

BROOKS

GENEALOGY
OF
A FAMILY OF THAT NAME

A Roster of Fifteen Generations

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INTRODUCTION

People keep records because the ongoing accumulation of knowledge is too much to remember. Wondrous as the human mind is, its storage capacity is limited; and because of that fact, written language originated so knowledge could be stored in physical form, independent of human memory. Obviously, written information reaches into the future more surely than facts relayed by word of mouth alone.

Until a few centuries ago only persons of fame or wealth could be known to succeeding generations. Almost no public records were kept. Today, various government agencies register so-called "vital statistics" on all individuals. Each person's existence is a preserved fact.

Public records, however, aside from parent-child and husband-wife ties, present no overall view of whole family units or the networks of interrelatedness formed as family units multiply and branch out.

By birth, marriage or adoption everyone is linked to vast systems of kinship commonly called family trees. By blood or by civil law we each belong to many ancestries. No one is anonymous; no one is an island.

A written family registry contains, in a single survey, the names of as many members of a family's past and present as can be determined. Its purpose is threefold: (1) to preserve the memory of ancestors, (2) to make known to present-day generations who their hundreds of living relatives are, and (3) acquaint future generations of the family with their roots.

History is the story of people. Each human being, in his own measure, occupies a place in the story of mankind. Just as we think now about our ancestors and their place in the order of events; so fifty and more years from now, we of today's generations will belong to history, and our relatives living then will wonder who we were. Thus, a family tree is more than just our past ancestors. To forthcoming relatives, we of today will be part of their ancestry. By including ourselves in a written list, we make some of today's history available for the morrow.

Throughout the years some segments of a family move from the mainstream community to relocate elsewhere, perhaps hundreds of miles away. With the passage of time, contact between senior branches may cease, and many members of the junior generations consequently are unknown to each other. Cousins then question what practical purpose can be served by any interest in distant living relatives--people they don't know and may never meet. Why the existence and whereabouts of kinsfolk is of interest to us is not easy to explain. Biological, social and emotional ties form a family's sense of unity. In addition to those factors, curiosity also plays a part. Any connection between people is simply something we like to know. So, however much time and miles and non-acquaintance dull feelings of kinship, the fact that kinships exist will always rouse thoughts of wonder about whom we are related to, regardless of whether such knowledge is of any practical use.

As a family line expands in size and distribution, a complete list of members becomes increasingly difficult to trace. Only a few living members are familiar with the Brooks family's framework. After today's living are dead, that knowledge would be lost as a basis for any future inventory. Public records of everyone will exist, but the task of locating every record would be impossible if the basic family structure were not known. Because interested individuals care enough about their heritage to compile the family membership to date, coming generations of the line will not be ignorant of their roots.

Compared to works of literature or journalism, the monotonous rows of facts presented in the rosters of this book may not appear to be very interesting to read. But as a profile of the family tree--showing statistics and interrelationships of the members--this compilation is a valuable source of reference.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Most of the statistics in the 20th century rosters--names, dates, places--were contributed from the personal knowledge of living persons. If all those facts had had to be researched exclusively from public records in far-flung parts of North America, more time and expense would have been required than any one person could have devoted. Therefore, to the many persons whose cooperation made this record possible, I express my sincere thanks.

A special thanks is extended to Alice (Brooks) Dowland for having granted me permission to combine her research data and compilations with my own, thereby resulting in a more complete view of the family tree than I could have presented alone.

In the course of research many public records were examined. To staff members of various governmental agencies--for their service, patience and courtesy--I am also grateful.

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ORIGIN OF FAMILY NAMES

Personal names are labels of identity used by people for their everyday dealings with each other and for long-range record keeping purposes. Everyone has at least two names: (1) a given name and (2) an inherited family name.

By practical standards, the tracing of ancestries seems incidental; yet, for whatever reason family trees are studied, surnames --the inherited family names--are the common denominator which makes such studies possible. Without surnames, there would be no way of verifying who was/is related to whom.

Family names in North America are mainly of European origin, due to the fact that peoples of Europe dominated the colonization of the Western Hemisphere and the immigrant inflow since then.

Being such a common part of our social, commercial and governmental life today, it is hard to imagine that family names have not been in use for many ages of time. The fact is, however, throughout most of civilized history each person had a single name.

The ancient Chinese devised a limited system of surnames which were hereditary, but such names did not begin to develop in Europe until about a thousand years ago. Prior to that, heads of state were honored with compound names, but those status symbols applied only to individuals, not to families.

The advent of surnames was prompted not by vanity but by necessity. In olden times, a person's single name was adequate identification in communities of small size; but as world population increased, the presence of several individuals with the same name in the same place at the same time caused confusion. Individuals needed added identity--a way to distinguish one Joe from another Joe.

Over a period of several hundred years--10th through the 15th centuries--added names were adopted first among the upper classes of a country and then extended into every level of the country's society. Presumably, men of the upper classes conceived their own names, whereas most commoners had names assigned to them by their lords or local officials. The process was very arbitrary.

Four main categories of names evolved. (1) One class identified men by their fathers' names: a son of Adam, Eric, Jacob or Robert became Adamson, Ericsson, Jacobson, Robertson. (2) One referred to place of birth or residence: Lodge, Forrest, Dale, Hill. (3) Another category identified men by the kind of work each did: Carpenter, Hunter, Porter, Smith. (4) And one referred to physical characteristics: Beard, Foote, Smiley, Whistler.

There is a widespread misconception that each family name began with just one man and fanned out from him alone. The fact is, during the several centuries of surname formation much duplication occurred. Many separate communities each had--at any given time--residents named Adam, Jacob, Robert, etc.; and men who were carpenters, hunters, smiths, etc. Thus, many surnames that arose in dif-

ferent places were identical. Due to such duplication, many of today's families of the same name have no connection in their ancestry.

In many instances, men acquired the name of their lord's estate or the name of their village (place of residence). Thus, a number of men of the same place then had the same surname, even though they were not blood related.

Today, the numerousness of certain names such as Smith or Jones does not mean those families have been more fruitful than others, but simply that those names had more points of origin.

As with any words of a language, most family names have their counterparts in other languages. Example: Andrews (Scotch), Andres (French), Andrejevic (Slavic), Andersen (Scandinavian).

Early on, before the use of surnames crystallized, whatever added name a man wanted or got was little more than a volatile nickname --not officially permanent. It could change with each new generation of his descendants or with his change of residence or occupation. But gradually, throughout the time of their formation, added names became fixed and hereditary. The surname carried by each adult male identified him and his wife and children as members of the same family unit, and that name then was conferred upon his following generations. That continuity began in Italy, then spread to France, England and Germany, and later to surrounding countries.

Furthermore, before dictionaries and public education stabilized spelling, family names were as plastic as other words. Many names underwent small changes in spelling and begat one or more variations (for example: Rundle, Rundall, Rundel). Within the past century, generalized record keeping has given surnames the most stability they ever had, yet they still are subject to subtle changes.

Some people fantasize that their family name may have originated from a man of fame, wealth or authority. This notion is fostered by the publicity accorded coat-of-arms families descended from noblemen who soldiered in the Crusades. It is necessary to emphasize, however, that the coinciding of the 174-year span of the eight Crusades (1096-1270) with the era when surnames developed does not mean that all European men of that time were warriors; and neither were noblemen the only segment of society to acquire surnames; so it is absurd to think that the field of family names originated largely from Europe's heroes and aristocrats. The only significance of the coat-of-arms families is that their lineage has been well documented, making it possible to trace those ancestries further and more easily than ancestries of uncelebrated origin. Because the medieval caste system was socially exclusive, men of high rank were few in number compared to the multitudes of commoners. Far fewer family names arose from the small root source of upper classes than from the large root source of unsung common folk.

Before people had two-name identification, scarcely any lasting records of their existence were kept. For that reason, most ancestries cannot be traced beyond the advent of surnames. The masses of humanity who lived before that time are lost in anonymity. The door to our distant ancestry is closed.

THE NAME "BROOKS"

From the 5th to the 12th centuries, A. D., the Old English (Anglo-Saxon) word broc, meaning "a stream," evolved into the Middle English brok and finally brook.

When surnames began, that word identified occasional men of various localities who happened to live near springs, streams or marshes. There is no way of knowing how many Englishmen who dwelt beside streams got the name Brook. (Names such as Brooks, Brooke, Brookes and Brookman obviously are variations of the root name.) Therefore it is not logical to suppose that only one man long ago was named Brook and all families of that name and its derivatives are descended from that one ancestor.

Although the name has had a long history in North America, the assumption cannot be made that only one family of that designation came here and spawned the framework for all Brooks families now present in this country. Undoubtedly a number of Brookses have come from England in every century since the first settlers arrived.

Attempting to determine if any of the Brooks family trees of today might have a common root in their English past would be difficult, due to the fact, as already explained, that the name probably was given originally to a number of men of separate places who were not related. However, American ancestries are still relatively young, as time is measured, and the possibility of tracking a many-branched bloodline to its immigrant source is not beyond reach.

EXPLANATION OF THE ROSTERS

The 15 generations accounted for in this book span virtually 400 years. Rosters of early generations are scattered throughout the biographical first section, and rosters of recent and current generations comprise almost the entire second section. Seemingly complex networks of people are arranged in orderly outline columns. Effectiveness of the outline system hinges on certain features which are herewith explained.

Horizontal Spacings: The generations are separated horizontally by indented spacings. Because a page is not wide enough to "stairstep" more than a few across, the generations of the first three centuries are presented in pairs, and generations of the present century in groupings of three or four per page.

Vertical lines link sisters and brothers together.

Numbered Names: All persons except spouses have 2- or 3-digit code numbers before their names. In 2-digit numbers the first digit indicates the generation--as counted from the earliest known ancestor--and the second digit indicates a person's order of birth. In 3-digit numbers, the first two digits indicate the generation (example: a person whose number is 112 is of the 11th generation and is the 2nd-born child of his or her parents).

Numbers without names (near the upper left corner of a column) are carried over from a/the preceding page. Being numerical equivalents of ancestral names listed on previous pages, they represent the line of ancestry without repeating the names.

Each person's name and each event is on a separate line. Admittedly, this method of presentation does not make maximum use of paper space, inasmuch as a third of each page's width is not filled with print; but the stairstepping, vertical lines and code numbers work together as a system of organization that makes the information easy to read and understand.

Abbreviations: b. = born
d. = died
m. = married

This mark, (A), following a name, indicates that person was adopted. An (S) following a name indicates that person as a stepchild of his or her code-numbered parent.

Dates and Places: Names alone could show how persons are related to each other, but without dates and places there would be no way of knowing when or where each person existed. Places of birth, marriage and death include: (1) city or township, (2) county, (3) state or Canadian province, or country other than the United States. The county of each event is included in order to pinpoint the location of the city or village, and to identify where the event is officially recorded. (Note: in a few instances the place where an event occurred was

in a county other than where the record is filed. A place of marriage known to have been outside the county of record is shown in parentheses.) Many an event occurred not within the town named, but at a nearby rural location, in which case the town represents the general vicinity of happening. Burial sites are not listed--that information can be found in county, church or cemetery records.

Divorces are not specified. Remarriage implies either the death or divorce of a prior spouse, otherwise no indication is given as to which marriages may have dissolved.

Blank spaces in the rows of material indicate that: (1) in the case of some early relatives the missing fact could not be found, or there was some uncertainty about it; (2) the whereabouts of a living person, or possible descendants, is unknown; (3) requested information was not contributed.

Errors: Much care was taken to make sure that names, dates and places are accurate, and the text was proofread at several stages of development. Yet, within the several thousand statistical facts, a small number of unintentional errors may have occurred.

KEYS TO THE PAST

Initially, the plan--from which this book grew--was to present just a little history of the 19th century ancestors--starting with Elisha and Laura (Bartlett) Brooks--and a roster of all their descendants. Anything more than that was not expected, inasmuch as nothing of the family's prior background was known. However, after compilation was begun in 1976, it was learned that research of early Brooks history--predating Elisha--had been done by Alice (Brooks) Dowland, a granddaughter of Elisha's brother Othniel. Incorporation of her research data here forms an ancestral foundation of extensive breadth. Also, inclusion of her list of Othniel's descendants, with the author's list of Elisha's descendants, unites the two closely related branches in a single presentation.

Alice Dowland's interest in family history was inspired by the reading of Elisha's diary in the early 1950s. That journal, in the custody of the late Bliss Brooks, one of Elisha's grandsons, mentioned that Elisha's grandfather, David Brooks, had soldiered in the Revolutionary War.

Subsequently, a copy of David Brooks' application for Veterans Pension--procured from the National Archives--revealed various places of residency during his lifetime. His place of birth was a vital clue in the steps of research that followed.

The following quotation is the text of David's 1832 pension application:

In the fall of the year 1776 at the town of New Marlborough, county of Berkshire, state of Massachusetts, I enlisted under command of Captain George King of Bassington in the same county. Kelly was my Lieutenant. We were marched to Ticonderoga, we were employed at Mount Independence in building a block house. I got my leg broke and was fifty days unable to do duty. This was a tour of three months, but I was in the service until after Gen. Burgoyne was taken, which was about eleven months from the time I enlisted. I was discharged at Albany. Col. John Ashley gave me the discharge. In the year 1778 I enlisted under command of Capt. Adam Carson, for three months. I served out this time and enlisted for another tour of three months. I served out this time; I then, in the town of New Marlborough in the year 1780, enlisted for a tour of six months in the Continental Army. I served under Lieutenant Marble, we were sent to West Point on the Hudson River. I stayed my time out and was discharged there on the ninth day of December, 1780. I was five days at that place about this time without a mouthful of food to eat. I was present at the execution of Major Andre who was hanged as a British spy.

Q. Where and what year were you born?

A. I was born in the town of Killingly, Conn. in the year 1754.

Q. Have you any record of your age and if so, what is it?

A. I have none.

Q. Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since and where do you now live?

A. I was living in New Marlborough, Mass. when called into the service. I have lived where I was born, after the war, about thirty years; and have lived in Braceville, Trumbull County, Ohio, where I now live, twenty-one years next October.

Periodic enlistments in the citizen militia groups comprising the colonial army placed him under various commands. Besides officers already named, there was mention of a Col. Peters and Maj. Ballard in a 15th Regiment. The Certificate of Pension listed him as having been a Private in the Company commanded by Capt. King of the Regiment commanded by Col. Ashley of the Massachusetts troops.

(Beginning with the battle at Lexington, Mass., Apr. 19, 1775, and ending with the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va., Oct. 19, 1781, the length of the Revolutionary War was six and a half years.)

All of David's military service is deduced to have been spent in the region flanking the southern half of the Hudson River. Information contained in the affidavit makes it possible to relate his tours of duty to specific events of the war.

Fort Ticonderoga, a British outpost in upstate New York, was of strategic importance because it was on the major trade route between Montreal, Canada, and the commercial centers of New England. On May 10, 1775 the fort was captured by Colonials under the command of Col. Ethan Allen. Two years later, July 6, 1777, it was retaken by British forces, under Maj. Gen. Burgoyne, in an attempt to regain control of the region. After being routed by the Green Mountain Boys near Bennington, Vt. the following month (Aug. 16), Burgoyne descended fifty miles south where he was defeated near Saratoga, N. Y., Oct. 17.

David indicated that he had participated in combat action against Burgoyne.

On July 15, 1778 Maj. Gen. Anthony Wayne attacked the British at Stoney Point, forty miles north of New York City. Whether David was part of that action during one of his two three-month enlistments that year is not known.

Major John Andre, Adjutant General of the British army, was captured at Tarrytown, N. Y., (just above New York City) Sept. 23, 1780 after a rendezvous with Col. Benedict Arnold. While serving a six-month enlistment in 1780 (June to December), David Brooks was at West Point, N. Y. when Maj. Andre was executed Oct. 2.

Altogether, David's four terms of military service totalled twenty-three months and five days.

Beginning September 4, 1833, semi-annual pension payments began at the rate of \$77.22 per year--retroactive to March 1831.

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In the pension application, part of David's answer to the question about his places of residence is confusing. The statement that he had "lived where I was born, after the war, about thirty years" needs to be clarified. He did not live thirty years in Connecticut (where he was born) after war's end in 1781, inasmuch as nine years after the war the Massachusetts census records of 1790 counted him and his family unit (wife and five children) as residents of New Marlborough. No doubt his statement was rhetorical in meaning: in retrospect, the separate places where he had grown up and worked and lived during earlier years were nostalgically regarded as one. Contrasted with his location in Ohio at age 78, Connecticut and Massachusetts together were his original home territory: that is, where he was born.

The principle places of David's residence can be chronologically reconstructed as follows: Born at Killingly, Conn., he probably was there until his teens, when he went to New Marlborough. That place was his hometown during the war and thirty years afterward. He married there (1781) and fathered thirteen children. In 1811 the family moved to northeastern Ohio.

As the earliest known ancestor at the outset of research, David Brooks therefore was the pivot point in the family tree. The objective of further investigation was to find out who his ancestors were.

Records of Killingly Township, Windham County, Connecticut disclosed David Brooks' 1754 birth, naming his parents as Jabez and Sarah Brooks. Also, there was a 1719 deed conveying property to a Jabez Brooks from an Ebenezer Brooks.

With that data to work with, the next stage of Alice Dowland's research was conducted at the State Library at Lansing, Michigan. A book of Brooks Genealogy contained a reference to an Ebenezer Brooks having moved his family to Killingly, Connecticut, from Woburn, Massachusetts, in 1711. From that point in time, tracing the family further back was facilitated by books of New England history and genealogy.

Earlier ancestors and their offspring were found to be amply documented. The Brooks name appeared in records soon following the arrival of the first permanent white settlers in North America.

THE ROOT GENERATIONS 1600-1800

In 1635, fifteen years after the 1620 founding of Plymouth Colony, Henry, Richard and Thomas Jr., three sons of Thomas Brooks Sr. (a minister in London, England), came to Massachusetts on the sailing vessel "Susan and Ellen." Richard went to Portsfield, Maine where he became a shipbuilder; Thomas Jr. and Henry went to Watertown, six and a half miles west of Boston.

(A study of two generations of 17th century descendants of the three brothers pointed to Henry Brooks as the father of the particular family tree being researched. Lines of descent from Richard and Thomas Jr. were not pursued.)

Who Henry's first wife was is not known, but the deduction that he was married in England is made from the fact that his first son, John, was born in 1623, twelve years before the family group emigrated. The exact birthplace of son Timothy is not recorded, but it is likely that he, too, was born in England.

After staying at Watertown a short time, Henry and family moved a dozen miles northwest to Concord. Son Joseph was born there in 1641 and son Isaac about 1643. Because there are no birth dates for daughters Sarah and Lestor, their birthplace(s) cannot be determined.

Henry's wife died at Concord and in 1650 he and the children went ten miles northeast where he purchased six parcels of land (178 acres total) in and near the newly founded town of Woburn. The homestead was located along what now is South Main Street. That same year he married widow Susanna Richardson who was locally recognized for her skill at ministering medical aid of the day.

In a lawsuit dated December, 1658, Henry stated his age then as "about 66 years." From that clue, his date of birth is calculated to have been 1592.

The second wife died in 1681. On July 12, 1682, six days after a third marriage, a will was written. Henry died the following April, aged 91.

His will records that he had been a "clothier," a term denoting either a cloth merchant or a tailor. The fact that he had several pieces of real estate, plus allusions to generous gifts and dowries given to his children during his lifetime, indicates that he had been a prosperous businessman.

The outline here depicts the structure of Henry's family unit
--his children and the sequence of marriages:

Thomas Brooks, Sr.

- 1 Thomas Brooks, Jr.
- 1 Richard Brooks
- 1 Henry Brooks
 - b. 1592--England
 - d. 12 Apr 1683--Woburn, Mass.
 - m. --England
- b. --England
- d. --Concord, Mass.
- 21 John Brooks
- 22 Timothy Brooks
- 23 Joseph Brooks
- 24 Isaac Brooks
- 25 Sarah Brooks
- 26 Lestor Brooks
- (Henry Brooks)
 - m. c. 1650--Woburn, Mass.
 - Susanna () Richardson
 - b. --
 - d. 15 Sep 1681--Woburn, Mass.
 - (Henry Brooks)
 - m. 12 Jul 1682--Woburn, Mass.
 - Annes Jaquith
 - b. --
 - d. --

The following outline details the family units of Henry's six children:

- .1 21 John Brooks
 - b. 1623--England
 - d. 29 Sep 1691--Woburn, Mass.
 - m. 1 Nov 1649--Woburn, Mass.
 - Eunice Mousall
 - b. --
 - d. 1 Jan 1684--Woburn, Mass.
 - 31 John Brooks 1650-1653
 - 32 Sarah Brooks 1652- m. 1670 Ephraim Buck
 - 33 Eunice Brooks 1655- m. Samuel Carter, (2), (3)
 - 34 Joanna Brooks 1659-1724 m. 1678 David Roberts
 - 35 John Brooks 1664-1733 m. 1684 Mary Cranston
 - 36 Ebenezer Brooks 1666- m. 1687 Martha Wildes
 - 37 Deborah Brooks 1669-1703 m. John Richardson
 - 38 Jabez Brooks 1673- m. 1694 Rachel Buck, 1698 Hepzibah Cutter
 - (John Brooks)
 - m. 25 Feb 1684--Woburn, Mass.
 - Mary Champney Richardson
 - b. --
 - d. 26 Aug 1704--Woburn, Mass.

- .1 22 Timothy Brooks
 b. --
 d. --
 m. 21 Dec 1659--
Mary Russell
 b. --
 d. 15 Sep 1680--Billerica, Mass.
 31 Timothy Brooks 1660-1661
 32 Timothy Brooks 1661-
 33 John Brooks 1662-
 34 Mary Brooks -1670
 35 Mary Brooks 1670-1671
 36 Mary Brooks 1671-
 37 Hepzibah Brooks 1673- m. 1694 Peletiah Mason
 38 Anna Brooks 1675-
 39 Lydia Brooks 1677-
 310 Rebecca Brooks 1679- m. 1696 Meletiah Martin
 311 Elizabeth Brooks m. 1689 Thomas Lewis
 312 Abigail Brooks m. 1695 Levi Preston
 (Timothy Brooks)
 m. --
Mehitable Mowry Kingsley
 b. --
 d. --
 .31 Josiah Brooks 1681-
- 23 Joseph Brooks
 b. 2 Dec 1641--Concord, Mass.
 d. --
 m. (?)
- 24 Isaac Brooks
 b. c. 1643--Concord, Mass.
 d. 8 Sep 1686--Woburn, Mass.
 m. 10 Jan 1665--
Miriam Daniels
 b. --
 d. --
 31 Sarah Brooks 1667-1667
 32 Miriam Brooks 1668-
 33 Isaac Brooks 1669-
 34 Henry Brooks 1671-
 35 Miriam Brooks 1673- m. Henry Merry/Merrow
- 25 Sarah Brooks
 b. --
 d. 1705--Woburn, Mass.
 m. --
John Mousall
 b. --
 d. 2 Apr 1698--Woburn, Mass.
Lestor Brooks
 b. --
 d. --
 m. (?)

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John Brooks' wife, Eunice (Mousall), was the sister of John Mousall Jr., husband of John Brooks' sister Sarah. The two Mousall siblings were children of Deacon John Mousall, one of the founders of Woburn, Massachusetts. When the elder Mousall died in 1665, some of his estate became jointly owned by his son and son-in-law, and some was inherited by John Brooks' children.

John Brooks was among 58 men from Woburn who helped quell a local Indian uprising afterward referred to as King Philip's War.

Eight weeks after Eunice died in 1684, John married Mary (Champney) Richardson, daughter-in-law of his stepmother, Susanna (Richardson) Brooks. The second wife was also the mother-in-law of John's daughter Deborah.

On July 29, 1690, at the age of 67, just before taking part in a British military skirmish against the French Canadians of Quebec, John wrote his will. The following year, September, 1691, he was discharged from the militia because of age infirmities, and died that same month.

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Inasmuch as Timothy's date of birth is not known, his position as the second-born child of Henry Brooks has been calculated by correlating his marriage date (1659) between the marriage dates of brothers John (1649) and Isaac (1665).

The naming of Timothy's children exhibited a persistence rarely practiced. The first son, Timothy, died in infancy, so the next son was named Timothy also. A few years later, the fourth child was named Mary. That daughter died and her successor, another Mary who died, was immediately followed by a third Mary.

The family lived first at Woburn, then sometime in the mid- or late 1660s moved eight miles northwest to Billerica. Soon after the first wife died in 1680, Timothy married Mehitable (Mowry) Kingsley, a widow whose father was a resident of Providence, Rhode Island. In 1681, Timothy and family were living in Swansea, Massachusetts, twelve miles southeast of Providence, R. I.

Timothy's interest in the Baptist faith likely was acquired from his second father-in-law, Roger Mowry, who was a leader in that church. The Baptist movement in America had been organized at Providence in 1639 by Roger Williams who had been banished from Massachusetts for insisting on religious liberty.

In the outline (page 13), the birth years of Timothy's two daughters at the end of the list are not known; but both had to have been born somewhere between their siblings, because their mother died in 1680.

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Other than the year and place of his birth, nothing is known of Joseph Brooks.

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Isaac Brooks was a lifelong resident of Woburn. Concerning him, a chronicle of early Woburn history contains a public notice: "Isaac Brooks, having engaged to set traps between Wood Hill and Maple Meadow Hill--for wolves--all other persons are prohibited to set traps in same place so long as Isaac Brooks shall live."

He also was a cavalryman in King Philip's War, and afterward served as quartermaster of the Three County Troop (colonial militia) a number of years.

"King Philip" was a nickname for Indian chief Pometacom, the younger son of Massasoit. He succeeded his brother as chief of the Wampanoag Indians. In 1675, three Wampanoag warriors were executed by the whites for killing an Indian spy in the colonists' employ. The ensuing retaliation, consisting of a series of ambushes and massacres, became known as King Philip's War. After the chief's wife and son were captured and sold into slavery, he fled to a swamp where he was killed by a renegade Indian, Aug. 12, 1676 at Mount Hope (now Bristol, R. I.).

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Sarah Brooks' husband, as already explained, was John Mousall Jr., brother of the wife of Sarah's brother, John Brooks. John Mousall Jr. died in 1698 and Sarah in 1705. Having no children, their homestead and a portion of their estate were left to a cousin and his wife--for having cared for the Mousalls in their senior years. Other property, in compliance with the will of John Mousall's father, was given to the children of John and Eunice (Mousall) Brooks.

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Of Lestor Brooks, her father said in his will: "I give and bequeath to my daughter Lestor, five shillings and no more, because she hath received her portion already, as will appear by a receipt under her hand." No husband was named, but this stipulation suggests that a liberal dowry, gift or loan was considered to have been her share of inheritance. That is the only information about her that was found.

At this point in research, the first two generations of the Brooks family were known. In order to determine which member of the third generation sired the line leading to David (the Revolutionary War soldier), the next step was a matter of eliminating from consideration whomever the line could not have proceeded from.

Of the six members of the second generation, there were three males who married and had sons to carry the Brooks name: John, Timothy, Isaac. John had 8 children, Timothy 13 and Isaac 5--a total of 26.

Of the twenty-six, sixteen were daughters, some of whom died in childhood, the fate of some was unrecorded and the children of those who married were not named Brooks. Of ten sons, two died in childhood and no further record of five was found in published history. The three males known to have survived were all sons of John.

There was an abundance of information about all of John's eight children, but only material about the sons--whose male offspring perpetuated the family name--needed to be known for analytical purposes. The list on the following page is a compact view of those three sons and their thirty children.

- .1_ .21 35 John Brooks
 b. 1 Mar 1664--Woburn, Mass.
 d. 7 Aug 1733--
 m. 30 Dec 1684--
Mary (Bruce) Cranston
 b. 15 Jun 1665--
 d. --
- | | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 41 | <u>Mary Brooks</u> | 1685-1685 | |
| 42 | <u>John Brooks</u> | 1686-1687 | |
| 43 | <u>Ebenezer Brooks</u> | 1686-1686 | |
| 44 | <u>Mary Brooks</u> | 1688- | m. Thomas Henshaw |
| 45 | <u>Elizabeth Brooks</u> | 1690-1724 | m. Timothy Winn |
| 46 | <u>Sarah Brooks</u> | 1692- | m. Samuel Richardson |
| 47 | <u>John Brooks</u> | 1694-1743 | m. Phebe Richardson |
| 48 | <u>Abigail Brooks</u> | 1697-1697 | |
| 49 | <u>Timothy Brooks</u> | 1700- | |
| 410 | <u>Isaac Brooks</u> | 1703-1719 | |
| 411 | <u>Nathan Brooks</u> | 1706- | |
- 36 Ebenezer Brooks
 b. 9 Dec 1666--Woburn, Mass.
 d. --Killingly, Conn.
 m. 14 Jun 1687--
Martha Wilder/Wildes
 b. 1667--
 d. --
- | | | | |
|----|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| 41 | <u>Eunice Brooks</u> | 1688-1698 | |
| 42 | <u>John Brooks</u> | 1690- | |
| 43 | <u>Ebenezer Brooks</u> | 1691-1764 | m. Sarah Child |
| 44 | <u>Jabez Brooks</u> | 1693-1758 | m. Mary Bateman, (2), (3) |
| 45 | <u>Eleazer Brooks</u> | 1694- | m. Hannah Leavens |
| 46 | <u>Martha Brooks</u> | 1697- | m. Jacob Comins |
| 47 | <u>Eunice Brooks</u> | 1700- | |
| 48 | <u>Priscilla Brooks</u> | 1701- | |
- 38 Jabez Brooks
 b. 1673--Woburn, Mass.
 d. --
 m. 18 Dec 1694--
Rachel Buck
 b. --
 d. 23 Feb 1698--Woburn, Mass.
 .41 Rachel Brooks 1695-
 (Jabez Brooks)
 m. 7 Jun 1698--
Hepzebah Cutter
 b. --
 d. --
- | | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 41 | <u>Jabez Brooks</u> | 1700-1729 | m. Anne Wickham |
| 42 | <u>Hepzebah Brooks</u> | 1701- | |
| 43 | <u>Nathaniel Brooks</u> | 1703- | |
| 44 | <u>Deborah Brooks</u> | 1705- | |
| 45 | <u>Samuel Brooks</u> | 1707- | |
| 46 | <u>John Brooks</u> | 1708- | |
| 47 | <u>Jonathan Brooks</u> | 1710- | |
| 48 | <u>Ebenezer Brooks</u> | 1712- | |
| 49 | <u>Sarah Brooks</u> | 1714- | |
| 410 | <u>Benjamin Brooks</u> | 1717 | |

Ebenezer Brooks (b. 1666) sold his home at Woburn, Mass., November 3, 1711 and moved his family to Killingly, Conn., where church records show six of his children were baptized Sept. 2, 1716.

With Killingly known to have been the birthplace of David Brooks (b. 1754), Ebenezer was a prime prospect as a link in the ancestral chain; so the next man to look for was Jabez, the father of David.

During the course of research, Killingly was named as the birthplace of a Jabez Brooks in 1723. Timewise, however, that man did not correlate with the Jabez who was granted property there by Ebenezer in 1719, because the 1723 Jabez was born four years after the property transfer. So that meant there were two generations of Jabez at Killingly.

In 1978 a transcript of the 1758 will of a Jabez Brooks was obtained. That document named his father as Ebenezer and one of his heirs as Jabez Jr. The disclosure of those three generations would seem to have completed the linkage of ancestry between Henry Brooks (b. 1592) and David Brooks (b. 1754). However, one obstacle remained. Ebenezer's brother Jabez (b. 1673) had a son Jabez (b. 1700) and a grandson Jabez (b. 1729). Also, Ebenezer had three sons other than his son Jabez (b. 1693)--John (b. 1690), Ebenezer Jr. (b. 1691), Eleazer (b. 1694)--each of whom might have had a son named Jabez. In other words, was there another Jabez, besides Ebenezer's grandson, who could have been David's father? Getting the Jabez sorted out, in order to define the lineage correctly, was the final problem.

Ebenezer's brother Jabez, and that Jabez's descendants, never lived at Killingly. Ebenezer and three or four generations of his descendants were the only branch of the Brooks family in that place during the 1700s.

Killingly records contain no mention of Ebenezer's son John (1) after his birth, which suggests that, if he lived, he resided elsewhere when he came of age, in which case if he had a son named Jabez that son was not at Killingly as was the Jabez who was David's father. Ebenezer Jr. (2) remained at Killingly, but the only children he is known to have had were John, Ebenezer and Elizabeth--no Jabez. Eleazer (3) likewise lived at Killingly, but of his six children, none of his three sons was named Jabez.

With the generations and places of residence thus analyzed, the elder Ebenezer was confirmed to have been the third generation ancestor, and his son Jabez and grandson Jabez Jr. the fourth and fifth links respectively. So, the ancestral hookup was complete.

The 225-year-old will of Jabez Brooks Sr., presented on the next two pages, is an interesting historical specimen. Not only is it informative, it also provides a glimpse of the poetic language of the day. Odd spelling, loose usage of capital letters, gaps in words and lack of punctuation are not typographical errors of the 20th century transcript, but were typical of 18th century English writings.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

"In the Name of God amen this Eighth Day of May anno Domini 1758 I Jabez Brooks of Killingly in and of the County of wendham and Coloney of Connecticut in New England ye oman Being of Perfect mind and memory thanks be Given to God therefor and Calling to mind in and of the mortalaty of my Body and Knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to Die Do make & on aim this my Last will & Testament that it is to Say Princepaly and first of all I recommend my Sole into and of the Hands of God who Gave it & my Body to the Earth to be Buried with a Decent Burial at and of the DiscreSSION of my Executor Nothing Doubting but that at and of the General Ressurrection I Shall Receive the Same again by and of the mighty Power of God and touching Such worthy Estate which it hath Pleas'd God to Bless me in this Life which I Give Demise and Dispose of in and of the Same In and of the Following manner and form viz

"I Give and Bequeath unto Mary Brooks my well Beloved wife in and of the one half of Sixty acres of Land which I Now Live on in Killingly aforesaid on Chestnut hill So Called Runing from John Robins Land to and of the Seador Swamp with and of the Best In my house & Chamber and in and of the Priviledge in and of the Seller and one half of my Barn and in and of the moveables in Doors and in and of the one half of my Quick Stock and in and of the one half of in and of Plainfield and forty acres of wood Land East of in and of the Seador Swamp and further more my will is that my aforesaid wife Shall have all and of the before mentioned Primises for Ever at her own Disposel and my will is that my aforesaid wife Shall Suport my Son Benaijah Brook of Killingly with what he Can Due Dureing his Lifetime

"I give to my Son Jabez Brooks Junior of Killingly and of the Quarter Part of in and of the Land on and of the west Side of in and of the Roade Next to Samuel Knights Reserving the wood and Timber to my aforesaid wife So Long as She Shall Need the Same and also in and of the Right In and of the Seador Swamp that was my Honored Father Ebenezor Brooks Deceased and also ten acres of wood Land Lying at the South End of my Land that Joy neth to and of the Seador Swamp and Pond at his own Disposal for Ever with what I Have Done for him allready for his Portion out of my Estate

"I give Daughter Martha Goold of Killingly aforesaid and her Heirs and of the Sum of Six pounds money to be paid to her by my aforesaid wife three years after my Decease with what I Have Done for her allredy for and of the hole of hur Portion out of my Estate

"I give my Daughter Elisabeth Goold & to Jeremiah Goold of Killingly aforesaid one half of Sixty acres of Land Lying in Killingly on a hill Called Chestnut hill and to that part I Gave my aforesaid wife Bounding in and of the North on John Brown Junior Land with and of the houseing & Barn that is Not otherwise Disposed of by this Last will & also the one half of in and of the Plainfield and a Right in and of the Seador Swamp that was my Honored Father in Law Ebenezor Bateman Deceased and the half of my Quick Stock and my farming tools of all Kinds and half in and of the wood Land East in and of the Seador Swamp

"I Give to my Daughter Phebe Carpenter of Killingly and her Heirs the one half of Wheatstone Meadow Lott with what I have Done for allredy for and of the whole of her Portion out of my Estate

"And I Do Hereby Constitute and ordain my Son in Law Jeremiah Goold of Killingly aforesaid my Sole Executor to this my Last will & Testament and I Do hereby Revoak & Disanul all and Every formar & other Wills & Testaments Ratefying this and no other to be my Last will & Testament In Witness where of I the said Jabez Brooks have unto sett my hand and Seal The Day and year first above written Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by and of the Subscribers"

Jabez (his mark) Brooks

A few points in the foregoing will call for elaboration:

The disjointed word "ye oman," in the third line of the opening paragraph, was a misspelling of yeoman--a term which has disappeared from American usage in its original meaning. At the time the will was written, language expressions of colonial America were British oriented, of course, including references to the social caste system based on wealth. The three classes of that system were: nobility, gentry and yeomanry. In England, a yeoman was any owner of a small estate of land. In the vernacular of the colonies, a yeoman was a farmer whose place was not too large to be worked by himself and his immediate family.

Obviously, "Seador Swamp" was cedar swamp, "Seller" was cellar and "Quick Stock" was livestock. "Plainfield" is interpreted to have been plain field, meaning a large clearing (perhaps flatland)--the total tillable acreage--under cultivation.

At the end of the second paragraph is the entreaty: "my will is that my aforesaid wife Shall Suport my Son Benaijah Brook of Killingly with what he Can Due Dureing his Lifetime." Evidently Benaijah was physically or mentally handicapped, and required lifelong care.

Windham County, Connecticut was in the northeast corner of that colony. Killingly Township, officially organized in 1708, was in the northeastern corner of the county.

The first permanent white inhabitant arrived in 1693, but Indian unrest discouraged further settlement until the end of the century. Even after peace was induced, large numbers of Nipmuck Indians continued to roam the region.

The heavily forested terrain was characterized by ridges of hills, and vales laced with marshes and rushing streams. Collection of resin (for turpentine) from stands of pine trees was one of the first local industries.

Unlike adjacent areas, much of which had been granted to corporations and large freeholders by the colonial government, first ownership of what became Killingly Township was held by

bounty grantees (payment for military service) and land grabbers. Those enterprising speculators sold their properties to newcomers at bargain rates, and consequently the area was settled quickly.

Thus, it was the availability of cheap land that had enticed Ebenezer Brooks and his family to leave the security of the populous Boston area and move to the frontier wilds of northeastern Connecticut in 1711.

A topographical map of Windham County, drawn probably in the late 1600s or soon thereafter, shows Chestnut Hill--where Jabez Brooks Sr. later lived--to have been a short distance inside of Connecticut's boundary with Rhode Island. Wheatstone (misspelling of Whetstone) Meadow was across the Whetstone River, south of Chestnut Hill.

By comparing present-day road maps with the old topographical map, Jabez Sr.'s home on Chestnut Hill is determined to have been either in or at the north edge of the present town of East Killingly. If the hamlet of that name did not yet exist at the time of Jabez's residency, then his reference to "Killingly" can be construed to have been the township of that name.

The family unit of Jabez Sr., son of Ebenezer:

.1	.21	.36	.44	<u>Jabez Brooks</u>		
				b.	1693--	Woburn, Mass.
				d.	1758--	Killingly, Conn.
				m.	20 Dec 1721--	Killingly, Conn.
				<u>Mary Bateman</u>		
				b.	--	
				d.	--	
			.51	<u>Jabez Brooks, Jr.</u>	1723-	m. Sarah (?)
				(Jabez Brooks, Sr.)		
				m.	--	
				<u>Abigail (?)</u>		
				b.	--	
				d.	--	
			.51	<u>Elizabeth Brooks</u>	1731-	m. Jeremiah Goold
			.52	<u>Benajah Brooks</u>	1734-	
			.53	<u>Phebe Brooks</u>	1736-	m. Henry Carpenter
				(Jabez Brooks, Sr.)		
				m.	--	
				<u>Mary (?)</u>		
				b.	--	
				d.	--	

The Martha Goold mentioned in Jabez's will is believed to have been a stepdaughter. She is not listed in the above outline because it is not known of which wife she was a daughter.

Early on, prior to the search for the root forebears, the structure of the family unit of Jabez Brooks Jr. had been found in the records of Killingly. And here was where David Brooks fitted into the family chronology.

.1 .21 .36 .44 .51 Jabez Brooks, Jr.
 b. 1723--Killingly, Conn.
 d. --
 m. --
Sarah (?)
 b. --
 d. --
 61 Benjamin Brooks 1747-
 62 Zilpha Brooks 1752-
 63 David Brooks 1754-
 64 Leadah Brooks 1757-

With some of David's life recounted at the beginning of this chronicle, the story now turns to his family unit.

Acts of Congress passed in March, 1843 and January, 1844 entitled widows of war veterans to the pensions their husbands had received. David's wife died in June, 1844, before claiming her entitlement. On behalf of the widow's heirs, in June, 1846, daughter Sarah Croy made application to recover the unclaimed benefit. Attached to the application was a copy of the family record of David Brooks, which disclosed the following names and dates:

.1 .21 .36 .44 .51 .63 David Brooks
 b. 22 Oct 1754--Killingly, Windham, Conn.
 d. 5 Mar 1841--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
 m. 2 Mar 1781--New Marlborough, Berkshire, Mass.
Waty Blanchard
 b. 23 Jan 1761--Pittston, Luzerne, (Conn.)-Pa.
 d. 18 Jun 1844--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
 71 John Brooks 1781-1823 m. Hannah Russell
 72 Benjamin Brooks 1782-
 73 Phebe Brooks 1785- m. Ira Trucket
 74 Zilpha Brooks 1787- m. James Clark
 75 Sarah Brooks 1789- m. H. Grevy, M. Croy
 76 Mina Brooks 1793-
 77 Laura Brooks 1794- m. Totman, Crippen
 78 Roy Brooks 1796-
 79 Melona Brooks 1798- m. Septamus Witter
 710 Waty Brooks 1800- m. Erolsman Russell
 711 Mary Brooks 1803- m. Marshall Depue
 712 Samantha Brooks 1805- m. Bennett Wilcox
 713 David Brooks 1805-

David Brooks' wife, Waty, was the first of seven children born to Jeremiah and Phebe (Bates) Blanchard. Jeremiah, believed to be a son of Theophilus and Patience Blanchard, was born about 1738 at Coventry, Rhode Island (12 miles southwest of Providence). (Theophilus was the fourth of six children born to William and Jane Steere Blan-

chard sometime between 1700 and 1720.) Married at age 22, Jeremiah was a farmer at Coventry about twelve years; then, in 1772, he and his family joined a group of westbound migrants who settled in the Wyoming Valley at what became Pittston, Pa. (situated between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre), but which at that time was part of Connecticut. In September, 1777, he enlisted in the Connecticut militia and was commissioned Captain of the 4th Company, 24th Regiment.

In July, 1778, after a force of British Tories and their Indian allies massacred the inhabitants of one of Wyoming Valley's forts, four hundred residents of the area took refuge at Pittston Fort, commanded by Jeremiah Blanchard.

Jeremiah was a man of considerable versatility. In addition to owning and operating a large tract of land, he was skilled at smithing, extracting teeth and the medical practice of "letting blood."

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From the fact that nine of David's thirteen children married, it can be assumed that the number of their offspring was large. However, the children of only one of those nine is known.

One of David's grandsons was Elisha Brooks, writer of the diary which provided the key to this family tree's early ancestry. In his diary, in an entry dated March 22, 1841, Elisha identified his father as John, son of David Brooks (the Revolutionary War soldier). John and his wife Hannah had relatively short lives, both dying at the age of 42. Of their six children, one son died a few weeks after his father and one daughter died the same year as her mother. Of the four orphaned children, ranging in age from 4 to 16, the two boys, Elisha and Othniel, are known to have been raised by their grandparents, David and Waty, at Braceville, Ohio, 6½ miles west of Warren. Whether the two girls, Rosella and Hannah, made their home there, too, is not known--they may have lived with their aunts, David's daughters.

John's family unit is profiled as follows:

.1	.21	.36	.44	.51	.63	.71	<u>John Brooks</u>	
							b. 7 Apr 1781--New Marlborough, Berkshire, Mass.	
							d. 15 Sep 1823--Braceville, Trumbull, O.	
							m. --	Mass.
							<u>Hannah Russell</u>	
							b. 1784--	
							d. 17 May 1826--Braceville, Trumbull, O.	
							81 <u>Rosella Brooks</u>	
							b. c. 1810--	Mass.
							d. --	
							m. 26 Nov 1826--	O.
							<u>Daniel Jacobs</u>	
							b. --	
							d. --	
							82 <u>David Brooks</u>	
							b. 1812--Braceville, Trumbull, O.	
							d. Oct 1823--Braceville, Trumbull, O.	

- .1 .21 .36 .44 .51 .63 .71 83 Hannah Brooks
 b. 1814--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
 d. 27 Nov 1871--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. Mar 1833-- O.
Joseph Frary
 b. 8 Sep 1807-- Mass.
 d. 19 Nov 1890--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 | 91 George Frary
 | 92 Lydia Frary
- 84 Elisha Brooks
 b. 4 Apr 1818--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
 d. 18 Sep 1891--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 9 Apr 1845--Newville Twp., DeKalb, Ind.
Laura Bartlett
 b. 25 Sep 1829--Gustavus, Trumbull, O.
 d. 6 Apr 1908--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 | 91 Daniel Brooks
 | 92 Warren Brooks
 | 93 Jessie Brooks
 | 94 California Brooks
 | 95 Lincoln Brooks
 | 96 Laura Brooks
 | 97 Flora Brooks
 | 98 Nellie Brooks
- 85 Othniel Brooks
 b. 22 Oct 1821--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
 d. 1896--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 10 Dec 1846--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
Lois Wilmot
 b. 19 Mar 1825--Bethany, Wayne, Pa.
 d. 10 Aug 1865--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
 | 91 Mary Brooks
 | 92 Frank Brooks
 | 93 (son) Brooks
 | 94 (daughter) Brooks
 | 95 Jessie Brooks
 (Othniel Brooks)
 m. Nov 1869--Warren, Trumbull, O.
Mercy (Tucker) Russell
 b. 25 Mar 1833--
 d. 1 Jul 1915--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 | 91 Nellie Brooks
 | 92 Fred Brooks
 | 93 Gale Brooks
- 86 Zilpha Brooks
 b. c. 1823--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
 d. 1826--Braceville, Trumbull, O.

Of John Brooks' surviving children, little is known of the fate of daughter Rosella, but there is considerable knowledge of the lives of daughter Hannah and sons Elisha and Othniel. The following chapters comprise biographical material pertaining to those individuals, plus compilations of their respective descendants.

HANNAH BROOKS

A namesake of her mother, Hannah Brooks and her husband, Joseph Lewis Frary (b. Massachusetts), lived for a time at the village of Windham, Ohio, 5 miles west of Braceville. They had two children: George and Lydia.

The family moved from Ohio to northern Gratiot Co., Mich. in the early 1860s--no doubt at the encouragement of Hannah's brother, Elisha, who had established himself there in the mid-1850s. The earliest record of the Frarys' Michigan presence was Hannah's 1863 attendance at church services at the settlement of Pleasant Ridge (later called Coe) in Coe Twp., Isabella Co., where Elisha was a member.

Joseph Frary's first Michigan land purchase, Dec., 1864, and many transactions in following decades, indicate that he was a real estate speculator--buying and selling properties for profit. In December, 1868 he acquired thirty-two acres in Pine River Twp., Gratiot Co., just outside the northwest boundary of the frontier community of St. Louis. A trapezoidal portion of that parcel was platted and annexed to the town that same year. Bounded by Hebron, Prospect, Sharon and Olive Streets, that segment of the present city is still identified as the "Frary Addition."

Hannah died rather young, 57, in 1871. Joseph's 1890 death record lists his place of residence as Bethany Twp. (Gratiot Co.), then, and his occupation as "farmer."

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The only available information about son George comes from oral history, which states that he had a slight mental handicap due to a head injury suffered early in life. The fact, however, that he lived at Mt. Pleasant, Mich. a number of years indicates that he was capable of self-support. He lived to the age of 75.

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Daughter Lydia married David Wood, and they resided in Pine River Township throughout their years together. David, one of nine surviving children born to William and Hannah (Hartley) Wood of Greene Co., Pa., had journeyed to mid-Michigan in 1865, after having served in the Civil War. He and three of his brothers, as members of Co. I, 1st West Virginia Cavalry, saw active combat in nearly sixty battles and skirmishes in northeastern West Virginia, Gettysburg, Pa. in 1863 and the Shenandoah Valley with General Sheridan in 1864.

Lydia and David had one daughter, Delaphine.

ELISHA BROOKS

The composition and precise handwriting of his diary give evidence that Elisha was a literate man, despite the fact that his schooling did not extend beyond what was locally available during his boyhood in the small community of Braceville, Ohio.

Obligated by circumstances to live with aged and probably stern grandparents, understandably his childhood was grim and disheartening. So, not surprisingly, by the time he reached self-supporting age, he was filled with ambitious dreams of independence, wanderlust and adventure. He left home at 17.

An excerpt from the diary, written near Vicksburg, Mississippi when he was 23, reveals the traumatic effect which his parents' untimely death had on him and his siblings. Also, the entry provides a brief account of his early travels. In his own words:

". . . Of that once happy family consisting of eight persons, one half were soon laid low in the tomb and four unhappy orphans were left to wander their unhappy way through a cold and heartless world.

'My eldest sister has since married Daniel Jacobs, and now resides in Lima, Allen County, Ohio; my second sister married Joseph L. Frary and resides in Windham, Portage County, Ohio; my brother Othniel was living in Braceville, Trumbull County when I received the last information from home.

"I lived several years in the neighborhood where I was born, but left there the 18th of October, 1835 and went to Lima, Ohio, where I lived until the 10th of October, 1838, when I repaired to Cincinnati, then descended the Ohio River and the Mississippi as far as the mouth of the Arkansas; I remained there until October, 1839 and descended to the Island One Hundred and remained there until September 1840, then descended to the Yazoo River, where I now remain this date, March 22nd, 1841.

"As I have received no communication from my friends lately, I suppose they do not know where I am at this time, and as I am in a land of strangers and far from my friends, I have written these few lines from a sense of duty to my relatives, so that in case some unforeseen accident should befall me, I hope that this book may fall into the hands of some friend who will send it and my trunk to: Daniel Jacobs, Lima, Allen County, Ohio."

At that moment, youthful ambitions seem to have palled; there was a hint of despair--a general disillusionment with life. (Perhaps the dark mood of that particular spring day was due to fatigue or illness.)

Within a couple of years, more or less, Elisha worked his way back north, presumably returning to Ohio for a visit. Then, still footloose and looking for new horizons, he headed for Indiana. It is not now known how or when he became acquainted with the family of Otis and Zipporah (Coats) Bartlett, formerly of Gustavus, Ohio (twenty-odd miles northeast of Braceville). However, in Newville Township, DeKalb County, Indiana--April, 1845--he married Laura Bartlett. He was 27 and she 15. By 1848 they had two sons.

Discovery of gold in California, offering the prospect of quick riches, was a temptation Elisha could not resist. Leaving his wife and children with his in-laws, in 1849 he joined a westbound wagon train--which survived acute shortages of food and water on separate occasions. Unsuccessful in his search for gold, after a time he succumbed to discouragement and homesickness. Dreading to make the rigorous trip back to Indiana via the overland route, he took a boat to the Isthmus of Panama, then shuttled across the Gulf of Mexico and up the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

No date is recorded, but sometime between 1850 and 1854, Daniel, the eldest child, died.

When news was learned that government land in parts of mid-Lower Michigan was available at a bargain price, in September of 1854 the 3-member Brooks family packed their possessions and travelled by team and wagon to Maple Rapids in Clinton County. Settled in 1835, that frontier trading post was at a junction of Chippewa Indian trails which crisscrossed the center of the state.

A mile and a half northwest of the hamlet, Elisha left his wife and son at the home of Arnold Payne, the first permanent white family of the county named Gratiot. (Having located near the county's southern boundary in 1846, the Paynes welcomed whomever wanted to stop over.)

Going onward alone, twenty-five miles northeastward in Gratiot County, he reached the settlement of Pine River (named St. Louis in 1865), which had been founded by a half dozen families during 1853 and '54. Scouting the area for suitable farm land, four miles beyond Pine River he selected 160 gently sloped acres on the north edge of the county (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 1, of what became Pine River Twp. the following year). To transact the \$80 purchase, he then had to backtrack fifty miles southwest to Ionia, where the Government Land Office was located. The conveyance was made Oct. 10, 1854.

Prior to August, 1854, the price of government tracts had been \$1.25 per acre, available to anyone 21 years of age or head of a family. But, because a lot of prairie land was accessible in other states and territories, few people were attracted to the forested wilds of Michigan. So, to encourage rapid settlement there, a Congressional act reduced the price to fifty cents an acre. Each purchaser was permitted to have 320 acres, but after enactment of the new price it was foreseen that some investors might undertake improvement of the land at their individual leisure, thus delaying development of the area. Conse-

gently, a retroactive order required every fifty-cents-an-acre buyer to occupy his property within one year from date of purchase, or forfeit his land and payment.

Until white inhabitants arrived, the area was a nearly impenetrable wilderness of trees and undergrowth; but in 1853 the founders of Pine River village had widened a narrow, meandering Indian trail into a wagon road, thus creating an arterial transit route between Pine River and Maple Rapids. Afterward, travelers who sometimes found a segment of the road impassable simply hewed themselves a detour.

The Indian population of the county was not large, and members were peaceful, accepting the intrusion of white men without resistance. For quite some time a small tribe of Chippewas had lived by the Maple River near the southern edge of the county. In 1848 the Lutheran Church established a 1200-acre mission along the west side of the Pine River a couple of miles inside the county's north boundary. That school/church, known as the Bethany Mission (and Indiantown), also served as a trading post. (The Indian footpath between Maple Rapids and the Mission was what the founders of Pine River village had followed when they first entered the area in 1853.) As white men's diseases decimated the Maple River natives, remnants of the tribe went to the Mission. In 1856 the federal government granted the state's scattered tribes of Chippewas a reservation in Isabella County, and by 1858-59 the Indians of Gratiot moved there. Timewise, therefore, the ten-year period of biracial coexistence in the county was less than is commonly supposed today, and much less than was experienced in other regions of the nation, both before then and after.

The first priority of every settler was construction of a shelter. Until the first sawmills made lumber available in 1856, dwellings had to be built of logs.

Returning from Ionia, Elisha stopped at the Paynes to see his wife, then went on alone to their place at the top of the county. The first day, he put up a bark-sided shanty as temporary cover for himself, with an open fire pit for cooking his meals. With team and tools, in the following days he got a house started before snowfall began in early November. Chinks between the logs were stuffed inside and out with wet clay, which heat from the fireplace then baked hard. Roof shakes (shingles), consisting of wood slices three feet long and an inch thick, were made by driving a rive (a special 16" x 3" blade) through pine blocks with a maul.

Toward winter's end he was anxious to bring his family from the Payne place before spring rains turned the road into quagmire. But because the winter was long, with snows lingering into April, the wagon could not be used; so he contrived a makeshift pung (crude sleigh) to which he hitched the team and made the trip.

With lodging built, each farmer then quickly cleared away enough brush and stumps so a small crop of grain and vegetables could be grown. The first year or two, only food for family could be produced--little for sale or barter. Horses and cows subsisted mainly on wild forage.

Before the county's first grist mill was built at Elyton (Alma) in 1857, the nearest mill where flour and corn meal could be ground was at Muir in Ionia Co., a distance of forty-five miles. A round trip to Muir took at least four days.

Due to the swampy flatlands eastward from Pine River village, access to Saginaw in summer was a flatboat ride on the Pine and Tittabawassee Rivers. Floating downstream took a day and a half, but return trips were three to four times longer, because supply-laden boats had to be portaged around shallow portions of the winding Pine. The overland route to Saginaw could be traversed only in winter when the terrain was frozen.

With livelihood established, farmers then concentrated on the backbreaking job of clearing more land--removing the wilderness to make way for further crop production. Until that was accomplished, dependence on small acreage resulted in a narrow margin of survival when adverse weather diminished harvests, as was the case from 1856 through 1859. The only thing that prevented wholesale starvation was an abundance of wild game and emergency provisions donated by sympathetic downstate citizens. Settlers with little foresight--no experience or cash reserves--were totally unprepared for the challenges of frontier life. From the poverty of those years, the county gained a reputation of being a wretched place in which to live. Some people gave up and left, but despite the rugged existence most of the pioneers adapted and endured.

Sales of government tracts at 1854's reduced price caused a land rush, and the imminence of sudden population growth in the county raised the need for local government. An act of the state legislature in February 1855 authorized the formation of townships and the first election of officers. Being public spirited and able, as were many of the pioneers, Elisha ran for office early on. In 1856 he served as Treasurer of Pine River Township, and Justice of the Peace in 1857.

Surprising as it now seems, a post office was established at Pine River as early as the fall of 1855. To facilitate the flow of mail in the rural area north of the village, Elisha was appointed to operate a branch at his residence (Feb. 24, 1857 to June 17, 1859). For the purpose of giving the office its own address identity, it was called Forest Hill, a description of Elisha's hilltop homestead. Thereafter, the branch office passed to the homes of other postmasters until it came to rest at a small settlement five miles southwest of where it started. That is how the present village of Forest Hill got its name.

After lumber became locally available for construction, about 1858 or '59 Elisha built a frame house, and the log hut was abandoned.

From the day Elisha left his grandparents' care in 1835, until he settled in Michigan twenty years later, his means of livelihood involved assorted forms of hard physical labor. In Michigan, farming was his main occupation, but he also was a dedicated purveyor of pulpit religion. Sometime during the course of his early life a religious bent began asserting itself; also, his father-in-law, a United Brethren preacher, undoubtedly was influential. A passage in the book "Churches of Christ" (of Michigan) reveals that he had been a member of the Disciples of Christ denomination in Indiana. Whether he ever received any formal instruction or ordination from a school of religion is not known, but by midlife he was recognized as a successful "evangelist."

About 1861 an evangelist from Indiana visited central Michigan. With Elisha's collaboration, revival meetings were held at Pine River and Salt River (Shepherd, in Isabella Co.) villages. The formation of several small churches resulted.

Before church buildings could be afforded, meetings were held at schoolhouses or residences. Membership of the Forest Hill congregation quickly outgrew its quarters, so three branches were formed: one remaining there, one at Pine River and one at Pleasant Ridge (Coe, in Isabella Co.). Living near Pleasant Ridge, it was convenient for the Brooks family to attend services there. After a few years, they transferred their membership to St. Louis (formerly Pine River).

Soon after arriving in 1855, settlers made plans for educating their children. The first school in Pine River village was erected in 1857. (By 1867 the county had 61 log and 24 frame schoolhouses.) An exact date is not known, but approximately in the late 1860s or early '70s Elisha thought St. Louis was ready for a facility more advanced than elementary grades. Under his promotion, and the support of local Disciples of Christ, a small stock company constructed an imposing frame building atop the hill on the north edge of the river; and Elisha was the first president of The St. Louis Academy Association. Although there is no precise record of its duration, the venture was short-lived, abandoned before 1879--as public interest in a private school was insufficient to support its continuance. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries the building successfully served as Yerington's College, where commercial courses and music were taught. After that, the structure stood vacant a number of years until razed in 1952.

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Born over a period of twenty-eight years (1845-1873), Elisha and Laura Brooks had eight children. The following biographical briefs describe the lives of the four who survived to adulthood.

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Born in Indiana, son Daniel, as already noted, died there.

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Warren, the second child born in Indiana, married Emaline, daughter of Amos and Eleanor (Reeves) Payne of Greene Co., Pennsylvania. As farmers, they lived their years together on the south half of the acreage which Warren's father had homesteaded. There, they raised three daughters and a son: Angeline, Alta, Elsie and Bliss. Another daughter, Mintie, died at age 8. Emaline died in 1915. Sometime in the 1920s Warren moved to a farm two miles south, where he remained until his death in 1933.

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In Michigan, daughter Jessie was the only one of the children born in the log house before it was replaced. She married Charles Dutt, one of thirteen children born to (?) and Lydia (Hoover/Huber) Dute. (Some of the children changed the spelling of the name to Dutt.) The Dutes were of German extraction and lived in Venango Co. Pa. Charles could not speak English until he was nine years old, when he taught himself to read and write. Later, some of the Dutt offspring, and their widowed mother, settled in central Michigan on farms near Riverdale (Gratiot Co.) and Vestaburg (Montcalm Co.). Elizabeth, one of Charles' younger sisters, was the mother of Conrad Riess, the husband of Warren Brooks' daughter Angeline. Jessie and Charles were farmers in Coe Township, Isabella Co. (section 26), where they had three sons and a daughter: Meade, Clyde, Ruth and Charles. About 1908 they moved to Alma, Mich. where Charles engaged in carpentry. In 1916 Jessie and Charles went to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he continued to ply his carpentry trade. A couple of years after Jessie died there in 1921, Charles went to Los Angeles, California where he lived with his eldest son, Meade, until Meade's death in 1930, after which he resided at a retirement home in San Gabriel, Calif.

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California, Lincoln and Laura, the fourth, fifth and sixth offspring respectively, died in childhood.

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Flora, the seventh child, married Chester Alexander who was born in Lenawee Co., Mich. to Mortimer and Mary Alexander. He was a telegrapher until age 21. Married to Etta Baker at Holt, Mich. in 1883, they moved to Isabella Co. where two daughters, Bessie and Dora, were born. Etta died in 1892, and the following year "Chet" married Flora Brooks. They lived on his farm (Coe Twp., section 27) until the early 1900s when they went to St. Louis where he was affiliated with a meat market. After 1909 they returned to the farm and built a new barn in 1915. Around 1920-21 they lived in Shepherd two

or three years while Chet worked for a livestock shipping co-op. Back on the farm again, when Chet's health declined in the '20s, they moved to a house at the east edge of the nearby settlement of Coe, keeping their farm for rental income. Nine miles east, along the Pine River in Porter Twp., Midland Co., they owned 112 acres of summer cow-pasture. Directly after Chet died in 1932, oil was discovered in that part of Porter Twp. With income from oil wells, Flora was able to have a winter home near Tampa, Florida; also, she funded construction of a dormitory at the summer campground of mid-state units of the Christian Church at Rock Lake in Montcalm Co. Flora had no children of her own, and both stepdaughters preceded her in death.

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The eighth and youngest child, Nellie, wed Anson Fowler, one of four children born to Edward and Eunice (Eddy) Fowler. In mid-Michigan the elder Fowlers were farmers, but prior to their establishment there both Edward and Eunice had been school teachers in Hillsdale Co., Mich. (Earlier forebears--Fowler and Eddy--had roots in New York state.) Anson was born on the south boundary of Isabella Co., adjacent to the Elisha Brooks farm on the north side of Gratiot Co. Thus Nellie and Anson were next-door neighbors. Married, they were farmers and lived on the north half of what had been Elisha's homestead. After Elisha died in 1891, his widow, Laura, lived with Nellie and Anson the remainder of her years. The Fowlers had one son and one daughter: O. S. and Ketha. About 1935, or soon after, they began going to Florida with Nellie's sister Flora, their winter home being nearby at Dunedin. They wintered there every year until 1958.

OTHNIEL BROOKS

At age 13, Othniel left his grandparents' home in 1835, the same year his brother left.

Employed in the lumbering trade and other occupations for twelve years, by 1847 he had enough savings to buy a 72-acre farm near Braceville, Ohio.

At nearby Warren, Ohio, in December of the previous year, he had married Lois Wilmot, daughter of Randall and Mary (Grant) Wilmot. Randall was born in Woodbridge, Conn. and Mary in Sullivan Co., N. Y. Lois, born at Bethany, Pa. (Wayne Co.), had a half brother, David Wilmot, who became a Pennsylvania congressman in 1844. Sometime between 1832 and 1843 the Wilmots moved from Pennsylvania to Braceville where they owned a general store.

Othniel sold his first farm and that marked the beginning of involvement in real estate ventures for nearly three decades in Ohio, wherein a series of farms were bought and sold for profit.

Of five children born to Lois and Othniel, daughter Jessie was the only one who survived. Lois died in 1865, at age 40, and four years later Othniel married Mercy (Tucker) Russell, daughter of Charles and Tamar (Middleditch) Tucker. Mercy was the widow of Dr. Robert Russell, M. D. A number of Tucker families lived in eastern Trumbull County at that time. Emily Tucker, one of Mercy's sisters, married Collins Bacon whose family founded the settlement of Baconsburg, now known as Cortland (9 miles northeast of Warren, O.).

Othniel and Mercy had three children: daughter Nellie died at age two; sons Fred and Gale survived.

Alone, early in 1875, Othniel went to Gratiot Co., Mich. where his sister and brother lived. From one landholder, on March 8 he bought five separate farms--totalling 235 acres--at a cost of \$4,000. He returned to Ohio and, in the fall, after the birth of son Gale in September, moved his family to St. Louis, Michigan.

By that time, twenty years after its founding, Gratiot Co. had a population of more than 12,000 and boasted many marks of progress.

As farmers and logging crews cleared away the forest, the lumber industry flourished. In addition to a number of local sawmills, Saginaw also received some of the flood of trees being cut. Every spring, at high-water time, great drives of pine logs were floated to downstream mills.

The three principle communities of the county, St. Louis, Alma and Ithaca, were boom towns of commerce. Several hotels, a couple of newspapers and two banks symbolized the tide of prosperity. Completion of a plank road between St. Louis and Sag-

inaw in 1869, and a railroad in 1872, accelerated the shipment of wood products from the area. With those transportation improvements at hand, several cooperages (barrel factories) were a big business while the timber lasted.

Assuming that this unit of the Brooks family availed itself of railway service to mid-Michigan, the journey from Ohio was made in relative comfort--in contrast to the rugged wagon and foot travel which the first settlers had withstood twenty years earlier.

Just beyond the northwest edge of St. Louis, the family took up residence on a 75-acre portion of the original multi-farm purchase. The hilltop home had a sweeping view of the river and village below. (Prior to their ownership, the existing house had served as a boarding house for men employed in local industries.). From age 54 until failing health forced his retirement in the 1890s, Othniel farmed and conducted a sideline real estate business, as he had done in Ohio.

When he died in 1896, Mercy returned him to Braceville, Ohio for burial beside his first wife and deceased children. She continued living on the farm at St. Louis. (On some records, her name is spelled "Mercie".)

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At the time of its publication in 1884, a book of Gratiot County biographies stated that Jessie, the surviving daughter of Othniel's first marriage, was living; however, Othniel's grandchildren today know nothing of her fate. The family has no record, either written or oral, of her ever having lived in Michigan. When Othniel, Mercy and the two boys moved to Michigan in 1875, Jessie would have been 15 years old; and possibly she married and remained in Ohio.

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From the time of Othniel's health decline until well after his death, his elder son, Fred, worked the family farm--a period of more than a decade. In 1895 Fred married Jessie Hinkle and they had two sons, Jay and Francis, the first of whom died within a year. Around 1905 or '06, he and his family went to Detroit where he was employed as a conductor for the interurban railway. There, son Francis died, at age 13, of accidental gunshot wounds received while playing with a boyhood friend. Jessie died in 1918 and Fred remarried.

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Son Gale learned the baking trade at Ithaca and then, with a partner, opened a bakery and restaurant in St. Louis. In 1902 he married Pearl Caldwell, daughter of Seldon and Alice (Sprague) Caldwell. Their first home was on Delaware St. in town, two or three blocks south of Washington Ave. (near where the city water tower now stands). In 1906, after Gale's brother went to Detroit, they moved to the home farm, which he operated the rest of his life. There,

with the help of his carpenter father-in-law, extensive improvements were made during the course of the next several years. Electricity, central heating, a cistern, running water and hardwood floors were installed in the house; and a woodshed was replaced by an attached garage. In the farmyard, a tool shed, two-story granary and silo were added.

Local electricity had been produced in St. Louis since 1888, by a water-powered generator at the town's dam site. Used first for street lighting, it was extended to commercial and residential buildings by the turn of the century. Telephone service also became available. By 1909, downtown business streets were not yet paved, but board sidewalks were being replaced with concrete. Rows of horizontal "hitching posts" for horses still lined the streets, although use of wooden posts had given way to steel piping. Automobiles made their appearance and, within a couple of years, began to be commonplace.

Of seven children born to Gale and Pearl, two died in infancy. The survivors were: Alice, Grace, Lena, Gale Jr., Doris. Pearl died in 1918 and in 1920 Gale married Ava (Bond) VanBenschoten Sprague. (Ava's second husband had been Thurman Sprague, one of Pearl's first cousins.) In the mid-1930s, during the oil boom in nearby Midland County's Porter Township, the upstairs portion of the big house was converted into two apartments which were rented to oil workers. Gale lived until 1952 and Ava until 1971.

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Despite a goodly rate of propagation throughout the Brooks generations, the number of male members perpetuating the family surname has been relatively small. That meagerness is consistent among the descendants of Elisha and Othniel, wherein there exists today only one family unit from whom the Brooks name has any chance of continuance. That prospect rests with the offspring of Gale Brooks' son, Gale Jr.

To read of one's ancestors, of their names and times and journeys, is to become acquainted with a measure of their identity. And that acquainting cultivates a feeling of closeness to those people. They change from nameless strangers into persons of special meaning. Knowing something of ancestors narrows the distance which separates the past from the present.

FAMILY UNIT
OF
HANNAH BROOKS & JOSEPH FRARY

.83 Hannah Brooks

b. 1814--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
d. 27 Nov 1871--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
m. Mar 1833-- O.

Joseph Lewis Frary

b. 8 Sep 1807-- Mass.
d. 19 Nov 1890--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.

91 George Frary

b. c. 1837--Windham, Portage, O.
d. 1912--

92 Lydia M. Frary

b. 20 Sep 1838--Windham, Portage, O.
d. 9 Feb 1913--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
m. 17 May 1868--Pine River Twp., Gratiot, Mich.

David Wood

b. 20 Oct 1833--Center Twp., Greene, Pa.
d. 6 Apr 1911--Pine River Twp., Gratiot, Mich.

.101 Delaphine Hannah Wood

b. 25 Nov 1870--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
d. 5 Sep 1956--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
m. 1 Sep 1913--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.

Charles Briggs

b. 1852-- Macomb, Mich.
d. --

FAMILY UNIT
OF
ELISHA BROOKS & LAURA BARTLETT

- .84 Elisha Hall Brooks
 b. 4 Apr 1818--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
 d. 18 Sep 1891--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 9 Apr 1845--Stafford, DeKalb, Ind.
- Laura Jane Bartlett
 b. 25 Sep 1829--Gustavus, Trumbull, O.
 d. 6 Apr 1908--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
- 91 Daniel W. Brooks
 b. 31 Dec 1845--Stafford, DeKalb, Ind.
 d. --Stafford, DeKalb, Ind.
- 92 Warren Brooks
 b. 15 Sep 1848--Stafford, DeKalb, Ind.
 d. 24 Mar 1933--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 4 Mar 1870--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
- Emaline Payne
 b. 29 Dec 1849--Greene Co., Pa.
 d. 24 May 1915--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
- 101 Angeline Brooks
 102 Alta Brooks
 103 Elsie Brooks
 104 Mintie Brooks
 105 William Brooks
- 93 Jessie Independence Brooks
 b. 4 Jul 1857--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 14 Jan 1921--Tulsa, Tulsa, Okla.
 m. 8 Apr 1876--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
- Charles John Dutt
 b. 1 Jul 1851--Venango Co., Pa.
 d. 9 Jan 1933--Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 101 Meade Dutt
 102 Clyde Dutt
 103 (male) Dutt
 104 Ruth Dutt
 104 Charles Dutt
- 94 California Z. Brooks
 b. 3 Sep 1859--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 23 Jan 1873--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
- 95 Lincoln A. Brooks
 b. 16 Mar 1861--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 12 Mar 1873--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
- 96 Laura Bell Brooks
 b. 14 Jul 1866--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 16 Jul 1880--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.

- .84 97 Flora Hadsell Brooks
 b. 1 Jan 1868--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 11 Jun 1939--Ann Arbor, Washtenaw, Mich.
 m. 20 May 1893--Forest Hill, Gratiot, Mich.
Chester Delmar Alexander
 b. 23 Dec 1859--Lenawee Co., Mich.
 d. 9 Mar 1932--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
 | 101 Bessie Alexander (S)
 | 102 Dora Alexander (S)
- 98 Nellie Pearl Brooks
 b. 18 Dec 1873--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 22 Feb 1960--Dunedin, Pinellas, Fla.
 m. 13 Sep 1893--Mt. Pleasant, Isabella, Mich.
Anson James Fowler
 b. 15 Oct 1866--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
 d. 4 Feb 1959--Traverse City, Grand Traverse, Mich.
 | 101 O. S. Fowler
 | 102 Ketha Fowler

DESCENDANTS
OF
WARREN BROOKS & EMALINE PAYNE

101 Angeline A. Brooks

b. 21 Oct 1870--Pine River Twp., Gratiot, Mich.
d. 12 Apr 1965--Mt. Pleasant, Isabella, Mich.
m. 27 Jan 1892--Shepherd, Isabella, Mich.

Conrad V. Riess

b. 8 Sep 1864-- O.
d. 23 Sep 1909--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.

.111 Paul R. Riess

b. 18 Feb 1894--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
d. --
m. 25 Dec 1915--Shepherd, Isabella, Mich.

Retha N. Fuller

b. 5 Aug 1894--Shepherd, Isabella, Mich.

.121 Dona Ruth Riess

b. 26 Feb 1920--Shepherd, Isabella, Mich.
m. --

b. --

102 Alta D. Brooks

b. 2 Dec 1871--Pine River Twp., Gratiot, Mich.
d. 15 Feb 1953--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
m. 7 Oct 1892--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.

Thomas S. Leonard

b. 15 Sep 1868--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
d. 20 May 1947--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

.111 Stanley Leonard

b. 13 Sep 1893--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
d. 8 Jan 1919--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
m. 29 Jan 1916--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.

Nina Wright

b. 26 Aug 1894--Laura, Miami, O.
d. 31 May 1967--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

.121 Ivol Mae Leonard

b. 29 Oct 1916--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
d. 21 Jun 1972--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
m. 23 May 1935--(Shepherd), Gratiot, Mich.

Henry Gibson

b. 23 May 1913--Bethany Twp., Gratiot, Mich.
d. 2 Apr 1975--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

131 Robert Charles Gibson

b. 17 Jul 1936--Bethany Twp., Gratiot, Mich.
m. 31 Mar 1961--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

Caren Jane Covell

b. 7 May 1943--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.

141 Rock Charles Gibson

b. 8 Oct 1961--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

142 Mart Lee Gibson

b. 20 Oct 1962--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

- 102 .111 .121 131 143 Kellie Anne Gibson
b. 21 Nov 1965--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 144 Shannon Rae Gibson
b. 17 Mar 1969--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 132 Richard Lee Gibson
b. 4 May 1940--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
m. 17 May 1958--Edgewood, Gratiot, Mich.
Patty Lou Zimmerman
b. 7 Nov 1939--Breckenridge, Gratiot, Mich.
- 141 Geri Lynn Gibson
b. 22 Oct 1959--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- .151 Sadie L. Gibson
b. 10 May 1955--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 142 Jann Lee Gibson
b. 23 Jul 1961--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
m. 17 Jul 1982--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
Kevin Andrew Craig
b. 23 Apr 1957--Evanston, Cook, Ill.
- 133 Ronald James Gibson
b. 30 May 1947--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
m. 27 Sep 1964--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
Brenda Joyce Foster
b. 19 Aug 1947--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 141 Kimberly Sue Gibson
b. 21 Mar 1965--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 142 James R. Gibson
b. 10 Sep 1967--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 134 Ricky Lynn Gibson
b. 30 Jan 1955--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
m. 15 Sep 1973--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
Roxanne Ruth Campbell
b. 2 Jan 1955--Mt. Pleasant, Isabella, Mich.
- 141 Kari Maylee Gibson
b. 15 Jul 1975--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 142 Justin Douglas Gibson
b. 13 Aug 1978--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 103 Elsie Ann Brooks
b. 25 Sep 1873--Pine River Twp., Gratiot, Mich.
d. 11 Jan 1950--Shepherd, Isabella, Mich.
m. 1898--
Rex (Jack) R. Thomas
b. 24 Jan 1876--Chicago, Cook, Ill.
d. 25 Apr 1904--Chicago, Cook, Ill.
- .111 Winifred (Brooks)-Vroman
b. 16 Oct 1894--Grand Rapids, Kent, Mich.
m. 4 Dec 1912--Mt. Pleasant, Isabella, Mich.
Henry William Jackson
b. 22 Nov 1892--Fulton Twp., Gratiot, Mich.
d. 17 Feb 1958--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 121 William Henry Jackson
b. 14 Aug 1913--Shepherd, Isabella, Mich.
m. 24 Dec 1938--Clare, Clare, Mich.
Aletha May McLaughlin
b. 29 Apr 1921--Vernon Twp., Isabella, Mich.

- 103 .111 121 131 William Craig Jackson
 b. 15 Apr 1939--Clare, Clare, Mich.
 m. 7 Nov 1964--Clare, Clare, Mich.
Katheleen Elizabeth Thayer
 b. 2 Jun 1940--Clare, Clare, Mich.
- 141 Kelvin Richard Jackson
 b. 19 Apr 1960--Clare, Clare, Mich.
- 142 Jeanette Gail Jackson
 b. 11 Apr 1965--Clarksville, Montgomery, Tenn.
- 143 Dianne Louise Jackson
 b. 5 Aug 1966--Mt. Pleasant, Isabella, Mich.
- 144 Lynda Marie Jackson
 b. 5 Aug 1967--Mt. Pleasant, Isabella, Mich.
- 145 Theresa Suzette Jackson
 b. 10 Jul 1968--Big Rapids, Mecosta, Mich.
- 146 Holly Mae Jackson
 b. 28 Sep 1972--Racine, Racine, Wis.
- 132 Jerry Lee Jackson
 b. 2 Aug 1940--Clare, Clare, Mich.
- 133 Sharon Mae Jackson
 b. 4 Jun 1942--Clare, Clare, Mich.
- 134 Keith Duane Jackson
 b. 6 May 1945--Clare, Clare, Mich.
 m. 31 Jul 1967--Elizabeth City, Pasquotank, N. C.
Linda Fay Butler
 b. 10 Nov 1947--Norfolk, Norfolk, Va.
- 141 Shannon Lee Jackson
 b. 13 Sep 1971--Clare, Clare, Mich.
- 142 Shawn Marie Jackson
 b. 5 Aug 1974--Clare, Clare, Mich.
- 122 Norman R. Jackson
 b. 11 Nov 1914--Shepherd, Isabella, Mich.
 m. 8 Nov 1938--Frankenmuth, Saginaw, Mich.
Marjorie Nowlen
 b. c. 1919-- Mich.
- 131 Beverly Jackson
 b. --Clare, Clare, Mich.
- 132 Mary Jane Jackson
 b. --Clare, Clare, Mich.
- 133 Norman R. Jackson, Jr.
 b. --Clare, Clare, Mich.
- (Norman Jackson)
 m. --
Charlene Brokaw
 b. --
- .131 Richard Charles Jackson
 b. c. 1952--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 123 LaFerne N. Jackson
 b. 10 Mar 1917--Shepherd, Isabella, Mich.
 m. 6 Aug 1933--Lagrange, Lagrange, Ind.
Wellington Nelson French
 b. 15 Aug 1911--Beaverton, Gladwin, Mich.
 d. 28 Apr 1946--Sanford, Midland, Mich.

- 103 .111 123
- 131 Larry Wayne (French)-Thornton
 b. 14 Mar 1935--Midland, Midland, Mich.
 m. 11 Aug 1957--Fayetteville, Lincoln, Tenn.
Anne Patricia Wallace
 b. 13 Sep 1937--Fayetteville, Lincoln, Tenn.
- 141 Kevin Wayne Thornton
 b. 12 Jul 1958--Anderson, Madison, Ind.
 m. 29 Aug 1979--Durham, Durham, N. C.
Sherry Lynn Eggers
 b. 17 May 1961--Pensacola, Escambia, Fla.
- .151 Brian Kevin Thornton
 b. 11 Apr 1981--Mobile, Mobile, Ala.
- 142 Cheryl Ann Thornton
 b. 22 Jul 1960--Anderson, Madison, Ind.
 m. 1 Sep 1979--Mobile, Mobile, Ala.
Elbert Turner Shaw, Jr.
 b. 20 Jul 1956--Phenix City, Russell, Ala.
- 151 John Patrick Shaw
 b. 25 Aug 1980--Frankfurt, W. Germany
- 152 Stephanie Marie Shaw
 b. 9 Sep 1982--Frankfurt, W. Germany
- 132 JoAnne Ruth (French)-Thornton
 b. 12 Jan 1937--Midland, Midland, Mich.
 m. 22 Jun 1957--Midland, Midland, Mich.
Thomas Earl Nelson
 b. 13 Nov 1933--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.
- .141 Peter Thomas Nelson (A)
 b. 2 Oct 1962--Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wis.
- .142 Sally Jo Nelson
 b. 7 Dec 1963--Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wis.
- 133 Jeanne Sylvia (French)-Thornton
 b. 19 Nov 1940--Midland, Midland, Mich.
 m. 29 Oct 1960--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
Edward Oreste Piz
 b. 16 Aug 1932--Denver, Denver, Col.
- 141 Jon Edward Piz
 b. 10 Aug 1961--Denver, Denver, Col.
- 142 Daniel Scott Piz
 b. 7 Feb 1962--Denver, Denver, Col.
- 143 William Lawrence Piz
 b. 21 Dec 1970--Denver, Jefferson, Col.
- (Ferne Jackson French)
 m. 21 Jun 1947--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
Lawrence Edwin Thornton
 b. 27 Mar 1918--Sanford, Midland, Mich.
- .131 Betty Jean Thornton
 b. 12 Jul 1948--Midland, Midland, Mich.
 m. 10 Dec 1966--Midland, Midland, Mich.
Gary Allen Delano
 b. 28 Oct 1943--San Antonio, Bexar, Tex.
- 141 Jeffrey Allen Delano
 b. 8 Oct 1968--Wichita, Sedgwick, Kan.
- 142 Jennifer Ann Delano
 b. 14 May 1970--Houston, Harris, Tex.

- 103 .111 123 .131 (Betty Thornton Delano)
 m. 22 May 1976--Midland, Midland, Mich.
William Francis Eady
 b. 1 Feb 1931--Mineola, Nassau, N. Y.
- 124 Carrie Ruth Jackson
 b. 15 Aug 1920--Shepherd, Isabella, Mich.
 m. 17 Dec 1938--Clare, Clare, Mich.
Basil Coridan Harvey
 b. 4 Mar 1911--Brown City, Sanilac, Mich.
- 131 Michael Lynn Harvey
 b. 12 Jun 1939--Midland, Midland, Mich.
 m. 1 May 1963--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
Bonnie Jean LaLonde
 b. 15 Nov 1940--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 141 Patrick Michael Harvey
 b. 27 Dec 1964--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 142 Kimberly Lynn Harvey
 b. 20 Dec 1967--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
 (Michael Harvey)
 m. 8 Jul 1977--Bridgeport, Saginaw, Mich.
Sheila Irene Davenport
 b. 22 Feb 1948--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 132 Kenneth Coridan Harvey
 b. 1 Dec 1943--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
 m. 30 Oct 1965--Bridgeport, Saginaw, Mich.
Sharon Ann Zoellner
 b. 17 Nov 1946--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 141 Kenneth Dean Harvey
 b. 26 Apr 1966--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 142 Kari Ann Harvey
 b. 14 Jun 1977--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 133 Dennis Basil Harvey
 b. 26 Dec 1948--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
 m. 21 Aug 1976--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
Frances Lynn Eaves
 b. 20 Aug 1950--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- .141 Dennis Michael Harvey
 b. 22 Apr 1979--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 125 Romain Charles Jackson
 b. 5 May 1927--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 12 Aug 1948--Angola, Steuben, Ind.
Barbara Jean Brown
 b. 5 May 1927--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 131 William Charles Jackson
 b. 13 Apr 1951--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
 m. 27 Apr 1973--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
Judy Lynn Lauckner
 b. 25 Feb 1952--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 141 Geoffrey William Jackson
 b. 24 Jan 1977--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 142 Jessica Anne Jackson
 b. 16 Feb 1981--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.

- 103 .111 125 132 David Lee Jackson
 b. 13 Jan 1955--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
 m. 8 Nov 1975--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
Laura Lynn Elliott
 b. 6 Nov 1957--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 141 Scott Charles Jackson
 b. 13 Oct 1977--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 142 Carey Beth Jackson
 b. 2 Aug 1980--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 133 Robert Alan Jackson
 b. 26 Sep 1956--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
 m. 20 Oct 1979--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
Kathy Lynne Marshall
 b. 4 Feb 1957--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- (Romain Jackson)
 m. 2 Feb 1973--Spruce, Alcona, Mich.
Nancy Lou Pettyplace Cruz
 b. 19 Feb 1931--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- .131 Denise Marie (Cruz)-Jackson (A)
 b. 8 Oct 1959--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- .141 Mark Alan Jackson
 b. 5 Jul 1978--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 126 Marion Dean Jackson
 b. 4 Sep 1928--Forest Hill, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 27 May 1935--Clare, Clare, Mich.
- (Winifred Vroman Jackson)
 m. 3 Feb 1960--Largo, Pinellas, Fla.
O. S. Fowler
 b. 25 Mar 1895--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
- (Elsie Brooks Thomas)
 m. 23 Aug 1923--(Coe Twp., Isabella), Gratiot, Mich.
Merton D. Gates
 b. 1875--Stanton, Montcalm, Mich.
 d. --Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 104 Mintie R. Brooks
 b. 28 Apr 1880--Pine River Twp., Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 1888--Pine River Twp., Gratiot, Mich.
- 105 William Bliss Brooks
 b. 8 Nov 1889--Pine River Twp., Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 28 Mar 1965--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 14 Jun 1911--(Shepherd), Gratiot, Mich.
- Lucy Hale
 b. 1 May 1892--Maple Rapids, Clinton, Mich.
 d. 21 Sep 1970--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
- .111 Glenn Romaine Brooks
 b. 24 Mar 1914--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 10 Jun 1937--Pine River Twp., Gratiot, Mich.
- Georgia Holmes
 b. 1917--Pine River Twp., Gratiot, Mich.
- (Glenn Brooks)
 m. 1 May 1951--(Saginaw), Gratiot, Mich.
- Mardis Pamela Crittenden Stanzak
 b. 1931--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

DESCENDANTS
OF
JESSIE BROOKS & CHARLES DUTT

101 Meade Ervin Dutt

b. 6 Nov 1877--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
d. 30 Dec 1930--Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.
m. 22 Dec 1898--Mt. Pleasant, Isabella, Mich.

Elizabeth Branden

b. 1875-- Penn.
d. --

(Meade Dutt)

m. 25 May 1904--DeKalb, DeKalb, Ill.

Bertha Louise Mennis

b. 22 Sep 1885--DeKalb, DeKalb, Ill.
d. 17 Jan 1977--Sacramento, Sacramento, Calif.

111 Brooks Houghton Dutt

b. 17 Jun 1907--DeKalb, DeKalb, Ill.
m. 11 Jun 1930--Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.

Helen Muriel Kenney

b. 28 Dec 1908--Fresno, Fresno, Calif.

121 James Ervin Dutt

b. 8 Nov 1932--Fresno, Fresno, Calif.
m. 30 Dec 1961--Reedley, Fresno, Calif.

Barbara Jean Krakow

b. 4 Apr 1938--Fresno, Fresno, Calif.

131 Ruth Ann Dutt

b. 3 Nov 1962--Burbank, Los Angeles, Calif.

132 Mary Catherine Dutt

b. 1 Dec 1964--Burbank, Los Angeles, Calif.

133 Paula Kathleen Dutt

b. 29 Dec 1965--Burbank, Los Angeles, Calif.

134 Helena Marie Dutt

b. 29 Dec 1965--Burbank, Los Angeles, Calif.

135 June Loraine Dutt

b. 12 May 1967--Burbank, Los Angeles, Calif.

136 Diane Lynne Dutt

b. 21 Aug 1968--Burbank, Los Angeles, Calif.

137 Kurt Houghton Dutt

b. 21 Jun 1970--Burbank, Los Angeles, Calif.

138 Patrick Edmond Dutt

b. 14 Feb 1978--Burbank, Los Angeles, Calif.

122 Theodore Houghton Dutt

b. 11 Aug 1934--Fresno, Fresno, Calif.

m. 9 Apr 1975--Reno, Washoe, Nev.

Vera Maldonado

b. 2 Nov 1931--Redwood City, San Mateo, Calif.

112 Rosalee Dutt

b. 8 Nov 1916--East St. Louis, St. Clair, Ill.

m. 6 Dec 1937--Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.

Willard Allen Robinson

b. 23 Apr 1916--Nortonville, Jefferson, Kan.

(Rosalee Dutt Robinson)

m. 28 Nov 1949--

Mexico

Clarence H. McKinley

b. 15 Jan 1904--Ashland, Ashland, Wis.

- 101 112 (Rosalee Dutt Robinson McKinley)
 m. 9 Dec 1970--Reno, Washoe, Nev.
Bernard F. Dege
 b. 28 Apr 1916--
 (Rosalee Dutt Robinson McKinley Dege)
 m. 16 Mar 1974--South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado, Calif.
George Delmar Garland
 b. 28 Jan 1914--Lacombe, Alberta, Canada
- 113 Mary Louise Dutt
 b. 24 Nov 1926--Fresno, Fresno, Calif.
 m. 18 Oct 1945--Glendale, Los Angeles, Calif.
Donald Burton Walz
 b. 12 Mar 1925--Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 121 Donna Louise Walz
 b. 21 May 1947--Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.
 m. 20 Oct 1979--Long Beach, Los Angeles, Calif.
Joel Allen Colbert
 b. 18 Apr 1949--New Haven, New Haven, Conn.
- 122 Susan Elaine Walz
 b. 23 Dec 1951--Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.
 m. 12 Feb 1971--San Pedro, Los Angeles, Calif.
Robert Johnson Lake II
 b. 23 Feb 1951--Pittsburg, Contra Costa, Calif.
- 131 Scott Ryan Lake
 b. 24 Jun 1975--Torrance, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 132 Casey Ryan Lake
 b. 26 Jul 1980--Torrance, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 123 Jeffery Burton Walz
 b. 9 Jan 1954--Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.
 m. 10 Aug 1974--San Pedro, Los Angeles, Calif.
Elizabeth Ann Crosby
 b. 27 Nov 1955--Elkhart, Elkhart, Ind.
- 102 Clyde Hall Dutt
 b. 23 Dec 1882--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
 d. 15 Jan 1918--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 21 Sep 1904--Stevensville, Berrien, Mich.
May Justina Absalom
 b. 12 Dec 1883-- Mich.
 d. 29 Apr 1968--St. Joseph, Berrien, Mich.
- 111 Norman C. Dutt
 b. 1 Sep 1905--Benton Harbor, Berrien, Mich.
 m. 10 Jun 1936--South Bend, St. Joseph, Ind.
Josephine Ruble
 b. 18 Jun 1916--Warren, Huntington, Ind.
- 121 Rodney Charles Dutt
 b. 2 Oct 1936--St. Joseph, Berrien, Mich.
 m. 4 Sep 1955--Roanoke, Huntington, Ind.
Mary Ann Ward
 b. 30 Jan 1937--Goshen, Elkhart, Ind.
- 131 Ann Darlene Dutt
 b. 20 Jan 1960--Huntington, Huntington, Ind.
- 132 Kirk Wayne Dutt
 b. 25 Nov 1962--Huntington, Huntington, Ind.
- 133 Kaarin Ann Dutt
 b. 14 Oct 1973--Plymouth, Marshall, Ind.

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.122 Fredric Henry Dutt

b. 7 Oct 1937--St. Joseph, Berrien, Mich.
 m. 20 Jun 1957--Huntington, Huntington, Ind.

Carole Louise Wood

b. 23 Aug 1936--Huntington, Huntington, Ind.

131 Jodi Gail Dutt

b. 26 Apr 1958--Kingston, Washington, R. I.
 m. Feb 1979--Alexandria, Madison, Ind.

David Whaley

b. 15 Sep 1952--Vallejo, Solano, Calif.

141 Leah Ann Whaley

b. 26 Aug 1978--Huntington, Huntington, Ind.

142 Geoffrey Lynn Whaley

b. 9 Oct 1979--Huntington, Huntington, Ind.

132 Amy Lyn Dutt

b. 20 Jan 1960--Huntington, Huntington, Ind.
 m. 7 Jul 1979--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.

Bruce Kleinknight

b. --Bluffton, Wells, Ind.

141 Elizabeth Jean Kleinknight

b. 16 Dec 1980--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.

142 Kevin Lin Kleinknight

b. 15 Nov 1982--Valdosta, Lowndes, Ga.

133 Kelly Marie Dutt

b. 19 Jun 1965--Huntington, Huntington, Ind.

(Fredric Dutt)

m. 20 Jul 1973--Huntington, Huntington, Ind.

Ellen Marie Walker

b. 15 Jun 1940--Huntington, Huntington, Ind.

(Fredric Dutt)

m. 25 Apr 1982--Huntington, Huntington, Ind.

Susan Sheryl Walker

b. 21 Dec 1950--Ft. Wayne, Allen, Ind.

(Norman Dutt)

m. 30 Mar 1947--Arlington, Arlington, Va.

Jewell Funderburg Bryan

b. 8 Nov 1906--Charleston, Charleston, S. C.

d. 10 Jan 1983--Berkeley, Alameda, Calif.

.121 Carole Louise (Bryan)-Dutt (A)

b. 8 Nov 1932--Gastonia, Gaston, N. C.

112 Clair A. Dutt

b. 7 Feb 1907--Stevensville, Berrien, Mich.

(Clyde Dutt)

m. 18 Dec 1912--Belding, Ionia, Mich.

Gladys Evelyn Ellis

b. 20 Oct 1889--Belding, Ionia, Mich.

.111 Ruth Mildred Dutt

b. 10 Oct 1913--Bay City, Bay, Mich.

m. 8 Jun 1935--Eaton Rapids, Eaton, Mich.

Sigmund Joseph Wojtysiak

b. 11 May 1914--Albany, Albany, N. Y.

d. 4 Oct 1968--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.

- 102 .111 121 Joseph Dutt Wojtysiak
 b. 29 May 1936--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 22 Oct 1961--Grand Forks, Grand, N. D.
Alice June Rudolph
 b. 30 Jun 1939--Venturia, McIntosh, N. D.
 131 Barbara Ruth Allison Wojtysiak
 b. 31 Jul 1962--Grand Forks, Grand, N. D.
 132 Adam Sigmund Wojtysiak
 b. 11 Aug 1963--Appleton, Outagamie, Wis.
- 122 Mary Frances Wojtysiak
 b. 3 Sep 1941--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 8 Sep 1962--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
Larry Owen Stid
 b. 5 Jun 1939--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 131 Kristin Marie Stid
 b. 4 Nov 1963--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 132 Jeffery Owen Stid
 b. 20 Dec 1965--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 123 John Sigmund Wojtysiak
 b. 11 Jun 1947--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 20 Aug 1976--Chicago, Cook, Ill.
Susan Wagoner Morrison
 b. 13 Jul 1952--Chicago, Cook, Ill.
- 103 (male) Dutt
 b. 8 May 1893--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
 d. May 1893--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
- 104 Ruth Laura Dutt
 b. 16 Dec 1894--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
 d. 11 Sep 1980--North Manchester, Wabash, Ind.
 m. --
Ernest C. Estes
 b. 22 Dec 1893--Livingston, Overton, Tenn.
 d. 29 Mar 1932--Livingston, Overton, Tenn.
 (Ruth Dutt Estes)
 m. 1 Aug 1948--Indianapolis, Marion, Ind.
Joseph M. Milner
 b. 1 Mar 1878-- Ill.
 d. 14 May 1958--Indianapolis, Marion, Ind.
- 105 Charles Ashley Dutt
 b. 9 Apr 1896--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
 m. 17 Aug 1929--Des Moines, Polk, Ia.
Genevieve Eleanor Morgan
 b. 10 Oct 1898--Washington, Washington, Ia.
 .111 Dale Morgan Dutt (A)
 b. 29 Mar 1940--Iowa City, Johnson, Ia.
 m. 26 Jun 1959--Des Moines, Polk, Ia.
Linda Lenore Dove
 b. 26 May 1941--Des Moines, Polk, Ia.
 .121 Timothy Patrick Dutt
 b. 19 Mar 1961--Heidelberg, Germany
 (Dale Dutt)
 m. 23 Jul 1966--Omaha, Douglas, Neb.
Judith Ann Cubit
 b. 19 Mar 1940--Oskaloosa, Mahaska, Ia.

DESCENDANTS
OF
FLORA BROOKS & CHESTER ALEXANDER

- 101 Bessie Louise Alexander (S)
 b. 1 Dec 1884--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
 d. 4 Jan 1915--Pasadena, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 102 Dora Lowella Alexander (S)
 b. 29 Aug 1886--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
 d. 10 Feb 1922--Shepherd, Isabella, Mich.
 m. --
Benjamin Heidman
 b. --
 d. --
 .111 Orion Heidman
 b. --

DESCENDANTS
OF
NELLIE BROOKS & ANSON FOWLER

101 O. S. Fowler

b. 25 Mar 1895--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
m. 21 Sep 1917--(Jasper Twp.), Gratiot, Mich.

Dora Anice Parrish

b. 1 Jan 1898--Paulding, Paulding, O.
d. 20 May 1959--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

111 Jack Dudley Fowler

b. 19 Apr 1921--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
d. 29 Jul 1981--Rangely, Rio Blanco, Col.
m. 23 Oct 1943--Breckenridge, Gratiot, Mich.

Joyce Elaine Harrison

b. 23 May 1924--Ithaca, Gratiot, Mich.

121 Thomas Lee Fowler

b. 27 Sep 1944--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
m. 1 Oct 1965--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.

Rebecca Louise Logan

b. 23 Jan 1944--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.

131 Geoffrey Alan Fowler (A)

b. 13 Apr 1969--Bogota, Colombia

132 Kristen Kay Fowler

b. 16 Mar 1970--Ithaca, Tompkins, N. Y.

(Thomas Fowler)

m. 20 Jun 1982--Ithaca, Tompkins, N. Y.

Mary Melissa Craven

b. 30 Jan 1952--Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.

122 Beverly Ann Fowler

b. 5 Dec 1947--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
m. 23 Sep 1969--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.

Dennis Long

b. 28 Jul 1947--Freeland, Saginaw, Mich.

.131 Kristina Ann Long

b. 16 Jul 1968--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

(Beverly Fowler Long)

m. 28 Feb 1972--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.

Cecil Harvey Shattuck

b. 11 Jan 1944--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

131 Matthew Cecil Shattuck

b. 23 Jan 1973--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

132 Joseph William Anson Shattuck

b. 26 Apr 1978--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

133 Elizabeth Mae Shattuck

b. 1 Dec 1980--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

123 Dennis Jack Fowler

b. 9 Feb 1954--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
m. 27 Nov 1982--Mt. Pleasant, Isabella, Mich.

Janet Louise Scheel

b. 17 Feb 1957--Mt. Pleasant, Isabella, Mich.

- 101
- 111 .124 Paula Diane Fowler
 b. 13 Oct 1955--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 8 May 1976--Shepherd, Isabella, Mich.
Michael Norman Schafer
 b. 17 Sep 1954--Carson City, Montcalm, Mich.
 131 Danelle Lee Schafer
 b. 26 Oct 1976--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 132 Eric Michael Schafer
 b. 18 Nov 1978--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 133 Erin Marie Schafer
 b. 5 Sep 1980--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 112 Donald Brooks Fowler
 b. 9 May 1923--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
 m. 4 Feb 1943--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
Ruth Eileen Kline
 b. 17 Dec 1924--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich. *died Aug 2003*
- 121 Ronald Dean Fowler
 b. 21 Feb 1944--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 30 Jan 1965--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
Margaret Kay Fetzner
 b. 30 Aug 1944--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 131 Brian Scott Fowler
 b. 5 Oct 1968--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 132 Christine Marie Fowler
 b. 28 Jul 1974--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 122 Daniel Lynn Fowler
 b. 22 Jun 1945--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 23 Dec 1967--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
Paula Marie Good
 b. 8 Aug 1945--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 131 Lisa Ann Fowler
 b. 9 Jun 1968--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 132 John Anson Fowler
 b. 9 Jan 1970--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 123 Gail Kline Fowler
 b. 1 Mar 1951--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 15 May 1970--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
Valorie Ann Daniels
 b. 5 Mar 1951--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 131 Braden Gene Fowler
 b. 8 Nov 1970--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 132 Tracie Rayelle Fowler
 b. 25 Nov 1973--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 124 Darryl Kent Fowler
 b. 20 Nov 1963--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 113 Francis Henry Fowler
 b. 12 May 1928--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
 m. 19 Sep 1947--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
Ruth Margaret Taylor
 b. 18 Feb 1929--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.

- 101 | 113 | 121 Susan Ruth Fowler
 b. 31 May 1949--Lansing, Ingham, Mich. *d Jan 2002*
 m. 8 Apr 1972--Grand Ledge, Eaton, Mich.
James Michael Pavelka
 b. 23 Oct 1943--Standish, Arenac, Mich.
 | 131 Amelia Susan Pavelka
 | b. 2 Apr 1975--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 | 132 Sarah Ruth Pavelka
 | b. 4 Jan 1978--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 122 Christine Frances Fowler
 b. 27 Dec 1951--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 123 Carolyn Irene Fowler
 b. 27 Dec 1951--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 8 Sep 1972--Mt. Pleasant, Isabella, Mich.
Kyle Clach
 b. 1 Mar 1951--Wyandotte, Wayne, Mich.
 (Carolyn Fowler Clach)
 m. 27 Aug 1978--Fraser, Grand, Col.
Dean Stuart Jensen
 b. 6 Jan 1950--Billings, Yellowstone, Mont.
- 114 Eugene Oakleigh Fowler
 b. 20 May 1930--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
 m. 1 May 1951--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
Joanna Jeanne May
 b. 6 Jun 1932--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 121 Steven Bruce Fowler
 b. 25 Oct 1952--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 2 Mar 1978--Tehran, Iran
Parvaneh Afsaneh Eghtessadi
 b. 2 Mar 1951--Shiraz, Iran
 .131 Yasmeen Joanna Fowler
 b. 31 Dec 1982--Kuwait, Kuwait
- 122 Scott Eugene Fowler
 b. 21 Jun 1956--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 19 Nov 1982--Cincinnati, Hamilton, O.
Helen Amelia Kaufman
 b. 6 Nov 1958--Cincinnati, Hamilton, O.
 .131 Evan Scott Fowler
 b. 3 Jun 1983--Cincinnati, Hamilton, O.
- 123 Patrick Kelly Fowler
 b. 31 Dec 1960--Hamilton, Butler, O.
- 115 Laurence Delmar Fowler
 b. 15 Nov 1932--Coe Twp., Isabella, Mich.
 m. 10 Aug 1957--Royal Oak, Oakland, Mich.
Clare Louise Rathsburg
 b. 22 Aug 1933--Royal Oak, Oakland, Mich.
- (O. S. Fowler)
 m. 3 Feb 1960--Largo, Pinellas, Fla.
Winifred Vroman Jackson
 b. 16 Oct 1894--Grand Rapids, Kent, Mich.

.102 Ketha Eunice Fowler

b. 6 Aug 1900--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.

m. 3 Jul 1921--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.

George Cuthbert Parsons

b. 11 Feb 1901--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.

d. 15 Apr 1972--Dunedin, Pinellas, Fla.

111 Phyllis Elaine Parsons

b. 8 Nov 1922--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.

d. 30 Sep 1962--Dunedin, Pinellas, Fla.

m. 2 Mar 1941--Winter Park, Orange, Fla.

Marion Eugene Touchton

b. 12 Sep 1921-- Fla.

121 Eugene Fowler Touchton

b. 14 Dec 1941--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.

m. 14 Jun 1963--Largo, Pinellas, Fla.

Janet Elaine Brown

b. 31 Jul 1944--Mattoon, Coles, Ill.

131 Eugene Fowler Touchton, Jr.

b. 5 Jan 1968--Live Oak, Suwannee, Fla.

132 Kimberly Elaine Touchton

b. 17 Oct 1971--Dunedin, Pinellas, Fla.

122 James Robert Touchton

b. 5 Jan 1943--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.

m. 5 Oct 1961--Abbeville, Henry, Ala.

Shirley Dianne Earp

b. 2 Oct 1943--Tillsonburg, Oxford, Ont., Canada

131 Christopher James Touchton

b. 15 May 1962--St. Petersburg, Pinellas, Fla.

132 Michael James Touchton

b. 3 Aug 1965--St. Petersburg, Pinellas, Fla.

133 Jonathon James Touchton

b. 20 Oct 1968--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.

134 Sandra Michele Touchton

b. 24 Aug 1971--Lake City, Columbia, Fla.

135 Susan Lynn Touchton

b. 1 Nov 1972--Live Oak, Suwannee, Fla.

136 Sharon Lynette Touchton

b. 22 Mar 1975--Live Oak, Suwannee, Fla.

123 Terry Sheldon Touchton

b. 5 Dec 1944--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.

d. 13 Jul 1968--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.

124 Charles Rodney Touchton

b. 7 Jul 1946--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.

m. 3 Sep 1976--Live Oak, Suwannee, Fla.

Robin Suzanne English

b. 12 May 1957--Live Oak, Suwannee, Fla.

.131 Phyllis Elaine Touchton

b. 26 Feb 1981--Valdosta, Lowndes, Ga.

- .102
- 111
- 125 Jan Ray Touchton
 b. 5 Aug 1949--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.
 m. 25 Nov 1972--Live Oak, Suwannee, Fla.
Sarah Ann Starling
 b. 23 Aug 1954--Live Oak, Suwannee, Fla.
- 131 January Sky Touchton
 b. 10 Feb 1980--Live Oak, Suwannee, Fla.
- 132 Sara Beth Touchton
 b. 3 Aug 1982--Live Oak, Suwannee, Fla.
- 126 Cheryl Elaine Touchton
 b. 20 Jul 1955--Dunedin, Pinellas, Fla.
 m. 21 Sep 1973--Safety Harbor, Pinellas, Fla.
John Joseph Wehinger
 b. 29 Jul 1949--Cincinnati, Hamilton, O.
- 131 Jennifer Leigh Wehinger
 b. 24 Feb 1975--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.
- 132 Joshua Frederick Wehinger
 b. 11 May 1977--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.
- 133 Jessica Lynn Wehinger
 b. 26 May 1981--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.
- 127 Timothy LaVern Touchton
 b. 14 May 1959--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.
- 112 Jacqueline Onallee Parsons
 b. 18 Sep 1929--Holt, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 25 Dec 1945--Dunedin, Pinellas, Fla.
Bernard Burgner
 b. Aug 1920--
- .121 Phillip Raymond Burgner
 b. 6 Oct 1946--
 m. --
 b. --
- (?)
 (Jacqueline Parsons Burgner)
 m. 9 Feb 1951--Clearwater, Pinellas, Fla.
- George R. Johnson
 b. --
 (Jacqueline Parsons Burgner Johnson)
 m. 27 Jul 1957--Tampa, Hillsborough, Fla.
- Billy Ray Beard
 b. 26 Jan 1934--
 (Jacqueline Parsons Burgner Johnson Beard)
 m. --
 b. --

FAMILY UNITS
OF
OTHNIEL BROOKS & LOIS WILMOT
&
OTHNIEL BROOKS & MERCY (TUCKER) RUSSELL

.85 Othniel Charles Brooks

b. 22 Oct 1821--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
d. 1896--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
m. 10 Dec 1846--Warren, Trumbull, O.

Lois Wilmot

b. 19 Mar 1825--Bethany, Wayne, Pa.
d. 10 Aug 1865--Braceville, Trumbull, O.

91 Mary Brooks

b. 1849--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
d. 1851--Braceville, Trumbull, O.

92 Franklin Brooks

b. 1851--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
d. 1851--Braceville, Trumbull, O.

93 (son) Brooks

b. --Braceville, Trumbull, O.
d. --Braceville, Trumbull, O.

94 (daughter) Brooks

b. --Braceville, Trumbull, O.
d. --Braceville, Trumbull, O.

95 Jessie Brooks

b. c. 1860--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
d. --

(Othniel Brooks)

m. Nov 1869--Warren, Trumbull, O.

Mercy A. Tucker Russell

b. 25 Mar 1833--
d. 1 Jul 1915--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.

91 Nellie Grace Brooks

b. 1870-- Trumbull, O.
d. 1872-- Trumbull, O.

92 Fred Charles Brooks

b. 1872-- Trumbull, O.
d. c. 1940--Norwalk, Huron, O.
m. 30 Sep 1895--(Shepherd), Gratiot, Mich.

Jessie Hinkle

b. -- O.
d. 1918--Detroit, Wayne, Mich.

101 Jay Brooks

102 Francis Brooks

(Fred Brooks)

m. --

b. --

d. --

- .85 .93 Gale Othniel Brooks
 b. 4 Sep 1875--Warren, Trumbull, O.
 d. 31 Mar 1952--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 31 Mar 1902--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
Pearl Eleanor Caldwell
 b. 28 Nov 1883--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 29 Apr 1918--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 101 Theodore Brooks
 102 Alice Brooks
 103 Grace Brooks
 104 Lena Brooks
 105 Ruth Brooks
 106 Gale Brooks, Jr.
 107 Doris Brooks
 (Gale Brooks)
 m. 24 Mar 1920--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
Ava Bond VanBenschoten Sprague
 b. 8 Aug 1892--Clare, Clare, Mich.
 d. 4 Jan 1971--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.

DESCENDANTS
OF
FRED BROOKS & JESSIE HINKLE

- 101 Jay Brooks
b. 24 Jul 1896--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
d. 3 Oct 1897--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
- 102 Francis Brooks
b. 16 Apr 1899--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
d. 16 Jan 1913--Detroit, Wayne, Mich.

DESCENDANTS
OF
GALE BROOKS & PEARL CALDWELL

- 101 Theodore Caldwell Brooks
 b. 7 Apr 1903--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 28 May 1903--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
- 102 Alice Nellie Brooks
 b. 3 Mar 1905--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 30 Apr 1927--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
- Earl Dowland
 b. 1 Apr 1902--Harrison, Clare, Mich.
 d. 18 Sep 1975--Harrison, Clare, Mich.
- 111 Olive Marjory Dowland (S)
 b. 21 Sep 1924--Harrison, Clare, Mich.
 m. 21 Jun 1946--Flushing, Genesee, Mich.
- Robert Anthony
 b. 26 Oct 1918--Lennon, Shiawassee, Mich.
- 121 David Robert Anthony
 b. 10 Apr 1948--Flint, Genesee, Mich.
 m. 10 Jul 1971--Flint, Genesee, Mich.
- Sandra Strait Redmond
 b. 29 Sep 1947--Flint, Genesee, Mich.
- 131 Kim (Redmond)-Anthony (A)
 b. 19 Mar 1967--Flint, Genesee, Mich.
- 132 David Robert Anthony, Jr.
 b. 30 Oct 1972--Flint, Genesee, Mich.
- 122 Bradley Herbert Anthony
 b. 21 Jul 1952--Flint, Genesee, Mich.
- 112 Milford Earl Dowland (S)
 b. 23 Jun 1926--Clare, Clare, Mich.
 m. 19 Dec 1947--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
- Marilyn Maxfield
 b. 1 Sep 1928--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
- 121 Dennis Earl Dowland
 b. 15 Aug 1949--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
 m. 2 Nov 1968--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
- Royetta Konold
 b. 19 Oct 1949--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
- 131 Debbie Ann Dowland
 b. 31 May 1969--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
- 132 Paul Earl Dowland
 b. 11 Aug 1970--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
- (Dennis Dowland)
 m. 29 Feb 1980--Elko, Elko, Nev.
- Billie Jean Vanderpool Ayers
 b. 5 Dec 1951--Phoenix, Maricopa, Ariz.
- 131 Jodi Ayers (S)
 b. 22 Feb 1970--Las Vegas, Clark, Nev.
- 132 Jimmie Ayers (S)
 b. 22 May 1972--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
- 133 Wendi Leigh Dowland
 b. 20 Aug 1976--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
- 134 Dennis Nathan Dowland
 b. 22 Oct 1977--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.

- 102 | 112 | 122 Michael Dowland
 b. 26 May 1951--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
 m. 5 May 1979--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
Marcia Dotterer
 b. 30 Sep 1957--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
 | 131 David Wayne Dowland
 | b. 3 Oct 1980--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
 | 132 Michael Clinton Dowland
 | b. 24 Dec 1982--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
- 123 Jeffrey Dowland
 b. 31 Dec 1953--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
 m. --
Carolyn Bailey
 b. --
 | 131 Chad Bailey (S)
 | b. 16 Sep 1974--Billings, Yellowstone, Mont.
 | 132 Brian Lynn Dowland
 | b. 26 Apr 1976--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
 (Jeffrey Dowland)
 m. 28 May 1982--Moses Lake, Grant, Wash.
Kelly Dennis Hopkins
 b. 19 Apr 1950--Spokane, Spokane, Wash.
- 124 Thomas Dowland
 b. 9 Mar 1956--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
- 125 Timothy Dowland
 b. 9 Mar 1956--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
 m. 4 Feb 1978--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
Shirley Erickson
 b. 15 Aug 1957--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
 | 131 Winter Mist Dowland
 | b. 6 Feb 1979--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
 | 132 Tessie Marie Dowland
 | b. 28 Jun 1981--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
- 126 Robert Dowland
 b. 17 Dec 1957--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
 m. 16 Oct 1976--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
Susan Sessions
 b. 19 Aug 1960--Redding, Shasta, Calif.
 | 131 Christopher Robert Dowland
 | b. 16 Apr 1977--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
 | 132 Jeremia C. Dowland
 | b. 2 Nov 1978--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
 | 133 Sophia Ann Dowland
 | b. 22 Apr 1981--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
- 127 Randy M. Dowland
 b. 6 Mar 1961--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
 m. 15 Sep 1981--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
Janet Semos
 b. 21 Jan 1961--Casper, Natrona, Wyo.
 .131 Nicole Dowland
 b. 26 Oct 1982--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.
- 128 Jason Arthur Dowland
 b. 10 Apr 1967--Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut.

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113 Lynford Gale Dowland

b. 19 Mar 1928--Flint, Genesee, Mich.
 m. 2 Dec 1949--Kalkaska, Kalkaska, Mich.

Norleen Sherman

b. 10 Aug 1933--Sault Ste. Marie, Algoma, Ont., Canada

121 Linda Lee Dowland

b. 14 Feb 1950--Houghton Lake, Roscommon, Mich.
 m. 3 Sep 1966--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

Michael Kunkle

b. 18 Feb 1947--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

131 Michelle Angeline Kunkle

b. 28 Dec 1967--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

132 Micah Eric Kunkle

b. 1 Sep 1970--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

(Linda Dowland Kunkle)

m. 28 Oct 1978--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

Larry Warren Payne

b. 10 Sep 1941--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

131 Pamela Sue Payne (S)

b. 5 Dec 1962--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

132 Christopher W. Payne (S)

b. 30 Jan 1965--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

133 Lori Anne Payne

b. 11 May 1980--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

122 Kenneth Lindy Dowland

b. 11 Mar 1951--Houghton Lake, Roscommon, Mich.
 m. --

Maria Padilla

b. 7 Aug 1953--Brownsville, Cameron, Tex.

131 Tina Padilla

b. 9 Sep 1969--Albion, Calhoun, Mich.

132 Theresa Padilla

b. 31 Oct 1970--Albion, Calhoun, Mich.

(Kenneth Dowland)

m. 19 Jun 1976--Harrison, Clare, Mich.

Deborah Sexton

b. 27 Jun 1957--Iron Mountain, Dickinson, Mich.

131 Christopher Dowland

b. 11 Feb 1976--Clare, Clare, Mich.

132 April Lynn Dowland

b. 19 Jun 1978--Mt. Pleasant, Isabella, Mich.

123 Gary Dowland

b. 10 Sep 1957--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

m. 14 Feb 1976--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

Mona McQuestion

b. 28 May 1957--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

.131 Erin Kay Dowland

b. 24 Apr 1976--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

(Lynford Dowland)

m. 1967--Tekonsha, Calhoun, Mich.

Joyce Nugent Sayles

b. 13 Nov 1930--Albion, Calhoun, Mich.

.121 Pamela Lynn Dowland

b. 25 Oct 1967--Albion, Calhoun, Mich.

102

114 Earlene Gloria Dowland

b. 31 Jan 1930--Flint, Genesee, Mich.
 m. 30 Dec 1947--Lake City, Missaukee, Mich.

Marvin James Hemmes

b. 6 Feb 1924--Moddersville, Missaukee, Mich.

121 James Lee Hemmes

b. 5 Jul 1948--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.
 m. 21 Apr 1968--Phoenix, Maricopa, Ariz.

Charlene McKensie

b. 10 Jan 1948--Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa, Mich.

131 Krista L. Hemmes

b. 2 May 1971--Flint, Genesee, Mich.

132 James A. Hemmes

b. 13 Mar 1975--Flint, Genesee, Mich.

(James Hemmes)

m. 5 Jul 1979--Clare, Clare, Mich.

Susan McComb Sanford

b. 5 Feb 1956--Flint, Genesee, Mich.

131 Matthew J. Hemmes

b. 11 Jan 1981--Flint, Genesee, Mich.

132 Cassandra Jordan Hemmes

b. 23 Apr 1982--Flint, Genesee, Mich.

122 (baby) Hemmes

b. 2 Sep 1949--Flint, Genesee, Mich.

d. 2 Sep 1949--Flint, Genesee, Mich.

123 Danny Hemmes

b. 29 Jan 1951--Flint, Genesee, Mich.

d. 28 Jul 1951--Cadillac, Wexford, Mich.

124 Robert Earl Hemmes

b. 26 Oct 1953--Flint, Genesee, Mich.

d. 24 Apr 1980--Kalkaska, Kalkaska, Mich.

125 Tamara Denise Hemmes

b. 17 Feb 1960--Flint, Genesee, Mich.

m. 12 Mar 1977--Mt. Morris, Genesee, Mich.

Curtis Wayne (Sanders)-Callahan

b. 8 Aug 1951--Boaz, Marshall, Ala.

131 Amber Lee Callahan

b. 5 Oct 1977--Flint, Genesee, Mich.

132 Levi Earl Callahan

b. 22 Sep 1980--Flint, Genesee, Mich.

126 Rodger Hemmes

b. 7 Apr 1963--Flint, Genesee, Mich.

115 Judith Theresa Dowland

b. 1 Sep 1944--Falmouth, Missaukee, Mich.

m. 22 Dec 1962--Dimondale, Eaton, Mich.

Eric Goff

b. 23 Dec 1943--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.

121 Erica Susan Goff

b. 24 Jun 1963--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.

m. 3 Jul 1982--Weed, Siskiyou, Calif.

Nels Gosta Larson

b. 1 Aug 1949--Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.

122 Pascale Diane Goff

b. 10 Nov 1968--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.

123 Erin Yvonne Goff

b. 6 May 1970--Charlotte, Eaton, Mich.

- 102 .115 (Judith Dowland Goff)
 m. Dec 1980--Dimondale, Eaton, Mich.
Ronald Zalewski
 b. --
 (Judith Dowland Goff Zalewski)
 m. 9 Jul 1983--Jonesboro, Craighead, Ark.
Sherman Byrd
 b. 9 Aug 1943--Paragould, Greene, Ark.
- 103 Grace Eleanor Brooks
 b. 2 Dec 1907--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 12 Mar 1925--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
Fred Burgess
 b. 6 Feb 1903--Valparaiso, Porter, Ind.
 d. 9 Nov 1942--McBain, Missaukee, Mich.
- 111 Beverly Burgess
 b. 10 Jan 1926--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 16 Jul 1947--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
Lyle Moore
 b. 16 Aug 1925--Rolland Twp., Isabella, Mich.
- 121 Jill Moore
 b. 27 Aug 1949--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 12 Sep 1970--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
Donald Clever
 b. 6 Oct 1948--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 131 Danielle Clever
 b. 14 Dec 1972--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 132 Philip Clever
 b. 19 Jan 1975--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 133 Bryan Clever
 b. 22 Dec 1979--Petosky, Emmet, Mich.
- 122 Juan Moore
 b. 4 Feb 1951--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 17 Apr 1971--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
Vaneta Weaver
 b. 5 Sep 1952--St. Johns, Clinton, Mich.
- 131 Glenn Joseph Moore
 b. 29 Nov 1970--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 132 Shad Moore
 b. 30 Nov 1971--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 123 Jalene Moore
 b. 29 May 1954--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 124 Jo Ellen Moore
 b. 23 Jun 1957--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 20 May 1978--Ft. Eustis, Va.
Danial Booth
 b. 10 Apr 1958-- Calif.
- 125 Corey Moore
 b. 21 Nov 1960--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 112 Dennis Burgess
 b. 3 Aug 1928--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 27 Apr 1981--Elwell, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 28 Oct 1950--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
Dolores Freeman
 b. 27 May 1931--Detroit, Wayne, Mich.

- 103 .112 121 Duane Burgess
 b. 29 Jan 1952--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 15 Feb 1975--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
Sandra Ganske
 b. 11 Aug 1952--Tower, Cheboygan, Mich.
- 122 Debra Burgess
 b. 18 Sep 1953--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 10 Jan 1976--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
Mark Jewell
 b. 11 Jul 1950--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- 131 Jessica Lea Jewell
 b. 26 May 1980--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 132 Ashley Denise Jewell
 b. 23 Jun 1983--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 123 Dawn Burgess
 b. 21 Feb 1962--Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.
- (Grace Brooks Burgess)
 m. 29 Mar 1933--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- Forest Basinger
 b. 26 Dec 1909--Forest Hill, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 5 Sep 1964--Harrison, Clare, Mich.
- .111 Gayla Basinger
 b. 20 Feb 1941--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 16 Nov 1963--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- Lynn Easterling
 b. 25 Oct 1941--Brandon, Rankin, Miss.
- 121 Clark Easterling
 b. 6 May 1967--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 122 Grayson Easterling
 b. 11 Jan 1970--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 123 Elizabeth Easterling
 b. 9 Apr 1975--Morton, Scott, Miss.
- 104 Lena A. Brooks
 b. 17 Mar 1910--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 26 Dec 1981--Gas City, Grant, Ind.
 m. Sep 1927--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- Philip H. Dalrymple
 b. 20 Sep 1908--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 11 Jan 1982--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 111 Jacquelyn L. Dalrymple
 b. 2 Jan 1928--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 30 Dec 1950--Eaton Rapids, Eaton, Mich.
- Harold E. Wollenhaupt
 b. 9 Apr 1927--Chicago, Cook, Ill.
- 121 Caryn A. Wollenhaupt
 b. 15 Aug 1952--Chicago, Cook, Ill.
 m. 10 Jun 1972--Park Forest, Cook, Ill.
- Warren G. Rose
 b. 5 Jun 1948--Chicago, Cook, Ill.
- 131 Amanda K. Rose
 b. 23 Feb 1977--Chicago Heights, Cook, Ill.
- 132 Sara J. Rose
 b. 12 Apr 1980--Plantation, Broward, Fla.
- 122 Phillip E. Wollenhaupt
 b. 5 Dec 1955--Harvey, Cook, Ill.

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112 Donna Dalrymple

b. 14 Jun 1929--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 9 Sep 1950--East Lansing, Ingham, Mich.

Sidney Martin

b. 1 Feb 1929--Lewiston, Montmorency, Mich.

121 Randy Martin

b. 15 Sep 1949--East Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 26 Sep 1981--Gas City, Grant, Ind.

Patricia Cole

b. 14 May 1953--Indianapolis, Marion, Ind.

131 Troy Cole (S)

b. Jan 1972--Marion, Grant, Ind.

132 Ryan Cole (S)

b. 10 Dec 1975--Marion, Grant, Ind.

122 Wendy Martin

b. 15 Mar 1951--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 2 Feb 1968--Gas City, Grant, Ind.

Terry McLaughlin

b. --

131 Brian McLaughlin

b. 1 Feb 1968--Gas City, Grant, Ind.

132 Chris McLaughlin

b. 21 Nov 1971--Upland, Grant, Ind.

(Wendy Martin McLaughlin)

m. 22 Nov 1977--Stuart, Martin, Fla.

Sanford Struthers

b. 27 Jun 1950--New York City, N. Y.

.131 Craig Struthers

b. 19 Jun 1979--Stuart, Martin, Fla.

123 Pamela Martin

b. 26 Oct 1952--East Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 27 Feb 1972--Gas City, Grant, Ind.

David Pulley

b. 29 Aug 1952--Gas City, Grant, Ind.

131 Aaron Pulley

b. 10 Mar 1974--Marion, Grant, Ind.

132 Jenna Pulley

b. 23 May 1977--Marion, Grant, Ind.

124 Tony Wade Martin

b. 14 May 1954--East Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 15 Oct 1977--Gas City, Grant, Ind.

Cathy Gay

b. 14 Sep 1959--Gas City, Grant, Ind.

125 Terry Martin

b. 22 Jun 1955--East Lansing, Ingham, Mich.

126 Linda Martin

b. 21 Feb 1957--East Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 24 May 1975--Gas City, Grant, Ind.

Danny Becraft

b. 22 Jun 1955--Mt. Sterling, Montgomery, Ky.

131 Camron Becraft

b. 31 Dec 1979--Jonesboro, Grant, Ind.

132 Danelle Becraft

b. 4 Dec 1981--Jonesboro, Grant, Ind.

- .104
- 112
- 127 Tori R. Martin
 b. 3 Apr 1961--Ottumwa, Wapello, Ia.
 m. 2 Jul 1983--Fairmount, Grant, Ind.
Theodore Gosser
 b. 14 Dec 1960--Marion, Grant, Ind.
- 128 Brad Lee Martin
 b. 16 Aug 1963--Marion, Grant, Ind.
- 113 JoAnn Dalrymple
 b. 10 Jan 1932--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 23 Sep 1950--Angola, Steuben, Ind.
Lee Darling
 b. 13 Sep 1925--Harrison, Clare, Mich.
- 121 Toni Darling
 b. 12 Jan 1957--Clare, Clare, Mich.
- .131 Aron Darling
 b. 29 May 1975--Clare, Clare, Mich.
- 122 Teri Darling
 b. 17 Apr 1960--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 123 Scott Darling
 b. 15 Nov 1961--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 124 Tracy Darling
 b. 20 Jan 1964--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 114 Nancy Dalrymple
 b. 1 May 1941--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 4 May 1963--St. Johns, Clinton, Mich.
Ted Lewis
 b. 10 Jul 1939--St. Johns, Clinton, Mich.
- 121 Ted R. Lewis II
 b. 8 Feb 1964--St. Johns, Clinton, Mich.
- 122 Stephanie Lewis
 b. 24 May 1965--St. Johns, Clinton, Mich.
 d. 12 Sep 1969--St. Johns, Clinton, Mich.
- 123 Darcy Lewis
 b. 12 Jul 1968--St. Johns, Clinton, Mich.
- 124 Jennifer Lewis
 b. 8 Jun 1970--St. Johns, Clinton, Mich.
- (Lena Brooks Dalrymple)
 m. Aug 1945--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- Bruce VanEpps
 b. 4 May 1906--Lake City, Calhoun, Ia.
- .111 Bonnie VanEpps
 b. 18 May 1949--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
 m. 24 Sep 1964--East Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- Terry Bordner
 b. 1 Mar 1946--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 121 Denise Bordner
 b. 8 Jan 1965--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 122 Sharron Bordner
 b. 19 May 1968--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- (Bonnie VanEpps Bordner)
 m. 25 Jul 1970--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- Joseph Pollok
 b. 24 Nov 1945--Mason, Ingham, Mich.

- 105 Ruth Elizabeth Brooks
 b. 15 Oct 1912--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 2 Mar 1913--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
- 106 Gale Othniel Brooks, Jr.
 b. 23 Jul 1914--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 9 Aug 1947--Delaware Water Gap, Monroe, Pa.
Anna Chiampi
 b. 29 Jan 1921--Pittston, Luzerne, Pa.
- 111 William Brooks
 b. 14 Feb 1951--Detroit, Wayne, Mich.
 m. 28 Aug 1971--Allen Park, Wayne, Mich.
Barbara Benham
 b. 6 Sep 1951--Wyandotte, Wayne, Mich.
- 121 Adam Niel Brooks
 b. 2 Aug 1976--Lincoln Park, Wayne, Mich.
- 122 Shelley Brooks
 b. 27 Jul 1978--Lincoln Park, Wayne, Mich.
- 123 Tyler Robert Brooks
 b. 9 Mar 1983--Lincoln Park, Wayne, Mich.
- 112 Robert Brooks
 b. 1 Sep 1954--Akron, Summit, O.
 m. 24 Feb 1979--Pontiac, Oakland, Mich.
Connie Staggs
 b. 16 Jul 1954--Trenton, Wayne, Mich.
- 107 Doris Louise Brooks
 b. 14 Jul 1916--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 3 Jul 1933--Litchfield, Hillsdale, Mich.
Edward Finch
 b. 6 Oct 1912--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
- 111 Victor Lee Finch
 b. 30 Jan 1935--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 15 Mar 1956--Lansing, Ingham, Mich.
Marilyn Jay Shafer
 b. 23 Aug 1935--Baroda, Berrien, Mich.
- 121 Deborah Anne Finch
 b. 4 Aug 1957--Bad Axe, Huron, Mich.
- 122 Mark Alan Finch
 b. 9 Aug 1958--Bad Axe, Huron, Mich.
- 123 Jeffrey Lee Finch
 b. 8 Dec 1960--Bad Axe, Huron, Mich.
 m. 2 Aug 1980--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
Susan Marie Moon
 b. 13 Feb 1961--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 124 Shirlee Louise Finch
 b. 21 Oct 1963--Elwood, Madison, Ind.
- 125 David Edward Finch
 b. 4 Jun 1967--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 112 Mary Dian Finch
 b. 21 May 1939--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 7 Sep 1959--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
Karl Graves Shaffer
 b. 26 Apr 1939--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

- .107 112 .121 Jacqueline Sue (Shaffer) -Erskine
 b. 31 Oct 1960--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 17 Jan 1981--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
Peter Paul Chwastek
 b. 20 Nov 1959--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 .131 Peter John Chwastek
 b. 20 Mar 1983--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 (Mary Finch Shaffer)
 m. 13 Jan 1962--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
Arthur Clark Erskine
 b. 7 Apr 1941--Breckenridge, Gratiot, Mich.
 | 121 Linda Lee Erskine
 | b. 30 Nov 1964--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 | 122 Annette Renee Erskine
 | b. 5 Sep 1970--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
- 113 Tony Finch
 b. 6 Jul 1941--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 4 Jul 1964--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
Cheryl Martin
 b. 14 Aug 1943--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.
 .121 Ronald Scott Finch
 b. 11 Aug 1965--Alma, Gratiot, Mich.

THE BARTLETT'S

By reason of the fact that descendants of Elisha Brooks also have Bartlett ancestors--through his wife, Laura (Bartlett)--a glimpse of that family's background is presented.

Otis R. Bartlett

b. 1805-- Canada
 d. 8 Jun 1897--Pine River Twp., Gratiot, Mich.
 m. --

Zipporah Coats

b. 1806-- N. Y.
 d. 1881-- Mich.

1 Charity Ann Bartlett

b. 28 Aug 1828--Gustavus, Trumbull, O.
 d. 10 May 1871-- Mich.
 m. 16 Mar 1844--

Leverett J. Totten

b. 2 Apr 182--
 d. Aug 1871-- Mich.

1 Henry Totten2 Laura Totten3 George Totten4 Ida Totten5 Truerman Totten6 Curtis Totten2 Laura Jane Bartlett

b. 25 Sep 1829--Gustavus, Trumbull, O.
 d. 6 Apr 1908--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
 m. 9 Apr 1845--Stafford, DeKalb, Ind.

Elisha Hall Brooks

b. 4 Apr 1818--Braceville, Trumbull, O.
 d. 18 Sep 1891--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.

1 Daniel Brooks2 Warren Brooks3 Jessie Brooks4 California Brooks5 Lincoln Brooks6 Laura Brooks7 Flora Brooks8 Nellie Brooks3 Sarah Maria Bartlett

b. 1837-- O.
 d. -- Mich.

4 Roswell Bartlett

b. 1842-- Pa.
 d. --
 m. (?)

- 5 Harmon Bartlett
 b. 1845-- Pa.
 d. --
 m. 22 Nov 1868--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
Elizabeth Dexter
 b. --
 d. --
 (?)
- 6 Rufus Judson Bartlett
 b. 3 Aug 1850--Newville Twp., DeKalb, Ind.
 d. 25 May 1919--Vestaburg, Montcalm, Mich.
 m. 28 Jun 1874--St. Louis, Gratiot, Mich.
Viola Perdita McCoy
 b. 25 Nov 1859-- Gratiot, Mich.
 d. 15 Jan 1950--Sheridan, Montcalm, Mich.

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The name Bartlett is of English origin and literally means descendant of little Bart, Bart being a nickname for any man named Bartholomew.

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The 1850 census of Newville Twp., DeKalb Co., Indiana, gives Otis Bartlett's birthplace as Canada. It is surmised that his parents moved there from New England after the Revolutionary War. His marriage to Zipporah Coats was probably about 1827. They are known to have resided in Trumbull Co., Ohio, for a time, inasmuch as the census lists their first three children as having been born there.

A history of DeKalb County, published in 1859, reveals that the first permanent white settlers of Newville and Stafford Townships located there about 1836. The author of that book stated that, "Within a few years afterward, quite a number moved in." Among those named as having been among the "afterward" arrivals was Otis Bartlett. Correlating that fact with Harmon Bartlett's 1845 birth in Pennsylvania and Laura Bartlett's April, 1845, marriage to Elisha Brooks in DeKalb Co. pinpoints the family's time of migration to Indiana as late winter or early spring of 1845. It is assumed that other Bartlett families in the area at the time were relatives of Otis. Coats families also there may have been Zipporah's kin.

Indiana residency of the family was not long. On September 6, 1857, in Gratiot County, Michigan, Otis bought (from an individual, not the government) forty acres on section eleven of Pine River Township (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$).

The 1850 census lists Otis' trade as "cabinet maker." Although resources of the farm contributed to the family livelihood, it was his skill as a furniture maker and carpenter that was the main means of support. His interests, however, were not confined solely to worldly work, he also was a self-styled preacher. The book History of Gratiot County, Michigan (1913) accords him the title Reverend

and states that he was "a well known expounder of the gospel." The author of that book, having been personally acquainted with him, added that the man was "somewhat crude and eccentric, but esteemed." Elisha Brooks' son, Warren, once remarked to his niece, Ruth Dutt Estes, that his grandfather Bartlett had been a "United Brethren preacher, but rather mixed up in his beliefs."

The cause of Otis' death, at age 92, is officially recorded as "old age." No tombstone marks the site, but he and his wife are believed to be buried at the west-central edge of the Coe (Pleasant Ridge) cemetery in southeastern Isabella County, near the unmarked burial plot of Warren Brooks' daughter Alta and her husband, Thomas Leonard.

Zipporah, the unusual given name of Otis' wife, was of Biblical origin (Zipporah was the wife of Moses). Oral history perpetuates a claim that Zipporah Coats was related to the Coats family once prominent in the sewing thread industry. No effort has been made to substantiate that claim.

Charity Bartlett, at age 15, married Leverett Totten. Deed records show that the Tottens purchased forty acres from the government on Nov. 17, 1855, on section one of Pine River Twp., Gratiot Co., Mich., (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$)--the same section on which Elisha and Laura (Bartlett) Brooks homesteaded. Leverett also was a blacksmith and was the first smith in Pine River (St. Louis). His shop was near where the city water tower now stands. Charity and Leverett lived only sixteen years after settling in Michigan--both dying in their forties. Of their six children, three produced offspring, but the family tree resulting from those three now numbers more than 1,400 members.

Laura Bartlett, as the wife of Elisha Brooks, shared most of her husband's life story, as recounted in the biographical text of this book.

Maria Bartlett (pronounced ma-RYE-a) was a school teacher by the age of twenty, as documented in the following letter written by Warren Brooks to The St. Louis Leader about 1928 or '29.

When reading of so many school activities in different localities, I thought perhaps a few items in regard to the early history of the Elm Grove school district would be of interest to at least a few of your many readers.

The first school in this district was taught by Maria Bartlett, in 1857, in a little log cabin owned but unoccupied by old Uncle Sylvanus Sias on what is now known as Curtiss' Corners. One night during the term, the building caught fire and burned

down, supposedly from an overheated stove. This proved quite a serious loss as the scholars lost practically all their school books, the supply being somewhat limited at best. However, the term was concluded one-half mile west in a little log cabin owned but unoccupied by Watson P. Reed, on what is now known as Kiter's farm. If not the first, this was one of the first schools taught in Pine River Township.

The following season the district erected a hewed log structure on the original site. It was 16 x 24 and composed entirely of pine logs. The seats, desks, chinks and shingles were hand shaved. Even the door steps were two large pine logs flattened on each side, and extended the full length of the front end of the building.

Following are the names of the scholars who attended this school: Charles and Sarah Robinson, Will and Dan Vanderbeek; Will, Mioma and Ellen Holmes; George, Deborah and Mira Mecum; Mitchell, George and Villa Packer; Harmon and Judson Bartlett; Genalia Groom, Frank and Ann Henerett, and Marion Caldwell; Henry and Laura Totten, and Warren Brooks. Of all this happy, rollicking bunch of school children, only three remain: Laura Totten Davison, Villa Packer and Warren Brooks.

Maria never married. At Saginaw, sometime in the 1860s or '70s, terminal cancer was diagnosed, and she died on the way home --buried near the roadside at a location now unknown.

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Nothing is known of the fate of Roswell Bartlett.

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Harmon Bartlett bought a residential lot in St. Louis in May, 1867. He married Elizabeth Dexter the following year, and in August, 1869, sold the St. Louis lot to his sister, Laura Brooks. Where he lived thereafter and whether he had children is not known.

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Judson, the youngest Bartlett child, familiarly called "Juddie," had a colorful career in the ministry. At the age of nine he joined the United Brethren Church, then transferred to the Church of Christ (Disciples) when he was fifteen. About 1884 he and his wife went to Vestaburg, Montcalm County, when it was still a lumbering village. While centered there the rest of his life, he preached for varying lengths of time at eight churches scattered throughout that county--all of which were at small, country sites that have nearly disappeared from today's maps. He had no children.

NOTES

The author is not a member of the Brooks bloodline. His interest in the family stems from the fact that he is a great-great-great-nephew of Elisha's wife, Laura. He is descended from Laura's sister, Charity, who married Leverett Totten in 1844. Thus, all descendants of Laura (Bartlett) Brooks and Charity (Bartlett) Totten are cousins.*

At first, the idea for this book was to have a roster of Laura's descendants (and a separate book of Charity's descendants) for the purpose of preserving knowledge of the Brooks-Totten relationship. That idea changed, however, with the telling of Elisha Brooks' ancestry.

Also, it was appropriate for the story of Elisha's brother, Othniel, to be told. This book, in a sense, closely unites descendants of the two brothers, recording knowledge of their cousinship before it is lost.

*(Note: Charity Totten's descendants are related only to Elisha's segment of the Brooks family tree, not to his ancestors or to Othniel's branch.)

Terms such as parents, grandparents, children, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, etc., are understandable to everyone, and easily calculated. But most people are confused by the definitions applied to various degrees of cousinhood. The following rules for determination of cousins can be learned by outlining, side by side on paper, three or four generations of two family units.

- (1) You are a first cousin to children of your aunts and uncles.
- (2) You are a first cousin once removed to children of your first cousins. ("Removed" = generation from. Each succeeding generation is one further digit removed: twice removed, three times removed, etc.)
- (3) You are a second cousin to children of your parents' first cousins.