upperville where Ned Garrett had a race path. They made a deal with Garrett, put in a crop, returned to Hampshire for their families, came back and remained in this vicinity until the year 1765, when Henry Sr., having also left Hampshire with others of the family, settled at the Trappe in Loudoun County, five miles distant from Upperville.

The reason for this regression is found in a paragraph from the West Virginia Quarterly Magazine: "Nevertheless (four hundred Indians being at large after repeated attacks upon the settlers) the South Branch settlers remained. In the spring of 1758, settlers on the headwaters of the South Branch (Potomac), hitherto relatively undisturbed, fell victim to Indian attack. On April 27 a party of Indians attacked and burned Fort Upper Tract, killing Captain James Dunlap and twenty-two men. The next day the Indians moved to Fort Seybert and killed or captured thirty persons then in the fort. That same year the Indians struck farther east

and burned Fort Warden located at present Wardensville. The settlers, who had spent 25 (or more) years without serious molestation by the Indians, now gradually returned to more peaceful habitations."

By this account we know that the family of Henry Sr. Oldaker was then living in the very storm center of this last mentioned Indian disturbance, which may well mean that they suffered the loss of buildings and possessions if not the lives of some of their kindred. For the site of Wardensville is identical with Oldaker's Mills and the 347 acres on Lost River owned by Henry Sr. Oldaker until the year 1765.

When Henry Sr. left Hampshire and took up 200 acres from Buckalew at the Trappe the lease deed was made to John Oldaker, although Henry Sr. in his will states that he is willing half of it--the lower half--to John, which land was purchased (evidently by Henry) of the said Buckalew.

There is one thing here that we are unable to understand: The upper half whereon William "now lives and has a grist and saw mill" is willed to William by his father, but there is no indication of a deal between William and John on record; but when John, as administrator of the estate, sells to Joseph Reed in 1790, William is in Hardy and the whole of the 200 acres is conveyed without any mention of William.

We present now a copy of each lease to John--Buckalew's and Fairfax's.

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BUCKELEW TO JOHN OLDAKER

Assignment of a Lease -- Deed Book D P. 622

This indenture made the 14-day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred sixty-five, Between Richard Bucklew of the county of Loudoun Colony, Dominion of Virginia of the one part and John Oldaker late of the county of Hampshire and Colony aforesaid of the other part.

Witnesseth, that the Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax of the County of Frederick and Colony aforesaid, in and by one indenture of lease bearing date, the Eight day of March--one thousand seven hundred and sixty three for the consideration therein mentioned did demise Grant and to Farm let unto the said Richard Bucklew two hundred acres of land situate in the county of Loudoun aforesaid at the foot of the Blue Ridge as by the said recited Indenture of Lease it doth more fully appear, And this Indenture farther Witnesseth that the said Richard Bucklew for and in consideration of one hundred and twenty pounds current money of Virginia to him paid before the sealing and delivery of these presents of the said

John Oldaker, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and thereof and every part thereof doth fully acquit and discharge the said John Oldaker, his Ex'ors, Admr's and assigns, hath granted, bargained, sold, assigned and set over, and by these presents Doth Grant sell and set over unto the said John Oldaker his Exor's, Adm'rs, and assigns all that 200 A of Land and premises above mentioned, and all the Estate, Right, Title, interest, Possession, Term to come, Claim and demand whatsoever, which he the same Rich'd Bucklew now hath or should have claim in or to the Messuage and Premises with the appurtenances aforesaid by force and virtue of the said recited indenture of Lease--To have and to hold the said land above mentioned, all the Title and Interest and term before in and by these presents bargained and sold, assigned and set over unto the said John Oldacre, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns to his and their proper use and Behoof during the residue of their said Term mentioned in the Recited Lease yet to come and unexpired in as large and ample and Beneficial manner to all Intents and Purposes as the said Richard Bucklew now hath or might or should have and enjoy the same by force and virtue of the said Recited Indenture of Lease or otherwise howsoever and the said Richard Bucklew for himself etc. doth Covenant and agree to and with the said John Oldacre his Executors Administrators and Assignes that not withstanding any Act or thing by the said Richard Bucklew done to the contrary the said Recited Indenture of Lease is a good sure perfect and Indefeasible Lease in Law at the time of Sealing of these presents and so shall stand, remain and be unto the said John Oldacre his Executors Adm'rs, and Asigne for and during the term yet to come and unexpired under the Rents and Covenants in the said Lease mentioned and contained and also that the said John Oldacre his Executors etc. paying the Rents reserved and performing the Covenants, Conditions and Agreements in the above recited Lease Contained shall and may peaceably and Quietly have hold possess and enjoy the said mesuage or Tenement for and during the Residue of the Term aforesaid without the Set said Trouble and Interruption of him the said Richard Bucklew, his Exor's Adm'rs etc. or any other person Lawfully claiming or to claim any right or interest on the premises by from or under him, them or any of them, In Witness whereof the said Richard Bucklew hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written-- Richard Bucklew(seal)

Sealed and delivered at a court for Loudoun County October 14, 1765 in Presence of

This Indenture was acknowledged by Richard Bucklew party thereto and is ordered to be examined and Recorded

Teste Chas. Binns,
Clerk of County Court

FAIRFAX TO JOHN OLDACRE--LEASE
Deed Book G - Page 268-269-270

This indenture made the twenty fourth day December in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine Between the Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax of the County of Frederick and Colony of Virginia of the one part and John Oldacre of the County of Loudoun and Colony aforesaid of the otherpart Witnessith that the said Thomas Lord Fairfax for and in Consideration of the Rents and covenants hereafore mentioned on the part and behalf of the said John Oldacre Hath Demized granted and to Farm let and by these presents Doth demise and to farm Lett unto the said John Oldaker certain messuage or parcel of lands lying and being in the County of Loudoun and bounded as by a Survey thereof made by Joseph Hough as followeth Beginning at the White Oaks the beginning of William Oldacres Lott and running thence with his line S 16 W. one hundred sixty poles to a hickory the West side of a branch Oldacres Corner then N 25 W forty three poles to and oak marks TF then N 73 W forty poles to White oak and hickory corner to Edmontson then N 28 W forty poles to a chesnut oak at the foot of Blue Ridge then N 16 E one-hundred and forty three poles then S 78 E one hundred and sixty poles then S 16 W 5 poles to said Oldacres line then S 74 W 60 poles to beginning containing one hundred and fifty acres of land under the Reservations hereafore mentioned and excepting all mines minerals and quarries whatsoever excepting and always reserving to the said John Oldaker what Stones may be needful to be used on the Premisses and excepting and always reserving out of this present demise liberty of Ingres Egress and Regress from time to time and at all times during the continuance of this demise into and from the said Thomas Lord Fairfax his heirs and Assigns into and from the said demised premises with horses Open Carts and Carriages To have and to hold the said one hundred and fifty acres of land with the appurtenances unto the said John Oldacre his heirs and Assigns for and during the natural lives of him the said John Oldacre his heirs and Assigns for and during the natural lives of him the said John Oldacre Martha his wife and Isaac his Son and the longest liver of them. Yielding and Paying unto the said Thomas Lord Fairfax his heirs or assigns yearly and every year on or before the first day of May the Rent or Sum of three pounds current money and the quit Rents and that the or they so plant at least one hundred good apple trees at least thirty feet distant from each other keep them all, nicely pruned and within good Fence And also cause to be built a dwelling house at least twenty feet long and sixteen feet wide within three years from this date and other such out houses as his way of Husbandry may require and keep them all in good repair during the time of tenancy Provided also that no Subtenant shall be admitted by said John Oldacre his heirs or assigns on the said tenement nor shall he enter it to dwell on any part thereof And at the Expiration or sooner Determination of this Demise the said John Oldacre his heirs Ec. shall deliver the said

house Orchard and Fences in good Tenaniable repair And the Tenant in possession shall not make or suffer to be made any waste or spoil of the woods Underwoods Trees or timber to the said Tenement belonging by any Person or Persons whatsoever by his or their procurement, knowledge or consent. But he they and every of them shall hinder and withstand the same to the utmost of their power. If the said John Oldacre his heirs or assigns shall neglect or fail in any of the stipulated covenants provisos or Agreements and so continue for the space of one whole year he or they so neglecting or failing shall forfeit and pay unto the said Thomas Lord Fairfax his heirs and assigns the sum of five pounds and if it should happen that all or any part of the reserved yearly rent be unpaid by the space of ninety days after the same becomes due in any year of this demise although the same be not demanded, and no sufficient distress can be found whereby to Levy the same that then and from hence forth it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Thomas Lord Fairfax his heirs and Assigns wholly to Reenter and the same to have again reposess and enjoy as if this present Demise has never been made anything herein contained to the contrary not withstanding and he the said Thomas Lord Fairfax for himself his heirs and assigns by these presents that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said John Oldacre his heirs and assigns for and under the Rents and covenants herein contained To have hold occupy possess and enjoy all and singular the said premisses (Excepting) as before excepted) without the lawful let Interruption or denial of any Person or persons whosoever lawfully claiming or to claim by from or under him them or any of them In Witness whereof the said Parties above mentioned have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written--Sealed and Delivered Fairfax (Seal)

in Presence of us. Samuel X Atcheson's mark
John A. Atcheson's mark, Abraham Oldacres

At a Court Held for Loudoun County August the 13th 1770 This Indenture was proved by the Oaths of Samuel Atcheson, John Atcheson and Abraham Oldacre the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and order to be recorded

Test Charles Binns, Clerk

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In 1773 Henry Sr. made his will. We figure that he died about 1785. In 1782-7 his name appears on Loudoun tax lists with Henry, his son. His will charged John with the care of Mother Elenor Oldaker, with an alternative that he should have no part in Henry's estate. By all the evidences Henry Jr. was the one who cared for his mother until he died in 1785, whereupon John being named executor of both estates of Henry Sr. and Henry Jr., filled his office, made a final

account which is recorded in the history of Henry Jr.'s Branch of the family; sold his holdings in Hampshire of 248 acres on south side of Warden's Ridge (including the Sink Hole and Catt's Gap) which land he had settled upon and owned by "improvements made"--to John Dyer in 1775(Book 4, P.258, Hardy Co.); bought a house and lot in 1788 of Van Pelt in Rectortown of Fauquier Co. (presumably for Mother Elenor) sold the 200 acres at the Trappe to Joseph Reed, in 1790; leased his own 150 acres at the Trappe to Jeremiah Furr; and by 1790, he is living in Bedford County--200 miles away.

John was a hard man to follow. But we followed him, along devious ways, up hill and down hill and to far distant places; by wagon trains and waterways until he reached "Journey's End" in the year 1810 in Mason County; (now) West Virginia. Sometimes there were only straws in the wind to guide us--a phrase in a deed, such a "John Oldacre of Hampshire" and "John Oldacre of Bedford'; his name on a tax list; a disownment for Martha Oldacre (Society of Friends), a marriage record of a son or daughter--all these severally shone like a guiding stars to light the way and give us the story of a remarkable man whose descendants range from the meek and lowly every-day-characters to those who have occupied chairs in high executive offices. If the full story were known there would be many raised eyebrows when it is revealed that the little-known name of Oldaker, in the early days was connected with such names as Fairfax, Washington, Craig, Lewis, Clendenin, Boreman, Russell and Grant!

But getting back to our yeoman Oldaker we note that John and Martha opened their hearts and home to Sarah, orphan child of Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker. We can only infer that Sarah went with them to Bedford County; we naturally believe that she kept in touch with her mother who had married Henry Hieronimus and moved to Kentucky. And it appeared to be conclusive that Sarah became wife of Heironimus after the death of her mother for the Hieronimus book of genealogy gives the name of his second wife only as Sarah--Her maiden name was unknown to them as was the name of the first wife of Henry Hieronimus, Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker, the widow of Henry Oldaker, Jr. Yes, at one time it looked very much like this was true of Sarah, but later research located her with John Oldaker her brother in Ross County, Ohio, the wife of Stephen Robinson.

The deeds and marriage register are the only commentaries on Oldaker life in Bedford and Franklin Counties of Virginia. First, the marriages:

1. Isaac Oldaker m. Hannah Booram daughter of Aaron Booram, Aug. 16, 1791. By Joseph Drury.
2. Henry Oldaker m. Elizabeth Tellis (modern Tulloss) Dec. 27, 1794. Henry was son of John Oldaker. Elizabeth was daughter of Richard Tellis. By Alderson Weeks.

3. Luke Wallace M. Hannah Oldaker May 19, 1795. John Oldaker. Surety on Bond.
4. John Wilkerson m. Rebecca Oldaker June 9, 1792. Rebecca, daughter of John.
5. Polly Oldaker m. Jacob Harris Nov. 4, 1792. She was daughter of John.
6. Benjamin Johnson m. Rebecca Oldaker Dec. 11, 1794, John Oldaker, Surety on Bond.

These records give us the names of five of John Oldaker's children. However, items #4 and #6 hand us another one of those puzzles on a platter. One of two possible things happened; either Rebecca Oldaker in both these items is the same Rebecca and she backed out of her obligation in item 4 after the license was recorded or had the marriage annulled, restoring her maiden name; or this first Rebecca Oldaker is a daughter of Jacob Oldaker, John's brother; who lived in adjoining Franklin County. But the record on item 4 says she is daughter of John. Yet again, we notice that Benjamin Johnson turns up in Mason County with John Oldaker's family, so we know that his wife was daughter of John Oldaker. Ergo, the twin shall be one--she is John Oldaker's daughter. Looking at the problem with aftersight we see that perhaps John Wilkerson died before the marriage was performed. But we should have expected Rebecca, in such instance, to have died of a broken heart! Not so, with these pioneer women! They knew how to take things in stride with fortitude and faith.

The marriage records in Bedford and Franklin Counties are exceptionally good, but they do not by any means tell the full story on this family. We need to know what marriages were contracted in Hampshire, Frederick and Loudoun Counties, in which we must say that the gleanings are very meagre indeed. We failed to find, after much research, a single record of the ten children of Henry Oldaker Sr. We get the names of most of his daughters' husbands from Henry Sr.'s will. But names of his sons' wives were very difficult to obtain. We arrive at the names of some by inference.

For instance, the names of some of John (1) Oldaker's children and their spouses might never have been known to us without the will of John (1) Oldaker. How be it, the marriages of his three oldest children we could not find recorded: i.e. John Jr., William, and Tamer; but we present these names now to complete the chart of his family. From deeds and other instruments we infer that, --

John Oldaker, Jr. m. (1)--Clendenen; (2) Frances Clark

William Oldaker m. (1)--Morgan; (2) Margaret Kirkpatrick(?)

Tamer (Thames) m. John Booram.

Even the marriages of John (1) Oldaker, if there be more than one, are indefinite. The one wife we know of was named Martha. But her maiden name was nowhere stated. We think it was Booram or Tullos with the odds in favor of Tullos (Tellis). We are confident that Martha is his second wife, but who the first one was we have no absolute proof whatever. She was probably Rachel Burson. We cite two items to substantiate this theory:

(1) In the deposition given by John Dyer in 1813, in the case of Carter vs. Green, he says that he and John Oldacre came from Hampshire, rented land, put in a crop and returned for their families in the year 1760. Evidently John Oldacre in 1760 had a wife and children.

(2) The Quaker records give the year of Martha Oldacre's disownment as 1767; and disownment usually followed in the same year as marriage out of unity. In the deed of Fairfax to John Oldacre the lease in 1769 was for lives of John, Martha his wife, and son Isaac. We deduce that Isaac was Martha's first born son in the year 1768. The marriage of Isaac in 1791 is followed by marriages of the younger children in the Bedford County records. The marriages, of the three older children do not appear, except as inferred in deeds and wills; and the time of marriage there is unstated.

Let us now return to a consideration of the deeds and leases, to chart the deals and movements of John Oldacre's family.

The next item after 1769 in the history of John (1) Oldacre is the conveyance of his property in Hampshire County in 1775 to John Dyer his brother-in-law. By 1775 Hannah Oldacre Dyer, wife of John Dyer is deceased according to Henry Sr.'s will and John Dyer has returned to the scenes of his youth on Lost River. Traditionally, he married again, after living for a while on this former plantation of John (1) Oldacre, returning to Frederick County Virginia in what is now Clarke County, died in 1816 and is buried at Mt. Carmel Church. Hannah was buried in Hardy County in the burial ground in the valley field south of the Sink Hole. Succeeding generations obliterated the burial ground and nothing remains to mark the place of the Dyer Cemetery.

The year 1776 changes things considerably for the Oldacre families. According to Dr. Hale's history, John (1) Oldacre was a waggoner during the Revolution. We would give much to know the details of his service, but history has put a silencing finger on her lips and we shall have to be content.

By 1785 John has returned to Loudoun County and leaves the record of his administration of the estates of his father, Henry Sr., and in the same year, of the estate of his brother

Henry Jr. It is a very remarkable account which we give elsewhere in these writings. In 1788 he purchased the Van Pelt property in Rectortown of Fauquier County, which we presume was for Mother Elenor Borden Oldacre.

In 1790 we find a deed recorded by John Oldacre to Joseph Reed.

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JOHN OLDACRE TO JOSEPH REED

Deed Book S. P 164

This Indenture made the nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and nonety. (1790) Between John Oldacre of the Co. of Loudoun and State of Va. of the one part and Joseph Reed of the same Co. and State of the other part witnesseth that the right Honourable Thomas Lord Fairfax late of the Co. of Frederick and State aforesaid in and by an Indenture of lease bearing date the Eighth day of March Anno Domini, One Thousand seven hundred and sixty three for the consideration therein mentioned did Demise grant and to farm lett unto Richard Bucklew two hundred and sixty acres of land situate in the Co. of Loudoun aforesaid at the foot of the Blue Ridge as by the said recited Indenture it doth more fully appear which said land was conveyed from the aforesaid Richard Bucklew to John Oldacre by a deed of assignment duly Recorded in Co. Court of Loudoun and this Indenture further witnesseth that the said John Oldacre for and in Consideration of three hundred and fifty pounds current money of Va. to him paid by the said Joseph Reed the receipt where of is hereby acknowledged and thereof and every part thereof doth fully acquit and discharge the said Joseph Reed his executors administrators and assigns hath granted bargained sold assigned and sett over and by these presents doth grant sell and sett over unto the said Joseph Reed his Executors Admis. and assigns all that two hundred acres witness of land and premisses above mentioned and all the estate Right title interest possion term to come claim and demand whatsoever which he the said John Oldacre now hath or should have ordain in or to the messuage premisses with the apputenances aforesaid by force and virture of the said recited Indenture of lease and deed of assignment the right to have and to hold the said land above mentioned all the recited Indenture of Lease and all the estate title and interest and Form before in and by these presents bargained and sold assigned and sold and assigned and sett over unto the said Joseph Reed his executors administrators and assigns to his other proper use and behoof during the residue of the said farm mentioned in the recited lease yet to come and unexpired in as large ample and beneficial manner to all interests and purposes as he the said John Oldacre now hath or might or should have and enjoy the same by force and virture of the

said recited Indenture of lease or otherwise howsoever and the said John Oldacre for himself and doth covenant and agree and with the said Joseph Reed his Exor's. Admis. and assigns for and during the term yet to come and unexpired under the rents and covenants in the said lease mentioned and contained and also that the said Joseph Reed his Exor's. and paying the rents reserved and performing the covenants condition and agreements in the above recited lease contained shall and may peaceably and quietly have hold possess and enjoy the said messuage or tenement for during the residue of the term aforesaid without the sett suit trouble or interuption of him the said John Oldacre his Ex. Ad. or any other person lawfully claiming or to claim any right or interest in premisses by from or under them or any of them in witness whereof the said John Oldacre hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

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John J Oldakers
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Sealed and Delivered
In presence of

Matthew Rust James Jenkins
Samuel Boggess George Rust
William R. Taylor

At a court held for Loudoun County September the 13th, 1790, this assignment was proved by the oaths of Matthew Rust, Samuel Boggess and William R. Taylor three of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded.

Teste.
Chas. Binns Ct. Court

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About the year 1757 there had been a migration of people southward to Campbell and Bedford Counties, many of them being Quakers and relative of Oldacres and allied families in Fauquier and Loudoun Counties. They settled mainly in Bedford and Campbell Counties. Among these were members of the Lynch, Tullos, Bowles, Booram and Burson families.

The Quakers were ubiquitous. They went everywhere seeking "religious opportunities"--far and near--by twos and threes, particularly women. They had regular ministries at Hopewell in Frederick County, Back Creek in Hampshire, Fairfax at Waterford in Loudoun, South Fork in Loudoun, South River in Bedford and Campbell, and Southland in Culpeper County.

A new country was ever an attraction to these pioneering peoples; and although traveling was hard and tiresome, they traveled and visited their relatives, regardless. Bedford

was a lovely country to visit, and still is to us, with its Twin Peaks of Otter and Old Humpback and Seven Sisters outlined in distant views.

Therefore when John (1) Oldacre settled up his temporal concerns at the Trappe, and sold the Oldacre plantation in 1790 to Joseph Reed, he was ready for his next move southward. The succeeding pages indicate, by deeds, his various dealing and locations.

Findings on John (1) Oldaker's family in Bedford and Franklin County, Va.,--land transactions.

October, 1790

John Oldacres of County of Bedford took deed from Shildrake Brown and wife, Sarah, of Campbell Co. for 215 A @ 40 pounds. Book 3, P. 17. This was Bargain and Sale of land (now in Campbell Co.) near Senaker (Seneca) Creek on Branches of Dow Run on n. side of Phelps Old Road at the mouth of Locust Thicket (South of Rustburg toward Brookneal. Senaca Creek flows into Staunton River).

September 13, 1795

John Oldacres and wife, Martha of Bedford for 80 pounds sold their land, 215 A, to John Pearce, B and S. Book 3, P. 552 (Records in Rusburg, Campbell Co.)

July 25, 1797

John Oldacre for 100 pounds bought 219 A of Christopher Anthony and wife, Mary, on both sides of Ivy Creek in Bedford Co. Bounded by lands of Wiatts, Martins, Jeffersons and Wilkersons. Deed book 10 P 34. (This land would be near present Lynchburg and northwest of city on or near Old Forest Road)--Recorded in Bedford. I found no recorded instrument disposing of this property.

Isaac, son of John Oldacre had 140 A on Fould Ground Creek (now in Franklin Co.) at that time probably in Henry Co. Franklin was formed from part of Henry and Bedford Counties. We have no recorded instruments showing how he obtained this land but in

1805

Isaac sold 140 A to Joseph H. Townes for 100 pounds (Book 8, P. 46 Franklin Co. Records, Rocky Mount, Va.). This land was adjacent to Gilmores, Duvals, Hartwells,

Hills, Hutchins. The deed was made by Isaac in Mason County.

(Found among the papers of Isaac Oldacre was a notation that John Heard had 413 A in 1782, a grant from the Commonwealth. We found a verification of this in Henry Co. Records at Martinsville in a book of Grants and Patents" page 212. Description of this deed was identical with the above 140 A owned by Isaac. We deduce that Isaac bought 140 A of John Heard and did not record the transaction. In the same book of patents from the Commonwealth were two items of interest: (1) In 1778 James Bartlett had 266 A. (2) In 1789 John Borman (Booram) had 300 A on Squall Creek and South Branch of Dan River. These names also appear on Oldaker records in Loudoun County and indicate that the families were related and maintained their association in periods of migration. Isaac married Hannah Booram; his sister Tamer married John Booram and James Bartlett was brother of Henry Jr. Oldaker's wife, Elizabeth Bartlett of Loudoun County.

Know all men by these presants that I, John Pearce of Franklin County and State of Virginia. Do bind myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or asines unto Isaac Oldakers of Campbel County, his heirs, executors, administrators, asines, in they ? sum of sixty pounds.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the said John Pearce, his heirs, executors, administrators or asines. Do make a good and Lawfull right to a certain track of Land that he now lives on containing two hundred and forty acres, to Isaac Oldakers the above obligation is to be in full fource power and virtue given unto my hand and afixt my seal this fourteenth day of September 1792.

John Pearce (Seal)

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And the said Pearce is to deliver up the crop that grows upon the place except a small piece of corn that he has made a reserve of to the said Oldakers.

Note: The original of this instrument has been in the possession of Isaac's descendants there 150 years. It was not recorded in Bedford or Campbell Co. Because of the names of witness we deduce that it is part and parcel of the heretofore mentioned 413 acres owned by John Heard purchased by Isaac (part of it) and sold to John Pearce in 1792, the other 140 acres of the same farm being sold to the Joseph Townes after Isaac had moved to Mason Co. We have no record on the remaining 33 acres of Heard's land. This explains in

degree why Isaac Oldaker had retained the little scrap of paper stating that "John Heard has 413 acres in 1782 a grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Benjamin Harrison, Governor."

1793--From minute Book of Fauquier County.

On motion of John Oldacre by his attorney judgment is granted him vs. Thomas Keith, Gent. late sheriff of Fauquier for L 22-6S. and six pence being the amount of an execution of John Oldacre vs. Richard Evans with the interest thereon to be computed after the rate of 15 percentum per annum from the 22nd day of April 1793 til paid, which said execution was returned by Jno Bronough, a Deputy Sheriff "Ready to Satisfy" together with his costs by him in this behalf expended and in the said def't in mercy: The said defendant having acknowledged the notice and failing to say anything in bar or preclusion of this judgment, all Receipts vs. this judgment are to be allowed.

May Court 1795, Fauquier Co.,Va.

Referring to the deed from Van Pelt to John Oldacre Apr. 3, 1788 for one half acre and small house on King's Street in Rectortown at cost of 2 L-12S-6P. we would deduce that, since there is no conveyance of this property by John Oldacre (that we could find) and since it is the only business deal pertaining to this time, on record by John Oldacre in Fauquier it is presumably concerning the sale of this property. Why John bought it in 1788 remains a mystery. It must have been for his mother Elenor Oldaker. And Rectortown is not far from Markham where Abraham Oldaker, her son lived. Be that as it may, it is evident that if this court item concerns the house in Rectortown, John made a good deal--20 L profit! plus 15% interest!

There is yet another deed to be mentioned--that of Elizabeth Tellis and Henry Oldaker, grantors to Patrick P. Burton, one third interest in estate of Richard Tellis, deed, 1819, Deed Bk. 10 p. 341, 155 acres. We note in passing that Elizabeth was a Quaker disowned for marrying contrary to discipline (South River Meeting--Society of Friends).

We are approaching now the final scene of the Oldaker story in Bedford, Campbell and Franklin Counties. The curtains will soon be drawn. Wedding bells ring in '99 and 1801 for Franky and Nancy, daughters of Jacob. Jacob sells his holdings on Pigg River Branches to Nicholas Cassell in 1803. John Oldaker and sons Isaac and Henry are liquidating their assets. It is common knowledge that the Oldakers are leaving--assembling in Franklin County with wagons, stock and provisions; and when the last rumble of wagons is heard

on Bent Mountain the curtain closes forever on this settlement of Oldakers in Southern Virginia.

We sit for a while, staring at the curtain, and wondering why did they leave Loudoun and trek to Bedford? And 150 years later, reading their records, coursing their paths and roads, seeking their former habitations, we cry out, "Why?--Oldakers, why did you come here?--why did you leave? Why-- -- --? The only answer we have is a far distant echo--why-- -- --?

The answers are hidden away somewhere and they may be found--yet--in some recorded historical excerpt or item such as this from Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy:

"Martha Oldacre, disownment, July 6, 1767: disownment for Martha sent to Fairfax Monthly Meeting (Waterford, Loudoun Co.), returned with information she has removed to Lost River. Disownment, Dec. 7, 1767--Hopewell Meeting Frederick Co., Va." Now let's take a view of the past.

By this record we understand that Martha before her marriage was a member of the Quaker church at Waterford, a beautiful stone edifice with a Quaker Burial Ground containing hundreds of stone markers. This record indicates that John Oldacre had returned to his Lost River plantation in Hampshire County after the year 1763 and before 1767 when Martha was disowned. It is evident to us that John lost his first wife while he lived on George Washington's Ashby Bent Tract in Fauquier Co., with his brother-in-law John Dyer; he married Martha Tullos and returned to Lost River in 1767. It is also evident to us that Isaac was born there about 1768.

In 1769 John and Martha have come back over the Ridge to Loudoun County to be once more with his parents and brethren and they take a land deed from Lord Fairfax for 150 acres of land at the foot of the Blue Ridge adjoining the lands of William Oldacre, Edmontson, and Henry Oldacre, Sr., and described in the records of Deed Book G Page 268, 269, 270. In 1770 Abraham Oldacre has located adjoining there, 100 acres on Thoroughfare Run, and the Oldacre settlement, called the Trappe, is one of peculiar felicity. But this scene is only a memory for John (1) Oldacre. His years in Bedford and Campbell County are likewise only a memory, by the year 1810.

Now why did these Oldacres leave beautiful Bedford County? John's last purchased tract of 219 acres would be worth $219,000 today. His manor lands joined the Retreat Estate of the greatest American Democrat of his day--Governor Jefferson! Certainly he was living among the elite. John (1) Oldaker must have been a Republican!

In the pages following we will allow Mrs. Mary Meek Atkeson to fill in the details of this Oldacre tribe on their trek from Franklin Co. to Mason. We wrote to Mrs. Atkeson for permission to use this account. She informed me that there were many choice tales about these Oldacres that she had included in her original manuscript that would have made most interesting reading for us, but the editors of the West Virginia Review deleted her stories. Shame on them!

But looking at her name and the names of Samuel Atcheson, and John Atcheson on John Oldacre's deed in Loudoun Co. from Fairfax; and comparing Bronaugh's Military survey with Sheriff Bronaugh of Loudoun, we wonder if they are not all some of the same set removed from Loudoun to Mason Co.!

THE OLDAKER SETTLEMENT ON EIGHTEEN MILE

By Mary Meek Atkeson

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A romantic story of the settlement of a part of what is now West Virginia, which has always intrigued my interest, is that of the Oldaker Settlement on Eighteen-Mile Creek, about two miles above where it flows into the Great Kanawha River at Robertsburg.

As a child I knew many of the hardy race of Oldakers and their kin, and when exploring about the back hills which lay just beyond the Atkeson farm I often stopped for a drink of water and a chat with some of the scattered families. It is from these old-time acquaintances--more particularly from Paschal R. Oldaker (usually known in our country as "Doc") that I have collected most of the material for the following story.

Although the country between what are now Charleston and Lewisburg had had its scattered settlers very early, the difficulties of transportation and the danger from Indians, many of whom used this section as a hunting ground, left the broad and fertile Kanawha Valley without habitation. We have Daniel Boone's word for it that there were no settlements in 1791. On December 12 of that year he wrote Governor Henry Lee of Virginia regarding the military establishment of Kanawha County, which then extended to the Ohio River, "From the Pint to the Elke 60 Mildes--no inhabitance; from Elke to the Bote yard; 20 Mildes, all inhabited."

But immediately after the news of Wayne's victory over the Indians and the signing of the treaty of 1795 the situation changed. Dr. J. M. Callahan in his History of

West Virginia says that south of the Great Kanawha "the whole country swarmed with surveyours and speculators." And that "even before the certainty of safety from the Indians along the old war paths, the wide wilderness down between a few scattered settlements invited the enterprise of land speculators of the East who procured grants from the Virginia land office at a nominal price."

No doubt it was from one of these speculators that John I. Oldaker, an Englishman who had settled and raised a family in Loudoun and Bedford Counties, Virginia, engaged to buy one thousand acres of this wilderness and, site unseen, at a price of twenty-five cents an acre. Cheap as the land was, it involved a large money transaction for those days - money probably found by the sale of Oldaker's Virginia holdings. The tract lay two miles up Eighteen-Mile Creek from the Great Kanawha, and included a long stretch of hills and fertile creek valley. Many years afterward, when a surveyor ran the lines to the corner-marks of the tract, it was learned that the tract was actually nearly two thousand acres - which made its original cost but twelve and one-half cents an acre.

But a deed for many acres did not amount to much in those days - one had to go out and fight for it if the land was to be his own. This land lay directly behind the Military Grants of land which had been previously surveyed along the Great Kanawha River and assigned to officers of the French and Indian War.

When the next season opened up John Oldaker, Sr. sent his son William Henry, and his son-in-law, Jacob Henry Harris, with a good team of horses and a wagon to look over the property. There was almost no road down the Kanawha, but they finally managed to get as far as the Pocataligo River, which was so high they could not cross it. So they left the wagon and turned the horses loose, and went on down the Kanawha in a canoe to Eighteen-Mile Creek, and then up to their tract of land. When they had all the information they could get, they went back to the Poca River and hunted and hunted for days, but could not find the horses. Some Indian or white scout had taken them off. So they had to go on foot all the way back home - reaching there about Christmas time.

John Oldaker was much put out over the loss of the horses. But the next season he sent the son William Henry, and Henry Harris back to clear some land, raise a crop, and stay there until the record could arrive in the third season.

When the third season opened up enough to make traveling possible, the bank of settlers gathered in Franklin County, Virginia, with horses and wagons and such of their worldly goods as they could carry along and set out for the wilderness. There were about fifty people altogether,

including many children. John Oldaker, the patriarch, did not accompany them - he came over two years later. But in the party were his sons, Isaac and Henry; his nephews John Hardy and Jonathan Oldaker; his daughters, Hannah, who had married Luke Wallace, and Mary (called Polly) who had married Henry Harris; and Rebecca who married Ben Johnson, some of these with children; also a number of other families, cousins or in-laws of the Oldakers.

They finally reached the mouth of Eighteen-Mile Creek and followed it up from the Kanawha. They had been told by the land agent that when they passed the Claybanks they would be on their own land. So when they reached the next little bottom along the creek they pitched their camp and put up some rudelog shelters, close by a pond that had been made by beavers, and spent the winter there.

It was a hard winter. For they had brought little food with them, and the long journey through the wilderness had taken so many weeks that they had no time to clear land on which to grow crops - and they were much afflicted with "fever and ague." Two of the children and wife of William did not survive the winter - and even now, it is said, the outlines of their little graves can be seen there in the creek valley.

No mention is made in the family stories of the crop which was to have been grown by Oldaker and Harris in the second season, or of anything they may have raised in the third. Perhaps what the men had been able to raise was little enough when divided among so many settlers. And there is a family story to the effect that one year, at least, a corn crop made and stored for winter, was completely eaten up by squirrels.

Meanwhile the settlers learned that they were not upon their own land, though they were only a few yards from it. They were actually upon the rear end of one of the military grants along the Great Kanawah - a tract of land now the Atkeson farm, "Lawnvale" - bought by Thomas Atkeson in 1835.

History has been much in doubt about the date of the Oldaker Settlement. Accounts written by Virgil A. Lewis, probably from traditional sources, as he knew this creek country well, gave the date as 1800 and again as 1803. No one in the Oldaker family seems to have a record of the date of the settlement. But the tombstone of Peyton Oldaker, a son of Isaac, who is buried on what is known as the "Tom Hall Place," states that he was born May 28, 1797. And the older members of the family say that he was born there on the creek. This would place the settlement at least as early as 1796 - the date of purchase two years or more earlier.

With the coming of spring the Oldakers moved up the creek a short distance and built a mill on the creek, about

the year 1802. As the country settled, this mill was a great help to the pioneers, who brought their grain, on horseback usually, for twenty or thirty miles sometimes, all up and down the river.

For the most part the forests, the streams, and the soil satisfied their needs. There was game in plenty - much more than there was along the Great Kanawha River. They never had to worry about a supply of wild meat. The creek was full of fine fish - until they were "a plumb sight," the old people say. Wild berries and nuts were plentiful. And the ground, as they got it cleared up, brought forth good crops of whatever was planted. An occasional wild-cat came along, and sometimes a bear got into the pig pen - but they shot him and had bear meat, as well as pig meat, for a long time.

There are traditions in the neighborhood to the effect that the last Indian ever to be seen in that region was killed by a white hunter near the buffalo lick at the Claybanks. And that the last deer to be seen in that country was killed there, also.

The Oldaker settlers made their own shoes and clothing and furniture. Most of their tools they made from bar iron they had brought with them across the mountains. Whatever they had to have from Virginia they had to go clear back there to get. One man would make the trip for them all, about once in two years or so.

When they wanted salt they went to the Kanawha Salines up above Charleston - about forty miles. A man would go with two horses - load one pack of salt in front of him, and one sack on the horse he led through the forest, and so bring the salt home. There is a story that some of the pioneers would balance their load of salt by putting a rock in one end of the bag - but the Oldakers always had too much sense for that.

Isaac Oldaker started an orchard on his place at Isaac's Branch with trees and grafts he brought from old Virginia, and as the country settled up later everybody had trees and grafts that came from there. One kind of apple was known, roundabout, as the Isaac apple. It was a good fall apple, yellow, with black spots. Some of them are still growing in old orchards in the neighborhood. Other apples he had were Lady Washingtons, sweet and sour russets, bellflowers, and June apples. There was another - a small greenish splotched apple, quite acid in taste - that was known to the family as "George Washington's apple." They said it came from "George Washington's farm," and had been brought by them from Virginia. How, or why, - since Franklin County, Virginia, is a long way from Mount Vernon--family tradition fails to state. But there the old apple trees are, for anyone to see, still bearing the same kind of apples their forbears bore in 1796 - George Washington's apples in the new lands of the West.

After a time Isaac Oldaker moved from Isaac's Branch to a place nearer his mill. He had put in a "sash saw" at the mill, and he sawed boards and built himself a fine frame house - probably the first frame house west of the Alleghenies. This house still stands near the creek, many of its old boards quite sound. It is known locally as "the Tom Hall place," and belongs to a relative of the Oldakers.

Later, about 1830, Isaac Oldaker and his son, Peyton, built what is known as Oldaker's Mill at a better location, farther up the creek, which still stands and grinds grain, though a gasoline engine is now used for power. It has a long record of service to the country roundabout. It is now owned by Samuel Whittington, a great-grandson of Peyton Oldaker who helped build the mill.

Very early in the days of the settlement other settlers began to come in. Two families of Johnsons soon settled at Redhouse. A family named Cooper lived down near Ambrosia, and there were some other families up near Charleston.

Still later the military grants of land along the Great Kanawha were settled up, but the homes upon them fronted the river and its fertile valley. Changes came but slowly to the Oldaker settlement on Eighteen - sheltered by the hills from the swifter, brisker life along the river in the steamboat days, and later in the days of railroads and through automobile traffic.

As game and fish became less abundant they learned to make the most of their acres, and some of the younger generation went away to find jobs in Charleston or along the railroad or the river. Some of them have built neat and comfortable modern homes on their creek bottom or hillside farms, and have Ford cars to carry them over the winding roads. But some were built there in the early years of the settlement, though the young wage-earners have frequently added a telephone, a phonograph, and a radio to the family furnishings - echoes, one might say, of a far wider, and a newer world.

It was a pleasant task, last summer, to wander about through the winding Eighteen-Mile Creek Valley, to chat with old friends, and to hear again these tales of old times from "Doc" Oldaker and his wife and from others of the kin. They are a self-respecting, kindly people - their speech still a bit reminiscent of the far-off 1790's, and their manner with a touch of old-world dignity and courtesy that was, perhaps, brought over from England by the first Oldaker of long ago.

Note:

We might offer a word of explanation on "George Washington's Apple" referred to in Mary Meeks Atkeson's article on the "Oldaker Settlement." George Washington had

other lands besides those at Mt. Vernon. Indeed the Washingtons had lands in Mason County; but even though John Oldaker may not have had any connection with these lands it is highly probable that the "George Washington Apple" came first from his Ashby Bent Tract in Fauquier and Loudoun Counties a portion of which tract John Dyer and wife Hannah Oldaker and John Oldaker leased and settled upon after coming over the Ridge from Hampshire Co. about 1760.

It is true that Franklin Co. is a long way from Mt. Vernon but no further, we would guess, than Mason County is from Franklin County. And apples and everything else that was necessary went with the Oldakers when they migrated. A prime requisite stated in all the Fairfax deeds was the planting of 100 good apple trees on every plantation, with the stipulation that they were to be well fenced and kept pruned for the duration of the lease.

For conveyance from George Washington to John Dyer we refer to Book 3 P. 407-413 Fauquier Records.

As a concluding remark, may I say that I was privileged to munch one of these George Washington Apples on my way to see William Oldacre's Beech Tree with his initials on it, and the apple, yellow in color, had a taste of distinction peculiar to the distinction of our great Father of his country.

We now present a copy of the deed to John Oldacre. Bk. 63, Item 135 August 22, 1812. 591 A. executed and delivered to Mr. John Cantrell by the request of proprietor.

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JOHN OLDACRE
591 Acres
in
Mason County

James Barbour, Esq., Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings. Know ye that by virtue of a Land Office Treasury Warrent No. 4290 issued the 2nd of January 1806 there is granted by the said commonwealth unto John Oldacre a certain tract or parcel of land containing 591 acres by survey, bearing date the 2nd day of Feb'y 1809 situate in the county of Mason and bounded as followeth to Wit, Beginning at a maple and dogwood on a river known by the name of Jakes Branch a right hand fork of the 18 Mile Creek and on a line of a survey made by Archer Matthews of 1000 acres and leaving the same and running up the Run South 25°, West 32 poles to an ash and dogwood, So. 7° W. 20 poles to a hickory; So. 3°, E. 24 poles to an Ironwood; So. 5°, W. 62 poles to a black gum on the

West side of the Branch; So. 40°, E. 13 poles to an elm and white oak on the same side; So. 4°, W. 66 poles to an Buckeye on the west side; So. 12°, E. 27 poles to two beeches and a white oak, So. 27 poles to a beech and hickory at the mouth of a drain; So. 22°, W. 52 poles to a beech and hickory on the east side of the Branch; N. 70°, W. 350 poles to a stake in the back line of Brunaught's Military Survey and with the said line N. 23°, E. 404 poles to a stake where A. Mathews said survey of 1000 Acres intersects the said Military line; and with said survey So. 10°, E. 68 poles to a pine on the side of a hill and thence-with the same So. 60°, E. 208 poles to the beginning with its appurtenances to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said John Oldacre and his heirs forever, In Witness whereof the said James Barbour Esquier, Gov. of the Commonwealth of Va. both hereunto set his hand and caused the lesser seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on the 22 day of Aug. in the year of our Lord 1812 and of the Commonwealth the 37th.

Js. Barbour.

Note: This deed did not get through until 2 years after the death of John Sr. Oldaker.

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Since John Cantrell figures so prominently in the following grant and in the Bryan vs. Cantrell suit herein presented in which John Oldaker and wife Martha were participants, we include a short sketch on Major John Cantrell, a friend and associate of these early Oldakers, and related by marriage to the Clendenins and Donnallys.

He would be about 20 years younger than John Jr. Oldaker. He married Mary, his cousin, daughter of George Clendenin.

And we think John Jr. Oldaker's first wife was a Clendenin -- perhaps sister of George whose name is not given.

The following deeds and will tell their own story.

From Lewis

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Major John Cantrell was among the early pioneers of this county (Mason). His mother was Mary, a daughter of Charles Clendenin, who, with his sons, built the fort where Charleston now stands. He was born in Greenbrier county, on the banks of Greenbrier river, September 17, 1780, and at the age of fourteen he, together with his mother, emigrated to

the banks of the Ohio, and settled in Pleasant Flats, near Eight Mile Island. In 1802, he was united in marriage with Mary, daughter of George Clendenin, and in the same year settled on the north bank of the Kanawha, two and one-half miles from its mouth. At this time there were but two settlements on the Kanawha river and the other eight miles from the mouth of the Kanawha. John Cantrell had issue, three sons, who all died in childhood, and one Daughter, who grew to womanhood and became the wife of Charles C. Miller, of Point Pleasant. Major Cantrell was one of the first justices of the county, and in 1805, became the second representative from the county, and in the General Assembly of the State, a position which he filled for ten years. In 1811, he was commissioned Major in the county Militia, and during the War of 1812, he had charge of the government stores at Point Pleasant, from which place he sent supplies to the army of the Northwest. In 1830-1, he was high sheriff of the county, and from that time to the formation of the New State he was almost constantly connected with the county courts. He died June 17, 1863.

Note: We figure that Mary, Mother of John Cantrell, was daughter of Charles Clendenin. John Cantrell, Sr. married this Mary and John Cantrell son of Mary Clendenin Cantrell married his cousin Mary Clendenin daughter of George Clendenin. He lived on 74 A. two and one half miles from Point Pleasant conveyed by deed of 1805 from William Lewis which had been transferred to Lewis by Col. William Clendenin--land adjoining survey of John Oldacre.

John Oldacre secured a right from the Office of the Treasury for 1000 acres, warrant #4290 dated Second day of January 1806. He paid $20.00 for the warrant or 20¢ per acre.

At the same time he sold a right to John Cantrell and Morris Reynolds for 209 acres. (See grant in Archives, Book 62, P. 233). At the same time a grant was made by John Oldacre to John Cantrell for 200 acres (See Bk. 63, P. 133). These two grants were made from the original 1000 acres. For himself he had a grant of 591 A. (See Bk. 63, P. 135).

By virtue of a location made the 28th day of January 1809 by part of the 1000 acre Treasury Warrant, in the amount of 591 acres, John Oldacre had a survey made by Robert McKee S.M.C. on the Second day of February, 1809. The variation was one degree West; and Jacob Harris and Henry Oldacre were chain men. John Oldacre was marker (probably John Jr.).

Deed, 1809, delivered to John Oldaker July 12th 1811.

This Indenture made this first day of October One thousand eight hundred and nine, between George Matthews of the County of Greenbrier and Elizabeth, his wife of the one part and John Oldaker Jr , of the County of Mason of the other part Witnesseth, that the said George Matthews and Elizabeth his wife have, given granted and confirmed and by these presents do give, grant and confirm unto the said John Oldaker, Jr., his heirs forever a certain tract of land situated lying and being in Mason County containing NINE HUNDRED and SEVENTEEN ACRES being part of two tracts of land formerly granted unto Archer(?) Matthews by a patent bearing date the tenth day of April 1786 and recorded in the county court of Greenbrier relation thereunto being had well more fully and at large appear to have and to hold the above or part appertaining to the said George Matthews and Elizabeth his wife before in these presents given grants and confirmes unto the said John Oldaker, Jr., and his heirs forever to the only proper use and behalf of the said John Oldaker, Jr., and his heirs forever. This Indenture further witnesseth that the said George Matthews and Elizabeth his wife for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and twenty-nine pounds, five shillings to the said George Matthews on hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted bargained and sold and by their presents doth grant bargain and confirm and sell unto the said John Oldaker, Jr., his heirs or assigns the aforesaid tracts or parcel of land lying two miles from the mouth of the Eighteen Mile Creek and bounded on the one side by Bronaughs and Powels Military Survey to have and to hold to the said John Oldacre, Jr., his heirs or assigns in fee simple and the said George Matthews and Elizabeth his wife for themselves their heirs executors and administrators the aforesaid tract of land to John Oldaker, Jr., his heirs executors and administrators against them the said George Matthews and Elizabeth his wife their heirs and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In testimony whereof the said George Matthews and Elizabeth his wife hath hereunto set their hands and applied their seals the day and year above written.

George Matthews (seal)
(seal)

Test
James Wilson
Robert McKee
James Kimberling
Robert Alexander
Ben Johnston

At a court held for Mason County the 5th day of December 1809. This deed from George Matthews to John Oldaker was presented in court and proven by the oaths of James Wilson,

Ben Johnston and Robert McKee witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Test
W. Sterritt, C.M.C.

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WILL. John Oldaker (1)

In the name of God, Amen, I, John Oldaker, Sr., of Mason County, and State of Virginia, being of perfect mind and memory, do constitute and appoint this my last will and testament, revoking all other Wills and testaments by me made heretofore and acknowledge this only in manner and form following. Viz. In premise I give and bequeath my precious and immortal Soul to Almighty God, my Heavenly Father from whose hand I first received it, my body to be decently buryed - Item, I give and bequeath all my estate that shall remain after my just debts are paid to be disposed of as hereafter mentioned, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Oldaker, all necessary diet, apparel and lodging for and during her life and widowhood, to be furnished by my son John Oldaker. Item, I give and bequeath to my son, Isaac Oldaker, one half of six hundred acres of land in Mason County located and bounded by the Military Survey of Bronaugh and Powell (?), to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my son, Henry Oldaker, one lot of land including the falls of the Eighteen Mile Creek, being a part of a tract of land purchased of and patented to George Matthews and bounded by the lot where Jacob Harris now lives and my Nephew John [H.] Oldaker lots to him and his heirs forever. Item, I bequeath to my son William Oldaker one other lot of land adjoining Henry Oldaker's lot (it being a part of the same tract) and bounded by the Military Survey above mentioned, on one side and the back line of said tract on the other to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Jacob Harris the lot of land whereon he now lives, also one other lot of land on the south side of the Eighteen Mile Creek, beginning below the second branch and to extend to the back line to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Wallace six shillings, she having had her paternal part. Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Thames Booram, six shillings, she having had her paternal part of my Estate. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Johnson six shillings all land and debts that are due from Benjamin Johnson to Me. Item, I give and bequeath to my son John Oldaker the plantation whereon I now live together with the Mill stock of every description, household furniture, all land and debts that may be due me (except those of Benjamin Johnson) to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my grandson William Wallace all the money arises from the land sold to my nephew, John [W.] Oldaker which is to be paid at the expiration of seven years, and should my Nephew John W.

Oldaker fail to pay the money as aforesaid then the land to belong to my grandson William Wallace and his heirs forever. Lastly, I appoint and desire my sons John and Henry Oldaker, executors of this my last Will and Testament, in whitness whereof i have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of May 1810.

his
John x Oldaker
mark

Attest:
Willaim Bronauge
Richard Beal
his
Andrew x Pearce
mark

At a court held for Mason County 4th day of September 1810. This last will and testament of John Oldaker deceased was presented in court by John Oldaker and Henry Oldaker the executors hereon named and being proven by the Oaths of Richard Beal and Andrew Pearce two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of the said, John and Henry Oldaker who made oath thereto and together with John Cantrill and Maurice Reynolds their securities who unto and acknowledged their hand in the penalty of $3000 conditioned as the law directs Certificate is granted them for obtaining probate thereof in due form.

Test
William Sterrett CC

State of West Virginia, County of Mason, to Wit:
In the office of the Clerk of the County Court:

I, L. W. Getty, Clerk of the County Court in and for the County of Mason, State of West Virginia, having a seal, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and complete photostatic copy of an original paper as on record in this office.

Given under my hand and the seal of said office at the city of Point Pleasant, County of Mason, and State of West Virginia, this 3rd day of April, 1963.

L. W. Getty, Clerk

Note: There are two nephews named John Oldaker in this will: The one living near Jacob Harris on 18 mile who is John Hardy Oldaker; and the one on Kanawha River who has 74 A sold to him conditionally by John Sr.--this John is John Washington Oldaker who married Elizabeth Minor in 1806--son of Isaac Oldaker of Highland County, Ohio. The brackets on [H] and [W] are the editor's.

PARTITION DEED--1813

This Indenture of partition made and entered into this twenty sixth day of April in the year of our Lord, one Thousand eighteen hundred and thirteen, between Henry Oldaker, John Oldaker, William Oldaker and Jacob Harris all of the county of Mason and State of Virginia, Witnesseth; that in order to carry into complete effect the last will and testament of John Oldaker, Sr., deceased, they the said Henry, John, William and Jacob have proceeded to lay off and divide by meter and bounds, according to the intent and meaning of said will, all the lands sold and devised to them by the said, John Oldacre dec'd, and find Henry Oldacre's part to contain One hundred and thirty three acres, and bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at a pine corner to Jacob Harris S turning thence N 65 W 50 poles to a pine, thence N 40 W 64 poles to two white Oaks, thence S 82 W 48 poles to a black oak, thence S 44 E 45 poles to a white oak, thence S 35 W 242 to a corner, thence up the creek by do meanders and bending. Thence S 34 poles to a corner, thence leaving the creek S 56 E 100 poles to a pine and white oak, thence S 27 W 110 poles to the biginning and John Oldacer's part to contain One hundred and thirty acres and bounded as follows. Beginning at a corner on the military line, thence up the eighteen mile creek and bending thereon N 36 poles thence S 45 E 12 poles thence S 47 E 24 poles thence N 54 poles thence S 20 W 28 poles to 2 Elms at the mouth of a branch on the creek. Thence S 56 E 100 poles to a pine and white oak on the old line thence with the old line to the beginning and William Oldaker's part to contain One hundred and ninety two acres, bounded as follows; beginning at Jacob Harris' corner at the rock thence S 25 E 65 poles to a hill side thence S 62 E 208 poles to a black oak thence N 40 E 80 poles to a white oak corner to Harris and his line to the beginning and Jacob Harris' part to contain Two Hundred and ten acres and bounded as follows. Beginning at a large Rock on the Creek thence up the creek with its meanders and bending thereon 116 poles to a corner thence leaving the creek S 34 E 160 poles to a white oak and black oak thence N 75 E 34 poles to a white oak thence N 36 E 40 poles to a corner thence N 1 E 186 poles to a pine and black oak thence N 65 W 50 poles to a pine thence N 40 W 64 poles to two white oaks thence S 82 W to a black oak thence S 44 E 45 poles to the beginning. Now therefore, the said Henry Oldaker, John Oldaker, William Oldaker and Jacob Harris do by these presents for themselves their heirs and assigns forever Relinquish and quit claim to all and every part of the above land except such parts thereof as is specially assigned to each of them by the above recent surveys in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this day and date first above written.

Henry Oldacre (Seal)
John Oldacre (Seal)
William Oldacre (Seal)
Jacob Harris (Seal)

At a court held for Mason County the 27th April 1813 This deed of partition between Henry Oldacre, John Oldacre, William Oldacre and Jacob Harris was duly acknowledged by the parties thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Test
William Sterritt, Clerk.

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FAMILY OF JOHN (1) OLDACRE

The children are charted according to the estimated order of birth.

By unknown wife #(1)

1. John Jr. Oldaker married (1) unknown (2) Frances Clark.
2. William Henry Oldaker married (1) ____ Morgan about 1788; (2) Margaret Kirkpatrick (?)
3. Tamer (Thames) Oldaker married John Booram.

By wife #(2) Martha Tulloss (?)

4. Isaac Oldaker married Hannah Booram in 1791, Aug. 16.
5. Polly Mary Oldaker married Jacob Henry Harris in 1792, Nov. 4.
6. Henry Oldaker married Elizabeth Tellis, 1794, Dec. 27.
7. Rebecca Oldaker married (1) John Wilkerson in 1792, June 9; (2) Benj. Johnson in 1794, Dec. 11.
8. Hannah Oldaker married Luke Wallace, 1795, May 19.
9. Sarah Oldaker, ward of John (daughter of Henry Jr.) married William Robinson, to Ohio.
10. John Hardy Oldaker, nephew, (son of Jacob) lived with John's people--unmarried--blacksmith.

FAMILY OF WILLIAM HENRY OLDAKER

Explanatory note:

There are hundreds of Oldakers within a 50 mile radius of Buffalo and Point Pleasant.

The 1850 Census was the most fruitful source for information on this family, and thus we are able to chart this family with at least some degree of accuracy. We have recorded elsewhere how that William Henry Oldaker had married the daughter of David Morgan, and the Morgan lease was for lives of David, son James, and William, son of John Oldacre, Deed Bk. 23, P. 392, Frederick Co., Va. William's wife's given name was not shown, but she and her little ones, according to tradition perished the first year in Mason Co.

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LATTER-DAY SAINTS

William returned to Va., it is stated, married again, his wife's maiden name being unknown. Her given name by Census was Margaret. She was probably a Kirkpatrick.

William Henry Oldaker was born about 1764 and died 1843. He married _____ Morgan about 1787, married (2) Margaret _____ about 1804. She was born 1780.

Children:

1. Andrew Oldaker was born 1805--Idiotic.

2. William (2) Oldaker was born 1814, married (1) Mary Priddy on February 22, 1831. The marriage was performed by Rev. E. Webster. He married (2) Mary Nancy Edwards, 37, May 2, 1854. He married (3) Elizabeth Giles, 31, of Botetourt Co., Va., daughter of J. and J. Kirkpatrick, February 20, 1866.

3. Savinia Oldaker was born 1816 and married Jonathan Priddy in December, 1833 by Rev. B. K. Craig.

4. Sally (sary) Oldaker was born 1820, unmarried. She was the one who wove "lincy" for Peyton Oldaker. A daughter, Sary F. Oldaker 1838 married Thomas Craig, 1856.

5. Pascal Oldaker was born 1822 and married on December 26, 1844 to Mary J. Kirkpatrick who was born 1821. (The name also appears as Paskel.) Their children were: (1) James G., born 1846, (2) Amona, born '47, (3) Elosia R., born '48, (4) Louella, born June 12, '50, (5) Mary M., born June 5, '53, (6) Benjamine F., born September 21, 1855, (7) Caroline L., born August 13, 1857, (8) Mason B., born 1859-60. (7/7). There was also Martha L., born 1852, died, January 14, 1853.

6. Margaret was born 1829, unmarried, had a son John P., born June 5, '53. A child Susana, 6 months old appears in the 1850 census, to whom belonging we do not know. She probably belongs to Margaret.

Of the foregoing children of William Henry Oldaker, we have no further information except Paschal and William (2) Oldaker. We shall take these in reverse order, and note that Paschal remained in Putnam County until about 1850. His children James G., Amona, Elosia R., and Louella were born in Putnam Co., Louella being six months old when the census was taken. The family moved to Queensville, Indiana and the five remaining children were born in Indiana: Now we take the Family of William (2) Oldaker.

FAMILY OF WILLIAM (2) OLDAKER

This William, born 1814, was a much married man. He married

(1) Mary Priddy, on February 22, 1821 by Rev. E. Webster.

(2) Mrs. Mary Nancy Edwards on May 2, 1854. She was daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Gray.

(3) Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Giles of Botat Co. (Botetourt) on February 20, 1866, daughter of J. and J. Kirkpatrick.

By Mary Priddy he had:

(1) Jenetta, born 1834, married John Legg in 1854.

(2) Maston (Mass), born 1836. All that we have to record on Mass is that he was a stammering man. It is not known that he ever married. Perhaps his stammering was the cause of his celibacy!

(3) Levi H. Oldaker, born April 15, 1838, married Mary J. Harris on March 14, 1864. He was a union soldier. He died near Gap, W.Va. and Mary J. died after him in Spencer Asylum. Their children given in her pension application are as follows:

a. Charley Oldaker, born April 25, 1867
b. Matilda Bell Oldaker, born July 12, 1869
c. Lucinda J. Oldaker, born September 26, 1871.
d. Daniel J. Oldaker, born December 3, 1873.
e. Minnie A. Oldaker, born October 19, 1876.
f. Loranzo Dow Oldaker, born August 23, 1878.
g. Lona A. Oldaker, born November 10, 1880.
h. Alfonzo (Elmer F.) Oldaker, born February 10, 1885.

Notes:

Levi was known as "Lieb." According to a letter from Elmer Ellsworth Oldaker, Levi was miller at Peyton Oldaker's Mill on 18 Mile Creek in 1907. This may be a mistake for he applied for pension July 12, 1890. Loranzo was called "Dow" and "Dallas." He had a son Willard Oldaker who lived at Robertsburg, and died at 44 in Cairo, Illinois, a veteran of WWII. His wife was Martha and his Mother Esther Belle Oldaker. Dan Oldaker had a son Charles who married Opal Hill of Buffalo, and they have a daughter, Patricia Oldaker. Alfonso Oldaker went to Ohio.

(4) William (3) Oldaker, born October 10, 1840 (census says '43). He married ____ Frost of Kentucky. He died in 1895. He was a Civil War soldier,

Co. L 3 W.Va. Infantry. He is buried in Pisgah Cemetery near Henderson, W.Va.

A. His children by _____ Frost were--

1. Frankie Oldaker, married _____ Kincaid living in 1966 in Pt. Pleasant a widow. We visited her there.

2. Sherman Oldaker (John Sherman) a ticket agent in Salem, O. Married Kate Storts of Ohio, and had

   a. Ramsey Oldaker (no data)
   b. Forrest Oldaker. When John Sherman Oldaker divorced Kate in 1897 and married Sadie _____, Forrest Oldaker dropped the "d" in the name Oldaker and, in protest against the divorce of his mother Kate Storts Oldaker, called himself "Olaker", Sadie Oldaker now lives, a widow, at 205 Market Drive, Charleston, W.Va. (We shall consider the family of Forrest Oldaker later.)

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B. William (3) Oldaker's children by second wife, Mary Aurora (Rosa) Ames. (She was born in Kentucky April 21, 1854; her mother was part Indian), --

3. Marion Francis, born November 6, 1874--died from swallowing a bean!

4. Viola Bell, born (?) 2, 1876- died, 1962. Married Wilbur King, a prosperous farmer, have three daughters, one son.

5. Charlotte Ames, born December 11, 1878. (No data)

6. Laura, born May 24, 1879, married Dick Johnson, killed at a sawmill. Married (2) Eli Powell; married (3) _____ Pyles of Junction, Ohio.

*2 7. Bertie Cecil, born December 19, 1881, married, Mary Nibert, born 1883. (More about their family later.)

8. Josephine (Josie), born, July 20, 1884, (A foster child by Josie died of pneumonia--Pearl, born November 20, 1900). Josie then married _____ Vermatter and had six children.

9. Florence, born July 22, 1886.

10. Maggie May, born June 25, 1889.

11. Harry E. Oldaker, born September 2, 1891, married Zella Nibert. He died March 24, 1962, buried in Suncrest Cemetery, Pt. Pleasant, service by Rev. Kenneth Riggs and Rev. Floyd Workman. Harry was a retired farm manager, and a deacon of Jordon Baptist Church in Gallipolis Ferry. There were three children:
    a. Roy Oldaker of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.
    b. William Oldaker of Rochester, Penns.
    c. Mrs. Chester Workman of Pt. Pleasant.

12. James Hanson Oldaker, born February 14, 1893, married Rheta Frances Doss. They have three children:
    a. Bonnie Mae Oldaker.
    b. Garland Lee Oldaker of Henderson, W.Va.
    c. Harlin Ray Oldaker of Columbus, Ohio.
    ("Hanse" is the only living male member of William Oldaker and Rosa Ames family of Gallipolis Ferry. He is a retired metal worker of Huntington Nickel Plate. We had the privilege of visiting him and wife in their home, and recording many of these items from his mother's Bible and from his memory. He showed me a telegram sent to Rosa his mother July 29, 1913: "Come at once your sister Sarah near Richmond's not expected to live"--by Riley Thompson. Riley Thompson was Rosa's half brother. Sarah had been accidently shot by Ella Richmond!

13. George Oldaker married Lucy Valentine. Children: Clyde Oldaker, Lulu, and Clarence. Expanded chart follows:

FAMILY OF GEORGE OLDAKER-LUCY VALENTINE

George Oldaker, son of William and Rosa Ames Oldaker. He was born about 1884 and died 1913. He married Lucy Valentine, born (?), died 1943.

1. Clarence Oldaker, born about 1904, married Zelva Brown, dec'd.
    a. Thelma Oldaker
    b. Lulu Oldaker
    c. Irene Oldaker, dec'd
    d. Dorothy Oldaker
    e. Ann Oldaker
    f. Clarence Jr. Oldaker, dec'd. Killed by fall of tower--wind storm--Columbus.
    g. George Oldaker

h. Rodger Oldaker
i. Garnet Oldaker, dec'd.
j. Nioma Oldaker, dec'd.

2. Lulu Oldaker about 1906 married Grant Wall, dec'd.
   a. Marzella Wall married Wayne Denvy
   b. William Wall, unmarried
   c. Gladys Wall died in childhood.
3. Clyde Oldaker, born 1908. Married Lillian Morrow.
   a. Garnet Oldaker married Gerald Smeltzer. Two children, Jada and Brenda Smeltzer.
   b. John Oldaker married Deloise Darrell
      (1) Robin Oldaker
      (2) Susan Oldaker
      (3) Carol Oldaker
      (4) John Jr. Oldaker

Note: Referring back to the asterisk 1 on #2, we are not quite clear on ancestry of the family of John Sherman Oldaker and descendants. We have recorded as we have read and understood:

John Sherman Oldaker, wife Kate Storts, had son Forrest Oldaker who dropped the "d" in the name. Forrest C. Olaker, son of Sherman Oldaker (Lyndon, Ohio). Married Norma Dale Crusie and had nine children:

1. Herman Olaker married (1) Naoma Delty, three children: Barbara, Larry and David Olaker. Married (2) Opal McKibben, children were Forrest, born 1955; Melody, born 1957.
2. Bonnie Olaker married James Davis (South Salem, Ohio.), children were Carolyn, Judith, Norma Jean.
3. Dena Olaker married Calvin Peters, Jr. (Washington Court House, Ohio.), children were Sharon, Linda.
4. Imojean Olaker married Bernard Vineyard (Sabina, Ohio).
5. George Olaker married Rosemary--(South Salem, Ohio).
6. Juanita Olaker married Charles Taylor (South Salem) Children Stephen, Catherine.
7. Delno Olaker married Patricia Lee, (Chillicothe). Children Delno Ray, Jr., 1955, Lynette, 1957.
8. Perry Olaker unmarried, died at 21 years.
9. Bina Olaker, married Karl Truett, children, Barbara, (married), Dorothy, John.

Referring back to asterisk 2 we take the

FAMILY OF BERTIE CECIL OLDAKER

A clipping entitled "Journey's End" from "Trainsmen's News" was sent to me by our faithful friends Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Lantz of Nutter Fort, W.Va., saying they thought it might be important. The clipping announced the death of Birt C. Oldaker, trainman of Glenwood, W.Va. I wrote to the widow Mary Nibert Oldaker and had some correspondence

subsequently with Dorothy Oldaker, daughter of Birt, in an effort to place them in our genealogy. Very little was known about the family background except that Birt's father was William, who had died in 1894 when Birt was 12 years old. Birt was a very active member of the Glenwood Methodist Church, serving as Church School Supt., class leader and teacher and was known as an outstanding citizen. He had served the B and O Railroad as section foreman 1903-47. Birt was born at Gallipolis Ferry on the Ohio River in 1881. Their children are:

1. Mrs. Lorene Bill Booth of Glenwood
2. Mrs. Ora Day
3. Dorothy Oldaker married Irvin
4. Oshel Oldaker of Parkersburg
5. Dewey Oldaker of Ravenswood
6. Walter Oldaker of Huntington
7. Howard Oldaker of Glenwood

(5) Jane Oldaker, born 1845. (No data) [Continuing children of William (2)--]

*(6) John Oldaker, born 1848, married February 10, 1870, Mandy Legg, born 1850. Both buried in Craig Cemetery. (More later on this family, beyond at *.)

(7) Malissa Oldaker, born 1856, daughter of William (2) by second wife Nancy Edwards.

(8) Joseph T. Oldaker, born 1858. (No data--Killed in the woods)

(9) Mary Alma Oldaker, born July 10, 1869, daughter by Elizabeth Giles, third wife of William (2) Oldaker.

*FAMILY OF JOHN OLDAKER (#6 on preceding page)

John Oldaker, sixth child of William (2) Oldaker and Mary Priddy. He married Mandy Legg. Their children are:

1. Lewis Oldaker, born 1875, died 1918, married Mary Craig in 1892. (Children charted next page).
2. Charles R. Oldaker, born March 12, 1876. (No data)
3. Adeline N. Oldaker, born 1887--died October 15, 1962.
4. Joseph Robert Oldaker, born February 28, 1884--died July 28, 1941. Married Ruby Ellen _____, born April 25, 1884, died May 28, 1960.
5. Laverna Oldaker, born 1889--died 1961.

FAMILY OF LEWIS OLDAKER AND MARY CRAIG

Lewis Oldaker, 1875-1918, was son of John and Mandy Legg Oldaker of 18 Mile community of Mason County; married Mary Craig, 1892. After decease of Lewis in 1918, she married Zeb. Tucker; they live in Point Pleasant. Lineage: John and Mandy Legg Oldaker, William (2), William (1), and John (1) to Henry Sr. Oldaker.

Lewis had eight children.

1. Loshi Oldaker, born 1893.
2. Luther Oldaker, born 1895.
3. Homer Oldaker, born 1897, married Nellie Whittington (Leon, W.Va., Route 2). His son David Oldaker has a filling station (Oldaker's Store) Pt. Pleasant, Route 3, married Mary Boles.
4. Malinda Oldaker, born 1899, married _____ Higgonbotham.
5. Lula Oldaker, born 1901, married Paul Jeffers.
6. Grace Oldaker, born 1903, married _____ Whittington.
7. Amerdee Oldaker, born 1905.
8. Velva Oldaker, born 1907 (Belva), married John Tucker.

FAMILY OF HENRY OLDAKER--ELIZABETH TELLIS

Henry and Elizabeth Tellis were married in Bedford Co., Va. by Anderson Weeks December 27, 1794. She was daughter of Richard Tellis. She was a Quaker and disowned for marrying contrary to discipline. Henry was one of the first to arrive in Mason County. His trip with others in common is described in Mary Meek's article. By a digest of recorded marriages we chart the following:

Their children were:

1. Deborah Oldaker married William Burch.
2. Celia Oldaker married Eden Harris, April 7, 1825.
3. Wrena Oldaker married James Payne, November 9, 1826.
4. Jane Oldaker married Henry Birch, April 19, 1827.

Note: Richard Tellis married Anna Burson of Loudoun Co.

FAMILY OF ISAAC OLDAKER--HANNAH BOORAM

Isaac Oldaker was born in Hampshire Co., Va. about 1768, married in Bedford Co. in 1791, August 16, by Rev. Joseph Drury: died in Mason Co. November 25, 1840. He is buried in Isaac's Branch graveyard, named for him. His wife was Hannah Booram daughter of Aaron, presumably a sister of John Booram who was surety on bond, and who married Tamer Oldaker, daughter of John Oldaker.

Isaac Oldaker shared in most of his father's wanderings from Hampshire to Fauquier, to Loudoun, to Campbell, to Bedford, to Franklin, to Mason Counties of Virginia. We found his name first mentioned 1769 in a lease deed from Fairfax to John Oldaker, wife Martha, son Isaac, given for "lives" or longest lives of them. This was in Loudoun County, Virginia.

In 1792 Isaac is living on 380 acres of land on Fould Ground Creek in present Franklin County purchased from John Heard. Two hundred and forty acres of this land was sold to John Pearce, and in the transaction which was made (copy is herewith included), Isaac is spoken of as being from Campbell County. The remaining 140 acres were sold to Joseph Towns, and Isaac executed deed from Mason Co. about 1806.

Having arrived in Mason County about 1800-1804, Isaac built his mill on 18 Mile Creek "the first water wheel on the Great Kanawha River at a very early day"--Dr. Hale says; but it was not on the Great Kanawha. The Oldakers continued in Mason Co. as builders and farmers. They did not lose connection with their former neighbors as the following letter from Loudoun Co. will show.

November 27, 1827 My dear Sir: After my compliments to you and family--I feel disposed in telling you now that I myself and family are all well at present. Thanks be to the all Supreme for His Mercies. Hoping at the reception of this letter that you and family enjoy the same blessing. This letter for/of information I send to Isaac Oldacre a son of John Oldacre and Martha, his wife, that formerly lived in Loudoun County near Benjamin Grayson, Esq. I, myself, and a brother of mine by the name of Thompson Furr now hold the plantation that belonged to your Father in Leeds Manor. I, myself, am a son of Jeremiah Furr that lived in the neighborhood of Benjamin Grayson. My father used to get his grinding (done) at your Father's Mill and I was the Mill boy. My name is Minor (Furr) and I have a perfect recollection of you and your brother Henry Oldacer. My object, Mr. Oldacer in writing this letter to you is, this: The place we live on at present lies in Lord Fairfax's Manor and his land was leased out for lives. And I am told your Father, Mother and yourself are the lives in the lease. You will be so kind as to write me an answer by Mr. Martin Bronaugh and let me know whether your Father and Mother is dead or a living, and in

case they be no more, let me know that you are yet living. I am under the impression that you cannot be much older than I am--I was born the 4th day of December, 1777, which will make me fifty years old December next. I will thank you if you will let me know your age. My object in giving you this trouble is, our Land Lord say(s), we must prove the lives in our leases are living, or he will move to dispossess us,

Yours very respectfully,
Minor Furr

Comment: This letter confirms the location of the John and Isaac Oldaker plantation at the Trappe in Loudoun County on Jeffries Run whereon was this Oldaker mill.
The Furrs were numerous around Bloomfield and Unison. The very old cemetery at old Ebenezer Church has dozens of memorial stones bearing the name. We will look for Jeremiah and Thompson and Minor Furr's graves at our next visit there.

Note: The wife of Minor Furr is buried at Moss Meeting House Cemetery.

In the Carter-Green land dispute and suit, a William Bronaugh and Ben Grayson are mentioned in Chappelear's Book as Justices of the Peace in the year 1813. This Benjamin Grayson, Esq. mentioned in Minor Furr's letter would be the same in 1827. He was a descendant of Benjamin Grayson, Sr. (and probably his grandson) who patented 2367 acres of land from Fairfax in 1730, an estate known as Glenlock, and sold in 1769 to Nathaniel Moss a Quaker who located a cemetery and church site beside the road leading from Upperville to the Trappe which was called Moss Meeting House. The Moss family lived on this estate for more than a century. It could be that Henry Sr. and Elenor Oldaker are buried here.

Leeds Manor was a 150,000 Acre tract under or in the Fairfax Proprietary. And John Oldaker's tract was in Leeds Manor.

The name mentioned in the letter by Minor Furr confirm the names of John's wife and two of his sons, Isaac and Henry, who were young men and unmarried when Minor was the mill boy on Jeffries Run.

A few words of explanation regarding land grants and tenures might be helpful here. Such terms as "Composition", "lease", and "lives" are often found in early deeds especially from the Proprietary offices. A "composition" was an extra charge made for survey and office work in issuing a patent or deed. A "lease" was an instrument of agreement whereby the lessee paid a yearly rent to the proprietor as a "fee" and was valid for a term of 21 years or "lives", generally of three people: a man, wife and son or daughter;

"the longest lives" was to have possession, so long as the rent was paid to the owner, and the taxes not allowed to be in arrears. The occupant or leasee could sublet the premises but at the death of "the longest liver" the land reverted to the proprietor. This procedure is referred to in deeds under the term "reversion".

We have wondered quite a bit about the disposition of this 150 Acres John Oldaker had on Jeffries Run. This lately acquired letter from Minor Furr to Isaac tells part of the story. John Oldaker had sublet this land to the Furr brothers, and after the sale of Henry Sr.'s holdings, he and Isaac et als had moved to Bedford County where we found the marriage bonds of both Isaac and Henry for the years 1791 and 1794. By the year 1827, when Minor Furr wrote the letter, the Proprietorship has been absolved by the Marshall Syndicate, and a representative of this Syndicate is the Land Lord spoken of by Mr. Furr. The landlord was probably Rawleigh Colston Jr. By this time Isaac was in Mason County. His father, John Oldaker, was deceased. And we surmise that a return letter from Isaac via Martin Bronaugh, proved the "lives were a living" and Minor Furr was not dispossessed, but enjoyed another 13 years on Thoroughfare Run where today we can see the ruins of the Old Oldaker Mill called Thoroughfare Mill by Curtis Chappellear the historian, and a lovely well-preserved stone dwelling on a beautiful grassy knoll, the home of General Cummins who owns the 150 Acres once leased by John Oldaker in 1769.

I have before me the original paper of agreement dated 6 September, 1782, made in Henry County, Va. from John and Jake Heard who promise to pay John Pearce 40 pounds for 220 Acres on the branches of Fould Ground Creek adjoining Heard's Survey and running from the middle of Heard's line to Duval's line.

This paper was in the possession of Isaac's descendants. Heard has 413 Acres from Commonwealth (mentioned previously) with the above 220 Acres from Pearce. He has 633 Acres. Heard apparently sold 380 Acres to Isaac Oldaker of which 240 Acres were bought by John Pearce (not recorded). A Tract of 140 Acres was sold to Joseph Townes; deed was made by Isaac in Mason County and recorded in Franklin County in 1805 (?).

Notations concerning these lands are identical with those of recorded deeds. In 1782 the lands were in Henry County; in 1792 they were in Franklin County. The Heard-Pearce agreement is:

"We, John Heard and Jake Heard of Henry County do Promis to Pay unto John Pearce of said County 40# current money of Va. for which payment we bind ourselves, Heirs, Executors and c Pay to the s'd John Pearce, his heirs, and c, as witness our hands this 6 day of September, 1782.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the abounden John Heard, his heirs and c do make a good and lawfull Right to a certain parcel of land joining duvall's land by Estimation 220 A beginning at a narrow part of a survey neare the middle of a survey of s'd Heards, on the Branches of Fould ground Runing up to duvall's Line, then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force and virture. Sind and delivered in Presence of Hezekiah Blankenship.

Stephen Heard

John Heard (Seal)
Jake Heard (Seal)

We have before us two original sheets of settlement accounts evidently by Isaac Oldaker with "betty oldakers, April the 28 day 1816 and October the 28 day, 1816".

The first of these is:

	L	S	D
by a Settlement twen me and her to.....	0	3	9
to led 2 powns " " " " "	0	2	3
to coffee 2 powns " " " " "	0	5	4
to sop 4 powns " " " " "	0	2	0
$8.44/Dollers and Sents, Pad.	0	13	6

The second is:

"by a Settlement to bety oldakers and me ballance dou her.....$8.94/sents".
His computations were made on the back of the sheet:

$ 8.94	8.94	14.81
3.86	5.68	88
12.81	16.72	18
2	15.87	
14.81	00.75	15.87
		14.87
		1.06

His "4"s are inverted "7"s and his "7"s are inverted "4"s. His dollar signs are figure "8"s cut twice with vertical lines. His addition and subtraction is not perfect, and we figure one still owes the other a few cents but we don't know which one owes which. We would guess that Isaac was a store-keeper as well as mill right and farmer; and that this Betty Oldakers is his cousin, wife of John Washington Oldaker.

It is indicated by notes of Susie Virginia Hall Rymer that the first Oldakers in Mason County were related to the first Governor of West Virginia, Arthur I. Boreman. In this connection we submit the following paragraph from an old Partition deed:

"This Indenture made the 9th day of March in the year of our Lord 1840 by and between Isaac Oldaker and James K. Craig, both of the County of Mason and State of Virginia. Witnefseth, that where as the said Oldaker and Craig are now the joint owners of a certain tract of land, lying in Mason County on two branches of the 18 Mile Creek called and known by the names of Jakes Branch and Tuttles Branch, the same being a tract of land devised by the last will and Testament of John Oldaker, Sr.; deed to his son, the said Isaac Oldaker and to his two grandsons, Isaac and Jacob Booram, said to contain 600 acres and the said Craig now being the owner of the part that belonged to the said Jacob and Isaac Booram and the said tract of land having been heretofore divided between the said Isaac Oldaker and the said Isaac and Jacob Boorman and a partition deed made by the said Oldaker and the said Booram and duly recorded in the Clerks office of the County Court of Mason County and the said Isaac Oldaker and James K. Craig being now desirous of changeing the location of said division line and establishing another more to the mutual advantage of both parties, etc., etc."

This paragraph not only suggests the possible kinship with West Virginia's first Governor, but establishes the fact that John Oldaker the First, had a daughter who married a Booram, and they had two sons, Isaac and Jacob Booram, who were grandchildren and beneficiaries in the will of John (1) Oldaker. The name Boreman is a variant of Booram.

Concerning the Booram family, it is worthy of note to state that a John Booram's signature appears as witness to the will of Henry Jr. Oldaker, proved March 19, 1786 and executed by John Oldaker in Loudoun County, Virginia, which indicates that perhaps John Oldaker's daughter married John Booram. We now present the will of Isaac Oldaker.

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Isaac Oldaker of the county of Mason, being old and weak, but of sound mind and disposing memmory (for which I thank God) and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath please God to bless me with.

1st. I give to my daughter Sintha Wallace the tract of land she now lives on lying on the 18 mile creek containing one hundred and one acres to her and her heirs forever.

2 dly. I give to my son Paton Oldaker three hundred acres of land lying on the head of Cross Creek, both of the

above named tracts of land are in the county of Mason.

3 dly. It is my desire that after my funeral expenses and debts are all paid off and discharges out of my personal estate that the residue thereof be equally divided between my daughter Sintha Wallace and my son Paton.

And lastly I do hereto constitute and appoint my son Paton Oldaker executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other former wills, or testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness wherof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 17 day of September in the year 1835.

Signed, sealed, published and delivered before us.
R. Mitchell
C. B. Waggener
Jas. Mitchell, Jr.

Isaac Oldaker (seal)

At a Court held for Mason County at the Courthouse thereof, on Monday, January 4th, 1841. The last will and testament of Isaac Oldaker, deceased, was proved by the oath of Robert Mitchell and James Mitchell, Jun. witnesses thereto; and is ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Peyton Oldaker, sole Executor therein named who made oath thereto, and together with James Mitchell, Jun. his security entered into and acknowledged their hand in the penalty of Three hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate(?) of the said will in due form.

Teste
Thomas Lewis, Clerk.

Note: By this document we know that the only children of Isaac Oldaker and Hannah Booram Oldaker were:
1. Cynthia Oldaker Wallace.
2. Paton (Peyton) Oldaker.

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JOHN HARDY OLDAKER

Genealogically speaking we place John Hardy Oldaker as son of Jacob (1) and Lettice Hardy Oldaker who lived late in Kentucky. Geographically he belongs with the John (1) Oldaker family in Mason County, Va. (now W.Va.) having chosen to live and die with them.

Given as son of John (1) and Martha Oldaker by Mrs. Atkinson in her article on "The Oldakers of Mason County on 18 Mile Creek" (published in 1932), John Hardy Oldaker and

his records failed to entirely convice us that he was son of John (1). Although we felt rather forced to admit such relationship, there was a lingering doubt and dissatisfaction about the matter for two years and more. When Dr. Homer P. King wrote us that Luke Wallace's Cousin John Oldaker had his entire family was murdered by the Indians, we knew it could not be John (1) for he was uncle to Luke; and his descendants are living in Buffalo now (Dr. King's quotation was from Hale's (History of the Great Kanawha Valley).

The records in Bedford, Franklin and Campbell Counties showed no deed or marriage concerning a son of John (1) by the name of John or John Hardy Oldaker. And when we explored the Mason County records, a John Oldaker was noted in a partition deed by the heirs of John (1), with the status of a son. Wherefore, we included John Oldaker, Jr. in our chart as son of John and Martha Oldaker, on the basis of this document. But we thought this was John Hardy Oldaker!

When the will of John Oldaker made in June of 1833 came to hand as being recorded in Mason County, and naming his wife Frances C. and grand daughter Frances J. McMullen as devisees, we knew we had come upon an unusual situation which indicated that this John was cousin to Luke Wallace; but whose son was he? We felt surely this was John Hardy Oldaker.

The will of John (1) Oldaker simply refused to be found. Lillian Christian, Ruth and I spent a day in Mason County Clerks office in August of 1962; we enlisted office help in our search. No Will!

After seven months of time and more searchings, Lillian writes March 28, 1963: "I want you to know that I have at last located the John Oldaker Will! My John, father of Isaac and grandfather of Peyton--found it in the very first book I touched when I went to Pt. Pleasant this a.m." On a file card inclosed in her letter were the names of the devisees, among whom was a John Oldaker listed as a son, and another John Oldaker was mentioned as a "nephew", and yet another as "a nephew" or was it the same one twice mentioned?

The will brought much light and more confusion, for now it was evident that there were four John Oldakers mixed up in Mason together. There were two nephews of John (1) named John Oldaker, but by establishing that John Washington Oldaker, son of Isaac (1) was one of them and that by the 1811 deed and the Will, that John Jr. was the son, we deduced that John Hardy Oldaker was son of Jacob (1) and Lettice Hardy Oldaker of Kentucky, Jacob (1) being brother to John (1).

Being in doubt previously about the parentage of this John Hardy Oldaker I had explored the land from Loudoun County, Va. to Ohio, Kentucky and Missouri; concocted a nice

story about a certain John being son of Henry Jr. dec'd and a foster son of Francis Hieronymus, going to Kentucky with him and Henry Hieronymus, who had married John's mother Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker, widow of Henry Jr. Oldaker deceased in Loudoun in 1785; then this son John marrying Charlotte Eubanks, and going to Sedalia, Missouri (Howard Co.) with 12 children and dying there in 1825.

It was a good story and believed to be true, but the story of John Oldaker Hieronymus does not fit this John Hardy Oldaker. John Hardy Oldaker lived and died in Mason County; was a cousin of the foregoing Johns. viz--John son of Henry Jr.; John Jr. son of John (1); John W. son of Isaac; and he was cousin of Luke Wallace, and John Hardy's family very probably was involved in an Indian Tragedy, with his brother Jonathan who appears once and then disappears.

John Hardy was son of Jacob (1) and Lettice Hardy; his brothers were Henry and William and Daniel of Kentucky, and Jonathan Oldaker, who appears as one of the trio of first settlers, October 17, 1800, in what is now Putnam County, W.Va., where names were Jonathan Oldacre, Hardy Oldacre, and Isaac Oldacre, Isaac being son of John (1), and cousin to Jonathan and (John) Hardy Oldacre.

About this Jonathan Oldaker--he appears only once in the records of Susie Virginia Hall Rhymer, and no more elsewhere. And we wonder if after all he could be the one who had his entire family--himself included--killed by Indian massacre? And John Hardy Oldaker cousin to Luke Wallace suffering a like tragedy and only he escaped!

Back to the Will of John (1) Oldaker--there are two words in this will that change the history of four Oldaker families. These words are "son" and "nephew". How important is even one word in genealogical research! If John (1) had not designated one John as "nephew", we could still be in the dark about these four John Oldakers. As we see it now John Hardy could not be properly placed anywhere else except as son of Jacob (1). But we are not going to transfer him; he remains with John and Martha's people. They took him in--he lived among them, and suffered the sorrows and uncertainties of frontier life, and died with John and Martha's people.

John Hardy Oldaker was a blacksmith. I saw and stood by the site of his shop on the side of the road near a branch. His log cabin still stands on the hill above--after 150 years. I drank at his spring and imagined the scene of neighbors and kin coming out of those wooded hills and waiting upon the Tubal Cain of Buffalo to repair their tools and implements--put shoes upon the feet of horses and oxen, while many of their owners chewed their Brown's Mule, Climax, and Picnic Twist Tobacco--discussing the Louisana

Purchase, the War of 1812, the Presidential Elections and politics in general.

CHART

John Hardy Oldaker, born about 1785 in Henry County, Va. He was the son of Jacob (1) and Lettice Hardy Oldaker, died at a date unknown. He is buried in the Kirkpatrick Grave yard.

John Hardy Oldaker, we think, may have had a wife and children, once. He never married (again). We have no record of any land transactions in Franklin, Montgomery or Mason County in his name. He was just a blacksmith among the Oldakers of Buffalo community--with a log cabin on the hill. But his name still lives!

John Oldaker
400 Acres - Mason Co. Book 76 p. 397

William B. Giles, Esq. Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING: KNOW YE, That in conformity with a Survey, made on the nineteenth day of September, 1826, by virtue of two Land Office Treasury warrants to wit: 200 acs. by No. 6813 issued Feb'y 14th, 1820 and 200 acres by No. 8098 issued, March 7th, 1826; there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto John Oldaker a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, containing Four Hundred acres situate in the County of Mason; and bounded as followeth; to wit:

Beginning at a small white oak tree standing on the west side of a hill in a line of Mathias Bruin's survey of one hundred thousand originally Hollingsworths; thence, leaving said line N 32° W 23 poles to a white oak on the point of a ridge descending N. by corner of a survey of one thousand acres, originally surveyed for Archer Mathews, thence with the lines of said survey North 212 poles crossing the Eighteen Mile Creek at 128 poles to two pine trees, on the side of a ridge; thence, N. 27° E. 240 poles - crossing Otter Branch at 52 poles to a hickory on the west side of a hill in Mathews line; thence, leaving said survey S 63° E 252 poles to a white oak tree standing in the line of Bruin's Survey, aforesaid, and thence with said line S 45° W 460 poles to the beginning.

To have and to hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land, with its appurtenances, to the said John Oldaker, and his heirs, forever.

In witness whereof, the said William B. Giles, Esq., Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath hereunto set his Hand, and caused the lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed, at Richmond, on the twenty-sixth day, of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven and of the Commonwealth of the fifty-second.

Wm. B. Giles

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WILL OF JOHN OLDAKER JR.

I, John Oldaker of the county of Mason & State of Virginia, do hereby make my last will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say - I give and bequeath all my estate that shall remain after my just debts are paid to be disposed of as herein after mentioned. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Francis C. Oldaker all my estate real & personal except items herein after disposed of, for & during her natural life & after her decease. I give and bequeath the same to my grand daughter Frances J. McMullin (except items herein after disposed of - I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Frances C. Oldaker in fee simple to make any disposition of (during her natural life or at her decease). She may think proper my negro man named Harvey & my Negro Girl named Henriett with her future of suming together with the sum of one Hundred Dollars. I give and bequeath to my friend & brother in law Benjamin K. Craig my rifle gun with the aparatus thereto belonging. In case my Gran daughter Frances J. McMullin should die under the age of twenty one years old & without a serviving heir of her body, I give & bequeath all that other wise would be her right & title in and to my estate, to my friends Benjamin K. Craig & Polly A. Craig his wife & their heirs. It is my will & I do hereby give & bequeath to my beloved wife Frances C. Oldaker the right & power to convey by warrantee deeds certain tracts of land sold by me--Viz: one tract to Carter Newcomb lying on Eighteen mile creek for which the said Newcomb holds my Title bond with considerations, on their, the said Newcomb & Summers, complying with the considerations in said title bonds their deeds are to be made - and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Benjamin K. Craig & Matthew D. Brown executors of this my last will and testament. In witness wherof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 15th day of June, 1833.

Signed sealed published & decread by John Oldaker, as & for his last will and testament in the presence & hearing of us, who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names, witnesses

his
John X Oldaker (Seal)
mark

Henry Harriss
R. Summers
William Wallace

At a court held for Mason County Nov 4th 1833.
The last will and testament of John Oldaker, dec., was proved by the oaths of Henry Harriss and William Wallace subscribing witnesses thereto. And is ordered to be recorded. Upon the motion of Benjamin K. Craig as executor named in the will of Jn. Oldaker, dec'd., who made oath thereto & together with James Craig his security who entered into & acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of Two Thousand Dollars constitiances as the law directs, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form of Law.

Teste
Thos. Lewis, Clerk.

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Received of John Harrison & his wife Frances C. Harrison, the following property to Wit: 1 mare 3 years old, 2 milch cows, 2 yearlings calf, the sheep say 10 head, three beds & beding, 1 bureau, 2 spining wheels, 1 stand table, 8 chairs, 1 wooden clock and such other articles as they see proper to give us. This July 31st 1848. We do hereby acknowledge that we have received of John Harrison & his wife all that we do hold them bound for to us of John Oldaker's estate, with the exception of two negros which we fall heir to at their death, to wit Joe and Nalrey (?) for which we also hold their obligation in writings. There is one piece of land which P. Oldaker now claims that we also claim. As to Harriet her future of spring & all other property but what we have their obligations for, we leave to John Harrison & his heirs. This then may be considered a receipt in full of the estate of John Oldakers.

Signed & delivered in the
This July 31st 1848
James M. Gray
Frances J. Gray

Attest
John W. Harrison
Alfred Dess (?) Doss
his
David + Fisher
mark

We see by this instrument and by a comparison with the Will of John Oldaker, Jr. that the widow Francis Clark Oldaker married Mr. John Harrison (in Dec. of 1834) and that Frances J. McMullen did not die before she had a serviving heir of her body, and that she had married James M. Gray sometime before July 31, 1848 at which time she was about 18 years old and came into the inheritance, John Jr. Oldaker had provided for her. Her mother was Jemima Oldaker who

probably died at birth of Frances J. Jemima Oldaker married Maddeson McMullen March 4, 1830.

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Deed by John H. Clerk
to
John Oldaker

This Indenture made this first day of February in the year of our Lord 1825 between William Clerk of the County of Mason and Commonwealth of Virginia and heir at law of John H. Clerk dec'd. of the one part and John Oldakers of the said County and Commonwealth of the other part, Witnesseth, that as well for and in consideration of the sum of five shillings current money of Virginia by the said John Oldakers to the said William Clark in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged as for and in consideration of the love and affection which the said William Clerk hath and doth bear to John Oldakers, his son in law, the said William Clerk hath given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, and confirmed, and by these presents doth give grant bargain, sell, alien and confirm unto the said John Oldakers, his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or moiety of land purchased by John H. Clerk of John Harridmond and Nancy his wife, situate, lying and being in the County of Mason in Commonwealth aforesaid on the eighteen mile creek, a branch of the Great Kenhawa river and bounded as followeth. To Wit Beginning at a white oak and hiccory on the South side of the creek and running from thence the several courses and meanders them to the beginning with all ways, waters and watercourses, profits, and commodities and advantages to the same belonging or in any ways appertaining and the reversim or reversims, remainder and remainders, rents, profits and issues thereof, and also all the estate right title interest property and demand whatsoever of the said William Clerk, of in and to the said land and premises and deeds evidences and writing touching on or in any wise concerning the same To have and to hold the land and premises herein and hereby conveyed with their appertinances and the said John Oldakers, his heirs, and assigns forever and to his and their only proper use and behoof, and the said William Clerk for himself and his heirs executors and administrators doth covenant promis and grant to and with the said John Oldakers, his heirs and assigns by these presents that the said William Clerk now and at all times of executing this deed is seised of a good sure perfect and indefeasible estate of inheritance in and to the said land and premises hereby conveyed and that he hath good right and lawful authority to grant and convey the same to the said John Oldakers in manner and form aforesaid, And lastly the said William Clerk and his heirs all and singular the premises hereby granted with their appertinances unto the said John Oldaker his heirs and assigns against him the said William Clerk and his heir and against

the claim and claims of all and every other person and persons claiming or to claim by from or under him them or any of them shall and will warrent and forever defend by these presents--In witness whereof the said William Clerk hather hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day of the month and year first above written.

William Clerk (Jr. ?) seal

Sealed and delivered in presence of
John McCulloch, E. Thomas, William Clerk, Sam'l McCullock
Matthew W. Stribling

Received this first day Feb. 1825 of John Oldacres the sum of five shillings, it being the consideration expressed to be paid me on the perfection of the within deed given under my hand the day and year above written
teste William Clerk (Jr. ?)

At a court contrived and held for Mason County the 22nd March, 1825 This deed from William Clark to John Oldaker was presented in court and proven by the oaths of Enos Thomas, Sammuel McCulloch and Matthew W. Shribling Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded
teste William Sterrett

Note: This was copy of photostat by L. W. Getty, May 20 1963 with seal of Mason County Court of West Virginia.

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DEED

1805

William Lewis to John Cantrell

THIS INDENTURE made this day of May in the year 1805, between William Lewis of the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia by Robert McKee his atty in fact of the one part and John Cantrell of the County of Mason & County aforesaid of the other part.....(?) that the said William Lewis by his said atty in fact in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said John Cantrell (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) hath given granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth hereby give grant bargain and sell unto the said John Cantrell his heirs or assigns a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Mason County on the river Kanawha about two and a half miles from Point Pleasant containing by estimation seventy four acres and bounded as followeth ..... Beginning at a

Post & Hickory corner to a survey of John Oldacres at the back of the bottom and near the foot of the hill and with the said line S 26 30" W 35 25 links to a Hackberry on the bank of Kanawha River and up the same by its meanders and binding thereon 37 Chains to a sugar just below the mouth of the 3 Mile Creek upon corner to the Military Survey and leaving the River & with the old line N 16 E 6 Chains to a Beech at the back of the bottom and down the same N 35 W 39 Chains & fifty links to the Beginning. It being the tract of land originally sold Col. William Clendenen & has since been transferred (tho without any conveyance to the said John Cantrell.) To Have and to hold to the said John Cantrell his heirs and assigns in fee simple forever and the said William Lewis by his atty in fact, Robert McKee doth covenant to and with the said John Cantrell his heirs & administrators the said tract of land with all its appurtenances to the only proper use of him the said John Cantrell his heirs & against the lawful claim of him the said William Lewis and of all and every other person or persons whatsoever will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In testimony whereof the said William Lewis by the said Robert McKee his atty in fact hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year just above written.

Robert McKee, Attorney in fact (SEAL)

for

Wm Lewis (SEAL)

At a Court held for Mason County the 7th May, 1805 This deed from Robert McKee Atty in fact for William Lewis to John Cantrell was presented in Court & duly acknowledged by said Robert McKee & ordered so record.

Test

William Sterrett C.M.C.

NOTE 1: Robert McKee was surveyor for Mason County

NOTE 2: The above John Oldaker is not John W. married in 1806 to Elizabeth Minor.

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The Clendennin-Oldaker Relationship

We present here an interesting and puzzling abstract of a bill in Circuit Court found in Lyman Chalkley's Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia--extracted from the original Court Records of Augusta County 1745-1810-Vol II.

"Andrew Bryan vs. John Cantrill and Benjamin Stephenson O.S. 210; N.S. 74--Bill in Mason County, 25 February 1813.

Deed 24 April 1809 by John Oldacre and Martha his wife, of Mason Co. to Andrew Bryan--100 Acres on Kanawa River, recorded in Mason 6 June 1809.

George Clendennin died intestate and land descended to his heirs, viz. Mary (his wife) who married John Cantrill, and others.

Deed dated 7 May 1805 by Charles Donnally and Elizabeth, his wife of Mason County to John Oldacre 100 Acres in Mason County--Recorded 7th May 1805.

Deed May 1805 by William Lewis of Botetourt County to John Cantrill of Mason County 74 Acres 2 1/2 miles from Point Pleasant, Recorded 7th May 1805.

Deed 7 May 1805 by above to John Oldacre, Release deed, recorded 7th May 1805."

Our explanation----1. John Cantrill, who was a County Justice in early Mason County took up this release deed for 74 Acres, probably after the death of John Oldacre Sr., and sold the 74 Acres to Benjamin Stephenson.

*2. Andrew Bryan brought suit for the 72 Acres claiming that it was included in the purchase from John Oldacre. Bryan may have failed to get and record the deed before John Oldacre died.

3. N.S. 74-Never sold 74 Acres to Bryan; O.S. 210-Oldacre sold 210 Acres (100 acres from Charles Donnally to Bryan and 110 acres from another heir unnamed--probably Contrill, the 110 Acres being included in the 210 Acres sold to Bryan and/or sold in part to someone else--probably John W. Oldaker).

Evidently John Oldacre, Sr. bought or had assigned to him 3 tracts belonging to the heirs of George Clendennin dec'd.

a. Mary Clendennin Donnaly had 100 acres (recorded).
b. Elizabeth Clendennin Donnally had 100 acres (recorded).
c. Unnamed Clendennin Lewis (wife of William Lewis) 74 acres recorded.

All three tracts were assigned to and recorded by John Oldacre on the same date May 7, 1805.

*NOTE: This deed for 74 acres from William Lewis to John Cantrill--Copy herewith presented--states that the land was originally sold to Col. William Clendennen. We think a mistake may have been made in transcription, and that Col. George Clendennen was intended; and it is part of his estate that fell to daughter who married William Lewis, John

Cantrill acting as agent for Lewis or grantee first then Grantor to John Oldaker.

We tried to find the record on this suit in the Circuit Court at Point Pleasant. The office helpers were unable to locate it for us. But we feel that there is much here, which if known, would clear up several puzzling matters.

It looks to us like John Oldacre (1) may have been appointed by the Court as executor, or joint executor with John Cantrill, of the estate of George Clendennin or (2) it was sold to John Oldaker by order of the Court. Now, just why would that office fall to John Oldacre? We can see how John Cantrill would serve in that capacity as husband of Mary Clendennin. But John Oldacre in this office is a mystery to us.

Somehow, we sense that a long held tradition regarding a Clendennin-Oldaker relationship comes in right here. My father, Alva Vincent Oldaker, had iterated and reiterated to us that the two families in question were related. No where else in all our research have we found an opening for a possible relationship, between the families. And, if there is such a relationship it involves one of two persons: Martha, wife of John (1) Oldaker, or/and John Oldaker Jr.

"Mary (Clendennin) who married John Cantrill, and others"--such abbreviations by Court Clerks have caused many a howl from researchers, hot on the trail. And we don't see why those others could not have been included by Mr. Chalkley or the Court Clerks. Now we have to go hunting back in Greenbriar and Botetourt Counties for Lewis', Donnallys', Clendennins', "and others."

William Lewis, who evidently married _____ Clendennin, was a son of Col. John Lewis, a surveyor of lands in Greenbriar County in 1751. Other sons were Gen. Andrew Lewis and Col. Charles Lewis who led the Virginia troops in the Battle of Point Pleasant against the Indians under Chief Cornstalk. Col. Charles Lewis was killed in this battle.

Charles Donnally who married Elizabeth Clendennin was a son (?) of Col. Andrew Donnally who built Donnallys Fort near the Greenbriar River, also near the Clendennin settlement where Archibald Clendennin, uncle of George Clendennin was killed by Indian massacre where there were about 100 others in the settlements. With George Clendennin and Daniel Boone, Andrew Donnally was one of three first delegates in the Virginia legislature representing Kanawha County in 1790. The Donnallys were related by marriage to Daniel Boone.

George Clendennin, concerning whose estate the suit of Bryan vs. Cantrill was instituted, was son of Charles

Clendennin who had settled with Archibald his brother in Greenbriar in 1761. It was at Archibald's home where several families had gathered for a neighborhood feast that one of the bloodiest massacres of the year 1763 occurred.

George Clendennin built Clendennin Fort on the Kanawha River on lands purchased in 1787. This is the site of present Charleston named for the father of George Clendennin--Charleston--for Charles Clendennin.

Now here in this suit are three of the most prominent early families of Virginia (now West Virginia)--the Lewis, Donnally, and Clendennin families--placed in some unverified relationship with John Sr. and Martha Oldaker. Apparently John Oldaker was acting as Administrator of George Clendennin's estate. It could be that Martha was a Clendennin before marriage, but we doubt this. Martha was of Quaker stock, and the warlike background of the Clendennins does not favor Martha as a Clendennin (By disownment Martha lost her Quaker identity in 1767).

The alternative points rather to John Jr. Oldaker as having married into the Clendennin family. In this connection there is so very little to latch on to that we hesitate to present it even as a hypothesis. But traditions are not inherited by successive generations without some semblance of a foundation. The foundation that we lay down now are facts which to others may seem to have little weight; but not to us. These facts are --

1. A relationship indicated by the characters in this Court suit.

2. The historic fact of the Clendennin massacre on Greenbriar and related killings in all the frontier settlements.

3. The stated fact by Dr. Hale that John Oldaker, cousin to Luke Wallace lost his family by Indian massacre.

Added to these items we point to the lack of any known transactions being recorded to or by John Oldaker Jr. until the purchase of 917 acres from Matthews, formerly of Greenbriar,--deed by Matthews purchased by John Sr. in name of John Oldaker Jr. in 1809. But there is nowhere a mention of wife or children of John Oldaker Jr. in records until we come to the will of John Sr. where heirs are referred to and in the will of John Jr. and the record of the administration of his estate.

But we believe John Oldaker Jr. married a (1) Clendennin! Then late in life he married Frances Clark by whom (?) he had just one daughter, and she died near the birth of her daughter.

Readers of the "Oldaker Story" may think that we are "hipped" on this Indian massacre business concerning the Oldaker first families, in view of the fact that history is silent about the tragedies in the hundreds of families who were constantly extending the frontier settlements.

We quote from Judy's History of Hardy County:

"What number of our people were killed, wounded or taken prisoner by the Indians will never be known. When, in most cases is indefinite." Then in a list of 65 killed in Hardy with names given, we see among them the Dyers, Wallaces, Youngs, Wilsons and Wardens, -- neighbors and kin of Hardy County Oldakers.

"The years following the battle of Point Pleasant were filled with horrors beyond description. All along the border settlements, the Indian repeatedly attacked the inhabitants, killing, burning and ravaging the country. Hardly any of the settlements escaped attack."

It is not unreasonable to believe that Oldakers suffered in these outrages when we read in Henry Oldaker's will in 1773 "my daughter Hannah Dyer who is dead", or Dr. Hale "John Oldaker was a waggoner in the Revolutionary War. He was one of the first settlers at Fort Charleston (Clendennin). He lived in stirring times and often had trouble with the (Indian) savages who infested the border. John Oldaker cousin of Luke Wallace had his entire family massacred by the Indians". And while one casualty is named, there may have been hundreds unnamed.

We are not so sure that John (1) himself escaped loss in a first family, as perhaps neither did William, his brother. Henry Sr. before they came over the Ridge to Loudoun County married in 1732, and John, we reckon, is a near first born of the 10 children, having his birthdate ca 1733-35. When the storm center struck Lost River in 1758 John (1) had had plenty of time to marry and have children. Martha, John's wife that we know about, was disowned in 1768 and disownment for a wife usually meant marriage out of unity for a Quaker. And Martha was a Quaker; which means they were married ca 1766 or 7. When John was ca 33.

Then there is William Henry, son of John (1) who arrived at the Clay Licks in Mason and put up his cabin on the bank of 18 mile--carved his initials W. H. O. on a beech tree, still standing--which I saw--also saw the outlines of the graves of his wife and children whom he lost the first year, sometime before 1800. Tradition does not specify how he lost them though it does tell how he slipped by a roving bank of Indians by allowing the red skins access to his provender while he fled over the Clay Banks to Pt. Pleasant.

The same kind or similar experience could well have been John Hardy Oldaker's or Jonathan's (his brother) or John Jr's (son of John 1) and by evidences noted they likely had such experiences. Anyhow we give these brave intrepid souls the benefit of the doubt.

There is no available evidence that John Hardy or Jonathan had a family. And there is something passing strange about John Jr. and his family, which is beyond our acumen to explain--we cannot figure it out. By those who now live in Buffalo it was unknown that he ever existed until we probed the records. And the recorded instances when his name appears could be counted on the fingers of a man's hand, plus two:

1. The will of John Sr. in 1810.
2. The deed for 917 acres in 1812 from Matthews.
3. The partition deed of 1813.
4. The deed of 1827 for 400 a.
5. The deed from William Clark in 1825.
6. The Will of John Jr. in 1833.
7. The agreement between the remarried widow Mrs. Frances Clark Oldaker Harrison and John Jr's grandaughter, Frances Jermina McMullen Grey--his sole surviving heirs.

Taking as a starter the item on William Clark by the historian-- "In the year 1808 William Clark of Culpeper County Virginia bought a tract of land called 'Buffalo Farm'. When his daughter Mary A. Clark married Benjamin Kennerly Craig in 1826, the land was given to her [in part]. The town of Buffalo was laid off on this land." (The brackets are ours.)

Now John Oldaker Jr. married Frances Clark the sister of Mary A., and in 1825 William Clark made the above mentioned deed to John Oldaker Jr. his son in law (item 5).

Back to William Clark--we note that the historian Lewis says, "Clark gave the land to his daughter, Mary A. Clark. She afterwards married Benjamin K. Craigh----"

By the law of association and syllogism we deduce that our John Jr. Oldaker married Frances Clark ca 1825. But John Jr.'s daughter Jemima married Maddeson McMullen in 1830. So what?

Then in 1833 John Jr. mentions as his heirs (in his will) only his wife Frances C. and his grandaughter, Frances J. McMullen. So what?

Well, for one thing, we think the syllogism is debatable. The 1825 marriage date for John Jr. and Frances C. may also be debatable. Be that as it may, John's "beloved wife" Frances C. had a granddaughter of her husband named for her.*

One of the riddles of our childhood was about a man apprehended for a crime, which called for hanging. The culprit could escape the hanging in a Black Oak tree if he could tell a riddle that could not be guessed by the hangmen. He had a dog named "Horn" --so, he made his riddle:

"Horn ate a Horn in a Black Oak Tree.
If you can tell me this riddle you can hang me."

He escaped the hanging--but I'll be hanged if I can tell what happened to John Jr. Oldaker!

We may be very much mistaken, but we still believe that John Oldaker Jr's first wife was a Clendennin! And when all the evidence is in she will turn out to be a sister or cousin or daughter of Col. George Clendennin.

*Referring back to John's deed from Fairfax in 1769, the lease was "for the lives of said John Oldacre his wife Martha and son Isaac". Now William was older than Isaac and John Jr was probably older than William. Therefore, John Jr. was born ca 1760 and if he married Frances Clark in 1808, the year William Clark came to Buffalo Farm he would have been 48 years old, and I just don't believe this was his first marriage!

Anyhow, as you figure on this don't forget Jemima who married Maddeson McMullen. She would necessarily have to be born around 1809, to be married in 1830.

JOHN OLDAKER JR.--SON OF JOHN SR. AND MARTHA

The will of John Oldaker Sr. came to light April 3, 1963, through research by Lillian Christian in Point Pleasant. It names three John Oldakers other than the testator, and designates their proper relationship to the family--one a son the other two, nephews. We think we have correctly recorded one nephew as John Washington Oldaker who married Elizabeth Miner. This John W. was a son of Isaac and Lucy Pugh Oldaker last of Highland County, Ohio. The second nephew is John Hardy Oldaker--a blacksmith and son of Jacob (1) and Lettice Oldaker.

The other John Oldaker mentioned in the will is a son of John, Sr. and we shall designate him as John Oldaker, Jr. Since there are no land transactions recorded to or by him in Loudoun, Bedford or Franklin Counties, we place him as an older son of John and Martha. He was named joint executor, with his brother Henry, of his father's estate. This John Jr. probably married early and settled in a territory where Indian raids were prevalent, and thereby lost his wife and children by massacre. Our research on this matter has failed to yield any definite results. If he were a younger son he

probably never left the family roof tree in which case the Indian massacre story is a myth, unless it relates to another, John H. Oldaker. However, we give credence to the story and note that John Jr. comes in as possessor of 917 acres of land probably as executor for John (1) by deed from George Matthews in Mason County in the year 1809 (George Matthews was of Greenbriar County). We believe this to include the home plantation devised to John Jr. by his father's will, which devise includes "the Millstock of every description". And when the Partition Indenture is made and entered into by the heirs at law in the year 1813, after the death of John Sr., John Jr. has allotted to him 130 acres. In 1827 he has 400 acres from the Commonwealth which, with the indefinite acreage from William Clark, makes him a man of considerable property. He is likely the oldest son and designated as provider for his mother Martha Oldaker because at the time of his father's will he had no family.

John Jr. Oldaker born about 1757--died 1833.

M. Frances Clark before 1826. She married John Harrison in 1834.

A daughter of John, Jemima Oldaker born about 1810--died before 1833.

M. Maddeson McMullen 1830/3/4.

One daughter Frances J. McMullen, born about 1831. Married James M. Grey about 1847.

A daughter _____ born 1848--"the serviving heir of her body," (validates the inheritance to Frances J. provided by the will of John Oldaker, Jr.).

MASON COUNTY DEEDS

1. 1805 John (1) to William 191 A Bk. A p. 161
2. 1805 John (1) to Isaac 101 A Bk. A p. 164
3. 1805 John (1) Oldaker to Henry Oldaker 107 A. Bk. A p. 154

Special deeds total 399 A.

4. 1811 John (1) Oldaker to Isaac Aldacre probably 300 A. recorded by Peyton Drew
5. 1812 John (1) Oldaker buys 591 A. (Commonwealth deed)
6. 1813 John (1) Oldaker----John H. (?), William, Jacob Harris, Henry are mentioned Partition deed.

7. 1827 John Oldaker Jr. buys from Governor of Virginia Giles 400 A. (conveys this by will to Summers and Newcomb title deed)

8. 1840 Isaac Oldaker and Jas. K. Craig (partition deed)

9. 1843 William Oldaker to Pascal Oldaker [and Mary Kirkpatrick (?)]

10. 1809 John Jr. -- from George Matthews 917 A.

No. 5 is land of John (1) Oldaker from Commonwealth of Virginia by Jas. Barbar, Governor, and we think it is to John (1) but the deed came through after John (1) died.

According to our computation John (1) had:

917 A. from George Matthews. Purchased at 229 #, 5 sh.

591 A. from Gov. Barbar. Purchased for $20.00 warrant. [600 A. military survey (I could not find this in Archives but archivist said it was the 591 A. tract) by will was devised to Isaac (330 A.) and grandsons (300 A.)]

1508 A. total

By Partition deed #6 above,	John Jr. has	130	acres
	Henry "	133	"
	William "	192	"
	J. Harris."	210	"
	Isaac "	101	"
		766	acres
- 1365 A.		+ 600	acres
142 A. (residue) to William Wallace		1365	acres

This total acreage probably includes the home plantation with Mill (to John Jr.) lands to Benj. Johnson, grandson Wm. Wallace, and the paternal parts to Hannah Wallace and Thames Booram, plus special deeds 1, 2, 3 totaling 399 acres.

An item on the Benjamin Isaac Oldaker line gives the lineage of Ada Virginia Jackson granddaughter of Benjamin Isaac.

Benjamin Isaac Oldaker married Martha Magdalene Kirkpatrick, daughter Martha Magdalene Oldaker married Lee Jackson, son of James Robert Jackson and Catherine Burris of Upshur Co.

Lee Alphis Jackson born Jan. 19, 1855--died 1/2/1942-3.

Martha Magdalene Oldaker born Nov. 2, 1854--died 4/2/1947.

1.	Ada Virginia Jackson	born Feb. 28, 1875. married Andrew Galletin Park at Buffalo August 22, 1893.
2.	Addie Anne Jackson	born July 1, 1881 married Homer Thornton of Buffalo.
3.	Robert Edward Jackson	born 8/19/78 married Wanda May Marcum.
4.	Benjamin Richard Jackson	born 6/30/1884--2/20/1953 married Della Wallace of Buffalo.
5.	Wilbert Chas. Jackson	born 8/29/1889 married Rhoda Ethel Brown of Princeton, W. Va.
6.	Ruby May Jackson	born 9/22/94--12/14/1928 married Marvin Tucker of Buffalo.

HANNAH OLDAKER-LUKE WALLACE FAMILY

Hannah Oldaker was daughter to John (1) and Martha Oldaker. She married Luke Wallace. Most of our information on this family comes from Dr. Homer P. King, Ph.D., 7540 Oylesby Avenue, Los Angeles 45, California. He writes me under date of 4/22/62.

Dear Mr. Oldaker:

Please excuse this writing but my right arm is at present in such condition that I have to assist it with my left hand. Yesterday a correspondent of yours, Mr. Joe Oldaker called on me. I had written him in 1959 in regard to what he knew about the Oldaker family.

My particular interest is in John and Patton Oldaker who settled near Fort Charleston (now West Va.), I believe, before 1800. My father William King was son of William Banner King, whose father (my great grandfather) William King married Tamar Wallace the daughter of Luke Wallace and Hannah Oldaker. Hannah's father was a waggoner in the Revolutionary War and was one of the first settlers at Fort Charleston. He lived in stirring

times and often had trouble with the savages who infested the border.

Luke Wallace's cousin John Oldaker had his entire family murdered by the Indians.

Patton Oldaker, Hannah's brother [incorrect] erected the first water wheel on the great Kanawha River at a very early day [incorrect--Isaac and son Peyton built on 18 mile creek]. This information is given in the "History of the Great Kanawha Valley" by Dr. Hale. My grandfather who gave the account never learned to read until he was past 35. He gave the name as Oleaker, which is obviously an error. The name is quite rare.

If you can enlighten me on the ancestry of John and Patton Oldaker I will appreciate it.

Dr. Homer P. King Retired

Dr. King and I swapped some enlightenment. We wonder if John (1) Oldaker really was waggoner in the Continental Army. Patton we correct to Peyton, and Peyton was not a brother to Hannah, but his father Isaac was, and John Oldaker, another brother (?), is stated by Dr. King as being cousin to Luke Wallace. This is the thing that started me guessing and wondering, and figuring. How could the John, who had his entire family murdered by Indians, be a cousin to Luke Wallace. It looks like there might be some close communion here! Putting down the facts as we have them:

1. John (1) was father of Hannah; John was her brother

2. Isaac was also brother to Hannah

3. Isaac's daughter was Cynthia Ann Oldaker, and

4. Isaac's son was Peyton Oldaker.

5. Luke Wallace married Hannah Oldaker, and

6. Luke Wallace and Hannah's son, William, married Isaac's daughter Cynthia Ann Oldaker. Furthermore,

7. John (1)'s daughter Rebecca Oldaker married Benjamin Johnson,

8. and Peyton Oldaker married their daughter Susannah Johnson.

Dear Dr. King:

To enlighten you on the ancestry of John and Patton is comparatively easy. But can you enlighten me on the descendants of these Oldakers, and in this mix up, tell me "who's who"?

Yours sincerely,

Glen Oldaker

We've been in some very tight places considering these Oldakers; but we've been in tighter places than this and have gotten out! ---- Now let's see!

1. Hannah married her cousin Luke Wallace.

2. Isaac (see below)

3. William Wallace married his cousin Cynthia Oldaker.

4. Peyton Oldaker married his cousin Susannah Johnson.

We seem safe in saying this seems to have been a family affair.

Note on #2: Isaac married Hannah Booram. We are not sure, but it appears to us like this: The Boorams (modern Bowmans) everywhere we've met them, and especially in Bedford and Franklin Counties, are regarded as fine, exceptional people. We have domicided with them, finding them to be so. The early Oldakers made a similar discovery. John Booram married Tamar Oldaker, daughter of John (1) Oldaker. Isaac married Hannah Booram, daughter of Aaron Booram and--and--and who was she? Hannah Booram was probably sister of John Booram. Moreover, we may yet find out that John Oldaker's wife was Martha Booram, sister of Aaron Booram. If this is true Isaac Oldaker married his cousin Hannah Booram.

Howbeit, we wish to consider a most noteworthy item, which, if true--and we do not doubt it--becomes a thrilling discovery. How could John Jr. be cousin to Luke Wallace? And the answer gives a probable solution to two problems we have faced with frustration ever since we first heard or read months ago of John Oldaker coming over the Blue Ridge to buy land in Loudoun County in the year 1760; and ever since we found the will of Henry Sr. in Leesburg, stating that "I give and devise to my daughter Elenor Oldaker one bed and furniture and one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever."

These problems are indicated by the questions, "who was John (1) Oldaker's wife?" And "what ever became of little Elenor--unmarried in 1773 when Henry made his will?" At last! Here it is, tucked away in a simple assertion that came to me through a descendant of John (1) Oldaker's brother,

Isaac (1), which descendant, Joseph Oldaker, living in Los Angeles, communicated with a descendant of John (1) also in Los Angeles after nearly 200 years;--then this last mentioned descendant of John (1), Homer P. King, writes me,--a descendant of Abraham (1), that "Luke Wallace was cousin to John Jr. Oldaker." Ergo, one of two things happened--either

John (1) had a sister who married a Wallace, or John (1) wife's name was Martha Wallace.

If the first is true Elenor Oldaker married a Wallace and their son was Luke Wallace.

If the second is true, John (1) did not marry Martha Tullos, he married Martha Wallace, and their daughter Hannah married the son of Martha Wallace's brother.

In either case Hannah Oldaker married her cousin Luke Wallace. But until we find proof to the contrary, we hold to the premise that John's (1) wife was Martha Tullos and his sister Elenor married Mr. Wallace. Well, the main thing is that we know the ultimate story of Elenor and Hannah Oldaker, sister and daughter of John respectfully.

Thank you, Dr. King, for these remarkable and most interesting items of Oldaker history. We doubt if any other person or source would have revealed them. And since you are a descendant of Hannah Oldaker and John (1) Oldaker and thereby also of Henry Sr. Oldaker we would like to present your story and especially your "Philosophy of Life" as representative of all good and true Oldakers through 200 years, of seven generations in America. Dr. Homer P. King speaking:

"My father was William Henry King [son of William Banner King, whose father also was William Henry King and married Tamar Wallace, daughter of Luke and Hannah Oldaker Wallace.] He was born May 5, 1849 on his father's farm in Flatfoot Creek in Mercers Bottom Grant in Mason Co., West Virginia. About 1875 he went to Texas and was there until 1893 when he took part in the opening of the Cherokee Outlet in Northern Oklahoma. This was the last and wildest of the great land openings where the settlers rode for their land and held it--or lost it to more ruthless men. He staked and held a superb farm on Sept. 16, 1893. A month later I was born back in Texas. In January 1894, the entire family moved to the new land. As a little lad, I can remember that a tree was nowhere to be seen.

"About my philosphy of life,--I try to be practical. I enjoyed 68 years of superb health, and have had much more than my share of the good things of life, particularly in health, education, friends, good up-bringing and in marriage. I have never placed a particularly high value on my own life, for there were so many things that seemed more important.

Now that I am permanently handicapped [paralysis of nerve to deltoid muscle], I will take it in stride doing all I can for myself yet knowing that I have wonderful friends, from the little boy next door, to men in the 80's who are willing to help. With tongue in check I have repeatedly told my friends and young colleagues that my philosophy of life is 'It is more blessed to give stomach ulcers than to get them. In brief, do what you think is right and professional and let the one who would change you do the worrying and get the ulcers!

"In my teaching I clashed with several weak principals and bull-headed parents. When I knew I was right I would not back down, and I never worried. Time is always on the side of Right. Right is tireless and is lasting. Wrong tires, and time runs out. So why worry? Just work harder; with Time and Right on your side, the victory is yours. You win the War!"

This brings us to the close of the story on Hannah Oldaker Wallace and at the same time the story of Elenor Oldaker Wallace. We do not know where there were other children in these families, and we cannot at present pursue their history any farther. What we have is an amazing interlude between the accounts of other members of this remarkable family.

Again we note that knowledge concerning these interesting personages would perhaps never have come to us had Dr. King omitted the word "Cousin". How important indeed is <u>one word</u> in <u>geneological</u> research!

From our random notes we have the following family of *Luke and Hannah Oldaker Wallace--from the will of Luke Wallace:--(probated 1/6/1843.)

Wife Hannah Oldaker Wallace
Patsy Wallace married Ziba Burch 1833
Sally Wallace married William Giles 1830
Moses Wallace
William Wallace married Cynthia Oldaker 3/24/1824

Now which one was Tamer Wallace who married William King?

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*Referring back to Dr. Homer P. King and his ancestry from Tamer Wallace, we wonder who made a mistake--there is no Tamer Wallace given here in Will as daughter of Luke Wallace! She was evidently the oldest child of Hannah and Luke Wallace (being named for her Aunt Tamer Oldaker Booram). Since she probably married before 1824 the ommission of her name in her father's will may have been the result of her early decease.

CHART ON ISAAC AND HANNAH BOORAM OLDAKER

Isaac was born about 1768 in Hampshire County, Virginia married Hannah Booram of Bedford County Virginia August 16, 1791. He died November 25, 1840 at his home in Mason County. He was a farmer, miller, carpenter.

She was born about 1767 in Bedford County died at Letart, Mason County.

Children were two.

1. Peyton Oldaker born March 23, 1797 Va. (?) and married Susannah Johnson on January 13, 1820. He died August 14, 1888.

   She was born August 11, 1796, Buffalo, Mason County and died March 10, 1879. Both are buried at the Peyton Oldaker Graveyard on the home place.

2. Cynthia Ann Oldaker 1805-1902 married William Wallace, son of Luke Wallace and Hannah Oldaker. They had three sons.

   1. William Wallace
   2. Preston Wallace moved to Valparaiso Ind.
   3. Augustus Wallace married Melvina Wiers 12/1/48.

PEYTON OLDAKER - SUSANNAH JOHNSON FAMILY

Peyton Oldaker 1797-1888(Census says 1798) married Susannah Johnson, 1796-1879(Census says before 1799). Children:

1. Benjamin Isaac Oldaker born December 16, 1820, married Martha Magdalene Kirkpatrick born 1826.

2. Rebecca Ann Oldaker born 5/24/23, married James Barnett.

3. Sarah Ann Oldaker born 1/8/25 (Census says 1830), married George Thornton.

4. Cornelia Ellen Oldaker born 5/5/27, died 10/21/21 and buried in Peyton Oldaker Cemetery.

5. Vianna Virginia Oldaker born 2/15/29.

6. Ophelia Margaret Oldaker born 7/15/31 (Census says 1832).

7. John Tiberius Oldaker born 5/5/34, buried Letart Cemetery, died 3/23/1924.

8. Lorentine Marcelius Oldaker born 9/24/36-2/6/1840, buried in Peyton Oldaker Cemetery.

9. Mianda Hannah Oldaker born 12/16/40.

**Note: We follow these with expanded charts of above.

CHART 1: Benjamin Isaac-Martha Kirkpatrick Family.

a. Thomas Peyton Oldaker 1846-

b. James William Oldaker 1847--married Miriam Hall, 1867. 1 son Benjamin.

c. Susannah Virginia Oldaker 1849.

d. John Allin Oldaker 1851-1862.

e. Margaret Caroline " 1852, married (1) William Hall (2) ? Whittington, (3) ? Jenkins

f. Martha Magdaline " 1854-1947, married Lee Jackson

g. Elizabeth Jane " 1857-1858

h. Edward Van Oldaker 1858-1938 ?

i. Pascal Richardson 1861-1944

j. Miranda Urenja 1863

k. Isaac Sherman 1865

l. Miriam 1867

Note: Benjamin Isaac Oldaker is buried in the Kirkpatrick Graveyard.

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CHART 2:

Rebecca Ann Oldaker 5/24/1823 married James Barnett on January 1, 1846.

a. Christopher Columbus Barnett 1845

b. William Peyton Barnett 1849

c. Benjamin Benson Barnett 1851

d. Isacc Franklin Barnett 1853
(killed and robbed)

e.	Charles Edgar Barnett	1854
f.	George Washington Barnett	1857
g.	Mary Susannah Barnett	1859
h.	Sarah Ellen Barnett	1861-1925
i.	James Lincoln Barnett	1864-1951
j.	Rebecca Frances Barnett (twins)	1864

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CHART 3:

Sarah Ann Oldaker born 1/8/1825 married George Thornton on December 8, 1853.

a.	Isaac Benjamin Thornton	1855-1856
b.	Susannah Rebecca Thornton	1857-1860
c.	George Peyton Thornton	1860
d.	Sarah Susannah Thornton	1862
e.	Elizabeth Ann Thornton	1865
f.	Virginia Frances Thornton	1867

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CHART 5:

Vianna Virginia Oldaker born 2/15/1829, married Allen Thornton on August 3, 1845.

a.	Susanna Frances Thornton	1847
b.	John Peyton Thornton	1849
c.	George Benjamin Thornton	1851-1854
d.	Sarah Catherine Thornton	1853
e.	Henry Isaac Thornton	1855-1857
f.	Virginia Margaret Thornton	1858-1860
g.	Mary Sephronia Thornton	1861-1949
h.	James Hiram Thornton	1863
i.	America Jane Thornton	1865

j. Mianda Emetell Thornton 1867-1954

k. Franklin Thornton 1870

Note: Vianna Virginia Thornton is buried at Cross Creek Church Graveyard near Buffalo, West Virginia.

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CHART 6:

Ophelia Margaret Oldaker born July 15, 1831, married John Higginbotham on November 1, 1853.

a. Susannah Elizabeth Higginbotham 1855

b. Peyton Samuel Higginbotham 1857

c. Mianda Hannah Higginbotham 1859-1948

d. Sarah Ellen Higginbotham 1862-1865

e. Esther Ann Higginbotham 1864-1864

f. John Lewis Higginbotham 1866

g. Laura Matilda Higginbotham 1868

h. Charles Oldaker Higginbotham 1870

i. Estella Higginbotham 1872

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CHART 7:

John Tiberius Oldaker born May 5, 1834-March 23, 1924 (February 19, 1898 ?), married Sarah Ann Kimberling on October 19, 1863.

a. Albert Ulysses Oldaker 1864

b. William Alvadore Oldaker 1867

c. Hattie Oldaker 1869

d. Ella Oldaker 1871

e. Mary Iva Oldaker 27 July 1877

f. Grace Oldaker 1875
(Married and disappeared!)

g. John Oldaker 1877

Note: John Tiberius Oldaker is buried at Letart, Mason County, West Virginia.

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CHART 9:

Mianda Hannah Oldaker, 12/16/1840-4/1/1915, married Thomas Hall on February 28, 1867.

a.	Susannah Virginia Hall	1868-1948
b.	Perry Edgar Hall	1870-1911
c.	Malinda Ellen Hall	1873-1960
d.	Pearl Ann Hall	1875-6/7/63
e.	Thomas Peyton Hall	1881-1960

Note 1: Mianda Hannah Oldaker Hall is buried in the Peyton Oldaker Graveyard.

Note 2: Chart on 4 and 8 omitted because of no issue.

Note 3: On a above: Susie Virginia Hall married Alphonso Lee Rymer, and their daughter Lillian Rymer married Grover C. Christian. Lillian Christian, widow since 1958, is secretary of the Hall-Oldaker Reunion at Buffalo, West Virginia; she has given wonderful assistance in the preparation of this chapter on John Oldaker's family and other valuable and interesting data on Isaac (1) Oldaker family of Highland County, Ohio. Lillian was born August 29, 1893; she lives at Buffalo, West Virginia.

Note 4; The foregoing charts are from Peyton Oldaker's family Bible, being completed by his descendents from time to time, especially by Mrs. Susie Virginia Hall Rymer.

From generation 5 Chart I h we have:

Gen. 6; Chart Ia on Edward Van Oldaker born October 12, 1858, died 5/16/1938. Son of Benjamin Isaac and Martha Kirkpatrick, married Samantha Bell Harrison. Children:

1.	William Albert Oldaker	1881-1889
2.	Henry T. H. Oldaker	1883-1883
3.	Joseph M. Oldaker	1885-1889
4.	Lovie Elbon Oldaker	1887

5. Ottie Ann Oldaker 1889-1957

6. John Clyde Oldaker 1891

7. Ida Irona Oldaker 1894-1932

8. Mary Ardelcia Oldaker 1903 m. Craig

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We have before us a newspaper clipping from the Marion Star of Marion Ohio, announcing the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Oldaker (son of Edward Van Oldaker). Their address is 815 E. Fairground St. - L.E. worked for State Highway Department. Belong to Nazarene Church. Their chart is as follows:

L. Elbon Oldaker married Blanche Hall, daughter of George Hall of Buffalo. Children:

1. Claude Oldaker Frazeysburg, Ohio

2. William E. Oldaker Santa Anna, California

3. Mrs. Donald Prince Columbus

4. Mrs. Paul J. Augenstine 1925 Harding Highway East of Marion Ohio

Note: Edward Van Oldaker was son of Benjamin Isaac Oldaker.

John C. Oldaker, wife May----548 Silver Street, Marion Ohio (is also son of Edward Van Oldaker). Their son and daughter:

1. Melvin Edward Oldaker lives-Pole Lane Road, Marion Ohio

2. Mrs. (Virgil) Mobler-1117 Campbell Road, Marion Ohio.

Gen. 6 Item (i) Chart 1

Pascal Richardson (Doc) Oldaker born 4/15/61 at Buffalo West Virginia, married Malinda Thomas Hall (10/13/61).

1. Mollie Magdalene Oldaker (dec) 4/29/1889

2. Benjamine Juble Oldaker 1/3/1890 no children

3. Isaac (Ike) Oldaker 3/10/94-4/19/1911

4. Charles Edward Oldaker 10/22/95 no children. m. Emma Higginbotham, 2105 Los Ebenes Boulevard, Brownsville, Texas

5. Pearl Bell Oldaker 6/1/97 m. Charles Wheeler one child Josephine married Frank Kidwell-4 children Frankie, Eva, Lottie, Eddie, Robertsburg, West Virginia.

6. Thomas Richardson Oldaker 3/4/1900 Buffalo, m. Ruby Marie Martin (dec'd) (b. 1898) -- children:

   a. Margaret m. Wm. Dangherty-5 children Sharon, Karen, Bill, John Peyton, Timothy Lyle

   b. Regina Ann m. Carl Graley-3 children Patty, Linda, Bruce Allen

   c. Phyllis-deaf and mute since infancy at home - Buffalo.

7. Amy Ruth Oldaker 11/12/1901 (deceased) m. Elmer Hines (S. Dakota) 4 sons Alfred, Fred, Joe, Carl 1 daughter Marietta Hines.

8. Minnie Urena (Rean) Oldaker 6/1/1904 m. Barber Hudson - children: Leonard, Harold, Gerald, Barbara, Christine, Nancy, Sandra.

9. I. S. (Isaac Sherman ?) Oldaker 3/10/1894 died in infancy.

10. E. K. Oldaker 10/31/1898

11. A. S. Oldaker 8/20/92

Note on Item 1. under Item (i) above

Mollie Magdalene Oldaker (Deceased) m. James Estep (deceased). She had one son William Henry Beech Oldaker born 5/2/1907. He took the Oldaker name, being named for the first Oldaker who went to Mason County and carved his name on a large Beech tree (still standing), being named also for the Tree. Beech married Mary E. Jeffers. They have twin boys, Louis and Lowell, and a girl, the oldest, Geraldine who married Emmett Hays. Buck's boys are the only ones left to carry on the Oldaker name in Buffalo.

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BUFFALO NOTES

1. Rachel Flesher 1805-1862 m. Jordan Dunfield 1828 born 1802-1864 killed in battle of Civil War.

Buried at Sperryville, Virginia. Rachel died about 1862. Court appointed William Burch as guardian of Matilda Dunfield (born 1848), grandmother of Lillian Rymer (Christian). This William Burch is reported to have married a daughter of Henry Oldaker (Deborah Oldaker).

Question: Who was this Henry Oldaker? His parents?
Answer: John (1) was father of Henry (m. Tellis).

2. Matilda O. Rymer corresponded with Kitty Oldaker, daughter of Isaac Washington Oldaker of Russell--Highland County Ohio before her marriage in 1888. Kitty visited them in Buffalo. She was considered an old maid then but very beautiful.

3. Concerning Oldakers, Lillian writes: "Just as in any family some of them you would be proud of, others not quite. Yet we are all God's creatures and should be treated as such. I love all of them."

4. Grover Christian, husband of Lillian Rymer, was treated in New York for cancer, traveling through Culpeper 1956-1957; passed away in 1958.

5. Mrs. I. E. Potter, Box 342, Barnsdall, Oklahoma, is daughter of John Tiberius Oldaker. She (Iva) was speaker at Oldaker-Hall Reunion. She made quite a hit with everyone; a very cheerful person. Mrs. Pearl Allinder niece of John T. is in the Buck Nursing Home, bedfast since December 1953. Pearl is daughter of Mianda Hannah Oldaker Hall.

6. From Susie Virginia Hall Rymers notes--

Isaac Oldaker, son of John

John ? Hardy Oldaker, son of Jacob (1) was a blacksmith

Jonathan Oldaker*

First persons to settle in what is now Putnam County, West Virginia, October 17, 1800.

*We do not know who this was.

7. At 1950 Hall-Oldaker Reunion, Birt C. Oldaker (born December 19, 1881) his wife Mary N. Gest (Born August 19, 1883) and Walter (Marshall ?) Oldaker attended.

8. Tom Oldaker (Thomas Richardson) is seventh generation down from Henry Sr. of Loudoun County Virginia. He writes a splendid letter and is much interested in "The Oldaker Story," collecting information, by records, by word of mouth, by data on burial stones, et cetera, concerning the early Oldakers in Mason and Putnam

Counties. He knows the location of Isaac's grave of the third generation, also Peyton's of the fourth generation; many other graves are just marked with an O on native rocks.

Tom states that the first Oldakers, which would be John (1), William Henry, Isaac son of John, John Hardy and Jonathan, bought a thousand acre tract from the Governor of Virginia, who at that time was John Page; before they moved there from Virginia they paid 25 cents an acre for it. Tom and his brother Jubal, his sister Rean Hudson, and cousins--Lillian Christian, T. P. Hall, Oat Craig, Harry Whittington and Winnie Froidebeaux still own part of the original Oldaker land.

9. It is indicated that there was a tradition among the descendants of John that one Oldaker of a generation near the first was murdered because he refused to grind grain to be used for making liquor. And Peyton Oldaker on his deathbed refused a stimulant of wine saying that he wished to meet his Maker with a clear mind! Such men were some of these early Oldaker pioneers!

Tom states further that William Henry Oldaker was the first one that came there from Virginia in 1800. He missed his land boundary and built 300 yards downstream-18 Mile Creek, near where Tom now lives. The chimney rocks of his cabin are still standing, and his initials "W.H.O." are carved on a large Beech Tree which is still standing also. William Henry Oldaker lost his wife and two children in the first year in Mason County, but went back to Virginia and came back to Mason County bringing with him more Oldakers in 1800 who no doubt were the Isaac, Hardy and Jonathan mentioned in Item 6. How William Henry lost his family is not known, he did remarry, but his second wife's maiden name is not given.

When William Henry brought those of his kindred with him on his return to Mason County, there were some Kirkpatricks among them. One of these was John Kirkpatrick, a furniture maker who used water power to run his furniture making machinery. And Tom's grandfather, Benjamin Isaac married a Martha M. Kirkpatrick. Peyton Oldaker, father of Benjamin Isaac, and son of Isaac from Loudoun County, was a miller, and built the mill on 18 Mile Creek. He was also a manufacturer of saw mills. A license to manufacture issued to him by the Department of Internal Revenue at Parkersburg, West Virginia in 1865 is now in possession of Lillian Christian, Secretary of the Oldaker-Hall Reunion. Lillian also has an old deed, the original, made by and between two brothers James W. and Ammon Kirkpatrick in 1843 when this state, West Virginia was part of Virginia. This deed concerns the Kirkpatricks most of whom after-

wards went to Mississippi and put up a lot of big flour mills; it names the county they went to, Hinds County in Mississippi. It also names a lot of Oldakers who owned land adjoining the Kirkpatrick tract. This document is so very old and yellow, that it is falling apart but is still fairly legible. On the back of the deed is a citation: Mary Kirkpatrick married a Pascal Oldaker and moved to Queensville, Indiana. In a letter 1/10/1883 a son Benjamin is mentioned as clerking for a Mr. Amick; also mentioned, her cousin Peyton and Cynthia Wallace.

10. A note on the John Tiberius family informs us that his daughter Grace Oldaker is listed as just one of those missing persons. She wrote to a cousin in Buffalo and mentioned the fact that she was soon to be married. She lived in the state of Washington. No one heard from her after that. We have her picture before us--a very attractive young lady. John Tiberius' son, John Alton, died in December 1949. He had visited his sister Iva, whom he had not seen for 50 years, and a week later, he passed away.

11. We present here a sketch on Lillian Rymer Christian, our friend and assistant genealogist, a great granddaughter of Peyton Oldaker through Peyton's daughter Mianda Hannah Oldaker (married Thomas Hall) and through Susie Virginia Hall (married Alphonso Rymer) her mother. Her family moved to Valparaiso, Indiana in 1909, in order that an older brother and Lillian could attend the Music School. It ended by the brother attending the Chicago Conservatory of Music while she did teacher training work, after her graduation from Valparaiso High School in 1913. Both, her B.A. and M.A. degrees were earned from Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia. A cousin, Benson B. Barnett, son of Rebecca Ann Oldaker Barnett settled in Indiana and recently visited in Buffalo. Her brother is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

12. Peyton Oldaker, son of Isaac, son of John (1) Oldaker was born in the year 1797; and in the vicinity of what is now Buffalo, West Virginia, he spent his early years. His account books which he assiduously kept, records the events of his own life as well as those of his neighbors. As early as 1834 he was building a mill for which he got out 7000 feet of timber at a cost of $72.50. This was increased by $11.50 for 11 1/2 days of hauling and $7.00 for preparing a place for framing. On March 3, 1835, he charged Rebekah (1) Johnson $15.00 for raising and covering a house; he records $4.00 for two days with a boat, and $2.00 for a trip to Red House Sholes. When he was not occupied otherwise, Mr. Oldaker worked on his farm. He credits himself with work at

75 cents per day, digging potatoes, cutting cane, husking corn, picking beans, planting and replanting and hoeing corn.

He apparently became a merchant for on February 2, 1835 he charged Albert Davis one dollar for a pair of cow shoes. There are other items charging for cow shoes, also horseshoes. In 1850 he had several transactions with a person named Sary Oldaker who wove 27 yards of "linning" for him; 27 yards of cotton and spent six days weaving "lincy." On the other side of the account he sheared six sheep for her at five cents per sheep. H. Burch was one of his customers and he charged him 12 cents for sharpening one plow share and 25 cents for a half day of hauling by oxen (oxion). On January 20, 1837, John Wallace worked for him for three days at 50 cents a day.

In his accounts for the mill he notes that on November 6, 1837 he sold to John Wallace one half bushel of golden meal for 50 cents. Perhaps Benjamin and George Chapman are also named as his customers. On May 10, 1838, Peyton Oldaker paid $1.00 passage on a streamboat, but he doesn't say where he went. [But from other evidences regarding his life and character we believe that when the Old Ship of Zion accepted him for passage, his fare was paid already and there was no doubt about his destination!] -- Revised from Wiatt Smith.

13. We have before us Peyton Oldaker's original Day Book for May 1846. On May 25th he left the mouth of 18 Mile Creek. And on the 26, 27, 28, 29, he left Pointe Pleasant (after buying 16 cents worth of lunch), raccoon (bought none) Horris Creek, (5 cents) Haskilville (10 cents) on these dates respectively. A note on the opposite page indicates that he sold 200 feet scantleen for $2.00 to J. G. Danern (probably at Pointe Pleasant). At Galiopolis he sold 4 m; at Millers Porte, 22 m; at Haskelville 2 m; at Proctorville 8 m; at Burlington 8 m. He settled with Nable Wilson for 3479 feet; and m May 29 at Burlington (Ohio) he sold out to Joseph Davisson, Holesale at $1000.

On the final page of his neat little homemade 2" x 5" Day Book, sowed at the hinge with thread, intact (after 116 years) he indicates that he had bot 1 pound of sugar at Galiopolis for $00.08; and at Burlington Bout 2 lbs cheese at 10.....$00.20; 1/2 shugar at 10..... $00.05; 1 loofe B(r)ead - 12 1/2.

The story within this little book seems to be this: That with meticulous care Peyton Oldaker kept his accounts, and on this lumber selling journey along the Ohio River he made successful contacts; and when he was

hungry his fare was cheese sandwiches sprinkled with a copious layer of "shuger," --Um-- Yum!

14. Grace Oldaker McCoy of Henderson, West Virginia gives a few notes for the record on the Oldakers over Kanawha way:

Margaret Caroline Oldaker first married William Hall. They had two sons, William and Charles Hall.

She married, second, _____ Whittington. They had three sons, Lonnie, Samuel, Harry Whittington. Harry is the only member of her family living.

Her third marriage was to _____ Jenkins. They had no issue.

This much married lady received the cognomen of Cousin-Aunt-Can.

It was quite different with her sister-in-law Miriam, whose husband passed away in their early married life. One son, Benjamin Oldaker, is living; his father's name was James William Oldaker.

15. It is noted that in many of the deeds of the early Oldakers of Mason County the names of their wives are not mentioned, e.g. Peyton in many of Indentures makes no mention of his wife Susanna who did not die until 1879. He died in 1888.

16. There comes to hand a paragraph from the History of West Virginia by Virgil A. Lewis, published 1889 from which we take a few excerpts and make a few deductions: "The first white men who were ever within the present limits of Buffalo district were George Washington and his surveyors, in the autumn of 1770. In 1800 the Oldakers located on the waters of 18 Mile Creek. Jonathan Hill located above the Oldakers in 1816. Thomas Scott came in 1817 and Ira Dilno in 1818, both of whom located on the waters of Eighteen--Tradition says that a man named Jones settled on the river one-half mile above the present site of Winfield in 1815. There he raised corn, which he sold to the boatmen at twelve and a half cents per bushel."

This is all that Virgil A. Lewis has to say about the Oldakers. He was considered quite an authority. And we are grateful for historians of a far-off day, whose records substantiate and tie in with traditions of 160 years tenure.

17. In tracing the land transactions of John (1) Oldaker we found at Moorefield, Hardy County a deed from John Oldacre to John Dyer (who married Hannah Oldaker, John's

sister). The Indenture indicated that John Oldaker was from Bedford County, Virginia. I wrote to the Clerk of Court in Bedford and was informed that there was a marriage bond bearing date of August 16, 1791 of Isaac Oldakers to Hannah Booram. Another--December 27, 1794--Henry Oldakers to Elizabeth Tellis. Question: Who were the parents of Isaac and Henry? The answer is obvious, since John was from Bedford County in the year 1796, Isaac and Henry--married in Bedford in '91 and '94--would almost have to be sons of John and Martha Oldaker. So we will add them to the list of children of John Oldaker.

Research in May 1962 reveals that William Burch married Deborah Oldaker May 1831 by Rev. William George.

William Oldaker married Mary Priddy 2/22/1831 - Rev. E. Webster. Jonathan Priddy married Savinia Oldaker December 1833 - Rev. B. K. Craig.

18. A page in Peyton Oldakers Bible tells a very interesting and significant story of happenings in the old log church where the Oldaker forefathers met--Otter Branch Church, which is still very active as a Methodist Episcopal Congregation.

In the year 1833 Susanna Johnson Oldaker received the sacrament of Baptism by Rev. W. Young.

On December 8, 1838 Peyton Oldaker performed the vows contained in the Baptismal Covenant administered by Rev. Elijah H. Field, and was followed by the following members of his family:

Benjamin Isaac Oldaker
Rebecca Ann Oldaker
Sarah Ann Oldaker
Vianna Virginia Oldaker
Ophelia Margaret Oldaker
John Tiberius Oldaker
Lorentine Marcelius Oldaker

These were received into the church in the same year 1838 also a niece of Susannah in the Johnson family, Sarah Margaret Belville.

In 1847, Rev. William H. Harrison received into the church by profession of faith and the rite of Baptism, Mianda Hannah Oldaker. And it becomes very satisfying to us in our day that after 130 years this family circle in the final day will be unbroken, and we shall meet and know many Oldakers of like precious faith whom we have known only by name.

By and large, the Oldakers are a religious people. Many of them have strong religious convictions and will earnestly content for the faith once delivered to the saints. In our younger days we have heard members of our father's family argue on the scriptures far into the night on the doctrines, particularly of Baptism and Security or Predestination.

Quite a few of them became ministers, some of prominence and ability. Many of them were fine singers. Who among this present, living generation will follow in their train? Who is on the Lord's who --who will serve the King?

19. In the year 1808 William Clark of Culpeper County Virginia bought a tract of land called "Buffalo Farm." When his daughter Mary A. Clark married Benjamin Kennerly Craig in 1826, the land was given to her (in 1826?). James Craig was a brother of Benjamin and a surveyor who laid off the town of Buffalo on this land.

The Craigs were from Augusta County and were grandsons of Rev. John Craig who with Col. John Stuart and Capt. Allen built the "Old Stone Church" at Lewisburg in Greenbrier County. Benjamin K. Craig was a preacher. He was brother in law of John Oldaker Jr. also married Frances Clark the daughter of William Clark and sister of Mary A. (Polly) Clark Craig.

A slightly different account is from the "History of West Virginia" by Virgil A. Lewis, published 1889 page 694: Buffalo is the oldest town on the Kanawha river between Charleston and Point Pleasant. The land upon which the town stands originally belonged to Mr. Clark who gave it to his dauther Mary A. Clark. She afterward married Benjamin K. Craig, who laid out the town in 1834. It was named for the Post office at the mouth of Big Buffalo Creek four miles above, but was removed to the new town the same year in which it was founded. It was incorporated in 1837.

Thomas Hall married Hannah Oldaker youngest daughter of Peyton Oldaker. Their son, Thomas Peyton Hall, inherited the original home of Peyton Oldaker, and at the death of T. P. Hall in 1960 the place was sold to his daughter who had the home torn down in 1961. Such timbers! Properly cared for the house would have lasted another 100 years.

Many pieces of furniture belonging to the first Oldaker families may be found in the various families of the present day. The bows to the covered wagons in which they came here are still in existence.

Oldaker's Mill built about 1825-35 was torn down in 1947.

Levi Oldaker, son of William was trustee (one of three) for Hickory Knob School 1882-1883. There were 30-40 pupils. Mr. Rhymer father of Lillian Christian taught there 1887-1888 walking the five miles daily from his home. His take home pay was his entire salary of $30.00 per month. He saved his money and finished college in 1891.

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Camp White Charliston W. Va.
August 11th 64

Dear parents, I hasten to drop you a few lines let you no that I am well at present hoping these few lines may reach and find you all injoying good health. I came safe to camp Teusday evenig the 5th the 10th I taken charge of Lt Halkings horse.

To keef ad. take care of fer him. That is all I have to do while I stay here. how long Ile get to stay I can't tell at present. There was 41 sent away from here some few days since so there but few left and scarcily any of them able fer deaulty exfect to come down soon fer smith. Tillis myself and Lt, If not and I stay here any length of time I exfreet to come home the last of this month or the first of next. If nothing happens. if you hear of any soldiers around there please let me no in your next letter so no more for the present only remaing your affectionate son.

John T. Oldaker

To his parents Payton Oldaker

Suseannah Oldaker

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Marion Co. Iowa

September the 26th 1875.

Dear Parents:

It has been some time since I have written a sentence to you, but it is only neglect for I often think of you and I should be glad to hear from you every week if I could. You spoke of hard times too, besure I can see it by the reading of your letter that came to hand September 22nd. We

have our portion here, by late spring and a heap of rain this is the second time I have had my whole crop washed away with the exception of one acre of corn. I then sowed turnips and the water came again and took them, so I have every thing to buy.

I shall give you a list of the produce in these parts corn 40¢ wheat $1.00 potatoes 25¢ bacon 12 1/2 to 15¢ flour $3.00 to $3.25, apples green .50¢ per bushel. Shingles very low. Albert and myself have sawed and bolted (?) enough for forty thousand in 5 days. Not bragging nor boasting, but I can take Albert and saw more than any other man dare with the same age boy. Shingles only $2.00 delivered in Pella or Knoxville. Alva is fat and saucy but lazy--don't take after his Dad, for I have got mine yet. Work, he says hurts, but riding his pony don't. When riding his poney he doesn't let down fences, he goes right on over. I told Alva that grandpa would not allow his horses jumped over the fences. He said that he would not have them for laying down fenced had played with him. Hattie and Ella are beautiful and full of fun. Hattie can spell pretty well. Albert and Alva are going to cut corn tomorrow.

The cholera is bad among the hogs here, my neighbors have lost a good many, but I have not lost any yet. I have but few, only nine with the exception of the . There is but very little sickness close here as for ourselves, we are all well at present, hoping these few lines may reach and find you all well and hearty.

We have had a very cold, hard winter here after the thaw very dry so far. Small grain looks very promising at present, corn 25, wheat 75, potatoes 25 to 30, hogs from 2 1/2 to $3.00 per hundred, bacon 8 cents per pound and every thing else according.

We are all well at present hoping these few lines may reach and find you all injoying the same blessing, also inquiring friends.

Sarah and the children joins in sending their love to Grand Pa.

John T. Oldaker

Sarah A. Oldaker

What has become of Ben and the rest? I have not heard from them for two years, I believe. Tell Ben I caught and sold five dollars and 35¢ worth of fish yesterday besdies two big messes we had to eat. If Ben was here I could catch him a mess. I caught one last fall that weighed 75 lbs. fall before that one 64 lbs.

I received your letter of April 21 on 28th.

COPY

Marion Co. Iowa
April the 29th 1879

Father:

Your letter of March 22 came to hand recently for which I was very sorry to hear of the death of my Mother, also Uncle and friends. I should have been there before this time. If I had had any luck on a visit, I would like to see you all once more but I have had a gradeel of bad luck since I have been here for the last six years. I have tried farming and lost every crop, hardly enough to feed my teem, sometimes not enough. I have been thinking of going farther west but I am not able to do so and I cannot tell at the present time just what I will do.

My children are growing up very fast and are lots of help and I should like to have land for them to work where they could reap the benefit of their labor. Albert and Alva both plow right along, hauls wood and coal all winter to Pella (?) six miles from where I live. Hattie knits and sews, she knit one pair of socks last winter and two or three this winter, helps her Ma to cook and wash dishes. Ella helps also. Ella is making her a quilt and so is Hattie. We have one you are likely not aprized of. We call her Mary Ivy, she was born July 27th 1877. Nice little girl and sharp, and good looking. Ivy tends to the hen nest and putting (?) down her Ma's garden and such as that. The boys say, that some day, if I don't come, they will go to see their Grandpa.

Some two or three years ago, my head was affected, but now I think I am all right and I thank God, as well as myself, for the affliction, also for the cure; I was given to drink. I have often times wished that something would put a stop to it, so by some means I took a distaste against the infernal drug, then my head got out of fix and was so for some time, but now I am thankful and happy hoping hereafter to lead a sober life.

I have had such bad luck since I came west, it looks like I had as well give up, I have lost a piece of land that I bought and payed for, also two crops and two horses, some hogs. Me and Sarah work hard and saving but I owe nothing. I have had no doctor in my family since we were married which is good luck, but how long we shall remain so I can't say. The Lord knows the best. I used to drink some when I lived in Virginia but nary a drop now, it don't pay, although I have money to buy with, if I want, but just look at the lowlife wretchs throughout the universe - that is enough to settle the mind of any man of a rantional mind. I hope to see the day when it is all wiped out of the country.

I shall have to close, hoping to hear from you when convenient.

From your children

J. and S. Oldaker

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THE BOORAM STORY

It all began with the notation found in Susan Virginia Hall Rhymer's memoralia: That Arthur I. Boreman the first governor of West Virginia was kith and kin of the John Oldaker family. It was just a tradition - a recorded tradition. Traditions become stretched, changed and sometimes distorted in the course of 200 years. Even the name's undergo a metamorphoris as illustrated by the Borman name. These people first appear in the records as (1) Boram, then (2) Booram, (3) Borman, (4) Boorman, (5) Boorum and finally (6) Boreman as in the name of the West Virginia's first Governor, Arthur Ingraham Boreman.

Our suspicions concerning this traditional relationship were aroused when we found, -- (1) the name of John Booram as witness to the will of Henry Jr. Oldaker made in the year 1785; (2) a memorial stone to Samantha Boram in South Fork Quaker burial gound in Loudoun; (3) an item in Hinshawn's Quaker Encyclopedia recording the disownment of Martha Oldacre, mentioning Fairfax Mo. Mtg., South River Mo. Mtg, and Lost River; (4) the marriage of Hannah Booram daughter of Aaron Booram to Isaac Oldaker, son of John Oldaker in 1791, Bedford County, (5) the location of John Boorman in Henry County currently with John Oldaker, James Bartlett, and Isaac Oldaker near by; (6) the finding of John Oldaker's will in Point Pleasant of Mason County giving the names of two grandsons Jacob and Isaac Booram and his daughter Thames (Tamer) Booram. Finally on April 11, 1964, we found the record of the administration of the estate of John Boram in Fauquier County and the jigsaw puzzle on the Boorams began to tell their story piece by piece.

The Borams were probably Quakers. It would indeed be interesting to make research on their origin, but we cannot do so at this time. Suffice to say that our first notices of them are found in Loudoun and Fauquier records, 1767-1785 and we would surmise that John Boram Sr. and Samantha his wife were first of the family in these counties. There were no land conveyances to or from Borams in Loudoun County until the years after 1830 when leases and deeds appear under the name Boorum. These did not appear pertinent to our

story, so we did not try to place them. They may be, however, descendants of the original family. The only instances of pertinent records in Loudoun were the names affixed on Oldaker documents and the memorial stone to Samantha at South Fork Quaker Cemetery.

In Fauquier, the name of John Boram headed the list of a half page of other entries under the name Boorman. We shall pass these by, except John Boram, for the dates do not seem relevant to our story. These Boormans, no doubt, are also descendants of the original family but we found no clue to link them up directly with John Boram and Samantha his wife.

In Will Book P. the final account on the estate of John Boram is recorded; and we present this account as a supporting document. The effects herein noted are such as a lonely man in a one room cabin would necessarily have. This is the closing chapter in John Boram's book of life.

After a respite of 20 years the migrating spirit of these pioneer families reasserts itself and this time the wagon train rolls south to the New Frontier. The movement embraced some from the families of Oldaker, Booram, Burson, Tullos, Bartlett, Huff, Clark, Lynch, Duvall, Harris and Bowles. Some of these, it seems, had migrated earlier.

Previously there was Charles Lynch, wife Sarah Clark, who had six children and late in life took up lands overlooking the James River a mile below present Lynchburg. Sarah Clark Lynch and a younger son John Lynch the founder of Lynchburg were devoted Quakers all their lives. John Lynch married Mary Bowles of the family of James Bowles buried in South Fork Cemetery and they gave land for the erection of a Quaker Meeting house. The third building--a stone edifice--still standing was built 1792-98. To this South River Meeting of Friends came Martha Oldaker, the Boorams, the Tullose (Tellis) and others.

By 1839 the church had fallen into disuse by the Quakers. In 1864 it stood squarely in the path of Union General Hunter as he advanced down Salern Turnpike to attack Lynchburg, then a supply depot and hospital center for the Confederate Armies around Richmond. The invading Army encamped under the shadow of the church walls and opened a heavy fire of artillery on the Southerners who had hastily thrown up breastworks on the outskirts of the city.

The battle raged all day June 16, 1864. Midnight brought the retreat of the Federals--General Early had come to the rescue of the imperiled city. More than a hundred men had been killed and 500 were wounded and missing. Cannon balls, swords and cavalry relics of that day's bloody spectacle have been found within and around the walls of the church.

John T. Oldaker serving under Capt. Greenlee says in his application for Pension: "While on the Lynchburg Raid by General Hunter in 1864 in consequence of hard marching, I became ruptured, having hernia on both sides." Yes, Oldakers were there--at South River Church--some in peace, some in war. Some Oldakers yet visit South River Church, read its history and the names on the memorial stones, ponder the fortitude and faith of pioneering people once there, who have gone on and on into the sunset. And our lives are the only part of them remaining here except these monuments--the graves, the city and the Church!

Before we leave South River Church to go out again to view the progress of our world evidenced by noisy planes breaking the sound barrier, jetting the skies; by death-dealing cars and trucks cramming the streets and highways in the mad rush of everyday life; by pleasure made throngs of peoples in commotion, "living it up," "smoking it up" and throwing it away; by materially-minded political men, thirsting for power, lashing the populace with laws that "liberate" us from our freedoms, making us servants of a bureaucracy which spends billions of dollars yet to be earned by unborn generations--let us look at the eulogy given John Lynch and wife Mary Bowles--which could be given to others of these Friends--and the plaque on the wall of this old Church, which is a lasting tribute to these fine people, called Quakers:

> "Throughout life they exemplified those qualities by which the Quakers have been characterized. They were kind, sincere, benevolent, generous, and greatly reverenced for their humble piety."

> "This tablet is erected to the memory of those devout people who once worshipped in this Church, then on the edge of the forest, who by their example of piety, fortitude and firmness of character make their influence still felt in the City which they founded."

Now we are out again, on again, gone again, Flannigans, viewing a whirling world cavorting with shenanigans, but I am afraid that our view of present day progress is a mirage. These Quaker people progressed toward Truth; they progressed toward God! And any activity, not so directed, is not progressism; it is regression. Men who think deeply and historically, strongly affirm that the economic, religious, racial, political, and moral confusion of the present day is greater than the world has ever known. And our vaunted progress is relentlessly driving us down the road to complete Socialism.

> "O Lord, kind Lord, gracious Lord, I pray make us more like Quakers and--Jesus Christ, Today."

And may we ever remember--to keep in mind, that "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."

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Before proceeding further on the Booram story may we say that we infer that John Boram of Loudoun and Fauquier records was brother to Aaron Booram who settled in Bedord with the other allied migrating families.

At this point on the Booram Trail we run up against a barricade and stop. And we have run out of stuff. We shall detour and hit the trail again and start back down the line beginning with Governor Arthur Ingraham Boreman.

Governor Boreman's people were located at or near Waynesburg of Green County, Pennsylvania. I wrote to Mrs. McIlvaine, secretary of the Washington County Historical Society, who had so kindly and ably assisted on the Burson ancestry. Waiting for an answer I looked down and back over the Oldaker-Booram trail and noted three things:

1. That Henry Sr. Oldaker on leaving Hampshire County had conveyed his 347 acres to Samuel Ingraham by a lengthy document called lease and release. Who Samual Ingraham was, and what relationship and friendship the two may have had I may never know.

2. A partition deed and an indenture later made by Isaac Oldaker and James Kennerly Craig indicates that James Kennerly Craig had purchased the lands devised by John Oldaker Sr. to his grandsons, Jacob and Isaac Booram.

3. Now James Kennerly (Kincherling) was the name of a public figure after whom James K. Craig was named. Likewise we have a Kennerly Boreman, but we are informed that Kenner Boreman was the name of Arthur I. Boreman's father.

By finding the name of the father of Kenner Boreman we will solve the mystery of the connection of John Oldaker's family with the first Governor of West Virginia--Honorable Arthur Ingraham Boreman.

Well, we found it. The father of Kenner was a John Boreman, who married Sarah Seaton about 1790 and Kenner Seaton Boreman was born about 1791. Kenner married Sarah Inghram about 1816 and Arthur Inghram Boreman was born July 24, 1823.

Inghrams, Seatons and Boremans were located in Washington County, Pennsylvania, whence Kenner S. Boreman removed to Tyler County, Virginia (now West Virginia) and was a merchant at Middlebourne.

So, from where we sit at first sight it seems to us that Arthur I. Boreman the first Governor of West Virginia may be cousin to Jacob and Isaac Booram and second cousins to Peyton and Cynthia Oldaker. Let's see.

The marriage of William Seaton to Mary Kenner February 6, 1764 is recorded in Fauquier County, Virginia. ch. in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

1. James Seaton
2. Francis Seaton
3. Sarah Seaton married about 1790 John Boreman

    a. Kenner Seaton Boreman born 1791
    married Sarah Inghram 1816

        1. Arthur Inghram Boreman born 1823
        First Governor of West Virginia.

BOREMAN GENEALOGY

A. John Booram witness will of Henry Jr. Oldaker and Samantha Boram of Loudoun-Fauquier Samantha is buried South Fork Quaker Cemetery, Loudoun.

    1. John Boreman married Sarah Seaton of Fauquier County.
    2. Gasper Boreman.

    (These two to Washington County, Pennsylvania about 1790)

B. Aaron Booram maried _____ Tullos(?) (removed to Bedford County ?)

    1. John Booram married Tamer Oldaker daughter of John (Isaac and Jacob-sons)
    2. Hannah Booram married Isaac Oldaker son

Note: Eliz Tullos daughter of Richard (brother of Aaron Booram's wife) married Henry Oldaker son of John Oldaker (disowned) (She). Therefore, Martha Oldaker wife of John Oldaker (also she was disowned) was a Quaker "Tullos" (?) probably sister of Richard Tullos.

Mrs. W. A. H. McIlvaine replying to my letter of inquiry concerning the Boremans, replied that her grandmother Eliza Inghram Hook was first cousin to Arthur Inghram Boreman, being a niece of Sarah Inghram Boreman, wife of Kenner Seaton Boreman, who was son of John and Sarah Seaton Boreman; that the administration for John Boreman is in Will Book One for Green County, 1796-1831 that in the 1783 Tax lists for Washington County the name of John Boreman appears with James and Francis Seaton for Cumberland Township--which

names also appear in the 1790 Cencus; that listed together are John and Gasper Boreman in the same Census for that part of Allegheny County taken from Washington County (year not specified).

Now to all intents and purposes this John Boreman of these several Pennsylvania items is the same person. Gasper Boreman is his brother, and they come in from some other area about 1790. (Fauquier)

So, we have a John Boreman in Washington County, Pennsylvania 1790--we have a John Boreman in Henry County, Virginia 1789 and--we have a John Booram in Loudoun County in 1785--we have a John Boram in Fauquier County deceased about 1820--also an Aaron Booram in Bedford County 1791. John Boreman in Pennsylvania married to Sarah Seaton. John Borman (Booram) in Henry County, Virginia married Tamer Oldaker. John Boram of Fauquier married Samantha _____?

How do we place these John Boorams and others? By our intuition which may to some appear questionable, we would feel that John Booram (Boram) of Fauquier is brother to Aaron Booram of Bedford and father of John and Governor Boreman of Washington County, Pennsylvania; that John Borman of Henry County is son of Aaron, and married Tamer Oldaker, and Hannah Booram daughter of Aaron was wife of Isaac Oldaker brother of Tamer; if so and all things being equal, John Boreman of Pennsylvania and John Booram of Henry County were cousins. Thus by the same token Hannah Booram, daughter of Aaron, who married Isaac Oldaker was also cousin to John Boreman of Pennsylvania.

Therefore Peyton the son of Isaac Oldaker was second cousin to father of Arthur Inghram Boreman, the first Governor of West Virginia, U.S. Senator and Judge of the U.S. Circuit Court. Arthur I. Boreman married Mrs. Laurence Tanner Bullock.

One may wonder how a son of a Pennsylvania Boreman came to be Governor in West Virginia--Thomas Inghram moved to Tyler County as did Kenner Seaton Boreman who married Thomas' sister, Sarah Inghram. Thus Arthur was born in Pennsylvania, grew up in Middlebourne of Tyler County, West Virginia. His brother William was a lawyer there, and James Mason Boreman another brother was Portmaster of Parkersburg for many years. Another brother was Jacob Smith Boreman Judge of the U.S. Circuit Court in Utah.

Thus ended the Booram-Boreman Story, but there will ever linger in our minds the question: What became of those two grandsons of John Oldaker--Jacob and Isaac Booram?*

*Note: In 1831 in an old store account book, now owned by French and Zora Wallace Thornton appear the names of Jacob Booram and Deborah Booram. French is

descendant of Sarah Oldaker and George Thornton. The ledger indicated that a lot of spirits--whiskey, rum and brandy was being bought. We wonder if by this time Quaker principles were laid on the shelf by Boorams and Oldakers.

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THE OLDAKER-TULLOS-BOORAM RELATIONSHIPS

probing the origin of Martha Oldaker

About the time of the Quaker migration to Bedford County from Fauquier and Loudoun--1757-60--, the marriages of John Oldaker, Aaron Booram, John Boram, Richard Tullos and William Seaton occurred. The marriage date of the last named, William Seaton, is given in Fauquier records as February 6, 1764 to Mary Kenner. He was a Revolutionary soldier. This family including two sons, James and Francis Seaton, and a daughter of William and Mary Kenner Seaton, Sarah by name, who married John Boreman are located in Washington County, Pennsylvania 1790. A son of Sarah and John, Kenner Seaton Boreman born 1791 married Sarah Inghram and a son Arthur Ingraham Boreman born 1823 became the first Governor of West Virginia, his parents having moved to Tyler County, West Virginia when he was a child.

The aforementioned John Boreman was evidently son of a John Boram (so recorded), the only Boram on record, in Fauquier County, Virginia, whose wife Samantha is buried in South Fork Quaker graveyard, in Loudoun County. John Boram died in Fauquier about 1820 leaving some unpaid debts to a certain Stinson and a certain Peter Jett with a certain Elisha Rowles for security. Stinson as administrator sold the remaining effects of John Boram consisting in part of two featherbeds, a cow, and Cooper's tools to pay the debts of $25.00 and $35.00. We surmise that this John Boram is the person who witnessed the will of Henry Jr. Oldaker in Loudoun in 1785, as John Booram.

A certain Aaron Booram, supposed brother of John Boram alias John Booram, seems to be allied by married to John Oldaker and Richard Tullos Jr. in Bedford County, Virginia 1765-1800.

Richard Tullos Sr. whose will is the first recorded in Fauquier County 1759, seemed to have these children, according to records: Joshua, Benjamin, Rodham (Revolutionary soldiers), Richard Jr. who migrated to Bedford, wife Ann Burson; and Betsy (?) who married Aaron Booram and migrated to Bedford, Martha who married John Oldaker was also resident in Bedford.

In this Bedford community where some of these families are Quakers attending SouthRiver Meeting Church we find the marriages of some of John Oldaker's children--Isaac to Hannah Booram 1791, daughter of Aaron; Henry to Elizabeth Tullos 1794 daughter of Richard; Tamer to John Booram (not recorded), son of Aaron.

Elizabeth was disowned by 1796 for marriage contrary to discipline, preceded by Martha's disownment in 1767. It seems to us that these families had rather closely intermarried, whereby we deduce that Martha, wife of John Oldaker, was either a Booram or Tullos--a sister of Aaron Booram or of Richard Tullos Jr., her Quaker affiliation being the weight that tips the beam in favor of her Tullos origin. And it would appear thus that the Richard Tullos Jr. family were Quakers; as was Samantha Boram (wife of John Boram), a probably sister of Richard Tullos Jr.

Another evidence in support of Tullos as maiden name of Martha (John Oldaker's wife) is the appearance of the name Cynthia in the Tullos lines, duplicated in Isaac Oldaker's family--Cynthia Oldaker who married the William Wallace. In no other lines have we recorded the name. Another evidence is names of Mary and Martha in Tullos genealogy. Richard had daughters named Martha (see will of Richard Tullos).

There is yet another evidence--personal features. I visited Mr. William Henry Tullos now living at Catlett of Fauquier County--the 8th generation of Tullos in Fauquier County, Virginia. He showed me pictures of his parents. I was impressed by the similarity of features and form in the Tullos and John Oldaker descendants, particularly William Henry Tullos and Aunt Pearl Allinder of Buffalo, West Virginia--dark in complexion, angular features, tall and sparse—they looked so much alike that one could have figured they were brother and sister! Surely the mother of Isaac Oldaker and the mother of Hannah Booram were sisters of each other and of Richard Tullos Jr. of Bedford County who died in Bedford in the year 1819. Richard married Ann Burson, a Quaker from Loudoun County daughter of Joseph Burson, a Quaker buried at South Fork Quaker Cemetery.

Richard Tullos Sr. died 1759	John & Martha Oldaker	Aaron Booram & Betsy Tullos
1. Richard(2) to Bedford d. 1819	1. Tamer md. John Booram	1. John md. Tamer Oldaker
2. Betsy(?) md. Aaron Booram	2. Isaac md. Hannah Booram	2. Hannah md. Isaac Oldaker
3. Samantha md. John Booram	3. Henry md. Eliz. Tellis, daughter of Richard(2)	

4. Rhodam md. in '64
   Anne Finne

5. Martha md. John
   Oldaker

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THE STORY OF THE FOUR JOHN OLDAKERS IN MASON COUNTY

Once upon a time there were four pioneer John Oldakers living in Mason County, Virginia in the same community. We couldn't tell one from the other, for we had never seen them, and their records almost invariably gave little or no clue as to their identity. For the most part, middle initials and names were omitted, and each was known by the simple name---John Oldaker. About the only way they could be identified was by the deeds that they had done and recorded 150 years ago and by the names of their wives and children, when given.

One of them whom we shall designate as John Oldaker Sr., son of Henry Sr, we knew, had migrated to Mason County about 1800, but the deeds to his lands were slow in coming through--some even after his death. We found ourselves much confused thus in trying to properly place these various John Oldakers.

We surmised that John Oldaker Sr. was the older of the four, and that he was doubtless father of one and uncle to the other two. We figured that the three younger ones were about the same age, perhaps, but their separate and exact origin or relationship to John Sr. and each other was unknown, until, recently when the will of John Sr. was found.

By this will dated 1810 we learned and were able to confirm what we had supposed, as we shall now endeavor to outline--that these four John Oldakers were from one common denominator--Henry Oldaker Sr., and that of the four, John Sr. <u>was</u> father of one and uncle to the others.

In this will we have knowledge for the first time that John Sr. ever had a son by the name of John Oldaker.

John Oldaker Sr.'s wife was Martha--a disowned Quaker. They had a daughter, Hannah, who married her cousin Luke Wallace. John Oldaker, cousin to Luke Wallace had his entire family, exclusive of himself, massacred by the Indians. The names of his wife and children were unknown. This information was, in part, from Dr. Hale's "History of the Great Kanawha Valley." But which one of the three younger John Oldakers this was, we did not know; nor did we know his relation to John Sr.

We have hereby identified one of the four John Oldakers as John Oldaker Sr; and his removal by death in 1810-12 leaves three John Oldakers yet unidentified. We shall, however, have to refer back necessarily to the will and land documents of the former to establish the identity of the others.

It was noted that a certain John Washington Oldaker had married Elizabeth Miner in 1809 in the Hardy County, and their children in Ohio and Illinois records were indicated as born on Kanawha River in Putnam County, West Virginia which at that time would have been Mason County, Virginia. This John Oldaker seemed to have the earmarks of the one mentioned as nephew in the will of John Oldaker Sr.; and his subsequent removal in 1818-19 to Highland County, Ohio was proof that he did not meet the obligation of paying for the land he was formerly living on in Putnam County formerly Mason and belonging to John Sr.'s estate, in the seven years specified by the will according to an evidently previous agreement. This John Oldaker, better known as John Washington Oldaker, was son of Isaac (1) Oldaker, formerly of Hardy County, Virginia, and later of Highland County, Ohio, who was a brother of John Oldaker Sr. John Washington Oldaker perforce was the nephew mentioned in the will, as having land from John Sr. and his removal from Mason County leaves two unidentified John Oldakers yet in Mason County.

We have yet a John Oldaker who is necessarily a nephew of John Oldaker, Sr., and a John Oldaker who is a son: But which one is which was a matter rather difficult to determine.

One of these John Oldakers made his will in 1833 devising his estate to his wife Frances C. and his granddaughter Frances J. McMullen. A check on the marriage records gave a Jemima Oldaker who married a Maddeson McMullen in the year 1830. Evidently Jemima named their child Frances Jemima McMullen after her mother (?) and herself and the mother of the child died soon after. The child Frances J. was about three years old when this John Oldaker made his will in 1833 and he died soon thereafter. But which of the two remaining John Oldakers was he of John Sr.? Son or nephew?

Checking back on the children of the third generation and their parents in the second generation from Henry Sr. Oldaker we find no Johns in the family of Abraham and William, the latter being evidently a bachelor. Jacob (1)'s family, on which our research is being completed, having residence in Kentucky leaves the three families of John (1), Isaac (1) and Henry Jr. each with a son named John Oldaker; and possibly the family of Jacob (1) ditto.

Now here in Mason County we have accounted for two of these three sons: Those of John (1) and Isaac (1). The

former is as yet unidentified but a son; the latter is John W.--removed to Ohio. The remaining son is necessarily John Oldaker the son of either Henry Jr. or Jacob (1).

This John Oldaker, son of Henry Jr. has given me "fits"! A Daniel Boone, a Simon Kenton, or a "Death-Wind" Whetsel (no doubt he knew each of them) could likely have trailed him easily. I have tried to--it has been rough going along the devious paths traveled by Henry Hieronymus. The stepfather of one John Oldaker son of Henry Jr. from the Blue Ridge Mountain home in Loudoun County to the headquarters of General Washington's bodyguard in the Capitol, thence to Kentucky where Hieronymus performed in many ventures in many counties. This John Oldaker's mother--Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker Hieronymus--I tracked her lonely grave in the old Mayhall graveyard near Bridgeport, Kentucky; but there was no trace of her son John Oldaker except an indefinite, possible foster-son-ship to Francis Hieronymus, father of Henry Hieronymus.

I erased my slate and went to Ohio and Indiana, finding the settlements of this John Oldaker's brothers: Henry and Jesse, in Licking County, Ohio, and Jacob in Indiana; but there seemed to be no John Oldaker, who would meet the requirements of being a son of Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker except the possible foster son of Francis Hieronymus, John (Oldaker) Hieronymus.

Now leaving this John Oldaker for a while let us explore the history of Jacob (1) Oldaker in Kentucky for a solution of this problem. Jacob (1) and John (1) left the Bedford-Franklin area about the same time. As far as we can ascertain, none of Henry Jr. Oldaker's children went South from Loudoun County with John (1) and Jacob (1) except Sarah who was ward of John (1). We present five items in the effort to show that John Jr. and John Hardy Oldaker are the two remaining Johns, and that they can be identified:

THE CASE OF JOHN HARDY OLDAKER AS A SON OF

JACOB (1) VS. SON OF HENRY JR. OLDAKER

1. Slaves: Jacob (1) was the only one of the six brothers, sons of Henry Sr. known to own slaves. And one of these two Johns had two slaves, Harvey and Harriet. But we would hardly think a blacksmith would own slaves.

2. Hardy is a Franklin County and Henry County name and there are hundreds by this name there now. Jacob (1) lived there and Henry Jr. did not.

3. Jacob (1)'s wife's name was Lettice _____. We would guess that her maiden name was Hardy and John Hardy Oldaker was named for her. Hardys probably went to Kentucky with Jacob (1), for we note the town of Hardyville, Kentucky

near Adair County where Jacob (1) lived after 1804.

4. There were miners in Franklin and Montgomery Counties where Jacob (1) located 1780-1804, and John Hardy Oldaker being a blacksmith indicates a connection with metal industries, such as may have been at Copper Hill and Mine Creek near the plantation of Jacob (1) in Montgomery County, Virginia.

5. We had expected to find a John Oldaker mentioned as son in Jacob's (1) will in Kentucky, but there was none. Jacob (1) died in 1842. Two sons by Lettice Hardy were on record--William and Henry, deceased by the year 1815. John Hardy Oldaker, like these two brothers probably was deceased before 1842, and there would be no occasion to mention him in Jacob's will, he having no wife and children.

Mason County was likely a midway stopping place for Jacob's family on the way to Kentucky. And John Hardy was pleased with the land, prospects and people of Mason County, especially the family of John Oldaker Sr. Anyhow, this John H. Oldaker lived and died in Mason County, now Putnam. And we believe he is not the son of John, or Abraham, or Henry Jr. or Isaac but of Jacob (1) and Lettice Hardy Oldaker, the one known in Putnam County today as John Hardy Oldaker.

And we also believe if there was a Jonathan Oldaker as noted by Susie Virginia Hall Rhymer, he is a brother of John Hardy Oldaker and a son of Jacob and Lettice Oldaker.

The name of John Hardy Oldaker appears on the tax lists for Mason County in Virginia Archives as John H. Oldaker, as we have elsewhere stated. In Mrs. Mary Meeks Atkeson's article based on the account by Pascal R. Oldaker, John Hardy Oldaker is, in our opinion, erroneously represented as a son of John Sr., in the opinions of living Oldakers--Tom and Jube--John Hardy Oldaker was a blacksmith without land holdings, a cousin of Isaac and not a son of John and Martha. In these sources a John Jr. was not known even, until our research began.

Since the name of John Sr. appears on at least two early documents as John I. Oldaker and a deed from George Matthews is made and delivered to John Jr. in 1811, therefore the sons real name is "John I. Oldaker Jr." And by this we know and are sure that John Hardy Oldaker and John Oldaker Jr. are not one and the same person!

Furthermore, as we check the land transactions of Mason County we note that John Jr. married Frances Clerk (or Clark), and a deed made to him by Clark indicates lands contiguous to 18 Mile Creek and near to other Oldaker lands where a loop in the Creek gives occasion for "P. Oldaker (Peyton) to claim this land which Grey also claimed."

Before we write our conclusion to this four John Oldaker puzzle, we shall note that John Oldaker, son of Henry Jr. Oldaker was located in Ross County, Ohio, by later research. And he died there in his log cabin in the year 1860.

We therefore conclude that we have reached "Trails End" on our long unidentified two John Oldakers. One is John Hardy Oldaker son of Jacob (1). We brush away a tear and endeavor to swallow a lump in our throat at the memory of his little low-log-cabin, built about 1805, still standing on the hill above the site of his blacksmith shop, where he served his day and generation--lived, loved and labored, without fame or wordly recognition; and was laid to rest by those who loved him, in the little sacred spot nearby, known as Kirpatricks Graveyard, far from his kindred in the blue grasslands of Old Kentucky.

We do not have the full sequel on the fourth and final John Oldaker of Mason County. But he most certainly is John I. Oldaker Jr.--son of John I. Oldaker Sr. and Martha. By reason of the fact that we failed to find my record of his marriage or land holdings in Bedford, Campbell or Franklin Counties, we infer that he was one of the three older children--John Jr., William, and Tamer--whose marriages were unrecorded; that he was born about 1758-60 in Hampshire County; and that he married the daughter of some hardy settler among those pushing West and South, through lands infested by Indians, probably in Greenbrier County along the New River and the Great Kanawha; enduring the hardships and sufferings of pioneer families, perchance having a relationship with those of the Donally; Clendenin, and Lewis families, who constantly faced the uncertainties of life and survival, and some of whom, like John Jr.'s wife and children, paid the last full measure of devotion by scalping knife and tomahawk, in the hands of infuriated and ruthless savages.

John Oldaker Jr. lost much. No one could have lost more and lived--unless it were his own soul. He was rewarded, in some degree, with land and possessions, equal to, probably more than those of his brothers or sisters. Later in life, it seems, he married to Frances Clark; he lost a daughter but gained a granddaughter--a ray of sunshine for his final years.

He had a mill. Could be he was the one who was killed because he refused to grind the distiller's grain! The picture of this John Oldaker that we wish to retain is one of tranquil, domestic felicity--John is taking care of his ancient pioneer mother, Martha Oldaker, who has come a long, hard way, from an unknown home and family to this hilly plantation on 18 Mile, where she has "all necessary diet, apparel and lodging for and during her life and widowhood to be furnished by the son John Oldaker."

Well done, Martha! Well done, John Sr. and Jr.! There are many, many things about you that we do not know, and that we should like to know. Someday--

We shall know as we are known.
Nevermore to walk alone.
In the dawning of that morning of that bright and happy day,
We shall know each other better,
When the mists have rolled away.

So long John Sr. and Martha! So long, John Jr.! So long John Washington! So long John Hardy Oldaker! I met you on a long, long trail, a-winding---. But at "Journey's End" I seem to know you better, and I do appreciate all you did for us. My life is richer, fuller, deeper--since I met you on the trail. Bye now and I'll be seein' you!

[EDITORIAL COMMENT: We apologize for the seemingly endless repetition in the John Oldaker Story, but we were faced with at least nine intriguing problems, and we just had to come up with some answers for them:

1. The problem of John I. Oldaker Sr. being husband of one wife, Martha.
2. The problem of Martha's origin (Quaker).
3. The problem of John Jr.'s sonship.
4. The problem of his family's massacre;
5. The problem of his being cousin to Luke Wallace.
6. The problem of the Oldaker-Clendenen relationship.
7. The problem of John Oldaker's (1) part in the Bryan vs. Cantrill-Stephenson Court Case.
8. The problem of Oldaker-Boreman relationship.
9. The problem of the parentage of John Hardy Oldaker.
10. The problem of the four John Oldakers in Mason County at the same time.

We sincerely hope our readers will enjoy our chronicle, as we have enjoyed trying to present it.

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Glenn C. Oldaker]

HENRY JR. AND ELIZABETH BARTLETT OLDAKER FAMILY

We place Henry Oldaker Jr. as a child of Henry Sr. and Elinor Oldaker born ca. 1748 in Hampshire County, Virginia, now West Virginia at the Oldaker Settlement on the Great Cacapon River (1734-1765). In his father's will he was given one shilling starling, he having had a part of Henry Sr.'s estate before the making of the will. That part was, doubtless, the land mentioned in his own will (Henry Jr.'s) made October 10, 1785, and proved March 1786 in Loudoun County Court, which land was conveyed by a lease from Fairfax for the term of lives himself, wife and children given under date of--Whoa! Back up Henry! We almost went over the bluff on that hillside farm on the Blue Ridge. Where was that deed? We went again through all the transcribed papers on land transactions of the original Oldaker family. There was no deed to Henry Jr. We must have missed Henry Jr.'s deed in Leesburg. We went back to Leesburg and spent a day in February 1963, on the records. There was no deed to Henry Jr. We must have put it behind the clock. We checked everything again; Henry Jr.'s inventory and the executor's final account by John Oldaker and Samuel Bartlett. Henry Jr. had named them the executors of his estate in his will. Now where did Henry Jr. get all those horses, and pied cows and those hogs, and where did he keep them if he didn't have a plantation? Abraham had a farm of 100 acres; John had a farm of 150 acres; William was willed the upper half of Henry Sr.'s plantation whereon he now lived (in 1773) and had a grist and saw mill. But now in 1779-85 William had gone back to Hampshire and built his Oldaker Mills on Trout Run, even bought back his father's original plantation of 347 acres on Cacapon River from Snickers. Jacob was found in Henry County, Virginia in 1780, about 300 miles away.

There must be something wrong or unusual here, something "rotten in Denmark." Then a probing letter from Arthur E. Oldaker of England comes in asking for an explanation on the two wills of the two Henry's in Loudoun County; why the time lag in the proving of Henry Sr.'s will made in 1773, proved in 1786 (August Court) further proved at a later court (October, same year)? Why proved later at or near the same time as Henry Jr.'s will made in 1785? Could be! Could not be, too! Now, mull-mull-mull! And where is the final account on Henry Sr.'s estate by William and John Oldaker, named executors of his estate by his will made in 1773. We searched the records for this final account; we went through all the court order books, found a dozen plus and court orders 1787-1793 concerning John Oldaker's bringing judgment against certain Russell, Wildy, Petty et. als for debt backed up by authority of Benjamin Grayson J.P. No doubt Samuel Bartlett as co-executor had a similar record, but I was unable to check on him when the Court House closed at 5:00 P.M. But there was no final account by John or William for Henry Sr.'s estate.

Looking back now over the names of those involved in the settlement of Henry Jr.'s estate we see that Abraham Oldaker's name does not appear, nor Elinor Jr., nor Elinor Sr.'s, nor her other married daughters; just those of Henry Jr, his wife Betsy who had married Henry Hieronimus, guardian of the five minor children Sarah, John, Henry, Jesse, Jacob; William and Jacob who pays a "penal bill" (which even a Leesburg lawyer did not know the meaning of) and we wonder if and when Elinor Sr. has passed on into the spirit world before 1786.

We think not, and immediately the question arises: How could the estate be settled, except by consent, while she still lived on the plantation. It couldn't, unless with her consent or unless the will was broken. They didn't do such things in those days, break a will! There is another question here that begs an answer: Why did John Oldaker buy Lot #77 of Van Pelt in Rectortown with a small house on King Street, in the year 1788? Because for one thing Henry Jr. had died and his estate had to be settled. Where was this estate located?

The answer to this question lays bare the whole unusual story. It is wrapped up in the stipulations of Henry Sr.'s will, regarding the case of his wife Elinor Sr. John did not choose to take care of his mother; consequently he had no part of Henry Sr.'s estate! William did not choose to take care of his mother and a few years after the will was made he was off to Hardy County. He had no share in his father's estate! Issac did not choose to take care of his mother; by 1774, he had returned to Hardy County and married Lucy Pugh, living on 300 acres of land on Lost River in 1783 with three children, lost to all parental ties, perhaps, and obligations. He has no share in his father's estate.

Abraham and Jacob seem to be joint tenants of 100 acres on Thoroughfare Run along with Elinor Jr. in 1770. But a possible service in the Revolution which we are investigating, excuses them (Abe and Jake) from a family obligation such as we are considering. They each forfeit their share in their father's estate.

Only Henry Jr. is left. He chose to care for his mother; and he did until he died in 1785. The whole remaining estate of his father Henry Sr. was left to him. He lived in his father's house at the Trappe having 200 acres of land. The settlement of Henry Jr.'s estate is virtually the settlement of Henry Sr.'s estate and the proving of the will of Henry Sr. hard upon the proving of that of Henry Jr.

And, from where we sit, the only satisfying solution of the matter of the house in Rectortown is that John bought it for his mother, and if all the facts were known, and if records had been kept they would reveal that instead of John spending his sunset years at Rectortown, Elinor Borden

Oldaker did and it is she that has her final resting place in the tangled honeysuckle of the forlorn little cemetery on the side of the hill in Maidstone (Rectortown).

There is no conveyance of this Van Pelt property on record in Fauquier County. We can only suppose that upon Elinor's decease it was abandoned, became common property, a place for youngsters to explore, and finally being completely deteriorated, passed into oblivion.

We have endeavored to locate the site. I asked of the inhabitants of Rectortown where King Street was. No one knew. It had passed into oblivion too.

I inquired of Wallace Phillips, the historian in Middleburg, who knows everything about Rectortown, from the beginning. He says that King Street was back of and north of the main street of the town and today is a pasture field void of any horses.

Well, well, well, great, great, great, great, grandmother Elinor Borden, I did my best to find where you went and where you are now. If you could only tell me where they buried Henry Sr. and Henry Jr.! I can only guess--in the obliterated burial ground above the old mill site at the Trappe or in Old Ebenezer Churchyard at Bloomfield, or at Moss Meeting House site on the road from Upperville to the Trappe. We comfort ourselves with the thought expressed by Mr. Turk, "A man dies, his name remains."

We close our soliloquy and dissertation on Henry Jr. by this reference to the Holy Writ, "Honor thy father and thy mother--the first commandment with promise." Henry Oldaker Jr. honored his father and his mother and thereby he honored God! It is a sufficient memorial to him and his explanation of the character of his descendants, who by their simple, cheerful, rustic home life, patience, courage, wisdom and love inspired their children to honesty, industry, sobriety, love for each other, for their fellow man, for their country and their God.

We conclude this prelude to the family history of Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker by stating that according to record John Oldaker as executor of the estates of Henry Sr. and Henry Jr., sold the 200 acres at the Trappe to Joseph Reed in the year 1790, whereupon he shortly moved to Bedford County, Virginia and in due course of time Elizabeth B. Oldaker referred to in the will of William Bartlett (wife Mary) as "Betsy Hieronimus" with children have gone to other parts. She died in Kentucky about 1811, having borne to Hieronimus three sons: William Hieronimus born 13 February 1788 died 12 March 1846, who settled at Atlanta, Illinois; Benjamin Rector Hieronimus (descendants in Missouri) who is buried in Hieronimus Graveyard, where we believe Elizabeth is also buried, on old Timothy Mayhall farm now owned by Milton

Elliot near Bridgeport in Franklin County, Kentucky. Benjamin was born 22 October 1795 and died 20 Sept. 1848; DeWitt Clinton Hieronimus, who lived in Madison and Mercer Counties; (born 1807) later lived in Missouri. (He had no children.)

After Betsy Bartlett Oldaker Hieronimus died, Henry Hieronimus married again, Sarah _____ who outlived Henry and married three times after his death, Speaks, Royalty and Segers. She bore children by three husbands and lived to be 105 and is buried in Washington County, Kentucky. Henry died in 1831.

Chart of Henry Jr. and Elizabeth

Henry Oldaker Jr. ca. 1748-1785 married ca. 1768
Elizabeth Bartlett ca. 1750-1812

Children:

1. William Oldaker born 1768 (estimated)
2. Philip Oldaker born 1770 (estimated)
3. Sarah Oldaker born 1772 (estimated) married Stephen Robinson (?)
4. John Oldaker born 1774 married Mary Francis
5. Henry Oldaker born 1777 died 1 July 1829 married (1) Susanna Groves (2) Ann Thompson.
6. Jesse Oldaker 1779 married Charity Wyckoff February 1807 in Chillicothe, Ohio
7. Jacob Oldaker 1785-1857 married Elizabeth Van Buskirk of Kentucky.

Comment: The names of William and Philip (Above 1 and 2) were found in a History of Hardy County by E.L. Judy, in a list of patrons of John Hopewell, merchant, for the year 1818-20. We have not the least clue to their identity except the clause in the will of Henry Oldaker Jr. stating that the older children should wait for their share of the property until the youngest reached man's age. They do not fit in anywhere in the children of Henry Jr.'s brothers; and they vanish completely for us after their one and only appearance in Hardy County records.

Sarah and John (Above 3 and 4) have defied our efforts at research. In the histories of their brothers, Henry and Jesse and Jacob there is nothing to indicate a residence of Sarah and John near them in Ohio and Indiana. They, in loyalty to their mother, perhaps, appear rather to have become identified with the Hieronimus family in Kentucky; and we are inclined to believe that Henry Hieronimus, after the death of Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker Hieronimus, his wife, married his former ward Sarah Oldaker and that they had moved to Kentucky

ca. 1790-1805. The Hieronimus family does not record or know the maiden name of Sarah, Henry's second wife.

Our brief analysis of the Hieronimus genealogy follows from the book "The Hieronimus Story," by Dr. John Paul Hieronimus:

The Hieronimus family were merchants at or near the Trappe in Loudoun County, Virginia 1760-1800, judging by the many civil suits instituted by them to collect money of indebtedness. First of these suits were by Francis Sr. Hieronimus, then Henry Hieronimus, then John Hieronimus, who brought suit in 1794, 1796, 1797, which indicates that John was then of age and running the business.

In 1810 John Hieronimus, as son of Francis Hieronimus, has 100 acres in Kentucky and is married to Charlotte Eubanks. In 1823 he has 12 children and living in Howard County, Missouri where he died in 1825.

There are three lists with a total of twelve children of Francis Sr. Hieronimus furnished by Dr. Arthur Hieronimus, James Burroughs and Mrs. Chenault, three different descendants of the sons of Francis Sr. Hieronimus, i.e., Henry Hieronimus, Samuel Rector Hieronimus, and again Henry Hieronimus by the Benjamin Rector Hieronimus line (son of Henry). In none of these is John Hieronimus listed as son of Francis Hieronimus Sr. not step-son of Henry (which would be John Oldaker) nor son of any other Hieronimus in his age bracket. A concluding line by the author says: "Notice, that neither (of these lists) mentions John who, if not a son, is most certainly a foster son of Francis Sr. who, most likely would be a foster son of Francis, except the orphan son of his son's wife.

This was almost enough to convince me that John Oldaker, son of Elizabeth (Henry's wife) was the one who became foster son of Francis Hieronimus Sr. but later research proved that he was not. Although he no doubt did remain in the Hieronimus family until he was of age in 1795. Thus he would necessarily be in Kentucky.

First, we present the family of Henry and Elizabeth (Bartlett Oldaker) Hieronimus:

1. William Hieronimus born 13 February 1788 Loudoun County, Virginia married Alvira Darnell, founded the Atlanta, Illinois colony died 12 March 1846.

2. Benjamin Rector Hieronimus born 22 October 1795 died 20 September 1848 married 30 December 1820 Sarah Bently 1803-1855. Had six children. Kentucky cemetery records, D.A.R. Library Vol. 1, p. 169

locates his burial place; Franklin County, Kentucky. Hieronimus Graveyard on old Timothy Mayhall Farm now owned (1955) by Milton Elliot, near Bridgeport, Kentucky, "Benjamin Rector Hieronimus, son of Henry and Elizabeth Hieronimus of Clark County, Kentucky 10/22/95-9/20/48."

3. Dewitt Clinton Hieronimus born 1807 married 1835 Sarah _____. He is the son of Elizabeth or Sarah. Records are indefinite. If Elizabeth is his mother then she died 1807-1814; if Sarah, then Elizabeth died 1796-1806. Dewitt Clinton married Frances _____, lived in Madison and Mercer Counties, Kentucky. (In view of the data on Sarah, our opinion is that Dewitt is son of Sarah.)

Family of Henry Hieronimus and Sarah (2nd wife)

4. Henry Hieronimus Jr.; the famous gambler had a museum in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, born 1814 married Deborah Hedges or [born 21 April 1815 married Nancy Bridges of Fayette County.] Four children.

5. Samuel Hieronimus, was farmer and horse trader born 4 September 1819 died 4 February 1863. Married 2 August 1843 Martha Jane Wheat who died 25 April 1873, eight chidlren; Union soldier wounded at Murfreesboror and died in hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

6. James W. Hieronimus born 15 September 1819 married Nancy Miller. He died in Libby Prison during the Civil War. Seven children.

7. Mary Hieronimus. No data.

Family of John Oldaker and Mary, his wife (Son of Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker) John Oldaker born 30 November 1774 Loudoun County, Virginia married 1801 Mary Francis born 1 November 1777. Children:

1. Elizabeth Oldaker born 20 June 1802 married Pennington.

2. Henry Oldaker born 22 September 1805 died at 18 in 1823.

3. Sarah Oldaker born 22 May 1807 married John Gomel.

4. Susannah Oldaker born 13 September 1809 married Zackariah Scott.

5. Rhamay Oldaker born 10 September 1811 married Elizabeth Snyder.

6. Mary Oldaker born 31 July 1814 married William Blake 1845.

7. Juliania Oldaker born 22 December 1816 married Thadeus Guire.

8. Ewiller Francis Oldaker born 3 November 1818 married James Bradford 1845.

The last name is without doubt the Ceviller Oldaker given in the Mayflower Index who married James Bradford; who also is given in the Spooner MS as Cervilla Oldaker, in the said MS the names of John Oldaker and Mary (Francis) Oldaker. This validates the maiden name of Mary as "Francis".

The chart given in the Mayflower Index is as follows:

William Bradford, Governor of Rhode Island

1. William Bradford (2) married Mary (Wood) Holmes

2. David, son of Wm. (2) married Elizabeth Finney

3. Nathaniel, son of David married Sarah Spooner

4. Lemuel, son of Nathaniel married Mary Sampson

5. Thomas, son of Lemuel married Sophia (Parmenter) Russell

6. James, son of Thomas married Ceviller Oldaker

Other names in the first chart substantiate our belief that the first John, born 1774, is son of Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker. The first two names of children are the given names of John's parents--Elizabeth and Henry. Sarah the third child is named after John's sister and Susannah is named for the wife of John's brother Henry who married Susannah Groves. Mary was the name of John's aunt. The three remaining names, Julianna, Rhamay and Cervilla are perhaps French. They are not regular Oldaker names and no doubt come from the Francis line.

Since Jacob Oldaker Jr. in Alabama married Arabella Francis and John married Mary Francis, place unknown, we wonder if these two Francis families were connected.

The residence of John in state and county after he left Loudoun County, Va. where he was born, has defied our efforts to locate. We know his youngest brother removed

to Clark County, Kentucky, married there and pushed on into Indiana. John perhaps did likewise or settled first in Ohio, as did Henry and Jesse, then went on into Ross County, but the military record gives Stark County and Marshall County, Illinois as the marriage place of John Henry Oldaker the Civil War soldier, son of Rhayma Oldaker.

Since the military record of John Henry Oldaker's enlistment gives Wyoming of Stark County (Formed in 1839) we are prone to believe that Rhayma moved to Stark County after the death of John, his father, in 1860. Ergo the will and place of death for Rhayma would be Wyoming in Stark County, Illinois. On December 24, 1975, I wrote to the Clerk in Stark County requesting will (a search for) of Rhayma, also of John Champe III for I think, John Champe's father probably moved from Ross County, Ohio with the Oldakers, and John Champe IV probably married Maria in Starke County, Illinois about 1866. Since Maria was born about ten years after Jacob, I surmise that Rhyma may have married a second wife and Maria is a child by her. This will may disclose if a wife other than Elizabeth is mentioned in it.

Notes of John Oldaker Family of Ross County, Ohio

John Oldaker like his sister Sarah Oldaker defied our efforts at location for four years. Both seemed to have been incorporated into the Hieronimus family. As with Sarah, we had devised an ingenious story about John being a foster son of Francis Hieronimus based on the statement in the Hieronimus history that John Hieronimus was not a son according to the various accounts from the various branches of the family, and if not a son was certainly a foster son of Francis. We traced this John's movements from Kentucky to Howard County, Missouri where he died in 1825, father of 12 children.

There was no other solution to the problem until we had a letter from Mrs. Marolf in Iowa giving the family bible record of this John Oldaker. He was not a foster son of Francis Hieronimus.

Still there was no location for him, and some descendants said he settled in Ohio. But the 1820 census for Ohio failed to show him in any county. Research by others was slow and unfruitful. We staged a manhunt in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois records but found no trace of John Oldaker until we found in National Archives a recently published work on Ohio Census for families in the 1830 Census and John was listed in being in Ross County, Ohio in 1820 where he spent the remainder of his life. We have our suspicions aroused when we note that his

wife was Mary Francis and that his cousin Jacob Oldaker Jr. of Kentucky married Arabella Francis in Alabama. The French names Rhamay and Savilla makes me suspicious that John must surely have been in Kentucky or Alabama before or shortly after marriage covering the years 1800-1820. He may have been in Muskingum County, Ohio, for Jesse Oldaker, his brother, was said to have been a resident at one time of Muskingum County but if so his stay was not long enough to put him in the census.

Next we wish to note a few items on this family of John and Mary Francis Oldaker.

First, regarding their daughters, Elizabeth Oldaker-her marriage, if any, may have taken place before John arrived in Ross County, 1820. Perhaps the family came from Milford on the Little Miami River. Tradition says that Issac Oldaker came from Hardy County, Virginia to Highland County, Ohio accompanied by his nephew John Oldaker, spent the winter at Milford in 1817. Her marriage (Elizabeth) may be in Clermont County. But there is something passing strange about Elizabeth since her married name is not given in John's will (other daughters are); and others are to share equally in the estate settlement except the heirs of Elizabeth, they got only one dollar ($1.00). Either a mistake was made here $1.00 for $100.00; or she had her portion previously or there is some tragedy unrevealed.

We think Elizabeth married a _____ Pennington.

Supporting Documents

Henry Oldaker Jr.'s will Will Book C Page 192 Loudoun County, Virginia.

In the name of God Amen, I Henry Oldaker of Loudoun Co. and state of Va., being very weak and low in body but in perfect health and presence of mind do make my last Will and Testament, First, I bequeath my soul to the great God that gave it, my body to the Earth to be interred in a decent and christian like manner and to my wife Elizabeth, and to each of my children by her I bequeath an equal Part of the Land on which they now live, which land was leased of Lord Thomas Fairfax for Term of lives. I likewise Bequeath to my wife Elizabeth and to each of my Children by her an equal part of all the Goods and Chattels I now possess, Lastly, of This my last Will and Testament I constitute and appoint my brother John Oldaker and my wife's brother Samuel Bartlett, sole executors, Desiring that the Land be kept undivided, and that the oldest Children wait for their Parts thereof until the youngest child be of marriage and to Witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of May 1785.

Signed sealed and declared by the said Henry Oldaker as

his last will and testament.

In presence of:

Robert Wynn, John Booram
Mary F. Bartlett

his
Henry X Oldaker
mark

At a court held for Loudoun County October 10th, 1785 this will was proved by the oaths of Robert Wynn and John Booram two of the transcribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded at another court held for said County March the 13th 1786 on the motion of John Oldaker and Samuel Bartlett Exors. therein named who made Oath according to Law--Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form giving Security, thereupon they together with Benjamin Grayson and Leven Powell, Gent. their securities entered into and acknowledged this bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds with conditions as the law directs. Teste,

Chas. Binns
County Clerk

Henry Oldaker Jr.'s Inventory (Will Book C Pg. 248,249)

Pursuant to an order of Loudoun County Court bearing date the 13th of March 1786, the subscribers being just sworn before Leven Powell Gent for that purpose have appraised the estate of Henry Oldaker Jr. dec'd in current money as followeth viz.

1 waggon 4 pr chaine hames, 3 old collars	22-6-0
4 blind bridles breast chain stretch chains and lock chains	
1 Black horse L15/1 Brown do L15, 1 Grey do L10, 1 Black mare L3-10, 1 brown cow and calf L3, 1 pied do L3-10, 1 pied do L3-10	58-0-0
1 brindled pied do L3, 2 pied heiffers L2 2 yearlings L1	6-0-0
(2nd page)	
10 sheep & 2 lambs L4-8 2 dutch plows 10^{s} 2 axes 10/ , 2 hoes 3/	5-11-0
2 mattreses 10/ 1 steel trap 6/ , 1 ? saddle ?	1-16-0
6 old tubs, 4 ? 2 trays and a bowl and baskett	0-12-0
1 chaff (?) bed bedstead and furniture ___ old linen wheel 5/	11-15-0

1 feather bed bedstead and furniture L3, 1 ditto (?)	11-10-0
1 chest of drawers L5-1 small chest 8/ 3 water vessels 5/	5-13-0
1 washing tub and churn 6/, 5 chairs 5/, 2 linen wheels 20	1-10-0
1 square table 12/, 2 pewter dishes 9/, 7 pewter basons 18/, 12 do plates 12/	2-11-1
5 earthen plates 1/6, 4 earthen potts 2/, 1 doz. spoons 1/6	0-5-0
2 tea potts 1/6, 1 tin canister 8^{d}, 4 bottles and an earthen jub 3/	0-5-2
6 pint tins 1.9^{d} do & 1 do funnell 3/4, 1 spade 4, 1 pare fire tongs 4/	0-11-4
1 iron pot and hooks & 1 Dutch oven 16/, 1 old Wollen wheel and spindle 2/6	0-18-6
3 wooden bowls & 1 do plate 1/6 1 rifle gun powder horn etc. L4	4-1-6
A "penal" bill from Jacob Oldacre to the dec'd for	9-15-0
Wearing apparel L6,2,6 2 pr. of cotton cords	6-4-0
10 logs at 12/fe (?) hog	6-0-0

Thomas Kennon
Thomas Lewis
James Lewis

At a court held for Loudoun County January the 8th 1787,

This inventory and appraisement was returned into court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste, Charles Binns, Clerk

Will Book D-Page 139 Year 1786

Dr. The estate of Henry Oldacre Jr. deceased in acc' with John Oldacre one of the Exors

To Clerks fee paid the Sheriff as of receipt	L1-7-5½
To Robert Wynn for writing bonds etc. at the sale	-10-0
To pd. S.T. Mason a fee on motion for appointing guardian	-15-0
To William Oldacre his acct of receipt	5-6-6
To Steven McPherson do	-10-0
To pd the Commission of 5 and audit on L184-2-2 allowed in lieu of al charges and Expences	L4-12-0
	L13"14"5p.
	86- 3-9p.
Balance due the estate	9"18"3

CR.

1785 By amount of Bonds and Sundry persons	199"18"3
By Bal. due and carried to the credit of Henry Heronimus Guardian	86"3"9½

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Dr. the Estate of Henry Oldacre Jr. dec'd with the Exors. To John Oldacre for the amount in his hands	L99"18"3
To Samuel Bartlett Do	84"3"11
	L184"2"2

By sundries that Cr. remained unsold at the appraisement	L 74"2'11
By amount of Sales for acct. Rindered	72"9"3
By Samuel Bartlett his bond	18"0"0
By Daniel Bartlett Ditto	9"15"0
By Jacob Oldacre Ditto	9"15"0
	L184"2"2

Dr. Henry Heronimus in acct. with John Oldacre To half the Effects kept by you as appraised	37"1"5 pe.
The sundry goods purchased at the sale	5"0"0½
To Sarah Oldacre her share of the estate being appointed her guardian	27"9"4½
	69"10"10
BALANCE DUE	25"13"2¾
	95"4"0 ¾
Dec. 20th 1789 To cash in full as for Receipt	L25"13"2¾

Cr. 1789

By my portion of Debts due the estate of Henry Oldaker Jr. Deceased	L86"3"9½
By a payment made to me for part of the estate you kept by the appraisome	9"0"3¾
	95"4"0¾
By ballance due as	25"13"2¾
Dr. Henry Hieronimus in acct with Samuel Bartlett to half of the Effects Kept by you as appraised	L37"1"5½
Ballance due	53"11"1
	L90"12"6½

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By my part of the Debts due the Estate of Henry Oldaker Deceased	L78"12"6½
By a payment made to me for part of the Effects you kept by the appraisement	12"0"0
	90"12"6½
Dr. the Estate of Henry Oldaker Jr. Deceased in acct with Samuel Bartlett to clerks fees paid the sheriff pf. Rect to ½ the Commission of 5 $ Cr m (L184-2-2) allowed in lieu of charges and expences	L0"19"4½ 4"12"0 5"11"4½
To Ballance due the estate	L78-12-6½
	84-3-11

Cr. Year 1785

By amount of bonds on different persons L84"3"11

By Ballance due and carried to Henry Heironimus guard. L78"12"6½

In Obedience to the order of the worshipped Court of Loudoun we the subscribers have examined the account and vouchers produced by John Oldacre and Samuel Bartlett Exors of Henry Oldacre Dec'd and find them to stand as above stated, by which it appears the children of the said Henry Oldacre Deceased will have to cash of their shares the sum of twenty seven pounds nine shillings and four pence half penny allowing the like sum to Henry Hieronimus who Intermarried with the widow That twenty five pounds thirteen shillings and Two pence three farthings is in the hand of John Oldacre one of the Exors and that fifty three pounds Eleven Shillings one penny is in the hands of Samuel Bartlett, that John Oldacre also has in his hands (Exclusive of the ballance due Henry Hieronimus) the Share of Sarah Oldaker one of the children to whom the said John was appointed Guardian, and that the residue of the said money appraised to be in the hands of Henry Hieronimus who is appointed Guardian of four of the said children.

Certified under our hands this 7th day of Dec. 1789

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At a court held for Loudoun County July the 12th 1790 This Estate Account of Henry Oldacres deceased with the exors was returned into court by the commissioners and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Charles Binns, County Clerk

Guardian Appointed Oct. 1788 Will Book L Pg. 42

Upon a motion of Henry Hieronimus, he is appointed guardian to Sarah, John, Henry, Jesse and Jacob Oldaker, orphans of Henry Oldaker, Jun. deceased, who together with Thomas D. (B)rake and Samuel Bartlett ? acknowledged their bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds as in the law in that case decided.

SARAH OLDAKER

(Only daughter of Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker of Loudoun County, Virginia.)

We have devised an ingenious story about Sarah because of her disappearance from the records of Loudoun County in 1789, when she became the ward of John Oldaker, son of Henry, Sr. We had guessed that she had joined her mother Elizabeth after coming of age and upon the death of her mother had married Henry Hieronimus since his second wife was named Sarah and the Hieronimus historian was unable to find the maiden name of Henry's second wife nor did they know his first wife by any name except Elizabeth. So we wrote up the story of Sarah as second wife of Henry Hieronimus; how she outlived Henry, married a total of four husbands, had children by three of them and died at the age of 105. It was just too good a story to be true although we gave credence to it until March 1965, at which time we received a letter from Chester A. Potts, Sr. of Okmulgee, Oklahoma stating that he was compiling a history of the Ellzey Harris family. His mother nee Cora Bell Harris was 95 years old February 10, 1965 and he was 75 years old February 8, 1965. Cora Bell's father was Stephen Oldaker Robinson Harris, second son of Ellzey Harris, his first son being William. Cousin Potts' particular interest seemed to be the name of Oldaker in the Stephen Oldaker Robinson Harris name, and his secondary interest was the Robinson name. Ellzey, he stated, was born in Virginia in 1808, presumably in Loudoun County. His wife was thought to be Sarah Robinson--no proof--born in Ohio in 1819. This Harris family appeared in the 1850 census for Licking County, Ohio.

Well, that "Oldaker" in his grandfather's name stood out like a sore thumb and indicated that there was an early Oldaker marriage somewhere in the shadows. We knew that several Oldakers had married Robinsons; one Cora Bell Robinson had married Henry Elston Oldaker of the Jesse Oldaker line of Licking County, Ohio. Cora Bell Robinson and Cora Bell Harris would somehow be related. It took me some little while to work it out and I have no way of verifying it but here it is: (The long lost)

Sarah Oldaker, daughter of Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker, born 1772 at the Trappe in Loudoun County, married Stephen Robinson in 1800 and their daughter

Sarah Robinson born 1819 married Ellzey Harris and

* Stephen Oldaker Robinson Harris, their son married

** _____ and,

*** Cora Bell Harris born 1870, their daughter married _____ Potts,

**** Chester A. Potts of Okmulgee is their son.

Because of location and dates it seems certain that Leander Torrence Robinson, the Federal Judge, and father of Cora Bell is relative of Stephen Robinson and Sarah Oldaker, his wife, and a relative also to Sarah Robinson Jr. who married Ellzey Harris. Therefore, Cora Bell Robinson, who married Henry Elston Oldaker is namesake nee Cora Bell Harris.

We would have probably never have known what became of Sarah Oldaker had Mr. Potts not written the unsolicited letter. We are very grateful to him and likely we can find Stephen and Sarah in Ohio Archives and locate their final resting place. Sometimes one word or name tells a very interesting story. It did so in the case of Stephen Oldaker Robinson Harris. And "Oldaker" was that name.

From research by Mrs. Bessie Gilsdorf, we have the family of Sarah Oldaker who married Stephen Robinson December 19, 1800:

1. Rachel Robinson married Adam Steel of Pennsylvania
2. Lydia Robinson married William Mitchel
3. Comfort Robinson
4. Elizabeth Robinson married Noah Evans
5. Mary Robinson married Joseph S. Gillispie
6. Jane Robinson married _____ Stewart
7. William M. Robinson married _____
8. Sarah Robinson married Ellzey Harris of Licking County, Ohio

JOHN OLDAKER AND MARY FRANCIS OLDAKER

(Son of Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker)

John Oldaker born 31 November 1774 Loudoun County, Virginia died 8 March 1860 on his farm in Liberty Township Ross County, Ohio near Londonderry. Married Mary Francis born 1 November 1777 died November 1821 on same farm near Londonderry, Ohio. Buried in Tweed Cemetery near farm.

Children:

1. Elizabeth Oldaker born 20 June 1802.

2. Henry Oldaker born 22 September 1805 died 1823 18 years old near Londonderry and buried beside mother in Tweed's Cemetery.

3. Sarah Oldaker born 22 May 1807 married John Gomel in 1830. Children as follows:

    1. Savilla F. Gomel married _____ Whealock
    2. Rhayma Oldaker Gomel
    3. Orlando Gomel
    4. Lewis Gomel (Attorney-at-Law)

    Note: All residents of Douglas County, illinois in 1860.

4. Susanne Oldaker born 13 September 1809 married Zacariah Scott in 1832. Living in Douglas County, Illinois in 1860.

5. Rhayma Oldaker born 10 September 1811 married Elizabeth Snyder in 1837. She was born 11 May 1815. Lived with father on home farm until it was sold in 1860. His father went blind May 1859. He was ill seven months at this time. He was ill 10 weeks before his death March 8, 1860 and Rhayma took care of him. Rhayma charged the estate $321 for his nursing services, but was only allowed $100.

6. Julianne Oldaker born 22 December 1816 married Thadeus Guire in 1840. Living in Douglas County, Illinois in 1860.

7. Mary Oldaker born 31 July 1814 married William Blake in 1845.

8. Cevilla Francis Oldaker born 3 November 1818 married James Bradford in 1845.

BILL OF SALE JOHN OLDAKER RESIDENCE

(As published in Scioto Gazette)

Residence of John Oldaker on road from Londonderry to Richmondale, 1 mile south of Londonderry Station (now called Vigo, Ohio) on the Marietta and Cincinnati R.R. - Comfortable 3 room-hewed loghouse with necessary outbuildings, stables and cribs. 2 good springs of fresh water-1/8 of land in timber, a small orchard-appraised at $1000.

Land and personal property appraised by Robert J. Tweed, William Jones and Abraham Cox. Each received $1.00 for the appraisal. It was sold to Henry J. Dubois for $750.

A bill for tombstones--one set of Freestone gravestones. Headstone 4 ft. high and 16 inches wide--footstone 1/3 height and 1/3 width of large stone--

To read: John Oldaker
Died March 8, 1860
85 yrs. 3 mo. 4 days

His shroud $3.60, coffin and box $8.50 furnished by the store of Robert J. Freed in Richmondale, Ohio. Sam McCoy was Probate Judge in 1860. Lewis Gomel, attorney, handled the matters for the Illinois heirs. Dr. William T. Evans was the Physician.

Real Estate Transfers

(Ross County, Court House, Chillicothe, Ohio Warranty Deed Vol. 19, Pg. 43.) John Oldaker from Thomas Pearce 50 acres - $250. This indenture made August 9, 1820 Liberty Township. Sec. 26-Township No. 8-Range 20. Beginning at the west corner dividing the section between Griffith Reard and William Reaves at a Maple running thence with the said line East 89 poles to a stone fence-North 90 poles to a stone and West 89 poles to a stone thence south with said section line 90 poles-50 acres with water courses-Recorded May 15, 1824.

John Oldaker, Dec'd by Executors to Henry J. Dubois Record Vol. 64 Page 598 in Ross County Court House Chillicothe, Ohio.

Sec. 26-Range 20-Jefferson Township-50 acres. We James R. Bradford and Rhamay Oldaker as executors of the last will and testament of John Oldaker Dec'd and by virtue of the provisions in said will of the County of Ross State of Ohio in consideration of 750.00 to us paid by Henry J. Dubois of Jefferson Township and Ross County of Ohio. Recorded June 6, 1861.

WILL OF JOHN OLDAKER JULY 17, 1858

The name of the benevolent Father of us all: I, John Oldaker of Liberty Township Ross Co., Ohio do make and publish this my last will and Testament

1. I give to my son, Rhayma Oldaker, the possession and use of my farm (on which he and I now reside) for the term of one year from, and after, my decease to be kept by him, the said term of one year, in as good order as it is, at the time of my decease.

2. I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Rhayma Oldaker and James R. Bradford as executors of this my last will and testament, hereby authorizing and empowering them to adjust and discharge in such a manner as they may deem proper, the debts and the claims due me. I do also authorize and empower and require them to sell as soon as reasonable after my decease, and on such terms as they may think proper and right, all my personal property, and after payment of my just debts, divide the money realized from said property, together with the amount of a due bill against James R. Bradford, equally among my children vis. Sarah Gomel, Susanna Scott, Rhayma Oldaker, Mary Blake, Julianne Guire and Levillar Bradford, excepting for a $1.00 to be given by them the said executors, to the heirs of my daughter Elizabeth.

3. I also authorize and empower and require them at the expiration of the term of one year, and after my decease, to sell by private sale or as they may think best and proper, all my real estate and deeds to purchasers, to execute and acknowledge and deliver in fee simple said real estate, being the farm on which I and my son Rhayma Oldaker now reside in Liberty Township, Ross County, Ohio, containing 50 acres of land, to divide as soon as reasonal and after my just debts are paid, all the money which may be realized by the sale of said real estate, equally among my children vis. Sarah Gomel, Susanna Scott, Rhayma Oldaker, Mary Blake, Julianne Guire and Levillar Bradford. I do hereby revoke all former wills for me made. In testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 17th day of July 1858.

Witnesses: Henry J. Dubois John Oldaker
Solomon Dubois

Now back to John of Ross County, let us say in closing this chapter that in looking over the several items concerning his later days, his loss of 18 year old Henry, the early demise of Mary, his wife, the apparent tragedy among his children, the three room log house accomodating his parents and eight children, until all had gone except Rhamay and wife and their eight children, the inventory of his goods, the forlorn Tweed Cemetery, the cost of shroud, coffin and memorial stone, and finally the sale of what was once a happy home, all these evoked such appreciation and sympathy from us for these valiant souls of a far-off day, seeking the meanings and blessings of life, that a flood of emotion engulfed us while we bowed our head and wept grateful tears that we some 100 years afterwards were permitted to share their joys and sorrows and record for others to read, these memories of our courageous ancestral relatives.

Londonderry is a long way from Loudoun and it is a long time from 1732 to 1860. But the Oldakers were that kind of people, they couldn't stay in one place, until the last great change appeared. Then, in one common habitation, the grave, the remain together until the first trumpet sounds. Though sundered far, in death they meet to form that mighty host of intrepid souls, who with few exceptions, had during life on earth, been ever in the vanguard, pressing on to overcome the obstacles and enemies of a strong race of men and women who made our America the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

JULIANA (JULINNE) OLDAKER, DAUGHTER OF JOHN

We next note Juliana (Julianne) Oldaker, daughter of John. She married Thadeus Guire in 1840 and lived in Douglas County, Illinois whence all of John's married children seemed to have gone, before and after John's death in 1860.

Also in Douglas County was John N. Oldaker, wife Catherine, a grandson of Jacob Oldaker of Kentucky, who was a brother of Henry Oldaker Jr. of Loudoun County, Virginia. Among the children of this John N. Oldaker is a John D. McGuire, foster son born 1846, who took the Oldaker name, and a Fier Pennington born 1832 in Illinois.

To us there is only one plausible explanation of John D. McGuire and Fier Pennington living with John N. Oldaker. The first is the son of Juliana Oldaker Guire and the second is son of Elizabeth Oldaker Pennington. Thus, these boys became members of two different branches of the original first family--of one branch by blood and the other by adoption. This is a most unusual story and John N. Oldaker and wife Catherine were a most unusual couple. They would

have had a Nobel prize of some kind as a reward for their noble act of family loyalty and solidarity.

We have no further data on any of the children of John and Mary (Francis) Oldaker except:

Rhamay Oldaker, wife Elizabeth Snyder

Rhamay Oldaker born September 10, 1811 married Elizabeth Snyder born May 11, 1815

Children: (All born in Ohio)

1. Mary Oldaker born December 18, 1837 Ross County, Ohio married Sylvester Hamilton in Ross County, Ohio

2. John Henry Oldaker Sr. born September 11, 1839-1840 married Mary Elizabeth Brennan, moved to Philip, South Dakota, Charles Mix County

3. Rachel Oldaker born March 12, 1843 married _____ Barnes. They lived last in Livingston County, Missouri at Chillicothe, Missouri

4. Jacob Oldaker born October 26, 1845 married Laura _____ born 1859 Missouri lived in Chula, Missouri (Livingston County) on Cream Ridge. Research by Janet Fowler Hunter gives the following children of Jacob and Laura:

   Charles Oldaker born 1877 in Missouri
   Ora Oldaker born September 1879 in Missouri

5. Maria Oldaker born September 28, 1854

Note: In Item 4 Jacob is the one who moved to Chula, Missouri and was notary there; he was deponent in pension case of his brother John Henry Oldaker, the Civil War soldier.

John Henry Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Brennan Oldaker Family

The records show that John Henry Oldaker Sr. received homestead patent S½ SW¼ T-97 R66 on April 8, 1904. This 80 acres is 7 miles northwest of Lake Andes, South Dakota in the County of Charles Mix. His property was valued at $1440. John Oldaker died February 20, 1904. His estate was probated in Charles Mix County (Probate #1482). The first petition for administration was filed in March 1904. The date of the second petition was January 1921, and names with heirs with ages of that date are given.

The record shows that Mary Oldaker, widow died after the date of her husband (near Philip, South Dakota in 1920) and her estate was probated in Jackson County, South Dakota (Kadoka P.O.) and final decree was entered in September 1925.

John Henry Oldaker, Sr., a Civil War Veteran, born September 11, 1839-1840 married Mary Elizabeth Brennan in 1867 in Marshall County, Illinois. The minister was Rev. Marion Morrison. Their children were:

1. Andrew Jacob Oldaker born February 28, 1868 Marshall County, Illinois. Never married.

2. Lillie May Oldaker born June 13, 1870 Philip, South Dakota. Never married.

3. John Henry Oldaker Jr. born September 1, 1872 Stark County, Illinois.

4. Rhamay Oldaker born May 13, 1875.

5. Frank Lee Oldaker born December 14, 1878.

6. Albert Sidney Oldaker born September 26, 1880 at Pocahontas, Iowa. Never married.

7. Edward Gray Oldaker born April 13, 1883 Pocahontas, Iowa.

8. Mary Elizabeth (Mamie) Oldaker born May 29, 1885 Pocahontas, Iowa. Married James Johnson, no children.

9. Louis Lee Oldaker born March 3, 1887 married three times. No children. Lived at Boulder, Colorado.

10. Ora Orlando Oldaker born October 12, 1889. Never married. Lived at Philip, South Dakota and later at Boulder, Colorado.

11. Bridget Adel Oldaker born August 16, 1891 married _____.

Of these 11 children of John Henry Oldaker Sr. and Mary Brennan Oldaker only Ora and Bridgie are living in 1964 (at 1743 Spruce Street, Boulder, Colorado), four of them never married; two of them married but had no children; three married and had children.

A. Edward Gray Oldaker born April 13, 1883 died April 7, 1957 married Addie Maude Carpenter born November 22, 1892. Children as follows:

1. Leo Edward Oldaker born February 12, 1917 married Manilla Poston (deceased)

   a. Larry Gene Oldaker born _____ died July 1974.

2. Wayne Hoover Oldaker born April 10, 1918 married Mary Jane Shafer born July 21, 1920, October 20, 1941. Lives 741 E. 24th Street, Eugene, Oregon 97405.

   a. Jimmy Lyle Oldaker born December 15, 1944 married Christine Pierce (divorced)

   b. Gerald Wayne Oldaker born February 28, 1946 married Gloria Ann Maxwell (divorced)

      (1) Kelly Rae Oldaker born June 13, 1969

3. Ruth Elain Oldaker born July 1, 1923 married Lawrence Teal (divorced)

   a. Gary Teal

   Note: Ruth Elain changed name to Ruth Elain Carpenter.

B. John Henry Oldaker Jr. born September 1, 1872 in what is now Stark County, Illinois married Edna May Hewett (Tellier) born October 19, 1879. They were married February 19, 1895. She died January 19, 1954. He died February 1, 1942. They lived at Eagle Grove, Iowa.

1. Blanche Viola Oldaker born April 8, 1899 died April 9, 1979 married Emil Holm. No children.

2. John Edward Oldaker born Oct. 20, 1901, married Ethel DeVries January 12, 1949. They live at Hamburg, Iowa. They have one daughter:

   a. Ruth Edna Oldaker born December 31, 1949 married David Allen Welchans born December 17, 1949. Children are:

      (1) Thomas Oldaker Welchans born August 7, 1979.

      (2) Jacqueline Hope Welchans born May 25, 1982

3. Mary Alice Oldaker born October 18, 1903 Eagle Grove, Iowa married March 10, 1955 Max Marolf. No children.

4. Lynn Lucille Oldaker born July 4, 1905 married (1) Emery Enfield February 18, 1926. Married (2) Daniel Comegys November 13, 1939

a. Velva Lucille Enfield born November 2, 1927 married (1) William Hols November 11, 1947.

(1) Janet Sue Hols born December 9, 1954

(2) David Dwight Hols born February 9, 1957 married Kimberly Utsler April 10, 1976 Kimberly was born September 2, 1957.

(3) Janet Sue Hols born December 9, 1954 married Charles Grabner. No children.

Married (2) Robert Lee October 4, 1974

C. Bridget Adel Oldaker married Orlie E. Powell (Lived at Boulder, Colorado in 1964)

1. Bessie May Powell

2. Pruddy Ann Powell

3. Mary Jane Powell

4. Clyde Lewis Powell (died young)

Comment: The foregoing charts are by Mrs. Alice Oldaker Marolf of Eagle Grove, Iowa and John Gilbert Oldaker of Boulder, Colorado. John Gilbert Oldaker by interview with Bridgie Powell secured some extra data and concludes his research by the observation that "Bridgie's father's father was a brother of dad's father's father, Mumble Jumble!"

To be exact in the matter one would no doubt require an addition, like Z-7 in Pennzoil-Rumble, Mumble, Jumble; for Bridgie's father's (John Henry) father's (Rhamay) father (John) was really brother to John Gilbert's father (Charles James) father's (James) father's (Jacob) father (Henry)!

The reader of this will doubtless produce another extra additive--grumble!

OLDAKER SETTLEMENT NEAR UTICA, OHIO

This concerns the genealogy of Henry Oldaker, son of Henry Oldaker Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker. It is rather complex because of the two marriages of Henry and the near and far habitations of his descendants. His first marriage was to Susanna Groves (Section A) and his second to Anna Thompson (Section B).

He is the Henry Oldaker whose marriage license, mentioned in our Prologue, was found in Winchester records, and had kept us guessing for over a year. He married Susanna Groves January 13, 1803; the ceremony was performed by Rev. James W. Walls. According to the Iowa historian, they devoted their attention to farming in Maryland for a few years where we surmise John Bartlett Oldaker and Mary Ann Oldaker were born, returning to Virginia where Jacob Groves Oldaker was born, and where we believe Susanna died, for when the family appears on the scene in Licking County, Ohio, Catherine Groves is in charge of the household (perhaps a near relative) with the result that she was regarded traditionally as mother of the children and wife of Henry although Henry's name was unknown and thought to be Jacob. If Susanna is buried at Fairview, we failed to find her grave. The fact of the matter is, living descendants of Henry's second wife, Ann Thompson, in Knox and Licking Counties, Ohio did not know that there was a former marriage nor did living descendants of the first marriage know there was a second marriage. We checked the records in 12 or more counties in Virginia and Maryland for a clue to the location of Henry and Susanna after their marriage, and for a clue to her parentage and decease, but found nothing. Later research by Mrs. Bessie Gilsdorf in 1810 Census has Henry in Pee Pee Township of Ross County, Ohio.

Our conclusions are only conjectures, that in Maryland they bought no land, rather rented, and since Jacob was born in Virginia in 1809, they removed to Ohio in 1809-10, where Henry married (2) Ann Thompson in 1811.

The following letter amplifies the almost hidden story:

November 5, 1962 Utica, Ohio

Dear Cousin Glenn,

Your letter held some surprises for us. We didn't know Henry Oldaker had two families, and it was just by chance we happened to get the children of his second family. None of his descendants, whom we talked to, seemed to know much about him. In the history of James S. (Oldaker) it stated that his (James) parents had 5 children, so after finding 5 we stopped looking for more.

Lately by luck, we had some documents of Andrew T. (Oldaker) given us. Among them we have a copy of Henry's will dated 1829, the year he died. In it he states he has 8 children. The gravestone of the little girl, Sarah Oldaker, gives her death as in 1826. If so there must be another child unaccounted for. [Editor's note: We found the name of the forgotten child in a deed conveying land for the church and cemetery site: Salome Oldaker Vance.]

We have definite proof now that Miss Lulu G. Oldaker's ancestor Jacob was the son of Henry. We have the original Quit Claim Deeds of John Bartlett Oldaker, Mary Ann Fry and Jacob (wife Elizabeth Fry) Oldaker made over to Andrew T. Oldaker (1836). Perhaps Catherine Groves about whom you wrote was the maternal grandmother or other relative who cared for Jacob after his mother's death.

We have shown your very interesting letter to others of the Oldaker clan, who enjoyed it and have helped us gather data on the Oldakers. We have been working on the descendants of Henry Oldaker and have it pretty well finished. We are going to work on the descendants of Jesse Oldaker now and try to trace the brothers and sisters of Jesse and Henry (Sarah, John and Jacob).

I am a great, great grandson of Henry.

Sincerely, Lewis and Eloise Oldaker

Section A-Henry Oldaker and Susanna Groves Family

Henry Oldaker was son of Henry Oldaker Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker whose father was Henry Oldaker Sr. of Loudoun County, Virginia.

Henry married Susanna Groves January 13, 1803. Their children were:

1. John Bartlett Oldaker born 1804 in Maryland (?) married Elizabeth Moore of Licking County, Ohio

2. Mary Ann Oldaker born 1806 in Maryland (?) married John Fry

3. Jacob Groves Oldaker born 1809 in Virginia married Elizabeth Fry

Family of John Bartlett Oldaker and Elizabeth Moore of Roundhead, Ohio

John Bartlett Oldaker born 1804 in Maryland died 1867 married 1828 Elizabeth Moore in Licking County, Ohio

1810-1866. Children:

1. George Oldaker born ca. 1831 married unknown. Had son James William Oldaker born 1867 died 1891 buried Belle Center, Ohio

2. Infant son buried Fairview Cemetery died 1832

3. Linda Oldaker born ca. 1834 married Ed McIntire. Children were:

   a. Ida McIntire
   b. John McIntire
   c. Miller McIntire

4. Infant son buried Fairview Cemeter died 1836

*5. Benjamin Oldaker born ca. 1840 married Ribba Berk. Buried Belle Center, Ohio

6. Lou Oldaker born ca. 1842. Daughter Leota Oldaker. Buried Ada, Ohio

7. Jane Oldaker born ca. 1845 died 1866 Buried at Roundhead, Ohio

8. Susan Oldaker born ca. 1848 married _____ Wilson

*9. James Willard Oldaker born September 10, 1852 died August 15, 1927 married Alice Matilda McIntire born June 1, 1853 died September 1, 1930

*Charts on 6 and 9 are expanded. See following.

Benjamin Oldaker and Ribba Berk Oldaker Family (Both buried Belle Center)

1. Leonard Oldaker born ca. 1864

2. John Oldaker born ca. 1866

3. Agnes Oldaker born ca. 1868

4. Rose Oldaker married _____ Oder 1872-1950, Buried Belle Center

5. Ribba Oldaker born ca. 1870

6. Marie Oldaker born ca. 1874 died 1900

7. Lula B. Oldaker born 1876 died 1876

James Williard Oldaker and Alice Matilda McIntire Oldaker Family

1. Rev. Harry Ernest Oldaker born October 24, 1872 died 1948 Belle Center married Emma _____ Children:

   a. Dr. Arch Oldaker died in World War II
   b. Eunita Oldaker married Charles Richards and lives at Criswell, Oregon Box 810D Rte 2 (1964)

2. Estella Oldaker married _____ Wilcox lives at 217 1/2 East Columbus Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio (in 1964) born March 16, 1875. Children:

   a. Nathan Wilcox of Belle Center, Ohio
   b. Mrs. Charles Fowler 117 Summit Drive, Bellefontaine, Ohio (in 1964)

3. Agnes Oldaker born March 16, 1877 died 1896 married _____ Rosebrook buried Belle Center. Children:

   a. Hobert Rosebrook, Canton, Ohio

4. Alice Ann Oldaker married _____ Nicolet born November 2, 1887 died and buried at Belle Center, Ohio

5. George F. Oldaker born February 24, 1885 lived at 604-19th Street, Vienna, West Virginia (in 1964) married Clara Bell West born March 30, 1891 of Elizabeth, West Virginia

6. Walter Willard Oldaker born September 22, 1888. In 1964 lived at Hancock Home for Aged, Findlay, Ohio

   a. Harold Oldaker, Ada, Ohio R.F.D.

7. Herman Leroy Oldaker born January 5, 1892 Belle Center, Ohio. Lived at 1715 East Dunedin Road, Columbus, Ohio (in 1964) married Muriel Leatherman on May 23, 1914 at Harrod, Ohio. She was born June 30, 1894 at Harrod, Ohio. Children are:

   a. Donald L. Oldaker born January 29, 1916 at Canton, Ohio married Helen Yvonne Smith on October 10, 1941

      (1) Dannielle Marcine Oldaker born September 1, 1948

   b. Gretchen Marcine Oldaker born February 7, 1916 died July 28, 1943 married Howard Chapman Columbus, Ohio

      (1) Bruce Chapman born May 14, 1942

Comment: The possibilities in expanding these charts are numerous and enticing but fearful that old age and informity might catch up with me before I gathered in some worthy Oldakers, I am throwing off my genealogical mantels to anyone of the tribe of John Bartlett Oldaker who will catch it. May there be someone of this younger generation to lay hold, complete the record, fill in the names and dates of wives, husbands, sons and daughters. It can be done by correspondence, county records, and census records. It should be done now! Who will do it? (Editor)

John Fry born 1802 and Mary Ann Oldaker born 1806

Mary Ann Oldaker seems to have passed almost into oblivion. About all we have left concerning her is the beauty of her name and the beauty of the memorial stone in the beautiful burial grounds at Fairview. She died August 25, 1874, at age 69 and John Fry paid his debt to nature February 25, 1888, at age 86.

The Frys were thick as flies in Licking County, Ohio according to the 1830 Census. There were 12 Fry families to two Oldaker families. Small wonder that Mary Ann should take one, John Fry, and her brother Jacob Oldaker take another, Elizabeth Fry. The Frys were and are good people and in the early days were frequently found where there were Hughs, Harrises and Oldakers.

The Frys were from Germany. Coming into Philadelphia they fanned out over Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. One Johnson Fry was prominent in that little empire called the Fairfax Proprietary, charting the bounds of Lord Fairfax's domain by his Fry-Jefferson map which today is a valuable authentic reference tool for historians; also, prominent as a magistrate at early Orange Court, to which jurisdiction, the Hughs, Harrises, Frys, Oldakers and Bordens of later Hampshire County were subject. Our four times great grandmother Elinor Borden was from New Jersey, whence came a certain Benjamin Borden, a land agent who took up 100,000 acres of Virginia land in and adjacent to Hampshire County, being also a dissenting Quaker who was rewarded by the justice to the gaol at Orange with wife and daughter "for certain libelous statements against the Holy Order of Baptism." A fine portrait of Joshua Fry hangs on the wall in the entrance hall of Orange Court House.

Heinrich Fry, born in Germany in 1724, bought up a large acreage from the Hughs brothers on Capon River and Hughs Run in Hampshire County adjoining the lands of Henry Oldaker Sr. There was at that time a cluster of Hughs, Frys, Oldakers and Harrisses at the site of present Wardensville,

West Virginia in Hardy County. Some Fry descendants are yet in Wardensville, some Hughs also, who by past marriages, lost their identity. Some Frys are yet in Culpeper and Orange Counties, Virginia; some moved on to Ohio and some Oldakers moved with them.

Thomas Hughs moved to Harrison County (Now West Virginia), built his cabin on Hackers Creek, where our great, great grandfather Abraham (2) Oldaker also moved from Fauquier and built his cabin. But the Indians killed Thomas Hughs. However, his son Elias Hughs stepped into the gap made by the death of his father and enlisted at Clarksburg, West Virginia to serve against the Indians. In 1774 he was with General Lewis in the Battle of Point Pleasant (he was said to have been the last surviror of that battle). As Captain Hughs he built Fort Nutter, Virginia, which is now Nutter Fort, West Virginia, twin city of Clarksburg. He married Jane Sleeth and sired 16 children; moved to Licking County, Ohio, died in 1844 and is buried among the Oldakers in the cemetery of Utica, Ohio. Jane is buried in an unmarked grave at Johnstown, Ohio.

Jonathan Hughs, son of Elias, married Lovina Davis of Hardy County and had five children, the youngest of whom was Adeline who married George Sellars in 1847. The Sellers had eight children, one of whom, Orcelia Lavina Sellars married John Butcher Oldaker of Utica, Ohio--so the Hughs and Oldakers met and were together again after a hundred and some years! Also in Licking County the Harrises again married the Oldakers and we have the merry-go-round of Hugh, Harrises, Frys, Oldakers clustered together again as in Hardy County in 1750-1800.

In 1838 the Frys are on the move again, pushing on to new frontiers, via covered wagon, where in Johnson County, Iowa, they build a home, and church at Frytown; and in 1848, Jacob Oldaker, wife Elizabeth Fry, and children, Harrises et. als, make a similar journey; establish themselves, and made a considerable contribution to the word "The Winning of the West," though the blare of trumpets and voices of heralds never announced their coming or proclaimed the performance of their deeds. But that is another story.

We are much indebted to two, perhaps more, of the descendants of the above John Butcher Oldaker, Mr. Lewis K. Oldaker, wife Eloise, and his sister Mrs. Bernice Oldaker Edman for their wonderful help on the Oldaker Story in Licking and Knox Counties Ohio. After the story on Jacob Groves Oldaker, the last of the first family of Henry and Susanna Groves Oldaker, we shall present the chart on the second family prepared by Mrs. Bernice Edman and Lewis and Eloise Oldaker.

And here we must leave Mary Ann with her Fry and Oldaker kindred--still clustered in their grassy green graves throughout the passing years; we know nothing of her

descendants or the record of her life, but looking at the name of Mary Ann Township we wonder--was the Township named for her?

THE JACOB OLDAKER-ELIZABETH FRY FAMILY

[As a prelude to the Jacob Oldaker Story we quote the historian of Johnson County, Iowa. This quotation with connections and other pertinent data was sent to me by Misses Lulu and Lettie Oldaker of Faribault, Minnesota--Editor]

On March 14, 1809, Jacob Groves Oldaker was born in Virginia from whence his parents had moved from Maryland where they had devoted their attention to farming. From Virginia they moved to Ohio, supposedly Licking County where the elder Oldaker died at an advanced age [Had the names of the parents been given, I would have been saved from "gillions" of hours of research and reflection, but would have lost the lure of the genealogical chase.]

In 1831 Jacob Groves Oldaker married Elizabeth Fry. They developed a good farm in Knox County, Ohio, near Mt. Vernon, but in 1848 they decided to come to Iowa where Elizabeth's parents had lived since 1839. They sold the farm to Horace Lockwood, then traveling by wagon they arrived in Johnson County, Iowa, on the 25th of October, 1849, after a journey of 30 days. Their first residence was a little log cabin which Jacob and his sons erected, but this in time gave way to a substantial farm residence.

Wild game abounded, affording much pleasure to lovers of the chase and Jacob Oldaker being a fine marksman, took pleasure in hunting, sometimes bringing down as many as 15 deer. Owing to the fact that he was crippled, he was unfitted for manual labor, therefore, he had much time to devote to such sport, and provided his family with plentiful supply of fresh meat.

In politics he was a Republican and held many offices in the county. He and Elizabeth were members of the Church of Frytown, the church having been built by the Frys and the Oldakers, and still provides services for its membership. Jacob and Elizabeth Oldaker are buried in the adjoining Frytown Cemetery.

Jacob Groves Oldaker born March 14, 1809 died April 29, 1887 married November 13, 1831 to Elizabeth Fry of Green County, Pennsylvania born August 2, 1807 died December 6, 1899.

1. Eve Oldaker born March 23, 1828 died May 21, 1862. A child of Elizabeth Fry's first union but raised

as a real Oldaker married _____ Selby. Lived in Colorado.

2. Henry J. Oldaker born November 13, 1831 married Marianne Crosby born Knox County, Ohio died November 3, 1889 Iowa County, Ohio.

3. James W. Oldaker born February 10, 1833 married Adelaide Crosby December 27, 1857, born Knox County, Ohio died September 7, 1896.

4. John W. Oldaker born November 27, 1837 married daughter of Dr. Hall, no children. John was Civil War veteran and a bachelor until late in life. He spent nine months in Andersonville Prison.

5. William J. Oldaker born February 18, 1840 died April 7, 1866. Was a Confederate prisoner; contracted T.B.; released and died at home.

6. Jacob Groves Oldaker Jr. born December 4, 1843 died November 26, 1926 married Margaret Hammer and had six daughters:

   a. Vertie Oldaker married Frank Kennard, 9 children
   b. Lulu Oldaker married William Hartsock, 5 children
   c. Elsie Oldaker married Harry Dunlap, 1 child
   d. Ethel Oldaker married Joe Powell, no children
   e. Norma Oldaker married Frank N. Crow, 6 children
   f. Mabel Oldaker married Delbert Kaefering, 2 children

   Note: All but three of these are deceased (in 1964). Lulu lives in a nursing home in Iowa City; Norma lives in Oxford, Iowa R.F.D.

7. Susannah Oldaker born January 1, 1835 died October 21, 1888 married Titus Johnson. They had seven children:

   a. William Johnson
   b. Oscar Johnson
   c. Allie Johnson
   d. James Johnson
   e. Violet Johnson married ____ Evans
   f. Lilly Johnson married _____ Smith
   g. Nellie Johnson married _____ Cox

8. Rebecca A. Oldaker born May 18, 1838 married Peter Kettles of Virginia. They had one son, Fred Kettles.

9. Mary E. Oldaker born May 6, 1850 died 1924 married Jacob Hammer. Had daughter Jesse Hammer who married _____Yanawich and divorced.

10. Andrew T. Oldaker born June 12, 1846 at and lived at Frytown of the Frank Pierce Settlement, later moved to Nebraska. Married ____Huff and had one daughter Bertha, who married ____Parker.

11. Phineas Oldaker Born January 29, 1848 lived in Frytown, later moved to Nebraska, then to California and died at San Bernardino. He married Lizzie Clark.

    a. Earl Oldaker married Lena _____, one daughter
    b. Edna Oldaker unmarried

12. Eliza Oldaker born March 25, 1842 married ____McCall.

13. Burton Zachary Oldaker born September 14, 1852 died November 15, 1914 married Mary Eudora Bruhn.

(Editor's note: The Oldaker name is projected through the families of Henry J. Oldaker, James W. Oldaker and Burton Zachary Oldaker are indicated by the letters A., B., and C. respectively.)

A. Henry J., oldest son of Jacob and Elizabeth Fry Oldaker, born in Knox County, Ohio, November 13, 1831, died February 19, 1925 Wellman, Iowa. Married January 1, 1860, Johnson County, Iowa, to Marianne Crosby born April 24, 1842 near Granville, Ohio (others say Muskingum County near Zanesville, Ohio) Henry died February 19, 1925 Wellman, Iowa.

(The following is quoted from Johnson County History, 1895)

As a boy of 18, Henry accompanied his parents to Iowa in 1849 when they settled in Johnson County, Iowa. For three years he worked on the farm, then decided that the surest way to make a fortune was to start for the gold fields in California. A company was organized and in 1852 they began the long journey across the plains by ox team. On the journey they had several skirmishes with the Indians, but at last they reached the goal of their ambition without serious mishap. Henry Oldaker engaged in prospecting and mining for two years with fair success, after which for a time he was in Sacramento. In the fall of 1857 he returned across the plains on horseback and alone, making the journey with little trouble and in safety. After his return

from California, Henry Oldaker invested his means in a farm in Johnson County which he conducted until after his marriage to Marianne Crosby----------

[We wonder if Henry quit work after he married Marianne. Well, it is a mighty poor kind of woman that can't take care of one man.]

Children of Henry J. Oldaker and Marianne Oldaker

1. Albion Jacob Oldaker born January 3, 1861 died January 11, 1899, Iowa City, Iowa
2. Harvey Emanuel Oldaker born June 3, 1862 died November 1928
3. William George Oldaker born October 7, 1865, died June 21, 1937
4. Henry (Hank) Warren Oldaker born February 22, 1867 died April 5, 1950
5. Arabula Oldaker born September 22, 1869 died February 6, 1950
6. Hortense Oldaker - Died in infancy
7. Adalaide Oldaker - Died in infancy
8. James Oldaker - Died in infancy
9. Archis Oldaker (Twin) - Died in infancy
10. Inez Oldaker (Twin) - Died in infancy
11. Edward A. Oldaker born 1870 died 1879
12. Lola Edna Oldaker born June 26, 1880 died June 17, 1954

(Expanded charts on this family follow)

A1. Albion Jacob Oldaker married September 29, 1886 in Iowa City, Iowa to Eva E. Winslow born August 30, 1867 Washington County, Iowa died August 25, 1959. Children:

a. Harry Lee Oldaker born June 13, 1887 died March 4, 1903
b. Lulu Gertrude Oldaker born June 7, 1890
c. Lettie Evelyn Oldaker born June 14, 1892
d. Elmer V. Oldaker born September 6, 1896 in Keswick died September 24, 1954

Family of Elmer V. Oldaker (d above) and Ruth Lillian Lamdon born May 30, 1912

1. Joan Estelle Oldaker born November 5, 1931 Registered Nurse, School of Nursing 1952 Kings County Hospital, New York married Edward Albert Smolinski November 12, 1955. He was born January 6, 1928. B.S. Long Island University, M.B.A. New York University Graduate School of Business Administration 1950, L.L.B. New York Law School, 1956, Member New York Bar 1957. Occupation (at this writing) Comptroller of PRD Electronics, Brooklyn, New York. Author of Book, Defense Contracting, Law and Accounting 1963: Prentice-Hall. Children as follows:

   a. Albert Vernon Smolinski born March 17, 1957
   b. Edward Smolinski born October 11, 1958
   c. Linda Joan Smolinski born February 24, 1960

   Note: At the time of this writing about 1965 they were living at Forest Hills, New York.

2. Geraldine Eva Oldaker born December 30, 1932 B.A. State University of Iowa, 1955 married Richard Chris Buckstead September 8, 1956. He was born March 17, 1929. B.A. Yankton College, S.D., 1950, M.A. University of S.D., 1957, Ph.D. State University of Iowa 1959. At this writing (1965) Professor of English St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. Residence Northfield, Minnesota.

   Note: Geraldine was reared by her aunts--Lula and Lettie from age 7.

Elmer V. Oldaker was married a second time but her name is unknown.

By the second marriage he had two children:

1. Judith Winslow Oldaker born December 9, 1936 married 1954 to Edward Rojas. They have three children.

2. Rose Lillian Oldaker born August 18, 1938 married 1956-7 to Viggo Johansen. They have three children.

A2. Family of Harvey Emanuel Oldaker (Chart by Blanche Oldaker McCain Miller)

Harvey Emanuel Oldaker is second son of Henry J. Oldaker and Marianne Crosby Oldaker. Descent is through Jacob and Elizabeth Fry Oldaker, Henry and Susanna Groves Oldaker, Henry Oldkaer Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker and Henry Oldaker Sr. and Elinor Borden Oldaker.

Harvey Emanuel Oldaker born June 3, 1862 Washington Township, Johnson County, Iowa died November 16, 1928 in hospital, Marengo, Iowa, buried IOOF Cemetery Marengo, Iowa. He married (1) Imogene Raffle born March 17, 1864 at Farmington, Fulton, Illinois died March 8, 1916 Conroy, Iowa buried IOOF Cemetery Marengo, Iowa. He married (2) Hattie Raffle, sister of Imogene in year 1918. Children by wife (1):

1. John Henry Albion Oldaker--Living in Shingleton, Michigan (1963)
2. Blanche Agnes Oldaker--Living in Des Moines, Iowa (1963)
3. Lillian Alda Oldaker--Living in Jamestown, North Dakota (1963)
4. Hester Oldaker--born at Marengo, Iowa--lived 2 weeks

The families of John, Blanche and Lillian are as follows:

I. John Henry Albion Oldaker born February 12, 1889, Foote, Iowa County, Iowa married Mary Elizabeth Blight born March 29, 1890 Evans, Nebraska County, Iowa. Children:

1. Henryetta Jean Oldaker born October 16, 1925 Munising, Michigan, Alger County, married Frank P. Galia. Children:

   a. Frank Galia
   b. Robert Galia
   c. Judy Ann Galia

   Note: Children born in Detroit, Michigan between 1947-1952.

2. John Henry Albion Oldaker Jr. born May 29, 1929 Munising, Alger County, Michigan married Eva Victoria Nelson. Children:

   a. Douglas Todd Oldaker born June 1960, Wayne, Michigan
   b. Diane Leigh Oldaker born June 1962, Wayne, Michigan

II. Blanche Agnes Oldaker born May 20, 1890 Iowa County, Iowa married (1) Roy E. McCain of Randolph, Iowa on October 25, 1916 at Red Oak, Iowa. Children:

1. Ralph Eugene McCain born December 12, 1917 in Randolph, Iowa. Lives now (1963) in Des Moines, Iowa Box 322.

2. Max McCain born and died an infant December 15, 1923.

3. Dale William McCain born 1925 died 1926 Marengo, Iowa.

4. Carol Frank McCain born December 6, 1927 Marengo, Iowa married December 21, 1950 Edith Bailey of Newburg, Iowa at Hastings, Iowa. They lived in 1963 Rte. 2 Malcom, Iowa. Children:

   a. Carol Lea McCain born December 3, 1951
   b. Murlin LeRoy McCain born November 28, 1954 at Grinnell, Iowa
   c. Kathryn Louise McCain born December 18, 1960 at Grinnell, Iowa

5. Joyce Edith McCain born March 31, 1930 at Grinnell, Iowa married Verle Palmer of Newburg, Iowa at Grinnell, Iowa June 4, 1950. Children:

   a. Susan Palmer born December 16, 1951 Des Moines, Iowa

   b. Mark Eugene Palmer born September 13, 1955 Des Moines, Iowa

Note: Chart III is by Blanche Oldaker McCain who married (2) George Miller of Los Angeles, California June 10, 1959.

III. Lillian Alda Oldaker born April 9, 1892 Iowa County, Iowa B.A. University of Iowa 1917 married January 26, 1923 August Richard Geving in Jamestown, North Dakota. In 1963 they lived at 515 5th St. N.E. Jamestown, North Dakota. Children:

1. Katherine Louise Geving born September 23, 1924 B.A. Jamestown College, N.D., M.S. University of Indiana Bloomington, Indiana married August 26, 1951 John A. Moldstad, Ph.D. University of Indiana; Professor at same university. They live (1963) at 2001 Viva Dr. Bloomington, Indiana. Children:

   a. Janet Moldstad born February 14, 1953
   b. Richard Alton Moldstad born June 7, 1957

2. Imogene Ann Geving born October 4, 1927 B.A. Jamestown College, North Dakota, M.S. University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana. In 1965 she was high school reading clinician in Long Beach High School and lived at 3025 E. 5th St., Long Beach, California married July 10, 1953 Theodore Raymond Goll, M.S. University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana. In 1965 instructor, Long Beach High School, Long Beach, California.

Note: The address of Blanche Agnes Oldaker McCain Miller (see No. II) is Des Moines, 2707 Grand

Ave, Iowa (In 1965). Chart III is by Mrs. A.R. Geving 515 5th St. N.E. Jamestown, North Dakota.

A3. William George Oldaker--Anna McArtor Family

William George Oldaker born October 7, 1865 died June 21, 1937
Anna Belle McArtor (sister of Ella) born July 1868 died November 12, 1948. They were married October 7, 1890 and buried at Sixteen Cemetery near Thornburg, Iowa. They lived at What Cheer, Iowa. Children:

1. Loren Wesley Oldaker born October 28, 1892 married Louise Frances Doty

2. Burl Oldaker born July 22, 1894 married Winnie Irene Carmichael

3. Alma Ferne Oldaker born March 17, 1896 married Frederick Stevens Axmear, Keswick, Iowa

4. Charles Henry Oldaker born March 23, 1898 married Mary J. McGimpsey

5. LaVanda Maria Oldaker born Feb. 17, 1900 married Roy Bonnater, Keswick, Iowa

6. William LeRoy Oldaker born March 2, 1901 married Vada Wadsworth

7. Edna Glee Oldaker born May 14, 1905 married James A. Wymore

8. Edith Marie Oldaker born April 12, 1907 married Charley Just

9. Lloyd Everett Oldaker born May 22, 1909 married Jessie Zimmerman

10. Warren Oldaker--died in infancy

11. Lottie May Oldaker--died in infancy

1. Loren Wesley Oldaker born October 10, 1892, Iowa County, Iowa married September 11, 1920 Louise Frances Doty at Gibson Keokuk County, Iowa. She was born April 26, 1902 in Keokuk County. Children:

   a. Warren Eugene Oldaker born February 5, 1921 Keokuk County, Iowa. Died unmarried

   b. Marion Glenn Oldaker born March 10, 1923 Keokuk County. Died same day.

c. Norma Belle Oldaker April 8, 1927 married Junior Gilbert Thoren at Little Brown Chapel Chicasaw County, Iowa, August 24, 1946. Children:

(1) Arlinda Kay Thoren born Polk County, Iowa October 4, 1947
(2) Karen Diane Thoren born Mahaska County, Iowa, August 1, 1949
(3) Randall Gilbert Thoren born Linn County, Iowa, November 28, 1957

d. George William Oldaker born February 22, 1929 Keokuk County, Iowa married Charlotte Greenup June 4, 1955 at Ottumwa, Iowa. Children:

(1) Mark William Oldaker born December 28, 1955 Marshall County, Iowa
(2) Douglas Scott Oldaker born April 15, 1957 Johnson County, Iowa

e. Keith Wesley Oldaker born September 26, 1938 Keokuk County, Iowa married Susanna Marie Curtis on March 11, 1961 Linn County, Iowa

2. Burl Oldaker born July 22, 1894 Iowa County, Iowa married Winnie Irene Carmichael February 1916. She was born May 8, 1895 died June 14, 1919. Children:

a. Starlin Rex Oldaker born December 22, 1916. Was member of U.S. Flying Service and was killed in plane crash over Bay Springs, Mississippi in 1941.

b. Vernon Harley Oldaker born October 10, 1918 married Ethel Taylor in California. At the time this was written they lived at 2375 Vegas Ave. Castro Valley, California. (Vernon was raised by grandparents). Children:

(1) Valerie June Oldaker married Ernest Monz
(2) Starlin Rex Oldaker

3. Alma Ferne Oldaker born March 17, 1896 married Frederick Stevens Axmear on September 28, 1915 Children:

a. Helen Marie Axmear married Issac Dunnick. Children:

(1) Arnout Stevens Dunnick married Arlene McNaamen
(2) Everett Lee Dunnick
(3) Mary Marie Dunnick

(4) Ruth Ellen Dunnick
(5) Nellie Elizabeth Dunnick
(6) Issac Arthur Dunnick

b. Hazel Arlene Axmear married Alfred Hansen. Children:

(1) Shirley Ann Hansen married Darrell Edwards
(2) Beverly Fern Hansen

c. Velda Jean Axmear married Samuel McPherson. Children:

(1) Larry Max McPherson
(2) Linda Jean McPherson
(3) Karen Louise McPherson

d. Raymond Frederick Axmear married Lois Irene Debont. Children:

(1) Cynthia Ann Axmear

e. Dale Stevens Axmear married Doris Evelyn Shaull. Children:

(1) Anita Shayrn Axmear
(2) Alan Stevens Axmear

f. Kenneth Eugene Axmear married Joan Corrine Herdliska. Children:

(1) Deanna Lynn Axmear
(2) Frederick Eugene Axmear
(3) Stevens H. Axmear
(4) Robert James Axmear
(5) Carolyn Jo Axmear
(6) Richard David Axmear

g. Elizabeth Louise Axmear married Robert Davis. Children:

(1) William Edward Davis
(2) John Robert Davis
(3) Christine Elizabeth Davis

h. Merna Gayle Axmear married Julius Nicholas Peet. Children:

(1) Nickie Jean Peet
(2) Gregory Stevens Peet
(3) Carolyn Sue Peet

i. Lois Mae Axmear married Dennis Charles Miller. Children:

(1) Denise Carol Miller
(2) Karen Marie Miller
(3) Michael Kent Miller

j. Jo Ann Axmear married Jimmie Dean Moore. Children:

(1) Teresa Lynn Moore
(2) Randall Dean Moore
(3) Kenneth Lee Moore

4. Charles Henry Oldaker born March 23, 1898 married Mary Jane McGimpsey. Children:

a. Florence Irene Oldaker born January 30, 1920 Thornburg, Iowa

b. Charles William Oldaker born December 15, 1920 Thornburg, Iowa

c. Kathleen June Oldaker born December 18, 1923 Keswick, Iowa

d. Winnifred Louise Oldaker born February 9, 1930 Thornburg, Iowa

(Expanded charts follow)

Charles Henry Oldaker born March 23, 1898 Wellman, Iowa married October 20, 1918 Mary Jane McGimpsey born August 26, 1897 at Thornburg, Iowa. Children:

a. Florence Irene Oldaker married Duane Russell Gilbert June 1, 1943. No children.

b. Charles William Oldaker married Rose Lorrayne Orr August 22, 1951 at Arlington, Virginia. She was born October 10, 1926 at Muncie, Indiana. Children:

(1) Charles Oliver Oldaker born May 12, 1956 Frankfurt, Germany (Adopted)
(2) William Scott Oldaker born January 6, 1961 Ft. Lee, Petersburg, Virginia.

c. Kathleen June Oldaker married Francis Rhody June 1, 1943 at Des Moines, Iowa. Children:

(1) Kathleen Ann Rhody born April 29, 1958 Phoenix, Arizona
(2) Patrick Michael Rhody born February 25, 1961 Phoenix, Arizona

d. Winnifred Louise Oldaker married Neil Charles Carrigan February 3, 1951 at Washington, D.C. Children:

(1) Michael Charles Carrigan born December 28, 1951 Washington, D.C.
(2) Diana Louise Carrigan born March 19, 1953, Prince Frederick, Maryland
(3) Daniel Patrick Carrigan born June 29, 1954 Prince Frederick, Maryland
(4) Carol Ann Carrigan born November 8, 1957 Annapolis, Maryland
(5) Timothy James Carrigan born November 17, 1959 Washington, D.C.

5. LaVanda Maria Oldaker born February 17, 1900 married Roy Charles Bonnater in Keswick, Iowa. He was born February 25, 1893 Palo Alto County, Iowa. Children:

a. Gladys Anna Bonnater born January 19, 1922 Keokuk County, Iowa married June 1949 Albert George Taghon in Des Moines, Iowa. Children:

(1) Donna Alene Taghon born February 17, 1950 died as infant
(2) Susan Kay Taghon January 1, 1951
(3) Allen LeRoy Taghon born July 16, 1953
(4) Daniel Lee Taghon born October 6, 1954
(5) Carol Diane Taghon born December 20, 1956

b. Phyllis Ferne Bonnater born March 8, 1931 married Robert Lee Goldman Little Brown Church, Nashua, Iowa June 1953. Children:

(1) LuAnn Goldman born August 23, 1954
(2) Lori Lea Goldman born September 6, 1955
(3) Linda Kay Goldman born March 6, 1959

c. Gerald Duana Bonnater born September 10, 1934

6. William LeRoy Oldaker born March 2, 1901 Washington County, Wellman, Iowa married Vada Elsie Wadsworth born June 12, 1909 Powshick County, Deep River, Iowa married June 5, 1926 Keokuk County, Thornburg, Iowa. Children:

a. Donald Dean Oldaker born December 30, 1926 What Cheer, Iowa married Doris Kathleen Healey on March 31, 1948 at Victor, Iowa County, Iowa. Children:

(1) Danny Dean Oldaker born April 4, 1949 Oskaloosa, Iowa

(2) Gary Allen Oldaker still born January 16, 1951 Oskaloosa, Iowa
(3) Michael Linn Oldaker born February 27, 1955 Grinnell, Iowa
(4) Donita Marie Oldaker born June 5, 1957 Grinnell, Iowa
(5) David Lee Oldaker born March 18, 1960 Marengo, Iowa
(6) Douglas James Oldaker born July 26, 1961 Marengo, Iowa

b. Ronald Eugene Oldaker born October 2, 1928 What Cheer, Iowa married Esther Jane Wagner on May 21, 1950 at Deep River, Iowa. Children:

(1) Kathy Louise Oldaker born June 5, 1951 Grinnell, Iowa

c. Mildred Arlene Oldaker born March 23, 1930 What Cheer, Iowa married Larry Richard Dobbins on October 17, 1949 at Omaha, Nebraska. Children:

(1) Larry Richard Dobbins Jr. born January 26, 1950 Des Moines, Iowa

d. Wilma June Oldaker born September 15, 1932 married Robert Eugene Boatman on June 5, 1952 Little Brown Church, Nashua, Iowa. Children:

(1) Linda Sue Boatman born August 23, 1957 Des Moines, Iowa
(2) Scotty Eugene Boatman born December 2, 1959, Des Moines, Iowa

e. William LeRoy Oldaker Jr. born June 10, 1939 Iowa City, Iowa, Unmarried

7. Edna Glee Oldaker born May 14, 1905 Iowa County, married James Arley Wymore born July 27, 1905 Malaska County, Iowa. Children:

a. Letha Belle Wymore born May 9, 1925 married Orville Hamersly. Children:

(1) Charlene Edna Hammersly born March 11, 1942 Keokuk County, Iowa
(2) Charles Melvin Hammersly born October 29, 1945 Wapello County, Iowa

b. Lois Anna Wymore born August 18, 1927 married Paul Ream. Children:

(1) Bruce Allen Ream born August 21, 1948, Wapello County, Iowa
(2) Theresa Ann Ream born November 1, 1949 Wapello County, Iowa.

8. Edith Marie Oldaker born April 12, 1907 married Charley Just born March 5, 1883. Children:

a. Rayford Lee Oldaker born October 10, 1927 married Elsie Mearle Grable born November 17, 1918 Macon County, Missouri. Children (adopted):

(1) Ray Dean Oldaker born July 24, 1956 Macon County, Missouri
(2) Terry Gene Oldaker born July 30, 1957 Macon County, Missouri

9. Lloyd Everett Oldaker born May 22, 1909 married 1926 Jessie Zimmerman. Children:

a. Francis Gene Oldaker born April 4, 1926 married Shirley Jean Amey on January 16, 1954 What Cheer, Iowa.

Lloyd divorced Jessie and married 1928 Bertha Jenkins. Children:

b. Billy Lloyd Oldaker married Peggy _____ at Liverpool, New York. They had no children.

c. Phyllis Patricia Oldaker born June 8, 1930 married Mauricis C. Arigines Jr. of Seattle, Washington. Children:

(1) Mauricis Miguel Arigines IV

d. Marchita Nadine Oldaker born July 4, 1931 married Jasper William Boyd. Thay have no children and are divorced. married (2) to Patrick M. Foster. Children:

(1) Bruce Malcolm Foster
(2) Victoria Lynn Foster

e. Rachel Ann Oldaker born August 10, 1932 married Lyal LeClaine Fox of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Children:

(1) Elizabeth Rae Fox
(2) Rajene Fox
(3) Rae Anne Fox

f. Orvelda Marie Oldaker born January 7, 1937 married Merlin Glen Andrews of Gibson, Iowa. Children:

(1) Gary Lee Andrews
(2) Karen Kay Andrews
(3) Barbara Lynne Andrews
(4) Leon Jay Andrews

g. Russell LeRoy Oldaker born January 24, 1938 married Mildred G. Raski of Fort Dodge, Iowa. No children.

A4. Henry Warren--Edna McArtor Family

Henry Warren Oldaker (Uncle Hank) born February 22, 1867 died April 5, 1950 in Iowa County, Iowa married Ella McArtor (sister of Anna) of Iowa County, Iowa. The family bible has her name as Sarah Ellen, daughter of Charles and Maria McArtor. Ella was born July 30, 1864 died January 12, 1940 were married October 29, 1889 in Iowa County, Iowa by J.P. McDowell at Wellman. Children:

1. Emmett Eugene Oldaker born July 30, 1890 in Iowa County, Iowa died 1972 married Carrie Lois Wells May 26, 1926 Box 513 Texhoma, Oklahoma. Children:

a. Lois LaVerne Oldaker married Walter Lasley

2. Ellery Elliot Oldaker born September 14, 1893 died October 17, 1967. Never married

3. Warren Leslie Oldaker born April 24, 1895 died November 4, 1962. Never married.

4. Ross Hamilton Oldaker born March 14, 1897 married Annie Jennet Minton. Both are deceased. Ross died December 9, 1953. Children:

a. Donna Mae Oldaker married _____ Gilly

5. Ira Albion Oldaker born October 21, 1901 Keokuk County, Iowa married Marie Berry. Children:

a. Marilyn Ann Oldaker married Kent Sparks

6. Lee Lemoyne Oldaker born April 5, 1903 married Eva Metogar. No children. Has radio and TV shop.

A5. Arabula Oldaker born September 22, 1869 died February 6, 1950 married (1) August Lindaner died 1898. married (2) in 1901 Robert Thomas died 1927. Children:

1. Clarence Lindaner

2. Lee Lindaner 2712 S. Klien Street, Oklahoma City

3. Lloyd Lindaner

4. Glenn Thomas Berkeley, California (by second marriage)

5. Cleo _____ an adopted daughter

A6. Lola Edna Oldaker--Elmer Coffey Family

Lola Edna Oldaker born June 26, 1880 died June 17, 1954 married Elmer Ivan Coffey January 8, 1902. He died June 1948. Children:

1. Max Coffey born November 1902 Editor on World Herald, Omaha

2. Marcia Coffey born November 1904 married William Morgan Munro Rd. R#1 Camillus, New York

3. Helen Coffey born January 5, 1907 married John Grass, 619 11th Street, Fairbanks, Alaska

4. Kathleen Coffey born December 13, 1909 married Edmund D. Morrison, 601 S. Iowa, Washington, Iowa

5. Hubert Coffey born June 1910--Professor Berkeley, California

6. Lola Jean Coffey born August 1911 married _____ Gray

7. Francis (?) Coffey, 865 E. Silver, Tucson, Arizona

8. Diana Coffey born 1918 married F.A. Nolda, 3608 Morsside (?) Richmond, Virginia

9. James Coffey born 1919, Dr. James L. Coffey, Emmettsburg, Iowa.

B. James W. Oldaker--Adelaide Crosby Family

As an introduction we include this excerpt from an article by the Press-Citizen of Iowa City under date of December 21, 1944, entitled "The Oldaker Family of Frank Pierce Settlement."

James W. Oldaker, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Fry Oldaker was one of 12 children. He was born in 1833 and educated in the old time "subscription schools" of Ohio which state he left at 16 years of age to accompany his

parents hither. When they arrived only a corporal's guard of pioneers resided at or close Frank Pierce.

It was he as one of the older boys upon whom devalued the largest of the farm duties, and his loyalty to his afflicted father was proverbial. He was recognized throughout the community as the practical household captain.

Following his marriage (in 1857, two days after Christmas) James W. Oldaker settled in Section 16 of Washington Township and carved out then a modern farm from the unimproved acres; subsequently he purchased his 20th century 160 acres--at that time a Civil War Tract--and eradicated duly the log houses and barns that "adorned" it, supplanting these with a modern residence and other structures.

He adopted the political faith of his Republican father and expounded it publicly at conventions, caucuses and the like throughout his life. In Washington Township he was elected assessor repeatedly.

He and wife Adelaide Crosby Oldaker were members of the Christian Church for years. The hardships and privations of pioneer days, when the boy James toiled so long and so hard in a pioneer district, where there were more Indians that whites, left their mark upon him, and he suffered therefore in the closing years of his life. He died in September of 1896 near Trendale (?) Johnson County, Iowa.

James W. Oldaker born February 10, 1833 died September 1896 married Adelaide Crosby born December 5, 1833. They were married December 27, 1857. They had 11 children. Children:

1. Mary Elizabeth Oldaker born November 3, 1858 married Albert Slocum and lived at Kimball, Nebraska. Children:

   a. Effie Slocum

   b. James Slocum

2. Charles James Oldaker born July 10, 1860 was a homesteader near Kimball, Nebraska married Clara Kennedy

3. John W. Oldaker born February 8, 1863. He was married twice but we do not know the names. He lived and died at Wellman, Iowa. They had a son Cecil Oldaker whose mother died when Cecil was young and he was raised by his grandmother until she died (Adelaide Crosby Oldaker). Cecil was born September 13, 1895 and died November 16,

1940. He married Ona Dorrance who lives (in 1968) at 653 Medford Avenue, Hayward, California. Ona born December 21, 1900 Wellman. They were married January 13, 1924 in Frisco. Children:

a. Carl Robert Oldaker born April 2, 1920 Keta, Iowa, and only adopted son of Cecil and Ona and was killed in a car-train crash in 1962 leaving:

(1) Betty Lorraine (Hickman) Oldaker born Sioux City January 20, 1927

(a) Carol Oldaker married _____ lives in California
(b) David Kenton Oldaker born August 2, 1949
(c) James Robert Oldaker born 1951
(d) John William Oldaker born 1957
(e) Jacklan Elizabeth Oldaker born 1961

4. Ardelle Oldaker born September 27, 1861 married Lincoln Creswell. Children:

a. Orlo Creswell lives at Billie Road, Paradise, California

b. Claude Creswell

5. Dudley Downs Oldaker born June 23, 1864 died October 14, 1924 Johnson County, Iowa married Florence Connelly of Indiana died March 5, 1948. Children:

a. Lynn E. Oldaker, 918 Cabot Street, Pierre, South Dakota, married Emma Lou Davis September 14, 1894 Excelsior, Minnesota. Children:

(1) James D. Oldaker born August 24, 1931 Souix Falls, South Dakota

Note: Lynn is WWI veteran and for many years Department of Police Identification Officer

6. Etta J. Oldaker born August 18, 1868 married Adlai Yoder lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Children:

a. Mildred Yoder

b. Russell Yoder

c. Pauline Yoder

d. Wray Yoder. Wray Yoder was M.D. in Omaha

7. Jacob LeRoy Oldaker born June 24, 1873. He was D.D.S. in Exira, Iowa married _____. Widow lives in Exira. Children:

a. Adele Oldaker married _____ Pederson, Columbus, Nebraska

8. Gene Warren Oldaker born November 20, 1874 Windon, Iowa died January 17, 1949 buried at Wassonville Cemetery married Jennie Crawford born May 15, 1891, she lives at Wellman. Children:

a. Geraldine M. Oldaker married _____ Dutton

b. Vivian Oldaker married _____ Kendall

9. Orlo Burton Oldaker born September 8, 1875 in Wanton, Iowa married Hattie Arabell Pyle born 1885 of Blairsburg, Iowa. She was daughter of George and Susan Pyle of Tennessee. Children:

a. Maurice E. Oldaker, 3701 South Parker, San Pedro, California

Note: Maurice writes that he has been separated from his family for years. Mother and father were separated before he was born.

10-11. Two children died in infancy January 10, 1878. One was Ethel Oldaker.

B1. Charles James Oldaker-Clara Kennedy Family
Son of James W. and Adelaide Crosby, was born in Johnson County, Iowa second of 11 children, lived, married and died near Kimball, Nebraska where he homesteaded. Charles James Oldaker 1860-1945 married Clara S. Kennedy from near Kimball, Nebraska. Children:

1. Royal Charles Oldaker married Olive Mary Robinson

2. Elmo Oldaker died in infancy

3. Bessie Faye Oldaker married Joseph Pease (See later pedigree chart)

4. Lola Marie Oldaker born March 7, 1896 married Silas Starrett on February 8, 1924. Live in Denver.

5. Clara Oldaker married _____ Boos of Denver

6. Earl Floyd Oldaker born June 14, 1902 married (1) Elsie Rogers of Glendale, California who died of T.B. February 4, 1958; married (2) Florence Williams, one son.

7. Lynn C. Oldaker of Kimball, Nebraska born July 15, 1917 married Dorothy Marcelle Davis on January 26, 1944. Have son and daughter.

8. John Gilbert Oldaker married Helen J. Strong. Children:

   a. Donna Oldaker married _____ Gladwell

   b. Sherry Lee Oldaker

   c. Ernest Dale Oldaker. Died of WWII injuries

(Expanded charts follow)

1. Royal Charles Oldaker born April 19, 1889 Kimball, Nebraska died May 15, 1961 Boulder, Colorado. Son of Charles James Oldaker and Clara Kennedy married Olive Mary Robinson born September 8, 1899 Frontier County, Nebraska. Daughter of Jno. Horton Robinson and Emma J. Osterhout. Royal and Emma were married February 14, 1918 Kimball, Nebraska.

   (Data prepared by Carl and Shirley Oldaker)

   Children:

   a. Floyd Merl Oldaker born March 22, 1919 married Sep. 5, 1944 to Goldie Estelle Wilson Helkas. They had no children of their own. Goldie had daughter by first marriage (Helkas). Floyd and Goldie divorced; he married again (wife unknown, lives in Michigan (Detroit).

   b. Elsie Clara Oldaker born June 15, 1920 married David Wineberg May 22, 1949. David born July 15, 1927 Washington, D.C., son of Lloyd Wineberg and Isbell McQuown. They live in Hamilton, Ohio. Children:

      (1) David Lloyd Wineberg born June 21, 1952

   c. Gayle Norman Oldaker born August 21, 1921 married Anna L. Studemaier daughter of Charles Studemaier August 28, 1945. They live in Crawford, Nebraska. Children:

(1) Charles Oldaker
(2) Edward Oldaker
(3) William Oldaker

d. Claude Vernon Oldaker born March 23, 1923 married Fay Marie Thirionet May 12, 1947. She was born February 10, 1929 Boulder, Colorado. Her father was Ben Thirionet; mother Pearl Marie Slade. They lived in Los Altos, California. Children:

(1) Josephine Mae Oldaker (adopted) born February 18, 1947 of San Francisco. Lives at 1010 Robin Way, Sunnyvale, California.
(2) Larry Earl Oldaker (adopted) born June 4, 1921 in Los Angeles.

e. Carl Louis Oldaker born March 10, 1926 married Shirley Ann Ruppe August 17, 1953. Shirley was born November 28, 1931 Vernal, Utah. Daughter of Cecil Putnam Ruppe and Reva Marie Simmons. Live in Vernal, Utah. Children (Adopted):

(1) Hugh Royal Oldaker born February 21, 1959 in Salt Lake City.
(2) Annette Marie Oldaker born October 29, 1959 Price, Carbon County, Utah.

f. Phyllis Dee Oldaker born October 10, 1928 married Vernon Johnson May 17, 1943. They are divorced. Phyllis and children live at Boulder, Colorado. Children:

(1) Robert Carl Johnson
(2) Betty Joan Johnson
(3) William Kenneth Johnson

g. Patricia Ann Oldaker born June 19, 1929 married Ernest Benson November 24, 1946. They live at Boulder, Colorado. Children:

(1) Roy James Benson
(2) Janet Benson
(3) Gary Lynn Benson
(4) Nancy Jean Benson born May 25, 1962 in Denver, Colorado

h. Charles Earl Oldaker born November 14, 1931 married December 25, 1952 (First wife) Dorothy J. Gill. Children:

(1) Debra Sue Oldaker

Second wife Jackie Taylor. Children:

(1) Richard Anthony Oldaker
(2) Linda Kay Oldaker born May 1961

Note: As a finale to his family data, Carl gives us an account of his life in the west which follows.

CARL LOUIS OLDAKER

This is a brief story of my life. I was born on 10 March 1926, on a farm and ranch in Western Nebraska about 15 miles northeast of Kimball consisting of 640 acres of rolling pasture and farmland. I was the fifth of eight children born to Royal Charles and Olive Robinson Oldaker.

It was quite a struggle for my parents to feed and clothe all of us. We never had the best of clothes, but they were always clean and well patched. I don't remember ever going to bed hungry. We always had plenty of good wholesome food and the neighbor's children would often ride horseback to our place on weekends to eat my mother's cornstarch pudding.

I would like to include one experience of my school days. We rode five miles across the prairie to a country school house. During my third year our teacher, Mrs. Frances Henry, offered a silver dollar to the one who would improve their penmanship the most during the year. At the end of the year I received the dollar! I thought then that if I had improved the most of all the kids in school I must have been a terrible writer to begin with. Nevertheless, I took the dollar and carried it home. I told my mother what I had won. She was so happy, she told me, because now that dollar would buy me a new pair of "overhauls" with 2¢ left over. I got the "overhauls" and spent the 2¢ for candy.

From the time that I was 15 years old, I worked away from home for various neighbors, farming wheat and raising cattle. I gained a great love for the soil and livestock.

In June of the year 1951, I came west to Utah with a seismograph company which I was employed with in Nebraska. I intended to stay there only two weeks and then go back home and tend to my farming. I was farming 320 acres for myself at the time. However, I became involved in an accident the third day and was hospitalized for five weeks in Salt Lake City and Vernal, Utah.

It was during that stay in the hospital, which was owned by the Mormon people, that I became acquainted with their faith and doctrine. I was very much impressed and about a year later I was convinced that I wanted to join the

Mormons and be one of them I was baptized on August 2, 1952, and confirmed August 3, 1952.

It was in the hospital in Vernal that I met my wife to be, Shirley Ann Ruppe who was employed as a nurse's aide. A little over a year later, on August 17, 1953, I married this fine girl whom I had met in the hospital at Vernal.

We have two lovely children, Hugh Royal Oldaker and Annette Marie Oldaker, both adopted, as we were unable to have children of our own. We feel that these little ones are choice and they have filled a large vacant spot in our lives.

At the present time (1965) we own 52 acres here in Vernal and are hoping to increase our property so that we can work full time at farming and ranching.

Pedigree Chart-Bessie Faye Oldaker Pease

(Henry Sr. and Henry Jr. Oldaker ancestral line)

Henry Oldaker of Loudoun County, Virginia 1778-1829 married (1) Susanna Groves 1803 m. (2) Anna Thompson 1811 Knox County, Ohio. Son Jacob G. Oldaker born 1809 in Virginia died 1888 in Iowa lived in Knox County, Ohio until 1848.

Jacob G. Oldaker 1809-1887 married Elizabeth Fry, daughter of Jno. Fry and Margaret Harris of Indiana (?) she was born 1807 Green County, Pennsylvania married 1831. Son James W. Oldaker born February 10, 1833 married December 27, 1857 Knox County, Ohio died September 1896 Johnson County, Iowa.

James W. Oldaker 1833-1896 married Adelaide Crosby born December 5, 1833 Clinton County, New York died October 7, 1917 Wellman, Iowa daughter of Eddy Crosby of Exeter, New Hampshire and Diana Breen of New York. Son Charles James Oldaker born July 10, 1860 Johnson County, Iowa died February 2, 1945 Kimball, Nebraska.

Charles James Oldaker 1860-1945 married Clara S. Kennedy in 1888. She was born December 31, 1869 Mt. Morris, Illinois, died March 20, 1951 Kimball, Nebraska. Daughter of George S. Kennedy of Washington County, Maryland (1847-1936) and Laura C. Blake of Pennsylvania (1849-1931). Both buried in Portland, Oregon.

Daughter Bessie Faye Oldaker born July 2, 1894 married 1915 Joe Pease.

Bessie Faye Oldaker lives in Kimball, Nebraska (at this writing) married June 16, 1915 Joe Andrew Pease born December 18, 1889 McHarmel, Iowa. Children:

(1) Robert Lynn Pease born April 4, 1923 Kimball, Nebraska married Lois Mae Woods born Oct. 6, 1924. Children:

(a) Robert Lynn Pease Jr. born October 5, 1943 died August 30, 1953 (accident).
(b) Suzette Lynn Pease born May 6, 1955. Adopted from Nebraska Children's home Omaha, Nebraska.

IOWA NOTES

Mrs. Norma Oldaker Crow writes of her family, living near Oxford under date of April 4, 1963.

My father was Jacob Groves Oldaker and my mother was Margaret Hammer Oldaker. There were six daughters. Lulu Oldaker, Vertie Oldaker, Elsie Oldaker, Ethel Oldaker, Norma Oldaker and Mabel Oldaker.

My husband was Frank N. Crow who died September 17, 1959. We have three sons and three daughters; all are living. My oldest boy, Donald Eugene Crow, owns the farm joining me on the West. He is 52. Leslie Lyle Crow is 46 and he owns the farm joining me on the North. Harold Dean Crow has a house in my back yard and takes care of my farm.

I am 75 and still live in the house where my father raised his family--the past 48 years. He came from Ohio to Iowa in a covered wagon and first lived in a log cabin. The cabin became a playhouse for us six little girls.

Two of my boys went to college but came back to the farm. Two of the girls taught school and one was a beauty operator. My three dauthers are: Margaret Crow married Bob Kasper; Helen Crow married William Day and Catherine Crow who married Theodore Yoder. I have 19 grandchildren. Some of them stay with me at night. I want to do for myself as long as I can.

I was to Florida four years ago; had an airplane ride from Ft. Myers to Chicago and enjoyed it very much.

When you get your book made, send me a copy. Good wishes and the best of luck with your book. Mrs. Norma Crow

C. Burton Zachary Oldaker--Eudora Bruhn Family
(Prepared by Clare Kathryn Oldaker Bixler)

Burton Zachary Oldaker was born on the home farm September 14, 1852, Johnson County, P.O. Frank Pierce, Iowa. He died on November 15, 1914 at the home of his daughter and son-in-law Clare Kathryn Oldaker and Ingram Bixler in Clarence of Cedar County, Iowa.

He married Mary Eudora Bruhn, of German descent, December 1874. She died June 21, 1908. There were three children who were born on the farm adjoining the original farm of Jacob G. Oldaker, their grandfather, at Frytown, Johnson County, Iowa.

1. Emery E. Oldaker born February 1, 1876 died December 19, 1971 married Elizabeth C. Seargeant October 16, 1913 in Phoenix, Arizona. She was from Missouri. Children:

   (a) Mary Elizabeth Oldaker born December 21, 1916 married John P. Garretson February 4, 1940, in California. They now live in Phoenix, Arizona. Mary Elizabeth is Director of the Arizona Museum. Children:

      (1) Elizabeth Ann Garretson born September 25, 1940. Not married

      (2) John Emery Garretson born August 4, 1942, married Cathleen Hoy. Children:

         a. Matthew John Garretson born January 20, 1980

         b. Caroline Elizabeth Garretson born December 28, 1981

   Note: See the chapter "Stories About Oldakers" for a letter to the editor from Emery Oldaker.

2. Dr. Clyde B. Oldaker D.V.S. born November 7, 1879 married Vera Huff of Kalona, Iowa November 21, 1906 and lived at Kalona. Vera died July 21, 1957. Clyde died in Iowa City, Iowa. Children:

   (a) Daryl Bertrand Oldaker born March 2, 1910 married Mary Virginia Pence in Fairfield, Iowa. He was General Counsel for the International Harvestor Company, but is now retired and lives at Route #2 Ripon, Wisconsin 54971. Children:

      (1) Sue Ann Oldaker born April 26, 1938 Mt. Prospect, Illinois. Married and two children.

(2) William Clyde Oldaker born May 8, 1944, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

(3) Jane Carolyn Oldaker born September 26, 1946, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

3. Clare Kathryn Oldaker born June 9, 1884 in Kalona, Iowa. Married Ingram Bixler April 7, 1909. He died April 12, 1962, while vacationing in Florida. He was bank president in Clarence, Iowa for many years. He organized the Midland Farm Management Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; President 30 years. They had no children. Clare Kathryn Bixler is also deceased.

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SECTION B HENRY OLDAKER--ANNA THOMPSON FAMILY

These are the descendants of Henry and Anna Thompson Oldaker who found the Garden of Eden in Eden Township and adjoining townships of Miller and Burlington, near the county line, and in both communities of Licking and Knox and near the descendants of Jesse Oldaker in Purity Community and the descendants of Jacob Oldaker (son of Issac and Lucy Pugh Oldaker), who settled near and in Newark and Hebron.

Henry Oldaker born 1777, died July 1, 1829, married April 18, 1811 in Morgan Township by John Grier J.P.

Anna Thompson born 1782, died July 7, 1861.

Children:

1. Andrew Thompson Oldaker born 1812, died March 18, 1869. Buried at Fairview. Married Jane Sillins born 1812 in Loudoun County, Virginia, died of influenza December 6, 1891. Buried at Fairview.

2. James Samuel Oldaker born March 30, 1815 died February 2, 1887. Buried at Fairview. Died of lung fever. Married Elizabeth Ann Butcher born December 5, 1815 died June 13, 1893 of consumption at Utica.

3. Elizabeth Oldaker born 1817 married Issac Dixon.

4. Anna Oldaker born 1823 died 1875 married David Weaver 1826-1916.

5. Sarah Oldaker born 1819 died January 22, 1826 buried at Fairview.

6. Salome Oldaker born 1821 married Jacob Vance (Smoketown).

FAMILY OF ANDREW THOMPSON OLDAKER AND JANE SILLINS OLDAKER

1. Mary Oldaker born 1846 died 1917 married George Shuff. Children:

   (1) Jessie M. Shuff 1882-1922 unmarried.

   (2) Walter A. Shuff 1869-1958. Wife unknown. Children:

      (a) Stanley Shuff married Fannie Chrisman. No data.

      (b) Mabel Shuff married Rhodham Tullos.

         1. Max Tullos
         2. William Tullos

   (3) Rollin E. Shuff 1879-19__ married Bessie McDevitt. Children:

      (a) Charles Shuff

      (b) Margaret Shuff

2. Sarah Oldaker 1838-1918 married Rev. Michael M. Lohr. Children:

   (1) Frances Lohr

   (2) Katherine Lohr married Frank Case. Children:

      (a) Lohr Case

      (b) Burdette Case

   (3) Minnie Lohr 1867-1962. Unmarried.

   (4) Etta Lohr 1872-1943. Unmarried.

3. Amanda Oldaker born 1846 died April 9, 1861. Buried at Fairview.

4. Infant son born December 19, 1836. Buried at Fairview. (This child appears as child of John and Elizabeth Oldaker--Notes of Etta Beeson.)

SARAH OLDAKER LOHR AND ROMANCY OLDAKER LOHR

Martin Lohr born 1791 and Hannah Koontz Lohr left their parental home near Endless Caverns, Rockingham County, Virginia, in the year 1831 with four children in a two-horse wagon for Richland County, Ohio, and after six months

returned to Miller Township of Knox County, Ohio. He was a charter member of the Fairview Christian Church and all his children and their consorts are buried there. Martin left an old German Bible 15 x 10 x 5 inches--1811 pages not including "der register of die Spisteln und Evangelia auf all Sonntage and furnshmsta festedursts ganze hayr." The date of the Bible is 1483. It has a wooden cover which is again covered with embossed leather--with brass clips, corners and clasps. Among his ten children were the following:

1. Rev. Michael M. Lohr born April 16, 1833 died November 16, 1912 married Sarah Oldaker born 1838 died July 22, 1918. She was daughter of Andrew Thompson Oldaker and Elizabeth Sillins Oldaker. They lived in Burlington Township of Licking County, Ohio. Children:

   (a) Frances Lohr

   (b) Katherine Lohr

   (c) Minnie Lohr

   (d) Etta Lohr

2. Philip Lohr born April 26, 1835 died March 15, 1910, married Romancy Oldaker and lived in Morgan Township of Knox County, Ohio. Romancy was daughter of James S. Oldaker and Elizabeth Butcher, his wife. Children:

   (a) Josephine Lohr

   (b) Bert Lohr

   (c) George Lohr

JAMES S. OLDAKER AND ELIZABETH BUTCHER FAMILY

1. Jacob Oldaker. No data.

2. Henry Oldaker. Born 1839 died July 9, 1862, Union soldier at Grand Junction, Tennessee. Verse inscribed monument at Fairview 23 years 23 days Soldier of 20th Hdq. Co. "died in defense of his County."

3. Mary Romancy Oldaker born 1841 died 1901 married Philip Lohr. Children:

   (1) Josephine Lohr born 1864 died 1930. Unmarried.

   (2) Bert Lohr born 1870 died 1933 married Anna Bone. Children:

      (a) Gladys Lohr married Hector Londat. Son James Londat.

(b) Ernestine Lohr married David Kempton. Son John Kempton.

(3) George Lohr married Hallie Channell (1). 2nd wife Leota _____.

(a) Helen Lohr born 1900 died 1920

(b) Philip Lohr born 1905 died 1920

(c) Neal Lohr married _____. Children:

1. Philip Lohr married _____. Children:

(a) Charlene Lohr
(b) Julie Lohr
(c) Jodi Lohr

2. John Lohr

(d) Marjorie Lohr married _____. Children:

1. Kayla _____

2. Frances _____

3. Thomas _____

4. Lorna _____

4. John Butcher Oldaker born 1843 died 1914 Civil War Veteran married September 8, 1868, Orcelia L. Sellars born 1847 died 1928 daughter of Adeline and George Sellars. Adeline was a great granddaughter of Thomas Hughs who with brother John had the "woodpecker mill" on Hughs Run in Hardy County 1740. Orcelia was born in 1847 married by Edward V. Brent J.P. Children:

(1) Arthur F. Oldaker born 1878 died 1950 married Nellie G. McWilliams ca. 1904 born 1884 died 1921. Children:

(a) John J. Oldaker born 1905 died 1931 married Bernice Smith.

(b) Lewis K. Oldaker married Eloise Way.

(c) Bernice Oldaker married Joseph Edman, live in Waterford, Pennsylvania. Children:

1. Carol Edman married Dick Bosley

(d) Juanita Oldaker married Arthur Taylor. Children:

1. John R. Taylor. Children:

(a) John C. Taylor

(2) Abbie Oldaker. No data.

5. Octavina Oldaker born 1845 died November 2, 1902, unmarried. Buried at Fairview Cemetery.

6. Andrew H. Oldaker born 1846 died September 5, 1871 at home of dyspepsia.

7. James W. Oldaker born 1853 died 1927 married Eliza Jennie Ingraham born 1858 died 1945 of Fredonia, Ohio. They are buried at East View Cemetery, Canterbury, Ohio. Children:

(1) Clara Oldaker lives Lorain Ohio married Herman Hagaman. Children:

(a) James Hagaman

(b) Marjorie Hagaman

(2) Mina Oldaker married Walter Spaulding. Children:

(a) Carolyn Spaulding

(3) Eva A. Oldaker married M.R. Simpson. 450 Erie Street, Barberton, Ohio (in 1965).

(4) Son died in infancy.

8. Lewis H. Oldaker born February 11, 1857 died February 17, 1886-87 married Laura Belt. Lived in Washington Township died at 29 years of consumption. Laura born 1856 died 1896, died of cancer at 40 years old.

9. Lucretia Oldaker born February 11, 1857. Twin to Lewis H. Oldaker married Banning N. Sigler (Homer, Ohio) Children:

(1) Ethel Sigler born September 14, 1883. Unmarried. Died February 26, 1964. Bookkeeper and Cashier. Buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Newark, Ohio.

(2) Fred Sigler. No data.

(3) Jessie Sigler married _____ Kendall (Newark, Ohio). Children:

(a) Ned Kendall

(b) Elorence Kendall married _____ Haynes.

FAMILY OF ELIZABETH OLDAKER AND ISSAC DIXON

Elizabeth Oldaker born March 28, 1817 died October 4, 1895 daughter of Henry Oldaker and Anna Thompson. Married Issac Dixon born 1816 died June 10, 1875. Both buried in Patterson Cemetery, Route 62, East of Johnstown, Ohio. Children:

1. John C. Dixon born February 26, 1837 died October 2, 1900. Buried Patterson Cemetery married (1) Barbara A. Preston born June 17, 1830 died 1873, buried at Patterson Cemetery; married (2) Maria Patterson born May 11, 1883 died June 2, 1905, buried at Patterson Cemetery. Children marriage (1):

   (1) Roy Dixon married Mary Crotinger. Children:

      (a) Guy Dixon. Moved to Illinois, married and had one son. Guy is buried in Illinois.

   (2) Birdie Dixon born July 16, 1873. Lived 3 months 21 days.

   (3) Orlo Dixon married and died in Colorado. (Boy and three girls)

   (4) Walter Dixon born 1871 died 1914 married Emma E. Bash born 1865 died 1915. Children:

      (a) Gwendolyn Dixon.

2. Armilda Dixon born 1842 died 1922 married Hiram Rowley born 1847 died 1921. No children. They are buried in Patterson Cemetery.

3. William Dixon born 1844 lived 2 months died October 26, 1844. Buried in Patterson Cemetery.

4. Henry O. Dixon born ca. 1847 married Irene E. Keckley died March 18, 1877 and is buried in Patterson Cemetery. He went west married (2) unknown. He died and is buried in the west.

5. Newton Taylor Dixon born 1850 died 1921 married Mary E. Lining born 1855 died 1943. They had no children, lived in Nebraska, died there and were brought back to Ohio and buried in Patterson Cemetery.

6. Andrew J. Dixon born 1852 died 1921 buried in Patterson Cemetery married Callie L. Baker born 1858 died 1884. Married (2) Lillie B. Frost born 1867 died 1939. Children: (Marriage 1)

   (1) Jessie Dixon. At this writing lived in Homer, Ohio Married Perry McClung born December 30, 1876, died

January 25, 1903 married (2) Bert B. McMillen 1879-1939. Children:

(a) Hugh McClung married Ella Tharp. Children:

1. William McClung married Helen Cross (?). Children:

(a) Jessica McClung
(b) Billie McClung

2. Irma McClung married Robert Van Keuren died 1958, Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

Children: (Marriage 2)

(1) Ray Dixon married Gladys Parsons. Children:

(a) Darlene Dixon married _____ Dunlap.

(b) Dorothy Dixon married _____ McGruder.

7. Joseph B. Dixon born 1859 died February 5, 1879. Buried Patterson Cemetery.

8. Leroy B. Dixon born 1855 died June 29, 1859. Buried Patterson Cemetery.

9. Rebecca Jane Dixon died July 6, 1859, 12 years 3 months 2 days. Patterson cemetery.

10. Elmer Ellsworth (Colonel) Dixon born 1861 died 1936. Buried Patterson Cemetery married (1) Sarah E. Dumbauld, daughter of P.W. and M. Dumbauld died March 14, 1893 at birth of Bert. Children:

(1) Harry Dixon born April 21, 1886 died November 14, 1956, married Eva Grace Jones. Had adopted daughter Dorothy M. Fickle, had son Paul. [Harry went all to pieces after the sudden death of his wife, at a card party (Harry stayed at home). The shock was too much for Harry. He died in about three months at State Hospital.]

(2) Zoe Dixon married and had two girls; one Helen Dixon in Pennsylvania.

(3) Bert V. Dixon born March 7, 1893 married (1) Mary C. Peters married (2) Mabel Hunter. Children by first wife:

(a) Gordon Dixon

(b) Roberta Dixon

FAMILY OF ANNA OLDAKER AND DAVID WEAVER

Anna Oldaker born 1823 died 1875 daughter of Henry Oldaker and Anna Thompson Oldaker married David Weaver born 1826 died 1916. Children:

1. Pete Weaver, wife unknown. Children:
   (1) Elmer Weaver
   (2) Earl Weaver
2. Henry Weaver, wife unknown, no data.
3. Bill Weaver married wife unknown. Children:
   (1) Silvia Weaver married _____ Graef.
   (2) Pearl Weaver married _____ Berger.
   (3) Richard Weaver, wife unknown. Children:
      (a) Anna Weaver.

SALOME OLDAKER AND JACOB VANCE FAMILY

Salome Oldaker born 1821 daughter Henry Oldaker and Anna Thompson Oldaker married Jacob Vance born 1809. Children: (See note)

1. Issac Vance born ca. 1848
2. Mary Vance born ca. 1849
3. Loyal Vance born ca. 1852
4. William Vance born ca. 1855
5. Julian Vance born ca. 1858
6. Anderson Vance born ca. 1859.

Note: Taken from 1870 Census.

WILL OF HENRY OLDAKER OF LICKING COUNTY, OHIO

In the name of God Amen. I, Henry Oldaker of Licking County, State of Ohio, being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish this, my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

That is to say, First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Ann Oldaker, the farm on which I now live, together with all my freehold estate whatsoever. And also the one half of all my personal property, whatsoever shall be left after my debts and funeral expenses are paid, to be selected by herself, after it being appraised, at the appraised value, to have and to hold as her own property so long as she shall continue to be my widow (she taking special care not to make any waste of the same). And afterward the aforementioned property both real and personal is to go to my children or their legal representatives, to be equally divided among the eight children by sale or otherwise.

Secondly, I bequeath the other half of my personal property (or balance after my widow shall have taken her choice of the first half) to be sold and the proceeds thereof to be divided among my eight children, or their legal representatives, in following manner, viz. The five youngest is (are) to have the amount of one cow, one bed and bedding, each such as the three eldest has (have) received of me, then the balance to be equally divided among them; those who are now of lawful age to have their part as soon as the same share (shall) be collected. Those who are not, to have theirs as soon as they shall become of age, and

Lastly, I hereby appoint my wife, Ann Oldaker Executrix, and my son John Oldaker, Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made,

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the eighteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

(Signed) Henry Oldaker Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Henry Oldaker to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator.

(Signed) John Weaver
Isom Channel
John I. Tullos

Licking County Court of Common Pleas, October 10 A.D. 1829

Be it known that on the 6th day of October A.D. 1829, the last Will and Testament of Henry Oldaker, dec'd was produced in Court and proved according to law, and ordered to be filed and recorded. And that the due execution of said Will was granted unto Ann Oldaker, (Widow) and John Oldaker, Executors in said Will named, who were duly sworn in open Court. And I further certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the said Will. In Testimony whereof I

have hereto set my hand and seal of said County this 19 October A.D. 1829.

A.H. Coffee, Clk.

OLDAKER SETTLEMENT IN EDEN TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO

Eden Township was organized in 1822 out of territory included in Mary Ann. The pioneers were William Shannon, Jesse Oldaker, and Ebenezer Brown, who settled in the west half of the Township in the spring of 1813. Jesse Oldaker came from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

The Disciple Church was organized in 1829, and was the first church organization of that Society in Licking County. Meetings were held in a log schoolhouse, known as the "Henthorne Schoolhouse."

In 1837 a church was erected in the western part of the Township and called "Eden Chapel." The United Brethren and Methodists held their services together for a time, but the Methodists, taking the lead erected a log church about 1848 on land donated by Jesse Oldaker, the deed of which executed by the heirs of Jesse is herewith appended. The most influential in the Methodist Episcopal organization were the "Oldacres," two or three families of whom resided in that vicinity. Jesse Oldaker was prominent and influential in establishing the church and keeping it up, hence it soon came to be known as the Oldacre Church. Among the principal members of the original organization of this Methodist Church were: Jesse Oldaker and wife, William Oldacre and wife, and Henry B. Oldaker and wife. These were both sons of Jesse.

After the death of Jesse Oldaker and the removal of others from the neighborhood, the church languished. The log building eventually gave way to a modern frame building, but the place is still known as "Oldacre's Church" and across the lane is "Oldacres Cemetery" where we can easily find the last resting places of Jesse and Charity Wyckoff Oldaker and many of their descendants.

OLDAKER CHURCH AND CEMETERY--LICKING COUNTY, OHIO

Deed Book 3 June 25, 1870, W.E. Atkinson, Recorder.

Jacob Oldaker and others to Loftland Hall and others.

Know all men by these presents that Charity Oldaker, widow of Jesse Oldaker, dec'd, Jacob Oldaker and William

Oldaker, Elemuel N. Oldaker, Sarah Hays, Susan West and Mahala Harris, heirs at law of said Jesse Oldaker, dec'd, in consideration of the sum of one dollar to us paid by the people of the immediate neighborhood do hereby remise, release and forever quit claim unto the people of said neighborhood all our title, interest and estate legal and equitable in the following premises with the appurtances, Situate in the County of Licking and in the state of Ohio, the same being and lying in the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of Section 16 in the Township 4 of Range 11, commencing at the N.E. corner of said quarter, thence running South 10 rods, thence West 8 rods, thence North 10 rods, thence East 8 rods to the beginning, containing one half acre, said ground to be used for a public cemetery known as the Oldaker Cemetery. On said premises stands a log meeting house to be used by all persons to worship in according to the dictates of their own consciences, let their religious opinions be what they may, the Methodists having their preference. Said meeting house to be under the control of three directors to be chosen yearly by the people of the neighborhood, and no person on making application to said directors shall be denied the use of the said house to worship in, said meetings to be carried out in good order and decency, the oldest appointments to have the preference. When said house gives out and it is not fit for worship in no more, then said house is to be sold by said directors at public auction and the proceeds to be applied to the repairing of said Cemetery by said directors to act as directors of the Cemetery.

Given under our hands this 27 Day December 1869.

Note: The Oldaker farms, homes, church, cemetery and schoolhouse are in the immediate vicinity of the village of Purity in Licking County. Mrs. Alice Oldaker Stradley, a descendant of Jesse and Charity Oldaker, and others of her kin still live in the Oldaker neighborhood in sight of Oldaker Church and Cemetery.

FAMILY OF JESSE AND CHARITY WYCKOFF OLDAKER

Descent is through Henry Oldaker Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker to Henry Oldaker Sr. and Elinor Borden Oldaker. (The broken stone in Oldaker Cemetery at Purity is Jesse's.)

According to the 1830 Census for Licking County, Ohio, Jesse had 11 in his family, probably exclusive of Samuel who died at 6 years.

Jesse Oldaker born 1779 in Loudoun County, Virginia died in Eden Township, Licking County, Ohio, September 6, 1851 at 72.

Charity Wyckoff, wife of Jesse, born 1786 married in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, February 1807 died October 11, 1870 84 years, 7 months 22 days. Children:

1. Jacob Oldaker born 1808-1809 married Lucinda Mckee 16 May 1833 Indiana.

2. Sarah Oldaker born 1811 married William Hayes (Martinsburg, Ohio).

3. Mahala Oldaker born 1813 October 18, died 1873 at 60 married William Washington Harris.

4. Samuel Oldaker born January 1, 1814 died March 26, 1820. Age 6 years 1 month 26 days.

5. Susan Oldaker born 1817 married _____ West.

6. Mary Ann Oldaker born 1820 married Andrew J. Harris.

7. Samuel William Oldaker born April 15, 1825 married Mary Frances Thrapp born 20 April 1830, daughter of James Thrapp.

8. Henry Bartlett (?) Oldaker born 1826 married (1) Naomi Thrapp. Married (2) Charity Stout.

9. Elemuel Noah Oldaker born 1827 married Abigail Ellen Harris.

10. Jesse Oldaker Jr. born January 11, 1830 married Mary Rebecca Bredwell.

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FAMILY OF JACOB OLDAKER AND LUCINDA McKEE OLDAKER

Descent is through Jesse and Charity Wyckoff Oldaker, Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker, to Henry Sr. and Elinor Borden Oldaker.

Jacob Oldaker born 1808-9 Eden Township, Licking County, Ohio married Lucinda McKee born 1812 married May 16, 1833, died March 19, 1866 buried in Curtisville, Tipton County, Indiana. Date and grave of Jacob Oldaker unknown or possibly Purity, Ohio. Children:

1. Sarah E. Oldaker born 1834 died October 1887 married George J. Hanshew 18 February 1857.

2. Ruth Oldaker born 26 October 1835 died 8 July 1917 married Hiram Wyckoff 9 February 1854. Moved to Missouri.

3. Jesse Oldaker died young, born ca. 1838.

4. Mahala Martha Oldaker born ca. 1840 married Gilbert Degolyer 4 February 1864.

5. Hester Maria Oldaker born 2 November, 1842, Cadiz, Henry County, Indiana died June 16, 1915 married John Leavell April 28, 1964.

6. Samuel Oldaker born ca. 1845, no data.

7. William B. Oldaker born ca. 1847, no data.

8. Mahala Ellen Oldaker born 1851 died August 5, 1912 married Nicholas Lankey.

9. Mary Oldaker born ca. 1854.

Note: Data on sons is not available; it is on daughters. We give here lineage of Mrs. Marion E. Mott:

Hester Maria Oldaker married John Leavell and had Lillian E. Leavell born May 22, 1873, Grand Transverse County, Michigan. Lillian Leavell married Henry Vosburg and had Marion E. Vosburg born January 11, 1897, who married Fred R. Mott October 20, 1921. The Motts have two children, Royce Mott and Betty Mott.

MAHALA OLDAKER AND WILLIAM WASHINGTON HARRIS FAMILY

Mahala is the daughter of Jesse Oldaker and Charity Wyckoff Oldaker. The 1860 Census shows Charity with this family. She is 72.

Washington Harris born 1819 living in Eden Township, Licking County, Ohio.

Mahala Oldaker born 1813.

Ellen Harris born 1844.

Mary E. Harris born 1847.

William N. Harris born 1851.

Francis M. Harris 1854.

FAMILY OF MARY ANN OLDAKER AND ANDREW J. HARRIS

Mary Ann Oldaker born 1820 daughter of Jesse and Charity Oldaker married Andrew Jackson Harris of Eden Township, Ohio.

Children:

1. Noah E. Harris born 1858 died 1922 married Carrie Snyder born 1863 died 1934. Children:

   (a) Essie Harris born November 6, 1883 married John Simmons born July 9, 1883 died October 17, 1951. Children:

      (1) Fred Simmons born October 2, 1903

      (2) Louise Simmons born February 19, 1908 married _____ Steinbauser

      (3) Joseph Simmons born May 11, 1915

      (4) Morris Jay Simmons born June 25, 1917

      (5) Rodger Simmons born September 2, 1923

   (b) Hazel Harris born 1889 married O.P. McDonald (of Centerburg). Children:

      (1) Margaret McDonald born 1923 died 1928. Killed in auto accident.

2. Bartlett Harris married Henrietta Householder. Children:

   (a) Nina Harris married _____ Adams. Children:

      (1) Ivor Adams

   (b) Charity Harris married _____ Householder. She died young.

3. Virgil N. Harris born 1862 died 1926 (64 years) married (1) Artha Allie Householder born 1860 died 1886 married (2) Jessie B. _____ (No children by 2nd). Children:

   (a) Bessie F. Harris born 1883 died 1895

   (b) Marion E. Harris born 1886 died 1960 married _____ Pegler

Note: Chart by Etta Beeson, 250 North Oregon St., Johnstown, Ohio.

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FAMILY OF SAMUEL WILLIAM AND MARY FRANCES THRAPP OLDAKER

Descent is through Jesse and Charity Wyckoff Oldaker, Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker to Henry Sr. and

Elinor Borden Oldaker. He was a charter member of the Oldaker Church at Purity, Ohio. He is buried at Fairview.

William Oldaker born April 15, 1825 of Newton Township died October 9, 1884 married Mary F. Thrapp born 1830 died October 16, 1886 of Cancer. Children:

1. John William Oldaker born 1850 died April 1, 1855 at 5 years 11 months 8 days.

2. James Arrista Oldaker born 1852 died November 17, 1874 at 22 years 11 months 21 days.

3. Sarah B. Oldaker born 1854.

4. Laura Harriet Oldaker born 1856

5. Leva H. Oldaker born 1859 died before 1870 census.

6. Oma L. Oldaker born 1860 married Marshall R. Hagerty.

7. Herma Oldaker born 1863 married _____ Lytle.

Note: We found two Newark, Ohio marriages which we cannot identify: Jacie Oldaker to C.S. Lytle and Rebecca to David Chapman. Probably daughters of John and Miranda Oldaker, brother of Joseph.

FAMILY OF HENRY B. OLDAKER AND NAOMI THRAPP OLDAKER

Henry Bartlett Oldaker born 1826 (Son of Jesse and Charity) married (1) Naomi Thrapp born 1828 died 1850 when her only son James Thrapp Oldaker born 1848 was 18 months old. Her lonely but lovely plain white stone in Oldaker Cemetery at Purity, Ohio, is inscribed "Naomi, wife of Henry Oldaker." Even now the memory of it there and the known circumstances connected with the time of her decease draw upon our sympathies for a father and young son of such a period of grief and loss. But time softens the hard experiences we all are heir to. And in the 1860 Census Henry Bartlett Oldaker has married his second wife Charity Stout and they have a 2 year old daughter Elsa T. Oldaker; and James Thrapp Oldaker is 12 years old. In 1870 James T. is 21 and married to Sarah E. Motes and they have a son Henry Bartlett Oldaker. After a while Henry B. Sr. has moved to Toledo with other children, Ray Oldaker and Jennie Oldaker. Henry Sr. is probably buried there. Rumor has it that Jennie and Ray moved to Michigan.

FAMILY OF JAMES THRAPP AND SARAH E. MOTES OLDAKER

Descent is via Henry Bartlett and Naomi Thrapp Oldaker, Jesse and Charity Wyckoff Oldaker, Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker to Henry Sr. and Elinor Borden Oldaker.

James Thrapp Oldaker born 1848 died 1927. Was a stone cutter. Buried in the Oldaker Cemetery, Purity, Ohio. Married Sarah Ellen Motes born 1847 died 1915. Children:

1. Henry Bartlett Oldaker born January 17, 1870 died February 7, 1944 married Elizabeth A. McMullen born August 15, 1870 died December 23, 1954. Born in Pennsylvania. Children:

   (a) Faye Oldaker married Henry Hartman. Children:

      (1) Uina Hartman
      (2) Indus Hartman

   (b) Edith Oldaker married Harry Wilkin. Children:

      (1) Lester Wilkin
      (2) Neil Wilkin

   (c) Indus Oldaker never married born 1899 died 1934.

   (d) Alice Oldaker married Harold Stradley. Children:

      (1) Lewis Stradley
      (2) Dale Stradley
      (3) Vernon Stradley

2. Lesta Oldaker married Calvin Purdy. Children:

   (a) Dessie Purdy

   (b) Noah Purdy

   (c) Archie Purdy

   (d) James Purdy

   (e) Walter Purdy

   (f) Byron Purdy

   (g) Edith Purdy

3. Minnie Oldaker married (1) William Hawkins married (2) _____ Weaver. Children:

   (a) Clifton Hawkins

(b) Mary Hawkins

(c) Naomi Hawkins

4. Myrtle Oldaker married John Neighbarger. Children:

(a) Wylie Neighbarger

(b) Sherman Neighbarger

(c) Lecta Neighbarger

(d) Roy Neighberger

(e) Lottie Neighbarger

(f) Burdell Neighbarger

(g) Delbert Neighbarger

5. Ray Oldaker married Jennie Berger. Children:

(a) Mabel Oldaker married George White.

(b) John Oldaker had two daughters married Grace Conn

(c) Jim Oldaker married Louise Conn. No children.

(d) Dean Oldaker married Dollie Frost. Children:

(1) Bud Oldaker married Barbara _____.

(2) Daughter name unknown.

6. Jesse Oldaker never married died March 2, 1963. Retired farmer of Newark, Ohio. Funeral by Rev. Rex C. Smith. Buried in Oldaker Cemetery Eden Township.

7. Gladys Oldaker married Calvin Berger. Children:

(a) Sara Berger

(b) Floyd Berger

(c) Jay Berger

(d) Carl Berger

8. Daisy Oldaker married David Holton -- No data.

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FAMILY OF ELEMUEL NOAH OLDAKER AND ABIGAIL ELLEN HARRIS

Elemuel is variously named Lemuel and Noah. In the 1870 Census he is Noah and is 42 years old. Abigail is 40; they have two children living with them then, Ohio B. and Ada Mah 7. Also living with them are Samuel Harris, 70, born in Pennsylvania and Mary Harris, 65, born in Pennsylvania. We would infer that these last two are the parents of Abigail Ellen and thus we get her maiden name.

In the 1860 Census we have, Elemuel N. Oldacre is 33, Abigail is 31. Oscar B. is 3 and Hiram is 1. Hiram does not appear in the next census but Ada Mah does. We think her name, however, is Ada Mahala. And of course Ohio B. is a misnomer. Oldakers have always been strong on nicknames. Me (Glenn) they called "Gog"; Gordon, my brother, they called "Pudge" and Guy B. was "Kis."

Well, one day "Kis," A mail clerk on the Southern Railway noticed a letter passing through to Mrs. Oscar B. Oldaker addressed to Boulder, Colorado. He wrote greeter to her superscribed with his name and address on the missive, and she replied expressing great surprise that he had her correct name and address. We have her name still in the file with Oscar B. We have wondered these 34 years concerning their origin. Now on May 7, 1964, in the D.C. Archives I have come face to face with the name of Oscar B. Oldaker son of Elemuel (Alias Noah) Oldaker.

The chart on the family descended from Jesse and Charity Wyckoff Oldaker of Eden Township, Licking County, Ohio, is as follows:

Elemuel Noah Oldaker born 1827 married Abigail Ellen Harris of Licking County. She was born in 1829. Children:

1. Oscar Bartlett Oldaker born 1857 Licking County, Ohio.

2. Hiram Oldaker born 1859 Licking County, Ohio.

3. Ada Mahala Oldaker born 1863 Licking County, Ohio.

The letter to which we previously referred was from Mrs. Hattie N. Oldaker evidently a widow since 1922. She says that Oscar B. Oldaker located in Southwest Missouri where they were married ca. 1884.

C.S. Oldaker, a son, working in "Pass. Dept. of Frisco" was located at Dallas, Texas, in 1930. A Miss Oldaker was noted living at Union, Missouri. We place these two in the record not fully identified, but expected to be identified perhaps in less than 34 more years!

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FAMILY OF JESSE OLDAKER JR. AND MARY BREDWELL OLDAKER

Jesse Oldaker Jr., born in Ohio went to California in the Gold Rush of 1849. Not liking California he started back to Ohio stopping at Unionville, Missouri, where he met and married Mary Rebecca Bredwell, also a native of Ohio. Jesse died of war wounds received at Mt. Vernon, Missouri. He was the son of Jesse and Charity Wyckoff Oldaker of Eden Township, Licking County, Ohio.

Jesse Oldaker Jr. born January 11, 1830, died September 20, 1873. In 1858 married Mary Rebecca Bredwell born June 9, 1835, died January 23, 1909, daughter of William and Anna Bredwell. They are buried at Unionville, Missouri. Children:

1. Charity Ann Oldaker born May 23, 1859 died August 26, 1860.

2. Hyram Nelson Oldaker died at birth.

3. Leonia Belle Oldaker born April 25, 1863 died April 24, 1943 married February 27, 1881, to George Alonza Earhart. They lived in Waynesville, Missouri, buried in Unionville. Children:

   (a) Gertrude Earhart born February 2, 1883, died August 21, 1883.

   (b) Jessie Elizabeth Earhart born July 20, 1889 married August 23, 1918, to Albion Drew, a printer from Terrell, Texas. He died February 12, 1953, in California where the widow lives (in 1964) in Van Nuys. Children:

      (1) Mary Elizabeth Drew born September 22, 1919 Kokoko, Missouri, married December 19, 1937, at Bourbin, Missouri, to James Alvin Rennells, a defense worker.

      (2) Myra Belle Drew, a registered nurse born November 21, 1921 in Milan, Missouri, married Robert Jay Garrison of Michigan in Honolulu, Hawaii April 28, 1955. Children:

         (a) Robert Jay Garrison Jr. born May 12, 1956.

      (3) Gertrude Albina Drew born September 14, 1923, in Milan, Missouri, married Robert John Hayner born Hollywood, California November 26, 1923, married in Hollywood, California June 10, 1945. Children:

(a) Donna Hayner born October 28, 1947

(b) David Hayner born February 11, 1950

(4) Lena Frances Drew born July 22, 1925 Milan, Missouri, married October 26, 1945 in Santa Monica, California. Howard Kenneth Beavers of Birmingham, Alabama born 1921. Children:

(a) Dennis Lynn Beavers born June 12, 1950.

(b) Sharon Kay Beavers born July 17, 1953.

4. John William Oldaker born May 16, 1865 died December 12, 1884.

5. Ralston Hart Oldaker (Twin) born April 27, 1868 died July 21, 1869.

6. Henry Elston Oldaker (Twin) born April 27, 1868 died April 16, 1941, called "Ace" Oldaker. He married Cora Belle Robinson of Unionville, Missouri, on September 27, 1893. She was daughter of Leander Torrence Robinson and Maria Uletha Spriggs, his wife, who was daughter of Jack and Mary Spriggs. L.T. Robinson in later years was Judge of Federal Court, D.C. and is buried in Arlington Cemetery. Children:

(a) Leighla LaVerne Oldaker born September 12, 1894, married Arthur S. Martin (see expanded chart on her family)

(b) Mary Fern Oldaker School teacher born November 9, 1898, Unionville, Missouri, married May 31, 1928, Des Moines, Iowa, Lela Austin Reece, a merchant, son of John Calvin and Jennie Reece. He was born August 25, 1884. Children:

(1) Mary Louise Reece born Des Moines, Iowa, April 25, 1929, graduate of Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri. She taught School in Milan, Missouri, and Elko, Nevada where she married Charles Emmett Harper of Elko on June 9, 1950. Children:

(a) Reece Charles Harper born June 4, 1951

(b) Douglas Lee Harper born February 28, 1956

(c) Lloyd Austin Harper born April 5, 1959

(2) Virginia Lee Reece born January 9, 1931, in Des Moines, m. in First Methodist Church Dallas, Texas March 1, 1952 Harlan Alexander Hain born October 13, 1926, in Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Major Hain served in World War II, Korean War and in 1964 was pilot in SAC B52 Jet Bomber Service, having lived in Texas, Alabama, Maine, and Puerto Rico. Children:

(a) Thomas Harlan Hain born May 1, 1953, Dallas, Texas

(b) Alesa Virginia Hain born June 7, 1956, at Bryan, Texas

(c) Gertrude Uletha Oldaker born January 10, 1902, at Kirksville, Missouri, married at Milford, Iowa, on October 11, 1930, Romaine Richard Kumba of Lake Park, Iowa, a farmer living at Esterville, Iowa. Children:

(1) Sherman Lee Kumba born April 29, 1935, married at Superior, Iowa, November 13, 1954 to Muriel Frances Perkins. Children:

(a) Richard Lee Kumba born October 28, ____ died of pneumonia in four months, Fairmont, Minnesota.

(b) Cynthia Rae Kumba born June 11, 1959 Long Branch, New Jersey (U.S. Army Camp Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey)

(c) Lisa Kay Kumba born October 26, 1962, Fairmont, Minnesota.

Note: Sherman Lee Kumba was co-owner and publisher of Weekly News and Shoppers Guide "Photo Press" of Fairmont, Minnesota.

(2) Mardella Rae Kumba born January 2, 1942 at Mountain Lake, Minnesota, married October 22, 1960, at Superior, Iowa, to DeWayne Francis Brobst. Children:

(a) Robin Kim Brobst born April 29, 1961

(b) Pamela Rae Brobst born April 6, 1962

(c) Darcy Ann Brobst born April 19, 1963

FAMILY OF LEIGHLA LAVERNE OLDAKER AND ARTHUR S. MARTIN

Leighla LaVerne born September 12, 1894, married November 17, 1915, at Unionville, Missouri. Arthur Sigmond Martin born

May 12, 1890, Newtown, Missouri, died February 14, 1959. Children:

1. Clarence Wilburn Martin born April 7, 1917, married Ruby LaVerne Thompson born June 26, 1919. They were married August 15, 1946. Children:

   (a) Janice Kay Martin born August 14, 1947, Warrensburg, Missouri.

   (b) James Arthur Martin born May 27, 1949, Warrensburg, Missouri.

   (c) Wendell Keith Martin born February 16, 1955, Warrensburg, Missouri.

2. Arthur Lee Martin born October 1, 1919, Norborne, Missouri, married October 1, 1940, Ethel Mae Kessler born August 5, 1921, at Warrensburg, Missouri. In 1964 they resided at 1408 Hardesty Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Children:

   (a) Gloria Jean Martin born February 5, 1942, married Richard Kyle Semler March 12, 1961. Children:

      (1) Richard Kyle Semler Jr. born February 5, 1963, Liberty, Missouri.

   (b) Larry Lee Martin born October 28, 1943

   (c) Glenda Joyce Martin born March 12, 1945

3. Mae Maxine Martin born April 17, 1921, Norborne, Missouri, married December 1944 in Kansas City, Missouri to Kenneth Oates Gibson born June 11, 1916. Children:

   (a) Carol Jean Gibson born September 21, 1945, Kansas City, Missouri.

   (b) Bobby Lee Gibson born November 23, 1950, Kansas City, Missouri.

4. Eugene Wayne Martin born March 14, 1925, Norborne, Missouri married Patricia Frances Kern on December 25, 1947. She was born December 29, 1925, Laredo, Missouri. Children:

   (a) Glen Eugene Martin born November 25, 1948, Kansas City, Missouri.

   (b) Gail Ellen Martin born August 9, 1951, Kansas City, Missouri.

   (c) Gerald Edward Martin born August 9, 1962, Kansas City, Missouri.

5. Betty Corrine Martin born December 21, 1927, married December 2, 1946 to Marion Eugene Downing born July 21, 1925. In 1964 lived at 421 East Mill Street, Warrensburg, Missouri. Children:

   (a) Donald Lee Downing born January 9, 1948, Warrensburg, Missouri.

   (b) Ray Eugene Downing born October 12, 1950, Warrensburg, Missouri.

   (c) David Alan Downing born December 18, 1956, Warrensburg, Missouri.

6. Robert Jo Martin born September 16, 1933, married November 30, 1956, Warrensburg to Elinore Louise Fisher born March 27, 1934, in Warrensburg, Missouri. Children:

   (a) Robert Dale Martin born June 17, 1958, Warrensburg, Missouri.

   (b) Cynthia Louise Martin born April 21, 1961, in Dallas, Texas. Naval Serviceman in 1964 lived at 4416 Grassmere, Dallas, Texas.

We offer a few notes of explanation from the records and correspondence regarding Jesse Oldaker, Jr. and his descendants. Jesse Sr. being married in 1807 and Jesse Oldaker Jr. evidently the last born son born 1830 would be married ca. 1858 at 28 years of age.

The antecendents of Jesse Lee Oldaker were named and taken from his "baby book" after the father, Henry Elston Oldaker, and mother, Cora Belle Robison, there were in one column, without designation, four grandparents and eight great grandparents. I did my best in making assignments and I hope no one gets angry if he gets the wrong grandpa or grandma!

We presume that Jesse Oldaker Jr. and wife Mary Bredwell Oldaker lived out their span of life at Unionville, Missouri, with their children near them. But by 1888 the family had begun to scatter. Henry Elston Oldaker had removed to Unionville, Missouri, where he lived and died.

JESSE OLDAKER JR. AND MARY BREDWELL FAMILY (Continued)

7. Alvah Hayes Oldaker born April 22, 1870 Putnam County,

Unionville, Missouri, married Minnie Inez Schuster of Unionville, Missouri. Children:

(a) Mary Elizabeth Oldaker born December 23, 1899, Armstrong, Missouri.

Note: See following article of Alvah Hayes Family.

8. Laura Etta Oldaker - No data.

ALVAH HAYES OLDAKER FAMILY

We present the family as a biographical sketch by Mary Elizabeth Oldaker of Armstrong, Missouri, who states that she has "often wondered whether there was anyone else with our name."

My father, Alvah Hayes Oldaker was born in Putnam County near Unionville, Missouri, April 22, 1870. He was the son of Jesse Oldaker Jr. and Mary Rebecca Bredwell Oldaker. His early life was spent in Unionville. It was there that he united with the Christian Church, April 23, 1892. He was married to Minnie Inez Schuster, also of Unionville. Her parents were John P. and Elizabeth Wade Schuster. The first year or more they made their home in Unionville, but in 1893, the moved to Armstrong, Missouri, where father was manager of the Figge Dry Goods Store.

I, the only child of this union was born December 23, 1899 at Armstrong, Missouri. When I was a junior high student my father decided to become an embalmer and attended school in St. Louis for this training. For thirty one years he was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Armstrong. He became a member of the Masonic Lodge after coming here to live. His death occurred in 1949, and my mother and I continued to live together until her death in 1960.

My full name is Mary Elizabeth Oldaker. I attended the Armstrong Schools, William Woods College at Fulton, Missouri and the Northeast State Teachers College, Kirksville, Missouri. In October 1920 I was married to Guy H. Hayes, a farmer residing near Armstrong. We were divorced in 1923 and my maiden name was restored. I then became a teacher. In 1930 I attended an embalming school and became licensed in order to assist my father. I retired from the teaching profession June 1962 after having taught thirty-eight years, thirty-six of which were in the Armstrong High School. At the present I am associated in the funeral business with a close friend who has a branch chapel in my home.

Without a doubt I represent the end of the Armstrong branch of the Oldaker family [and without doubt Cousin Mary you have the unique distinction of being the only feminine Oldaker undertaker in the annals of the clan.]

May 25, 1964

Research by Janet Fowler [redacted] of Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1975 has a note on Alvah Oldaker.

"Alvah born 1870 in Missouri-stepson of James Spencer, Residence Wilson Township, Putnam County, Missouri, which means that Mary Rebecca Bredwell, after the death of Jesse Oldaker Jr., married James Spencer.

FAMILY OF JACOB HENRY AND ELIZABETH VAN BUSKIRK OLDAKER
(6th son of Henry Oldaker Jr.)

Our acquaintance with this family and descendants antedates our knowledge of any of the other branches of the family, even our own, because of the reception of a letter written by Elmer Ellsworth Oldaker to my father, Alva Vincent Oldaker, under date of February 20, 1911. I was then 15 years old and my interest in genealogy was nil. We incorporate this letter in the record also one by Elmer's wife, Mrs. Ida Oldaker, written to Mrs. Marion Mott who was also searching for the family of her ancestor Jacob Henry Oldaker who was born in Ohio and married Lucinda McKee. Ida's letter was relayed to me with a copy of Jacob Henry Oldaker's will. Later I had a copy of a letter by Elmer to Mrs. Hattie Dirgwall (?) of the John Oldaker lineage of Mason County, West Virginia, daughter of John Tiberius Oldaker of Iowa; and these, with a more recent tabulation of data from Marion J. Oldaker, son of Elmer, enabled me to present a rather sketchy but authentic chart on our Jacob Henry Oldaker.

We are not arbitrary concerning his connection with the original family of Loudoun County Oldakers, but after considering all the evidence from a dozen different directions, the Hieronimus Story in Kentucky, the similarity of names given to children, the dates and locations, we are influenced to make our decision that Jacob Henry Oldaker is son of Henry Oldaker Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker of Loudoun County, Virginia and a brother (youngest) to Henry and Jesse Oldaker of Licking and Knox Counties, Ohio.

NOTES ON THE VAN BUSKIRKS

By circumstances such as dates, locations, and relationships or associates we offer the following:

1. The Van Buskirks wee originally from the Dutch Settlement in New York before 1660, and a George Van Buskirk, fourth in line from the immigrant, died in Northhampton, Pennsylvania, from whom George Van Buskirk of Clark County, Kentucky, was descended. A John Van Buskirk, apparently a son of the above Northhampton George was a Virginia soldier in The Revolurion and later returned to Clark County, Kentucky.

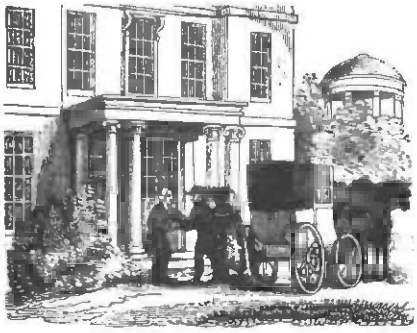
2. The grave of an Abraham Van Buskirk is noted in the South Fork Quaker Cemetery in Loudoun County, Virginia, whereby we surmise that Abraham, John, and George of Kentucky were from Loudoun County ca. 1760-1800, being neighbors of the Oldakers and Hieronimus families who migrated perhaps with some of them to Kentucky ca. 1785-1800. The exact relationship of the three Van Buskirks is unknown to us, John and George are probably brothers of Abraham Van Buskirk of Loudoun County, Virginia.

3. Elizabeth Van Buskirk born 1792 married Jacob Oldaker in Clark County, Kentucky, ca. 1812. She was daughter of George and Mary (Rulony) Van Buskirk. George removed to Wayne County, Indiana, in 1815 and Jacob Oldaker followed in 1816 with wife Elizabeth and son Henry (born Clark County, Kentucky).

4. The Wayne County, Indiana Directory for 1865 has a William Oldaker, farmer, residing with William Van Buskirk; we add another notation that "Clayton Oldaker, son of William and Lizzie Oldaker, died 1886 at 9 years 7 months of age." We would feel that the William is the son of Jacob Henry Oldaker who married Elizabeth Van Buskirk; that William Van Buskirk is brother of Elizabeth and that William Oldaker married Lizzie, the daughter of William Van Buskirk, and that William was living with her father in 1865 probably as a farm hand and later married Lizzie the daughter of his employer. We have no further data on the family of William and Lizzie (Van Buskirk?) Oldaker.

We have noted the appearance of the Van Buskirk name in some recent matters of the legal, educational and business world. Some have attained into considerable prominence as professional men. Even in the early days quite a few of the descedants of the allied families of Oldaker-Van Buskirk became able servants in the teaching profession.

We gladly claim (for the Oldakers) kinship with the Van Buskirks--hardy resourceful Dutch folk from New Amsterdam.



Jacob Henry Oldaker Sr. born February 16, 1785, Loudoun County, Virginia son of Henry Oldaker Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker married Elizabeth Van Buskirk in Clark County, Kentucky, in 1812 daughter of George and Mary Rulony Van Buskirk. They moved to Wayne County, Indiana about 1815. Elizabeth was born May 5, 1792 and died November 29, 1852. Jacob died February 26, 1857. Both are buried at East Germantown in Franklin Cemetery, Wayne County, Indiana. Children: (Unless underlined birth dates estimated)

1. Jacob Henry Oldaker Jr. born 1812-1814 Clark County, Kentucky married Ellen Wright. He died in Tipton County, Indiana in 1842.

2. Jacob Oldaker born 1816 died before 1857 married _____. Children:

   (a) Jacob Raymond Oldaker

3. John Oldaker born 1817. Unmarried. See Civil War soldier number 3.

4. James Oldaker born 1818 married Sarah Allison 1845. Children:

   (a) Florence A. Oldaker (son) (see Civil War soldier Number 20.)

   (b) Mary R. Oldaker

5. George Oldaker born 1820 (Named for Elizabeth Ann Buskirk's father). Children:

   (a) George W. Oldaker born 1840.

   (b) Jacob Oldaker married Susan Rogers in 1868

6. Armilda Oldaker born 1822 married _____ Martindale

7. Jason Oldaker born November 1824 died August 10, 1853, Franklin Cemetery.

8. Sally Oldaker born 1826 married _____ Litner (?) married (2) Joseph Vinton. Children:

   (a) Joseph Warren Vinton

9. Jesse Oldaker born 1830 married Catherine Streets

10. Joseph Oldaker born March 3, 1833 died August 25, 1842 Franklin Cemetery

11. Mary Oldaker born 1835 married _____ Dickover

12. Sydney Oldaker born 1837 married _____ Reese. Children:

   (a) Mary Anne Reese

   (b) Levina Reese

13. William Oldaker born 1839 married Lizzie Van Buskirk. Children:

   (a) Clayton Oldaker born 1877 died 1886

Note: We have no further data on any of these except Corydon Oldaker, a grandson of Jacob Henry Oldaker (father's name not given), lived 15 miles south of Indianapolis in Johnson County; and Jacob Henry Oldaker whose chart follows:

JACOB HENRY OLDAKER AND ELLEN WRIGHT OLDAKER FAMILY

Descent is through Jacob Oldaker and Elizabeth Van Buskirk Oldaker, Henry Oldaker Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker to Henry Oldaker Sr. and Elinor Borden Oldaker.

Jacob Henry Oldaker Jr. born ca. 1812-14 Clark County, Kentucky, died 1842 Tipton County, Indiana married Ellen Wright of Indiana. He died before his father died. Children:

1. Elizabeth Oldaker unmarried - died young.

2. Jacob Oldaker born 1840 Civil War Veteran married Mrs. Mary Rowlett George married (2) Mrs. Johanna (Barber) Devine at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 1889. Children:

   (a) Jacob H. Oldaker a barber. Lived in Richmond, Indiana.

   (b) Ellen Oldaker died young.

(c) Eva Oldaker lived in Richmond, Indiana.

3. Francis Marion Oldaker born Fayette County, Indiana, 1838 died 1890. Father died when he was 5, mother died when he was 10, he lived with his grandfather Jacob Henry Oldaker Sr. married Sarah Manion Bruce (born 1832) in 1857. He was a Civil War soldier. Buried in Franklin Cemetery. Children:

(a) Viola Adelaide (Addie) Oldaker born 1859, married Rev. Frank Overbaugh, and lived in Illinois and Kansas 1890-1915, returned to Pennville of Wayne County, Indiana as a widow and died and was buried there. Her husband died in 1919. They had one child who died in infancy.

(b) Jacob Oldaker unmarried. Lived in Illinois and California and died in California ca. 1935-39.

(c) Hattie Oldaker born 1866 died 1886 married _____ McLain

(d) Mollie Oldaker born 1868 died 1896 unmarried

(e) Butler Oldaker unmarried died before 30.

(f) Elmer Ellsworth Oldaker born August 1, 1870 died 1949 married Ida Alma Williams died 1960. Children:

(1) Ruth I. Oldaker married Dudley Starr. Ruth was a teacher.

(2) Marion J. Oldaker born May 26, 1913. Retired from U.S. Army as Warrant Officer.

(3) Elmer Ellsworth Oldaker Jr. died in infancy.

(4) Ida Oldaker died in infancy.

(g) Edward Everett Oldaker Twin to Elmer. Died in infancy.

(h) Clara Oldaker born 1876 died 1898 unmarried

(i) Marcellus Oldaker - no data

(j) Oren Donald Oldaker born 1873 died 1935 married Lillian Florence DeWitt born 1883 died 1952. They were married in November 1903. Children:

(1) Will C. Oldaker born 1904 married Elsie M. O'Neill. Children:

(a) Florence L. Oldaker born January 1, 1945

(b) Oren D. Oldaker born January 1, 1946

(c) Ronald E. Oldaker born December 17, 1947

(d) James R. Oldaker born March 18, 1949

(2) Francis M. Oldaker born 1905 married Mary Pate, lived in Indianapolis. Children:

(a) Beverly June Oldaker

(b) Richard L. Oldaker

(3) Harry Nelson Oldaker, Methodist Minister married Blanche Helma (?). Lived at Flemingburg, Kentucky. Children:

(a) Paul Nelson Oldaker

(b) Wesley Earl Oldaker

(4) Clara A. Oldaker married James B. Cantwell. Live Indianapolis. Children:

(a) Elizabeth Ann Cantwell

(b) Mary K. Cantwell

(c) James B. Cantwell

(d) Leo D. Cantwell

(e) Treasia Maria Cantwell

(5) Florence S. Oldaker born 1912 died 1929. Unmarried.

(6) Ida Mae Oldaker. Died at birth

(7) Mary Bruce Oldaker died at 17 years

(8) Birdie M. Oldaker married Arch Gossman. No Children. They live at Brownstown, Indiana.

NOTES ON JACOB HENRY OLDAKER

Henry lived in Hamilton County when he made his will May 1845 probated May 13, 1846, wife Elinor. Estate administered by Absolom Hobbs, $46.15. There is a

discrepancy here in death and will dates and the family history says Jacob Henry died in 1842 in Tipton County and his wife's name in family records is Ellen. The probate records would be correct and since the children are named the same in both records we know that there are not two Henrys in question here.

RESEARCH BY JANET FOWLER [redacted] - LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, CITY DIRECTORY

George W. Oldaker born ca. 1840 in Indiana was living in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1883, wife unknown. Also John Schamp at same address.

Daughter Alice Oldaker born 1865 in Indiana married 1881 to John Schamp. Children:

1. Asa Schamp born 1882

2. Peter Schamp born 1884

3. Mabel Schamp born 1888 in St. Joseph, Missouri

John Schamp married (2) May _____ married (3) Mary Gimble. He died in Elgin, Illinois in 1932.

George W. Oldaker was (5th son) of Jacob Oldaker and Elizabeth Van Buskirk Oldaker.

Note 1: We have 1870 Census for Tipton County, Indiana page 29 Wildcat Township P.O. Windfall July 20, 1870

Item 236 - Jacob Oldaker Age 61 Farmer born 1809 in Ohio married Lucinda (McKee) Real estate $500 son of Jesse and Charity Wyckoff Oldaker

Item 238 Susan Oldaker Age 33 born in Ohio. Children:

1. James Oldaker Age 16 born in Ohio
2. Ellen Oldaker Age 11
3. Peter Oldaker Age 14
4. Elizabeth Oldaker Age 7
5. Hannah Oldaker born Age 3 born in Indiana
6. Sylvanus Oldaker Age 3 months born in Indiana

We think this Susan was wife of Jacob Raymond Oldaker and he probably died in 1869. He is the only Oldaker that would the time and place. He was son of Jacob Oldaker born 1816 and grandson of Jacob and Elizabeth Van Buskirk Oldaker.

WILL OF JACOB HENRY OLDAKER

Office of the County Clerk, Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana. Copied by Beverly Yount, 425 S.W. 1st St., Richmond, Indiana 5/22/58. Book of Wills #3, p. 437, 438, 439.

JACOB OLDAKER, DECEASED, WILL
Filed April 7, 1857

"In the name of the Benevolent Father of All, I Jacob Oldaker Senior do make and publish this may last will and testament. I do hereby nominate and appoint Joseph Vinton Executor of this my last will and testament hereby authorizing and empowering him to compromise, adjust and discharge insuch manner as he may deem proper the debts and claims due me and to pay all debts and legal demands against me. I authorize my Executor to sell by private sale or in such manner upon such terms of credit or otherwise as he may think proper all of my personal property and Real Estate left after my sons John and Jesse Oldaker to whom I devise each one bedstead, bed and bedding in compleat and to invest my said Estate into money to first pay all my funeral expenses. Second to place respectable Tombstones at the grave of my wife, those of my children buried at the Franklin ground and also at my own grave. I devise and bequeath to my grandchildren Mary Ann Reece and Levina Reece children of my daughter Sydney Reece deceased each Five Dollars out of my Estate and no more and I authorize my said Executor to pay the same. I hereby authorize my Executor to pay unto Jacob Raymond the sum of twenty five dollars ($25.00) a debt due to my son Jacob Oldaker deceased. I hereby bequeath unto Mary Dickover the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid her by my Executor. I hereby authorize my said Executor to pay Jesse Oldaker the sum of one hundred dollars to retain next the sum of Sixty five dollars to my daughter Sally Lintner; then I authorize my said Executor after paying the above and all court charges to divide the surplus between my children as follows, to wit: in eight equal parts, first to my son George Oldaker, second, James Oldaker (less eighty dollars than either of the others) third to William Oldaker, fourth to Armilda Martindale, fifth to Sally Lintner with the Sixty five dollars above mentioned to go to her and her heirs the same to be levied out by my Executor her receiving the interest annually with no portion of the principal unless she should actually need the money to subsist upon. Sixth to John Oldaker, seventh to Jesse Oldaker. Eighth portion to be equally divided between Francis, Jacob, and Elizabeth Oldaker children of my son Henry Oldaker deceased the same being their fathers portion were he alive.

"I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made. In testamony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

the third (3rd) day of October A.D. 1856.

His
Jacob X Oldaker (SEAL)
mark

Signed and acknowledged by said Jacob Oldaker Senior as his last will and testament in our presence and he authorized his name written and made his mark in our presence and signed by us in his presence.

Jacob Sower
Lake Devlin

"Whereas I Jacob Oldaker of Washington Township of the County of Wayne and State of Indiana have made my last will and testament in writing bearing the date of the third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six and by which I have appointed Jacob Vinton Executor and given and bequeathed to my daughter Sally Lintner and her heirs one eighth part of my estate after all legal demand are paid, and also give to my grand children Mary Ann and Levina Rees five dollars each. Now therefore I do by this my writing which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my said last will and testament and to be taken as a part Thereof order and declare that my will is that Henry Shissler is hereby equally appointed with Joseph Vinton one of my Executors to dispose of and settle up my estate and that my will is that Sally Lintner and heir (Joseph Warren Vinton) shall have the portion there wherein set forth bequeathed to Sally Lintner and her heirs subject to the following and further give to my grand children Mary Ann Rees and Lavina Rees one equal portion with the others minus one hundred dollars to be taken equally or proportionably from the shares of each as set forth in my last will and lastly, it is my desire that this codicil be amended to and made a part of my last will and testament as aforesaid to all intent and purposes. In witness whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 3rd day of February 1857 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven.

His
Jacob X Oldaker
Mark

(This is the will of the Jacob Oldaker of Clarke County, Kentucky, and Wayne County, Indiana, whose wife was Elizabeth Van Buskirk.)

Note: It would seem by above that Sally Lintner married the executor Joseph Vinton (Jacob?) in the interval of 1856 to 1857 and had a son Joseph Warren Vinton.

FAMILY OF ABRAHAM (1) AND HESTER OLDAKER

Abraham was born ca. 1740 in Hampshire County, Virginia. Hester, hiswife, born ca. 1745 in Hampshire or Loudoun (?) Counties. He died in 1794; she died after 1810. They had eight children, birth dates are approximate.

1. Hannah, born ca. 1770 married William Barry February 26, 1792, Fauquier County. Records Book 1, Joseph Shultz witness.

2. Lide, born 1772, unmarried; lived and died at Brandywine, on or near Rattlesnake Mountain.

3. Nancy, born 1774, married Aaron Drummond November 3, 1796, Book 2 Page 67, Hester Oldaker witness.

4. Abraham, born 1776 married Betsy Garrett December 31, 1803, Book 2. Proved by Richard Garrett; Witnesses John Dearing, James Garrett.

5. Polly (Mary) born 1778 married William Cypher November 24, 1804, Book 2 Page 359, Proved by Abraham Oldaker (2).

6. Charity born 1780 married Burr Montonya November 9, 1802, Book 2 Page 359, Hester Oldaker witness.

7. Issac born 1783 married Mary Brown in 1824.

8. Jacob born 1785 drowned in Rappahannock River.

We place Abraham as the fourth child and the second son of Henry and Elinor Borden Oldaker. He was born ca. 1740 in Hampshire County, Virginia, (now Hardy) and grew up among those hardy settlers who pushed in from the east and north--English, German, Irish, Scotch, Hollanders, and Huguenots; Moravians, Quakers, Lutherans, Episcopals, United Brethren, Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists.

We feel that there is some connection between Benjamin Borden* who came into Winchester-Hampshire area some time in 1732, and Henry and Elinor Borden. Our research on the Borden family reveals that both came out of New Jersey about the same time. She was not a daughter; she may have been a niece. Many of the Bordens were Quakers in New Jersey.

*Note: Benjamin Borden was one of the early adventurers in Virginia--a land speculator who took up 100,000 acres, described in the Proprietary records as "of great shrewdness--both cunning and polite."

In trying to find family names of those whom Henry's children married we note that the Oldaker Settlement in Hampshire County on the Cacapon River was near to another settlement called Quaker Hollow. John Oldaker's wife Martha Tellis was definitely a Quaker; and Hannah Oldaker married John Dyer, whose antecedents in Dyerstown, Pennsylvania were definitely Quakers. Rebecca Oldaker married Jonathan Burson and the Bursons were definitely Quakers; Mary Oldaker married _____ Lewellin, and the Quaker records show Lewellins leaving the Hopewell Meeting in Virginia with certificates to Westland Meeting in Washington County, Pennsylvania where some Quakers also went [it is noted.] The Pughs into which family Issac married were of Quaker origin (Pughtown in Pennsylvania). Wherefore, we are inclined to believe that Abraham's wife Hester may have come from one of those early Quaker families which were quite numerous in Hampshire, Frederick and Loudoun Counties of Virginia.

So far, we have failed to uncover the maiden names of Martha, Hester and Lettice--the wives of John, Abraham and Jacob, respectively (it is believed they were Tullos (Tellis) Harris or Romine and Hardy). We have previously explained our theory about Lettice Hardy.

Some of the settlers in Hampshire, surviving the frequent killings by Indians, moved east over the Blue Ridge to Loudoun County. Henry Sr.'s family was one of these. In 1770 Abraham is evidently married to Hester and they take up 100 acres of land adjoining Edmundson, contiguous to Thoroughfare Run and on the south side of the Blue Ridge, which would be above the Trappe of the present village of Bloomfield. We identify the farm as that known as Old Miley Farm and we would guess that Bloomfield was the location of the merchants, farmers and Henry Hieronimus.

The term of the lease from Fairfax is "for and during the natural lives of him, the said Abraham Oldaker, Jacob Oldaker, his brother and Elinor, his sister;" and they are to plant 100 good apple trees--keep them fenced and he is to build a dwelling house at least 20 feet long and 16 feet wide within 3 years from this date. We incorporate a copy of this lease in our manuscript and call attention to a passing observation that Thomas Lewellin and Benjamin Burson had leases for lands in the same community with Oldakers, Atchisons and Edmundsons. It could very well be that these are kin of the Lewellin and Burson who married Mary and Rebekah.

The entrance to Thoroughfare farm now is by the old Thoroughfare, leading past Thoroughfare Mill site and up Thoroughfare Run toward Mt. Weather. The gate on the right at the "End of State Maintenance" sign is the entrance to Abraham's farm.

To reconstruct the life of a man who lived 200 years ago becomes a very difficult task when only a few items of record are available to us. Our conclusions must be reached by conjecture, by association and by deduction. Given a death date, a will, a land transfer, a marriage license, we proceed to relate our story.

Since the death date of Abraham (1) given is 1794-5 we place his birth date ca. 1740. Abraham had reached mature manhood when he affixed his mark or signature to an indenture from Lord Fairfax for his 100 acres of land on the south side and at the foot of the Blue Ridge mountains in Loudoun County, Virginia, on a branch called Thoroughfare, in the year 1770. His brother John had made a similar conveyance in the previous year 1769 for land near Abraham and adjoining his father's plantation at the Trappe. The location of these lands is known to the writer of "The Oldaker Story." They are listed in Deed Book G. in the record book Leesburg, Virginia.

Here on Thoroughfare Farm, Abraham (1), wife Hester and children lived courageously, building log or stone houses and barns, setting out apple trees and peach trees; tending their crops; spinning their fibers for clothes; visiting their neighbors and kinfolk--The Romines, the Bartletts, the Rectors, the Sybolds, the Morgans and the Wildies.

Being sportsmen and coopers by trade, they had their race horses, their hounds and plenty of cider for which they had periodical cider shoots. But they worked. They worked hard and late. They lived without luxury. They lived frugally and dangerously. And it was the sturdy and ingenious character of our forefathers that paved the way for us and carved out of the wilderness a habitation for a nation that has excited the admiration of the civilized world.

We hear much in the days of our years about the things that made and make America great. These things are made known to us through the contemplation of <u>one word</u> which is peculiar to our Americanism...FREEDOM! Our pioneers were free men, unburdened by the demands of any bureaucracy. They were free in spirit, body and soul, accountable only to God, their maker. They were free born, but we wonder whether the next few generations will be able to claim as much. America will no longer be great when her great freedom is gone in exchange for a welfare state!

From 1770 to 1789 Abraham Oldaker lived here on Thoroughfare Farm. Henry Sr. has passed on followed by Henry Jr. The situation called for a settlement of the estate with the subsequent scattering of the family. Jacob has gone to Henry County in 1780. Issac is in Hardy County with William; Elinor Jr. has married Mr. Wallace. There are

better lands down in Fauquier County, and John is dickering with Joseph Reed who wants to buy the home place at the Trappe.

In 1789 Abraham (1) sells his lease to Jacob Miley, moves across Loudoun County boundary to Fauquier County having taken a lease from Thomas Lane; sets up his cooper trade at Oleaker Farm; perhaps builds the very home pictured among these pages; and finds new neighbors among the hills and dales near Farrowville, Bashee's Cross Roads (Hume), Pigeons Perch, Thumb Run and Rattlesnake Mountain, with such family names as Foleys, Garretts, Humes, Allens, Grants, Halls, Hamricks, Browns, Drummonds and Balls.

By this time the frontiers are being pushed towards the west. People are talking about new settlements. In a few years Abraham's children are big boys and girls--looking at and admiring other young men and young women and thinking about having homes of their own. The half-face Fairfax type homes have been added to, but in a few more years a change will be inevitable. For the Lane brothers are growing old, and when they are gone the lease will expire for the Oldaker family on Oleaker Farm.

So life goes on--nature has a way of its own. Hannah Oldaker, the oldest daughter has fallen in love with young William Barry and jumped the broomstick in 1792; Nancy marries wealthy Aaron Drummond in 1796, whose daughter Charity Drummond in days to come will pledge her life, her fortune and her sacred honor to Mr. Benjamin Ball, scion of a noted Virginia family. Charity Oldaker wed Burr Montonya in 1802. Polly, the little family pet, finds her affections in handsom William Cypher and they are married in 1804.

For some time previously Abraham (2) has seemed irresistably drawn up the mountain road to the next farm toward Rattlesnake Mountain. A charming creature there--not a snake--a full blooded Irish girl is the super attraction. And in the year 1803, December 30, Rychard Garrod, wrote a note to whomever it might concern and sent it by his brother James who made oath to Hugh Campbell, D.C. that his father signed the note which informed Mr. Campbell the Mrs. Abram Acres has his approbation in respect of getting lisons (for Abraham to marry Betsy), "is sow that i cant maki convenient come down myself and wife is also has sothing to say about it!" And wives still do great, great, great, grandpop Rychard, even after these 160 years!

So there was no lawful cause to obstruct the said intended marriage and they were married shortly afterwards. It is evident that at this time Hester was still living and engineering this marriage venture for Abraham (2).

In the midst of the foregoing events, Abraham (1) being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and

memory, and knowing there is a time appointed for all men to die, made and ordained his last will and testament, and recommended his soul into the hands of God, who gave it and his body to the earth (I wish we knew where) to be buried in a christianlike and decent manner. He died shortly after he had made his will and inventory, December 10, 1794.

We believe that Hester lived on 10 or more years after his death, evidently at another and smaller home than Oldaker Farm, for Abraham (2) is in Harrison County by 1805, and Lyda and Issac are yet with her. They have a sorrel horse and saddle, two cows and five sheep, which is a very modest possession for four people.

Note: Hester Oldaker is listed in the 1810 Fauquier County Census as Head of Household. Living with her were

2 males	between	0 and 10
1 male	"	16 and 26
1 female	"	0 and 10
1 female	"	10 and 16
1 female	"	26 and 45
1 female	over 45	

The male between 16 and 26 is probably Issac. The female between 26 and 45 probably Lide. The female over 45 is Hester. The question remains who are the males between 0 and 10. Grandchildren (?) other children (?) Also the female between 0 and 10 and between 10 and 16 could be grandchildren or unidentified children.

We tried every nook and cranny in the court house at Warrenton to find Hester's account as administratrix of Abraham's will, and to find the deed to the supposed final home of the Oldaker's in Fauquier. We found nothing; therefore, what we relate can only be based on a few facts alongside of traditional ideas. The traditions are two and of two sources: that according to Nettie Montgomery's notes Lide, a sister lived and died at Brandywine on Rattlesnake Mountain and her brother Jacob drowned in the Shenandoah: that according to my father's tradition there were three brothers in Fauquier County and one of them drowned in the Rappahannock River. We always supposed that there was three including the one who went to West Virginia. It could mean from Abraham's viewpoint that there were three left after he moved out. We were not told there was a sister, Lide. Whether Lide was a man or woman we do not know for sure. We do know that Issac was there, and if we accept the tradition, Jacob and Lide (or Lyda) were there with him. The two facts in the case are the will of Abraham (1) in 1794 and a marriage bond recorded for Issac Oldaker to marry Mary Brown in the year 1824.

After two years of reflection on the problem we reach this conclusion: In 1804 all Abraham's children have married except Issac, Lide and Jacob. 1810-1815 Hester passes on and Jacob is drowned in Rappahannock. Then in the house on Rattlesnake Mountain are Issac and Lide (or Lyda). In 1824 Issac marries Mary Brown and perhaps moves on with his father-in-law Dixon Brown; and Lyda chooses to remain in his/her parental home on Rattlesnake Mountain. She/he died there 1824-1850 and what became of Abraham (1), Hester, Lyda, Jacob, Issac and Mary no one really knows. The secret is with old Rattlesnake Mountain who stands as a silent and majestic guardian through the passing years--watching over them--

Under the sod,

Yet living with God?

Or waiting the judgment day!

And there we must leave them, and go on with Abraham (2) and Betsy Garrett Oldaker. It was no doubt hard for Abraham (2) to leave them--the dead and living. But in the very nature of things it must be so. The west is calling and we must go. Heyah! Rover and Nero. Giddy yap mules! Faces towards the west.

DEED ABRAHAM OLDAKER TO JACOB MILEY

Deed Book R Page 238

This indenture made this ninth day of 1789 between A. Oldaker of the County of Loudoun, of the one part, and J. Miley of the said County of the other part witnesseth that the said A. Oldaker for and in consideration of the sum of 60 pounds current money; hand paid by the said Miley the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath grant bargained and sold unto the said Miley a certain messuage or tract of land lying in the said Loudoun County as follows: beginning at a hicory saplin on the south side of the Blue Ridge extending thence south 55 degrees east ninety poles to a black oak in a line of Edmondson thence with his line south 35 W one hundred and eighty poles, etc.

Present:

Henry Hieronimus
Jacob Miley-George Rust

Received of Jacob Miley sixty pounds current money it being the within consideration.

At court held for Loudoun September the 14th 1789. This indenture and the receipt thereon endorsed was proved by subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Deed Lord Fairfax to Abraham Oldaker 1770

Deed Book G Page 272

This indenture made the 15th day of February in the year of our Lord 1770. Between the Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax of the County of Frederick and Colony of Virginia of the one part and Abraham Oldacre of the County of Loudoun and Colony aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Thomas Lord Fairfax for and in consideration of the rents and covenants hereinafter mentioned in the part and behalf of the said Abraham Oldacre Hath demised granted and to form let unto the said Abraham Oldacre a certain messuage or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Loudoun aforesaid and bounded as follows: Beginning at a hickory thence S 55 E. ninety poles to a black oak in a line of Edmunson, thence with his line So. 35 deg. W one hundred and 80 poles to a chestnut oak at a branch called Thoroughfare, thence N. 55 W. 90 poles to a locust at the foot of the said ridge, then No. 35 E. 180 poles to the first station containing 100 acres under the reservation hereinafter mentioned and excepting all mines, minerals and quarries whatsoever excepting and always reserving to the said Abraham Oldacre what stones may be needed to be used on the premises and excepting and always reserving out of this present demise liberty of ingress, egress and regress from time to time and at all times during the continuation of this demise into and for the said Thomas Lord Fairfax his heirs and assigns into and from the said demised premises, with horses and oxen, carts and carriages. To have and to hold the said 100 acres of land with the appurtenances unto the said Abraham Oldacre, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns for and during the natural lives of him, the said Abraham Oldacre, Jacob Oldacre, his brother and Elinor his sister and the longest lives of them, yielding and paying therefore unto the said Thomas Lord Fairfax his heirs, or assigns yearly and every year on the first day of May the rent or sum of 40 shillings, current money of Virginia and the quit rents and that he or they so plant at least 100 good apple trees at least 30 feet distant from each other and keep them all well pruned and within good fence and also cause to be built a dwelling house at least twenty feet long and 16 feet wide within three years from this date and other such outhouses as his way of husbandry may require and keep them all in good repair during the time of tenancy, provided that no sub-tenant will be admitted by the same Abraham Oldacre his heirs or assigns on the said tenement nor shall be suffered to dwell on any part thereof, and at the expiration or sooner, determination of this demise, the said Abraham Oldakers, his heirs, shall deliver the said houses, orchards and fences in good tenantable repair and the tenant in possession shall not make or suffer to be made any waste or spoil of the woods, underwoods, trees or timber to the said tenement belonging, by any person or persons whatsoever by his or their

procurement knowledge or consent. But they and every one of them shall hinder and widstand same to the utmost of their power. If the said Abraham Oldacre, his heirs, exec's, admn's or assigns shall neglect or fail in any of stipulated covenants, Provisions or agreements and so continue for the space of one whole year, he or they so neglecting or failing shall forfeit and pay unto the said Thos. Lord Fairfax his heirs or assign the sum of 5 pounds and if it shall so happen that all or any part of the reserved yearly rents be unpaid by the space of ninety days after the sum becomes due in any year of this demise although the same be not demanded and no _____ Sufficient distress can be found whereby to levy the same that then and thenceforth it shall and may be lawful to and for the said T.L. Fairfax for himself, his heirs etc. that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Abraham Oldacre, his heirs, etc. for and under the rents and covenants herein contained to have and to occupy, possess and enjoy all and singular the said premises (excepting as before excepted) without the lawful let, Interruptions, or denials or any person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim by from or under him, them or any of them. In Witness where of the said parties above mentioned, to these presents have interchangeably set their names and seals the day and year first above written sealed and delivered.

His
In presence of Sam'l X Atchison
Mark
John I. Oldaker,
His
John A. X. Atchison
Mark

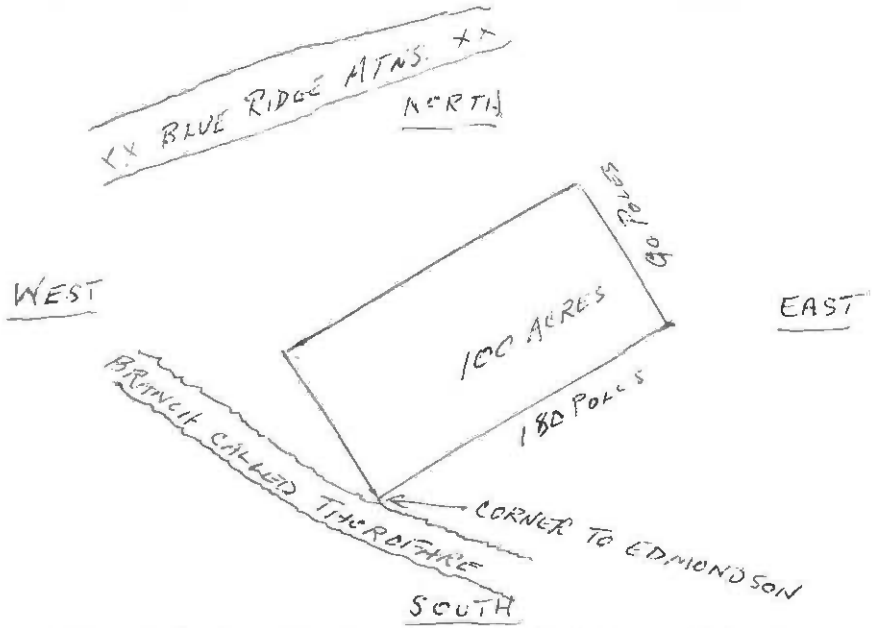
Fairfax (seal)

Teste Charles Bivens

Proved August 13, 1770

Note: Thos. Lewellen, Benj. Burson had leases in same community with Oldacres, Atchisons, Edmondsons, etc.

FREE HAND DRAWING OF PLOT DESCRIBED BY THIS LAND DEED.



This plot of 100 acres leased for lives of Abraham, Jacob and Elinor Oldacre sold in 1789 to Jacob Miley, whereupon Abraham moved to "Oleaker" Farm in Fauquier County and Jacob moved to Henry County, Virginia.

WILL OF ABRAHAM OLDAKER (1)

(Fauquier County Book 2, Page 360)
(At a court held for Fauquier County 10 December 1794, this will, inventory and appraisement were recorded.)

In the name of God, Amen. This 10th day of December in the year of our Lord 1794, I, Abraham Oldakers of Fauquier County and state of Virginia being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, and knowing there is a time appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it, and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christlike and decent manner, and as touching such worldly estate where with it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of the same as follows:

First,--I give and bequeath to Hester, my wife, the lot of land whereon I now live, one sorrel horse and saddle, two cows and fine sheep--the same to be enjoyed by her during her life; likewise one bed and furniture, one chest,

2 puter dishes and six plates, and all the rest of my property I give and bequeath to my eight children to be divided equally among them including what they have got already, and also constitute, make and ordain my wife, Hester, my sole executrix, of this my last Will and Testament, in witness whereof, I do hereunto set my hand the day and year above written N.B. The above interlining was before it was signed.

Daniel Harris(Security) — his Abraham X Oldaker mark

This will was probated April 27, 1795

INVENTORY OF ABRAHAM OLDAKER'S ESTATE

INVENTORY. To property valued of Abraham Oldakers, dec'd, June 6, 1795.

TO	23 hogs valued and 5 head of sheep do	L 12- 4-0
	2 horses valued and waggain & geer	21- 0-0
	6 head of cattle	13-15-0
	3 plows and irons and plow geer and old saddle	2- 6-0
	2 dutch ovens and 2 pots and 2 pr. of hooks	16-0
	5 axes and a parcel of old hoes, 1 wedge & small ring	2-14-6
	4 bell and 1 hacle and joiners tools and old iron	2-17-0
	Smiths tools and gun irons & old iron and steel	1-10-0
	1 Dutch stove & old tubs and a parcel of hemp onbroke	3-11-0
	Old iron & steel & box, 7 scythes & a cradle	2- 6-0
	Turners lath & hogshead jointer & 6 casks	2-10-0
	Parcel of tubs and gums & parcel of wool & one cowhide	1-14-0
	parcel of broke flax & shoe lasts & 3 rundlets	1- 2-0
	1 pr. hames and traces & 2 riddles & 2 wier sives	15-0
	One wollen wheel & frying pan & churn	12-0
	1 doe trough & tray & 2 boles & water vessels	13-0
	Lume and geer & 4 slays & tubs & buckwheat	1-15-0
	Parcel of leather & a parcel of flax unbroke & tub of lime	2- 1-0
	Parcel of butter pots & tallow, warping bars & old spools	12-0
	3 bee gums & parcel of empty gums	2- 0-0
	1 rifle gun and smooth bore gun & 1 rifle & 3 shot bags	8-17-0
	1 pr cotton cards, do, 1 pr. of wool do	5-0

	Bar of iron & flat irons, 3 linnen wheels & reel	2- 4-0
	parcels of crockley ware & pare of steelyards	1- 1-0
	parcel of peuter & tinware & bottles	2- 0-0
	1 coffee mill & boxes, 2 trunks, 2 small boxes 5 reep hooks	1- 7-6
	1 chest 5 jugs 2 pr. of glas, led powder & work stand	1-10-6
	1 rasor, knives, & forks 2 pr. shears & i box	12-0
	1 bed and furniture, parcel of salt & corn	4- 8-0
	parcel of shoe tools & i box & 2 gums	7-0
	3 bedsteads & furniture	6-10-0
	Iside saddle & bridal & looking glass	1- 0-9
	parcel of books and cheese hoops	4-0
TO	parcel of cheer & pair of sheers	6-6
	account with Thomas McNutt	12-15-9
	3 1/4 bu. rye @ 4/ per bu.	13-0
	1 Lume	1-10-0

Inventoried by us John Dearing, James Foley
Joel Settle, William Whitley

Test: F. Brooke, cc.

COPY OF DEED---LANE TO OLDAKER

DEED BOOK 10 PAGE 154--WARRENTON

This Indenture made the 15th day of June, 1789, between Thomas Lane of Fauquier County of the one part and Abraham Oldaker of Loudoun County of the other part witnesseth that the said Thomas Lane for and in consideration of the sum of seventy pounds to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do hereby grant bargain and sell unto the said Abraham Oldaker, his heirs and assigns for and during the natural lives of Thomas, William and Henry Lane, his brothers, all that tract and parcel of land lying and being in the county of Fauquier together with all the appurtenances thereunto in anywise belonging, agreeable to a lease from Denny Fairfax to the said Lane and to have and to hold the said lease agreeable to the terms therein specified to the said Abraham Oldaker, his heirs and assigns for and during the term therin mentioned. And he, the said Thomas Lane doth hereby covenant to and with the said Abraham Oldaker to warrent and defend forever the said lease agreeable to the terms thereof against himself his heirs or any other person from or under him, claiming or to claim. In witness whereof the said Thomas Lane hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered, Thomas Lane S S.
in the presence of Richard Rixey,
Richard Parker, William Allen,
Charles Snow. (This is a deed to Abraham (1).)

COPY OF MARRIAGE BOND----Abraham (2) Oldaker to Betsy Garrett

MARRIAGE REGISTER--BOOK 2 FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA
DECEMBER 31, 1803.

Know all men by these presents that we Abraham Oldaker and James Garrett are held and firmly bound unto John Page, Governor of Virginia in the sum of 150 dollars to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor or his successors to the use of the Commonwealth, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 31st day of December 1803.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between the above bound Abraham Oldaker and Betsy Garrett, now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said intended marriage then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force power and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in presence of Dan Withers.

his
Abraham X Oldaker (Seal)
mark
his
James X Garrett (Seal)
mark

December 31, 1803, James Garrett made oath that Richard Garrett signed the within note:

Hugh R. Campbell, D.C.

Sir, This is to informe you that Mrs. Abrom Acres has my approbation in respect of getting lisons is sow that i cant makit convenient come down Myself Rychard Garrod and wife is also hae sothing to say about it.

December 30, 1803

Mr. Humphrey Brooke,

Teste; John Dearing.

NOTES ON FAUQUIER

Markham is one of the oldest towns in Fauquier County, formerly called Farrowsville; prior to that it was called Last Points where roads converged. It was the last stop at the time of the first Stage Coach line.

The house on "Oleaker" Farm is very old--a Fairfax type house and probably built by Abraham Oldaker (1). There is no known burial place on the farm.

Brandywine is a name whose location is unknown in Fauquier County. Many have said they have heard of it but didn't know where it was. Notes by Nettie Montgomery indicate that Lide was a sister of Abraham (2), and that she lived and died at Brandywine on Rattlesnake Mountain. She probably outlived Issac and Mary and this was remembered as tradition.

FAMILY OF ABRAHAM (2) AND BETSY GARRETT OLDAKER

We have made reference previously in our Prologue to the migrating caravan of Oldakers, Dawsons, Romines and McPhersons leaving Fauquier County, Virginia trekking down through the Shenandoah Valley, crossing the mountains to Beverly and Elkins and on to Johnstown in Harrison County. But there seems to be a discrepancy or conflict regarding the time element between our traditions and the recorded deeds in Harrison County. Nettie Montgomery has it in her notes that Abraham (2) came from Fauquier County to West Virginia when his son, her grandfather, William Oldaker, was 18 years old, which, by a comparison of ages of Abraham (2)'s children in the 1850 Census puts the date of arrival in Harrison County as 1824. But the deed made to Abraham Oldaker and Jacob Garrot gives the date as 1805. The only way this can be reconciled is to infer that Abraham and Jacob Garrot went to Harrison County, viewed the land, made and recorded the deed and returned for their families in 1805 and lived on "Oleaker Farm" in Fauquier County for another 19 years, which is hard to understand and believe.

If this inference is true then most of Abraham (2)'s children were born in Fauquier; if not, then Anthony was the only child born in Fauquier. Be that as it may, our information via Mrs. Gilsdorf and Mrs. Rhodes gives the number of children as 10-9 boys and one girl. A check on the 1830 Census is final.

When the 1850 Census was made there are only five Oldakers, males, heads of households, Anthony, William, Abraham, Jacob and Richard in the order of their birth. Adding Carrie Ann, who married Solomon Carpenter, makes six children. Abraham (2) is living with Carrie Ann and listed as 74 years old and a cooper by trade. It may be the other four children are dead, possibly died young.

The succeeding paragraph is quoted from a family history by Francis Marion Oldaker, son of Abraham (3):

Abraham (2) Oldaker came to Harrison and Upshur County and settled near Johnstown on Rooting Creek. He was living in 1850. His wife, Betsy, lived to be 100 years old and was entirely blind. She died in original home and is buried in the old section (grave unmarked) of Johnstown Methodist Church Cemetery. Francis was a young lad when Betsy died. Abraham (2) died at age 74 at the home of his daughter Carrie Ann Carpenter and is buried in Upshur County near Little Birch River.

Nellie Montgomery's notes say that Abraham and Betsy are both buried at Johnstown, that she died during the Civil War and he died many years before she died.

We quote from Mrs. Gilsdorf's Notes and Items:

"Abraham (2) and Elizabeth Garrett Oldaker came from Virginia to West Virginia with nine boys and one girl to settle--came over the mountains into the woods and built cabins and settled there. Grandmother Elizabeth lived to be 101 years old. Although blind in her old age she could sing many old sacred hymns from memory. She is buried in Upshur County, West Virginia."

By these foregoing items we reach the conclusions:

1. That Abraham (2) was living in 1850 and died in 1850, being 74 years old and having been born in 1776. (He must have died after census was taken.)

2. That Abraham (2) and Betsy were living with Carrie Ann Carpenter when Abraham (2) died and he was buried in Upshur County near Little Birch River.

3. That Betsy spent her last days in the original home with Abraham (3) and Elizabeth Beasley Oldaker for Francis was a young lad when she died there at 101 years of age. Therefore, she was born ca. 1778 or later (her father had to give consent to her marriage in 1803). If she married at 21 she was born in 1782 and 100 years later Francis would be a married man instead of a young lad. Evidently somebody was misinformed. But Betsy is buried at Johnstown in an unmarked grave.

"Know all men by those presence" that we have gotten ourselves into a bottleneck by these traditions and our only way out is to say that Rychard Garrot did not have to give his consent for his daughter Betsy to marry Abram Acres in 1803. So we will stretch her birth date back to 1776--same as her husbands--and thereby allowing Francis to be a young man (not a young lad) and unmarried when his grandmother died in 1877 at 101 years old. Francis was 24 years of age.

We now present the chart on this family:

Abraham (2) Oldaker born ca. 1776 died 1850. Born in Loudoun County, Virginia, son of Abraham (1) and Hester Oldaker, married in 1803 Fauquier County, Virginia.

Betsy Garrett born ca. 1777 in Fauquier County, Virginia, died 1878 Harrison County, West Virginia. Children 10(four unaccounted for).

1. Anthony Oldaker born 1804 in Fauquier County, Virginia (Oleaker Farm)
   married (1) Sarah (Sally) Lowther born 1808 died 15 April 1853 Upshur County, West Virginia
   married (2) Jane Carpenter 5 February 1854 Upshur County, West Virginia

2. William Oldaker born 22 November 1806 died 2 February 1882
   married (1) Lydia Queen 17 March 1831 born 22 November 1811 died 6 February 1871 parents Armstead Queen and Minnie Jett Queen
   married (2) Roanna Heater 20 August 1872 born 27 December 1826 daughter of Jacob Heater and Deliah (Riffle) Heater

3. Abraham (3) Oldaker born 1812 died 25 April 1887 Berlin, West Virginia
   married Elizabeth Beasley 1 June 1836 Lewis County, born 1815 Berlin, died 1891 Kincheloe Creek, West Virginia

4. Jacob Oldaker born 1816 died 24 October 1897 Upshur County West Virginia
   married Rachel Casto 22 February 1838 born 1824 died 6 November 1892 parents David and Susan Casto

5. Carrie Ann Oldaker born 1819
   married Solomon Carpenter 1 December 1836 Lewis County, born 1814

6. Richard Oldaker born 1822
   married Margaret (Peggy) Queen 6 October 1841 born 1822 died 1888

Note: The 1850 Census gives Richard as age 26, wife 33--evidently a mistake for the 1860 Census lists both as 38 years old. This validates their birth dates as 1822. However, the Meigs County, Ohio death register shows her date as 1828-1888.

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DEED TO OLDAKER AND GARROT FROM DANIEL STOUT

This indenture made this 30 September 1805 between Daniel Stout of the first part of Harrison County and State of Virginia and Jacob Garrot and Ruth his wife, Abraham Oldacre and Elizabeth his wife of the County of Harrison and state aforesaid, said Stout doth let and lease unto the above mentioned Jacob and Abraham there assigns and administrators a certain parcel or tract of land being bounded by

the lands of (abbreviated) Plummers, Moses, Hustead, and Stout, 100 acres be it more or less to have and to hold for a term of 20 years, said Stout doth bind himself, his heirs and assigns, administrators to defend the above mentioned Jacob and Abraham from any claimant whatever until the expiration of the above 20 years.

We, Jacob and Ruth Garrot, Abraham Oldacre and Elizabeth Oldaker bind ourselves, our heirs, administrators and assigns to pay unto Daniel Stout or his heirs one third part of what we raise on the said lot of land after the expiration of 5 years from the date hereof and also plant apple trees on said lot and build 2 houses with a single ruff 18x20 with hewed logs and stone chimney in each house and also we bind ourselves, our heirs and assigns to deliver up peacible possession to said Stout or his heirs the said lot of land in good repairs without damage done to any woodland uncleared. We also agree to have 10 acres in good meadow at the expiration of the 20 years, when we are to leave the land houses and all to the use of said Stout or his heirs. In witness where of we hereunto have set our seals the day and date above mentioned.

Teste: Anthony Haley — Daniel Stout
John W. Waldo — Jacob Garrot
Abraham Oldacre

Dec. Court 1805

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We present the genealogy of Abraham (2)'s family in six sections: Anthony-Section A; William-Section B; Abraham-Section C; Jacob- Section D; Carrie Ann-Section E; and Richard-Section F.

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SECTION A - FAMILY OF ANTHONY OLDAKER AND SALLY LOWTHER OLDAKER

Anthony Oldaker was the oldest son of Abraham (2) Oldaker. He was born in Fauquier County, Virgina, ca. 1804. He was listed in the 1850 Lewis County (Now Upshur) Census records. We think he may have moved to Ohio because we were unable to locate him in the Census Records for Lewis, Upshur or Harrison County for the dates 1860, 1870, 1880.

His first marriage was to Sarah "Sally" Lowther, daughter of George and Catherine Lowther. She was born ca. 1808 in Ohio. They had nine children. His second marriage was to Jane Carpenter on 5 February 1854, in Upshur County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of John C. Carpenter. No data on children, if any.

The children of Anthony and Sally are as follows:

1. Jemima Oldaker born ca. 1830 married Rev. Daniel Flint 10 May 1849. The Harrison County, West Virginia, 1880 Census shows the following children:

   (a) James W. Flint born ca. 1857
   (b) Joseph A. Flint born ca. 1861
   (c) Jefferson D. Flint born ca. 1862
   (d) Phebe E. Flint born ca. 1867
   (e) Sarah M. Flint born ca. 1869
   (f) Martha E. Flint born ca. 1874

2. Keziah "Kisar" Oldaker born ca. 1832 Lewis County (Now Upshur), West Virginia, married Clark Hess in 1855 son of Abram Hess and Delilah (Bennett) Hess. He was born ca. 1830 in Lewis County, West Virginia. Children:

   (a) Alonzo Jackson Hess born 13 November 1861 Hackers Creek, Upshur County, West Virginia married 7 January 1892 to Amanda Rebecca Lowther in Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of Issac and Elizabeth Lowther. She was born ca. 1867 in Lewis County, West Virginia. Alonzo died 1925.

   (b) William Hess born ca. 1864 Freemans Creek District, Lewis County, West Virginia.

   (c) Julia Rebecca Hess born ca. 1867 Lewis County, West Virginia, married Martin Anthony Taylor 25 December 1889, in Lewis County, West Virginia, by Rev. R.A. Kemper. He was the son of M. Thornton and Harriet E. Taylor. Children:

      (1) Lisa C. Taylor born January 1891, Lewis County, West Virginia.

(2) May B. Taylor born February 1892 Lewis County, West Virginia.

(3) Bessie G. Taylor born August 1895 Lewis County, West Virginia.

(4) Emma J. Taylor born February 1900 Lewis County, West Virginia.

(d) Wesley B. Hess born 4 December 1868 Hackers Creek, Upshur County, West Virginia.

(e) Mary Melissa Hess born ca. 1873 Freemans Creek District, Lewis County, West Virginia married 6 May 1891 William Henry Kershner by Rev. R.A. Kemper. William was a miller by trade. He died 16 October 1950. Children:

(1) French Henry Kershner born 1 February 1895, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 4 November 1933 in Buckhannon, West Virginia by Rev. C.E. Goodwin, pastor of M.E. Church, to Zina Lee Levett born 30 June 1899 Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of Minor Jackson Levett and Marie (Straley) Levett. French died 4 February 1983 at Glenville Care Center, Glenville, West Virginia. Zina died 7 August 1972 in Weston, West Virginia. They are both buried in Mt. Morris Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia. No children.

(2) Gladys J. Kershner married _____ Mindermann.

3. William Harrison Oldaker born April 1836 (See separate family chart in this section).

4. Carrie Ann Oldaker born 16 August 1838 Lewis County, West Virginia (now Upshur County), married Newton Hess 19 December 1855 Upshur County, West Virginia, son of Abraham Hess and Delilah (Bennett) Hess. Newton was born 27 July 1833 in Lewis County, West Virginia (Now Upshur County). Cary Ann died 4 April 1876. Newton remarried again first to Amanda E. Horner 17 August 1876, Lewis County, and second to Elizabeth Queen in November 1882. Children by marriage (1):

(a) Joseph Anthony Hess born ca. 1856 Upshur County, West Virginia.

(b) Anna Hess born Upshur County, West Virginia.

(c) Basel H. Hess born 12 December 1858 Upshur County, West Virginia, married 19 May 1878 Emilia Jane Shiflett.

(d) Margaret Hess born 24 December 1861 Upshur County, West Virginia.

(e) John Hess born 15 April 1866 Herring Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 15 November ____ to Serena Horner. John died 13 February 1922.

(f) Blanche Hess born 11 October 1873 Jesse Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, died 28 March 1876.

5. John D. Oldaker born 26 February 1841 (See separate family chart in this section).

6. Henry Jackson Oldaker born 1843 (See separate family chart in this section).

7. Mary Elizabeth Oldaker born ca. 1848 married William Elmore Mount 2 May 1867. William's father was John Mount.

8. Catherine Oldaker No data.

9. Anthony Oldaker Jr. No data.

The only land transactions we could find for Anthony Oldaker was in Harrison County, West Virginia, records:

Book 29 Page 337 (1841) Grantee: John McPherson, Trust.
Grantor: Anthony Oldaker
Description: Deed of Trust. No acres given.

A3 - WILLIAM HARRISON OLDAKER AND ANNA RINEHART FAMILY

William Harrison Oldaker was born in April 1836, son of Anthony and Sarah (Lowther) Oldaker. He died 14 December 1896. He married Anna Rinehart on 14 December 1858. She was born 12 March 1838 and died 24 November 1914. She was 77 years 8 months and 12 days old at time of death. Rev. J.J. Vincent conducted services. Undertakers were McGee of Glenville. William and Anna are buried in the Synder Cemetery on Stewart's Creek, four miles north of Glenville, Gilmer County, West Virginia. William has a monument but Anna does not.

The following land transactions are listed in the Lewis County, West Virginia, records:

	Grantee	Grantor
Bk. 2 Pg. 378 (1866)	William H. Oldaker Description: Deed 113 acres Hackers Creek District	William E. Arnold
Bk. 7 Pg. 370 (1871)	William H. Oldaker Description: Deed 99 acres Freemen's Creek District	B. Despard
Bk. 12 Pg. 161 (1881)	W.H. Oldaker Description: Deed 12 acres Kincheloe Creek FCD	Stephen Hughes
Bk. 22 Pg. 245 (1883)	William H. Oldaker Description: Deed 10 acres Kincheloe Creek FCD	H.F. Hughes

	Grantor	Grantee
Bk. 6 Pg 473 (1873)	Wm. H. and Anna Oldaker Description: Deed 102 acres 4P Camp Harmony Run FCD	Amaziah Jenkins
Bk. 7 Pg 379 (1873)	Wm. H. and Anna Oldaker Description: Deed 56 A 1 R 16 P Herron Run of Hackers Creek District	Issac Oldaker
Bk. 7 Pg. 379 (1874)	Wm. H. and Anna Oldaker Description: Deed 51 A 2 R 19 P Herron Run of Hackers Creek District	George D. Queen
Bk. 7 Pg. 409 (1874)	Wm. H. and Anna Oldaker Description: Deed 9 A 3 R 31 P Herron Run of Hackers Creek District	Booth Bond

The following land transactions are listed in Harrison County, West Virginia, records for William H. and Anna Oldaker:

	Grantee	Grantor
Bk. 50 Pg. 359 (1867)	William H. Oldaker	Casander Dawson
	Description: 75 acres Lost Creek	
Bk. 55 Pg. 438 (1870)	William H. Oldaker	Mary William, al
	Description: 166 acres Kincheloe Creek	
Bk. 55 Pg. 439 (1872)	William H. Oldaker	Felix L. Hall
	Description: 73 acres plus Kincheloe Creek	
Bk. 57 Pg. 228 (1874)	William H. Oldaker	Austin Davis
	Description: 34 acres Kincheloe Creek	
Bk. 65 Pg. 23 (1881)	William H. Oldaker	D.M. Cole, ux
	Description: 17¼ acres Kincheloe Creek	
Bk. 50 Pg. 412 (1867)	John Knisley	Anna Oldaker, al
	Description: 75 acres Lost Creek	
Bk. 59 Pg. 260 (1876)	B.M. Wolverton	Anna Oldaker, al
	Description: 84 acres Kincheloe Creek	
Bk. 56 Pg. 176 (1873)	Amaziah Jenkins	Anna Oldaker, al
	Description: 73 acres plus Kincheloe Creek	
Bk. 61 Pg. 128 (1877)	Benj. M. Wolverton	Anna Oldaker, al
	Description: 24½ acres Kincheloe Creek	
Bk. 62 Pg. 378 (1878)	John Beeghley	Anna Oldaker, al
	Description: 64 acres Kincheloe Creek	
Bk. 81 Pg. 263 (1890)	Richard Thrash	Anna Oldaker, al
	Description: 75 acres Kincheloe Creek	

William Harrison Oldaker and Anna Rinehart Oldaker had twelve children, five of whom died as infants.

1. Adaline Oldaker born 16 October 1859 married Levi Sylvester Oldaker, son of William Oldaker and Lydia (Queen) Oldaker (Chart will appear under Section B).

2. Sarah Oldaker born 14 January 1861 married Marsdon Bell (See separate family chart in this section).

3. John Henry Oldaker born 11 August 1863 married Sarah Idella Lawson (See separate family chart in this Section).

4. Abram Columbus Oldaker born 23 January 1864 died 1872.

5. Eliza Oldaker born 17 August 1869 died December 1872.

6. Arthur Lee Oldaker born June 1872 died December 1872.

7. Dora M. Oldaker born 12 October 1873 married Charles Perry Snyder (See separate family chart in this section).

8. Ira Oldaker born 11 July 1876 died 11 May 1878.

9. Emma Oldaker born 1877 died 7 May 1878.

10. Iva Oldaker born 12 August 1878 married Lloyd Kirkpatrick (See separate family chart in this section).

11. Lloyd Wellington Oldaker born 22 May 1880 married Mary Elizabeth Harris (See separate chart in this section).

12. William Harrison Oldaker born 14 December 1884 married Sarah Maude Kirkpatrick (See separate chart in this section).

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A3-2 - SARAH OLDAKER AND MARSDON SAMUEL BELL FAMILY

Sarah Oldaker, daughter of William Harrison and Anna (Rinehart) Oldaker, was born 14 January 1861. She died 17 May 1936 at Two Lick, Harrison County, West Virginia. Marsdon Samuel Bell, son of Richard Bell and Matilda (Nutt) Bell was born 31 July 1850 at Mineral, Harrison County, West Virginia. Sarah and Marsdon were married 20 February 1881 at Mineral. Marsdon died 10 November 1930 at Two Lick. Marsdon is buried in the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Cemetery, Kincheloe, Harrison County, West Virginia. They had seven children, one of whom died as an infant.

1. James Hamilton Bell born 6 August 1882 at Two Lick, Harrison County, West Virginia. Married Mintie Miller on 5 April 1908 in Ritchie County, West Virginia. They had two children:

   (a) Arnett Oran Bell born 28 April 1909, Harrison County, West Virginia. Never married.

   (b) Hazel Virginia Bell born 17 July 1918, Harrison County, West Virginia. Never married.

2. Emma Vernetta "Nettie" Bell born 11 September 1884, Two Lick, Harrison County, west Virginia, died 19 November 1959, Parkersburg, West Virginia. Married Asa Thomas Wright on 5 November 1905 in Gilmer County, West Virginia. He was born 15 May 1881 Gilmer County, West Virginia. His father was Harvey Wright and mother Louise (Evans) Wright. Emma and Asa are buried in the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Cemetery, Kincheloe, Harrison County, West Virginia. They had two children:

   (a) Densil Aubrey Wright born 20 October 1906 Gilmer County, West Virginia, died 20 March 1975 at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Married 18 April 1934 Fairmont, West Virginia, to Margaret Mahelia Harvey born 14 September 1914 Reynoldsville, Harrison County, West Virginia. Her father was Robert Lee Harvey and mother Blanche (Nicholson) Harvey. They had two children:

      (1) Jacqueline Wright born 22 February 1935 at West Milford, Harrison County, West Virginia, married Hollis Higgenbotham 27 July 1957. They have one son Timmie Allen Higgenbotham born Elyria, Ohio, 28 July ____.

      (2) Robert Thomas Wright born 5 November 1947 at Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 20 August 1970 to Verl Poiror born 5 November 1946. They have one son, Gregory Wright born 14 August 1973 in Massachusetts.

3. Rosa Lee Bell born 14 October 1886 at Two Lick, Harrison County, West Virginia. She died 26 November 1975. She was never married.

4. Luella Maude Bell born 19 September 1889 at Two Lick, West Virginia. She married Grover Davis 18 September 1910 in a buggy Near Valley Chapel, Lewis County, West Virginia. Luella died 18 June 1977 at Nutter Fort, West Virginia and Grover died 13 August 1973 at Clarksburg, West Virginia. Grover's parents were Linville W. Davis and Martha L. (Hall) Davis. Luella and Grover are buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Kincheloe, West Virginia. They had four children:

   (a) Carrie Edna Davis born 28 June 1910 Nutter Fort, Harrison County, West Virginia, married 9 June 1929 Harrison County, West Virginia to Silas Patrick Miller born 17 July 1899 Webster County, West Virginia, son of Silas G. Miller and Maggie (Gregory) Miller.

   (b) Gineva Virginia Davis born 12 June 1911, Nutter Fort, West Virginia, married Ernest Finley 1 December 1932 Harrison County, West Virginia. He was born in Taylor County, West Virginia 11 October 1910. He was the son of Ora Vern Finley and Lora May (Saffel) Finley.

   (c) Reta Thelma Davis born 30 April 1912 Nutter Fort, West Virginia, married Paul Forest Carder Williams 11 August 1930, Nutter Fort, West Virginia. He was born 24 March 1909, Harrison County, West Virginia, son of John E. Williams and Emma (Hutson) Williams.

   (d) Lenval Woodrow Davis born 2 March 1912, Nutter Fort, West Virginia. He married Lillian Helen Pitzer 10 June 1935 Harrison County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Willie Lewis Pitzer and Sophia Tabitha (Smith) Pitzer. Lenval's second marriage was to Edna Ward.

5. Richard Guy Bell born 10 November 1891 Two Lick, Harrison County, West Virginia, married 27 September 1914 at Weston, West Virginia to Etta Lee Brown born 26 January 1896 at Broad Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of John Alva Brown and Sarah Margaret (Fitzpatrick) Brown. Richard Bell died 30 September 1975 at Stonewall Memorial Hospital, Weston, West Virginia. He is buried at Broad Run Baptist Church Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia. They had six children, all born Mineral, Harrison County, West Virginia.

   (a) Virgil Royce Bell born 1 November 1915, married 6 June 1942 to Norma Olive Smith. (See separate chart of this family under Section B).

(b) Thelma Rose Bell born 27 September 1917. Never married.

(c) Agnes Lee Bell born 23 January 1920, married 30 December 1955 in Virginia to Bert Griffin. Children:

(1) Donna Lee Griffin born 13 May 1944 Weston, West Virginia, married 25 January 1964, Columbus, Ohio, to Jonathan Perkins. Adopted children are:

(a) Kimberly Joyce Perkins born 17 July 1965, Perry, New York.

(b) Karen Lee Perkins born 12 April 1967, Springfield, Ohio.

(c) Kathryn Nichole Perkins born 20 March 1972, Columbus, Ohio.

(d) Wanda Mae Bell born 3 January 1922, married 21 November 1944, Weston, West Virginia, to Granville Francis Life, son of Frank Life and Tina (McCray) Life. Children:

(1) Steven Rudy Life born 9 April 1947 Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 14 February 1970, Columbus, Ohio, to Sandra George. Children:

(a) Melinda Sue Life born 13 September 1971, Columbus, Ohio.

(b) Richard Marcus Life born 17 June 1975, Columbus, Ohio.

(2) Michael Francis Life born 26 January 1949, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 29 September 1973 to Tonya Thomas. Children:

(a) Jason Guy Life born 23 March 1977, Columbus, Ohio.

(3) Cheryl Joyce Life born 20 January 1951, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married July 1967 to Timothy Paul Morrell, son of Ed Morrell. Children:

(a) Mia Ranee Morrell born December 1968, Columbus, Ohio.

(b) Marsha Ray Morrell born 28 February 1971, Columbus, Ohio.

(e) Guy Eugene Bell born 11 September 1925, married Barbara Ruth Kamp 2 September 1961, New York, New York, daughter of John Kamp and Jessie (Salter) Kamp, born 6 March 1942. Children:

(1) Coleen Grace Bell born 17 March 1962, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married Mark Morgan, March 1981.

(2) Christina June Bell born 23 March 1964, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(3) Constance Faye Bell born 19 February 1965, Fairmont, West Virginia.

(4) Bryan Scott Bell born 29 October 1967, Fairmont, West Virginia.

(5) Carol Ruth Bell born 2 April 1971, Fairmont, West Virginia.

(f) Sarah June Bell born 21 March 1929 married 7 June 1951 Ina Moreland Hay at Bryan University Chapel, Dayton, Tennessee. He was born 19 December 1928, Nigeria, West Africa, son of John Hay and Sarah (Morland) Hay. Children, all born Jos, Nigeria, Africa.:

(1) Douglas Kent Hay born 28 June 1952, Africa, died 28 June 1952.

(2) Brenda Carol Hay born 20 September 1953, married Larry Kelley 28 December 1975. Children:

(a) Lorrel Kelley born 2 March 1979, Silver Lake, Indiana.

(b) Timothy Michael Kelley born 17 December 1980, Akron, Ohio.

(c) Joshua Alan Kelley born 17 December 1980, Akron, Ohio.

(3) Norman Keith Hay born 12 April 1955 died 17 August 1955.

(4) Alan Bruce Hay born 12 April 1955 died 11 March 1963.

(5) Robert Ian Hay born 11 June 1964.

6. Nora Bell born 23 May 1894. Never married.

7. Anita Matilda Bell born 2 August 1898 died 21 August 1898.

A3-3 - JOHN HENRY OLDAKER AND SARAH IDELLA LAWSON FAMILY

John Henry Oldaker, son of William Harrison Oldaker and Anna (Rinehart) Oldaker was born 11 August 1862 in Harrison County, West Virginia. He married 1 September 1886 Harrison County, West Virginia, to Sarah Idella Lawson, daughter of William Miller Lawson and Elizabeth (Fitzhugh) Lawson. John Henry died 5 July 1942 in Harrison County. Sarah died 23 November 1934 in Harrison County. She is buried at Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Clarksburg, West Virginia. They had 12 children:

1. Zora Ellen Oldaker born 20 June 1887 (See separate chart of this family in this section).

2. Jennie Frances Oldaker born 11 February 1889, Kincheloe, Harrison County, West Virginia, married 9 October 1907 in Gilmer County, West Virginia, to Harvey Wellford Law. Jennie died 17 August 1964. They had 14 children:

   (a) Clarence Bland Law born 29 August 1908 married Pearl Rowe 5 December 1932. Clarence died 20 September 1972.

   (b) Sarah Elizabeth Law born 21 July 1910 Glenville, West Virginia, married Lloyd Moore 16 April 1932.

   (c) Ollie Lawrence Law born 11 March 1912, Long Run, Doddridge County, West Virginia, married 23 October 1932 to Zona Swiger.

   (d) Walter Bassel Law born 10 November 1913, Long Run, Doddridge County, West Virginia, married 24 September 1950, to Waneta Swisher. Walter died 5 March 1972.

   (e) Margaret Frances Law born 10 September 1915, New Milton, Doddridge County, West Virginia, married Shirley Davis 5 August 1936.

   (f) Minnie Alice Law born 27 June 1918 Long Run, Doddridge County, West Virginia, married 15 June 1935 Wayman Lowe.

   (g) Carry Catherine Law born 27 August 1920, Long Run, Doddridge County, West Virginia, married 26 November 1938, Raymond Ross.

   (h) Annie May Law born 28 June 1922, Long Run, Doddridge County, West Virginia, married 3 December 1940 to Fred Davis.

   (i) Charley Marshall Law born 31 August 1924, Long Run, Doddridge County, West Virginia, died 21 October 1935.

(j) John Henry Law born 26 December 1926, Long Run, Doddridge County, West Virginia, married 7 October 1949 to Helen Swisher. John died 3 November 1962.

(k) Oney Wellington Law born 17 March 1929, Long Run, Doddridge County, West Virginia, married 1 April 1951, to Anna Lou Spencer.

(l) Mary Rosalie Law born 11 August 1932, Route 2, Salem, West Virginia, married 23 December 1950, to Donald Dotson.

(m) Mary Kathleen Law born April 9, 1936, married Ernest Leasure.

(n) Garnett Lea Law 20 April 1935, married 17 November 1954 to Richard Davis Jr.

3. Charles William Oldaker born 26 June 1890, married Nellie Rae Kern (See separate chart of this family in this section).

4. Anna Maud Oldaker born 26 March 1892 Leading Creek, Gilmer County, West Virginia, married Frank Cornwell. No data on children. Anna died 12 March 1979.

5. Ebbert Columbus Oldaker born 26 October 1893, Linn, Gilmer County, West Virginia, married 21 February 1914, at Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Zana Mary Watkins, daughter of Brooks Watkins. Data is incomplete but have following information on children:

(a) Herbert Alfred Oldaker born 20 April 1915, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(b) Georgia Katherine Oldaker born 6 July 1917, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(c) Virgil Aretus Oldaker born 6 August 1919, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(d) Gladys Irene Oldaker born 5 April 1922, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(e) Juanita Gerald Oldaker born 9 July 1924 Kokomo, Indiana.

(f) Mary Lou Oldaker born 26 February 1927, Kokomo, Indiana.

6. Arthur Lee Oldaker born 9 September 1895, Gilmer County, West Virginia, married Opal May Straight on 23 December 1919, at Akron, Ohio. She was daughter of John Thomas Straight and Phyllis Lee (Hayes) Straight. Children:

(a) Phyllis Ileane Oldaker born 5 October 1920, Akron, Ohio, married Ervin Jordan.

(b) Norma Lee Oldaker born 3 September 1922, Akron, Ohio, married Bradley Boggs.

(c) Anna May Oldaker born 15 November 1925, at Akron, Ohio, married George Bennett.

7. Willis Wellington Oldaker born 19 February 1897, Glenville, West Virginia, died 6 May 1968. Never married.

8. Lillie May Oldaker born 26 September 1898, Glenville, West Virginia, married Okey Starkey. Lillie died 24 June 1967. Data is incomplete but have following children:

(a) Cecil Robert Starkey.

(b) Wilbur Glenn Starkey.

(c) Ruby Mae Starkey married _____ West.

(f) Elizabeth Lee Starkey married _____ Corder.

(g) Violet (?) Starkey.

(h) Jean Starkey.

9. John William Oldaker born 12 July 1900, married Myrtle Golden Layton (See separate chart of this family in this section).

10. Lowery Ernest Oldaker born 28 June 1902, Glenville, West Virginia, married Clara Prunty. Had one son Arthur Oldaker. Lowery was named for Rev. Lowery E. Oldaker.

11. Hilbert Earl Oldaker born 13 May 1905, Glenville, West Virginia, married 27 October 1928, to Martha Agnes Shreve, daughter of Hughie Shreve and Grace (Castle) Shreve. Agnes was born 23 August 1910. Hilbert died 18 December 1959, and Agnes died 14 February 1972. They are both buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Harrison County, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Frances Jane Oldaker born 7 September 1927, Taylor County, West Virginia, married 6 September 1952, to Lloyd Westley Walter. No data on children.

(b) Donald Earl Oldaker born 22 May 1929, Harrison County, West Virginia. No further data.

(c) Doris Elaine Oldaker born 21 January 1930, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 14 April 1951, to Guy Joseph Fragmin. No data on children.

(d) Brenda Joyce Oldaker born 12 September 1946, married 27 June 1964, to Wesley Junior Heater. No data on children.

12. Homer Guy Oldaker born 3 July 1907, Glenville, West Virginia, married 16 August 1930, in Gilmer County, West Virginia, to Geneva Audrey Bell born 25 January 1913 in Gilmer County, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Willa Mae Oldaker born 17 April 1931, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married Frank Holbert Smith, 26 August 1949. He was born 13 August 1928, son of Charles G. Smith and Hope (Hathaway) Smith. No data on children.

(b) Donald Eugene Oldaker born 18 January 1932, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married Lucretia Harper.

(c) Edward Eugene Oldaker born 14 June 1937, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married (1) Alice Marie Hooper in Harrison County 22 October 1970; married (2) Louise Marie Horn 26 May 1977.

The land transactions in Harrison County, West Virginia, for John Henry Oldaker shows the following:

	Grantee	Grantor
Bk. 234 Pg. 39 (1914)	John H. and Sarah I. Oldaker	Cornelius Lawson
	Description: Deed 113.34 acres Two Lick Run	
Bk. 268 Pg. 48 (1919)	Sarah I. Oldaker	Union Land Co.
	Description: Deed, Lot Union Heights	

A3-3-1 - ZORA ELLEN OLDAKER AND ILA HERBERT STEVENS FAMILY

Zora Ellen Oldaker was born 20 June 1887, at Kincheloe, West Virginia, married Ila Herbert Stevens 8 November 1916, in Clarksburg, West Virginia. He was son of George Stevens and Mahala (_____) Stevens. Zora Ellen died 23 September 1970, at Clarksburg, West Virginia. Herbert died 23 November 1955, at Baltimore, Maryland. They are both buried in Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Clarksburg, West Virginia. They had eight children, all born in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

1. Ila Herbert Stevens Jr. born 18 October 1917, died December 1918.

2. Hazel Olive Stevens born 9 December 1918, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, daughter of Ila Herbert Stevens and Zora Ellen Oldaker, married Samuel James Hart 22 January 1942, in Clarksburg, West Virginia. He was the son of John Washington Hart and Nancy Ellen (Gaston) Hart. Samuel was born 14 February 1916, Doddridge County, West Virginia. Children:

   (a) Samuel James Hart Jr. born 12 December 1942, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married Carolyn Ann Liptak, daughter of Steve Liptak and Nellie (Robey) Liptak. She was born 23 June 1943, Harrison County, West Virginia. Children:

      (1) Jeffrey Lynn Hart born 8 December 1963, Harrison County, West Virginia.

      (2) Sherri Jeanette Hart born 19 December 1967, Harrison County, West Virginia.

   (b) Ronald Lynn Hart born 10 September 1946, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 29 August 1969, to Kathy Lou Harris in Clarksburg, West Virginia. She was born 29 June 1950, daughter of James Edward Harris and Pauline (Gillespie) Harris. Children:

      (1) Crystal Lynn Hart born 4 December 1973, Harrison County, West Virginia.

      (2) Amber Dawn Hart born 11 October 1976, Harrison County, West Virginia.

   (c) Mark Allen Hart born 16 June 1955, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 22 June 1975, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Jeanette Diane Shirley born 26 October 1955, McDowell County, West Virginia, daughter of Charles E. Shirley and Carrie Marcella (Stitt) Shirley. Children:

(1) Jeromie Marcus Hart born 29 January 1976.

(2) Jason Matthew Hart born 18 September 1978.

3. Pauline Marie Stevens born 15 April 1920, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 10 July 1937, in Bridgeport, West Virginia, to Willard Washburn Post born 9 March 1916, in Pennsboro, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Willard E. Post born 22 April 1939 in Bridgeport, West Virginia, married 29 October 1960, to Beverly A. Adams born 2 December 1941, in Baltimore, Maryland. Children:

(1) Brian A. Post born 8 May 1961 in Baltimore, Maryland.

(2) Darrin L. Post born 3 July 1965 in Baltimore, Maryland.

(b) James A. Post born 15 July 1941 in Bridgeport, West Virginia, married Marrian A. Authur born 5 October 1951, in Baltimore Maryland. Children:

(1) Kimberly D. Post born 26 February 1972, in Baltimore, Maryland.

(2) Deborah D. Post born 9 November 1980 in Baltimore, Maryland.

(c) Gerald L. Post born 19 August 1945, in Baltimore, Maryland, married 9 August 1967 in Baltimore, Maryland, to Rita A. Eichelman born 8 November 1947, in Baltimore, Maryland. Children:

(1) Gerald L. Post Jr. born 11 February 1971, in Baltimore, Maryland.

(2) Arron M. Post born 19 April 1973 in Baltimore, Maryland.

(d) Thomas R. Post born 18 January 1951 in Baltimore, Maryland, married 28 July 1973, in Baltimore to Diana M. Thomas born 8 June 1955 in Baltimore.

(1) Karen M. Post born 10 November, 1980, Baltimore, Maryland.

(2) Jeremy C. Post born 26 March 1981, in Baltimore, Maryland.

4. Troy Hazen Stevens born 11 December 1921 married Mary Virginia McDonald 29 March 1942. She was daughter of Douglas D. McDonald and Nerma (Gordon) McDonald. She was born 23 July 1923, Taylor County, West Virginia.

She is deceased and buried in Phoenix, Arizona. They had three children:

(a) Nerma Hazen Stevens born 24 January 1943, married Dallas Caprio in California. Children are:

(1) Michelle Virginia Caprio

(2) Shelly Ann Caprio

(3) Troy Anthony Caprio

(4) Gregory Caprio

(b) Gennie Marie Stevens born 14 January 1948 Phoenix, Arizona, married David Vowles in Phoenix, Arizona, 10 June 1967. David was born 9 November 1946, Hallock, Minnesota. They have one daughter.

(1) Mary Gwen Vowles born 2 June 1969, Phoenix, Arizona.

(c) Rebecca Ellen Stevens born 29 March 1950.

5. John Washington Stevens born 8 October 1924, married Lola Null. No further data.

6. Betty Jo Stevens born 25 March 1925 died 23 November 1945

7. Norma Lee Stevens born 27 May 1926, married Ivan Neal Woods born 12 October 1925, Mill Creek, West Virginia. Children, all born Baltimore, Maryland.

(a) Ivan Neal Woods Jr. born 19 April 1949, died 17 November 1959.

(b) Patricia E. Woods born 20 August 1947.

(c) Nelson R. Woods born 31 August 1951, married 23 March 1973, Korea, to Myong S. Park born 23 December 1953, Korea. Children:

(1) Neal Y. Woods born 27 March 1975 in Korea.

(2) John R. Woods born 23 November 1976 in South Carolina.

(d) Barbara A. Woods born 8 March 1953, in Baltimore, Maryland, married Samuel D. Bush 23 August 1978, in South Carolina. He was born 27 January 1952 in Florida. Children:

(1) Kimberly L. Kurns Bush born 22 October 1973, Omaha, Nebraska. She was child from previous marriage, Kurns.

(2) Joshua E. Bush born 9 May 1981, in North Carolina.

(3) Jeremiah I. Bush born 9 May 1981, in North Carolina.

(e) George B. Woods born 19 May 1959. Not married.

(f) Victoria L. Woods born 13 May 1963. Not married.

(g) Valier Woods born 13 May 1963, died 13 May 1963.

8. William Dale Stevens born 17 September 1932. Not married.

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A3-3-3 - CHARLES WILLIAM OLDAKER AND NELLIE RAE KERN FAMILY

Charles William Oldaker, son of John Henry Oldaker and Sarah Idella (Lawson) Oldaker, born 26 June 1890, at Kincheloe, West Virginia, died 24 April 1953, at Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 7 November 1913, Oakland, Maryland, to Nellie Rae Kern born 8 October 1895, Taylor County, West Virginia, daughter of Harry W. Kern and Clara (Satterfield) Kern. Nellie Rae Kern's second marriage was to Wayne Van Nicholson. Nellie Rae died 16 July 1977. Both Charles William and Nellie Rae are buried in Stonewall Park Cemetery, Nutter Fort, West Virginia. We have identified 10 children:

1. Harry William Oldaker born 27 February 1915, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married Wilma Virginia Bell 17 April, 1937. She was daughter of Emory S. Bell and Lovell (Taylor) Bell. She was born 31 July 1930 in Harrison County, West Virginia. Children:

   (a) Ronald William Oldaker born 25 February 1938, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 19 December 1960, in Harrison County, West Virginia, to Donna Jean Zvonaric born 6 April 1937, in Harrison County, daughter of Michael Zvonaric and Juanita Stutler Lindsey Zvonaric.

   (b) Harry Lynn Oldaker born 14 August 1940, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 30 June 1961, to Mollie Delores Trimble born 17 November 1943, Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of James Lew Trimble and Bertha Alleda (Bolyard) Trimble. Children:

      (1) Vincent Edward Oldaker born 7 March 1962, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

      (2) James Timothy Oldaker born 17 August 1965, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

      (3) John Christopher Oldaker born 17 November 1967, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

   (c) Patricia Louise Oldaker born 13 October 1942, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married John Rose born 23 June 1931, Shinnston, West Virginia, son of Frank Rose and Angel (Spadafore) Rose, on 24 February 1966 in Perora, West Virginia.

   (d) Roy Edward Oldaker born 4 July 1944, Harrison County, West Virginia, married 11 June 1963, Harrison County, West Virginia, to Betty Lou Mayle, born Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of George Dewey Mayle and Audra Muel (Nay) Mayle. Children:

      (1) Kevin Lee Oldaker born 11 July 1967, at Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(e) David Lee Oldaker born 25 June 1946, in Harrison County, West Virginia, married 27 February 1971, in Harrison County, West Virginia, to Frances Joyce Saunders born 26 July 1949, in Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of Claude Saunders and Frances (Joyce) Saunders. Children:

(1) David Lee Oldaker Jr. born 11 August 1971, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(2) Randall Lee Oldaker born 25 August 1973, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(f) Richard Allen Oldaker born 11 September 1948, in Henryetta, Oklahoma, married 5 February 1968, in Harrison County, West Virginia, to Sylvia Arlene Martin born 23 December 1950, in Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of Darrell Jackson Martin and Sarah Ellen (Ogden) Martin.

(g) Karen Sue Oldaker born 7 July 1950 at Henryetta, Oklahoma, married Gary Leslie Heflin 22 July 1970, in Harrison County, West Virginia.

Harry William Oldaker was married a second time on 22 July 1966 at Bridgeport, West Virginia, to Ardeth Dale (Poling) Geddes, a widow, born 29 September 1910, in Taylor County, West Virginia. She was daughter of William C. Poling and Lelah (Glenn) Poling.

2. Brenton Hamilton Oldaker born 26 January 1917, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married Ursel Pansy Weekley. Children:

(a) Brenton Howard Oldaker born 16 July 1953, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married (1) 11 November 1972, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Deana Kay Moneypenny born 5 November 1954, daughter William Clyde Moneypenny and Mildred Regina (Dean) Moneypenny. No children by this marriage. Married 20 August 1976, to Sarah Marie (Talbert) Ice born 17 April 1940 Barbour County, West Virginia, daughter of Charles Talbert and Myrtle (Cathell) Talbert. One child:

(1) Brenton Howard Oldaker II born 21 December 1977, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(b) Stephen Mark Oldaker born 28 December 1955, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 3 July 1976, Center Point, Doddridge County, West Virginia to C. Suzana Morgan born 28 October 1958 Hancock County, West Virginia, daughter of Roy Morgan and Ann L. (Ash) Morgan. Children:

(1) Christopher Stephen Oldaker born 22 February 1983, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

3. Willis Eugene Oldaker born 13 September 1918, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 2 November 1946, at Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Jean Marie Kilmer born 3 April 1926, daughter of John W. Kilmer and Mary (Fike) Kilmer. Children:

(a) Ralph Edward Oldaker born 15 June 1949, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 29 August 1969 in Harrison County, West Virginia, to Judith Ann (Skidmore) Hudkins born 24 February 1953 in Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of William Skidmore, Jr. and Christine B. (Rowe) Skidmore.

(b) Debra Jean Oldaker born 4 July 1956, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 23 March 1977, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Steven Michael Davisson born 18 June 1958, Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of Delbert Gene Davisson and Lillian (Woods) Davisson.

(c) Raymond Eugene Oldaker born _____, married 26 September 1975, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Kathy Jean Davis born 24 April 1952, Clarksburg, West Virginia, daughter of Wilford Dale Davis and Edna (McMullen) Davis.

4. Sherwood Francis Oldaker born 24 December 1919, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 28 December 1940, to Wilma Elizabeth Kish. Children:

(a) Kenneth Ray Oldaker born 10 April 1941, Dawmont, Harrison County, West Virginia, married (1) to Shirley Jean Sites born 6 October 1946, Thomas, West Virginia, daughter of Charles T. Sites and Thelma Gertrude (Shillingburg) Friend Sites. One child. Married (2) 1 August 1981, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Donna Marie (Fragmin) Walls born 7 January 1948, Clarksburg, West Virginia, daughter of Dominic Fragmin and Mary (Aiello) Fragmin.

(b) Leonard Sherwood Oldaker born 24 December 1947, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married (1) 3 December 1966, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Nellie Elizabeth Sites born 13 November 1944, Keyser, West Virginia, daughter of Charles T. Sites and Thelma Gertrude (Shillingburg) Friend Sites. Children by marriage (1):

(1) Lisa Ann Oldaker born 28 August 1967, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(2) Kimberly Jo Oldaker born 6 June 1973, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Married (2) 10 June 1978 Harrison Co., West Virginia, to Joyce Fay Oliverio born 27 October 1957, Stonewood, Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of Sam Oliverio and Joyce F. Oliverio.

5. Robert Ray Oldaker born 24 August 1921, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 4 August 1944, Harrison County, West Virginia, to Georgia Ellen Shelhammer born 4 November 1925 in Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of Charles Shelhammer and Nettie (Cunningham) Shelhammer. Robert Ray died 23 February 1970 and is buried in Floral Hills Cemetery, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Robert Charles Oldaker born 8 March 1945, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 11 March 1966, to Bertha Elizabeth Johnson at Hepzibah, West Virginia. She was born 10 May 1947, the daughter of Howard William Johnson and Margaret Rebecca (Elliot) Johnson. Children:

(1) Patrick William Oldaker born 30 September 1966, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(2) Michael Thomas Oldaker born 30 September 1966, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(3) Alicia Nicole Oldaker born 5 February 1974, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(b) Arthur Ray Oldaker born 9 August 1948, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 24 June 1967, to Sandra Jo Carpenter born 5 June 1949, Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of John Dewey Carpenter and Dorothy Geneva (Carle) Carpenter.

(c) Sherwood E. Oldaker born 13 February 1951, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 24 September 1976, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Terry Lynn (Humberston) Snyder, daughter of Harold Humberston and Delores (LeJeune) Humberston.

6. Charles William Oldaker Jr. born 15 April 1923, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 8 September 1945, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Wanita Leona Barker born 25 March 1929, daughter of John Earl Barker and Lena (Vanscoy) Barker. Children:

(a) Charles William Oldaker III born 6 April 1946, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 16 June 1966, to Gloria Ann Whaley born 3 February 1950, daughter of Gralieus Oats Whaley and Betty Lee (Pinkston) Whaley.

(b) Gary Lee Oldaker born 12 April 1948, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 13 February 1982, in

Lumberport, West Virginia, to Lillian Frances Davisson, born 27 November 1955, Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of Henry W. Davisson and Frances (Stutler) Davisson. She had been previously married to _____ Swiger.

(c) Roger Ray Oldaker born 12 June 1950, Harrison County, West Virginia, married 21 December 1968, Harrison County, West Virginia, to Rebecca Ann Jeffries born 2 December 1949, Harrison County, West Virginia. Children:

(1) Roger Ray Oldaker, Jr. born 27 February 1970, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(2) Christine Leona Oldaker born 3 January 1973, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(d) Gerald Oldaker born 8 October 1952, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 16 December 1972, Harrison County, West Virginia, to Mary Elizabeth Hudkins, born 28 February 1954, Clarksburg, West Virginia, daughter of Worthy Hudkins and Ella (Swick) Hudkins. Children:

(1) Rachel Eilene Oldaker born 17 December 1973, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(2) Jamie Lynn Oldaker born 29 October 1980, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(e) Brenda Kay Oldaker born 4 August 1954, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 16 December 1972, to William R. Hurst born 9 March 1951, Wallace, Harrison County, West Virginia, son of Randolph Hurst and Lola (Heldreth) Hurst.

(f) Kathy Mae Oldaker born 4 December 1955, Clarksburg, West Virginia, died 7 July 1958.

(g) Marlene Ruth Oldaker born 26 August 1958, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 26 May 1979, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Frenchie Swiger born 26 August 1958, Harrison County, West Virginia, son of Aubrey Swiger and Helen (Goodwin) Swiger.

(h) Jeffrey Lynn Oldaker born 14 August 1960, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 16 November 1979, to Janis Darlene Harris born 22 October 1961, San Diego, California, daughter of Virginia (King) Blevins and John L. Blevins (stepfather).

(i) Wilma Jean Oldaker born 7 September 1961, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

7. Kathleen Mae Oldaker born 4 March 1926, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 28 February 1948, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Carol Clayton Allen born 1 July 1921, Sardis, West Virginia, son of Nathan Allen and Beatrice (Strother) Allen.

8. Ruth Jean Oldaker born 15 September 1928, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 16 August 1947, to Harold Edward Bell born 4 May 1928, Reynoldsville, West Virginia, son of Henry S. Bell and Lovell (Taylor) Bell. Children:

   (a) _____ Bell born 16 July 1952, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

   (b) Sheila Diane Bell born 19 Oct. 1957, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

9. Clara Bell Oldaker born 10 July 1930, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married Arlie Wade.

10. Lindel Franklin Oldaker born 20 April 1933, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 31 January 1953, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Connie Joan White born 5 December 1936, Clarksburg, West Virginia, daughter of Ward White and Ruth (Jarvis) White. Children:

   (a) Denise Linn Oldaker born 12 May 1954, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 16 February 1973, Harrison County, West Virginia, to Charles Ray Taylor born 9 June 1953, Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of Charles Taylor and Helen (Anderson) Taylor.

   (b) Thomas Ward Oldaker born 3 March 1957, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 23 August 1980, to Christie A. Medina.

   (c) Vickie Leann Oldaker born 23 May 1962, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 9 July 1983, Jefferson County, West Virginia, to Richard L. Kiner born 9 March 1962, Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of Naomi (Kiner) Singleton and Joseph Kiner.

   (d) Amy Jo Oldaker born 14 November 1964, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

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A3-3-9 JOHN WILLIAM OLDAKER AND MYRTLE GOLDEN LAYTON FAMILY

John William Oldaker, son of John Henry Oldaker and Sarah Idella (Lawson) Oldaker, was born 12 July 1900, Glenville, West Virginia, married 6 August 1927, in Harrison County, West Virginia, to Myrtle Golden Layton born 6 May 1904, Preston County, West Virginia, daughter of George Edward Layton and Agnes (McGinnis) Layton. There were nine children all born in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

1. Richard Fay Oldaker born 18 January 1928, married 5 August 1953, Barbour County, West Virginia, to Janet Fay Steele, born Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of John and Edna Steele. Children:

   (a) Gregory Lynn Oldaker born 22 February 1956, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 26 May 1973, to Julia Lynn Adams.

   (b) Douglas Alan Oldaker born 13 January 1962, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

2. Patricia Ann Oldaker born 9 April 1934, died 11 April 1934.

3. William Maxwell Oldaker born 1 April 1935 married 21 October 1966 to Ruby Delores Kirtner.

4. Carole Sue Oldaker born 22 March 1936, married 10 August 1957, to Charles Ray Pritchard at Nutter Fort, West Virginia. He was born 3 January 1938, at Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of Robert Dale Pritchard and Martha Louise (Stout) Pritchard. Two children, both born at Clarksburg, West Virginia.

   (a) Timothy Scott Pritchard born 20 February 1959.

   (b) Randall Wayne Pritchard born 22 April 1968.

5. Joseph Allen Oldaker born 13 August 1938, married Nancy Lee Shreves. Children all born in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

   (a) Vanena Kay Oldaker born 9 November 1964.

   (b) Karla Jo Oldaker born 24 June 1966.

   (c) Eric Maxwell Oldaker born 16 February 1971.

   (d) Lori Sue Oldaker born 1 October 1972.

6. Kenneth Ray Oldaker born 20 July 1939, married 28 May 1960, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Janis Loraine Matheny born 18 January 1941, Clarksburg, West Virginia, daughter of Garold Matheny and Iris (Freeman) Matheny. Children all born in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

   (a) Debbie Kay Oldaker born 31 August 1962.

   (b) Larry Ray Oldaker born 27 April 1966.

   (c) Jerry Ray Oldaker born 27 April 1966.

7. Gary Lynn Oldaker born 8 May 1940.

8. Linda Kay Oldaker born 9 July 1942.

9. John Wayne Oldaker born 17 August 1944, married to Kathleen Anne Fazzaleri. Children born in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

   (a) John Wayne Oldaker Jr. born 9 January 1976.

   (b) Kari Anne Oldaker born 19 October 1977.

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A3-7 DORA OLDAKER AND CHARLES PERRY SNYDER FAMILY

Dora Oldaker, daughter of William Harrison Oldaker and Anna (Rinehart) Oldaker was born 12 October 1873, Harrison County, West Virginia, married 29 September 1892, Gilmer County, West Virginia, to Charles Perry Snyder born 1 June 1864. Dora died 7 June 1957 Gilmer County, West Virginia, and Charles died 21 March 1951 Gilmer County, West Virginia. They are both buried in Snyder Cemetery on Stewart's Creek, Gilmer County, West Virginia, near Glenville, West Virginia. Children:

1. Brenton Hamilton Snyder born 7 May 1894, Gilmer County, West Virginia, married 7 May 1939 to Lorena Beatrice Steele born 3 February 1921, daughter of Frank and Goldie Steele. Brenton died 3 September 1979.

2. Bertha Glendean Snyder born 5 November 1895, Gilmer County, West Virginia. Never married.

3. Charles Haymond Snyder born 19 November 1898, Stewart's Creek, Gilmer County, West Virginia, married Cora Madeline Carson. Children:

   (a) Charles Willis Snyder married Edna Alice Varner. Children:

      (1) Gary Wayne Snyder

      (2) Terry Lynn Snyder

      (3) Charles Allen Snyder

   (b) Helen V. Snyder

   (c) Bertha M. Snyder married (1) Thomas Brown. Children:

      (1) Tommie Brown

      (2) Kevin Brown

      married (2) Joseph Pepper. Children:

      (3) Cathy Joe Pepper

      (4) Dionne Pepper

   (d) Stanley E. Snyder married Betty Peters. Children:

      (1) Sharm Snyder

      (2) Stanley S. Snyder

4. Hershel Victor Snyder born 18 June 1901, Duck Run, Gilmer County, West Virginia, married 11 October 1920, in Gilmer County, West Virginia, to Elenora Powell. Children:

   (a) Carol Snyder

   (b) Jackie Snyder

5. Violet Olena Snyder born 12 September 1909, Stewart's Run, Gilmer County, West Virginia. Never married.

6. James Eldridge Snyder born 30 November 1911, Stewart's Run, Gilmer County, West Virginia. Never married.

7. Orliss Snyder No children. No other data.

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A3-10 IVA OLDAKER AND LLOYD KIRKPATRICK FAMILY

Iva Oldaker was born 12 August 1878 in Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of William Harrison Oldaker and Anna (Rinehart) Oldaker. She was married 17 October 1902, to Lloyd Kirkpatrick. They had eight children:

1. Freeda Flo Kirkpatrick born 10 September 1905, married 26 September 1925 to Worthy Harold Oldaker. (For information on their children see Section A5.)

2. Clifford William Kirkpatrick married Nina Richardson.

3. Dencil Kirkpatrick married Elsie Tenant.

4. Myron Kirkpatrick married Juanita Travis.

5. Clover Dale Kirkpatrick married Leona Travis.

6. Marvel Kenneth Kirkpatrick married Gertrude Miller.

7. Lalah Beatrice Kirkpatrick married Henry Kerby.

8. Bonnie Madelina Kirkpatrick married Jack Travis.

A3-11-LLOYD WELLINGTON OLDAKER AND MARY ELIZABETH HARRIS FAMILY

Lloyd Wellington Oldaker, son of William Harrison Oldaker and Anna (Rinehart) Oldaker, born 22 May 1880, in Harrison County, West Virginia, married 1 January 1906, Gilmer County, West Virginia, to Mary Elizabeth Harris born 25 December 1884, in Gilmer County, West Virginia, daughter of John Erven Harris and Elizabeth (Nichols) Harris. Lloyd died 5 October 1918 in Harrison County, West Virginia and Elizabeth died 24 April 1978, in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Lloyd is buried in Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Cemetery, Kincheloe, Harrison County, West Virginia. Elizabeth is buried in Floral Hills Cemetery, Quiet Dell, Harrison County, West Virginia. Children as follows:

1. Ira Lester Oldaker born 25 December 1906, Gilmer County, West Virginia, married Annabelle Sinnett 17 November 1932, in Clarksburg, West Virginia. She was born 11 September 1907, daughter of George Sinnett and Sarah Virginia (Cunningham) Sinnett. Children:

   (a) Jack Warren Oldaker born 12 March 1935, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

2. Rosa Aletha Oldaker born 23 November 1908 in Gilmer, Gilmer County, West Virginia, died 14 May 1926.

3. Mildred Pauline Oldaker born 15 April 1910, married 23 June 1930, to Howard McIntire. Children:

   (a) Ula Gay McIntire

   (b) William McIntire

   married (2) to _____ Rowlands.

4. Edith Lenora Oldaker born 14 January 1911, Gilmer, Gilmer County, West Virginia, married Raymond Milstead. Children:

   (a) Raymond Milstead

   (b) Carrie Sue Milstead

   (c) Nancy Milstead

5. Amel Erven Oldaker born 1 February 1913, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married (1) 19 December 1932, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Mildred May Cutright born 16 April 1915, Deanville, Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter A.J. and Laura Cutright. Children:

(a) Amel Oldaker born 10 April 1936, Clarksburg, West Virginia, died 10 April 1936.

married (2) 7 September 1940, in Steubenville, Ohio, to Marcelline Adams born 19 April 1914, Donora, Pennsylvania, daughter of Francis Leon Adams and Emma Jane (Bevans) Adams. Children:

(b) David Leon Oldaker born 22 August 1941, Steubenville, Ohio, married Judy Bratrude. Children:

(1) Lisa Elizabeth Oldaker born 12 December 1963, in Phoenix, Arizona.

(c) Marcia Jane Oldaker born 28 September 1943, Steubenville, Ohio, married 25 May 1963, in Phoenix, Arizona, to Victor Eugene Satran born 18 August 1939, Phoenix, Arizona, son of Benjamin Satran and Madge (Butler) Satran. Children: all born in Phoenix, Arizona.

(1) Scott Paul Satran born 18 February 1964.

(2) Teresa Elizabeth Satran born 12 June 1965.

(3) Timothy Michael Satran born 12 June 1967.

(4) Brian Benjamin Satran born 6 December 1972.

6. Floe Oldaker married Larry Beveridge. Data incomplete. Children:

(a) Larry Beveridge Jr.

(b) Barbara Beveridge

Note: Amel and Marcelline Oldaker now live at 1530 West Weldon, Phoenix, Arizona. Prior to coming to Phoenix, Amel lived in Steubenville, Ohio, and worked for the Weirton Steel Company in Wheeling, West Virginia. He was also in the plumbing business for his father in Steubenville, Ohio. Amel is now retired but prior to retiring he worked for a construction company which built the Palo Verde Nuclear Plant at Buckeye, Arizona.

A3-12 WILLIAM HARRISON OLDAKER (2) AND SARAH MAUDE KIRKPATRICK FAMILY

William Harrison Oldaker (2), son of William Harrison Oldaker and Anna Rinehart, was born 14 December 1884, in Harrison County, West Virginia. He married 13 May 1906, Gilmer County, West Virginia, to Sarah Maude Kirkpatrick. She was born 15 May 1888, at Horn Creek, Gilmer County, West Virginia, daughter of Francis Marion Kirkpatrick and Helen (Raikes) Kirkpatrick. William died 1 April 1936, in Harrison County, West Virginia, and Sarah died 3 March 1948, in Harrison County, West Virginia. They are both buried in Snider Cemetery near Glenville, West Virginia. Children:

1. Argel Columbus Oldaker born 26 March 1907, Glenville, West Virginia, married 2 March 1929, in Harrison County, West Virginia, to Nellie Whitehead born 25 June 1911, in Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of Mark Whitehead and Trudie (McCray) Whitehead. Argel died 18 April 1979, in St Frances Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is buried in Island Creek Cemetery. Children:

   (a) Argel Columbus Oldaker Jr. born 17 October 1929, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Wife's name unknown. Children:

      (1) Susie Oldaker

      (2) Kathy Oldaker

      (3) Darlene Oldaker

      (4) Patrick Oldaker

      (5) Michael Oldaker

   (b) Marlene Ruth Oldaker born 3 August 1935, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married Carl Ferguson. Children:

      (1) Terry Ferguson

      (2) Scott Ferguson

      (3) Bruce Ferguson

      (4) Daren Ferguson (Twin)

      (5) Dean Ferguson (Twin)

2. Jester Haywood Oldaker born 5 May 1908, Glenville, West Virginia. Died young.

3. Dencil Clay Oldaker born 12 March 1911, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married (1) 30 July 1938, to Opal Ernestine McIe. Married (2) Pauline Ruth Lynch.

4. Mildred Marie Oldaker born 18 July 1913, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 14 December 1931, to Bernard Lee Junkins in Clarksburg, West Virginia. He was the son of William F. Junkins and Margaret Ellen (Buckhannon) Junkins. Children:

   (a) Velma Marie Junkins born 12 June 1933, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 28 May 1951, Pennsboro, West Virginia, to Charles Rosier Bland born 5 November 1929, New Milton, West Virginia, Doddridge County, son of Ray C. Bland and Gay (Clark) Bland. Children all born in Ohio:

      (1) Roger Lee Bland

      (2) Michael Bland

      (3) Randy Bland

      (4) Mark Bland

   (b) Ruby Lee Junkins born 10 September 1934, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married to Virgil Lyndall Lowther. Children:

      (1) Lyndall Lowther born Lewis County, West Virginia. Lives in Colorado.

      (2) Russell Lee Lowther born 15 August 1959, Lewis County, West Virginia. Not married.

      (3) William Dennis Lowther born 9 April 1961, Lewis County, West Virginia. Not married.

   (c) Doris Jean Junkins born 25 November 1925, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 21 May 1954, to Wayne Gerald Kincaid born 22 October 1929, Everettsville, Monongalia County, West Virginia, son of George Washington Kincaid and Mary Jane (Zimmerman) Kincaid. Doris and Wayne live in Tennessee. Children:

      (1) Darrell Kincaid

5. Hazel Helen Oldaker born 18 December 1915, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 26 August 1937, to William Lawrence Junkins born 28 June 1907, Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of William F. Junkins and Margaret Ellen (Buckhannon) Junkins. Children:

(a) Barbara Jean Junkins born 27 January 1939, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 13 June 1959, in Harrison County, West Virginia, to Richard Frederick Pike born 13 August 1938, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of Richard Luke Pike and Meda Catherine (DeGolyer) Pike. Children:

(1) Richard Pike born 29 June 1961, in Schenectady, New York.
(2) Thomas Michael Pike born 8 September 1963, Schenectady, New York.
(3) Renee Ann Pike born 1 November 1964, Schenectady, New York.

6. Macel Juanita Oldaker born 28 February 1919, married (1) 29 March 1937, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Ralph Conaway born 14 June 1913, in Doddridge County, West Virginia, son of Pierce Conaway and Atha (Swiger) Conaway. Children:

(a) Iva Helen Conaway born 7 December 1937, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 13 March 1955, to Paul Luther Little born 12 February 1933, Hepzibah, Taylor County, West Virginia, son of Denzil Little and Anna (Knight) Little. Children:

(1) David Little

(2) Nancy Jo Little

married (2) to Zirkle Skidmore 26 December 1964, Clarksburg, West Virginia. He was born 31 October 1916, Ashtabula, Ohio, son of Wilbert Skidmore and Amanda (Stewart) Skidmore. No children.

(b) Leroy Conaway born 12 February ____, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Not married.

(c) Carol Sue Conaway born Clarksburg, West Virginia, married Robert Wentz. Have four daughters, names unknown.

Macel Juanita's second married was Wayne Atkins. No further data.

7. Mary Virginia Oldaker born 7 August 1921, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 15 November 1941, to William George Jones born 17 March 1920, Doddridge County, West Virginia, son of David L. Jones and Olive (Carder) Jones. Children:

(a) Judy Kay Jones born Clarksburg, West Virginia, married _____ Barnett

(b) William George Jones born Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(c) David Jones born Pineville, West Virginia.

8. Donald Eugene Oldaker born 22 December 1926, Clarksburg, West Virginia, died 11 February 1927. Twin to Dorothy Geraldine.

9. Dorothy Geraldine Oldaker born 22 December 1926, Clarksburg, West Virginia married (1) 30 March 1946, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Sherman Hutson Cashdollar born 15 June 1923, Wolf Summit, Harrison County, West Virginia, son of Albert Clyde Cashdollar and Savilla (Hutson) Cashdollar. Children:

(a) Jerry Cashdollar

married (2) Dorothy Geraldine Oldaker to Clarence Eagle. Children:

(a) Jerry Cashdollar Eagle. Son from first marriage who was adopted and took the name Eagle.

(b) Betty Jean Eagle born 21 May 1952, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 23 June 1973, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Thomas Dewey Courtney born 3 October 1948, Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of Orvie Courtney and Violet (Lipscomb) Courtney.

(c) Clarence Russell Eagle born 6 June 1954, Kalamazoo, Michigan, married Deborah Kay Ferguson 31 March 1973 at Clarksburg, West Virginia. She was born 29 May 1955, daughter of Perry Ferguson Jr. and Virginia Madge (Wine) Ferguson.

(d) Gary Lynn Eagle born Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(e) Shirley Ann Eagle born 4 December 1956, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married Gary Lee Carpenter at Clarksburg, West Virginia on 26 July 1975. He was the son of George Carpenter and Edna (Hickman) Carpenter.

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A5 - JOHN D. OLDAKER AND CAROLINE HINZMAN FAMILY

John D. Oldaker, son of Anthony Oldaker and Sarah Lowther Oldaker was born 26 February 1841, in Lewis County, West Virginia. Lived on Life's Run of Hackers Creek, moved to Kincheloe, West Virginia, and died there 25 May 1881. He married Caroline Hinzman 23 December 1865, in Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of Issac M. Hinzman and Matilda H. Bonnett. After her husband died she moved to Hog Camp where she died 11 January 1939. She and her husband are buried in the McIlvaney Graveyard on Hackers Creek in Lewis County, West Virginia.

The following land transactions are listed in the Lewis County, West Virginia records:

	Grantee	Grantor
Book 11 Page 211 (1876)	John D. Oldaker Description: Deed 83 1/4 acres Lifes Run Creek, Hackers Creek District	Jasper Peterson
Book 13 Page 188 (1882)	Caroline Oldaker Description: Deed 55 acres Hog Camp Run	Edwin Maxwell(Comr)
Book 11 Page 372 (1880)	Lewis Peterson Description: Deed 83 1/4 acres 25 P Lifes Run Hackers Creek District	Caroline and John D. Oldaker
Book 27 Page 413 (1893)	Weston Natural Gas Description: Right of Way. Freemans Creek District	Caroline Oldaker
Book 33 Page 287 (1899)	L. G. Race and Co. Description: Agreement. Int. Roy. 55 acres Freeman Creek District	Caroline Oldaker
Book 35 Page 246 (1897)	E. W. Boyd Description: Agreement. Int. Roy. 55 acres Freemans Creek District	Caroline Oldaker
Book 43 Page 52 (1902)	Arthur Lee Description: Coal Deed. 48.66 A Kicheloe Creek Fremans Creek District	Caroline Oldaker
Book 48 Page 39 (1901)	George Gillmore Description: Agreement. 55 acres Freemans Creek District	Caroline Oldaker

Book 77 Page 17 (1911)	Henry W. Romine Description: Deed 55 acres Hog Camp Freemans Creek District	Caroline Oldaker

The following land transactions for John D. and Caroline Oldaker are shown in Harrison County, West Virginia, records:

Book 55 Page 438 (1870)	John D. Oldaker, et al Description: 166 acres Kincheloe Creek	Mary Wilson
Book 59 Page 260 (1876)	B. M. Wolverton Description: 84 acres Kincheloe Creek	John D. and Caroline Oldaker
Book 61 Page 128 (1877)	B. M. Wolverton Description: 24 1/2 acres Kincheloe Creek	John D. Oldaker
Book 62 Page 383 (1877)	Wm. H. Oldaker Description: 7 acres Kincheloe Creek	John D. and Caroline Oldaker

John D. Oldaker and Carolyn Hinzman had three children.

1. Issac Ashby Oldaker born 28 October 1866, Upshur County, West Virginia, died 31 October 1884. Never married. Buried McIlvaney Graveyard on Hackers Creek, Lewis County, West Virginia.

2. Aura Belle Oldaker born 23 December 1872, Harrison County, West Virginia, married Henry Washington Romine 12 September 1895. (Chart on this family is shown in Section B)

3. Croner Lemar Oldaker born 28 March 1876, married Annie Rhodes (See separate family chart in this section).

A-5-3 CRONER LEMAR OLDAKER AND ANNIE RHODES FAMILY

Croner Lemar Oldaker born 28 March 1876, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 27 November 1900, to Annie Rhodes, born 1 February 1878, daughter of Charles W. Rhodes and Shophia (Keith) Rhodes. They moved from West Virginia to Ohio, near Malta, Morgan County and both died there. Croner died 5 December 1949 and Annie died 23 March 1941. They are buried in Deerfield Cemetery, Malta, Ohio.

The following land transactions are listed in the Lewis County, West Virginia, records:

	Grantee	Grantor
Book 53 Page 171 (1902)	C. L. Oldaker	O. V. Benedum
	Description:	Deed. Tract Hog Camp Freemans Creek District
Book 48 Page 160 (1906)	F. M. Sarver	Annie and C. L. Oldaker
	Description:	Agreement. 80 acres Court House District
Book 59 Page 545 (1905)	Henry W. Romine	Annie and Croner Oldaker
	Description:	Deed. 24.6 acres Hog Camp Run Freemans Creek
Book 87 Page 1 (1914)	Marshall Clark	Anna and C. L. Oldaker
	Description:	Deed. 106 acres Big Skin Creek Court House District
Book 99 Page 278 (1921)	Reserve Gas Co.	C. L. and Annie Oldaker
	Description:	Agreement. 86 acres Freemens Creek District
Book 109 Page 141 (1921)	Reserve Gas Co.	Annie and C. L. Oldaker
	Description:	Right of Way Freemans Creek District
Book 57 Page 230 (1904)	Aura B. Romine	Croner L. and Anna Oldaker
	Description:	24.6 acres Kincheloe Creek Freemans Creek District
Book 141 Page 143 (1933)	Reserve Gas Co.	C. L. And Anna Oldaker
	Description:	Agreement. 55 acres FCD Well No. 910

Croner and Annie Oldaker had three children:

1. Worthy Harold Oldaker born 9 December 1902 Mineral, Harrison County, West Virginia, married 26 September 1925, to Freeda Flo Kirkpatrick born 10 September 1905, daughter of Lloyd Kirkpatrick and Iva Oldaker. Worthy died 20 May 1965, at Wellington, Lorain County, Ohio. They had four children:

   (a) Helen Leavux Oldaker born 18 May 1926, Kincheloe, West Virginia, married 24 August 1944, Elyria, Lorain County, Ohio, to Junior A. Lang born 6 December 1924, Camden Township, Lorain County, Ohio, son of August Lang and Elizabeth (Schmauch) Lang. Children:

      (1) Laura Joanne Lang born 18 August 1945, Oberlin, Ohio, married 30 May 1970 to Richard William Bradshaw. Children:

         a. Richard Allen Bradshaw born 18 June 1971, Prescott, Arizona.

      (2) Larry Wayne Lang born 5 September 1948, Oberlin, Ohio, married 27 March 1970, to Vada Charlene Beebe. Children:

         a. Jennifer Ann Lang born 24 June 1972, Prescott, Arizona.

         b. Kara Sue Lang born 28 January 1975, Prescott, Arizona.

         c. Lucas Junior Lang born 19 September 1980, Prescott, Arizona.

      (3) Daniel Lee Lang born 24 September 1950, Oberlin, Ohio, married 6 July 1973, to Francine Cecila Rodarte. Children:

         a. Daniel Allen Lang born 29 February 1976, Prescott, Arizona.

         b. Casey Augustine Lang born 23 April 1981, Prescott, Arizona.

         c. Cory Lynn Lang born 5 May 1982, Prescott, Arizona.

   (b) Wanda Josephine Oldaker born 7 June 1927, Kincheloe, West Virginia, married 25 February 1947, Wellington, Lorain County, Ohio, to Robert Franklin Travis born 23 August 1927, son of Thomas Benton Travis and Olive Jane (Grimm) Travis. Children:

(1) Robert Franklin Travis born 6 July 1948, Lodi, Ohio, married 15 April 1972, to Dianne Marie Rosa. Children:

a. Robert Franklin Travis Jr. born 26 June 1973, Lorain County, Ohio.

b. Gregory James Travis born 15 April 1975, Lorain County, Ohio.

c. Joseph Arthur Travis born 18 September 1977, Lorain County, Ohio.

(2) David Ray Travis born 10 July 1952 Lodi, Ohio, married 29 December 1981, to Elizabeth Ann Bennett. Children:

a. Angela Marie Travis born 2 February 1982, Lorain, Ohio.

(c) Harold Eugene Oldaker born 12 March 1929, Kincheloe, West Virginia, married 5 April 1953, Ashland, Ohio, to Valena Ethel Kaiser born 26 December 1933, Glenmont, Holmes County, Ohio, daughter of Raymond Kaiser and Loretta (Brown) Kaiser. Children:

(1) Roger Dale Oldaker born 17 October 1954 Lodi, Ohio, married to Sarah Ewell, 25 September 1976.

(2) Candy Linn Oldaker born 5 July 1958, Lodi, Ohio.

(3) Jill Eilene Oldaker born 6 March 1969, Oberlin, Ohio.

(d) Ruby Lee Oldaker born 6 March 1931, Kincheloe, West Virginia, married (1) 9 January 1949, in Greenup, Kentucky, to Ernest Sanders Jr. born 27 October 1928, son of Ernest Sanders and Dora (Brubaker) Sanders. Children:

(1) Ernest Lee Sanders born 4 July 1949, Lodi, Ohio, married 15 September 1973, to Susan Irene Koons. Children:

a. Stacey Lee Sanders born 1 April 1974.

married (2) to Robert Klinger 2 July 1950. Children:

(2) Linda Sue Klinger born 16 April 1951, Lodi, Ohio, married 17 September 1970, to Phil White. Children:

a. Tami Sue White born 29 June 1972.

(3) Robin Dale Klinger born 28 December 1953, Oberlin, Ohio, married 3 November 1973, to Linda Faye Hillgardner. Children:

a. Robert Lane Klinger born 24 April 1973, Lodi, Ohio.

b. Brian Lee Klinger born 5 April 1977, Lodi, Ohio.

c. Christopher Dale Klinger born 23 April, 1982, Oberlin, Ohio.

married (3) to Richard Kallis.

2. Sophiah Ruth Oldaker born 28 June 1905, Lewis County, West Virginia, died 22 December 1905.

3. Edith Mae Oldaker born 18 August 1911, Weston, West Virginia, married 16 May 1931, in Lost Creek, West Virginia, to Charles Elsworth Westfall born 20 August 1910, Haleville, Weston, West Virginia, son of Charles Westfall and Sylvia (Courtney) Westfall. Children:

(a) Charles Croner Westfall born 12 March 1932, Kincheloe, West Virginia, married Lucille Lane. Children, all born at Zanesville, Ohio:

(1) Rita Diane Westfall born 13 October 1965

(2) Mark Allen Westfall born 27 December 1968

(b) Edith Ann Westfall born 1 September 1933, Lost Creek, West Virginia, married Donald Gene Spencer born 20 September 1928. Children:

(1) Ruth Ann Spencer married Gary Wayne Gohring

(2) Patricia Jean Spencer married Gerald Dempster

(3) Karen Lee Spencer married Robert Gates

(4) Brenda Spencer married Gary Casto

(5) Ellen Spencer. Not married.

(c) Orlie Ross Westfall born 20 February 1939, Kincheloe, West Virginia, married Bonnie Jenene Skinner born Athens, Ohio. Children:

(1) Patrick Ross Westfall born 20 September 1962, Zanesville, Ohio.

(2) Tina Jenene Westfall born 12 June 1965, Zanesville, Ohio.

(3) Jason Wayne Westfall born 18 January 1973, Zanesville, Ohio.

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A6 - HENRY JACKSON OLDAKER AND ELIZABETH E. SMITH FAMILY

Henry Jackson Oldaker born 10 January 1843, son of Anthony and Sarah (Lowther) Oldaker married (1) Elizabeth E. Smith, born 9 September 1839, daughter of James and Rachel Smith. They were married 18 December 1861, in Lewis County, West Virginia. Henry died 24 January 1900, in Ritchie County, West Virginia, and is buried at Auburn, Ritchie County, West Virginia. They had four children:

The following land transactions are listed in the Lewis County records:

	Grantee	Grantor
Book 3 Page 235 (1866)	Henry Oldaker	G. D. Camden
	Description:	Deed. 43 acres Lot 56 Jesse Hughes Run
Book 11 Page 631 (1877)	Henry Oldaker	Michael Wolf
	Description:	Deed. 17 1/4 acres Hog Camp Run Freemans Creek District
Book 2 Page 165 (1865)	Levi H. Queen	Henry and Elizabeth Oldaker
	Description:	Deed. 185 acres Hackers Creek (Int.)
Book 7 Page 568 (1872)	Rufus Lewis	Henry Oldaker
	Description:	Deed. 38 acres Jesse Hughes Run Court House District
Book 12 Page 138 (1881)	J. Burnside and George W. Curtis (Tr)	Henry and Lwiza Oldaker
	Description:	Deed. 15 acres 1 R 14 P Hog Camp Freemans Creek District
Book 16 Page 40 (1884)	Wm. H. Gochenour	Henry and Louiza E. Oldaker
	Description:	Deed. Int. Tract Hog Camp Run Freemans Creek District 56 A 1 R 16 P. Herons

The four children of Henry Jackson and Elizabeth Oldaker are as follows:

1. Grannison Oldaker born 3 July 1866 at Jesse Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 25 July 1887, Dora Ellen Oldaker (See family chart under Section B).

2. Mary Luvina Oldaker born 15 October 1867, Jesse Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 9 March 1889, in Gilmer County, West Virginia, to Virgil Emery Watson born 2 July 1868, Auburn, Ritchie County, West Virginia, son of Morgan Watson and Harriet Ellen (Hess) Watson. Virgil died 11 November 1943 and is buried in Auburn Cemetery. Mary died 28 September 1955. Children:

   (a) James Alfred Watson born 19 August 1892, married (1) Mammie Byers. They had two children:

      (1) James Alfred Watson Jr.

      (2) Thelma Endora Watson

   married (2) Roxie Williams Snetsinger. No data on children.

   (b) Delta Nile Watson born 2 February 1894, married 19 April 1912, to Otho Atson Nicely. No further data.

   (c) Bernice Inez Watson born 16 July 1896 married Howard Duval Field. No further data.

   (d) Elizabeth Ellen Watson born 1 November 1910, at Eagle Rock, Virginia, married 18 December 1933, Lynchburg, Virginia, to Otha Nathanial Moore, born 7 July 1908, Lynchburg, Virginia, son of Robert Clemet Moore and Lelie Bokker (Williams) Moore. Children:

      (1) Robert Emory Moore born 2 December 1934, Lynchburg, Virginia, died 28 February 1958.

      (2) William Jesse Moore born Lynchburg, Virginia, married 19 November 1961, at Lynchburg, Virginia, to Lucy Ann Chenault born 2 October 1933. Children all born at Lynchburg, Virginia:

         a. Teresa Lynne Moore born 1 May 1963, married Preston Gordon Wood, son of Rev. E.C. Wood.

         b. William Christopher Moore born 11 March 1967.

3. Sarah Marcella Oldaker born 25 January 1869, Jesse Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 20 February 1890, in Merrick County, Nebraska to George Charles Franks, born 18 June 1866 in Scott County, Iowa, son of Charles and Edith Franks. George died 5 April 1925, and Sarah died 20 January 1954. Children:

   (a) Lula Josephine Franks born April 1892 in Lincoln, Nebraska, married George Black, born 15 June 1884, Butler, Pennsylvania. Lula died 19 June 1972. Children:

(1) Hazel Marie Black born 4 December 1909, Avant, Oklahoma, married 17 May 1929, Ikmulgee, Oklahoma, to Joseph Perrier born 29 March 1909, Osage County, Oklahoma, son of Thomas and Mabel Perrier. No children.

(b) Edith Irene Franks born 8 April 1893, in West Virginia, married O. P. Fitzhugh. Edith died 10 April 1932. Children:

(1) Walter Fitzhugh

(2) Geneva Fitzhugh

(c) Grace C. Franks born 10 January 1895, in West Virginia, married in Electra, Texas, to Lawrence A. Wilkins born Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Grace died in 1947. Children:

(1) Peggy Wilkins

(d) William McKinley Franks born 11 February 1897 in West Virginia, married to Lula Duncan. William died in 1955. Children:

(1) Billy Franks

(2) Lyndia Franks

(e) Ralph Franks born 23 January 1899 in West Virginia, married Thelma _____, died in 1970.

(f) Harry James Franks born 27 March 1902, Copan, Oklahoma. Never married. Died 20 March 1967.

(g) George Charles Franks Jr. born 20 November 1906, Copan, Oklahoma, died 3 October 1965.

(h) Henry Howard Franks born 31 March 1910, Copan, Oklahoma, died 1 November 1968.

(i) Catherine Franks born 9 September 1912, Dewey, Oklahoma, married 26 May 1940, to Borden Morriss, son of Abner Borden Morriss and Beatrice E. (Dickerson) Morriss. Children:

(1) Cathy Jill Morriss born 4 January 1946, Wichita Falls, Texas, married 1968 to George E. McMullen. Have son Mike and daughter Lisa.

(2) John Abner Morriss born 26 August 1948, Wichita Falls, Texas, married January 1969, to Kay Pitts

4. Oscar Lewis Oldaker born 16 November 1870, Jesse Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, died 27 September 1893.

Henry Jackson Oldaker second wife was Louise (Louiza) E. Gochenour born 1841 in Hardy County, West Virginia, daughter of Samuel and Rachel Gochenour. They were married 10 October 1872, in Lewis County, West Virginia. Louise had been previously married to a Chrisman. They had two children:

5. Lucy Alice Oldaker born 11 December 1875, in Braxton County, West Virginia, married 5 November 1889 to James Harrison Oldaker (See family chart in Section B).

6. William Marion Oldaker born 21 November 1876 in Lewis County, West Virginia, married Leta Watson born 16 February 1878 in Auburn, Ritchie County, West Virginia, daughter of Morgan Watson and Harriet Ellen (Hess) Watson. William Marion died 10 April 1948, in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Leta died 13 September 1930, in Parkersburg, West Virginia. William is buried in Parkersburg. Leta is buried in Auburn, West Virginia. Children:

   (a) Fred Oldaker born 9 July 1909 Jefferson County, Missouri, married Mae Thornton. Fred died 24 September 1951.

   (b) Ruby Oldaker born 22 August 1910, in Jefferson County, Missouri, married (1) 20 June 1931, Parkersburg, West Virginia, to Cleget Fletcher. Children:

      (1) Flora Emogene Fletcher born 7 November 1931.

      (2) Syrus Fletcher born 17 September 1934

   married (2) to Samuel Beckett. No data.

   (c) Charles Oldaker born 14 June 1912 in Jefferson County, Missouri, married Millie Shock. No issue.

   (d) Marion Oldaker born 5 April 1915, in Dawes, Kanawha County, West Virginia, married Della Kathryn Fought. Children:

      (1) Yvonnie Oldaker

   (e) Virginia Oldaker born 5 January 1917, in Dawes, Kanawha County, West Virginia, married (1) Eugene Seaman. Children:

      (1) Sylvester Seaman

      (2) Bud Seaman

      (3) Eugene Seaman

      (4) Patricia Seaman married _____ Collier

(5) Leta Seaman

married (2) Charles Fairbanks. Virginia died 14 December 1980. Children:

(6) Terry Fairbanks

(7) Edna Fairbanks

(8) Dorothy Fairbanks

(9) Charles Fairbanks Jr.

(10) David Fairbanks

(f) Wilson Oldaker born 24 February 1919, Boone County, West Virginia, married Jessie Harrison. Wilson died 7 May 1979. Children:

(1) Mickey Gene Oldaker died 11 July 1975, married Cora Lee Dotson, daughter Kelley

(2) Henry Oldaker married Judy Beach, daughter Sherry

(3) William Oldaker married Carol Pitt, daughters Brenda and Kimberly

(4) Roger Oldaker

(5) Kathline Oldaker

(6) Glenda Oldaker

(7) Debbie Oldaker

(8) Barbara Oldaker

(g) Margaret A. Oldaker born 7 March 1921, Joe Creek, Boone County, West Virginia, married Alpha E. Grubaugh. Children:

(1) Sandra J. Grubaugh

(2) Alpha J. Grubaugh

(h) William M. Oldaker born 17 June 1922, Joe Creek, Boone County, West Virginia, married Mildred Current. Children:

(1) Shirley Ann Oldaker

(2) Ronald Oldaker

(i) Henry J. Oldaker born 21 October 1923, Joe Creek, Boone County, West Virginia, married Geraldine Adams. Henry J. died 10 October 1974. Children:

(1) Caroline Oldaker

(2) Connie Oldaker

(3) Kevin Oldaker

(j) Elizabeth Lou Oldaker born 21 March 1929, Comfort, Boone County, West Virginia, married Travis Lankford. Children:

(1) Marvel Ann Lankford

(k) Wyvenna Jean Oldaker married Sargent Hutchinson

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SECTION B - WILLIAM OLDAKER AND LYDIA ANN QUEEN OLDAKER FAMILY

William Oldaker, second son of Abraham (2) and Elizabeth (Garrett) Oldaker, was born 22 November 1806, Rooting Creek, Harrison County, Virginia (Now Upshur County, West Virginia). His first marriage was on 17 March 1831 to Lydia Ann Queen, daughter of Armstead and Minnie (Jett) Queen. She was born 22 November 1811. There was nine children born from this union. William's second marriage was to Roanna Heater born 27 December 1826, Braxton County, West Virginia, daughter of Jacob Heater and Delilah (Riffle) Heater. They were married 20 August 1872. No issue.

The real estate deeds in Lewis County show that he purchased a farm of 150 acres on Rooting Creek in 1841 and after his second marriage he purchased 125 1/4 acres on Limestone Run of Murphy's Creek in the year 1874. This farm was in Lewis County near Weston, West Virginia. He died on the 2nd of February 1882, on this farm. He is buried in the Baptist Church Cemetery on Murphy's Creek. Lydia died 6 February 1871, and is buried in the Methodist Cemetery at Johnstown, West Virginia.

The following land transactions are listed in the Lewis County, West Virginia land records:

	Grantee	Grantor
Book K Page 182 (1841)	William Oldaker Description:	Archibald McCall Deed. 150 acres Rooting Creek
Book 7 Page 255 (1874)	William Oldaker Description:	James Jarvis Deed. 125 1/4 acres Limerstone Run Court House District
Book 12 Page 350 (1874)	John C. Oldaker Description:	William Oldacre Deed. 50 acres Limestone Fork Court House District
Book 9 Page 20 (1875)	William and Roanna Oldaker Description:	Burgit Jett Deed. 75 acres Limestone Run Court House District

Land transactions in Upshur County, West Virginia, are listed below:

	Grantee	Grantor
Book A Page 386 (1853)	Abraham Oldaker Description:	Lydia and Wm. Oldaker 70 acres Rooting Creek FS

Book D Page 225 (1859) William Oldaker G.D. & Sally A. Camden
Description: 47 acres Rooting Creek

Book I Page 170 (1872) John W. Curtis William Oldaker
Description: 47 acres Rover Run Warren District FS

Book K Page 6 (1875) Elmore D. Lewis Wm. & Roanna Oldaker
Description: Deed. 87 1/2 acres Rooting Creek FS

Book K Page 351 (1877) William Oldaker E.D. & Sarah Lewis
Description: Trust Deed. 50 acres Horse Run of Rooting Creek

Land transactions in Harrison County, West Virginia, are as follows:

	Grantee	Grantor
Book 28 Page 518 (1839)	James Litle Description: 9 acres Rooting Creek	Wm. & Lydia Oldaker
Book 29 Page 1 (1839)	James Litle Description: 25 acres Rooting Creek	Wm. & Lydia Oldaker
Book 29 Page 8 (1839)	James Litle Description: 29 1/4 acres Rooting Creek	Lydia Oldaker, et al
Book 30 Page 457 (1839)	James H. Queen Description: 147 acres Rooting Creek	Lydia Oldaker, et al

William Oldaker and Lydia (Queen) Oldaker's children were as follows:

1. Elizabeth Jane Oldaker born 3 March 1832, Lewis County, Virginia, married John W. Curtis 12 April 1847. John was born in Lewis County, Virginia, ca. 1830 and died 4 February 1892, at Gaston, Lewis County, West Virginia. Elizabeth Jane died 28 May 1895, also at Gaston. The children we have identified are:

   (a) William C. Curtis born ca. 1849. No further data.

   (b) Broomfield Curtis born ca. 1852, Lewis County, West Virginia, married Martha A. Hornbeck 30 April 1874, Lewis County, West Virginia. Martha was born ca. 1858. Children:

      (1) Armstead L. Curtis born ca. 1876 Lewis County, West Virginia.

      (2) Kanzuda M. Curtis born ca. 1877 Lewis County.

      (3) Ira F. Curtis born November 1879 Lewis County.

   (c) Amanda P. Curtis born 22 March 1854 Hackers Creek, Lewis County, married John R. White son of Thomas White (born in Ireland) and Esther ( ) White. Amanda died 25 March 1928 and John died 22 March 1928. Both died in Weston, West Virginia. They had no children.

   (d) Jasper L. Curtis born ca. 1866. No further data.

2. Sarah Ann Oldaker born 9 December 1834, Lewis County, Virginia. Nickname "Sally" (See separate family chart in this Section.)

3. Eliza Ann Oldaker born 27 June 1836, Lewis County, Virginia, married John C. Taylor born ca. 1833. They were married 5 January 1851, in Lewis County, Virginia. Eliza died 16 October 1914 at Freemansburg, Lewis County, West Virginia, and John died 10 January 1895. Children:

   (a) Benjamin Isen Taylor born 25 November 1855, Upshur County, West Virginia, married (1) Mary Ellen Ratcliff 20 November 1879 in Lewis County. Benjamin died 23 January 1929, Lewis County. Mary Ellen Ratcliff was daughter of Andrew Ratcliff and Sarah Amanda. Mary was born 3 April 1853 in Harrison County, West Virginia. Benjamin married the second time to Julia Ann Ratcliff on 14 January 1887, Weston, West Virginia. She was the daughter of John B.

Ratcliff and Anna ( ) Ratcliff. We do not know if there were children by either marriage.

(b) William Henry Taylor born ca. 1858 married Georganna Chrisman 15 March 1883. No further data.

(c) Joseph Elsa Taylor born 7 April 1860, Lewis County, West Virginia. No further data.

(d) Margaret J. Taylor born ca. 1861. No further data.

(e) Alonzo Floyd Taylor born 13 July 1862, married Mary McMillon born 2 May 1869. They were married 24 December 1890.

(f) Aaron Lafayette Taylor born ca. 1865 married 29 May 1889 in Lewis County, West Virginia, to Sarah A. Turner born 1871, Lewis County, daughter of Newton B. Turner and Clara Turner.

(g) Luvetta Taylor born 17 June 1868 died 9 July 1883. Buried at Murphy's Creek Cemetery Lewis County, West Virginia.

(h) Burton Taylor born 15 August 1870 (Burgette J.) No further data.

(i) Sarah V. Taylor born 9 October 1873, Kincheloe Creek, Lewis County, West Virginia, died 11 October 1874.

(j) John C. Taylor born 8 April 1880 died 16 June 1880.

4. Elza Garrett Oldaker born 28 December 1838 Lewis County, Virginia. (See separate family chart in this Section.)

5. John Curry Oldaker born 22 September 1841, Lewis County, Virginia (See separate family chart in this Section.)

6. Lafayette Dyle Oldaker born 6 January 1844, Lewis County, Virginia (See separate family chart in this Section.)

7. Harmarette Oldaker born 6 February 1846, Lewis County, Virginia, married 26 October 1863, Upshur County, West Virginia, to Minter B. Kelly born ca. 1840, Lewis County, Virginia, son of Holzen Kelly and Deborah "Deba" Kelly. Children as far as we were able to determine:

(a) Lafayette Kelly born ca. 1865. No further data.

(b) Holzen D. Kelly born 4 November 1867. Jesse Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, died 9 July 1868.

(c) Idie Kelly born 27 December 1869, Jesse Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, died 8 July 1872.

(d) Delia Kelly born ca. 1872.

(e) Emma Kelly born 9 December 1876, Jesse Run, Lewis County, West Virginia.

(f) Wade Kelly born 19 November 1879, Jesse Run, Lewis County, West Virginia.

(g) Wonder Kelly born 10 February 1888, Replete, Lewis County, West Virginia, died 6 March 1888.

8. William Webster Oldaker born 20 April 1850, Lewis County, Virginia, died 24 May 1855.

9. Levi Sylvester Oldaker born 28 April 1854, Upshur County, West Virginia. (See separate family chart in this Section.)

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B2-SARAH ANN OLDAKER-JAMES BURGETT JETT FAMILY

Sarah Ann "Sally" Oldaker, daughter of William Oldaker and Lydia (Queen) Oldaker was born 9 December 1834, in Lewis County, Virginia. She married James Burgett Jett born 20 May 1836 in Upshur County, Virginia, son of Washington Jett and Sarah ( ) Jett. Sarah died 15 April 1910 and James died 26 April 1906. They both died in Lewis County, West Virginia. Children:

1. Lydia Victoria Jett born 27 June 1861 in Harrison County, West Virginia, married James E. Turner born 1861, Lewis County, West Virginia. They were married 31 October 1883, in Lewis County, West Virginia. James was the son of James V. Turner and Frances (Alfred) Turner. James V. Turner parents were George and Sally Turner and Frances Alfred's parents were Charles and Agnes Alfred. James E. died 3 April 1894, and Lydia died 15 February 1943. Children:

   (a) Maude Turner born 11 July 1886, Lewis County, West Virginia, married James G. Oldaker 5 February 1904. (See separate family chart in Section B5.)

   (b) Allie J. Turner born 7 August 1890, Lewis County, married Bathney Means. No further data.

   (c) Blanche Turner born 27 July 1892, Lewis County, died 2 June 1950. Never married.

   (d) Hope Turner born 14 July 1894, Lewis County, West Virginia, Murphy's Creek, married Claude Burton Bailey 30 November 1916, son of Cree M. Bailey and Laura Funk. They were married in Clarksburg, West Virginia, at Deison Hotel, O.E. Stump, Minister. Children:

      (1) Burton E. Bailey born 16 October 1917, Morgantown, West Virginia, married Patricia Marteney 15 October 1947. No further data.

      (2) Jessele B. Bailey born 3 May 1922, married 1950 to Norma Jean _____. No further data.

   (e) Dona Victoria Turner born 2 January 1897, Weston, West Virginia, married 29 March 1919, in Lewis County, West Virginia, to Harry Woofter, son of William Woofter and Esther Riggs. Harry was born 12 August 1896, in Lewis County. Harry died 16 July 1941 in Weston West Virginia. Children:

      (1) Rebecca Jane Woofter born 29 November 1928, Weston, West Virginia, married Okey Harold Curtis 24 December 1949. No further data.

(f) Willa Turner born 28 April 1900, Weston, West Virginia, married 13 December 1947, James Orlando Proud, son of William Proud and Margaret E. Rohm. No children.

(g) Madaline Turner born 18 October 1915. No further data.

(h) Sarah Frances Turner No birth data. Married 4 April 1909, to John Sherman Greathouse, son of Sherman Greathouse and Melvina C. Greathouse. Sarah and John were married in the Methodist Church at Camden, Lewis County, West Virginia. The minister was Adam Bird.

2. William Washington Jett born 17 July 1866, West Milford, West Virginia, married Leota Yates born 25 October 1872, Taylor County, West Virginia, daughter of James W. Yates and Hannah ( ) Yates. They were married 8 September 1886, in Lewis County, West Virginia. William died 4 April 1895, in Lewis County and is buried in Murphy's Creek Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia. Leota died 5 March 1951 in Lewis County. No further data.

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B4-ELZA GARRETT OLDAKER-NANCY JANE (WALTERS) ROMINE FAMILY

Elza Garrett Oldaker born 28 December 1838, in Lewis County, Virginia, on Rooting Creek near Johnstown, West Virginia, was the fourth son of William Oldaker and Lydia (Queen) Oldaker. His first marriage was to Sarah Elizabeth Reed born ca. 1837, daughter of James E. Reed and Eliza Ann ( ) Reed. They were married 6 December 1859, in Upshur County, Virginia. They had two children:

1. William Alonza Oldaker born 28 October 1860, Upshur County, Virginia. He never married and died 30 May 1898. Buried Broad Run Baptist Church Cemetery near Lightburn, West Virginia.

2. James Harrison Oldaker born 22 September 1862, Upshur County, Virginia. (See separate family chart in this Section.)

Elza or Elzy's second marriage 29 March 1866 to Nancy Jane (Walters) Romine. Elzy's first wife had died young. Nancy Jane Walters had been previously married 18 June 1859 to Benjamin Franklin Romine who had apparently died and left her with two boys. They lived in or near Hartford City, Blackford County, Indiana. Her father was Ulery Walters and her mother was Lavina Roberts, who I think was from Ohio. Children:

3. Henry Washington Romine born 11 April 1860, Hartford City, Blackford County, Indiana (See separate family chart in this Section.)

4. James B. Romine born 11 April 1862, Rooting Creek, Upshur County, Virginia (See separate family chart in this Section.)

Children from the marriage of Elzy Garrett Oldaker and Nancy Jane (Walters) Romine:

5. Sarah Lavina Oldaker born 13 March 1867, Rover's Run, Upshur County, West Virginia (See separate family chart in this Section.)

6. Jerome Arnold Oldaker born 22 August 1868, Rover's Run, Upshur County, West Virginia (See separate family chart in this Section.)

7. Dora Ellen Oldaker born 27 October 1870, Rover's Run, Upshur County, West Virginia (See separate family chart in this Section.)

8. Stephen Edgar Oldaker born 3 November 1872, Rover's Run, Upshur County, West Virginia (See separate family chart in this Section.)

9. Victoria Oldaker born 3 January 1875, Harrison County, West Virginia, died 7 February 1875.

10. Cicero C. Oldaker born 29 October 1875, Harrison County, West Virginia, died 8 December 1878.

11. Madalina Oldaker born 11 March 1877, Harrison County, West Virginia, died as an infant.

12. Icie Eliza Oldaker born 15 January 1879, Harrison County, West Virginia, Flax Run (See separate family chart in this Section.)

13. Lowery Elzy Oldaker born 14 February 1882, Flax Run, Harrison County, West Virginia (See separate family chart in this Section.)

14. Jessie Lee Oldaker born 16 August 1883, Flax Run, Harrison County, West Virginia, died 5 December 1926. Never married. Buried at Pleasant Hill, M.E. Church Cemetery, Kincheloe, West Virginia.

The following land transactions are recorded in Lewis County, West Virginia for Elzy G. and Nancy Oldaker:

	Grantee	Grantor
Bk. 69 Pg. 58 (1882)	L. D. Oldaker et al Description: Release deed int. Wm. Oldaker Estate	E.G. & Nancy J. Oldaker
Bk. 20 Pg. 380 (1889)	Elzey G. Oldaker et al Description: Deed 32 acres Hog Camp Freemans Creek District	Duncan L. Despard
Bk. 26 Pg. 44 (1892)	Henry W. Romine Description: Deed 32 acres 30 P Hog Camp of Kincheloe	Elzy G. & Nancy J. Oldaker
Bk. 47 Pg. 502 (1902)	E.G. Oldaker Description: Deed 124 acres Turkey Pen Freemans Creek District	Ruhama Hudkins et al
Bk. 75 Pg. 474 (1904)	Philadelphia Co. of West Virginia Description: Right of Way Tract Freemans Creek District	E. G. Oldaker
Bk. 68 Pg. 286 (1909)	Reserve Gas Co. Description: Agreement 140 acres Freemans Creek District	E.G., John C., M.J. Oldaker
Bk. 75 Pg. 472 (1909)	Philadelphia Co. of W.Va. Description: Right of way tract Freemans Creek District.	E.G. & Nancy J. Oldaker

Bk. 85 Pg. 117 (1914) Reserve Gas Co. E.G. & N.J. Oldaker
Description: Agreement 140 acres Freemans Creek District

Bk. 102 Pg. 36 (1919) Reserve Gas Co. E.G. & N.J. Oldaker
Description: Right of way Freemans Creek District

Bk. 102 Pg. 37 (1919) Reserve Gas Co. E.G. Oldaker
Description: Right of Way Freemans Creek District

Bk. 106 Pg. 357 (1920) Reserve Gas Co. E.G. & N.J. Oldaker
Description: Right of way Freemans Creek District

Bk. 106 Pg. 360 (1920) Reserve Gas Co. E.G. & N.J. Oldaker
Description: Tract right of way Freemans Creek District

Bk. 108 Pg. 594 (1910) Dora E. Newlon Elsey G. & Nancy J. Oldaker
Description: Deed 19 acres Turkey Pen Run FCD

Bk. 109 Pg. 552 (1921) J.H. Neely E.G., J.A., Harrison, Nancy J., Jessie, L.E., S.E. Oldaker
Description: Deed Lot 13 Broad Run Cemetery

The following land transactions are recorded in Harrison County, West Virginia for Elzy G. and Nancy J. Oldaker:

	Grantee	Grantor
Bk. 57 Pg. 72 (1874)	Elza Oldaker Description: 65 acres Flax Run	Henry F. Hughes et al
Bk. 63 Pg. 57 (1880)	Elzie G. Oldaker Description: 44 1/4 acres Mineral	Ira N. Hudkins
Bk. 113 Pg. 476 (1899)	South Penn Oil Co. Description: 110 acres Kincheloe Creek Oil and Gas Lease	E.G. Oldaker and wife
Bk. 129 Pg. 146 (1901)	Wilbur Coal and Coke Co. Description: 108 acres Union District Coal rights	E.G. Oldaker and wife
Bk. 179 Pg. 414 (1909)	Reserve Gas Co. Description: 110 acres Kincheloe Creek Oil and Gas Lease	E.G. Oldaker and wife

Bk. 204 Pg. 340 (1910) L.E. Oldaker — Elzey G. Oldaker and wife
Description: 17 1/2 acres Flag (Flax) Run

Bk. 280 Pg. 441 (1910) James H. Oldaker — Elzey G. Oldaker and wife
Description: 16 1/2 acres Flax Run

Bk. 280 Pg. 485 (1910) Stephen E. Oldaker — Elzey G. Oldaker and wife
Description: 19 acres Flax Run

Bk. 318 Pg. 156 (1910) James B. Romine — Elzey G. Oldaker and wife
Description: 16 acres Kincheloe Creek

Bk. 318 Pg. 162 (1910) J. Arnold Oldaker — Elzey G. Oldaker and wife
Description: 28 acres Kincheloe Creek

Bk. 234 Pg. 215 (1914) Reserve Gas Co. — Elzey G. Oldaker and wife
Description: Agreement

Bk. 234 Pg. 495 (1916) Reserve Gas Co. — Elzey G. Oldaker and wife
Description: Right of way

Bk. 280 Pg. 440 (1918) Sarah L. Frashure — Elzey G. Oldaker and wife
Description: 12 acres Flax Run

Bk. 326 Pg. 186 (1921) E.G. Oldaker — Pleasant Hill Church
Description: Cemetery Lot, Mineral

In the Upshur County, West Virginia records we found one land transaction for Elzy and Nancy J. Oldaker.

Bk. 33 Pg. 478 (1874) William H. Lawman — Elzy G. and Nancy J. Oldaker
Description: 62 acres 47 P Upshur County

ELZEY OLDAKER'S WILL

I, Elzey J. Oldaker of Lewis County, West Virginia, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make this my last will and testament, whereby I bequeath my estate as follows, after paying my just debts, to my wife Nancy J. Oldaker during her lifetime. Seventy one and 3/4 acres of land, and the house in which I now live, which house at her death shall go to Jessie L. Oldaker according to a certain deed executed to her, also to my wife one third of all oil and gas rentals on all the lands now owned by me, and after the lands or any part thereof shall be drilled then she is to have one third of the proceeds from all wells drilled on said lands, also two cows two horses and all the farming utensils wagons and harness, also three hundred dollars in money out of the money now on hand, and fifty dollars out of the live stock, and to J.B. Romine ten dollars out of the livestock. To my daughter Jesse L. Oldaker one cow one yearling heifer the organ two beds and two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) in money, to my daughter Dora E. Newlon one hundred and sixty ($160). To my daughter Icie E. Frashuer one hundred and sixty dollars ($160). To Stephen E. Oldaker one hundred and sixty dollars ($160) to Lowery E. Oldaker, one hundred and sixty dollars ($160). To A.J. Oldaker, one hundred and twenty four dollars ($124) he having received thirty six dollars. To my daughter Sarah L. Frashuer one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) she having received fourty dollars. To James H. Oldaker thirty five dollars he having received one hundred and twenty five dollars, to Henry W. Romine two hundred and fifty dollars ($250). To J.B. Romine fifty dollars, any money now on hand not provided for shall be equally divided between my eight children, of all Oil and Gas rentals and proceeds from any wells drilled, after my wife gets one third, the remainder shall be equally divided among my eight children and J.B. Romine as long as he remains with the family, on leaving the family his interest shall cease upon the death of my wife, Henry W. Romine shall have one hundred dollars and no more, James H. Oldaker shall have one hundred dollars and no more. The remainder of the estate both personal and real shall be equally divided between my seven children, namely, Jessie L. Dora E. Icie E. Sarah L. A.J. S.E. and L.E. Oldaker.

I hereby constitute and appoint A.J. Oldaker to be my administrator.

Witness the following signature and seal this 21st day of December 1910.

his
Elzey X G. Oldaker (seal)
mark

Witness A. W. Davis

Sealed published and declared by Elsey G. Oldaker as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us he did sign the will, who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereto subscribed our names as Witnesses this 21st Day of Dec. 1910.

Goff R. Davis (Seal)

Howard A. Thrash (Seal)

The State of West Virginia

Clerk's Office, County Court, Lewis Co. ss: June 4th, 1921

The probate of the foregoing last will and testament of Elzey G. Oldaker, deceased, by the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of Lewis County, West Virginia, in vacation thereof, was this day fully proved, probated and admitted to record. The order relative to said probate appears of record in General Order Book No. 13, at page 566.

Attest:

Louder Troxwell, Clerk

According to family tradition Grandfather Elza was taken prisoner during the Civil War and his horses confiscated by Union citizens or soldiers. He was then taken to jail in Buckhannon, Virginia and then on to prison in Camp Chase, Ohio.

I wrote to the National Archives and was able to get the following information:

A letter dated 25 April 1863 was sent by Capt. Edwin Frey, Provost Marshall in Buckhannon to Major Joseph Dau, Jr., Provost Marshall for Virginia who was located in Wheeling, Virginia. This letter stated,

"I have the honor to forward under guard of Union Citizens and in the charge of David H. Gibson the following named prisoners the charges against which I shall forward at the earliest possible period.

A. Brockton	Solomon Carpenter
Wm. Dawson	Robert R. Turner
P.G. Smith	Benj. Hapuan (?)
J. Proctor	C.D. Thomas
J Smith	G.W. Turner
G. Young Jr.	G.W. Simons
J.H. Jamison	Henry J. Flesher
S. Curtis	Archibald Martin
E. Oldaker	William E. Woodel
Wm. Jenkins	James W. Gray
John W. Queen	William Martin
James B. Queen	Peter A. Flesher
J.M. Jamison	Andrew J. Roston

I am very Respectively,

Edwin Frey, Capt. & Provost Marshall"

Elza G. Oldaker was described as fair complected, brown hair, 5 ft. 11 in. tall, blue eyes, sandy whiskers and 24 years of age. He was captured near Buckhannon, Virginia, by Ed Sothan. At that time Elza was married to Sarah Elizabeth Reed and was living on Rooting Creek. The farm that Elza lived on is now in the Warren District of Upshur County.

Elza's release from Camp Chase, Ohio was dated 28 June 1865 that would have been 80 days after the end of the Civil War which ended 9 April 1865 with Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. Elza was in prison over two years. Before being released he had to take an oath to support, protect and defend the Constitution and the government of the United States and would not directly or indirectly give aid or information

to enemies of the United States and would not advocate or sustain, either in public or in private, the cause of the so called Confederate states.

I have been unable so far to get a copy of the charges brought against these 26 men but it was probably spying or sympathizing with the Confederate cause.

Among the 26 men was Solomon Carpenter, brother-in-law to William Oldaker (Elza's father), having married his sister Carrie Ann Oldaker. Also William Dawson the father of Elizabeth Dawson who married Lafayette Oldaker, brother to Elzy, who was a Confederate soldier from 1862-1865.

I have always been confused about the area where Grandfather Oldaker lived and where my father and aunts and uncles were born. I have heard it referred to as Mineral and also Kincheloe. I wrote to the U.S. Postal Service to find out about the post office and this was the answer:

"The Mineral Post Office was established as Mineral Point Post Office on 11 September 1889 and Mr. Charles C. Tallman was the first postmaster. The name was changed to "Mineral" on 13 October 1894. This facility was discontinued 31 July 1914 and responsibility was assumed by the Jane Lew Post Office."

It seems to me that in the late 1800's and early 1900's it was referred to as Mineral but now I think Kincheloe seems to be the prevalent name. Since Kincheloe Creek separates Harrison County and Lewis County and meanders through the area I can understand the area being called Kincheloe although I don't know who the Kincheloe was who was honored by having the Creek named after him. It would be interesting to know why the place was called Mineral at one time.

Grandfather Oldaker had a registered bull which I am sure was one of his most prized possessions. The name of the bull was "Billy of Round Knob" whose sire was "Black Ben of Round Knob" and dam was "Marie of Belvedere". He was an Aberdeen-Angus breed and his color was black. He was bred by W.G. Bailey of Jane Lew, West Virginia, who was the first owner. He was accepted 30 April 1915, for record in the American Aberdeen-Angus Herd Book. He was sold to E.G. Oldaker on 2 October 1915, and the sale was recorded 24 November

1915. The Certificate of Registration by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture stated that he was three years old and owned by E.G. Oldaker of Jane Lew(?) Lewis County, West Virginia. The certificate stated that he was of pure breeding and was registered in Volume 24 of the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association. The certificate was signed by J.H. Stewart, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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B4-2 JAMES HARRISON OLDAKER-LUCY ALICE OLDAKER FAMILY

James Harrison Oldaker born 22 September 1862, son of Elza Garrett Oldaker and Sarah Elizabeth Reed married 5 November 1889, in Central City, Nebraska to Lucy Alice Oldaker born 11 December 1875, Braxton County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Henry Jackson Oldaker and Louise Elizabeth (Gochenour) Oldaker. Harrison along with a contingent of other Oldakers went to Nebraska in the late 1880s and engaged in the threshing business. He later moved to Missouri and finally returned to Weston, West Virginia, where he worked for the State Hospital. He later transferred to the Spencer State Hospital at Spencer, West Virginia, and worked there until he retired. He then came back to Weston where he remained until he died 26 September 1946. He is buried at Peterson Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia. Lucy died 12 December 1956, in Weston, but we have no information as to where she is buried. They had nine children:

1. Harvey G. Oldaker born 31 January 1893, in Missouri. He never married. He died 12 April 1914.

2. James Cecil Oldaker born 19 October 1895 in Missouri. (See separate family chart in this Section.)

3. Elza Jackson Oldaker born 5 October 1897 in Missouri, married (1) 27 November 1918, in Weston, West Virginia, to Bertha Linger, daughter of Daniel Linger. They had one son:

   (a) Robert Glen Oldaker born 20 October 1929, Weston, West Virginia. Never married. He died 4 August 1967.

   Elza married (2) Loree Dotson born 22 August 1910, Braxton County, West Virginia, No issue.

   Elza died 7 July 1974, in Weston, West Virginia, and is buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Lewis County, West Virginia. Bertha died in Weston, and is buried in Fairview IOOF Cemetery, Jane Lew, West Virginia.

4. Dora Elizabeth Oldaker born 31 October 1900, Auburn, Ritchie County, West Virginia, married (1) 29 December 1921, to Elias Filmore Lawson born 11 June 1857, Harrison County, West Virginia, son of Joseph S. Lawson and Emeline (Bailey) Lawson.

   Dora's second marriage was to John Kennedy Hoover, 25 September 1925. He died 23 January 1963. There were no children from either marriage, however, John Hoover had a son from a previous marriage, Glenn Hoover, who lives in Weston, West Virginia.

5. Howard Oldaker born 1 May 1903, Auburn, West Virginia, married 26 July 1930, Cattletsburg, Kentucky, to Edna Atkins born 9 August 1899, Flatwoods, Braxton County, West Virginia. She was formerly married to Howard's brother, Cecil. Howard died 7 March 1980, in Dayton, Ohio, and is buried in Columbus, Ohio. Children:

   (a) James Oldaker born 7 June 1941, Columbus married Diane Shoemaker born 1947. James died 3 September 1979, Columbus, Ohio, and is buried there. He was an adopted child. Children:

      (1) James David Oldaker born October 1962, Columbus, Ohio.

   James Oldaker's second marriage was to Sherry _____. Children:

      (2) Amy Beth Oldaker born February 1970, Columbus, Ohio.

      (3) Jeffrey David Oldaker born September 1972, Columbus, Ohio.

6. Alton Benjamin Oldaker born 10 June 1906, Ritchie County, West Virginia, married (1) 9 June 1928, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Eugenia Swisher, daughter of Ira Ervin Swisher and Amrose (Kitturch) Swisher. No data on children, if any.

   marriage (2) 12 April 1946, to Eula Catherine Golden, daughter of Andrew Golden and Elizabeth McLaughlin Golden. Children:

   (a) Mary Linda Oldaker born 25 December 1946, Lewis County, West Virginia.

7. Alma Deloris Oldaker born 17 November 1908, Auburn, Ritchie County, West Virginia. (See separate family chart in this Section.)

8. Artha Grace Oldaker born 19 April 1913, Auburn, Ritchie County, West Virginia, died 10 March 1941. Never married.

9. Goldie Oldaker born 30 October 1915, Boeing Creek, Ritchie County, West Virginia, married (1) Dorsey H. Mace born 11 July 1906 Roane County, West Virginia, son of George Mace and Hallie (Lynch) Mace. They were married 5 January 1934, in Weston, Lewis County, West Virginia. Dorsey died 11 December 1977 in Spencer, Roane County, West Virginia, and is buried there in Mace Cemetery. Children:

(a) David Paul Mace born 28 June 1935, Weston, West Virginia, married 14 December 1958, to Mary Lynn Board born 22 August 1937, Spencer, West Virginia, daughter of Mahan D. Board and Monad (Howell) Board. Children:

(1) Christopher Mace born 6 June 1969, Ripley, West Virginia.

Goldie was married a second time to Millard Eugene Tyson on 14 November 1980, at Auburn, West Virginia. He was the son of Millard Filmore Tyson and Effie (O'Brien) Tyson. No children.

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B4-2-2 JAMES CECIL OLDAKER-EDNA ATKINS FAMILY

James Cecil Oldaker born 19 October 1895, in Missouri, son of James Harrison Oldaker and Lucy Alice Oldaker, married Edna Atkins born 9 August 1899, Flatwoods, Braxton County, West Virginia, daughter of William Fayette Atkins. He died in Columbus, Ohio, and is buried in Dayton, Ohio. Children:

1. Geraldine Oldaker born 13 January 1924, Columbus, Ohio, married (1) to Roy David O'Neal on 11 November 1942, in Columbus, Ohio. Roy David was born 17 February 1922, son of Ralph David and Olive O'Neal. Children:

   (a) Roy David O'Neal born 30 November 1943, Columbus, Ohio, married July 1963, Columbus, Ohio to Frances Neff, born 16 May 1946. Children:

      (1) Leslie Renee O'Neal born 18 December 1965.

   (b) Peggy Jean O'Neal born 5 March 1946 married 23 September 1965, Beauford, South Carolina, to Gerald Gonzalez born 15 June 1943, son of Gerald Albert Gonzalez. Children:

      (1) Kimberly Ann Gonzalez born 18 July 1966.

      (2) Karla Maria Gonzalez born 10 June 1967.

   Geraldine was married a second time to Floyd Arick. No further data.

B4-2-7 ALMA DELORIS OLDAKER-JOHN GRAYDON METZGAR FAMILY

Alma Deloris Oldaker born 17 November 1908, Auburn, Ritchie County, West Virginia, daughter of James Harrison Oldaker and Lucy Alice Oldaker. She was married 2 September 1932, in Oakland, Maryland, to John Graydon Metzgar, son of Grant Washington Metzgar and Tennsie (Henning) Metzgar. John was born 15 September 1904, in Doddridge County, West Virginia. Alma died 29 October 1939, in Lewis County, West Virginia and is buried in Peterson Cemetery Lewis County, West Virginia. John Graydon married (2) Alma Shaver, but no further data. John died 14 September 1982, in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Children of Alma Deloris and John:

1. Robert Graydon Metzgar born 8 December 1929, Doddridge County, West Virginia, married 24 February 1950, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Margaret Jean Weber, daughter of John L. Weber and Eva Pauline (Thomas) Weber. Children:

   (a) Robert Graydon Metzgar Jr. born 24 October 1951, Weston, West Virginia, married 27 November 1976, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Judy Elizabeth Pallett born 1 March 1950, Virginia Beach, Virginia, daughter of Edward H. Pallett and Edith (Murphy) Pallett. Judy's first marriage was to _____ Swanson. No further data.

   (b) John Gary Metzgar born 30 April 1953, Weston, West Virginia.

2. Richard Harrison Metzgar born 31 July 1931, Doddridge County, West Virginia, married Lorina Belle Bonnett born 17 September 1934, Gilmer County, West Virginia, daughter of Russell Bonnett and Marion (Moore) Bonnett. They were married 9 April 1955 in Lewis County, West Virginia. Children:

   (a) Debra Kaye Metzgar born 10 April 1956, Weston, West Virginia.

   (b) Venissa Dawn Metzgar born 6 October 1966, Weston, West Virginia.

3. James Kenny Metzgar born 9 August 1933, Doddridge County West Virginia, married Patty Marlene Smith 30 Aug 1963 at Valley Chapel, Lewis County, West Virginia. She was born 23 December 1933, daughter of George Harold Smith and Louise (King) Smith. Children:

   (a) Delores Day Metzgar born 12 February 1953, Weston, West Virginia.

(b) Valeri Lynn Metzgar born 26 September 1954, Weston, West Virginia.

(c) Ida Louise Metzgar born 23 November 1955, Weston, West Virginia.

James Kenny's second marriage was to Tuana Smith born 21 August 1946, who was a sister to his first wife. They had two children:

(d) Josephine Metzgar born 7 July 1969, in Lewis County, West Virginia.

(e) Mark Metzgar born 17 April 1971, Lewis County, West Virginia.

4. Willa Delores Metzgar born 29 June 1935, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 10 June 1955, Lewis County, West Virginia, to George Hudson Bailey born 12 August 1932, Lewis County, West Virginia, son of Minter Bailey and Rella Jane (Funk) Bailey. Children:

(a) Kimley Jo Bailey born 3 September 1956, Weston, West Virginia.

(b) Janet Sue Bailey born 10 April 1959, Weston, West Virginia.

(c) John Hudson Bailey born 22 June 1964, Weston, West Virginia.

B4-3 HENRY WASHINGTON ROMINE-AURA BELLE OLDAKER FAMILY

Henry Washington Romine born 11 April 1860, Hartford City, Blackford County, Licking Township, Indiana, son of Benjamin Franklin Romine and Nancy Jane (Walters) Romine. He married 12 September 1895, in Weston, West Virginia, to Aura Belle Oldaker born 23 December 1872, daughter John D. Oldaker and Caroline Hinzman. Uncle Henry died 10 July 1910 in Lewis County, West Virginia. Aunt Aura died 10 January 1941, Jane Lew, West Virginia. They are both buried in Fairview Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia. They had one child:

1. Flodia Belle Romine born 26 September 1896, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 14 April 1917, in Oakland Maryland, Dess Lawrence Smith born 11 May 1893, in Harrison County, West Virginia. Dess Lawrence died November 1958 in Clarksburg, West Virginia, and is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Jane Lew, West Virginia. After his death Cousin Flodia married Carson Hitt born 21 November 1895. They were married 19 July 1968, in Oakland, Maryland. Carson died 13 June 1973. Flodia had two girls by her first husband, Dess. Children:

   (a) Norma Olive Smith born 21 April 1921 Jane Lew, West Virginia, married 6 June 1942, in Weston, West Virginia, to Virgil Royce Bell born 1 November 1915, Kincheloe, Harrison County, West Virginia, son of Richard Guy Bell and Etta (Brown) Bell. Children:

      (1) Richard Lawrence Bell born 12 October 1946, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Never married.

      (2) Linda Rae Bell born 29 May 1948, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married Jonathan Allen Brown, 19 April 1969, Martinsburg, West Virginia. No children.

   (b) Billie Lorene Smith born 21 January 1927, Jane Lew West Virginia, married 28 May 1949, Jane Lew, West Virginia, to Billy Gene McKinney, son of Buford McKinney and Nellie (Rifee) McKinney, born 8 July 1925, Lewis County, West Virginia. Children:

      (a) Matthew Kent McKinney born 12 November 1959, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Uncle Henry and Aunt Aura Belle lived in Hog Camp near Mineral and Uncle Henry farmed. They later moved to Jane Lew and lived with daughter, Flodia, until he built a house nearby and moved there. He operated a restaurant and grocery store for awhile about 1922-23 but later moved back to the farm and farmed until he died.

Flodia lives at 904 Burke Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401 and is still going strong at the age of 87. Her daughter, Olive (Smith) Bell, lives at 507 South Rosement, Martinsburg, West Virginia, 25401 and her daughter, Billie (Smith) McKinney lives at 323 Lincoln Drive, Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401.

B4-4 JAMES B. ROMINE-ERMA ALICE STUTLER FAMILY

James B. Romine born 11 April 1862, Rooting Creek, Upshur County, West Virginia, son of Benjamin Franklin Romine and Nancy Jane Walters. He married Erma Alice Stutler on February 1912 in Harrison County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Columbus Stutler and Harriet (Farris) Stutler. Uncle Jim died 10 March 1950, at Nutterfort, Harrison County, West Virginia, and Aunt Erma also died there 5 January 1947. They are both buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Kincheloe, Harrison County, West Virginia. They had three children:

1. Parthena Geneva Romine born 11 February 1913, Turkey Pen Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 15 June 1963, in Oakland, Maryland, to Roy Barton Lister, born 15 August 1896, Lost Creek, Harrison County, West Virginia, son of Oliver Lister and Molly (Barton) Lister. They had no children. Roy died 30 December 1966, in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

2. Nellie Clophia Romine born 15 January 1916, Turkey Pen Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, married in 1944, Naples, Italy to Benjamin Franklin Pierce born 1911 in Rixieville, Virginia, son of C.D. "Dan" Pierce. He died 1 March 1947 in Virginia. Nellie was a nurse at St. Marys Hospital in Clarksburg, West Virginia and was with a contingent of nurses from the Clarksburg area who went into the Army and served during WWII. She evidently served in Italy since she was married there. Children:

   (a) Mary Evelyn Pierce born 9 May 1945, Clarksburg, West Virginia. No further data.

3. James Howard Romine born 17 January 1919, Kincheloe, Harrison County, West Virginia, married 4 June 1943, in Oakland, Maryland, to Bernice Marie Durbin born 22 May 1922, Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of Alonzo "Lon" Durbin and Jane (Thompson) Durbin. Children:

   (a) Florence Ann Romine born 14 May 1944, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Never married.

   (b) Connie Eileen Romine born 29 May 1955, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 21 May 1972, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Allen Keith Squires born 15 March 1952, Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of Robert Harvey Squires and Glenda June (Bolyard) Squires. Children:

      (1) Brian Keith Squires born 4 October 1972, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(2) Vanessa K. Squires born 9 March 1974, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Uncle Jim worked for his uncle John D. Romine at Johnstown, West Virginia. He later came and helped on his father's farm on Turkey Pen, Lewis County, West Virginia. He also stayed there for a few years after he was married to Aunt Erma. He moved eventually to Mineral, Harrison County, West Virginia, on Kicheloe Creek. His stepfather gave each of his own children including stepchildren land either in Lewis or Harrison County, since Kincheloe Creek divided the two counties. The deed which Elzy made to Uncle Jim in 1910 stated 16 acres of land. The deed said in consideration of natural love and affection and one dollar.

Uncle Jim was a story teller and a practical joker. He would start a story with seriousness until he had you "hooked" then he would "hit" you with the "punch line." He had such a twinkle in his eye he would have you laughing in a minute.

B4-5 SARAH LAVINA OLDAKER JOHN EBERT FRASHURE FAMILY

Sarah Lavina Oldaker born 13 March 1867 on Rover's Run, Upshur County, West Virginia, daughter of Elza Garrett and Nancy Jane (Walters) Romine Oldaker. On 11 August 1887, in Harrison County, West Virginia, she married John Ebert Frashure, born 1 April 1861, in Lewis County, West Virginia. He was the son of J. Basil Frashure and Malinda (Post) Frashure. They first lived on Flax Run in Harrison County in a house that her father had given to them. All their children were born there. They later moved to Erbacon, West Virginia, where their son Willie lived. Uncle John worked for the railroad laying cross ties until his retirement. Aunt Sarah and Uncle John both died in Erbacon, Webster County, West Virginia. They are buried in the Erbacon Cemetery. John died 17 April 1927 and Sarah died 24 February 1928. They had four children:

1. Willie Thurman Frashure born 29 October 1888 Mineral, Flax Run, Harrison County, West Virginia (See separate family chart in this Section.)

2. Evert Lee Frashure born 16 May 1891, Mineral, Flax Run, Harrison County, West Virginia. No further data.

3. Nellie Frashure born 21 June 1894, Mineral, Flax Run, Harrison County, West Virginia. No further data.

4. Delos Dencil Frashure born 3 May 1908, Mineral, Flax Run, Harrison County, West Virginia. (See separate family chart in this Section.)

B4-5-1 WILLIE THURMAN FRASHURE-ROBERTIA ELIZABETH LAWSON FAMILY

William Thurman Frashure born 29 October 1888, Mineral, Flax Run, Harrison County, West Virginia, son of John Ebert Frashure and Sarah Lavina (Oldaker) Frashure. He was married at Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia, on 13 September 1909, to Robertia Elizabeth Lawson born 3 June 1887, at Good Hope, Harrison County, West Virginia. Robertia Elizabeth was the daughter of Salathiel "Laffe" Uriah Lawson and Flora J. Brown. Willie was a minister and lived in Erbacon, Webster County, West Virginia, for many years. He retired and went to Ft. Pierce, Florida, where he died 24 January 1981. His wife died 20 August 1976, in Ft. Pierce, Florida. He is buried in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Ft. Pierce, we do not know for sure if she is also buried there. Willie and Robertia had three children:

1. Mary Virginia Frashure born 8 September 1920, Erbacon, Webster County, West Virginia, married (1) to Doyle West 27 March 1938. He died 21 July 1949. There were no children by this marriage. Married (2) 21 April 1950, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to James Edward Watson born 13 June 1925, son of William Watson and Ethel Reed. Children (a), (b), (c), and (d) were adopted.

   (a) Fred Eugene Watson born 26 October 1942, Charleston, West Virginia, married Sue Taylor born 26 July 1947, Charleston, West Virginia, daughter of Ola Taylor and Thelma ( ) Taylor. They had three children:

      (1) Kathy Watson born 16 December 1965, Charleston, West Virginia.

      (2) Kimberly Watson born 10 February 1969, Charleston, West Virginia.

      (3) Melinda Watson born 19 February 1973, Charleston, West Virginia.

   (b) Roger Lee Watson born 18 May 1949, Norfolk, Virginia, married (1) 8 September 1970, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Carolyn Patrick born 20 November 1950, daughter of Carl Patrick and Caroline Hoopengardner. Children:

      (1) Roger Lee Watson Jr. born 13 March 1972, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

      (2) Tracy Jo Watson born 8 December 1974, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

   married (2) 23 December 1977, Los Angeles, California, to Pamela Shultz born 9 November 1952,

in California, daughter of Howard Shultz and Jacqelyn Formy. Children:

(3) Dawn Shultz 9 October 1970, in Los Angeles, California. She is a stepdaughter.

(c) Philip Cunningham Watson born 29 August 1952, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married Nedrett Boran born 3 April 1959, Istanbul, Turkey, daughter of Yusus Boran and Guelhan (Ayton) Boran. Children:

(1) Jennifer Cunningham Watson born 16 August _____, in Germany.

(d) Richard Allen Pumphrey born 24 April 1958, Weston, West Virginia. Not married.

(e) David Allen Watson born 9 June 1958. Died 10 June 1958.

2. Thurman Junior Frashure born 8 July 1922, Erbacon, Webster County, West Virginia, married 21 March 1946, Plainfield, Indiana, to Vera Ruth Freed born 11 November 1921, daughter of Earl Freed and Lora (Pershing) Freed. Children:

(a) Kathy Ruth Frashure born 17 July 1947, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 23 December 1969, in Detroit Michigan, to Wilfred Coers born 18 March 1945, Shelbyville, Indiana, son of Louis F. Coers and Catherine (Scheffler) Coers. Children:

(1) Matthew L. Coers born 5 September 1972, Cleveland, Ohio.

3. Hugh Ebert Frashure born 20 February 1924, Richwood, Nicholas County, West Virginia, married 8 August 1948, Buckhannon, West Virginia, to Helen Louise Layfield, born 28 October 1928, Buckhannon, West Virginia, daughter of Simeon Ray Layfield and Ruby Mae (Tenney) Layfield. Children:

(a) Sharon Marlene Frashure born 21 June 1950, Wilmington, Delaware married 22 June 1968, Donald Richard Jennings born 15 May 1947, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Arthur Jennings and Elizabeth (Cassell) Jennings. Children:

(1) Donald Richard Jennings Jr. born 2 October 1970, Wilmington, Delaware.

(2) Steven Michael Jennings born 28 June 1972, Wilmington, Delaware.

(3) David Matthew Jennings born 6 January 1979, Ft. Pierce, Florida.

(b) Sheila Dawn Frashure born 18 October 1954, Wilmington, Delaware married 7 December 1980 to John M. Hill. No children.

(c) Loretta Lee Frashure born 19 January 1958, Fort Pierce, Florida, married 19 January 1977, to Fred Oley, born 23 August 1952, son of James Oley and Frances (Luellen) Oley. Children:

(1) Rachel Lynn Oley born 20 August 1977.

(2) Sharon Dawn Oley born 6 March 1980, Fort Pierce, Florida.

B4-5-4 DELOS DENCIL FRASHURE-LELA DILLON FAMILY

Delos Dencil Frashure was born 3 May 1908, Mineral, Harrison County, West Virginia, married (1) 6 October 1926, Weston, West Virginia Lela Dillon born 28 November 1908, Erbacon, West Virginia, daughter of Jack Dillon and Alice (Holcomb) Dillon. Children:

1. Leon Keith Frashure born 15 October 1928, Erbacon, Webster County, West Virginia, married 30 March 1953, to Betty Macke born 21 May 1931, Seattle, Washington. Children:

   (a) Leon Keith Frashure Jr. born 10 October 1953, Seattle, Washington. Not married. Serving in the Army.

   (b) Ronald Eugene Frashure born 12 July 1955, Seattle, Washington, married 12 February 1980, to Cinty Huff. No further data.

   (c) Lela Marie Frashure born 23 August 1956, Seattle, Washington, married 3 February 1978, Hopewell, Virginia, to Royce Glfsehka. Children:

      (1) Rose Marie Glfsehka born 2 January 1979, Seattle, Washington.

      (2) Ann Marie Glfsehka born 5 October 1980, Hohenfel, Germany.

   (d) Donald Earl Frashure born 19 April 1958, Seattle, Washington. Married in California, but wife's name unknown. Children:

      (1) Shannon Marie Frashure born 15 February 1979.

   (e) Thomas Michael Frashure born 1 December 1960, Seattle, Washington.

   (f) Leonard Allen Frashure born 13 July 1962, Seattle, Washington.

   (g) Melissa Ann Frashure born 11 January 1966, Seattle, Washington.

   (h) James Dean Frashure born 23 January 1969, Seattle, Washington.

   (i) Kenneth Allen Frashure born 1 March 1970, Seattle, Washington.

2. Lowell Summers Frashure born 18 August 1935, Erbacon, Webster County, West Virginia, married 11 November 1959,

to Gwinn Nutter born Queenwood, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Timmy Frashure born 7 April 1965, Ridgeville, Ohio.

3. Larry Kenneth Frashure born 17 January 1938, Glenville, Gilmer County, West Virginia, married 23 July 1958, at Clifton Forge, Virginia, to Alice Dixon born 18 July 1938, Rainelle, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Larry Steven Frashure born 22 March 1959, Rainelle, West Virginia, died 25 February 1974.

(b) Jeffrey Todd Frashure born 27 March 1963, Rainelle, West Virginia.

(c) Robert Keith Frasure born 16 November 1964, Hopewell, Virginia.

(d) Ronald Dean Frashure born 19 November 1967, Hopewell, Virginia.

4. Charles Delos Frashure born 15 October 1942, Weston, West Virginia, married 17 August 1963, Clifton Forge, Virginia, to Bonnie Lou Callison, born 17 March 1947, Rainelle, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Charles James Frashure born 10 April 1964, Hopewell, Virginia.

(b) Dena Denise Frashure born 18 April 1966, Hopewell, Virginia.

(c) Curtis Lee Frashure born 20 March 1967, Hopewell, Virginia.

5. Karen Alicia Frashure born 31 March 1944, Weston, West Virginia, married 13 February 1965, to Larence Allen Stults. Children:

(a) Rex Allen Stults born 14 November 1967, in North Carolina.

(b) Mark Edmund Stults born 12 February 1971, in North Carolina.

6. Nancy Elaine Frashure born 24 September 1948, Glenville, West Virginia, married 10 February 1965, at Clifton Forge, Virginia, to Billy Gene Callison. Children:

(a) Lacresha Carol Callison born 14 July 1966, Hopewell, Virginia.

(b) Gina Marie Callison born 10 June 1967, Hopewell, Virginia.

(c) Laura Beth Callison born 12 December 1973, Hopewell, Virginia.

(d) Tracy Lynn Callison born 4 November 1974, Hopewell, Virginia.

Delos Dencil Frashure's second marriage was to Mary Imogene Dixon 20 March 1953. Mary was born 2 March 1930, Rainelle, West Virginia, daughter of Walter Dixon and Grace Dove (Bennett) Dixon. Her first marriage was to Arthur Velasquez. Delos and Mary had six children:

7. Donna Marie Frashure born 20 July 1953, Rainelle, West Virginia, married 22 December 1970, Quinwood, West Virginia, to Joseph Nutter born 23 March 1950, Quinwood, West Virginia. Children:

   (a) Tonja Joe Nutter born 14 January 1972, Beckley, West Virginia.

   (b) Teresa Lea Nutter born 10 December 1973, Hopewell, Virginia.

8. Thelma Grace Frashure born 28 June 1954, Rainelle, West Virginia, married 28 June 1972, Clifton Forge, Virginia, to Thomas Wilfong. Children:

   (a) Christopher Robin Wilfong born 29 January 1974, Hopewell, Virginia.

   (b) Thomas Joe Wilfong born 7 November 1980, Hopewell, Virginia.

9. Lesa Lynn Frashure born 6 August 1956, Rainelle, West Virginia, married 7 August 1974, Clifton Forge, Virginia to Carl Taylor. Children:

   (a) David Michael Taylor born 28 August 1975, Richmond, Virginia.

   (b) Rebecca Lynn Taylor born 1 July 1980, Hopewell, Virginia.

10. Mercedes Dee Frashure born 21 November 1957, Hinton, West Virginia, married 7 August 1974, Clifton Forge, Virginia, to Robert Ellison. Children:

   (a) Brandy Lee Ellison born 5 April 1975, Richmond, Virginia.

   (b) Megon Michelle Ellison born 27 January 1977, Hopewell Virginia.

11. John Everett Frashure born 5 September 1960, Rainelle, West Virginia, married 7 November 1978, Carla Trace.

12. Sarah Dawn Frashure born 15 August 1970, Alderson, West Virginia. Not married. Adopted (Daughter of Patricia Jean Velasquez.)

Mary Imogene's first marriage was 16 August 1948, at Reno, Nevada, to Arthur Velesquez. Children from this union are:

13. Arthur Leo Valesquez born 12 April ____, Reno, Nevada, married 24 December 1974, to Pam Lilny, Hopewell, Virginia. Pam was born in Charmeo, West Virginia. Children:

    (a) Michelle Velasquez born 12 February 1978, Hopewell, Virginia.

    (b) Anthony B. Velasquez born 11 December 1979, Hopewell, Virginia.

14. Patricia Jean Velasquez born 29 May 1952, Rainelle, Virginia, married 25 February 1972, Hines, West Virginia, to George Nutter. Children:

    (a) Chad E. Nutter born 9 May 1973, Hopewell, Virginia.

    (b) Jason Paul Nutter born 25 October 1977, Fairlee, West Virginia.

B4-6 JEROME ARNOLD OLDAKER-IDA BELLE POST FAMILY

Jerome Arnold Oldaker was born 22 August 1868, on Rover's Run, Upshur County, West Virginia, son of Elza Garrett Oldaker and Nancy Jane (Walters) Oldaker. He married 4 October 1900 in Harrison County, West Virginia, to Ida Belle Post, born 15 April 1875, daughter of Enoch Post and Elizabeth (McConkey) Post. Uncle Arnold died 18 May 1929 in Clarksburg, West Virginia and Aunt Ida died 21 May 1953. They are both buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery Kincheloe, Harrison County, West Virginia. They had three children:

1. Loxie Violet Oldaker born 7 October 1901, Flax Run, Kincheloe Creek, Harrison County, West Virginia. (See separate family chart in this Section.)

2. Gaston Elza Oldaker born 17 August 1905, Kincheloe, Harrison County, West Virginia, married 21 October 1933, to Helen S. Gill born 12 August 1913. Children:

   (a) Ida May Oldaker born 17 January 1934, Kincheloe, West Virginia.

   (b) Stella Juanita Oldaker born 13 May 1936, Kincheloe, West Virginia.

   (c) Ethel Blendeena Oldaker born 31 January 1938, Kincheloe, West Virginia.

   (d) Gaston Arnold Oldaker 17 January 1939, Kincheloe, West Virginia.

   (e) Georgia Oldaker born 1942, Lawton, Oklahoma, married Paul Burke.

   (f) Edward Eugene Oldaker born 1948.

3. Elma Florene Oldaker born 26 April 1916, Kincheloe, West Virginia. (See separate family chart in this Section.)

Uncle Arnold lived in a house near his father on Flax Run, Harrison County, West Virginia. He lived there until Loxie was about four years old. He lived in the house at Kincheloe where Loxie now lives which he bought from Charles and Bess Hudkins. He built his own house. He was a carpenter, farmer and blacksmith. He was working on road construction as a blacksmith when he died.

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B4-6-1 LOXIE VIOLET OLDAKER-WILBERT D. McCLUNG FAMILY

Loxie Violet born 7 October 1901, Flax Run, Kincheloe Creek, Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of Jerome Arnold Oldaker and Ida Belle (Post) Oldaker married Wilbert D. McClung born 11 September 1902, Owens Run, Gilmer County, West Virginia. He was the son of Ulysses Frank McClung and Hattie Mae (Isenhart) McCLung. They were married 12 November 1926, at Weston, West Virginia. They had four children:

1. Arnold Daris McClung born 17 December 1927, Kincheloe, West Virginia, married 6 October 1956, at Kennedy Station, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Betty Lou Stout born 24 November 1938, Weston, West Virginia, daughter of Oathe Stout and Blanche (Smith) Stout. Children:

   (a) Sherry Darlene McClung born 18 February 1957, Weston, West Virginia, married Philip Gregory Baldwin 1 October 1977, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church Benson, Harrison County, West Virginia. Philip was born 4 March 1956 at Salem, West Virginia, son of Herman Baldwin and Wolanda (Tommey) Baldwin. Children:

      (1) Craig Allen Baldwin born 1 February 1975, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

      (2) Tiffany Renee Baldwin born 8 January 1982, Weston, West Virginia.

   (b) Debbie Jean McClung born 4 October 1958, Weston, West Virginia, married 3 May 1975, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Charles Ernest Lott Jr., born 2 October 1955, Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of Charles Ernest Lott Sr. and Carol Jeanette (Sprouse) Lott. Children:

      (1) Shelly Dawn Lott born 7 February 1977, Weston, West Virginia.

      (2) Charles Daris Lott born 28 June 1980, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

      (3) Pamela Jean Lott born 11 February 1983, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

   (c) Terry Dee McClung 14 July 1963, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Not married.

   (d) Darren Lee McClung born 14 November 1964, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Not married.

2. Mildred Emogene McClung born 20 April 1930, Kincheloe West Virginia. Never married.

3. Helen Romona McClung born 26 April 1933, Kincheloe, West Virginia, married 17 May 1953, Jane Lew, West Virginia, to Howard Lee McKay born 31 August 1933, Lima, Tyler County, West Virginia, son of Joseph McKay and Etheline (Musser) McKay. Children:

   (a) Howard Steven McKay born 12 April 1957, Warren, Turnbull County, Ohio, married 4 September 1977, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church Benson, Harrison County, West Virginia, to Cathy Louise Titus born 26 August 1959, Parkersburg, West Virginia, daughter of Charles Asby Titus and Deloris (Williams) Titus. Children:

      (1) Trisha Dawn McKay born 11 July 1978, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

   (b) Karen Sue McKay born 23 January 1963, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 12 April 1980, Kincheloe, West Virginia, to Michael Charles Wilfong born 7 March 1962, Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of Porter Charles Wilfong and Ruth (Smith) Wilfong. Children:

      (1) Christina Leigh Wilfong born 5 May 1980, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

4. Norma Sue McClung born 29 November 1937, Kincheloe, West Virginia. Never married.

B4-6-3 ELMA FLORENE OLDAKER-FRANKLIN JUNIOR McCLUNG FAMILY

Elma Florene Oldaker born 26 April 1916, Kincheloe, West Virginia, daughter of Jerome Arnold Oldaker and Ida Belle (Post) Oldaker, married 24 October 1935, Northview, Clarksburg, West Virginia, Rev. B. L. Barton, officiating, to Franklin Junior McClung born 23 April 1911, Owen's Run, Gilmer County, West Virginia. His father was Frank Ulysses McClung and Hattie Mae (Isenhart) McClung. Franklin Junior was a brother to Wilbur D. McClung who married Elma's sister Loxie. Children:

1. Hattie Belle McClung born 30 September 1936, Kincheloe, West Virginia, married 9 October 1954, in Oakland, Maryland, to Charles Edward Robinson born 22 November 1931, son of W. Brent Robinson and Faye (Hutson) Robinson. Charles was killed in a car wreck on Route 19, south of Weston, West Virginia, on 5 December 1970. He is buried in the K. of P. Cemetery, Rte. 23 Salem, West Virginia. They had three children:

   (a) Sandra Charlene Robinson born 18 September 1955, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 2 June 1976, at Salem, West Virginia to Tony Marino II born July 1947, at Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of Tony Marino I and Mary (Sinnett) Marino. Tony Marino II died 31 May 1978, at Clarksburg, West Virginia, and is buried in the K. of P. Cemetery Salem, West Virginia. Children:

      (1) Anthony "Dink" Marino born 14 May 1974, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

      (2) Tony Marino III born 10 July 1977, Morgantown, West Virginia.

2. Charlotte June McClung born 30 June 1943, Weston, West Virginia, married 30 August 1968, to Haymond Ray Davis born 26 January 1942, Doddridge County, West Virginia, son of Whetzel Davis and Opal (Law) Davis. Children:

   (a) Ryan Evan Davis born 23 March 1980.

3. Geneva Lynne McClung born 7 April 1946, Weston, West Virginia, married 3 September 1972, Parkersburg, West Virginia, to Kelly Dean Gibbs born 29 November 1944, Parkersburg, West Virginia, son of Orval Henry Gibbs and Alvera (Toomey) Gibbs.

B4-7 DORA ELLEN OLDAKER-GRANNISON S. OLDAKER FAMILY

Dora Ellen Oldaker born 27 October 1870 at Rover's Run, Upshur County, West Virginia, daughter of Elza Garrett Oldaker and Nancy Jane (Walters) Oldaker was married to Grannison S. Oldaker, son of Henry Jackson Oldaker and Elizabeth E. (Smith) Oldaker. They were married by Rev. G.W. Amick at Oakland, Maryland, 25 of July 1887. They had two children:

1. Ai Oldaker born birth day unknown, but probably born in Nebraska. Died in Nebraska of scrafula at young age.

2. Mary Oldaker born Birth date unknown but probably born in Nebraska. Died of diphtheria at young age.

Aunt Dora married the second time to Elijah Newlon 27 November 1890, Prairie Creek Baptist Church in Merrick County, Nebraska. Elijah was the son of Peyton Newlon and Mary A. (Sinsel) Newlon. No children from the marriage.

Aunt Dora married when she was sixteen to Grannison without the knowledge of her parents and they along with her husband's family and her half-brother Harrison Oldaker set out for Nebraska by wagon. They settled near Grand Island and/or Central City. The men got a big threshing machine and went from farm to farm threshing wheat for their livelihood. One time there was a prairie fire and the men were away at work, the fire was coming closer to the house than comfortable. Aunt Dora put the harness on the stud horse and a mare, hooked them to the plow and plowed several rows around the house to save the fire from crossing and burning the house. She spent four years in Nebraska, losing her husband in a typhoid epidemic, her son with scrafula and her daughter with diptheria. She became dissatisfied and came back to West Virginia. She worked on the farm, milked cows, made butter, cheese, raised hogs and chickens and sold what she didn't need to have extra money to live on. When her mother and father became sick, she cared for them. She cared for her sister Jesse, her brother Lowery and brother-in-law John Frashure until they died. She then went about nursing the sick wherever needed. She was a beautiful seamstress. She made garments for herself, her family and anyone in need.

In about the year 1921-1922 she took a foster daughter to raise. Her name was Evelyn Friend. Her father's wife had died and he couldn't care for the children and put them in a home. Aunt Dora took Evelyn and Aunt Sarah took Evelyn's sister for awhile.

3. Evelyn Friend was born 13 September 1915 at Erbacon, Webster County, West Virginia, daughter of William Price Friend and Virgie Agnes Carpenter. On the 27th of May 1936

at West Milford, Harrison County, West Virginia, she married Robert Harris McDonald born 11 April 1914 at Two Lick, Harrison County, West Virginia. Bob was the son of Ai Maynard McDonald and Lydia (Law) McDonald. Robert died 28 April 1984 and is buried at Good Hope, West Virginia at the Masonic Cemetery. Children:

(a) Robert Max McDonald born 29 October 1941, at Weston, West Virginia. He married 26 December 1964, Weston, West Virginia, to Faye Louise Snyder born 11 January 1943, at Weston, West Virginia, daughter of Ralph Snyder and Nell (Brown) Snyder. Children:

(1) Marcella Dawn McDonald born 9 June 1965, Santa Barbara, California.

(2) Robert Mark McDonald born 14 December 1970, Ojai, Ventura County, California.

Evelyn graduated from Unidis High School at West Milford, West Virginia and West Virginia Business College at Clarksburg, West Virginia. She worked while in school and in summer months and after graduation at several glass factories in Weston and Salem, West Virginia cutting designs on glassware. She then became an apprentice at Brown's Beauty Shop in Weston, but decided that occupation was not for her. After marriage, she traveled with her husband on construction jobs at various places in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. After her boy was in college she took a civil service test and began to work for the USDA at the Agricultural and Stabilization and Conservation Service Office in Clarksburg, West Virginia. She worked there ten years until her health would not permit her to work any longer, so she took a disability retirement and went back to being a housewife on the farm at Kincheloe, West Virginia. She enjoys sewing, craft, cooking and genealogy. She is active in church work and is a member of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church. Her husband graduated from Unidis High School, also, and went into construction work operating heavy equipment. He worked to help build the Irwin Works of the Carnegie Illinois Steel Works, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, the Wheeling Airport and many other jobs. He decided to go into business for himself, so he purchased a bulldozer, some trucks and a grader and prior to his decease was doing this on a part-time basis including the fact that he owned a 120-acre farm and kept Hereford cattle.

Their son, Max, spent three years at Salem College, got married and went to California. He first worked for the 3M company at Camarillo, California as manager of the Magnetic Tape Division. He did not like indoor work so he got a job in the oil business. He is now a platform operator on an offshore rig for Standard Oil. He has worked for them for 16 years.

B4-8 STEPHEN EDGAR OLDAKER-DORA ELLEN FRASHURE FAMILY

Stephen Edgar Oldaker born 3 November 1872, Rover's Run, Upshur County, West Virginia, son of Elza Garrett Oldaker and Nany Jane (Walters) Oldaker. He was married on the 29th of June 1913, at Good Hope, Harrison County, West Virginia, to Dora Ellen Frashure, born 11 March 1881, Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of Abraham Robinson Frashure and Victoria (Sherwood) Frashure. They had one son:

1. Dacel Elmo Oldaker born 23 June 1915, Turkey Pen, Lewis County, West Virginia, married (1) to someone named Kitty, but have been unable to determine her last name. They had no children. His second marriage was to Ruth Elaine Knudsen on 16 September 1948, in Dayton, Ohio. Ruth had been previously married to Nathan L. Holmes. Ruth Elaine was born 11 July 1923 in Ft. Pierce, Florida daughter of William F. Knudsen and Irene (Robb) Knudsen. Ruth and Dacel had two daughters:

   (a) Karme Jo Oldaker born 2 October 1950 Dayton, Ohio, married 8 September 1979, at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio to Robert Frank Raggio born 16 November 1943, in Pueblo, Colorado, son of Frank Silvio Raggio and Roberta (O'Leary) Raggio. Karme Jo ahd previously been married to John Gregory Burton. They have no children. They live at 629 G ST. NW Washington, DC 20024.

   (b) April Lee Oldaker born 29 April 1952, Xenia, Ohio, married 21 October 1972, Fairborn, Ohio, to James Stephen Lanning born 20 March 1951, in Dayton, Ohio, son of James Charles Lanning and Jean (Blaum) Lanning. They have no children. They live at 4444 Pueblo Avenue, Mesa, Arizona. April is a school teacher.

Uncle Ed worked for W.T. Law on Two Lick, farming until he was married. He owned a farm on Turkey Pen, Lewis County, West Virginia, where he and Aunt Dora lived. He farmed and went to Weston every week and sold his produce, meat and dairy products. He sold out at Turkey Pen and moved to McCann's Run where he worked for Uncle Henry Frashure on the farm and still sold his produce in Weston. Later they sold out and moved to Dayton, Ohio, to live with Dacel in a two-room house on his lot. They returned later to McCann's Run and lived in Andy Smith's house until Aunt Dora died. Uncle Ed returned to Dayton to live with Dacel. Aunt Dora died 30 September 1957, at McCann's Run, Lewis County, West Virginia. Uncle Ed died 30 December 1962, at Fairborn, Ohio. They are both buried in Methodist Church Cemetery, McCann's Run, Lewis County West Virginia.

Dacel worked in the installation and maintenance of sound systems. He either worked for or was owner of the

Commercial Service Co. of Fairborn, Ohio. He later came to the University of Arizona where he was the sound engineer for the school. Dacel served in the Army in World War II. He died in Tucson, Arizona, 16 October 1976. He is buried in Methodist Church Cemetery at McCann's Run, Lewis County, West Virginia.

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B4-12 ICIE ELIZA OLDAKER-HENRY LEWIS FRASHURE FAMILY

Icie Eliza Oldaker born 15 January 1879, Flax Run, Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of Elza Garrett Oldaker and Nancy Jane Walters. She married Henry Lewis Frashure on the 24th of November 1904 in Lewis County, West Virginia. He was the son of Abraham Robinson Frashure and Victoria Jane (Sherwood) Frashure. He was born 6 May 1872, Lewis County, West Virginia. Aunt Icie died 25 October 1954, and Uncle Henry died 25 August 1954. Aunt Icie died in Weston, West Virginia and Uncle Henry died in Lewis County, West Virginia. Both are buried in the McCann's Run Methodist Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia. They had five children:

1. Wayne L. Frashure born 4 November 1905, Turkey Pen, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 22 October 1938 to Garnet Virginia Morton born 31 January 1902, Crawford, Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of Proctor Morton and Loma (Houghton) Morton. Garnet had been previously married to Ray Holbert Sr. Wayne and Garnet had following children:

   (a) John Wayne Frashure born 25 July 1944, Weston, West Virginia, died September 1945.

   (b) Sharon Frashure born September 1942. She was an adopted child. Married 17 September 1960, to Harold Hiteshew.

2. Latie Juanita Frashure born 21 December 1908, Turkey Pen, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 10 October 1963 to John William Smith born 1 July 1895, Lewis County, West Virginia, son of John Frederick Smith and Alice (Funk) Smith. John had been previously married to Mayme Allman. There were no children. John died 4 April 1981, in Weston, West Virginia, and is buried in Broad Run Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia. Cousin Latie and John had no children:

3. Arnett Frashure born 11 February, Turkey Pen, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 4 January 1941, Jane Lew, West Virginia, to Alberta Helen Bailey born 21 January 1917, in Lewis County, daughter of Minter Eugene Bailey and Rella Jane (Funk) Bailey. Children:

   (a) Charlotte June Frashure born 4 October 1941, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 21 March 1958, Mt. Hebron Methodist Church, Jane Lew, West Virginia, to Jackie Wayne Barnett born 20 September 1939, Braxton County, West Virginia, son of Vaughn Oliver Barnett and Dorothy (Perkins) Barnett. Children:

(1) Jackie Wayne Barnett born 1 November 1958 Lewis County, West Virginia.

(2) Jeffrey Allen Barnett born 6 March 1960, Lewis County, West Virginia.

(3) Robert Vaughn Barnett born 23 August 1961, Lewis County, West Virginia.

(4) Reta Lynn Barnett born 16 August 1971, Lewis County, West Virginia.

(5) Matthew Wayne Barnett born 24 August 1973, Lewis County, West Virginia.

(b) Nancy Jane Frashure born 15 December 1950, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 5 June 1970 to William H. Cutlip, born 18 October 1946, Gassaway, Braxton Co., West Virginia, son of Harley V. Cutlip and Anna Clare (Campbell) Cutlip. Children:

(1) Erin Elizabeth Cutlip born 17 September 1973.

4. Gladys Vercie Frashure born 4 December 1913, Turkey Pen, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 5 July 1934, Jane Lew, West Virginia, to Woodrow Dobbins born 24 February 1934, Gilmer County, West Virginia, son of James A. Dobbins and Mae (VanHorn) Dobbins. Gladys died 27 May 1979, in Weston Hospital, Weston, West Virginia, and is buried in McCann's Run Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Jackie Dale Dobbins born 14 December 1935, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 24 December 1957, Jane Lew, West Virginia, to Linda Smith born 11 December 1939, Lewis County, West Virginia. No children.

(b) Lewis Ross Dobbins born 23 September 1948, Lewis County, West Virginia, married (1) to Linda Stout. No data on children, if any. Married (2) 9 June 1979 McCann's Run Methodist Church, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Cynthia E. Clinger born Oil City, Pennsylvania, daughter of Glenn P. Clinger, Jr. and Joan (Nelson) Clinger. Children:

(1) Jason Andrew Dobbins born 3 August 1982, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(c) Linda Kay Dobbins born 21 June 1950, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 21 June 1971, to

Kent Swisher, born 17 December 1947, Harrison County, West Virginia, son of James Harm Swisher and Marjorie (Bassel) Swisher. Children:

(1) Tammy Louise Swisher born 1 February 1973, Cincinnati, Ohio.

(2) David Kent Swisher born 28 August 1978, Cincinnati, Ohio.

5. Clita Olive Frashure born 1 August 1919, McCann's Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, married (1) 19 October 1940, to Ray Holbert Jr., son of Ray Holbert Sr. and Garnett Morton. Ray Jr. died in 1945 and is buried in McCann's Run Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Brenda Jean Holbert born 14 June 1941, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 22 October 1960, at Jane Lew, West Virginia, to Harold Smith, Jr., born 26 September 1941, at Jane Lew, West Virginia, son of Harold D. Smith and Dora (Reed) Smith. Children:

(1) Kathy Jo Smith born 11 October 1961, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Not married.

(2) Christopher Dale Smith born 4 January 1966, Petersburg, Grant County, West Virginia. Not married.

Cousin Olive's marriage (2) was on 24 June 1948, to James Earl Dunham born 28 August 1918, at Valley Chapel, Lewis County, West Virginia, son of Winfield Scott Dunham and Effie (Henry) Dunham. Children:

(b) Beth Ann Dunham born 13 May 1951, Lewis County, West Virginia. Not married.

(c) Jane Earl Dunham born 1 June 1953, Lewis County, West Virginia. Not married.

Uncle Henry and Aunt Icie first lived on Turkey Pen, Lewis County, West Virginia, where he was engaged in farming. They later moved to McCann's Run, Lewis County, where he was a farmer and lived their remaining years of their lives there.

B4-13 LOWERY ELZY OLDAKER-WILLIE LAWSON FAMILY

Lowery Elzy Oldaker born 14 February 1882 at Kincheloe, Flax Run, Harrison County, West Virginia, son of Elza Garrett Oldaker and Nancy Jane (Walters) Romine Oldaker. He was married 12 October 1911, at Auburn, Ritchie County, West Virginia, to Willie (Lawson) Oldaker, born 1 April 1889 at Auburn, Ritchie County, West Virginia, daughter of Dr. Joseph Columbus Lawson and Araminta Price (Bush) Lawson. Lowery died 25 December 1930 and is buried in the Old Masonic Cemetery close to Benedum Airport near Bridgeport, West Virginia. Willie died 21 September 1968 in Buckhannon, West Virginia, and is buried in the Buckhannon Mausoleum, Buckhannon, West Virginia. They had six children:

1. Joseph Elzy Oldaker born 8 July 1912 at Clarksburg, West Virginia. He is not married. Joe was graduated from Buckhannon High School and attended West Wesleyan College from 1931 to 1936. He attended on a part time basis because of financial reasons. Prior to World War II he worked for the A&P Tea Co. on a part-time basis. He was in the service with the 466th Regiment during WW II and served in England, France and Germany and was in the Battle of the Bulge. He served from September of 1942 until November of 1945.

   After his return from the service, Joe bought the Acme Book Store in Buckhannon, West Virginia, in 1948. He had the store until 1962 when brother David Oldaker purchased half interest in the store and came to work in Buckhannon. Joe sold the building and his interest in the store to brother Dave and wife and son Dave Jr. in 1982 and retired in 1983.

   Joe's two hobbies are fishing and sports. He was a member of Wesleyan's track and tennis teams and held many records in track which stood for a long time but which may now be broken. He won 19 consecutive single matches in tennis before being beaten. He has won many awards. In 1963 he was selected along with others, for the West Virginia Centennial "Sports Great Award" for Upshur County for distinguished service in the field of sports. He was selected one year, along with two others, for the Outstanding Alumni Award of Wesleyan College. He was selected by the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Association as the all-time tennis player. This covered the periods from 1925-1945 and 1946-1965. He was also made a member of the Omicrom Delta Kappa Society in 1980 in recognition of conspicious attainment and service in collegiate activities.

Although Joe will be 72 this year he still fishes, bowls and is an avid follower of sports, especially West Virginia Wesleyan's games. He has fished in Canada, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland for 25 years, but that it is a little too rough now so he confines himself to fishing in West Virginia, Virginia, Montana, Arizona and a few other states.

2. Mary Frances Oldaker born 4 August 1914, Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia, married 22 June 1941, Buckhannon, Upshur County, West Virginia, to Ira Jewell Beeson born 27 May 1906 at Cox's Mills, Gilmer County, West Virginia, son of Scott James Beeson and Sevena Marguerite (Bush) Beeson.

Mary Frances graduated from Buckhannon High School in 1932 and attended West Wesleyan College in Buckhannon in 1933. Due to financial reasons she left college and worked for six months at Weidehammer Grocery Co. in Buckhannon, West Virginia, then went to The Buckhannon Milling Co. where she worked from 1934 until 1945. She left to raise a family and in 1947 she left for Frederick, Maryland, where her husband, Jewell Beeson had accepted a teaching position. In 1974 Jewell retired and they moved back to Buckhannon. Mary Frances has always been active in church work and was church organist at Lewistown, Maryland for 18 years. She is now the assistant church organist at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Buckhannon. She is active in community work and is Secretary of A.A.R.P., Treasurer of the Buckhannon Church Women United. She is also active in the Retired Teachers Association of which she is an Associate Member.

Jewell Beeson graduated from Troy High School, Troy, Gilmer County, West Virginia, in 1928. Attended West Virginia Business College at Clarksburg, West Virginia for one year, then attended Glenville State College three summertimes and attended West Virginia Wesleyan College for two years and took teacher's training courses. He taught at several schools in Gilmer County including Lick Run, Alice, Cox's Mills and Troy. In 1936 he attended West Virginia Wesleyan and graduated in 1938 with A.B. Degree. Came back to Buckhannon with parents and taught in various schools there including one year at Buckhannon Junior High School. Entered Army in 1942 and was stationed in Induction Center at Huntington, West Virginia for 18 months. He was sent overseas to New Delhi, India, where he worked in Adjutant General's Office. He was there two years.

After he came out of the Army he obtained a teaching job in Frederick, Maryland and eventually became principal of the Washington Street Elementary School and was there 20 years. He retired in 1970 but taught two more years, one at Thurmont, Maryland and one at Urbana, Maryland. He also worked as proof reader for the Frederick News in his spare time for two years.

Jewell is an avid sports fan and is a member of the Retired Teachers Association of Buckhannon and the state organization. He is also a member of the Maryland State Teachers Association and a member of the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Buckhannon.

Mary Frances and Jewell had two boys:

(a) Joseph Scott Beeson born 7 February 1946, in Buckhannon, West Virginia. He was married first to Jo-Ann Marie Martin on 15 June 1968. This marriage ended in divorce. His second marriage was to Betty Delores Pritt on 5 August 1972 at Sand Run, Buckhannon, West Virginia. Her parents were Russell C. Pritt and Oneta Mae (Wilt) Pritt.

Joe graduated from Walkersville, Maryland High School in 1964. He attended West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, West Virginia, and graduated in 1968, cum laude. Taught school for a while and decided to go to law school at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. He received his law degree in 1973. Moved to Charleston, West Virginia and eventually became a partner in law firm of Love, Wise, Robinson and Woodrow of Charleston. In 1983 he and six of the other partners left and formed their own law firm and named it Robinson and McElivee for two senior partners.

Joe is active in church and civic affairs. He and his family are members of the Boyd Memorial Christian Church where Joe sings in the choir and is a member of the Administration Board. He is the youngest person ever chosen to be a member of the West Virginia Wesleyan College Board of Trustees. His hobbies are tennis, golf, jogging, reading and all spectator sports.

Joe and Betty have two children:

(1) Craig Scott Beeson born 11 May 1976, Charleston, West Virginia.

(2) Andrea Elaine Beeson born 19 September 1978, Charleston, West Virginia.

(b) David George Beeson born 24 December 1948, in Frederick, Maryland, married Sherry Elaine Klipp 19 December 1971, at Charlesville, Maryland. Sherry is the daughter of Alfred Franklin Klipp and Mildred Catherine (Babb) Klipp.

Dave graduated from Thomas Johnson High School in Frederick, Maryland, in 1967. He attended Frederick Jr. College for two years, Shepherd College, Shepardstown, West Virginia, for one year and Mt. St. Mary's College Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he received his A.B. in Sociology. For the next four years he worked at Thom McCann's Shoe Store and J.C. Penney's. He received work as an instructor at the Scott Key Development Center for the retarded in Frederick, Maryland. After two years he was appointed temporary Director of the Center because of illness of the director. Upon her death, a year or so later, he was appointed Director of the Center which job he holds today.

He does lay preaching in churches in surrounding counties when a minister is needed for one or two Sundays. He is active in civic affairs, being a member of the Civitan Club, often speaking before Service Clubs and other organizations. He and his family are members of the Grace United Church of Christ in Frederick.

His hobbies are golf, skiing, reading, particularly theological studies. He is working on his master's degree taking courses in education at night at Westminter College, Westminster, Maryland.

David and Sherry have no children.

3. Edward Lawson Oldaker born 7 September 1916, Shinnston, West Virginia, married 9 July 1948, Spencer, West Virginia Beatrice Marie Jones born 23 April 1919, Youngstown, Ohio, daughter of Richard Everett Jones and Maud (Samples) Jones. This was Marie's second marriage having previously been married to Rollin A. Hawkins in 1938. They had one son. Edward graduated from Buckhannon-Upshur High School in 1934. He was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Co. in Buckhannon and Charleston, West Virginia and several other cities in Pennsylvania and Maryland. He enlisted in the service in June 1942 and served until 1945. He was with the 11th Air Force in Alaska for 28 months. He graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1949 and taught school three years in Frederick High School, Frederick, Maryland. He worked for one year for the R.P. Bennett Co. in Frederick and then with the Union Switch and Signal Div. of Westinghouse Air Brake Co. in Swissvale, Pennsylvania for five years. He was employed by Motorola Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona and worked there until his retirement in 1978. He was a charter and senior member of the Society of Logistics Engineers during his working years. He was a Program Manager for Logistics at the time of his retirement.

Ed and Marie moved to Sunland Village in 1975 and enjoy playing golf and bridge. Ed's favorite hobby is genealogy. Marie is active in the church and Sunland Village Association activities. She served as a deacon in the East Mesa Christian United Church of Christ and was a former member of the Sunland Village Association Board.

(a) Richard Rollin Hawkins born 20 June 1940, Charleston, West Virginia, married Barbara Jane Brotherton born 8 January 1940, Charleston, West Virginia, daughter of Ishael Randall Brotherton and Mildred Juanita (Dearth) Brotherton. Children:

(1) Kenneth Richard Hawkins born 2 December 1962, Charleston, West Virginia. Ken is now attending Fairmont State College, Fairmont, West Virginia.

(2) Jane Anne Hawkins born 2 December 1962, Charleston, West Virginia. Jane is now attending Marshall University at Huntington, West Virginia.

(3) Sandra Lorrain Hawkins born 1 February 1966, Charleston, West Virginia. Sandra

will graduate this year from Nitro High School, Nitro, West Virginia. She will attend Marshall University this Fall.

(4) Stephen Matthew Hawkins born 27 December 1966, Charleston, West Virginia. Steve is attending Nitro High School, Nitro West Virginia, and is a junior.

Barbara and Richard both graduated from Morris Harvey College (Now Charleston University). Richard's work experience after college includes work for the American Viscose Division of Food Machinery Corp. doing analytical accounting; National Cash Register Corp. as District Sales Manager; Kanawha Valley Bank as Leasing Officer, General Information Systems Inc. as Marketing Director and is presently working with Business Computer Service as Director of Sales. Barbara was the manager of a greenhouse and is now teaching English and reading in a private school "The River School." They are members of the Catholic Church.

4. Geneva Price Oldaker born 15 October 1918, Shinnston, West Virginia, married 8 April 1949, Point Pleasant, West Virginia, to Roy Glenn Taylor born 21 July 1916, at Walkersville, West Virginia, son of William Henry Taylor and Rosa Ellen (Wimer) Taylor. They have no children.

Geneva graduated from Buckhannon-Upshur High School in 1937 as valedictorian of her class. She received a scholarship to Wesleyan and with the help of N.Y.A. College Club she was able to attend West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, West Virginia, for two years and got a standard normal teaching certificate. She taught three and one half years in Upshur County, West Virginia. When WWII started Wesleyan offered a class for Engineering Aides to work at Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. She worked in the Equipment Lab testing engine instruments, writing specifications for new instruments and overseeing installation in aircraft. After the war was over she worked for National Cash Register and Monsanto Chemical Co. While visiting a friend in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, she met Roy Taylor who was a Veterans Instructor for Agriculture and they were married at Point Pleasant.

They first lived at Burnsville, West Virginia, and later moved to Roy's 400 acre farm at Bulltown, West Virginia. Roy got a job as a rural mail

carrier at Walkersville, West Virginia, but commuting from Bulltown to Walkersville soon became too much and they sold the farm at Bulltown and moved to Walkersville on a 28 acre farm where they still live.

Roy was one of ten children and had to work hard as a child to help the family. He graduated from Sutton High School, Sutton, West Virginia. He played football and the school gave him a car to drive back and forth to school so boys of his community could stay and practice football. He graduated from Sutton in 1937. He attended Potomac State College, Keyser, West Virginia, for two years. He then attended West Virginia University at Morgantown, West Virginia, for one year and was drafted into the Army. He served with the 80th Infantry Division 3rd Army European Theatre. He was in an Engineering Platoon-Anti-Tank Company. He was in all five battles of the European War and won the Bronze Star for meritorius service. He was discharged in 1945 and returned to West Virginia University and gained a B.S. degree in Agriculture. Roy was a Veterans Instructor of agriculture for four years.

Roy and Geneva live near Walkersville, West Virginia. Roy was retired from the U.S. Postal Service and still farms. Geneva has spent a lot of her time protesting the building of a dam (Stonewall Jackson) which would flood much of the area around where they live. She also makes doll clothes and has won several prizes for this.

5. David Lynn Oldaker born 7 December 1921, Kincheloe, Harrison County, West Virginia, married 28 August 1945, at Roswell, New Mexico to Mildred "Mona" Leach born 3 April 1922 at Brownsville, Texas, daughter of Milford Arthur Leach and Pauline (Krueger) Leach.

David graduated from Buckhannon-Upshur High School in 1938. He attended West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, West Virginia, for two years before he entered the Army. He served with Medical Corps and while stationed at Roswell, New Mexico, he met his future wife, "Mona" who was a registered medical technologist at the Army hospital. "Mona" attended the University of Wisconsin for three years and her senior year at the University of New Mexico where she graduated. Dave was discharged from the Army in January 1946 and he and "Mona" came to live in Buckhannon, West Virginia. Dave returned to college and "Mona" worked

as a medical technologist for Dr. I.F. Hartman. After completing college in 1949 Dave went to work for the West Virginia State Health Department in Charleston, West Virginia. "Mona" worked for three different hospitals in Charleston: St. Francis, the McMillan and the Herbert Thomas.

In 1958, "Mona" and Dave decided to go west and they both got a job with the New Mexico State Health Department in Farmington, New Mexico, where they stayed until 1962 when they returned to Buckhannon, West Virginia. They purchased half interest in the Acme Book Store from brother Joe. They now operate this store in Buckhannon, West Virginia In January 1983, Joe sold his half interest in the store plus the building to Dave Sr., Dave Jr., and "Mona". "Mona" during her years in Buckhannon has been active in community affairs including the YWCA, the PTA, Girl Scouts, St. Joseph Auxiliary Hospital, the Episcopal Church and the Athlete Mother's Club. Dave is an avid golfer and plays at every opportunity.

Dave and Mona have four children:

(a) David Lynn Oldaker Jr. born 4 November 1946, in Buckhannon, West Virginia, married (1) 28 May 1966, Buckhannon, West Virginia, to Linda Sue Murphy born 23 November 1946, daughter of Hoy R. Murphy and Mary Marie (Malcolm) Murphy. They had no children and have been divorced. Married (2) 26 February 1982, Buckhannon, West Virginia, to Victoria Jane Poundstone, born 18 August 1953, Buckhannon, West Virginia, daughter of Charles Poundstone and Elizabeth (Zickefoose) Poundstone. They have no children.

Dave graduated from Buckhannon-Upshur High School in 1968. He attended New Mexico University his freshman year but returned to West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, West Virginia, where he graduated in 1968. He played football at both schools. He worked in Buckhannon for a while but later decided to come to Phoenix, Arizona, where he was employed by Price Waterhouse and Co. He later became a Certified Public Accountant and he and a friend started their own business in the accounting field.

He later sold the business and returned to Buckhannon, West Virginia, where he is now

an Associate Professor in business administration at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

(b) Michael Oldaker born 21 June 1951 in Charleston, West Virginia. Mike is not married. He operates the "Madhatter" delicatessen in the Acme Book Store in Buckhannon, West Virginia.

(c) Kathleen Sue Oldaker born 23 September 1952, Charleston, West Virginia, married (1) 24 June 1978, Buckhannon, West Virginia, to Glenn Edward McKerrihan son of Glenn McKerrihan. They were divorced.

Kathy was graduated from Buckhannon-Upshur High School and then received her diploma from West Virginia Wesleyan College. She is a registered nurse. She has worked in hospitals in Phoenix, Arizona, and Eugene, Oregon, before going to Portland, Oregon. She is now Supervisor of a unit which rehabilitates drug users.

(d) Stephen Lowery Oldaker born 22 June 1957 in Charleston, West Virginia, married 19 November 1977, in Marlton, New Jersey, to Janet Ann Hunter born 21 June 1955, Upper Darby, New Jersey, daughter of Edwin Hunter and Mary O. (McBride) Hunter. Steve is a part-time salesman for mining supplies and works also for the Acme Book Store. Janet is a nurse. Steve and Janet have two children:

(1) Stephen Hunter Oldaker born 21 February 1981, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

(2) Kimberly Nicole Oldaker born 14 May 1982, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

6. William Bailey Oldaker born 14 August 1929, in Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 31 January 1959, Buckhannon, West Virginia, to Lois Lucille Westfall born 31 July 1931, in Buckhannon, West Virginia, daughter of Russell Lowell Westfall and Blanche (Waugaman) Westfall. Bill graduated from Buckhannon-Upshur High School in 1947. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1951. He received his Master Degree in Art from American University in Washington, D.C. in 1960. He also attended Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, prior to completing his Master's Degree.

Lois graduated from Buckhannon-Upshur High School and West Virginia Wesleyan College. She was

a legal secretary for Myron Hymes in Buckhannon, West Virginia, and while Bill was attending American University she worked as a legal secretary for Patterson, Belknap and Farmer in Washington, D.C. She then quit working to raise a family of three children. She recently returned to teaching and is teaching English in Buckhannon-Upshur High School.

From 1956-1957 he was the Assistant Manager of the Acme Book Store in Buckhannon, West Virginia, and from 1951 until 1955 he served in Air Force where he did technical illustrations and drafting.

Bill taught at American University where he was a head of the Art Department. He returned to West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, West Virginia, in about 1973 where he currently a Professor of Art. He has had several Art Exhibitions including the Baltimore Museum of Art, Corcoran Museum of Art, Gallery of Catholic University, Washington County Art Museum, Hagerstown, Maryland, and the Artists' Mart Gallery and the Playhouse, Washington, D.C. His paintings are represented at private collections in the Washington County Maryland Art Museum, The American Trucking Association Headquarters, the Bresler-Reiner Fund Collection in Washington, D.C. and the Diener Collection in Moscow, Russia. He was appointed to the West Virginia State Art Committee for the preparation of revised standards leading to teacher certification in Art. He was named judge in 1973 for the 23rd Annual West Virginia Strawberry Art Exhibit.

Lois and Bill have three children:

(a) Bradley Russell Oldaker born 5 September 1962, Washington, D.C. Bradley attended Buckhannon-Upshur High School, Buckhannon, West Virginia and graduated in 1980. He played clarinet in the high school band and saxophone in the stage band. He served as editor of the school yearbook. He was a member of the All-State Band. He is listed in Who's Who among high school students for 1978-1979.

He attended West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon and will graduate in May of this year. He will enter West Virginia University at Morgantown, West Virginia this fall as a law student. Brad has been working at Charleston, West Virginia, with the State

Legislature doing research, correspondence and other tasks.

(b) Lisa Michelle Oldaker born 4 June 1965, Washington, D.C. She graduated from Buckhannon-Upshur High School in 1983 and is now attending West VIrginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon. She was in the All-State Band in High School.

(c) Philip william Oldaker born 9 September 1969, Washington, D.C. He is now attending Buckhannon-Upshur High School, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

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MY FATHER AND MOTHER

by

Edward L. Oldaker

My father, Lowery Elzy Oldaker was born on the 14th of February 1882 on Flax Run, near Kincheloe, Harrison County, West Virginia, son of Elza Garrett Oldaker and Nancy Jane (Walters) Oldaker. There were many children in the family since Elza had been married before to Sarah Elizabeth Reed and had two children and Nancy Jane had been married previously to Benjamin Franklin Romine and had two children in addition Elza and Nancy had thirteen children, three of whom died young.

I can remember my father saying he got the "call" to be a minister but I did not fully understand that at the time. In any event it was at an early age since my sister Geneva remembers a story that father, when a small boy, went to his father and said, "Dad, I want to be a preacher." His father replied, "I agree with your decision, but I will not be able to help you financially." That did not stop my father. After completing public school courses he took a few special summer school courses and attended Glenville Normal School for one year. He then taught school for three years. He joined the Green Hill Methodist Church in Mineral, West Virginia and in 1904 he was given a license to preach on a probationary basis as a Methodist Protestant minister.

According to the record I received from the Library of the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., his first appointment was the Pullman Circuit on May 3, 1905. This was a student appointment since he had enrolled in Westminster Theological Seminary in Westminster, Maryland. On May 17, 1906, he was appointed to the Freeport Circuit. He graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary in 1907. He won the prize for the best thesis, but I don't know what the subject was. There was no charge for tuition at the seminary but a furnished room, board, laundry, fuel, light and janitor's attention was $125 a year.

Scholarships and loans were available from the Board of Ministerial Education of the Methodist Protestant Church but I do not know if father got a loan or scholarship, but he may have.

According to the records the 1907-1908 year he was on the Montrose Circuit which included Parsons, West Virginia. From 1909-1911 he was at Clarksburg, West Virginia. He was pastor of the First Fairmont Church in Fairmont, West Virginia, from 1912-1915 and then to the

M.P. Church at Shinnston, West Virginia. In 1920-1921 he was at Green Hill Church at Mineral (Kincheloe), West Virginia. From 1922 until 1926 he was pastor of the M.P. Church at Buckhannon, West Virginia. During this period he served as Secretary of the West Virginia Conference of Methodist Protestant Church and in 1927 he was elected President of the West Virginia Conference of the M.P. Church which position he held through 1929. At the conference in 1930, he was given the Lorentz Circuit starting September 15, 1930.

My father served for a very short on the Lorentz Circuit. He was on a ladder picking apples from a tree on Eslie Bond's farm on Hacker's Creek and he fell and broke his back. He was in the hospital at Buckhannon for some time but there was not much they could do for a person with a broken back in those days. My Grandfather Lawson, who was a doctor had several of the best doctors examine father but to no avail. He died Christmas Day 1930. This was a sad Christmas for us.

In a book written by Rev. I.A. Barnes entitled "The Methodist Protestant Church in West Virginia" there are quite a few interesting stories about my father. While he was pastor at the Clarksburg Mission, the General Board of Home Mission had offered to pay one-half of the purchase price for a lot to build a house at Clarksburg, and the Board of Church Extension had been negotiating with Dr. Lynn Osborne for a lot at the corner of Locust and Sycamore Streets, but no purchase had been made.

On the first day of April 1910, Pastor Oldaker and Charles A. Sheets went to see Dr. Osborne and asked if a lot could be purchased for the same amount that had been named before. When informed that it could, he was asked to make a deed at once, and the first payment of $1,000 would be paid. During that same evening and the next day Brothers Oldaker and Sheets secured enough money to make the initial payment of $1,000. A building was to be built to be used for services until the church could be built. Pastor Oldaker was an enthusiastic leader and the people had a mind to work. With their pastor wheeling dirt from the excavation, or driving nails and painting on the building, the laymen could not remain idle. So the work went forward to completion. During the three years of his pastoral services at Clarksburg Brother Oldaker gave $100 of his salary each year toward the building of the chapel.

Dr. Barnes also tells about the Methodist Protestant Church in Buckhannon which had been built in 1898 at a cost of $3000. Under the leadership of Rev. Lowery E.

Oldaker, the church building was remodeled with the addition of a fine basement and class rooms in 1924 at a cost of $17,500. This building no longer is a church since the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant Churches combined to form the United Methodist Church. It is now an office building.

My father enjoyed fishing and hunting and he was good at both. Wild game and fish helped supply our table with meat for six hungry children. Mother knew how to prepare and cook wild game and fish. We had rabbit, squirrel, turkey, ruffed grouse, deer, ground-hog (woodchuck), quail, and in the fish line we had bass, sunfish, rock bass, catfish, etc. Dad was especially good at catching turtles. He used a "gaffing hook" and would go to swamps where the turtles would bury themselves. He would locate the turtle with the end of the gaffing hook and then pull them out with the curved portion of the hook. He also went frog gigging using a boat and a flashlight. The frog legs were delicious. My father once shot a wild turkey on the wing at seventy-five yards. His gun was a Stevens single shot shotgun. I do not know who has the gun now.

My dad was also a good farmer and we always had a garden with plenty of fresh vegetables. Dad used to bury vegetables in the garden after the growing season. He made a mound and put the fruit and vegetables inside covered with straw. When you needed some you took out what you wanted and covered the mound again. We used to go out to Everett Queen's farm and pick berries. Usually all the children went along and the price was a few cents a quart basket. He picked strawberries, raspberries and black berries. My brother Joe and Maurice Lowman and Ken Stanley formed a blackberry picking company in the 1930's which we called the SOLO Berry Co., after our last name initials. We would pick the blackberries and bring them back to Buckhannon to sell. Blackberries grew wild but were difficult to pick because of the briers and "jiggers".

I don't remember when dad bought his first car but it was a 1917 Model T touring car. It has "ising-glass" curtains and side lamps that were oil. Around the radiator there was a bronze strip for decoration. It was an experience to make a trip in that car. I recall a trip to Weston, West Virginia, from Buckhannon, a distance of 16 to 18 miles. The roads were not paved and you had to go over Buckhannon Mountain to get there. It took a good day to drive that trip. You usually had to stop several times to let the radiator cool off and then you usually had a couple of flat tires which took a while to change. Many people carried three and four spare tires in those days.

My father was a good singer and sang in church many times. His favorite hymn was "His Eye Is On The Sparrow". He could also play the fiddle (violin). While he was in Clarksburg he decided to take piano lessons and his teacher was Willie Lawson who had just graduated from school and was staying at her Aunt Byrd Cather's on Chestnut Street. Dad never learned to play the piano, but fell in love with the teacher and married her.

My father was a loving father but he believed in discipline but there were very few times he had to exercise his parental control. I recall one time at the dinner table we children started flipping cream with a spoon and he had to get out his razor strop and proceed to mete out the punishment.

I recall one Christmas in the 1920's that I wanted a magic set. In those days it was expensive but my father somehow raised the money and I was a happy boy. I used to give magic shows in the basement of Dave Casto's house on Arnold Avenue. We charged a penny and had pretty good attendance.

My mother, Willie Lawson, was born on the 1st of April 1889, the daughter of Dr. Joseph Columbus Lawson and Araminta Price Bush. She was born in Auburn, West Virginia. Her father was a country doctor and rode a horse to see his patients until he was up in years. He bought my father's car when his horse died and he had the hide tanned and put it in the back seat of the car. He never drove himself, but had a chauffeur. He brought over 3000 babies into this world over a period from 1887 until 1935. His wife's father, Daniel D. Bush, had a hotel in Auburn and I think that grandfather stayed there when he first went to Auburn and fell in love with the innkeeper's daughter. He was 35 and she was 19. Auburn was a booming town in the 1920's. Oil and gas wells were being drilled and the hotels were always full.

Mother attended the Broaddus Institute of Music in Clarksburg, West Virginia, where she received the equivalent of a B.A. degree in music in May of 1908. Broaddus Institute was the forerunner of Alderson Broaddus College in Philippi, West Virginia. She attended school from 1905 to 1908. Her subjects in 1905-1906 were Grammar, Higher Arithmetic, Latin, General History, Civil Government, Music and Algebra. In the 1906-1907 term she took Physical Geography, Botany, Piano, Latin, Music History and Harmony. Her final year 1907-1908 she took Piano, Beginning German, Rhetoric, Music History, and Harmony. She had a piano recital on May 26th at the First Baptist Church in

Clarksburg, West Virginia.

My mother was named after her Uncle "Doc" whose name was Elias William Lawson. He lived in Kansas City, Missouri, for many years until his death in 1938. He married Grazelle Page who was born in Dawson, Nebraska. His father was Theophilus Washington Lawson who lived in Green Valley near Bridgeport, West Virginia.

She was a kind, loving, unselfish, considerate, forgiving and compassionate mother. She taught me to read before I entered the first grade. In 1930, she was suddenly left with six children with very little in the way of income. She took in boarders and taught piano lessons to supplement the family income. It was fun having the boarders in our home and they were all nice people. I think I can recall the names of most of them: Floyd Spiggle, Latie Frashure, Ward Harvey, Louise Anglin, Lessie and Ruby Hamrick from Bergoo, Hosie Prather and Joseph and James Black.

During the depression years there were many men roaming the country looking for work. These men were not professional tramps but were honestly looking for work. We had many of them stop at our back door asking for food and I do not remember mother turning one away without giving them something to eat.

One of the events of my younger days which stands out in my mind was the day we would make apple butter. We had a huge copper kettle which must have held 10 to 12 gallons of apples. It was shiny on the inside but black on the outside from the smoke of many fires. We would build a fire outside and a rack was placed over the fire to hold the kettle. We had an apple peeler which followed the contour of the apple. We then cored and cut the apple into sections. This was an all day affair. We had a long handled wooden stirrer with a paddle which had holes which facilitated stirring to keep the apples from burning. Mother canned many quarts of apple butter from this one day of cooking.

We first lived at 26 Central Avenue in Buckhannon, West Virginia in the parsonage and later bought a home at 34 Central Avenue. Mother later sold that home and moved to 90 Smithfield Street where she and brother Joseph lived until her death in 1968. Joseph now lives at 217 Randolph Street.

Since mother was a doctor's daughter she seemed to have learned some things from her father. I can remember the application of Vick's salve for colds and

use of Ungentine for burns. Our family doctor was Dr. Brown who had an office in the Upshur Building. Everyone called him "Honey" Brown for that is what he called his young patients. In those days doctors made house calls. I do not remember that he ever charged us anything and if he did it was a small amount.

Our next door neighbor when we lived at 26 Central Avenue was the Dr. Ralph Brown family. He was a professor at West Virginia Wesleyan College. Mother was surprised to learn when we moved in to the house that Mrs. Brown whose maiden name was Phyllis Perrin was a friend from Ritchie County, West Virginia. The Brown children were, Ralph, Ellen Lou, David Robert and Mary. Ralph's nickname was "Mutt Leg" and David's was "Lamb or Pork Chop".

On Central Avenue between Enoch Bellis' house and Dr. Brown's was a driveway leading back to some garages. The men built a horseshoe pitching place and this was the scene of many a spirited match between Enoch Bellis, my father, Frank Williams, Sr. and Sheriff "Armph" Zickefoose. After my father died my brother Joseph took over.

When we moved to Buckhannon in 1922, it was a nice quiet small town which moved at slow relaxed pace. It was a nice place in which to spend your early years. Our neighbors on Central Avenue were the Browns, Shannons, Leonards, Barnes, Bellis, Underwoods, Polings, Coffmans, Cades, Brooks, Sanford Graham, Hillerys, and Tenneys. Sanford Graham was a beautiful scribe and lettered the diplomas for the high school and college. There was a large building at the south side of Central and Florida Street which used to be a hospital but later became the Kappa Alpha Fraternity House.

Mother and father were always tolerant of our friends and in turn their parents wee the same. My friends who lived in near Central Avenue were Dave Casto, Ten and Norm Parsons, Bill Kiddy, Neil Farnsworth, Dick Young, Ruskin Shahan, Saul Fisher, Jack Anderson. The only one who I keep in contact with is Dave Casto who lives in Wilmington, Deleware.

After my father became President of the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church we moved from the parsonage at 26 Central Avenue to 125 Fayette Street. The neighbors I can remember were the Martins, Rexroads, Karickoffs and Hyres.

I think my brothers and sisters will agree that we had a most wonderful mother and we are fortunate to have been so lucky

B5 - JOHN CURRY OLDAKER SR. - MELINDA JANE SIMONS FAMILY (FIRST MARRIAGE)

John Curry Oldaker Sr., son of William Oldaker and Lydia Ann (Queen) Oldaker, was born 22 September 1842, on Rooting Creek, Lewis County, West Virginia (Now Upshur County). He was married first to Melinda Jane Simons, daughter of Anthony and Lydia Simons, on 21 November 1866 in Lewis County, West Virginia. Melinda was born 19 April 1849, in Lewis County, West Virginia. John died 23 July 1894, in Lewis County, West Virginia and Melinda died 7 February 1886, in Lewis County, West Virginia. John is buried in Oldaker's Home Cemetery in Lewis County, near Orlando, west Virginia, on Meadow Run, off Clover Fork. Children of this first marriage were:

1. Anthony Moorefield Oldaker born 5 October 1867 Upshur County, West Virginia, married Mary C. Romine born 13 April 1868, Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of John D. Romine and Rachel Dawson. They were married 19 December 1887, in Harrison County, West Virginia. Children:

   (a) Linie Oldaker born 25 April 1889 in Harrison County, West Virginia.

2. Araminta Eva Oldaker born 19 September 1870, in Lewis County, West Virginia. Nickname "Minnie". Married George Franklin Turner 20 October 1891, in Lewis County, West Virginia, son of James V. Turner and Frances (Alfred) Turner. George was born 18 June 1874, in Lewis County, West Virginia. He died 27 August 1946, in Weston, West Virginia. "Minnie" died 8 June 1943, in Lewis County. They had no children.

3. Sylvester Dow Oldaker born 26 March 1873 (See separate family chart in this Section.)

4. Clara Mae Oldaker born 20 April 1875 (See separate family chart in this Section.)

5. Lydia Ann Oldaker born 28 June 1877, in Lewis County, West Virginia, married 30 May 1910, to Robert Carl Swain. No children.

6. James G. Oldaker born 10 October 1879, in Lewis County, West Virginia, married 5 February 1904, in Lewis County, West Virginia, to Maude Turner born 11 July 1886, in Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of James E. Turner and Lydia V. Jett. Children:

   (a) Pauline Oldaker born 30 December 1906, in Weston, West Virginia, married 16 June 1940 to Willard R. Kirkpatrick. No further Data.

(b) Minnie Oldaker born 14 October 1910, in Weston, West Virginia. No further data.

James G. Oldaker died 25 February 1912, in Fairmont, West Virginia, and is buried in Harrison Grove Cemetery. Maude (Turner) Oldaker remarried on 17 October 1915, in Lewis County, to T. J. Bishop.

The following land transactions are recorded in Lewis County for John Curry Oldaker Sr.

	Grantee	Grantor
Book 12 Page 350 (1874)	John C. Oldaker	William Oldacre
	Description:	Deed. 50 acres Limestone Fork Court House District.
Book 19 Page 110 (1887)	David Teter	John C. Oldaker
	Description:	Deed. 50 acres Mud Lick Run Court House District.
Book 26 Page 109 (1889)	J. E. Koon	John C. and Mary E. Oldaker
	Description:	Int. Oldaker Tract Murphy's Creek
Book 29 Page 309 (1893)	Elizabeth R. Bishop	John C. Oldaker (By Comr.)
	Description:	Tract Limestone Run Court House District

B5-3 SYLVESTER DOW OLDAKER-MARY COSNER FAMILY

Sylvester "Vess" Dow Oldaker was born the 26th of March 1873 in Lewis County, West Virginia, the son of John Curry Oldaker Sr. and Melinda J. (Simons) Oldaker. His first marriage was to Susan Annie Cosner, daughter of Abraham Cosner. The 1880 Lewis County Census shows her born ca. 1876 so Elizabeth Robey probably would have been her mother. Abraham was first married to Elizabeth Robey but I do not have the date. Abraham was born 6 May 1833 in Hardy County, Virginia. He died in Lewis County, West Virginia, 26 September 1885. His second marriage was to Mary Ellen Myers the 25th of November 1878 in Lewis County, West Virginia. Sylvester's marriage to Susan Cosner was on 5 May 1892 in Braxton County, West Virginia. They had one daughter:

1. Nora Oldaker born June 1893 died 1950 married 21 October 1914 Lewis County, West Virginia, to Lester William Copeland born Franklin, Ohio. Children:

   (a) Mae Copeland

   (b) Millie Copeland

   (c) June Copeland

Sylvester Dow's second marriage was on 30 September 1894 Walnut Grove, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Mary Florence Cosner born 29 April 1878, Lewis County, West Virginia. She was a daughter of Abraham Cosner and Mary Ellen Myers. She was a half-sister to Susan Cosner, Sylvester's first wife. Children:

2. George Edward Oldaker born 12 October 1895, Churchville, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 21 September 1916 to Edna Williams born Gilmore, West Virginia. Children:

   (a) Paul E. Oldaker born 25 July 1918 Monongalia County, West Virginia. Paul was a minister. Last known address Holly Ridge, No. Car. Route #1 Box 553.

   (b) Pauline Evelyn Oldaker born 18 April 1920 Monongalia County, West Virginia. She married _____ Briggs. Last known address Wooster, Ohio.

George Edward Oldaker's second wife was Laura Plymale. They had two children:

(c) Jack Edward Oldaker born 10 June 1923 Monongalia County, West Virginia. Last known address 1565 Tyler Street, Akron, Ohio.

(d) Ruth Ernestine Oldaker born 20 February 1925, Morgantown, West Virginia, married 15 March 1946 to Howard George Langford.

I have a copy of a letter George Edward Oldaker wrote to a newspaper possibly a Weston, West Virginia paper. It has no date on it but he was living in Akron, Ohio at the time. I am quoting, "I was born 12 October 1895, in Lewis County, West Virginia, the son of S.D. and Florence Oldaker on a little farm. My folks moved to a little town called Orlando in the edge of Braxton and Lewis County. This was in 1905, the same year that the Coal and Coke Railroad was being built from Elkins to Charleston. My father (Sylvester Dow) worked in a general store for a man named P.F. Kennedy till 1908. I think Mr. Kennedy sold out and moved to Denver, Colorado. My father, along with three other men, purchased the store. In 1913 my father sold out and moved the family to Los Angeles, California. I was back through that place (Orlando) some years back and it just doesn't seem possible that I grew up there. No railroad now from Weston to Burnsville or the B & O Depot has been torn down as the big general store I grew up in is. Also our old house stands against the hill where it took 56 steps to get up to it. Just as you turn up the Clover Fork Road. We didn't stay long in California.

I came back, landed in Clarksburg on 6th January 1914, and my folks came back in March and settled back in Orlando. My father started a little store in the Frank Blake Building in 1915. My brother-in-law L.W. Copeland, and myself came to Akron, Ohio. This was our start in the Rubber City. We both went to work at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., I building tires and he finishing.

I went back home later in the summer and went to work for the Coal and Coke Railroad as a carpenter on the bridge gang, got married on the 21st of September 1916 and came back to Akron. Then back to Morgantown, July 1917, and carried mail on a Rural Route that cold winter, 25 miles every day in a two-wheel cart and a horse. That was the worst winter I had ever experienced. That was the winter if you will recall that people died by the score with the flu.

I am retired now, but it is no good for a man who has been active for as many years as I have. I still have my 20 head of good walker fox hounds to feed and

look after, still able to get out two or three times a week to hear them drive an old red fox all night. This is my 59th year with the hounds except a short break now and then till I could get settled again. I am enjoying the news from the State of West Virginia."

3. Lectie V. Oldaker born 8 November 1896 Clover Fork, Lewis County, West Virginia. Lectie died 14 September 1900.

4. James Franklin Oldaker born 21 October 1898, Duffy, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 24 December 1922, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Pearl Perrine. James was a minister. He died in Akron, Ohio in 1954.

4. Lottie Oldaker born 21 September 1903, Weston, West Virginia, married 20 October 1920 to Elmer C. Keplinger of Kaiser, West Virginia. Last known address Ashtabula, Ohio. Elmer was born in 1896 in Grant County, West Virginia, son of Frank Keplinger and Anna (Berg) Keplinger. Children:

   (a) Eugene Keplinger

   (b) Glenn Keplinger

   (c) Jacqueline Keplinger

5. Roy Sylvester Oldaker born 8 March 1905, Orlando, Lewis County, West Virginia. Wife's name unknown. Children:

   (a) Robert Oldaker Last known address 1641 Mohegan, Akron, Ohio.

6. Gertrude Lillian Oldaker born 8 December 1907, Orlando, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 23 December 1924, Monongalia County, West Virginia to Frank Raymond Hall born 1899 Blacksville, West Virginia, son of William D. Hall and Hattie (Gorgn) Hall. Children:

   (a) Frank R. Hall Jr.

   (b) Edna Hall

   (c) Delores Hall

7. Walter Ray Oldaker born 29 April 1910 Orlando, Lewis County, West Virginia, married (1) to Dorothy Frost. Children:

   (a) Mary Lee Oldaker

Married (2) Laura Ferchweiler of Alberta, Canada. Walter's last known address 3114 Lindo, Los Angeles, California.

8. Audra Oldaker born Lewis County, married (1) Theodore Ruckman at Rivesville, West Virginia, Monongalia County. He was a Government Boat Operator, resided at California, Pennsylvania, widower 62 years old. Audra's second marriage was to a Rev. Brooks.

9. Opal Oldaker married James McNeil.

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B5 - 4 CLARA MAE OLDAKER - ROBERT EDWARD BURLEY SR. FAMILY

Clara Mae Oldaker born 20 April 1875, Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of John Curry Oldaker and Malinda Jane (Simons) Oldaker. Clara Mae married (1) 17 March 1894, Alonzo Cosner, son of Abraham Cosner and Elizabeth (Robey) Cosner. There were no children from this marriage and they were divorced.

Clara Mae's second marriage was to Robert Edward Burley Sr. born 10 December 1865, Wheeling, West Virginia, son of James L. Burley and Lucy P. (Price) Burley. Clara Mae died 4 December 1964, in Weston, West Virginia. Robert died 26 April 1952, in Weston, West Virginia and is buried in Heavener Cemetery, Buckhannon, West Virginia. Children:

1. Robert Edward Burley Jr. born 5 October 1901, Garrett County, Maryland, married 9 January 1953, Charleston, South Carolina, to Betty Jean Rogers born 24 July 1925, daughter of Opha Rogers and Iris (Sandy) Rogers. Robert's first marriage was to Helen Tomlinson. We have no data on first marriage. Children by second marriage:

   (a) Theresa Jean Burley born 11 August 1954, Weston, West Virginia.

   (b) Richard Lee Burley born 20 April 1958, Weston, West Virginia.

2. Lindsey Burley born 23 September 1913, Moundsville, West Virginia, married 6 May 1935, Parkersburg, West Virginia to Norene Paugh born 20 December 1915, Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of Alvin D. Paugh and Sudie (Wiant) Paugh. Lindsey died 16 December 1945, Wheeling, West Virginia, and is buried in Heavener Cemetery, Buckhannon, West Virginia. Children:

   (a) Evelyn Marie Burley born 17 February 1936, Moundsville, West Virginia married 22 June 1957, Moundsville, West Virginia, to Robert E. Mylar, born Pade City, West Virginia. Children:

      (1) Brian Jay Mylar born 29 March 1959, New Martinsville, West Virginia.

      (2) Steven Christopher Mylar born 28 August 1961, New Martinsville, West Virginia.

   (b) Linda Jean Burley born 23 October 1943, New Martinsville, West Virginia, married August 1964, to William E. Markey. Children:

      (1) Julia Anna Markey born 7 February 1969, Nashville, Tennesee.

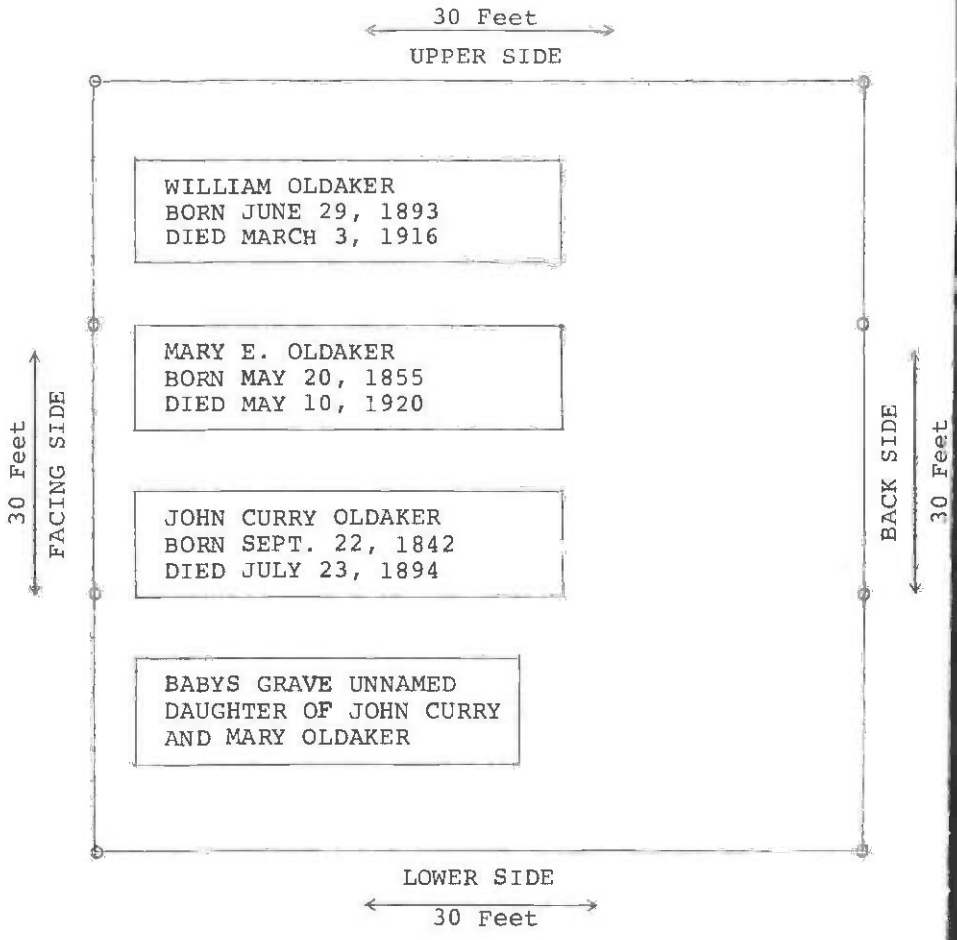
(2) Katie Marie Markey born 9 August 1972, Summit, New Jersey.

3. James Burley Nickname "Buzz". No further data.

4. Ann Burley married Joseph Stein. No further data

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MAP OF OLDAKER'S HOME CEMETERY



Past Orlando County Store - 2.6 miles east to Meadow Run Road -

Turn Left, go 1.1 miles to house on right -

Cemetery is about 1/4 mile up hollow in front of house.

B5 - JOHN CURRY OLDAKER SR. - MARY E. MYERS FAMILY
SECOND MARRIAGE

John Curry Oldaker's second marriage after the death of his first wife was to Mary E. Myers born 20 May 1855, in Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of John and Sarah Myers. They were married 4 September 1887, in Lewis County, West Virginia. Mary had been previously married to Abraham Cosner and they had children. First we will list the children of John Curry and second wife, Mary, starting with Number Seven since he had six by his first wife:

7. Okey John Oldaker born 7 August 1888 (See separate family chart in this Section.)

8. Jacie S. Oldaker born 13 January 1890, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 14 April 1909, Roanville, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Samuel Vincent McCauley born 1879, Braxton County, West Virginia, son of Jacob and Jane McCauley. Jacie died 30 April 1920, Burnsville, West Virginia. No data on children, if any.

9. William Oldaker born 29 June 1893, Lewis County, West Virginia, died 3 March 1916.

10. John Curry Oldaker Jr. born 30 March 1895 (See separate family chart in this Section.)

Mary's first husband Abraham Cosner had been married prior to his marriage to her and had several children, one of whom was Alonzo Cosner who was Clara Mae Oldaker's first husband. They were subsequently divorced. Clara Mae was John Curry's daughter by his first wife, Melinda Simons.

Contributed by Mrs. Ashby Randolph (Ruby Oldaker)

RELATIVES ON MY FATHER'S SIDE

Papa's family was a pretty complicated subject. His father's name was John Curry Oldaker, Sr. and he was married twice. His first wife's name was Melinda Simons whom he married November 21, 1866 - they had six children and she died February 7, 1886. He then married Mary E. Myers Cosner (my grandmother) on September 4, 1887. She had been married to Abraham Cosner and he had died and left her with two sons to raise. (She was 32 years old.) The sons names were David Willis Cosner and Beaumie Vesth Cosner - ages 4 and 7 years old. This second marriage produced four more children and my father was the eldest of the four. This made a family of twelve children and a lot of half-brothers and half-sisters. As I have mentioned, my grandparents were farmers and, in those days, it took a husband and a large family to survive. Mary E. Myers Cosner Oldaker was my grandmother on Papa's side, but I never knew her - she died May 10, 1920, seven

years before I was born. Papa tried to stay in touch with all his half-brothers and half-sisters but throughout the years, he lost touch with most of them.

My grandmother must have been a very likeable woman - Papa always spoke fondly of her and said she was a wonderful mother - I do wish I could have known her. He did not want any of us children to ever forget who their grandmother was and he repeatedly mentioned her name so we would not forget. After my grandfather died July 23, 1894, she married two more times. She married Elza C. Lowther on March 25, 1898 - he passed away and she married Thomas McCauley on March 15, 1906. There were no children from either of these marriages but both men had children from previous marriages - I did not know most of them.

B5-7 OKEY JOHN OLDAKER AND LILLIE MAE KELLEY FAMILY

Okey John Oldaker, son of John Curry Oldaker Sr. and Mary E. (Myers) Oldaker, was born 7 August 1888, Orlando, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 2 August 1911, at Crawford, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Lillie Mae Kelley born 14 February 1889, at Crawford, West Virginia, daughter of George Kelley and Cora Eva (Linger) Kelley. Okey John died 10 July 1962, in Weston, West Virginia. Lillie Mae died 3 November 1971 in Weston, West Virginia. They are both buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Lewis County, West Virginia. (See writeup about this family by Mrs. Ruby (Oldaker) Randolph which follows.) Okey John and Lillie Mae had six children as follows:

1. Hazel Mildred Oldaker born 23 October 1914, Orlando, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 28 May 1946, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Clairmont Goldsmith, born 3 March 1915, Sand Fork, West Virginia, son of Henry Goldsmith and Mary (Patterson) Goldsmith. They had four children:

   (a) Robert Lee Goldsmith born 26 October 1947, Weston, West Virginia, married 16 May 1970, Weston, West Virginia, to Lucy Allen, born 23 November 1929, Nutter Fort, West Virginia, daughter of Lewis Allen and Sylvia (Cutright) Allen. Lucy Allen had been married twice previously; first to _____ Duncan; second to _____ Wilson. Data on any children unknown.

   (b) Mildred Ann Goldsmith born 18 February 1950, Weston, West Virginia, married 11 September 1967, to Willard George Brown born 2 June 1946, Lewis County, West Virginia, son of James Willard Brown and Pearl (Malcomb) Brown.

   (c) Billy Gene Goldsmith born 17 April 1951, Weston, West Virginia, married 17 May 1969, at Weston, West Virginia, to Brenda Sue Smith born 1 May 1953, Weston, West Virginia, daughter of James E. Smith and Betty Ann (Workman) Smith. Children:

      (1) Karen Sue Goldsmith born 6 July 1969, Weston, West Virginia.

      (2) Billy Gene Goldsmith Jr. born 21 January 1971, Weston, West Virginia.

      (3) Linda Kay Goldsmith born 4 April 1973, Weston, West Virginia.

      (4) Benessa Nicole Goldsmith born 4 August 1974, Weston, West Virginia.

(d) Susan Louise Goldsmith born 2 February 1956, Weston, West Virginia, married 16 December 1972, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Paul Dwaine Brown, born 22 April 1953, Lewis County, West Virginia, son of Raymond Floyd Brown and Nellie Irene (Suttle) Brown. No data on children, if any.

2. Cora Pearl Oldaker born 18 April 1916, Orlando, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 31 October 1939, Walkersville, West Virginia, to Lawrence Jewell Rogers born 20 October 1916 at Richwood, West Virginia, son of Richmond Rogers and Drusie (Mace) Rogers, Children:

(a) Thomas Eugene Rogers born 30 May 1940, Weston, West Virginia, married 6 October 1962, Weston, West Virginia, to Evelyn Virginia Moneypenny born 17 September 1941, Weston, West Virginia, daughter of Lawrence Monroe Moneypenny and Irene (Moore) Moneypenny. Children:

(1) Pamela Gay Rogers born 4 May 1963, Weston, West Virginia.

(2) Paula Diana Rogers born 11 April 1964, Weston, West Virginia.

3. Clarence William Oldaker born 7 September 1918, Orlando, Lewis County, West Virginia. Never married.

4. Willard Roy Oldaker born 23 December 1921, Weston, West Virginia. Twin of brother Willard Troy Oldaker. He was married 2 April 1945, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Ada Jean Herron born 4 August 1929, Weston, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Wilelma Jean Oldaker born 10 April 1946, Weston, West Virginia, married (1) 31 March 1963 in Germany to Kenneth Miller. Children by marriage (1):

(1) Vincent Roy Miller by 17 January 1964, in Germany

(2) Edward Frank Miller born 15 December 1967, in Germany

marriage (2) was on 18 June 1971 in Temple, Texas, to Juan Santiago born 16 March 1945 in Puerto Rico. They were divorced in 1979. The children from her first marriage were adopted and took the name of Santiago. Children from second marriage:

(3) Christopher Jon Santiago born 17 January 1973, Temple, Texas.

(4) Rebecca Jean Santiago born 11 May 1975, Temple, Texas.

(b) Patricia Darlene Oldaker born 5 December 1947, Weston, West Virginia, married 21 June 1969 in Temple, Texas, to Daniel Earl Graham, born 6 September, 1941, in Austin, Texas. Children:

(1) Austin Thomas Graham born 24 November 1971, in Anchorage, Alaska.

5. Willard Troy Oldaker born 23 December 1921, Weston, West Virginia. Twin of brother Willard Roy Oldaker. He was married 20 June 1945, Weston, West Virginia, to Gladys Pearl Stutler born 23 August 1928, Berlin, Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of Haymond L. Stutler and Orpha (Cather) Stutler. Children:

(a) Marlin Troy Oldaker born 8 May 1947, Weston, West Virginia, married 20 July 1968, in Canton, Ohio, to Peggy Sue Hazelett born 18 February 1950, in West Virginia. Children:

(1) Tina LeAnn Oldaker born 7 June 1971, in Florida.

(2) Jennifer Lynn Oldaker born 31 May 1973, in Florida.

(3) Robert Oldaker born 23 March 1979, Huntington, West Virginia.

(b) Melodie Kay Oldaker born 28 November 1956, Weston, West Virginia, married 14 June 1975, Louisville, Ohio, to Randy L. Donaldson. Children:

(1) Steven Paul Donaldson born 25 February 1978.

(2) Alisha Renea Donaldson born 4 September 1980.

6. Ruby Eleanor Oldaker born 23 March 1927, Weston, West Virginia, married 24 December 1945, Weston, West Virginia, to Ashby Bond Randolph born 19 September 1926, Roanoke, Virginia, son of Ashby Randolph and Ruth (Bond) Randolph. Children:

(a) Gregory Allen Randolph born 15 December 1947, Weston, West Virginia, married 12 April 1968, Berea, West Virginia, to Julie Mae Welch born 21 April 1948, New Berlin, New York. Children:

(1) Kevin Lee Randolph born 17 January 1969, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(2) Aaron Clay Randolph born 22 January 1973, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(b) Michael Scott Randolph born 6 December 1948, Weston, West Virginia, married 25 January 1969, Gassaway, West Virginia, to Louisa Mae Bollinger born 25 September 1947, Sutton, West Virginia. Children:

(1) Michelle Yvonne Randolph born 6 January 1974, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(2) David Michael Randolph born 7 February 1976, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(c) Stephen Trent Randolph born 10 May 1950, Weston, West Virginia, married 15 July 1972, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Verna Sybil "Susie" Elbon born 17 June 1952, Clarksburg, West Virginia, daughter of Samuel Vern Elbon and Verna Eva (Tacy) Elbon. The officiating minister was Rev. Wilbert Donald Gough - Baptist. Children:

(1) Tacy Lynn Randolph born 8 January 1982

(d) Jeffrey Lynn Randolph born 30 September 1957, Weston, West Virginia, married 9 April 1977, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Donita Jean Gain born 10 September 1957, Clarksburg, West Virginia, daughter of Russell Gain and Juanita (Swisher) Gain. The wedding was at Glen Falls, Rev. R. Wood Bruce, a Baptist Minister officiating. Children:

(1) Jeffrey Bernard Randolph born 3 December 1981.

Contributed by Mrs. Ashby Randolph (Ruby Oldaker)

BIRTH AND FAMILY

When my parents, Okey John and Lillie Mae Kelley Oldaker, were married August 2, 1911, my father was a farmer as was his father before him. Mom's parents, George and Cora Kelley, lived at Crawford in Lewis County. George Kelley was the village blacksmith and a farmer. Events are sketchy as to where the newlyweds (my parents) lived for a time but my father built a small four room house on the farm where his family resided on Meadow Run, near Orlando, in Lewis County. Their first four children were born in that house. My oldest brother, un-named, died shortly after birth and is buried at the Crawford Cemetery. My oldest sister, Hazel Mildred, was born October 23, 1914. Cora Pearl was born April 18, 1916. Papa used to tell us children how he went on horseback to get a doctor when the children arrived, but

he did not get back in time when Pearl was born - she had already arrived when he returned with the doctor. Clarence William was born in that same house on September 7, 1918. When Clarence was a baby, my parents bought a house in Weston on East Weston Hill. The house consisted of four rooms when he bought it. They had moved to Weston because Papa had gotten a job in an underground coal mine. He was making good wages for the time. (I don't know how much.) The mines were dug out of a hillside and they were low, narrow, dark and dangerous places to work. The men worked on their hands and knees in a crouching position and they dug the coal with a pick and shovel entirely by hand. They had no machinery. The twins, Willard Roy and Wilbur Troy were born December 23, 1921. When the twins were about three years old, my father became dangerously ill and was bedfast for a long, long time. He had developed pneumoconios, bronchiectasis and rheumatoid arthritis of the spine. He told me later how he was propped in bed with two straight back chairs and lots of soft pillows behind him to make him comfortable. The damp and dusty working conditions had taken their toll - when Papa was able to get out of bed and sit in a chair, his entire spinal column had become stiff and his spine curved from lying in bed in that position. He was never able to turn his head again. My father was crippled for the rest of his life - he was 36 years old. Papa had worked long enough that the small house and lot was paid for but now there was no income. (There wasn't much help for the poor in those days - people had to do the best they could.) Mom had no training or skill for a decent job so she did the only thing she knew how to do. She "took in" laundry - she did the washing and ironing for neighbors for 50¢ a basket. Then she started working outside the home - as a domestic maid for 10¢ an hour. She always came home tired. I was born March 23, 1927, and Mom worked all the time that she was carrying me - That must be one reason that I have always enjoyed my own housework so much. She had "regular" customers so she continued to work, after taking Hazel out of school to care for me, and she worked regularly until the mid 1940's and was earning 25¢ an hour at that time. During this time, Papa tried to find any kind of work that he could but there were no jobs for anyone. There was not much financial aid for poor families in those days, but I do remember the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the local fire department bringing clothing and food to us, especially at Christmas. During those days, Christmastime was the only time us children ever saw apples and oranges and candy - they were usually a part of the Christmas baskets for needy families.

MORE ABOUT MY FATHER

Papa had a wonderful sense of humor and was full of wit and wisdom. He had lots of patience and was a good listener as well as a fascinating story-teller. He would tell us humorous Irish tales and jokes about the Irish (how I wish I

could remember all of them) as we sat by the open fireplace - sometimes we would pop corn in a popper that we shook over the open fire.

Papa was a little "hard of hearing" (as he put it) in one ear - I can still see him listening to the radio with one hand cupped over his ear to hear a little better. Papa also rubbed snuff all his life - he would put a pinch in his lower lip, hold it there and spit rather often. We had shiny glass spittons for this purpose.

PAPA'S WORK

My father was unemployed for many years. He was so crippled that he couldn't seem to find any work except common labor. He was a hard worker and could put in a good day's work in spite of his handicap - he found odd jobs such as cutting down trees, lawn mowing, a carpenter's helper, plumbing, etc. When I was about 12 years old, Papa found work in a shoe repair shop. (Emory Norman's Shoe Repair Shop in Weston). He started working part-time - on Saturday's for $2 a day. He learned to repair all kinds of shoes and boots. He was really happy about this job - it was his first real employment since becoming ill. As business improved for Mr. Norman, Papa was hired full time (six days a week) and Papa now earned $12 a week. When Mr. Norman retired, he sold all his equipment to Odus Kincaid. Mr. Kincaid was in his 40's, a bachelor and he didn't know a thing about the shoe repair business. He had bought the business as an investment so he hired Papa to run it for him. After a few years, Mr. Kincaid sold the business to a man in Buckhannon and again, this man didn't know much about the business so he retained Papa to run it for him. Papa saved any money he could and he bought the equipment in 1943 and started his own repair shop. He called it the Weston Shoe Repair Shop - he was so thrilled - he had a business of his own. I remember a prominent sign Papa kept in his shop - it caught everyone's attention. It read: "IN GOD WE TRUST - ALL OTHERS CASH." Papa learned that Mr. Kincaid had started paying social security on him so Papa continued to pay it on himself so later he was able to receive a small social security check. Papa kept his shoe repair shop until in 1953 when he retired and sold the equipment.

PAPA HAS A STROKE

On Good Friday, April 4, 1958, Papa suffered a stroke. He was paralyzed on his right size - he couldn't talk and the entire right side of his body was useless. After leaving the hospital and there wasn't much anyone could do for him, Mom bought a hospital bed and took him home. She would care for him the rest of his life. Papa lived four years and three months after the stroke and he never once lost his sense of humor - I visited with him at least once a week and it was amazing how he took everything in stride. He was

always happy for visitors and although he couldn't talk, he didn't want to miss a word of any conversation. His face would light up and he would laugh heartily - he was very alert and determined to make the best of a bad situation. Papa went into a coma July 6, 1962, and never regained consciousness. He died July 9, 1962 - it was a sad day for me - I had lost my best friend.

B5 - 10 JOHN CURRY OLDAKER JR. AND VIRGIE DELL CLARK FAMILY

John Curry Oldaker Jr., son of John Curry Oldaker Sr. and Mary E. (Myers) Oldaker, was born 30 March 1895, in Lewis County, West Virginia. He was married 1 January 1915, in Lewis County to Virgie Dell Clark born 16 September 1896, Lewis County, daughter of William Theodore Clark and Phoebe Alma (Skinner) Clark. John Curry Jr. died 13 October 1925 in Lewis County and his wife died 10 October 1961, in Lewis County. Children:

1. John Junior Oldaker I born 7 June 1916 Lewis County, West Virginia, married 12 October 1940, in Lewis County to Edna Beulah Elliott born 26 January 1918, in Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of James and Nora Elliott. Children:

   (a) Mary Catherine Oldaker born 11 September 1942, Weston, West Virginia, married 14 December 1961, to Raymond Leon Ellyson born 2 February 1939, Lewis County, West Virginia, son of Raymond Ellyson and Nina (Spiers) Ellyson. Children:

      (1) Steven Leon Ellyson born 8 September 1963, Lewis County, West Virginia.

      (2) Kathy Jo Ellyson born 10 February 1965, Lewis County, West Virginia.

      (3) Mary Jo Ellyson born 25 November 1968, Lewis County, West Virginia.

   (b) John Junior Oldaker II born 12 December 1944, Weston, West Virginia, married 2 June 1967, Glenville, West Virginia, to Patricia Luzader born 29 January 1949, Glenville, West Virginia, daughter of Aaron R. Luzader. Children:

      (1) John Junior Oldaker III born 16 March 1968, Weston, West Virginia.

      (2) James Aaron Oldaker born 18 July 1969, Weston, West Virginia.

      (3) Jason Wesley Oldaker born 31 January 1975, Weston, West Virginia.

2. Arnold Melvin Oldaker born 25 October 1918, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 27 April 1945, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Eugenia McCartney born 17 November 1923, Webster County, West Virginia, daughter of Darius McCartney and Mary (Reeder) McCartney. She died 28 November 1965, Weston, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Paula Duraine Oldaker born 30 January 1946, Front Royal, Virginia, married (1) 29 October 1964, Lewis County, West Virginia, to William Edward Allman born 6 December 1944, Lewis County, West Virginia, son of Henry Clay Allman and Elizabeth (Parker) Allman. Married (2) 15 April 1967, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Gary Clifton Brown, born 19 July 1943, Braxton County, West Virginia. Married (3) 28 April 1968, Weston, West Virginia, to George Omar Dehainaut born 16 July 1925, Upshur County, West Virginia, son of Marcell Dehainaut and Bessie (Brake) Dehainaut. Children:

(1) Patrick Clayton Dehainaut born 11 September 1967, Weston, West Virginia.

(2) Crystal Gail Dehainaut born 14 July 1971, Weston, West Virginia.

(3) Jason Duane Dehainaut born 5 June 1974, Weston, West Virginia.

(b) Donna Charlene Oldaker born 2 October 1948, Weston, West Virginia, married 19 May 1975, Weston, West Virginia, to Arlin L. Brumund born 16 March 1953, Fort Ord, Monterey County, California, son of Norman Fred Brumund and Muriel Eva (Stagner) Brumund. Children:

(1) Zachary Linn Brumund born 27 April 1977, Weston, West Virginia.

NOTE: Marriage ended in divorce June 1978.

(c) Jerry Lynn Oldaker born 7 May 1950, Weston, West Virginia, married (1) 24 July 1971, Grass Run, Weston, West Virginia, to Marilyn Louise Cole born 15 November 1953, Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of Harold Cole and Mary (Bee) Cole. Children:

(1) Terra Michelle Oldaker born 17 June 1972, Weston, West Virginia.

(2) James Joseph Oldaker born 29 May 1974, Weston, West Virginia.

Married (2) 3 November 1979, Buckhannon, West Virginia, Mt. Lebanon Church to Brenda Louise Helmick born 22 November 1958, Buckhannon, West Virginia, daughter of Bobby R. Helmick and Patricia A. (Ervin) Helmick. Children:

(3) Christopher Todd Oldaker born 19 June 1981, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

(d) Sheila Jean Oldaker born 23 March 1953, Weston, West Virginia, married 2 June 1971, Camden, West Virginia, to Larry Douglas Wickline born 10 April 1951, Nicholas County, West Virginia, son of William P. Wickline and Mollie Elizabeth (Foster) Wickline. Children:

(1) Larry Douglas Wickline born 31 December 1971, Weston, West Virginia.

(2) Joshua Allen Wickline born 16 January 1973, Weston, West Virginia.

(3) William Michael Wickline born 16 March 1975, Weston, West Virginia.

NOTE: Marriage ended in divorce in 1980.

(e) Arnold Melvin Oldaker Jr. born 18 December 1955, Weston, West Virginia, married 25 August 1974, Babylon, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Beverly Ann Allman born 20 June 1958, Baltimore, Maryland, daughter of James Perry Allman and Helen Jean (Boggs) Allman. Children:

(1) Arnold Lance Oldaker born 30 July 1981, Weston, West Virginia.

(f) Charles Thomas Oldaker born 15 November 1964, Weston, West Virginia.

3. Diana Virginia Oldaker born 5 November 1920, married 17 October 1941, Weston, West Virginia, to Russell Stout born 1918, son of Lonnie Stout and Gertrude (Perkins) Stout. Minister was Rev. F. W. Waldrop. Marriage (2) was to _____ McIntire. Children by marriage (1):

(a) John Lindsey Stout born 9 February 1940.

(b) George Kenneth Stout born 16 December 1940, died 19 December 1940.

(c) Lonnie Burton Stout born 1 April 1942, died 24 July 1942.

4. Ruth Pauline Oldaker born 1922, died December 1942, married _____. Children:

(a) Joyce _____

5. Samuel Joseph Oldaker born 4 June 1926 Fairchance, Pennsylvania, married 5 May 1945, to Wilda Frances Means born 23 April 1923, Pricetown, Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of James Garfield Means and Ruby (McBride) Means. Wilda died 19 August 1983. Children:

(a) Linda Sue Oldaker born 22 January 1947, Weston, West Virginia, married 23 July 1966, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Richard Neal Clem born 10 July 1943, Lewis County, West Virginia, son of George Jarvis Clem and Margaret (Burkhammer) Clem. Children:

(1) Rickey Neal Clem born 23 September 1967.

(2) Steven Clem born 10 November 1969.

(3) Brian Clem born 23 September 1970.

(4) Teresa Clem born 11 November 1971.

(5) Tracey Clem born 11 November 1971.

(b) Samuel Joseph Oldaker Jr. born 21 February 1952, Weston, West Virginia, married (1) 21 November 1970, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Judy Carolyn Weaver, daughter of James Carlton Weaver and Mary Elizabeth (Carpenter) Weaver. She was born 7 November 1953, Weston, West Virginia. Children:

(1) Joseph Carlton Oldaker born 6 June 1971, Weston, West Virginia, died 6 June 1971.

(2) Linda Kay Oldaker born 16 March 1972, Weston, West Virginia, died 16 March 1972.

Marriage (2) 3 December 1978, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Jaretta June Moore born 20 October 1950, Richwood, West Virginia, daughter of Ottie Washington Moore, Jr. and Sibyle Norma (Barnette) Moore. Children:

(3) Samuel Joseph Oldaker II - No birth date.

(4) Jamie Lynn Oldaker born 7 April 1979.

(c) Terry Lynn Oldaker born 4 November 1954, Weston, West Virginia, married 11 August 1973, to Karen Inez Groah born 11 September 1956, Anchorage, Alaska, daughter of Milton B. Groah and Retha (Ash) Groah. Children:

(1) Mark Anthony Oldaker born 16 February 1974, Weston, West Virginia.

(2) Shanna Lynn Oldaker born 9 December 1976, Weston, West Virginia.

(d) James Michael Oldaker born 23 February 1958, Weston, West Virginia, married 5 October 1979,

Lewis County, West Virginia, Rev. J. B. Gum, Union Mission Church to Mary Beth Dillon born 3 March 1959, Elyria, Ohio, daughter of Charles Leslie Dillon and Beatrice (Schwerer) Dillon.

(e) Sandra Kay Oldaker born 26 October 1959, Weston, West Virginia.

(f) Kimberly Diana Oldaker born 25 July 1962, Weston, West Virginia.

B6 - LAFAYETTE DYLE OLDAKER AND ELIZABETH ANN DAWSON OLDAKER FAMILY

Lafayette Dyle Oldaker, son of William Oldaker and Lydia Ann (Queen) Oldaker, was born 6 January 1844, on Rooting Creek, Upshur County, West Virginia, near Johnstown, West Virginia. He was married 29 April 1869, in Harrison County, West Virginia, to Elizabeth Ann Dawson born 30 August 1843, in Rockford, Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of William Dawson and Rachel (Van Horn) Dawson. Lafayette died 18 February 1941, Durbin, Pocahontas County, West Virginia. Elizabeth died 28 October 1911, near Orlando, Lewis County, West Virginia. They are both buried in Orlando Cemetery, Orlando, Lewis County, West Virginia.

Lafayette Dyle Oldaker enlisted in the Confederate Army on 17 August 1862 at Hillsboro, Pocahontas County, Virginia in the 17th Virginia Calvary; Company K under Capt. Abe Pifer. Serving first under Gen. Wm. L. Jenkins and later with General McCausland's Brigade and General Breckenridge's Division until the end of the war in April 1865 and ended his term of service without a scratch. He was on detached duty a lot and Eugene Montgomery says he thinks he served with Mosby's Raiders and also McNeil's. He remembered this army song:

"Down Bull Run helter skelter,
Every Devil did his best to out run the rest,
To get back to Washington for shelter,
When they get to town, you ought to see them frown,
Their old coat tails a fanning,
Old Abe rared, jumped up and tore his hair,
Cause the boys had lost all the cannon."

Lafayette's middle name is a mystery. It has been spelled Dyle, Dile and Dial and we don't know which is correct or where the name came from.

The following land transactions are recorded in Lewis County, West Virginia, for Lafayette:

	Grantee	Grantor
Book 5 Page 177 (1870)	Lafayette Oldaker	John M. Cummings
	Description: Deed. 2 tracts Curtis Run Skin Creek	
Book 6 Page 84 (1871)	G. J. Butcher George N. Curtis	Lafayette Oldaker
	Description: Trust Deed. 2 tracts Curtis Run Little Skin Creek	

Book 7 Page 346 (1874)	Eliza Corotthers	Lafayette & Elizabeth Oldaker
	Description:	Deed. 79 acres 25 p Curtis Run of Little Skin Creek
Book 14 Page 384 (1884)	Lafayette D. Oldaker	Wm. E. Arnold (Comr)
	Description:	Deed. 123 1/2 acres Big Skin Creek
Book 14 Page 618 (1884)	John A. Corathers	Lafe Oldaker
	Description:	Trust Deed. 50 acres Big Skin Creek
Book 16 Page 60 (1885)	Lafayette Oldaker	W. V. Chidester
	Description:	Notice. Lis Pendens (Notice of litigation and warning all persons it may be subject to adverse judgment)
Book 25 Page 21 (1891)	Solomon Jarvis	Lafayette D. Oldaker
	Description:	Deed 12 acres 1 R 21 P Limestone Run Court House District

They had five children:

1. Ira Oldaker born 12 September 1870, Rooting Creek, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Lillie Belle Godfrey born 17 November 1883, New Hope, Nicholas County, West Virginia, daughter of Armour L. Godfrey and Louisa Jane (Collins) Godfrey. Ira died 4 October 1941, at Tioga, Nicholas County, West Virginia. Lillie Belle died 23 February 1955. They are both buried in Taylor Cemetery, Fenwick Mountain, Nicholas County, West Virginia. They had five children:

   (a) Joy Francis Oldaker born 27 September 1905, Alderson, West Virginia, married 17 July 1930, Summersville, West Virginia, to Doris Goutiere. No further data on Doris. Ira died 9 November 1962, at Charleston, West Virginia and is buried in Tyler Mountain Memorial Cemetery near Charleston. Children:

      (1) David Barrett Oldaker. He was an adopted son.

   (b) Roy Melvin Oldaker born 21 March 1907, Durbin, Pocahontas County, West Virginia. He died October 1923.

   (c) Ralph Garnet Oldaker born 9 January 1909, Durbin, West Virginia, married 10 April 1936, Summersville, West Virginia, to Marguerite Lillian Gray, born 26 September 1909 at Cowen, Webster County, West

Virginia, daughter of Charles William Gray and Martha Rebecca (Davis) Gray. No children.

(d) Kenneth Roze Oldaker born 21 April 1914, Porterwood, Tucker County, West Virginia, married 26 September 1936, to Mazie Russell born Tioga, West Virginia, daughter of Charles Russell. No children. Died 30 November 1963.

(e) Ira Keith Oldaker born 27 February 1923, Tioga, West Virginia, married 16 April ____, Ruth Ochletree, born 15 August 1925, Richwood, Nicholas County, West Virginia. Children:

(1) Douglas Oldaker married 30 January 1946

(2) Lou Ann Oldaker born 3 May 1948

(3) Ronald K. Oldaker born 22 March 1952

2. William D. Oldaker born 29 December 1871, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 12 December 1903, to Mary Ann Dennison nickname "Tode" born 28 November 1870, daughter of S. L. Dennison and Mary A. (Dawson) Dennison. William died 29 July 1931, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Mary Ann died 27 December 1940, Crawford, Lewis County, West Virginia. Both are buried in Fair Haven Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia. They had one child:

(a) Bessie Oldaker born 6 May 1906 (See separate family chart in this Section.)

3. Orpha Barrett Oldaker born 21 May 1875, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 22 March 1904, Morgantown, West Virginia, to Alice Dolan born Preston County, West Virginia, daughter of Thomas and Emma Dawson. Children:

(a) Winifred Oldaker born 27 January 1905, Morgantown, West Virginia, married 3 November 1926, Morgantown, West Virginia, to Frederick Albert Penner, son of Eugene Penner and Margaret Alice (Salesbury) Penner. No further data.

(b) John H. Oldaker born 23 June 1906, Morgantown, West Virginia. No further data.

(c) Paul B. Oldaker born 19 February 1908, Sabraton, West Virginia. No further data.

4. Ernest Edward Oldaker born 22 December 1877, Vandalia, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 4 June 1908, Durbin, West Virginia, in parents home, to Link Irene (Burner) Oldaker born 5 September 1891, Travelers Repose (Now Bartow), Pocahontas County, West Virginia, daughter of Charles Cameron Burner and Elizabeth Augusta (Beard) Burner. Ernest died 26 July 1951, at Durbin, West

Virginia. His wife died 26 May 1976, at Elkins, West Virginia. They are both buried in Bartow, West Virginia. They had five children:

(a) Ernestine Elizabeth Oldaker born 11 February 1910, Durbin, West Virginia, died 16 May 1915, Durbin, West Virginia.

(b) Quinn Link Oldaker born 13 December 1911, Durbin, West Virginia, married 7 May 1938, Monterey, Virginia, to Mary Elbon Wiley born 12 February 1914, Thornwood, West Virginia, daughter of James Howard Wiley and Effie Emma (Elbon) Wiley. Quinn Link served for 28 years in the Armed Forces and retired as a Lt. Col. in the Air Force. He served his country on several bases in the U.S.A. and on three of the largest of the Hawaiian Island and Philippines. He was on General Short's staff in Hawaii before Pearl Harbor. He lives at 1730 N.E. 64th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334. They had no children.

(c) Kermit Wayne Oldaker born 14 June 1917, Durbin, West Virginia, died 31 May 1918, Durbin, West Virginia.

(d) Drexler Burner Oldaker born 8 October 1919, Durbin, West Virginia (See separate family chart in this Section.)

(e) Ernest Carroll Oldaker born 21 November 1926 (See separate family chart in this Section.)

5. Elbert D. Oldaker born 26 October 1881, Lewis County, West Virginia, married Iva J. Scarff born 17 November 1890, Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of John M. Scarff and Martha A. (Glake) Scarff. Elbert died 9 October 1967, Lewis County, West Virginia. Iva died 30 November 1976, Clarksburg, West Virginia. They are both buried in the Orlando Cemetery, Orlando, West Virginia. They had one daughter:

(a) Evelyn Martha Oldaker born 2 December 1913, Orlando, West Virginia, married Mapel Arden Townsend, born 9 August 1908, Gilmer County, West Virginia, son of Frank Townsend and Rhoda (Coberly) Townsend. They had no children.

B6 - 2 (a) BESSIE OLDAKER AND HENRY GREINER FAMILY

Bessie Oldaker, daughter of William D. Oldaker and Mary Ann (Dennison) Oldaker, was born 6 May 1906, in Ireland, Lewis County, West Virginia. She married 8 May 1927, Weston, West Virginia, Henry Cecil Greiner born 22 May 1901 in Zanesville, Ohio, son of John Dennis Greiner and Jennie Lynn (Ervin) Greiner. They lived at Crawford, West Virginia, for many years. Henry's grandfather, Captain Greiner wrote a book "Jackson, As I Knew Him." They had one daughter.

1. Joy Marilyn Greiner born 18 May 1928, in Lewis County, West Virginia, married 13 May 1950, to Richard Wayne Jones, born Parkersburg, West Virginia. Children:

   (a) Emily Fay Jones born 27 July 1951

   (b) Melissa Kay Jones born 5 February 1954. Died as an infant.

   (c) Carl Rockland Jones born 11 August 1955, Dallas, Texas, married _____ McGee.

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B6 - 4 (d) DREXLER BURNER OLDAKER - EMMA ISABELLE HENDERSON OLDAKER FAMILY

Drexler Burner Oldaker born 8 October 1919, Durbin, West Virginia, son of Ernest Edward Oldaker and Link Irene (Burner) Oldaker married 29 May 1948, Bobtown, Pennsylvania, to Emma Isabelle Henderson born 18 August 1927, daughter of John George Henderson and Euphamia (Wilkinson) Henderson. Drexler Burner Oldaker died 29 September 1974, in St. Louis and is buried there.

Drexler enlisted in the Army Air Force January 23, 1942, at Ft. Thomas, Kentucky. He graduated from Ordnance Officer Candidate School and became a 1st Lt. He served in England, France, and Germany during WWII and was promoted to Captain on 31 December 1945. After his release from the Army Air Corps he was Maintenance Superintendent at St. Charles, Missouri, Monsanto Chemical Plant.

This family had two children:

1. Drexler Burner Oldaker Jr. born 8 January 1950, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, married 16 April 1977, Bellmawr, New Jersey, to Francine M. Simon, born 21 November 1952, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas F. Simon and Margaret P. (Parana) Simon. Drexler Jr. and his wife live at 1117 Sawgrass Court, Lilburn, Georgia 30247. Children:

   (a) Kenneth P. Oldaker born 18 February 1980, Marlton, New Jersey, died 18 February 1980.

   (b) Kimberly Anne Oldaker born 9 June 1981, Marlton, New Jersey.

2. Deborah Ann Oldaker born 8 January 1950, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. (Twin to Drexler Burner) married James O. Barnard. Children:

   (a) Dawn Michelle Barnard born 1 January 1972

   (b) Daniel James Barnard born 15 May 1974

   (c) Mary Elizabeth Barnard born 15 August 1978.

B6 - 4 (e) ERNEST CARROLL OLDAKER - ROSE ELLEN GORRELL FAMILY

Ernest Carroll Oldaker, born 21 November 1926, at Durbin, West Virginia, son of Ernest Edward Oldaker and Link Irene (Burner) Oldaker, married 18 December 1948, Marlinton, West Virginia, to Rose Ellen Gorrell, born 2 March 1927, St. Marys, West Virginia, daughter of Bernard Wesley Gorrell and Myrtle Vashti (Bussard) Gorrell.

Ernest enlisted in the Navy at the age of 18 and served in WWII on ships in the Pacific Ocean around China and Japan. He was a radar technician. After the war he graduated from West Virginia University. He has been employed by the U.S. Bureau of Mines. He lives at 70 Grandview Avenue, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Rose and Ernest have two children:

1. Mark Edward Oldaker born 13 December 1950, Morgantown, West Virginia, married 25 November 1972, Detroit, Michigan, to Joanna Lynn Stemelo, born 7 November 1950, Detroit, Michigan, daughter of Joseph Stemelo and Josephine Grace (Giannola) Stemelo. They have one child:

   (a) Sandra Lynn Oldaker born 19 January 1982, Princeton, New Jersey.

2. Linda Carole Oldaker born 12 December 1952, Morgantown, West Virginia, married (1) Fred Lawrence Randolph, 27 May 1974, in Morgantown, West Virginia. No data on children. Married (2) 18 June 1977 at Morgantown, West Virginia, to Jeffrey Jay Miller born 12 August 1953, Point Pleasant, West Virginia, son of Robert D. Miller and Janet (Stanley) Miller. No data about children.

B9 - LEVI SYLVESTER OLDAKER AND ADALINE OLDAKER FAMILY

Levi Sylvester Oldaker, youngest son of William Oldaker and Lydia Ann (Queen) Oldaker, was born 28 April 1854 in Upshur County, West Virginia. He married 8 November 1878, in Harrison County, West Virginia, to Adaline Oldaker, daughter of William Harrison Oldaker (Section A3). She was born 16 October 1859, in Lewis County, West Virginia. Levi died 4 April 1909 in Lewis County, West Virginia, and Adaline died 17 February 1924, in Lewis County, West Virginia.

The 1880 Census of Lewis County lists Levi, wife Adeline and son William Webster listed with his father William Oldaker, his father was 73 and his step-mother Roanna was 53. The following land transactions indicate that William had sold his property on Limestone Run prior to 1880 and he may have been living with Levi who had bought property on Sassafras Run:

	Grantee	Grantor
Book 22 Page 460 (1888)	Levis S. Oldaker al	Genry Brannon
	Description:	Deed. 39 1/8 acres Sassafras Freeman Creek District
Book 25 Page 208 (1889)	A. B. Koon	Lewis S. (Levi S.) and Adaline Oldaker
	Description:	Deed. 12 acres 1 R 21 P Limestone Run Court House District
Book 50 Page 139 (1893)	Samuel Jarvis	Levi and Adeline Oldaker, al
	Description:	39 1/8 acres Lime Hollow Run Freemans Creek District
Book 57 Page 80 (1904)	Adeline Oldaker, al	James Maginnis (TR)
	Description:	Deed. Lot 17 Block G East Weston
Book 60 Page 317 (1906)	William W. Oldaker	Adaline Oldaker, al
	Description:	Lot No. 17 Block G East Weston Hackers Creek District
Book 60 Page 328 (1906)	William W. Oldaker	L. S. & Adaline Oldaker, al
	Description:	Deed Lot 17 Block G East Weston Hackers Creek District
Book 62 Page 359 (1907)	Amanda P. White	L.S. and Adaline Oldaker
	Description:	Deed. Pt. Lot 17 Block G East Weston on Jacks Run

Levi and Adaline Oldaker had three children:

1. William Webster Oldaker born 17 Sept. 1879 (See separate family chart in this Section.)

2. Dona Victory Oldaker born 5 September 1881, Weston, West Virginia, married 26 October 1899, to Lorenzo Dow Ballard, son of John Ballard and Harriet (Turner) Ballard, in Levi S. Oldaker's home, Rev. B. J. Taylor officiating. Lorenzo was born 4 February 1870, in Lewis County, West Virginia. He died in Sherman Oaks, California. They had three children:

   (a) Lovie Louise Ballard born 23 April 1904, Weston, West Virginia, married Edward Tackney

   (b) Willa Agnes Ballard born 9 September 1906, Weston, West Virginia, married W. Glenn Eddy

   (c) Adaline Myrtle Ballard born 8 February 1913, Weston, West Virginia, married Gerald B. Miller. Adaline died 30 June 1974.

3. Neta Ann Oldaker "Nettie" born 26 January 1890, Lewis County, West Virginia. (See separate family chart in this Section.)

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B9 - 1 WILLIAM WEBSTER OLDAKER AND GERTRUDE SIMMONS FAMILY

William Webster Oldaker, only son of Levi Sylvester Oldaker and Neta Ann Oldaker, was born 17 Sept. 1879, in Lewis County, West Virginia. He married 24 October 1906 in Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Gertrude Simmons, born 17 July 1882, in Churchville, Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of John S. Simmons and Mary L. Simmons. William was one of the finest and best of the Oldaker tribe. See his obituary which follows. They had two children:

1. Rupert Rudolph Oldaker born 10 January 1910 in Lewis County, West Virginia, married Mary E. Miller on 25 July 1938, in Oakland, Maryland. Mary was born 10 November 1917, Peru, Indiana, daughter of Lee Miller and Della (Bush) Miller. Rupert died 6 October 1959, at the Veteran's Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They had two children:

   (a) James Rupert Oldaker born 29 January 1942, Weston, West Virginia, married 28 December 1963, in Weston, West Virginia, to Mary Ann Keller, born 16 November 1945, in Lewis County, daughter of Harry E. Keller and Pauline Ann (Hinzman) Keller. Children:

      (1) Jeffrey Thomas Oldaker born 5 October 1966, in Weston, West Virginia.

      (2) Deanna Marie Oldaker born 12 May 1968, Weston, West Virginia.

   (b) Fred William Oldaker born 20 July 1940 Weston, West Virginia, married 5 October 1961, in Virginia, to Donna Jean Sandy, daughter of Donald and Winifred Sandy. Children:

      (1) William Scott Oldaker born 7 March 1962, Weston, West Virginia.

      (2) Brian Eric Oldaker born 20 August 1963, Fairmont, West Virginia.

2. William Sylvester Oldaker born 3 September 1911, Lewis County, West Virginia, married Margaret Markley. No children.

OBITUARY OF WILLIAM WEBSTER OLDAKER

William Webster Oldaker, 84, of Churchville, West Virginia, passed away 3:10 P.M. Sunday January 6, 1963, following a two-year illness following a stroke of paralysis.

He was born September 17, 1879, in Lewis County, a son of Levi Sylvester and Adaline Oldaker. On October 24, 1906, he was married to Gertrude Simmons, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, William S. Oldaker of Cleveland, Ohio; one sister Mrs. Dona Ballard of Sherman Oaks, California; two grandsons, Fred and James Oldaker of Fairmont and one great grandson. He was preceded in death by one son, Rupert R. Oldaker.

Mr. Oldaker was employed as a salesman for the Gregg Grocery Company of Weston for many years. He later operated his own grocery store and for the past 30 years had been living on his farm. He was active in many church and community activities. He was a member of the Odd Fellow and Maccabees Lodges. He was active in music and was considered in his day an outstanding musician and for many years was leader of the Lewis County Sing. He was also President for many years of the Oldaker Reunion at Jackson's Mills, where Oldakers used to assemble by the hundreds year after year.

William Webster Oldaker is buried in the Weston Masonic Cemetery. Rev. Clyde Crites was the officiating minister. "Behold an Israelite in whom was no guile."

B9 - 3 NETA ANN OLDAKER AND LOYD ASA MONTGOMERY FAMILY

Neta Ann Oldaker "Nettie", daughter of Levi Sylvester and Adaline Oldaker, was born 26 January 1890, in Lewis County, West Virginia, married 17 November 1909, in Weston, West Virginia, to Loyd Asa Montgomery born 25 May 1886 Lewis County, West Virginia, son of Lewis and Martha Montgomery. Officiating minister was Rev. D. G. Helmick of the Methodist Protestant Church. Nettie died 26 June 1960 in Weston, West Virginia and Loyd died 15 January 1929, in Weston. They are both buried at Waldeck Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia They had three children:

1. Evelyn Montgomery born 1 June 1919, Weston, West Virginia, married 10 May 1942, in Weston, West Virginia, to Carl Franklin Blosser born 2 September 1914, in Page County, Virginia, son of Mayberry Blosser and Elizabeth (Good) Blosser. Evelyn died 8 February 1971, in the Union Protestant Hospital at Clarksburg, West Virginia. They had one son:

   (a) Paul Franklin Blosser born 24 July 1945, Detroit, Michigan, married (1) 10 May 1969 to Charlotte Benedum. Divorced May 9, 1975. Married (2) 15 August 1975, Weston, West Virginia, to Carolyn L Hinkle who had previously been married to Gary Harmon. Children:

      (1) Jarrod Andrew Harmon born 11 September 1969, Wife's child from previous marriage.

      (2) Erin Leigh Blosser born 2 November 1976, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

2. Wanda Yvonne Montgomery born 24 January 1923, Weston, West Virginia, married 10 May 1942, Weston, West Virginia, to Richard Dean Gray born 14 December 1922, Cameron, Marshall County, West Virginia, son of Henry Thomas Gray and Ivy (Yocum) Gray. They had four children:

   (a) Patricia Ann Gray born 18 June 1943, Detroit, Michigan, married 30 June 1962, Wyoming County, West Virginia, to Denny Burkett born 2 February 1943. One child:

      (1) Jeffrey Scott Burkett born 12 March 1965, Cleveland, Ohio.

   (b) Melinda Lee Gray born 19 May 1947, Weston, West Virginia, married (1) December 1965 to Patrick Lucas. They had two children:

(1) Eric Leonard Lucas born 8 August 1967, in Cleveland, Ohio.

(2) Jerry Lee Lucas born 28 August 1969, in Naples, Florida.

married (2) to Denver Roy 1 December 1972, at Elkins, West Virginia. No issue.

(c) Rebecca Deanna Gray born 19 September 1953, Welch, West Virginia, married 7 December 1973, to Owen Maxfield Long born 15 May 1942, Mill Creek, West Virginia, son of Owen F. Long and Millicent E. Long. Children:

(1) Timothy Owen Long born 3 March 1967, Newport, Tennessee. This is son from previous marriage of Owen Long to Edith Matthews.

(2) Deanna Odetta Long born 4 July 1976, Orlando, Florida.

(d) Sheila Diana Gray born 29 September 1955, Pineville, Wyoming County, West Virginia, married 26 January 1974, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Stephen Gerald Scott born 30 May 1950, Mill Creek, West Virginia, son of Gerald and Betty Scott. Children:

(1) Melissa Diana Scott born 26 July 1975, Elkins, West Virginia.

(2) Gregory Steven Scott born 4 April 1980, Elkins, West Virginia.

3. Eugene Edward Montgomery born 4 July 1928, Weston, West Virginia, married 3 April 1953, in Waterloo, Indiana to Evelyn Louise Davis born 20 December 1933, in Bardwell, Kentucky, daughter of Horace Davis and Edith Lee (Webb) Davis. They have three children:

(a) Donna Lee Montgomery born 28 September 1954, in Detroit, Michigan, married 6 October 1973, in Jackson's Mills Lewis County, West Virginia, to Dennis Brent Snyder, born 28 August 1952, in Weston, West Virginia, son of Carl Snyder and Mabel (Kniceley) Snyder. Children:

(1) LeAnna Snyder born 24 February 1977, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

married (2) Donna married Charles Ruppert born 22 November 1960.

(b) Douglas Loyd Montgomery born 10 September 1956, in Weston, West Virginia, married 14 April 1979,

Weston, West Virginia, to Regina Lynn Knight, born 6 August 1956, in Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of Harold Knight and Anna Lee (Franks) Knight. Regina had been previously married to Denny Ballard. Children:

(1) Kelly Christine Ballard born 1 July 1978, in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Daughter of wife's first marriage. She was adopted in November 1979.

(2) Heather Dawn Montgomery born 5 June 1980, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(c) Denise Lynn Montgomery born 13 December 1961, in Weston, West Virginia, married 16 October 1982, in Weston, West Virginia, to Rick Earl Stout, born 14 July 1960, Weston, West Virginia, son of Kenneth Stout and Cozetta (Harter) Stout. No children.

Note: Eugene and Evelyn Montgomery were President and Secretary, repectively, of the Oldaker Reunion for many years. Their address is 885 Terrace Avenue, Weston, West Virginia 26452.

SECTION C-ABRAHAM OLDAKER (3)-ELIZABETH BEASLEY FAMILY

Abraham Oldaker (3) born in 1812 Harrison County, Virginia on Rooting Creek. He was the son of Abraham Oldaker (2) and Elizabeth Garrett. He was married 1 June 1836 to Elizabeth Beasley who was born ca. 1815 near Buckhannon. She was the daughter of William Beasley and Hannah _____ Beasley. Abraham died 25 April 1887 in Upshur County, West Virginia and is buried on the home place. Elizabeth died in 1891 and is buried in Green Hill Cemetery, Kincheloe, West Virginia. They had nine children, all born on the homeplace near Johnstown, West Virginia:

1. Roanna Oldaker born ca. 1836 in Lewis County, Virginia, married 2 February 1860 to George M. Horner born ca. 1836. They had no children. They are both buried in the Johnstown Church Cemetery at Johnstown, West Virginia.

2. Jehu Oldaker born April 1838, Lewis County, Virginia, married 22 November 1859 in Lewis County, Virginia, to Sarah S. Traylor born 20 December 1835 in Franklin County, Virginia, daughter of Chester Traylor and Julyann _____ Traylor. Jehu Oldaker lived in Ritchie and Gilmer Counties and died in Braxton County, West Virginia. Sarah died 5 March 1898 and is buried in Auburn Cemetery, Auburn, West Virginia. They had six children:

   (a) Charles W. Oldaker born November 1863, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Eveline E. Bush born 20 January 1868 Auburn, West Virginia, daughter of Daniel D. Bush and Nancy Elizabeth (Riddle) Bush. Charles was a teacher and also a great fiddler. They lived in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He died at the age of 34 on 22 June 1897. He is buried in Auburn Cemetery, Auburn, West Virginia. We do not know date of Eveline's death or where she is buried. They had one boy:

      (1) Holmes Oldaker born 6 July 1895.

   (b) Ira B. Oldaker born October 1864, Upshur County, West Virginia. Ira never married and died 24 June 1922.

   (c) Julia Elizabeth Oldaker born 18 July 1868, Upshur County, West Virginia. She never married and died 25 April 1888, age 20 years, 9 mos. 2 days. She is buried in Auburn Cemetery, Auburn, West Virginia.

(d) Abraham C. Oldaker born 14 October 1869, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Elsa _____. They had one daughter:

(1) Frances Ellen Oldaker born September 1899, Gilmer County, West Virginia. No further data.

(e) Rosa C. Oldaker born 12 April 1872, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Minor Hurst born 14 October 1857, Lewis County, West Virginia. They were married in Lewis County. He was the son of Vincent Hurst and Elizabeth (Alexander) Hurst. Rosa died February 1906 in Lewis County. We have identified five children:

(1) Ioti Hurst born 26 November 1895, Lewis County, West Virginia, married John Lynn Howard. Ioti died 8 April 1969.

(2) Hood Hurst born 26 October 1896, Lewis County, West Virginia, married Virginia Miller.

(3) Beury Hurst born 11 March 1899, Lewis County, West Virginia.

(4) Elva Ola Hurst born 6 June 1901, married William C. Dunson.

(5) Neva Nola Hurst born 6 August 1903, Lewis County, West Virginia, married 24 September 1924, to Charles Talbott born 21 January 1893, Lewis County, West Virginia, son of Edward Talbott and Madora (Farnsworth) Talbott. They had no children.

(f) Emma Aurina Oldaker born ca. 1878, Gilmer County, West Virginia.

3. Isaac Oldaker born April 1840, Lewis County, Virginia (See family chart later in this section.)

4. Martin Van Buren Oldaker born ca. 1842, Lewis County, Virginia (See family chart later in this section.)

5. Elizabeth Oldaker born ca. 1844, Lewis County, Virginia. Nickname "Lizzie" married Thomas R. Thacker born ca. 1844 on 2 October 1865 in Upshur County, West Virginia. We have identified four children:

(a) Georgia Thacker born ca. 1867 Upshur County, married (1) _____ Orrick married (2) Rev. Strother Primm. No children.

(b) Roanna Thacker born ca. 1869, Upshur County, West Virginia. Nickname "Sissy" married Floyd Zickefoose. Had one son in Buckhannon, West Virginia.

(c) Egebert Thacker born ca. 1876, Upshur County, West Virginia, married _____ Tenney. Lived in Oklahoma. Had three girls.

(d) Loni Thacker married Roscoe King and lived in Grafton, West Virginia. Had one girl.

6. Sarah Jane Oldaker born ca. 1846, Lewis County, Virginia, married 24 November 1872, James McPherson son of William McPherson and Rachel _____ McPherson. Moved from Johnstown, West Virginia, to Flint Run, near Salem, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Endinah McPherson born in Upshur County, West Virginia, married _____ Cunningham of Silver Springs, Maryland.

(b) Ardelia McPherson born ca. 1874, Upshur County, West Virginia, married George Burnside of Kincheloe, West Virginia.

(c) Angelia McPherson born ca. 1876, Upshur County, West Virginia, married James Finley, Miletus, West Virginia.

(d) Grace McPherson born March 1880, Upshur County, West Virginia. Never married - died young.

(e) Vada McPherson born unknown, married Lambert McCormick of West Union, West Virginia. They had a son who died swimming in river at West Union while attending college.

7. Josephus Oldaker born 11 March 1851, Upshur County, West Virginia (See separate family chart in this section.)

8. George Washington Oldaker born 5 April 1853, Upshur County, West Virginia. Twin brother of Francis Marion Oldaker. He never married and died 6 July 1892 at the home of his twin brother near Johnstown, West Virginia.

9. Francis Marion Oldaker born 5 April 1853, Upshur County, West Virginia. (See separate family chart in this section.)

According to the Census of 1850 Abraham (3) was born in 1812. Bertha Rhodes was the only living person

(in the 1960s) who knew him and was able to tell us about him. He was a great favorite with his grandchildren, including her. He was a large man, walked erect at old age, with a quick step. Bertha said she had heard him speak of the place he wished to be buried when she was a child. Paralysis was the cause of his death in 1887. He was buried on the home farm where his father before him had been buried, up on a knoll facing the dwelling--the spot he had himself chosen. In this same house Francis Marion and George Washington Oldaker (twins) lived and George Washington died in this house.

The historical notes of Francis M. describe Abraham (3) as lean and sparse but as he got older he became very fleshy and fat. Bertha continues the description, "I remember him so well. His wife, my grandmother, Elizabeth Beasley, (called Betsy) took great care of my oldest brother and she was nurse and babysitter (she employs a rather modern term) for two children in the same baby crib, until a short while before she went to live with Josephus Oldaker at his home on Kincheloe Creek. She died there in 1891 and is buried in Green Hill Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

The following is a list of land transactions made by Abraham and Elizabeth Oldaker in Lewis County, West Virginia.

	Grantor	Grantee
Bk. 2 Pg. 123 (1864)	Samuel Horner	Abram Oldaker
	Description:	Deed. 49 acres Jesse's Run Hackers Creek District
Bk. 8 Pg. 364 (1875)	Eliz. and Abraham Oldaker	Rufus Lewis
	Description:	49 3/4 acres Jesse's Run Hackers Creek District

The following land transactions are listed in the Upshur County records for Elizabeth and Abraham Oldaker:

	Grantor	Grantee
Bk. B Pg. 301 (1854)	Abraham and Eliz. Oldaker	Abraham J. Post
	Description:	Deed. 40 acres Rooting Creek
Bk. A Pg. 386 (1855)	Lydia Oldaker et al.	Abraham and Eliz. Oldaker
	Description:	40 acres Rooting Creek

Bk. G Pg. 201 (1867)	Abraham and Eliz. Oldaker	Board of Ed. Warren Dist.
	Description:	42 poles Warren District Rooting Creek
Bk. K Pg. 531 (1877)	E.D. & Sarah Lewis et al.	Abraham Oldaker
	Description:	Deed. 54 acres 8 poles Rooting Creek
Bk. P Pg. 454 (1883)	M.V. Oldaker	Abraham Oldaker
	Description:	50 acres Upshur County

WILL OF ABRAHAM OLDAKER (3)

I, Abraham Oldaker, being of sound mind viewing the uncertainties of human life and being desirous of disposing of my worldly posessions, do make this my last will and testament. First, I bequeath to three of my sons, namely: Josephus, F.M. and George W. Oldaker, all my real and personal estate, except the household and kitchen furniture and one cow, which I accept for my wife Elizabeth with the understanding that the above named Josephus, F.M. and George W. Oldaker pay to my other five heirs "Jehew" Oldaker, Issac Oldaker, M.V. Oldaker, Elizabeth Thacker, and Sarah McPherson one thousand dollars each, with what they have "alreaddy" received which will be "shone" by receipts and book accounts and that they pay enough in fifteen months after my death to make all the five heirs equal with my son Issac; that is what he has "alreaddy" received, the balance of the one thousand dollars to each heir be paid in four equal "annal" installments without int. paying the five heirs each year one as much as the other and if George W. Oldaker fails to pay his equal amt. or any part thereof of the above named payments to the five heirs, then Josephus and Francis M. Oldaker are to pay the same for which they are to have enough of George W. Oldaker's real estate at thirty dollars per acre to pay the same as long as the said Josephus and Francis M. Oldaker have George W. Oldaker's real estate in their posession they shall furnish the said George W. boarding and good clothing and pay the tax on his interest in the real estate and also that they pay to George W. Oldaker fifty dollars in fifteen months after my death and the said Josephus and Francis M. Oldaker are to furnish my wife Elizabeth an ample support and plenty of clothing also to pay funeral expenses of my wife Elizabeth. The foregoing bequeathed real estate is not to be divided until a year after the death of my wife Elizabeth Oldaker, and when the time comes that they desire to "devid" the real estate if they cannot agree on the "divide" they shall call a surveyor and two other disinterested men who "shal" divide the same.

I hereby revoke all, other wills that I have heretofore made. Witness my hand and seal this 16th day of February 1882.

Abraham his mark Seal

Attest:

R.M. Norman
C.G. Norman

The will was admitted to probate April 27, 1887. C.C. F. McWhorter, Clerk. Justice J.S.D. Brake took the deposition of C.G. Norman as proof. (Upshur County, West Virginia).

C3-ISSAC OLDAKER-MINERVA BETTS FAMILY

Issac Oldaker born 6 April 1840 near Johnstown, Lewis County, Virginia, son of Abraham Oldaker (3) and Elizabeth (Beasley) Oldaker married 5 June 1862 Harrison County, Virginia, to Minerva Betts born 14 January 1845 Harrison County, Virginia, daughter of William and Armina Roanna Betts. Issac and his wife lived on Youngs Hollow near Hopewell Church just off the Philippi Road in Harrison County, West Virginia. The Betts House and the Youngs House, where Glenn Oldaker's father was born still stand. Isacc later moved to Maxson's Place, Ritchie County, West Virginia near Auburn and was a merchant there near Auburn. After Minerva died and was buried at Auburn, he moved to Logan, Ohio. There he married again. Issac had 12 children by his first wife and 2 by his second wife. Her name was Mrs. Stringer. He died at Logan and was buried at Mount Hermon Cemetery. A committee of Oldaker children and grandchildren, headed by Mrs. Florence Oldaker Bee, put up a beautiful monument, marking his grave.

Children by Minerva Betts:

1. Harriet Virginia Oldaker born 20 September 1863, Ritchie County, West Virginia, married George Washington Dotson born 3 June 1861, son of William Dotson and Jane Dotson. Harriet died 31 March 1948, Salem, Ohio, and is buried at Franklin Square, Columbiana County, Ohio. George is buried in West Virginia. George had a store for many years at Ashley, Doddridge County, West Virginia. Children:

   (a) Simon Sylvester Dotson born 6 April 1882 (See separate family chart in this section).

   (b) Floyd Jefferson Dotson born 25 September 1888 (See separate family chart in this section).

2. Arminda Roanna Oldaker born 3 December 1864, Ritchie County, Virginia, married Herbert Gribble. She told Glenn Oldaker that in her early life she rolled logs, fit fire, and piled brush. It was his privilege during the days of a "revival meeting" to stay with her in the home of Grovie and Manley Betts, her daughter and son-in-law where he learned many things about the Oldaker family in general and her family in particular. Herbert Gribble left his wife and four children and went about in the world. Arminda was an old-fashioned type of mother. She left her last dollar to the little church she loved so well--Hopewell Church on the hillside near the mouth of Young's Hollow, in the neighborhood

of the Betts, Hinkles, Bartletts, Holdens, and Cummings. She is buried in a Clarksburg Cemetery. Arminda and Herbert had five children:

(a) Russ Gribble No data.

(b) Owen Gribble No data.

(c) Tennis Gribble Lived in Culpeper, Virginia in the 1960s.

(d) Harvie Gribble No data.

(e) Grovie Gribble Lived in Clarksburg, West Virginia in the 1960s.

3. Leson Oldaker "Lee" 14 April 1866, Lewis County, West Virginia, married (1) Margaret Quigley born 12 June 1866, died 1900. They were married in Ritchie County, West Virginia. They had four children:

(a) Everett Earl Oldaker born 1887 died 1894.

(b) Vida Mae Oldaker born 1888 married (1) James Thompson (deceased) married (2) Roy Carney of Oklahoma.

(c) Rosa Barnes Oldaker born 1892 Ritchie County, West Virginia, married Harry DEMENT on 14 June 1922, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was born in 1887 died 24 February 1958, buried at Parkersburg, West Virginia. In the 1960s she was living with her son in Dayton, Ohio. One son:

(1) William Harry DEMENT born 7 October 1925. Lived in 1960s at 4800 James Hill Road Dayton (29) Ohio.

(d) Lona Minerva Oldaker born 1897 in West Virginia married William Farnsworth in 1914. She died in 1947. Had one daughter:

(1) Dorothy F. Farnsworth married (1) John Wilson. Children:

(a) Norma Wilson

(b) Marvin Wilson

marriage (2) Edwin Farsons. No children.

Lee Oldaker second marriage to Margaret "Maggie" Etta Johnson on 8 May 1907 at Parkersburg, West

Virginia. Children of Lee Oldaker and Margaret (Johnson) Oldaker:

(e) Walter Lee Oldaker born 1908 married (1) Thelma Ruth Vineyard born 27 September 1911, They were married 19 April 1930. Children:

(1) Robert Lee Oldaker born 1931. Lived in 1960s at 1000 Bottles Avenue, Akron, Ohio, married 25 April 1954, to Joyce B. Diehl in Akron, Ohio. Children:

(a) Robert Lee Oldaker II born 6 March 1956 Akron, Ohio.

(b) Lawrence Blake Oldaker born 24 June 1958 Akron, Ohio.

Walter Lee Oldaker's second marriage was to Jessie Belle Mays born 23 January 1905, Richwood, West Virginia.

4. Henry Boffman Oldaker born 5 June 1868 on Hackers Creek, Lewis County, West Virginia (Holbrook). Married Edith Ellen Watson on 21 February 1891, Ritchie County, West Virginia by Rev. Nestor. She was born 11 July 1872, Berea, West Virginia, the daughter of Wilson and Martha (Wilson) Watson. Henry came to Ohio 1897 and bought a farm in Ross County, Ohio and they lived there all their lives. He was a farmer and carpenter. They had eleven children all born in Ross County, Ohio. They lived near Gillespieville, about nine miles from Chillicothe and about four miles from Londonderry. Ella died 20 June 1939 and is buried in Concord Methodist Church Cemetery near Chillicothe, Ohio. Henry died 4 August 1939 and is buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Children:

(a) Lora Zeta Oldaker born 27 September 1892, Ross County, Ohio (See family chart in this section.)

(b) Maudie Laoma Oldaker born 10 August 1894, Ross County, Ohio (See separate family chart later in this section).

(c) Ada Esther Oldaker born 21 April 1897, Ross County, Ohio (See separate family chart in this section).

(d) Eva Gay Oldaker born 2 November 1899 (See separate family chart in this section.)

(e) Ernest Howard Oldaker born 17 April 1903 (See separate family chart in this section.)

(f) Homer Wilson Oldaker born 13 May 1905 Ross County, Ohio married (1) Laura Sollars born 2 December 1905, Londonderry, Ohio. Children:

(1) Betty Oldaker born 20 August 1905, Ross County, Ohio, married 11 January 1947, to Leslie Arledge born 26 February 1924, Chillicothe, Ohio. Children:

(a) Barry Loy Arledge born 24 January 1948.

(b) Debra Joy Arledge born 23 June 1950.

(c) Janna Lynn Arledge born 5 February 1958.

marriage (2) Mildred Downs. No further data.

(g) Edith Marie Oldaker born 10 March 1907, Ross County, Ohio, married Charles Hess Meeker born 24 July 1904, Londonderry, Ohio, Edith Marie died 18 August 1961, buried in Concord Methodist Cemetery Chillicothe, Ohio. Children:

(1) Warren Clifton Meeker born 1 March 1924, Chillicothe, Ohio, married Peggy _____. Warren at one time lived at Cloverdale, California. Children:

(a) Warren Clifton Meeker Jr.

(b) Cecilia Corene Meeker.

(2) Charles Hess Meeker Jr. born 7 August 1926, Chillicothe, Ohio, married Donna _____. At one time lived in Cloverdale, California.

(3) Edith Lucille Meeker born 4 July 1928, Chillicothe, Ohio, married Russell Kenneth Fisher born 6 November 1925. They at one time lived at R#6 Chillicothe, Ohio. Children:

(a) John Robert Fisher born 24 May 1949.

(b) Kenneth Eli Fisher born July 1951.

(c) Emma Jean Fisher born 16 November 1952.

(d) Anna Marie Fisher born 20 November 1953.

(e) Daniel Myerl Fisher born 23 June 1954.

(f) Custer Allen Fisher born 19 April 1959.

(g) Charles Alvin Fisher born 2 April 1961.

(4) Catherine Marie Meeker born 29 March 1930, Chillicothe, Ohio, married Donald Frazier. Children:

(a) Cathy Louise Frazier born 13 October 1951.

(b) Connie Sue Frazier born 1955.

(c) Karen Lee Frazier born 28 September 1961

(5) Nancy Lee Meeker born 22 May 1933, Chillicothe, Ohio, married (1) John Phillip Detty. Children:

(a) Susan Marie Detty born 13 June 1951, Susan was adopted by Eugene and Lavada Detty Kuhns.

(b) David Wayne Detty born 27 October 1952.

(c) Roger Allen Detty born 23 March 1954. Last known address living with their father at R#1, Chillicothe, Ohio.

married (2) to Charles Norford. Last known address Chicago, Illinois.

(6) George Edward Meeker born 25 December 1936, married Minyonne _____. Last known address Cloverdale, California.

(7) Richard Benny Meeker born 6 November 1938. Head of home after mother's death. Fine boy. Last known address R#6 Chillicothe, Ohio.

(8) Marjorie Ellen Meeker born 6 December 1941, married William John Hill of Columbus, Ohio. Last known address Columbus, Ohio.

(9) Donald Eugene Meeker Last known address Chillicothe Ohio, R#6.

(10) Judy Elaine Meeker born 27 May 1946. Last known address R#6 Chillicothe, Ohio.

(11) Carol Jane Meeker born 9 February 1949. Last known address R#6 Chillicothe, Ohio

(12) Michael Henry Meeker born 17 March 1951. Last known address R#6 Chillicothe, Ohio

(h) Roy Henry Oldaker born 11 October 1908, Ross County, Ohio, near Chillicothe, Ohio, married 23 December 1933 at Cattlettsburg, Kentucky, to Mary Penrod born 1 October 1909, Ross County, Ohio.

(i) Everett Ray Oldaker born 3 March 1911, Ross County, Ohio, near Chillicothe, Ohio, married Josephine Penrod on 25 August 1934. She was born 29 June 1911, Chillicothe, Ohio. Last known address 322 Zane Road, Chillicothe, Ohio. Children:

(1) Robert Ray Oldaker born 27 March 1935, Chillicothe, Ohio, married 8 December 1951, Chillicothe, Ohio, to Norma Jean Alexander born 2 June 1937, Circleville, Ohio. Children:

(a) Linda Sue Oldaker born 23 June 1952 Circleville, Ohio.

(j) Norwood Laycester Oldaker born 1914, died 1918 Buried Concord Cemetery near Chillicothe, Ohio.

(k) Mildred Lucille Oldaker born 21 July 1915 Ross County, Ohio, married Gleneth L. Darby on 19 August 1933. Last known address 270 West Third Street, Marysville, Ohio. Children:

(1) Lua Jean Darby born 9 July 1934 married Lowell E. Graham on 10 April 1953. Children:

(a) Christy Lou Graham born 2 December 1953.

(b) Rickey Eugene Graham born 29 January 1956.

(2) Donna Lee Darby born 9 May 1937 married on 8 September 1955 to Larry P. Fox. Children:

(a) Pamela Jo Fox born 2 January 1958.

(3) Joyce Elaine Darby born 14 November 1938

(4) Annella Kay Darby born 5 August 1942, married 14 August 1960 to Vernon T. Glassburn.

(5) Peggy Karen Darby born 25 July 1948.

5. Alva Vincent Oldaker born 27 January 1870, Herring Run, Lewis County, West Virginia (See separate family chart further in this section.)

6. Aaron Anson Oldaker born 14 November 1871 Herring Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, married Ruhama "Ruie" Watson a sister of the wife of Henry Oldaker, his brother, and moved with them to Ohio. They later moved to Virginia, taking residence first at Waverly, then Norview, Norfolk where "Ruie" died. Uncle Aaron died later in the year 1940. Both are buried in Norview Cemetery. They had four children all born in Ohio. Children:

(a) Glenn Oldaker married a school teacher Elizabeth _____.

(b) Audrey Oldaker married and had many children.

(c) Grace Oldaker No data.

(d) Emery Ralph Oldaker married Edith Louise Eason of Norfolk. They had two sons:

(1) Lawrence Lee Oldaker born 1932 married Syble Maynard of Blemont, North Carolina. They had two sons:

(a) David Lee Oldaker born 1959.

(2) Donald Ralph Oldaker married Dorothy _____ of Anaheim, California. They have two children:

(a) Donna Oldaker

(b) Donald Ralph Oldaker Jr.

Last information regarding Lawrence Lee Oldaker is that he was a school principal in Laurel Bay, a suburb of Beaufort, South Carolina.

7. Lloyd Oldaker born 28 April 1874, Lewis County, West Virginia, died young. Buried in Auburn, West Virginia.

8. Ernest Oldaker born 22 August 1877. He went west at an early age. He settled in Eckalaka, Montana. Glenn Oldaker's brother Lawrence went to see him in Montana and he said he was every inch a man's man with a six-gun lying on the table beside him. He was a lonely man in a lonely place. Marriage (1) to Ethel Ash, married (2) _____ Allen but we have no further data except that Ernest died in Montana in 1959.

9. Roanna Elizabeth Oldaker born 23 June 1879, Ritchie County, West Virginia. She was known as "Aunt Lizzie." She married Wade H. Shepler 4 January 1900 and they had six children:

(a) Harvey Shepler

(b) Clifton Shepler

(c) Hollie Shepler

(d) Avery Shepler

(e) Glenn Shepler

(f) Alta Shepler

10. Florence Oldaker born 22 September 1881, Ritchie County, West Virginia, married Hayes Bee of Berea, West Virginia. They lived for many years on Otter-slide Creek. They were Seventh Day Baptists and have a son who is a Seventh Day Adventist preacher. They had three children:

(a) Rue Bee No further data.

(b) Ural Bee No further data.

(c) Kay Bee No further data.

11. Lona Oldaker born 18 March 1884, Ritchie County, West Virginia. (See separate chart on this family.)

12. Mary Etta Oldaker born 26 July 1886, Ritchie County, West Virginia. (See separate chart in this section.)

By Issac Oldaker's second marriage to a Mrs. Stringer, he had two daughters:

13. Goldie Oldaker No further data.

14. Sylvia Oldaker No further data.

The data that we have on Issac Oldaker is that he has an able, versatile man, an iron master, a silversmith, a carpenter, a farmer and a merchant. He owned a general store near Tucson, Ohio when he died. His second family inherited all his property.

Minerva (Betts) Oldaker, wife of Issac died 14 April 1899 at the age of 54 years, 2 months, 28 days. The inscription on her stone at Auburn reads,

"Mother thou hast from us flown to regions far above,
We here erect this stone consecrated with our love"

Note: In grandmother Minerva's plot at Auburn in unmarked graves are three children of Ernest and Ethel Ash Oldaker who died in a tragedy, the details of which were not available for the record. Also at Auburn, West Virginia, the grave of Lizzie Oldaker Shepler died 14 June 1964 at Harrisville, West Virginia. Burial was 16 June 1964.

C3-1-(a)-SIMON SYLVESTER DOTSON-HARRIET LOUVENNA LONK FAMILY

Simon Sylvester Dotson born 6 April 1882, son of Harriet Virginia (Oldaker) Dotson and George Washington Dotson married Harriet Louvenna Lonk on 24 December 1904. Children:

1. Hazel Aretta Dotson born 7 June 1906 died 12 August 1906 near Folsom, West Virginia.

2. Elsie Allora Dotson born 10 May 1907 Folsom, West Virginia, married William Howard Davis on 19 May 1927, West Union, West Virginia. They lived at one time near Salem, Ohio. Children:

   (a) Beth Marie Davis born 28 February 1930 married William Edward Kalbfell on 20 June 1948. In the 1960s they lived on Woodsdale Road, Route 2, Salem, Ohio. Children:

      (1) Marie Annette Kalbfell born 13 May 1949.

      (2) David William Kalbfell born 11 September 1950.

      (3) Jack Edward Kalbfell born 24 August 1952.

      (4) Edwin Thomas Kalbfell born 2 June 1954.

      (5) Frank Jay Kalbfell born 20 September 1956.

      (6) Joseph Lee Kalbfell born 10 June 1958.

      (7) Ralph Andrew Kalbfell born 22 February 1960.

   (b) Clarence Edward Davis born 22 December 1931 married 7 September 1952 to Selma Rose Riddle. In the 1960s they lived at 2115 Arch Street, Alliance, Ohio. Children:

      (1) Marsha Lynn Davis born 19 January 1958.

3. Iva Jane Dotson born 6 April 1909 Ross County, Ohio, married 21 May 1937, at Warren, Ohio to Frederick W. Koby. Children:

   (a) Loretta Joyce Koby born 7 October 1939 at Warren, Ohio, married Robert Lawson.

   (b) Betty Jane Koby born 5 December 1942, married to John Wallen.

4. Clarence Ralph Dotson born 3 December 1911, Ross County, Ohio near Chillicothe died 25 January 1923 buried near Frankfort, Ohio.

5. Lila Bell Dotson born 3 December 1911, Ross County, Ohio, near Chillicothe, married Cecil Thomas Barnard. In the 1960s, they lived at Lisbon, Ohio. Children:

   (a) Cecil Thomas Barnard Jr., married Doris Johnson at Letonia, Ohio. Have three girls and one boy. In the 1960s he was in the Navy at Norfolk, Virginia.

   (b) Wanda Jean Barnard married and living in Florida in 1960s.

   (c) Carl Barnard married Florence Florey. Have two girls. In the 1960s lived near Lisbon, Ohio.

6. George Ellis Dotson born 30 December 1914, Ross County, Ohio, married Evelyn Apple of Elkton, Ohio. In the 1960s they lived at West Mayfield, Pennsylvania.

   (a) James Allen Dotson born 9 October 1938. Married a Pennsylvania girl and have two daughters.

   (b) Richard Wayne Dotson born 13 December 1939.

7. Dorothy Virginia Dotson born 7 March 1917, Ross County, Ohio, near Chillicothe, married 14 January 1933, to Ralph Bartholow. Children:

   (a) Donald Ray Bartholow born 19 January 1934 married 8 September 1952, to Joanne Marple. In the 1960s they lived at Stateline, Nebraska.

      (1) Coty Anne Bartholow born 27 February 1956.

      (2) Kelley Sue Batholow born October 1960.

      (3) Kit Carson Bartholow born 23 May 1958.

   (b) Twila Mae Bartholow born 26 July 1936 married Edwin Weisenberger. In the 1960s he was in service and lived in Alabama. Children:

      (1) Stanley Ray Weisenberger born 4 August 1954.

(2) Rella Sue Weisenberger born April 1960.

8. Ersa Evelyn Dotson born 11 May 1919, Ross County, Ohio, near Chillicothe, married (1) James Rouse who died 24 August 1953. They had five children. Marriage (2) Harry Grimes. In 1960s they lived at Salineville, Ohio. There were two boys by this marriage.

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C3-1-(b)-FLOYD JEFFERSON DOTSON-EMMA JANE SWIGER FAMILY

Floyd Jefferson Dotson born 25 September 1888, son of George Washington Dotson and Harriet Virginia (Oldaker) Dotson was married on 25 June 1913 to Emma Jane Swiger of Elk Lick, West Virginia. They at one time lived at Lisbon, Ohio. Children:

1. George Frederick Dotson born 28 March 1914 married Mary Baird of Franklin Square, Ohio. They had three children:

   (a) Doris May Dotson Married and at one time lived in New York.

   (b) John Frederick Dotson Was in U.S. Service.

   (c) Barbara Jean Dotson born 3 June 1944 died 2 June 1945. Buried at Franklin Square, Ohio.

2. Viola May Dotson born 5 February 1921, married Woodrow Wilson Dennis. Last known information lived near Lisbon, Ohio. Children:

   (1) Barbara Ann Dennis born November 1944.

C3-4-(a)-LORA ZETA OLDAKER-ALBERT RILEY KEMPTON FAMILY

Lora Zeta Oldaker born 27 September 1892, Chillicothe, Ohio, was the daughter of Henry Boffman Oldaker and Edith Ellen (Watson) Oldaker. She married Albert Riley Kempton on 30 October 1910. He was born 9 September 1889 and died 28 February 1962 and is buried at Chillicothe, Ohio. Last known address for Lora was R#6 Chillicothe, Ohio. They had 11 children:

1. Vera Edith Kempton born 12 September 1911, Glouster, Ohio, married 21 February 1931, in Chillicothe, Ohio, to Roy Sherman Seymour born 20 August 1908, Chillicothe, Ohio. Last known address R#6 Chillicothe, Ohio. Children:

   (a) Marilyn Louise Seymour born 9 February 1932, Chillicothe, Ohio, married Russell Loring Alexander born 19 January 1930, Chillicothe, Ohio. Last known address 186 South Mulberry Street, Chillicothe, Ohio. Children:

      (1) Sherry Lynn Alexander born 2 January 1958, Chillicothe, Ohio.

   (b) Lloyd Warren Seymour born 11 April 1935, Chillicothe, Ohio, married Yvonne Flannery born 29 November 1934, Chillicothe, Ohio. Last known address 31 South Mulberry Street, Chillicothe, Ohio. Children:

      (1) Rickey Roy Seymour born 1 April 1955, Chillicothe, Ohio.

      (2) Kelly Leigh Seymour born 29 October 1959 Chillicothe, Ohio.

2. Ernest Harold Kempton born 8 April 1913 married (1) Emma Price on 25 December 1937. She was born 16 January 1918. She died in 1954 buried in Chillicothe, Ohio. No children. Marriage (2) Frances Lloyd in July 1958. She died March 1962, buried near Chillicothe, Ohio, near Route 104. No children.

3. Curtis Willard Kempton born 26 April 1915, married Irene McGee on December 25, 1937. She was born 17 April 1917. She died in December 1953, buried near Chillicothe, Ohio. Children:

   (a) Curtis Ronald Kempton born 21 November 1940.

   (b) Gloria Dean Kempton born 8 May 1942, married Gary Vandermark on 8 May 1961. He was born 4 December 1939. Last known address R#6 Chillicothe, Ohio. Children:

(1) Gary Dean Vandermark born 6 November 1961.

4. Walter Wayne Kempton born 2 January 1917, Chillicothe, Ohio, married (1) 1 September 1943, to Virginia Burlile. She died 10 June 1945 at Chillicothe, Ohio. Last known address for Walter R#2 Circleville, Ohio. Children:

(a) Stephen Wayne Kempton born 10 June 1945. Last known address R#6 Chillicothe, Ohio.

Marriage (2) 1 January 1947 to Bernice Ferrell born 24 November 1922. Children:

(b) Rex Alan Kempton born 30 January 1952.

5. Ellsworth Everett Kempton born 27 September 1919, Chillicothe, Ohio. Married 6 December 1941, to Marion Garrison born 12 January 1925. Last known address Laurelville, Ohio. Children:

(a) Ted Kempton born 9 August 1942.

(b) Michael Kempton born 7 May 1944.

(c) Linda Kempton born 24 September 1946.

(d) Larry Kempton born 24 September 1946.

6. Kenneth Warren Kempton born 17 October 1921, died 25 January 1925.

7. Orville Earl Kempton born 13 June 1923 at Dayton, Ohio. Married 24 September 1949, to Gertrude Bigham born 21 August 1925. Last known address Laurelville, Ohio. Children:

(a) Mark Kempton born 2 June 1952.

8. Inez Marie Kempton born 6 May 1926 at Glouster, Ohio. Married 30 June 1946, to William Minshall born 27 September 1925. Last address Hillsboro, Ohio. Children:

(a) William Minshall born 18 December 1947.

(b) Dan Minshall born 19 February 1949.

(c) Terry Minshall born 21 September 1951.

9. Donald Richard Kempton born 27 May 1929, Chillicothe, Ohio. Married 14 June 1952 to Geneva Campbell born 28 March 1930. Last known address Laurelville, Ohio. Children:

(a) Donald Kempton born 24 February 1954.

(b) Pamela Kempton born 24 April 1955.

10. Albert Glenn Kempton born 8 June 1932, Chillicothe, Ohio. Married 1 March 1952, to Betty Rose born 20 April 1935. Last known address R#6 Chillicothe, Ohio. Children:

(a) Jeffrey Kempton born 5 February 1953.

(b) Randy Kempton born 21 August 1954.

(c) Kimberly Kempton born 31 May 1959.

11. Mary Lou Kempton born 14 April 1934 died 19 December 1960. Buried at Chillicothe, Ohio.

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C3-4-(b)-MAUDIE LAOMA OLDAKER-WILLIAM BERFORD HARDMAN FAMILY

Maudie Laoma Oldaker born 10 August 1894, daughter of Henry Boffman Oldaker and Edith Ellen (Watson) Oldaker married William Berford Hardman on 7 January 1912. He was born 4 May 1889. Maudie died 10 March 1948 and William died 17 January 1952. They had five children:

1. Vada Mildred Hardman born 16 November 1912, married 28 April 1934, to Robert Raymond Ray born 25 September 1911. Last known address R#5, Coshocton, Ohio. They had four children:

   (a) Meldryn Derryl Ray born 12 February 1936, married 2 November 1957 to Beverly Ann Moxley born 6 September 1939. Last known address Apartment 1, Golden Oakes Court, Sunnyvale, California. One child:

      (1) James Derryl Ray born 9 November 1959.

   (b) Richard Robert Ray born 19 April 1946.

   (c) Glenn Earl Ray born 2 November 1948.

   (d) Lynn Michael Ray born 7 February 1951.

2. Ethel Marie Hardman born 4 December 1914, married 13 September 1936 to Hudson Hall Craven born 24 January 1912. Last known address 2783 Azelda Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. One child:

   (a) Patricia Louise Craven born 21 February 1938, married 1 May 1954 to Louis William Seeger, Jr., born 6 December 1934. Last known address 2541 East Indianaola, Phoenix, Arizona. Children:

      (1) Toni Lee Seeger born 24 November 1954.

      (2) Michael Lynn Seeger born 8 July 1957.

      (3) Louis William Seeger II born 19 October 1961.

3. Freda Louise Hardman born 21 February 1917, married 26 August 1932 to Forrest Campbell born 17 September 1916. Two children:

   (a) Jean Darlene Campbell born 28 October 1933, married (1) 25 November 1949, to David Bennett born 26 June 1930. One child:

(1) Caroll Sue Bennett born 13 July 1951.

Jean Darlene Bennett divorced from David Bennett 7 January 1955, married (2) 8 August 1956 to Meyer Rose born 1 February 1922.

(b) Phyllis Ann Campbell born 17 November 1936, married 20 October 1953, to Bradley Rutan, born 8 August 1933. Last known address 184 East Morril Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. One child:

(1) Bradley Rutan Jr. born 26 August 1954.

Freda Louise Campbell divorced from Forrest Campbell 20 January 1953, married (2) 25 June 1953 to Laurence J. Kozicki born 18 June 1925. Last known address 4247 E Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

4. Robert William Hardman born 8 August 1925 married 17 August 1946 to Irene Lenora Harper born 7 August 1927. Last known address 276 Obetz Avenue, Obetz, Ohio. Four children:

(a) Stephen Robert Hardman born 24 May 1947.

(b) Fred Dean Hardman born 21 February 1949.

(c) Randy Edward Hardman born 28 August 1953.

(d) Matthew William Hardman born 10 April 1961.

5. Wilbur Glenn Hardman born 18 August 1927 married 29 October 1947 to Wilhamene Freeman born 5 September 1929. Last known address 5019 McAllister, Columbus, Ohio. Five children:

(a) Janice Jean Hardman born 6 November 1948.

(b) Bryan Kim Hardman born 3 June 1952.

(c) Zachary Dean Hardman born 22 December 1954.

(d) Jeffery Glenn Hardman born 25 December 1957.

(e) Mark William Hardman born 1 August 1959.

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C3-4-(c)-ADA ESTHER OLDAKER-RANDALL W. ALLEMANG FAMILY

Ada Esther Oldaker born 21 April 1897, Ross County, Ohio, daughter of Henry Boffman Oldaker and Edith Ellen (Watson) Oldaker married Randall W. Allemang on 23 December 1914. Last known address 112 Grove Courts, Marysville, Ohio. They had six children:

1. George H. Allemang born 28 March 1917, married Alma L. Littler on 26 July 1940. Children:

   (a) George H. Allemang Jr. born 7 July 1943.

2. Randall J. Allemang born 26 July 1919 married Margaret Ann George in June 1948. Children:

   (a) Randall J. Allemang born 26 October 1949.

   (b) Michael G. Allemang born 15 April 1952.

   (c) Kathie Joe Allemang born 23 October 1954.

3. Richard C. Allemang born 26 July 1922 married Thelma Byers in August 1954. Children:

   (a) Shelly Ann Allemang born 30 July 1956.

   (b) Ronald (Byers) Allemang born 22 September 1946 (Adopted).

   (c) Terri Lynn (Byers) Allemang born 11 March 1948 (Adopted).

4. Kathryn J. Allemang born 13 June 1924 married Gerhart P. Beister on 30 December 1947.

5. John D. Allemang born 16 February 1927, married Vivian Passerin in March 1951. Two children:

   (a) John D. Allemang born 13 March 1952.

   (b) Sherri Lynn Allemang born 24 July 1954.

6. Joan J. Allemang born 28 November 1928 married Paul R. Jewell in June 1951. Children:

   (a) Pamela K. Jewell born 5 January 1959.

C3-4-(d)-EVA GAY OLDAKER-HERBERT LEROY CUTRIGHT FAMILY

Eva Gay Oldaker born 2 November 1899 in Ross County, Ohio, daughter of Henry Boffman Oldaker and Edith Ellen (Watson) Oldaker, married Herbert Leroy Cutright on 22 December 1921. Herbert was born 15 July 1890 in Ross County, Ohio. Last known address Route 2 Chillicothe, Ohio. Five children this union, two of whom died in infancy:

1. Mary Rosalee Cutright born 11 February 1923 Ross County, Ohio, married Clarence Marvin Miller on 19 October 1941. Clarence was born 20 July 1922. Last known address Route 2 Chillicothe, Ohio. Three children:

   (a) Marsha Lee Miller born 15 September 1943, in Dyersburg, Tennessee.

   (b) Myra Kay Miller born 11 October 1946, Ross County, Ohio.

   (c) Malinda Sue Miller born 12 June 1956, Ross County, Ohio.

2. Ruth Maxine Cutright born 1 February 1930 in Ross County, Ohio, married 19 November 1949, to Robert Dale Stultz born 5 November 1929. Last known address Route 2 Chillicothe, Ohio. Two children:

   (a) Dale Allen Stultz born 17 August 1950.

   (b) Janet Lynn Stultz born 1 April 1952.

3. Kathleen Ann Cutright born 14 November 1931, Ross County, Ohio, married 5 January 1952 to Hobart Dorsey Muntz born 30 December 1931. Last known address Route 6, Chillicothe, Ohio. Children:

   (a) Brenda Kay Muntz born 30 July 1954, Ross County, Ohio.

   (b) Bradley Dorsey Muntz born 22 December 1955, Ross County, Ohio.

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C3-4-(e)-ERNEST HOWARD OLDAKER-HAZEL DAVIS FAMILY

Ernest Howard Oldaker born 17 April 1903, Ross County, Ohio, son of Henry Boffman Oldaker and Edith Ellen (Watson) Oldaker married (1) 12 November 1924, Columbus, Ohio, to Hazel Davis. She died 25 January 1928. Ernest Howard Oldaker died 20 December 1959, near Circleville, Ohio. Children:

1. Ernest Ross Oldaker born 3 December 1925, in Columbus, Ohio, married 14 June 1946, to Gertrude Sarah Baker born 7 August 1929. Last known address 1138 Hickock Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Children:

   (a) Terry Lee Oldaker born 16 March 1947.

   (b) Ernest Ross Oldaker born 14 June 1949.

   (c) Cathy Irene Oldaker born 7 August 1950.

   (d) Judy Sue Oldaker born 7 November 1952.

   (e) Rex Howard Oldaker born 15 November 1954.

   Ernest Howard Oldaker was married a second time on 30 September 1931, Chillicothe, Ohio, to Nellie Marie Hagley born 11 November 1901. They had two children:

   (f) Ralph Edwin Oldaker born 21 February 1933, married 30 November 1955 to Patsy Ann Bair, born 13 October 1935. Last known address R#3 Circleville, Ohio. Children:

      (1) Penny Jo Oldaker born 8 March 1958, Circleville, Ohio.

      (2) Thelma Louise Oldaker born 3 June 1941, Circleville, Ohio, married 28 February 1960, Circleville, Ohio, to John William Boesiger born 5 December 1932, Ashville, Ohio. Last known address Route #1, Amanda, Ohio.

C3-5 ALVA VINCENT OLDAKER-MARTHA ORGA LUZADER FAMILY

Alva Vincent Oldaker born 27 January 1870 on Herring's Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, son of Issac and Minerva (Betts) Oldaker, married 25 September 1892, to Martha Orga Luzader born 28 February 1870. The dates of their decease are 1 September 1935 and 25 July 1954, respectively. They had five children:

1. Hazel Leota Oldaker born 9 April 1893, near Alamo, Montgomery County, Indiana. She is deceased but unable to find date of death. She never married. Glenn Oldaker wrote the following about his sister. "She preferred to be called Lee (for Leota). She was a great admirer of General Robert E. Lee. She was born near Alamo, Indiana, on the McClure Farm where Leo Thompson now lives (1961). She once owned Western View Farm, the home place of the Oldakers near Culpeper, Virginia. She was a teacher at Gordon Junior High School in Washington, D.C." Until her death, she was the legal parent of Guy B. Oldaker's children.

2. Guy Brooklyn Oldaker born 30 December 1894, near Alamo, Indiana in Montgomery County, married Ada Burke. Guy died 24 December 1931 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. Glenn's comments on his brother follow, "Guy was born on the McCormack farm near Alamo and Younts-ville, Indiana. He married Ada Burke who deserted the family after the second child was born. The children were cared for by their grandparents until they were of school age, at which time they were legally adopted by their aunt, Hazel Leota Oldaker, their father being deceased in 1931. Guy B. was a World War I veteran; served in the Signal Corps, 80th Division, under General Kronkite at Chateau Thierry and Belleau Woods. He later was mail clerk. His health was impaired by his military service and he died at Walter Reed Hospital on Christmas Eve 1931, after he had bought and laid away gifts for his children. Children:

   (a) Guy Brooklyn Oldaker II born 9 November 1927, married Elizabeth Hendricks born 1930. Children:

      (1) Guy Brooklyn Oldaker III born 15 June 1950.

      (2) Robin Oldaker born 17 January 1952.

      (3) Leslie Oldaker born 9 October 1954.

(4) John Oldaker born 19 July 1957.

(b) Kathleen Oldaker born 23 October 1926, married Ralph Pezold. Kathleen's nickname was "Polly." Children:

(1) John Pezold born 19 August 1956.

(2) Kathy Pezold born 21 October 1957.

Guy B. II served a term in the Merchant Marine and is now employed at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. He and his wife are artists of considerable ability. The 18th Century name of a great, great, great, great, great uncle is preserved in the name of his youngest child, John.

3. Glenn Cline Oldaker born 12 November 1896, near Alamo, Montgomery County, Indiana, married Ruth B. Forbes 3 September 1924. Glenn was born on the McCormack Farm near Alamo, Indiana. When he was three years old the family moved to the McClamrock farm north of Crawfordsville, Indiana. In 1909 the family moved to Culpeper, Virginia where he lived until he died in 1982. He attended Randolph-Macon College for one year and then to Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois graduating from there in 1924. He and his wife spent 40 years as a Gospel Team, preaching and singing in various churches throughout the land. He is the author of a book, "Centennial Tales" and his wife Ruth wrote a book of poems called "Things to Remember". He and his wife and sister Hazel spent many hours, dollars and time during research for much of this book. (See newspaper article for a more detailed description of Glenn's life.)

I first met Glenn Oldaker and his wife Ruth when they came to help my father, Rev. Lowery E. Oldaker, with "revival" meetings. My father was then pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church in Buckhannon, West Virginia. I was a boy of about eight or nine and Glenn and his wife were also pretty young then. They were great singers and musicians and they both had that southern accent and such wit and charm. They stayed at the parsonage with us and we always enjoyed having them.

The next time I saw Glenn--his wife was dead then--was in April of 1981. My wife Marie and I had become interested in genealogy in 1980 and I had been in contact with Glenn by phone and letter. We had planned to go in May but he, I am sure knew that he did not have long to live.

asked that we come in April. He said he would "rise to the occasion" which he did showing us the Oldaker homes in Loudoun and Fauquier Counties. I surely miss talking to Glenn on the phone and hearing him laugh which was a real treat. Ruth (Forbes) Oldaker died on the 26th of April 1966. Glenn died at the Meadowbrook Nursing Home, Reva, Virginia. They are buried in the Fairview Cemetery, Culpeper, Virginia.

Glenn was truly a great man. True to his religion and his beliefs. Everyone who knew him liked him and during his lifetime spread much joy and happiness throughout the world, by his preaching, singing and day-to-day contact with people.

4. Lawrence Earl Oldaker born 6 May 1902, Young's Chapel, Montgomery County, Indiana. His first marriage was to Hazel Parker. They had one daughter:

(a) Joyce Oldaker birthdate unknown. She lived only 1 1/2 years before passing away.

Lawrence was born on the McClamrock Farm near Young's Chapel, Indiana. His first wife was Hazel Parker of Norfolk, Virginia. He was for some years a buyer for Atlantic Commission Company with office in Donna, Texas. He was later a hotel manager at Rawlins, Wyoming. His second marriage was to Mrs. Viola Hike Webb and they lived in Apple Valley, California. Lawrence died 10 September 1966.

5. Herbert Gordon Oldaker born 15 May 1908 Young's Chapel, Montgomery County, Indiana. First marriage to Louise McFarland of Culpeper, Virginia. His second marriage was to Yvette Fabray. No children by either marriage.

Herbert Gordon Oldaker was born on the McClamrock farm, then owned by Emmitt Sutton. He was a baby when the family moved to Culpeper, Virginia in 1909. He was a mechanic by trade and lost his eyesight as a result of high blood pressure. He last lived in Sanford, Florida and he died 17 July 1948. He is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Culpeper, Virginia.

The following information written by Glenn Oldaker about his father and mother.

My mother's brother, Malcolm M. Luzader was a teacher of music in the old-fashioned singing schools, associated with G.E. Leslie in his hey-day; and conducted music schools all over West Virginia and the middle west. He had a class in Montgomery County, Indiana; found a fine fair lady in the village of Alamo and wrote back to the folks in West Virginia that he had fallen in love with the country out there (but he married the lady, Sally Truax). My father went out to view the landscape over and decided the West Virginia hills were losing their attraction for him. Anyhow, after a few months he went back and took the main attraction, my mother, with him to Indiana. Thus it came about that I am a Hoosier by birth; but when the family went back to the land from whence all Oldakers have sprung--Old Virginny--he became a Virginian by "captivity"--know what I mean.

I will not take the time and space to describe my mother. The following poem, found in my mother's bible after her passing, speaks for her and it speaks to us as her last will and testament. It is modestly signed "unknown" is foot-noted thus: "A lonely Sunday eve, May 3rd, 1942. It was seven years after my father's passing.

Years have come and passed away, Silver looks have
turned to grey,
Golden ringlets once so fair, Have now turned to
silver hair.

Now I'm near the river side,--Soon be drifting
with the tide,
Stealing on with noiseless oar, Soon to be on the
other shore,

God keep all I've left behind, Comfort them in
heart and mind,
Safely bring them home to me, Where we'll ever dwell
with thee.

I defy anyone else in the whole world to claim its ownership.

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C3-11-LONA OLDAKER-WILLIAM ARTHUR McGILL FAMILY

Lona Oldaker born 18 April 1884, Ritchie County, West Virginia, daughter of Issac Oldaker and Minerva (Betts) Oldaker married William Arthur McGill born 25 December 1871. Lona died 21 August 1910, buried at Andersonville, Ohio. William died in December 1950 and is buried at Washington Court House, Ohio. Children:

1. Edgar Kenneth Oldaker born 11 January 1901, at Andersonville, Ohio, married Roxie Pennell born 28 June 1906, Nelsonville, Ohio, daughter of Harvey and Louisa Pennell. Last known address 21 West Kossuth Street, Columbus, Ohio. Children:

   (a) Mary Lou Oldaker born 8 June 1928, at Columbus, Ohio.

   (b) Kenneth Donald Oldaker born 21 March 1931, Columbus, Ohio, married 27 June 1956 to Patricia Irene Irwin born 29 January 1935. Last known address 3177 East 12th Street, Columbus, Ohio. Children:

      (1) Kenneth Oldaker born 5 May 1960, in Columbus, Ohio.

   (c) Linda Lee Oldaker born 22 May 1939, Columbus, Ohio, married William Bertsch. Last known address 4111 Dixie Columbus, Ohio. Children:

      (1) Jeffry Allen Bertsch born 23 February 1959 in Columbus, Ohio.

      (2) Cynthia Lynn Bertsch born 25 June 1960, in Columbus, Ohio.

2. James Virgil Murray born 7 March 1904, in Andersonville, Ohio, married 4 May 1935, to Catherine Riley born 8 February 1904, in Columbus, Ohio. No children. James was a foster child of Frank and Ella Murray of Columbus, Ohio, since the death of his mother, Lona Oldaker McGill in 1910.

3. Bessie May McGill born 16 October 1907, Andersonville, Ohio married 22 June 1927, Chillicothe, Ohio, to Howard Taylor Gilsdorf born 29 March 1906, in Dayton, Ohio, son of Daniel and Nellie (White) Gilsdorf. Bessie died 14 December 1982 at Lynchburg, Virginia. Howard is still living at 181 South Mulberry Street, Chillicothe, Ohio. They had one daughter:

(a) Catherine May Gilsdorf born 2 June 1928, Chillicothe, Ohio, married 11 March 1951, Chillicothe, Ohio, to Henry Warren Middleton, born 27 February 1928, at Paducah, Kentucky, son of H. Warren Sr. and Clover (Coleman) Middleton. They live at 1223 Fenwick Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia. Two children:

(1) Cynthia Ann Middleton born 8 February 1953, Chillicothe, Ohio.

(2) Laura Jane Middleton born 1 October 1955, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Note: H. Warren Middleton, Jr. is a descendant of Arthur Middleton who signed the Declaration of Independence.

4. Leroy McGill died in infancy in 1910 and is buried at Andersonville, Ohio.

Note: We are much indebted to Bessie (McGill) Gilsdorf (now deceased) for the many hours of work she spent in collecting the information about Issac Oldaker and Minerva (Betts) Oldaker descendants. Many thanks in her memory from all the Oldakers everywhere.

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C3-12-MARY ETTA OLDAKER-ISAIAH CLINTON SWACKHAMMER FAMILY

Mary Etta Oldaker born 26 July 1886, Ritchie County, West Virginia, daughter of Issac Oldaker and Minerva (Betts) Oldaker married 6 September 1906, Jimtown, Ohio, to Isaiah Clinton Swackhammer born 1878. Mary Etta died 23 December 1946 and Isaiah died 4 June 1928 and both are buried near Laurelville, Ohio. They had ten children:

1. Charles Earl Swackhammer born 1907. Died in infancy.

2. Wanna Violet Swackhammer born 21 May 1908, Laurelville, Ohio, married 24 March 1924, to John McNichols. Last known address Route #1, Laurelville, Ohio. They had eleven children:

   (a) Bertha Leota McNichols born September 1924, married Alvin D. Glenn. Last known address Route #4, Circleville, Ohio.

   (b) Marvin Floyd McNichols Died as infant.

   (c) Robert Leroy McNichols born 1932 married Jo Ann Downs. Last known address Route #1, Laurelville, Ohio.

   (d) Bernard McNichols born 1940.

   (e) Burel McNichols. Twin deceased.

   (f) Merl McNichols Twin. born 1943.

   (g) Ronald McNichols born 1946.

   (h) Herman McNichols born 1949. Triplet--the next two follow.

   (i) Howard McNichols born 1949. Triplet.

   (j) Herald McNichols born 1949. Triplet.

   (k) Viola McNichols born 1938 married Clarence Dillie.

3. Alfred Ray Swackhammer born 9 September 1909, died February 1961.

4. Harvey Lloyd Swackhammer Infant deceased 1911.

5. Merl Grant Swackhammer born 9 July 1913 married 18 April 1938, Logan, Ohio, to Eunice Monroe.

Last known address Londonderry, Ohio. They had nine children:

(a) Ruth Swackhammer born 1938, married Larry James. Last known address Newark, Ohio.

(b) Eva May Swackhammer born 1940, married Forest Ousley. Last known address Massilon, Ohio.

(c) Ralph Swackhammer born 1942. Last known address Marine Corps, San Diego, California.

(d) Barbara Swackhammer born 1944. Last known address Londonderry, Ohio.

(e) Thomas Swackhammer born 1946. Last known address Londonderry, Ohio.

(f) Betty Swackhammer born 1947. Last known address Baltimore, Maryland.

(g) Harry Swackhammer born 1948. Twin to Larry. Last known address Londonderry, Ohio.

(h) Larry Swackhammer born 1948. Twin to Harry. Last known address Londonderry, Ohio.

(i) Sharon Kay Swackhammer born 1951. Last known address Londonderry, Ohio.

6. Gordon E. Swackhammer born 19 December 1915, married Donna Poling in 1951. Last known address 136 Rosewood Avenue, Circleville, Ohio. They have three children:

(a) Connie Jean Swackhammer born 24 October 1950 (Adopted).

(b) Susan Jane Swackhammer born July 1952.

(c) Jay Gordon Swackhammer born 9 November 1956.

7. Glenn Floyd Swackhammer born 16 November 1916. Laurelville, Ohio, married 28 June 1938, to Alice Henson. Last known address St. Louis, Missouri. Children:

(a) Glenn Floyd Swackhammer Jr.

(b) Rita Swackhammer

8. Alsie Marie Swackhammer born 22 September 1918, Laurelville, Ohio. Married twice. Only have name of second. Marriage (2) Blaine B. Rush

20 May 1966. Last known address 3137 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio.

9. Martha Frances Swackhammer born 19 June 1921, Laurelville, Ohio. Husband's name unknown. Children:

   (a) Ruth Ann Swackhammer born 1943.

10. Manuel Leland Swackhammer born 1923, Laurelville, Ohio, married 19 December 1958, to Peggy Downs. Last known address 121 1/2 Scioto Street, Circleville, Ohio.

C4-MARTIN VAN BUREN OLDAKER-ESTHER VICTORIA SUDER

Martin Van Buren Oldaker born 30 November 1842 in Lewis County, West Virginia, married 21 June 1876, to Esther Victoria Suder. She was sister to Mary Suder who married Peter Johnson Oldaker, son of Jacob, who lived at Swamp Run, West Virginia. They had eight children:

1. Wooster Solomon Oldaker born 15 August 1877, married Sarah Adeline Murphy of Parsons, West Virginia. They lived near Porterwood, West Virginia. The data is pretty sketche on this family, but we will provide what we have. They had ten children:

   (a) Okey Orden Oldaker born 10 July 1909, married Hazel Lykins of Kentucky. Has lived at Edmund, West Virginia and in Florida. Children:

      (1) Phyllis Oldaker

      (2) Janet Oldaker

   (b) Ohley O. Oldaker married Nellie Taylor. Children:

      (1) Roy Earl Oldaker. Last known address Gypsy, West Virginia.

      (2) Ohley O. Oldaker Jr. married Betty Lee Carr. Children:

         (a) David James Oldaker married Regina Lotus

   (c) Orville Oldaker died in infancy.

   (d) Orlen Oldaker

   (e) Keith Wooster Oldaker born 14 February 1911, was killed in Chatanooga, Tennessee.

   (f) William Oldaker born 30 May 1930. Last known address 399 Daisy-Dallis Road, Hixson, Tennessee, R#1. Married Mazie _____. Children:

      (1) Phyllis Ann Oldaker

      (2) Harold Oldaker

   (g) Lester R. Oldaker married June Williams. Last known address 626 Riverside, Ormond Beach, Florida. Children:

(l) Larry Dale Oldaker

(h) Ruby Oldaker married William Flanagan. Last known address Parsons, West Virginia.

(i) Margaret Oldaker married Stanley Sellen in Ohio.

(j) Ruth Oldaker married Sam Harbert, Ida May, West Virginia.

2. Abraham L. Oldaker born 15 April 1877, married Lillie Thornhill. Had asthma. Lived in Porterwood near Parsons and later lived in Oregon where he died. He was a lumberman. He had two sons. We do not know their names.

3. John Lankford Oldaker born 24 April 1881. Married brother Abe's widow, Lucille Thornhill. Children:

(a) Eugene Oldaker

4. Sylvester Josephus Oldaker born 10 May 1883, son of Rev. Martin Van Buren Oldaker and Esther Victoria (Suder) Oldaker. Known as "Seph," married Doris May LeClair, Unity, New Hampshire. He was a minister. He served in the Army as a Chaplain and a Bugler. He died September 1947 and Doris died 1958. Both are buried in Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody, Massachusetts. Children:

(a) Kenneth J. Oldaker born in Massachusetts, married Marion Shabart. Children:

(l) Kenneth Warren Oldaker born 1943.

Last known address of Kenneth J. Oldaker was 1311 Roosevelt Avenue, National City, California.

(b) Dorothy Marion Oldaker married _____ Sikora. Last known address 13724 Community Street, Van Nuys, California.

(c) Lillian Ruth Oldaker married _____ Campbell. Last known address 1485 Prescot Road, Memphis, Tennessee. Moved to California in 1962.

(d) Bessie Louise Oldaker married _____ Bullard. Last known address 224 West Jackson Street, Pasadena, Texas.

(e) Warren H. Oldaker Last known address 112 Wildrose Drive, Van Nuys, California.

5. William Oldaker Last known address Parsons, West Virginia.

6. Maggie E. Oldaker born 28 August 1885, married Walker Wood. Last known address Frametown, Braxton County, West Virginia. Walker was a carpenter and foreman for B & O Railroad. Children:

(1) Samuel William Wood

(2) Lulu May Wood

(3) Lucille Elizabeth Wood

(4) Mary Louise Wood

7. Samuel Clausen Oldaker born 1 January 1888, married Mary Wagner in Parsons, West Virginia. She was from Pennsylvania. He was a logger. Last known address was Bend, Oregon. Children:

(1) Samuel Clausen Oldaker Jr. Last known address 305 Florida Street, Bend, Oregon. His mother lived with him after his father died. He is a logger by trade.

(2) Emory Oldaker No data.

8. Harrison Oldaker born 16 April 1890, married Cressie Shaver (?). Had 12 children.

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Martin Van Buren Oldaker was a minister of the M.P. Church. He died 28 May 1928 and his wife Esther died 15 October 1911. They are buried in Middle Run Cemetery, Braxton County, West Virginia. They lived in Porterwood and Richwood, West Virginia.

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C7-JOSEPHUS OLDAKER-LOUISA RINEHART FAMILY

Josephus Oldaker born 11 March 1851, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 24 December 1877 to Louisa Rinehart (Rhinehart) daughter of Elizabeth and Abraham Rinehart. Louisa Rinehart was a sister to Anna Rinehart who married William Harrison Oldaker, son of Anthony Oldaker. She was born 12 June 1855 in Lewis County, West Virginia. Josephus died 18 September 1925. He is buried near Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Louisa died 20 January 1935 and is also buried near Mt. Vernon, Ohio. They lived at Big Issac, West Virginia, where children were born. They moved to Waterford, Ohio in 1907 and later lived at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Children:

1. Daisy Oldaker born 28 March 1880, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 2 June 1909 to Lucius Paxton. Daisy died 13 October 1956 and Lucius died 28 August 1924. They are buried in Waterford Cemetery, Waterford, OH. They spent most of their lives in Waterford Community. Children:

   (a) Joy Pearl Paxton born 14 August 1910, married 17 May 1941, to Douglas A. Rogers. They had no children. Last known address 169 North Arlington Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey.

   (b) Madge Bell Paxton born 3 September 1913, married 31 August 1934, to Lavierre L. Lovett. Last known address 51 South May Avenue, Athens, Ohio. Children:

      (1) Laile Yvonne Lovett born 1 December 1935, married 7 April 1955, to Joseph L. McBride. Last known address 6 Wallace Drive, Athens, Ohio. Children:

         (a) Traci Ann McBride born 4 May 1960.

      (2) David Lucius Lovett born 14 September 1938.

      (3) Lavierre L. Lovett Jr. 29 September 1953.

2. Cyrus R. Oldaker born October 1887, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Velma Phillips. Last known address Bellville, Ohio. Children:

   (a) Wanda Oldaker married Carl L. Wirick. No children. Last known address Bellville, Ohio.

   (b) Orna Oldaker married Grayden E. Benjamin. Children:

(1) Gerald Everett Benjamin

(2) Richard Lee Benjamin

(3) David Earl Benjamin

(4) William Mark Benjamin

3. Stata Oldaker born March 1891, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Alva Blind. Last known address 621 Pomegranite Street, Sebring, Florida. Children:

(a) Edith Elinor Blind married Paul Moore. Last known address McConnellsville, Ohio. Children:

(1) Dorothy Ann Moore born 7 September 1934, married _____ Shiflett. Last known address McConnellsvile, Ohio. Children:

(a) Philip Benjamin Shiflett born 14 November 1953.

(b) Elizabeth Ann Shiflett born 17 May 1956.

(c) Carl David Shiflett born 29 September 1958.

(2) David Allen Moore born 11 March 1937, Married _____. Children:

(a) Tamara Moore born 2 August 1959.

(b) Stephanie Moore born 4 June 1961.

(b) Ruth Lenore Blind married Ray Patterson. Last known address Route #3, McConnellsville, Ohio. Children:

(1) Lanny Ray Patterson born 31 May 1940.

(2) Richard Gary Patterson born 22 May 1947.

(c) Judith Blind married Arthur Allen. Last known address 8772 Woodside Drive, Grosse Isle, Michigan. Children:

(1) Jan Ellen Allen born 2 February 1939, married _____ Conklin. Last known address 3200 Joselyn Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Children:

(a) Andrew Conklin born 9 June 1959.

(b) Shelly Elizabeth Conklin born 9 February 1961.

(d) Dorothy F. Blind born 10 December 1921, married _____ Reynolds. Last known address 786 Creek Road, West Palm Beach, Florida. Children:

(1) Eloise Reynolds born 30 June 1945.

4. Joy Oldaker born 4 June 1894, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Roy Shira. Last known address West Palm Beach, Florida. Joy is deceased and is buried at Lake Placid, Florida. Children:

(a) Jean Shira married Walter Pickett. Last known address Alabama. Children:

(1) Roger Pickett

(2) Roy Pickett

(3) Rosemary Pickett

(b) Roberta Shira married _____ Kramer. Last known address West Palm Beach, Florida. Twin to Robert.

(c) Robert Shira. Twin to Roberta.

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C9-FRANCIS MARION OLDAKER-ANNIE McDERMOTT FAMILY

Francis Marion Oldaker born 5 April 1853, Upshur County, West Virginia. Twin brother to George Washington Oldaker. He was the son of Abraham Oldaker (3) and Elizabeth (Beasley) Oldaker. He married Annie McDermott 8 April 1880 in Upshur County, West Virginia. She was born 22 February 1860, daughter of Thomas McDermott and Mary Jane (Sudreth) McDermott. They lived at Johnstown, West Virginia and later had a farm near Buckhannon, West Virginia. Frances died 7 September 1934 and Annie died 17 June 1940. They are buried in Lorentz Cemetery, Lorentz, West Virginia. Much of the information about this family was prepared by Mrs. Bertha Rhodes and her daughter Mrs. Arta Rhodes Loudin. They had five children:

1. Bertha Oldaker born 22 February 1881, married 8 September 1898 to James Reuben Rhodes born 11 December 1875. He died 10 September 1955. Bertha died in Nutter Fort, West Virginia, 17 December 1969. She is buried in the Lorentz Cemetery, Lorentz, Upshur County, West Virginia. They had six children:

   (a) Xena Rhodes born 28 January 1900. Died in infancy.

   (b) Arta Grace Rhodes born 10 July 1901, married to Thomas P. Loudin born 21 January 1897. Arta lives at 608 Illinois Avenue, Nutter Fort, West Virginia. Children:

      (1) Thomas H. Loudin born 15 January 1923, never married. Had been in ill health most of his life. Died 1972.

      (2) Lawrence Dale Loudin born 20 July 1925, married Irene Metzgar. They are separated or divorced. Children:

         (a) Teresa Lynn Loudin. Adopted child.

   (c) Ruby Pauline Rhodes 3 October 1911, married Edward Bond Taylor. They have five children:

      (1) Marvin Taylor.

      (2) Edward Hugh Taylor.

      (3) Alma Gay Taylor born 10 September 1938, married Dennis Vance born 1937. Children:

(a) Diana Lynn Vance born 2 November 1959.

(4) Naomi Ruth Taylor born 25 October 1943.

(5) Marion Fern Taylor born 8 December 1945.

(d) Eva Christian Rhodes born 27 October 1915, married John E. Beall. Divorced. No children.

(e) Velma Juanita Rhodes born 20 July 1917, married Rev. Kemper D. Hyre born February 1915. Last known address Lost Creek, West Virginia. Children:

(1) Vivian Elaine Hyre born 14 October 1950.

2. Thomas Ray Oldaker born 30 July 1883, Upshur County, West Virginia, married (1) Myrtle Hinzman, who died at the birth of their son in 1910. Children:

(a) Thomas Hinzman Oldaker born 1910, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, married Goldie Edith Hornbeck, 1 July 1934. Goldie born 1912, Randolph County, West Virginia. They had four children:

(1) LaVonne Oldaker married Robert Bondurant

(2) Louise Oldaker born 15 October 1938, married Robert Oiler. Children:

(a) Dianna Oiler

(b) Robert Ezra Oiler

(3) Donald Ray Oldaker

(4) Linda Oldaker

Thomas Ray Oldaker married (2) Laomi Bell Brake on 2 Oct. 1911. Laomi was born 3 July 1893, in Upshur County, West Virginia. Laomi died 15 February 1934, Upshur County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Warren Brake and Mary E. Hartman.

(b) Doris Evelyn Oldaker born 1913, Akron, Ohio, married Elam Junior Baxa on 6 February 1946. They had two children:

(1) Elaine Baxa

(2) Joanne Baxa

(c) Mildred Oldaker married Phillip Calafatis. They had six children.

(1) Mary Calafatis

(2) Margaret Calafatis

(3) Stacea Calafatis

(4) Juanita Calafatis

(5) John Calafatis

(6) Constantine Calafatis

(d) William Otto Oldaker married Evelyn Yates. They had two children.

(1) Carol Oldaker

(2) William Oldaker

(e) Aaron C. Oldaker born 1924, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Marjorie Lee Shipman, on 11 August 1947. Children:

(1) Aaron Oldaker Jr.

(f) Charles Edwin Oldaker married Mary Baker. They had three children:

(1) Dianna Oldaker

(2) Charles Edwin Oldaker

(3) Sherri Lynn Oldaker

(g) Duetta Augustine Oldaker born 5 March 1930, Hodgesville, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Kelcel Myron Oldaker, son of Monzell Oldaker and Anne (Sine) Oldaker, born 1928, Allegheny, Maryland. Monzell was a descendant of Jacob Oldaker. They had four children:

(1) James Eugene Oldaker born 12 August 1948, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 28 April 1969 to Nancy Lou Newsome.

(2) Barbara Sue Oldaker born 11 February 1950, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married Larry Roger Bosley.

(3) Dianna Oldaker No data.

(4) Cathy Jo Oldaker born 10 October 1959, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 18 March 1976, to Randy Lynn Hardman.

3. Odbert B. Oldaker married Olive Gawthrop (separated). World War I veteran. No children.

4. Arthur Oldaker died in infancy.

5. Elsie May Oldaker married Grant Strader in 1915. Elsie died in 1948. Two children:

(a) Oleta Irene Strader born 1916, married Francis Leonard

(b) Francis Keith Strader

Thomas Ray married (3) Clara Eroda Roth. No children.

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SECTION D-JACOB DEE OLDAKER-RACHEL CASTO FAMILY

Jacob Dee Oldaker was born 1816 Upshur County, West Virginia. At that time it was a part of Harrison County, Virginia. He was the son of Abraham Oldaker (2) and Elizabeth "Betsy" (Garrett) Oldaker. He married Rachel Casto on 22 February 1838, Lewis County, West Virginia. Jacob was a farmer as were his brothers. Jacob and Rachel lived on Sand Run of Middle Fork, Upshur County, West Virginia. The History of The Methodist Protestant Church gives the names of Jacob Oldaker and family as early members of the Rock Spring Methodist Protestant Church of Upshur County. Jacob died the 24th of October 1897, and Rachel died the 6th of November 1892, both in Upshur County, West Virginia. They are buried at the Rock Springs Cemetery, Upshur County, West Virginia. Glenn Oldaker writes this in appreciation of Jacob Oldaker: "It has been my privilege to know and enjoy the friendship of some of the descendants of Jacob Oldaker without knowing about Jacob himself or knowing that they were his descendants. His was a large family and the Jacobites of today are legion in West Virginia and elsewhere, but particularly their habitat was the County of Upshur and the town of Buckhannon, West Virginia."

Jacob and Rachel had eleven children:

1. Elizabeth Oldaker born ca. 1840, married 14 October 1865, to Mifflin Gregory. Elizabeth died 1905. They had seven children:

   (a) Zelda J. Gregory born ca. 1867, Upshur County, West Virginia.

   (b) Rachel L. Gregory born ca. 1869, Upshur County, West Virginia.

   (c) Jasper W. Gregory born ca. 1872, Upshur County, West Virginia.

   (d) Martha C. Gregory born ca. 1878, Upshur County, West Virginia.

   (e) Floretta M. Gregory born May 1880, Upshur County, West Virginia.

   (f)

   (g)

2. David Oldaker born 1842 (See separate family chart in this section).

3. Peter Johnson Oldaker born May 1844 married Mary E. Suder born December 1850. Lived at Swamp Upshur County, West Virginia. They had no children. Peter died in 1927.

4. William Jonace Oldaker born September 1846, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Martha Stevens. They had two daughters:

   (a) Celeste Oldaker born December 1879.

   (b) Icy E. Oldaker born July 1882.

   The 1900 Census shows them living in Running Creek District, Randolph County, West Virginia.

5. Susan Oldaker born ca. 1848, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 24 May 1867, to James Register. Susan died in July 1924. They had eleven children. In 1880 they were living in Harrison County, West Virginia.

   (a) Virginia E. Regester born ca. 1868.

   (b) David T. Regester born ca. 1870.

   (c) Jacob W. Regester born ca. 1872. Twin.

   (d) Mary A. Regester born ca. 1872. Twin.

   (e) George W. Regester born ca. 1875.

   (f) Martha M. Regester born ca. 1878.

   (g) Johnson Regester born ca. 1880.

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6. Simon L. Oldaker born March 1850, Upshur County, West Virginia (See separate family chart in this section).

7. Mary V. Oldaker born 1852, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 10 October 1878, to Benjamin Franklin Wiseman born ca. 1854. Children:

(a) Garrett V. Wiseman born April 1880.

This family was listed in the Barbour County, West Virginia Census in 1880.

8. Jacob Dee Oldaker Jr. born 7 April 1856, Upshur County, West Virginia (See separate family chart in this section).

9. Carrie Etta Oldaker "Kern" born March 1858, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 2 January 1876, to James L. Lanham born May 1850. Carrie died in 1932, James Lanham was the son of George B. and Mary Lanham. They had six children:

(a) Mary Virginia Lanham born ca. 1877, Upshur County, West Virginia.

(b) Denis Lanham born ca. June 1884, Upshur County, West Virginia.

(c) Manda Lanham born ca. July 1889, Upshur County, West Virginia.

(d) Joseph Lanham born ca. March 1894, Upshur County, West Virginia.

(e) French Lanham born ca. June 1889, Upshur County, West Virginia.

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10. Floretta M. Oldaker born 5 April 1860, married (1) 28 October 1880 to Abraham Byrdell Sandridge, born ca. 1861, son of Luther and Catherine Sandridge. Children:

(a)

(b)

married (2) James Albert Kesling. No data.
married (3) Levi Campbell. No data.

11. Joseph McClellan Oldaker born 7 April 1863, Upshur County, (See separate family chart in this section).

The following are land transactions for Jacob and Rachel Oldaker in Lewis County, West Virginia. (This would now be Upshur County, West Virginia.

	Grantee	Grantor
Book G2 Pg. 668 (1839)	Jacob Oldacre	D.D. Camden, Admr.
	Description:	Deed 203 acres Turkey Run

The following land transactions are recorded in Upshur County, West Virginia, for Jacob and Rachel Oldaker:

	Grantee	Grantor
Book D Pg. 69 (1859)	Rachel Oldaker	David J. & Sarah Casto
	Description: 61 acres Steer's Run	
Book E Pg. 33 (1860)	Rachel Oldaker	John B. and Mary B. Day
	Description: Deed 200 acres Laurel Fork	
Book E Pg. 83 (1861)	Jno. Davis Day	Jacob and Rachel Oldaker
	Description: Deed 61 acres Salt Block Run Hackers Creek	
Book G Pg. 314 (1868)	Methodist Protestant Church	Jacob and Rachel Oldaker
	Description: 1 acre Sand Run Union District	
Book J Pg. 270 (1874)	Wilbert B. Teters, et al	Jacob and Rachel Oldaker
	Description: Lease 200 acres Handy Camp and Sand Run (Between)	
Book K Pg. 346 (1876)	Jacob Oldaker	D.D.T. Farnsworth
	Description: Release Coal Case	

D2-DAVID OLDAKER-CORNELIA SANDRIDGE FAMILY

David Oldaker born January 1842, in Upshur County, West Virginia, the son of Jacob Oldaker and Rachel (Casto) Oldaker, married (1) to Cornelia Sandridge, 21 April 1866. She was born ca. 1845. They had six children:

1. Emily J. Wentz born 5 September, 1860. Child by Wife's first marriage.

2. S.L. Oldaker born 4 September 1870, Upshur County, West Virginia. According to the Upshur County birth records, it was a female birth.

3. Lyda S. Oldaker born 14 April 1867, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 3 July 1888, to Rosetta E. Shreve. Children:

   (a) Lancelot Oldaker born 14 July 1889, Upshur County, West Virginia, married (1) Lora Gains. No children.

   Married (2) Grace Moore. Children:

   (1) Mary Rosella Oldaker born 13 January 1924, Harrison County, West Virginia, married Richard E. Warren.

   (2) Virginia Ruth Oldaker born Harrison County, West Virginia, married John Burr.

   (b) Stella Oldaker born December 1891, Upshur County, West Virginia, married (1) 1910 to Harry Kidd. Children:

   (1) Burton Kidd

   (2) Paul Kidd

   (3) Lide Kidd

   (4) Nanetta Kidd

   (5) Oma Leon Kidd

   married (2) to _____ Stewart. No data.

Lyda is buried in the Sunset Memorial Gardens, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Glenn Oldaker had the following recollection of Lyda: "He impressed me as being a quiet, even-tempered, humble man who pursued the even tenor of

his ways without attracting any undue attention unto himself. I knew him in the Clarksburg meetings at the M.P. Temple and enjoyed the blessings of his home and church, which were in the close proximity on Locust and Sycamore Streets."

4. Sophie E. Oldaker born ca. 1871, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 26 April 1888, to Perry L. Booth.

5. Carrie J. Oldaker born 9 August 1873, married (1) 11 July 1889, Upshur County, West Virginia, Allen L. Anderson. Married (2) Floyd Robinson. No data on children.

6. Lura J. Oldaker born 6 August 1878, Upshur County, West Virginia. (See separate family chart in this section.)

Concerning David Oldaker, his stepdaughter Mrs. Maude Oldaker Hinkle wrote to Glenn, "I never knew my own father so David raised me, gave me his own name. He was a wonderful father." Thus she sums up for us the life story of David in a single line and in a single sentence of superlative sentiment, He was a wonderful father. It makes us wish we had known David Oldaker.

David Oldaker's second marriage was to Emma Bird Dean on 17 May 1888. Emma was born 25 February 1867, in Upshur County, West Virginia, daughter of George Dean and Lucina (Hinkle) Dean. Emma died 19 October 1940, and is buried in Kesling Cemetery, Upshur County, West Virginia. Children:

7. Bertha B. Oldaker born 12 May 1889, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 2 August 1904, to John D. Booth. Children:

   (a) Donald Booth

   (b) Harry Booth

   (c) Opal Booth

8. Elsie Oldaker born 24 September 1893, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 18 December 1915, to Roy Lewis. Children:

   (a) William Preston Lewis

9. Colman Cecil Oldaker born 18 September 1896, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 29 March 1919, Buckhannon, West Virginia to Freda May Day

born 5 October 1903, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, daughter of Clark Day and Fannie (Harris) Day. Children:

(a) Violet Marie Oldaker born 4 June 1920, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 6 July 1946, to Cecil A. Thomas. No children.

(b) Augustine Irene Oldaker born 9 August 1922, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 5 May 1945, to Sylvester Lemon Green. Children:

(1) James Green

(c) Helen Ruth Oldaker born 13 December 1924, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 4 July 1944, to Robert Stanley Wagner. Had one girl, deceased.

(d) James Burton Oldaker born 24 February 1927, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 17 May 1945, Upshur County, West Virginia, to Ruth Mahala Bennett born 25 November 1927, daughter of Abraham Bennett and Edna May (Bennett) Bennett. Children:

(1) James Michael Oldaker born 4 February 1946, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 10 February 1968, to Stella May Bonner.

(2) Sandra Kay Oldaker born 16 May 1948, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 17 November 1964, to Jimmy Monroe Ball.

(3) Susan Jill Oldaker born 30 June 1950, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 7 November 1969, to Jerry Edward Benson.

(4) Roger Allen Oldaker born 2 April 1953, Buckhannon, West Virginia, died 21 June 1981.

(5) Marsha Ann Oldaker born 18 June 1954, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 21 July 1972, to Albert Lawrence Dean.

(6) Danny Burt Oldaker born 3 March 1958, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 24 December 1977, to Sharon Sue Nestor.

(7) Mary Ellen Oldaker born 19 September 1961, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 14 April 1979, to Sonny Doyle Gould Jr.

(8) Joseph Scott Oldaker born 6 December 1963, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

(e) Dorothy May Oldaker born 19 March 1929, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 21 August 1948 to John Demastas.

10. Marie V. Oldaker born 18 August 1900, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married George Houillet. Children:

(a) Carol Houillet

(b) June Houillet

11. Okey Wilbert Oldaker born 30 November 1903, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 29 August 1925, Buckhannon, West Virginia, to Buena Bird Reed, born 5 February 1906, Upshur County, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Wanda May Oldaker born 15 April 1927, Akron, Ohio, married 16 February 1947, to Willard Miller, son of Stanley Martin Miller and Leona Rebecca (Bennett) Miller. Children:

(1) Linda Diana Miller born 17 October 1950, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 2 July 1971 to James O. Weaver.

(2) Debra Jane Miller born 28 July 1952, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 12 October 1973, to Kenna Ulderich.

(3) Willard Mark Miller born 24 September 1955, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 2 November 1975, to Debora Queen.

(4) Beth Ann Miller born 19 March 1960, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 18 May 1979, to Michael Miller.

(5) Barbara Dawn Miller born 16 July 1963. Not married.

(b) David Reed Oldaker born 25 October 1931, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 7 June 1952, to Rosalee Virginia Cogar born 29 December 1934, Belair, Webster County, West Virginia, daughter of Arthur Jackson Cogar and Ruth (Woodring) Cogar. Children:

(1) Roberta Lynn Oldaker born 30 October 1955, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 9 August 1975, to Alan Reed Talbott.

(2) David Leon Oldaker born 10 May 1959, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 26 June 1980, to Robin Coleman.

(c) Robert Allen Oldaker born 23 March 1936, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 26 August 1955, to Shirley Ann Seasley.

(d) Karen Louise Oldaker born 29 December 1942, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 8 May 1965, to Virgil Gail Hinkle, son of Virgil Law Hinkle and Addie Ellen (Zickefoose) Hinkle. Children:

(1) Kelly Louise Hinkle born 11 October 1972, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(2) Karla Gail Hinkle born 7 February 1976, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(e) Thomas Lynn Oldaker born 19 October 1945, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 4 August 1968, to Angeline Savino born 22 March 1946, Upshur County, West Virginia, daughter of Angelo Savino and Pauline (Buchanan) Savino. Children:

(1) Jeffrey Scott Oldaker born 20 May 1971, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

(2) Tracy Lynne Oldaker born 31 October 1974, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

12. Maude Dean Oldaker married J.C. Hinkle, Stepdaughter who took Oldaker name.

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D2-6-LURA J. OLDAKER-ANTHONY BOOTH FAMILY

Lura J. Oldaker born 6 August 1878, Upshur County, West Virginia, daughter of David Oldaker and Cordelia Sandridge married 26 December 1893, Upshur County, West Virginia, to Anthony Booth. He was the son of John and Margarette Booth. Anthony Booth and Perry Booth, who married Sophie Oldaker, were brothers. They had seven children:

1. Hobert Ray Booth born 1897, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 14 June 1924, to Ethel M. Crowl. No data on children, if any.

2. Lyda Ralph Booth born 22 February 1900, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Madge Mae Browning. Children:

   (a) Lyda Ralph Booth Jr. born 24 August ____, Nutter Fort, Harrison County, West Virginia, married 7 July 1943, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Betty Ann Gorrell, born 25 May 1926, New Martinsville, West Virginia, daughter of Ralph Edward Gorrell and Blanche Odell (Warner) Gorrell.

3. Granville Lanham Booth born 26 November 1903, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 5 May 1923, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, to Ida Hazel Dean, daughter of L.J. and Virginia Dean. Granville died 27 February 1971, Harrison County, West Virginia, buried Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Mt. Clare, West Virginia. Children:

   (a) Howard Woodford Booth born 11 October 1920, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 12 June 1948, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Glenda Pearl Henline born 23 March 1928, Clarksburg, West Virginia, daughter of Warder Henline and Gertrude (Griffith) Henline. Children:

      (1) Melva Diana Booth born 22 August 1949, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 23 January 1971, to Louis Leonard Fittro Jr., born 21 November 1946, Durham, South Carolina, son of Louis Leonard Fittro Sr. and Frances Edna (Gaines) Fittro.

      (2) Linda Rose Booth born 18 December 1952, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 5 June 1971, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Brooks Lindbergh Burner, Jr. born 26 November 1952, Clarksburg, West

Virginia, son of Brooks Lindbergh Burner, Sr. and Imogene (Jones) Burner.

(b) Melva Lucille Booth born 22 August 1922, Elkins, West Virginia, married 7 June 1941, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Rev. John E. Hanifan presiding, to Hanson Robert Sharpe born 3 November 1918, Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of Hanson Sharpe and Leah Reta (Liversay) Sharpe.

(c) Lura Virginia Booth born 19 November 1930, Century, Barbour County, West Virginia, married 25 June 1949, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to James Harold Schroeder born 30 July 1923, Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas, son of Benjamin Schroeder and Ruth (Godfrey) Schroeder.

(d) Anthony Dean Booth born 5 March 1933, Volga, Barbour County, West Virginia, married 6 October 1952, at Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Barbara Rosalie Karnis born 29 April 1933, Spelter, Harrison County, West Virginia, daughter of Balint Karnis and Mary (Santa) Karnis.

(e) Clifford Wayne Booth born 5 May 1935, Nutter Fort, Harrison County, West Virginia, married 16 November 1962, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Carol Jean Shaw, born 29 August 1940, Clarksburg, West Virginia, daughter of William Levinsky Shaw and Rose Virginia (Marullo) Shaw.

(f) Nina Rose Booth born 11 July 1936, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 15 June 1961, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Aubrey Theodore Moran born 30 July 1927, Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of Edward Lee Otis Moran and Goldie (Mackey) Moran.

(g) Loretta Jane Booth born 28 January 1939, Anmore, Harrison County, West Virginia, married 7 June 1958, to Ronald Eugene Moody born 9 March 1936, Sand Fork, West Virginia, Gilmer County, son of Stark Moody and Goldie Agnes (Richards) Moody.

4. Boyd Odell Booth born 5 October 1909, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, Rock Springs Community. He was married 22 October 1943 to Kathleen Skinner born August 1922, Orlando, Lewis County, West Virginia, daughter of Clarence Burton Skinner and

Georgia (Gaston) Skinner. Boyd died 9 May 1983, Clarksburg, West Virginia, buried Floral Hills Memorial Garden, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Alma Jean Booth born 10 August 1946.

(b) Clarence Richard Booth born 7 February 1952, Clarence, West Virginia. Nickname "Bucky" married 21 April 1973, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Karen Sue Williams born 4 June 1950 Clarksburg, West Virginia, daughter of Robert Williams and Virginia (Buffy) Williams.

(c) Anthony Odell Booth

(d) Roger Booth

5. Shelba W. Booth born 1912, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 24 December 1934, Gertrude Susan Anderson.

6. Lillie Booth married _____ Wagner.

D6-SIMON L. OLDAKER-SARAH E. BENNETT FAMILY

Simon L. Oldaker born 7 March 1853, Upshur County, West Virginia, married (1) 15 February 1877, to Sarah E. Bennett. She had previously been married to a Rice. Simon L. Oldaker was a minister. They had one child:

1. Columbus David Oldaker born December 1879, Upshur County, West Virginia. (See separate chart on this family.)

Simon L. Oldaker's second marriage 3 February 1881, was to Sarah Belle Wolfe. Simon died December 1929 and is buried in Heavener Cemetery, Buckhannon, West Virginia. They had four children:

2. Clarence Ernest Oldaker born 27 November 1881, Upshur County, West Virginia, married (1) to _____ Ritter. Their children were:

   (a) Burl Oldaker

   (b) Edna Oldaker

   (c) Clarence Oldaker

   (d) Maxine Oldaker

   (e) Irene Oldaker

   (f) James Oldaker

   Clarence married (2) Donda Hayes of Hall, West Virginia. Have identified three children:

   (g) Madeline Oldaker

   (h) Adrian Oldaker

   (i) Thomas Oldaker

3. Melroy W. Oldaker March 1884, Upshur County, West Virginia, married _____ Simons. Had nine children but have no data.

4. Nancy Lovie Oldaker born July 1894, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Charles Rowan. No data on children.

5. Monzell Oldaker born April 1896, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Anna Sine. Children:

(a) Christine Geneva Oldaker born 26 January 1919, Buckhannon, West Virginia. No data on marriage or children.

(b) Erma Oldaker. No data.

(c) Kelcel Myron Oldaker born 1928, Allegheny, Maryland, married 4 May 1949, to Duetta Augustine Oldaker. She was the daughter of Thomas Ray Oldaker and Laomi Bell Brake. Children shown under Section C8-2-(g).

Rev. Glenn Oldaker and my father, Rev. Lowery E. Oldaker, visited with Uncle Simon Oldaker shortly before his death. He was then living in Buckhannon, West Virginia, with his wife, Belle, who seemed much younger than he. We think he was about 80 years old at the time.

D6-1-COLUMBUS DAVID OLDAKER-CHARLOTTE OLIVE WILLIAMS FAMILY

Columbus David Oldaker, son of Simon L. Oldaker and Sarah E. Bennett, was born December 1879, in Upshur County, West Virginia, married 1 February 1900, to Charlotte Olive Williams born ca. 1884, daughter of John and Larissa Williams. Columbus died in 1957, and Charlotte died in May 1961. Five children:

1. Stella Oldaker born May 1900 Upshur County, West Virginia, married 16 September 1916, to Howard Lantz. No data on children.

2. Janie Oldaker born 1902, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 6 May 1918, to T. H. Campbell. No data on children.

3. John Thomas Oldaker born 22 June 1904, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 13 April 1928, Upshur County, West Virginia, to Elva Geneva Gregory, born 10 April 1910, daughter of I. Benton Gregory and Nancy (Thomason) Gregory. Two children:

   (a) Wilma Jane Oldaker born 2 April 1929, Century, Barbour County, West Virginia, married 22 November 1949, Hodgesville, Upshur County, West Virginia, to Clifford Aubrey Wagner born 3 May 1919, Hall, West Virginia, son of William W. Wagner and Lavina (Harris) Wagner. Two children:

      (1) Vickie Lynn Wagner born 14 October 1956, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married to Charles Merriman. Vickie died 31 December 1978.

      (2) James Wagner born 22 June 1961, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married September 1980 to Teresa Burr.

   (b) Winfred Ray Oldaker born 8 August 1931, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 14 June 1952, in Winchester, Virginia, to Phyllis Maxine Sargent born 8 October 1932, Canaan, West Virginia, daughter of Jay Sargent and Iva (Waugh) Sargent. They had six children:

      (1) Vera Jean Oldaker born 16 November 1952, Sewickley, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, married 14 June 1974, to Randall Joseph Beckner.

(2) Donald Oldaker born 23 July 1954, Rochester, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, married Jackie Lynn Fisher.

(3) Richard Thomas Oldaker born 3 June 1957, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 1 September 1979 to Kim Marie Hogg.

(4) Timothy Oldaker born 23 March 1967, Upshur County, West Virginia.

(5) Nancy Oldaker born 13 February 1970, Upshur County, West Virginia.

(6) John Oldaker born 13 September 1973.

4. Granville Jefferson Oldaker born 22 June 1911, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Elma Harris.

5. Ervin E. Oldaker born 6 December 1921. No further data.

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D8-JACOB DEE OLDAKER JR.-ELIZABETH ANN WISEMAN FAMILY

Jacob Dee Oldaker, born 7 April 1856, Upshur County, West Virginia, son of Jacob Oldaker and Rachel (Casto) Oldaker, married 29 September 1879, Barbour County, West Virginia, to Elizabeth Ann Wiseman, born March 1856, Taylor County, West Virginia, daughter of Henry Wiseman and Margaret (Moon) Wiseman. Jacob died 27 December 1946, in Upshur County, West Virginia. Elizabeth Ann died in 1936. They are both buried in the Rock Springs Cemetery, Upshur County, West Virginia. They had seven children:

1. Henry Oldaker born 18 January 1881, Barbour County, West Virginia. (See separate family chart in this section.)

2. Margaret A. Oldaker born 23 May 1882, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 25 May 1904, to William McLean of Belington, West Virginia. No children.

3. Izetta Oldaker born March 1886, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Lafayette F. Sothen of Hall, West Virginia on 11 January 1905 son of Lewis and Matilda Sothen. They had five children.

4. Mary Matilda Oldaker born July 1890, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 20 April 1911, Waitman McCauley. They had four children.

5. Rachel Oldaker born July 1892, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 14 December 1910, to Eddy Ernest Sothen. Children:

   (1) Harman Sothen

   (2) Harvey Sothen

   (3) Gilbert Sothen

   (4) Eva Sothen

   (5) Minnie Sothen

   (6) Norman Sothen

   (7) Delva Sothen

   (8) Russell Sothen

   (9) Darlene Sothen

6. Emily Jane Oldaker born July 1894, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 23 February 1913, to

Tolbert T. Parsons. No children.

7. Niecy Oldaker born May 1897, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 10 December 1922, to Spencer Griffith of Hall, West Virginia. Had five children.

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D8-1-HENRY OLDAKER-NAOMI JANE EVERSON FAMILY

Henry Oldaker born 18 January 1881, in Barbour County, West Virginia, married 20 December 1905, Barbour County, West Virginia, to Naomi Jane Everson born 1887, Barbour County, West Virginia, daughter of James E. Everson and Martha A. (Woods) Everson. Henry died 22 December 1925 and Naomi died in 1931. They are both buried in Rock Springs Cemetery, Upshur County, West Virginia. They had nine children:

1. Franklin Leonard Oldaker born 7 December 1906, Hall, Route #1, West Virginia. (See separate family chart in this section.)

2. Jacob Boyd Oldaker born 25 November 1908, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia. (See separate family chart in this section.)

3. Francis Irvin Oldaker born 5 December 1910, Hall, West Virginia, Route #1, married 30 August 1928, Oakland, Maryland, to Chloe L. Suder born 28 February 1912, Hall, West Virginia, daughter of Elza Suder and Rettie (Tenney) Suder. Chloe died 20 April 1982, in Philippi, West Virginia, and is buried in Barbour Memorial Cemetery, Belington, West Virginia. They had two children:

   (a) Ruby May Oldaker born 2 July 1929, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 13 January 1946, to Marvin Carl Armstrong. No data on children.

   (b) Kenneth Lee Oldaker born Barbour County, West Virginia. No further data.

4. Richard Albert Oldaker born 10 March 1913, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 22 December 1934, Barbour County, West Virginia, to Reta Gaye Harris, born 31 July 1915, Midway Road, Belington, West Virginia, daughter of Everett Harris and Dama Victoria (Kerr) Harris. Richard Albert was killed in a car accident 27 January 1957, in Carrol County, Maryland. He is buried in the Fraternal Cemetery Barbour County, West Virginia. They had one boy:

   (a) Lawrence Everett Oldaker born 9 June 1952, in Baltimore, Maryland, married (1) 14 August 1976, in Akron, Ohio, to Karen Sue Klugh, born 19 February 1958, in Akron, Ohio, daughter of Willard Roland Klugh and Pearl Emiline (Snyder) Klugh. No children.

   Married (2) 23 September 1983, at Junior, West Virginia, to Felicitas Mejia Velmonte, born

10 July 1949, in Hilongos, Leyte, Phillipines, daughter of Aludio Velmonte and Hospecia (Mejia) Velmonte. Lawrence, nickname "Larry," is a career member of the U.S. Air Force. Children:

(1) Madeline Dutchess Macaraig born 3 December 1973, in Manila, Phillipines.

5. James Verden Oldaker born 24 January 1916, Grasselli, Harrison County, West Virginia, married (1) 1944 Baltimore, Maryland to Virginia Parish. No children. Marriage (2) June 1950, Baltimore, Maryland to Frances Louise Schmidt. Children:

(a) James Verden Oldaker Jr. born 12 September 1949, Baltimore, Maryland, married Brenda Eckhart. Children:

(1) James Walter Oldaker born 30 January 1981, Baltimore, Maryland.

(b) Donal Wesley Oldaker born 29 July 1951, Baltimore, Maryland, married Deborah Handy. Children:

(1) Donal Wesley Oldaker Jr. born 21 January 1972, Baltimore, Maryland.

(2) Carrieann Marie Oldaker born 22 December 1980, Baltimore, Maryland.

Prior to his two marriages James had a child out of wedlock by Opal Helmick. Opal was born 6 March 1922 Hendricks, Tucker County, West Virginia. Opal died 1 February 1981. The child's name was:

(c) Margaret Oldaker born 9 June 1939, Hendricks, Tucker County, West Virginia. Margaret used the name Helmick until she was five years old. She was adopted at the age of five by John W. Taylor and she took that name. Marriage (1) was to Alfred Burkhead born 18 September 1931 at Gove, Kansas. He died 17 October 1973 in a car wreck at Devon, Montana. Children:

(1) Jack Burkhead born 4 June 1957, Choteau, Teton County, Montana.

(2) James Burkhead born 19 April 1960, Choteau, Teton County, Montana.

Margaret was married the second time to Arnold O'Neill born 10 August 1930, Big Sandy, Montana.

They have no children. They live in Montana.

James Verden Oldaker served with the Army Medical Corp during World War II. He worked for the General Motors Corporation in Dundalk, Maryland, for 26 years and retired in 1976 and moved to West Virginia. His address is Route 284, Junior, West Virginia 26275.

6. Opal Elizabeth Oldaker born 3 October 1918, Hall Route #1, West Virginia, married (1) 4 May 1936, Webster County, West Virginia, to Howard Wyre. Children:

   (a) Richard Wyre

   (b) Harry Wyre

   (c) Jamie Wyre

   (d) Emojene Wyre

   (e) Jemmie Wyre

   (f) Jeannie Wyre

   (g) Thomas Wyre

   married (2) Clifford Skyrock, married (3) Cliff Edwards. No data.

7. Robert Andrew Oldaker born 7 April 1921, Hall, West Virginia, Route #1, married 16 May 1941, to Wilda Louise Wentz, born 1925. Children:

   (a) Norma May Oldaker born 2 July 1942, Baltimore, Maryland.

   (b) Tommy Oldaker born Hall, West Virginia.

8. Emil Oldaker born 21 July 1923, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 25 June 1949, Baltimore, Maryland, to Sophronia Meecks born 18 February 1929, Eldred, Illinois, daughter of Everett Albin Meecks and Mary Daisy (Glowner) Meecks. Children:

   (a) Linda Oldaker born 23 January 1950, Baltimore, Maryland, married David Sampson. Children:

      (1) Melanie Sampson daughter from husband's first marriage.

      (2) David Allen Sampson born 8 January 1983.

(b) Calvin Oldaker born 21 March 1952, Baltimore, Maryland, married Dawn Ulkloss. Children:

(1) Debra Ann Oldaker

(2) James Michael Oldaker

(3) Timothy Steven Oldaker

(4) Dennis Edward Oldaker

9. Henry Oldaker Jr. born 6 December 1925, Hall, West Virginia, married 14 July 1945, Upshur County, West Virginia, to Dorothy Marie Knight born 1929, Lewis County, West Virginia. Children:

(a) Shirley Gay Oldaker born 13 May 1946, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia.

(b) Margie Marie Oldaker born 3 April 1949, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia. Died 5 April 1949.

(c) Dencil Oldaker

(d) Elma Oldaker

(e) Delma Jean Oldaker

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D8-1-1-FRANKLIN LEONARD OLDAKER-EDNA PEARL DAVIS FAMILY

Franklin Leonard Oldaker born 7 December 1906, Upshur County, West Virginia, son of Henry Oldaker and Naomi Jane (Everson) Oldaker married 28 November 1928, Barbour County, West Virginia, to Edna Pearl Davis born 15 April 1913, Barbour County, West Virginia. Edna is now deceased. Children:

1. Raymond Willard Oldaker born 4 February 1930, Buckhannon, West Virginia, married 23 January 1950, to Deloris Catheryn Skidmore born 16 January 1932, Clarksburg, West Virginia, daughter of Exel Grant Skidmore and Goldie (Harper) Skidmore. Children:

   (a) Willard Grant Oldaker born 14 September 1951, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 26 May 1972, to Carol Lee Hall in Taylor County, West Virginia. Carol is the daughter of David Hall and Wilma (Kisner) Hall. Children:

      (1) Jason Keith Oldaker

      (2) Christopher Grant Oldaker

   (b) Gary Steven Oldaker born 3 May 1961, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 10 July 1980, Barbour County, West Virginia, to Barbara Lee Bell born 16 October 1961, Seamore, Jackson County, Indiana, daughter of Alex G. Bell and Wilda D. (Keister) Bell. Children:

      (1) Joshua Steven Oldaker born 15 September 1981, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

2. Harold Lee Oldaker born Upshur County, West Virginia, married Mary Louise Karnis. Children:

   (a) Michael Oldaker born 8 January 1954, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married (1) 22 January 1972, to Mary Ann Davis. No children.

   Married (2) 28 April 1975, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Donna Jean Carpenter born 16 August 1955, Clarksburg, West Virginia, daughter of Billy D. Carpenter and Doris J. (Phillips) Carpenter. Children:

      (1) Tailor Dawn Oldaker born 9 November 1977, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

   (b) Veronica Louise Oldaker born Clarksburg, West Virginia.

(c) Deborah Ann Oldaker born 31 March 1957, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 29 October 1972, to Hans Joachim Peschel.

(d) Harold Joseph Oldaker born 25 January 1964, Clarksburg, West Virginia, married 12 June 1982, Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Donna J. See born 10 January 1964, Baltimore, Maryland, daughter of Dale W. See and Shelby (Knight) See.

3. Wilma Jean Oldaker married Robert Durnal.

D8-1-2-JACOB BOYD OLDAKER-ELVA GAY WARE FAMILY

Jacob Boyd Oldaker born 25 November 1908, Hall, Upshur County, West Virginia, son of Henry Oldaker and Naomi Jane (Everson) Oldaker married 24 September 1933, in Belington, Barbour County, West Virginia, to Elva Gay Ware born 7 November 1913, Belington, West Virginia, daughter of Daniel B. Ware and Nancy Jane (Regester) Ware. They have four children:

1. Gerald Wayne Oldaker born 6 May 1937, Belington, West Virginia, Route #3, married 28 July 1956, Dartnoor, Barbour County, West Virginia, to Phyllis Marie Jaggie born 28 February 1940, Coalton, Randolph County, West Virginia, daughter of Thomas Berkley Jaggie Jr. and Mary Ola (Mace) Jaggie. They have three children:

   (a) Catherine Louise Oldaker born 23 August 1957, Elkins, West Virginia, married 1 July 1978, to William Martin Schleuning.

   (b) Debra Jean Oldaker born 10 April 1959, Baltimore, Maryland, married 21 August 1978, to Roland Dorsey.

   (c) David Wayne Oldaker born 10 February 1963, Baltimore, Maryland.

2. Dale Clive Oldaker born 8 September 1938, Barbour County, West Virginia, married 15 November 1958, Baltimore City, Maryland, at Exeter Memorial Methodist Church to Gloria Dean Hall born 6 October 1938, born Floyd, Virginia, daughter of Roy Rolf Hall and Violet Marie (Abrams) Hall. Three children:

   (a) Tina Marie Oldaker born 26 January 1963, Anchorage, Alaska.

   (b) Dinah Jean Oldaker born 25 September 1964, Baltimore City, Maryland.

   (c) Roger Dale Oldaker born 24 May 1966, Baltimore, Maryland.

3. Lonnie Paul Oldaker born 11 July 1943, Belington, West Virginia, Route #3, married 12 October 1963, Baltimore, Maryland to Dorothy Lee James born 16 August 1942, daughter of Virgil Lee James and Dorothy Marie (Beam) James. Children:

   (a) Steven Alan Oldaker born 15 December 1961, Baltimore, Maryland. Steven is legally

adopted and takes the Oldaker name. He is married.

(b) Theresa Ann Oldaker born 10 October 1964, Baltimore, Maryland. She is married.

4. Jerry Boyd Oldaker born 24 September 1945, Belington, West Virginia, Route #3, married 22 June 1968, Baltimore, Maryland, to Diana Lynn Underwood, born 16 February 1949, Baltimore, Maryland, daughter of William James Underwood and Dorothy Rebecca (Mason) Underwood.

(a) Jerry Boyd Oldaker Jr. born 15 April 1972, Baltimore, Maryland.

(b) James Allen Oldaker born 30 January 1974, Philippi, West Virginia.

(c) Andrew Tracy Oldaker born 9 July 1975, Elkins, West Virginia.

(d) Rebecca Lynn Oldaker born 4 November 1976, Elkins, West Virginia.

D11-JOSEPH McCLELLAN OLDAKER-WINNIE MAE MURPHY FAMILY

Joseph McClellan Oldaker born 7 April 1863, Upshur County, West Virginia, son of Jacob Oldaker and Rachel (Casto) Oldaker, married Winnie May Murphy. Joseph died 31 March 1933 and was buried 2 April 1933, in Mt. Lebanon Church Cemetery, Upshur County, West Virginia. They had six children:

1. Alice Virginia Oldaker born 28 August 1905, Upshur County, West Virginia, married (1) to Charles Hollen. Children:

   (a) Garland Ray Hollen. Married and has several children. Lives in Steubenville, Ohio.

   Married (2) to Thomas Skidmore. Children:

   (b) Albert McClellan Skidmore born 16 February 1928. Children:

      (1) Cindy Skidmore

      (2) Corky Skidmore

2. Rachel Genevieve Oldaker born 6 December 1911, Upshur County, West Virginia, married (1) 15 December 1928, Upshur County, West Virginia, to John Winemiller born 1896, Upshur County, West Virginia, son of J.M.C. and Margaret Winemiller. Children:

   (a) Bethel Joseph Winemiller born 11 April 1930. Married and has three children. Lives in Doddridge County, West Virginia.

   Married (2) to Floyd Stout. Children:

   (b) Floyd Stout Jr. born 13 April 1948. Married and has four children. Lives in Oxford, West Virginia.

3. John Clay Oldaker born 8 March 1913, Upshur County, West Virginia. Never married. Died in 1963.

4. Jacob Dee Oldaker born 25 October 1915, Upshur County, West Virginia, married Frena Bailey. No children. Jacob died 29 May 1971.

5. Barbara Ellen Oldaker born 6 May 1918, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 15 October 1950, to Leroy Fortney born 3 May 1926. Leroy died 28 July 1963. One child:

(a) Connie Jean Fortney born 26 April 1958, married 16 April 1976, to Randy William Cochran born 3 July 1955. Two children:

(1) Starla Lynn Cochran born 25 July 1977.

(2) Shawn William Cochran born 3 August 1980.

6. Eugene Salone Oldaker born 19 November 1920, Upshur County, West Virginia. Never married. Eugene died 25 April 1971.

SECTION E-CARRIE ANN OLDAKER-SOLOMON CARPENTER FAMILY

Carrie Ann Oldaker born ca. 1818, daughter of Abraham Oldaker (2) and Elizabeth (Garrett) Oldaker married 1 December 1836, Lewis County, West Virginia, to Solomon Carpenter born ca. 1814. The location of their home was near Johnstown, West Virginia. Carrie Ann died in Roane County, West Virginia, near Spencer, West Virginia. We are not clear on the children, but this is what we have:

1. Sophia Carpenter born ca. 1838, Lewis County, Virginia, married 1856 to Armstead M. Queen born 20 August 1837, Harrison County, Virginia, son of James Jett Queen and Sally (Bennett) Queen. Sophia died 3 OCtober 1895 and Armstead died 6 February 1909, Lewis County, West Virginia. Children:

   (a) Sarah E. Queen born 9 December 1857, married 1885 to Issac M. Myers. Sara died 14 February 1941.

   (b) Mary M. Queen born 21 January 1859, married 1883 to Samuel Ford.

   (c) Carrie J. Queen born 18 October 1860 married J.J. Starcher.

   (d) James N. Queen born 13 March 1862, married March 1887 to _____ McElvaney.

   (e) Charlotte V. Queen born 25 October 1863.

   (f) Martha M. Queen born 21 July 1866, married 1881 C.W. Kittle.

   (g) Albert Lee Queen born 4 March 1868, died 1877.

   (h) Perry J. Queen born ca. 1870, died 1877.

   (i) Lloyd Solomon Queen born 16 December 1871, married 20 April 1907 to Ida F. Dennison.

   (j) Oliver Queen born 16 July 1873 died 1877.

   (k) Henry B. Queen born 17 October 1874 died 1876.

   (l) Tabitha A. Queen born 20 November 1877 married C.W. Dennison.

   (m) Infant - not named. born 1879, died 1879.

2. Sarah Carpenter born ca. 1841.

3. Daniel Johnson Carpenter born ca. 1843.
4. Mary E. Carpenter born ca. 1846.
5. Anthony Carpenter born ca. 1848.
6. Columbia Carpenter born ca. 1850.
7. William E. Carpenter born ca. 1852.
8. Stephen Carpenter born ca. 1854.
9. Luverna J. Carpenter born ca. 1859.

SECTION F-RICHARD OLDAKER-MARGARET QUEEN FAMILY

Richard Oldaker born ca. 1822 son of Abraham Oldaker (2) and Elizabeth Garrett married 6 October 1841 Harrison County, West Virginia to Catherine "Margaret" "Peggy" Queen born ca. 1822 daughter of Levi Queen and Catherine Coburn (Lowther) Queen. She was a cousin of Lydia Queen who married William Oldaker (Section B). Richard was a farmer who became a minister. They left Lewis County in 1867 and moved to Meigs County, Ohio. "Peggy" died in Columbia Township, Meigs County, Ohio in 1888. Richard did not have too many descendants and it has been difficult to trace him. Traditionally he died near Lima, Ohio. At Roundhead, near Lima, a Joshua Queen, wife Elizabeth and John Queen, wife Zora, had memorial stones, but Richard's grave was not in evidence there but many Oldakers are buried there, of Henry Jr.'s line. They had five children:

1. Catherine Oldaker born ca. 1842, Lewis County, Virginia. No data.

2. Elizabeth Oldaker born ca. 1844, Lewis County, Virginia. No data.

3. Caroline Oldaker born May 1848, Lewis County, Virginia, married _____ Cody. In the 1900 Meigs County, Ohio Census she was living with her brother Jasper Oldaker.

4. Abram C. Oldaker born ca. 1849, Lewis County, Virginia, died September 1856.

5. Jasper A. Oldaker born 14 August 1853, Upshur County, West Virginia, married 11 July 1883, to Cordelia Cottrill born May 1861 in Ohio. Children:

   (a) Everett Oldaker born November 1885 Meigs County, Ohio.

   (b) Erma E. Oldaker born July 1888 Meigs County, Ohio.

   (c) Wesley W. Oldaker born May 1890 Meigs County, Ohio, married Bessie Linscott. Children:

      (1) Marion Oldaker married (1) _____ married (2) Nancy Thomas. Children:

         a. Rocky Oldaker married Pamela J. Schroeder.

      (2) Janis Oldaker. No data.

Land records in Harrison County, West Virginia, lists the following transaction:

	Grantee	Grantor
Book 34 Pg. 137 (1846)	Richard Oldaker	Elizabeth Lowther
	Description:	Deed to 40 acres, Harrison and Barbour Counties

WILLIAM D. OLDAKER SON OF HENRY SR. AND ELINOR OLDAKER

William was born in Hampshire County, Virginia. He was a young many when his family moved east over the Blue Ridge and took up the plantation lands in Loudoun County from Richard Buckalew in 1765. He was the probable builder of the mill and saw mill mentioned in his father's will--"I give and devise to my son William one half of the land I now live on, the upper part whereon he now lives (1773) and has a grist mill and sawmill which land was leased of Lord Thomas Fairfax by Richard Buckalew and purchased of the said Buckalew to him his heirs and assigns for and during the terms of the said lease."

Now the term of the lease from Fairfax to Buckalew, according to a copy of the instrument which we have before us, was "for and during the natural lives of him, the said Buckalew and Frederick his son and John his son and the longest lives of them, yielding and paying therefor unto the said Thomas Lord Fairfax, his heirs and assigns for the first three years after the date thereof, the quit rents and one good fat turkey or capon delivered at the Mansion House of the said Thomas Lord Fairfax, his heirs or assigns and within that time to build one dwelling house at least 20 feet long and 16 feet wide, etc., etc...."

This lease being given in 1763, we infer that when the Oldaker family arrived from Hampshire County, in 1766, the house was already built and "100 good apple trees" were already set out, and here William lived on his upper part and ran his grist and saw mill until the year 1779 at which time he took a lease from Ed Snickers for 347 acres in Hampshire County which we believe was the same 347 acres Henry Sr. had sold to Samuel Ingram in 1765.

William evidently made some kind of a deal on the land at the Trappe with John, his brother, who had been appointed executor of his father's estate with William, which transaction is not recorded.

The only recorded item concerning William while he lived in Loudoun County at the Trappe is found in the minutes of the Fauquier County Court in May of 1765:

"On motion of William Oldacre it is ordered that Moses Johnson pay him 135 pounds of Tobacco for 3 days attendance coming 20 miles and returning as a witness for him at the (suite?) of Messers Andrew Cochran Esq. and Company; and another in Loudoun County Will Book D page 139 in the year 1786, the estate of Henry Oldaker Jr., deceased, is credited with a receipt of 5 pounds-6 shillings-6 pence from William Oldacre."

In 1785 when Hardy County is formed from Hampshire, the court minutes made frequent references to Oldakers Mills as a point from which roads were laid off and maintained. In 1796 William bought additional lands--200 Acres on Trout Run from Henry Hamilton (Book 4 Page 104). Then in 1797 he sold his 347 acres to Daniel Harris.

A village sprang up around Oldakers Mills and before Wardensville was ever named a town, the village had a post office and store from 1820-1824, and Christian Hull was appointed Postmaster at Oldakers Mills Post Office (See letter from General Services Administration).

The mill may have been built 1733-1765 when the original family occupied these lands between the meanders of the Great Cacapon; if not, William built it 1779-1785 and continued in his business of milling and sawmilling until his decease in 1811. His will, made October 22, 1810, conveyed everything to his brother Issac Oldaker. The only burial plot known for that day and time was Old Meeting House Cemetery on the banks of Trout Run. We think William is buried there, with his contemporaries and neighbors, Jacob Pugh, John Young and William Wilson.

There is not the least bit of evidence that William ever married. But the Indians came in 1754-1758!

After William Oldaker returned to Hardy County, his mill at the Trappe still carried his name as the following item will show:

> Order Book Q Page 297 November 11, 1795
> William Bronough Gent returned the following list of hands; Samuel Bartlett 2, Jeremiah Furr 1, James McIlhaney 1, Griffith Lewis 2, Abner Humphrey 2, Nealy Caton 1, Valentine Martinery (?) 1, Henry Hieronymus 2, Joseph Reed 3, Charles Riggs 1, Joseph Hutchinson 1, Joseph Starkey 1, James Carter 2, Frances Hieronymus 3, James Jenkins 1, George Jones 1, John Reeder 1, John Moore 1, Capt. George Rust 3, to work on the road whereof Capt. Benj. Grayson is overseer from Oldacrer Mill to the road leading from Snickers G_?_ to Col. Powells.

[Note: The home of Col. Powell was named Lewellin. The above named mill was William Oldaker's Mill otherwise known as Thoroughfare Mill, and located at the Trappe. We include these names for they were the people living on the road at the time of and immediately after the migration of the Oldakers from Loudoun County. The Martinery name was not very legible but we think it was Montonya who married Charity Oldaker.]

We can imagine several things about William Oldaker but the most intriguing fact for us is his return to Hardy County and his release of the original farm of his father, 347 acres on Lost River which he owned for 17 years.

We can understand Issac's return--if indeed he did return--he had interest in the family of Jacob Pugh, particularly Lucretia Pugh. But William Oldaker, a bachelor all his life--it is unthinkable!

There was something that drew William back, besides an affection for his brother Issac to whom he willed his property; something besides opportunities for lumbering, mining and milling. And we believe that the sacred hallowed spot where the "Old Meeting House" stood has the secret, for:

"There is a spot to be more dear
than nature vale or mountain,
A spot for which affection tear
Flows grateful from its fountain."

We gaze into the Crystal Ball of our imagination and see that it was not without reason and sentiment that William sold the old home place to Daniel Harris his brother-in-law and bought, in 1796, 200 acres of Henry Hamilton on Trout Run adjacent to or near the "Old Meeting House "burial ground."

Now after 65 years of strenuous pioneer life, William is thinking of his place of eternal rest, which he will enter upon in 13 more years.

With the remembrance of a similar place--fresh in his memory--where he had buried his father and mother and brother Henry Jr. near the Trappe in Loudoun County, there was yet another place equally as dear and more so, where the musical waters of Trout Run sing their melody of Eternal Peace and Reunion throughout the passing years.

Locked up in the mysteries and secrets of the Spirit World and "Old Meeting House" is the story of youthful romance and tragedy; and somewhere there, now known only to God and the angels, is a plot containing the mortal remains of William Oldaker, his wife and others dear to him. No "mossy marble rests on the cheeks that he has pressed in their bloom." But hereby we have the reason that William returned to Hardy. He just had to--we can understand that!

What happened? Perhaps we can understand that too, by a few dates and items:

1. William born 1733 on Lost River (?)
2. Married (?) 1755 (?) to _____ children (?)
3. Indians 1754-1758, attacked Fort Warden in 1758
4. Removed to Loudoun County 1760
5. Back to Bethel 1779

WILL OF WILLIAM OLDACRE WILL BOOK 2 PAGE 16 1810

In the name of God Amen, I William Oldacre of the County of Hardy and the state of Virginia do constitute and make this my last will and testament and I wish and desire it to be received as such. Item--I give and bequeath unto my brother Issac Oldacre all my land lying and being on Trout Run where on I now live and all my tools and movable property of every description with my grist mill and saw mill and all that appertains thereto to him and his heirs and assigns for ever. Lastly I do will my brother Issac and Thomas (?) Settles (?) to be my whole and sole executor of this my very last will and Testament and do hereby revoke all and former-any-will therefore made by me and do hereby acknowledge this to be my last will and Testament as witness my hand and seal this 22nd day of October, 1810.

signed, sealed and delivered

Jesse Bakes
Robt. Pugh
Daniel Harris

his
William D. X Oldacre
mark

In 1811 this will was proved.

Deed Book 4 Page 104 1796

220 Acres Hamilton vs. Oldacre

This indenture made the fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six between Henry Hamilton and Elizabeth his wife of the County of Hardy and State of Virginia of the one part and William Oldacre of the same place of the other part witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and sixty one pounds current money of Virginia to the said Henry Hamilton in hand paid by the said William Oldacre at or before sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he does hereby acknowledge and thereof does release acquire and discharge the said William Oldacre, his heirs executors and administrators of these presents, the said Henry Hamilton and Elizabeth his wife leaves grantes bargaines sold aliened released and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien release and confirm unto the said William Oldacre and his heirs a certain tract or parcel of land containing two hundred and twenty acres lying and being in Hardy County and State of Virginia on Trout Run a branch of Great Cacapon adjoining to the land of Jacob Pugh, William Wilson and John Young and is bounded as followeth to wit. Beginning at two white oaks in a bottom Jacob Pughs corner and running thense with his line south

forty degrees East two hundred and twenty poles to another of Jacob Pughs corners three white oaks thense north fifty degrees East one hundred and sixty poles to three white oaks thense north forty degrees, West two hundred and twenty poles to two pines thense South fifty degrees, West one hundred and sixty poles to the beginning and all houses buildings, orchards, ways waters, water courses profits. Commodities, heredaments and appurtencances whatsoever to the said premises hereby granted or any part thereof belonging or in any way appertaining and the reversion and revisions and remainder and remainders rent isues and profits thereof and also of the estate right title interest use trust property and demand whatsoever of them the said Henry Hamilton and Elizabeth his wife of in and to the said premises and all deeds evidence and writings touchings or in any wise concerning the same to have and to hold the lands hereby conveyed and all and singular others the premises hereby granted and released and every part and parcel thereof with there appurtances unto the said William Oldacre and his heirs and assigns forever to the only proper use and ---- of him and the said William Oldacre and of his heirs and assigns forever and the said Henry Hamilton and Elizabeth his wife for themselves their heirs doth covenant promise and grant to and with the said William Oldaker his heirs and assigns by these presents, the said Henry Hamilton and Elizabeth his wife now at the time of sealing and delining these presents are seized of good sure perfect and indefeasable estate of inheritance in fee simple of and in the premises hereby granted and released and that they have good power and absolute authority to grant and convey the same to the said William Oldacre in manner and form aforesaid and that the said premises now are and hereafter shall remain to be free and clear of and from all other gifts grants bargains sales dower right and title of dower indigents executisus titles troubles charges and encumbrances whatsoever made done committed or suffered by the said Henry Hamilton and Elizabeth his wife or any other person or persons whatsoever and lastly that the said Henry Hamilton and Elizabeth his wife and their heirs all and singular the promises hereby granted and released with the appurtances unto said William Oldaker his heirs and assigns against the said Henry Hamilton and Elizabeth his wife and their heirs and all every other person or persons whatsoever shall warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof the said Henry Hamilton and Elizabeth his wife have herewith set their hands signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

Henry Hamilton
Elizabeth Hamilton

Test
Ed Williams

THE STORY OF JACOB (1) OLDACRE

In respect to chronology, the first mention we have of Jacob is in the deed from Fairfax to Abraham Oldacre in the year 1770. The deed is given for the lives of Abraham, Jacob and Elinor Oldacre. By this we infer that they were co-partners in those 150 acres in Loudoun County, Virginia.

The next mention is the will of Henry Sr. where he is named, in 1773 as alternate of his mother Elinor Oldacre. There is no other mention of him in the records before 1780, unless he is the Jacob Acre who appears as a Revolutionary soldier in The Winchester-Romney payrolls (p. 15 Captain Helphenstiner's roll 2 November 1775).

In 1780 he has bought a farm on Pigg River in Henry County of Joel Walker and the tax lists of 1782-1785 indicate he was a property owner in that county of Virginia.

Franklin County was formed from Bedford and Henry Counties in 1785; and other lands purchased after 1785 by Jacob also on Pigg River are annexed and recorded in Franklin County.

The marriages of his daughters Nancy and Franky in 1799 and 1801 and recorded in Franklin indicate his marriage to Lettice (possibly Hardy) ca. 1780. These daughters married Edward and John Beck respectively.

Incidentally, we have known some of these Beck people. In the year 1933, during a meeting in Indiana, we were guests of two Beck brothers who told me that some of the Beck ancestors were allied in marriage with Oldaker girls. We considered the Becks as people of unusual spiritual and moral character and natural ability. We were also entertained by a Beck family in a Caldwell, Idaho Gospel meeting.

Our research has shown that when Jacob left Franklin County these Beck boys went with him, married to his daughters.

Our early Oldaker families were always found on the frontiers. They were essentially frontier people. One wonders why, as the frontiers moved, so they moved. The answer is usually found in some association or relationship with other people who moved with them. Just so, we wondered how Jacob happened to land in Henry County; and John his brother near him in Bedford County about the same time. To us there seems to be some connection of Jacob with Patrick Henry who was Governor of Virginia at the time--a leader in the Revolution and owner of 7000 acres of land in Henry County, which county was named for him. John Oldaker, brother of Jacob, and claimed by some to have been a

Revolutionary patriot, doubtless was influenced by similar associations and landed in Bedford County nearby.

Be things as they may, Jacob sold his plantation in Franklin to Nicholas Cassell in 1803; his wife, Lettice, signed the deed with Jacob. Details of his transaction are given in the succeeding pages.

WRESTLING JACOB

Jacob Oldaker, born ca. 1750, son of Henry Oldaker Sr. having established the fact, by the tax lists of Virginia 1782-1785, that Jacob was then in Henry County, Virginia; and after confirming this by a visit of 1400 miles to Martinsville, Virginia in July of 1962, after which confirmation I checked off the counties of Halifax, Pittsylvania, Buckingham, Campbell, Patrick and Bedford to see that he had not moved to these counties. I concentrated on Franklin Counting having found that two of his daughters, Franky and Nancy had married John and Edward Beck at Rocky Mount, Virginia.

At Rocky Mount of Franklin County I had also found that Jacob Oldaker had bought 155 acres of Joel Walker on the branches of the Pigg River in 1780; and 143 1/2 acres of Joseph Lewis on the north fork of Pigg River September 3, 1796. I tried to reconcile these facts with what I had found in Henry County--that Jacob had bought 154 acres of Joseph Hale April 24, 1783, described also as on the north fork of the Pigg River.

Now, why the deed of 1780 is recorded in Franklin County and the 1783 deed is recorded in Henry County I am not able to explain. Franklin County was formed from Bedford in 1786 with the tip of Henry County taken in. And in this tip are located those tracts of land containing 155, 154 and 143 1/2 acres, all adjoining tracts. Apparently our Jacob Oldaker had put the 1780 deed behind the clock and forgotten about it but had recorded the 1783 deed being then in Henry County; then when he purchased the 1796 tract from Lewis containing 143 1/2 acres adjoining the other two tracts he had found deed number one (1780) and had recorded them in Franklin County. I wish now I had written these deeds out and put down the dates of their recording; however, what we have is sufficient to establish his record in Franklin County.

The next item was that in 1803 Jacob Oldaker disposed of these three tracts of land on Pigg River by sale to Nicholas Cassell; and John Hale, John Martin, Samuel Smith, Caleb Tate, Thomas Campbell and William Ferguson were

witnesses to the deed; and James Calloway was Clerk of the Court. We note here that the average for this transaction given as 452, which lacking one half acre is exactly the sum total of the three previously purchased tracts.

Now where do we go from here? The 1803 deed bearing the first mention of his wife's name, Lettice, seems to write "finis" at/as the close of the last chapter in the life of "wrestling" Jacob. There is no will in the Franklin County records; nothing to indicate that he had children other than Nancy and Franky Beck. There are no Beck records even. Jacob has vanished like a ghost. Did he join the exodus from Franklin to Mason County with his brother John when Mason was opened up in 1803? In the records of John Oldaker's descendants in Mason County there is no indication, yet found, that he did.

From July to October I mulled over these problems and found no solution. Jacob must have died in Franklin leaving no children except daughters. It is very disappointing and disconcernting thing. Jacob! Where art thou, Jacob!

About the first of September 1962, Rev. Ralph J. Yow and wife, Juanita, came by to see us to get, as Mrs. Yow said to my wife Ruth, a little inspiration. We have known and loved the Yows for many years, having been associated with them in several evangelistic campaigns. During the visit Ralph remarked that he was going over to Floyd County to hold a meeting at Harris Chapel the latter part of the month. I then said that wherever I had found Oldakers I had found Harrises, some branches of the original first families having intermarried with the Harris families; and names of Harris witnesses often appeared on land transactions and deeds. And I wondered if there were Oldakers in Floyd County. Ralph said he was almost sure there were Oldakers there for it seemed to him that he had seen the name on mail boxes in Floyd County. I hope Brother Yow received the inspiration he sought in our friendship: "Give and it shall be given you!" I received far more inspiration, I am sure, than I was able to give unto him. Oldakers in Floyd! Why in the world didn't I go over into Floyd when I checked on Patrick and Franklin Counties last July? Why--Floyd joins Franklin at the top of the Blue Ridge on Bent Mountain!

A letter from Wallace Phillips came in dated September 5 asking help on a certain line of ancestry in the Ball family; a Thomas Ball had married Parmalee Akers of Bluemont, Loudoun County. Bluemont was then called Snickersville and was located near the Trappe. Wallace, who is one of the keenest historians in Loudoun County had never known of any Akers as being in Loudoun County but had known many of them in Montgomery County around Blacksburg and Christiansburg. The Akers were legion there. But he thought perhaps that this Parmalee Akers was Oldakers, who had lived at Snickersville ca. 1785; and the recorder had just dropped the Old

from the name. Why surely, she might be the daughter of Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker who lived in Loudoun County during that time. Perhaps Parmalee was sister of Ceviller Oldaker who had married James Bradford of Mayflower ancestry. Perhaps--Perhaps not!

But back to these Akers in Montgomery County. Could they possibly be? No, I guess not. There are Oldaker and Overacres and Landacres and Longacres and Goodacres and Forakers, ad infinitum. The Oldakers are a lone family, distinct from all other Acres; and descendants of the one and only Henry Oldaker who came from England!

And yet, I will write to the County Clerk in Christianburg of Montgomery County and the Clerk of Floyd County at Floyd Courthouse. I did so and waited.

Names often get changed in the course of 200 years. And the first Jacob of Bible times was one who had his name changed to Israel. Maybe somebody changed my Jacob's name to Akers, or Acre--as Jacob Acre on Revolutionary payrolls.

The Floyd County Clerk did not choose to answer right away, I waited for six weeks. I got a prompt reply from the Clerk of Montgomery County saying that Jacob Oldakers, according to the records, had bought in Montgomery County, a parcel of land from Peter Howard in 1793 containing 93 acres; also a tract from Ezekiel Howard, same year, containing 298 acres.

That was something to think about and keep thinking on. There was no mention of a will or marriages, or any deed by him as grantor. So, one of two things happened; either Jacob sold this land and moved elsewhere and the deed was never recorded in Montgomery County or he lived and died there and the land passed to his descendants, Oldakers or even Becks but there was nothing on record there.

It was an impossible situation and called for some investigation. There might have been some things overlooked or not noted for me, which often happens in checking records for me and by me. It calls for check and double check; and I felt that to ask for a double check would mean a breach of courtesy on my part. Therefore, I would have to make that double check myself or I would forever be in ignorance concerning the latter end of Jacob Oldaker or of his descendants. I must go to Montgomery County.

October! A nice time to make a trip through southwest Virginia. Fall foilage was full in colors of profusion. Three full days of beautiful mountainous scenery and delectable driving took us through Lexington, Salem, Fincastle, New Castle, Christianburg, Pulaski, Wytheville, Hillsville, Floyd and Rocky Mount, in each of which we checked the record room in these County Seats of Rockbridge, Roanoke, Botetourt,

Craig, Montgomery, Pulaski, Wythe, Carroll, Floyd and Franklin Counties.

The first day ended at Mayfair Motel a few miles north of Christianburg in Montgomery County. We had checked off the first four counties; no Oldakers. The next morning I inquired concerning Oldakers and checked the county telephone directory. The name was unknown but I found that I had landed a nestful of Akers. I had an interview with a couple of them who knew nothing about their origin farther back than a grandfather (name not positively known) who had lived in Floyd County after coming out of Blackwater District of Franklin County. No dates could be given.

We took a record of names given of living Akers and pressed on to Christianburg and found nothing more on Jacob Oldaker than what we already had, except I recorded the full copy of Jacob's deed which gave the location of his 391 acres on Pine Swamp Creek, waters of Little River and waters of New River in Montgomery County.

We had a very happy interlude in the fellowship of a Horne family rejoicing in the finding of the great, great, great grandpappy Horne who had lived in Montgomery County, living a contemporary of my Jacob Oldaker. The present Mr. Horne was an ex-superintendent of schools in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

We left Christianburg and visited the remaining county seats of Pulaski, Wythe, Carroll and Floyd in a steady drizzling of rain. At Wytheville we remembered the story of Sidney Allen and the feuding families of Wythe where Sidney Allen shot up the County Court, killed the judge and was sentenced to a term of life in prison.

At Jackson Ferry on New River we saw the Old Shot Tower where the grandfather of our friend and neighbor Jim Dyer was employed making munitions for the confederate cause. This was well worth our trip, just to see the monument of a lost cause. We ate lunch there in a drizzle of rain and went on to Hillsville. In these counties there were no Oldakers but in Carroll were some Akers and in Floyd were at least a dozen full pages of records on Akers that dated from the creation of Floyd County from Montgomery in 1831.

The first entry was the estate of Daniel Akers, and in the list of beneficiaries of his will and in the lists of transactions, we found the usual pattern of Oldakers in the naming of descendants, such as Abraham, Issac, Jacob, John, William, etc., with a few changes occasioned by marriage into other lives. For us, the day ended in confusion and when the doors of the Clerk's office closed on us at 4:30 p.m. we drove on in the rain. I drove aimlessly--just driving in the rain, with no object in view but to find somewhere on the road a place of shelter and repose where I could just

relax and think, think, think--perhaps doze a little and think some more.

We crossed over Little River several times and when finally we crossed over and along Pine Creek in Floyd County I remarked to Ruth, that along here somewhere Jacob Oldaker no doubt had his 391 acres and may be buried not far from this road. I wished that I knew where.

Ingraham is not a common name but when we passed an Ingraham store, I felt assured that we were in Oldaker country for there were Ingrahams in Hampshire County, in Campbell County, in Bedford County and Ohio County always associated with and connected to records concerning Oldakers.

Night overtook us in the rain on Bent Mountain and we drew in at Bent Mountain Park Motel in Roanoke County and tried to sleep amid the pourings of rain and the poundings of ideas in conflict, trying to determine whether or not Akers were really Oldakers after all. Come to think of it and making comparisons, these Akers of Montgomery County were as much like Hanson Oldaker of Mason County as peas in a pod. And were they not all industrial workers and railroad men? And were of similar build and had sandy hair and freckless faces! Dog my cats! They surely must be Oldakers--the long lost tribe of (Jacob) Israel!

It rained all night and on our third day we made interviews and recordings by dashing into places through showers. We back-tracked up Bent Mountain and took the clay road east over and down the mountain to Algonas, Callaway and Ferrum, stopping to ask about Prillimans, Joneses, Hales, Callaways, Walkers, Cassells, and especially about lands on the north fork of Pigg River. I was definitely near, according to the information given, places once owned by Jacob Oldaker.

I asked a group of kindly dispositioned men waiting for mail in the Callaway post office whether there was a historian of some kind nearby who might brief me on the history of early Pigg River settlements. I recall their names as Robinson, Turner, Prilliman. I was advised that a Mr. Pedro Sloan in Ferrum was reared on Pigg River and perhaps knew more history than any other person in the county.

When I reached Ferrum and talked with Mr. Pedro Sloan, historian, I was convinced that these lands of Jacob could be located and, when traced through succeeding titles, would definitely establish whether or not these Akers were real Oldakers after all.

Later I corresponded with Rev. J. T. Cassell, a descendant of Nicholas Cassell and learned that this farm, formerly owned by Jacob Oldaker was about three miles above Callaway; and that the old Cassell graveyard is on the farm, not far from the old house where the Cassells lived.

An Everett Akers living at Callaway, about 80 years old, I was told by Mr. Sloan, could probably tell me a great deal, he having procured a copy of the published genealogy on the Akers family. But I had gone too far to retrace and we contented ourselves by going on to Rocky Mount; and we double checked the records again to make sure we had left out nothing of consequence for the record, and drove on home to Culpeper in the rain.

Our interview with Mr. Pedro Sloan affords us a note of historical interest--that Thomas Hale settled on Pigg River in the year 1780 and named the river "Pigg" honoring a friend of his, Thomas Pigg, by name. Thomas Hale died in 1812. His wife's name was Jane. Joseph Hale, from whom Jacob Oldaker bought a tract in 1783 was a brother of Thomas Hale.

I procured a copy of "The Akers Family of Franklin County, Virginia" from the author Mr. Alonzo Edwin Akers and made an exhaustive study of the family. Our friend and historian, Mr. John Haines, in Burlington County, New Jersey collaborated with me in tracing the Akers backward from Virginia to New Jersey where an early family had lived in Burlington County which was the same county in which our Henry Oldaker had married Elinor Borden in 1732. Oldakers and Akers were in the same counties in the same states at the same time! It was quite confusing, but there seemed to be no valid connection, and we discontinued the effort to connect the two families after we received the following data from our English genealogist, Mr. Arthur E. Oldaker, who spent a day in London at the Library of the Society of Genealogists, tracing the American branch of the Akers family, whose roots certainly were in England and may well have been in earlier years the same family of Oldakers.

THE KENTUCKY-ALABAMA OLDACRES

Excepting the problem of the origin of Henry Oldaker Sr., the problem of "Wrestling Jacob (1)" and his descendants, the Kentucky-Alabama Oldacres had defied our endeavors of research longer than any others.

We note first that this group is the only one to retain the old colonial spelling of the name, with acre rather than aker. It is a mark of distinction. On the marriage record of Henry Sr. in 1732 his name is Oldacre and on the first found deed from Fairfax for lands in Hampshire County, Virginia in 1761 his name is Ouldacre. Other branches of the family and some from Henry Jr.'s line in the third and fourth generation settling in West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana changed to Oldaker. But now whenever I see a name Oldacre I am immediatley impressed with the idea that this is either

an Alabaman whose roots were in Kentucky or some lineage other than Henry Sr.'s.

It all began with Lucille. I had never known or had a hint that any Oldakers had ever lived in Kentucky or Alabama until one day in January 1963, I went into Culpeper to pay my telephone bill. There was a straight dotted line from my eyes to the telephone directory rack and the thought came to me, "Why not check on those books for Oldakers?" In New York there a Lucille Oldacre living in Manhattan. I took down the address and wrote to her. Shortly, I had an air mail letter from the business address of W. A. Fine and Co., One Wall Street, New York. Her letter set my anticipatory genealogical researching sensitivities a-tingling.

An excerpt from her letter is given:

"Your letter concerning the "Oldacre Story" is most interesting and I shall be most happy to help in any way possible. For many years I have longed to trace my family tree, but business cases and lack of time prevented my making research. Some years ago I met a gentleman in Florida who said his mother's maiden name was Oldacre and she was Kentucky. His uncle who lived in Texas was very interested in his lineage and spent some time in England tracing the family tree from the British ancestors, down to the present time. Unfortunately, I had to leave Florida the next day, and when I returned the gentleman had gone, so I was unable to follow it up." [If Lucille had only gotten the gentleman's name and address, it would have saved me "gillions" of hours of deduction, reduction and production but I would have been lacking the excitement of the Oldacre chase.]

"It was my understanding the first Oldacres landed in Virginia in or about 1788 from England, of course. When only a child I remember my father, James Francis Oldacre, and his mother Arabella (Francis) Oldacre, discussing the family background, and while I cannot be positive, I believe our branch of the family first settled in South Carolina, and finally at least, some member or members came over into Kentucky."

"From Kentucky my father's grandfather and one brother moved down into Alabama, where my father and grandfather were born." [Note: Her grandfather was not born in Alabama, but was born in Kentucky.]

"I understand that at the time of the Civil War, the family in Kentucky owned a large plantation and many slaves, and that the sons were divided on the issue, some in Kentucky fighting on the northern side and the Alabamans on the southern side. Since my grandfather did not get back from the war, the two branches of the family never reunited."

Lucille went to New York in 1928 as secretary to Mr. W.A. Fine and in 1941 was made a general partner, the first woman to become an active general partner of a New York Stock Exchange firm. She is a member of Christ Church Methodist, whose minister for 50 years was Dr. Ralph W. Sockman.

She retired from business in March 1962; came by to see us on the way south; located a lovely spot and home on Eustis Lake, Eustis, Florida; and is giving wonderful assistance in our endeavors to present the story of the Oldacre branch in Alabama and Kentucky.

The acquisition of the foregoing data produced a reaction on me such would be produced by adding fuel to a fire and then smothering it. There was not a single clue--not a peg to hang anything on; but back in my cranium, the gnawing question, "Who were these Oldacres in Kentucky and Alabama? Are there any of them there now?" Edgar Allen Poe's raven seemed to be caw-cawing at me, "Never more, never more, and "you can't find out, you can't find out."

I had tried to solve the problem by the process of elimination. They were not John's descendants, nor William's, he had none; they were not Abraham's, nor Issac's; I had charted theirs. They must either be descendants of Jacob's or of Henry Jr.'s. I staged another ancestor's hunt--State Library in Richmond, Library of Congress, Federal Archives and found that Jacob had followed John to southern Virginia or vice versa. I traced the records of Jacob in Henry County, Franklin and Montgomery. The trail had become cold in 1803 when his daughter Frankey and Nancy had married the Beck boys and Jacob sold 452 acres to Nicholas Cassell.

The only source left for these Kentucky-Alabamans is Jacob or Henry Jr. and where are they? Who were Philip and William Oldacre trading with Hopewell in Hardy County in 1818-1820? "Never more, never more," quoth the raven, "never more."

Henry Jr.'s will in Loudoun County was proved in 1886. Henry Hieronimus was appointed guardian to the minor children. There would have to be a guardianship report somewhere. I had tried to find it in Richmond, but it was not there. It would have to be in Leesburg and it was. How it was uncovered is told elsewhere. The names of the minor children were Sarah, John, Henry, Jesse and Jacob. They were under the care of Henry Hieronimus and their mother Elizabeth who had married Hieronimus. Where had they gone? There were no holdings in their names in Loudoun records.

I read again Chappelears depositions in the Carter-Green land disputes. Francis Hieronimus had gone to Fayette County, Kentucky about 1790. Francis was the father of Henry. I checked landholdings in Franklin County, Virginia and Mason to see if the family of Henry Jr. Oldaker had

followed John. They had not. They must have gone west to live with Hieronimus. So we must go west to hunt Hieronimus. How we located Henry and Jesse in Ohio and Jacob in Indiana is told elsewhere also how we trailed Henry Heironimus through various counties in Kentucky and Missouri. It was like being "on the trail of Geronimo." But we did not find any trace of John Oldaker, son of Henry Jr.

We wrote to County Clerks and others in eight early counties of Kentucky. From some we had no response; some replied that they did not have time to check the records. Some replied courteously saying they had checked the records and were sorry they could find no Oldacres. The clerk of Woodford wrote one literal line "write Mrs. _____ in Versailles." I did, thinking she was an Oldacre descendant. She was a researcher for a fee but couldn't research before spring of 1963. There is quite a difference in probate offices in different places.

I telephoned Louisville; I contacted the Frankfort Historical Society; I decided on making a trip but didn't know where to go in Kentucky. It was frustration!

Then it happened! Walter Oldaker of Los Angeles sent in a list of 100 Oldakers with address in the United States, Canada and Australia. Among these were 10 Oldacres mostly in Tennessee and Alabama. I wrote to all ten of them and received just one letter in reply, from Mrs. Elizabeth Oldacre Murty of St. Petersburg, Florida. My letter had been relayed to her from Oldacres in Knoxville. Those in Knoxville didn't do much--just passed my letter to another--but what they did, perhaps, will prove to be a great deal indeed; for it is written "Great trees from little acorns grow."

Elizabeth O. Murty didn't know who her grandfather was nor her great-grandfather, but she wanted to know, and having my list of seven Oldacre addresses in Alabama, she went to work. In a few months, we found and linked up the name of her grandfather with that of her great, great grandfather Henry Oldaker Sr. who married Elinor Borden October 11, 1732, in Evesham, Burlington County, New Jersey. So what?

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself has said,
"This is my own my native clan"
If such there be, and hath no pride
In those now gone who lived and died
That we a richer life might gain,
Seeking to follow in their train--
If such there be--then mark him well
For him no kindred raptures swell,
Living, shall forfeit his renown,
And Doubly dying shall go down

To the vile dust from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonored and unsung. That's what!

(I hope the interpolation of certain lines and substituted words is pardonable. I'm sure Sir Walter Scott would not mind.)

One questioned the importance of a history such as I was writing saying that he and his family had decided to forego the rather uninteresting prospect of being simply names in a history of what seemed to him a story about something that would be only interesting only to the people involved. It was unimportant to him whether anyone remembered that he was here, except his children who would remember.

So, let us have respect of the opinions of others; and although it grieves us to do so, we withhold his name and those of his loved ones. Others are in his company, who, being solicited by personal correspondence, lacked the courtesy to respond, or by neglect thereby excuse themselves from recognition in our memoirs. Let us hear the conclusion of the matter--every descendant of Henry Sr. is involved; everyone who bears the name of Oldaker or Oldacre or has Oldaker blood coursing through his veins is involved, and need not be omitted if they wish to be included, and if it is possible to include them according to the rules of procedure in genealogy.

How encouraging, on the other hand, it is to have someone appreciate your modest contribution in words such as these, from our correspondents:

"You are doing a wonderful thing which should have been done long ago."

"You are to be commended and praised for your effort."

"Such a publication will, I am sure be a valuable addition to the few genealogical records of the Oldaker family that have so far appeared in print."

And Lucille Irene Oldacre Bonenberger caps the climax by writing:

"I'm sorry I cannot be more help but I am sure want to purchase a copy of your book and I must praise you for your efforts. It is a strong and healthy mind that goes to all the trouble; so I can take pride in being even a distant cousin."

My father had an oft repeated and employed phrase--"had a tendency to." Such encomium as the above "had a tendency to" inflate my ego, but I would rather regard them as encouragements while I seek to present "The Oldaker Story"

as a labor of love for my people--those gone before, those now living and those yet to live.

Having these things in mind we are glad we can now present the following items on the Alabama Oldacres. Working backward from the known to the unknown, we use as starting point a group of names given in the excerpt from Lucille's letter:

Arabella Francis Oldacre, grandmother;
James Francis Oldacre, father;
Lucille Oldacre, daughter.

Coupled with these names are the basic statements that her grandfather and great uncle, names unknown, migrated from Kentucky to Alabama (County and date unknown) where her grandfather and father were born and that her grandfather never returned from the War.

(Note: Corrections were made here to grandfather instead of great grandfather as she had stated in her letter. Also, her grandfather was born in Kentucky instead of Alabama.)

From February to October of 1962 we learned nothing further about these Oldacres. Then in November the letter from Elizabeth O. Murty of Florida came to hand replying to an inquiry I had sent to Knoxville. She stated that Lucille was her cousin, their fathers being brothers. Her father was William Henry Oldacre of Morgan County, Alabama; her mother was Annie M. McDaniel. Elizabeth did not know her grandfather's name nor her great grandfather's, but she did remember her father and mother talking about naming a younger brother who only lived one week. They considered Issac and Jacob and chose Jacob. [I felt pretty sure then that Jacob would be the name of Elizabeth's grandfather.]

I had sent Elizabeth my list of Birmingham and Montgomery Oldacres as previously stated and in her reply--a large double length four page letter--hidden things began to be revealed--an apple cart, so to speak filled with Oldacre specimens, long covered, were now being uncovered. May we now allow Elizabeth to present her gatherings.

13 November 1962
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Rev. Oldaker,

I was quite pleased to receive your letter and will give you all the information I can. First, I have no idea what county my father was born in, and my sisters do not know. I would say Morgan or Cullman, but I am not sure. I am afraid I can't be much help on the chart of my father, William Henry's family. I know of one brother, Lucille's father,

whom we knew only as Uncle Jim. They had a sister Annie Oldacre (never married) that lived in Decatur until 1904, when she and grandmother Oldacre moved to Birmingham, Alabama (Jefferson County). Grandmother Oldacre died and I think was buried in Birmingham. Annie then left Birmingham (about 1920) taking with her a step-sister of mine. They went to Los Angeles, California where Annie died in 1929. There was another sister to my father but I never knew her name. [Editor's note: Sally] I do not know any dates of birth of my father's family.

About my father--sometime between 1890-1895 he married Olive Freeman, daughter of Hiram and Rachel Freeman of Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama. They had two children:

1. Myrtice Oldacre, born 25 May 1897. She married Daniel Miller of Cleveland, Ohio in 1931; now widowed and living at 2081 Carabel Ave. Lakewood, Ohio.

2. Myrlene Oldacre, born 2 September 1899; never married and last heard from by any of the family in 1929. She was with my father's sister Annie in California.

Olive Freeman died 8 February 1902. On December 3, 1903, my father married my mother in Birmingham, Alabama. She was Annie Mae McDaniel, daughter of James and Amanda McDaniel of Falksville, Morgan County. There were six children of this second marriage.

1. Willie Mae Oldacre born 12 March 1905, married Clarence E. Self of Decatur on 3 September 1921. There were two sons of this marriage, Clarence E. Jr. and Neil C. Self of L.A. Willie Mae was widowed and later married Jack A. Church in Lebanon, Missouri. She passed away 2 April 1962 and is buried in Berwyn, Illinois where her son Clarence lived.

2. Sarah Elizabeth Oldacre, born 25 September 1906, married Claude Murty of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, 7 April 1949 in Tokyo, Japan, now lives at 5586, 35th Ave. N. St., Petersburg, Florida.

3. James Freeman Oldacre, born 25 April 1908. Married Mary Elizabeth Cole of Paris, Tennessee February 1942. They have three children (1) James Cole Oldacre born 3 April 1943, Vera Drive Knoxville; (2) Elizabeth Darlene Oldacre born 7 September 1944, 1113 Fair Ave. Knoxville; John Paul Oldacre born 7 June 1955 of Fair Ave. Knoxville.

4. Jacob Oldacre born 12 August 1910 died 20 August 1910.

5. John Paul Oldacre, born 13 April 1912, never married. He died a tragic death by drowning in Tennessee River, 24 September 1939; buried at Decatur.

6. Lucille Irene Oldacre, born 8 June 1914, married Michael Bonenberger in 1944, Cleveland, Ohio; now living at 2081 Carabel Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

(All six born in Decatur of Morgan County.)

My father William Henry was born 16 June 1855 died 10 April 1928, buried at Decatur. My father's occupation was in lumber and lumber mills.

My mother died 7 April 1943, buried at Decatur.

Of the Oldacres you mentioned in Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama I have no idea of the relationship. I do remember Josh Oldaker coming to our house once years ago--he had seven or eight daughters we children played with. He was a cousin of my father; also I knew that a Scott Oldacre lived in Culliman, Alabama and had several children (I never knew any of them or if Scott and Josh were brothers). Also, as a child, I remember a Rev. Lizzie Oldacre--I assume her name was Elizabeth--coming to visit us a few times, but I don't know her relationship--sister to Josh, I believe. They were not first cousins, I'm sure but it's all vague in my mind. Lucille has a sister living in Culliman that should be able to get information on them.

You probably think it strange that I know so little of my father's background but he was a quiet unassuming man and was out of town often at some country saw-mill or looking over tracts of timber, and when he was at home, it just never occurred to us to ask who and where our grandparents were born. I remember no family discussions, only our family, nothing of his family. He was a wonderful father and good provider. . .

I am writing an Aunt [her Aunt Glenn] on my mother's side in Birmingham and asking her to call or go and see the Oldacres there and get any information they can and will give her. Also, I shall write the clerk of Morgan County Court to see if they have anything of value.

I have written a party in Montgomery and asked them to try searching Civil War and Census Records for any and all Oldacres they could find.

I'm poor at writing--have stopped this several times. I have arthritis in my hands quite badly and cannot write much at a time. Any further information I get I shall send it to your. Some that I have given you may be of help, and the dates are correct, according to the Family Bible which I

have--it just doesn't go back far enough. The record was started at the time of Myrtice's birth and kept up from then until the present. Thanks again for your nice letter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth O. Murty

Editor's Comment: The letter needs no comment! We rise, however, to a point of personal privilege to state that Elizabeth writes a lovely legible hand despite her affliction, and that if we are any judge of Belles Lettres this is one; and back of everything expressed is a real Oldacre of character and personal worth. We are blessed not only in what she is doing for the Oldacre record, but by what she evidently is. Blessings on you both Elizabeth and Claude Murty! I hope some day to see you, in the sweet by and by. (Note: Mr. Murty is retired after 31 years in the Army.)

When "Aunt Glenn" went into orbit in Birmingham she surely upset that apple cart; and the Oldacre specimens began rolling out! Elizabeth's next communication enclosed a double-long sheet of data in neat type form dictated by Thomas H. Oldacre and wife, of Birmingham, who happily possessed a good memory, or had some good records relative to the first of his family and the early days of Oldacres in Alabama. It was recorded by the courageous resourceful "Aunt Glenn" -- I wonder how she got my name (minus the aunt). She would surely be a Scotch McDaniel.

McDaniel--I remember big handsome Bill McDaniel from somewhere in the Southland working with me in the Lynchburg, Virginia creamery, both of us needing funds for college training; and Dr. McDaniel, pastor of Richmond's First Baptist--one of the greatest preachers of his day. Aunt Glenn is probably a chip off the old block. She surely stirred up things in Birmingham as far as this Oldacre record is concerned. Her list, embracing present living Oldacres in Birmingham, indicates their close relation from the same family tree, and their progenitors from Morgan County dating back to the year 1812, according to our deductions,

Before presenting the chart we shall note a few observations by and from Tom H. Oldacre:

> He knew the mother of Elizabeth (Annie McDaniel) before she married Elizabeth's father (Wm. Henry). He was a first cousin to Wm. Henry Oldacre and lived with him while he (Wm. Henry) was married to his first wife (Olive Freeman). Tom was a cousin also to James Francis and to Annie Oldacre whom Myrlene Oldacre (daughter of Wm. Henry and Olive Freeman Oldacre) accompanied to Los Angeles. Tom is a retired railroad

man 77 years old. His information covered a period of 125 or more years. The lineage traced is that of Tom H., Lois, T. E. and John D. all of Birmingham.

1. Thomas H. Oldaker born 1885, Morgan County, Alabama. Married Catherine Johnson. Son of William Oldacre of Morgan County who was son of Daniel Oldacre birth date unknown. Tom lives 2924 Ave. T, Birmingham.

2. John D. Oldacre (deceased) born Morgan County. Son of William Oldacre and grandson of Daniel Oldacre.

3. Thomas E. Oldacre born Jefferson County, wife Ethel Banks lives 712 47th St., Birmingham. Son of Albert Oldacre who was son of William Oldacre and Thomas E. is great grandson of Daniel Oldacre.

4. Earl Oldacre wife Mattie G. lives 3121 12 Ave. N. Birmingham. Son of John D. Oldacre who was son of William Oldacre who was son of Daniel Oldacre.

5. Lois Oldacre Rhodes born Jefferson County, daughter of Albert L. Oldacre who was son of William who was son of Daniel.

At this point "Aunt Glenn" concluded her chart and made her deduction "According to my information your father (William Henry) and William Oldacre were brothers."

No, No--"Aunt Glenn" pardon us for correcting you, but William Henry Oldacre was cousin to William Oldacre; William Henry being son of Jacob and William being son of Daniel, father of Jacob. The cart had apples rolling out but all were not the same variety. Rambos differ from Winesaps or Pippins.

While I was gathering up some of Aunt Glenn's and Cousin Tom's production; Lucille pushed her cart in and over; and out rolled another bunch of Oldacres. She had been to Montgomery and compiled some lists from the Census records. She went on to Decatur and gathered names from the marriage register. She collected data from old friends and relatives of the family in Cullman County and Morgan and was headed for Kentucky when she learned that her brother was very ill, which postponed further research at that time. We appreciate more than we can express the excellent work Lucille has done for the Oldacre record.

Lucille found out that the first Census made in Morgan County was in 1840. In this census is found:

*J.N. Oldacre, head of house		1-30 to 40 male (J.N.)
1 female		1-30 to 40 (wife)
1 child	female	1-5 to 10

1 child	male	10 to 15
1 child	male	5 to 10

*This J. N. Oldacre or John H. (H or Hardy) by later research is found to be John Oldacre son of Henry Oldacre of Adair County, Kentucky. John was nephew of Jacob and Daniel though about same age. Explanation of chart is given in Kentucky account. John soon removes from Alabama and his sons are found in Missouri later.

In the next Census of 1850 for Morgan County we find:

Daniel Oldacre, carpenter (married 1831 in Adair County, Kentucky)
Ann (Bradshaw) most probably wife of Daniel)
Jacob born ca. 1820 [30] (killed in Civil War, brother to Daniel)
Sarah A. born 1832 [18] (married John H. Ryan)
Tuesday born 1833 [17] (Jane) (married Robert H. Thompson)
Alborn born 1835 [15] (married Hannah Francis)
Nancy born 1838 [12] ("Puss") (married John Wilhite)
William "J" born 1843 [7]
Martha L. born 1851 (From 1860 census)

(Note: Bracketed items are authentic.)

Alongside this 1850 census charts we place the charts given by Tom H., "Aunt Glenn" and Elizabeth which in our opinion is fragmentary only. We shall combine charts:

Daniel (married Ann Bradshaw)

1. William, whose sons are Oscar, Sim, Tom H., Albert L. and John D.

[Jacob is the half-brother of Daniel living with him in 1850]

2. Son Alborn, also daughters of Daniel, Sarah A., Tuesday and Nancy and Martha L.

The marriage list of Morgan County given by Lucille is:

1. Robert H. Thompson to Jane Oldacre 13 March 1851.
2. Anderson Oldacre to Amanda F. Wilson 1867.

The Jane Oldacre Thompson above born ca. 1833 was a daughter of Daniel and Anderson Oldacre is a negro.

And checking back now on the age of Daniel by the 1850 census (ca. 1811) we see that he married in 1831 and Ann is

his wife. Daniel has six children. The oldest child is Sarah, 18; Martha L. is sixth born in 1851.

The two remaining names on the marriage list given by Lucille are:

1. Jacob Oldacre to Arabella Francis 8 January 1851.
2. Alborn Bradshaw Oldacre (son of Daniel) to Hannah Francis 1865.

Jacob married at age of 31. He was born about 1820. then we deduce that his brother Daniel was married ca. 1831, being born ca. 1811. Also the six children of Daniel would be born over a period of about 20 some years. Add this to the fact that Jacob married the year after the census, he was born about 1820. In consideration of these things we reach the following conclusions:

1. Jacob Oldacre is the long unknown grandfather of Lucille and Elizabeth et als.

2. Daniel Oldacre was the great half-uncle of Lucille and Elizabeth et als.

3. Daniel and Jacob Oldacre were the brothers who left Kentucky ca. 1843-1846 and settled in Alabama Morgan County "where the father of Lucille and Elizabeth was born."

This is a fragmentary digest of Lucille's findings. Details will be added later.

ALLEGORY

While I was gathering up these spilled specimens from the apple cart--putting down the names of Daniel, J. N. and Jacob, Mr. Poe's raven flew down and perched on my casement ledge. Quoth the raven--nothing, nothing, "Why don't you caw, you gloomy bird? Get away from here and don't you come back ever--never--nevermore. He shook his fuzzy feathers and took off to his pine thicket at the heart of the Alabama lowlands. Mr. Poe appeared at the door:

"Give us the bells Edgar, please: There is joy today; the lost is found. The Oldacres are found."

I listened to the ringing and ringing of the bells,
the bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells,
The tin-tin-adulation of the bells.

ALABAMA OLDACRES

SECTION I: Jacob (2) Oldacre (half-brother of Daniel). Jacob (2) Oldaker born 1820 married Arabella Francis 8 January 1851.

Children:

1. James Francis Oldacre born 1855 married Jane Ware Huckaba.
2. William Henry Oldacre married (1) Olive Freeman married (2) Annie McDaniel (Charts previously given).
3. Sally Oldacre married Lige (Elijah) Blevins (two children).
4. Annie Oldacre (never married) migrated to California. Birthplace and date unknown.

SECTION II: Daniel Oldacre (half-brother of Jacob) married Ann Bradshaw

Children:

1. Sarah A. Oldacre born 1832 married John H. Ryan.
2. Tuesday Oldacre born 1833 (Jane) married Robert H. Thompson.
3. Alborn Bradshaw Oldacre born 1835 married Hannah Francis 1865.
4. Nancy Oldacre born 1838 (Puss) married John Wilhite.
5. William Oldacre born 1843 married ____?
6. Martha L. Oldacre born 1851.

SECTION I (Cont.)

FAMILY OF JAMES FRANCIS OLDACRE

Wife: Jane Ware Huckaba

1. Julia Thomas Oldacre married S. Archie Taylor (Birmingham)
2. Elonza Jay Oldacre married Belle Smallwood (Cullman)
3. Mattie Belle Oldacre married Elbert K. Lawrence (Cullman)

4. Lena May Oldacre married Edmund Stevens (Hartselle)

5. Clara Jane Oldacre married Adlie NeSmith (Two children)

6. Jimmie Lucille Oldacre (single)

7. Henry Oldacre (died at age of 2)

8. William Jacob (died at age of 2)

Expanding the above we record:

1. Julia and Arch Taylor had five sons (Mattie Bell says six children)

   a. Clifford Arnold Taylor
   b. Howard Taylor
   c. Floyd Elmo Taylor
   d. Eric Taylor
   e. Duval Taylor

2. Elonza Jan and Belle had three children:

   a. Virgil Lee Oldacre married Ruth McCravey

      (1) Jimmy-Wade Oldacre
      (2) Mattie Lou Oldacre married Franklin D. Miller
      (3) Harold Lee Oldacre
      (4) Bonnie Gail Oldacre married Larry Smith

   b. Flora M. Oldacre married William McCravey (Five children)

   c. James Thomas Oldacre (deceased)

5. Clara and Adlie NeSmith had two children:

   a. Margaret Helen NeSmith married Thomas Powell
   b. Gerald NeSmith married Opal Wilhite

*Virgil Lee Oldacre is the only one of this family to perpetuate the family name.

SECTION II (Cont.)

FAMILY OF ALBORN OLDACRE--SON OF DANIEL

Wife: Hannah Francis married 1865

1. Scott Oldacre married Nan Mitchell

   a. Jesse Mitchell Oldacre married Leta Weeks
   b. Eunice Byrd Oldacre (no data)

2. Rev. Lizzie Oldacre married Lee Mitchell

3. Viani Oldacre married _____ Mitchell

NOTE: These three Oldacres must have liked the Mitchells.

4. Josh Oldacre married _____

FAMILY OF JOSH OLDACRE--SON OF ALBORN

1. Lizzie Mae Oldacre

2. Evelyn Oldacre

3. Maude Oldacre

4. Albin Josh Oldacre married _____

a. Elizabeth Oldacre married Haskell Foster (Dustin, Oklahoma)

b. Bob Joe Oldacre married Yvonne Louise Kub (Tulsa, Oklahoma)

(1) Michael Lance Oldacre born 1955
(2) Pamela Jo Oldacre born 1957

c. _____ Oldacre (son) married _____

FAMILY OF WILLIAM OLDACRE--SON OF DANIEL

William J. Oldaker born 1843 in Adair or Russell County, Kentucky married _____?

1. Albert L. Oldacre married Alice Goodwin

2. John D. Oldaker married Mary Allen

3. Sim Oldaker (never married)

4. Oscar Oldacre married Neoma Tabscot

5. Tom Oldacre married Catherine Johnson

EXPANDED CHARTS

1. Albert Oldaker Family

   a. Daniel Lester Oldacre married Dorothy Fountain
   b. Thomas Edward Oldacre married Ethel Banks
   c. Lois Oldacre married Thomas J. Rhodes
   d. Viola Oldacre married William Strickland

2. John D. Oldacre Family

   a. Earl Oldacre married Mattie G.
   b. Ruby Oldacre married Patrick McCalister

4. Oscar Oldacre Family

   a. Larmer Oldacre (no data)
   b. Elizabeth Oldacre married Jim Fuqua

5. Thomas Oldacre Family

   a. Margaret Oldacre married _____ Melaski
   b. Mildred Oldacre married _____ Norman

Epilogue: Now that we have charted the descendants of Daniel and Jacob, we shall have to make an invasion of Kentucky to find the missing links with Jacob (1), last lost and found in Franklin County, Virginia in 1803.

WRESTLING JACOB (Cont.)

Having come to the jumping off place of Jacob (1) in Franklin County, Virginia in the year 1803, we could not follow him until we knew which way he ran after he jumped. As stated elsewhere for months we waited and hoped for a definite clue. There was a definite clue, we were certain, in the disposition of that 391 acres Jacob bought from the Howards. A check on deeds had been made by the Montgomery County Clerk, and Ruth and I had made the double check. There was no deed of this land by any Oldacre or Oldaker as grantor? Why would a triple check be necessary? [It wasn't--but we made it anyhow, just because of our Oldaker stubbornness, and found it after a nine-month search of other sources right there in Montgomery County Court records, on our way to Kentucky, after going around Robin Hood's barn by way of the Kentucky Historical Society and the Archives in D.C.--but the marginal title was, "Olds to Huff" 1816 from Adair County, Kentucky.] There was a suggestion by Mr. Sloan, the historian of Franklin County that it was likely probable that Jacob Oldacre went to Kentucky with a company, including the Hales, who went there about that time.

Coupled with this premise was one by Lucille Oldacre that her people went from Virginia to Kentucky; and sometime before the Civil War, two brothers from the family had migrated to Alabama. Names were unknown (when this was written).

Having traced the other ancestral lines to a rather satisfying conclusion, we were almost sure that the Alabama tribe was descended from Jacob (1) by way of the Kentucky Oldakers. We continued our efforts in Kentucky.

We dug up the letters from the Historical Society in Frankfort. We noted that there was nothing--nothing at all to show one ray of light on the problem of finding Oldakers in Kentucky, except a list of recommended genealogical researchers who would doubtless want a considerable fee for checking any available records.

The Archives in D.C. had no tax lists on Kentucky. To check the census records of all counties in Kentucky was an impossibility for very few of them were indexed. It meant days of scanning page by page--days perhaps reaching into weeks. The only way out was a contact with one of those Kentucky researchers.

I chose one from the list--a Mrs. Davis living in Woodford County not far from Frankfort. I asked her to check the tax lists in the state house to find the name of the county in Kentucky in which Oldakers were living 1804-1850. In about a month I had the result of a two-hour search among the wills, marriages, deaths and histories of counties in Virginia and Kentucky. All of her items were fine, but most of them I already had. What I wanted was county location!

There was just one item that was different to any and everything I had. It was the key that unlocked Pandora's box--a record of a marriage of Susan Buster to William Oldacre in 1843 in Wayne County and the appended citation from D.A.R. records that Susan died in 1875 and was buried in Taylor Cemetery at Glen's Fork in Adair County, Kentucky.

I threw my old hat into the air and when it came down--stomped on it! I shouted again "Eureka" and my wife said, "Well, what have you got this time?" "The lost lost tribe of Israel--Jacob--perhaps." And it was.

I wrote immediately to the County Clerks of Wayne and Adair Counties. Prompt replies revealed only the marriage of William Oldacre in Wayne County; but in Adair was a gold mine of data on Oldacres--deeds and marriages from the year 1804 naming Jacob, Henry, William, Sarah, Levi, James A., Oliver, John and Elizabeth, Ellen and Daniel.

I mulled on these deeds and marriages for a few weeks and wrote down my calculations--my version of the Oldaker

Story in Kentucky--only to find later that I had missed on several counts.

I had written Mrs. Davis several times pleading for checks on other counties in Kentucky and thanking her for what she had done, especially for the one item that meant so much. She never wrote again. She had returned my check in her first and only letter saying she did not like to make a charge unless she had produced some facts. My hat is off to Mrs. Davis! She is typical of the kind Kentucky people.

Soon I was planning a trip to Kentucky, but decided first to check Adair County in the census records at the Washington Archives and at the same time list the Oldakers who had served in the Civil War. The Archives Pensions Lists of Applications revealed that Oldakers once lived in Russell County, Kentucky. We spent three weeks at the Archives, which pretty well prepared us for the Kentucky research.

After trying, for a few more weeks, to make a digest of our collected material, we left Culpeper after church on Sunday, July 28, 1963, took the Skyland Drive to Franklin County and spent the night with friends. On Monday we checked the records on Jacob Oldakers once more in Montgomery County for that missing instrument conveying his last holdings in Virginia--the 391 acres from Howard Brothers and found it given under the title "Olds to Huff." In some mysterious way the acreage had increased to 460 but the description was the same; and it was made in Adair County, Kentucky in the year 1816. We include a copy of this interesting instrument. But the "feller" that recorded that document as "Olds to Huffs" should have been tarred and feathered.

JACOB OLDACRE DEED TO HUFF BROTHERS

FOR 460 ACRES 1816

This indenture made this 6th day of Dec. 1816 between Arthur H. Robinson of the County of Adair and State of Kentucky for Jacob Old--of the County of Adair and state of Ky. Atty. for Jacob Old of the County and State aforesaid of the one part and Jacob and Issac Huff of the County of Franklin and state of Va. of the other part.

Witnesseth that the said Arthur H. Robinson for and in consideration of the sum of 150 dollars to his in hand paid the receipt whereof beneath herewith acknowledge hath give granted, bargained and sold unto the said Jacob and Issac Huffs one certain tract and parcel of land in Montgomery Co.

in state of Virginia on Pine Swamp Creek the waters of Little River adjoining the land of John Huffs containing 460A (be the same more or less) and bounded etc.*

proved April 1, 1817 Arthur H. Robinson

Wit. John Huffs Joshua James
Peter Huffs

*We locate the Montgomery lands of Jacob 391 acres recorded in Montgomery County which when sold includes the 70 acre grant from the Commonwealth making a total 461 acres "Be the same more or less" (more by one acre). The 70 acres on Mine Creek waters and Little River (near Copper Hill) and sold as a unit of 460 acres to Huffs in 1816. This 70 acres was a Treasury Warrent #14,397 from the Virginia Land Office September 25, 1782 surveyed 1794. (Adjoining land of Zachariah Stanley and Jacob Robbins.)

Jacob also had 55 acres assigned by Wm. Robbins April 6, 1790 a grant of the Commonwealth of Virginia Land Office Treasury Warrant #11,572 issued March 23, 1782, Robert Burke Esq. Gov. of Virginia in Botetourt County adjoining lands of Zachariah Stanley on waters of Little River.

Note: These tracts were evidently astride the Roanoke-Montgomery County lines. Roanoke County was then Botetourt County.

When Jacob sold his 391 acres in Montgomery County, it adjoined the two tracts of 55 acres in Botetourt County and 70 acres in Montgomery County and was doubtless included as 460 acres "more or less." It was more by 55 acres. Accordinging, Jacob had 452 acres in Franklin and 515 acres in Montgomery and Botetourt making a total of 967 acres.

We toured through eastern Tennessee, viewed Roosevelt's vast Tennessee Valley Authority project from the top of a mountain; passed through the Cumberland Gap, at a point where Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky meet, wondering all the while if Jacob had passed this way. We spent the night for the first time in Kentucky in a motel at Somerset.

There were no Oldacre records in Somerset, County seat of Pulaski County. We drove on to Columbia on Tuesday and were soon immersed in Oldacre records of Adair County. When the doors closed at 5:00 p.m., we were tired enough to quit. Ruth and I had transcribed what seemed to be most important to us. Mr. Robert White, Clerk, and his deputy, Betty Burton, were very kind and helpful. We found, however that

the chief interest of the townspeople was the subject of race horses!

During the noon recess and after 5:00 p.m. we talked with the people on the streets, in the stores and hotel, some of whom, being ripe in years, had known some of the Oldacres in Adair and Russell Counties when they were young and the Oldacres were old.

For the record we wish to say that we found the Kentucky people exceedingly communicative and ready to help, some of them seeming to stand by, waiting for us to ask them for assistance in our research. We met a Miss Jessie Taylor who knew Elizabeth Oldacre, wife of Levi, and she told us several things which we are incorporating into the record.

A Mr. John Eubank living at the hotel told us he was named after John Oldacre who was a druggist at Glen Fork when Mr. Eubank was a child, spending his younger days as a pet and protoge of Dr. John Oldacre. We called on Mr. J. V. Dudley at Montpelier which, years before the war, was a store and post office, and still is. It was the center of the Oldacre Settlement in the early years.

Mr. Dudley, an octogenarian, is rated as the local historian, and writes a column for the Columbia weekly newspaper. We enjoyed hearing him tell about the Griders, Coffeys, Marrahs, Oldacres and Bradshaws.

We visited the Coffey family who, as descendants of G. W. Coffey, own the farm where Levi Oldacre lived. We saw the spot where the original cabin stood in which Levi and Elizabeth lived and died. Nearby was a house built by Oliver Oldacre about the year 1870, a neat little five-room frame house near a spring to which and from which Mary Susan Grider Oldacre had trod the path countless times in the years before the call to Texas was sounding along the gentle slopes of the fine Kentucky farmlands.

We visited Pleasant Hill Church and Cemetery where we found the grave of Levi marked by a nice slab stone. His wife Elizabeth's grave was unmarked. There were a number of unmarked graves which could well be those of Jacob and some of his family. We visited the cemetery at Montpelier but the names inscribed were not familiar to us. We went to Glen Fork and found the grave of Susan Buster Oldacre, wife of Billie, in a tangled mass of briars and honeysuckle in the Taylor Graveyard.

On Wednesday we took Russell County. We stopped on the way to check the Woolford Cemetery. We are pretty certain some of our people are buried there.

In Jamestown, County Seat of Russell, we charged the record room about 9:00 a.m. and transcribed first the will

of Jacob--then many interesting land transfers and court documents. The K. Mann family--father, mother and son are clerks in Jamestown County Court. The first question asked was "can we help you?" When they found we were their correspondents from Virginia, they seemed much interested in our Oldaker Store and asked how we got started on this Kentucky safari. I told them about the one item concerning Susan Buster and William Oldacre that directed me to Adair County, then to Russell.

"That's strange," said Mr. Mann. "My wife was a Buster!" After that they couldn't do enough for us. Mrs. Mann began searching the records for her family tree of the Buster family. I'll never forget their kindness nor Mr. Mann's remark:

> "We'll help you all we can and when we cannot, we'll try to keep out of your way."

They did that just in a way that made us feel they were surely kin to us.

The last interesting event on our Kentucky trip came to us on Thursday after driving through the rich and renowned Blue Grass section of Lexington and Winchester. As I sat in the car studying my map, looking for a connecting road to the interstate without going to Ashland, a great big lumbering coal truck in the rear seemed slowed to a stop opposite me.

"Where you want to go, pardner?" I told him--a husky bit round-faced Kentucky Irishman driver. "Follow me" and he roared off down on the left. I followed him for six or eight miles; then he stopped and I pulled up alongside.

"Keep straight ahead on this road nine miles; you will come to the interstate, turn right, go east." I thanked him in my most grateful manner and waved my hand in salute. He answered with a friendly grin and returned my salute. Glancing at my rear view window I saw that he had turned and was taking his load of coal to some needy places in the northwest. And I'm wondering about the dear man and why he stopped to help me. Who else would have done such a thing except someone in Kentucky. The <u>people</u> of <u>Kentucky</u> are <u>exceedingly</u> <u>thoughtful</u>, <u>friendly</u> and <u>kind</u>!

The Interstate and No. 60 took us to St. Albans, West Virginia where we turned for Winfield, crossed the Great Kanawha River and spent the night at Lillian Christians at Buffalo, West Virginia. We checked records at Winfield and Point Pleasant on Friday, drove on to Clarksburg, domiciled with our family friends, spent an hour next morning with the Bertha Rhodes family and left them, anxious for a copy of "The Oldaker Story" was Bertha's last remark ringing in my ears:

"I know my time is not long, but I'm willing to go if I can do so with a Bible in one hand and The Oldaker Story book in the other!"

We arrived home about dusk on Saturday, having spent one of the most enjoyable weeks of our lives. Jacob had given us a long and exciting chase. My! What a wonderful colorful life he lived in his 90 pioneer years! On the Virginia frontier of Hampshire, Loudoun, Franklin and Montgomery Counties--Indians, Revolutionary War, Kentucky frontier, a large plantation, many slaves, three wives, many sons and daughters and many joys and sorrows when death came to take away so many before him. He was last (certainly not the least) living member of the Henry Oldaker Sr. family, and surely a most interesting life was his whose record it has been my privilege to present.

The preceding and succeeding records are supporting documents to the story of Jacob Oldacre.

What we write now is not genealogy. It is not history for there is little to substantiate it. We are just reading between the lines and presuming.

In many ways Jacob was a slick feller like the Biblical Jacob of olden times. For 147 years his record as Jacob Oldaker was without challenge or correction withstood the roving, scanning eyes of record readers in the deeds recorded in Montgomery County of Virginia. I wonder how many others besides me were fooled by this trick.

In the list of Revolutionary soldiers from Virginia, the name of Jacob Acre is given in Capt. Peter Helphenstine's Company of the Winchester-Romney muster and payrolls. No one has claimed this Jacob Acre as an ancestor that we know of, nor had the D.A.R. accepted his name as a basis for membership for any person. We claim that this Jacob Acre was Jacob Oldacre. The two names were used interchangeably by the folk in Kentucky.

I wrote to the Military Division of the Archives in D.C. who admitted his name as a soldier but had no record on his origin or service. They referred me to Richmond and the Archivist there gave me the same answer. In this connection let us check the Kentucky records to see what they may indicate.

In counting up the number of acres (not people) in Jacob's deeds to his children and others we reach a total of 1000 plus acres. He acquired 539 acres by purchase in the years 1804-1823 in Adair County. Most of this land was deeded by him to his sons Henry and William and their heirs

in the years 1812-1817. Now he sold lands in Russell County before 1842, when Jacob made his will he gave to his other sons lands in Russell County totaling about 500 some acres for which there are no deeds recorded in Russell County to him as grantee. Except--we failed to find any explanation in the county records, nor is there any explanation in the formation of counties for I inquired and was told that Adair was formed from Greene and Russell from Pulaski. The records do state that Jacob lived and died in Russell County. Our opinion about this (but we are not prepared to prove it, although the Kentucky records of Revolutionary soldiers from Virginia in Kentucky may do so) is that Jacob had a military grant of land in Russell County after he had first settled in Adair County* and after the completion of the grant his seat was in Russell County. Furthermore, one of the deeds recorded in Russell mentions the Muhlenburg (Military) grant of 7000 some acres, Jacob's land being surveyed from the military line.

Now what is the connection of a Revolutionary soldier named Jacob (Old) Acre with Gen. Peter Muhlenburg except that they were acquainted in Continental service. And what is the explanation of the two being there or having lands adjacent and contiguous unless there was some such connection through a company such as Peter Helphenstine's?

*Jacob in an 1817 deed to Sarah (widow of William) is said to be of Adair County. And the 1823 deed to Jacob from Woolford was recorded by Jacob still in Adair County. It could be that the Russell County lands in question were lands inherited by Sarah Reppetoe, third wife of Jacob, and so passed to her sons.

If such a relationship can be validated or proven, how thrilling to think that Jacob Oldacre was present that day, as history records, when Rev. Peter Muhlenburg robed as a Lutheran priest stood in his pulpit and announced his text--"There is a time for peace and a time for war," and after deliberating for some moments on the felicitous nature, value and benefit of peace, throwing aside his clerical robe in dramatic fashion, he snapped to attention, clad in the uniform of a Revolutionary soldier and with a clarion call cried out, "This is the time for war!"--a cry that electrified his congregation and brought to muster almost the whole number of his male members. Could be, that Jacob Acre (Oldacre) was there. And after that the sword never departed from his house.

We are inclined to think that son Henry was one of those Kentucky sharpshooters with a coonskin cap who in the War of 1812 lost his life perhaps under General Andrew Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans. Strange, too, that son William was deceased in 1814, probably suffering from wounds. Now we stop presuming--the following our facts:

When the Civil War came, the sword was still hanging over the heads of the families, like the sword of Damocles. The Emancipation Declaration clipped the slender thread and the sword fell. It tore the Oldacre family all to pieces. Son Billy, though he was the father of four by Susan Buster (whose father was also a Revolutionary hero) "he volunteered but never lived." On a forced march from Somerset to Louisville he caught pneumonia and died in an Army hospital. And Billy's son John Oldacre went through the war and was pensioned as an invalid.

Jacob's son Jacob Jr. went to Alabama, fought the brothers who were on the Southern side. He never returned from the war. Alborn, (grandson of Jacob (1) son of Daniel) fought on the Southern side.

The sons of Henry (the 1812 soldier) William and John, then in Missouri, gave four sons to the Union cause; Henry, Ambrose, and two Johns. Their pension files give a most tragic story indeed.

Even the slaves of the Oldacres, Aaron, Anderson, Harrison and Luther were drawn into the holocaust of war--were enlisted in the U.S.C. (colored) companies and their records as Oldacres in archives give unrivaled reading. There were 25 Oldakers in the general index of wars before World War I.

Nor has the sword yet departed from the house of Oldaker. In World War I and II, in the Korean War, the Viet Nam peacekeeping, hundreds were involved, and in the present cold war thousands of Oldakers--all of us--are involved until the great show down comes. It's a continuing conflict a war of ideas and ideologies--a war to gain control of the minds of men. It is Christ versus anti-Christ--Christianity versus Atheism and godliness in final conflict. Let us fight with the sound of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Only by God given Truth, Wisdom and Righteousness shall we win this war. Spiritual wickedness in high places and low places, human philosophies linked with socialistic materialism are forging the chains that shall bind us hand and foot, while we are lulled into a soft complacency and false security, bereft of our precious freedoms, purchased by the blood of heroic men of yesteryears. Lord God of hosts be with us yet, lest we forget! Lest we forget; that righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people.

Without the legal documents, such as wills, marriages, deeds and court orders, supplemented by Archival records such as pension files and Federal census, the Story of the Oldacres in Kentucky would, with the passing years, pass into the limbo of forgotten things. National freedom and justice have prepared and preserved these records for us and we should be very grateful. And it is by a combination of

all of these-- a comparing of item against item that we arrive at any semblance of completeness in the story.

We shall take first the charts of Jacob Oldacre then the the marriage records then the court orders and deeds and then the will of Jacob Oldacre.

CHART OF JACOB OLDACRE'S FIRST MARRIAGE

Jacob Oldacre married Lettice Hardy (?)

Children:

1. Nancy married Edward Beck 1799 married (2) Joel Ellis.
2. Franky (Fanny) married John Beck (former wife) 1801.
3. Sarah (Sally) married Wm. G. Flowers 1810 died-- no issue.
4. Henry married Margaret _____? Henry died 1812. Three children.
5. William married Sarah _____? William died 1814; no issue.
6. Daniel married Anna Bradshaw 1831 (moved to Alabama) (See previous pages).
7. Elizabeth married Thomas Carter--son is John Carter.

CHART OF JACOB OLDACRE SECOND MARRIAGE

Jacob Oldacre married Locky Adams 1815. No issue stated.

CHART OF JACOB OLDACRE THIRD MARRIAGE

Jacob Oldacre married Sarah Reppetoe 1819

Children:

1. Jacob Jr. married Arabella Francis (In Alabama 1851)(See previous pages).
2. William (Billie) married Susan Buster 1843.
3. Levi married Elizabeth Stapp 15 July 1845.

4. Sally married Parish G. Reese.

Note: To the list of children of Lettice Hardy(?) we would add (by circumstantial evidence) the names of Jonathan and John Hardy Oldaker first settlers in Putnam County, West Virginia as recorded in the John Oldaker Story of Mason County, Virginia. Date of Settlement--October 17, 1800

OLDACRE MARRIAGES IN KENTUCKY

1. William Oldacre to Susan Buster 14 March 1843 in Wayne County.

2. Daniel Oldacre to Ann Bradshaw Bk. 1 Pg. 132 1831 Adair County.

3. Jacob Oldacre to Locky Adams Bk. 1 Pg. 41 1815 September 18 Adair County.

4. Ellen Oldacre to George Givens Bk. 3 Pg. 180 1878 Adair County (These were negroes).

5. Sally Oldacre to Wm. G. Flowers Bk. 1 Pg. 21 November 6, 1810 Adair County.

6. Jacob Oldacre to Sally Reppetoe April 4, 1819 Adair County.

7. Mandy Oldacre to Jake Wade Bk. 4 Pg. 416 1893 Adair County (These were negroes).

8. Oliver Oldacre to Mary Susan Grider October 3, 1872 Adair County.

9. Margaret Oldacre to Edward Lawless Bk. 1 Pg. 46 9 July, 1816, Adair County.

10. Mary Oldacre to James Hudgins March 1826 Russell County by John Antle.

11. James A. Oldacre to Sarah F. Bledsoe November 5, 1868 Russell County, Jamestown, John D. Calhoon, surety.

12. Levi Oldacre to Elizabeth Stapp July 15, 1845 by James Warriner.

COURT ORDERS ADAIR COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Book B Page 233 February 9, 1811

Ordered that Henry Oldacre be surveyor of that part of road which lies between Adam Rexrorts place and roads of near John Stapps--and that all the lands and _____(?) in the county thereof do assist said Oldacre in keeping said roads in repair.

Book B Page 352 April 5, 1813

On motion of William Oldacre and Thomas Kerns the administration of the estate of Henry Oldacre (died 1812-1813) deceased is granted unto them, they having taken the oaths required by law and executed and acknowledged bond in the penalty of $1000 conditioned as law directs with Jacob Oldacre as their security.

Ordered that John Stapp, John Beck, William Reppetoe Sr. and Alborn Carnes or any three of them being first sworn do appraise in current money the slaves, if any, and personal estate dec'd seized and possessed. (Appraisement was made Page 364).

Book B Page 517 May 3, 1813

On motion of Margaret Oldacre, widow of Henry Oldacre deceased, she is allowed the $153.25 for boarding, clothing, schooling of three infant orphans of the said deceased agreeably to an account filed and ordered to be recorded.

(Note: In 1816 Margaret married Edward Lawless)

Book B Page 516 May 1, 1815

On the motion of Sarah Oldacre the administration of the estate of William Oldacre is granted unto her. She having taken the oath required by law and executed and acknowledged bond in the penalty of $1200 with John Beck her security, conditioned as the law directs. (Sarah was wife of William. John Beck may have been brother of Sarah.)

Ordered Mr. Reppetoe, Thomas Kerns, William Lair and Job Kerns being first sworn to appraise the slaves, if any, and personal estate of which William Oldaker dec'd seized and possessed. July 3, 1815, an inventory of appraisement was recorded and a list of sale of estate of William Oldacre deceased was ordered to be recorded.

Book -- Page --- May 10, 1897 Elizabeth Oldacre

On motion of Z.T. Williams it is ordered that he be and he is hereby appointed administrator of Elizabeth Oldaker,

deceased and said Williams being in open court took the oath as required by law and together with Cyrus Wheat, his security, executed bonds to Commonwealth of Kentucky as required by law which bond is approved by a court. (Estate was appraised and recorded.)

(Note: Hereby we know that Elizabeth died in 1897 March or April; her estate (land) was sold to G. W. Coffey in June 1897.)

JACOB OLDACRE FIRST DEED IN ADAIR COUNTY, KENTUCKY

(Deed Book A Page 397 Elliott to Oldacre)

This indenture made the second day of January in the year of your Lord 1804 between Alexander Elliott of the one part and Jacob Oldacre other part both of Adair Co. of state of Ky. witnesses that the said A.E. for in consideration of the sum of 400 dollars to me in hand paid by the said J.O. the receipt whereof the said A.E. doth hereby acknowledge himself fully satisfied and contented and hath bargained and sold alianed and confirmed to the said J.O. a certain tract or parcel of land containing (two hundred and 84 acres) lying in the Co. and state aforesaid lying on Cabin Fork of Russell Creek and Bounded as follows to wit Begining at a hicory and two dogwoods on a line of Banks and Roberts survey of 7110 and two-thirds acres runing thence N. 60 W. 141 poles to two white oaks corner to Michael Hufman thence W. 48 poles to a white oak and hicory thence S. 31 W. 193 poles to two white oaks and dogwood in the line of Elliott survey thence S. 30 E 14 poles to a black and white oak thence N. 60 poles to a hicory and shuger tree corner to said Banks and Roberts thence N. 30 E162 poles to the begining containing 294 acres of land by the same more or less with its appurtances there unto belonging to Lane and to hold said tract or parcel of land and premises with Every of the appurtances unto the said J.O. and his heirs and assigns forever and the said A.E. for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth warrant and defend the said tract of land from any person or persons having any just right or claiming by or under him and against the claims or clamer of all and every person or persons unto J.O. his heirs and assigns forever in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal day and date above riten signed sealed and acknowledged and delivered in presents of us.

A. Elliot
Adair Sct. Seal

CERTIFICATION OF WILL

County Court Clerk office January the second 1804, William Caldwell Cerk of the County Court for the County of Adair do hereby certify that on the day of the date hereof this Indenture was acknowledged by A.E. to his act and deed and that I have recorded the same as required by law witness my hand and seal this seventh day of January 1804.

William Caldwell Seal

DEEDS IN ADAIR COUNTY, KENTUCKY

1804 Jacob from John Stapp Book A Pg 180 225A on Greasy Creek

1804 Jacob from Alexander Elliott Book A Pg 177 284A on Cabin Fork Creek (Deeded by Jacob to Henry 1812 Bk. C 192)

1810 Jacob from Stapp Jr. Book B Pg. 391 30A on Greasy Creek

1812 William from Jacob Book C Pg. 191 124A on Greasy Creek

1812 Henry from Jacob Book C Pg. 192 284A on Cabin Fork Creek

1817 Sarah from Jacob Book D Pg. 305 120A William's Land

1823 Jacob from John and Mahala Wolford Book E Pg. 866 123A on Crocus Creek (No immediate disposition of this land because Mahala took back land as dome deed)

1852 Levi from Simon and Emily J. McCaffrey Book O Pg. 163 98A on Reynolds Creek

1854 Levi from William and Ann Collins Book P Pg. 142 67A on Reynolds Creek

1860 Levi from Magdelene Franklin als. Book R Pg. 477 7 tracts

1863 Levi from P.M. Bryant als. Book S Pg. 338 7 tracts on Russell Creek

1871 Elizabeth Oldacre--Levi estate to James and Oliver Book Y Pg. 585 6 tracts

1871 Elizabeth Oldacre Book Y Pg. 583 in real and personal property

1870 John O. from E. J. and Matilda Coleman Book Y Pg. 109 on Glenn's Fork Creek. It is John the druggist

1876 James A. from Oliver and Mary S. O. Book Y Pg. 237 15A on Reynolds Creek.

Note: Levi's estate in Adair County was on the waters Leach's branch of Russell Creek.

Jacob bought a total of 662A in Adair County and he lived and died in Russell County.

Levi bought a total of 165A plus 14 indefinite in Adair County.

ADAIR COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEEDS--OLDACRES GRANTORS

1897 Made in June Recorded in 1912

1912 Oliver and Louisa A. of Texas (Trinity County) to G.W. Coffey. Two tracts one 10A and the other 23½A on Reynolds Creek

1886 John and Oliver to Martha E. Kelsey Lots Glen Fork

1875 Mary S. and Oliver to Allen Murrah Tract Cabin Fork Creek

1875 Elizabeth, James A., Mary S., Oliver, and Sarah F. to Allen Murrah Tract Cabin Fork Creek

1875 Oliver and Mary S. to William Murrah 4A Cabin Fork

1876 Oliver and Mary S. to James A. 15A Reynolds Creek

1876 Oliver and Mary S. to John J. Epperson 10A Reynolds Creek

1897 James A. and _____? (See first deed above)

Note: Oliver married Mary Susan Grider and by 1912 (above) Mary Susan had died and Oliver married Louisa A. Sanders in Texas in 1896. James A. Oldacre married Sarah F. Bledsoe 1868.

JACOB OLDACRE WILL--Book 1 Page 226

(Written 1839--Proved 1842)

In the name of God, Amen, Jacob Oldacre of the County of Russell and state of Ky. being aged and infirm but in the fear of God and of a sound mind taking into consideration the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form that is to say:

First, I desire that immediately after my death my executor hereinafter named pay all my just debts and my funeral expenses out of my money in hand.

Secondly, I do give to my daughter Elizabeth Carter, widow and relict of Thomas Carter deceased, the tract of land on which she formerly lived where W.D. Southerland now lives containing 68 acres and lying in the aforesaid county and state on the water of Greasy Creek adjoining to Willis Coffey, James Coffey and John Haynes, for and during the term of her natural life and at her death to John Carter her son and his heirs forever.

Thirdly, I do give and bequeath to my son Daniel Oldacre one tract of land on which he, the said Daniel, formerly lived lying in the county and state aforesaid on the waters of Greasy Creek containing about 120A adjoining the place where William Fair now lives being the farm on which William Oldacre died, to extend as far as Daniel Oldacre cultivated to the cross fence extending in the same direction of the cross fence back line. Also my negro man Simon in full of his legacy to be enjoyed by him and his heirs forever.

Fourthly, I leave to my daughter Nancy Ellis, wife of Joel Ellis one dollar in full of her legacy.

Fifthly, I leave to the heirs of my daughter Fanny Beck, former wife of John Beck, the sum of one dollar in full of her legacy and in full of their part of my estate.

Sixthly, I leave to the heirs of my son Henry Oldacre, deceased, the sum of one dollar in full, of their part of my estate.

Seventhly, I leave to William Flowers my son-in-law he having been married to my daughter Sally and she being dead having no issue, I leave the said Flowers one dollar.

Eighthly, I do give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah all the remaining part of my estate both personal and real of what so ever nature or kind it may be, to be at her disposal for and during the time of her eternal life and at her death to be equally divided between her 4 children hereinafter named to wit:
Jacob Oldacre, William Oldacre, Levi Oldacre and Sally Oldacre to be by them and their heirs enjoyed forever.

Ninthly and Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend James Reppeto executor of this my last will and testament. Given under my hand this 7th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine. Signed, acknowledged to in the presence of us.

Hiram Rowe
Jesse Knight

his
Jacob X Oldacre
mark

Note 1: Given the birth date of Rebecca (sister of Jacob) as 1751 and taking the census of 1840 where Jacob is 80-90 we deduce that he was born 1750 and his brother Issac in 1754. Therefore, Jacob was 92 years old at his decease in 1842. He had married Lettice ca. 1772 when he was 22 years old. His children by Lettice were:

1. Elizabeth born 1773 married Thomas Carter
2. Nancy born 1775 married Edward Beck 1799
3. Franky born 1777 married John Beck 1801
4. Jonathan born 1779
5. John Hardy born 1781
6. William born 1783 married ca. 1807
7. Henry born 1785 married ca. 1806
8. Sarah (Sally) born 1789 married Flowers 1810

There is a gap here between Sally's birth and the next child Daniel born in 1811 in Virginia--20 years. The census regarding Daniel may be correct. If so, Lettice may have died shortly after she signed the 1803 deed in Franklin County, Virginia and Jacob took a wife unknown--mother of Daniel who has died before 1815 when Jacob married Locky Adams. These things being so we know that Jacob must have returned to Virginia between the years 1804 and 1811 where he may have married wife number two and Daniel was born in Virginia in 1811.

In modern cigarette commercials "It's what's up front that counts" Jacob was certainly "up front" in wives and children--far ahead of any and all of his brothers with four wives(?) and 13 children, (perhaps 14 children).

Note 2: In regards to children 4 and 5 which we have placed as Jonathan and John Hardy Oldaker these are two names found in the records of Mason County, Virginia associated with the children of John (1) Oldaker's family. They fit in nowhere else in the Oldaker genealogy and they do fit in here--all circumstances duly considered and elsewhere noted. They are not mentioned in the will of Jacob (1) because, as we infer (after much deliberation pro and con) both are deceased many years before the date of Jacob's will; Jonathan having lost his entire family by Indian massacre (?) and John Hardy having no living issue on record to indicate his marriage.

LETTICE HARDY OLDACRE

She was the first wife of Jacob (1) Oldacre of Loudoun County, Henry County, Franklin County, and Montgomery County of Virginia and lastly of Adair County and Russell County of Kentucky.

I had guessed at her name because there was a John Hardy Oldaker in Mason County (now West Virginia), who left no clue as to his identity except that he didn't seem to belong to any of the brothers of Jacob (1) Oldaker. Conclusive evidence that our guess was correct turned up in September 1964 when we were trying to establish the last home of Abraham (1) Oldaker in Fauquier County, Virginia known traditionally as Brandywine Farm.

Brandywine was leased, named and built by John Riley a Revolutionary soldier. His wife was Zealy Hardy whose brother Joshua Hardy had a house and toll gate at Upperville; and his sons were George, William, John and Daniel. Daniel Harley (Hardy) married in 1791 his cousin Nancy Riley, daughter of John and Zealy Riley of Brandywine Farm.

John and Zealy Riley also had a daughter name Lettice Riley who married John Fannin in 1790. The names of Lettice and John Hardy, Joshua and Daniel were enough to convince me that I had stumbled upon the origin of Jacob (1) Oldacre's wife, for the same names appear among the descendants--Nancy Oldaker, William Oldaker, John Hardy Oldaker, Daniel Oldaker, Josh Oldaker and Riley Oldaker.

I had been trying to prove or disprove that this Daniel Harley was Hailey or Daniel Harris, and as such would belong to my Garrett or Harris ancestry: and in checking these names in the records I stumbled upon the name of Joshua Hardy. His will made in 1835 put him in the same age bracket as Jacob (1) Oldaker. Weighing every item carefully I reached the conclusion that:

1. Daniel Harley was Daniel Hardy, son of Joshua
2. John Riley's wife was Zealy Hardy, sister of Joshua
3. Jacob (1) Oldaker's wife was Lettice Hardy, sister of Joshua
4. "Mary, the beloved wife" of Joshua Hardy was perhaps Joshua's second wife according to his will.

And I am offering a dollar to the "feller" that will validate the parentage of Joshua et als. and the name of Mary his second wife.

Lettice Hardy Oldaker, we think, died and is buried in Montgomery County, Virginia perhaps on the Ezekiel Howard Farm. Her youngest son Daniel was born in Virginia in 1811

according to the 1850 census and the Howard Farm was not sold until the year 1816.

DEEDS RUSSELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Deed Book C Page 217 April 25, 1840

This indenture made and entered into 23 October 1835 between:

John Oldacre and Catherine, his wife of the County of Clay, Missouri.

James Hudgins and Mary O.H., wife County of Russell, Kentucky.

William Oldacre and Fanny, wife

(Note: These are Henry's three children)

and: Hayes Coffee, land on waters of Cabin Fork of Russell Creek 284A.

In the division and partition of the land of Henry Oldacre deceased among his children and heirs together with appurtances etc., etc., etc. . . .

(Note: This is former Adair County lands but recorded in Russell County.)

Deed Book C Page 219 7 October 1835

This indenture entered into between Edward Lawless, Margaret his wife and Joseph Chapman and Nancy his wife; and John Oldacre and Catherine his wife; William Oldacre and Frances his wife of Clay County, Missouri; heirs and represent of Henry Oldacre of one part and Bedford Knight of other part etc., etc., etc. . . .

Deed Book C Page 446 1837

Jacob and Sally (Sarah) Oldacre to Joseph Stapp 120A on Greasy Creek etc., etc., etc. . . .

Deed Book D Page 213 1842

Jacob and Sally Oldacre to Thomas Cerbin (?) 60A on Greasy Creek.

Deed Book E Page 427-428 15 June 1851

Abstract on Daniel Oldacre and Ann to Clayton Ellis made in Alabama $450 waters of Crocus and Cabin Fork 123A.

Deed Book F Page 175-176 1854

Levi and Elizabeth to Billy Olacer $160 123A. Same tract Jacob bought of John Wolford 1823 devised by will to Sarah his wife during her life to full or equal parts to four children of himself and wife Sarah.

Book Page 176 28 October 1852

Levi Oldacre and Elizabeth to Parish G. Reese and wife Sally. Levi as heir of Jacob Sr. 120A.

Book 13 Page 478 1835

James and Mary O. Hudgins sued Estate (part of Henry's estate) of Thomas Kerns. Jacob Oldacre for sum of $269.00 bought the place from Kerns [120A (?)] Sold to Stapp in 1837.

Deed Book C Page 62 1838

Daniel Oldacre from Pattison agent for Issac Hester 121A. (Sold this to Clayton Ellis?).

Deed Book ? Page ? 1842

William Conner to Daniel Oldacre (to should be from) sale of personal property @ $50.00.

Deed Book ? Page ? 1842

Thomas Cerbin to Jacob Jr. Oldacre $200 50A Cabin Fork.

Deed Book D Page 112 1849

Billy Oldacre from Parish Reese

Deed Book G Page 453 1860

William Oldacre and Susan to Bennyman H. Flowers $1600 $500 paid in hand 121A waters of Crocus Creek.

Deed Book ? Page ? 1879

James A. Oldacre to Lafayette Dunbar and Nancy his wife 50A on Russells Creek $125.

Note: This Lafayette Dunbar and Nancy his wife would likely be the son of Reuben Dunbar who came from Greenbriar County, Virginia after the death of John Dunbar in

1794. John Dunbar's wife was Sarah Elswick, surviving female child of Indian massacre on Lost River (Elswick Family). Sarah moved with Reuben Dunbar to Adair--Russell County, Kentucky and died in Russell County. They were related to Jacob Oldacre.

Oldacre Division of Property 14 Jan 1858

Know all men by these presents that we, Levi Oldacre of the County of Adair and state of Kentucky and Alexander Jackman, Billy Oldacre, Parish G. Reese and Sarah Reese his wife late (or formerly) Sarah Oldacre of the County of Russell and state aforesaid do hereby mutually agree to divide the undivided portion of slaves and personal property of Jacob Oldacre deceased and Sarah Oldacre deceased late widow and relict of the said Jacob Oldacre dec'd. We first permitted the Levi Oldacre and said Alexander Jackman to divide the four slaves that were coming to them which division was by mutual consent completely to the satisfaction of all parties, the other 3 slaves having been previously and satisfactorily divided then we proceeded to value and divide the personal estate of the said Oldacre which amounted to $410.80 and the said Alexander Jackman reserved unto himself $70 in property and left the balance of his part to the offers(?) in consideration of the said Levi Oldacre, Billy Oldacre, Parish G. Reese and Sarah, his wife hereby agree to pay all debts should they not exceed $60. If they should exceed that sum said Jackman will pay his 4th part of such. Given under our hand and seals this 14th day of January 1858.

Levi Oldacre	P.G. Reese	Certified and Recorded
Alex. Jackman	Sally Reese	4th day February 1858
Billy Oldacre		

Note: In some way which is not indicated by our records, Jacob Jr.'s one-fourth interest in the estate of Jacob (1), being first conveyed to William T. and Samuel Long in 1846 was later acquired and owned by Alexander Jackman as shown by the foregoing agreement in the division of Jacob O's estate in the year 1858. Evidently Sarah Reppetoe Oldacre, the widow died 1850-1857.

THE STORY BY THE CENSI

Jacob's family in Kentucky--Heads of Families

Adair County 1810

Jacob Oldacre 4 slaves--wife--3 children

Henry Oldacre no slaves--wife--3 children
William Oldacre no slaves--wife--no children

(This chart was very indefinite and hard to read.)

Adair County 1820

Jacob Oldacre 1 45 and over -Jacob
1 Up to 45 -Sarah Reppetoe Oldacre
1 male up to 10 -Daniel
1 female up to 10-(Child by Locky Adams?)

Explanation: (Identifying names supplied by editor)

By 1814 Jacob's wife Lettice was deceased. She was living in Franklin County, Virginia in 1803. Henry and William are married to Margaret and Sarah and are listed as heads of households. Sally Oldacre has married William G. Flowers in 1810. These may be two of the three children listed with him.

In the 10 year interval between 1810 and 1820 Henry has died leaving widow and three (or four) children and William has died leaving Sarah a widow. Margaret married Edward Lawless in 1816 so neither she nor her family appear as Oldacres in this census. Jacob has married Locky Adams in 1815, who, it is apparent, died before 1819 in which year Jacob married Sarah Reppetoe. His son Daniel is the male 1-10 in 1820 census while the girl 1-10 is likely a daughter* of Jacob and Locky who was adopted by Margaret Lawless or did not survive till the 1830 census.

*It could very indeed be that this child was adopted by Margaret, the widow of Henry, and become the Nancy who figured in as heir of Henry in the settlement of his estate in 1835. Nancy was wife of Joseph Chapman.

Daniel was born in 1811 (according to later censi) in Virginia which is indicated by a mistake* either in the date or place (most probably the latter).

*See alternate explanation in notes appended to will of Jacob. It is highly improbable that Lettice would have a child 20 years after Sally was born in 1789 or when she was ca. 57 years old. It would appear unthinkable that a son would be born to Lettice a year after all eight children had grown up and were married." Could be though. Daniel's mother must necessarily be an unknown wife of Jacob.

So we shall say he was nine years old in 1820, and the mother had died in 1811-14 when Daniel was a small child. In the 1820 census the person up to 45 is Sarah Reppetoe Oldacre.

In the 1830 Census Jacob is in Russell County:

Oldacre, Jacob

Males

2 of	5 and under	10	William Age 9 and Levi age 6 (born 1821 and 1824)
1 of	10 and under	15	Jacob Jr. is 10 (born 1820)
1 of	15 and under	20	Daniel is 19 (born 1811)
1 of	70 and under	80	Jacob Sr. (born 1750-1760)

Females

1 of	under 5		Sally age 4 (born 1826)
1 of	40 and under	50	Sarah Reppetoe Age 44
1 of	70 and under	80	? Perhaps mother of Sarah R.

Slaves

Males: 1 under 10; 2 of 10 and under 20
Females: None

Explanation: In this census only names of heads of families were given. The names at the right are our deductions arrived at from other pertinent data.

1840 Census for Jacob (1) Oldacre (His last census)

Oldacre, Jacob

Males

2 of	15 and under	20	William and Levi
1 of	20 and under	30	Jacob Jr.
1 of	80 and under	90	Jacob (1)

Females

1 of	10 and under	15	Sally
1 of	40 and under	50	Sarah Reppetoe Oldacre

Slaves

Males

3	under	10	
1 of	10 and under	24	
1 of	24 and under	36	
1 of	36 and under	55	

Females

1 of 10 and under 24

Comment: There are a few changes here since 1830. Daniel has married Ann Bradshaw and appears under his own census. The 70-80 year old (mother of Sarah?) lady is missing. Jacob's slaves have increased from three to seven.

1840 Census for Daniel Oldacre in Russell County, Kentucky

Males: 1 under 5; 1-20 and under 30 (Daniel)
Females: 1 under 5; 2-5 and under 10; 1-20 and under 30 (Ann)
Slaves: Male: 1 under 10; 1-24 and under 36
Female: 1-10 and under 24

When the census came around this last time in 1840, Jacob was old and full of years. He had made his will in 1839 and was holding on to life watching his sunset in a sea of rifted clouds. Mirages appeared in his sky--Indians, marching and fighting men, log cabins, plantations and scenes of his "Old Kentucky Home." Then one day his indomitable spirit left its feeble tenement of near 90 years, and was laid to rest in a place known to angels, in Russell or Adair County. There we shall leave him. Farewell! Brave intrepid adventurer! You fought a good fight, you finished your course. Did you keep the faith?

In the 1850 census Sarah Reppetoe Oldacre, widow of Jacob appears as Sally Olacre in separate section by herself She is 64 by which we know she was born in the year 1786. She may have lived on until 1857, for on the 14th of January 1858 the personal property was divided among her heirs according to the provisions of Jacob's will.

Jacob's will was probated in 1842. Looking at it now we want to know the story of his sons and daughters. Elizabeth Carter's name, also that of Fanny Beck makes us wish that we had known about them before we were at the archives.

All we know about Elizabeth is told in the will. But we chance to see the name of John Beck in the 1820 census and could have easily have charted his family. I did run the chart of Nancy Beck, listed in the same year:

Nancy Beck age 45 (born 1775) married Edward Beck (deceased by 1820)

Children: Clairborne, 17; William, 15; John E., 8; Nicy Ann, 8; James, 5; Nancy M., 2; Joel Ellis--(second marriage)

By the records we see that Jacob was considerate of Sarah the widow of William and confirmed the deed to his deceased son by a special deed to Sarah. She possessed the land continuously and never married again. It seems that she died about 1837 and in 1839 Jacob willed the same farm of 120 acres to his son Daniel. The transcribed deed to Sarah is as follows:

Deed Book D Page 306 Adair County, Kentucky--Jacob Sr. Oldacre to Sarah 120 acres on Crocus Creek

This indenture on the 4th day of January 1817 between Jacob Oldacre of the Co. of Adair, state of Ky. of the first part and Sarah Oldacre of the county and state aforesaid of the other part. (wife of Wm.) witnesseth the said Jacob Oldacre doth by these presents given grants allien and confirm unto the said Sarah Oldacre all his right in the interest and claim to all that part of 120A of land whereon-said Sarah now lives it being 120A said Jacob Oldacre deeded to his son Wm. Oldacre he having died without an heir. Now all the right descending to the said Jacob through the death of his aforesaid son Wm Oldacre he doth by these presents, give allien and confirm unto the said Sarah, widow of said William Oldacre during her natural life and by these presents doth warrant and defend the title of said land unto the said Sarah Oldacre vs. all claims of himself and his heirs during the aforesaid time etc.....

his
Jacob X. Oldacre
mark

Wm. Caldwell, Clerk

Note: After William's death this land would have reverted to other Oldacres--sons of Henry and others. To prevent this reversion before she died Jacob gives this deed.

After Henry's death in 1812 and the subsequent marriage of Margaret to Edward Lawless in 1816, the three (perhaps four) orphan children, mentioned in the 1815 Adair County Court order; grew up in Russell County leaving legal instruments that reveal their names as William Oldacre, John Oldacre, Mary Oldacre, (and a Nancy Oldacre that seems to fit in nowhere else), Nancy--an adopted daughter perhaps.*

*Nancy is referred to heretofore as a possible daughter of Jacob and Locky Adams (his second wife) which child may have been adopted by Margaret (widow of Henry) and Edward Lawless her second husband. Nancy may be a daughter of Henry and Margaret born after the death of Henry, and prior to Margaret's marriage to Edward Lawless (or Lawlis)

Note: The names of Antle, Beck and Lawlis appear also in Oldacre Kentucky records. The families evidently migrated together.

Mary Oldacre married James Hudgins and appears to have remarried in Russell County and Nancy married Joseph Chapman, having the status of heir of Henry and Margaret in a deed to Bedford Knight in 1835. Likewise in a deed to Hayes Coffey 1835, William Oldacre (son of Henry) who married Frances (Fanny) Brockman, is resident in Clay County, Missouri and is also his brother John Oldacre, wife Catherine Riley. Mary Oldacre Hudgins' name is also on this deed, resident of Russell County, Kentucky. We now present a chart of the family of the above William Oldacre and Fanny. All were living in Buchanan County, Missouri, in 1850.

CHART OF WILLIAM OLDACRE AND
FRANCES (FANNY) BROCKMAN

Children:

1. Henry Oldacre born ca. 1836 married Nancy Kerns 15 September 1867 in St. Joseph, Missouri, by Rev. Everhart Antle Bk. C P. 196.

2. Margaret Oldacre born ca. 1840

3. John Oldacre unmarried, died 1863

4. Ambrose Oldacre born 1843-1845. St. Jo in 1843 or Davis County, 1845.

5. William Green Oldacre

6. Sarah Catherine Oldacre

7. Nancy Oldacre

Note: Ambrose, Henry and John were all Civil War soldiers. In Ambrose's deposition he states he was living at home in 1860 with parents and brothers and sister Nancy. But Margarita and Sarah Catherine are not mentioned in deposition for 1860. Margarita is mentioned at living at home in 1850 but not Sarah Catherine. She was perhaps born after 1850.

Later research shows that Henry Oldacre married Nancy Kerns at St. Joseph, Missouri, September 15, 1867 by Rev. Everhart Antle Book C page 196 and Margarita Oldacre married William Beck at St. Joseph, Missouri, September 16, 1858 Book B page 313. Nancy probably died unmarried. There was no record of her marriage in Buchanan County for her. The will of William does not mention Nancy but does name his youngest daughter Sarah Catherine. She may be the one Ambrose called Nancy.

WILLIAM OLDAKERS WILL

The last will and Testament of Wm. Oldakers of the County of Buchanan and State of Missouri.

I do consider the uncertainity of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say,

First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Fanny Oldakers all the home tract lying in the County of Buchanan and State of Missouri and also the house and Kitchen furniture farming utensils and stock notes and all the appurtenances belonging thereto to have and hold so long as she remains a widow.

Item; I give and bequeath unto my two sons John and Ambrose all the rest of the land lying and being in the County of Buchanan State of Missouri to have and to hold (to be equally divided) forever.

Item; I give unto my youngest son William G. and eldest daughter, Margarita, a certain tract of land lying and being in Brown County, State of Kansas to have and to hold (and to be equally divided between them) and to hold forever.

Item, I bequeath unto my youngest daughter Sarah Catherine the sum of Fifty dollars to be paid unto her when she arrives at the age of Seventeen years old, and also debts standing against me to be paid Out of the cash notes [which,] I give and bequeath unto my wife Fanny [whom] I hereby appoint sole executor of this my last and will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills made by me.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 17th Day December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

William Oldakers

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was now here subscribed by Wm. Oldakers the testator in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared by him to be his last will and Testament and we at his request sign our names thereto as attesting witnesses.

Reuben Lawlis

Jesse Blankenship

State of Missouri)
)
County of Buchanan) In the Probate Court of Buchanan Co.
)
Mo. in Vocation) April 29, 1862

On this 29th day of April 1862 personaly appeared before me Henry Tutt Judge of the Probate Court for said County and State, Reuben Lawlis and Jesse Blankenship the subscribing witnesses to the will of William Oldakers the testator subscribed the same in their presence and published said will or instrument of Writing as his last will and he the said testator was at said time of Sound mind more than twenty one years of age and that they the deponents attested said will as Witnesses by subscribing their names to the same in presence of testator.

Reuben Lawlis Seal

Jesse Blankenship Seal

In witness whereof I Henry Tutt Judge of the Probate Court of Buchanan County and State of Missouri have hereunto subscribed my seal of said Court this 29th day of April 1862.

Henry Tutt, Judge

Seal

We now consider a John Oldacre who, we believe, is one of the orphan sons of Henry (who died in 1812)

Itinerary of John N. Oldacre, wife Catherine:

1. Born in Kentucky, son of Henry Oldacre and Margaret Oldacre in 1830 in Russell County, Kentucky. They had 8 slaves.

2. He was living in Clay County, Missouri in 1835 and conveyed 294 Acres in Adair County in next year to Lawlis.

3. He was in Morgan County, Alabama in 1840 having two young boys and three girls.

He appears in the 1830 Census of Russell County:

Males 1- Age between 20 and under 30
Females 1- Age between 20 and under 30
Salves: Males 1 under 10; 2- 10 and under 24;
2- 24 and under 36

Females: 1 - 10 and under 24; 1 - 36 and under 55; 1 - 55 and under 100

This guy is hard to understand and keep up with. He is a young man in 1830, 20 some years old and married and has 8 slaves. He couldn't be son of Jacob (1) unless he was disowned later in Jacob's will; and there is no other Oldacre around in Kentucky to be a son of except Henry. Evidently he is the older one of Henry's sons and has charge of the 294 acres on Cabin Fork, which in 1835 from Clay County, Missouri he conveys with others to Hayes Coffey and Bedford Knight. In these instruments his wife is named Catherine Riley.

In the 1840 Census for Morgan County, Alabama a J.N. Oldaker appears. There are:

Males: 1-5 and under 10; 1-10 and under 15; 1-30 and under 40
Females: 2-under 5; 1-5 and under 10; 1-20 and under 30
Slaves: 1-10 and under 24

J.N. Oldacre does not appear in the 1850 Census for Morgan County, Alabama. If this is John, the son of Henry, and we believe it is, he was soon followed to Morgan County by Daniel Oldacre and Jacob Oldacre Jr. in 1842-1846. This is surely an indication that they are closely related. It could easily be that John and Catherine had five children in ten years. The only discrepancy in the two charts is the age of the woman in the case--she is 20 and under 30 in both census accounts. Either a mistake was made in transcription or the census was taken short of ten years for her.

We lose John Oldacre here in 1840. He moves elsewhere before 1850. But we have the approximate ages of his five children: Two boys age 10 and 8 years, and three girls are 6, 4, and 2.

This John N. Oldacre next turns up in Buchanan County, Missouri. The records there have the two brothers William and John with names of wives heretofore noted. The census records, deeds and pension records tell the story of residences in Kentucky, Illinois; Clay County, Missouri; Buchanan county, Missouri; Jefferson County, Missouri; Jackson County, Missouri. With here a little and there a little we piece the story together.

The key figure was John D. Oldacre, Civil War Veteran. By establishing his identity in Buchanan County by his pension application we went on to find the other members of the John N. Oldacre family. John Oldacre born 1807 in Kentucky married Catherine Riley born 1805 in Virginia. Children:

1. Riley Oldacre born 1827 in Kentucky. Married Sarah S. Fiske born 1836 in Virginia. Children:

   a. Elizabeth Oldacre born 1854 in Missouri married 1870 C.J. Hines in Jefferson County, Kansas

   b. Thomas C. Oldacre born 1856 in Missouri

   c. William R. Oldacre born 1858 in Missouri

2. Richard Oldacre born ca. 1830

3. Mary Oldacre born 1832 in Illinois

4. Annie Oldacre born ca. 1833

5. Fier Pennington born 1832 in Illinois. A foster son (son of Elizabeth daughter of John Oldaker, Ross County, Ohio married _____ Pennington)

6. John D. Oldaker born 1846 in Buchanan County, Missouri was John Darby McGuire adopted son by name of McGuire (son of ___ Guire of Douglas County, Illinois who married an Oldaker daughter of John of Ross County, Ohio.)

Comment (on above chart)

The chart is not perfect. We have recorded as we have understood the evidences. The census records did not always tell the same story in dates and names. The 1830 Russell County, Kentucky Census listed no children for John and Catherine, but the 1860 Buchanan sheet shows Riley born in 1827 in Kentucky. If both are correct Riley Oldacre is an adopted son.

In the 1850 Buchanan Census only two persons appear with John and Catherine as shown below:

Mary Age 18 born in Illinois
Fier Pennington Age 18 born in Illinois

Since the 1840 Census for Morgan County, Alabama lists five children for John N. and Catherine Oldacre, two boys and three girls, Fier Pennington, 18, is necessarily and adopted son or hireling; and Riley and brother are of age in 1850--absent from the home; While John D. also absent in 1850 is adopted at 4 or 5 years soon after the census is taken. If Fier is a farm hand there is yet two unamed daughters unaccounted for.*

*By reason of our failure to find the marriage of John D. Oldacre to Mrs. Sarah Oldacre as stated by John in his pension deposition, we think he may confused Jackson County, Missouri, with Jefferson County, Kansas; and that Mrs. Sarah Oldacre was the widow of Riley Oldacre and they married in Jackson County after the death of Riley Oldacre ca. 1860-1870. Furthermore, Elizabeth, daughter of Riley married at 16 years to C.J. Hines in Jefferson County, Kansas, where John D. Oldacre was then living being married to her mother (1870).

And if Annie is wife of unmarried son who was deceased before 1883 when the home was sold by sheriff's sale, there are two daughters of John and Catherine unaccounted for. They evidently died before 1850 about 12-14 years of age. They do not appear in the 1850 census except Mary born 1832!

A research note from Janet Fowler in December 26, 1975, states that Riley Oldacre prior to December 1859 lived in Indiana. On this date he was member of West Fork Baptist Church, Raytown, Missouri. His children were born in Missouri.

OLDAKER DEEDS IN BUCHANAN COUNTY, MISSOURI

1. Book H page 526 April 8, 1852 William Oldacre and Fanny Oldacre, wife to Stephen Freeman, the South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 57, Range 33--55 acres.

2. Book J page 627 July 2, 1853 John Oldacre and Catherine Oldacre to William Oldacre--the South West 1/4 of Southeast 1/4, Section 8 Township 57, Range 57--42 acres.

3. Book 94 page 603 December 2, 1854 John Oldacre and Catherine Oldacre, Wife to John Davis--the east 1/2 of west 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Township 57, Range 33--38 acres.

4. Book T page 132 March 2, 1859, Riley Oldacre and Sarah S., wife to Nathaniel Turner--Lot 6, Block 29, original Town of Easton, Missouri.

5. Book 32 page 212 May 21, 1864--Ambrose Oldacre to Reuben Lawlis--part of the Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Range 33--10 acres.

6. Book 78 page 424 November 28, 1874--Fanny Oldacre to Ben B. Boyer--All the South part of West 1/2 of Southeast 1/4, Section 8, Township 57, Range 33--32 acres.

7. Book 122 page 58 February 14, 1883--Sheriff's deed--Annie Oldacre to George A. King the West 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Township 57, Range 33--120 acres for $25.00.

NOTES ON THE ABOVE DEEDS

The foregoing deeds concern the family of John N. Oldacre and William Oldacre, both sons of Henry Oldacre of Adair County, Kentucky, deceased in 1812.

The Item 1 deed, Stephen Freeman grantee suggests a likely relative of Olive Freeman, wife of William Henry Oldacre, son of Jacob Oldacre Jr. of Russell County, Kentucky, removed to Morgan County, Alabama. He may have married Margarita and I suspect he did, because she was not at home in 1860.

The Item 2 deed by John and Catherine is to William, the brother of John, the grantor.

The Item 3 deed also by John and Catherine is most likely to be a son-in-law (John Davis) who may have married an unnamed daughter of John N. and Catherine.

The Item 4 deed, named Riley Oldacre and Sarah S., his wife, is our first notice of this name and in all probablity he is the son of John N. and Catherine, for he is not a son of William and Fanny.

The Item 5 deed, same land in part as Item 2, Ambrose Oldacre is son of William and Fanny Oldacre--selling his part of the estate left to him by his father's will and Reuben Lawlis is a relative; for Margaret Oldacre, widow of Henry in Kentucky and mother of William had married Edward Lawlis in Kentucky in 1815. We think her maiden name was Green.

In Item 6, Fanny Oldacre, widow of William is conveying the home place left to her by will of William who was deceased in 1862. It is our guess that Ben Boyer is her son-in-law who may have married her daughter Nancy or Sarah Catherine.

In Item 7 we read between the lines and deduce that Annie Oldacre is wife and widow of Richard Oldacre; who inherited the home place during the hard times of the Civil War and after. The sheriff probably made the sale to meet the debts against her. Most probably Annie and her Richard were buried on or from this home place. The sum of $25.00 for 120 acres is probably an error in transcription--$2500.00 would probably be a fair price in 1883.

In pursuing the account of the John N. Oldacre family we noted in the claim of John D. Oldaker for pension that he married Mrs. Sarah Oldaker in Jefferson County, Kansas. I wrote to the County Clerk in Oskaloosa for a verification and received a reply that there was no record of the marriage there. The marriage of Elizabeth Oldacre, 16 years, and C.J. Hines, 23 years, was recorded May 21 or 27, 1870, father given only as Mr. Oldakers.

Without doubt this Elizabeth Oldacre is a daughter of Riley Oldacre, son of John N. and Catherine Oldacre. Riley probably had, after 1860, moved from Jackson County, Missouri to Jefferson County, Kansas and died there in 1870. The widow married John D. in 1871, in what county we do not know.

FAMILY OF MARY ANN OLDAKER AND JOHN LOUIS DAVIS

Mary Ann Oldaker born 20 December 1874 died 23 May 1963 at 89. She was daughter of John D. Oldaker. John Louis Davis was son of Hezekiah Davis of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. John L. died 19 September 1927.

This family lived in Kansas later moved to Heavener, Oklahoma. Most of the children are now in Arizona. Children:

1. Tracy Davis was in rest home in Globe, Arizona.
2. Dora Davis married _____ Overstreet. Tucson, Arizona.
3. Dolly Davis. Died in Kansas in childhood.
4. Dorothy May Davis married Jay McClain. They lived at Parks, Arkansas.
5. Charles Davis. Lived in Miami, Arizona.
6. George Harvey Davis. Lived at Winkleman, Arizona.
7. Richard Lee Davis--Twin to John D. Lived in Arizona.
8. John D. Davis--died at 3 weeks Heavener, Oklahoma.

The above information given under the date of 26 June 1964 is from Mrs. Dorothy Davis McClain who writes:

"I never knew nor heard my mother say what was the given name of my grandmother Oldaker. John D. Oldaker had three children by my grandmother: Lucy, Mary Ann (my

mother) and James. When Uncle Jim was born, grandmother was staying upstairs and grandfather told her not to go downstairs for anything (She had a garden); and when Uncle Jim was about three weeks old, she went down to see her garden. When grandfather came back she was burning up with fever. The doctor had told him it was childbirth fever. She never lived long after that. A neighbor lady had lost her child at birth and she took Uncle Jim and raised him on the breast, like he was her own baby. I never did hear mother say what her name was."

Surely that was "The milk of human kindness" that Mr. Shakespeare wrote about, and we wish to record this benefaction of the unknown mother to James Oldaker as a memorial to her--"She hath done what she could!" We have heard of such things being done, but this is the only instance in Oldaker history that has come to our attention.

Dorothy gives us three statements with names that make a picture--puzzle of Oldaker life in the West:

1. John D. Oldaker's original name was McGuire. He was adopted by an Oldaker family and took the Oldaker name. The names of foster parents were unknown.

2. My grandmother's name was Fiske--pronounced Fish. Mother said she was French, but she never told me her given name.

3. Uncle Jim Darby, I think, must have been grandfather's mother's brother.

Comment; The upbringing of some of these frontier Oldakers reminds me of the boast made by some of them, as related by my father: "I'm wild and wooly, and notched like a saw, rocked in a sugar trough and suckled by a bear" - like Romulus and Remus, eh?

Aside of these observation is one that indicates the staunch Republicanism of these Western Oldakers, Dorothy writes: "We are <u>all</u> Republicans; every last one of us, even my husband. <u>I</u> wouldn't have married him if he was anything else."

James Oldaker seems to have been passed around from pillar to port. His mother died soon after his birth. He was by a lady said to have the name of Patman (probably Putnam). Our last report on James says that he was going by the name of McGuire--the natal name of his father John D. (McGuire) Oldaker.

FAMILY OF DOROTHY DAVIS AND JAY MCCLAIN

Dorothy Davis was daughter of Mary Ann Oldaker and John Louis Davis. Children:

1. Dorothy Constance McClain born 1920 married Rev. Jack D. Gilliam 1937. Children:

   a. William Michael Gilliam born 7 November 1944

2. Murell Evaline McClain born 1922 married James W. Moore on 7 October 1944. Children:

   a. Hurmon Lee Moore born 1944
   b. Carolyn Sue Moore born 1948
   c. Leon James Moore born 1949
   d. Douglas Moore born 1951
   e. Paul Wayne Moore born 1953

3. John Hursel McClain born 1924 married Hellen Ruth Yancey. Children:

   a. Janie McClain

4. Richard Clark McClain born 1927 married Jeanell Collins (a widow with five children)

5. Claudia Elaine McClain born 1928 married (1) Connie Thompson married (2) Kenneth O. Walker. Children:

   a. Wallace Keith Walker born 1948

   b. Patricia Walker born 1949

   c. Deana Lynn Walker born 1950

   Married (3) Grover Stanifer. Children:

   a. Betty Joyce Stanifer born 1953

   b. Tina Stanifer born 1956

   Married (4) James Morgan of Knoxville, Tennessee. Children:

   a. Janet Morgan born 1962

6. Joyce Kelly McClain born 3 November 1936 married Buddy Charles Barker. Children:

   a. Cynthia Elaine Barker born 19 January 1961

JOHN D. OLDAKER AND ELIZABETH DOLLARHIDE FAMILY

John D. Oldaker married (2) Elizabeth Dollarhide on 21 June 1882 in Omaha, Nebraska and again in Guthrie, Oklahoma 18 May 1895. This puzzle is a sequel to the first. Perhaps we can work them out together.

John D. Oldaker's mother was a Darby and had a brother James Darby. She married a McGuire and died after the birth of John Darby McGuire, who was adopted by John N. Oldaker family living in Buchanan County, Missouri in 1846. John D. was reared as an Oldaker and took the Oldaker name. He married first Sarah Fiske Oldaker, widow of Riley Oldaker.

They lived at Augusta in Neosho County, Kansas. Sarah died three weeks after the birth of her third child James, and she was buried in or near Erie, Neosho County, Kansas in July 1876 contrary to opinion of Mrs. McClain that she died in Neosho, Missouri and is buried in McDonald County, Missouri. Her children were:

1. Lucinda Oldaker born 20 December 1872
2. Mary Ann Oldaker born 20 December 1874
3. James Oldaker born 7 July 1876

There is a gap here until 1882. The gap is filled by a few items on Elizabeth Dollarhide who married George Umble 2 June 1877 (John D. says at Council Bluffs, Iowa ca. 1873, divorced about two years later). She evidently was divorced or had the marriage annuled and took her maiden name. George Umble died in 1881 and she married John D. Oldaker 21 June 1882 at Omaha, Kansas, under the name of Elizabeth Dollarhide, according to photo copy of "Declaration for Widows' Pension," 18 July 1930.

During this period the remarriage of John D. and Lizzie, substantiated by the photo copy of the certificate under the name of Elizabeth Dollarhide is given dated 18 May 1895. We can see only one explanation for pension in July 1889 from Kansas. He had evidently lost his marriage certificate and one was required to secure a pension. Certainly a $72.00 pension per month in those days was nothing to be sneezed at, and well worth a 50 cent fee for a license (and the 50 cents the law allowed the magistrate for performing the ceremony!) So John D. put down a half dollar on the barrelhead and walked out securely tied by a second marriage to the same lady. It must have been a rejuvenating experience--they had three more children, the last one was born when Lizzie was 49 years old.

CHARTS OF THIS FAMILY FOLLOW:

Children:

4. William R. Oldaker born 16 April 1883 married Mary _____ Children:

   a. George Oldaker Deceased

   b. John Dewey Oldaker, killed in WWII in Marshall Islands

   c. Louis Oldaker married Jane _____ 1630 So. P St. Ft. Smith, Arkansas

   d. Riley Oldaker

   e. Clyde L. Oldaker married Doris _____1609 So. P St. Ft. Smith, Arkansas

   f. Frances Oldaker

   g. Dora Oldaker

   h. Pink Oldaker

   i. Mary Oldaker

   j. Kathleen Oldaker

5. Pink Oldaker born 10 January 1885 married _____Glass-cock. They had four children; three girls and one boy.

6. John L. Oldaker born 4 April 1887 married May ____ Children:

   a. John Dewey Oldaker died 1950; one boy, one girl

7. Louis H. Oldaker born 30 May 1889 married Jenny _____ in Oklahoma. Louis died March 1948. Children:

   a. John D. Oldaker married _____in California. Died there 1950. Had one boy and one girl.

   b. Louis Vernon Oldaker lived in Grand Prairie, Texas. Has 13 grandchildren.

   c. N.B. Oldaker born 1914. Had 11 children. Lived at Belton, Texas.

   d. Harold Lee Oldaker born 1916. Had 5 children. Lived Reno, Nevada.

   Louis married (2) Mattie Hart of Scott County, Arkansas born December 1902. Mattie lived in Roswell, New Mexico. Children:

e. Loreen Oldaker born 1920 married Dave Buster ? (three boys, one girl. Lived in Reno, Nevada. Two of the three boys are by first wife.

9. Blanche Oldaker born 26 August 1891 married _____ Stewart (Moore, Texas).

10. Salem Oldaker died unmarried born 28 June 1897.

11. Pearl Oldaker born 28 November 1901 died at 12 in Haileyville, Oklahoma.

12. George Dewey Oldaker born 17 January 1899 married Lizzie Shores March 1919. By trade a stoneman, Waldron, Arkansas. George died of cancer 3 October 1964. Children:

a. Violet Oldaker
b. Blanche Oldaker
c. Minnie Oldaker
d. Pearl Oldaker
e. Wanda Oldaker
f. Janie Oldaker
g. Fay Oldaker
h. Lola Oldaker
i. Sue Oldaker
j. Anna Oldaker
k. Martha Oldaker
l. George Oldaker Jr.
m. Charles Oldaker
n. Cecil Oldaker
o. Jimmie Oldaker
p. Kenneth Oldaker

DANIEL OLDACRE AND JACOB OLDACRE JR. IN KENTUCKY

We shall present this section briefly as a preamble or connecting link with the story of the Oldacres in Alabama. Daniel and Jacob Jr. are half-brothers, Daniel being the son of Jacob by his first wife, Lettice; and Jacob Jr. being his son by his third wife, Sarah Reppetoe Oldacre. Jacob's second wife was Locky Adams whom he married in 1815. Daniel was born in 1811, allegedly in Virginia (Census of 1850 Morgan County, Alabama) Jacob Jr. was born in 1820 in Kentucky.

According to the supporting documents we would think that soon after the death of Jacob Sr., 1842, Daniel began to prepare for the migration to Alabama. Traditionally, the family split on the issue of slavery. Anyhow, brothers fought on opposing sides in the war that followed.

In 1842 Daniel sold his personal property to William Conner for $50.00. No doubt, soon after, he set out with his wife and five children for Morgan County, Alabama where his nephew, John N. Oldacre, though about same age as Daniel, had preceded him sometime before the year 1840. Daniel located three miles south of Sommerville in Morgan County.

Aaron and Anderson Oldacre, slaves of Daniel, were with him. They were brothers to each other. But from there on we we have another story. Let us go back and see about Jacob Jr.

After the probation of Jacob's will, as we find in many such events, trouble arises to impair the harmonious quality of family relationships. The Oldacres were not immune to such insiduous influence, as the following instrument will show.

Deed Book 1 page 397
Jacob to William Long and Samuel Long
October 27, 1846

Slaves: Ben 45, Franklin 34, Aaron 25, Viney 29 and her six children (viz: Harrison 10, John 9, Samuel 7, Mary Jane 5, Sarah Ann 3, child 1 year.

Text

This indenture made and entered into this 29th day of October 1846 between Jacob Oldacre of the one part and William T. Long and Samuel Long Jr. of the other part, Witnesseth, that whereas Jacob Oldacre Sr. now deceased [1842] made and published his last will and Testament in the County of Russell where he lived and died which was proven in the Russell County Court and recorded in the Russell County Court Clerk's office by which last will and Testament the said Jacob Oldacre dec'd devised to his wife 10 negro slaves viz. (as above) and also some personal estate and several tracts of land described in said last will and Testament during the lifetime of this said wife and at her death said property was devised in said will by the said Jacob dec'd to be equally divided between the said Jacob Jr. and three others of his children. Now in consideration of one hundred and 28 dollars in hand paid the said Jacob Jr. has this day given granted bargained and sold and by these presents does give grant bargain and sell and convey unto the said Longs all the rights title claim and interest in and to said property which he has by virtue of last will and Testament it being one (full) individual fourth part at the death of the widow of the said Testator of said negroes and land and personal estate and whereas a bill in chancery is depending in the Russell Circuit Court to break said will, it is understood and agreed if said will should be set aside the said Longs are to have what would descend to me as one of the heirs of the said Jacob dec'd. They are to have their equal portion which would be coming to me of any money that may be raised from the hire and increase of said negroes. And I do covenant to warrant the title to said land and negroes. Do also covenant that my interest under the said will is one fourth and that if said will is set aside the number of

distributees will not exceed 8.

It is hereby understood that the said Longs are hereby placed in situation which said Jacob occupied in relation to said estate.

In witness whereof the said Jacob Oldacre (Jr.) has hereunto set his hand and seal this day and year first above written. The negro child whose name is not given and Sarah Ann have been born since this will was made.

Att. Rice Maxey Jacob Oldacre Seal
Certified 27 October 1846

Rice Maxey, Clerk

After reading the Indenture, and reading between the lines by the events that followed, we are inclined to allow that the bill of chancery depending in the Russell Circuit Court to break said will was perhaps as much the cause of the break in the family as said slavery issue. Anyhow, folk couldn't very well fuss over such a matter in that day when separated by a few hundred miles, so Daniel and Jacob Jr. solved the problem by taking the road "bound for Alabama with a banjo on my knee!"

The foregoing indenture took care of Jacob Jr.'s inheritance from his father; the will was not broken; the estate of Jacob continued under Sarah's direction until her death 1850-1857; and in 1851, on the 15th of June, Daniel Oldacre and Ann, his wife, from Morgan County, Alabama, gave deed to Clayton Ellis for 123 acres on Waters of Crocus and Cabin Fork, consideration $450 (Deed Book E page 427-428.)

In the same year, 1851, in the same month of June and on the 11th day, Jacob Jr. and Arabela, his wife, (she was just a bride of a few months) for 50 acres on Cabin Fork of Russell County had signed a deed in Morgan County of Alabama "for and in consideration of the sum of $150" to Henry Hadley (Deed Book E page 422), both deeds being recorded in Russell County, Kentucky.

We deduce that this 50 acres sold to Hadley is the land Jacob bought of Thomas Corbin in 1842 for $200. Jacob Jr. lost $50 on the deal!

We include a copy of this indenture made by Jacob Jr. and Arabela to Henry Hadley.

DEED BOOK E PAGE 422

This indenture made the 11th day of June 1851 between Jacob Oldacre and his wife of the County of Morgan and State of Alabama of the one part and Henry Hadley of the County of Russell and State of Kentucky of the other part. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of $150 to them the said Oldacre and wife paid in hand by him the said Henry Hadley the receipt of which they do hereby acknowledge.

They do bargain sell and convey and by these presents sell transfer and convey unto the said Hadley his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land situated lying and between the County of Russell and State of Kentucky on the head waters of Cabin Fork of Russell Creek as bounded as follows to wit beginning at 2 white oak Mulingsburg Corner in Humpherys line thence with Mullingsburgs line N-61-E-100 poles to a beech and sugartree in Mullingsburgs line. Thence N-30-W-80 poles to a poplar and dogwood Thence S61-W100 poles to a stake in Antels old line. Thence with Antles line S30 E80 poles to the beginning. Containing 50 acres be the same more or less together with all and singular the appurtence thereunto belonging or in otherwise appertaining to have and to hold the land hereby consigned to his heirs and assignees forever and the Jacob Oldacre and Arabela his wife for themselves their heirs and assignees the aforesaid tract of land and appurtances do and will forever warrant and defend the title to the same from the claim or claims of themselves their heirs and all and every other person or persons whatsoever unto him the said Hadley his heirs. In witness where upon the said Jacob Oldaker and Arabela his wife have hereunto set their names and affixed their seals the day and date first written.

Jacob Oldacre Seal

Arabela Oldacre Seal

Note: The foregoing indenture is the erstwhile missing link connecting Jacob Oldacre Jr. in Alabama with the Oldacres in Kentucky. The remaining part of this chapter of the Oldaker Story covers the remaining children of Jacob (1) Oldacre; William Levi and Sarah.

THE STORY OF (SECOND) WILLIAM OLDACRE, SON OF JACOB (1)

Checking again the will of Jacob (1) we note that his next child is William, his second son by Sarah Reppetoe. We need not be confused about two Williams in one family for Jacob had lost his son William by his first wife, Lettice, also a daughter Sally--both of whom died without issue. So, when other children of a second family were born, names of deceased half-brothers and sisters were again customarily given. Thus we have "second" William and "second" Sally Oldacre.

This William also appears in the records as "Billie" Oldacre, so we shall keep this in mind.

We appreciate this William very much because of the record of his marriage to Susan Buster and the notation concerning her death and burial palce was 'sine qua non' that opened up to us the whole hidden story of the Kentucky family of Oldacres.

William was born in Russell County, Kentucky in the year 1821-2. He married Susan Buster in Wayne County, Kentucky 14 March 1843. When the family (was) divided after the death of Jacob (1), William and his brother Levi remained in Kentucky while Daniel and Jacob Jr. removed to Alabama. It is said that the family was never reunited.

His (William) name appears in Russell County records in a regular pattern of exchanges of property.

Our particular interest in this William centers in his family and his military record. He enlisted as a Union soldier, and his story as a soldier is given in our chapter "Oldakers in the Civil War."

His wife, Susan Buster, was daughter of C.C. Buster, a Revolutionary War hero. She is buried in Taylor Cemetery in Glen Fork of Adair County, Kentucky and the inscription on her stone reads: Susan Oldacre, Born June 5, 1817 - died February 4, 1875.

William and Susan had four children. According to the 1850 Census, we have:

William Oldacre	28	(born 1822)
Susan	32	(born 1817)
John	5	(born 1845)
William C.	4	(born 1846)

According to the 1860 Census:

William Oldacre Age 39 - Farmer, value of real estate 1100; personal estate 600 - Born Kentucky Children four.
Susan Oldacre 42, John 16, William J., 14; Jacob P. 11 - idiotic (an unnamed twin to Jacob P. died an infant)

According to the 1870 Census we have:

Susan Oldacre 53 - Farmer - cannot write
William C. 24 (Clerk in a store)

Evidently the store was at Glen Fork and Susan's farm was a plot of land containing 30 square poles located on the Creetsboro road and Glens Fork Creek, purchased by her son John from E.J. and Matilda Coleman, at the price of $350.00 on the 10th of March 1870. We herewith present this instrument:

This indenture made and entered into this 10th day of March 1870 Between E.J. Coleman and Matilda J. Coleman his wife of the first part and John Oldacre of the second part, all of Adair County Ky. Witnesseth that the said Coleman and wife have this day for the consideration of the sum of $350 to them in hand paid by the said Oldacre, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged given granted bargained and sold and do hereby sell and convey unto the said Oldacre his heirs and assigns forever a certain lot of land lying in Adair County, Kentucky on the waters of Glen Fork and bounded as follows. Beginning at a stone in the middle of the Creetsboro road and in J.A. Strange's line, thence with said line S. 72 deg. W 6 1/2 poles to Glens Fork thence up the said Creek S.55 deg. E.4 poles, S.20 deg. E.5 poles thence leaving Creek N.68 deg. E.5 poles to the middle of the Creetsboro road thence with the said road N.21 1/2 deg. W.6 poles to the beginning, containing 30 sq. poles. To have and to hold said lot of land buildings and improvements thereon unto the said John Oldacre his heirs and assigns forever and the said E.J. Coleman and wife covenant and agree to warrant the title to the property hereby conveyed vs. all claims whatsoever. In Testimony whereof the said Coleman and wife set their hands the day and year above written.

E.J. Coleman

Matilda J. Coleman

Stamped and Recorded

10 March 1870 J.W. Butler

We would deduce by the items recorded and Testimony of Mr. John Eubank that Susan and her family stuck together as long as they lived--Susan, John, William C. and Jacob P.

By the 1870 Census Jacob P. had passed on and Susan followed in 1875. The two brothers John and William C. continued the business as a druggist and merchant, respectively. Mr. Eubank says John was called Dr. John Oldaker. This Dr. John Oldacre is the former private who enlisted with his father William Oldacre, in Co. G 12th Kentucky Infantry. William died in an Army hospital in Louisville in 1862, but John went through the War and returned to civilian life in Russell and Adam Counties. We give details in the chapter on "Oldakers in the Civil War."

The home place was probably inherited by a daughter, for we found no record of disposition under the Oldacre name. When Dr. John became an invalid about 1906, William C. took care of him as attested by a letter we read in pension files written by William C.'s daughter Mrs. L.J. Carr of Sulphur Springs, Florida. We wrote to any descendants of Mrs. Carr at the above address, hoping for final details on the family. My letter was evidently received (it did not return) but no reply was given. Further research produced death certificates from Frankfort, Kentucky, showing that in Louisville: John Oldacre died 23 December 1906 Book 13 page 203. William C. Oldacre died 6 December 1928 File 62-30791.

Thus we come to the end of the story on the interesting and unusual family, William and Susan Buster Oldaker. The solidarity of this family in a time of crisis, change and conflict is to us an inspiration and a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

SALLY OLDACRE MARRIED PARISH G. REESE

Sally Oldacre was the youngest child of Jacob (1) and Sarah Reppetoe Oldacre. She was born in 1826, as "second" Sally, being named for her deceased older half-sister. She is represented in the 1830 and 1840 Census for Russell County; she is named in the will, and she appears in 1852 with Parish G. Reese, her husband, in a land transfer from Levi and Elizabeth Oldacre, which, land, 120 acres Levi received from his father's estate; also in 1858, as legatee in the division of said estate. We find no other mention of her in the Oldacre records.

LEVI OLDACRE AND ELIZABETH STAPP

Levi, nominally at least, is the priestly line. We infer that he was a churchly man, since we found his memorial stone in the cemetery at Pleasant Hill Church in Adair County. Elizabeth, allegedly is buried there also in an unmarked grave.

Mary Calhoon by hearsay evidence was her last, best, loving, earthly companion, probably a sister-in-law. She is buried in Levi's plot next to Elizabeth's grave. Her grave is well marked with an inscribed stone. A John D. Calhoon appears as surety on the marriage bond of James Allen Oldacre (son of Elizabeth) to Sarah F. Bledsoe 5 November 1868 at Jamestown, Kentucky. John Calhoon is a probable husband to Mary Calhoon.

We found the marriage record of Levi and Elizabeth Stapp in Russell County in Book I page 31 dated 15 July 1845 by James Warriner.

We have not arrived at any definite date regarding the death of Sarah Reppetoe Oldacre. By the 1850 Census she was living in Russell County; and under her name is given in a separate bracket (Billie) William Oldacre and his family. Others have gone--Billie remains--he was that kind of a man--every inch a family man! We believe he was with his mother to the last. She died sometime between 1850 and 1857 before an agreement was made in the division of shares and personal property in 1858 (January 14).

There had been a bill in chancery to break Jacob's will but a settlement seems to have been reached by the year 1852, for Levi and Elizabeth as heirs of Jacob Jr. give a deed that year to Parish G. Reese and Sally his wife for 120 acres; and deed to Billy Olacer in 1854 for 123 acres for which Billy gave a separate mortgage deed, Book F page 175 (Russell County).

In 1852, 54, 60, 63, Levi bought lands in Adair County of McCaffney, Collins, Frankum and Bryant. He had only two sons by Elizabeth--James A. and Oliver born 1846 and 1850, respectively.

In 1860, the census shows Levi with his family on his plantation in Adair County. In this census black is a strange thing--there are no slaves shown! The question of slavery had become a dominant political issue in every town and hamlet. The storm clouds of war were forming all over the land. The underground railroad was in effective use. Slaves were leaving the plantations of their masters. Some owners with extended vision saw the inevitable end, and gave freedom to their slaves. Such a one perhaps was Levi. His righteous soul was vexed from day to day. Trials soon

wore down his noble spirit, and froze the genial current of his soul.

The 1850 Census for Adair County, however, shows:

Levi Oldacre, Farmer 25 years old property value $600

Elizabeth Oldacre 36

Sarah Stapp 62 born in Pennsylvania (probably mother of Sarah)

James Oldacre 4

Oliver Oldacre 3/12

The 1860 Census for Adair County shows:

Levi Oldacre was 35-Farmer-born in Kentucky 1824-5 and had $6000 in property.

Elizabeth Oldacre, 46, born in Kentucky (1814)

Sarah Stapp, 75 (housekeeper?) born in Pennsylvania (1785)

James A. Oldacre, 14 born in Kentucky (1866)

Oliver Oldacre, 10 born in Kentucky (1850)

Levi died in 1862, August 20, and was buried among his neighbors: Grider, Bradshaw, Blair, Powell, Epperson, Murrah, Williams, Calhoon and Wheat.

The 1870 Census shows:

Elizabeth Oldacre, 55 Farmer (born 1814)

Oliver Oldacre, 20 Farm laborer (born 1850)

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James A. Oldacre, 24 Farmer (born 1846)

Sarah F. 26 (born 1844)

Briola (Viola) 9/12 (born 1870)

In the 1880 Census for Adair County we have:

Elizabeth Oldacre born in Kentucky 66 years widow.

Keeping house. (Father born No.Car.; mother, Tenn)

She does not appear in the 1890 census. By 1897 the last Oldacre in Adair County has passed into another world. Evidently her sons have gone to Texas and Elizabeth has gone to glory.

The war years were severe and distressing to Levi's family. Their lot was the many times repeated experiences of families throughout the war area living in the paths of raiding, roving bands and the movements of armies, Federal and Confederate. The Perryville battlefield was only 55 miles away--there the divisions of General Bragg under Cheatham and Buckner, in the invasion of Kentucky, were met by forces of Buell led by General Sheridan, proceeding from Louisville.

It was a year of persistent drouth for Kentucky. Hard times had arrived for Levi's family; scarcity of food, loss of livestock and supplies, loss of slaves, and loss of health was too much for Levi. In August of 1862 he paid the debt to nature, at the age of 37 years.

Elizabeth and the boys lived on. The boys were 16 and 12 years then. By 1870, James Allen, was 24 and had married Sarah F. Bledsoe in 1868. Oliver was 20 and sharing the farm labor.

In 1871 an agreement was made and legally recorded, whereby each of the three had a one-third interest in everything pertaining to the farm. We note with considerable interest that each had a horse, a cow, a bed and bedding and a share of pigs and sheep. We include a copy of this instrument, that we may more fully share their experiences.

In 1872 Oliver married Mary S. Grider. The recorded deeds tell the final story of this family in Adair County, but they became silent in 1897; at this juncture the story of the Kentucky Oldacres merges into the story of the Oldacres in Texas.

THE 1871 AGREEMENT

Whereas Levi Oldacre departed this life intestate in Adair County the August 20 day of 1862 leaving Elizabeth Oldacre his widow and James A. Oldacre and Oliver Oldacre his only children and heirs at law, and whereas no administration was ever granted on his estate but the same remained in possession of said Elizabeth Oldacre and Elizabeth duly and legally appointed and qualified by the Adair County Court guardian to the said James A. and Oliver Oldacre and whereas the said James A. and Oliver Oldacre have now arrived at the full age of 21 years and whereas said widow has given to said James A. Oldacre a horse, cow, and some sheep and hogs and to said Oliver Oldacre, a horse, now said widow and children have made the

following contract and agreement viz. all the land owned by the said Levi Oldacre is to be equally divided between said widow and children having due regard to quantity, quality and value that is to the widow 1/3, to James A. 1/3, and to Oliver 1/3, but the land which is to be alloted to the widow under this agreement--she is to hold only during her life and at her death it is to go and be equally divided between the said James A. and Oliver Oldacre; all the personal property including the stock, money, notes, and C is to be equally divided between Elizabeth, James A. and Oliver Oldacre except the widow is to keep the horse to make her equal with James A. and Oliver, and said widow and Oliver are to have a cow to make them equal with James A., the hogs and sheep are to be equally divided between the widow and Oliver, James A. having already received his share of the sheep and hogs--said widow also to retain in her hands $50 in money to pay a debt owing be the decesent to Sarah Stapp. Now for the purpose of carrying out the contract and agreement, said parties have chosen and do hereby select and appoint John J. Epperson, O.P. Bryant and Wm. Reppetoe to divide said property and estate between them in accordance with the contract and their division when made is to be binding on said parties and they agree to make deeds in accordance with said division when made and said James A. and Oliver Oldacre hereby release and discharge said Elizabeth Oldacre from any and all liability and responsibility on account of her being guardian to them. They also release and discharge her sureties in her said guardian bond from any and all liability and responsibility to them in any manner whatever said James A. has also received one bed and bedding to make them equal, the widow and Oliver are each to have--bed and bedding to make them equal with said James A. Said Epperson, Bryant and Reppetoe are to proceed to make the division in accordance with this agreement as soon as they can conveniently do so. Witness our hands this 11 day of August, 1871.

Elizabeth Oldacre

James A. Oldacre

Oliver Oldacre

Approved and Recorded Geo. W. Nell

by James T. Page D.C.

SEARCHING FOR THE OLDAKER MILLIONAIRE OF TEXAS

We first heard the story in Ohio: A certain Oldacre had landed in Texas and struck oil. His royalties had amounted to millions. He had died and a certain Mr. Humphrey as agent or administrator was searching for heirs of the deceased rich man. The story was allegedly carried as a Parkersburg, West Virginia, news item.

I contacted Dan Robinson of the News staff to recover this choice tidbit but our correspondent failed to yield anything.

The story persisted and was related again to me in Virginia by another of the Ohio Oldakers. I knew there was little or no chance of my being an heir of said millionaire, but I pulled my hair because I could not get details on the item for the "Oldaker Story."

Knowing now some things which Mr. Humphrey might then have liked to know; I think we can safely say that if Mr. Humphrey had had access to the unpublished genealogy he might still find a few among the Oldaker tribe who would be eligible as claimants to some of the fortune of of the Texas rich man.

At first we tried to find some connection of this story with the mysterious disappearance of Issac Oldaker Jr. from the Russell Station community in Highland County, Ohio, about 1854.

Now and later on, by the association of names, dates, places, records and related events, we think perhaps we have the solution of the mystery surrounding the Texas Oldacre but where could we find Mr. Humphrey?

Mr. Humphrey was searching in Ohio. Oldakers are thick as flies in parts of Ohio. They were not so hard for me to find there but it took months and years for me to find where Oldacres had lived for nearly 100 years in Kentucky. The Kentucky Oldacres began with the year 1804, when Jacob Oldacre bought of Alexander Elliot, a tract of land in Adair County, 284 acres on Cabin Fork of Russell Creek.

Now this first Jacob Oldacre, according the the census, was born 1750-60. By his first wife, Lettice, he had among other children, Henry, William and Daniel. By his third wife, Sarah Reppetoe, he had four children: Jacob Jr., William (Billy), Levi and Sally. Of these, Levi, wife Elizabeth, had two sons only--James Allen and Oliver Oldacre.

Levi died in 1862 and is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery of Adair County. Elizabeth and sons kept the farm

without legal administration except her guardianship until after James Allen and Oliver married Sarah Bledsoe in 1868 and Oliver married Susan Grider in 1872, respectively.

In 1876 Oliver sold to James Allen 15 acres. Previously in 1871-contract and agreement was made between Elizabeth, James A. and Oliver--each have one-third of Levi's land and property. From 1874 to 1876 the sons sold out their holdings and according to hearsay evidence went to Texas.

The mother lived on in her three-room cabin farm house and never saw her boys again except on her one visit to Texas. She died in loneliness and near poverty being ministered to by kind neighbors among whom were the Coffeys and Mary Calhoon; her last and faithful companion who is buried near the unmarked grave of Elizabeth in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. I was told that the boys never returned to their mother's funeral! Nor placed a stone to her memory!

The Oldacre Settlement was apparently astride the Adair-Russell boundary line. We shall refer to two deeds, one in Adair County, the other in Russell County. In 1897 Oliver and Louisa A. (second wife) sell two tracts in Adair County on Reynolds Creek to G.W. Coffey. Deed was recorded in Adair County in 1912. In 1851 Jacob Jr. had sold to Hadley 50 acres in Russell County, his inheritance from Jacob Oldacre Sr., his father. There is one phrase in this deed that catches my eye, "Mulingsburg's corner in Humphreys line," describing the tract on Cabin Creek.

We think we have a story here: Oldacres and Humphreys went to Texas; when a certain Oldacre died a Humphrey friend became executor.

Now checking on the 1880 Census for Adair County, we see James A. is 34, Sarah is 36, Viola is 10, Della is 5. Since Oliver does not appear in the 1880 Census, we conclude that Oliver has gone (to Texas) and Elizabeth is still living (See census for 1880). Being married in 1872, Oliver leaves no record in Adair County that he had any children.

The last deed on record for James A. on record in Russell County is for 50 acres on Russell Creek to Lafayette Dunbar, $125. The year is 1879.

The last deed on record for Oliver is the deed to G.W. Coffey Adair County for two tracts on Reynolds Creek; evidently the home tract belonging to Elizabeth is included. Oliver's wife now is Louisa A., Mary Susan Grider is no longer Oliver's wife except in memory. 1912 is the year of the deeds recording. It was made in Trinity County, Texas in 1897 and a notarized instrument was attached, signed by James A. Oldacre and wife Fannie,

living in Robertson County, Texas. The Town was Franklin, where the paper was notarized, bearing the name of C.H. Kenley, Notary Public, in the year 1897. Copies of these documents follow:

OLDACRE DEEDS

This Deed made and entered into this 18th day of May 1897 between Oliver Oldacre and wife of Texas of the first part and G.W. Coffey of Adair County, Kentucky, of the second part, Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred Dollars in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the party of the first part have this day bargained sold and convey unto the party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever the following tract of land being in the County of Adair and lying on the waters of Reynolds Creek and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone J.J. Epperson's corner in a line of Murrah surey; thence S 28 E 39 poles to a stone in said line; thence S 86 E 61 poles to a post now stone thence N 78 E 21 poles a stone put in the ground marked thus Δ thence N 10 W 68 poles to a stone in a line with said Epperson; thence with his line S 61 W 77 poles to the beginning containing twenty three and one half acres; Also one tract No. 2 and bounded as follows: beginning at stone corner to said J.J. Epperson thence N 61 E 63 poles to a forked dogwood in Bradshaw's line (now Leach); thence with said line N 28 W 26 poles to a stake or stone in said line; thence S 61 W 63 poles to a stone; thence with Epperson's line S 28 E 26 poles to the beginning, containing ten acres. The said second party to have and to hold the same with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging his heirs and assigns forever with covenants of general warranty.

In testimony whereof the said first parties have this day hereunto signed their names.

Oliver Oldacre
His
Louise A. X Oldacre
mark

Certified by C.H. Kenley Clerk of Trinity County Court, Texas June 1, 1897.

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
) Sct.
COUNTY OF TRINITY)

I, C.H. Kenley, Clerk of the County Court in and for Trinity County, Texas, do certify that this instrument of writing from Oliver Oldacre and wife, Louisa A. Oldacre, was this day produced to me by the parties and which was acknowledged by the said Oliver Oldacre to be his act and deed; and the contents and effect of the instrument being

explained to the said Louisa A. Oldacre by me separately and apart from her husband, she thereupon declared that she did fully and voluntarily execute and deliver the same to be her act and deed and consented that the same might be recorded.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS }

COUNTY OF ROBERTSON }

Before me J.L. Goodman, a Notary Public in and for Robertson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared James A. Oldacre and his wife Fannie Oldacre, both well known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed. And the said Fannie Oldacre wife of the said James Oldacre, having been privily examined by me separate and apart from her husband, acknowledged to me that she freely executed the same and did not wish to retract it. Given under my hand seal of office at Franklin Texas this the 3rd day of June, 1897.

J. L. Goodman, Notary Public
Seal Robertson Co., Texas

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF ADAIR

I, Walker Bryant, Clerk of the Adair County Court, certify that the foregoing deed from James Oldacre and wife to G.W. Coffey was this day lodged certified as above for record. I Have therefore recorded same together with the foregoing and this certificate in my office.

Witness my hand this Dec. 20", 1912.

Walker Bryant, Clerk
By L.O. Taylor, D.C.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF ADAIR

I, Robert M. White, clerk of the county court for the county and state aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing deed is a true and correct copy as will be found of record in deed book no. 30 at page 422 records of my office.

Given under my hand, this 14th day of August, 1963.

Robert M. White, Clerk

By Betty L. Burton, D.C.

I wrote to the Clerks of the County Courts of Robertson and Trinity Counties, Texas asking for copies and relevant extracts of wills and administration papers; I enclosed an allowance for transcripts of documents. Replies came back forthwith including some pertinent and interesting items substantiated by supporting documentation.

James A. Oldaker had bought Lots 4 and 5 Block 44 in Franklin from J.L. Scott. His daughter Viola had married Avery E. Garreson 14 November 1887 when she was 17 and daughter Myrtle had married Jasper W. Goodman 4 November 1899; there was no mention of his daughter Della Oldaker (Della is Myrtle).

Mrs. Katherine Galloway, the County Clerk, remembered Viola Garreson as a widow with several children when her husband died, and in 1963 one son, Abney Garreson, was living in Franklin of Robertson County, Texas.

Myrtle Goodman was remembered as having one son James who was living (at this writing) in Bryan, Texas. James A. Oldacre, wives, daughters and their husbands are buried in Franklin, Texas.

The records failed to show that James A. had any other property than his home in Franklin, so--James A. Oldacre was not the Texas millionaire!

The line of James A. Oldacre terminates with the families of his two daughters, Myrtle and Viola. Viola Oldacre married Avery Eron Garreson of Franklin, Texas. Children:

1. Abney Garreson married _____. Has one daughter.

   a. Mildred Garreson married _____ Siffret, Bryan, Texa

2. Mamie Garreson married _____ Flynn. California. Three children.

3. Claude Garreson born 1891 never married. dec'd 1911

4. Leonard Garreson married _____ died 1931

   a. Charles Garreson married _____ two girls, three boys

   b. Dudie Garreson married _____ Chapman. Live in Bryan. Two girls

5. Edith Garreson married _____ Peace. Two children.

6. Hawkins Garreson died at 10 months.

Myrtle Oldacre married Jasper W. Goodman

1. James Goodman, Bryan, Texas.

Next we sift out the data on Oliver Oldacre. Oliver upon arrival from Kentucky had lived in Bell County and later purchased lot #430, Block 123 in the town of Groveton of Trinity County. He married Mrs. Louisa A. Sanders 17 March 1896.

Oliver died intestate 13 March 1926 in Trinity County "seized and possessed of real and personal property of the probably value of $950.00." The dwelling house in Groveton was destroyed by fire in 1939, whereupon Edna Oldacre made application for letters of administration which were granted and she collected the insurance in the sum of $400.00 and sold the lot later to Oscar Goodrich. There had been no previous division or administration of this property.

The instrument of application revealed the lawful heirs of Oliver Oldacre as:

Edna Oldacre, Loren Oldacre, and Otho Oldacre, and cited the city of Houston in Harris County as residence of Edna and Loren. The residence of Otho Oldacre was unknown.

Betty Mae Ainsworth, the County Clerk of Trinity County, made a photo copy of Edna's application from which the foregoing information is derived. She checked the birth records and found a record of two girls (names not given) born to Loren Oldacre in Trinity County on 8 August 1906 and 6 August 1910.

We deduce that Edna, Loren and Otho are necessarily children of Oliver's first marriage to Mary Susan Grider in Kentucky in 1872; that Oliver and wife No. 2 Louisa A., lived and died in Groveton, after which the house burned and Edna came up from Houston to administrate the property, which according to the records of Trinity was the only property there owned by Oliver Oldacre. So--Oliver Oldacre was not the Texas millionaire!

At this juncture we gather up our ball point pen, scratch pads and brief case, turn back the time about 23 years and start down the oil slick, slippery road to Harris County oil fields, viewed dimly in the distance of Houston where once upon a time dwelt three Oldacres named Edna,

Loren and perhaps Otho. In the year 1940 Edna was still an unclaimed blessing--a spinster lady of about 67 years. All we know about Loren is that in the same year of 1940 he was a resident of Houston, the father of two daughters born in Trinity County 34 and 30 years before; and Otho was a wandering star whose residence was unknown. Could either one of these be the mysterious millionaire? It is another needle-in-the-haystack case.

Over a million and one half people live in the city of Houston. Let me be in a degree like Martin Luther before Worms "Tho there be as many devils in Worms as tiles on a roof, I"ll go." I'll try those clerks and deputies in Houston and maybe find that Oldacre millionaire.

I wrote to the Clerk of Harris County. I wrote to our niece now living in Houston to check the directories for any Oldacres living there now. In her reply I have:

Edna Oldaker 1605 Bonnie Brae, Houston
Loren Oldacre 509 New Haven Drive, Houston

A reply from Mr. Torrentine, the County Clerk of Harris gave the name of Loren's daughter, Mrs. E.R. Dillard living with Mrs. Loren Oldacre, her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Ione Hutto.

I wrote to Miss Edna Oldacre. A letter from Mrs. Evelyn Oldacre Dillard, writing for the family, gave the information that her father died 3 October 1961 and Miss Edna Oldacre who had been a dressmaker all her life, was now in a nursing home after months in the hospital stricken with arthritis in her back. Mrs. Dillard had a sister, Vivian Jewel Oldacre; Otho Oldacre whereabouts are still unknown. So--Loren Oldacre was not the Texas millionaire; or was he?

Now the only hope of finding a millionaire Oldacre in this branch of the family has to be with Otho Oldacre and where he is no one seems to know.

After another twelve months we think we see things differently in regards to the Texas millionaire. There may have been three of them. I have a letter from Loren's daughter, Mrs. E.R. Dillard under date of 23 September 1964. She says:

"My Aunt Edna says that Otho Oldacre was born 14 September 1879 in Bell County, Texas, near Belton or Temple, Texas. They lived out on a farm that was near both towns. He left Groveton (Trinity County) in the fall of 1917, but she heard from him after that. She couldn't remember the town the letter was sent from, but in it he said he was going to Omaha, Nebraska. That was sometime in the late 20s or early 30s.

My Aunt says that her father Oliver Oldacre never cared about the past; he always seemed to live for the present and future and to forget the past. All she knew was that her grandfather's name was Levi Oldacre."

Whereupon receiving this information, I'm making some guesses, putting them down, and waiting to see what turns up.

1. Oliver married Susan Grider in 1872, sold land to his brother in 1876 in Adair County, Kentucky and Otho was born in Bell County, Texas in 1879. Loren was probably born in Adair County, Kentucky, and Edna in Bell County, Texas. Now what became of this Bell County farm? Unless sold by Oliver it would pass to his three children. By 1939 Oliver had died (1926) and all the Oldacres had left Groveton of Trinity County and the house in Groveton had burned without any administration having been made on Oliver's estate in Groveton. What about the farm in Bell County? It is not stated that Oliver sold the farm in Bell County and moved to Trinity or when. But Otho left Groveton in 1917. If that farm was not sold I suspect that somebody struck oil! Sometime between 1930 and 1961. Loren died in 1961.

Of course, Loren's estate would come up for settlement especially if that Bell County farm had not been sold and was owned by Loren, Edna and Otho. If it has not been sold and is producing oil, small wonder if the administrators of Loren's estate were searching to find the whereabouts of Otho Oldacre. And if he has disappeared forever, without wife or children, his part of Oliver's estate will descend to Loren and Edna and their heirs.

Where is Otho, indeed?

Well, man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble, the Patriarch Job and many since have found this out; and the house of Jacob Oldacre was no exception. Trouble rolled on into the family of Levi through the Civil War years and after; and Levi early in life gave up the ghost in Adair County, Kentucky, leaving Elizabeth, James A. and Oliver bearing heavy burdens.

We can understand Oliver who cared not for the past, but said, "Live for the present and future, and forget the past." Texas was an opportunity to pursue this philosophy. Oliver tried it but he didn't escape trouble, no one does, except perhaps for a while. Forget the past? Yes, but how very often the past has a way of doubling right back on the present then rebounding into the future. It looks to us like this is what happened in the case of Oliver Oldacre; the story of the prodigal and the father has been enacted countless times. Now why would Otho leave all his

people, write once in 15 (?) years, never come back, nor write again in 35 more years?

Were there not so many limitations, bounds, and barriers to be observed, considered and overcome, we could very soon discover what became of Otho Oldacre. Rights, safeguards to privacy and personalities must not be violated nor confidences be destroyed. So, how be it, we take the low slow road around Robin Hood's barn and through the woods, hoping to find Otho Oldacre at the final roundup.

There seemed to be a flag waving on that Bell County, Texas farm, inviting my attention. I wrote to the County Clerk of Bell County, Texas asking for an abstract on Oliver's purchase and on the sale of the property either by Oliver as grantor, or by his administrator. I also asked for a notation on any instrument of oil lease that may have been recorded if the farm was obtained by the heirs of Oliver Oldacre.

In reply the County Clerk, Mrs. Ruby McKee writes:

"We searched our deed records for the deed to the farm and fail to find any property deeded to Oldacres between the years 1876-1879. We also looked in the death and marriage records and did not find Otho Oldacre listed on record."

I should have asked for deed to Oliver 1872-1897. I still believe there is a recorded deed! However, in 1897 Oliver was living at Groveton in Trinity County.

Note: Correspondence with Mrs. E.R. Dillard of Houston in July and October 1966 mentions a daughter of Oliver by his second wife, Louisa A. Her name was Jewel. Louisa left Oliver and returned to her people when the child was young. It was thought that the child was neglected and it died when about four years old. Buried at Groveton with parents and Edna. Edna died February 7, 1966.

APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OLIVER OLDACRE, DECEASED | IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TRINITY COUNTY, TEXAS

To the Honorable LEO BRANNEN, Judge of the County court of Trinity County, Texas:

This the application of Miss Edna Oldacre, a resident of Harris County, Texas, respectfully shows: That Oliver Oldacre is dead; that he died on or about the 13th day of March, A.D. 1926, in the County of Trinity and State of Texas; that he died intestate; that said deceased was, at the time of his death, a resident of the County of Trinity, State of Texas; that at the time of his death, the said Oliver Oldacre was seized and possessed of real and personal property of the probable value of Nine Hundred and Fifty ($950.00) Dollars. That said real property which was owned by the deceased at the time of his death consisted of Lot No. 430 in Block No. 123 of the City of Groveton, Texas, said lot being located on West 4th Street in said City; and that at the time of the death of the said Oliver Oldacre there was a dwelling house upon this said lot and that just recently on or about the 14th day of October, A.D. 1939 said house located upon said lot was destroyed by fire. That there has never been any administration upon said property and estate; that the lawful heirs of Oliver Oldacre are Miss Edna Oldacre and Mr. Laren Oldacre of Houston, Texas and Mr. Otha Oldacre whose residence is unknown, and there has never been any division of said property among said heirs. That a necessity exists for an administration upon said estate for the following reasons: That at the time that said house upon said Lot 430, Block 123 in the City of Groveton, Texas burned on the 14th day of October 1939, the said house was insured by Miss Edna Oldacre, said insurance payable to Miss Edna Oldacre, in the Merchants and Manufacturers Insurance Company of New York City for the sum of Four Hundred ($400.00) Dollars, and this administration is necessary for the purpose of collecting said fire insurance for said estate. That your applicant is not disqualified by law to act as administrator.

Wherefore your applicant prays that citation issue hereon, as the law provided and that upon a hearing and the proof adduced, letters of administration issue to applicant, and that all further and necessary orders be made in the premises.

Edna Oldacre, Applicant

Dated December 12, 1939.

Filed for record this 13th day of December, 1939 by Mrs. Addie Mangum, County Clerk

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ESTATE OF OLIVER OLDACRE,)
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION)
TO MISS EDNA OLDACRE AS) 933
ADMINISTRATOR)

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,) IN COUNTY COURT,
TRINITY COUNTY, TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRINITY .) JAN. TERM AD 1940

I, Mrs. Addie Mangum, Clerk of the County Court of Trinity County, Texas, do hereby Certify that on the 2nd day of January A. D. , 1940, Miss Edna Oldacre was by said Court granted Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Oliver Oldacre deceased, and that on the 2nd day of January A.D., 1940, she duly qualified as such as required by law and that said appointement is still in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Groveton, Texas this 2nd day of January A. D., 1940.

(LS)

Mrs. Addie Mangum, Co. Clk.
County Court, Trinity Co.,
Texas.

Thus we have come to the end of the story on Levi Oldacre of Russell and Adair Counties of Kentucky. The one-time frontier villages, Jamestown and Columbia now give little evidence that Levi, and his father Jacob, once trod the muddy streets with jack-boots and recorded their deeds in log courthouses. The modern streets are thronged with cars and people, very few of whom can remember that Oldacres were once there. Many names of neighbors and kindred still remain round about, their owners still possess some of the Oldacre lands. But the Oldacre name has been transplanted deep in the heart of Texas, where, during these past 80 years, the towns of Groveton and Franklin, once again a new frontier knew the tread and trade of Oldacre craftsmen--always building, building, building.

Now, the great City of Houston is home to the last of these Oldacres. They are almost swallowed up by the great crowd of busy, resourceful Texas people. The five names seen and known are Edna, Loren and Otho, Harmenah Evelyn and Vivian. As on a cinema screen they appear brightly for a while, then dimly, and soon the name will by only a memory, or an inscription on a stone.

But we are glad we saw their names and knew some of them in such a way that we could tell others of our kin about them by these memoirs. We found them on the trail, where they had stopped a while to record their deeds. By and by we shall see them again at journey's end and we shall know as we are known.

ISSAC OLDAKER-LUCRETIA PUGH FAMILY

The story of Issac and Lucy begins really in Hampshire County, Virginia where they were born, 1754 and 1756 respectively; perhaps they grew up as childhood sweethearts amid the war whoops of the Indians and the wilds of Capon Valley. Their parents' lands were near or adjacent and acquired by moving on them and beginning improvements "there being no offices open to grant them warrants," in the years 1732-1748. And so it is that Issac has 300 acres on Lost River and no deed that we could find on record that he or his father Henry Sr. ever bought the land.

In Henry Sr.'s will proved in 1786 (made in 1773) Issac is given "one shilling starling," he having had a part of my estate before." When Henry Sr. and other members of his family went back over the Ridge in 1763 to Loudoun County to escape the Indian menace, we are doubtful that Issac went along--he may have--there is no mention of him in the Loudoun records except the item in Henry's will. When the census is made in 1782, Issac and Lucy are married and living on Lost River with three children; and they remained, building houses, barns, roads, mills and doing the varied things pioneer people must do to keep soul and body together and raise a family, until in 1816 the cry of "Westward Ho!" rings up and down the ridges and hollows of Trout Run, Lost River, Dutch Hollow, Wardens Ridge, Quaker Hollow and Capon Valley. The call was well nigh irrestible. John had left about 1810 and landed in Mason County; Jacob said, "I'm going to stay" and he did. Others were making up the party arranging the wagon train--Pughs, Barrows, and Russells. Lucy's parents had recently slipped away to that "Home whence no traveler returns." William Oldaker had been put away under the sod close by Jacob Pugh at Old Meeting House Yard on Trout Run, having left everything to Issac. There was nothing much to stay for in Hardy County.

Issac Oldaker rode his horse down to Oldakers Mills village, made a deal with Paul Hottel on property inherited from William Oldaker and ere long the womenfolk were in the covered wagons; men and boys called the dogs and they began the long, long trail a winding into the land of their dreams.

A month or more later after varied experiences of weather, hunting, camping and tramping they reached Milford on the Little Miami River where they spent the remaining months of winter; then pushed on and settled finally at what became Russells Station in Highland County, Ohio.

Issac was rather old for such a trip but he made it, being then about 70 years old. In four more years, "Now being in a low state of health, though being of sound mind and memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life" he made his will in 1822; and watching his settlement grow with

mixed feelings of pride, anxiety, and sadness, and memories of other days, places, accomplishments and associations, along the long, long road he had traveled, he calmly wrapped his cloak about him and lay down to pleasant dreams in the spot he had chosen for himself and others on his own beloved farm.

Issac Oldaker, son of Henry Sr. and Elinor Borden Oldaker was born about 1754 in Hampshire County, Virginia married Lucretia Pugh ca. 1776. Lucy was daughter of Jacob Pugh of North Mountain and Trout Run of Hardy County, Virginia. They had seven children, whose birth days (estimated) and marriages are indicated.

1. Henry Oldaker born ca. 1778, never married; died in Highland County, Ohio ante 1836.

2. John Washington Oldaker born ca. 1780 married Elizabeth Minor in Hardy County 29 January 1806.

3. Jacob Oldaker born ca. 1782 married Magdeline Switzer (Swisher) 14 April 1807 in Hardy County; lived and died there; buried on Landacre Farm.

4. Priscilla Oldaker born ca. 1784, never married; died at Russells in 1835.

5. Amelia Oldaker born ca. 1786 married John Barrow Jr. in Hardy County in 1809.

6. Rebecca Oldaker born ca. 1788 married Thomas Barrow.

7. Issac Oldaker Jr. born ca. 1798 married Catherine Little in Frederick County, Virginia in 1818.

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The personal Estate of Jacob Oldaker deceased appendised this 7 day of August 1841.

18 Locust posts $1.00 lot of studding $1.00	$ 2.00
1 Lot 2 inch oak plank and studding 4.00	5.40
1 ditto 1½ inch ditto $4.00 lot oak raling and lathes	1.40
6 pine scantling $1.50 - lot fencing plank c pine $3.00	4.50
12 oak sills $5.00 - lot of palings 1 pine $4.00	7.00
1 lot fencing plank 2 locust post $1.25 - cut studding $2.50	3.75

1 lot 2 inch plank (pine) $9.00 - oak plank assorted $1.50	10.50
1 ditto ½ ' plank 1.50 - Rafters, plan and c. 4.00	5.50
1 " pine plank asorted 30.00, poplar facing 2.00	32.00
1 " ½ inch and inch 5.00, 3 pine plat, and plank 1.00	6.00
Crocks and tubs 2.00. Blacksmith bellows and tools $10.00	12.00
Old iron - 1 harrow 3.00 - 2 stacks hay 5.00	9.00
craines .50 fith chain and spreder 1.50	2.00
Spredders and 2 single trees 2.50 and 10 head hogs	20.50
2 Barshear plows $7.00 - 3 shovel plows 4.00	11.00
Flaxbreak .75 cts. Three horse waggon 80.00	80.75
One sled 1.00 - cutting box and knife 2.00	3.00
25 Bushels wheat in the straw at .70 cts.	17.50
Hayfork rake, .62 - 3 tubs 2.50 - sythe with cradle 75	3.87
Log chain 2.00, man saddle 4.00 - side saddle 1.00	7.00
1 sett binder gears 5.00 1 seth front ditto 2.50	7.50
Bridles, collars and backband 3.50, banded with flaxseed .75	4.25
2 bags and gallon measure .62 - 3 boxes .25	.87
4 choping axes, mowing sythe and shaving horse	4.50
Grind stone and kettles 5.00 - fishing tub .50	5.50
Lantern, watering can 1.25, hoes, shovels 2.00	3.25
2 beehives and barrel .75. Vinegar keg, pots, ovens and kettle 4.00	4.75
Pothooks, pot ? fire shovel, tin bucket, ladle	1.75
Flat irons, candelsticks. Coffee mill, wash pan	1.25
Dough trough, flour barrel .75 cts. Carpenters tools 25.00	25.75
2 Boxes, sundry articles 1.00. Lagirons, cross cut saw 2.00	3.00
1 Reel, 1 wheel, cradle churn, 2 barrels	3.00
1 Bedstead 1.00 50 cts, queensware 2.50	4.00
1 Rifle gun with pouch 15.00 Loom and tacklings 10.00	25.00
carpet 1.75. Bed, bedstead and bedding 15.00	16.75
Stove with pipe 12.00 - one bay mare 35.00	47.00
Red bull 6.00. Yearlings 9.00. Two cows $20.00	35.00
One calf 2.50, Buck wheat growing 5.00	7.50
Lot books 3.50. 4 chairs, spinning wheel, candlestand 1.50	5.00
Two bridles, 2 razors and strap 1.75 - lot tools 6.00	7.75
Bureau and book case 10.00. Cupboard 7.00 Clock 7.00	24.00
2 Tables 7.00 - three beds and bedsteads 25.00	32.00
1 chest 3.00 ½ doz. chairs 4.00	7.00
	$593.89
mare and colt 35.00 - one black horse 25.00	60.00

JACOB OLDAKER-MAGDELINE SWISHER FAMILY

We have from Mrs. Lulu G. Oldaker the following names as children of Jacob and Magdeline Switzer (Swisher) Oldaker: Joseph born 1808, William, Valentine, Mary, Issac, Jacob born 1825, John, Margaret--taken from the Fry-Switzer genealogy.

The following story and chart expanded by research is our effort to bring order out of the chaos of our notes and represents our conclusions from evidences, but which are not necessarily exact in every minor detail.

The first mention we have of this Jacob Oldaker is that he is one of five children, probably the third, of Issac and Lucy Pugh Oldaker, living on 300 acres of land in Hampshire County (Now Hardy) on Lost River in the year 1782, Levi Ashbrook reporting for the census. According to this, Issac and Lucy Pugh married about the year 1776 and Jacob was born ca. 1782. But we didn't have his name until we had an abstract of Issac's will, made March 9, 1822 in Highland County, Ohio. The names of Issac's children were given as: Jacob, John, Henry, Issac; Amelia, wife of John Barrow; Priscilla, Rebecca, wife of Thomas Barrow; the executor was Issac.

When an account of the Oldaker Settlement in Highland County by William Bros. in their "History of Ross and Highland Counties" came to our attention, there was no mention of Jacob, which kept us puzzled for many months, until I had written the County Clerk of Hampshire and Hardy Counties who informed us that there were Oldaker land transactions recorded in these county seats.

A trip to Moorfield and Romney, West Virginia, was a thrilling and rewarding experience. The records supplemented by a book loaned to me by Mr. C. C. Wise, whose acquaintance I made in the Record Room, told us a wonderful story of Oldaker life and associations on Virginia's new frontier among the Indians and the wilds of Lost river and the great Ca-Capheon. The book I mention was a "History of Grant and Hardy Counties" by E. L. Judy, which I read until the wee hours of the morning in a motel at Romney on the first night following our visit to Moorefield and which I studied along with my courthouse transcriptions for weeks afterwards and still have frequent recourse to, as an invaluable aid--presenting the First (Oldaker) families of Virginia.

From these source materials we knew that Jacob Oldaker had married Magdeline Switzer (Swisher) April 14, 1807 and had remained in Hardy County when all the rest of his father's family apparently moved to Ohio in 1817-1818. He seems to have become a rather prominent man in his community, then known as Oldakers Mills, Virginia where Christian Hull was listed as postmaster 1820-1824. Jacob Oldaker's name

appears in the recordings of six wills of his neighbors and relatives, as executor and witness. There are a half dozen land transactions recorded where Jacob was grantee or grantor, having in his possession at one time about 1000 acres on Trout Run, Lost River and Great Cacapon, plus holdings in Shenandoah and Frederick Counties.

He was a millright by trade. He bought part of his father's 300 acres, the 94 acres sold by Issac to his son-in-law Thomas Barrow in 1818, which land Jacob bought of Barrow in 1819, had his mill there on the banks of Lost River, and served his day and generation as the worthy master of the mill. A stone chimney of the mill converted into a distillery by Jesse Landacre is still standing at the site. I visited the graveyard near the house and found a rough, hand-carved stone marked J.O. at the head of an ivy covered grave.

At this point in our story we introduce a tradition that came to us early in our research, that an Oldaker of a generation near the first, who was a miller, was killed because he refused to grind grain for a man who made liquor. In scanning the Moorefield records for the first time, and finding that Jacob died intestate we were impressed with the overwhelming conviction that Jacob was the one who was so murdered. His grandfather Henry, his father Issac and Jacob's uncles had all left wills. It was a surprise that Jacob had not. His inventory, previously given herein, and the stone chimney, one relique of a mill in Jacob's day, standing still in Lost River, a monument (if the story be true) to the first Oldaker martyr to the cause of Temperance, are mute evidences and indications that something happened here that history was ashamed to relate. Anyhow, we face the inimical fact that Jacob Oldaker (perhaps a conscientious abstainer) and Jesse Landacre, the distiller, lie side by side in the same burial plot about 300 yards from the site of Jacob's mill converted into a distillery.

Jacob was deceased in 1841 and in 1849 a deed to Jesse Landacre was given by heirs of Jacob, their signatures being notarized in Licking County, Ohio and Frederick County, Virginia.

We had considerable trouble with Jacob's wife. If Jacob had trouble with her, it was of a different nature, we are sure. Her name was Magdeline, Magdelene and Magdelena, we became quite confused trying to properly place as many different Jacob Oldakers as there were indicated. When all the evidence was in, there is just one Jacob and one Magdeline in Hardy County but we had visited half the county seats in Maryland and 25 in Virginia before we found it out. What makes the case confusing was the residentship, land transactions and records of Jacob Oldaker in Hardy, Frederick, Shenandoah and other counties.

Jacob borrowed quite a bit of money in his land dealings. In Woodstock of Shenandoah County, there was an account of a forced sale of his household effects to cover an indebtedness to George Lantz! He bought a farm from McClure on West Run of Frederick County and sold it to Issac Baker, then to Tehoe, then to Russell before it was finally off his hands.

Jacob's inventory indicates that he was a lumber dealer and carpenter as well as a miller and real estate man. There is an old stone house on Waites Run in a remarkable state of preservation, on the eastern edge of the town of Wardensville. Traditionally, George Washington domiciled there; it was used as a fort in the Indian War. High up on a cornerstone are the initials of the builders, and the date of the building, 1795. The initials "N.S." indicate that Nicholas Switzer, Jacob Oldaker's father-in-law, was one of the builders. He (Jacob) afterward owned and lived in this house, being owner or part owner in Capon Iron Furnace whose enchanting Tower still stands on Waites Run where once a town flourished with stores, post office, and dwellings, and barns that accommodated 100 horses. Only the tower remains with scattered slabs of pig iron here and there. When the stone house was sold to settle the Switzer estate, Jacob Oldaker's name appears as one of the owners. And we would rather own this stone house than any house in Hardy County. Now let us look at Jacob's family:

Jacob Oldaker, son of Issac and Lucretia Pugh Oldaker, born ca. 1782 married Magdeline Switzer April 14, 1807. The daughter of Nicholas and Barbara Michael Switzer born 1765. Jacob died in 1841. Magdeline was born October 27, 1784 and died August 19, 1854 of cholera and is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Newark, Ohio.

Their children: (underscored dates are authentic)

1. Joseph F. Oldaker born 1808 married Mary Allison born 1807 died April 14, 1856, daughter of Henry Allison. Joseph died February 18, 1856. They had no children. Both are buried at Newark, Ohio. We found the record of their marriage in Woodstock of Shenandoah County March 3, 1835. Soon after marriage they moved to Licking County, Ohio. Joseph was a wheelright. We have no further data.

2. Margaret Oldaker born ca. 1812 married (it is believed) a Myers and lived in Ross County, Ohio.

3. William Oldaker born 1813. We are unable to place this William, with any degree of certainty among the migrated Oldakers. Approximately all Jacob's children landed in Ohio; Joseph first, others later visited him in Newark and remained in Ohio. There is a possibility, a submerged stone at Fairview Church in Miller Township of Knox County, "William

Oldaker died April 15," we could not get the rest of the inscription. It may or may not be this William.

4. Valentine Oldaker born July 24, 1815 in Hardy County married Lavina Cline of Hardy County 1817-June 8, 1883. He was a blacksmith by trade. Both buried at Hebron, Ohio. A complete chart on his family is appended.

5. Mary Oldaker born March 10, 1818 in Hardy County married Jacob Myer May 26, 1859. Jacob Myer's parents were from Germany. Name in original form was Peter and Anna Heis-Myer. Lived at Buckeye Lake (Farm). Married in Newark by Rev. Carroll. Jacob born 1800 on May 2; died March 3, 1867. She died of a broken hip May 7, 1912. Both are buried at Hebron, Ohio.

   One son John Hice (Hyson) Myer was born February 6, 1861 when Mary was 48 years old. John H. Myer died August 11, 1941. He married Harriet Seymour May 24, 1887 at her home near Hebron by Rev. Griffith [R.H.].
   John and Harriet had four children:

   1. Ernest Owen Myer born October 19, 1888 married Margaret Jones on November 12, 1913 in Newark, Ohio. They had two children Virginia and John D..

   2. Dillon S. Myer born September 14, 1891 married James Wier. Four children.

   3. Mary E. Myer born May 23, 1896 married Don Tobin. Two children Harriet and James.

   4. Alice H. Myer born September 23, 1906 married George Eikenberry. Six children: Peter G, Ellen, Mary, John, Susan and Daniel Eikenberry.

6. Issac Oldaker born ca. 1820. We have no data on this Issac Oldaker except that in the 1850 census he was not living with brothers and sisters in Frederick County, Virginia and did not sign deed in 1849 by him of Jacob to Jesse Landacre.

7. John Oldaker was seventh child of Jacob and Magdeline Swisher. He was born 1823, evidently lived in Licking County, Ohio most of his later life. Those now in Hebron Community who know the family history say that he became a Civil War Veteran and he, John Wesley, migrated from Virginia. We found a recorded marriage in Newark where he, John (2) got a "license for himself" to marry Jennie E. Ingraham,

which we guess that he did, for Rev. Bostwick performed the ceremony and the death records for Licking County states the decease of their child in 1886. For marriage June 11, 1879, See Book 2, Page 30 Licking County Ohio.

8. Jacob Oldaker born 1825. He left Frederick County before 1850. No other data.

This is the end of the story on this Jacob Oldaker family. We began with Jacob and ended on Jacob; but we failed to find a single Jacob in between. The Jacobs pass out with the passing years but the Oldaker name goes forever.

We follow with the expanded chart and story on Valentine Swisher Oldaker, the fourth child of Jacob and Magdeline Swisher Oldaker.

VALENTINE S. OLDAKER FAMILY

(Contributed by Mrs. Mella Eva Roby Maffet, Jacksontown, Ohio.)

Valentine S. Oldaker was born July 24, 1815 to Jacob and Magdeline Switzer Oldaker, and was married to Lavina Cline, the daughter of John and Hannah Cline who lived near Woodstock, Hampshire County, Virginia. Lavina was born March 26, 1817, and she and Valentine were married December 31, 1840 in Wardensville of Hardy County by Rev. Hamilton and went to housekeeping there. She died June 8, 1883.

Valentine was the fourth of eight children, Joseph, William and Margaret the older ones, then Valentine, Mary, Issac, Jacob and John. Valentine's father, Jacob Oldaker, was a millright, but Valentine became a blacksmith and after marriage worked with his father-in-law in Wardensville. [The old stone smitty still stands in Wardensville, known as Cline's blacksmith Shop, used for some years as a jail but remains for us as mute evidence two hardy men of Hardy County once served their day and generation here as exponents of the art of Tubal-Cain]

Valentine remained a blacksmith as long as he lived. With his wife and six children he came to Ohio in 1847 (?) to make his home. They came in a covered wagon drawn by a team of horses, owned and driven by Henry Gordon. It took 13 days to make the trip. Mr. Gordon returned to Virginia riding horseback.

The family first stopped in Newark to visit Mary, Joseph and William who had come to Ohio sometime before and

where Valentine had visited them in 1838. For a time he worked at Dorsey's Mills, a small settlement of Newark, then moved to Union Station in 1853 where Minerva Isabel was born and died, and was buried in the cemetery there. [Note: This is probably a mistake for we found the birth of Isabel recorded in Court House of Frederick County in Winchester.] Joseph Valentine, also the twins Elizabeth Edwards and Callie Wilson Oldaker were born there and Callie died and was buried beside Minerva Isabel. Moving to Kirkersville Station, now Outville, they lived there until 1862, when they moved to Hebron, bought a home and lived there until they died. They are buried in Hebron Cemetery a short distance east of Hebron, Ohio.

I have no record of any of Valentine's brothers, Joseph, William, Issac, Jacob and John, or of his sister Margaret, but great Aunt Mary lived on an adjoining farm to my parents. She lived to be 94 years old and died following an accident which resulted in a broken hip.

I am a granddaughter of Valentine Oldaker and lived in Cambridge, Ohio for 55 years. My husband passed away in 1954, and I am now living with my youngest sister in Jacksontown, Ohio. She is 70 years old and I am 80.

Editor's Comment:

Lineage: Jacob and Magdeline Switzer Oldaker, Issac and Lucy Pugh Oldaker, and Henry Sr. and Elinor Borden Oldaker.

Introduction: Having the address of Mrs. Fred Oldaker (3809 E. Clarendon, Phoenix, Arizona) whose husband was grandson of Valentine and a son of Joseph Valentine Oldaker, I wrote to her in September 1962 for the data that follows. After three months of waiting my relayed letter was acknowledged by Mrs. Mella Maffet of Jacksontown, Ohio, a granddaughter of Valentine. Mella very obligingly offered her data on this family, but she was visiting away from home and the records were not immediately available. A letter from Ralph and Marguerite Oldaker of Newark, Ohio and of the Abraham (1) line, included a clipping concerning the Valentine Oldaker reunion of 1952, in which I noted that Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harris were officials. I wrote them, Route #3, Newark and waited some more. I had visited Trafford Oldaker born in Hebron in August from whom I expected to obtain the Valentine data, and had waited. When I was ready to give up, the Harrises saved the day by sending the very fine account which augmented and amplified by Mella's later data follows:

Valentine and Lavina Cline Oldaker Family

Valentine S. Oldaker born Hardy County 1815 died Licking County Ohio, March 25, 1873. Lavina Clark Cline born Hardy

County 1817 died June 8, 1883. They were married December 31, 1840.

Valentine's name is reflected from his Switzer ancestry. He was a blacksmith by trade connected in his early years no doubt with the Capon Iron Furnace in Hardy County. His daughter Isabel's birth record was found in the Frederick County records of 1853 which indicates that the first seven children were born in Virginia and that he moved to Hebron ca. 1854, where Joseph V., Elizabeth E. and Callie (the twins) and Alonzo Jacob were born. There were 11 children.

1. John William Oldaker born April 1, 1843 died March 24, 1927, 84 years old buried at Hebron. Married Eliza G. Sceurman (born 1848 died July 9, 1934) married December 31, 1865 by Rev. Dan McElfresh. They had four children, Effie, Alta, Mary and Stanley.

   (1) Effie Ermina Oldaker born February 4, 1867 died October 8, 1901 married Eric E. White at Kirkersville on March 12, 1890 by Rev. Dan McElfresh. Had daughter Maud Agnes White born 16 November 1890 died December 1963 at 70 married Charles Darkes September 1906. Children as follows:

      (a) Medwick Darkes born January 1, 1908
      (b) Frances Darkes born March 1, 1911 died January 12, 1961 married Kenyon Hunter (?) 1930
      (c) Edgar Darkes
      (d) Howard Darkes

   (2) Alta Grace Oldaker born July 19, 1886 died April 1946 married Ellis Pratt, a violin maker on May 23, 1897 in Hebron by Rev. J. M. Life. They had three daughters:

      (a) Florence Leona Pratt born January 5, 1898 married Lawrence Schnell
      (b) Mildren Dean Pratt born February 25, 1902 married Lawrence Aye (died January 26, 1929)
      (c) Carrie Ola Pratt born July 14, 1904 died November 10, 1904

   (3) Mary Vernice Oldaker born January 8, 1881 died of consumption February 19, 1905 never married.

   (4) Stanley Trafford Oldaker born March 29, 1885 died March 22, 1912 married Myrtle May Harder (born 1885) in Hebron May 28, 1908 by Rev. Tibbles. He was killed by a wreck of a street car in Columbus, Ohio. Children: Trafford Lewis Oldaker born May 28, 1911 married Gladys Price (born 1911). They are teachers and live in Hebron. They have Jane Ann Oldaker born January 19, 1939 married ___ Crawford, Jerry Dale Oldaker born January 16, 1940.

2. Mary Frances Oldaker born October 26, 1844 died January 5, 1929 (buried at Kirkersville) married James Willoughby (farmer) in Pataskala, Ohio on June 25, 1865 by Rev. Timothy Howe. He died April 27, 1927.

   (1) Lucy Jane Willoughby born February 16, 1867 died December 10, 1948 married November 16, 1887 to Zina Beecher. Children:

      (a) Earl W. Beecher born June 9, 1889 died October 12, 1889
      (b) Charles Walter Beecher born December 25, 1894 died October 18, 1918 married Louise Finley. He died on a ship to France. Buried Marysville, Ohio.

   (2) Charles David Willoughby born November 2, 1870 died June 1953, married February 22, 1898 to Cora Camp in Outville by Rev. W.E. Prior.

      (a) Frances Louise Willoughby born April 18, 1905 married November 29, 1927 ____ Cook and have three daughter and one son.

   (3) James Leonard Willoughby born March 15, 1875 died June 28, 1956 married October 21, 1908 Mary Jones in Newark, Ohio by Rev. F.E. Vernon.

      (a) Mary Margaret Willoughby born April 2, 1916
      (b) James Leonard Willoughby born September 3, 1922

3. Jennie Catherine Oldaker born September 11, 1846 died June 29 1876 buried at Hebron, Ohio.

4. Lucy Margaret Oldaker born May 2, 1848 died March 1, 1932 buried at Hebron. Married Reson Roby on October 31, 1867 in Jacksontown, Ohio by Rev. V. L. Jones. Reson died August 16, 1917. They had nine children:

   (1) Frances Olive Roby born December 7, 1868 died April 5, 1942 married November 15, 1899 to Albert Wharton in Hebron, Ohio by Rev. W.E. Prior. They had two children:

      (a) Cora Evelyn Wharton born October 26, 1901 married June 20, 1925 to Frank Roby by Rev. Hawk in Newark, Ohio (machinist). Had a son Paul Frederick Roby born October 25, 1928.
      (b) Marjorie Elizabeth Wharton born February 15, 1905 married March 3, 1945 Howard Ford by Rev. Reed.

   (2) Jesse Lee Roby born July 6, 1870 died August 18, 1950 married December 16, 1891 Emma Jane Bower by Rev. LaPort. Had seven children:

(a) Clarence Eugene Roby born November 30, 1892 died October 30, 1963. Lived Beaumont, Texas married September 24, 1915 Sarah Dell Pugh (first wife divorced). Second marriage June 1, 1928 to Pearl Van Horn. She died November 18, 1963.

(b) Lawrence Reson Roby born April 17, 1894 married Cora Light October 1, 1926. Divorced Cora and married Hilda Long June 30, 1935. Children:
A. Carol Jane Long Roby born December 28, 1936 married Ronald LaRue. Children: Sandra L. born September 17, 1955; Susan J. born January 17, 1958; Melinda born June 15, 1961.
B. Reuben Roby (lived one day).
C. Ruth Ann Roby born August 8, 1940 married 1959 Charles Goldsmith. Children: Lawrence Charles born April 19, 1960; Vickie Sue born October 31, 1961.

(c) Mary Frances Roby born May 20, 1896 married December 24, 1914 Ansel Wickliffe (divorced) Children: Marion Ansel Wickliffe born December 28, 1915 and Wayne Everson Wickliffe born March 14, 1917. Married second time to Perry Beach September 6, 1927.

(d) Etta Elizabeth Roby born November 3, 1897 married June 28, 1914 to Dale Beeson (electrician)
A. Dale Eugene Beeson born October 29, 1916 died January 29, 1948 buried Alexandria, Ohio.
B. Thelma Irene Beeson born September 22, 1919 married Lester George (carpenter) June 12, 1948 by Rev. George. No children.
C. Richard Reese Beeson born May 21, 1930 married Glenna Wilson April 15, 1961 in Johnstown by Rev. King.

(e) Joseph Raymond Roby born October 27, 1899 married December 12, 1928 Katherine Brossman:
A. Lou Ann Roby born August 14, 1929
B. Mary Jane Roby born March 21, 1931

(f) Florence Lillian Roby born January 31, 1902 married September 12, 1922 Saul Lane. Children:
A. Neil Melvin Lane born July 19, 1923
B. Margaret Jane Lane born October 12, 1926
C. Spencer Lee Lane born October 15, 1928
D. Dora Maria Lane born August 11, 1935

(g) Jessie Irene Roby born April 4, 1905 married Clel Stiers (barber) October 29, 1929 by Squire Eben Geiger in Jersey, Ohio.
A. Charles James Stiers born September 25, 1924 married Barbara Hamilton August 25, 1949. Divorced her and married Mary Dempsey 1956. Children by first wife: Debra Sue Stiers

born September 25, 1952 and James Craig Stiers. Children by second wife Marsha Kay Stiers born November 16, 1957; Terry Lynn Stiers born November 22, 1958; Linda Irene Stiers born January 30, 1961.

B. Eden Reed Stiers born October 18, 1930 married Marjorie Conners (R.C.).

(3) Birtie Cline Roby born February 13, 1872 died May 25, 1925.

(4) Anna Lora Roby born September 19, 1875 died April 5, 1907 married February 25, 1892 Charles Harter (farmer) by Rev. Frank Smiley. Children:

(a) Helen Gladys Harter born June 7, 1893 married Clarence Messick 1914. She died August 23, 1955 buried at Kirkersville Cemetery. Children:

A. Charles Messick born December 25, 1916
B. Jane Messick born September 20, 1919
C. Harold Messick Born January 5, 1921
D. Paul Messick born January 5, 1924
E. Eugene Messick born 1927
F. Charlene Messick born February 6, 1935

(b) Arthur Clifford Harter born July 20, 1895 died 1962 buried at Licking Church No. of Hebron married Mary Ruffner August 21, 1921. Note: Many of this family were factory workers.

(5) Jennie May Roby born March 2, 1880 married Earl Slocum October 11, 1905. (Painter in Hebron) by Rev. W.E. Mitchell. She died August 22, 1951.

(a) Henry Otis Slocum born December 18, 1908 married Lillian Hottinger 1933 and have a daughter Loita Slocum born May 28, 1934
(b) James Lee Slocum born October 14, 1910 died June 28, 1951 married Annabelle Cooperrider September 19, 1934

(6) Mella Eva Roby born September 9, 1882 married June 19, 1907 Harry Maffet (U.S. Steel) in Hebron by Rev. Tibbles. Baby born and died February 24, 1919.

(7) Mary Florence Roby born March 10, 1885 married Jefferson Bauman January 23, 1912 gas field worker in Newark by Rev. L.C. Sparks.

(a) Lucy Margaret Bauman born February 15, 1914 married Paul Spence (an engineer). Children:

A. Richard Lee Spence born February 23, 1938
B. Nancy Joan Spence April 7, 1939
C. Mary Aldine Spence born October 2, 1941
D. Jeffrey Paul Spence born February 7, 1956

(b) Elizabeth Ann Bauman born August 26, 1919 married January 23, 1940 to James Sands, a pottery worker. Children:

A. James Robert Sands born November 11, 1946

(c) Robert J. Bauman born September 23, 1921 married Cleta Cristy in Crooksville, Ohio October 10, 1947. Robert is manager of hardware store.

(8) Hoy Edwin Roby born July 29, 1887 died March 17, 1956 married November 28, 1912 to Lois Wilcox in Newark, Ohio by Rev. L.C. Sparks. Children:

(a) Kenneth Edwin Roby born February 22, 1915 died February 5, 1940 Kirkersville Cemetery married Lillian Williams on June 18, 1937.
(b) Baby boy born and died October 19, 1917.
(c) Francis Wilcox Roby born July 13, 1919 married January 1, 1952 to Mary Elizabeth Wells. Children:

A. Keith Douglas Roby born September 29, 1952

Francis divorced Mary E. and married Jean _____

A. Laura Lee Roby born November 1956
B. Thomas Arthur Roby born February 1958 (?)
C. Vickie Marie Roby born March 14, 1960 (?)

(9) Hazel Aldine Roby born July 11, 1892 married November 26, 1913 Owen Eagle born March 10, 1886 died February 11, 1951 by Rev. L.C. Sparks in Newark Ohio. She is buried in Jacksontown, Ohio. Children:

(a) Ralph Owen Eagle born October 16, 1914 married Jean Deck August 22, 1945 in NewportNews, Virginia. Children:

A. Philip Lee Eagle born July 27, 1947
B. Judith Marie Eagle born April 23, 1951

(b) Aldine Marie Eagle born December 7, 1916 died May 22, 1936 Buried Fairmont Cemetery
(c) Ruth Annabelle Eagle born December 12, 1918 died April 26, 1936. Buried Fairmont Cemetery
(d) Charles Wilbur Eagle born November 28, 1922 died May 24, 1945. Died in California. Buried Johnstown Cemetery.

(e) Harold David Eagle born September 10, 1929 married August 1953 to Sarah Linton in England.

5. Hannah Magdeline Oldaker born January 9, 1850 died February 18, 1879 buried Hebron. Married William Sceurman on June 3, 1869 by Rev. Elza Bounds. Children:

(1) Alvah Thomas Sceurman born June 26, 1871 died June 15, 1957 buried in Florida married Clara Lane on June 2, 1895 Rev. Sollars at Hilliards, Ohio. Clara died 1954 buried at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Cemetery. Children:

(a) Lucille Sceurman born March 1, 1896, died June 1957 in Florida.
(b) William Curtis Sceurman born August 10, 1898 died July 15, 1900 buried in Columbus, Ohio.
(c) Thelma E. Sceurman born September 25, 1902.
(d) Alvah Russell Sceurman born February 17, 1906 died January 22, 1907 Buried in Columbus, Ohio.
(e) Jean Sceurman born April 1, 1917

(2) Ethel Marie Sceurman born May 31, 1873 married Charles Lane September 22, 1897 in Columbus, Ohio by Rev. Stewart. Children:

(a) William Everett Lane born January 17, 1899 married May 29, 1929 Edna Grubbs by Rev. Stewart in Columbus.
(b) Clayton Levasco Lane born November 13, 1901 died August 3, 1921
(c) Loeta Elinor Lane born June 11, 1909
(d) Charles and Charlene Lane (Twins) born August 25, 1911
(e) Annabelle Lane born September 12, 1913

(3) Otto Sceurman born April 26, 1875 died September 1877

(4) Freddie Valentine Sceurman born June 18, 1877 died October 14, 1883.

6. Anna Eliza Oldaker born March 25, 1852 died November 12, 1942 buried Hebron married Elkanon Puffer November 4, 1897. He died February 25, 1917 (born 1846) (raised Frederick Valentine Oldaker) They were married at home of Mary Oldaker Myers by Rev. J.M. Life.

7. Minerva Isabel Oldaker born November 13, 1853 Frederick County, Virginia, died July 25, 1854. Buried at Union Station, Ohio.

8. Joseph Valentine Oldaker born August 5, 1855 died June 25, 1904 married April 16, 1893 Eliza Jane Baumgardner born 1862 died July 1, 1898-9 buried

Fairmount. They were married at White Chapel near Jacksontown by Rev. Benjamin Green.

(1) Frederick Valentine Oldaker born October 21, 1894 died July 27, 1958 married Mary Clark in Newark, Ohio September 4, 1923 by Rev. Stone. Children:

(a) Mary Josephine Oldaker born September 11, 1924 lives 3809 E. Clarendon, Phoenix, Arizona.
(b) Dorothy Ellen Oldaker born August 29, 1929 married John Ford.

Note: Fred was the last male Oldaker of the Valentine line. He lived in Phoenix Arizona and is buried in Glen Rest Cemetery near Columbus, Ohio (Fred was four years old when his mother died, lived with grandparents until adopted by Jacob and Mary Myer in 1904, later by Puffers.)

9. Callie Wilson Oldaker born March 5, 1857 died March 5, 1921 buried Union Station, Ohio.

10. Elizabeth (Libbie) Edwards Oldaker born March 5, 1857 (Twin to Callie W. Oldaker) buried at Liberty Church married Lewis F. Artz in Hebron by Rev. Eli Berry on April 10, 1879. He died May 22, 1941. Children:

(1) Iva Ruth Artz born September 3, 1880 died February 15, 1946 married in Chatham, Ohio to Earl S. Barker on November 15, 1900 by Rev. Benzing. He died January 1946.

(a) Lucille Iola Barker born May 5, 1902 married Harold Fulk
(b) Lois Edna Barker born July 13, 1908 married Harold Harris at home near Johnstown on February 15, 1927. Children:

A. Paul Harris
B. Helen Harris

(2) Clarence Earl Artz born March 28, 1882 married Rachel Lyons June 26, 1906. He died December 17, 1962. Children:

(a) Melvin Joseph Artz born June 5, 1907
(b) Ruth Artz born April 1, 1921

(3) Anna Lavina Artz born November 25, 1888 died November 27, 1888

11. Alonzo Jacob Oldaker born October 26, 1858 died February 27, 1886 buried Hebron married Jennie Viall on October 26, 1882 in Outville, Ohio by Rev. Taylor.

(1) Zoa Alice born April 2, 1884 died December 30, 1904 married Rolland Cooperrider in August 1901 at Hebron by Rev. Buell. Children:

(a) Raymond R. Cooperrider born October 8, 1902
(b) A.R. Cooperrider born September 17, 1904 died December 29, 1904

JOHN WASHINGTON OLDAKER-ELIZABETH MINOR FAMILY

A fitting prelude or introduction to the John Washington Oldaker family record is the following quotation from William Bros. "History of Ross and Highland Counties, 1880, Ohio page 499."

"Issac Oldaker and Henry and Issac Jr. (his sons) came from Virginia to Union Township in the year 1818 and settled in the neighborhood of what is now Russell's Station. They were followed in the year 1819 by John Washington Oldaker, a third son, who bought land near them. On their way out, they made a stop of a few months at Milford, on the little Miami, reaching there in the autumn of 1817. The only persons of the name now living in Union are Issac Washington Oldaker, son of John W. and his family. He married Eliza Barnes Russell and has had the following children: Teresa Ann (wife of E.G. Boatright of Union); John W.; Elizabeth Price; Lida W.; Virginia F. (wife of Christopher Jonte of Union); Nathaniel, living in Iowa; Kittie and Simpson; a daughter (wife of Dr. B.D. Granger is deceased." [We add another, Samuel Russell.]

The story of John Washington Oldaker begins in that lovely land lock in the bend of Lost River in Hardy County, Virginia where he was born August 5, 1780, the most enchanting green spot which we viewed in Hardy County. And why Issac (1) and family ever left it, I shall never know except in the eternities. John W. married Elizabeth Minor January 29, 1806, with Rev. Archibald Linthicum officiating. The records were silent for us until the family arrives in Highland County, Ohio in 1819, where a deed is made to John W. Oldaker of Putnam County, Virginia which tells us that John W. sojourned with his cousins from the John (1) Oldaker tribe. 1807-1819, which indicates that seven of his children were born in Mason County, Virginia, now Putnam County, West Virginia. These things speak to us of family loyalties and love for kindred which in our modern day of social upheaval is not as prevalent, but rather the opposite prevails, to scatter our kindred to the four winds and farthest ends of the earth.

We saw the site at Russells where John W. had his home, nothing but a hog-house to mark the spot. It should be noted that previously he had been a man of war, serving in the Ohio Militia, War of 1812, but at Russell's he was a man of peace. A log school house was built in 1837 which was also used for a church. In the first class organized as a Methodist Episcopal denomination John Washington Oldaker is listed as a member. Prior to the log school house it is indicated that John W.'s home was used as the first meeting place for the christian people of Russell's Station. The present Oldaker Chapel was named for John Washington Oldaker, spiritual father of this community.

The following data covering the whole Oldaker Settlement at Russell's is furnished by Mr. Britton W. Mercer of Fairborn, Ohio, whose mother, Mrs. Jennie Mercer, was a foster daughter of J.S. Oldaker, son of Issac Washington Oldaker, son of John Washington Oldaker. We present it without editorial comments or analysis, but we felt after reading through the Homecoming Service on Sunday October 21, 1934, that we had really been to Church at Oldaker Chapel.

OLDAKER CHAPEL

Homecoming Celebration of the Russell Methodist Episcopal Church, Russell, Ohio Sunday October 21, 1934. George Larkin Fox, Pastor.

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
Sermon: "Give and it shall be given unto you" - Pastor.
Basket Dinner at Noon at the Schoolhouse.

Homecoming and Rally Day Exercies 2:00 P.M. Church

1. Song: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name - Congregation
2. Scripture and Prayer - Pastor
3. Presentation of Bible to Church by Mrs. T.A. Boatright, January, 1907 _____ (account) by Pastor
4. Recollections out of the Past by J.S. and Nellie Oldaker

I. Two classes Organized First in 1841 in log school: Issac W. Oldaker, Eliza B. Oldaker, Roxceline Oldaker, John Oldaker, Daniel Murphy and wife, Andrew W. Duncan and wife, Joseph Newton and wife, Martin G. Oldaker and wife, Benj. F. Thomas, Teresa A. Thomas, Ann Duncan.

II. These additions were made in 1845 John W. Murphy and wife, John W. Russell, Jesse V. Oldaker, Louise Oldaker, E.G. Boatright, Wm. Boatright, Wm. Hatcher, Robert Hatcher, Eliza Hatcher, Lavenia Hatcher, Thomas Hatcher Jr. Wm. Goode, Caroline Goode,

John F. Goode, Sarah Goode, Elizabeth Newton, Martha Noble, Teresa Boatright.

III. Early History of Church Previous to the first class formed in 1841, we have as oldest members and ministers serving at that time, John Oldaker who came here in 1820 with others of the same family, and for whom the church is named. The son of said John Oldaker, Issac Washington Oldaker married Eliza Barnes Russell and settled in the neighborhood. To this union ten children were born, all joining the Methodist Church at Russell, and continuing there until death--except the writer of this paper who is the only living member of this large family. We might say that John Oldaker gave all his time for the building of God's Kingdom. Many of you will remember him and the work he did. Others of the family will be remembered as true workers in the vineyard of the Lord. Two chairs in use at the present time were given in honor of our father I.W. Oldaker.

The records are incomplete, so we are unable to mention all the members, but will give those who we do remember and who were active in the meetings and in the work of the church.

During the years 1841-45, were Daniel Murphy and family who could be depended on for assistance at all times. The Hatchers, the Newtons, Goodes were at their post for any call. Uncle Jackson Duncan and family all were conscientious members and stood for what was right.

Here is John W. Murphy, son of Daniel Murphy, one of the Christian gentlemen of the neighborhood and a faithful worker in the church. He with his family soon left us to establish a home in the west.

About the year 1855, the Bennetts, Boatrights, Halsteads, Bowmans with many others joined. All of whom were faithful and ardent workers. The Brittons, Grangers, Chaneys were added in 1858 and proved themselves true christians. Later came the Horners, Harts, Fenners, Keslers, Kessingers and others. And still others came later on near the years 1865-70, all splendid helpers in the Society-the Jontes, Culhanes, Maxeys, McCoys, Marphins, Urmstones, Stovers, Roushes, Frosts, Vances, Whites, Woolas and many others the names not recollected.

Then another group, Joe Siddons and family, the Trouts, Gambles, Stranges, Smiths, Van Pelts, Trops, there were among those who did all they could for the work of the Lord. The McKarneys, who

lived quite a distance from the meetinghouse would be right in their places at practically every meeting.

Then there's Dan McCoy, a man of true religion and earnest prayer. How he impressed all who heard him. Others of these older members made wonderful prayers for the rising generation, which were to the mark and certainly have been answered.

The oldest member of our church living today is Dr. Frank Granger, who with his sainted wife, have given material aid in the church work. Mrs. Granger was a member of the Christian Church but because of her residence in Russell, attended divine service with us, and gave liberally of time and means to every good cause. "Dr. Frank" (as he is affectionately known to most of us) have not only stood by us in our church work but has ministered to practically 90 percent of us in bodily ills, giving us professional and kindly sympathy in times of sickness. Russell is indeed blessed in having a man of "Dr. Frank's" character as its medical advisor.

We cannot mention all the members, but suffice it is to say that every one has proved a help and inspiration.

We might mention some of the ministers who served our Circuit which included Russell, Dunn Chapel, Pike Chapel, Clear Creek, Dodsonville, West Chapel, Allensburg, Lynchburg and at times, Weberton. Most all the preachers rode horseback with saddlebags to carry their outfit. First let us mention the preacher who afterwards became Bishop Walden, followed by Revs. Stoax, Hamilton, Perkizer, Middleton, Shultz, Gowdy, Dresh, Austin, Perry, Whitmore, Davis, Maddox, Gray, Gregg, Spurrier, Nothstine, Cramer, Young and the present minister Fox.

We have a great tradition and we rejoice today because of these names that stand out in our history. May we stand firm on the things they so faithfully handed down to us.

IV. Building the Church and Rededication (at the rededication of the church in 1914 the following history was given which includes a letter, very interesting to the Russell Church)

Somewhere about the year 1857, the little band of worshipers who had been meeting in the schoolhouse at this place resolved to build a church. The members were soon planning for its erection. How enthusiastic they were can be judged from the

following: In a response to a letter to John W. Russell, Newton, Iowa, we get a history of a few incidents in connection wtih its erection, Mr. Russell being the architect and builder of the church. The following is the letter, accompanied by $10.00 from himself and daughter, Mrs. Mary Ash.

V. Contract "I would be very glad to be with you at the rededication of the grand old church. I have spent many happy hours there. The first trustees were I.W. Oldaker, E.G. Boatright, John W. Murphy, A.J. Duncan and myself. John W. Murphy and I were appoined a committee to examine Clear Creek Chapel and draw plans for the Church. We drew plans and specifications and gave supposed cost. The Trustees adopted our plans and appointed J.W. Murphy and myself a building committee, and requested me to say what I would build it for. They thought my offer reasonable and let the contract to me to make it ready for services which I did. I forgot the amount they paid me.

The lumber for the church was sawed to order by a Mr. Savner on White Oak below Buford and hauled to this place on wagons. The lumber not being seasoned had to be kiln-dried. It was left as usual one afternoon when we went to supper and in a short time to our horror and great grief, it was discovered on fire. The flames soon destroyed most of it. The loss of the lumber was a calamity to our little Society. But with brave hearts they went to work to make it up. The very next morning after the fire, I was heartbroken over my loss, of course. Dear Uncle Washington and others were in the store. Remarks were made how sorry they were for me. Uncle Washington said, "I am sorry at least $10.00; how sorry are each of you?" Uncle then circulated a paper and got almost enough to pay my loss. Then I bought some nice lumber in Cincinnati---mouldings and sash; and the doors, I made. I worked all mouldings.

The second lot of lumber, after the fire, was partly from White Oak and partly from Rapid Forge on Point Creek not far from Chillicothe. I hauled part and my brother B.J. Russell hauled some."

"The trustees honored me by appointing me first janitor. I served free gratis. The dedication was at the quarterly meeting which was protracted for several weeks, resulting in a gracious revival. It rained a great deal and so much mud was carried in that I did but little else but care for the church while the meeting lasted."

"I received some word in regards to dedication from Mrs. Cynthia Murphy Trevitts who was living there, but now at Newton, Iowa. It was a wonderful day, Rev. Whitmer conducting the work of collection and the money was raised, and a little over enough to pay for the remainder of the debt. Samuel Russell, after whom the village was named, gave the lot for the church, and the church was named in honor of John Oldaker, at whose house preaching services were held in pioneer days. Mrs. Ann Chaney was the first one who joined this church; and Mrs. Sarah Halstead Leeds of Chicago was the first one converted in the new church."

A large crowd was in attendance and the hospitality of the neighborhood was unbouded. May we not forget the many consecrated workers who have lived and worshiped with us, and have gone to other lands, many from labors to rewards, but whose influence still lives on. Assembled here this beautiful glad day our hearts are rejoicing over what God hath wrought.

5. Grandfather Oldaker's favorite song: "When the Roll is called up yonder." - by Congregation

6. Happy Memories of Our Church, Sunday School and Community - by Mrs. Virginia Boatright.

It is a pleasure to tell of some of the folks who have made this community what it has been and what it is today.

Our church stood for the spiritual, our school for mental development and the Grangers, Dr. Ben and Frank, healed our bodies. Our store supplied our physical needs and gave our neighborhood a place to meet and settle all world problems to their satisfaction. Our Post Office furnished our contact with our far away and dear ones, our friends and the world. Could any community be more blest?

The people who made the history of our Church, Sunday School, and Community have passed on. Some of the later ones were Mrs. Laura Burton, Aunt Virginia Jonte and Mrs. Amanda Noble. This little history will be lacking in many respects but here are some of the remembered things as well as some which were told to me.

Before we had a church here, meetings were held in the home of great-grandfather Oldaker. This home was always the stopping place for the preachers. Later this farm was owned by E.G. Boatright for many years and is now owned by J.S. Oldaker.

Our people attended church at Dunn Chapel. Through sunshine and rain, hot and cold weather, mud or snow, they could be seen wending their way on Sunday morning in wagons, on horseback, or on foot. The young people often walked through the Jonas Boatright farm and past Uncle Joe Newton's home. The fence joined the cabin on both sides. Instead of climbing the rail fence the whole crowd tramped through the house night or day. If it happened to be at night, the night-capped old gentleman would rise up in bed and give the crowd a most cordial invitation to spend the night. This company included the Russells, the Bennetts, the Murphys, the Oldakers, the Halsteads, the Boatrights and others.

During a protracted meeting a great revival was on. Some of the seekers had not come through, but kept earnestly praying. When the crowd reached the little stream by Edingfields, they knelt down, prayed, sang and finally shouted and praised God; and great was their rejoicing.

In summertime, in order to save best or only shoes, the girls would carry them until almost to church, serene and smiling and satisfied.

Dunn Chapel is really our mother's church. Great was the day when plans were made to build a church here, where we could worship at home. When our Sunday School was organized, I remember, Uncle Dr. Ben Granger was our superintendent. He had us commit memory verses which many remember to this day. E.G. Boatright was superintendent for many years. Mrs. Teresa Boatright was superintendent for 18 years. In 1874, Jennie Jones was elected leader in singing and Josie Boatright was her assistant.

After we got an organ, our organists were Dora Granger, Julia Storer, Belle Kesler, John Maxey, Nona Strange, Georgia Granger, Mary Burton, Stella Culhane, Delia Burton, Goldie Newton and Marie Jonte.

Some of our later Superintendents were Fred Granger, Harold Granger, Benj. E. Granger, Oscar Bennett, Roy Warson, Britton Mercer; also Miss Amanda Noble.

When the Maxeys, the Harts, the Urmstones, the Burtons, the Grangers, the Jontes, the Oldakers, the Siddons, the Boatrights, and others trouped in to Sunday School and everyone say and took part in every way, the rafters fairly rang.

Earnest Christian men and women have worked, sung and prayed, teaching and setting a good example for the young people. Their influence will always be felt. Lives of the young people who used to be here have been influenced for good and doing good. They are now

scattered all over the United States. Their hearts are warmed when they think of the old Church, Sunday School, the teachings and teachers of long ago. We can never get away from our early training. A forgotten song often awakens memories and stirs the emotions; and we then resolve to do our part.

Some of the earlier teachers were Mrs. Urmstone, Mrs. Teresa Boatright, Mrs. Maxey, Misses Lide and Price Oldaker, Miss Jennie Kesler and Mrs. Laura Burton.

A friend of mine spoke of the influence on his life of two of the teachers; one who taught him first as a child; the other who taught him through his manhood days. Their influence will continue to be felt by him all through his life.

The "Amen" corner class has always been taught by one of the Oldakers, until lately when Mrs. Ellen Smith became teacher. Uncle Johnny Oldaker was perhaps the best Bible student of this class. Miss Amanda Noble was one of the good ones too.

There have been great revivals here when the preaching was loud and fervent, the prayers long, and the earnest "Amens" and "Praise the Lords" were often heard, and souls were saved.

A list of names of non-christians was oftentimes made and they were parceled out to different members who secretly prayed for their conversion. Need I say that it is not strange that we have sent out so many young people who have gone out into the world to take prominent places? And who were they? Well, they were teachers, preachers, railroad men, good farmers, homemakers, county officials, postmasters, doctors, businessmen, a lecturer, author, editor and others.

Every community needs a church, a school, a store and a post office. We still have the four and we still have our opportunity to do our part in today's work so "let's play the game."

7. Letters read from Loving Representatives of the Founders of this Church. T.A. Russell, Newton, Iowa; Sallie, Laura and Mattie, daughters of Caroline Goode Smith of Milo, Iowa; H.E. Boatright of Leslie, Arkansas; Mrs. Belle Geddis Russell, Daughter of S.G. Russell of Newton, Iowa; J.W. Strange of Hamilton, Ohio; Jennie M. Russell Lufkin, daughter of B.J. Russell of Newton, Iowa; Elsie Strange Stuhr of Anita, Iowa; these were read by Miss Janie Burton, Mrs. Alta Briggs Burton and Mrs. Goldie Newton.

8. Song: "Church in the Wildwood" - Congregation.

9. Living Representatives present spoke briefly for their dear ones who had worshiped here: Gladys Hart for her great grandmother, Mrs. Ann Chaney, the first one to join the church; Emma Carnohan of Batavia, Ohio for her mother, Mrs. Susie Halstead Leeds, who was the first one converted in the new church; Mrs. Delia Hart of Chillicothe who spoke for her mother, Mrs. Laura Burton and two sisters, May and Cora Alice.

10. Song: Aunt Virginia Jonte's favorite: "Love Lifted Me" Congregation.

11. Duet: Rev. J.F. Young and wife - pastor 1929-30. Brother Young gave very interesting five minute talk on "Memory--What it means."

12. Brief Address - Pastor Fox "We Must Carry on." An appeal made for re-roofing church.

13. Collection: $36.00 was subscribed - 1/3 needed.

14. Song: "God be with you till we meet again" - Congregation.

15. Benediction: Rev. J.F. Young.

A Final Word

Today, Sunday, October 21, 1934, was a beautiful day. The sun was shining and the wind stirring sufficiently to let us know autumn was here.

The Church was beautiful--decorated by the children, with leaves red, brown and gold and yellow around the walls. The altar, pulpit and piano were garlanded with flowers, many given in memory of some loved one who had been loved and lost awhile.

There were about 80 present for the afternoon service. Many came from quite a distance to enjoy the day. Every one had a good time--Good fellowship, good singing, good speaking and interesting interpretation--All this will not soon be forgotten.

FAMILY CHART ON JOHN WASHINGTON OLDAKER ELIZABETH MINOR FAMILY

John W. Oldaker born Hardy County, August 5, 1780 died May 10, 1866 at home of Jesse Vernon Oldaker, Atlanta, Illinois married Elizabeth Minor in 1806 born August 12, 1782 died November 5, 1845 near Dunn's Chapel, Ohio. Children:

1. Nancy Oldaker born December 1, 1807 married Robert McCoy
2. Roxceline Oldaker born June 9, 1809 married Rev. James Hulse
3. Issac Washington Oldaker born July 2, 1811 died 1908 married Eliza B. Russell

*4. Catherine M. Oldaker born October 28, 1812 married 1833 married John S. White (she died young)

5. Jesse Varner Oldaker born July 26, 1816 (merchant) married Rebecca Bently
6. Mary Ann Oldaker born September 20, 1817 married Reuben Triplett (Turner-American Genealogy)
7. Lucy Jane Oldaker born August 10, 1818 died young married Robert Smith 1840

*8. Elizabeth Ellen Oldaker born January 18, 1820 married John S. White in 1842

9. Louise (Louiza) Oldaker born December 13, 1822 married William P. Goode - to Iowa

*Note: John S. White loved these Oldakers; he married two of these Oldaker sister (4 and 8 above). But a tragedy is indicated for in the 1850 Census, Issac Jr. (52) has Wesley M. White, 8 and Elsey S. White, 6, while John Washington Oldaker, 70 has John White, 9. Roxceline 40 is with John W. Oldaker, her father, Rev. Hulse, her busband being deceased. What happened to the parents of these three White boys we have no way of finding out at present.

*Note: The data on John Washington Oldaker furnished by Mrs. D.N. Longworth, descendant of John W. was sent to me by Mrs. Marion Mott of Olympia, Washington. We have no data on these children of John W. Oldaker except on Issac Washington and Jesse Varner Oldaker.

3. Issac Washington Oldaker Family born July 2, 1811 died March 8, 1908 married Eliza Barnes Russell born November 23, 1813 died December 19, 1894. Ten children:

1. John Wesley Oldaker born August 24, 1839 died 1914 married Amy C. Storer 1856-1920

2. Teresa Oldaker born September 20, 1835 married E.G. Boatright

3. Elizabeth Price Oldaker born November 14, 1841 died 1896 - unmarried, a teacher

4. Lida W. (Eliza Washington Oldaker) born February 12, 1844 unmarried - teacher

5. Virginia F. (or Frances) Oldaker born July 14, 1846 married Christopher Jonte

6. Samuel Russell Oldaker (of Iowa) born May 8, 1851 died 1930

7. (Kittee) Mary Catherine Oldaker born December 4, 1853 unmarried - teacher

8. James (Jacob) Simpson Oldaker born February 1, 1857 died 1940 married (1) Laura J. Britton

9. Martha Jane Oldaker born October 12, 1837 married Dr. B.D. Granger. She died 1862

10. Elma Rocelene Oldaker born January 26, 1849 died 1934. Married William Stoltz

5. Jesse Varner Oldaker Family. A letter is at hand (September 1962) from Jessie I. Oldaker of Atlanta, Illinois, who gives the following information on her father, John Washington (2) Oldaker's family: [Lineage is from Henry Sr., Issac (1) and Lucy of Highland County, Ohio, John Washington (1) and Elizabeth Minor - Jesse Varner and Rebecca Bently]

John Washington Oldaker born Highland County, Ohio August 17, 1848 died at his home Atlanta, Illinois, October 2, 1918. Buried in Atlanta Cemetery.

Mary Ann Robinson Oldaker, wife born Atlanta, Illinois February 5, 1885 daughter of William B. and Catherine Arnold Robinson. Died April 11, 1922. Buried in Atlanta Cemetery.

Children of John W. and Mary Ann Oldaker:

1. Maude Isabel Oldaker born June 19, 1880 died June 12, 1943 buried Atlanta Cemetery

2. Ethel Mae Oldaker born October 21, 1882

3. William George Henry Oldaker born April 9, 1887

4. George Willard Oldaker born December 20, 1893

5. Jessie I. Oldaker born October 6, 1884

6. Elma Ferne Oldaker born September 3, 1889 married _____ Smith Battle Creek, Michigan (widow)

7. James Lowry Oldaker, Doctor in Dentistry, practiced in Chicago born in Logan County near Atlanta, Illinois, March 16, 1892 died St. Lukes Hospital Chicago October 1, 1952 buried Atlanta, Illinois Cemetery. Sybil Wagner, wife born Pella, Iowa June 9, 1891 lives at Batavia, Illinois, 222 Washington Street.

Notes: Jesse Varner Oldaker was born in Putnam County, Virginia, July 26, 1816 and married Rebecca Bently of Clinton County, Ohio. She was born March 17, 1829, daughter of John and Alice Houghley Bently; died February 11, 1894 Clear Creek Cemetery. Jesse Varner's father, John Washington Oldaker, Sr. was a soldier in the War of 1812 and is buried in Clear Creek Cemetery formerly Roach's Chapel. Jessie writes that her father's family has always lived one mile east of Atlanta, Illinois and they are the only family of Oldakers that they know of. Jessie and a sister and two brothers still live at the old Oldaker homestead.

Her final statement assures her lineage from Issac (1) Oldaker of the Highland County, Ohio branch:

"The last generation of the Oldakers who lived at Russells, Ohio, Highland County were my father's first cousin and descendants of [Issac] Washington Oldaker--a brother of Jesse Varner Oldaker."

FAMILY OF JESSE VARNER AND REBECCA BENTLY OLDAKER

Jesse Varner Oldaker born Putnam County, Virginia July 26, 1816 died May 11, 1890. Rebecca Bently, wife born March 17, 1829 died February 11, 1894. Children:

1. Eliza Jane Oldaker 1850-1933 married D.N. Longworth. Buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, west of McLean, Illinois

2. John Washington Oldaker born August 17, 1848 died June 2, 1918 married Mary Ann Robinson

3. Mary Isabel Oldaker born November 1, 1860 died October 28, 1899 (a fine pianist). Buried at Clear Creek.

4. William Oldaker born March 29, 1852 Highland County, Ohio died February 12, 1878. Killed while hunting rabbits. Buried Clear Creek.

5. Louisa V. Oldaker died December 19, 1855 aged two months four days buried Clear Creek.

A letter from Jessie I. Oldaker dated September 23, 1962 expresses her heartfelt thanks for information I had sent her "facts that I have often wondered about but dared not hope to learn."

She writes of her sister, Mrs. D.N. Longworth, from whose pen and chart on John Washington Oldaker and Elizabeth Minor I had first received much encouragement and help when I began recording data on the Oldaker family in America. This chart being relayed to me by Mrs. Marion E. Mott of Olympia, Washington. How Marion got it from Mrs. Longworth I never knew. Mrs. Longworth had two sons, William Varner Longworth and Clifford Roy Longworth, both deceased and buried at Mt. Hope. Her two grandsons, Wendel and Courtney Longworth had visited Jessie on the date of her letter and were much interested in hearing about the "Oldaker Story."

There were two very interesting items in her letter that are worth far more than the space they require in the record.

First, "We have an interesting picture painted by R.S. Davis, Animal painter to the King, a hunting scene. Beneath it is this inscription:

> 'This portrait of Henry Oldaker on his favorite Hunter "Pilot" with the most celebrated hounds of

Mr. Selbrights Pack, is with permission, dedicated to Mr. I.G. Selbright by his old servant.'

This, if authentic, proves that the Oldaker name was known early in England.

Our comment here is that we have no doubt of the authenticity of the painter or of the painting or of the subject.

What a find! It is a special act of Divine Providence that caused the mention of it in her letter. Subsequently, we wrote Jessie for permission to have a reproduction made of the engraving of Henry Oldaker on "Pilot."

The second item reads: "During World War I, my brother George received a letter from Albert Oldacre, saying he was a Negro and asking George if he were too. It might be that some of the Oldakers were slave owners." [Our comment on this: Given the address of this Albert Oldaker, if he is living, and a history of his family for four generations, i.e., the locations of his parents, grandparents, and great grandparents we can perhaps discover and record the last branch of the long lost tribe of Oldakers in Kentucky.]

Henry Oldaker, first son of Issac Oldaker (1) and Lucy Pugh Oldaker was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, now Hardy County, born ca. 1778; moved with his father's family to Highland County, Ohio in 1817-1818, lived, died and doubtless is buried on the original farm at Russell Station with Issac, Lucy, Priscilla (his sister) and Martin his nephew. The location of the graveyard is known as being near the house but there are no stones in evidence.

The will of Issac Sr. Oldaker gave Henry Oldaker an equal share with Issac Oldaker Jr. but on November 13, 1853 "The Court finds on oath of Allen Roush and Daniel Murphy that Henry Oldaker, son and devisee of Issac Oldaker Jr., deceased, is dead and that he died leaving no lawful heir or heirs, he never having married." And that's all we have about Henry Oldaker except a sentence in Lucy's petition (suit) for dower vs. Issac Jr. in 1836 that "Henry died childless." Our conclusion concerning Henry is that he died sometime before 1836. He lived, was loved; perhaps loved a lovely lady, but lost. Perhaps too, Henry was like our old friend Jerry Collins who, when questioned why he never married, replied, "I couldn't get any of the ones I wanted and those that I could get I didn't want and those I didn't want the Devil wouldn't have."

Priscilla L. Oldaker born ca. 1784 unmarried died 1835 at Russells, Ohio. Amelia Oldaker born ca. 1786, daughter of Issac Oldaker and Lucy married John Barrow* in Hardy County, Virginia September 21, 1809, Rev. Archibald Linthicum officiated.

We do not have the marriage date of her sister Rebecca Oldaker born ca. 1788 who married Thomas Barrow, but we know that Thomas and Rebecca Barrow with some of the Pugh relatives were in Highland County with Issac and family. We do not have any further record on them except that Lucy lived with Thomas and Rebecca Barrow in her later years in the home place and this brings us down to Issac Jr., the executor.

*The 1850 Census of Highland County gives John Barrow, wife Amelia, as a clock pedlar. Their children were:

1. Evaline
2. Lydia A.
3. J. Newton
4. J. Harvey
5. Lucinda

ISSAC OLDAKER SR.'S WILL HIGHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

Know all men by these presents that I, Issac Oldaker Sr., now of the County of Highland, State of Ohio, Now living in a low state of health though being of sound mind and memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, do appoint, make and constitute this my last Will and Testament in manner following:

Item, I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Lucy Oldaker all my household furniture that is of every name and nature whatever, also two cows and one horse, also all the money that is in the hands of Rudolph Barrow due to me, also all the money coming to me from Robert Pugh, and twenty dollars in cash exclusive of that, and also her full third of everything beside and that to be disposed of at her discretion by will.

Item To my son Jacob Oldaker one note of 15 dollars-to my son John Oldaker 146 dollars that he now owes me, also my silver mounted rifle given in consideration of his doing such work to the amount of a new smith anvil-it is his also.

I will to my son Henry and Issac the land I now live on, to be equally divided between them and their heirs. If Henry should depart this life without having a lawful heir, his just part of the land to fall to Issac, also to my son Henry I will thirty dollars in cash exclusive.

I leave my wagon and gears and all the farming utensils to the use of said farm so long as my wife is benefited by the use of them. Also to my son Issac 100 dollars in cash together with all my tools (carpenter). Further, I will and bequeath to my daughter, Amelia, all the money in the hands of her husband John Barrow at this time.

I will and bequeath to my daughter Priscilla one hundred dollars and a new saddle and a spinning wheel. And all my money and moneys by me and that are due to me or being due to me--

I will and bequeath to my son John Oldaker, Henry Oldaker, Issac Oldaker, Rebecca O. Barrow, wife of Thomas Barrow, and Priscilla Oldaker, they being my beloved children. And also all the residue of the property I will and bequeath unto the same and to be appraised and sold according to law, and the money to be equally divided among the same.

Further I do appoint and constitute my son Issac Oldaker, my whole and sole executor. Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of March 1822.

Issac Oldaker

Note: We present the will of Issac Oldaker Sr. here and the sheet on court actions following because they deal mainly with the administration of Issac Sr.'s estate with Issac Oldaker Jr. as executor; we then follow the supporting data on births, marriages and deaths with letters of comment by Britton W. Mercer; then the concluding charts and notes given somewhat at random.

From "Wills, Administrations, Guardianships and Adoptions, Highland County, Ohio 1805-1880"

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1. Isaac Oldaker - Date: March 9, 1822. Wife Lucy. Sons: Jacob, John, Henry, Isaac. Daughters: Amelia, wife of John Barrow; Priscilla; Rebecca, wife of Thos. Barrow. Executor: Isasc. Witnesses: John Barns, John D. Biderman, Robert Pugh. Proven: March 27, 1826.

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2. John W. Oldaker witnessed will of John Wildman (Weldman) Date: October 4, 1831

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3. Lucy Oldaker - Will Date August 4, 1840. Son-in-law "Thos. Barros..... land devised to me by my husband Isaac Oldaker, now deceased." Children: Amelia Barrow; Rebecca Barrow. Executor: Thos. Barrow. Witnesses: James H. Pugh, Robert Pugh, James R. Nevin. Proven July 21, 1846. Appraisers: Christian Furry, John Hotsenpiller, Jacob R. Brown.

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4. John W. Oldaker - Will dated October 8, 1863. Proven June 6, 1866

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Isaac Oldaker - Sureties: Isaac Oldaker. (Administrations Guardianships and Adoptions.)

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5. November 19, 1853 - The court finds an oath of Allen Roush and Daniel Murphy that Henry Oldaker, son and

devisee of Isaac Oldaker, deceased, is dead and that he died leaving no lawful heir or heirs, he never having married.

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6. Lucy Oldaker vs. Isaac Oldaker, et al: (Filed July Term, 1836) Petition for dower. Plaintiff alleges that she is the widow of Isaac Oldaker, deceased, who left the following heirs: Jacob, John, Henry and Isaac Oldaker; Amelia, wife of John Barrow; Rebecca, Wife of Thos. Barrow; and Priscilla Oldaker. On September 10, 1836 Isaac Oldaker filed his answer setting forth the will of Isaac Oldaker, dec'd, and further alleging that his mother is about 80 years of age, that said Widow now lives with her son-in-law, Thos. Barrow; that Priscilla Oldaker died "about a year ago." Henry Oldaker died childless. (Rec. 5, page 316)

Oldaker Family Bible Data-2

BIRTHS

1. Isaac W., son of John and Elizabeth Oldaker, was born July 2, 1811.

2. Eliza B., daughter of William and Tabitha Russell was born November 23, 1813.

3. Teresa Ann, daughter of Isaac W. and Eliza B. Oldaker was born September 20, 1835.

4. Martha Jane, daughter of Isaac W. and Eliza B. Oldaker was born October 12, 1837.

5. John W., son of Isaac W. and Eliza B. Oldaker was born August 24, 1839.

6. Elizabeth Price, daughter of Isaac W. and Eliza B. Oldaker was born November 14, 1841.

7. Eliza Washington, daughter of Isaac W. and Eliza B. Oldaker was born February 12, 1844.

8. Virginia Frances, daughter of Isaac W. and Eliza B. Oldaker was born July 14, 1846.

9. Elma Rocsoline, daughter of Isaac W. and Eliza B. Oldaker was born January 26, 1849.

10. Samuel Russell, son of Isaac W. and Eliza B. Oldaker was born May 8, 1851.

11. Mary Catherine, daughter of Isaac W. and Eliza B. Oldaker was born December 4, 1853 (Kitty)

12. James Simpson, son of Isaac W. and Eliza B. Oldaker was born February 1, 1857.

13. Dorah Marie, daughter of B.D. and M.J. Granger was born August 22, 1860.

14. John W. Russell, son of Samuel and Mary P. Russell was born August 5, 1827.

The ten children of I.W. and Eliza Russell Oldaker are listed next but not necessarily in order of their birth because two dates are not known.

1. Elizabeth Price born November 14, 1841 Died 1896 - unmarried. Buried - Dunn Chapel

2. Eliza Washington born February 12, 1844 Died 1926 - unmarried. Buried - Dunn Chapel

3. Martha Jane, born October 12, 1837, died 1862, married Dr. Benjamin D. Granger, had a daughter Mary, no dates known.

4. Teresa, born September 20, 1835, died 1908, married Egbert G. Boatright, born 1826, died 1914, both buried Dunn Chapel. (two sons, four daughters)

    a. Virginia R. born 1859, died 1938, unmarried, buried Dunn Chapel
    b. Martha E. born 1861, died 1864 (three years) buried Dunn Chapel
    c. Homer, born (?), died (?), married Maude (?), two daughters (names can be furnished later) Homer is buried in Arkansas or Iowa)
    d. George W. born (?), died (?), married (name not known yet), one son, Bert. George is buried in Iowa)
    e. Mary P., born 1863, died 1948, unmarried buried at Dunn Chapel
    f. Josephine C., born 1855, died 1910, married John L. Strange, born 1855, died 1928 (both buried at Dunn Chapel) (two sons, two daughters)

        (1) William, deceased Married twice, one son each wife, (Robert and William)
        (2) Elsa, deceased, born in Iowa, married John Stuhr, one son, John Russell)

(3) Virginia, living, married Paul Miley (deceased?) no children
(4) Waltham, living in Florida last I heard. Married twice, (First wife's name not known now, Second, Mary (?).

5. John Wesley, born August 24, 1839, died 1914, married 1877, Amy C. Storer, born 1856, died 1920, no children. Civil War Vet., Musician, Co. D., 4th Ohio Cavalry, buried at Dunn Chapel.

6. Virginia Frances, born July 14, 1846, died 1933, married Christopher T. Jonte, born 1846, died 1927. No children, two foster children, Marie E. Anthony (my aunt) and Thomas Calvert. (V.F. and C.T.J. both buried at Dunn Chapel)

7. Elma, born January 26, 1849, died 1934, married William Stoltz, born 1852, died 1922, both buried Dunn Chapel, no children, one foster child, name unknown.

8. Samuel Russell, born May 8, 1851, died 1930, married Mary Ellen Tremaine. Sam died 1906, no children. (Sam buried Dunn Chapel, Ella buried Iowa)

9. Mary Catherine (Kitty) born December 4, 1853, died 1931, unmarried, buried Dunn Chapel

10. James Simpson, born February 1857, died 1940, married Josephine Britton, born 1860, died 1924, buried (both) Dunn Chapel, no children, two foster children, Edward Rehm and Jennie F. Anthony (my Mother). J.S.O. married second wife in 1925, Nellie M. Houston also deceased 1960.

FAMILY RECORDS AND OTHER DATA FROM FAMILY BIBLE OF I. W. OLDAKER

Inscription on Frontispiece: "John Oldaker presented this book to I.W. Oldaker, February 19, 1882."

MARRIAGES

Issac W. Oldaker and Eliza B. Russell were married December 18, A.D. 1834 by Rev. Turner.

Egbert G. Boatright and Teresa Ann Oldaker were married March 5, A.D. 1855 by Rev. J.W. Stone.

B.D. Granger and M.J. Oldaker were married February 27, A.D. 1859 by Rev. W.N. Maxey.

C.H.T. Jonte and Virginia F. Oldaker were married February 18, A.D. 1875 by Rev. W.N. Maxey.

John W. Oldaker and Amy C. Storer were married Tuesday April 3, 1877 by Rev. W.N. Maxey.

S.R. Oldaker and Mary Ella Tremain were married Wednesday June 21st, A.D. 1882 by Rev. Silas Johnston at 9 o'clock P.M. Newton, Iowa.

J.S. Oldaker and Laura J. Britton were married Thursday December 6, A.D. 1883 by Rev. S.D. Maddox at 12 o'clock M.

William Stoltz and Elma R. Oldaker married September 24, 1891, by Gilbert Austin.

James Simpson Oldaker and Nellie May Huston were married November 12, 1925 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Rev. H.D. Nothstine.

DEATHS

Teresa Ann Boatright died September 16, 1908.

John Wesley Oldaker died October 30, 1914.

Eliza Washington Oldaker died August 2, 1926.

Samuel Russell Oldaker died July 6, 1930.

Mary Catherine Oldaker died September 1, 1931.

Virginia Frances Oldaker died June 6, 1933. Wife of C.H.T. Jonte.

Elma Roscoline Oldaker, wife of William Stoltz, died February 7, 1934.

Amy Oldaker, wife of John Wesley Oldaker, died September 30, 1920.

James Simpson Oldaker died April 4, 1940 at 8:30 P.M. Buried Saturday April 6, 2 P.M. from Oldaker Chapel, Russell, Ohio.

Elizabeth, consort of John Oldaker, died November 5, A.D. 1845; aged 64 years. Mother of I.W. Oldaker.

Tabitha, consort of William Russell, died September 28, A.D. 1839, aged 64 years. Mother of Eliza B. Russell Oldaker.

Martha J., wife of B.D. Granger, died September 29, 1862, aged 25 years.

John Oldaker died May 10, 1866; aged 85 years, 9 months, 5 days. Father of I.W. Oldaker.

Samuel Russell, Sr., late of Highland County, Ohio, died October 4, 1876 in Jasper County, Iowa; aged 70 years, 10 months, 26 days. Brother of Eliza B. Russell Oldaker.

Teresa Ann Thomas, wife of B.F. Thomas, died May 8, A.D. 1888, aged 86 years and 2 months. Sister of Eliza B. Russell Oldaker.

Benjamin F. Thomas died September 11, A.D. 1888, aged 91 years, 4 months, 14 days.

Eliza B., wife of I.W. Oldaker, died December 19, 1894; aged 81 years, 26 days.

Elizabeth Price Oldaker died September 20, 1896; aged 54 years, 10 months, 6 days. Daughter of I.W.

Jesse V. Oldaker died May 11, 1890

Rebecca Oldaker died February 11, 1894

Mary Isabel Oldaker died October 28, 1899.

Mary Ella (Tremain) Oldaker, who was married to S.R. Oldaker, died at Tacoma, Washington, December 24, 1905.

Isaac W. Oldaker died March 8, 1908; aged 96 years, 8 months, 6 days.

Laura J. Britton Oldaker died October 27, 1924.

Mary Catherine Oldaker died September 1, 1931; aged 77 years, 9 months.

C.H.T. Jonte died August 3, 1927; aged 84 years.

Virginia Frances Oldaker, wife of C.H.T. Jonte, died June 6, 1933.

HIGHLAND COUNTY NOTES (From an interview with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stratton Hillsboro, Ohio Rt. 3 Box 296 at their home at Russells)

1. Oldaker Chapel Methodist Church was built by the Oldakers who lived at and near Russell's Station.

2. John Washington Oldaker, son of Issac Sr., lived north of the Chapel a few hundred yards. A hog-house now marks the spot where the house stood. He was an 1812 war veteran. He died at the home of his son Jesse Varner Oldaker, at Atlanta, Illinois in 1866.

3. The original farm of Issac and Lucy Oldaker descended to Issac Jr. and Catherine Oldaker. Issac and Lucy were evidently buried there on the farm as were Henry and Priscilla, son and daughter of Issac and Lucy; also their grandson Martin who died young (about 34 years). Thomas and Rebecca Barrow lived there with Lucy till her death about 1846. We do not know what became of the Barrows. But Issac Jr. sold the farm in 1854 after confirmation deed was made according to law. Gen. J.T. McDowell (of Civil War fame) bought the farm and afterward sold it (1862) to Peter Jonte. It descended to Christopher Jonte who had married Virginia, daughter of Issac Washington Oldaker, thus coming back into Oldaker possession, fortified by mortgage held by Simpson Oldaker (J.S.). After Simpson Oldaker died it was sold again to Griffiths, then to a Maltz family who live there now. The brick house was built of brick made on the farm ca. 1832. We visited the site of Issac's original home at the end of a lane lined with beautiful large trees. It is said that Mr. Griffith, who owned the farm after the Jontes, had ploughed up the marker of Martin Oldaker's grave about the year 1930; had cleaned it off finding the information legible, and recovered the marker at the spot and left it undisturbed.

4. We saw the homes where Simpson, Kitty and Dr. Granger lived. Kitty died at Simpson's home as did their brother Sam. Sam Oldaker was a surveyor and engineer who lived for a time in Iowa and Oregon. He laid out the track for the Union Pacific Railroad. Simpson died at Dr. Granger's home.

5. Issac Washington Oldaker was a lay preacher, as was his father John Washington Oldaker, who was also a Justice of the Peace.

One of the wise sayings coming out of Hardy County is this one: "Do not write long obituaries. Save some of your kind words for the living." We shall do just that on the next two items:

1. We could not have presented this interesting resume of Oldaker history in Highland County without the fine, discriminating help of Mrs. Jennie Britton Mercer (Foster daughter of J. Simpson Oldaker and her son Britton W. Mercer of Fairborn, Ohio. The letters,

charts from the family bible, County marriages, and the fine analysis of the legal procedures are theirs, also some of the pictures in the gallery were gladly furnished. So--meet the Mercers--fine Ohio kinfolk of the Oldakers.

Fairborn, Ohio

September 5, 1962

Dear Glenn:

We certainly enjoyed our Sunday at the Oldaker reunion. After the surprise of your first letter and the subsequent enlightening letters, it was a pleasant experience to have the opportunity to meet and chat with you. And we certainly want a copy of the book when it is published.

Now for some details of my search of Highland County records. As I mentioned to you at the reunion, the records show a deed of 130 acres of land from Wm. Henton to Isaac Oldaker, dated September 17, 1823. There is no other record on this land until December 14, 1853 when the original deed was re-recorded from same Wm. Henton (except Henton gave residence in Indiana this time). Under date of September 8, 1854 Isaac and Catherine Oldaker gave deed (same 130 acres) to J.T. McDowell. Then McDowell deeded to Peter F. Jonte in 1862. Peter F. sold 30 acres to his brother. (This is now part of our farm.) Peter F.'s son Christopher married Virginia F. Oldaker. Chris died in 1927 so the land came back to the Oldakers. Indirectly it already belonged to them anyway since James Simpson and wife, Laura J. had bought it in two parcels (mortgaged) to keep Chris and Virginia from losing it. Then in 1928 the land passed from Oldaker possession for the last time. I am told that the present house on the farm was built in 1832 from bricks made on the farm. (My father-in-law remembers the clay pit.)

Now the strange and inexplicable part--Why the land was never divided despite various wills. To wit, first: Isaac Sr.'s will, in part as follows "to my sons, Henry and Isaac Oldaker, the land I now live upon to be divided equally between them and their heirs, if Henry shall depart this life without having a lawful heir, his part of the land to fall to Isaac---except for my wife Lucy's one third interest in the land." And second, Lucy's will, in part: "to my son-in-law, Thomas Barrow, my lot of land, thirty six acres of or in other words the one third tract of land devised to me by my husband Isaac Oldaker now deceased, the same to be at my disposal by will---and composed of that part of the tract which my husband lived and died on now in full possession of the above named Thomas Barrow." There is no record of any transfer to either Lucy or Thomas Barrow. I have asked the Judge about this and he can't explain it. This is the story on Isaac Sr.'s land and in connection

therewith furnsihes the only record on Lucy, Isaac Jr. and Catherine. As to Martin G. Oldaker, there is recorded two lots (presumably in the village of Russell); and the evidence of his burial on the land. Isaac Jr. apparently disappears and Catherine moves. And so that part of the Oldaker story in Highland County closes. I might add one item from Isaac Jr.'s final accounts of Isaac Sr.'s estate. "A list of money due the estate of Isaac Oldaker, dec'd. Due by Paul Hottel of Virginia: 1 Bond for $833.33 1/3; 3 bonds for $666.66 each; (and) $833.33 1/3, cont. 722.00--$111.33 1/3." But there is no such money amounts listed in the settlement so it appears that it was not collectable. The final account showed $54.00 received and $65.00 paid out. The farm was purchased by Isaac Sr. in 1823 for $700 plus; sold by Isaac Jr. in 1854 for $3200.

I have extracted from the Highland County marriage records the following named Oldakers:

Amelia Margaret to Ellis Frost, 10/21/1840 by Wm. M. McReynolds
Catherine M. to John S. White, 10/22/1833 by James Quinn
Elizabeth Ellen to John S. White, 10/13/1842 by W.M. McReynolds
Louise to Wm. P. Goode, 11/5/1846 by Benj. Thomas, JP
Lucy Jane to Robt. B. Smith, 3/24/1840 by Eli Frey
Martha to Dr. Ben D. Granger, 2/27/1859 by W.N. Maxey
Mary Ann to Reuben Triplett, 4/3/1838 by Wm. M. McReynolds
Mary E. to John Kirkhart, 1/26/1854 by Thos. Wallace, MG
Nancy to Robt. McCoy, 1/27/1828 by John Hambrick, MG--Christian Church
Sally Ann to Joseph Stroup, 6/28/1838 by Lewis Gibler, JP
Virginia F. to CHT Jonte, 2/18/1875 by W.N. Maxey, MG
Roxoline to James Hulse, 1/25/1854 by Thomas Wallace, MG ("James Hulse granted license to preach 11/1/1831.")
Asa and Anna Williams, license only, 3/23/1842
Isaac W. and Eliza B. Russell, 12/18/1834 by Henry Turner
John W. and Amy C. Storer, 4/3/1877 by W.N. Maxey, MG

Sincerely,

Britton Mercer

From Britton W. Mercer: [Brackets by editor]

Issac and Lucretia Pugh Oldaker apparently settled in Highland County, but I find no graves in Dunn Chapel Cemetery. Did they move? [No.] Could they be buried elsewhere? [On the home farm] I haven't anything and no one knows.

Issac Jr. and wife [are] unknown. Is it a certainty that they died in Highland County? [No.] The reason for this question is as follows: We know the farm where Martin was buried. Hearsay indicates that his mother [Catherine] wanted him buried where she could look out on the grave. This indicates that Issac Jr. and wife were living on this farm when Martin died. [1853] The original grave of Martin Oldaker was within sight of my father-in-law's farmhouse although hearsay evidence indicates that the grave was opened, finding a few bones and buttons, and the remains moved to Dunn Chapel. Neither grave is now in evidence.

There is no known information relating to the original Issac and Lucy, Issac Jr. or John W. (himself), although I think we found the grave of Elizabeth Minor. Do you have any information that indicate later removal from Highland County? [Elizabeth Minor is buried at Dunn Chapel; John Washington Oldaker, her husband, is buried at Roach Chapel, Atlanta, Illinois.]

Referring back to the Oldaker farm and Issac Jr., one of Issac Washington Oldaker's daughters married a Christopher Jonte who had inherited the farm from his father, Peter Jonte. This is the same farm. Could Issac Jr. have sold the farm and Issac Jr. then moved on? [He sold the farm and disappeared--a mystery.]

We next "save some kind words for the living." The only one living of the family of Martin Gilkeson Wesley Oldaker, Mr. Joseph A. Oldaker of Los Angeles. I learned of Cousin Joe through Lulu G. Oldaker of the Henry Jr. line, and wrote to him for information on his progenitor, Issac (1), brother to Henry Jr. which two were brothers growing up in Hampshire County, Virginia 1740-1760.

Joe is retired from service on the Los Angeles Water Board, and does a lot of traveling. I tried to intercept him between Los Angeles and Miami, Florida, but missed him. He completed his circuit of the United State; returned to Los Angeles where he got my letter asking him to stop by Virginia to visit me on his next orbit. In a few weeks he was at my door having checked the situation in Highland County, Ohio and presented me some first hand information. No one except Joseph A. Oldaker would have done such a remarkable thing.

The expanded chart on Martin G.W.'s family, the obituary, previously recorded, and the following letter of information with enclosure is from Cousin Joe. He is in his 76th year [when this was written] a great great grandson of Issac and Lucy Pugh Oldaker of Hampshire County and Hardy County, Virginia and Highland County, Ohio.

"In regards to your letter March 1 and April 5, will state my father Martin G.W. Oldaker was born February 9, 1846 in Highland County, Ohio. His father Martin G. died when he was 7 or 8 years old.* I never did know by grandfather's first name. My grandmother's maiden name was Carolyn C. Johnson. After my grandfather died, my father went to Iowa with Rev. J.F. Goode to live, and he lost all connection with his relatives. I am the last living descendant of my father M.G. [W.] Oldaker. I was born December 6, 1887. I am enclosing a copy of a letter my brother received from J.S. Oldaker in 1916, which may be a connecting link in the Oldaker chain.

Yours truly,

Joseph A. Oldaker
2148 W. 109 Pl. LA. 47, Calif.

The enclosure:

Mr. Issac W. Oldaker, Milo, Iowa

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 9th received and will try and tell you what I can of your relatives. Your great grandfather Issac Oldaker [Jr.] lived close here and your grandfather Martin Oldaker is buried on the Issac Oldaker [Jr.] farm. Issac Oldaker [Jr.] was a brother to my grandfather John W. Oldaker. My father Issac W. Oldaker has been dead for eight years. He was in his 97th year when he died. You will see that we are the same family of Oldakers.

With the latch string always hanging out, I remain, yours.

J.S. Oldaker
Lynchburg, Ohio 6/12/16

Note: At that time James (Jacob) Simpson Oldaker was manager of the Lynchburg Ohio Bell Telephone Company.

*There is a discrepancy here. The pension record of McKindnee (Branch) Oldaker states that Martin G. Oldaker died in 1846 which would be the year his son Martin G.W. was born. And "in 7 or 8 years" was the time that the migration to Iowa took place (1854).

We present, next, a letter from Issac Washington Oldaker of Highland County, Ohio to Peyton Oldaker of Mason County, West Virginia. These are of the fourth generations from

Henry Oldaker, Sr. through Issac (1) and John (1) Oldaker. The letter speaks to us of kindred ties and family affection (They are second cousins); of declining health and local sickness; of farming practices and of political issues similar to those of modern day.

But Peyton Oldaker was unable to cast vote for "Cleveland and Thurman." He never was permitted to read the interesting letter addressed to him. A footnote by the genealogist reads thus: Peyton Oldaker died August 14, 1888.

Russell, Ohio
October 25th, /88

Peyton Oldaker, Esq.

Dear Cousin: At last I have concluded to try & write you a few lines, to let you know how we are getting along. My health is improving, I weigh 153 ½ lbs now & am gaining in weight & strength & am nocking around over the neighborhood & do some little work. The rest of the family is well as usual. We have had a good deal of rain, not done seeding yet on account of wet weather. The corn crop is good except some is soft & don't dry out well on account of rain. The weather seems to be clearing off now nice day this. Our wheat crop was light this year. Those that used phosphate had much better than those who did not. I use phosphate every year & it pays me. Do you [use] it, if you do not, I advise by all means to try it. Get Buck Eye made by the Dryer Co, Cleaveland Ohio that is good. Put on about 100 lbs to the acre. I think it will pay well on your land I have a good Buckeye phosphate drill as I am in the habit of using phosphate. I can probably give you any information you need on that subject here after & would be glad to do so.

Sister Roccelina is at my house now, in good health & quite large. Weights over 200 lbs, she is two years older than me but quite lively. There is some sickness in the neighborhood. I.N. Barrow, a cousin of ours, is quite sick. His mother was father's sister & Wm. Strange, a Union Soldier is quite sick & others. John Wesley was at Columbus at the Great Centennial. He enquired among the W.Va. folks for Thomas Hall but could not find him. We supposed Thomas would be there. Well, When is any of you coming out we want you to come. Bro Jesse & wife and Mary Ann & two Grand daughters were in, but have gone home. Well, I believe I will close this letter. Write soon & let us hear from you all. We send our love to you all.

Roccelina wants to see you all very much. Kittie is still teaching in Hillsboro. Yours & C Isaac W. Oldaker

Besure that you vote for Cleaveland & Thurman

THE STORY OF ISSAC OLDAKER JR. AND CATHERINE LITTLE OF HIGHLAND COUNTY

Issac Oldaker Jr. was born in Hardy County, Virginia, about the year 1798, the youngest member of the family, apparently. He married Catherine Little of Frederick County, Virginia 13 January 1818. We judge that Issac Jr. returned from Highland County, Ohio, after the Oldaker settlement there in 1817, to claim his bride, and the honeymoon trip was a boat ride down the Ohio river to Highland County, Ohio.

The Little family was of Quaker origin. The name was previously given as Lytle, Little and Littler, and the family was prominent and well-to-do in Frederick and Hardy Counties.

According to my reckoning, Issac Jr. was 20 years old when he married and when Issac Sr. made his will in 1822 he was assured of and heir in Issac Jr. line but we sense he was doubtful about Henry ever being married. That his doubt was justified is verified by the supporting documents, will and court abstracts which we present.

The real estate involved in the settlement of Issac Sr.'s estate, of which Issac Jr. was named executor, was 130 acres bought of William Henton in 1823, when Issac Sr. was already three score and ten. And when Issac Sr. passed on about 1826, the year his will is proved, Issac Jr. is under a responsibility that doubtless, according to the records, vexed his soul from day to day until the year 1854. We think the trouble arose from a misunderstanding of Issac Sr.'s will. Lucy's third of everything included the produce of the farm but did not include a division of the land. The land was Issac Jr.'s and Henry's by will, and when Henry died, it was all Issac Jr.'s. And as we understand it, according to Lucy's will, Thomas and Rebecca Barrow were in full possession of the home place with Lucy, resident with them, until she died and her will was probated in 1846, at which the Barrows were apparently dispossessed, the court ruling in favor of Issac Jr. And when Martin G. dies in 1846, it is Issac Jr. and Catherine who are in possession of the home place and Martin G. is buried where Catherine can view the grave from the window! There is evidence that a brick home was built on the place in 1832, but who the occupants were before and after that time we do not know.

But the climax of the story in the death of Martin G. in 1846; the marriage of the widow to Benjamin Batten in 1858; the consequent migration to Iowa; the re-recording of the deed under law in 1853; the resale by Issac Jr. in 1854 to J.T. McDowell, who was the Union General at the First Manassas debacle; and the mysterious disappearance of Issac Jr. and Catherine with $3200 in cash. We present these items available in the case. The reader can draw his own conclusions.

A strange story, by Oldakers in Knox County, Ohio, was told to us concerning a Parkersburg newspaper article (some time ago) setting forth the decease of an Oldaker in Texas who had left a million dollar estate from oil royalties. The proper heirs to the estate had not been found at that time. We tried to trace the article by a correspondence with Dan Robinson of the Parkersburg News. Lacking a morgue for the filing of such articles, they discontinued the search, and we failed to get this choice tid-bit for the "Oldaker Story."

The final location for Issac Oldaker Jr. and Catherine and their children, other than Martin G. may give the answer to this mystery. The chart on these children, appears after our next paragraph.

In evaluating the character of Issac Jr., one could easily form different and conflicting opinions. Being a brother of John Washington Oldaker who was the founder of Methodism in Russell's community, his name would perforce be found in the accompanying church records of this family on Highland County Oldakers. But his name does not appear. His son's name "Martin G." does appear as "Martin G. and wife" in the organization of the first Methodist Class in 1841. Perhaps Catherine's Quaker influence on her husband is the answer--Quakers were disowned for joining the Methodists! No, her name does not appear either; and they lived in the same community at the same time with John Washington Oldaker! If Issac Jr. was not a church man it does not necessarily follow that he was a crook. He was just a pattern of some later Oldakers I corresponded with--he didn't tell everybody his business. What became of that $3200 from the sale of the farm, in 1854? Or the $3655 bonds from the sale of William Oldaker's mills in Hardy County to Paul Hottel? I'm sure those hot Hottel boys in Wardensville would want to fight at the first intimation that their great, great grandpappy didn't pay for that mill property. And howbeit $3655 was too much to pay for two mills and 220 acres in 30 years! But then you know we had a Civil War seven years after 1854 and Fremont burned the mills. Those bonds were just not collectible.* Anyhow, in 1854 Carolyn Oldaker, with her three children, joined the group of Russells, Goodes and Newtons and the wagon train again starts rolling across the plains to the new frontier--Iowa.

*You can believe this or not. Referring to the marriage register of Highland County given with our analysis on the next page we note the five children, obviously of Issac Jr. and Catherine. All are married and one son, deceased, Martin G. Oldaker has left three young sons, heirs to be a portion of Issac Jr.'s wealth; along with others shown. Martin's widow married Benjamin Batten in 1858 in Iowa. There is no known recorded conveyance to any of these in the Oldaker records of Highland County, involving the deposition of Issac Jr.'s fortune, nor is there any knowledge by other descendants of Issac Jr. concerning it, as far as we can

ascertain. And Joseph Oldaker, his descendant, asked me, "What became of all that money?" before I had learned that there was such!

There was a story, a tradition, that Issac Jr. was last seen on his way to the Mill. Was that Journey's end for Issac Jr. He just disappeared.

But who got the money? And what became of Catherine Little, the little Quaker wife?

FAMILY CHARTS OF ISSAC OLDAKER JR. AND CATHERINE LITTLE

There are four children on the marriage list of Oldakers in Highland County records that are children of neither John W. nor Issac W. Oldaker and by the dates they would necessarily be the children of Issac Jr. and Catherine. Taking Martin G. Oldaker from the Methodist Class Register (he had a wife in 1841) we have five children* of Issac Jr. and Catherine Little Oldaker. Children are as follows:

1. Sally Ann Oldaker born 1819 married Joseph Stroup 28 June 1838 by Lewis Gibler, J.P.

2. Martin Gilkeson Oldaker born 1821 married Carolyn C. Johnson in Green County in 1841.

3. Amelia Margaret Oldaker born 1822 married Ellis Frost 21 October 1840 by Wm. M. McReynolds

4. Asa Oldaker born 1824 married Anna Williams 23 March 1842 (license)

5. Mary E. Oldaker born 1836 married John Kirkhart 26 January 1854 by Thos. Wallace

(These birthdates are estimated; underscored and marriage dates authentic.)

*In later research the 1850 Census for Highland County gives the following:

Issac Oldaker (farmer)	52 (b.1798)
Catherine (wife)	51 (b.1799)
Lucy J. Oldaker	23 (b.1827)
Issac W. Oldaker	21 (b.1829)
Eliza C.	19 (b.1831)
Harriet Oldaker	17 (b.1833)
Mary E. Oldaker	14 (b.1836)
Wesley M. White	8 (b.1842)
Elsey S. White	6 (b.1844)

(These last two boys are sons of John S. White who married Catherine Oldaker daughter of John W. Oldaker.)

Note: There is no use in trying to back up against a census record, or a marriage record. Wherefore, we conclude that these are the nine children of Issac Jr. and Catherine Little Oldaker. The first four in the marriage list escaped the 1850 census taker, they being already married before that time. But Mary E. Oldaker being in both lists validates the whole of both lists.

We would like to continue research on this interesting family but opportunities are limited so let us go on with the story.

Issac Oldaker Jr. was born 1798 (son of Issac Sr., son of Henry Sr.) married Catherine Little 13 January 1818. See Winchester records. We have no further data on any of the children of Issac Oldaker Jr. except their son Martin Gilkeson Oldaker. Issac Oldaker Jr. died in 1846 and is buried on the Oldaker farm near Hillsboro, Ohio. Carolyn, Martin G.'s wife, then moved with her three children to Warren County, Iowa and was married in 1858 to Benjamin C. Batten, 1812-1877. When 12 years old, their son, Martin G. W. Oldaker went to live with Rev. Joseph Goode, Plainville (formerly Goode's Chapel) Iowa. Carolyn Catherine Johnson was born 5 February 1821 died 20 January 1908. (We think her maiden name was Caroline Goode married _____ Johnson by whom she had a daughter, Amanda Johnson who never married, died in a hospital in Union Township, Ohio.)

Martin Gilkeson Oldaker and Carolyn Johnson Oldaker had following children:

A. McKendnee Branch Oldaker never married. Died from disease contracted in Civil War army camp.

B. Asa Oldaker born ca. 1844 no data.

C. Martin Gilkerson Wesley Oldaker born Highland County, Ohio born 9 February 1846 died 21 November 1899 married 11 March 1868 Mary Ann Smith born 5 February 1821 died 20 February 1908

OBITUARY

Martin G. W. Oldaker was born in Highland County, Ohio February 9, 1846, departed this life November 21, 1899, age 53 years, 9 months, 12 days. When about 12 years old he went to live with Rev. J. F. Goode and made his home with him until his marriage to Miss Mary Ann Smith March 11, 1868. To this union was born 6 sons and 2 daughters of which 2 sons preceded their father. The deceased was a member of the church at Plainville and during his last sickness the fear of

death did not seem to terrify him he said he was in the hands of the Lord and he would use him as he saw fit. He leaves a companion, 6 children, an aged mother, 2 brothers and a host of friends to mourn his departure. Funeral services were conducted by C.S. Fair at Plainville Chapel November 22, 1899.

1. Dora Jane Oldaker born 23 December 1872 married _____ Walton. Children:

   a. Harlan Walton
   b. Melfrances Walton married _____ Bales. Lived in Milo, Iowa.

2. Issac W. Oldaker born 11 September 1874 died 1952 married Ina Westerfield. Lived at Milo, Iowa. Children:

   a. John Oswald Oldaker born Milo, Iowa 7 November 1906 died 16 November 1961 married Ruth Johanne Thoraldson born San Francisco 23 May 1907 died 20 August 1961. Divorced in 1947. John married again in 1950. John was with McKay Radio for 30 years. Children:

      (1) Laverne Grace Oldaker born 3 July 1928 married Jack Dartnell of Antioch, California. Children:

         (a) Carol Ann Dartnell
         (b) Edward James Dartnell

      (2) Clayton Oldaker born 9 August 1931 Employed by Lithograph Firm in San Francisco married Bernice Yvonne Hansen on 24 October 1953. At the time this was written they lived in San Bruno, California.

      (3) Gail Joan Oldaker born 22 May 1939

      (4) Frank Westerfield Oldaker born 12 January 1948 lived with Stepmother in Bellflower, California when this was written.

   b. Merritt Westerfield Oldaker Children:

      (1) Merritt R. Oldaker

      (2) William Oldaker

3. Zella Oldaker born 17 August 1885 married Rev. _____ Coventry, a Presybterian minister. Children:

a. Gladys Coventry married _____ Deviney 459 Sheffield Drive, Valparaiso, Indiana.

b. Leonard Coventry. Did live at Flint, Michigan, and moved to Hammond, Indiana.

4. John F. Oldaker born 26 January 1871 married Eva McNair. Children:

a. Lois Oldaker married _____ Gunter 1628 Hanover Street, Denver. Children:

(1) Beverly Gunter

5. James Elmer Oldaker 1876-1898

6. Alvin Nathan Oldaker born 15 August 1878 died 6 January 1961. Married Ella Tallman. Children:

a. Vera Oldaker married _____ Puderbaugh. Portland, Oregon.

b. Louise Oldaker married _____ Hamilton

c. Mildred Oldaker married _____ Riddle, RFD Anthon, Iowa.

d. Martin Bruce Oldaker Lufkin, Texas

e. Frances Oldaker married _____ Brown, Homewood, Illinois

f. Gretchen Oldaker married _____ Coon, Oto, Iowa

g. Lorraine Oldaker married _____ Shoemaker, Milo, Iowa

h. William Henry Oldaker Milo, Iowa

7. Joseph A. Oldaker born 6 December 1887 married Jennie A. Brown. Children:

a. Orpha Oldaker married _____ Knoll. Children:

(1) Janice Knoll

b. Josephine E. Oldaker married Harry Rothchild married (2) S.D. Kebow. Children

(1) Harry R. Rothchild

(2) Peter B. Rothchild

c. Wesley J. Oldaker married Betty Kingsley. Children:

(1) Linda Oldaker

(2) Judy Oldaker

(3) Wesley J. Oldaker Jr.

d. Virginia M. Oldaker married Walter Jones (divorced). Children:

(1) Marguerita L. Jones (Twin)

(2) Richard B. Jones (Twin)

8. Albert Oldaker born 26 December 1869 died at 8 months

HIGHLAND COUNTY MISCELLANY

A marriage record in Highland County, Ohio Book 7, page 150 has us completely stumped. Nowhere else that we have looked does either name occur. The date is 24 September 1912: Edwin R. Oldaker married Sylvia Bell Ellis.

John W. Oldaker, Justice of the Peace performed a ceremony of marriage for Martha Boatright and Abram Roush.

Elizabeth Price Oldaker and Kitty daughters of I.W. Oldaker were teachers--never married. They had two nieces, Mary and Virginia Boatright, daughters of Teresa Oldaker Boatright who taught at Berea College for years and afterwards often returned there to spend their vacations.

Christopher Jonte and wife, Virginia Oldaker, adopted a sister of Jennie Britton Mercer, Marie Britton, who married Columbus Blackstone who is superintendent of schools at McArthur, Ohio (at this writing).

Eliza Barnes Russell, wife of Issac W. Oldaker, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia 1813, died 1894. Her obituary says she was a daughter of Colonel William Russell a Revolutionary War Soldier described as a rugged individualist was one of the prominent adventurers from Virginia, but his adventuring consisted largely in land speculation and did not include any settlement or improvement of land on his own part. He was the first applicant for land (10,000 acres) on Shenandoah in 1728 from the Colony of Virginia.

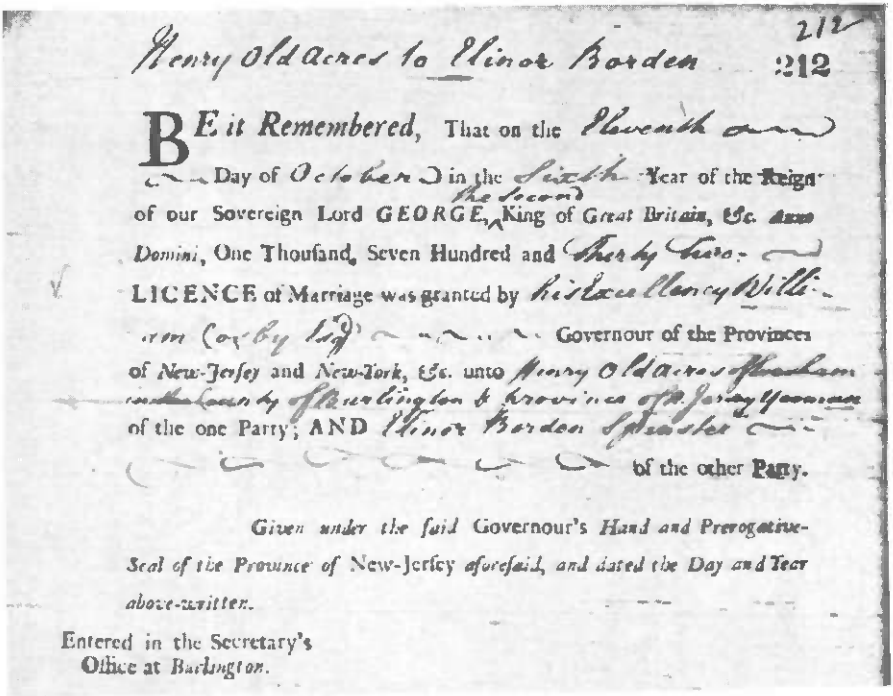
The Oldakers on record at Hillsboro Courthouse:

Catherine (Kitty) Oldaker	Bk. 25 Pg. 283	
Issac Oldaker Sr.	Bk. 2 Pg. 108	March 1826
Issac W. Oldaker	Bk. 15 Pg. 244	October 1908
John W. Oldaker	Bk. 6 Pg. 103	June 1866
J.S. Oldaker	Bk. 27 Pg. 266	May 1940
Lucy Oldaker	Bk. 4 Pg. 294	July 1846
Laura J. Oldaker	Bk. 22 Pg. 170	January 1925
Samuel R. Oldaker	Bk. 24 Pg. 363	July 1930

The estate settlements are the same above plus Priscilla Oldaker--Jno. T. Barrow Executor No. 1075.



I-1 Remodeled Home of Henry Oldaker Sr. Now owned by Gen. Joseph H. Fellows, U.S.M.C. (Retired)



Henry Old Acres to Elinor Borden 212

BE it Remembered, That on the Eleventh
Day of October in the Sixth Year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE, the Second King of Great Britain, &c. Anno
Domini, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty Two,
LICENCE of Marriage was granted by his Excellency Willi-
am Cosby Esq Governour of the Provinces
of New-Jersey and New-York, &c. unto Henry Old Acres of Burlington
and County of Burlington & Province of New Jersey Yeoman
of the one Party; AND Elinor Borden of Burlington
of the other Party.

Given under the said Governour's Hand and Prerogative-
Seal of the Province of New-Jersey aforesaid, and dated the Day and Year
above-written.

Entered in the Secretary's
Office at Burlington.

I-2 Marriage License of Henry Old Acres and Elinor Borden.

OFFICE OF THE POST MASTER GENERAL
Washington, DC 20260-0011

November 16, 1982

Dear Mr. Oldaker:

Thank you for your letter of October 13, which was referred to my office for a response.

A post office was established at Oldaker, Putnam County, West Virginia, with Zachariah Priddy as postmaster on November 24, 1888. This office was discontinued on January 2, 1892, and mail sent thereafter to Buffalo, West Virginia.

Sincerely,

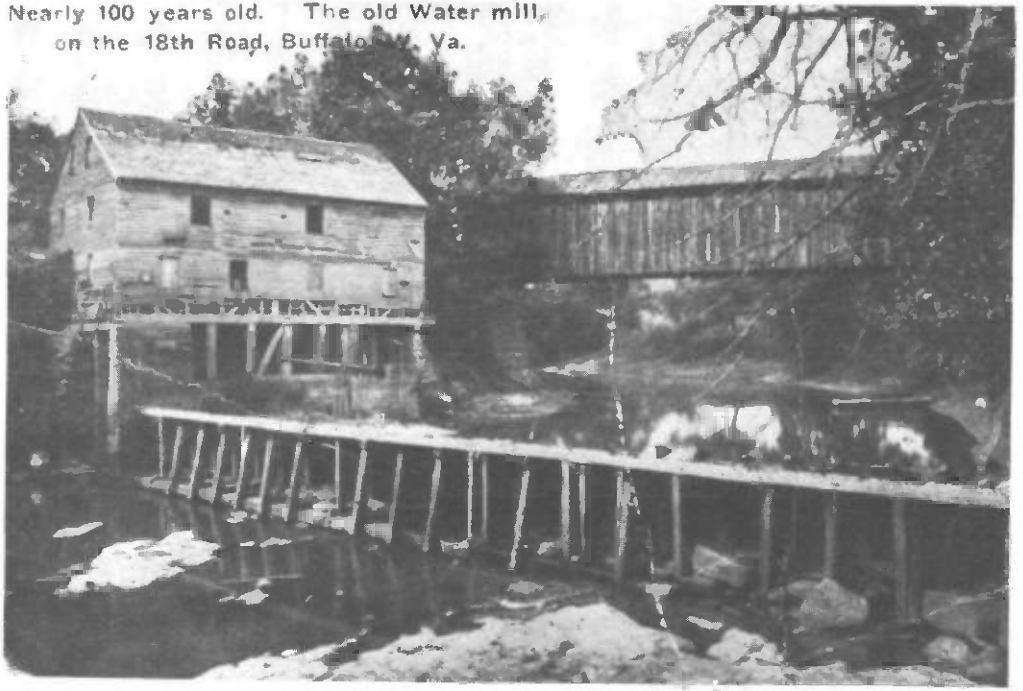
Rita L. Moroney

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Research Administrator/
Historian

Mr. Edward L. Oldaker
737 South Pico Circle
Mesa, Arizona 85206



I-3 Post Office - Oldaker, West Virginia



I-4 Oldaker Covered Bridge and Mill at Buffalo, West Virginia

Hall - Oldaker Reunion Held At Buffalo



Descendants of Thomas Peyton Hall (1806-1859) and Peyton Oldaker (1797-1888) held their annual reunion at Otter Branch Church in Buffalo September 1. One-hundred forty-five registered throughout the day.

Awards were presented by French Mitchell at 2 p.m. to Mrs. June Craig of Robertsburg, oldest woman; Floyd Steele, of Dunbar, oldest man; Mrs. Winifrede Casto of Battle Creek, Michigan, longest traveler; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higginbotham Sr., couple married longest; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Higginbotham, couple married most recently; Kathy Craig, youngest child;

William Craig, largest family representation (35 members present); Junior Johnson, fat man; Mrs. Vivian Higginbotham, fat woman; Miss Tudy Kay Allinder, Miss Hall-Oldaker.

A social hour followed.

I-5 Left - John Oldaker Sr. Home at the Trappe. Remodeled and now owned by Gen. Cummings, Loudoun Co. Virginia.
Right - Oldaker-Hall Reunion.



I-6 John Henry Oldaker son of William Harrison Oldaker and Anna (Rinehart) Oldaker.

Jackson's Mill Site of Annual Oldaker Reunion

The annual Oldaker reunion was held Sunday, Aug. 9, at Jackson's Mill. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by everyone.

Children's prizes were won by Gregory Oldaker, Jr., Parker Fulton, Jr., Amy Oldaker and Kelly Osburn.

Adult prizes won were: oldest male, John Oldaker, 81 years old; oldest female, Myrtle Oldaker, 77 years old; youngest baby, Douglas Allen Oldaker, Jr., 5 months old; traveling the farthest, Kimberly Oldaker from Alaska; married the longest, Mr. and Mrs. John Oldaker, married 54 years; newest wed, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Oldaker, married one week; most children, Mr. and Mrs. John Oldaker. The door prize was won by Woody Oldaker.

Attending were Gene and Evelyn Montgomery, Steve and Debby Davisson, Harold and Ruth Bell, Brenton and Dolly Oldaker, Woody and Jean Oldaker, Sherwood and Wilma Oldaker, Ashby and Ruby Randolph, John and Myrtle Oldaker, Wayman and Minnie Lowe, Kenneth and Donna Oldaker, Parker and Linda Fulton, Jodi and Parkie; Francis and Nancy Lowe, Suzette and Leigh Ann; Raymond and Kathy Oldaker, Rachelle and Dustin; Ralph and Judy Oldaker, Crystal and Shawn; Mickey and Donna Shiffra, Christy and Missy; Kelly Osburn, Bradley Vincent, Richard and Janet Oldaker and Rusty; Tim and Beckey Pritchard and Scotty; Doug and Robin Oldaker and Doug Jr.; Ruby Oldaker, Scott and Amy; Carole Pritchard and Randy; Nellie Oldaker and Kimberly; Harry Oldaker, Howard Walls III, Jackie Shinn, Greg Oldaker, Cindy Bell, Dawn Kittle, Matt Cunningham, Edith Layton, Cecil Starkey, Della Oldaker, Tammy Oldaker and Danny Oldaker.

The 1982 reunion will be held in Clarksburg.

I-7 Oldaker Reunion 1981 - Jackson's Mills, West Virginia.

Oldaker Reunion Held At Riverbend Park

The annual Oldaker Reunion was held Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Riverbend Park.

Carole Sue Pritchard welcomed all families and their friends.

Dinner was served at 1 p.m. Frances Lowe said grace. Following dinner, music was furnished by the "Touch of Class," an Oldaker Band.

Prizes were awarded to: Oldest male family member, John W. Oldaker (84 years old); oldest female family member. Myrtle Oldaker, (80 years old); youngest baby, Jondra Chipps, (2 weeks old); Newest Wed — Mr. and Mrs. John Athey, (1 month); longest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Oldaker, 57 years); most children present, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Oldaker and Harry Oldaker, both with six children present; traveling the fartherest, Kim Oldaker, juneau, Alaska; and Butch Starkey, St. Louis, Mo.

Prizes were awarded to Gary Oldaker and Ralph Lowe.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Oldaker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Oldaker, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Oldaker, Mr. and Mrs. William Oldaker and Amy; Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham and Matt; Mr. and Mrs. John Athey, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hart, Jeramie and Jason; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oldaker, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shiffra, Missy and Christy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Layton, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Oldaker, D.J. and Aaron; Mr. and Mrs. Brent Oldaker, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Oldaker and family; Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Oldaker and Richard; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sandy, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Oldaker and Brenton Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oldaker, Darren, Eric and Lori; Donnie Oldaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Oldaker, Rachelle and Dustin; Mrs. Hazel Hart; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Pritchard, Scotty and Alisha; Mrs. Irene Kirtner, Mr. and Mrs. John Rose and family; Ed Ramsey and boys; Mr. and Mrs. George Cumberledge and family Gary and Sue Hefflin and boys; Mrs. Linda Fulton, Jodi and Parkie; Dot Layton and family.

Mrs. Carole Pritchard and Randy; June Preston and David; Mrs. Ruth Bell and Cindy; Manuel Christopher; Mr. and Mrs. David Oldaker; Jimmy Stemple, Mr, and Mrs. Rick Oldaker; Pat Mauller, Helen Glesson, Donnie and Wesley; Bobby Stemple, Judy Barnette, Cristie and Sandy; Tammy Oldaker, Leonard and Joyce Oldaker and Kim.

Virginia Jones, Steve and Cathy Oldaker, Michael and Chris; Editb Layton, John and Libby Oldaker, Rachael and Jamie; Paul Hamrick, Betty Jo and Gene Davis; David Jaws, Greg Oldaker, Greg Jr. and Shawn; Vicki Rose, Bill and Sharon Jones and family; Cecil Starkey, James and Francis Thompson and family; Pat Chipps, Woody and Jean Oldaker, Crystal and Sean.

Paula Ramsey, Mildred and Lee Junkins; Kelly Layton, Kenneth and Linda Oldaker; Ron Layton, Steve and Tammy Oldaker; Mary Cano, Frances and Nancy Lowe; Sherrie Cano, Ralph and Janet Lowe; Della Yost, Wayman and Minnie Lowe; Scott Oldaker, Veronica Musring. Lisa Drain, Tom Oldaker, Harry W. Oldaker, Eugene Oldaker, Kaye Mayse, Lindel Oldaker, Leann Kiner, Amy Mayse, Debbie Cochran, Linda Anania.

Hazel Junkins, Dorsey Rader, Margaret Davis, Frank Junkins, Karla Oldaker, Mike Steffick, Gary Oldaker, Vanessa Oldaker, Lowell Childers, Suzette Lowe, Chuck Bland, Missy Greynolds, Romeo Colaccio and Debbie Smith, all from the Clarksburg area.

Out of state relatives were: John Stevens, Gina Stevens and Louis Galyon, Tennssee; Mrs. Barbara LaGuarino, Jo Ellen Kidd and Rudy West, New York; Phyllis Burkett. Paulette Malick and Jodi, Ohio; Okey, Ed and Helen Starkey, Pamela Starkey and Jade, Maryland; Butch and Cookie Starkey, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Post, South Carolina.

The next reunion is scheduled in 1985.

I-8 Oldaker Reunion 1984 - Riverbend Park near Clarksburg, West Virginia.



I-9 L to R Charles Perry Snyder, Dora (Oldaker) Snyder, Brenton Hamilton Snyder and Bertha Glendean Snyder.





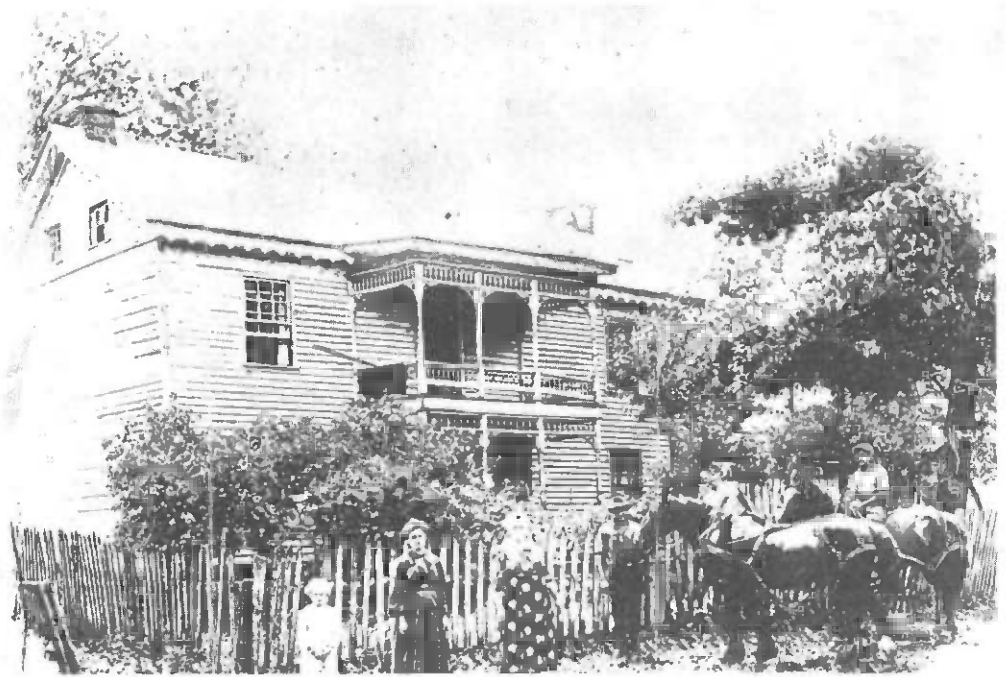
I-10 Upper - William Harrison Oldaker (2)
Lower - Lloyd Wellington Oldaker, both
sons of William Harrison Oldaker (1).



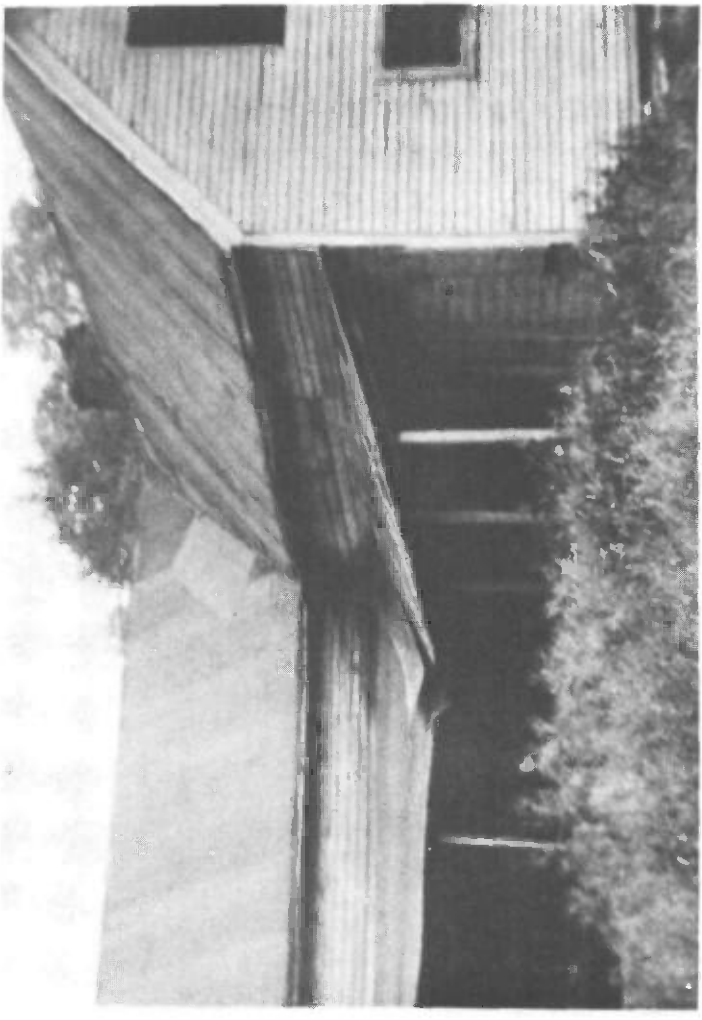
I-11 William Oldaker and Lydia Ann (Queen) Oldaker



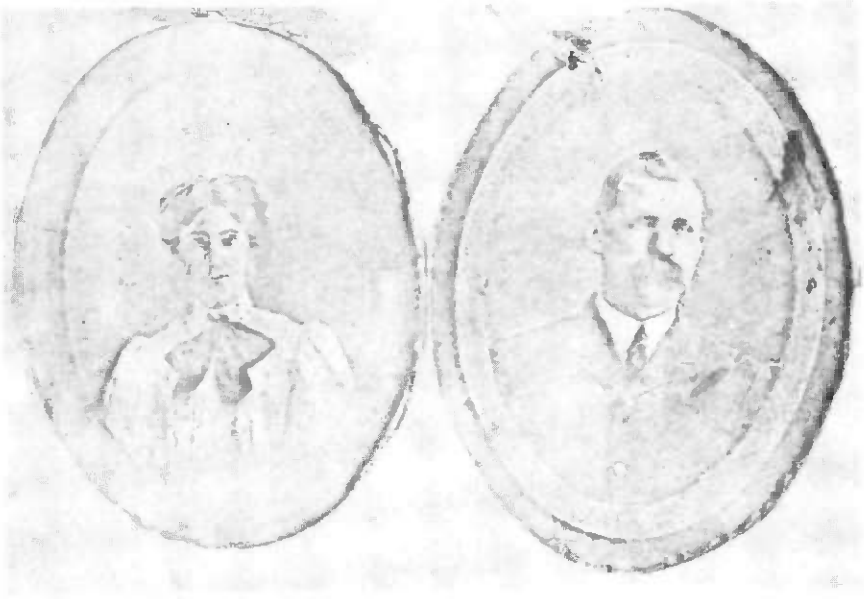
I-12 Elza Garrett Oldaker and Nancy Jane (Walters) Romine Oldaker.



I-13 Elza Garrett Oldaker's Home on Turkey Pen, Lewis County, West Virginia. L to R standing: Evelyn McDonald, Jessie Lee Oldaker, Dora Ellen Oldaker, Elza Oldaker and Gaston Oldaker on horse.



I-14 Former Home of Elzy Oldaker on Flax Run, Harrison County, West Virginia. House Where My Father Was Born and Where We Lived From 1920-1922. No One Has Lived There For Several Years.



I-15 William Harrison and Anna (Rinehart) Oldaker.



I-16 Henry Washington Romine and Aura Belle Oldaker.



I-17 James Harrison Oldaker and Lucy Alice Oldaker.



I-18 James B. Romine and Erma Alice (Stutler) Romine.



I-19 L to R Jessie Lee Oldaker, Dora Ellen Oldaker, Icie Eliza Oldaker





I-20 Left - Icie Eliza (Oldaker) Frashure.
Right - Wayne and Henry Frashure.



I-21 Willie (Lawson) Oldaker.



I-22 Lowery Elzy Oldaker



I-23 L to R - Delos Frashure, Willie Thurman Frashure, Bertha (Lawson) Frashure, John Frashure, Sarah Lavina (Oldaker) Frashure.



I-24 L to R - Elma Florene Oldaker, Jerome Arnold Oldaker, Gaston Elza Oldaker, Ida Belle (Post) Oldaker, Loxie Violet Oldaker.



I-25 Dora Ellen Oldaker and Son AI Oldaker.



I-26 Stephen Edgar Oldaker, Dora Ellen (Frashure) Oldaker and Dacil Elmo Oldaker.



I-27 Josephus Oldaker and Louisa (Rinehart) Oldaker.



I-28 Family of Henry and Naomi Jane Oldaker.
Front Row - Robert Albert, Henry Jr., James Verden, Francis Irving.
Back Row - Richard Albert, Jacob Boyd, Opal Elizabeth, Franklin Leonard, Emil.



I-29 Henry Oldaker and Naomi Jane (Everson) Oldaker.



I-30 Harriet Virginia Oldaker, Daughter of Issac Oldaker and Minerva (Betts) Oldaker. Married George Washington Dotson.



I-31 Issac Oldaker and Minerva (Betts) Oldaker.



I-32 Glenn Cline Oldaker.



I-33 Alva Vincent Oldaker and Martha (Luzader) Oldaker, Daughter Hazel Leota Oldaker and Son Guy Brooklyn Oldaker.



I-34 William and Roanna Betts - Parents of Minerva Betts, wife of Issac Oldaker, son of Abraham Oldaker (3).



I-35 Aaron Anson Oldaker and Ruhama (Watson) Oldaker - Son Urus Glenn.



I-36 Henry Boffman Oldaker and Edith Ellen (Watson) Oldaker and Family.



I-37 Lawrence Earl Oldaker, son of Alva Vincent and Martha (Luzader) Oldaker.



I-38 Leson Oldaker, son of Issac Oldaker and Minerva (Betts) Oldaker. Nickname "Lee".



I-39 Valentine Swisher Oldaker and Lavina (Cline) Oldaker.



I-40 Mary Oldaker, daughter of Jacob Oldaker and Magdelene (Switzer) Oldaker. Married Jacob H. Myer.



I-41 Upper - "Oleaker Farm" near Markham, Virginia.
Lower - Sign at road leading to the house.





I-42 Garrett Home on Thumb Run near "Oleaker" Farm. Elizabeth Garrett wife of Abraham Oldaker (2) was born here.





I-43 Upper - Remains of Abraham Oldaker (1) Farm on Thorofare Run, Loudoun County, Virginia.
Lower - This is farm at Brandywine Farms, Fauquier County, Virginia where Abraham died.



I-44 Group Picture Taken at Loyd Montgomery's House in Weston, West Virginia. See I-45 for Identification of some of them. We need help. Date unknown.

FRONT ROW-LEFT TO RIGHT

1. _____(?)
2. Myrtle Ballard (?)
3. _____(?)
4. Robert Atkins
5. William Oldaker
6. _____(?) Curtis
7. _____(?)
8. Rupert Oldaker

SECOND ROW-LEFT TO RIGHT

1. Lucy Alice Oldaker
2. James Harrison Oldaker
3. Mandy White
4. John White
5. _____(?) Curtis
6. Amos (?) Curtis
7. Adaline Oldaker

THIRD ROW-LEFT TO RIGHT

1. Sylvia (?) Curtis
2. _____(?) Curtis
3. Neta (Oldaker) Montgomery
4. Lovie Ballard
5. _____(?)
6. Edna (Atkins) Oldaker
7. William Ballard
8. William W. Oldaker
9. Gertrude (Simmons) Oldaker

FOURTH ROW-LEFT TO RIGHT

1. _____(?) Curtis
2. _____(?)
3. Dona (Oldaker) Ballard
4. Lovie Ballard
5. _____(?)
6. Loyd Montgomery
7. Cora Curtis Woofter
8. _____(?) Curtis
9. _____(?) Curtis
10. Cecil Oldaker

I-45 Identification of Group Photograph I-44. Can you help with the blank names? Especially Curtis!

THE DAUGHTERS OF HENRY OLDAKER SR.

1. Hannah Oldaker born ca. 1733 married John Dyer ca. 1758. John Dyer was the key character found in Chappelear's Book, that gave us the first big boost at the beginning of our ancestor hunt in Fauquier. He was called as a witness in the Carter-Green land dispute in 1813. (See Chapter on John Dyer for details.)

This deposition was quite a thriller. We pursued John Dyer farther only to find that Hannah had died before 1773, but John Dyer and Hannah's children showed in Henry Sr.'s estate, and we find John Dyer buying the land holdings in Hardy County of John Oldaker in 1775 and in 1789 John Dyer bought a farm for his sons Issac and Daniel in Frederick County; John Dyer Jr., wife Mary and son William in 1792 also have a farm; and John Sr. is living on another new farm nearby with his daughters Rachel, Abigail and Elizabeth. John Jr. eventually married again; moved back to Hardy County, and his descendants scattered, some to Ohio, some are in Wood County, West Virginia and some remained in Hardy, of whom Cornwell Dyer, living in Wardensville, is a descendant.

2. Mary Oldaker born ca. 1746 married a _____ Lewellin. We can only guess about this family. Research gives three brothers from Old Virginia (on Ocheeche River) settling in Washington County, Pennsylvania ca. 1785, Henry, Francis and Philip Luallen (Lewellin). There was a Thomas Lewellin in Loudoun County contemporary with the Oldakers, but we failed to find the name of Mary's husband. The name of Thomas Lewellin's wife was Susannah. We think that Mary Oldaker married Philip Lewellin.

3. Rebekah Oldaker born ca. 1751 married Jonathan Burson. The Burson family came out of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Joseph Burson having certificates from the Buckingham Society of Friends to the South Fork Meeting in Loudoun County in 1751. Their graves with memorial stones are found in the old, neglected rock-walled church yard of the South Fork Quaker Meeting place south of Union. The first families were George Jr. in 1745, Joseph Burson Sr. in 1751 with six of seven children: Rachel, Benjamin (Absolem), Deborah and Joseph Jr., Ann and James. James remarried in Bucks County.

4. Elinor Oldaker Jr. born ca. 1756 was the only one of Henry Sr.'s children unmarried when he made will in 1773, leaving her "one bed and furniture and one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever." When Abraham took deed for 100 acres from Fairfax in 1770, the lease was "for and during the natural lives of him, the said Abraham Oldacre, Jacob Oldacre his brother and Elinor his sister and the longest lives of them." Perhaps this means she had some share of the 100 acres, and perhaps after Abraham moved to Fauquier in 1789,

she went to live near John in Bedford County. Anyhow, Elinor Jr. married a Wallace whose son Luke Wallace was cousin to John Oldaker Jr. son of John (1) Oldaker. And Luke Wallace, Elinor Oldaker Wallace's son, married Hannah Oldaker, his cousin and the daughter of John (1) Oldaker, which connections indicate the same localities for John (1) and Elinor Oldaker Wallace in Mason County, Virginia.

THE HOMES OF ABRAHAM OLDAKER

In September of 1964 we felt a desire to establish in our mind with undeniable proof the places where Abraham and wife, Hester, first lived after marriage ca. 1770 in Loudoun County and where they most probably died in Fauquier County. We worked these in reverse order.

In Fauquier the will of Abraham made in 1794 indicated that they were not living at Oleaker Farm. He mentions "The lott of land whereon I now live." The Fairfax Proprietary was absolved by the Marshall Syndicate ca. 1790-3. It is evident by 1794 Abraham and Hester had moved from Oleaker Farm. It was included in a tract of land purchased by Tom Ambler's father from John Marshall comprising 4000 acres. But where "The lott of land whereon I now live" and bequeathed to Hester Oldaker had become an intriguing and difficult thing to find out. There was no recorded instrument showing to whom it finally passed after Hester died. Now where was it?

On repeated visits I checked off the places one by one--on Fiery Run, Buck Run, Thumb Run, Buck Mountain, Oven Top, Pigeons Perch, The Cove, Africa Hollow, Balls Hollow, etc. I even explored the eastern side of Rattlesnake Mountain in a four hour tramp to the old Heflin log house still standing and deserted these many, many years.

There was an old log house in the hollow not far from Oldaker Farm and near the highway connecting Hume and Markham--first known as Bashee's Cross Roads and Farrowsville respectively. As I passed along the road for the first time it had drawn my attention and I had wondered about its history. It stood--a derelict, roofless home, one stone chimney fallen, the other upright--a few hundred yards from the crest of Windy Hill where there was another smaller log house which seemed to indicate to us that there was some relationship between the two which may never be known.

Now Windy Hill is a part of a ridge extending east from Rattlesnake Mountain connecting Red Oak Mountain on the east side of this valley which is known as Stillhouse Hollow. I recalled the traditional name of the Oldaker place--Brandywine--and wondered some more if Stillhouse and Brandywine were not in some way related, possibly a confusion of names.*

*Note. We prefer to believe the explanation of Brandywine Farm is that Abraham was a Revolutionary soldier and had fought in the Battle of Brandywine. It was not an uncommon practice for soldiers returning from the war to name their places after battles in which they had fought. Eckenrode lists three Virginia men having names that may be variants of the Oldaker name: Abraham Ackerly, William Ackerly and Jacob Acre. And Dr. Hale says John Oldacre was a waggoner in the Revolution. Possibly, Abraham, William, Jacob and John were

these men. They were eligible for service according to their ages.

After much inquiry I was directed to members of the James Green, Sr. family now living at Morven and Heartlands Estates near Markham. Mrs. Elizabeth Green, widow of James Green, Sr., deceased, was a sister of the late W.C. Storbling owner of "Oleaker Farm". Mrs. Green told me definitely that the old house in the hollow below Windy Hill was known as the Oldaker place for she remembered as a little girl, that her father asked her to go to the Oldaker place and get her coat that she had left there.

We checked the original lease on this place and found that John Riley in 1787 had the land from the Proprietary for the lives of him, his sons John and Lewis. Deed Book 10 Page 472. Rileys and Oldakers were near of kin--Jacob (1) Oldaker having married the sister of John Riley's wife and John Riley's daughter, Mary Riley (Brown), having married Issac Oldaker, son of Abraham (1) Oldaker.

*Note. This John Riley, Sr. is listed in Eckenrode's roster of Revolutionary soldiers as "soldier from Fauquier". Also listed is "Ann Riley, wife of a Fauquier soldier" and Thomas Riley "Soldier from Fauquier Co."

In our opinion Brandywine Farm gets its name from either John Riley, surely a soldier, or from Abraham Oldaker--possibly a soldier whose service cannot definitely be proven.

On September 4, 1964, the day following our 40th wedding anniversary, Ruth and I returned to this Brandywine Farm, made more investigation, and found that possession, after Oldakers, passed to Amblers, Barry, Yates, A.G. Green, James E. Ballard, and the present owner Mrs. Homer C. Clay residing in Chevy Chase, D.C. We also found evidence of graves in the open field east of the house in what may have been a garden spot. And thus we reach a satisfying conclusion that Abraham (1), Hester and Lyda are here buried--and perhaps others of the family.

We made some snapshots of "Brandywine House" and pushed on into Loudoun County to search out the first house of Abraham near the Trappe.

At Boomfield we inquired of an ancient lovely lady, Mrs. John Pearson, concerning the Jacob Miley Place. We also interviewed two ancient negroes Tom Peterson and wife in the Rock Hill settlement who verified the location given by Mrs. Pearson as being north of the Trappe--up the Old Thoroughfare Road leading to Mt. Weather and the top of the Blue Ridge. This road was an old Indian Trail--a thoroughfare which follows a branch coming out of the cove. This branch fed the old mill pond that had powered the grist and saw mill of William Oldaker during the years 1765-1800.

The name of the branch below the Oldaker Mill site now is Powell's Shop Branch. But we are sure that the branch above the mill is the same as the one named in Abraham's deed as "a branch called Thoroughfare," for the road and the branch run side by side.

We parked the car late in the afternoon on the roadside at the Trappe, and started walking up the old rocky roadbed. A few hundred yards on the left between the road and the upper reaches of the mill site, I saw a spread of periwinkle—conclusive evidence that here was the old burial ground that holds all that is mortal of Henry Sr., Elinor, and Henry Jr. Oldaker.

On up the road somewhere, before the sun goes down we must find the Miley Place sold to Jacob Miley by Abraham Oldaker in 1789--the place where Abraham and Hester had lived and where the children were born--Hannah, Nancy, Charity, Polly and Lyda and the boys--Abraham (2), Issac and Jacob.

Old Mrs. Peterson had said it was a log house but had burned some years ago; that the stone chimney was still standing and a stone-walled barn was there yet.

We passed an expanse of open fields on our right, but there was no house, barn or chimney to be seen. We passed on into a stretch of enchanting woodland, keen with expectation that cannot be described. There seemed to be no end to that wooded stretch and after a half mile I said to Ruth, "You stay here and rest awhile and I'll go on and see what's ahead. It cannot be much farther." Another quarter of a mile and I see a sign, "End of State Maintenance." There is a high gate there and on the right which I climbed over, for it was locked with a chain. There was also a sign which said "No Trespassing" which didn't mean a thing to me--I was a way-worn prodigal returning home. I had to see what lay beyond a patch of bushes jutting out.

And when I did--and saw apple trees with light golden apples in abundance, a stretch of clean hay and pasture land along the side of and at the foot of the Blue Ridge with an old large white limestone chimney standing in a house site with a stone barn beyond and a spring off to the right, I was transported back to a living scene in 1789; while a lump rose in my throat and tears welled into my eyes, and the question arose in my mind:

"Abraham, Abraham, why did you leave here?"

I gathered some of Abraham's apples, returned to the gate and hollered down the road, "Come on, Bonnie, Come on Bonnie! This is it, I've found it!" I could not hear her answer so I went back down the road and brought her up to the gate. A great big beautiful dunn-colored saddle mare was

picking and munching on Abraham's apples when we climbed over and away she went galloping across the glebe with an apparently effortless and a perfectly graceful motion of freedom and ease that I never saw equalled--the one and only sign of animate life on this plantation which had been hacked out of the wilderness for a habitation by Oldakers 194 years ago.

It was too late for pictures--we looked the place over, drank in the beauty of these nostalgic scenes, photographed forever in the memory of our minds, went back down the Thoroughfare once filled (in our imaginings) with the traffic of Indian hunting and warring parties, Conestoga wagons, carriages and carts, ox teams, horses and mules and men and women going to work, going to war, going to worship, going home and finally going to the grave!

Looking at life now, we are in a degree doing the same things only in modern ways. We are no happier than were those pioneers, and it is a general consensus of opinion that in modern society our chances for survival, for character, for immortality are no better than theirs. If anything, they doubtless have the edge on us.

Musing on those things and recalling our great heritage (rather than boasting of our Great Society!), and with heartfelt gratitude that we were permitted to view these ancestral habitations, we say with Tom Ambler of Fauquier County, "I don't know what I have done that the Lord should be so good to me!"

Reference has been made to Mr. Wallace Phillips, historian of Fauquier and Loudoun counties, a writer and contributor to historical publications. Wallace had spent twenty some years in and near Markham and knew the people and landmarks around Rattlesnake Mountain from A to Z, but it was my letter to him about Brandywine Farm that had stumped him. He wrote me under date of September 20, 1964:

"Of all the astounding queer quirks of the irony of fate--you have accomplished it when you located Brandywine where you did. Ever since I first saw that old house over there in the hollow looking so lonesome when I was a very small boy of four or five years of age, when I used to ride with my father carrying the mails from Markham to Crest Hill and back--I was always intrigued by it--it seemed to haunt me--and in later years I was looking so much for this certain place called Brandywine which turned out to be it; in the hollow. I had asked my father innumerable times what place that was and I was brushed off with a "Hu-m-m, I don't know." I had asked people from time to time and none ever knew anything about it. I never knew anyone to live in that house; it was always alone over there in the field and looked so lonesome and lost. It was a well built house--stood there a long while. Just recently I noticed it was falling in. I always look over at it when I pass, which I do quite often.

I am anxious to talk with you and find out how you located it. It has just flipped me!

[I was flipped quite a few times by it, too--Editor]

Musing on the traditional drowning of Jacob son of Abraham (1) in the Rappahannock River and wondering how it came about, we can see a very probable solution to the problem in the Oldaker-Riley relationships and the building of the Rappahannock Canal from Fredericksburg to Waterloo 1817-1849. The Canal was a marvelous engineering fete in that day and it involved a cost of $372,000, hundreds of laboring men, and horsepower undetermined. Wages were given as $5 to $8 a month, and rations--"as much bread, meat, fish and molasses as can be consumed 3 times a day." Men were employed from Fauquier, Culpeper, Loudoun and Rappahannock Counties. Waterloo was head of navigation on the River.

One can still trace the course of the old canal, and many of the locks and dams discernible, with masonry work that appears almost perfect in structural form and alignment.

In the year 1787 (see Deed Book 10- page 446) Thomas Riley took lease from Fairfax for lands in Fauquier, on the Rappahannock River which lands were called "Waterloo Farm." The lease was for lives of Jane, wife and son John. In 1792 adjoining lands were leased by son John (Deed Book 16- page 407) for lives of Edward, Joseph, Susan, children. Thomas Riley was a Revolutionary soldier and since his brother John Riley also a soldier had his Brandywine Farm up near Rattlesnake Mountain we can understand why Thomas being on water and still military minded, would call his place Waterloo! He was not ignorant concerning history!

When the canal work began a village sprang up on Waterloo Farm, the Town of Waterloo comprising four stores, homes, a shop where boots were made, and a large building made for a wholesale store, and used as a house of worship, later became a woolen factory which made cloth for the Confederate Army. It was burned by General Shields during the war, but the old chimney of the Woolen Mill still stands as a monument to a town that is no more and marks the place where Thomas Riley and other Rileys had their Waterloo.

The work on the canal did not proceed unhindered. Much wet weather, freshets, and floods carried away the materials. Quite a number of men had lost their lives before the task was completed about the year 1849. We know of no records that contain the names of men who worked on this canal construction except the names of those who gave financial backing and direction to the project. It is not unreasonable in the least degree to believe that Jacob Oldaker and his brother Issac were employed in this work and it is highly plausible to think that Jacob was one of those whose death by drowning was part of the price paid for an achievement

that after a few short years was pushed into oblivion by the coming of the railroad.

The story of the canal ties in with the Riley-Oldaker-Harley-Brown relationship. The influx of workers on the canal explains some of the marriages in Abraham (1) Oldakers family. Such names as Barry, Drummond, Montonya, Cypher are not original, colonial, western Fauquier names. On some of these we cannot find the origin or trace the descendants. They leave no records. They pass out with the passing of the canal.

But the Rileys, Harleys, Browns and Oldakers remain together for awhile and some continue to the present day. Take the Rileys--some are neighbors to the Oldakers in 1964--in Culpeper County, Virginia. A Riley Oldaker pops up in the 1859 records of Buchanan County, Missouri, but his roots were in the Riley-Oldaker families of Loudoun and Fauquier Counties of Virginia with the Harley and Browns coming in by marriage from the sidelines.

Allied families moved together. Thus we find them in West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and other states farther west. For instance, we find a John Oldaker living in Harleyville, Oklahoma ca. 1900. Now we note that the Harleys begin in Loudoun and Fauquier County records as Harleys. We chart their lives thus:

1. John Riley, wife Zealy Harley settled in Fauquier County 1787 near Windy Hill on Brandywine Farm (Book 10 page 472)

2. Daniel Harley, wife Nancy Riley, daughter of said John Riley settled adjoining said John Riley in Fauquier County in 1792 (Book 11 page 247)

3. Another daughter Polly (Mary) Riley married in 1792, John Brown, son of Dixon(?) Brown who settled on the Rappahannock, in 1762, and his log house is still standing at Rock Ford. In 1824 Mary Brown (widow?) married Issac Oldaker, son of Abraham (1) and their daughter Hettie, "daughter of Polly Acres" married James Hambrick in 1842. Then the last lineage of the Oldakers of Loudoun and Fauquier is lost in the mainstream of American life like the old canal is lost in the main flow of the Rappahannock River.

We are unable to determine the location of these families during this period but the matters of inheritance and marriage would indicate that Issac Oldaker may have lived at Dixon Brown house on the river--perhaps Jacob lived with him until drowned--but lastly Mary Polly Riley Brown Oldaker with Issac must have occupied the Brandywine Farm house as "Polly Acres" who gave consent to the marriage of her daughter Hetty Acres to James Hambrick in 1842; for by

the year 1880 the place was still known as the Oldaker Place, and "Lyda Oldaker traditionally unmarried, lived and died at Brandywine on (or near) Rattlesnake Mountain."

An analysis of these situations reveals that the Hardys of Loudoun had married the Oldakers, Lettice Hardy being the wife of Jacob Oldacre whose son John Oldacre with traditional name of John Hardy Oldacre, a blacksmith of Mason County, now in West Virginia, left us no clue as to his identity and it is by a fortuitous concurrence of Rileys, Harley, Hardys (or Haileys) and Oldakers that we have a Riley Oldaker in Missouri and a John Oldaker in Harleyville, Oklahoma. Incidently, we note that Harleys and Oldakers married into the Garrard (Garrett) families and our Garrett ancestry thus stems from the Harleys.

We do not positively know that the maiden name of Jacob (1) Oldacre's wife Lettice Harley or Hardy. It is only by a comparison of the names in the families of John Riley and Jacob (1) Oldacre plus the above considerations that we reach this conclusion. The two families were widely separated in Fauquier and Franklin Counties but lines of communication were open even in the colonial days of 1775 to 1800.

Although our genealogical reputation may hang in the balance with this presentation we submit it as the chief indication that the wife of Jacob (1) Oldacre was Lettice Harley (Hardy).

John Riley	Jacob (1) Oldacre
wife, Zealy Harley (Hardy)	wife, Lettice Harley (Hardy)
Nancy m Daniel Harley 1791	Nancy m E. Beck 1799
Lettice m John Fannin 1790	Fanny m John Beck 1801
Elizabeth m George Greyer 1788	Elizabeth m Carter
Polly (Mary) m John Brown	Daniel m Bradshaw 1831
John m Mildred Gough 1793	John Hardy m Frances C.

Note: There were other children but these are given to show the duplication of names.

In conclusion, looking at the early decease of John Brown ca. 1823, of Issac Oldaker ca. 1830, we are prone to wonder whether or not they were canal casualties along with Jacob Oldaker, who drowned in the Rappahannock River.

Now looking at the foregoing chart we can verify our belief that Abraham (1) occupied Brandywine House when he made his will in 1794, for all the children of the said John Riley are married. They have homes of their own; John Jr. has removed to Fiery Run, but the lease still holds for the Riley heirs for the life of John Jr. Riley, during which time Polly Mary Riley Brown Oldaker and Issac have possession in some way unknown to me, probably by unrecorded agreements.

Finally in 1904 Dr. P. C. Riley owns 15 acres with house which we think is the amount Abraham (1) Oldaker formerly purchased and bequeathed to Hester his wife; and Dr. P. C. Riley sells this lot of land to A. G. Green. It is now a part of Clifton Farms, the property of Mrs. Homer C. Clay.

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Marriage license of Hetty Acres-James A. Hambrick
Fauquier marriage register Book 5 Page 253 1842
(The last Oldaker marriage in Fauquier County, Virginia)

Know all men by these presents that we, James Hambrick and Elijah Hambrick are held and firmly bound unto John J. Gregory, acting Governor of Virginia and to his successor in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, for the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly, by these presents: Sealed with our seals and dated the 6 day of August, 1842.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas a marriage is intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound James A. Hambrick and Hetty Acres of the County of Fauquier, daughter of Polly Acres; Now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of B. H. Berry

James A. Hambrick [LS]
his
Elijah X Hambrick [LS]
mark

To the Clerk of the County Court greeting. This is to certify that James A. Hambrick has my entire consent to marry my daughter Hetty Acres. I hereby authorize you and require you to ishew license for the same given under my hand and seal this 5' day of August 1842.

Teste Richard Garrett-Elijah Hamrick

her
Polly X Acres (Seal)
mark

[Note: Polly Acres is Mary Brown Oldaker--widow of Issac Oldaker.]

THE JOHN DYER STORY

Question: How old are you?

Answer: I was 83 on the 15th day of last May.

Question: Have you any knowledge of the settlement of land in dispute in this cause? If you have, relate what you know?

Answer: About 52 years ago, with my brother-in-law, John Oldacre, I came down from the other side of the Ridge to buy land. We heard the Allens and Suttles had land to sell, but Mrs. Suttle would not then agree to sell. We rented the place where Woods Mills was for a year, containing about thirty of forty acres, of Ned Garrett for a money rent, but do not remember what sum. I paid the rent. We came down in the spring to make the bargain and to make a crop, and in the fall of the same year we went back to bring our families to this place which we did and stayed till the next spring. I purchased from Daniel Allen, his possession before my week was up a week or so, and this possession of Daniel Allen was where James Bowles now lives and I moved there to live and I stayed there till I made a couple of crops, after that I moved away and the Widow Gibson purchased from me my title, but I had received no deed. The conveyance was made from Daniel Allen to Widow Gibson. One had been drawn to me, but it was never executed when I purchased the place of Daniel Allen and went upon it. There were about six acres in meadow and there were apple trees which appeared to have been planted at least 14 years and bore fruit. Some seemed on the decline. The roof of the house was wretched and leaked in places and the house must have been built before the apple trees were planted. There was cleared land to the amount of 24 or 25 acres, which I cultivated and which had been cleared before I went there. I cleared four or five acres in addition to it. I was there till I made two crops and then I removed off the land in dispute.

Question: While you were living in this place do you remember drinking cyder at any of the neighbors and at what houses and did you see any orchards at Suttle's?

Answer: When I first came down there was an orchard at Garrett's and one at Suttle's, and one where McPherson lived and one where James Gibson now

lives. The trees were old enough to bear fruit. In the fall of the year when I lived on Garrett's land I was at his house by invitiation to drink cyder. I found him when I went there making cyder and he made some which we drank. The next day a barrel was to be shot for. During my residence on the land in dispute, I drank cyder at McPherson's place and at Suttle's and where James Gibson now lives. I forgot the name of the man who lived there at that time.

Question: (By Demandant's counsel) In what year were you married?

Answer: I do not recollect.

Question: (By same) What is the age of your oldest child?

Answer: The oldest one must be about fifty-three. I brought him with me when I moved to Garrett's, then he was a child.

Question: (By same) Was Woods Mills built when you first came down from beyond the Ridge?

Answer: Yes, it was built to be sure else I could not have rented it. There was a cabin near it where a wheelright lived and I paid him two dollars for the use of it. He moved away. I do not recollect the name of the wheelright.

Question: (By same) Who lived in the house you purchased of Allen, when you moved out of it?

Answer: I do not know who moved into it after I moved out. Mrs. Gibson built a house on the land and moved into it.

Question: (By same) Do you certainly know that Mrs. Gibson moved into the house she built or might not her son moved into it?

Answer: I am not certain, but I reckon it was Mrs. Gibson who first moved into the house she built. She might have moved into the old house after I left it. And further saith not.

his
John X Dyer
mark

[Quotation from notes pertaining to the Upper Section of Fauquier County, Virginia by B. Curtis Chappelear, Esq., published by Warrenton Antiquarian Society 1954. Used by permission.]

The foregoing deposition by John Dyer was taken at the Store House of Joseph Carr in Upperville in Loudoun County, Virginia, on Saturday, the 9th day of October, 1813, concerning the notorious and fascinating Carter-Green land dispute. First, let us relate what led up to the discovery by us of this remarkable document.

My father, Alva Vincent Oldaker, for many years before his decease in 1935, was very much interested in his ancestry. By tradition only, he knew that his ancestral grandfather, Abraham Oldaker, had married Betsy Garrett and left Fauquier County, Virginia, at a date unknown, and settled in Harrison County of present West Virginia. In that rugged section of Civil War Virginia, my father was born, grew to young manhood, married and soon sought the more level lands of Indiana where I was born. A haunting desire, however, to know the origin of his people and to live in the land of their early sojourn resulted in his move with his family in 1909 to original lands back east beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains. Here, strange to say, he chose a plantation in Culpeper County, rich in the history of Carter, Slaughter, Lewis and Washington families, and even a Garrett family was living in the plantation house when we arrived to occupy it. Yes Sir! He had an uncanny knowledge of allied families, such as Clendennin, Hudson, Lewellyn, McClure and Garrett repeatedly telling us they were our kin to which we lent an incredible ear, but later found that he was correct--after he had gone!

Twenty-five years after his decease, what he had told us began to spill over into the minds, particularly of Hazel, my sister, and me; and in the year 1960, almost exactly 200 years after the event related in the foregoing deposition of John Dyer, we, accompanied by my wife Ruth, drove over to Warrenton of Fauquier to check the Court House records one Saturday, green as gourds regarding such, and ignorant to the nth degree--not even knowing that Court Houses are closed on Saturdays! Greatly disappointed, on our very first venture, we conferred to find a way of procedure. Finally, I said, "Let's see if the Library is open." It was. We went in and inquired regarding books on early Fauquier County settlers. We were getting exactly nowhere when a young man happened to come in. The librarian said, "This is Mr. John Gott, historian of Fauquier County and librarian of Arlington Schools. We shall ask him about your request."

"Mr. Gott, in your historical research have you ever come across the name of Oldaker?" I asked. His reply was almost as overwhelming as the discovery of Noah's Ark on Mt. Ararat.

"Why yes, John Oldacre." He reached up and pulled down a small book from a shelf saying as he did so "Page 68 in Chappelears Book on Fauquier County."

We were struck speechless with amazement. Finally, Hazel asked, Would it be possible for you to get me a copy of the book, Mr. Gott?"

"Yes, I think I have one in my car. It sells for $6.00."

We procured the book, and Hazel paid the price without batting an eye. This was our first introduction to John Dyer and his brother-in-law, John Oldacre, two hundred and thirty years after the two of them were born!

After this visit to Warrenton, and after we had read, reread and studied over this book dozen of times we returned to Warrenton, when the Record Room was open, and recorded much data on the Oldaker and Dyer history. It seems that these two families were quite attached to each other. They shared in home life, land transactions, opportunities and vicissitudes of life. John Oldaker and John Dyer each lost a first wife and married again. Both were Revolutionary men in the War of 1776-1785.

But this is the John Dyer Story; and having recorded the family of John Oldaker elsewhere, we proceed with John Dyer and his very interesting story. The chief point of interest is the fact that he married Hannah Oldacre, sister of John Oldacre.

In the will of Henry Oldacre, Sr. made in 1773, he "gives and bequeaths one shilling starling to John Dyer who married my daughter, Hannah, who is dead." There are quite a few land transactions credited to John Dyer in Hardy County, Fauquier County and Frederick County but in none of these is ever a wife mentioned. It seems to be a peculiar trait, and even in the aforementioned deposition John didn't remember when he was married!

In the summer of 1971, for no special reason, I began to be impressed that I should try to find when and where Hannah Oldacre had died and was buried; and I felt that there might be some clue in the deeds, cemeteries, and the will of John Dyer if it could be found. I also wanted to know who was his second wife and where she and John were buried. These matters involved tracing his movements by the dates of recorded deeds.

Beginning with his statement in the deposition aforementioned, that he had moved from his place sold to Widow Gibson, we found that he had taken a lease deed from George Washington surveyed and conveyed on the 17th day of March, 1769, for 227 acres of land which at the present day is one of the handsomest estates in Fauquier and Loudoun Counties and known as Amandale Farm right near the Town of Upperville. A copy of this deed follows:

WASHINGTON TO DYER

Deed Bk. 3 P. 407-413

This indenture made this 17th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and 69-Between George Washington of the County of Fairfax Esqr of the one part and John Dyer of the County of Fauquier, farmer of the second part-Witnesseth that the said George Washington for and in consideration of the rents, duties, Reservations and Covenants hereinafter reserved and mentioned in the part and behalf of the said John Dyer his heirs and assigns to be paid done and Hath demised granted and to form let unto the said _____ his heirs and assigns one certain messuage, tenement or parcel of land in the tenure and occupation of the said John Dyer, now being containing together 227 acres of land more or less lying partly in Loudoun and partly in Fauquier Counties known and distinguished in the Plott of the whole tract by Lott no. 13 and it being part of a tract granted to George Carter Esqr deed for 3312 acres in Ashbys Bent of the Blue Ridge.

Beginning at 2 white oaks on a point corner (above Fitzhugh's Quarter) and extending with line thereof S. 19-30 East 238 poles to a white oak in low flat land another corner of the patent thence S. 62 W 80 poles to an ash persimmon and sasafras sapplins standing in swampy ground on the Pantherskin Run thence up the same according to the several meanders thereof to the outline of the patent and thence with that to the beginning containing as above together with all Commodities and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise pertaining reserving and excepting unto the said George Washington his heirs and assigns, all mines, minerals and quarries and the use of them with full ingress, egress and regress into and from the said demised premises and the privilege of hunting and fowling in or upon any part thereof. To have and to hold the said messuage tenement or parcel of 227 acres of land with the appurtances (Except before excepted) unto the said John Dyer his heirs and assigns from the day of the date herefor and during the natural lives of him, the said John Dyer and his two sons, William and Abraham Dyer and the longest lives of them Yielding and Paying unto the said George Washington his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns yearly and every year for and during the space and term before mentioned the rent of 10 pounds current money of Virginia at his house in Fairfax County or to any person legally authorized by him the said George Washington his heirs etc. to collect and receive the same the first of which to become due and demandable on the 25th day of December in the year of our Lord 1770, and on the same day in each year afterward during the continuance of this lease And if happens that the said yearly reserved rent or any part thereof be in arrear or unpaid for the space of 40 days next after the day whereon the same ought to be paid that then and so often as it shall

so happen it shall and maybe lawful for the said George Washington, his heirs, executors, Admr's and Assigns into the said demised premises or any part thereof to enter and distrain and the distress or distresses then and there found to take lead drive and carry away and thereof to dispose according to law and if no sufficient distress or distresses can or may be found in or upon the said demised premises wherewith the said rent and arrears (If there happen to be) may be fully satisfied and paid that then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said George Washington his heirs, Executors and Admr's and Assigns into the hereby demised premises or any part thereof in the name of the whole, without demand, to reenter and the same to have again, Repossess and enjoy as his or their first or former estate, anything herein to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding and the said John Dyer for himself, his heirs Executors, Admnr's or assigns Doth Covenant and promise and agree to and with the said George Washington that he the said John Dyer his heirs Assigns Executors Admr's shall and will yearly and every year during the continuance of this demise pay unto the said George Washington his heirs.....etc. the before reserved rent of 10 pounds currency on the day whereon the same ought to be paid and in the manner as before reserved and mentioned and the same John Dyer for himself, his heirs.....etc. doth further Covenant promise and agree to and with the said George Washington that the said John Dyer, his heirs.....etc. shall not tend or suffer to be tended on the said demised premises above a full and sufficient crop for 8 able working hands in any one year, that is to say such hands as are generally allowed and acknowledged (In Va.) to be full shares in a crop and reckoning so many weaker hands for a sharer or laboring hand or shall be adjudged equal thereto by three reasonable and sensible men in case of a dispute and difference of opinion between the parties and if at any time it shall appear that there is more than a full and sufficient crop for 8 able working hands tended on the hereby demised premises that then the said John Dyer, his heirs etc. shall and will pay unto the said George Washington his heirs.....etc. the sum of 30 shillings over and above the before received yearly rent for every and each lands crop more than eight and in proportion yearly and every year while the same is continued or suffered to be done and that the said John Dyer, his heirs etc. shall not make or suffer to be made any manner of any sort of timber or any part of the hereby demised land and premises and, if at any time any timber fit for carpenter's or cooper's use or rails should be cut down in clearing ground or otherwise the same shall all be worked up and not suffered to rot or perish under the penalty of twenty shillings over and above the value of each timber to be paid by the said John Dyer, his heirs etc. etc. to the said George Washington to his heirs etc. etc. for every such expence and that the said John Dyer, his heirs, etc. etc. shall not sell or otherwise dispose of or suffer to be sold, used or otherwise disposed of any sort of timber or wood from any

part of the hereby demised land and premises is in any manner whatsoever (except for proper use and benefit of the hereby demised land and premises) without the consent of the said George Washington his heirs etc. etc. first obtained under his or their hand, and moreover the said John Dyer for himself, his heirs, etc. etc. doth further Covenant promise and agree to and with the said George Washington that he the said John Dyer shall leave standing in some convenient part of the above granted premises and in one body at least 30 acres of wood untouched which woods shall remain and be held as a future support of the plantation or farm at the expiration or determination of this lease, and furthermore the said John Dyer for himself, his heirs etc. etc. doth covenant and promise and agree to and with the said George Washington that he the said John Dyer, his heirs etc. shall well within the space of 10 years at farthest from the date hereof Build or cause to be built on some convenient part of the hereby demised land and premises a good dwelling house 16 ft. square of good framed wood or sawed logs or well hewed as also a barn or Tobacco house answerable to the quantity of land leased hereby or other houses and Buildings equal thereto and the said John Dyer, his heirs etc. etc. shall and will always during the continuance of this demise keep the said houses or buildings in good order and repair and that any time any of them should go to decay or happen to be destroyed by any accident, shall build others as good in the room of them and that the said John Dyer his heirs etc. etc. shall and will also within the before mentioned space of 10 years plant on some convenient part of the hereby demised land and premises an orchard of 100 Winter apple trees at 30 ft. distance every way from each other and keep the same always during the continuance of this demise well trimmed pruned and secured from horse cattle and other creatures, and if any of them should die or decay that the said John Dyer, his heirs etc. etc. shall plant others of the same kind in the room of them so as during the continuance of this demise always to keep up the same number and further the said John Dyer for himself his heirs etc etc. doth covenant promise and agree to and with the said George Washington that no assignment, transference or other conveyance whatsoever of the hereby demised land and premises or any part thereof shall be made by the said John Dyer, his heirs etc. etc. or any other person or persons whatsoever in his or their behalf so any persons or persons whatsoever without the consent of the said George Washington, his heirs, etc. etc. first obtained under his or their hand and seal, other wise such assignment, transference or conveyance to be void and of no effect and further the said John Dyer, for himself, his heirs, etc. etc. doth covenant promise and agree so and with the said George Washington that he said the said John Dyer, his heirs, etc. etc. shall and always will during continuance of this demise keep the hereby demised land and premises with the appurtances in good and sufficient order and repair and at the expiration of the said demise whenever it shall happen, shall and will deliver in good sufficient tenantable order, repair and condition unto the said George Washington, his heirs, etc. etc.,

and the said George Washington for himself, his heirs, etc. etc., doth covenant and promise and agree so and with the said John Dyer, his heirs, etc. etc. and all and every other person and persons who by virtue of this demise shall be legally and justly possessed enjoy the said hereby demised land and premises, shall and may under the rents, payments, penalties, reservations, Restrictions, promises, conditions and agreements herein before mentioned peacably and Quietly have hold use occupy, possess and enjoy the said hereby demised land and premises with the appurtances during the before mentioned space and term of three lives without any trouble, molestation or interruption from him the said George Washington, his heirs etc. etc. or any other person or persons claiming or to claim, by, from or under him them or any of them and Lastly for the sure and effective observance of all and singular the articles covenants and agreements aforementioned, the parties to each other do respectively bind themselves, etc. etc. in the sum of 50 pounds current money of Va. In Witness whereof the said parties have hereto Interchangeably set their hands and affixed their seals the day and month and year just above written Signed, Sealed and Delivered

In the Presence of

Robert Ashbay — George Washington S.S.
Jas. Wood
John Glascock, Gent. — John Dyer S.S.
William Wood, Gent.

At a court held for Fauquier County the 28th day of August 1769 This indenture was proved by the oaths of Robert Ashby, James Wood, John Glascock and William Wood witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of the said George Washington and John Dyer ordered to be recorded.

Teste F. Brooke CC

Named in the above deed are two sons of John Dyer, i.e. William and Abraham; and lease is for the lives of these two sons. There is no mention of Hannah. Such leases are usually taken for father, wife and one or more children. We deduce then that Hannah had died before 1769 and she would not be buried on this farm. There was an interval of time between John's leaving the Daniel Allen place and his taking the Washington tract--an interval of 5 years. We believe that during this interval John Dyer and wife Hannah, and John Oldacre and his wife Martha had returned to their Hardy County homes for this reason: Martha was a Quaker, disowned for marrying John Oldacre "out of unity" with the Quaker meeting in 1767. The Quaker records state that she had returned to Lost River in that year therefore John Oldacre had returned to Lost River with his bride, and doubtless

John Dyer had done likewise. There is yet another reason to believe that John Dyer was in Hardy County in 1764-1769:

I talked with Cornwell Dyer a descendant of John Dyer and now owner by inheritance of the Oldacre-Dyer farm in Hardy County near Lost River. Cornwell said that John Dyer Jr. and Jacob Dyer, sons of John Dyer Sr. returned to Hardy County and that Hannah was buried in the Dyer burial ground on the hillside on the Dyer farm. The graveyard was neglected and had finally been plowed over and obliterated and that John Dyer Sr. had married again and the name of his second wife was unknown to him. Now that was a pretty kettle of fish; and who ever heard of an Oldaker who started something that he could not finish? There just had to be some way of knowing who his wife #2 was and where they are both buried.

I took my book "The Fairfax Proprietary" containing a list of abstracted deeds pertaining to Leeds Manor, with an accompanying map showing the locations of land to owners and deed books in Loudoun, Frederick and Fauquier Counties and found that John Dyer had leased three tracts of land in present Clarke County, Virginia on Passage Branch and near the Wild Cat Den, in the year 1789 and 1792;

Map No. 150 - John Dyer, Issac and Daniel, sons (Frederick County) Deed Bk. 21-1040-1789

Map No. 151 - John Dyer, Rachel, Abigail, Elizabeth, daughters Deed Bk. 23 p. 474 - 1792 (Frederick County)

Map No. 152 - John Dyer Jr. Mary, wife and Wm., son Deed Bk. 23 p. 524-1792 (Frederick County)

These lands were west of Paris of Fauquier County, through Ashby's Gap and not far from the Shenandoah River and south of Route #50. And by these tokens I had found the names of John Dyer's children, his daughter-in-law and one grandson, but no name of wife number two.

I mulled over these findings for over a month then it came to mind that William and Abraham Dyer may have lived on the George Washington Farm for a long, long time and may have died there, so I checked the deeds again in Warrenton and found that John Dyer himself had sold the Washington Farm in two deals; one in 1772 to George Heald and the other in 1774 to Ezekiel Phillips. So John Dyer was not living there when he gave his deposition in 1813 in Upperville. But being 83 years old in that year, he would have to be living in riding distance of Upperville. Likely he would have a home on Passage Branch with some of his children.

On August 27, 1972, an opportunity was afforded me for exploring on Passage Branch for the last home and resting place for this remarkable man, John Dyer. My sister Hazel and I had arranged to meet our friend Wallace Phillips, the historian, in the Gap, which George Washington called "Ashby's Bent" and proceed thence to the yearly meeting at Old Bethel Church across the Shenandoah River. It proved to be a very rewarding arrangement. One of the speakers at the celebration was Mr. Stuart Brown who spoke on "Lord Fairfax, Baron of Cameron and Greenway Court." In his address he related a most interesting story which greatly facilitated our quest on the final activities of John Dyer.

It seems the great Baron had become sick unto death and a certain Pollyanna Green was nursing him in this very serious illness. The Baron confided that he was fearful that his time had come, that he was going to die; and Pollyanna, strong in faith and the Grace of God, met the challenge head on!

Said she, "I know and you know and God knows, my Lord, that you are not fit to die until you repent of your sins and get right with God and your fellowmen."

"Well, now," said he, "Would you be willing to pray for me and help me to do so?"

"Indeed Sir, I will do so upon one condition, that you give me a deed for ten acres of land to build a church on the hill near where I live."

The Baron dealt fairly with the faithful Pollyanna, and Mt. Carmel Church still stands today a monument to Pollyanna Green and to her God.

After the meeting I said to Wallace Phillips, "Wallace, do you know the locations of John Dyers three tracts of land on Passage Branch, No. 150, 151, 152, on Josiah Look Dickinsons map for his book, "The Fairfax Proprietary" And do you know the location of this Mt. Carmel Church near the home once owned by Pollyanna Green?"

"Now wait a minute, don't get so excited. Yes, I know."

"And do you know, I went on, "Where the Wildcat Den is and Catamount Creek and Fox Trap Hill, and the place where David Morgan lived and William Oldacre, son of John Oldacre married a Morgan girl, daughter of David, and they lived with him on the road to Calmes Neck? And . . . ."

"Now please calm down, so I can tell you. All these places you speak of are in the same locality on Route 50 about a mile east of Shenandoah River Bridge. When we have helped to eat this fine food these good people have put on

this good table, we shall get in the car and retrace our way back to the Shenandoah Bridge and up Passage Branch to a marker where Mosby had a stiff fight with the Yankees--that will be the place to stop. John Dyer's home site will be on the south side of the road, and Mt. Carmel will be up on the hill on the north side beyond the marker, on the road to Calmes Neck.

Dear, dear good old Wallace Phillips! I owe him a debt of gratitude that I shall never be able to pay. It turned out to be just like Wallace said. We passed over Fox Trap Hill, slowed down and stopped at Mosby's Marker, then turned left on Calmes Neck Road, and a couple of hundred yards up the hill we turned right into Mt. Carmel Church yard.

There was seemingly, unusual sacredness about the place. I felt like laughing and crying at the same time, or throwing my hat into the air and stomping on it when it came down, and shouting "Three cheers for Pollyanna Green and Lord Fairfax and maybe, maybe, John Dyer!" There was a cemetery across the road and down the slope of the hill; and while Wallace was telling about the deserter who lived in the church gallery for two weeks before he was found, and other tales, I stole away leaving Hazel and Wallace conversing at the front of the church which was furthest from the present road because the colonial road had been changed; and I went down into a fenced off plot of ground where there were a few trees and quite a number of gravestones. In the middle of this square fenced plot was a much smaller plot which had once been enclosed with a stonewall, which could easily be traced, though much broken, with scattered stones lying about. I began to explore the graves in this ancient plot. Near a pine tree of considerable age were two field stones side by side. One was pyramidal in shape; it had no inscription. The other was rather flat and--yes, there was an inscription. I began to rub the face and two large letters plainly appeared "J.D." I rubbed some more and was able to read: died November 20, 1816-86 years of age.

I took off my hat and stood there weeping. The goodness and mercy of God had followed me. An inscribed stone was telling me a story that perhaps no living mortal could tell--a cold gray stone 156 years old, speaking to me. And I said, "Uncle John Dyer and great, great, great Auntie whoever-you-are, you have led me down a long, long road and I am thankful for your footprints on the sands of time. They have led me to know that you were of like precious faith, which makes us of a greater kin than any earthly relationship. Peace be with you until we meet beyond the River where the surges cease to roll.

Back at the marker on Highway #50 we viewed John Dyer's house site where there was no barn, outhouse, wall or chimney, then moved on down the highway a short distance

where Wallace pointed to a log cottage on our left saying, "There is Pollyanna's cottage." But we were in the stream of traffic and unprepared to stop.

Back home, thankful for these recorded items, saddened by Hazel's death October 2, 1972, (She had been so helpful and so interested in our family history); still unsatisfied because I had failed to find the name of John Dyer's wife number two, I decided there was one, and only one, more chance I had of finding her name; and that was to find the will of John Dyer. Except for his inscribed stone, it would be his final testament and deposition. And if there was a will at all, it would necessarily be in Winchester, Virginia.

Wednesday, November 8, 1972, was a very, very beautiful day and the Virginia countryside was equally beautiful. I left Mrs. Joyce Hutcheson in charge of the Bookshop and was in Winchester by 9:30 A.M. The will of John Dyer was on record.

WILL OF JOHN DYER JANUARY 18, 1815

I, John Dyer of Frederick County and State of Virginia, do make, ordain and appoint this my last will and Testament. (First) I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses should be paid by my executor as soon after my decease as can be done with convenience. (Secondly) I give and bequeath to each of my sons to wit Abraham Dyer, John Dyer (Jr.), Jacob Dyer one shilling each as also to the Representatives of my daughter Molly one shilling as their full share of my estate. (Thirdly) I give and bequeath to my son Issac Dyer twenty-five dollars. Also to my son Jarard Dyer twenty-five dollars to be paid to him when he arrives at the age of 21 years. (Fourthly) I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebekah Dyer one feather bed and furniture, one cow and $50 cash also to my daughter Selah one feather bed and furniture and one cow also to my daughter Mary Ann Dyer one feather bed, one cow and $50 to be paid to her when she arrives at the age of eighteen years. I also give to my son James Dyer one horse and saddle worth at least $50 when he arrives at the age of 21 years. (Fifthly) I will and direct that the residue of my estate of every description as well as what leased land I may die possessed of as any other property shall be equally divided among my children Susanna Groves, Rachel Morgan, Betsy Timmons, Sarah Findley, Peggy Welsh, Selah Dyer, James Dyer, each to receive an equal share when they arrive at the age of twenty-one years. (Sixthly) I appoint my son Issac Dyer and my son-in-law John Morgan my executors to execute this my last will and Testament and (Seventhly) and lastly I appoint Benjamin O'Rear to see the same executed. I do hereby disannul all former wills made by me and acknowledge this my last will and testament dated the 18th day of January, 1815. Signed and acknowledged in the presence of

Benjamin O'Rear
James Lyons
Daniel Lyons

His
John X Dyer
Mark

On the first day of January, 1816 this will was probated. John Morgan, David Stristoe-On bond

Here let it be said that before I had transcribed this will of John Dyer, and while I was searching the Record Room for the Index to Wills of Frederick County, my eye chanced to light upon the Index to Marriage Records, and, like, a coon dog leaving the trail at sight of a rabbit, I began a chase of Dyer marriages and had bagged seven (there were probably more) when I realized that I had the cart before the horse, so to speak. Straight way I settled on the Will Book, anxious to get the names of all his children and hoping they would be some lead to the identity of John Dyer's wife number two. But he had made no direct reference to either one of his noble ladies, the mother of his eighteen children!

There are three mentioned in deeds that do not appear in the will viz. William, Abigail and Daniel. They are evidently deceased before the year 1815.

William Dyer was living in 1769. He was probably a casualty of the Revolutionary War.

Daniel Dyer was still living in 1789-died between that year and 1815.

Abigail Dyer was living in 1792-deceased by 1815.

We now list the remaining 15, combining data from will and marriages:

1. Abraham Dyer - No data
2. John Dyer Jr. married Mary Cornwell (?): sons, William Dyer and Hugh C. Dyer, daughters, Rachel Dyer married Elijah Minnix September 17, 1827.
3. Jacob Dyer - probably went to Hardy County
4. Molly Dyer married Benjamin O'Rear-deceased before 1815
5. Issac Dyer married Susanna Ramey March 14, 1793; son Issac Dyer Jr. married Emily Hope November 19, 1818.
6. Jarard Dyer - Not of age in 1815 - No data
7. Rebekah Dyer - unmarried
8. Selah Dyer - unmarried

9. Mary Ann Dyer - not of age in 1815

10. James Dyer - not of age in 1815 married Nancy Earhart June 1, 1824

11. Susanna Dyer married Joseph Groves June 15, 1793

12. Rachel Dyer married John Morgan - date unknown

13. Betsy Dyer married Peter Timmons July 5, 1806

14. Sarah Dyer married Harry Fridley December 5, 1803 by Rev. Davis

15. Peggy Dyer married _____ Welsh - lived in Fauquier County

Further interrupting the will of John Dyer we would like to determine which of these 18 children belong to Hannah Oldacre Dyer. Let us take the names of Abraham, Issac, Jacob, John and William, these are Oldacre names, the names of five of Hannah's brothers. More often than not mother's name their own children. I would say definitely these are Hannah's children. Rachel is probably her daughter also Rebekah named after John Oldacre's wife Rachel Burson and Hannah's sister respectively, since it appears that these two families were very closely associated--in war time and peace time. That leaves 11 children for wife number two, which ought to be enough children for any woman, with apologies to Susanna Wesley!

And now we have left Molly, and Jarard and Selah and Mary Ann and James and Abigail and Daniel and Betsy (Elizabeth) and Susanna and Sarah and Peggy. We do not know the antecedents of John Dyer, and so we cannot say that these are Dyer names, but we do know they are Bible names for the most part and indicate a very religious background for these children. We suspect that the lady of the house was responsible for these names more so than the gentleman! Some of them without doubt reflect the characters of those of her kindred. What about those Lyons boys witnesses to John Dyer's will and David Fristoe, bondsman for probate? Such men were consistently chosen because of kindred ties and sincere friendship.

"Now, Mr. Glenn Oldaker," you may say, "You know you have already made up your mind as to who this lady is. Why not let the cat out of the bag and tell us who she is?" What is the one key that will open Pandora's box and reveal the name that should have been put on that stone in Mt. Carmel's Church yard cemetery by the side of John Dyer's more than 156 years ago? Well, I'll just tell you!

The key is the name of the lad who has not yet reached his 21st birthday when John Dyer died in 1816. His name is

Jarard. And his mother's maiden name was Molly Garrard. She was the daughter of Rev. John Garrard who, at the time of the Indian uprising left Berkeley County in 1756 bringing his congregation with him and pastored the Old Ketockton Church in Loudoun County for a few years, then with Elder William Fristoe, preached all over the Northern part of Virginia, founding churches here and there and in 1763 removed or settled in Fauquier County on the upper reaches of Thumb Run against Buck Mountain, built a log house which is still standing, next house above my great, great, great grandfather's (Abraham Oldacre's) place which is to this day known as "Oleaker Farm."

Rev. John Garrard's wife was Mary Ellzey Garrard; their children were: Jacob, Rychard, Molly, James, Luke, Ellzy, John and doubtless other children.

My great, great grandfather was Abraham (2) Oldacre who married Betsy Garrard the great granddaughter of Rev. John Garrard and daughter of Rychard and Elizabeth Hailey Garrard. Therefore, by these presents, be it known to all men that the noble, intrepid, courageous John Dyer, Esquire, belongs to me as kinsman on two counts: He married (1) Hannah Oldacre and (2) Molly Garrard, and named a son after my ancestral grandfather Rev. John Garrard.

Conclusion: Now does anyone know whatever became of Jarard Dyer? Had he never been born and his name recorded, we would never have completed the Story of John Dyer and his two great and worthy life companions: Hannah Oldacre and Molly Garrard

We honor their memory

We call their names

They live again!

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DYER ADDENDA

Nanon L. Carr, a retired schoolteacher living at 6102 The Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri, writing to Wallace Phillips of Middleburg, Virginia, relayed to me, was seeking origin of her great grandmother Mary Dyer who married Francis Hughes in 1796 in Frederick, Maryland and married William Carr of Loudoun County in 1810. I wrote her that inasmuch as John Dyer, wife Hannah Oldacre, was the only Dyer family in the records of Loudoun, Fauquier and Frederick Counties before the year of Mary Dyer's marriage in 1796, Mary Dyer would have to be a granddaughter of John Dyer and a daughter of one of the early sons of John Dyer, either Abraham or William Dyer, by reason of the fact that the will of John Dyer in 1815 made no mention of a daughter Mary, among the names of his 18 children, nor were the other sons old enough to have a married daughter by the year 1796. This limits the search for records on Abraham and William Dyer only.

The first recorded mention of these two is found in the deed by George Washington to John Dyer in 1769 for the duration of the lives William and Abraham Dyer.

The second source of information is Eckenrode's Revolutionary War lists in which William Dyer's name appears as a Revolutionary soldier from Virginia.

In the deposition by John Dyer given in the Carter-Green land dispute at Carr's store in Upperville, Virginia, October 9, 1813, when asked the age of his oldest child he replied, "The oldest must be about fifty-three. I brought him with me when I moved to Garrett's; then he was a child." Fifty-three years from 1813 would be the year 1760. The question for us now is: Which was the oldest child, William or Abraham? The answer is most likely found in the order of names given on a deed for lives of father, then the oldest son, then the youngest son or daughter, or the longest lives of them. We conclude hereby that since the order in the John Dyer's deed is William, then Abraham that William is the oldest of these two sons.

We next examine the will of John Dyer made on January 18, 1815, and find that the name of William Dyer, among others, does not appear. The only reason there could be for this omission is that William was deceased. Other known children of John Dyer whose names are missing are Daniel and Abigail. They likewise are deceased.

We next offer an abstracted item:

Ruth Dyer of Loudoun County, Virginia, single woman (in Overseers of the Poor vs. Reed) before Thomas Lewis, Justice of the Peace, declared that on May 10, "Last" (1799) she was delivered of a male illegitimate child of which John Reed, laborer of Loudoun County, is the father. William H. Powell,

Overseer of the Poor, Benjamin Grayson, January 9, 1800 addressed to Samuel Duncan or any sworn officer of Loudoun County August 16, 1800, agreed, defendant to pay costs.

In explanation of this item, the first thought that comes to mind is this: Who were the parents of this unfortunate girl, Ruth Dyer? And next, why does she come before the Overseers of the Poor? Apparently she had little, if any, or none, such help as a parent would give. The only logical conclusion one can arrive at is that the father of the girl is dead. And the mother--who knows? Who in the world is this Ruth Dyer? By reason of the names, Reed, Powell, and Grayson, she was living in that portion of Loudoun County known as The Trappe, which was in Shelbourne Parish. This is Oldacre Country and had been since 1765 up to 1799. And William Dyer, whose mother was Hannah Oldacre Dyer, and would necessarily be some kin to Ruth Dyer, was therefore resident of this part of Loudoun County at the time of his death. If he was a casualty of war, he died before 1785, and I think he was and did. Whom he married, I seem to have no way of finding out. Naturally, he would marry someone.

Now let us take a comparative look at three characters most likely connected with the search for the ancestry of Miss Nanon L. Carr.

1. Mary Dyer is her ancestral great grandmother. Mary Dyer was married to Francis Hughes in 1796. If she married at 17 years, she was born in 1779.

2. Ruth Dyer gave birth to John Reed's illegitimate child in 1799. The union took place in 1798. If she were 17 years of age then, she was born in 1781. Who would be so unwise as to believe that Mary and Ruth Dyer not sisters? There was a two years difference in their ages.

3. William Dyer, as John Dyer's oldest child, according to deposition of his father, was born in 1760. If he married at 18 years, his marriage date was 1778. The birth of his oldest child would likely be in 1779 and the second child in 1781. William Dyer was a soldier; he died without benefit from his father's will, and his children were under care of the Welfare Board. Who would be so unreasonable as not to believe that Mary and Ruth Dyer were the children of William Dyer? There are no other Dyers in Loudoun County they could be children of except William Dyer! Ergo, William Dyer was father of Mary and Ruth Dyer.

Now, who was the mother of these girls, Mary and Ruth Dyer, the wife of William Dyer? And it's as intriguing as the problem we've just considered! I was up against a stone wall making no head way at all. I spent the most of three whole days and nights ruminating and exploring my stock of

ideas on the life and times and habitations and families of Loudoun County, and Fauquier and Frederick and Clarke Counties of Ole Virginny 1730-1800. And then in a moment of time a little light sent a glimmer of hope. I had even forgotten to eat my breakfast until 11 A.M. on January 14, 1974, absorbed in my brown study. Then--click! And I said to myself:

"Go back downstairs to your apartment and get the Chappelear book and Steadman's sheet on Abstracts of Loudoun. The secret of Wm. Dyer's wife is tied up in the deposition of John Davis and the Abstracts on the cases of Ruth Dyer and John Reed and Nancy Davis and John Oldacre." I stopped dead in my tracks and stood looking at nothing, like a pointer dog when he is pointing a bird that no one can see. I sometimes think that the dog cannot see the bird himself, but by smell or some other sense of perception he knows the bird is there.

As so it was I read again for the hundredth time (I guess) about John Davis living two or three miles on the other side of Pantherskin Run (in Loudoun County) "up towards the mountain." He was born in 1737 and married in 1757-8 fifty-four or fifty-five years ago. We couldn't tell which! The dear man reckoned everything spoken about in his deposition, as before or after his marriage. Read it for yourself; it is recorded the whole of 10 times in 3 pages of deposition; "so many years before" or "so many years after I was married." It is his swan song, I am reading again--a resume of his life story that he is telling before a group of commissioners and in the presence of the attorneys of the parties on the ninth day of October aforesaid, in the Carter-Green land dispute when depositions were given in the store house of Joseph Carr in Upperville, Virginia.

How I would like to have known this fine old family man, seventy-six years old in 1813. By the flow and rhythm of his words you know he is a kind and lovable man who has endured many trials and tribulations in a far-off day, when men and women worked long and hard in a land that was rough and untamed and stubborn as Tom Hand's mule! Even now as I read, a lump comes in my throat and my eyes are misty with tears! I just know he must be some kin to me or my Dyer and Oldacre people of Virginia Colonial Days. But what kin? Bear with me now and I'll try to explain.

I brought up from my basement apartment the sheet sent me by Rev. Steadman, "Abstracts of Old Loudoun County" and I place alongside the previously mentioned abstract (Ruth Dyer), and the following is the other abstracted item:

Nancy Davis, single, woman of Shelbourne Parish, Loudoun County, Virginia, on July 25, 1799, was delivered of a illegitimate female child, John Oldacre, laborer of Loudoun County is the father. June 24, 1801. "What! Two cases of

the same kind in the same year in same locality?

Far be it from me to parade the illegitimates and evil doers of a past generation with any sense of pride or enjoyment. I am too conscious of my own shortcomings and goings to point an accusing condemning finger. These recordings concerning the life of our kin in the old days, strange to say, hold the secret of relationships which we are most anxious to establish and can do so, it seems, in no other way. Thank God for these records even if some would wish never to be referred to, by reason of selfish and false pride.

Now let us try to explain further--

By the year 1799, most of the Oldacres have left the Trappe Community. Henry Sr. and wife Elenor and Henry Jr., son, have died and been buried in the field above and east of the Oldacre Mill, called "Thorofare Mill" on "a branch called Thorofare." (See deed to Abraham Oldacre Loudoun County in 1770.) Abraham Oldacre, wife Hester, and eight children have removed to Fauquier County on present "Oleaker Farm" near Buck Mountain. William Oldacre has returned to present Hardy County where he has a mill on Trout Run called "Oldacre's Mill" a post office so called in the year 1820. Issac Oldacre has his name in the 1790 Census, listing five children in his family in Hampshire County. John Oldacre Sr. has gone south to Bedford, Campbell and Henry Counties in Virginia from which he moved to Mason County on the Great Kanawha River where he later died in 1810. Jacob Oldaker, wife Lettice, the Revolutionary Soldier has removed to Franklin County, Virginia, moving to Adair County, Kentucky in 1805. Hannah Oldacre has married John Dyer; is deceased and buried on Dyer Farm near Dyer's Cave in present Hardy County, West Virginia. Mary Oldacre has married Philip Lewellen before 1773 and has probably gone to Preble County, Ohio. Rebecca Oldacre has married Jonathan Burson, a Quaker, and gone to Ohio. John Oldacre, Sr. as executor, has sold the Trappe land to Joseph Reed in 1789 and has taken Elenor Jr. with him as his ward. All, all, all of the Oldacres have left their lovely farms at the foot of the Blue Ridge, except the children of Henry Oldacre Jr. whose widow Betsy Bartlett has married Henry Hieronimus, who by law becomes guardian of the children Sarah, Jesse, John, Jacob, and Henry. Henry Hieronimus is son of Francis Hieronimus, who lived near The Trappe on road from Oldacre's Mill to the leading to Snickers Gap; he lived there for "somewhere about 40 years" (See Chappelears Book Page 86 for deposition made in Fayette County, Kentucky).

But why relate all this? I'm trying to show you that there was only one John Oldacre in Loudoun County in 1799 (soon after this there were dozens of John Oldacres scattered all over the country far away as Clay County, Missouri, or Phillip, South Dakota).

There was also a lad at The Trappe, John Reed by name, son of Joseph Reed, no doubt, who bought the Oldacre Plantation in 1789. Down this road a couple of miles toward Upperville lived this family of John Davis "up against the mountain." In this home of a good kind man and wife, John Davis, there lived also or nearby a son William Davis who had a daughter named Nancy Davis. John Davis Jr. had with him his daughter who was wife of William Dyer, deceased, and their two daughters, Mary and Ruth Dyer. I forgot to say James Davis, another son, was a Revolutionary Soldier living on pension and disabled. This family, the whole family were poor, I mean poor! John Davis, Sr. in 1799 was 62 years old. His natural strength was being abated by the toil and toll of the years, and the care of the two families under his roof whose heads had spent the strength of youth in the rigors of Valley Forge and battles of Trenton and Brandywine, crossing the Delaware when their great grandmother was not there! These men knew General Washington and were staunch supporters of his cause and ours. What a heritage we Oldacres Dyers, Davis' and Carrs have in such men of the New Republic, America!

There came a time in the course of human events in The Trappe Community of Loudoun County that two young men left their separate homes and as laborers went forth into the world to make their own way. They were John Oldacre and John Reed. Young men of that day were skilled workmen with axe, hammer, saw, pick, shovel, scythe, cradle, horses, oxen, and animal husbandry. There was plenty of work to be done and in many places their work has endured until our day. They were or became great woodsmen and hunters as well. One of the long lived traditions handed down through six generations was that my great, great, great grandfather Abraham Oldacre was a cooper by trade (also stated in 1850 Lewis County Virginia Census) and a great sportsman.

Their social life for the most part was of a high order no doubt. There were exceptions, of course. Two such exceptions were concerning these young men, John Oldacre and John Reed. They have been kin to or employed by or with the family of John Davis "up toward the mountain" and down toward Upperville. Their association ripened intimacy with two young women in the Davis household. They were Ruth Dyer and Nancy Davis. Mary Dyer, sister of Ruth had struck a match with a young man who had regularly come up from Hughesville in Loudoun and in 1796 they ran away across the river and a license was recorded for the marriage of Mary Dyer and Francis Hughes in Frederick County, Maryland, on May 31st 1796. Mary Dyer's departure from the household most likely removed the restraining influence upon her sister Ruth Dyer, and her cousin, Nancy Davis. And their defection in 1799 became the talk of the whole countryside. I wonder what vicissitudes, sorrows, and blessings fell to the lot of these unfortunate girls. History places a silent finger on her lips concerning them, also concerning John Reed.

But concerning John Oldacre, I record with pity that by 1801 he had married Mary Francis, and in 1802 he had a daughter, Elizabeth who, it seemed by the reading of his will in the year 1860, had repeated the same kind of experience he had with Nancy Davis, and he had, in his own child, reaped what he had sown in Loudoun County in 1798-1801. I visited the three-room log cottage he had built at Richmondale of Ross County, Ohio; went to the Tweed's Burial ground above his home; and found the grave of Mary Oldacre, his wife, and Henry, his son, who died at 21 years of age. He partially redeemed himself by having a daughter named Savilla (or Cerviller) who married a James Bradford of Mayflower fame, and Savilla Oldacre's name (believe it or not) appears on the Mayflower Index. She was born in a log cabin of three rooms of a family of eight children. I hope John Oldacre repented of his affair in Loudoun County and I wonder if in his dying day he remembered poor little Nancy Davis, and her illegitimate girl baby! And ditto John Reed.

We wonder about this lad, John Reed, and if the curtains could be drawn back, which time has so deftly, yet surely drawn to cover the happenings of these ancient days, we might see that the Joseph Reed family was also related to the John Davis family "up toward the mountain," were frequent visitors together; and became careless about their children, like many families in our modern day of permissiveness and social freedom. And it ought not to be so. For the sin of neglect is parent to the overt act, and who can say which is the greater?

Before proceeding further with our Dyer Addenda, please allow me a few lines of digression. I would like to place a spiritual wreath of appreciation, honoring the late, inimitable Mr. B. Curtis Chappelear, whose book "Maps and Notes of Upper Fauquier County, Virginia," in our opinion, stands out in a class all by itself, as a collection of Colonial lore unsurpassed or unequalled by another writer on the early history and people of Fauquier and Loudoun Counties of Old Virginia. The book is a gem, a small volume of perfection. Every chapter, every paragraph, every line and every word, ill behooves anyone to try to elucidate or interpret or improve its language or its meaning or message. There is a mystery and wonder in the book, yet the paragraphs glisten with clarity, and life and action. One feels like he is on the spot or moving with these characters of 250 years ago. It is not a book to be read just once, but read and reread dozens of times and referred to hundreds of times, as I myself have done. I could wish that any future edition of the book might be prefaced with a suitable portrait of this remarkable man, and a more detailed account of his life and service given than I have heretofore observed or obtained. Thank you!

And now back to the Reed, Dyer and Davis families which seem to hold the hidden solution to the problem of the

parentage of Mary Dyer who married Francis Hughes in 1796.

Again, we take up that most unusual book and turning to page 60, we check again the deposition of Elizabeth Robertson. She states that she lived "more up toward the mountain" and on the other side of Pantherskin about two miles from Ned Garrett's. Ned Garrett had a wife who was the sister of my brother John Davis' wife." She, Elizabeth, would be 83 years old in February next. Her deposition is being made on the 8th day of October 1813. She has lived most of the 83 years of her life in the Upperville community. If she had just taken time to give the name of Ned Garrett's wife and the name of her brother's (John Davis) wife, in all probability we would not need to be writing and searching for the name of William Dyer's wife, who is, we deduce, the mother of Mary Dyer. It will be next to impossible to find the full maiden names of Garrett's wife and John Davis' wife and the given name of William Dyer's wife, but we stand a pretty good chance of finding the family name of Garrett's wife and John Davis' wife. And I think Miss Nanon L. Carr will have to be satisfied with the gleanings herewith presented.

First let us ask a few questions, then we shall move to make a few deductions.

1. How did it happen that John Dyer didn't stop his hiegra somewhere around Winchester when he with John Oldacre, his brother-in-law, came over the ridge from Hampshire County in 1761 (See Chappelear Page 68) to buy land?

2. How had he, away out in Hampshire County, "heard that Allen and Suttle have land to sell?

There are other questions but such as these are enough to keep you awake several nights if you very much want to know your family history! There are several locks on these hidden treasures and several keys to fit the lock.

One key is the old Bel Haven (Alexandria) and Romney Turnpike which by modern name is Route 50, which passes right through Upperville, hard by Joseph Carr's Store House in 1761. For a thrilling picture of those nostalgic days turn to Page 35 in "The Book" and read about the mail being carried on horseback by John Hill; and Old Bill Whaley driving his Coach N' 4 or 6 horses thundering along the Turnpike, stopping at the Tollgate in Upperville to pay his toll. This key fits one lock of communication on Question #2, but there is yet another lock and key for Question #2. And that is another question and answer: Who wrote the letter or made a trip to Hampshire on the mail coach to tell John Dyer and John Oldacre, that Suttle and Allen had land for sale? The key is a person and/or persons who knew John Dyer in Hampshire and whom John Dyer knew in Loudoun and Fauquier Counties. This is the key to Question #1. This

person was a relative (or more likely these persons were relatives) of John Dyer. Perhaps the wife of Joseph Reed, or the wife of John Davis, or John Davis himself, maybe Ned Garrett. Thank you Elizabeth Robertson for your revealing deposition: you lived about halfway between Joseph Reed "more up toward the mountain" and Ned Garrett on the Old Bel Haven Road; and "Ned Garrett had a wife who was a sister of my brother John Davis' wife." So, John Dyer, fleeing from the Indian massacre in Hampshire in 1761 didn't care to stop near Winchester to find a place for sale, but came straight on to Ned Garrett's and put out a crop on Ned's land, went back to Hampshire and got his family and returned and put out two more crops on Ned Garrett's land. And it was just about this time that Ned Garrett had a wife and so did John Davis! Perhaps a year or two before.

Now look here John Davis, what was that, which you said in the very first answer you gave in your deposition to the question the Commissioners first put to you:

Question: "How old are you and how long have you lived in the neighborhood of the land on Pantherskin which is the subject of this dispute?"

Answer: "I was 76 last August, and I have lived from the time I was about sixteen years of age in the neighborhood of the land in dispute, except while I was travelling occasionally and except about three years of the last five. I married and settled about two or three miles on the other side of Pantherskin."

Thank you, dear, dear old Buddy John Davis! Perhaps that you didn't think that I, one hundred and sixty-one years later, would catch up with you on this part of your swan song. If your first wife was not living when you made the foregoing answer, I think I can understand about those three years of the last five. And I also think I understand what you had in mind about that last part where you said "except while I was travelling occasionally! You were right slick, but now I know who it was who told John Dyer that Suttle and Allen had land for sale, and it was the same "feller" who went "travelling occasionally." And you went travelling a considerable distance, clear through Winchester and on past William Oldacre's Mill on Trout Run where it empties into the Great Cacapon River, and on past Lost River where it goes on under a mountain and comes out two miles away to form the Capon River, and on to Catt's Gap and near Dyer's Cave where John Dyer lived and his sisters! Bless you, dear, dear man and after you had travelled away out there occasionally, you brought the fair lady home with you as you said "after I was married." Ha! Ha! Ha! John Davis, what a time I've had with you. So when John Dyer and John Oldacre went back to Hampshire after making a crop they returned to Garrett's and they brought their families with

them which beside, his oldest child and wife (in the case of John Dyer) included a wife for Ned Garrett ("whose wife was a sister to my brother John Davis' wife" as said by dear, dear Mrs. William Robertson, nee Davis").

Then there were living in Shelbourne Parish:

*Joseph Reed, wife Agnes nee Davis (?), sister of William Robertson wife (?); John Davis, wife Ruth Dyer, sister of John Dyer and Ned Garrett's wife; John Dyer, wife Hannah Oldacre, sister of John Oldacre; Ned Garrett, wife Mary Dyer, sister of John Dyer and John Davis' wife.

*Note: Their children were Harriet, Betsy and John (Rascal) Reed. Har! Har! Har! croaked the old parrot flapping his wings sitting on the window sill of the tall home, hard by the store of Joseph Carr in Upperville. Hark! I hear the sound of wheels and galloping horses coming down the Old Bel Haven Turnpike and I see a cloud of dust and Old Bill Whaley sitting on top of his coach n' four tightening his reins and slowing down for a stop. Come on John Davis, it's time for us to be "travelling occasionally."

And we shall go down to Warrenton and check that deed made to James Davis in 1791 for lives of Rebecca, Anna, and Ruth in Book 10, page 410, the abstract of which is recorded in Josiah Look Dickinson's book, "The Fairfax Proprietary." And if the book of Grantors has this lease sold to someone before 1799, we shall know that James Davis, the disabled Revolutionary soldier with a daughter Nancy Davis has returned to abide under his father's roof, or if he has died and his wife and daughters, Rebecca, Anna, Ruth, and Nancy Davis are living "up under the mountain" or near John Davis' plantation. And then while we are travelling along "occasionally," I'd like to ask you a few more questions, such as ---

"Where were your parents living, up until the time you were 16 years of age?"

Of course, I cannot expect you to talk or remember much after 161 years of silence, but I feel sure that when I remind you that it took five years for you to "travel occasionally" and make up your mind as to which one of those pretty Dyer girls you wanted, and finally you took one home with you named Ruth Dyer, your face will light up and you will nod your head in assent while I make my guess that your father and family came from Hampshire in 1753, and settled on or near Benjamin Grayson's "Glenlock" estate "up under the mountain." But it was hard to forget Hampshire was it not, until "after you were married?" I looked up to find an animated expression on his face and with a nod of his head he assured me that he was living over again the happiest

event of his live -- "when he was married!"

And now, John Davis, after we have checked those records in Warrenton of Fauquier County we shall go on to Leesburg of Loudoun County and I trow we shall find there the will of your father whose name I do not know (It might be William Davis); and it will give me the names of your brothers and sisters--perhaps your mother's name also. The date will be about 1775.

Then I shall look for your will (John Davis), and if it is there, I shall find the names of your wife and children and this will be the grand finale denouement on the story of Mary Dyer, which Miss Nanon L. Carr is anxiously awaiting.

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John Davis, his spirit accompanying me, and I made the trip on Thusday January 31, 1974, to Warrenton; then on to Leesburg in the coach, though it was not Old Bill Whaley's coach and four, but my old 1965 model-coach and six (cylinders). We spent the day collecting a conglomerate mass of data, and left the Leesburg Record Room when the Deputy Clerk informed us that it was time to close (at 5 P.M.). I said goodbye to John Davis and his beloved Leesburg, seriously wondering if I could possibly put together in any understandable form, the things he and his dear ones had left on record. I had not found his will and family record.

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FAUQUIER COUNTY DAVISES

There is something passing strange about these Davises of Fauquier County. They seem to be a different bunch, unrelated to the Loudoun County ones, and yet there are a few straws in the wind, blowing out of Hampshire, Frederick, and Loudoun Counties that tell us a different story.

Starting now with John Davis of Wales and Loudoun who names his brothers Thomas and Jenkin but we note that he doesn't name his parents, nor does he name Sarah Davis, his sister who died in 1777 but Sarah's will says John (of Wales) is her loving brother with whom she is living and if she dies in his house she is devising a pacing mare to him which she has in Frederick County "for the trouble of the house." That was in 1753 before Hampshire was cut off from Frederick County. I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that those debts, Sarah mentions in her will, "excepting some outstanding debts due from poor people who ware drove out by Indians," were never recovered and the Indians no doubt got that "Paceing mare" in the massacre of 1754 and 1756.

Now so far, so good! I believe we are getting somewhere on this Davis story: Admitting that John of Wales left out mention of his parents and even of Sarah his sister. We see that he may have left out William Davis of Fauquier County.

Note: The reason the parents and Sarah were left out of the will was that they were deceased, Sarah in 1777.

I forgot to tell "you all" that when John Davis and I took the imaginery trip on the Luckett and Co. Stage Lines, with Old Bill Whaley, cracking his whip over the backs of his galloping horses, we got off at Warrenton, did some research and went on to Loudoun the same day and ran into the records covering the family of Old Bill Whaley himself and also gathered all the data on John Davis of Wales and all the rest as recorded in our manuscript.

Now, back in my sanctum at Culpeper, ruminating on these most interesting items, I take up again that remarkable book, "The Fairfax Proprietary" by Josiah Look Dickinson and note again the list of early settlers, forty-nine in number, within the bounds of the Proprietary-Page LV1, Transcript of the Record Hite vs. Fairfax suit relating to the years 1730-1734.

The ninth name, reading down the first column, is William Davis. Here is the intrepid emigrant who brought his six children across a toilsome, turbulent sea, plunged into the perils of an untamed wilderness, chose to live, die and be buried in an unknown grave, leaving behind him a record that excites our gratitude and wonder to the point of tears. You, William Davis, are almost the forgotten man of history, but how thankful we should be that your America and your successive generations to whom you dedicated and gave your life, have honored you with a record which 300 years after, is on the par with that of the young surveyor who surveyed your lands and as Commander-in-Chief led your sons to victory and freedom in the Revolutionary War--George Washington!

It is a strange thing that in the successive generations which we have so far recorded in Fauquier and Loudoun Counties there are no William Davises except in Fauquier County. I herewith present three noteworthy items:

1. Will Bk 5 p. ___ February 23, 1808 Will of William Davis, wife Mary. Children:

   Elenor Davis Young, Henry Davis, Hugh Davis, Redmon Davis, Joshua Davis, Fanny Davis, Jane Davis Selectman, wife of George, Issac Davis, Betsy Davis, Mary Davis, Dorcas Davis.

2. Abstract of Court Order:

   Davis, James to George Grasty, freewill apprentice, shoemaker. James Davis was illegitimate child of 14 years, child of Sarah Davis deceased 1777.

3. Deed to James Davis 1783. 200A on Goose Creek. Deed to James Davis 1791, Deed Bk. 10 p. 410 lives of Rebecca, Ruth, Anna (I am sorry I did not get book number, page etc. on the first deed).

We deduce that these are the connecting links with the Loudoun County Davises. Sarah Davis is not in the list of William Davis' children. She is William's sister and mother of the illegitimate James Davis, who by 1791 has possessed two farms and made himself a good citizen. No doubt Sarah lived with William at first then removed to Loudoun and lived with John Davis of Wales, being deceased in 1777.

We note that by the records, James Davis' children have married:

Rebecca Davis to George Ashby 1803
Ruth Davis to Lewis Smith 1798
Nancy Davis to John Black 1792
Mary Davis to John White 1798
Richard Davis to Elizabeth Drummond 1804

We found no marriage for Anna. But if the truth were known, I could tell you that Elizabeth Drummond is a sister to Aaron Drummond who married Nancy Oldacre in 1796, my great, great aunt. And if you would compare the names of the first four children of James Davis with the names of the John Davis Family "up the mountain" in Loudoun, i.e., James Davis, wife Anna (no wonder we couldn't find a marriage for Anna in Fauquier!) Ruth, Nancy, Mary you had a link among these families that cannot be broken.

Wherefore, we conclude that William Davis of Fauquier is a brother to Thomas Davis Sr. of Loudoun County, John Davis of Wales, Jenkin Davis of Loudoun, Mary Davis Wright, Elizabeth Davis Thomas, Sarah Davis (unmarried); all, all, all of Wales!

Now let's sing the long metered Doxology, Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Now sit down and rest a while--the biggest piece of news has not come out yet. It is the biggest link of all, in the chain, and to me the strongest. It just makes me weep, and weep to think that I am the only one of my people to find out these things that they would have rejoiced to know.

The key that unlocks Pandora's Box is: Will Book 5, page ___ Will of William Davis, wife Mary, Fauquier County, Virginia February 23, 1808.

I have long suspicioned that when Lord Fairfax signed the deed to Henry Oldacre of Frederick County, Virginia, in 1753 for lands later in Hardy County, that the Henry Oldacres named in the deed was the father of Henry Oldacres who married Elenor Borden in Evesham of Burlington, New Jersey, October 11, 1732. He had 397 acres in a beautiful bend of Lost River, as pretty as any spot in all of present Hardy County. A certain Henry Oldacre had executed the will of John Elswick made in Hampshire in 1753 and proved in 1760. John Elswick's wife was Rachel and I felt sure all along that my great, great, great, great, great grandfather born in 1677 and baptized in the Congregational Church of Newbury, Massachusetts (See Acres Appendix - Last chapter in book) had married a sister of John Elswick and Rachel Elswick was Henry Oldacre's sister, wife of John Elswick. I am sure, almost, that Henry Oldacre who married Elenor Borden had other sisters, perhaps a brother, who had entered the Fairfax Proprietary about the year 1730-1734.

Even the marriages of Henry and Elenor's children have defied my research with only a few exceptions. However, near the time of the Indian uprising mentioned in Sarah Davis' will, Henry and Elenor Oldacre came back over the Ridge, led by John Dyer and John Oldacre and settled at the Trappe in Loudoun County in the year 1760, about a mile or so from the Davis settlement "up against the mountain." I've felt for the last 15 years that these Davis-Oldacre families were related, but I found no valid proof of it. Until today, February 3, 1974! I was recording the names again of William and Mary Davis' children and noticed that I had placed them in two columns when I had recorded them in Warrenton. Elenor Young....Henry Davis, Elenor...Henry Oh! Oh! Oh! Wait there! Back up! What do we have here? It hit me like a ton of bricks. Except these <u>there are no Henrys, no Elenors in the whole categories of Davises in Hampshire, or Frederick, or Hardy or Fauquier Counties of Old Virginny</u>! It wouldn't happen like this again in 300 years.

William Davis, it is rather late, but I salute you as the last son of William Davis, emigrant of the Principality of Wales, member of the Baptist Church which meet at the White House, named Kilsewer in the County of Timbecke, and Parish of Wainard.

Aunt Mary Oldaker Davis, I salute you as the last daughter of Henry Ouldacre of Newbury, Massachusetts, (See Acres Appendix - Last chapter) and youngest sister of Henry Oldacre late of Trappe, Loudoun County, Virginia.

Elenor Young and Henry Davis, I salute you and your brothers and sisters as my kin and I hope I can learn more about you. And God Bless your sacred memory.

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JOHN DAVIS ADDENDA

Well, Well, well! One whole year and 23/28 months ago I was taking that imaginary trip to Fauquier and Loudoun Counties with Old Bill Whaley and his coach and four or six, and collected a whole lot of information anent the DaVises of Fauquier and Loudoun. Now, a few days before the above date aforesaid, i.e., Feburary 20, 1975, I was shifting my papers around which pertained to John Dyer, John Oldacre and John Davis, plus a letter from Wallace Phillips, plus Chappelear's book on Upperville and vicinity, it suddenly dawned on me that the reason I found no inventory or will for John Davis in Loudoun was that there was none; and that he had gone "travelling occasionally" again in his final days as he stated in his deposition in 1813 and as he had travelled occasionally "for about three years of the last five." This he evidently continued to do for two more years after the deposition in Carr's Store in Upperville on October 18, 1813. January 1, 1815 was a very special day for John Davis! It was the beginning of a new year and the beginning of a new relationship.

If he was ever called on for another deposition after the year 1813, he could no doubt refer, to many things he had known or done, at least 10 or more times as having occurred before or when or after "I was married the second time!" You will wonder how I found this out, so I'll just have to tell it like it was.

I started thinking! There was no will for John Dyer or John Oldacre in Loudoun because neither one died there; nor did John Davis. I backtracked to the "History of Hardy County" and ran down the list of wills and marriages, and other lists for the name of Davis.

In the marriage list I found an entry: "Peter Bradford-Nancy Davis April 26, 1812-Rev. Peter Sperry. What? Nancy Davis! and a...a...a Mayflower Bradford? Wonder of Wonders, How could it be? Then my mind flashed back to that entry in the Loudoun Court order book:

> "Nancy Davis, single woman, of Shelburne Parish Loudoun County, Virginia on July 25, 1799 was delivered of an illegitimate female child, John Oldacre, laborer of Loudoun County is the father."

Well, sir, you could have knocked me down with a feather! But am I glad? Nancy Davis made good, married to

Mayflower Bradford! Then I crawled (so to speak) way out there to John Oldacre's three room log cabin near Richmondale in Ohio, where another female child of the same John Oldacre grew up, Sevilla (or Cervilla) by name and married James Bradford and today you can run down the Mayflower Index and find her: James Bradford married Cerviller Oldacre! Now will some one stand up and explain, help me to clear my poor mottled mind. Some one please tell me: What is the connection here of Peter Bradford and James Bradford? Did they ever know each other and did they know this strange, sad and yet glad story? I'll just betcha' two cents that they did! And for all I know (and I wish I did know), the name of Nancy Davis is very likely also on the Mayflower Index! ! !

And there we must leave them, and go back to dear Old Johnny Boy Davis: We shall run down the marriage list in Hardy County to the year 1815. We find that he has indeed "travelled occasionally" especially in the last two years after his deposition in Upperville in 1813. Here is the entry in the marriage register:

"John Davis-Hannah Fry, widow, January 1, 1815
Rev. W. Sperry"

There is no doubt that these entries relate to none other persons than those in our story. The Rev. Sperrys were resident in the community of Wardensville, Sperrys Run, Dyers Cave. The will of Henry Fry is on record in Hardy County; Book 1 page 456 in which he names his wife Hannah, two sons and five daughters. The will is dated January 11, 1811. The Frys were thick as flies around Wardensville, formerly known in 1820 as "Oldaker's Mill."

We come now to the closing chapter on the John Davis Story in which he settles down a second time, having moved from Loudoun County to Hardy County, where no doubt he had formerly lived "in his father's family" up till the time he was 16 years old. He is near his son William and his grandchildren, Lewis and Robert, and John, and Sarah, and Nancy and Mary; and a little great grandchild, foster child to Peter Bradford soon to be married to Andrew Tevebaugh.

Here in Hardy County he grew up with John Dyer and William Oldacre, the miller on Trout Run, the Wilsons and the Frys, in fact, all the Oldacre family; boys and girls. What could be better than to spend his last days amid the scenes of his early youth and with the widow Hannah Fry, now his own dear wife. Travelling days are nearly over, journey's end is in sight.

The census for 1820 reports Hannah Davis head of the family with her seven children. John Davis has reached his final resting place in the Old Meeting House Cemetery on the musical waters of Trout Run where Jacob Pugh, William

Oldacre, the Wilsons and others whom he has loved long since and lost a while, await the sound of trumpets in the morning of the Sweet Bye and Bye.

THE COLSTON STORY

When Abraham (1) Oldacre left Loudoun County in 1789 he had sold his lease to Jacob Miley but the land with improvements still belonged to Lord Fairfax. Abraham and Hester had eight children born to them in Loudoun. There was no evidence in the records that death had come to any of their family while there. However, when we were informed by life long residents of this community that there was a cemetery on the mountain side above the house site, we felt an urge to investigate.

On Sunday, August 29, 1965, your narrator and Wallace Phillips, historian of Fauquier and Loudoun Counties, made a journey to the Trappe community and located a brush-entangled pile of field stones in the edge of the wood on the mountain side a few hundred feet up above and to the left of the house site where Abraham's large stone chimney still stands. (The home stood until 1948.)

The cemetery site had been a walled enclosure about 16 x 20 feet with a separating wall through the middle. The wall had fallen in and stones almost covered the headstones of three graves found in this pile. There were two small marble memorial stones about 14 inches wide nicely manufactured and inscribed. The other memorial was larger by length and width, but also nicely shaped and made of white marble. Several hours were consumed in pulling the vines and brush and throwing away the stones from the markers using the only tools we had, our hands and a wooden stick! When a snake egg appeared we became wary, but kept on picking, scratching and digging.

As we neared the end of the inscription on the third marker, Wallace had rubbed and dug with his hands until they were tender and he had also used up much spittle to bring out the lettering for reading the inscriptions. Pausing a moment for breath, he remarked, "I've about run out of spit!"

Wallace is a graveyard hound. We would not slacken or desist in effort until we felt sure that we had tabulated all the information on these stones that was obtainable. When we finished, we wondered and talked and speculated on what we had found and what we knew about the Colstons. This was a Colston burying ground. We are still speculating.

Concerning the large stone marker, we could not be sure that there had been any inscription on either side, except on the side facing the west (and all the inscriptions faced the west) and at the top had been three deeply cut letters. The left hand top corner of the stone had been knocked off and the letter was missing. A letter "M' of about an inch and

one half caliper was nicely engraved in the top middle and a "C" was at the right hand top corner.

The two top markers were intact. They read:

1. In Memory of
John James Marshall Colston
Nat. 12 Aug Ob. 12 Nov 1830 AE.t 2 mo.
He died to sin and died to curer: But for a moment fell

2. In Memory of
George Fisher Colston
Nat. 22 Mar Ob. 12 Nov. 1837 AE.t 8 mo.
It died e'er it's expanding soul
Had ever burnt with wrong desires

We replaced the loose stones we had thrown out; lingered awhile to talk and exclaim over the breath-taking view of countryside from this vantage point, and this spot made sacred by those here interred. The view from here was equal to any to be found in Loudoun County, an expanse of the counties reaching to the Bull Run Mountains on the east; and southward were the Gobblers, Red Oak, Rattlesnake and Three Peak Mountains, blue and lovely in the distant background of Fauquier County. We were on an angled forearm of the Blue Ridge, the elbow being the Trapper Cove joining the Ridge, while the Ridge itself stretching south and our west walled in the expanse of the beautiful Loudoun Valley dotted with stone houses and barns, fields bordered with stone walled fences. The spot reminded me of John Hancock, who signed the Declaration of Independence with a large bold hand, so no one would mistake his signature and who was buried setting on Fotheringay estate standing up in his tomb on the mountain side so that he could forever look out at his plantation and home he so well loved.

And, had my forebears chosen to remain on this plantation and could have done so, and had I been born here and lived here through life I could have chosen for myself at my decease what John Hancock did for himself. But then we would not have had the Colston story.

Who are the Colstons and why and how come that they lived in the house that Abraham Oldacre built? And who were the Marshalls and Fishers for whom these interred Colstons were named? The answer to these questions brings forth matters of considerable historical interest and importance. Much is known and written about the Marshalls; and much was written by the Marshalls themselves and preserved for us, but do they ever mention the Colstons? Nay, verily, and barely mention the Fishers. Anyhow, it is our guess that an early Marshall lady married George Fisher and an infant Colston son was named for him. Fielding Lewis Marshall in

his "Remembrances" makes mention of a cousin Lucy Fisher, and Fielding Lewis Marshall was a grandson of the Chief Justice John Marshall.

As for the Marshall-Colston relationship there is more on which to speculate; and the basic fact is that a sister of the Chief Justice married Rawleigh Colston, the third member of the Triumvirate or Syndicate which purchased the manor lands of Lord Fairfax after the Revolutionary War.

Rawleigh Colston had one-fourth interest in the purchase, receiving a 26,535 acre survey of Leeds Manor and 13,465 acres adjoining on the south, the Charles Burgess patent, making a total of 40,000 acres. The total tract bounded, as said, on the south by the Burgess tract had a line northeast from Burgess, crossing the ridge to the Wildcat Den thence with the line of Joseph Berry, north up Passage Branch to the Shenandoah River, thence with the river to Castleman's Ferry, thence southeast to the yellow school house, leaving Snicker's Gap on the north side and nearby, thence with the meanders taking in the Trappe and following the outside line of Leeds Manor to the beginning. The major portion, we would say, lay in Loudoun and Frederick Counties; the rest, in Fauquier County.

This land deal, one of the greatest made by Virginia gentlemen, was agreed to in 1793 and became effective in 1806. By it the Marshall family, with the profession of law, rose to wealth and fame. But the Colstons did not. Something, we opine, happened in the Marshall-Colston relationship and/or the Colston administration that we don't know about, and we are suspicious that were hard feelings among them since, among the Marshalls the Colstons were never mentioned. Be that as it may, Rawleigh Colston Sr. married Elizabeth (?) Marshall, sister of John and James Markham Marshall. The Colston seat was "Honeywood" near Hedgesville in Berkely, also near Shepherdstown in Jefferson County (Now West Virginia).

The Colstons had, among others perhaps, two sons, Thomas M. Colston ("M" perhaps for Marshall) who was an attorney in Warrenton, 1819-20; and Rawleigh Colston Jr. studied in Paris, France and married a French lady.

Regarding Thomas M. Colston, we know very little. He had a son Rawleigh who built a noted estate which was called Snowden, after the Colston Family Castle, built in Wales ca. 1427 called Snowdon. The Snowdon estate was in Western Fauquier and two miles south of Paris, Virginia, as the crow flies.

Regarding Rawleigh Colston Jr.'s family we have some information and some more speculation. They had a son born 1825 in France who rose to prominence at V.M.I. and distinguished himself as Brigadier General Rawleigh Edward

Colston, under Jackson at the Battle of Chancellorsville. After the war, he founded a military school in Carolina, later accepted a colonelcy in the Egyptian Army, fell from a camel, being paralyzed from the waist down, returned to Virginia financially embarrassed, and finally died at the Confederate Soldiers Home in Richmond, Virginia, in 1896.

We have two more facts regarding this family: (1) That Rawleigh Edward Colston matriculated at V.M.I. in 1843 and graduated in 1846; (2) that Rawleigh Colston Jr. at one time lived in Upperville on Lot 49, in the Gulick House.

Then we have a tradition that the French wife was unused to country ways and looked down the side of her nose at the American kin and friends of her husband; and I suspect that is where the trouble began, and there becomes evident a reason for a home in the city, of Upperville. The final tradition or legend is that Rawleigh Colston Jr. and wife returned to Paris, France and the story ends there, except for those burial stones on Abraham Oldacre's farm.

Now I begin to speculate, and what I speculate I write. I shall expect various conflicting criticisms from my readers for that is the way it always is. All right then! Get your rebuttal in line and if you have anything better to offer let's have it! and don't fail to make your verified corrections on the margin of the page where you read my deductions. Thank you!

1. These infant deceased children are sons of either Thomas M. Colston, Rawleigh Colston Jr. or some unknown (to us) brother of the two.

2. The large stone with "__ M.C." inscribed as a memorial to either Thomas M. Colston or the mother Elizabeth (?) Marshall Colston, wife of Rawleigh Colston, Sr.

3. Some family by the name of Colston certainly lived on Abraham Oldacre's farm in 1830 to 1837, and most probably had it as an inheritance from Rawleigh Colston Sr.

4. Rawleigh Colston Sr., it was said, was much older than his wife Betty Marshall Colston and likely died many years before she did. Naturally we would expect her to find a home with one of her sons.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Rawleigh Colston Jr. was the occupant of Abraham Oldacre's home and farm.

2. The large stone marks the grave of Elizabeth(?) Marshall Colston.

ARGUMENT

Trouble, if any, between the Marshalls and Colstons likely sprang from the foreign, Parisian wife of Rawleigh Jr. She was likely from an important French family. Both she and Rawleigh Jr. were highly educated, no doubt as much as or more than the Marshalls, certainly beyond the countryfolk of Loudoun. The Latin abbreviations on gravestones [the likes of which I never saw before in my life] (Nat., Ob. and AE.) indicate a custom of those of Catholic faith, high up in the said church. Unused to country life and grieved by loss of sons she sought a different life in Upperville and finally returned to "Gay Paree," else there would have been two more stones in Colston cemetery. The Latin abbreviations linked to the evident Catholic faith of the French wife of Rawleigh Jr. are very convincing evidence that she was the mother of these infant children.

Finally, let us note that both stones, the large one with "__M.C." and the one to John James Marshall Colston point to Elizabeth Marshall Colston as being buried here. This infant was named for Elizabeth's two brothers, John the Chief Justice and James M. Marshall. She died while living with her son's family on Abraham's farm 1830-1837. The order of events would work out thus:

1. Rawleigh Jr. to France ca. 1820 (student)
2. He married the Parisian 1824
3. Rawleigh Edward Colston born 1825 in Paris, France
4. Family returned to Virginia and were living in Loudoun 1830-1837
5. Rawleigh Jr.'s mother lives with them 1830-1837
6. The infants were born and buried 1830-1837
7. Elizabeth Marshall Colston died about this time. Her brother John died in 1835
8. In 1843 Rawleigh Jr. had returned to his father's seat, Honeywood
9. After 1843, with French wife, moved to Upperville, Lot 49
10. They both returned to Paris, France and died there

Note: To refute this argument concerning the identity of the burials only two things are necessary:

1. Proof that Thomas M. Colston lived here (by deed as grantor)
2. Proof that Mrs. Rawleigh Colston Sr. is buried in some other cemetery

Note (2): Latin abbreviations: Ob. - obiit (he died); Nat. - natus (past participle of naceor-to be born); AE. - Aetatis (aged).

THE GARRETT STORY

My great, great grandmother was Betsy Garrett. She married Abraham (2) Oldaker in 1803. The two families lived on nearby farms on the east side of Buck Mountain, a spur of Rattlesnake Mountain in Western Fauquier County, Virginia. I recently visited these two old original log houses. It was a thrilling experience. I walked down the rocky lane, leading past Abraham's home, on Oleaker farm, lined with stone fences, and came to the Garrett home situated on an interesting knoll in the fork of two clear running mountain branches which babbled along to meet in front of the house, thence continuing along the lane to form Thumb Run flowing through Oleaker farm. Even after 160 years, I felt myself identified with Abraham traveling the same path and experiencing, somewhat, the romance enacted on that Lovers Lane in the days of the long ago. On the north side of the house was the barn site--no barn--and nearby on higher ground, was the evidence of a burial ground with a few upright field stones and sunken places. The spring was a hundred yards from the home at the base of a big old tree standing on the slope up towards the mountain. I wrote my name on the living room wall to stake my claim of kinship to the place and to those who had spent their years of varied experiences in these nostalgic surroundings. I stood at the stairway and called the names of Betsy and the boys: "Get up now and come down. It's time to get started!" But my own voice mocked me, for no one living in all that vicinity knows that there ever was a family of Garretts who had lived there, unless he had seen the message on the wall.

Research, correspondence and conversation brought forth many intriguing things about the Garretts that made me wonder what my connection was with them by way of the origin of Betsy Garrett Oldaker.

First was: That a William Garrett was the first Garrett to come to America, a mason of the Jamestown Colony in 1607. Think of it, a Garrett building the walls of the old church tower.

The first racetrack in Northern Virginia was made and owned by an alleged descendant of this William Garrett of Jamestown, Edward Garrett, whose farm of 249 acres patented in 1742 figured so prominently in the Carter-Green land dispute in which John Dyer, husband of Hannah Oldaker, made deposition naming John Oldacre, his brother-in-law, which deposition so fired my curiosity that I just had to find out who John Oldacre was! And I did. But Betsy was not of this Garrett family.

The next Garrett to come to America was a John Garrett who landed in New Norfolk County in 1635 as an indentured servant, 20 years old, and married the daughter of his

master, John Dunston. I have his genealogy recorded. But Betsy was not of this family.

The next Garrett to America was Thomas in 1681 at Philadelphia, whose descendant, a Walter Garrett, became the millionaire snuff manufacturer in Philadelphia. He died without issue leaving his millions to his wife, Henrietta Shafer, to be disposed of her by will. She left her known fortune to her servants but a larger portion of which she had no knowledge, was the occasion of a notorious lawsuit in which all the Garretts and Shafers in the U.S.A. who felt their claim was valid made application but were left outside, the Government and the State of Pennsylvania confiscating the remaining millions. But Betsy was not of this family, according to the genealogy of Thomas.

Next to America were two brothers, William and John, in 1684, said to be brothers of the above Thomas Garrett. Our research is not complete on these Garretts but obviously my Garrett ancestry is from one of these, more probably that of William, who was Quaker. I have two quotations from Quaker records which tell of him:

> "William Garrett, John Smith, Robert Cliffe, and Samuel Lewis, from meeting at Hasby, County of Leicester, England, dated 5 mo. 20 1684. Received at Philadelphia 9 mo. 4, 1684.
>
> "William Garrett who has lived amongst us thirty and seven years and is now in his old age removed to Philadelphia. Dated 5 mo. 27, 1722. Not recorded."

Added to these intriguing items were the names of towns, Garrardstown in West Virginia; Garrett, Pennsylvania, Garrett, Kentucky; and Garrard County in Kentucky; and Garrett County, Maryland; and Garrett Divinity College. And to cap the climax we have the story of Richard Henry Garrett who unwittingly gave asylum in Caroline County, Virginia to John Wilkes Booth, the assassinator of Abraham Lincoln (and now we note that a Richard Garrett was a schoolmate of Lee Harvey Oswald, the killer of John F. Kennedy, our late president). The Garretts certainly had a way of getting into things but I never heard of any of them getting into trouble on their own account. Many of them became professional men, ministers and educators. Also we take this excerpt from a recent full page ad (1964) in a popular magazine "And now the only applied system for life support in outer space is built by Garrett Research."

We found no connection between Rychard Garrett (Father of Betsy) and Richard Henry Garrett of Caroline County; so we confined our research to the records beginning at Warrenton of Fauquier County, Virginia. Since present Fauquier, Loudoun and Fairfax Counties were once part of Prince William County and since Prince William was once part of Stafford,

Fauquier and Loudoun became a melting pot for Garretts moving up from Jamestown and those down from Pennsylvania. The records accordingly were considerably mixed up as far as family units were concerned. Our deductions are based upon carefully considered evidences regarding each name found in the records. We now present these items concerning the antecedents and descendants of Richard Garrett, we note first that the name is variously spelled Gerrard, Garrard, Garad, Garratt, Garrot and Garrett.

John Garrard, probably a grandson of the aforementioned William, the Quaker, or John his brother, came down from Pennsylvania to Berkeley County, Virginia (Now West Virginia) and founded the Mill Creek Baptist Church of which he was pastor. (We note that there is a Gerrardstown in Berkeley County.) At the time of the Indian uprising he brought his congregation with him to Loudoun County where some claim they founded the Ketoctin Baptist Church in the year 1756 near Purcellville and John Garrard was pastor. The historian states that he [perhaps] returned to the valley after 1760.

We find it hard to believe that this Rev. John Garrard is any other than father of John Garrard who took lease from Fairfax for 145 acres of land which he called Canaan, on the low grounds of Thumb Run (east of Buck Mountain) "for lives of John Garrard, wife Mary and Jacob Garrard," Deed Book 2, Page 60, 1763, Fauquier County, Virginia. On this assumption we place Rev. John Garrard, wife Mary, as our great, great, great, great, great grandparents. John doubtless had daughters who married Manafee and Smith, for located nearby in 1763 and 1787 were Garrard Manafee and Garrard Smith, respectively.

Among the children of this John Garrard there are recorded the names of:

1. Rychard Garrot, wife Elizabeth Hailey (?) married ca. 1784 (records for 1784-1785 are missing).

2. James Garrad married Phoebe Hailey 1789. James Garrot is listed with Lydia Garrott and others as a charter member of the Stevensburg Baptist Church October 23, 1833. By this we know James removed from Fauquier County to Culpeper County. Lydia Garrot is likely a daughter of James.

3. Jacob Garrett married Ruth Jett 1796. His deed in 1805 as joint lease with Abraham Oldaker is recorded in Clarksburg, West Virginia (Harrison County). We have no further data on Jacob Garrett, wife Ruth Jett.

4. There is on record an Anthony Garrett married Mary Dennison in 1786. He would necessarily be a

son of John Garrard Jr. He also evidently migrated to West Virginia.

5. Molly Garrard (Garrett) married John Dyer probably 1788 (records missing).

6. Luke Garrett lived with John Ellzey west of Linden.

Of these, according to our understanding of the Fauquier marriage register:

Rychard Garrett had these children:

1. Betsy Garrett born ca. 1785 married Abraham Oldaker in 1803. They moved to Harrison County (Now West Virginia)

2. Dolly Garrett married Daniel Johnson 1808

3. Richard Garrett married Millie Garrett (daughter of James) 1816

4. Anthony Garrett married Polly (Mary) Fletcher 1815. They also moved to Harrison County. Polly (Mary) Fletcher was the daughter of Jesse Fletcher a prominent settler in early Fauquier County.

5. Ellzey Garrett married (1) _____ Luttrell (?) (or Neale) ca. 1806. (2) His ward Eliza Mills in 1828. There are no Mills around Hume or Markham but the marriage of Samuel Meall to Elizabeth Luttrell 1786 is on record. The name is probably Neal or Neale who were neighbors of the Garretts. The son of Samuel Neale and Elizabeth Luttrell is no doubt father of the ward of Ellzey Garrett. His name was Matthew Neale.

   Ellzey's daughters were:
   1. Harriet (Elizabeth) Garrett married Mark Hailey 1825
   2. Sarah Garrett married Thomas Lacy 1824 (Ellzey was bondsman for these two marriages.)

From Deed Book 42 Page 121 of Fauquier records we see that Anthony Garrett removed to Harrison County and from said county executed a deed in 1841 to Waldo P. Goff, by which we are reminded that in Clarksburg, West Virginia are the Waldo Hotel and a suburb named Goff Plaza, an intriguing thing which invites our research. The deed was signed by Anthony Garrett, wife Mary Fletcher, daughter of Jesse Fletcher, and their seven children as heirs at law:

1. Jesse Garrett
2. Richard Garrett
3. Harrison Garrett
4. Addison Garrett
5. William Garrett
6. Sarah (Garrett) Queen, wife of Levi H. Queen
7. Carrie Ann (Garrett) McCloy, wife of Alexander McCloy of Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

The deed was witnessed by John Davis and James Reed.

These are Loudoun County and Fauquier County names, and indicate to us that the Davises and Reeds joined or followed the migrating company of Garretts, Queens, Dawsons and Oldaker and others to Harrison County, being most probably related to them or in the company.

We would judge by the records that James Garrett, brother of Rychard and Jacob Garrett, remained in Fauquier County with Rychard at or near the Buck Mountain homestead and later moved to Culpeper County. James' children appear to be:

1. Angus (Anguish) Garrett married Nancy Gilpin 1814. He died before 1851.
2. William Garrett married Anna Hailey 1815.
3. Milly Garrett married Richard Garrett son of Rychard 1816.
4. Lydia Garrett.

The above mentioned Angus, son of James, lived and died in Fauquier County and his children are stated in the register as children of Anguish and/or Nancy Garrett.

1. Cairy Garrett married James M. Wine 1830.
2. Elizabeth E. Garrett married Maudley D. Morris 1845 by Rev. Geo Lernman.
3. Jackson Garrett married Patsy Jane Hailey 1846.
4. Sarah Jane Garrett married John Weeks at Farrowsville 1851 (James M. Wine endorsed the license stating that John Weeks was a man of character and property).

AN OLDAKER-GARRETT PUZZLE

On Thumb Run Lane lived two families, Oldakers on the east end at Oleaker Farm, Garretts lived on the west end against Buck Mountain. Thus lived within sight of each

other, the family of Rychard Garrett and that of Abraham (1) Oldaker, 1740-1794 Fauquier County, Virginia. Hester was the given name of Abraham Oldaker's wife but the allied family name of each of these, my great, great, great grandmother's has not been tabulated with any great degree of accuracy. The names are important for they constitute the last missing links in my genealogical line through seven generations inclusive from Henry Oldaker, Sr. I must have them!

Until proven as being otherwise we shall post them as the available evidences indicate. And, though this is not true genealogy, which requires references and verification of references, the names perchance are correct. Accordingly in the absence of references we consider some indications:

First, Mrs. Rychard Garrett. Her children were Anthony, Betsy, Dolly, Richard and Ellzey. Each of these perhaps were named for or after someone in an anteceding or allied family.

a. Ellzey after John Ellzey, a great uncle and his grandmother Mary Ellzey.

b. Richard, named after his father.

c. Betsy probably named for her mother which would give the given name of Mrs. Rychard Garrett as Elizabeth.

d. Anthony is a very uncommon name for either Oldakers or Garretts and appears in this connection in only two instances, i.e.,

(1) Anthony Oldaker, son of Abraham (2) Oldaker and Betsy Garrett Oldaker, named after Anthony Garrett an uncle.

(2) Anthony Hailey, a brother of Phoebe Hailey who married James Garrett, brother of Richard Garrett in 1789 whereby we deduce that Anthony Hailey was named after his uncle Anthony Hailey and Mrs. Richard Garrett was nee Elizabeth Hailey. The Haileys were near neighbors to the Garretts and several members of the family intermarried as the foregoing register shows.

Second, Mrs. Abraham (1) Oldaker, her given name was Hester, revealed in the will of Abraham (1) in 1794, recorded in Warrenton. Hester was appointed executrix of Abraham's estate and Daniel Harris was named as surety on her bond. Previously in 1785, Daniel Harris was witness of the will of Henry Oldaker, Jr. in Loudoun County and in the same year and county "further proved" the will of Henry Oldaker, Sr. made in 1773 and probated in the year aforesaid.

In 1787 Daniel Harris bought lease in Fauquier on Goose Creek which he sold to Caleb Whittacre who built on this property what was known as Wolf's Mill and later Milan's Mill. Other Harrises located near in 1769 (Samuel); 1773 (Thomas); 1773 (James); 1773 (John). These were no doubt brothers of Daniel Harris.

In 1796 Daniel Harris bought in Hardy County on Lost River the 347 acres formerly owned by Henry Oldaker, Sr. leased from Fairfax and surveyed by George Washington, released to William Oldaker in 1779, and sold to Daniel Harris, as stated above.

One wonders why Daniel Harris could figure so prominently in Oldaker affairs unless he was related in some way; and the only way we can see is that he could be a brother-in-law of Hester Oldaker. Whereby we can understand now why Abraham and Hester moved from Loudoun in 1789 to Fauquier County, because Hester's people were living there and she was Hester Harris Oldaker.

An interesting conclusion to this Oldaker-Harris story is that Samuel Harris, son of Daniel, of Hardy County married Sarah Landacre in 1809; and the engraved face of the supposed Indian on the Indian Head Penny is the face of Sarah Landacre Harris, the niece-in-law of Hester Harris Oldacre.

THE BURSON STORY

Rebecca Oldaker married a Burson. But which Burson did she marry? Well, that was about 200 years ago, the year 1765-1770. We started digging in books, in old cemeteries around the Trappe, Quaker records, ad infinitum. We found Bursons mentioned in Quaker records coming from Bucks County, Pennsylvania to Fairfax Monthly Meeting in Loudoun County; Bursons and Lewellens; Bursons and Lewellens transferring by certificate to Westland Meeting in Washington County, Pennsylvania. We checked the Old Quaker Cemetery at South Fork, south of Unison in Loudoun and wrote down the name of Joseph Burson 1736-1786 in the back of my checkbook, lost it for a year, found it again and decided to explore some more just because of obstinancy and bull-headedness. Here a little and there a little we gleaned that Boorams, Bursons, Lewellin, Boremans and Clendennins, all allied families of Oldakers, were at one time in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

I wrote to the Historical Society of Washington County. Mrs. McIlvaine wrote me a wonderful letter giving extracts from Lecky's "Ten Mile Country and its Pioneer Families." I ordered a copy and "dug" and feasted for days; made another trip to Loudoun and wrote down from stones in South Fork Cemetery:

Thomas Littleton born 1791
James Gibson
Samantha Boram
Madison McPherson
Thomas Rector 1822-1879
Albert L., son of John and Mary Burson
William Burson and Martha E. born 1828 he died 1905
J.M. Chamblin died 1887
John Burson died 1875 76 years old (born 1799) Mary, wife
Joseph Burson born January 19, 1736 died 1786 (He was 50 years old)
James Bales died 1851 age 72
Mary, wife of William A. Reeder
Sarah Lovett born 1759 died 1792

I added a postscript on the spot that this Joseph Burson whose name I underscored was perhaps the husband of Rebecca Oldaker. And Rebecca, I figured, was born about that time, perhaps in Hampshire County (at that time Orange County). Now, the next thing was to check again the records in Leesburg, Virginia for Bursons. Ruth and I spent the day of October 4, 1963, digging for Bursons in Order Books, Will Books, Marriage Registers and Deeds; we extended our search to the library. By 4:00 P.M. we had a conglomeration of items that no fool could understand! Myself included! It took me two days to put in order what we had recorded, and we are not too sure now that our diagnosis is absolutely correct. But here it is:

George Burson, ancestor of the America Bursons came from Scarborough, Yorkshire, England ca. 1684 and settled in Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, where he became a member of Abington Monthly Meeting of Friends. His wife was Hannah (Goode?). Late in life he located on a tract of land in Gilbert's Manor, a few miles from Valley Forge, where he died in 1715. His will is on file in City Hall in Philadelphia and was made November 26, 1715, and probated February 11, 1716. In it he names his wife Hannah and six children viz.: James [born ca. 1687]; Joseph [born ca. 1689]; Mary [born ca. 1692]; Ann [born ca. 1695]; William [born ca. 1697]; and George Jr. [born ca. 1703]. . . .

A certificate on record from Buckingham Monthly Meeting to Fairfax Monthly Meeting gives transfer to Joseph Burson, wife and children July 2, 1751. Court records in Leesburg, Virginia of Loudoun County show that Joseph and George Burson Jr. both came to Loudoun and have lands in 1761, some of which lands remained in possession of some of their descendants until after 1905. At first the families were in Cameron Parish, which was divided in 1769 and the new parish of Shelburne became their parish in the southwestern part of Loudoun County near the present village of Philomont, Airmont, Bloomfield, Trappe, Unison and the country north of Upperville, along the Eastern slope of the Blue Ridge.

We shall divide our stock-in-trade consisting of wills and items from various records into two categories: George Burson Jr. and Joseph Burson.

George Burson Jr.

Came to Loudoun County in 1745. He married Sarah Cox in 1731. His will in 1786 gives his children: James, Joseph, Benjamin, Jonathan, Ruth, Hannah, and Esther (Will Book C Loudoun County).

1. James Burson was 81 years old (born 1733) when he made his will in Loudoun County, Virginia in 1814. He married (1) Mary Foulke in 1756. The 81 year old James Burson was an ex-captain of Virginia troops during the Revolutionary War. He had at least one son Joseph who married (1) Abigail Cunnard and (2) Margaret Burson. James married (2) Hannah Spencer who was his living wife when he made his will. Other children, to which wife belonging we do not know, were: Susannah, Sarah, Ann, Rebecca, Ruth, Lydia, John (who married Mary Bradfield) Isaiah (whose son Labon married and had a daughter, Mary Ann Burson (who married Henry Fish in 1832), Aaron (who married Kitty Burson in 1799 daughter of Joseph, brother of James, who married Abigail Cunnard in 1791).

2. Joseph Burson born ca. 1735, wife Mary Wilson (?) will 1819. Children:

   (1) John born ca. 1760 married unknown
   (2) Jehu married Anna Kent 1799
   (3) Jesse Burson
   (4) Cyrus married Phoebe Bayly 1802
   (5) Kitty married Aaron Burson 1799
   (6) Tamer married Moses Wilson
   (7) Hester married unknown
   (8) Lydia married _____ Hutchison (2) Torreyson

3. Benjamin Burson, son of George Jr., made his will on 1790 in Loudoun County. His wife was Hannah Young (?). He evidently married late and died comparatively young (about 50) for his will gives no indication that his children were then married. Children were:

   (1) George Burson
   (2) Silas Burson. Went to Washington County, Pennsylvania and later to Guernsey County, Ohio. He married Ansey Thompson in Loudoun County in 1838.
   (3) Sarah married James Shore 1799
   (4) Esther

4. Jonathan Burson born ca. 1750, son of George Burson Jr. had land adjoining James, Benjamin and Joseph, his brothers. He left no will in Loudoun County but in 1814 he witnessed the will of his brother James Burson, being then about 65 years old. He died in Elkton, Ohio and his wife was Rebekah Oldaker. Children:

   (1) Moses Burson
   (2) Solomon Burson
   (3) Mary Burson born ca. 1798 married John Lewellen, son of Thomas Lewellen.
   (4) Eleanor Burson

   (1), (2), and (4) above joined Quakers at South Fork.

5. Ruth married _____Romine.

6. Hannah married _____Bradfield.

7. Esther married _____Cunnard.

JOSEPH BURSON SR.

Joseph Burson Sr., son of George and Hannah (Goode) Burson was born in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1689 and died in Loudoun County, Virginia after 1776. He inherited the tract of land on which his father had settled in Pennsylvania which he still owned on June 13, 1754, advertised in the Pennsylvania Gazette of that date. He moved to Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1739. The aforementioned Friends Certificate showing that the family moved to Loudoun County, Virginia about 1751, gives the name of his wife Rachel, and six of their seven children: James, Absalom, Ann (married Richard Tullos), Rachel, Debora (married a Lewellen) and Joseph. A record of his marriage is before us to Rachel Potts, daughter of Jonas and Mary Potts, August 15, 1719 witnessed by 52 of their Friends and relatives; also an abstract from a Loudoun Court Order Book, that Joseph brought suit against Jonas Potts in 1767 for stealing a hog!

1. James, the son of this Joseph Burson, did not go to Virginia with his father but took a grant of land from the Colonial Authorities of Pennsylvania and purchased other lands. He was born at Gilbert's Manor November 21, 1722, and moved with with parents to Bucks County in 1739. He married (1) Sarah Price in 1748 by whom he had eight children: David, Mary, Issac (founder of the town of Bursonville), Edward, Sarah, Ann, James Jr. and Joseph. An excellent genealogy of them is available. Edward Burson, the fourth child, became the pioneer settler of the Burson families in Washington and Green Counties, Pennsylvania. James married (2) Sarah (Worth) Twinning who died in 1833. James died in 1785 and his will is on file in Bucks County. He was a member of the Richland Society of Friends.

2. Benjamin Burson born ca. 1725 married Ann Roberts. Benjamin preceded his aged father in death. Benjamin made his will and died in 1769 leaving two minor sons, unnamed, whom we deduce as James who married Jane Orlton in 1796 and Joseph who is named as grandson in Owen Roberts will.

   Benjamin's will, found in Will Book A, is a very unusual instrument. It provides for his aged father, Joseph Burson Sr., who is to be "maintained with food and raiment suitable for a man of his age (80 years) to be taken from the whole estate," presumably Joseph Sr.'s, which looks to us like Benjamin was going beyond his authority, unless he had an agreement with the others of the family. Anyhow, the historian says that Joseph Sr. in 1776

"got into some mixup over his son Benjamin's estate."

3. Absalom Burson left no will. We picked up one item from the Court Order Book dated October 10, 1768 which seems to point to no other except Absalom: "Ordered that the church wardens of Common Parish bind Rachel Burson, about five years old, an orphan of Alice Alford to Owen Roberts. We deduce that Owen is her probable father, and a suitable guardian for the orphan girl whose father is deceased by 1768. Anyhow Absalom's name appears in no later record, we surmise that, Absalom Burson married Alice Alford and they had one daughter, Rachel Burson. Absalom died in 1768.

4. Ann Burson married Richard Tullos, a Quaker.

5. Rachel Burson

6. Debora Burson married Shadrack Lewellen, a Quaker.

7. Joseph Burson (2). At this juncture of our Burson story we note that there are only two Bursons left in Loudoun County that are eligible as a husband of Rebecca Oldaker: (1) A Joseph, son of Joseph Sr. and Rachel Potts, and (2) Jonathan, son of George Burson Jr. These two are in the same or near age bracket born 1736-1750 with Rebecca.

Let us take first the Joseph Burson buried in the South Fork Cemetery: Born January 19, 1736 died 1786. He left no will on record. Rebecca Oldaker was born ca. 1737-51. Neither Jonathan nor this Joseph left a will in Loudoun County. Since this Joseph buried at South Fork is in the Quaker Cemetery he is logically a son of Joseph Sr. who was a Quaker; and logically the other Bursons buried there are John, William G., Albert L. are Quakers and of the same ancestral line as Joseph Sr. and Rachel Potts Burson.

By and large, the Bursons we record and chart following are correctly placed as descendants of Joseph Burson, son of George Burson Jr. 1735-1819:

A. Joseph Burson ca. 1735-1819 will on file Loudoun Book P Page 203 wife Polly (Mary). Children:

(1) John Burson
(2) Cyrus Burson
(3) Jesse Burson
(4) Tamer Burson
(5) Kitty Burson
(6) Lydia Burson

Mary Burson, wife of Joseph Burson, deceased, made will in 1835 Book X page 53.

The transcriber of this document has, as children of Joseph: Sons, John, Jehu, Jesse, Cyrus; Daughters, Hester Burson and Lydia Torreyson and granddaughter Mary Hutchison. Tamer and Kitty were omitted.

Note: Undoubtedly, this is the same family, except for Jehu. We may have missed his name in transcription of Joseph's will. Jehu had been marked out on Mary's will by a record reader using a pencil. He may not have correctly done so--Jehu married Anna Kent in 1799. Tamer had probably died by 1835 and Lydia has a child Mary Hutchinson; and Lydia (here Ledia) has married Mr. Torryson.

Before leaving the family we note that Cyrus was guardian of Julia Ann Van Pelt who married Abel Jones in 1831. Cyrus married Phoebe Bayly in 1802. We have no data on Jesse.

A1. John Burson grandson of Joseph and Mary married Mary Gregg. John and Mary are buried in South Fork Cemetery. His dates are 1799-1875. His will is dated 1875 Book 3C's Page 447. His farm was inherited from his father. Their children were:

a. Geo F. Burson
b. Albert L. Burson (buried at South Fork)
c. Adelaide E. Burson married Ludwell Beavens
d. Margaret Burson married Thomas T. Orme married September 9, 1852. They had a son Thomas Orme.
e. Mary Jane Burson (Molly) married John M. Chamblin.

Note: There is a gap here of a generation and John, wife, Mary, is a son of either John born ca. 1760, Jesse or Cyrus, more probably John.

Undetermined Bursons

Genoa F. Burson of Philomont (female) by will of 1896, Will Book 3P devised her property to children of John M. Chamblin. Our opinion is that this Genoa F. is Geo. F. shown above and she is the daughter of John and Mary (Gregg) Burson shown above and sister of Mary Jane Burson Chamblin.

John M. probably John Maylen Chamblin who died in 1887 and buried at South Fork.

William G. Burson Will Book 3S, Page 99 wife Martha E. Stewart, will made March 9, 1903. Land on road to Moore's Mill [From where?] adjoining lands of Otley and Beavers, devised to Rosalie Burson Dishman. We place William G. Burson as son of John and Mary Gregg Burson on three counts: (1) He is buried in South Fork Quaker Cemetery near the graves of John and Mary; (2) He was born according to his memorial stone in 1828, a date in keeping with the birthdate of John Burson as 1799; and (3) He had reached his majority of 32 years before the death of his father in 1875, and in all probability had received his share of the parental estate, for which reason his name may have been omitted in the will. His gravestone says his wife was of same age as he and that he died in 1905.

From where we sit it looks like William G. Burson was the last living one of the Burson name in Loudoun County, Virginia but there are many Bursons living in the U.S.A. There were six listed in the District of Columbia telephone directory for 1963. It is a long time since and a long way from Yorkshire in Auld England. And we wonder if the name of Rebecca Oldaker is known by a single one of the Bursons now living. Yea, Rebecca Oldaker married a Burson. Which one?

We think it was Joseph (2) the son of Joseph Sr. and Rachel. We may be mistaken, for our research is not complete on Jonathan, the son of George Burson Jr.

Late--Well, well, well, after all the checking and double checking we missed it! I had written to Freda Burson now living in Washington, D.C. Three months later I had a reply saying that according to her records and Freda is Regent of Potomac Chapter D.A.R. holding national and state offices in several other genealogical organizations, the only Rebekah that married a Burson was the wife of a Jonathan Burson! So Rebekah Oldaker married Jonathan Burson, son of George Jr. and Sarah Cox Burson.

We come to the close of our Burson story by presenting a page of items from the letter by Miss Freda Burson of Washington, D.C. She states further that the only Rebecca who married a Burson in Virginia according to her records, was the wife of Jonathan Burson. Since there are no other Jonathan Bursons on record in Loudoun County for the years 1745-1830, the evidence that his wife was Rebecca Oldaker is insurmountable.

We are happy to record that Rebecca became a member with her family of the South Fork Friends Meeting, that she transferred her membership when the family moved to Champaign County, Ohio and was a worshipper at Goose Creek Meeting of

Lincoln of Loudoun County, when they returned to Loudoun and were present at the marriage of Joseph Burson, a nephew, in 1791 at South Fork; that Jonathan witnessed and administered the will of his father in 1814-1816, becoming members at Lincoln in 1818. Their children evidently remained and married in Ohio, to which Jonathan and Rebecca returned and evidently spent their remaining years near Moses, Solomon and Elenor, their children. Sunset and evening star came for them, Rebecca and Jonathan, in 1828 and 1830 respectively.

It will be our pleasure and anticipation tn visit Westfield Cemetery D.V. at Elkton, Ohio in the near future and pay our belated respects to these fine Friends of other days whose story has afforded us much interest and kindled warm appreciation and admiration.

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Washington, D.C.
February 17, 1964

The Reverend Glenn C. Oldaker
Route 2, Culpepper, Virginia

Dear Mr. Oldaker:

I have been trying to organize such information as I have been able to obtain concerning Jonathan and Rebecca (Rebekah) Burson. I do not have a marriage record and have not been able to learn Rebecca's maiden name.

Among the Burson genealogical records in my possession are the following: (Some are from the vault in Baltimore, holding records of Quaker Monthly Meetings, and were obtained for my by a professional genealogist, Mrs. Bliss Forbush; others are from the Hinshaw Quaker Encyclopedia, and Roberts and Elys "Early Friends Families----".

1684 George and Hannah (Goode or Gouda) Burson came from Scarborough, England, about 1684. George Burson died in 1715 in Gilbert's Manor, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

1786 George Burson, Jr., married Sarah Cox 7-9-1731, daughter of Stephen Cox and Margaret Potts Cox. He died in Loudoun County, Virginia. I have a copy of his will, dated 31st day, 8th month, 1786. Children: James Burson (my ancestor), Joseph, Benjamin, Jonathan (who was bequeathed 160 Acres of land), Ruth Romaine, Hannah Bradfield, Esther Cunard.

1770 From the Quaker records: "Jonathan Burson, member of South Fork Meeting, Virginia ---- a complaint against him on 6th month 1770 that he had married out of unity and was disowned for the same, 29th day 9th month, 1770.

1785 His "Acknowledgement" was accepted and he was restored to membership 28th day 5th month 1785. Rebecca Burson received into membership same date. Children of Jonathan Burson: Moses, Solomon, Eleanor, received into membership same date.

1785 Jonathan and wife Rebecca Burson granted certificate of removal to Derby Monthly Meeting (Champaign County, Ohio), endorsed by Derby and Elk MM.

1791 At the marriage of Joseph Burson and Abigail Cunard at South Fork Virginia, on 1/12/1791, Jonathan and Rebecca Burson were among the witnesses signing.

1818 Jonathan Burson and wife Rebecca received on certificate at Goose Creek Monthly Meeting, dated 1818-1-1, endorsed by Derby MM.

1828 Rebecca Burson died, aged 77 years, 5 months 9 days; buried in Westfield Cemetery Elkton, Ohio.

1830 Jonathan Burson died, aged 81 years 2 months 2 days at West Elkton, Ohio; buried in Westfield Cemetery.

I have the copy of a deed, dated 20 August 1803 "between Jonathan Burson and Rebecca, his wife, of the County of Loudoun and State of Virginia, and John Burson, "shows the said Jonathan and Rebekah sold to John Burson a certain tract of land.

Some of these dates are confusing, I know, but it appears that this particular Jonathan and Rebecca (Rebekah) Burson are buried in Elkton, Ohio.

Following is my genealogy, which you requested. This was confirmed and approved by the National Board of Admissions, Daughters of the American Revolution:

George and Hannah Burson

George Burson, Jr., and Sarah Cox. George Burson died 1786 in Loudoun County, Virginia. His will, probated 9 October 1786, named James Burson, son and one Jonathan, as an executor.

James Burson, born 1733 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, married Mary (Foulke?) 28 March 1756. Died in Loudoun County, Virginia. His will probated 9 October 1815; his age shown as 81 years.

John Burson, born 4 February 1775 in Loudoun County, Virginia, married Mary Bradfield 5 February 1828; died in October 1861 in Columbiana County, Ohio.

William Burson, born 24 November 1833 in Columbiana Co., Ohio; married Rebecca Ann Billman 21 November 1857; died 16 January 1880 in Carroll County, Ohio.

John Emmet Burson, born 11 December 1863 in Columbiana County, Ohio; married Nancy Rebecca Gossett 25 September 1894; died 28 June 1938 in Washington, D.C.

Freda Florence Burson, born in Parsons, Kansas, resident in Washington, D.C.

Frank Maurice Burson, born in Parsons, Kansas, resident in Atlanta, Georgia.

Sincerely,

Freda F. Burson

January 20, 1963

Mr. Glenn C. Oldaker,
Rt. 2, Culpepper, Virginia

Dear Mr. Oldaker:

This is a brief reply to your letter of November 2, 1963, requesting information concerning your Burson ancestor. I am writing mostly to let you know that I have not forgotten your letter.

As I am still employed, it is difficult for me to do much searching in the genealogical line. I am also at present regent of DAR Chapter (Potomac) and hold national or state office in several other lineage organizations.

My Burson line stems from George and Hannah Burson, through one of their four sons, George, Jr., who married Sarah Cox in 1733; They removed to Loudoun County, Virginia, in 1745. My records show only one Rebecca (or Rebekah) as the wife of a Burson (except my grandmother Rebecca Ann Billman). She was the wife of a Jonathan Burson, son of George, Jr. and Sarah Cox.

If you have access to Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy (copies should be in Richmond Public Library) and/or Roberts & Ely "Early Friends Families of Upper Bucks", published in Philadelphia, 1925, you will probably find more information regarding the Burson line.

I will be at the DAR Library later in the month, and will see if I can locate anything more about a Rebecca (Oldaker) Burson.

Sincerely,

Freda F. Burson

Well, while we were working out this Burson genealogical history we wondered why we were going to all this effort to establish the name of one little Oldaker girl's Beau Brummel husband so long ago. Then we reached our conclusions about the puzzling thing we saw that we had been looking ahead perhaps a fifth dimension at another puzzle to which the first one had been leading us on, the origin of Henry Oldaker Sr. So we put down a few things and looked at them and asked ourselves a few questions about the Bursons and Oldakers:

1. George Burson Sr. who came from Yorkshire, and the father of Henry Oldacre would be contemporaries.

2. George Burson Jr., Joseph Burson and Henry Oldacre would be near the same age.

3. Joseph Burson, George Burson, Jr. and Henry Oldacre each married Quakers and their locations of marriage were near Philadelphia.

4. Children of each married Quakers.

5. George Burson Jr., Joseph Burson and Henry Oldacre went to Virginia about the same time 1745-1753 with unmarried children.

6. All three were living as neighbors in 1765-1773 near the Trappe in Loudoun County, Virginia.

7. There was a place called Trapp in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania near the place where the Bursons lived!

8. Joseph Burson was born in Philadelphia County in 1689; owned his father's seat in Gilbert's Manor a few miles from Valley Forge, and Trapp in Montgomery County until 1754. He moved to Bucks County Westminster of Friends at Buckingham 1739 and to Virginia in 1751 (near Trappe).

9. Henry Oldacre first deed in Frederick County, Virginia was 1753. He may have lived in Philadelphia County or Chester or Montgomery County, Pennsylvania 1732-1753.

10. Tradition says Lide Oldacre lived and died at Brandywine near or on Rattlesnake Mountain. But we don't know who this Lide was nor where this Brandywine was--West Virginia, Maryland or Pennsylvania or Virginia.

11. Tradition says three Oldacres came from England about the time of the Puritans; moved down into Pennsylvania and to Virginia. One, a sister, never married. Nor one of the brothers. One did marry and all the American Oldakers are from his family. [There are a few exceptions.] The origina home of the Oldakers was in Pennsylvania.

12. Rebecca Oldaker married a Burson.

Now we put down a few "maybes", "perhaps" and possibilities:

1. Perhaps Henry Oldacre's father came from Yorkshire ca. 1684 with Bursons.

2. Perhaps the father of Henry married a Goode or Burson and became thus related to George Burson Sr.

3. Perhaps both families first lived in Philadelphia County and Henry was born there as was Joseph Burson Sr. and George Burson Jr.

4. Possibly Henry's father or Henry himself after the marriage to Elinor Bordon lived in the vicinity of Brandywine, Pennsylvania.

5. Maybe the Trappe in Loudoun County was named by Henry Oldacre for the place in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania called "Trapp."

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OLDAKERS IN THE CIVIL WAR

The General Index of Military Pension Files No. 354 is the main source of our information on these Oldakers and Oldacres who fought in the Civil War. They were a house divided against itself; some enlisted in the Union Army, others in the Confederate Army--it was a brothers war.

The reading and abstracting of the files required two days of intensive application to the task. It is a matter of much regret that we could not present depositions in toto; in some, life stories were written and preserved, that held us spellbound. The total of the case histories would make a fair sized volume--of personal letters, deposition, legal and medical instruments and testimonials, et cetera, et cetera.

Confederate soldiers received no pensions. Their only reward was the knowledge that they had fought a good fight for a cause that was lost; but a cause that they loved more than they loved life, and for which many of them "gave their last full measure of devotion"

We place them all according as we understand the evidences given. Some we could not place on any family tree. Their identity may come to light later.

A. Oldaker Union Soldiers

1. James Oldacre C-20 Michigan Infantry; K-2 Michigan Infantry; filed application for pension November 11, 1889; pensioned August 6, 1907; claim abandoned December 12, 1910. Apparently this is the year of his death. He was born September 1, 1839 in Leicestershire, England. Had no knowledge of any public record of his birth and did not know with whom to correspond to ascertain whether any such record exists; there was no baptismal record nor any family record. He came from England to Phepps (Phelps) New York in 1849, and to Athens, Michigan (Calhoun County), 1860. He married in 1860, Anne E. Carter in Seneca Castle, New York and a son, Charles H. Oldacre was born August 29, 1861.

   James enlisted from Athens, and in 1863 on the march from Petersburg to Alexandria, carrying too heavy a load, he suffered a sunstroke, resulting in nervousness and rheumatism from which he as an invalid never recovered.

   There were numerous depositions by neighbors, friends, fellow soldiers and physicians repeating the same story; he was a good man and an honest

citizen but he was simply unable to work and care for his family.

We have no further data on Ann Carter Oldacre and the son Charles H. Oldaker. (Later research shows James was apprentice 1849-1860 to Joshua P. Ottley in Phelps, New York.)

Additional Information on James Oldaker
(Received January 27, 1965)

A Thomas Oldacres born 1811, of Carlton, Leicestershire, married a Sarah Kirkland at Carlton in 1840 and about 1849-1850 they emigrated to the U.S.A. with their three children: Andrew Oldacres born 1841; Mary Oldacres born 1843; and Jane Oldacres born 1845. Thomas Oldacres, the father, of "Philps" County, York, died in March 1875. It thus appears that James Oldacre of Phelps, New York was one of this family and might have been a son of Sarah Kirkland before her marriage to Thomas Oldacres. I therefore made a search for his birth certificate in the name of James Kirkland and found it. He was born on September 1, 1838 (not 1839), the son of Sarah Kirkland of Barlestone, which adjoins Carlton, and the certificate leaves the father's name blank. There is no evidence that Thomas Oldacres was the father and it may well be that he was not an Oldacre at all. In the absence of such evidence I shall regard him as one. The foregoing explains James' difficulty in knowing how and where to obtain his birth certificate. The Oldacres family of Carlton were distantly related to that of Henry Decimus Oldacres of Churchover and are not associated in any way (that we can see) with your ancestor Henry Oldaker Sr.

Arthur E. Oldaker
Surrey, England

2. John Winthrop Oldaker K-22 Iowa Infantry. He filed claim for pension as invalid, July 21, 1890. John was from Boone County, P.O. Foote, Iowa. He volunteered at Rolla, Missouri. At Stony Point, October 1862 he contracted measles which resulted in ill health--lungs and kidneys were affected. He had cough, rheumatism and asthma. He was discharged at Savannah, Georgia, July 25, 1865.

He made application for pension July 16, 1890 from Jackson County, Kansas and later from Iowa, which was signed by A.J. Oldaker, age 33, affiant resident of Washington County, Iowa and a deputy clerk of Wellman, Iowa. The application was also signed by H.E. Oldaker of Des Moines.

In his own deposition John states that A.J. Oldaker was a real estate and newspaper man, a son of Henry E. Oldaker, with whom John came to live after he returned from discharge in August 1865. John Oldaker married Frances A. Hall January 9, 1887 and was married by J.P. McDowell.

A description by Mary E. Oldaker was on record in which she is also called Marian Neé Crosby, sister-in-law of John Oldaker and wife of Henry F. Oldaker, deceased. She married (2) J.L. Hess. She was divorced from Hess and took the name Oldaker again. She stated that John Oldaker, after discharge, lived for 21 years with his brother Henry--jointly bought land and lived on it for 21 years and that John was 68 years old, July 13, 1906. She endorsed the application for pension.

A deposition by A.J. Oldaker (which we omit for sake of brevity) indicated that he was not sure that John was so sick as he and others claimed him to be: "He says he is sick and complains a great deal."

The next deposition was by Henry F. Moffat who read a note given to him by the postmaster (unnamed): "Mary E. Oldaker formerly was a Hess, her first husband being Henry Oldaker. She read medicine and practised in her own family. She was of good reputation and intelligent. She was a near relative (sister-in-law) to John Oldaker; was without prejudice and knew his condition."

But "A.J. Oldaker does not have a first class reputation. As recorder of Iowa County he is said to have been unfaithful to his trust by many questionable acts. He was a maker of notes filed against a Yoder Estates--notes said to have been forged. He left many debts unpaid in Wellman, Iowa." Mr. Moffat endorsed the application for pension.

John Oldaker was granted a pension September 22, 1894 by W.G. Crawford, agent and attorney of Sullivan, Iowa County, Iowa. His pension gives his service record as Enlisted August 14, 1862 and discharged July 25, 1865. He was paid $30.00 per month to July 4, 1918. He died October 4, 1918 at 80 years of age. A pension check for $128.00 was returned and cancelled October 4, 1918 at Wellman, Washington County, Iowa.

To us later Oldakers, the case of John Oldaker, soldier, is a very interesting story. We make no comment of disparagement concerning any of the parties involved--we merely quote the record. But we are sure of the identity of Mary E. Oldaker--she

is none other than Mirian Neé Crosby Oldaker, wife of Henry; and John Oldaker, the soldier, is the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Fry Oldaker. We also identify H.E. as Harvey Emanuel and A.J. as Albion Jacob Oldaker.

Note: Since the postmaster as a psuedo deponent did not suffer his name to be subscribed to this second-hand, left-handed deposition of Mr. Moffat, it appears to us that he may have possessed perhaps a "teeny-weeny" bit of the prejudice he claimed was lacking in Dr. Mary E. Oldaker. Your editor disclaims any further opinion on the Recorder-Postmaster controversy (if there is such). It simply goes on the record as an unsolved mystery.

2A. William J. Oldaker C.W. soldier and brother of John. Contracted TB in a confederate prison was released and died at home, Wellman, Iowa. Born February 18, 1840 died April 7, 1866. He was not pensioned.

3. John Oldaker, Private Co. D. 8 Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Enrolled September 5, 1861 Co. K 8th Regiment, commanded by Colonel Benton. John's address was Raysville, Indiana (Henry County).

In his own deposition he states his trade, carpenter. He was not married, never had been. He was court-martialed at Camp Morton, Indiana for A.W.O.L. Sentenced by G.O. No. 65 Hd'qn Dept. Columbus, Ohio, September 17, 1864 to be confined at hard labor for a period of 60 days.

The descriptive book of convalescents August 31, 1863 names John and Jacob Oldaker both on sick list for period September 1, 1863 until February 1864, "Left sick at Carrolton, La."

He was discharged honorably at Indianapolis, Indiana, November 26, 1864 at age 47. He was pensioned June 25, 1886. He lost his pension certificate on the streets of Indianapolis; made application and got another number. His pension in 1887 was $8.00 per month. Beginning June 4, 1890 his pension was $17.00 per month. April 13, 1893 letters of guardianship of John Oldaker were granted certificate No. 331,727 Co.D., Henry Holt, attorney, Indianapolis, Indiana, Jacob Harmish, a saloon keeper was witness whose address with John Oldaker's was given as East Germantown, Indiana. John Oldaker died June 23, 1904, age 87. Comment: Seems like John being sick so long in 1863 and 1864 just couldn't make it for 60 days hard labor. He only lasted 39 days of it. He must have been a complete wreck, a total invalid to require a guardianship in

1893. We did not get the name of the guardian unless it was Mr. Holt.

We identify this John Oldaker as son of Jacob and Elizabeth Van Buskirk Oldaker who located near East Germantown, Indiana in 1816 and John was born there in 1817. He enlisted at age 44.

4. Jacob Oldaker Co. D. Indiana Infantry. He was born October 24, 1840, East Germantown, Indiana (Wayne County) enrolled as a private at Indianapolis April 11, 1861, served three years and three months and was mustered out at Charleston, West Virginia with the rank of Corporal. He lived at Camden, Ohio (?) five years; Evansville, Indiana, ten years; Terre Haute, Indiana, eight years and Frankton, Indiana on October 10, 1871. Jacob married Mrs. Mary (Rowlett) George who died December 19, 1887 and is buried in the Musselman graveyard one mile east of Camden, Indiana. He was not with her at death. They had three children:

    1. Jacob H. Oldaker born August 4, 1872 lived in Richmond, Indiana (A barber).
    2. Ellen Oldaker born May 6, 1874 died young.
    3. Eva Oldaker born March 17, 1876 Richmond, Indiana.

On March 7, 1889, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, he married Mrs. Johanna (Barber) Devine, widow of Henry P. Devine, whom she had married March 28, 1862 and who had died May 7, 1880, at Centerburg, Ohio, a member of the Ohio Calvary, Company A of Civil War. Jacob and Johanna were married by Harrison Atwood, Justice of the Peace. She was then a $12.00 pensioner.

The death certificate indicates that Jacob died October 5, 1917 of acute embolic pneumonia, with arterio-sclerosis as a contributing cause of death. Johanna died September 6, 1925. They were both residents at the soldiers home in Lafayette and are buried in the soldier's home graveyard. Jacob was a retired cigar-maker. The name of his father was unknown, but his mother was stated as the former Miss Wright. This one item is sufficient to indicate his parentage, and we can correctly place Jacob Oldaker, as son of Henry and Ellen Wright Oldaker--son of Jacob and Elizabeth Van Buskirk Oldaker. Jacob the soldier was a brother to Francis M. Oldaker who was also a Civil War Veteran on the Union side.

5. Francis Marion Oldaker Capt. Wysongs Co. Indiana Volunteers, from East Germantown, Indiana (Wayne County) Enlisted as a cooper August 16, 1861; was in Co. D 8th Ind. at Camp Helma, Arkansas; was wounded

November 11, 1861 by gunshot in left arm and disabled in left foot by accidental discharge of his gun at Sycamore, Missouri; discharged from service June 27, 1862 at St. Louis, Missouri. His service record is August 16, 1861 until July 8, 1962 as first duty sergeant.

His wife was Sarah M. Bruce, married by Burney Hart, J.P., December 25, 1857. His youngest child, Clara was born August 17, 1876. Application for pension was filed by Newsom and Knowland, Anderson, Indiana, June 26, 1889. Pension was $8.00 per month plus $2.00 for each child. Francis died April 10, 1890. Sarah filed claim July 12, 1890. Pension was dropped May 27, 1912 when the widow had died, her last payment being May 4, 1912--$12.00

Francis Marion Oldaker was son of Henry and Ellen Wright Oldaker--son of Jacob--son of Henry Jr.--son of Henry Sr.

6. John Henry Oldaker, Corporal, Co. E. 112th Illinois Infantry; applied for pension June 15, 1880. Widow applied September 30, 1904; filed from South Dakota. Widow was Mary Brennan Oldaker. She died near Philip, South Dakota in 1920. They were married by Rev. Marion Morrison in Marshall County, Illinois in 1867. A deponent brother Jacob Oldaker aged 59 in 1904 was a Notary Public living at Chula, Livingston County, Missouri. John enrolled in August 1862 at Wyoming, Illinois. Now in Stark County. He was wounded at Knoxville, Tennessee during the siege. The bullet entered his left shoulder and came out on side of his neck.

After the war he took up a homestead in Chas. Mix County, South Dakota. 80 acres, $1440 value. The farm income was insufficient for the family, for which reason the widow applied for pension after John's death. Their children were named Edward G., Mamie, Louis L., Ora O. and Bridgie A. and others.

We place this John Oldaker as son of Rhamay and Elizabeth Oldaker, son of John, son of Henry Jr., son of Henry Sr. John, the soldier, was born in Ross County, Ohio and married in Marshall County, Illinois.

7. McKindnee Branch Oldaker Co. D or B 34th Regular Iowa Infantry. He enlisted August 13, 1862 at Indianola, Iowa. He contracted erysipelas and rheumatic fever in the field at Burton Barracks. Medical examination showed that "inflamation of the brain" was the cause of his death, May 14, 1863. His mother was Caroline Catherine Johnson--she

married Martin G. Oldaker in Green County, Ohio in 1841. Martin G. Oldaker died in Highland County, Ohio April 1846. McKendnee was their first born son. He never married. January 4, 1858 Carolyn Oldaker married (2) Benjamin C. Batten at Indianola, Iowa, Warren County. He died in Iowa in 1877. The mother applied for pension at Milo, Iowa, Warren County, Pension began September 13, 1890. He was 69 years old then living at Canton, McPherson County, Kansas. She had $100 bounty allowed in 1868 and after 1890, $12 per month. She died January 2, 1908 and the pension was dropped February 13, 1909. McKendnee was known as "Branch" Oldaker. He was the son of Martin G. of Highland County, Ohio, the son of Issac Jr., the son of Issac Sr., the son of Henry Oldaker Sr.

8. Levi H. Oldaker Co. D 7th West Virginia Cavalry; D-7 West Virginia Infantry. Applied for pension July 12, 1890. Widow applied November 4, 1912. Levi is one of the few Virginia Oldakers who joined the Union Army. He was from Mason County, now West Virginia. He enlisted at 23 years of age, was absent without leave, deserted, returned to duty and was discharged in August 1865 at Martinsburg. As an invalid he received $6.00 per month, later $15. He married Mary J. Harris March 14, 1864. "And we went to housekeeping November the 7th, 1865. We moved to Bar (Bear) Branch on the 4th of March 1866."

Levi's deposition: "My father had no bible at the time of my birth. My name and date of birth were written down on a piece of blank paper which was afterwards (partially) destroyed by mice, but I still remember the date which is April the 15th 1838." [We saw this paper in archives.]

Deposition of George Grimm of Grimm's Landing, West Virginia. "Just herend (heard) Marey (Mary) J. died at Spencer Alsylum (Asylum)."

Levi died near Gap, West Virginia after which Mary lived at Robertsburg. Her application was witnessed by Esther and Rethia Oldaker [cannot place these two Oldakers]. The children of Levi and Mary are shown in the chapter about John Oldaker.

Levi was the son of William (2) and Mary A. Priddy Oldaker and William (2) was son of William (1), son of John Sr., son of Henry Oldaker Sr.

9. William Oldacre Co. G 12th Kentucky Infantry. Widow Susan filed application for pension March 5, 1863. William's service in the Union cause was rather short. He enlisted at Somerset of Pulaski County,

Kentucky, was given the rank of Corporal. On a forced march from Somerset to Louisville he caught pneumonia and died in an Army hospital in Louisville. His wife was Susan Buster whom he married in Wayne County, Kentucky in 1843. They had four children and they have been identified in the chapter on Jacob Oldacre. Susan died in 1875 and is buried at Taylor Cemetery, Glen Fork, Adair County, Kentucky.

William Oldacre, the soldier, was the son of Jacob (1) Oldaker by this third marriage to Sarah Reppetoe. Jacob (1) was son of Henry Oldaker Sr. and Elinor Borden of New Jersey and Virginia.

10. John Oldacre Private, Co. G 12th Kentucky Infantry. He was born May 26, 1844 at Russell County, Kentucky and died December 23, 1909 at Louisville. He served three years, was discharged and re-enlisted. His first enlistment was in 1861. At the battle of Atlanta he received a gunshot wound in the side of the neck. He suffered also from catarrah. As invalid he filed for pension December 17, 1906, C.D. Pennybaker, Attorney.

After the war John was druggist at Glen Fork in Adair County. There is nothing in the record to indicate that John married and had a family. He was cared for in later life by a brother's family, William C. Oldacre, whose daughter, Mrs. L.J. Carr of Sulphur Springs, Florida applied for a pension for her father in 1927 [died 1928], on the grounds that he (William C.) cared for John during his invalidism. Her application was rejected.

John Oldacre, the soldier, was the son of William and Susan Buster Oldacre and both father and son enlisted at the same time and in the same company, William Oldacre being son of Jacob (1), son of Henry Oldaker, Sr., our first American progenitor of this name.

11. John T. Oldaker Co. B. West Virginia Infantry and Invalid. Pension application No. 246629, January 3, 1878. His deposition states: "While on the Lynchburg Raid, by General Hunter in 1864, in consequence of hard marching, I became ruptured having hernia on both sides." He served under Capt. William C. Greenlee. His wife was Sarah Ann Kimberling. The names of their children will be found in the chapter about John (1) Oldaker.

We identify this soldier as John Tiberius Oldaker, son of Peyton Oldaker of Mason County, West Virginia, son of Issac, son of John (1), son of Henry Oldaker Sr.

12. John B. Oldaker Company C 142nd Ohio Infantry. As invalid he applied for pension June 8, 1889 and his widow, Orcelia L. applied September 2, 1914.

We identify this soldier as John Butcher Oldaker and his wife as Orcelia L. Sellars of Knox County, Ohio. John was son of James Samuel Oldaker and Elizabeth Butcher Oldaker.

13. Henry Oldaker Co. G 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Another son of James Samuel Oldaker and brother to John Butcher noted above. He was a Union soldier 24 years old, "died in defense of his country at Grand Junction, Tenn." His verse inscribed monument is in Fairview Cemetery, Ohio.

14. John W. Oldaker Co. D 4th Ohio Cavalry, musician (trumpeter). Also Co. D 4th Battery Ohio Cavalry. An invalid he filed for pension July 18, 1890 and his widow Amy C. filed through attorney A.D. Wiggins.

We identify this soldier as John Wesley Oldaker, son of Issac Washington Oldaker, whose father John Washington Oldaker was soldier in war of 1812. This is the Issac Oldaker line of Highland County, Ohio. John Wesley and Amy C. (Storer) Oldaker are buried at Dunns Chapel near Hillsboro, Ohio.

15. John W. Oldaker Co. G 76th Ohio Infantry under Gen. Woods (?). He applied for pension January 5, 1880 and his widow, Eliza G., applied April 4, 1927. We identify this soldier as John William Oldaker and his wife as Eliza G. Sceurman. They are buried at Hebron Cemetery, Licking County, Ohio. John W. was son of Valentine Oldaker and Lavinia (Cline) Oldaker who moved from Virginia in the 1850's to Hebron Community, Ohio. John William and Eliza G. are buried at Hebron Cemetery as are Valentine and Lavinia Cline Oldaker, his parents.

16. Henry Oldacre was in Co. D. St. Joseph's Battalion, Missouri Militia. He applied for pension, filed September 16, 1891 by George M. Irvin attorney. His application was rejected.

We identify this Henry Oldacre as brother of the next two soldiers presented--John and Ambrose, sons of William Oldacre of Missouri, son of Henry Oldacre, wife Margaret, son of Jacob (1) Oldacre of Adair and Russell Counties, Kentucky.

We have found a record of marriage to Nancy Kerns in 1867 but no children of Henry Oldacre. Later research gives a daughter, Mary.

17. Ambrose Oldacres Co. G 44th Missouri Infantry. He was born in St. Joseph, Missouri September 8, 1843, married September 26, 1875 to Sabra E. Trimble in Smith County, Kansas. They had an adopted daughter Mrs. Opal Young. Ambrose's family last lived RFD #6, Walla Walla, Washington. Sabra made claim for pension giving her address as 215 South 4th Avenue, Walla Walla. She died September 16, 1932. Pension was $72 per month. The affidavit of Ambrose is as follows:

"There was no public or church record of my birth. There was a family bible record which I had in my possession and which was burned when my dwelling burned in a prairie fire in Smith County, Kansas in the year 1873. I was born in Davis County, Missouri, February 18, 1845 (discrepancy here). I enlisted in Buchanan County, Missouri, August 18, 1864.

In the summer of 1850, I lived with my parents, William and Frances Oldacres in Buchanan County, Missouri. My brothers Henry, John and William Green Oldacres and my sisters Margaret and Nancy were living at home in 1850. In 1860 I was living with father and mother, John and William Green Oldacres, by brothers, and Nancy my sister. We did not live in a city but in the country.

In line of duty at Nashville in 1864 and 1865 I was afflicted with these ailments: Disease of heart, varicocele, dipepsia, rheumatism, piles, partial paralysis, rupture, loss of teeth, eye disease, and of stomach, kidneys and bladder. My lungs were effected at East Port, Mississippi in the winter of 1864 and 1865; kidneys and bladder at the same place. My left eye was burnt at the battle of Franklin, Texas. In 1864 chronic diverah and piles first appeared near Mobeal, Alabama, also numness of left leg. Varicocele first appeared at Tuskeega, Alabama in 1865. Now I am a retired wheat farmer."

There were numerous depositions given claiming that Ambrose had no bad habits. Charles Giles' deposition states that he is a strictly straight moral man; and William Blek*, County of Mitchell, Kansas says that he lived with Ambrose 1865-1870 and he was at time of enlistment a sound, stout, strong young man of good moral character. [The odds were against you Ambrose, but you fought a good fight. Well done!]

*Making a redigest of these items July 30, 1975 we note that:

1. Margaret Oldacre married William Beck at St. Joseph, September 16, 1858, for which reason she was not living with her parents and Ambrose (see deposition) in 1860.

2. William Beck is, no doubt, William Beck, who married Margaret Oldacre and lived in Mitchell County, Kansas; states that he lived with Ambrose Oldacre 1865-1870 (meaning perhaps that Ambrose lived with him and Margaret). I would guess that Margaret upon marriage sold her property in Brown County, Kansas to her brother William Green Oldacre (willed to them jointly).

3. Fannie Oldacre, mother of Margaret, applied for pension in 1867. It began in 1890 being mailed to Cawker City of Mitchell County, Kansas. Fannie died in 1903. At time of application for pension she evidently lived at Easton of Buchanan County, Missouri.

4. It is evident to us that Fannie lived with Margaret and William Beck in Mitchell County, Kansas until her decease in 1903, and it is very likely that her body was removed back to Buchanan County for burial probably with William at Easton P.O. Missouri.

19. William Oldaker Co. L 3rd West Virginia Infantry. Filed October 19, 1917, invalid--Attorney Gillihan and Gillihan. Application No. 1399646 Certificate No. 1171594. We cannot positively identify this soldier. His pension and service indicate Mason County of West Virginia. By these tokens we would place him as brother of Levi Oldaker and son of William (2), and Mary Priddy Oldaker. If this is correct (he died in 1895) his lineage is William (2), William (1), John (1) and Henry Oldaker Sr. He is buried in Pisgah Cemetery near Henderson, West Virginia.

20. Florence A. Oldaker Co. I 39th Indiana Infantry and Co. I 8th Indiana Infantry. Application filed from Indiana March 9, 1886 and May 9, 1889 No. 336131 and No. 3949431, Certificate No. 263982. Mother Sarah A. and father James Oldaker. We can positively identify this soldier. The name "Florence" is feminine--but Florence was no "sissy!" He was a hard flea bitten corporal who refused to be babied or even rely on the medics. He probably enlisted at 16 years. We would place him as son of James and Sarah A. Oldaker, of the family of Jacob and Elizabeth Van Buskirk Oldaker, of Henry Jr. and Henry Sr.

We double checked this soldier's record in the Archives. He was son of James and Sarah Ann Allison Oldaker who were married by Samuel K. Henshaw in Wayne County, Indiana, March 2, 1845 (near Cambridge). They lived at Noblesville, Indiana; had a small house worth about $700. Florence died March 17, 1867 of consumption. The family was poor and depended on son's army pay to help support the family. James was a carpenter but was getting too old to stand hard work. In 1867 when Florence died, James was 49, Sarah was 45, Florence 20 and Mary Ross 16. In 1886 when application for pension was made James was 68 and Sarah 63. Sarah died April 6, 1889 after which James received the pension. The application states concerning Florence: He never would take medicine, even before he went into the service nor after he came home. He was a printer by trade. He had a constant cough and died with disease of the lungs. There was no statement by a physician. Florence was a Corporal--18 year old boy leading a charge!!

21. John D. Oldaker Wife, Elizabeth, Co. B 43rd Missouri Infantry and Co. H 50th Missouri Infantry. Application for pension filed July 8, 1889 from Kansas. Widow filed July 21, 1930 from Texas. We place this soldier as foster son of John N. Oldaker and Catherine Riley, son of Henry of Adair County, Kentucky, son of Jacob and Lettice Oldacre, son of Henry Oldaker Sr.

John D. Oldaker was born in Buchanan County, Missouri, July 26, 1846. His real parents were nowhere stated however he was a son by adoption by John Oldacre into the Jacob Oldacre line of Kentucky. Actually he belonged to the Henry Jr. of Loudoun County, Virginia line, being a son (as we understand it) of Julianna Oldaker Guire, who lived in Douglas County, Illinois in 1840. Therefore, his name was John D. Guire (McGuire). By some family tragedy unrevealed to us, John N. and Catherine Oldacre adopted him, and he took the Oldaker name. Julianna was the daughter of John and Mary (Francis) Oldaker of near Richmondale, Ross County, Ohio.

The first wife was Sarah Fiske Oldaker, widow of Riley Oldaker, whom he married in "Jefferson County, Kansas about 1871. She died in or near Erie County, Kansas about the year 1875." His certificate of marriage to Miss Lizzie Dollarhide (both of them being of the County of Lincoln, Oklahoma) was given on the 18th day of May 1895, City of Guthrie, County of Logan, when Oklahoma was a Territory. They were married by H.M. Adams, J.P.; and H.A. Downey was witness with H.M. Adams. However in her Declaration

of Widow's Pension July 18, 1930 from Pampa, Texas, Elizabeth states that she was born in Des Moines, Iowa March 18, 1852 and married John D. Oldaker, June 21, 1882 at Omaha, Nebraska; that she had previously married George Umble January 2, 1877 and George Umble died in 1881 yet her claimants affadavit states in 1931 "Umble died about 10 years ago." But John D. states in 1915 that she married previously George Umble at Council Bluffs, Iowa "about 1873 and was divorced about 2 years later."

In answer to the question: Are you now living with your wife or has there been a separation? John D. states, "I am living with my wife No. 2 yes until death." By this we figure that this soldier who had finished up the Civil War was determined to see matrimonial venture through to a peaceful end! Or perhaps they were not on speaking terms and he intended to keep the status quo until death!

On September 18, 1915 John D. gives information on his service and a list of his children:

He enlisted December 8, 1864, Co. B 43rd Missouri "Inframntry" at St. Joseph, Missouri and served for the rest of the war, being mustered out August 5, 1865 at St. Louis. His children were:

*1. Lucinda Oldaker born December 20, 1879 (probably 1872)
*2. Mary Oldaker born December 20, 1874
*3. James Oldaker born July 7, 1876
4. William R. Oldaker born April 16, 1883
5. Pink Oldaker born January 10, 1885
6. John L. Oldaker born April 4, 1887
7. Louis H. Oldaker born May 30, 1889
8. Blanche Oldaker born August 26, 1891
9. Salem _____ Oldaker born June 28, 1897
10. George D. Oldaker born January 17, 1899
11. Pearl Oldaker born November (?) 28, 1991 (?) probably 1901

*Children by Sarah Fiske

The Salem _____ in child number nine is probably Selman named for the family physician Dr. Selman. The second name looks like Jacson which may be Jackson the name of a Civil War General.

We include portions of the deposition by George D. Oldaker in the pension case of John D. Oldaker at Waldron May 24, 1930 in Scott County, Arkansas.

Deposition

I am 30 years old. My post office address is Waldron, Arkansas. My occupation is stone-mason. I am a son of this claimant, John D. Oldaker. He died in April of this year here in Waldron, but I am not sure of the date, think it was the 14th. He was drawing a pension of $72 per month on account of Civil War Service. He left a widow, my mother, who was formerly Elizabeth Dollarhide, now in Seminole, Oklahoma, visiting my brother Louis H. Oldaker, a bricklayer at Seminole.

John D. Oldaker's death was caused from injuries contracted about seven years ago when a tree fell on him. My mother was with him when he died. They had never been separated or divorced. My father was married once before he married my mother, but I don't know the former wife's name. My father and his first wife were living at Council Bluffs, Iowa when the first wife died, and I think she died there.

My mother formerly lived in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and I guess that is where she married my father. I don't know the date but it must have been 50 or 60 years ago (1880 or 1870). I don't think she was ever married; yes, I believe she was. I don't know her former husband's name. It was not Dollarhide as that was her maiden name.

My father had no money or other property when he died, except a homestead or 160 acres near here.

A Dr. Selman of Waldron attended by father. There were other doctors but I don't know their names. Regarding his physical condition before his death--he was bothered with stomach trouble, mostly. It has been about two years since he had walked at all. He could see all right but couldn't hear good. I don't know the exact dates but for about two years he has been in bed all the time.

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John D. Oldaker, after leaving the service lived in several places: St. Joseph, Missouri; Augusta, Kansas; Tryon, Oklahoma; Binger, Oklahoma; Heavner, Oklahoma; Haileyville, Oklahoma; and Waldron, Oklahoma.

He died at Waldron April 13, 1930 of senile debility. His death certificate (copy) states that he was a farmer; his birthplace and mother and father were unknown. He was buried in the Duncan Cemetery by

H.E. Rice & Co., mortician of Waldron, Ark. Binger, Oklahoma was given as his residence.

B. Negro Oldacre Soldiers in Civil War

22. Aaron Oldacre, alias Aaron Wilhite, Co. B. 106th U.S.C. (C for Colored) Infantry. Filed for petition August 14, 1890 by attorney A. Spaulding and Sons, Alabama. This pension case embraced a sheaf of papers over an inch thick and was to us the most interesting case on the list of Civil War veterans. We can only present a few extracts.

Aaron was from Adair County, Kentucky being about 10 years old when his master Daniel Oldacre died about 1857 on his plantation three miles south of Sommerville, Alabama. At Daniel's sale Aaron was sold to T.C. and Nancy Wilhite and was then known as Aaron Wilhite. During the war, Aaron ran away and enlisted; was captured by Gen. Forrest and put in prison, was taken out by his master Wilhite, and after the war went to work on the plantation of Mr. McClelland and took the Oldacre name again. His story of his life covered about 10 pages and read like a tale from the Arabian Knights. His first wife was Minerva Matthews, his second was Frances Garth and his third wife was Maria who secured a pension after his decease.

23. Anderson Oldacre alias Wilhite, Co. B. 106th U.S.C. Infantry, widow, Amy Oldacre--was brother to Aaron and was bought at Daniel's sale with Aaron. He married Amanda Wilson in 1867 and was pensioned in 1915. Amy had pension in 1930.

24. Harrison Oldacre Widow Nancy. Alban Bradshaw guardian of minor children. Pension 1866 (Harrison was a casualty of War). He married Nancy Taylor. They were slaves of Levi and Elizabeth Oldacre of Adair County, Kentucky. Harrison's deposition said his home was near Montpelier of Adair County. His service was Co. A. 108th U.S.C. Infantry.

25. Luther Oldacre alias Luther Brown. Mother Amy Oldacre. Service-E.F.H.L. & M. 24th U.S. Infantry. Because of the "alias" and the fact that his mother is Amy Oldacre, and too the application by his mother was made from Alabama; wherefore we believe he is a negro soldier. Luther filed his application from New Mexico May 10, 1911 as an invalid. Amy's application was filed February 17, 1912.

C. Oldaker Confederate Soldiers

26. A.B. Oldacre Co. C. 1st Alabama Cavalry, Private. Also is Alborn Bradshaw Oldacre Co. D. 5th Alabama Cavalry. We place this soldier as Alborn Bradshaw Oldacre, son of Daniel and Ann Bradshaw Oldacre of Morgan County, Alabama. He is grandson of Jacob (1) and Lettice Hardy Oldacre and great grandson of Henry Sr. and Elinor Borden Oldacre.

27. John C. Oldaker Co. BK 17th Virginia Cavalry-Private also listed as J.C. Oldaker. We place this soldier as John Curry Oldaker, son of William and Lydia Queen Oldaker of Johnstown, Harrison County, now West Virginia. He was grandson of Abraham (2) and Betsy Garrett Oldaker and great grandson of Abraham (1) and Hester Oldaker and great, great grandson of Henry Oldaker Sr.

28. Henry Oldaker Co. BK 17th Virginia Cavalry, Private. We place this soldier as son of Anthony Oldaker, son of Abraham (2), son of Abraham (1), son of Henry Oldaker Sr.

29. John D. Oldaker (also J.D. Oldaker) Co. BK 17th Virginia Cavalry. Brother to Henry and descent as above.

30. John Oldaker Private Co. F 20th Virginia Cavalry. We identify this soldier as John Wesley Oldaker, the son of Jacob and Magdeline Swisher Oldaker and grandson of Issac (1) Oldaker, son of Henry Oldaker Sr. He married Jennie E. Ingram in Licking County, Ohio in 1879.

31. Lafayette Oldaker Co. BK 17th Virginia Cavalry, Private. We place this soldier as Lafayette Dile Oldaker, son of William, son of Abraham (2), son of Abraham (1), son of Henry Oldaker Sr.

32. Jacob Oldacre Service record not available. "He never returned from the war." He was the son of Jacob (1) and Sarah Reppetoe Oldacre of Russell County, Kentucky; married Arabella Francis of Morgan County, Alabama; enlisted when a father of four children. He was a grandson of Henry Oldaker Sr.

D. Oldakers in U.S. Army after Civil War

1. Leroy Oldaker Co. D 50th Iowa Infantry. Filed for pension February 18, 1921 from Iowa, invalid, Application No. 1201411 Certificate No. 14468969 (perhaps vice versa) Remarks, C2437217.

Our genealogical files yield only one name that would fit this case: Jacob Leroy Oldaker, born June 24, 1873. He was D.D.S. in Exira, Iowa, a son of James W. and Adelaide Crosby Oldaker, of the Jacob Oldaker-Fry line. His name is in the General Index but the date of his pension indicates that he was not a Civil War veteran.

2. Leonidas Oldaker (also Abraham) Private Co. I Regular 2nd West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. Served two years. He was born April 15, 1877 at Buckhannon, West Virginia, farmer, enlisted July 11, 1898 at Clarksburg, discharged April 10, 1899, married January 15, 1901 at Montrose, West Virginia and died December 13, 1911 near Hambleton, West Virginia. Illness resulted from a forced march to Gettysburg--sent to hospital at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. George D. Horner of Clarksburg states, "affliction was due to an attack of mumphs and fever." He suffered from asthma, catarrh, disease of the left testicle and rheumatism. His death was due to morphine poisoning. His pension was $24 per month beginning November 2, 1910, increase twice. His children were Stanley Oldaker, born January 16, 1902 and Bessie, born July 16, 1904. The widow Lillie Thornhill Oldaker filed for pension but her claim was rejected. Deponents were Dr. W.A. Brown and tent mates Emerson Hickman of Morganville and Ernest Collins of Berea, West Virginia; also S.R. Kiser and J.L. Oldaker (brother). Father was Rev. Martin Van Buren Oldaker.

STORIES ABOUT OLDAKERS

REV. HARRY OLDAKER AND HIS ONE WOMAN CHURCH

(From a Fairbault, Minnesota news clipping entitled "Miss Ollie Cares For His Church," by Geo. W. Hackett, Flemingsburg, Kentucky. (AP))

Three strangers walked into the Clover Hill Methodist Church one Sunday morning, looked around and discovered they were alone except for an elderly woman deep in prayer. When her prayer vigil was ended, struggling to conceal their surprise, the strangers asked, Where is the rest of the congregation?"

"I'm it," replied Miss Ollie Spencer.

She also is the steward, treasurer and trustee of the white frame structure with its twin front doors. The church was built in 1856 in a remote community outside Elizaville, had 50 members at the turn of the century, but today carries only one name on its records-Miss Spencer's.

She pays out $400 a year for the pastor's salary and donates at least $300 to missions and charitable groups. And whenever Clover Hill needs a coat of paint, Miss Ollie, still vigorous at 81 does the job herself.

She keeps the interior of the church spotless, tunes the piano whenever necessary, and in winter fires up an old iron stove so that the place is warm by the time the pastor, the Rev. Harry Oldaker, arrives.

He holds services at Clover Hill twice a month and on alternate Sundays takes Miss Ollie to his other church.

"She never misses a Sunday attending services somewhere" he says, "and always insists on contributing to any special collections we may have."

During the extremely bad weather the Rev. Mr. Oldaker stops by the house and holds services there for his one woman congregation. Quite often he lets her read the scriptures and admits that Miss Ollie "is very good at it."

The minister considers her "one of the most dedicated people I've ever met. She lives a very frugal life to support Clover Hill.'

The house--Miss Ollie was born there--has a telephone but few other modern conveniences. She raises her own garden, cans the vegetables and fruit that grows on the 130 acre tract. "A neighbor tills my land and I take care of the chickens and my baby beef cattle."

(Omitted by the Faribault, Minnesota News but presented by the Birmingham, Alabama News is this paragraph.)

No tobacco is grown on the farm even though it is the largest cash crop in Kentucky. "My father always felt that the world needed more food than it needed burley, so I'm following his example." Amen! Miss Ollie.

Although the property is one of the most productive in the area, Miss Ollie won't sell it. "The Lord gives me all I need; besides" she asked "Who would take care of his church?"

Three generations of her family have worshipped there and she's determined it won't be disbanded while she lives.

What about the future?

"After the Lord calls me, I'll have my little church in his hands."

Note: Rev. Harry Nelson Oldaker is 7th generation through Oren, Francis Marion, Henry, Jacob, Henry Jr., and Henry Sr. Oldaker.

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BERTHA RHODES' STORY ABOUT

ABRAHAM (2) OLDAKER AND WIFE BETSY

Abraham (2) and wife Betsy Garrett Oldaker came over the mountains from Fauquier County, Virginia to Upshur County and settled in a very wooded section on the waters of Rooting Creek. On the journey the men and older boys walked, the women and small children rode horseback.

They bought 25 acres of land at 25 cents per acre from a government land agent named McCall, which lands were later added to from neighborhood farms--the McPherson, Romine, Post, Starcher, Peters and Henline farms. Abraham erected a large two story log house with porch in front and a large chimney whose fireplace took up one whole end of the kitchen room.

When the family reached its full complement of seven boys and one girl, the parents and daughter slept in the kitchen and the seven boys slept in the large upstairs room reached by a ladder on the outside wall. On snowy winter nights they slept under an extra blanket of snow; rose in the morning by shaking off the snow on their beds, came down the ladder barefoot in the snow and were seldom sick. The children's names were Anthony, William, Jacob, Richard, Abraham, Carrie Ann, Jonce and Lafe. The latter two were boys and died very young.

Much of the work of the household was done in the large kitchen room. A loom or weaving house, a meat house, and apple house, built of logs, were built nearby. A barn and other buildings as his way of husbandry required were soon added. Fruit trees of various kinds were set out and fenced in. Land was cleared for meadow and crops. There was much to do and all hands were called on for their daily chores and duties.

The mother wove cloth of flax on a large loom to clothe the family. There were also homespun blankets and coverlets, some of which were still in use when I was born.

The cooking was done on an open fireplace using a large pot hung up on a crane fastened to the side of the chimney. Bread, mainly cornbread, was baked in a large open skillet, with a lid on it, and fire coals and hot ashes were placed on and around it. The skillet sat on legs; it was called a spider.

These things were around when I was growing up, but they were seldom used for my father bought a stylish cook range. My grandmother, though, liked to cook her pork and beans and sow belly in the fireplace. She did not like the new thing called a stove. I have watched my grandmother bake many a

skillet full of corn-cakes, patty-cakes and what they then called "chemmers."

Men and boys did a lot of trapping, hunting, and fishing Wild meat was plentiful. Bear and deer meat was frozen or dried in strips and hung by the fireplace.

They made beds by cutting trees, making slabs of logs and putting pegs in slabs and fastening them to the walls. Tables and benches were made in a similar way. Floors were made of thick slabs. There were no carpets for a long time. At first the floors were the bare earth.

Good dogs were a necessity for protection. They stayed in the house. They were large and strong--vicious fighters against wolves, wildcats, panthers and other wild beasts.

Crops and produce were of various kinds. Corn was the main crop--to fatten hogs and make corn bread and grain hominy. Next came fruit trees. Apples and cider were hauled into Clarksburg, and traded for flour, salt, nails, et cetera We raised cane [in different ways no doubt] and made sorghum molasses.

We made furniture, wooden buckets, barrels and brooms. Brooms were made by splitting hickory poles, shaving down thin strips to make the brush, tie it and bank it, then shave down the upper part for a long handle--they almost never wore out. Later we raised broom corn. My father was a broom-maker.

At one time my great grandparents had about 100 bee stands. They took the honey in the springtime--seldom got stung--put it in barrels. We had honey throughout the year for the table and for sale according to the locust bloom, which was the main source of nectar for the bees.

These are some of the things that used to be and were told to us as happenings out of memories of the almost forgotten past. Now we will put down a few things about those of our later generation after a brief account of granddad (Abraham (2)) and Betsy Garrett.

Great granddad (Abraham (2)) when he got old and feeble went to live with his only daughter Carrie Ann who had married Sol Carpenter and lived in Roane County, near Spencer He died there near Little Birch River, but we do not know his burial place. Great grandmother still stayed on with her son Abraham (3) on Rooting Creek and Betsy Beasley Oldaker took care of her until she died there, 100 years old and blind. She is buried in the cemetery at Johnstown. Her grave is not marked.

Great grandmother Betsy Garrett was a graceful old lady, a little tall, she had great dignity and poise. When enemy

soldiers came to her house she was undaunted and unafraid. She was much respected by all her children and grandchildren. It is said that as she neared her 100th birthday she prayed much that she might die, for she was ready to go.

This story was told by Abraham (3) to his children who in turn told it to their children--related by Bertha Rhodes:

My father was born in 1853. When the Civil War broke out he was very much afraid when uniformed soldiers came to his home with muskets, swords and pistols. My great grandmother Betsy Garrett, gathered up her small children and hid them, while my dad and the others ran elsewhere and hid themselves. Grandfather and grandmother took the soldiers in and gave them a place by the fire for it was the time of cold weather. The soldiers took off their harness, piled it in a corner and laid down on the floor by the fire. Then grandfather and grandmother fed these enemy soldiers who had traveled a long way and were hungry. The kindness changed enemies into friends who otherwise would have, no doubt, burned their home and driven away the cows and horses.

The Oldaker Pot of Gold

A certain man living on Rooting Creek became very wealthy, it seemed in a very short time. He had much land and cattle; suddenly seemed to have much money to spend and people wondered about it--even became suspicious, but could never find out about his get-rich-quick experience. Finally the excitement died down.

About six years before Josephus Oldaker dreamed a dream over and over again about an iron pot of gold coins under two trees that stood side by side in a dense wood on Oldaker farm. The dream bothered him for several years.

The time came when Josephus, Francis and two other men were replacing an old line fence by cleaning out brush on the line, when Josephus recognized the two trees he had seen in his dream. He called to the others and they scraped away the leaves and found a hole in the shape of a pot lined with small rock neatly packed around the hole. They then remembered the man on Rooting Creek who a few years before had caused so much excitement and suspicion by getting wealthy overnight. Josephus had mental trouble in his later years. We would have had too, had we missed finding a pot of gold.

The Screaming Ghost of Rooting Creek

Out of the dim past of the Civil War years and those soon following comes the eerie, hair-raising, spine-tingling, blood-curdling, flesh-crawling tale of the screaming ghost of Rooting Creek. The ghost was a voice--not the voice of Frank Sinatra or his diametrical opposite, John the Baptist, but the voice of one crying in the wilderness "Come here, come here!" in the dense woods of the hillsides, east, west and south. Sometimes in the valley; daytime, nighttime, any time it could be expected--always the same loud, shrill screa "Come here, Come here" -- a pause of some minutes then the cry was repeated, being heard by the wandering inhabitants of the Oldaker settlement in the otherwise peaceful valley of Rooting Creek, Upshur County.

The settlers were, in turn, interested, curious, then alarmed. Especially at night the cry was annoying and it seemed that the voice was trying to reach someone. There seemed to be some connection of this voice with the common knowledge of Josephus Oldaker oft-repeated dream about the trees and buried treasure of a pot of gold at their base.

More often the voice was heard about dusk and in the nighttime. Children were not allowed very far from their homes, even in daytime. The dogs on hearing the screaming voices would bristle, growl and crouch. Horses and cattle snorting and bellowing would put on a stampede. "Come here, come here" became a byword and password. Everybody was saying it; but everybody and everything was afraid. Men, women, children and animals seemed to feel that they were in danger.

A crowd of men equipped with torches, dogs and weapons made repeated efforts to locate the origin of the screaming voice. They could neither see nor find anybody or anything; but the piercing scream sent the dogs scampering back to the house, where the womenfolk heard them whining at the door and let them in.

For quite a while the screaming ghost became silent. But the settlers did not. They talked and talked and wondered and guessed. Some said it was the voice of a large Indian. Some guessed it was a large wild animal--a panther, perhaps. Some thought it was someone returned from the dead, since nothing could be seen.

The voice remained silent for several weeks then began again, "Come here, Come here." One evening late, one of the men decided he would stop it for good. He took down his musket and went out and waited. When the cry came again he shot directly where he thought the voice was located, then went inside and hung up his gun on the rack. Then the voice screamed right under his house and the man fell in a dead faint right out on the floor.

The disturbance continued for some months then the cry was heard no more. The screaming ghost of Rooting Creek had left for parts unknown. But the memory lingered.

Cacapon Valley (With Extracts from McKeever's History of Wardensville)

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After the settlement of Jamestown in 1607 another century passed before Virginia west of the Blue Ridge could boast of one white settler. Except for the whoops of the Red Man, the call of the wild game or the music of running waters Cacapon Valley was a silent and lonely land.

Ca Ca Pon River as it was called by the Indians meaning "healing waters," meandered through an unbroken forest, untouched by axe or saw whose forest extended from the Blue Ridge to the Mississippi River, unseen and almost unknown to all except a few Spanish or French explorers.

By the year 1720 settlers had pushed back the frontier and 28 new counties had been formed east of the Blue Ridge and Morgan Morgan the first white settler, in now what is West Virginia had located in 1727 near the present site of Martinsburg then in Spotsylvania County south of the Shenandoah River, which was then called Euphrates by the white settlers. This was the first penetration by settlers west of the Blue Ridge.

Orange County was formed from Spotsylvania in 1734 and in 1739 that part of Orange County west of the Blue Ridge was formed into two counties, Augusta and Frederick. In 1753 Hampshire County was formed from the western part of Frederick County and in 1786 Hardy County, named for Samuel Hardy a statesman of the Old Dominion, was formed from Hampshire, which explains why some of the Oldaker deeds and records are found, some in Romney of Hampshire and some in Moorefield of Hardy County. And these lands lying within the borders of the Fairfax Proprietary explains the grants coming through the Fairfax land offices and the surveys being made by George Washington.

In 1736 upon hearing glowing accounts of the territory in Capon and South Branch (Potomac) Valleys from the Howard, Coburn, Walker and Rutledge families who had settled in 1727 to 1735, perhaps near the present site of and south of Romney, Lord Fairfax ordered a survey of his boundaries and soon began to issue 99 year leases at the rate of $3.33 per 100 acres or sell the land outright for 33 cents per acre. In 1747-1750 George Washington surveyed over 300 tracts of land in what is now Hampshire, Hardy, Grant and Mineral Counties--then all included in the Proprietary.

Much of the land in Capon Valley was laid off at this time to suit purchasers. These farms sold rapidly and within a period of 40 years the population of Hardy County was over 3,000.

Many early settlers had taken up lands and built their homes upon them before the lands had been surveyed. They did not know and perhaps did not care to whom the land belonged and had paid nothing for it. Some refused to pay any form of rent, as it is related how one Shultz being solicited for quit rents by Mr. Marshall reached for the old musket he had used at the storming of Quebec and told the collector "Now you git out o' here in double quick." And the collector stepped lively too. At the home of William Ball he faired no better for Old Man Ball grasped his sword and flashed it around his head several times, then informed the collector that General Morgan had seen him use that sword, but "I'll use it now when he don't see it, if you come fooling around here."

There is one thing that we wish to point out here, which will explain, in degree, how some of the early Oldakers had twice as much land when they disposed of it as they did when they first attained lease for it. It is evident that some of it was obtained by "squatter's rights." I cite the case of Marshall vs. Thompson in Abstracts from Augusta County #2; the question is asked of Jacob Pugh of North River in Hampshire County, "In what manner did he settle the land?" "Just went to work on it as the rest of the people did, there being no land office open to give war rents." And so there was no conveyance to Issac or John in Hampshire County for certain lands, yet, when sold the deeds are recorded in Hampshire and Hardy Counties. Then too, no value was set on waste and vacant lands and when good lands were purchased or leased of the land office, extra lands, vacant and uncharted, were given to make the value equal to grants of good land. This explains how John Oldaker purchasing 1000 acres in Mason County in 1769(?) at 25 cents later had 2000 acres which really made his purchase price at 12 1/2 cents per acre; and Henry Sr. having leased only 260 acres on Hughes Run, by deed from Fairfax, sold it to Ingram in 1762 and also sold 347 acres to Ingram in 1765 about the same time we note that Ingram sold it to Snickers, which 347 acres William Acres bought back from Snickers when he returned from Loudoun after the termination of the Indian War.

Since Fairfax claimed these lands occupied by settlers who refused to move or pay for the lands they had settled upon and which they understood belonged to them because of "improvements" made, this claim by the proprietor occasioned many lawsuits, many of them lasting for years. Such suits slowed settlement on Fairfax lands and turned the tide of immigration westward towards the Ohio River. The Revolutionary War ended the lawsuits and Fairfax's title to any lands in America.

But now we want to try to find the time of arrival of the Oldakers in Hardy County. We have noted that settlements were made as early as 1727-1730 on the South Branch of the Potomac River. In 1736 Issac Van Meter, Peter Casey, the Pancakes, Foremans and others settled farther up the river, some of them in what is now Hardy County. By 1748 there were 200 families in that section. Kercheral, the historian, dates the South Branch Valley as 1735 and adds that Capon Valley was settled shortly afterwards. The earliest definite date on the subject of Capon Valley is this: "George Washington surveyed land in this valley for William Warden in 1749."

It is noted that Heinrich Frye was born in Germany in 1724, and Joseph Pugh in 1725. Both came to Capon Valley as young men. Putting the age of a young man at 22, they arrived in Capon Valley about 1746. But a number of settlers were in Capon Valley before them.

It is also noted that John, Thomas, James and Hugh Hughs took up a large tract of land in Capon Valley, a mile or so north of the present site of Wardensville on Hughs Run, some years before the start of the French and Indian Wars, 1754. This is an indefinite date but Hughs Run was named for Hughs who antedated Henry Oldaker Sr. whose deed in 1761 names Hughs Run. We figure that Hughs, Wardens, Fryes and Pughs and Oldakers were in present Hardy County by 1746--some of them probably some years before.

Checking on land transactions of Oldakers we note that it is evident that Henry Oldaker Sr. and family, including the six sons and four daughters left Hampshire County to escape the Indians and settled at the Trappe in Loudoun County, Virginia. However, the first Federal Census of 1782 lists Issac Oldaker wife and three children in Hampshire County--the only Oldaker mentioned--and he had 300 acres of land. No deed to him as grantee is recorded in Hampshire County. There is no deed to him as grantee or from him as grantor in the records of Loudoun County. It could be that he (Issac) returned early to Hampshire after the Indian threat was over and married Lucretia Pugh about 1775. William also takes lease in 1779, and returns to Hampshire and builds his mill in 1780-1785 and these two brothers, Issac and William remain in Hardy County the homeland of their father, Henry Sr., until the decease of William in 1811 having willed his mill and property to his brother Issac. In 1816 Jacob Pugh is buried in the yard of the "Old Meeting House" on Trout Run, where we believe William Oldaker also rests, and in that same year Issac's family, including in-laws, Barrows (Barrors) and Pughs, excepting Issac's son Jacob, leave for Highland County, Ohio. Jacob remains with his wife's people, the Switzers (Swisher); becomes prominent in the annals of Capon Valley until the year 1841 when a stone, in his home burial plot, with the letters "J.O." writes the finis to the earthy story of Jacob Oldaker. And

shortly when Magdeline Swisher Oldaker, his wife, with her children migrate to Newark, Ohio. The name of Oldaker in Hardy County has no living representatives except perhaps descendants of another name, and Capon Valley, original home of the Oldakers, knows them no more, other than visiting Oldakers searching the debris of a 200 year old habitation for memories of a vanished race.

As it was previously noted, William Oldaker built a mill at the site of present day Wardensville. A post office was established there in 1820. We have a communication from the General Services Administration, National Archives and Record Service, Washington, D.C. under date of November 14, 1962 and signed by Jane F. Smith, Chief, Social and Economic Branch Office of Civil Archives which states, "The records of the Post Office Department in our custody show that Christian Hull was appointed postmaster of Oldaker Mills, Hardy County, Virginia on October 24, 1820. He served in that position until the appointment of his successor on May 29, 1824."

There was another post office established at Oldaker, Putnam County, West Virginia. A letter from the office of the Postmaster General, Washington, D.C. dated November 16, 1982 which states "A post office was established at Oldaker, Putnam County, West Virginia with Zachariah Priddy as postmaster on November 24, 1888. This office was discontinued on January 2, 1892 and mail sent thereafter to Buffalo, West Virginia." The letter was signed by Rita L. Moroney, Research Administrator Historian. Descendants of John Oldaker, son of Henry Oldaker Sr. lived in this area.

At this point in our modest compendium on Capon Valley we present a chart on Oldaker land transactions and a paragraph of explanation.

A. Henry Oldaker Sr.'s Land

1. Fairfax leased 260 acres to Henry 1761 Virginia Land Book K, Page 217.
2. Henry sold 260 acres to Samuel Ingram. Virginia Land Book 1, Page 193.
3. Ingram bought 347 acres also of Henry (I failed to get the book and page number on this lease and release.)
4. Ingram (evidently) leased this 347 acres to Edward Snickers 1766-1779 for,
5. In 1779 William Oldaker buys from Snickers 347 acres Book 5, Page 104.

(These records from Romney.)

B. William Oldaker Land (Following records from Moorefield)

1. As item 5 above, William has his father's original plantation of 347 acres in 1779. (Builds mills 1780-1785).

2. William buys 200 acres on Trout Run from Henry Hamilton in 1796 Deed Book 7, Page 644.

3. William sells 347 acres to Daniel Harris 1796 Deed Book 4, Page 258.

4. William wills 220 acres (Item 2) to brother Issac in 1811. Will Book 2, Page 16 (including mills etc).

C. Issac Oldaker Land

1. Issac has 300 acres on Lost River, Census 1810.

2. Issac has 200 acres on Trout Run (will of William Item 4).

3. Issac sells 64 acres to Henry Bixler, 1794 Book 3, Page 87.

4. Issac sells 200 acres (William's land) on Trout Run Book 8, Page 43 to Paul Hottle.

5. Issac sells 94 acres to Thomas and Rebecca Barrow in 1818, Book 8, Page 281.

6. Issac heirs sell 166 acres (indefinite) to George Hott(le) in 1832 Book 12, Page 413 (probably remainder of home place mill property).

D. Jacob Oldaker's Land (Son of Issac m. Magdeline Swisher)

1. Jacob bought several tracts of land of Wheeler Gillet in 1816. Book 7, Page 644 (includes 150 acres on Chestnut Ridge) Total of 273 acres.

2. Jacob bought 94 acres of Thomas Barrow on Cacapon 1819. (See item 5 above.) Book 8, Page 281.

3. Jacob bought 227 acres of Dan Babb on Trout Run 1839 (?) Book 16, Page 504 (We think bought should be sold)

4. Jacob sold 500 acres 1819 to Peter Babb Book 8, Page 324 (Seems to be a discrepancy in time here, Items 3 and 4, for Jacob dies in 1841 and there is no later disposition of Item 3.)

5. Jacob heir's sold 94 acres to Jesse Landacre 1849. Book 23, Page 34. We believe Issac lived here and he died and is buried here.

E. John Oldaker's Land

1. John Oldaker settles on east side of Warden's Ridge. This land included the Sink Hole and Catts Gap. He sold this land to John Dyer, 248 acres on Lost River Waters (Dutch Run) in 1796. Deed Book 4, Page 199.

Note: John Oldaker and John Dyer, in 1761, take up land in Loudoun County at Upperville.

Explanation:

If Henry Sr. settled in Hampshire County ca. 1745, the land transactions and tenures cover a period of 100 years and are worthy of historical notice and appreciation.

Issac Oldaker with 65 years in Capon Valley was son-in-law of Jacob Pugh, and Issac's son, Jacob Oldaker, who lived and died there and is buried on the Landacre place, was son-in-law of Nicholas and Barbara Michael Switzer. Nicolas Switzer probably built or at least bought the stone Waite house and was connected with Capon Iron Furnace.

William Oldaker built the Oldaker mill and saw mill at site of Wardensville in 1780-1785 which mill was burned by General Fremont in 1862. William lived and died on Trout Run and is probably buried at "Old Meeting House" Cemetery with Wilsons, Pughs, Yonges, etc.

By study of wills and marriages we deduce that the Oldakers married into the Littler, Pugh, Barrow, Russell, Harris, Switzer, Allison, Miner, Groves, and also Wallace families; also Dyer, Garrett, Bartlett, Lewellen, Burson, and Beck families, though some of these perhaps are from other counties.

Notes on Location of Henry Oldaker's Plantation in Hardy County Statement: By all evidences available in deeds, histories and court proceedings we believe that Henry Oldaker's original home and plantation he possessed between the years 1746 and 1766 and a portion of which was later owned and possessed by William his son 1779-1797 and transferred by him to Daniel Harris in 1797, in the amount of 347 acres, was located mainly north of the Capon River between its meanders, his southern boundary being near the present road #55 running along south of the Capon River, his mill being in the southeast sector of his plot. His western boundary was ridge of a "high" mountain, his north boundary was the Hughs Settlement astride Hughs Run, except a south portion of said Run intersected by Henry's northern line running east and his eastern boundary running south intersecting said Run again, thence south to River Capon. This plantation was about a square mile in extent and originally comprised 607 acres counting the Fairfax lease of 260 acres procured in 1761.

Early transactions and items concerning this land are:

1. Fairfax to Henry Oldaker 1761 (Earlier settlement indicated).

2. Lease (one year) to Ingram on 260 acres 1762 (Wasteland).

3. Sale to Ingram of 347 acres by Henry. 1766 lease and release.

4. 1767-1778 undetermined tenure.

5. 1779 deed to William for 347 acres from Edward Snickers.

6. 1780 Built mill and sawmill (See Moorefield court proceedings 1786).

7. 1797 William sold to Daniel Harris 347 acres.

8. 1811 William died and willed property including mill and 220 acres bought of Henry Hamilton in 1796, to Issac Oldaker; and sold by him to Paul Hottel in 1818.

9. This is the mill called "Oldakers Mill" burned by Fremont in 1862.

Note: Item 7 is the key to the true location of the Oldaker tract--the original home of the Oldakers in Hardy County.

In the early days of settlement in Capon Valley a certain Hughs family took up a large tract of land a mile or so north of where the town of Wardensville now stands. The will of Susan Hughs proved in 1791 at Moorefield of Hardy County names her children as William, James, Hugh, Jonathan, Evan (?), Mary and Hannah. Her husband, deceased before Hardy County was formed and name not given, was doubtless one of the very first settlers in Capon Valley. They were neighbors to Henry Oldaker whose lands were contiguous to Hughs' and south of them on Capon River. It may be that the families were related.

John Hughs erected a grist mill on Hughs' (now Moore's) Run, a mile or more from where it emptied into Capon River. That location would place the mill on what is now known as the Moore place and owned by J.V. Warden. The grist mill, hand made, consisted of a log structure, a set of hand made burr stones hooked to a waterwheel; a few bins and wooden spouts, a buckskin sifter made from buckskin with holes

burned in it with a red hot wire. These and a few more gadgets were all of the machinery this mill could boast of. It was a crude affair with wooden spouts to carry the grain from a bin to the grinding stones. One of these spouts was located on the outside of the building for some unknown reason. On one occasion, with the mill in full operation, it failed to produce any meal or flour, and after a thorough inspection the trouble was discovered. Some woodpeckers had perched on this spout and hearing the grain trickle down inside, thought it was bugs or beetles. The birds had pecked a hole in the spout and were eating the grain as it came down past. It is said that Mr. Hughs would fight at the mere mention of this episode! And we wonder if ti were not one of those Oldaker boys who first related or concocted the story and provoked the worthy miller to wrath. (Revised from Kenna McKeever.)

Uncle Bennie Oldaker's Testimony

Out back of Buffalo in Putnam County, West Virginia, Old Benny Oldaker was a great pillar in the old country church. A number of ugly rumors were spread about, concerning Uncle Benny's relations or affinity for a member of the ladies in the congregation.

As a part of an all-day religious service, a Sunday afternoon testimony meeting was going strong. Uncle Benny sat quietly and did not rise up to testify. Finally the minister said, "Uncle Benny, don't you have a word to say for Jesus today?"

Uncle Benny rose slowly, looked over all the ladies in the congregation and drawled out in a nasal twang, "Wal, I don't know as I have much to say that would help Jesus today, but I might say something to shed a little light--finally and eventually--on what some so-called religious folk have said about me. Now some folks have a bunch of stories going around that I have been too friendly with the ladies here. Now if I have, I'm not going to--I'm just not going to say so, just now. On the other hand--finally and eventually (a favorite and oft-repeated expression) I'm not going to say that I deny it. Now, Preacher, all the good ladies concerned are sitting right here in the church now. There isn't one of them here but what couldn't talk your leg off, f. and e.; so I'm perfectly willing to have each and

every one of these good ladies just stand up and speak for themselves!"

Uncle Benny then sat down and looked at all the ladies again--finally and eventually--with a sly grin. [Sent in by Lt. Col. Oscar E. Rymer, A.O. 384401, USAF Ret. 180 John C. Simms Parkway, Valparaiso, Fla-OR8-1811.]

John Gilbert Oldaker - 2505 Mapleton Ave., Boulder, Colorado

John G. Oldaker wrote me a five-page letter November 16, 1962, giving details of his family according to his memory being 70 years old at that time and the oldest living of his generation. He was born near Kimball, Nebraska in 1892, son of Charles James and Clara Kennedy Oldaker, grandson of James W. and Adelaide Crosby Oldaker and great grandson of Jacob and Elizabeth Fry Oldaker who moved to Iowa from Knox County, Ohio in 1849. [Other descendants were Henry and Susanna Groves Oldaker, of Knox County; Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker of Loudoun County, Virginia; and Henry Sr. and Elinor Borden Oldaker of Evesham, Burlington County, New Jersey.]

John G. mentions that his great Uncle John Oldaker was a Civil War Veteran; he had no children--lived in Wellman. Other great uncles mentioned were Jake (Jacob), Andrew, Phineas. A cousin of his father Harvey E. Oldaker by name, lived at Des Moines, Iowa.

An interesting item from the Omaha Daily News referred to an Earl Oldacre, negro, arrested on a charge of drunkenness and vagrancy ca. 1910. John G. surmised that he was a descendant of slaves whose owner was an Oldacre slave owner. This parallels the experience of George Oldaker of Atlanta, Illinois with another negro named Albert Oldacre.

Another interesting item was a tradition which had been incorporated into the family records, that Jacob and Henry Oldaker came from Germany, but "I never found any of the Oldakers that have claimed German descent, it is both an English and German name. They came to America about the time of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock and later migrated to Pennsylvania. But they were not Pilgrims.

This tradition persists and is echoed in various branches of Henry Oldaker Sr.'s family--descendant of John, Issac, Henry Jr, and Abraham Oldaker--with some variations, i.e. with respect to numbers and names. But by and large, it is the same tradition. In time we hope to record the facts concerning our origin in America and England--or Germany!

Letter from Emery E. Oldaker

The following letter is copied from Emery E. Oldaker, in his own handwriting under an embossed heading,

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(Dated January 25, 1963)

Rev. Glenn C. Brown (?)
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Dear Cousin: I am not very good on genealogy [but] will give you a few highpoints about myself.

I was born on a farm owned by my father, 13 miles southwest of Iowa City, Iowa. I worked on the farm; when 12 years old [I] made a full man's job. Later when about 21 years old [I] taught country school for 3 or 4 years, then went up to Chicago to school [and] graduated in Comparatative Medicine M.D.C. (C.V.C College). [I] took examination for Veterinary Inspector and went to work for [the] Bureau of Animal Industry in Chicago in 1906; was transferred to the Southwest in 1907 and landed in Flagstaff, May 1907; continued with the B.A.I for about 10 years. [I] then resigned and went on my own--real estate and sheep business. I was in sheep business about 7 years; was licensed as Real Estate Broker in fall of 1919; have been [also] associated in Motel and Cafeteria business, 13 years. I was married in Phoenix, 1913 and am still living in [the] house we were married in [with the same women]. Now at the age of 87 years on Feb. 1, 1963, am retired. My wife and I (Elizabeth C. Seargeant) have had a very happy life together. Have one daughter and two grandchildren, both in college.

I have been through the mill as the saying goes. Have enjoyed it and would like to try it all over again.

I have been writing hurriedly and left out what you want to know--what I sprang from and who I am. My father's name was Burton Z. Oldaker. My mother's name was Endora Bruhn. They had three children--Clare, Clyde and Emery. I am the oldest, then Clyde and sister Clare, last.

Dr. C.B. Oldaker (Clyde) lives at 1110 Kirkwood Avenue, Iowa City; sister Clare (Bixler) at 2392 Blake Blvd., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. My father's father was Jacob Oldaker of Iowa. That's all I know. My father was the youngest of a family of 13 children.

Until a few years ago we were the only Oldakers in Phoenix. I don't know the other Oldakers living here now.

They are comparatively new here. There was an Oldaker attorney in Alberquerque, N.M. I went to see him a long time ago.

I haven't much patience [for writing] anymore--could tell you a whole lot about my experience if [I] were talking to you in person [about] the Grand Canyon, Indians, etc. [I] have camped all over the state, ate with Indians and Mexicans, slept on top of a six foot rattler, under my camp bed for several days. There is a good story to that [also] crossing the Rio Grande in New Mexico when on a rampage a mile wide, in a flat boat with a Mexican and floated down stream--I realize this will not help you any, but have answered anyway--Good luck and best wishes.

Editor's Comment: The dear old Doctor man didn't favor me with his autograph, but "n'est importe." If by hook or crook we can obtain a narrative of his adventures among the Indians, Mexicans and rattlesnakes we shall meet him again by adding another story about the Oldakers.

It is significant for us that in the "Winning of the West," these Oldakers did their part. As typical pioneers they cleared land; built houses, barns, mills, forts, schools and churches; became teachers, preachers, doctors, lawyers, office holders, publishers and merchants. Most of them, however, remained humble tillers of the soil, and were renowned by having well kept farms and homes, where straight furrows and corn rows, clean fields of grain, sleek domestic animals and crops of ruddy children contributed to make our beloved America the "Promised Land" to the thousands who sought within her borders freedom and peace in their time, under the blessings of a benign providence, both gracious and divine.

Albion J. Oldaker

Albion J. Oldaker, recorder of Iowa County, Iowa. The public services of Mr. Oldaker since January 1, 1889, have been characterized by a noticeable devotion to the welfare of this county, and his ability and fidelity in his present position have made a lasting impression upon this sphere of public duty. He has always been a staunch supporter of the principles of democracy, and in his official capacity is courteous, obliging and capable, in fact, a beau ideal public officer, which attributes his constituents were not slow to recognize, and in 1890 he was re-elected to his present office.

Mr. Oldaker was born near Iowa City, in Johnson County, Iowa, January 31, 1861; a son of Henry Oldaker, who was born in Knox County, Ohio in 1831, and is a grandson of Jacob G.

Oldaker, whose native soil was Virginia. The parents* of the latter removed to Virginia from Maryland and devoted their attention to farming, to which occupation Jacob G. Oldaker also applied himself when starting out to fight life's battles for himself. He improved a good farm near Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, but in 1848 came to Iowa and settled on a farm in the vicinity of Iowa City, on which place he was called from life in 1886, at the advanced age of 80 years. He was of Scotch descent and a member of the Christian Church. Henry Oldaker came to Iowa when a stripling of 18 years, but to one of his enterprising and ambitious nature the slow, if sure, way of making money by tilling the soil was not to be thought of, and in 1852 he started for the gold fields of California making the long and tedious journey across the plains with an ox team. The company of which he was a member was commanded by Thomas Rockhill, who is now a resident of California. On this journey they had several skirmishes and fights with the Indians, but at last reached the goal of their ambition without serious mishap. Mr. Oldaker was engaged in prospecting and mining for two years with fair success, after which several years were spent in the city of Sacramento. In the fall of 1857 he returned alone across the plains on horseback, and made the journey with little trouble and in safety.

Henry Oldaker invested his means in a farm in the vicinity of Frank Pierce, which he conducted in a successful manner until December 1864, when he sold the place and came to Iowa County, locating on a hundred acre farm in Green Township. This farm he at once set to improve and added to it from time to time as his means allowed, until he had in his possession a magnificent estate comprising five hundred and sixty acres. In addition to raising the usual grain products, he supplements this with the raising of stock, which branch of his business he found to be both a profit and a pleasure. After an exceptionally useful and well-spent life his career was closed by death November 3, 1889, at which time he was in full communion with the Universalist Church, and politically was in sympathy with Democratic party. The lady that he married was Marianne Crosby, who was born near Granville, Licking County, Ohio, her father being Eddy Crosby, a native of Exeter, N.H. who afterward became a lumberman of Oneida County, N.Y., and in 1840 engaged in farming in Licking County, Ohio, an occupation he continued to follow after his removal to Washington County, Iowa, in 1855. Later he opened up a farm in Johnson County, Iowa. The Crosbys trace their ancestry back to the old historic ship, the "Mayflower."

To Mr. Oldaker and his wife four sons and two daughters were born, the subject of this sketch being the eldest of the family. He became a resident of Iowa County December 8, 1864, and began attending the district schools in the vicinity of his rural home. He applied himself with

diligence to his books, and as he possessed a naturally fine mind, made rapid progress in his studies. For three winters he worked at the blacksmith trade, and then became a grain buyer at Parnell for F.A.H. Greulich, and later engaged in teaching school in Iowa and Washington Counties, soon becoming known as a successful educator. His many worthy traits of character have won him numerous friends, and, being an active worker for the success of his party, his efforts were recognized by his election to his present responsible position.

Mr. Oldaker not only owns a good farm in Green Township, but also a comfortable and pleasant residence in Marengo where he and his wife dispense a generous and true-hearted hospitality. He was married in Green Township, in 1886, to Miss Eva Winslow, who was born in Washington County, Iowa, a daughter of George Winslow a successful farmer of Iowa County. Their union has resulted in the birth of three interesting little children: Lee, Lulu G. and Evelyn. Mr. Oldaker is Chancellor-Commander of Marengo Lodge No. 30, K. of P.; is Past Grand in Hebron Lodge No. 148, and is a member of the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, in which he has attained to the Royal Arch degree.

*Parents were Henry and Susanna Groves Oldaker, son of Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker, son of Henry Sr. and Elinor Borden Oldaker of Loudoun County, Virginia.

The above was taken from the book, "Portrait and Biographical Record of Johnson, Poweshiek and Iowa Counties; Iowa" pages 377-378.

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Additional Notes on Iowa Oldakers

1. Albion Jacob Oldaker eldest son of Henry and Marianne (Crosby) Oldaker was born January 31, 1861 in Johnson County, Iowa near Iowa City. When four years old he moved with his parents to Iowa County.

2. Families of Oldaker, Winslow and Crosby trace their ancestry to many early early Colonial leaders and founders of American Independence--Adams, Bradfords, Winslows, Roger Williams, Surgeon John Greene, Eddys, Lathrops and Frenchs'.

3. In 1845, Albion J. Oldaker purchased the Keswick Courier, a weekly newspaper, and became its editor and publisher. Later he brought out the Blakesburg Ganner and moved to Blakesburg with his family in 1897. Former affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in marriage, he with

Mrs. Oldaker united with the Methodist Church in Blakesburg and became active workers in the Sunday School and Epworth League.

4. He was a natural born public figure, writer and civic leader although he was a self-made man and very modest. He was an avid reader of the classics and devoted to reading and study. He was disappointed in his father's aversion to college and educational accomplishments--his obsession in lands and stock, though he was a good man, king and considerate.

5. On January 11, 1899, when almost 38 years of age, he passed away, after an illness of several weeks.

The Oldaker Family of Iowa - By the Press-Citizen, Iowa City, Iowa. (December 21, 1944)

Early day nimrods in Johnson County were skilled in the use of firearms--being worthy of the scriptural sobriquet that was afforded each hunter. Among the mighty hunters one of the best was especially notable, in that he triumphed over afflictions that would normally intervene between a man of keen eyes and steady nerves. This was Jacob Oldaker, a pioneer of the Frank Pierce Settlement.

*He was a son of Henry and Susanna Groves Oldaker, from Virginia, who died in Ohio, before the representative of the other generation came to Iowa. Jacob's crippled condition was surmounted as above intimated, by his mastery of the rifle, and he could out-shoot many a rival in possession of perfect physical equipment. It is related that in one hunt he shot 15 deer.

*This paragraph has been changed by the editor. Henry Oldaker, the father of Jacob was not the son of a native of Germany as stated by the Press-Citizen. Henry was the son of Henry Jr. and Elizabeth Bartlett Oldaker of Loudoun County, Virginia, whose parents were Henry Sr. and Elenor Borden Oldaker, married in Burlington County, New Jersey in 1732.

He came to Johnson County overland, wagon-wise devoting an entire month to drive across country, from Knox County, Ohio in 1849. This was ten years after his wife's kinsman John Fry, another pioneer with an interesting history, also settled in Frank Pierce Settlement.

Mr. Oldaker secured a small tract from Uncle Sam and aided greatly by his sons, built it up to more than 600 acres despite his physical handicap. He was elected repeatedly by the Republicans of Frank Pierce and vicinity,

as the years went by, and he filled practically every office in the Township at one time or another. He passed away 56 years ago (1888).

Jacob Oldaker's son, James W., one of 12 children was born in 1833. He was educated in the old time "Subscription Schools" of Ohio, which state he left at sixteen years of age to accompany his parents hither. When he arrived only a corporal's guard of pioneers resided at or close to Frank Pierce.

It was he, as one of the older boys, upon whom developed the largest of the farm duties, and his loyalty to his afflicted father was proverbial. He was recognized throughout the community as the practical household captain.

Following the marriage (in 1857, two days after Christmas) James W. Oldaker settled in Section 16 of Washington Township, and carved out a modern farm from the unimproved acres, subsequently his 20th century 160 acre farm--then a post Civil War Tract--and eradicated duly the log houses and barns that "adorned it," supplanting these with modern residences and other structures. He adopted the political faith of his Republican father, and expounded it publicly at conventions, caucuses, and the like, throughout his life. In Washington Township he was elected assessor repeatedly.

He and his wife, Adelaide Crosby Oldaker, were members of the Christian Church for years. The hardships and privations of pioneer days when the boy James toiled so long and so hard, in a pioneer district, where there were far more Indians than Whites, left their mark on him, and he suffered these in the closing years of his life. He died in September of 1896.

Lola Oldaker Coffey-Iowa Mother of 1944

Mrs. Lola Oldaker Coffey, died in a Fairfax, Missouri hospital during a visit to her son Dr. James L. Coffey of Fairfax. She had visited her son Max Coffey of Blair, Missouri, farm editor of the World Herald, Omaha, Nebraska; also her daughter, Mrs. E.D. Morrison of Washington, Iowa. Other children are: sons, Hubert of Berkely, California; Francis of Tucson, Arizona; daughters, Mrs. William Morgan, Syracuse, New York; Mrs. Francis Holda, Richmond Virginia; Mrs. Dan Pol, Fairbanks, Alaska; Miss Jean Coffey of Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Coffey was a native of Iowa, wife of Elmer Ivan Coffey, a well known horse breeder and publisher, who died in 1947. She was a daughter of Henry and Marianne Crosby Oldaker.

As a women of 23 she took on added work in a printing office, doing her housework at night, to earn extra money for the education of her children. All nine were graduated from college at the top of their classes.

She was publisher of the Wellman, Iowa Advance for many years and vigorously promoted plans for the betterment of the community. In her later years she had lived in Los Angeles. She died in the year 1954 at 74.

George Wesley Shuff

This well known citizen of Miller township, Knox County, Ohio, who is a prosperous farmer, owning two hundred acres of fertile land, is regarded by his fellow citizens with the honors due to a veteran of the Civil War, and was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, September 30, 1835, a son of William and Margaret (Glenn) Shuff.

He located in Ohio March 4, 1860, the day on which Abraham Lincoln was first inaugurated president of the United States, and there and then began his life work as a farmer. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Company L. 129th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for nine months' service, and was mustered in at Camp Chase, Columbus Ohio. He returned home at the expiration of his term of service, and in 1864, in order to help fill the quota of his township, he re-enlisted in Company I, 197th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. With this he saw continuous service until the close of the war, most of the time in the hospital corps. He was at Cumberland Gap when it was surrendered to the Union forces by the Confederates, and was finally mustered out of the service at Baltimore, Maryland. He has kept alive recollections of his army days by membership with Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Shuff has prospered as a farmer, and his fine farm is provided with good building and all necessary modern improvements.

September 8, 1868, he married Mary Oldaker, and they have three children, named, Walter Andrew, Rollin Ernest, and Jessie Maud. Shuff, father of George W. Shuff, was born in Maryland in 1806 and settled in Shenandoah County, Virginia, where he died. Margaret Glenn who became his wife, was born in Page County, Virginia, June 6, 1813, and is living in Shenandoah County, Virginia. She bore her husband eleven children: Thomas J., who was killed in the first battle of Bull Run; George Wesley; Martha A.; Jessie; Isabel; Caroline; Jane, William A; Emma; and two died in infancy. Mary (Oldaker) Shuff is a daughter of Andrew and Jane (Sillins) Oldaker. Her father was born September 28, 1812, and died in Licking County, Ohio, March 18, 1869; her mother was born in Virginia October 4, 1812, and died December 6,

1891. Henry Oldaker, father of Andrew Oldaker and grandfather of Mrs. Shuff, was born July 22, 1777, and died July 1, 1829. In 1803 Henry first married Susanna Groves in Frederick County, Maryland. His second marriage was in 1811 to Anna Thompson, who was born July 19, 1785, a daughter of Andrew Thompson, who was born in Ireland in 1750. Anna Colville, the maternal great grandmother of Mary (Oldaker) Shuff, was born in Ireland in 1743. Henry Oldaker's parents were Henry Oldaker, Jr. and Elizabeth (Bartlett) Oldaker of Loudoun County, Virginia.

The Oldaker-Myers-Cosner Triangle

Cousin Walter Oldaker of Los Angeles writes thus: My mother is Florence Cosner Oldaker, living in Akron, Ohio. She writes me that her step-mother Mary Myers Cosner married John Curry Oldaker, my grandpa. So, my father Sylvester Dow Oldaker and my mother had the same step-mother. Hope you can follow this; my mother is 84 and may not remember too well.

I pondered this and wondered by what fortuitous concurrence of events this could have come about; and I reflected that ere long, if I pursued these puzzling Oldaker relationship I might become berserk, or at least I would find that some Oldaker had become his own grandpa! And I questioned myself whether I had not reached the last informity of a mundane mind in trying to record the annals of this clan.

But this is just another one of those jig-saw puzzles. and obviously Oldakers are puzzling people. So I put down a few basic facts and looked at them:

1. John Curry Oldaker married (1) Melinda Jane Simons. They had a son, Sylvester Dow Oldaker.

2. Mary Myers married Mr. Cosner, who had a daughter, Mary Florence Cosner, step-daughter to Mary Myers Cosner.

3. John Curry Oldaker married (2) Mary Myers Cosner, widow.

4. Sylvester Dow Oldaker married Mary Florence Cosner. They had a son Walter Oldaker.

Problem: Give the relationship in these cases in regards to Walter.

Solution:

1. Walter's mother had a father (Cosner) whose second wife-finally and eventually-became Walter's

Father's step-mother.

2. Walter's father married the daughter of his step-mother's first husband.

3. Walter's mother and father did have the same step-mother.

Conclusion: We wonder if Sylvester D. and Mary F. reached agreement to this puzzling problem of relationship. Many times they probably "jowered" (an Oldaker word) on and on far into the night. Anyhow their marriage ended in divorce, and we did remember well, and our hats are off to Mrs. Mary Florence Cosner Oldaker, who has a remarkable memory, and a remarkable son, Walter, who has given remarkable help in sending us names and addresses of Oldakers living all over nearly 100 in number. For Mrs. Mary Myers Oldaker finally and eventually married again and again; first or rather third Mr. Elza C. Lowther -- Fourth Thomas M. McCauley and the tri-tangle revolves into a gun-tangle according to the record.

Anyhow, she must have been a wonderful woman since so many men bestowed their affections upon her and lived with her in the holy bonds of matrimony--sans souci.

Harriet Virginia Oldaker Dotson's Family History

(By Elsie Dotson David R. 3 Depot Road, Salem, Ohio)

Harriet Virginia Oldaker Dotson born 20 September 1863, Ritchie County, West Virginia married George W. Dotson October 1880. Two sons: Simon Sylvester Dotson born 6 April 1882 and Floyd Jefferson Dotson born 25 September 1888.

George W. Dotson born 3 June 1861 was son of William and Jane Dotson. William buried in West Virginia; Jane at Franklin Square, Columbiana County, Ohio.

In 1891 George and Harriet bought a farm in Doddridge County, West Virginia two miles south of Ashley and lived there for several years. In 1900 started a grocery and general store at Ashley also had a post office which he owned and operated until 1930. Ernest Oldaker was a partner there for some time and Grovie Gribble, Harriet's niece, worked there for some time.

In 1927 George bought a farm south of Salem, Ohio. In the fall of 1927 Harriet, with Floyd and family went to this farm leaving George in West Virginia to sell store and come later. They had a sale at the Ashley farm before George left.

Simon Sylvester Dotson was a big builder in the oil field in West Virginia for several years. On 24 December 1904 he married Harriet LuVenna Lonk. They had eight children: Hazel Aretta Dotson born 7 June 1906 buried in Wetzel County near Folsom, West Virginia; Elsie Allora Dotson born 10 May 1907 at Folsom, West Virginia. In March 1908 Simon moved to a farm in Ross County, Ohio east of Chillicothe. Here six children were born: Iva Jane Dotson born 6 April 1909; Clarence Ralph Dotson and Lila Belle Dotson (twins) born 3 December 1911; George Ellis Dotson born 30 December 1914; Dorothy Virginia Dotson born 7 March 1917; Ersa Evelyn Dotson born 11 May 1919.

Simon then moved up near Frankfort, Ohio where he worked on a farm. Clarence Ralph Dotson died 25 January 1923 and is buried near Frankfort, Ohio. In spring of 1923 Simon went back to Doddridge County, West Virginia to build a gasoline plant south of Ashley. In February 1928 his aunt died in Columbiana County, Ohio near Salem and he came up for the funeral. Later in February he got work at the Quaker City Foundry in Salem and his wife and five children came to Ohio April 28.

Elsie Allora Dotson married William Howard Davis at West Union, West Virginia the 19th of May 1927, lived there until 1929 and then went to Columbiana County, Ohio where they still live. They had two children: Betty Marie Davis born 28 February 1930; Clarence Edward Davis born 22 December 1931.

Betty Marie Davis married William Edward Kalbfell on 20 June 1948. He was from Salem, Ohio. They had seven children: (1) Marie Annette Kalbfell born 13 May 1949 (2) David William Kalbfell born 11 September 1950 (3) Jack Edward Kalbfell born 24 August 1952 (4) Edwin Thomas Kalbfell born 2 June 1954 (5) Frank Jay Kalbfell born 20 September 1956 (6) Joseph Lee Kalbfell born 10 June 1958

(7) Ralph Andrew Kalbfell born 22 February 1960. At the time this was written they were living at Route #2, Woodsdale Road, Salem, Ohio.

Clarence Edward Davis married Selma Rose Riddle of Salem, Ohio in September 1952. In November 1952 he was in the Army and at this writing is living at 2115 Arch, Alliance, Ohio. They had one daughter, Marsha Lynn Davis born 19 January 1958.

Iva Jane Dotson married Frederick W. Koby on 21 May 1937. They first lived at Warren, Ohio then moved to Arkansas where they lived until 1953. At this writing they were living at Fort Collins, Colorado. They had two daughters: (1) Loretta Joyce Koby born 7 October 1939 married Robert Lawson; (2) Betty Jane Koby born 5 December 1942 married John Wallen.

Lila Belle Dotson married Cecil Thomas Barnard lived near Salem, Ohio. They had four children: (1) Cecil Thomas Barbard Jr. married Doris Johnson of Leetonia, Ohio. Had three daughters, one son; (2) Wanda Jean Barnard married and living in Texas; (3) Carl Barnard married Florence Florey. Have two daughters and live near Lisbon, Ohio; (3) Charles Barnard; (4) Lila Belle Barnard lives in Lisbon, Ohio.

George Ellis Dotson married Evelyn Apple of Elkton, Ohio and have two children; (1) James Allen Dotson born 9 October 1938; (2) Richard Wayne Dotson born 13 December 1939. James is married and lives in Pennsylvania. Has two daughters. George Ellis and family live at West Mayfield, Pennsylvania.

Dorothy Virginia Dotson married Ralph Bartholow on 14 January 1933. Have three children: (1) Donald Ray Bartholow born 19 January 1934; (2) Twila May Bartholow born 26 July 1936; (3) Arley Dean Bartholow born 21 December 1941. Donald Ray married Joanne Marple on 8 September 1952. Have two daughters:(1)(Caty Ann born 27 February 1956; (2) Kelley Sue born October 1960. Kit Carson Bartholow born 23 May 1958 - Live at Stateline, Nevada.

Twila Mae Bartholow married Edwin Weisenberger. They have two children: (1) Stanley Roy Weisenberger born 4 August 1954; (2) Rella Sue Weisenberger born April 1960.

Arley Dean Bartholow married Darlene Kitchen - Live in Germany.

Ersa Evelyn Dotson married James Rouse. Had five children. James died 24 August 1953. She then married Harry Grimes, have two boys and live at Salineville, Ohio.

Floyd Jefferson Dotson lived with his parents Harriet and George Dotson. He married Emma Jane Swiger on 25 June 1913 of Elk Lick, West Virginia. They had one boy, George Frederick Dotson born 28 March 1914 and one girl Viola May born 5 February 1921.

George Frederick married Mary Baird of Franklin Square, Ohio. They had three children: (1) Doris May, (2) John Frederick; (3) Barbara Jean born 3 June 1944 died 2 January 1945 buried at Franklin Square Cemetery. Fred left his family in 1944 and went to California. Mary moved in with her mother who then lived in Salem, Ohio. She went to work, bought her a home in Salem and raised the two children herself. She still lived in Salem. Doris May is married and lived in New York. John unmarried and in service.

Viola May Dotson married Woodrow W. Dennis and had one daughter, Barbara Ann born November 1944. Live Rt. 45 between Salem and Lisbon three miles south of Salem. Floyd lives in a small house in their yard. Fred lives with his parents or did.

In December 1947 Simon Dotson and wife went to Arkansas to visit Iva Jane's family. Weather was so bad they stayed longer than expected. Harriet (his mother) was supposed to have a room in a house in Lisbon at Floyd's where they bought after Harriet had her sale. She got sick while Simon was in Arkansas and Floyd took her to George's brothers on RFD Leetonia, Ohio on 29 February 1948 where she died 31 March 1948. Simon got back 25 March and was with her until the last.

I am sure the story of the Oldaker will be real interesting and I hope I can read it.

Elsie Dotson Davis

P.S. Some dates I wasn't sure of and I would not put in. The best of luck to all of you.

Note 1: This History of Harriet Virginia Oldaker Dotson is included because of its pertinence and because it proof of what Oldaker descendants can do when they avail themselves of opportunities offered. Well done Cousin Elsie Dotson Davis.

Note 2: It is said that in early years George Dotson was a great Bible student and became a preacher, but in later life departed from the faith, became a reviler and sold whiskey. His sons seem to have shared in his antagonistic attitude toward the ministry.

My Visit to the Home of My Great Great Great Great Grandfather

Day by day, as new light came to us through genealogists and friends and cousinly relations; by records and research; by study and meditations day and night on "The Oldaker Story," we found and felt an increasing desire to locate, see and know the place and places where the first Oldakers domiciled and pursued the uneven journey of life.

As we have indicated in our Prologue, we traced the Oldaker line backwards step by step until one day in Leesburg, we found in a certain indenture, a phrase which indicated location, "On the South side of the Ridge, and at the foot of the Ridge," in Loudoun County; and again in another indenture concerning Abraham's land "at the foot of the Ridge on a Branch called Thoroughfare." Loudoun County is a large county, and the quickest and best way to find an ancient estate in Loudoun County is to investigate the history of its owners and take a course of study via maps; maps and more maps--road maps, county maps, legendary maps, chronological maps, typographical maps--showing mountains, rivers, creeks, runs and branches. I asked many people including Courthouse officials about Shelbourne Parish, streams having old grist mill sites, and Thoroughfare Branch. Their answers were vague; no one seemed to know. Names of places often change in the course of 200 years. Again I scanned and pondered the maps, new maps, old maps; and by association of facts, dates and suppositions, ad infinitum. I concluded that the Oldaker habitations would be found along the base of the Blue Ridge near Upperville in the race horse country, for Netta Montgomery had written it down "My great grandfather was a great sportsman." Also, Chappelear's book revealed that John Oldaker coming from over the Ridge (from Hampshire County) had bought 229 acres of Ned Garrett at Wood's Mill (Upperville). Other Oldakers would surely be located not far away. These things indicated location in the extreme Southwestern tip of Loudoun County.

Weeks went by; I had not yet found the location of Henry Sr.'s Plantation. I knew that Loudoun County was a cut-off from Fairfax County, so I went "questing the questful quarry" in Fairfax records. The Fairfax Record Room was a beehive of activity and as large as all the other record rooms, which I had visited, put together. But there was not a thing that I could find about Henry Sr. The Yankees had beat me to it by 100 years, when they burned the records during the Civil War. I decided that I would go to Upperville, look around and ask multitudinous questions of the historians and inhabitants there. I reached Middleburg, and the thought came to me, "Wallace Phillips might know something; he knew about everything concerning Fauquier, except the location of Brandywine (I had stumped him on that!).

"Hello, Mr. Phillips, I came to find out what you know about Loudoun County in the early days."

"Have you seen Mr. J.V. Nichols in Purcellsville?"

"Yes, and I have his book on Loudoun Valley. It is a good one. Do you have anything else?"

"Let me see." He went back into his Sanctum Sanctorum and came out with a book that was new to me, Dickinson's "The Fairfax Proprietary."

"The Oldaker Plantation was bought of Richard Buckalew, who had leased it from Fairfax, and it was sold to Joseph Reed in 1790. Abraham Oldaker sold his farm to Jacob Miley in 1789," I said.

"Let me see," he said again. He found the names in the Index, pulled out the supplemental map from the pocket of the inside book cover and spread it out upon the table; adjusted his spectacles, and muttering the numbers 69,399, he ran his finger up and down, over and across the map of the Fairfax Proprietary as of the year 1792. In a few minutes he came out with a big "Ha-ah. Here it is. Why, it's in the Trappe!" And so it was, a place marked on the map "Trappe." The name is not found on maps of our present day, but nearly everybody in Southwestern Loudoun knows where The Trappe is.

It was enough. With grateful thanks to Mr. Phillips the historian, I gathered up my effects and went out satisfied. Although I had not yet been there, I knew almost exactly where Henry Sr. and Elenor and Hannah and Mary and Rebekah and little Elenor and John and William and Abraham and Issac and Jacob and Henry Jr. had lived, loved and labored in the days of the long ago.

The old '58 Plymouth car I was driving down the road towards home seemed to have the same feeling of satisfaction as she chugged along with meticulous harmony of her six unsyncopated cylinders, through the beautiful Autumn countryside of Fauquier and Culpeper Counties.

I drove into my garage, then burst into the family room of Tuckahoe Ranch, my home in Culpeper County, and exclaimed to my lovely lady,

"Eureka! I've found it. It's in the Trappe."

"What's in the trap? Are you crazy?"

"The Oldaker--the Oldakers, were in the Trappe."

"Explain yourself. What in the world are you talking about?" I did so. "You and your Oldakers" she said; but I

knew she was glad I had found them. Moreover, we both had something to anticipate.

On Sunday morning December 3, 1961, I was up before the birdies. My Polled Hereford cows and calves, and Robert E. Lee, the bull, seemed to look askance at me when it became light enough to see, "wonder what's happened? This isn't feeding time." I talked to them and told them what was up; that I was going to make a trip to my great great great great grandfather's over in Loudoun County. I talk to them like that; they seem to understand. By the way, Robert E. Lee fought the Battle of Bull Run over again the other day with General Holstein Bull--six hours--General Lee was on his own land which made a difference, and General Holstein finally retreated across the Run. Robert's head was bloody but not bowed. I talked to him about it afterwards and his explanation was that there were three things that he did not believe in, and they were: Peaceful Co-existence, Race Amalgamation, and Integration. Be that as it may, Ruth and I were ready and on our way to Loudoun by 8:00 A.M.

We arrived at the quiet little town of Unison before time for Sunday School. A young man was playing the organ, and a group of young people had already arrived when we entered the beautiful little Methodist Church. Older people and more children were soon coming in. Some came to greet us. One white haired lady who looked somewhat like an Oldaker, I thought, came over and extended her hand saying, "I am Mrs. Miley and this is my son," indication the young man who played the organ.

You could have knocked me over with a feather when I heard the name Miley, and I asked her, "Are you people descendants of Jacob Miley? My great great great grandfather Abraham Oldaker sold his farm nearby here in the year 1789 to Jacob Miley."

"I don't know," she said. "Do I look that old?" But I liked her looks and the sparkle in her eye. Then I remembered what Eugene Montgomery had written me in one of his letters, "Many Oldakers around here don't know who their grandfather was, and don't seem to want to know."

We had a fine lesson taught by a young woman who, by her dress, manner and speech betokened the highest type of Christian character and evangelical experience. After the lesson I asked for the privilege of saying a few words. The privilege was granted and I arose and said,

"You people are indeed fortunate to have this young lady as your teacher. A finer lesson I have never heard, and I've been for forty years a Bible Teacher, Preacher and Gospel Singer. My name is Glenn Oldaker and I came in today to worship with you and to say that as historian for the Oldaker family, I am seeking knowledge concerning those of

that name who lived hereabout, their church affiliation, their burial places et cetera in the years 1760-1860. They lived near the Trappe, and their neighbors, according to the records, were Bartletts, Sybolds, Morgans, Mileys, Reeds, Ross, Bursons, Lewellins, Romines and Dyers. Any information you perhaps as descendants of these neighbors of the Oldakers can give me will be very much appreciated indeed."

They were wonderful people at Unison. We were no longer strangers. They took us in! Many helpful expressions were given, and by directions offered, we located two very, very old burial grounds and spent two hours within their rock-walled enclosures, reading inscriptions and names, many of which were familiar to us, such as, Carters, Furrs, Van Buskirks, Bursons, Bartletts, Beavers, Burwells and French; but there were no Oldakers.

On to the Trappe. The Blue Ridge looks much closer now; soon we are going North at its foot, along Jeffries Branch; the Trappe looms ahead. It is a cove, a pocket formed in Mount Weather, a mountain so named because for many years the Government has maintained there a station for weather prognostication.

Now we are at The Trappe. An almost perpendicular wall is the background of the cove. It is a trap! Tradition says that hunters flushed the deer and game in the lowlands, hounded them into the cove. There was little chance of escape for them through a gauntlet of guns. It was indeed The Trappe.

There is a square turn in the road here toward the East. Powell's Branch comes rushing down from the cove into the corner of the road under a bridge, and up the slope a few yards are the remains of the stone foundations of an old grist mill. On the left at the corner is an old, old stone house where John Oldaker lived and further up the slope a house site where William Oldaker lived, 'the upper part whereon he now lives and has a grist and saw mill." The graveyard is beyond the millsite east in open ground. We look the place over; no one is at home. It is now owned by General Cummings, retired. We take a shot with the camera and go across the branch to Henry Sr.'s house. As we drive into the yard we see a brass plate on the yard wall which says, "THE TRAPPE."

Ah-ah, Grandfather Henry Oldaker! Little did you think 200 years ago--or did you--that some day a great, great, great, great grandson would come to see you riding in a contraption that required no horse, mule or oxen, and could cover 100 miles of road in two hours. I wish you were here today Grandfather Henry, just to lay your hand on my head and give me your blessing, as Abraham did with Isaac and Ishmael, and as Isaac did with Jacob and Esau. In a few minutes I am knocking on your door, but you do not come to greet me.

A strange lady answers my knock and I say to her, "I am a historian for my family; Oldaker is my name, and I'm from Culpeper. My ancestors lived here 200 years ago. I wonder if we could have a few minutes with you, is the General in?"

She stepped toward the stairway, "General, there is a historian here to see us, can you come down?"

From above, "Tell him to come in, I'll be down in a few minutes."

"Won't you come in--is there someone with you?"

"Yes, Ma'am, my wife."

"Tell her to come in if she would like."

We notice that two or three mousetraps are set in several chairs, and the lady explains that they are there for the purpose of dog training, and after I return from a trip to the car to get my writing pads, the General is down and I throw my hat on a chair before taking a seat on the sofa, when two mousetraps simultaneously explode. I sez, says I, "This place is rightly named 'The Trappe'--there are many of them." We laughed together; I gave my greeting to General Fellows, and after a few pleasantries we are soon engaged discussing one of the most interesting subjects in the world--Human History.

General Joseph Howard Fellows bears the rank of Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired. He served under that remarkable personage of the Military, Admiral Chester Nimitz, whose portrait rests on a desk in General Fellow's living room. The General and Mrs. Fellows were gracious and friendly toward us and after some time of very felicitous converstion, with information recorded, we made a couple of camera shots of the house and took our leave of them with considerable regret.

There are several things I should like to put down for the record here. The plantation was sold by Oldakers to Joseph Reed. Some of his descendants live in the community now, and I hope someday to talk with them. Reed sold to John T. Ross who was a member of an Alexandria wholesale firm. Ross had a store which evidently did quite a business at The Trappe and during his ownership, there was a Post Office named Trappe. This store house previously had been a school and Mission Church for the Episcopal denomination; and in 1840-1850 was a Methodist Meeting House with 60 attendants on a 14 point circuit. When services were first held there was as an Episcopal Mission, Henry Oldaker Sr. was doubtless originator and promoter of it; and we come thus to a conclusion that Henry Sr. was a religious man.

The General stated that there was evidence of some connection between the store and the church constituency, because when he bought the place, pastoral reports, deeds concerning the church, hymn books et cetera were found in the reliques of the abandoned store building.

Concerning the other buildings, it was stated that the original dwelling consisted of two units: a log house with basement room, first story above with two rooms, and loft above them; large stone chimney with fireplaces, the regular Fairfax type house called a half-face. The stone house of unit #2 was no doubt built by Henry Sr. three years after unit #1 and near the time of his arrival, being adjoined to unit #1.

When purchased by General Fellows and wife, it was in a dilapidated condition and great holes were in the roof, a fact attested by a picture shown to us. When reconstruction was begun, the roof was raised three feet and a whole new section corresponding to units #1 and #2 were added, making a very lovely and interesting home for these very fine and interesting people.

We cannot describe the emotions that we felt at being in Henry Sr.'s home. Angels seemed to be hovering 'round. We sensed the noble spirit of the man, and we thought of him living and dying doubtless in that very room with his children around him.

"Silently the shades of evening gather round my lowly door,
Silently they bring before me faces I have known before.
Silently the shades of evening, holy memories cluster round me,
Pointing upward to that Heaven, where we met and part no more."

Then I wondered, did he think of Old England, Evesham and Lost River? Did he regret that he had cast his lot with this mixed breed soon to be at war with kith and kin of the Homeland? No, I don't believe he did. These pioneers were people of vision, ongoing people. We Americans, all of us are, or should be, that kind of men and women. Let us take the torch they have thrown to us and blaze the way through the darkness of our confused thinking; our socialistic materialism; our atheistic, spiritual wickedness in high places. Onward! Ascend the heights of Truth and Freedom! Life high 'that banner with the strange device--EXCELSIOR.'

We pursued our way to the modest village of Bloomfield; stopped to view the remains of the old Methodist Church built in 1857; inquired of a man on crutches concerning Mr. Freeman the historian whose name was given to me by friends in Unison. The man on crutches turned out to be Mr. Freeman himself, a very happy, congenial informer who

told me that his home, a store building, was built by an Oldaker in the year 1795; that there were two other houses nearby, built by the same Oldaker, about the same time. He stated the names of the present owners. I hope to see him again and them at some near future date.

We started home then, but on the outskirts of the village was the oldest looking church yet, and a large old, old graveyard, unkept and full of old, old stones; and a new church and a new graveyard, well kept and also full, of fine monuments. I stopped to get a picture and to visit the old cemetery. Surely there would be an Oldaker, or a Burson, or a Dyer, or a Lewellin there. I inquired of the keeper, giving him the date of my people. He said he would bet me two cents that they were Hard-Shell Baptists and I would find them right there. I guess that the reason that I did not find them was because there is quite a bit of difference between an Episcopalian and a Hard-Shell Baptist.

Home again, we pondered over the scenes and events of the day and decided that a new chapter was given to us for the Oldaker Story.

Wardensville-Oldaker Story

For some months following our visit to Henry Sr.'s home in Loudoun County, Virginia, at the Trappe in November 1961, we kept wondering if this was the original home of the Oldakers. Finally, we made a second visit to the Trappe, met General and Mrs. Cummings, visited shortly with General and Mrs. Fellows, went on to Bloomfield to see Historian Freeman again, who occupied a stone house built by an Oldaker about the year 1795. But there seemed to be, back in our subconscious mind, a hint of doubt about this Trappe-Bloomfield Community being the original home of the Oldakers.

The announcement of a reprint of the 1785-90 Federal Census and the subsequent procuring of a copy from the Virginia State Library, listing Issac Oldaker in Hampshire County, as head of a family of five children, names not given; and the listing coinciding with Marion Mott's data on Issac of Highland County, Ohio, gave cause for augmented doubting.

Then one night, as I ruminated, sleepless, it came to me and I wondered why in the world I had not been so impressed before--John Oldaker, according to Chappelear, had come over the ridge in 1760 to buy land and had bought of Ned Garrett 227 acres at Upperville, and the deed spoke of John as being "late of Hampshire." Now, if John was "late of Hampshire" in 1760 and Issac was still in Hampshire in

1784-1790, perhaps Henry Sr. had been in Hampshire before he bought of Buckalew in Loudoun County in 1765! And where was William, Abraham, Henry Jr. and Jacob? No instrument of writing concerning deeds or property mentions them before, 1769, 1770, 1773 and 1785 in Loudoun County. In these years, John, Abraham, buy farms, Henry Sr. makes his will and dies; and Henry Jr. makes his will and dies. I had found these records in Loudoun.

There must be some former habitation of these Oldakers. Why would not this first family be groups together somewhere; especially since other lands were thinly settled and since the threat of Indian molestation and massacre was an all too prevalent thing in the year following the defeat of General Braddock in the year 1755.

I studied the histories of counties. I found that Augusta County was formed from Orange and Frederick, Hampshire County was formed from Augusta, Hardy from Hampshire et cetera. I went ancestor hunting, checking the records in 20 county court houses in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. Genealogical items from correspondents began coming in, many of them pointing towards Hardy County.

On April 3, 1962 we passed through Wardensville enroute to Moorefield, County seat of Hardy County, little dreaming that the places we saw along the road near Wardensville were the very homes and habitations of Oldakers 200 years ago. We collected a dozen and more records of Oldaker deeds, marriages, and wills in Moorefield, Hardy County; met some fine people willing to help with information, two of whom were Mr. C. C. Wise, former Clerk of Hardy County, who loaned us a fine History of Hardy County containing many references to Oldakers and Kindred, and Mrs. Jo Burch Fasig, Deputy Clerk.

We went on to Romney, West Virginia in the evening and took a room at a motel and digested most of the Hardy History book before we sought repose in sleep, which was hard to accomplish with visions of the beautiful Moorefield Valley and the recently discovered thrilling genealogical findings fresh in our memory.

When the door opened to the Record Room next morning at 9 A.M. we were there, and soon located several deeds of lease concerning William Oldaker and Henry Oldaker Sr. drawn in the years 1762, 1766 and 1779. Of course, these records concerned the same lands as those recorded in Hardy County in later years, for Hardy was formed from Hampshire in 1785.

To make a clean sweep, we went on to Oakland, County Seat of Garrett County, Maryland and Cumberland, County Seat of Washington County, Maryland searching the records but the results were nil and negligible respectively.

Within a few days after our return, by a study of my acquired data in Hardy and Hampshire and a map of Hardy County, purchased at the "Examiner" Office in Moorefield I soon knew just about where Henry Sr., John, Issac, William and John Dyer, who married Hannah Oldaker, had lived in days of long ago. Oldakers, Pughs, Landacres, Barrows, Clines, Bixlers, Gillets, Babbs, Switzers, Snickers, Ingrams, Harrises, Horners, Littlers et cetera, of that far off day, had passed on almost into oblivion, but the places familiar to them and loved by them in their day are still there; and as we trace them by the deeds and on the current map of Hardy County--Wardens Ridge, Quaker Hollow, Hughs Run, Trout Run, Lost River, Cacapon River, the Sink Hole, Catts Gap, Dutch Hollow, Waites Run, they are just about the same now as when viewed by those of six generations in our American Heritage.

In the deed given by Henry Oldaker Sr. to Samuel Ingram recorded at Romney in 1762, reference is made to a grant from Fairfax of uncharted and wastelands in Hampshire recorded in Land Book K page (folio) 217 bearing date of 19th January 1761, and registered in the Proprietors Office. I had great hope that by scanning this document on file in Richmond at Virginia State Library, I would find something about the time of Henry Sr.'s arrival in America from England. So, when Lucille Oldacre, descendant of the Kentucky and Alabama Oldacres, arrived on Thursday after our return from Hardy County (Lucille is a member of a New York Stock Exchange Firm), I decided to ride to Richmond with her and copy this record. On Friday I spent the day in the Library searching for Port of Entry and time of arrival of Henry Sr. in America, and the names of Henry Jr.'s children mentioned but not named in his will recorded in Loudoun County in 1785. I found exactly nothing about anything that I did not already know about my Oldakers.

Lucille went on to Alabama and in three more weeks of study and research in other court records and correspondence, I found myself in company of Ruth, my wife, and Hazel my sister, on the way to Hardy County again.

It was a wonderful time for a trip, with sunshine and dogwood and red bud in profusion; green fields, grazing herds and flocks, clear watered ponds, lakes and streams; mountains with gray rocks and with trees of vari-tinted springtime foilage. And yet, we were in search of Oldakers long since gone, but not forgotten even after 200 years. Recorded names never die, nor recorded deeds. And the rebirth of nature in the springtime seemed to indicate to us that these Oldakers were having a rebirth also in our day and in our hearts and consciousness, seemingly becoming a new generation among us, for--

"We honor their memory, We call their names;
They live again."

Our first contact at Wardensville was with the Didawicks, Klivers, Mileys, Frys and Wardens who spoke to us from their memorial stones. No Oldakers! In the living of their days, stones had hardly become mediums of communication. Many of the Oldakers could only affix an "X" mark for a name. Even this week an Oldaker descendant and correspondent states that his grandfather never learned to read until he was past 35 and gave his name as "Oleaker."

Yes, many of them were unlettered, but surely they were not unlearned. A people who could build grist mills and saw mills and hack out a habitation from a wilderness amid dangers seen and unseen, could not fittingly be termed unlearned!

We soon located Mr. Kenna McKeever, the Wardensville historian, author of several unpublished books, two of which were titled "Wardensville--It's History; 1957" and "Dad's Younger Days." Both of these were very compelling, informative, entertaining and worthy of historical acceptation; and we cannot see why some avenue has not been opened up for their publication before this year.

Mr. and Mrs. McKeever were friendly, humorous and very helpful in their attitude toward us strangers and soon we were engaged in discussing the most interesting thing in the world--the subject of human history. Mr. McKeever knows his Wardensville as perhaps no other living person does. People and place--none of them have escaped his careful scrutiny and historical evaluation. He willingly offered to guide us in our search for Oldaker habitations, and relations and places mentioned in the Oldaker documents relating to the Wardensville community.

First on the agenda were the cemeteries and sites of old churches; then Trout Run and the Oldaker lands thereon; then Lost River and its significance to the land records; then Cacapon River and Hughs Run, where Henry Sr. first settled, then the Sink Hole and Catts Gap, where John Oldaker lived and later sold to John Dyer who married Hannah Oldaker, daughter of Henry Oldaker Sr. and Elinor, his wife.

We took the Trout Run road south of Wardensville. About one half mile out I noticed the name of Switzer on a mailbox. Issac's son Jacob had married a Switzer, so I stopped to inqure. The lady was nice, but knew nothing about Jacob Oldaker, her husband being of a different branch of the Switzer family. Another half mile brought us to Fry's Big Spring where we took our lunch across a swinging bridge and munched sandwiches and pie to the roaring of a rapid stream, gushing out of the ground in two places, whose waters were as delectable to imbibe as any we ever drank anytime or anywhere.

A family of Garretts lived in a nice modern house near the springs, but were not at home. I soliliquized that Abraham (2) had married a Garrett.

The first cemetery we visited was at the "Old Meeting House" site, half-a-mile from the highway, across fences and through woods, brush and briars, by sheep paths and swamps to a little knoll covered with brush and trees beside a green field on one side and the musical waters of Trout Run on the other. There was one large inspiring modern monument there to the Wilson family. About 100 graves were in the cemetery. Other than the Wilson stone there were no modern markers. All the others were common field stone or crudely cut, hand fashioned stones, most of them without any inscription. One such stone lying flat, face down, was turned over by Mr. McKeever. A few strokes across its face brought out an inscription:

Jacob Pugh
Died July 25, 1816
Age 91 years.

I stood speechless in amazement. I removed my hat and bowed my head. It was a miraculous finding. I called out his name and it seemed that a life unfolded before me which first had sprung into being 237 years ago! And the carving of that name doubtless done by the loving hands of his children had endured the ravages of time these 146 years. I'm a little late in expressing my gratitude, boys and girls, but thank you very, very much, Jacob, Robert, James, Priscilla, Hannah, Lucretia and Rebecca for your loving memorial to your father!

Jacob Pugh was father-in-law of Issac (1) Oldaker. I had searched for six months to find the family name of Lucretia (Lucy) wife of Issac Oldaker and finally I was rewarded by finding it in E.L. Judy's "History of Grant and Hardy Counties." Now I had found the name of her father and in another hour I was to find the grave and marker of Lucretia's son Jacob Oldaker who chose to remain in Hardy County with people of his wife Magdelene Swisher and their chidlren rather than to go with Issac and Lucy and his children to Ohio in the same year that Jacob Pugh had passed into the spirit world, 1816. William Oldaker, the miller, had preceded Jacob Pugh to the grave five years previously in 1811 and we can be very confident in saying that by all the evidences and circumstances, William Oldaker is also buried in this hallowed spot.

Next on the agenda was the Lost River and we saw where the river sinks under a mountain to emerge two miles away on the other side where it becomes the Great Cacapon River.

On up the road we turned north along Warden's Ridge and by inquiry concerning certain natural landmarks described in

John Oldaker's deed to John Dyer in 1775 as the "Sink Hole" and "Catts Gap," We located the tract of land that John Oldaker "Died, seized and possessed," we infer by squatters rights, for we found no instrument recorded by which he acquired the property. But here John and Martha had lived; here the children were born (at least two of them) before the two Johns went to Loudoun County to escape the menace of Indian hostility. It is evident that John Oldaker never returned to take up his land, but in 1775 he sold it to his brother-in-law John Dyer who had married Hannah Oldaker, sister to John and daughter of Henry Oldaker Sr. Hannah never returned with John Dyer in 1775, for Henry Sr. in his will 1773 mentions his "daughter Hannah who is dead."

We saw the outline of Catts Gap in the road ahead, descended into the sink hole and looked into the entrance of Dyer's Cave; reversed our course, stopping to talk with some men driving a truck and a tractor who turned out to be Dyers, owners of the farm, and descendants of the same John Dyer who had left Hardy in 1760 for fear of the Indians.

We have written elsewhere in our "Oldaker Story" about the abilities and integrity and character of the Dyers of an early day. And by the evidence disclosed in our short visit, we were impressed with the conviction that these later Dyers are of the same stripe and pattern. Cornwell and John Dyer--father and son--live in Wardensville in a nice home, well kept and comfortable.

By the grapevine, I learned that years ago a sum of $1500 was left by a Dyer progenitor to his oldest son. Through successive generations the sum with accrued interest was inherited by successive sons. Today the amount stands at $80,000 and indicates the thrifty character of the Dyers. Cornwell has the original deeds to his property on Warden's Ridge since the time of John Oldaker's conveyance to John Dyer in 1775. I hope to see these papers on our next visit.

On the road again to Wardensville we stopped at the old Landacre home where, we were informed, there was a graveyard nearby. This was the land once owned by Issac then Jacob Oldaker, son of Issac and a stone barely discernible was found bearing the initials "J.O." His wife Magdelene Swisher is buried in Newark, Ohio whither some of the family moved after the decease of Jacob.

On a branch was a stone chimney standing, site of a grist mill in Jacob's day and converted by Landacre into a distillery. But up the road a little "piece" and beside the river below from our high vantage point on the highway was one of the sweetest and most beautiful patches of farmland and homesites that I had ever seen. I knew by study of the deeds that Jacob had bought land part and parcel of his father, Issac. And when I named the grantees in Oldaker

deeds, Mr. McKeever confirmed my conjectures that the enchanting green spot below was the habitation of my great, great, great, great grandfather Henry Oldaker Sr.! There is a cemetery on this place which I must see next time even if I have to wade the river.

We did not get to Henry Sr.'s grant dated 1761 from Thomas Lord Baron of Cameron of Scotland on Hughs Run between two mountains. Next time-- In the west edge of Wardensville we turned into a lane which led past Bakers Mill to a peninsula on which once stood an old mill. This was known as Oldaker's Mill, near the mouth of Trout Run. General Fremont in 1862 came to Wardensville with 30,000 men, burned the mill and threatened to burn the town in retaliation for being fired upon by some hidden Confederates. The town was spared by several prominent men offering themselves as hostages.

I stood upon the site of the mill indicated to me by Mr. McKeever. This was William Oldaker's mill--William, who before his death willed all his property, mills and farms to his brother Issac; was it William, who refused to grind grain for a scalawag known to be a distiller? Was he murdered by the man at the mill, then William becomes the first Oldaker martyr to the cause of Temperance. This is tradition--there is no record that we know of, but what a tradition it is for careless Oldakers and others of our careless generation.

It was a wonderful day for us, the end of a perfect day; we said our goodbyes to the McKeevers, made arrangements for an overnight stay in Mr. Ben Frye's cottage at the Big Spring at some future day and came on back to Culpeper to meditate and wonder about Indians, Pughs, Oldakers, Dyers, Lost Rivers and Sink Holes; and to read and re-read Kenna H. McKeever's book (in manuscript) which we brought along with his exceedingly kind permission "The History of Wardensville," where the hardy race of Oldakers had their habitat in Hardy County, Virginia.

William Webster Oldaker's Ghost Story

Uncle Bill Oldaker was 83 years old when we went to visit him and Aunt Gertrude at their home in Churchville, West Virginia in October 1961. He was paralyzed and bed fast, but had a very cheerful disposition, and a clear and active mind. I read him some excerpts from the Oldaker Story, at which he was very much pleased, not having heard anything about his early Virginia ancestors.

He spoke to me of his Christian experience, and his faith in Christ; his long service in and for the church; how

for many years he tried to hold up a high standard in teaching a Sunday School class. He showed me the many gifts of love and esteem his class members had presented to him. Before we left, we sang and prayed together. It was a sweet fellowship. I had met him only once before, in company with Rev. Lowery E. Oldaker; and, of all the Oldakers, excepting my family, Cousin Lowery and Uncle Bill were my favorites.

We were talking about the traits and character of the Oldakers in general, also their responsibilities and citizenship when Uncle Bill brought out the following observations, and a story about his grandfather, William:

Abraham Oldaker (3) (my great grandfather) was a very teasable man. The boys of his neighborhood took special delight in visiting his peach orchard, just to hear Uncle Abe rave, and demonstrate his wrath.

The Oldakers are all right to sit and listen, but it is a hard matter to get them to do anything. Most of them are fair minded people, but he knew one who was a drunkard and died in the pen, and another one married a wild cat; but if these are the only cases of irresponsibility, we need not be too much ashamed of the Oldaker tribe. We strike a balance when we consider that one Oldaker, William, had two sons in the Civil War: Lafayette D. and John Curry Oldaker. This William was the grandfather of William Webster Oldaker.

When William and Lydia Queen married, they lived at Johnstown. They reared their family there. Lydia died and is buried there in the Methodist Churchyard. Then William being a widower dreamed about a desirable farm up on Murphy Creek. He was so impressed by the dream that he went and found the place, and finally bought it, not knowing it was reputedly haunted by two women who had been former occupants of the house. This house was built in the shape of a "T", and had a beautiful yard with shrubs and a patch of luxuriant "sparrow grass." His daughter, Eliza Ann Taylor, lived in the next house, and Levi his son lived with him. Ere long strange things began to happen in the house. Doors slammed, floors creaked, footfalls sounded, dishes rattled on the table. They investigated for dogs and cats and causes of these sounds but they found nothing.

William was sitting out in the yard near the inverted corner of the house one evening about dusk and a woman appeared and was standing behind this clump of "sparrow grass." He rubbed his eyes and looked again. He arose from his chair, approached the ghostlike form and demanded, "What are you doing here?" There was no answer, and in rage and fright he cried out, "I'll slap your face." The motion of his arm and hand brushed the top of the "sparrow grass" but encountered nothing else. The shadowing form vanished and William hurriedly went inside, slammed and fastened the

door, got in bed and covered up his head with the covers.

Next morning he told how he had seen a ghost, "But don't tell anyone until I have sold the place!" And he moved from there to Limestone, branch of Murphy Creek.

Uncle Lafe's Story--as told by Eugene Montgomery

Lafayette D. Oldaker, born 1843, was a son of William and Lydia Queen Oldaker. I went to Durbin West Virginia to talk with the grandaughter of Uncle Lafe, Mrs. Bessie Greiner. Bessie married the grandson of an officer in the Union Army, Captain Greiner, author of a book called "Jackson as I Knew Him." Bessie has Captain Greiner's sword hanging on the wall in her home; I had it in my hands this past Sunday, November 5, 1961.

We had a long talk, and she told what she remembered of Uncle Lafe's account of his service in the Civil War. Some of it would curl your hair, but I won't go into all of it. One thing of great interest to me was his great gift of memory and of details. Here is how he met his wife:

In the Cavalry charge at Chancellorsville a friend of his was hit. As he started to fall from his horse, Uncle Lafe caught him and lowered him to the ground. Being unable to stop in the charge, he rode on and left him. After the battle was over, Uncle Lafe rode back to where he had left his wounded friend and found him, but he was dead. It happened near a farm house, and Uncle Lafe asked the women there if he could bury him somewhere near. They dug a grave and put him to rest inside the garden fence on this unknown farm.

After the war was over, Uncle Lafe rode to his dead friend's home to tell his people how he died and where he was buried.

The man's name was Clark Dawson, and his youngest sister's name was Anne Dawson. Later, Lafayette Oldaker and Anne Dawson were married and they went from Johnstown to live in Orlando, West Virginia. I thought that was some story!

Uncle Lafe was a member of the 17th Virginia Cavalry; rode with Mosby as courier and spy. He died at Durbin, West Virginia at the home of his son.

The West Virginia Hills

I remember hearing my mother, Martha Luzader Oldaker, sing a song whose lines ran somewhat like this:

O the West Virginia Hills with their beauty are so grand,
With their summits pointing skyward to that blessed promised land
Is it any wonder then that my heart with rapture thrills
When I gaze in awe and wonder on those West Virginia Hills?
Oh, the Hills, beautiful Hills!
How I love the West Virginia Hills!
If on land or sea I roam, still think of Happy Home,
And the friends among the West Virginia Hills.

My father did not seem to care so much for the rugged hills. He early sought and found the more level spaces of farm land in Indiana. He used to tell two stories which showed his antipathy toward the adverse lands of his birth and early manhood.

A traveller on the toilsome road, winding along the foot of a ridge in West Virginia chanced to find a man lying in the road bleeding and broken. Though conscious, he was in much pain, and his groanings were grievous.

"My man," said the traveller, "what has happed to you that I find you in this condition?"

The man on the Jerico Road replied brokenly, "I -- fell out -- of -- that -- field -- up -- there!"

The second story is much a take-off on his brother Aaron as on the typography of his native heath. It's a little rough in places around Berea and Otterslide, where Isaac Oldaker and his family lived in Ritchie County. But the lads and lasses had their social parties and managed to get around from place to place. My father used to tease Uncle Aaron, ad nauseum, about the occasion when he was seeing a young lady home from a church gathering, on a very dark night. After a long, lingering farewell, Uncle Aaron sought to catch up with the others who had gone ahead; but it was very dark, the lantern was out of sight. My uncle lost his way and rolled about 30 feet down over a bluff. He got in home rather late and looked badly next morning. It was a tradition that was humorously related for many, many years, and a source of embarassment to him that "Aaron Oldaker went a courting and fell over the bluff!"

The Frog Dance

In the early years of my Gospel Singing Ministry, I met Rev. Lowery E. Oldaker and booked a meeting with him in Buckhannon which led to a very happy association and friendship. One of the greatest revivals I was ever in, was in 1925 at the Old M.P. Temple in Clarksburg with Rev. C.C. Lawson. There were 400 conversions. The meeting ran for six weeks. News of the awakening reached many towns round about. Lowery Oldaker heard of it in Buckhannon and came down to see what was happening. He was then President of the M.P. Conference of West Virginia.

The people were expectant and happy, fervent and prayerful. The prayer meetings overflowed in attendance and Spiritual power. The prayer warriors would come out of the preliminary service witnessing, shouting and glorifying God. Some evenings while I was leading the song service, the power of the Spirit came upon the people, the altar would be filled with praying folk and sinners seeking pardon of their sins. No sermon -- the preacher stood up and gave an extended invitation. Some were so convicted that they fell to the floor and crawled down the aisle to the altar. I never was in such a meeting!

Lowery came in early. I told him that we should go into the prayer room. As we approached the door there was the sound of a rushing mighty wind. The room was filled with the sound of fervent united prayer; all were praying aloud at the same time. We knelt by a chair in the crowded room. Engaged in my own devotions I could not fail to realize, however, that Lowery was looking from side to side in amazement and fear. I asked him about it afterwards and he said, "I was afraid someone was going to hit me!"

Afterward, Ruth and I visited with his family in his home in Buckhannon. We talked of the variety in Christian experience, of testimonies we had heard given. It was then that he told us of that most unusual religious exercise called the "Frog Dance," and he demonstrated it for us there in his living room.

In such visitations from God as I have mentioned, the tide of emotion ran high. There was no form that denied the power; and people lost their pride in a real concern for the souls of others. They forgot themselves, they became peculiar people of zealous of good works.

Lowery described his Frog Dancer and imitated him. It was exceedingly mirthful, yet we could the while enter into the Frog Dancer's exhileration and spiritual jubiliation. Moving out into the fore front of the worshipers, testifying, rejoicing, jumping up and coming down, the Frog Dancer then dropped to his hauches, and sitting upon his heels, he moved up and down the aisles by advancing first one foot and then

the other, maintaining his lowly position on his heels. With blaring eyes and upraised arms, he sang while others joined in,

"Pray on, pray on, We're gaining ground O Glory,
Halleluyer
The power of God is coming down, O Glory, Halleluyer.
This is the way I long had sought, O Glory Halleluyer.
And mourned because I found it not, O Glory Halleluyer."

And then after about 12 or 15 like verses, he began to make up his own and came out with this,

"The purtiest thing I ever saw O Glory Halleluyer,
Was a groundhog winkin' at his Mother-in-law, O Glory
Halleluyer." Singing and winking, first, one eye and then the other. And when a dog came in at the door, he grabbed the poker stick at the nearby stove, and kept singing,

"Get out of here, you long eared hound, O Glory
Halleluyer
I'll take a stick and knock you down, O Glory
Halleluyer.

By this time the Frog Dancer had kicked up such a cloud of dust from the tracking on the aisle that the people were siezed with a paroxysmal coughing and choking. Lowery was a great soul, a Sweet Singer of Israel. No one who ever heard him sing "A Child of The King" would ever forget him. He died after falling from a ladder while picking apples on Eslie Bond's farm on Hackers Creek. He is buried in a Bridgeport Cemetery.

No Fool Could Understand

This is an Oldaker story by appropriation, told by my Uncle Lusadder to a bunch of Oldakers, so I take it and tell it, as Scott says in his "Lay of the Last Minstrel,"

"I cannot tell how the truth may be;
I say the tale as 'twas said to me."

An old-time West Virginia preacher, having chosen his text and lucubrated and meditated on it for several days, stood before his congregation on Sunday to expound it. His text was Isaiah, 35:8. "And an highway shall be there and a Way, And it shall be called the way of holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those: The wayfaring men though fools shall not err therein." He thought he had memorized it, but when he came to announcing it, he was not so sure of himself. However, he blazed away with "The Lord has made the way so plain -- Ah!" and stopped.

He then remembered that a wayfaring man" and a "fool" was in that text. He tried again. "The Lord has made the way so plain that a fool -- Ah." No, the "wayfaring man" came first He tried again. "The Lord has made the way so plain -- Ah, that a wayfaring man -- Ah," Where did that "fool" come in? He made a final try and came in with a rush -- "The Lord has made the way so plain that no fool could understand it."

The Story of a Family and a Farm

The family was that of Aaron Drummond and his farm was called Maidstone, located on Kettle Run of Fauquier County, Virginia.

Nancy Oldaker, daughter of Abraham and Hester Oldaker, who lived at Oleaker Farm near Buck Mountain in Fauquier County, between the villages of Barbee's Cross Roads (Hume) and Farrowsville (Markham) married Aaron Drummond in the year 1796, according to the Fauquier Marriage Register. Our extended search revealed that the Drummonds were a noted Virginia family possessed of considerable wealth, that Aaron had purchased a number of tracts of land which when combined totaled 353 acres, lying on both sides of Kettle Run; that a daughter, Charity Drummond, contemplating marriage with Benjamin Ball, also scion of a noted Virginia family related to the Washingtons, had executed and recorded and instrument which is to us was one of the most remarkable documents yet uncovered concerning Oldakers. It filled more than two pages and fully protected Charity's financial interests and those of her family in the eventuality of death. For the sake of brevity we felt disposed to omit the document, but because of the unusual circumstances in the case we felt compelled to follow through to see how the story would end.

We made a search for Maidstone Farm according to Aaron's deed, found Kettle Run north of Markham near Naked Mountain but no one in the vicinity knew anything at all about either Maidstone Farm or the Drummonds. We returned to Warrenton and uncovered the will of Charity Ball; we returned to Kettle Run and spent two days in exploration and found a very interesting estate on Kettle Run, lined and crossed with stone fences, having a stone-walled cemetery near the road, also a spring by the road, and a lovely stone dwelling father back over the hill on the south bank of Kettle Run. There were about 24 graves in the burial ground, some with inscribed monuments, not large but modest. However, there were no names of Balls or Drummonds. Charity's will was as follows:

Charity Drummond Ball's Will

In the name of God Amen. I Charity Ball being feeble in health but sound in mind make this my last will and testament on this the 23rd day of February 1880.

1st. I request that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid. 2nd. I give and bequeath unto a former servant named Chas. Baker, my present residence called Maidstone with fifty acres attached thereto and two of my horses, one called Fanny and the other Ball--also one of my beds to hold and to have during his life and at his death to go to his daughter Ellen--I do this in consideration of his faithful services during the late war and up to the present time, he has served me faithfully.

3rd. I give and bequeath unto 2 former servants, one named Mary Williams and the other Georgianna Brown, twenty acres adjoining the land I leave Chas. Baker to be equally divided between them to hold and to have the benefit of during their life--at their death to go to their children.

4th. I give and bequeath unto a former servant named Robert Soller the piece of land he is now living upon, and four acres in the spring field to hold and have the benefit of during his life and at his death going to his children. I reserve 3 acres with spring attached on road for the benefit of farm etc.

5th. To my friend and protector James R. Shirley I give and bequeath the balance of my land--it to pay and satisfy all heirs vs. me, he is also to keep the family burying ground in good repair and have a suitable stone erected between me and my sister Leanna--the above named land is not to be subject to any of his former liabilities.

6th. If I should be suddenly removed I devise things to continue as they are for the present year. 7th. I appoint and make James R. Shirley my executor of this my last will and Testament to see that everything herein specified is carried out properly. In witness whereof I hereunto affix my hand and seal this 23rd day of February 1880.

Her
Charity X Ball Seal
mark

Note: Codicil states Shirley has land to use for life but at death it goes to Andrew Williams, Addison Williams, William H. Williams and Nathan Whiting. She died in 1883 and will was probated.

I mulled over the will for a few weeks and then began to have some doubts about the location of Maidstone by the evidence from this cemetery. James R. Shirley, the cousin and protector of Charity Ball had been unfaithful to his trust or had died before he could have a stone erected to Charity and her sister Leanna Drummond. I finally decided that I might have overlooked some items of record, so returned to Warrenton, uncovered six other documents relating to Maidstone, including a descriptive partition illustrated by the surveyor's plot, drawn in color with a northling indicator which was a work of art. For us it was a thrilling discovery. The drawn plot was in the form of an ell or boot, minus the heel top, but with a square toe. The division, made following the death of Aaron Drummond in 1850 by Charles Hunton, Aaron Bise and John S. Trone, gave three shares of equal value to the widow Nancy Drummond and Benjamin and Charity Ball. The mansion house located in the southwest corner of the estate accommodated the entire family--Three women versus one man! Poor Benjamin!

According to north and south directions the boot plot stood on tip-toe, the Ball's acreage of 105 being in the toe, Leanna's share being in the convex angel of the boot, 148 acres, and the widow's 100 acres being in the back half of the boot from top to heel.

I visualized this form with a great deal of interest, but it could not mean so much unless I could find it and see it and tramp upon it. Two of the items which we had copied gave us unmistakable location: It was on the road from Auburn to Greenwich I checked the large map hanging on the wall of the Record Room made about 1900 A.D. and found the name of J.R. Shirley indicated at a spot on N.W. side of the Auburn-Greenwich Road near a stream named Kettle Run. Two Kettle Runs in the same ounty, could it be? Yes! One Kettle Run was not enough! But two was enough for me. We gathered up our effects and left the Record Room rather unceremoniously. We located an elderly couple beyond Auburn Mr. and Mrs. May about 80 who believed that a Mr. Ross owned the Drummond-Ball-Shirley Farm. I located Mr. Paul Ross, 77, and produced my pad with these abstracted items:

> Leanna Drummond Bk. 54 Pg. 22 Aug. 1854 conveys to Rice S. Payne trustee for Dempsey Padgett debt to him of $1600. A tract of land called Maidstone, adjoining lands of Thos. E. Hunton, Mrs. Charity Ball, John Carvill and others. 200A. Leanna to occupy premises until default of payment in which case property is to be offered at public auction to settle debt to Padgett.

Charity Ball Bk. 69 Pg. 143 debt to Duff Payne $365.00 1878 conveyed to Robert L. Payne Trustee all that certain tract of land lying on both sides of Kettle Run and on the Auburn and Greenwich Road adjoining the lands of Walter Luke, Richard Dick, Shirley et als. containing 158 acres. Upon default of payment land is to be offered at auction (bought by Mrs. Abi Ross at sale from Payne).

Leanna died 1872. Bk. 69 Pg. 224 says court decreed that her estate be sold at public auction sold by Rice S. Payne and A.T. Forbes sold to W.H. Ware (grandfather of Paul A. Ross) 166A at 6.00 per acre part and parcel of which by survey contained 218 acres of which Charity Ball bought and exchanged Ware 10 acres woodland of her own for 50 acres of the 218 (Leanna's) 10.00 per acre for 50 acres. (160.00 for woodland).

1879 Deed Bk. 73 Pg. 269 Charity Ball to Ann Ware 3A on road from Greenwich to Auburn.

Mr. Ross seemed a little dubious after my opening remarks concerning my search for the Drummond-Ball colonial estate. He took a few moments for reflection down the course of his 77 years and said:

"My grandfather bought this place from a Mr. Payne."

"What was your grandfather's name Mr. Ross?"

"His name was Ware."

"That's right," I said, "Right here it is sold by Rice W. Payne and A.T. Forbes commissioners to W.A. Ware estate of Leanna Drummond. And I added, "The Drummond-Ball estate was named Maidstone." "Did you ever hear of this name?"

"That's the name of the place, Maidstone." He was the only man in Fauquier County with whom I had talked who knew where this Maidstone farm was located.

"Is there a burial ground anywhere on Maidstone where the Drummonds and Balls are buried?"

"Yes, near the old house site on the backside of the farm but the only way we can get to it is to walk across or drive around about five miles to an entrance from another road. The lane to the house site from this road has been closed up for many years."

"I must see this house site and burial plot. Could you go with me and show me where it is, Mr. Ross?"

"Yes, but the road is very rough. The land has been sold to a shale mining company and they are hauling out the rock. We shall try it though if you wish."

I never did ride over a rougher road. We dragged bottom, gathered up rock and threw them out but we kept going until we headed straight into a pit where men were working with bulldozers and scoops and trucks. I made for an incline leading into a field and parked with mud everywhere.

The foreman came up with the question, "How in the world did you ever get over this road in that car? and how you will be able to turn around to get out, I don't see, but don't worry, we will get you out with chains and trucks."

It was kind of him but I'll bet two cents he thought we were nuts when Mr. Ross told him I wished to visit the old cemetery over in the woods.

We walked over the soft yellow mud field, climbed a tight wire fence, ascended a gentle rise and viewed the remains of a once happy home. There was a stone foundation wall about four feet high of magnificent masonry work, part of a big stone chimney with fireplaces in an English basement and room above, with scattered timbers hand hewn and morticed with pins, filling the inclosure. On the north side were the remains of a kitchen room, mostly stone and brick.

South of the house was the burial ground. There were no walls to the plot. It had been overrun by animals and dozers. Only field stones marked the graves except three inscribed stones for negroes, Nickens by name. Mr. Ross showed me the section where the white folk were buried and named them for me; Aaron and Nancy Drummond; Leanna Drummond and a son who died young of T.B. (His name was not remembered); a girl who lived with them, Emma Carrico by name; Benjamin and Charity Ball.

I stood and pictured a colonial scene--the Drummonds living at Maidstone, children playing around and in the house slaves working and singing in the fields round about; horses, cows and sheep in their respective places; crowing roosters, cackling hens, singing birds, running deer, hounds yelping in the chase. And now the silence of the grave

"Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay."

"Whereas Charity Drummond is possessed of considerable wealth" the instrument recorded reads; and Mr. Ross remembered that his mother had told him some things: How that Benjamin Ball was an overseer of slaves for Aaron Drummond; how that Charity after the decease of Benjamin and during the war years had a sack of gold which she took with her when she and Leanna attained refuge in the home of an Englishman at nearby Vint Hill, Mr. Andrew Lowe, whose beautiful mansion, now the center of the Government Barracks call Vint Hill Camp, was immune to Civil War depredation, by flying the British flag!

What became of the bag of gold we do not know. Anyhow, the Drummond wealth melted away. In 1854 as the recorded items show Leanna had borrowed $1600 from Dempsey Padgett and mortgaged her property. And Charity in 1878 had borrowed $365 from Duff Payne and mortgaged her property. In 1872 Leanna, evidently deceased, has her tract of land sold by order of the court. It brought just enough to settle the debt and Leanna had died virtually penniless.

I gave a last lingering look at the unkept, consecrated spot, wishing that I could do what Dick Shirley had failed to do, to place a memorial there and inscribe these names of my people. Instead may the written tribute do even more to perpetuate their memory than could a mute stone standing in a forlorn forsaken place.

Back at the car I wondered if I could get the car turned and back on the road. The mud-grip tires held their footing and we bumped and slithered back on the rock of the road bed. Having deposited our friend Ross safely back at his home we wended our way to Culpeper to ponder and cherish the things we had learned and recorded.

There are several things we would like to mention before we come to the close of our story on this family and Maidstone Farm:

1. When Mr. Ware bought Leanna's share of Maidstone, Charity did some trading with Mr. Ware so that, chartwise, got as his portion the boot top, cut off flush with the instep having 50 acres of the dower land formerly belonging to Nancy Drummond, and after her death belonging to Leanna and Charity. In this deal Charity had, remaining, the whole foot of the boot.

   In her will she leaves the 50 acres with her residence to Chas. Baker--the heel of the boot; and below this, 40 acres to other servants, leaving 153 acres with a debt of $365 against it. It is common

knowledge that Mr. Shirley allowed the sale of the balance of the Ball estate with the excuse of settling the debt and pocketed the balance ignoring the codicil of the will. The remaining acreage of 153 acres was bought by Mrs. Abi Ross at the sale conducted by Robert L. Payne, Trustee, price $950.

2. The spring mentioned in the will as "reserved for use of the farm" was reserved for the community so that no one could claim or annex it. It was for the use of local people, strangers and wayfarers.

3. The inventory of Nancy Oldaker Drummond lists the slaves of Maidstone Farm and in the apportionment Nancy has Natus, Hannah, and her child Charles (These are probably Nathan Whiting, Hannah Baker and Charles Baker). The Balls have Robert and Andrew (These are doubtless Robert Soller and Andrew Williams). Leanna Drummond has Wesley, Ellen and children; William and Mary (These are perhaps Addison Williams, Ellen Baker, William H. Williams and Mary Williams).

4. Finally, we appraise the character of Leanna Drummond and Charity Drummond Ball. Bereft of their father, a manager, was needed on Maidstone Farm. Three women lacking the administrative ability of a Drummond, perhaps realized a potential substitute in the person of Benjamin Ball, the overseer. We surmise that Benjamin may have been many years a senior to Charity Drummond. They probably married ca. 1825-1830 and we guess Benjamin is deceased by 1854, else why would Leanna have to borrow money? By 1860 Nancy, the mother, had passed on. The sack of gold is the mother's savings (Oldakers are and often have been frugal and saving) so the mortgage stands and the interest is paid from the sack of gold. Leanna had borrowed $1600 against her estate and the war years had been hard and terrifying. By 1872 Leanna has found life too much for her and having paid her debt to nature her estate is sold at the front door of the court house in Warrenton.

Poor Charity, her company before has gone and she is left alone in the mansion house. The servants are good to her and she good to them. The world is not a friend to grace or to people of grace. But friendship, devotion and loyalty is something more than gold. In the year 1880, February 23rd was her day of decision. We can imagine that the faithful servant Charles Baker, freed by a Federal proclamation, but still a slave to his beloved mistress, renouncing his freedom during the past 15 years,

hitched up old Fanny and Ball to the chaise and drove to Warrenton where 84 years later I found and transcribed for "The Oldaker Story," the will she had made and recorded.

Charity was her name. The poet has said "that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Does that mean that there is nothing in a name? Nay, verily! Certainly all words have a meaning, surely names have much meaning and "a person dies, his name remains." Now abideth, Faith, Hope, Charity, but the greatest of these is Charity."

I would surely have liked to have known you Nancy Oldaker Drummond, and Leanna and Charity and your loved ones and friends. But I hope to be seeing you in the Morning over there. So long until tomorrow!

George Washington Oldaker

In lieu of a story from the Frances Marion Oldaker line of West Virginia, we present an eulogy on the twin brother George Washington Oldaker by his niece Mrs. Bertha Rhodes; also a poem submitted by her, author unknown, but expressing her sentiments and view of earthly life, entitled "Not Quitting at 81."

George Washington Oldaker, 1853-1892 was a brilliant scholar; possessed a wonderful memory with a corresponding gift of speech; an orator of influential and persuasive ability. He was a devout Christian, with a deeply spiritual nature and a remarkable singing voice. To the young people of his kin and community he was a monitor of love and respect, admonishing them concerning evil by scriptural applications and precepts and prescribing Christ and righteous living as the supreme purpose of life. A nervous affliction hindered the full use of his talents which included drawing and scenic painting. Had he possessed normal health he would have been a star in the family that outshone and eclipsed all the rest put together. He was homely in features but his big bright blue eyes and crop of heavy brown hair, streaked with gray, made him a person to be long remembered. At 39 years of age he passed away at the home of his twin brother at Johnstown and is buried at McVaney Cemetery where he worshipped and held his church membership.

Not Quitting at 81

Growing old, but not retiring, for the battle still is on;
Going on without relenting, Till the final victory's won.
Ever on, nor think of resting, for the battle rages still,
And my Saviour still is with me, while I seek to do his will.

Years roll by, the body weakens, but the spirit still is young,
Breath of God, it never ages; is eternal, ever strong.
Rather year by year it strengthens, gaining o'er the things of sense;
By thy Spirit lead my Spirit, Savior, till then call me hence.

Things of earth decrease in value, Brightly shines the light above,
Less the power of human hatred, sweeter for the Saviour's love.
Let me tell it to the needy, far and wide Thy worth proclaim,
That my closing years may praise Thee, Glorify Thy Blessed Name.

Let me labor in Thy harvest, more than ever in the past,
Reaping in what Thou hast planted, Till I dwell with Thee at last,
That before Thy throne eternal, I may have some fruit to bring,
Not mine own, but fruit of Calv'ry, All Thine own, My Lord and King.

March 21, 1962
Bertha Oldaker Rhodes

James S. Oldaker (From the History of Knox County published in 1881 by A.A. Graham)

James S. Oldaker, Miller Township, farmer, was born in Licking County, Ohio, March 30, 1815. His parents [Henry Oldaker and Anna Thompson] were natives of Virginia, who migrated to Ohio at an early day and were married in Miller Township, or what is now Miller Township about 1811 and soon after moved to Burlington Township, Licking County where they lived and died. They had five children; two of whom are living, viz.: James S. Oldaker and Elizabeth Oldaker.

The subject of our notice was reared on a farm and has always followed farming as his vocation. Upon the division of the old homestead, after the death of the parents, Mr. Oldaker took the northern part of the farm situated in Miller Township, and moved upon it and has lived there ever since. His wife shows care and prudent management and his improvements are among the best in the township.

Mr. Oldaker is one of the leading members of society in the vicinity. He is highly esteemed for his excellent qualities. He has been a consistent member of the Christian Church for over 40 years and one of the principal organizers of the Fairview Church and is now secretary of the organization. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Ann Butcher, who was born December 5, 1815. They had eight children. The living are: Mary R. Oldaker, wife of Philip Lohr, John B. Oldaker, Octavina Oldaker, James W. Oldaker, Lewis Oldaker and Lucretia Oldaker. The deceased are: Henry Oldaker, a member of Company G, Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and died at Grand Junction, Tennessee. Andrew Oldaker died at home.

The Oldaker Run-Away Bridegroom

Out of the dim, dark past the London fog and smog comes the interesting story concerning one William Oldaker whose matrimonial ventures during the course of his 43 years of earthly life seem little more, to us, than sad disappointment and vixation of spirit.

In point of time the first mention we have of him according to documentary evidence is under date of October 9, 1774, when the banns of marriage between "William Oldaker bachelor, and Sarah Davenport, spinster, both of St. Augustine's, London" were proclaimed at that church, and on the two following Sundays, but the marriage did not take place. William Oldaker's name is in the list of those who embarked on the "London Packet" for Philadelphia during the week of 3-10 October 1774.

This foregoing half of the story comes from Mr. Arthur E. Oldaker of England who writes, "I have consulted the original Board of Trade migration return in the Public Record Office and found that he (William) was listed as a sawyer, age 32. This means he was born about 1742. I am quite unable to suggest his identity, though I fully expect to find in due course that he was a member of one of the Oldaker families that lived in London in the 18th century, my knowledge of some of whom is very scanty. It may be mere coincidence, but I have never been able to dissociate his emigration with the unperformed marriage which was to have taken place about the time of his departure from London. It

is by no means an unlikely explanation of the non-performance of the marriage that, on the banns being put up (perhaps by Sarah Davenport) that he changed his mind and escaped from his obligation by boarding the "London Packet." The Parish of St. Augustine lies by the Port of London. I am hopeful of obtaining further light on the identity of this emigrant, William Oldaker, from the almost inexhaustible records of the City of London; and anything I discover bearing upon him and the emigration I will pass on to you."

The second half of the story is from the records of New Jersey via the typewriter of Mr. John W. Haines, historian, whose address is 134 Apache Trail, Medford Lakes, New Jersey. In "New Jersey Marriages before 1800 Pg. 292," we have:

"Oldaker, William, Cumberland County and Prudence Powell licensed 1 October 1784." It was only a record of a license to marry and we would have wondered forever if he let the boat leave him or take him this time if Mr. Haines had not looked in the "Abstract of N.J. Wills Vol. VI." Page 243 tells us that William Oldaker was joint administrator with John Lee of Downs Township, 4 April 1782. There is another very interesting story there if we had some details, for Thomas Lee here mentioned is doubtless a descendant of the eminent Quaker preacher, Thomas Lee, under whose ministry William Penn embraced the doctrines of the Society of Friends on the shores of the Delaware, in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

But it is the final entry in the Abstract of Wills of N.J. Vol VI on William Oldaker that gave us the climax of his life story.

> "William Oldaker of Downs, Cumberland County died intestate. Prudence Oldaker admx., 9 June 1785. Joseph Jones fellow bondsman."

And it is one of the ironies of fate as we deduce, that if there was one surviving image of his own, William never looked upon its face. The second and final irony is found in Mr. Haines concluding item: "By 9 September 1786 she had married Joseph Irelan!"

Poor William! His story is humorous, yet tragic. But he did his part in early industry in the new America. No doubt he sawed out millions of board feet of lumber for new homes, where parents dwelt in humble piety and children played. I dare say some of his production yet remains, undecayed, if we but knew. And, lingering in our minds are the questions? Whose child was he in great London Town? What became of poor sad Sarah Davenport and prudent Prudence Powell Oldaker Irelan?

Note: Hereby we reach the conclusion that William did marry at age 42, to enjoy eight months of connubial bliss. Considering life in London with Sarah and life and death in Jersey with William one is inclined to give credence to the old adage: "Things have a way of evening up."

ACRES APPENDIX

Glenn Oldaker had a theory that the Oldacres first came to America using the name Acres. He was very firm in his belief but so far I have not been able to find any positive proof of this theory. It may well be true but until positive proof is found we can only call it a theory. Glenn had done considerable research about the Acres family and I have taken extracts from his research about the Acres family in the following pages entitled "Antecedents and Kindred of Henry Oldacre of Evesham." This will suffice to give the reader the main points of his theory. Glenn tried for many years to find an Oldacre who would have been Henry Sr.'s father. He employed professional researchers and wrote many letters in an attempt to find him on passenger lists, immigration lists, libraries, etc. I have also tried to find an Oldacre who would have come to America prior to Henry Sr. but have had no luck. Perhaps we may never know the true story. Perhaps this book will be an incentive for some present or future Oldacre/Oldaker to tackle the problem and maybe meet with success. I do not intend to quit trying until I am gone from this earth.

In regards to the Acres theory, I must give thanks to Arthur Oldaker of Surrey, England who has been tracing the Oldaker family for many years but has not found the missing link between our Henry Sr. and the Oldaker research he has done going back to the year 1201. Arthur is in his early 80s and due to his health has had to give up any further research but is still very much interested in it. I have been corresponding with him for two years and since he is an accomplished genealogist, he has been most helpful in giving me advice whenever I ask.

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ANTECEDENTS AND KINDRED OF HENRY OLDACRE OF EVESHAM*

Three Oldacres, like three wise men from the east, came to Boston about the time of the Pilgrims or shortly thereafter under the name of Acres; Thomas, Henry and John. They came to witness the birth of a nation and to make a gift of themselves at the founding. Circumstances regarding their arrival such as time, ship and colony are not given. Information given by Genealogical Library of Boston is that: "It is possible to find the ships of only one-third of the immigrants to America. Many of them were political and religious refugees. To get a passport they had to take an oath of loyalty to the Crown and to the Established Church. Many got away secretly; many sailed under assumed names."

It is highly probable that this quoted statement is an explanation of the difficulty in reckoning that the Acres of Boston were the same family of Oldacres that appeared as represented by Grosvenor Oldacre in Barbados in the 1715 census, and by Henry Oldacre at his marriage in Burlington County, New Jersey in 1732 and a William Oldacre of Cumberland County, New Jersey in 1775. It seems that the two names, Acres and Oldacres, were used interchangeably after the first three generations in America. The names appear in many variant forms--Landacre, Longacre, Overacre, Acre, Achor, Acher, Akiar, Echert, Acore, Eaker, Eker, Akers, Akyrs, Ayers, Acree, Aken, etc.; but when the Palatine Ackers appeared about 1725 on, the names of people being mixed soon after by intermarriage, the German and English forms merged and were used interchangeably, one for the other so that nationality could not be determined by the name, except the Oldacre name which is English and ever will be. Perhaps for this reason Henry Oldacre and others reverted to the original name Oldacre and Oldaker. The former spelling is Colonial and the latter is modern.

John Acres, Henry Acres and Thomas Acres may well have been brothers in Boston before the year 1634. John was said to be from Derbyshire, England. His wife was Hannah. He was born ca. 1610.

Henry Acres was born in 1612. The earliest record of him was February 17, 1634 when he was 22 years old, on a list of passengers on the ship Hopewell, Captain Thomas Wood, Master, for transportation to Barbados from Boston and with kindred took his departure.

*Source materials were Drake, Savage, Holmer and Farmer for New England, Monette, Hamilton and Gardner for New Jersey and Hutchinson from Barbados.

HENRY ACRES OF BARBADOS

Referring back to our introduction, Antecedents and Kindred of Henry Oldacre of Evesham, we note that Henry born 1612 took ship to Barbados. This is the only record we find of him in New England records. It follows then that he lived and died in Barbados.

We are now like a ship upon the sea, drifting, drifting no port in sight. The only guiding stars are names and dates of Acres that appear here and there seemingly having no origin. The names are mostly Williams, Johns and Henrys: Robert of Salem County, New Jersey, William of Maidenhead, Robert of Hopewell, William of Amwell, John of Amwell, John of Newbury, Massachusetts, two Henrys of Newbury, Massachusetts, John of Chester County, Pennsylvania, Anthony of Chester County, Pennsylvania, Henry of Chester County, Pennsylvania, Henry of Berks County, Pennsylvania, Grosvenor of Barbados, William Oldacre of Downs, Henry Oldacre of Evesham, New Jersey. Nobody is stated as father, brother or son of anybody else--except Henry of Newbury, Massachusetts has a son Henry born 1677 and son John born 1694 whose family is recorded. Henry never mentioned again in the Newbury records, no marriages, no destinations, no children, no deaths. But, the Acres were surely on the move, and they married, moved, had children and homes and died in due course.

It took me five years of time--off and on, like Finnegan, off again, off again, gone again--traveling, searching, dreaming, studying to get and place those names. It took hundreds of letters and hundreds of dollars in stamps, research fees, gasoline and sundries. We had a bad case of Oldacre--like a fever. We thought Oldacre, talked Oldacre, lived Oldacre, noon and night--Oldacres for breakfast, dinner and supper.

But here they, mostly as Acres, are en masse; and we must analyze and digest our gleanings and put each in his proper place just to satisfy ourselves concerning three or four generations of our ancestry and find out where this elusive Henry Oldacre our great, great, great, great grandpappy came from.

Well, I don't know how we ever did it but we did. It became fascinating--a magnificent obsession. We think the results are Providential and as such we avow that our digest is safe, sound and logical.

We relied on two significant traditions: that our people came to America, i.e., New England about the time of the Pilgrims or shortly thereafter; then came down from New England to Pennsylvania and/or New Jersey and into Virginia; that there had always been a Henry--a Henry heading such

generations. My father told me so repeatedly and others had similar traditions--that complemented the story. So, we began at Boston where we found no Oldacres, but we did find the Acres.

Henry Acres of Boston who went to Barbados in 1634 would certainly be the first generation of our lineage; the first Henry. Next we search the libraries, archives and genealogies for Henry Acres and Oldacres--the traditional Henrys in each generation, putting down the birth dates when given, and recording the approximate death dates when wills were found, and estimating the approximate birth dates from the will dates.

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FAMILY OF HENRY ACRES OF NEWBURY

(SON OF HENRY OF BARBADOS)

Henry born 1652 married 13 March 1673 Hannah Silver born 18 October 1655 died 1706 (daughter of Thomas Silver)

1. Katherine born 17 March 1674
2. Henry baptized 7 January 1676-7 in First Congregational Church
3. John born 2 October 1678 died young
4. Mary born 8 October 1680

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5. John born 20 January 1693-4 married Rebecca _____
   - a. Hannah born 17 January 1718 married Moses Knight 29 November 1737
   - b. Mary born 24 October 1721 died 12 October 1728
   - c. John born 5 January 1724
   - d. Moses born 31 August 1728 married (1) Hanna Bracket Mochir 15 November 1753 married (2) Abigail _____
     - (1) Abigail Acres born 14 October 1764 married Richard Jackman Jr. 28 July 1785
     - (2) Moses Acres born ca. 1750 died 24 December 1817
   - e. Mary born 27 August 1731 married William Elder 19 September 1761
   - f. Rebecca born 13 May 1734 married Joseph Russell Jr. 12 May 1761

Benjamin Acres born ca. 1682 died 1753 (May be son of Henry and Hannah or one of the "perhaps others." Could be from Syman Acres line who had son Benjamin) married Mary _____

1. Mary born 12 December 1711 married William Samson 5 November 1734
2. Daniel born 25 November 1714 died 1753 married Sarah Worcester 3 April 1736
   - a. Samuel born 10 May 1742
   - *b. John born 22 December 1745 married Esther Buck 1 August 1771
     - (1) Elizabeth born 10 March 1772
     - (2) Sarah born 25 March 1774
     - (3) Rachel baptized 22 February 1778 in First Congregational Church

*John Acres was member of Alarm Co. of Militia under Captain Josh Haskins in 1773. He is listed as mariner. N.E. Register Bk. 278 p. 571.

Having so far failed to chart the family of Henry born 1677 other than the two sons so placed by us, John Acres of

Amwell born 1713 and Henry Oldacres of Evesham, we cite the names in the foregoing families of Henry of Newbury born 1652 and of his son John born 1694, over against the names of the children of Henry Oldacre, as insurmountable proof that Henry Oldacre is one of the lineage:

Henry of Newbury	John b. 1694	Henry Oldacre
1. Hannah, wife	1. Hannah	1. Hannah
2. Henry 1677	2. Moses	2. Henry
3. Mary 1680	3. Mary	3. Mary
4. John 1693-4	4. John	4. John
	5. Rebecca	5. Rebecca

Note: Since the preceding generation of Henry of Newbury had sons Henry and John, it is the most logical thing in the world to think the same names would appear in the next generation of Henry born 1677. And they do! In fact, Henry and John as a team appears in six generations of Acres and Oldacres:

1. Henry born 1612 and John, brothers who came to Boston from Derbyshire
2. Henry born 1612 of Barbados had Henry born 1652 and John
3. Henry born 1652 of Newbury had Henry born 1652 and John
4. Henry born 1677 had Henry Oldacre born 1708-10 and John Acres of Amwell
5. Henry Oldacre of Hampshire County had Henry Jr. and John
6. All sons of Henry Oldacre of Hampshire County had Henrys and Johns as follows:
   a. Henry Oldacre Jr. had Henry (3) and John
   b. John Oldacre had Henry and John
   c. Issac Oldacre had Henry and John
   d. Jacob had Henry and John

Now critics, "Hurl your cynic's bans" and I will stand flatfooted and not back down. Henry Oldacre, if names mean anything at all in genealogy is of the lineage of Henry Acres of Newbury.

He is a great grandson of Henry Acres of Barbados, a grandson of Henry Acres of Newbury, a nephew of John Acres born 1694; a son of Henry Acres born 1677. And all of them were Oldacres by blood, but some became Acres for the sake of political freedom and religious freedom. Howbeit, we hold nothing against them. The changes they made were for our good as well as theirs. The Predestination they believed in predetermined the things that came to pass!

John Akers of Amwell (wife Martha) born 1713 herein before mentioned, we believe is a brother of Henry Oldacres, our ancestor. From the Calendar of Wills New Jersey Archives

1781-1785 we have an abstract of his will and that of his son Obadiah Acres.

1783, Oct 28 Akers, John of Amwell

Hunterdon County, yeoman will of.

Wife, Martha to be supported by my sons, Thomas and Jonathan, Eldest son William £10; son Thomas 90 acres of west end of my land that I bought of Robert Combs, and joining Augustin Stevenson. Daughter Susanna Roberts and Amos her son, 7 acres off the east end to bind Jonathan Smith. Son Jonathan, rest of land. Daughter Else about £5. Executors son Thomas and Jonathan, Witnesses, John Wilson, James Moore, John Harcourt; Proved December 4, 1783 Liber 26 P. 183

1780, June 7, Akers, Obadiah of Amwell

Hunterdon County, Will of.

Wife, Anne, all the goods she had when I married her. My wife to bring up my three children, Catherine, John and Mary; and they are to remain on the land. John is to be bound out* Executors: Father, John Akers and my brother Thomas Acres. Witnesses: James Moore, Jemime Smith, Alexander Clark. Proved December 4, 1783.

1780, Oct. 17, Inventory L181.1.9 made by James Moore and Andrew Muirheid
Liber 26 P. 176

*See John Airs in Spottsylvania County, Virginia records.

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We begin the last lap of our journey, the last mile of the way to put in that missing link in our Acre-Oldacre story, viz. the father of Henry Oldacre of Evesham, Henry born in Newbury and baptized January 9, 1677.

We failed to find record of him in Chester County, Pennsylvania as we had hoped and expected. Our search for him in Philadelphia County gave no returns. We are forced to conclusions that he settled in Burlington County, New Jersey ca. 1705, his wife being _____ Elswick, sister of John Elswick later of Lost River in Hampshire County; and Henry Oldacre of Evesham, our ancestor, was born there ca. 1710-11. And John of Amwell, Hunterdon County, was born January 2, 1713. He died November 2, 1783.

There was no deed in Burlington County for any Henry Acres or Oldacres. Not more than 25 percent of deeds were

recorded. Henry Oldacre married Elinor Borden in 1732 and his brother John married Martha Wilson in 1733. She was born September 10, 1718 and died December 29, 1808. He was a farmer at Amwell living on a tract of 53 acres bought in 1736 of a daughter of Peter Wilson and buying an adjoining tract of 100A (SJD K:180:S;77:K:185)

The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey gives a list of children for John and Martha Akers of Amwell:

1. Susanna born November 29, 1734 married _____ Roberts died February 4, 1812
2. William born September 7, 1736; living in 1783 (oldest son)
3. Mary (1) born October 27, 1738, died January 18, 1739
4. Thomas born January 20, 1740 married Ruth _____ died November 9, 1830
5. Obadiah born December 28, 1742 married June _____ died June 26, 1780
6. John born February 20, 1748 died August 27, 1776
7. Mary (2) born March 9, 1747 died August 30, 1768
8. Jonathan (1) born June 10, 1749 died June 20, 1750
9. Ruth born August 23, 1751 died February 3, 1780
10. Martha born September 7, 1753 died March 31, 1758
11. Alice born July 31, 1755 married February 12, 1779 John Abbott died August 10, 1845
12. Jonathan (2) born May 29, 1757 married October 11, 1780 Catherine Abbott died December 11, 1827
13. Daniel born June 27, 1760 died January 14, 1780

We place this John of Amwell as brother of our Henry Oldacre for five reasons:

1. The name John and Henry is found mainly in the Newbury line.
2. Thomas' son turns up in King George County, Virginia.
3. Jonathan, son, turns up in Mason County as one of the three first Oldacres in said county with William and Issac Oldacre son of John and grandsons of Henry Acres of Evesham, New Jersey, Hampshire and Loudoun Counties, Virginia.
4. Henry Oldacre born 1710-12 is in the same age bracket with John of Amwell born 1713.
5. John and Henry were from the same area, Burlington County and the wife of each was from Freehold Twp.

We see no reason whatever to place John as son of Simon Akers of Hunterdon furthermore Simon Jr. and wife Mary turn up in Augusta County, Virginia 1748 (will) (Bk I) and his sons are Thomas and William.

Finally, and this is the grand finale of our story, since there is neither a deed or will recorded in Burlington County for Henry Acres or Oldacres and since the marriage record Henry Oldacre states that he is of Evesham, most likely his parental house, we deduce that Henry Acres, alias Oldacres born 1677 in Newbury lived at Evesham until sons Henry and John's marriages in 1732-1733, hit the trail again with Henry, bound for Hampshire County where he himself took the deed in 1753 from Lord Fairfax as Henry Ouldacre; had the deed made in his son's name, just as our fourth Henry later took a deed from Buckalew in 1765 in Loudoun County in his son John's name, and just as said John took a deed in Mason County in the name of John Jr.

Then realizing that Henry of 1677 could have lived long enough to leave a will in Frederick or Hampshire Counties, we made a special trip to Winchester and Romney to see if they did. There was no will in Winchester and when we checked in Romney we found that Will Book #1 was missing. I later had the will boxes checked. There was no will. Old Henry Acres has eluded me the final time!

We also deduce that Henry (3) and his Elswick wife found their final resting place in Lost River in the wooded burial knoll in the loop made by the on-rushing stream not far from the spot where it goes underground in the base-side of the mountain to emerge two miles away to become the Great Cacapon.

Now, great, great, great, great, great, grandpappy Henry, your spirit is symbolized by the stream you rest beside. Rushing down from the highlands of the North Ridge through Lost River Valley, it disappears for a space, emerges to become a part of a much greater stream, the Great Potomac which flows majestically on to become the eternal waters of the Atlantic Sea.

Even so, you began in the regions of the North, rushed through the countryside to the Jersies, disappeared for a space of time and time again, increasing by sons and daughters the stream of family life flowing west from Evesham to Hampshire and finally becoming a part of the mainstream of American life, which in full fruition became a nation, under God, known as the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

Summing up these four Henrys of four generations, they certainly were an elusive bunch. They kept themselves well in the background. The eyes of the world were not so much upon them. History affords for the most part, only a few notations for each of them; Henry of Barbados taking a ship; Henry of Newbury taking an oath and a wife; Henry his son taking baptism in 1677 and a daughter-in-law in 1732; and Henry Oldacre taking a wife in New Jersey and a grant of

land on Lost River, the bounds of which mentioned no human habitation.

These are the unknown, at least little known, soldiers who fought an undeclared war on the frontiers of our land and won a victory without fan-fare against the forces of the untamed wilderness. The cost of the war was great to them, but they endured as seeing those (us) who were invisible and would come after them. Let us catch the torch they throw to us and endeavor to live by those principles which strongly supported them and for those things they strove so valiantly to obtain for us, our freedom, integrity and faith in God. These are the things that constitute our American heritage and our nation's birthright. We seem, in our opinion, to be now giving up our birthright for a mess of Socialistic pottage. Marxian philosophies, Socialistic planners, power politics and false teachers have no place in the American life.

Now back to these Acres and Oldacres. There may be, and no doubt are, those who will say, "Yes, but we don't believe that the Oldacres came from Acres" and at the same time will affirm their belief that everybody came from apes. At the same time, also, they may not know the name of their great grandfather, much less the name of the next ancestor down the line, or the next and the next and the next and the next; but here they are recorded for everyone to understand.

"What if some have not believed?" Paul, the Apostle says, "Does that make the Gospel of no effect? Nay, verily," Therefore, let us hear a conclusion of the matter and a word to the wise will be sufficient.*

*In the opinion of your editor, the name Acres in America is a Revolutionary name, the Oldacres did not come from Acres, but the Acres came from Oldacres and in due course reverted to the Oldacre name except for those who were satisfied to remain as Acres and variants the number of which were a majority in America.

Your narrator has become name conscious. We have checked and studied thousands of names. In the 300 years of American life there are comparatively few names that have not undergone a change. It would be comparatively easy to drop the "Old" in the name Oldacres and we find that has been done in many instances. Conversely, we have found that the Acre had been dropped and an Oldacre was recorded as Jacob "Old." The name Oldacre (Colonial form) is found recorded with varient spellings; Oleacre, Ouldacre, Aldacre, Oldaker, Oldacker, Olaker, and Oldacer. The name Acres has suffered even more changes.

I have used competent researchers to check the records in Richmond, Virginia State Library and Archives; Federal Archives and Congressional Library; Harrisburg,

Pennsylvania State Library; New York Public Library; Boston Genealogical Library; State Library of New Jersey; the archives of each of the New England states; the Ships Passengers List including Hatten, Banks, Popes; Magazine of American Genealogy; Drakes, Savage, Holmes, Farmers; New England Historical and Genealogy reports; 75 volumes of Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography and Histories of Counties of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

I have consulted with and/or employed top professional genealogists in England, Barbados, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New Jersey to find the origin of Henry Oldacre of Evesham who married Elinor Borden in 1732.

There is no record of any Oldacre in America before 1732.

There is no direct connection known in England for Henry Oldacre, in the 20 volumes on Oldakers of England by Arthur E. Oldaker of Surrey, England. Neither is there any connection in England for Thomas and Henry Acres, as such with variants who arrived in Boston in 1630. Acres is an assumed name!

Apropos of this pertinent observation we make a prediction that when the origin of Henry Acres of Barbados (born 1612) is found it will be according to my father's tradition that there has always been a Henry and his name will be Henry Oldacre from Derbyshire or Staffordshire, England born ca. 1588.

Now, leaving all controversy on the origin, let us have peace, by returning to the peaceful Lost River Valley, where the waters of the Lost River sparkle and speak to us in a language that our forefathers understood.

Their spirits seem identified with the waters and they sing and talk to us, and we with them.

> "Henry (3) of Newbury, of Evesham, of Hampshire, of Lost River and Henry (4) of Evesham, of Hampshire, of Lost River of Loudoun--
> You have come a long, long way from your original homes, and now Rest in Peace!"

I have traveled a long way myself; hereafter, may the going not be so rough, but I've enjoyed trying to walk in your footsteps. Sometimes, it may not be long; it may be soon, I shall rest with you. A good name is rather to be chosen than riches. Thank you for my name!

Lives of great men oft remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

FINIS

October 11, 1965--233 years to the day since the marriage of Henry and Elinor.

OLDACRE/OLDAKER ADDENDA

The following information was received too late to put in its proper place and it was thought necessary to include as addenda. If a reference number is appropriate we have included the page number which ties it into the book.

1. The Lewis County, West Virginia marriage records shows a marriage between Carter Garrett and Sally Oldaker dated 29 July 1828. We have been unable to place this Sally Oldaker but going by the date, she could have been born about 1807 which could make her the daughter of Abraham Oldaker (2) and Elizabeth Garrett. (Page 218).

2. The Harrison County, West Virginia land records shows the record of Henry Oldaker's purchase of 67 acres of land on Douglas Run from John Davisson on 15 February 1805. He and his wife, Susannah, sold this land on 15 February 1808 to Joseph Miller. We think that this is the Henry Oldaker who married Susanna Groves and later moved to Ohio. (Page 142).

3. A review of the book Upshur Brothers of the Blue and Grey by Betty Hornbeck written in 1967 lists under Upshur Blues, the 133rd Militia, Richard Oldaker as a 2nd. Lt. in Company A. He is also listed as a Recruiting Officer and he did a pretty good job with his own relatives. Serving in that company were three privates, all nephews, David Oldaker, John Oldaker, and Martin Oldaker. David Oldaker was a son of Jacob Oldaker (Page 419), John Oldaker, son of Anthony Oldaker (Page 257), Martin Van Buren, son of Abraham (3) Oldaker (Page 405).

4. Evelyn (Oldacre) Dillard of Houston, Texas, provided me with the address of Charles G. Oldaker II and his wife provided me the address of his father. In response to my letter I had a very interesting and informative letter from Charles "Chuck" Garrison Oldaker I. His address is 11272 Holbrook Street, Spring Hill, Florida 33526. He provided the following family information. His father was:

   Luther Oldaker (Page 58) born 1895 died 1976, married Daisy McKinney, daughter of Garrison McKinney and Rachel (Smith) McKinney. Luther is buried with his father, Lewis Oldaker and mother, Mary (Craig) Oldaker, at the Craig Cemetery at Grimm's Landing, West Virginia. They had six children:

1. Luther Oldaker born 1918 married Mary Corfee of Leon, West Virginia. They have four daughters.

2. Delmar Oldaker born 1920 died 1943. Delmar was killed at work in the TNT plant at Point Pleasant, West Virginia. He married Wanda Hill of Leon, West Virginia. They had one daughter.

3. Charles Garrison Oldaker born 16 May 1925 married Martha Catherine Thompson. They had one son and one daughter:

   (a) Charles Garrison Oldaker II born 2 December 1946, married (1) Marilyn Miller of Columbus, Ohio. They had two children:

      (1) David James Oldaker born 18 August 1970.

      (2) Robert Charles Oldaker born 24 February 1972.

   Charles and Marilyn Miller were divorced and he married a second time to Alice Block of Chicago, Illinois. No issue.

   (b) Christina Schaaf Oldaker born 22 July 1950, married William N. Dean Jr. of Columbus, Ohio. They had one daughter:

      (1) Marianne Elizabeth Dean born 8 September 1972.

   David and Robert Oldaker live in Muskegon, Michigan. Christina Oldaker Dean lives in Tariffville, Connecticut.

4. Mary Elizabeth Oldaker born 1927, died 1971, married Jesse Tucker. They had one son and twin daughters. Mary Elizabeth died in the Ohio State University of Hodgkins Disease.

5. Josephine Oldaker born 1929 married George Vanata of Dunbar, West Virginia. They had one son and one daughter. Josephine's second marriage to Clyde Adkins. They had one son.

6. Eleanor Oldaker born 1931, married William "Bill" Boone of St. Albans, West Virginia. They had two sons.

Charles was told from childhood that his grandfather Lewis was half-Irish and half-Shawnee Indian and that his grandmother Mary Craig was full blooded Shawnee Indian. Her Indian name was "Little Dove". Also her sister Charles' Aunt Malinda was Indian and her Indian name was "Quiet Water". He does not have proof of this.

Charles had a military record which is a credit to the Oldaker name. He moved to Charleston, West Virginia, at the age of 14 and at the age of 18 he joined the U.S. Navy, then transferred to the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1943 served on Saipan (2nd Division), Tinian Guam (Replacement) and Iwo Jima (5th Division). He was with first troops (Marines) to go ashore at Sasebo, Japan's southernmost island of Kyushu. He was off shore ready to spearhead for Army when atomic bombs were dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima in 1945. He received 50 percent disability when discharged in November 1945. He waived disabilities and joined the U.S. Army where he served two nine month tours of duty with 3rd Infantry Division in Korea. He was awarded three silver stars, two bronze stars with V device, and five purple hearts. He took 100% disability in 1975. "Chuck" said he had seven service connected disabilities, three inflicted by doctors.

5. Glenn E. Thrapp, Route 6 Box 506AAA, Texarkana, Texas, has provided me with information about his connection with the Oldaker family. His descent is through an Elizabeth Oldaker who was the daughter of Jesse Oldaker and Elizabeth Wycoff Oldaker. Since our chart for Jesse and Charity Wycoff Oldaker (Page 182-183) does not show a daughter Elizabeth, but since she could very well have been we will show his direct line:

Elizabeth Oldaker born 1813, Licking County, Ohio, married Mahlon Thrapp born 22 March 1814, Licking County, Ohio. Elizabeth died in 1849 and Mahlon died 21 March 1879. Both died in Vermilion, Illinois.

1. Jesse Oldaker Thrapp born 5 May 1845, Vermilion, Illinois, married Sarah E. Ketterman on 5 May 1870, Alma, Wabaunsee County, Kansas. Sarah was born 14 April 1851 in Indiana, daughter of Abraham Henkle Ketterman and Margrettie (Morrison) Ketterman. Jesse died 15 October 1926 in Bowie County, Texas. Buried in Antioch Cemetery. Sarah died in Bowie County, Texas, 15 November 1923. Also buried in Antioch, Cemetery.

(a) Charlie Malen Thrapp born 19 September 1874, Alma, Kansas, married Lillie Alva Fant, born 14 October 1889, Winnsboro, Fairfield County, South Carolina, daughter of James Ephraim Fant and Margaret H. (Robinson) Fant. Charlie died 16 October 1958, Bowie County, Texas. Lillie died 17 February 1945, Bowie County, Texas. Both are buried in Redwater Cemetery.

(1) James Ollage Thrapp born 8 March 1915, Redwater, Bowie County, Texas, married 23 October 1937, in Texarkana, Miller County, Arkansas, to Paula Aileen White, born 7 February 1921, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas, daughter of Henry Millard White and Rosa (Miller) White. Children:

a. Glenn Eldon Thrapp born 14 February 1940, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas, married 12 May 1960, Santa Monica, California to Joan Richey born 27 October 1940, Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, daughter of Edgar George Richey and Oudia Kathryn Jones. Children:

David Lane Thrapp born 26 April 1962, Los Angeles, California.

Richard Glenn Thrapp born 31 May 1968, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas.

b. Judith Ann Thrapp born 13 September, 1944 Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas, married P. D. Bonner.

c. Phillip White Thrapp born 15 December 1953, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas, married 30 May 1975 in Redwater, Bowie County, Texas, to L. C. McClurg.

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6. I have also been in correspondence with Ava M. Cohoon, 902 Park Street, Georgetown, Illinois 61846. She is a descendant of Henry Oldaker Sr.-Elinor Borden (Page 1), Henry Oldaker Jr.-Elizabeth Bartlett (Page 117), John Oldaker-Mary Francis (Page 122).

Juliana Oldaker-Thadeus Guire (McGuire) (Page 123, 133, 136). She states that she is further descended through a son of Juliann or Juliana Oldaker named John G. Oldaker. She did not provide me any further descendants from John G. Oldaker through to herself.

7. Mrs. Iona Gomel White, Route #2 Box 115, Knoxville, Iowa 50138, has provided me with a lot of information about the Gomel family and I wish I could present all of it here, but costs will not permit it. She is a descendant through (Page 133) John Oldaker (son of Henry Oldaker Jr.) and Mary (Francis) Oldaker whose daughter Sarah Oldaker married John Gomel (Page 133). According to Iona's records she was married to John Gomel on the 14th of December 1830, in Ross County, Ohio. John was born in 1797 in the Province of Wuerttemburg, Germany. He died on the 10th of July 1882, in Oakland, Cole County, Illinois. He is buried in the Deer Creek (VanVoorhis) Cemetery Hindsboro, Douglas County, Illinois. She shows some additional information and dates not shown on page 133.

Sarah Oldaker born 22 May 1807 married 14 December 1830 Ross County, Ohio, to John Gomel. Children:

1. John Louis Gomel born 14 March 1834, Ross County, Ohio, married (1) _____ married (2) Sarah Ungles. John died 14 March 1915 in Craig, Missouri. Buried in New Liberty Cemetery.

2. Rama Oldaker Gomel born 10 July 1836, Ross County, Ohio, died 12 December 1931, Oakland, Illinois. Buried in Deer Creek Cemetery.

3. Savilla Francis Gomel born 24 December 1838, in Ohio, married 7 August 1860, Douglas County, Illinois to Virgil L. Wheelock born 2 August 1833. Savilla died 6 September 1921 in Kansas City, Kansas. Virgil died 9 April 1907 in Kansas City, Kansas. They are both buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas.

4. Aaran Gomel born 6 April 1841, in Illinois. Died 9 March 1862, buried in Deer Creek Cemetery, Oakland, Illinois.

5. Orlando Gomel born 1846 in Illinois. Died 2 February 1914, in Oakland, Illinois. Buried in Deer Creek Cemetery.

6. William G. Gomel born 14 October 1848 in Illinois, died 15 March 1862, buried in Deer Creek Cemetery.

Iona Gomel White is a descendant through John Louis Gomel and Sarah Ungles whose son William Henry Gomel born 10 January 1863 married Annie L. Simms 25 September 1888 in The Mound City Hotel, Mound City, Holt County, Missouri. They had a son, Frank Orlando Lee Gomel born 26 September 1897 who married 24 December 1921, to Hazel True. Iona Ann Gomel was their daughter. She was born 1 July 1931, St. Joseph, Missouri. She married Richard Reed White 2 September 1951, in Fairfax, Missouri. They have two children: Roxanne White born 3 October 1956, Chillicothe, Missouri; Joseph Richard White born 24 August 1960, Chillicothe, Missouri. Roxanne married 25 June 1977 at Eden Church near Knoxville, Tennessee to Kim Duane Bodwell of Quincy, Illinois. They have one son Nathaniel Phillip Bodwell born 12 May 1982, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Joseph Richard married 2 September 1977 to Vickie Joann Clark at the Christian Church in Dallas, Iowa. They have two children: Jessica Marie White born 26 March 1978 and Joseph Lee White born 21 March 1980.

Iona provided the following information about Cerviller Oldaker (Page 133), a sister to Sarah.

Cerviller Oldaker born 3 November 1818 died 10 January 1903, Maitland, Missouri. Buried at Graham, Holt County, Missouri. She married 16 January 1845, to James R. Bradford. They left Ross County, Ohio, in 1863 and moved to Nodaway County, Missouri. In 1865 they moved to Holt County, Missouri. They had six children:

1. Sophia F. Bradford married Dr. J.W. Morgan.
2. Mary Oldaker Bradford married Rev. William Cowley.
3. Sarah E. Bradford died 10 April 1910.
4. Julia Bradford married Mortimor Evans.
5. John Edward Bradford born 26 July 1852 died 19 March 1917.
6. James B. Bradford married Mary E. Johnson.

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8. Additional information was recently received from Mrs. Patricia Oldaker, 13 Walker Avenue, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Her husband is Major Bruce Gordon Oldaker, born 3 June 1950 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Patricia is the former Patricia Rose Cooney. They were married 17 February, 1973 in Hallock, Minnesota.

Bruce Gordon Oldaker's father is Marion Joseph Oldaker born 26 May 1913 in Richmond, Indiana (See page 200). Marion J. married Minerva Rae Rogers on 29 March 1944 in Seattle, Washington.

Marion Joseph Oldaker's father was Elmer Ellsworth Oldaker (See page 200). He was born 1 August 1870 in Pennville, Indiana and was married on 24 December 1905 in Henryville, Indiana to Ida Alma Williams. Elmer died the 13th of September 1949 in Pennville, Indiana and Ida died in 1960.

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9. A letter from Elizabeth (Hendricks) Oldaker of Route #2, Culpeper, Virginia 22701 supplements our information about she and her husband, Guy Brooklyn Oldaker II. Guy is a nephew of Glenn C. Oldaker.

Their son Guy Brooklyn Oldaker III is married to Cynthia Keiser and they have one child, Guy Brooklyn Oldaker IV born in December 1982. Their oldest daughter, Robin, is married to William Patrick O'Bryan and they have one child (a daughter) Casey Leigh born June 1980. Their youngest daughter, Leslie, is married to Edward Allen and they have two children: Benjamin Corey, born January 1980 and Elisabeth Virginia, born August 1982.

Their youngest son, John, is unmarried.

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10. Reference is made to Page 427. Burl Oldaker married ____ Campbell and had two children: Karen Oldaker who lives at 501 Brown Avenue, Belington, West Virginia and Randall Oldaker who lives at 512 N. Hice Street, Belington, West Virginia.

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11. (See page 228) Under Emma Vernetta Bell and Asa Thomas Wright there should be a second child:

(b) Mildred Wright born 2 January 1915, Lick, Harrison County, West Virginia. She never married.

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12. (See page 381) Add a second child to Lawrence Lee Oldaker and Syble Maynard's family as follows:

(b) John Edward Oldaker born 1961.

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13. (See page 638) The last paragraph states that Sarah Landacre Harris was the model for the Indian Head penny. I checked with the library about this. I was given the information that the model was Sarah Longacre who was the daughter of the Chief Engraver for the United States Mint, James Barton Longacre. It could be that the name changed from Landacre to Longacre because the time period was right. I do not know where Glenn got this information but will appreciate any help in this matter.

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14. (See page 427) Add to 2(b) Edna Oldaker. She married 26 August 1922 in Upshur County, West Virginia to Price Brady born in 1902 Webster County, West Virginia.

EXPLANATION OF INDEX

The index is arranged alphabetically in surname order and the surname is listed only once when there are more than one given name with that surname. The given names are also listed in alphabetical order when there are multiple given names with the same surname. To distinguish between those with identical names we have attempted to use birth date (b.), marriage date (m.), wife's name (w.), fathers name (dau. of), or (son of), and even where they lived (Salem Co. N.J.).

We made our best effort to show all pages on which a name appeared but this became difficult with so many persons with the same given name. The name on the text pages may be slightly different than the name in the index because names changed through the years. A few examples follow:

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Wives are listed under their maiden names unless unknown and in these cases the married name was used. They were not listed under both the given and married names. There may be some exceptions to this rule but in general such was the case.

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