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## ABBREVIATIONS

BLM	U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Cem.	Cemetery
DAR	National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution
dw.	dwelling (U.S. census)
ED	Enumeration District (U.S. census)
FHL	LDS Family History Library US/CAN microfilm, referenced by roll number, or book, referenced by call number
fam.	family (U.S. census)
GLO	General Land Office of the BLM
GMNJ	<i>The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey</i>
IGI	International Genealogical Index (LDS)
JP	Justice of the Peace
LDS	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons)
MG	Minister of the Gospel
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration
NEA	<i>New England Ancestors</i> (NEHGS)
NEHGS	New England Historic Genealogical Society
NGSQ	<i>National Genealogical Society Quarterly</i>
NJ Archives	Archives of the State of New Jersey, 1st series
NJHS	New Jersey Historical Society
NYGBS	New York Genealogical and Biographical Society
Pct.	Precinct (U.S. census)
PO	Post Office (U.S. census)
Record	<i>New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i> (New York, 1870-) (NYGBS)
Register	<i>New England Historical and Genealogical Register</i> (Boston, 1847-) (NEHGS)
r.	roll (U.S. census)
RG	Record Group (NARA)
RLDS	Reorganized LDS
sh.	sheet (U.S. census)
SSDI	Social Security Death Index
SSN	Social Security Number
SWNE, etc.	Southwest quadrant of northeast quadrant (GLO, 40 acres)
Sx TyN RzW	Section x, Township y North, Range z West (GLO)
TAG	<i>The American Genealogist</i>
Terr.	Territory



## A NOTE ON THE SERIES TITLE

The expression “Edwardian Riggs” was coined by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG, to describe a descendant of Edward Riggs, immigrant to Roxbury, Massachusetts, in 1633, as distinct from descendants of other early Riggs immigrants. But here an Edwardian Riggs is a Riggs male who carries the same Y chromosome as Edward of Roxbury. Female progeny of Edwardian Riggs males are also Edwardian Riggses.

Another way to state the extended meaning is this: An Edwardian Riggs is a descendant of Edward Riggs of Roxbury *or of any of his male Riggs ancestors*. So an Edwardian Riggs male has the same Y chromosome as Edward of Roxbury, but may not necessarily descend from him. He might descend, for example, from Edward’s father or grandfather via a brother or cousin who immigrated to America separately.

As will be argued in detail, any Riggs in this work is an Edwardian Riggs by the extended definition. It is possible that each is an Edwardian Riggs in the restricted, original meaning of the term, but this has not been proved as of this writing. For example, Bethuel Riggs has been proved Edwardian by Y-chromosome DNA analysis, as will be explained in detail, but it is not yet known if he descends from Edward of Roxbury. It is known, however, that he descends from Edward or from one of Edward’s male ancestors.

Technical note: Two males are said to share the “same” Y chromosome if they have the same Y chromosome to within a few mutations. Such mutations are expected over a passage of time on the order of centuries.

## LINEAGE LIST NOTATION

To facilitate stepping “backward” through the genealogy, I utilize one small addition to standard (actually “modified”) *Register* format. A leading subscript to a person in a lineage list is the person number for that individual in this work. For example (taken from Vol. 3, Part II, of this series), Caleb Smith<sup>6</sup> Riggs (<sub>70</sub>Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was son of person 70, Joseph<sup>5</sup> Riggs (<sub>37</sub>Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>), who in turn was son of person 37, Joseph<sup>4</sup> Riggs, and so forth. This technique may be applied to any person in a lineage list. However, to reduce visual clutter, I will use it here for at most one person per lineage list, usually the first.

A superscript asterisk (\*) indicates the first person in a lineage list who is not genetically related to the next older person in the list. For example (from volume 6 of this series), Skylor Nathan<sup>13\*</sup> Knoll (*Martha Jane*<sup>12</sup>, *Edward Clark*<sup>11</sup>, *Theodore Dalzel A.*<sup>10</sup>, *Edward*<sup>9</sup>, *Elias*<sup>8</sup>, *Elias*<sup>7</sup>, *Preserve*<sup>6</sup>, *Zebulon*<sup>5</sup>, ?Joseph<sup>4</sup>, *Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was an adopted son of Martha Jane<sup>12</sup> Riggs. Note also the question mark (?) in this lineage list, indicating that the father-son relationship of Joseph<sup>4</sup> and Zebulon<sup>5</sup> has not been proved.

N.B. The National Genealogical Society has now carefully codified modified *Register* format, mentioned above, so it is often called NGSQ format. Whatever the nomenclature, the above paragraphs describe departures from it.

## METHODOLOGY AND STYLE NOTES

**Un sourced material.** Some claims without accompanying sources are important to preserve, as hints to future researchers or simply to indicate that I am aware of commonly claimed dates, names, or places, but am not certain of them. I enter these in footnotes and not in the main text. I do not always explicitly flag these claims as unsourced, but they should be understood as such by their presence in the footnotes only. This type of information often comes from compiled, but unfortunately unsourced, genealogies that have the appearance, to me at least, of being well researched and based on solid evidence. The footnote hint might inspire a future researcher to find the elusive evidence, whereas I had not done so by the time this book went to press.

**Census litany.** Rather than trying to be creative on each of hundreds of census readings, I have chosen to state them with a common “litany.” To make census litanies easy to spot, I usually introduce each one with the year. For example, a reading from the U.S. census for 1900 will begin “In 1900 . . . .”

**Online sources.** I have made much use of online sources, usually secondary, such as the listing of gravestones in a particular cemetery. The problem with this practice is the supposed ephemeral nature of the web. Many online sources may simply disappear from the web over time, or change addresses at least. I have therefore made a copy of every webpage used in this work and archived it for future reference. Very notable exceptions are the many databases available from major servers, such as <Ancestry.com>, which I assume, with some trepidation, will be permanently available by some means. The URL for a website is identified by enclosing < > brackets. When a URL needs to wrap at the end of a line for good visual appearance, I have inserted a hyphen in an appropriate location. This line-breaking hyphen should be omitted, of course, when the URL is used as an internet address.

**Abbreviations.** To fit this book into one bound volume, I have resorted to abbreviations. With one exception, I always abbreviate state

names and month names. I do not abbreviate state names in the main text that stand alone. However, state names in footnotes are always abbreviated, even in the titles of books.

I do not abbreviate anything in a quotation. An abbreviation in a quotation is present in the original.

I use succinct forms for the sources in footnotes. The bibliography should be consulted for full expansion of a source reference. See the abbreviations section of the front matter for the full list of abbreviations used in the census references. In all cases, the census was read from <Ancestry.com>, and the roll numbers correspond to the microfilm series used by that organization.

**Verb tenses.** Past tense is normally used, but a record is described in the present—e.g., Joe Riggs was born in 1836, but a death certificate for Joe Riggs states that he was born in 1836.

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## SPECIAL FOREWORD

[Please read the Special Foreword of the first of the three books that make up this volume 3.]



## PREFACE

I was inspired to begin my study of the extensive Riggs family descending from the immigrant, Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs, for the personal reason of believing him to be the ancestor of Elder Bethuel Riggs, from whom I descend. Over the course of eight [18] years or so, I have come to know much about this family, but I have not accomplished the original goal of establishing the actual descent from Edward<sup>1</sup> to Bethuel and hence to me. I have however generated eight [nine] volumes of scholarly Riggs research and contributed eleven [twelve] papers on Riggs research to the learned journals of scholarly genealogy. And I was able during that time to establish, using DNA technology, that Bethuel was probably, with high confidence, a descendant of Edward<sup>1</sup>. The actual descent remains a mystery, but the existence of a descent is established with high probability.

I now come to publishing the last of my eight [nine] Riggs volumes. The number in the title indicates that this is volume 3, but that reflects the order in which the volumes were initiated, not their completion order. I have saved this to last because it is the most difficult. The reason is perhaps best captured in this quotation from a paper by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG, and me in which we revisit the early genealogy of the Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs family and show that it has been misleading researchers for over a century:<sup>[3]</sup>

The genealogy of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs of Roxbury was first presented briefly by Congar in 1866,<sup>[4]</sup> concentrating particularly on Edward's New Jersey descendants, and similarly by Orcutt and Beardsley in 1880<sup>[5]</sup> on his Connecticut descendants. The first extensive treatment of the entire family was presented by Wallace in book form in 1901.<sup>[6]</sup> Portions of the early

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3. Anderson and Smith, "The Genealogy of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs Revisited," *The Genealogist*. (See bibliography for expansion of source details.)

4. Congar, *Genealogical Notices* (or simply, Congar), 118, 131.

5. Orcutt, *History of Derby*, 753–56.

6. Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy* (or simply, Wallace).

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genealogy were subsequently refined by Cory in 1937<sup>[7]</sup> and Jacobus in 1959,<sup>[8]</sup> both relying to some extent on Wallace. There are enough genealogical errors and unsubstantiated relationships in the first three of these, particularly Wallace, and there is sufficient new information, to justify a corrective revisit to the early genealogy of this large and widespread American founding family.<sup>[9]</sup>

I will only summarize the paper's results. It is worthwhile to state our major conclusions to place my treatment in this volume in context:

We have sought to establish a firm foundation for the genealogy of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs of Roxbury. In so doing, we have made numerous corrections to the published literature on this family, and we have had to strip away years of accumulated "information" about the family that resisted corroboration when we looked closely.

A summary of the general status of the Riggs genealogy is this: The first three generations are firmly established. The Connecticut branch, the descendants of Samuel<sup>3</sup> Riggs, is firm through the fourth generation, and we have provided pointers to the evidence for the fifth generation. The results for the New Jersey branch, the descendants of Joseph<sup>3</sup> and Edward<sup>3</sup> Riggs, are spottier.

The fourth generation via Joseph<sup>3</sup> Riggs is well established. The fifth generation via two of his children, Elizabeth and Samuel, is known: Elizabeth married into the Dod family, and Samuel had only a single child, a daughter. But Joseph's son John disappears from the Essex County records after 1716, and son Zopher disappears after the mention of him in Joseph's will of 1688/9. There is a possible connection of John to a John Riggs in Somerset County in 1735, but circumstances argue against it. There is only a tenuous connection of Zopher to a Zopher Riggs in Morris County in the later 1760s, a possibility suggested principally by the unusual name. In short, we do not know of any male Riggs descendants of Joseph<sup>3</sup> but cannot rule them out. In particular, we have no evidence that any of Joseph<sup>3</sup>'s male children moved to Morris County.

Our reassessment of the family via Edward<sup>3</sup> Riggs has yielded dire results. Only two persons in the fourth generation are firmly established,

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7. Cory, *Lineal Ancestors* (or simply, Cory), 2:251-70.

8. Jacobus, *Parke-Gildersleeve* (or simply, Jacobus), 106-12.

9. Anderson, *Great Migration Begins*, 3:1584-86, covers the immigrant and his children.

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and much of the fifth generation is problematic. We dare to draw a conclusion nevertheless, although it is a tentative one: It appears that it was principally, if not only, the children of Edward<sup>3</sup> who moved west into Morris and Somerset Counties. It has not escaped our notice that the Revolutionary War upset this part of New Jersey at about the time when the local records give out.<sup>10]</sup> Unfortunately many living Riggs families who claim descent from Edward<sup>1</sup> of Roxbury, but cannot prove it, trace their lineage to Morris County, and hence possibly to Edward<sup>3</sup>.

Previously accepted “truths” about the Edward<sup>3</sup> branch are apparently due to an unknown and unproved family source (or sources), source X, represented by the Edith Tuller<sup>10</sup> Riggs manuscript and reflected in Congar and Wallace. Miss Riggs’s manuscript mentions explicitly a family chart prepared by her grandfather Rev. Joseph L.<sup>8</sup> Riggs (*Elias*<sup>7</sup>, *Preserve*<sup>6</sup>, *Zebulon*<sup>5</sup>, *?Joseph*<sup>4</sup>) who lived 1809–1875, placing him within three or four generations of the problematic generations in New Jersey. This is sufficiently far removed that it does not inspire confidence, but the manuscript also mentions the family Bible of Rev. Elias<sup>7</sup> Riggs (*Preserve*<sup>6</sup>, *Zebulon*<sup>5</sup>, *?Joseph*<sup>4</sup>), which does, to some extent. Unfortunately we do not know which parts of source X come from the Elias<sup>7</sup> family Bible, nor have we been able to find the Bible or a reputable transcription of it.

An indication that this Bible may not have figured heavily in source X is a comment by Elias’s kinsman Rev. Stephen Return<sup>8</sup> Riggs (*Stephen*<sup>7</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>6</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>5</sup>, *?Joseph*<sup>4</sup>) who stated in his autobiography, “Heretofore, we have supposed the first progenitor of the Riggs Family in America was Miles; but the investigations of Mr. J. H. Wallace of New York show that it was Edward, who settled in Roxbury, Mass.”<sup>[11]</sup> The father, Stephen<sup>7</sup> Riggs, was born 4 March 1771 in Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.,<sup>[12]</sup> and Elias<sup>7</sup> Riggs was born 1 Apr. 1770, Mendham, Morris Co.<sup>[13]</sup> The first Miles Riggs in the family was Miles<sup>5</sup> (*Joseph*<sup>4</sup>), putative brother of Zebulon<sup>5</sup> and

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10. Hoyt, *Mountain Society*, 47–48, “The records of the Newark church, and those of this church also (it is said), perished or were lost in the time of the Revolution.” Hoyt was seventh minister of the Mountain Society, assuming the position in 1856.

11. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 24, footnote. J. H. Wallace is, of course, author of Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*.

12. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, “[Riggs] Stephen; b. 4 March 1771; B. 5 May 1771,” son of Joseph Riggs.

13. Jacobus, *Parke–Gildersleeve*, 111.

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Gideon<sup>5</sup> Riggs, so this family had an inaccurate picture of its own New Jersey genealogy.

Taking a conservative approach, we have rejected information from source X pending its rediscovery and analysis (and queries have failed to locate it thus far). Although full details are outside the scope of this paper, we have made exploratory searches in the public record for the information listed in source X, and have generally not met with success. Either we did not find the named persons in the record or we did not find their stated relationships to the Riggs family. This does not disestablish source X, but while its authority is in abeyance the burden of proof is on the genealogist.

Our final contribution to the Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs genealogy is sadly this negative one about the poor state of the Edward<sup>3</sup> branch. We hope it does not overshadow the many positive results reported for the early generations and the Connecticut branch of the Riggs family, and we challenge the genealogical community to step forward to establish (or reestablish) the New Jersey branch. We trust that our study has more carefully delineated the problems to be solved.

Because one volume (Volume 3) became unwieldy, I have divided it (as of 29 Sept. 2009) into three subvolumes: Part I: The Connecticut Branch, Part II: The New Jersey Branch, and Part III. The New Jersey Branch (Problematical). I originally repeated much of the earlier generation information in all three so that each stood alone, but **in this version (starting 18 Sept. 2010) of Part III, I have excised the details of the first generations to save space.** The Connecticut branch is on much firmer footing than the New Jersey branch. Within the New Jersey branch, Part II is on firm footing, and that is why I have separated it from Part III, which is not—and is hence “problematical.” Many of the following comments pertain mostly to Part III, and, by the way, I have started excising proved subfamilies from Part III to make it even more highly focused on the problems. I have started by removing the Zebulon Riggs subfamily, which is proved from Zebulon on down, and placing it in its own volume, Vol. 6, of the series. Similarly, I have removed the Gideon Riggs subfamily into Vol. 7 of the series. Volumes 6 and 7 should be considered solid, starting with the initial individual Riggs male, respectively.

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I have extracted yet another volume, Vol. 8, as of 21 Sept. 2010, devoted to a subfamily from Vol. 3, Part III. That latter volume (the one you are reading here) had become unwieldy at over 800 pages, so further extraction makes it more convenient for me to manage.

For the early generations in the following text I have simply entered our results from the paper cited above, without proofs which are found in the paper of course, but I do elaborate on the disproved (or at least indoubt) relations in hope that future researchers might be more successful than Robert and I have been in finding the elusive relations—if they exist of course. Text in the first five generations which is footnoted does not appear in the paper. It is additional information that did not comfortably fit in the “Riggs revisited” paper.

But then the main body of the text, generations 6 and on, is filled with bona fide Riggs families and their proofs. The respective lineage lists will be as accurate as I now understand them to be. There are many departures from assumed “known” genealogies, and there are many questions in red in this working draft, as I subject all Riggs claims to close scrutiny. In a word or two, the main problem areas remain the New Jersey branches and the North Carolina connections to New Jersey.

I caution the reader about reliance on published genealogies of the Riggs family, as I have found many errors in most of them. In particular, as already mentioned, Wallace’s *Riggs Genealogy* is not to be trusted in general. I add the words “in general” because Wallace is often a good starting point for someone trying to understand pieces of the Riggs family. As with most early genealogies, Wallace seldom supplies proofs of his claims. My principal contribution, I believe, is that I am actually supplying proofs for every claim. If I have trouble with a proof, or believe it to be unsatisfactory, I place it in red. For example, if the only “proof” I have is a page number in Wallace then that footnote is in red (or should be).

I tend to trust genealogies written by members of the Riggs family for those generations close to that of its author, but disregard it (other than for inspiration on where to look for proofs) for generations farther removed.

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An example of how I use published genealogies is this: Consider Bassett's *Seymour, Past and Present* (as usual, consult the bibliography for full details). I often see this book cited as a "source" for proof of a step in a Riggs genealogy. Unfortunately, it does not stand up under scrutiny. Beginning with the first generation, it is full of errors. The first generation has poor dates for the children, and has Elizabeth incorrectly married to a Mr. Allen. Now, I might call this "the usual mistakes" in the early generations of the Riggses, for they are repeated in many places. Robert Anderson and I seek to reestablish the early generations in the paper mentioned above, to get rid of "the usual mistakes" finally.

Another such "usual mistake" occurs in the second generation in Bassett's genealogy: Edward<sup>2</sup> is said to have married Elizabeth Roosa, whereas it was Edward<sup>1</sup> who married her. Again, consult the paper by Robert and me for the proof. And Bassett is missing one child of Edward<sup>2</sup> and has, Robert and I believe, the children in the wrong order. I am not picking on Bassett, let me remind the reader, but on most Riggs genealogies. I go on full alert about a "source" if the early generations seem problematical, and many do.

Bassett's third and fourth generations appear to be accurate, but incomplete, consisting only of Samuel<sup>3</sup> and John<sup>4</sup>. This is appropriate, however, since the genealogy only purports to cover those Riggses who stayed in Connecticut. His fourth generation has the children of Samuel<sup>5</sup> out of order, but the children of Joseph<sup>5</sup> are correct. So you can see my doubt building as I inspect this "source," but perhaps you can see that I also appeal to it for ideas as to what might actually be the case, then look for evidence elsewhere. This is, in general, the way I use Riggs genealogies that do not include evidence, which is nearly all of them.

Here is a list of specific Riggs genealogies that I do not consider accurate enough to be sources (see the bibliography for full details). I emphasize that there is much good information in all of them, but there are sufficient errors to bring all facts into doubt (since there are no backup source references, in general, which can be checked):

Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*  
Crayon, *Riggs Family Genealogy*

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Bassett, *Seymour Past and Present*

A relatively new, and extensive, Riggs genealogy is the following:

Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*

Unfortunately, it too preserves many errors from the past, particularly in the early generations. Although Leo Riggs did footnote almost all facts, the “sources” referenced are often those listed above, particularly Wallace, which are not to be trusted. But I must say that *Leo Riggs His Book* does contain many excellent sources, so should always be consulted when looking for possible evidence.

Any references I make to these book are in red (or should be), unless specific valid sources in those books are cited. There are several others I could also list. In general, if a “source” does not back up its claims with hard evidence, then I do not accept it, no matter how old it is. I generally take a family member’s genealogy as truth so long as only one or two generations removed from the family member are trusted. Unfortunately, the practice in the past has been simply to list “facts” without proof. These “facts” should always be doubted unless a strong case can be made for them. Perhaps it goes without saying, but nothing I have just stated is a new idea; it is simply how scholarly genealogy is done.

## The DNA Evidence

The genetic signatures of male Riggs descendants has been used successfully in some branches of the extended family to prove membership in the family and to solve actual descendency problems. This volume by definition contains problematical descendants, so YDNA (DNA of the Y chromosome) tests have been invoked in various places to ensure this volume is tracking a single Riggs family. Note the following results:

1. Several descendants of Boardvine R.<sup>7</sup> Braswell (<sub>136</sub>?Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) carry the Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs YDNA genetic signature which proves that they are probably descendants of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs. In particular, three of Boardvine's proved descendants contributed YDNA samples. From them it was determined that Boardvine's signature must have matched Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs on 65 of 67 markers. This signature is derived in my paper BoardvineBraswell\_v4.3.pdf, using the maximum parsimony algorithm. The two blue marker values show where it differs from the Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs Modal Signature:

Boardvine R.<sup>7</sup> Braswell (<sub>136</sub>?Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>):

lxnknplllmmC sijkkyosDooqq kjswooqrLLll kiophjjhkjlupjllohlwtmlkmmkll

2. Roy Burdine<sup>11</sup> Riggs Jr. (<sub>995</sub>Roy Burdine<sup>10</sup>, William Ely<sup>9</sup>, Henderson Evans<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Jesse<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) matches the Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs genetic signature on 65 of 67 markers. This ensures that Jesse<sup>6</sup> Riggs was a descendant of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs with high probability. The two blue marker values show where this signature differs from the Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs Modal Signature:

Roy Burdine<sup>11</sup> Riggs Jr. (<sub>995</sub>Roy Burdine<sup>10</sup>, William Ely<sup>9</sup>, Henderson Evans<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Jesse<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>):

lxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswooqqLLll kiophjjhkjlupjllohlwtmlkmmkll

3. Wesley Brandon<sup>13</sup> Riggs (<sub>1259</sub>Stanley Christopher<sup>12</sup>, Clyde Alvin Jr.<sup>11</sup>, Clyde Alvin<sup>10</sup>, Ellis<sup>9</sup>, William N.<sup>8</sup>, Jesse W.<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Ed-



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*ward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) matches the *Edward*<sup>1</sup> Riggs genetic signature on 65 of 67 markers. This ensures that *Edward*<sup>5</sup> Riggs was a descendant of *Edward*<sup>1</sup> Riggs with high probability. The two blue marker values show where this signature differs from the *Edward*<sup>1</sup> Riggs Modal Signature:

Wesley Brandon<sup>13</sup> Riggs (<sub>1259</sub>*Stanley Christopher*<sup>12</sup>, *Clyde Alvin Jr.*<sup>11</sup>, *Clyde Alvin*<sup>10</sup>, *Ellis*<sup>9</sup>, *William N.*<sup>8</sup>, *Jesse W.*<sup>7</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>):

lxnknplllmmC sijjkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLll kiophjjhkjluwpjllohlwtmlkmmkll

4. Jason Lance<sup>12</sup> Riggs (<sub>1237</sub>*Galen L.*<sup>11</sup>, *Jess Chester*<sup>10</sup>, *Ambrose S.*<sup>9</sup>, *Aaron*<sup>8</sup>, *Moses*<sup>7</sup>, *?Iram*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) matches the *Edward*<sup>1</sup> Riggs genetic signature on 35 of 37 markers. This ensures that *Moses*<sup>7</sup> Riggs was a descendant of *Edward*<sup>1</sup> Riggs with fairly high probability. The two blue marker values show where this signature differs from the *Edward*<sup>1</sup> Riggs Modal Signature:

Jason Lance<sup>12</sup> Riggs (<sub>1237</sub>*Galen L.*<sup>11</sup>, *Jess Chester*<sup>10</sup>, *Ambrose S.*<sup>9</sup>, *Aaron*<sup>8</sup>, *Moses*<sup>7</sup>, *?Iram*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>):

lxnlplllmmC sijjkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLll

5. Roy Warren<sup>11</sup> Riggs (<sub>1117</sub>*William Webster*<sup>10</sup>, *Silas*<sup>9</sup>, *William Warren*<sup>8</sup>, *Silas*<sup>7</sup>, *Zadok*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) matches *Edward*<sup>1</sup> Riggs on 65 of 67 markers. This ensures that *Samuel*<sup>5</sup> Riggs was a descendant of *Edward*<sup>1</sup> Riggs with high probability. The two blue marker values show where this signature differs from the *Edward*<sup>1</sup> Riggs Modal Signature:

Roy Warren<sup>11</sup> Riggs (<sub>1117</sub>*William Webster*<sup>10</sup>, *Silas*<sup>9</sup>, *William Warren*<sup>8</sup>, *Silas*<sup>7</sup>, *Zadok*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>):

lxnknplllmmC sijjkyosConqq kjswooqrKLll kiophjjhkjluwpjllohlwtmljmkkll

6. Horace Lester<sup>11</sup> Riggs Jr. (<sub>1022</sub>*Horace Lester*<sup>10</sup>, *Horace Lester*<sup>9</sup>, *John W.*<sup>8</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) matches *Edward*<sup>1</sup> Riggs on 66 of 67 markers. This ensures that *Edward*<sup>5</sup> Riggs was a descendant of *Edward*<sup>1</sup> Riggs with high probability. The one blue marker value shows where this signature differs from the *Edward*<sup>1</sup> Riggs Modal Signature:

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Horace Lester<sup>11</sup> Riggs Jr. (<sub>1022</sub>Horace Lester<sup>10</sup>, Horace Lester<sup>9</sup>, John W,<sup>8</sup>, Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>):

lxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLll kiophjjhkjluwpjllohlwtmlkmmkkl

7. Charles Elmer<sup>12</sup> Riggs Jr. (<sub>1204</sub>Charles Elmer<sup>11</sup>, Charles Wilson<sup>10</sup>, Charles Newton<sup>9</sup>, Jasper N.<sup>8</sup>, Edward<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) matches Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs on 66 of 67 markers. [Note added 26 Feb. 2020: Charles matches Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs on 110 of 111 markers]. Notice that Charles matches Horace above 67/67. This ensures that Edward<sup>5</sup> Riggs was a descendant of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs with high probability, and so was Clisbe<sup>6</sup>. The one blue marker value shows where this signature differs from the Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs Modal Signature:

Charles Elmer<sup>12</sup> Riggs Jr. (<sub>1204</sub>Charles Elmer<sup>11</sup>, Charles Wilson<sup>10</sup>, Charles Newton<sup>9</sup>, Jasper N.<sup>8</sup>, Edward<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>):

lxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLll kiophjjhkjluwpjllohlwtmlkmmkkl

8. Comparing 3, 6, and 7 above shows that Wesley, Horace, and Charles descend from three different sons of Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, son of Edward<sup>5</sup>. Using the maximum parsimony algorithm, Clisbe most likely has this genetic signature (where I leave the one marker in blue that differs from the Edward Riggs Modal Signature):

Clisbe<sup>6</sup> Riggs (<sub>75</sub>Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>):

lxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLll kiophjjhkjluwpjllohlwtmlkmmkkl

9. With the exception of Roy in 5 above, all genetic signatures discussed above have an L (=38) in marker no. 34. We can argue, in light of no contradictory evidence so far, that Edward<sup>5</sup> also had an L in no. 34 in his signature. Roy's evidence is that Samuel<sup>5</sup> did not have an L there. This suggests that the L mutation happened at this generation, and that therefore the father of Edward<sup>5</sup> and Samuel<sup>5</sup> (whom we think might be Samuel<sup>4</sup>) might have had the full Edward Riggs Modal Signature as his signature. But notice that if the Braswells came down from Samuel<sup>5</sup>, as seems likely, then this argument doesn't hold because we've deduced that Boardvine probably had an L in no. 34.

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10. Two proved descendants of Zophar<sup>6</sup> Riggs (<sub>72</sub>?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) **do not carry** the Edwardian Riggs YDNA signature. So this entire subfamily should be removed from this book, pending further tests. First is James Alan<sup>10</sup> Riggs (<sub>516</sub>Donald Alan<sup>9</sup>, John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>), who is genetic distance 20 from the Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs signature, on 67 markers. Second is Robert Bruce<sup>13</sup> [Riggs] Wilson (<sub>1250</sub>Ronald Grover<sup>12</sup>, Grover Eldred<sup>11</sup>, Grover Cleveland<sup>10</sup>, John Albert<sup>9</sup>, John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>), who matches 65/67 a son of John Albert's half brother, Donald Alan. That son is of course James Alan<sup>10</sup> Riggs. Bruce is genetic distance 22 from Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs, on 67 markers. This is enough to show that John W.<sup>8</sup> Riggs is not a genetic descendant from Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs. This, of course, brings Sylvester<sup>7</sup> and Zophar<sup>6</sup> into question. But Zophar<sup>6</sup> was from Morris Co., N.J., (he married twice there) so **if** he turns out not to be Edwardian, we have a serious problem, namely two different Riggs clans in Morris Co., N.J., at the same time.



# EDWARD<sup>1</sup> RIGGS

## Of Roxbury

### FIRST GENERATION<sup>[14]</sup>

1. **EDWARD<sup>1</sup> RIGGS** might have been the unnamed son baptized 30 Mar. 1589 in Roydon, Essex, England, to Richard and Elizabeth (Chamberlyn) Riggs, or he might have been one of two males named Edward “Rigge” baptized 6 May 1593, son of Richard, or 25 July 1594, son of James, respectively, in Hawkshead, Lancashire (now Cumbria), England. Robert Charles Anderson and I have argued the details elsewhere.<sup>[15]</sup> He married (1) 16 Sept. 1618, in All Saints Church, Nazeing (adjacent to Roydon), Essex, **ELIZABETH HOLMES**, who was baptized 13 Dec. 1590, All Saints, Nazeing.

Edward Riggs married (2) 5 Apr. 1635, Roxbury, **ELIZABETH ROOSA**, who was buried 2 Sept. 1669, in Roxbury. There were no children in the second marriage. Both the marriage date and Elizabeth’s surname have been controversial.

**Important note: Please see my Riggs Vol. 3, Part I for a much more thorough treatment of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs, including especially a treatment of the Sergeant Riggs legend.**

Children of the first marriage, to Elizabeth Holmes:

- + 2 i **EDWARD<sup>2</sup> RIGGS**, baptized 17 Oct. 1619, Nazeing, Essex, England, married, by 1662, **ELIZABETH** —, and had four children.
- 3 ii **LYDIA<sup>2</sup> RIGGS**, baptized 15 Sept. 1622, Nazeing, Essex, as “Lyddia Rygge,” buried Aug. 1633, in Roxbury. “Lidia y<sup>c</sup> daught<sup>r</sup> of Edward Riggs bvried (6) 1633.”

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14. All proofs of this generation, unless otherwise provided, are found in Anderson and Smith, “The Genealogy of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs Revisited,” *The Genealogist*. (See bibliography for expansion of source details.)

15. Smith and Anderson, “Proposed Hawkshead Origins of Edward<sup>1</sup> and Thomas<sup>1</sup> Riggs,” TAG.

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- 4   iii   **ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> RIGGS**, baptized 30 Dec. 1627, Nazeing, Essex, buried May 1634, Roxbury. "Elizabeth daught<sup>r</sup> of Edward Riggs bvried (3) 1634."
- 5   iv   **JOHN<sup>2</sup> RIGGS**, baptized 17 Jan. 1629/30, Nazeing, Essex, buried Oct. 1634, Roxbury. "John y<sup>e</sup> son of Edward Riggs bvried (8) 1634."
- + 6   v   **MARY<sup>2</sup> RIGGS**, baptized 1 July 1632, Nazeing, Essex, England, married (1) **BENJAMIN TWITCHELL**, and had eight children, married (2) **SAMUEL MILLS**.

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### SECOND GENERATION<sup>[16]</sup>

2. EDWARD<sup>2</sup> RIGGS (<sub>1</sub>Edward<sup>1</sup>) was baptized 17 Oct. 1619, Nazeing, Essex, England, as “Edward Rigges,” died after 1 Jan. 1669/70 at Newark, N.J., when he was mentioned in the Newark town records, but before 25 or 26 Jan. 1669/70, when “Widow Elizabeth Riggs” was first mentioned. This is consistent with Edward<sup>1</sup>’s will of 2 Sept. 1670 which refers to the wife and children of son Edward<sup>2</sup> but not to Edward<sup>2</sup> himself. Edward<sup>2</sup> had married say 1641 ELIZABETH —, (assuming she was his only wife) and definitely by about 1662. John Winthrop made reference to Edward’s (unnamed) wife, in Milford, on the first page of his medical journal on 10 March 1656/7, the earliest reference to Elizabeth if, again, she was Edward’s only wife. It was this Elizabeth whom several genealogists have mistakenly identified as Elizabeth Roosa. Edward’s baptism in 1619, not known at the time of the earlier genealogies, makes his birth as early as 1614 untenable, and hence also Elizabeth Roosa as his spouse.

Important note: Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part I, for a much more detailed sketch of Edward<sup>2</sup> Riggs, including the argument against his being the Sergeant Riggs of the Pequot War of 1637.

Children:

- + 7 i SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> RIGGS, born say 1642, married (1) SARAH BALDWIN, and had nine children. This line intermarried with the Durand family of Derby, New Haven Co., Conn.<sup>[17]</sup> Samuel married (2) SARAH WASHBURN, and had no further children by her.
- + 8 ii JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RIGGS, born say 1644, married HANNAH BROWNE, and had four children.
- + 9 iii MARY<sup>3</sup> RIGGS, born say 1646, married (1) GEORGE DAY, and had three sons. Mary married (2) ANTHONY OLEF [OLIFFE] [OLIFF] [OLIVE].
- 10 iv JOHN<sup>3</sup> RIGGS, born say 1648, died before 24 May 1670, Milford, when his inventory was presented, consistent with his grandfather

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16. All proofs of this generation, unless otherwise provided, are found in Anderson and Smith, “The Genealogy of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs Revisited,” *The Genealogist*. (See bibliography for expansion of source details.)

17. Smith, *Dr. John Durand and His Family*, fig. 11, shows complexity of the interrelationship.

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Edward<sup>1</sup>'s will of 2 Sept. 1670, which mentions his son Edward<sup>2</sup> as father of his four (only) grandchildren.

- + 11 v EDWARD<sup>3</sup> RIGGS, born say 1650, married MARY —, and had five children.

6. MARY<sup>2</sup> RIGGS (<sub>1</sub>Edward<sup>1</sup>) was baptized 1 July 1632, Nazeing, as “Mary Rigge.” She married (1) say 1650 BENJAMIN TWITCHELL [TUCHEL], who was born say 1625, probably son of Joseph Twitchell/Tuchel, immigrant to Dorchester, Mass., in 1633. Mary Twitchell married (2) 3 Feb. 1684/5, Dedham, Mass., SAMUEL MILLS. Then Mary died 30 Oct. 1694, Dedham, shortly before Samuel.

**Important note: Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part I, for a much more detailed sketch of Mary<sup>2</sup> Riggs.**

Children of the first marriage, to Benjamin Twitchell:<sup>18</sup>

- + 12 i ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> TWITCHELL, born say 1651, married WILLIAM ALLEN/ALLIN, and had six children. Elizabeth was the grandchild, Elizabeth Allen, of the 1670 will of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs.<sup>19</sup>
- + 13 ii JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> TWITCHELL, born say 1653, married LYDIA GOARD, and had seven children.
- + 14 iii BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> TWITCHELL, born say 1656, married MARY WHITE, and had five children.
- + 15 iv MARY<sup>3</sup> TWITCHELL, born 8 Mar. 1658/9, Dorchester, married JOSIAH ROCKET, and had six children.
- + 16 v HANNAH<sup>3</sup> TWITCHELL, born 8 Oct. 1660, Dorchester, married SAMUEL HILL, and had 10 children.
- + 17 vi ABIEL<sup>3</sup> TWITCHELL, a daughter born 1 Nov. 1663, Medfield, had a child born out of wedlock with her brother-in-law, William Allen, married (1) ROBERT CORBETT, and had two children, married (2) JOHN BUGBEE, and had five children.
- + 18 vii JOHN<sup>3</sup> TWITCHELL, born say 1669, probably he who married SARAH PIERSON, and had seven children, thus starting the Derby line of Twitchells.

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18. Smith and Sanborn, *Eva Belle Kempton*, 34-38, 424-37; Anderson and Smith, “The Genealogy of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs Revisited,” *The Genealogist*.

19. Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, and Cory, *Lineal Ancestors*, mistakenly assumed Elizabeth Allen to be daughter of an unlisted daughter of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs who married a Mr. Allen.



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- + 19 viii **BETHIAH<sup>3</sup> TWITCHELL**, born say 1671, married **JOHN ROCKET**, half-brother of Josiah Rocket, husband of Bethiah's sister Mary, and had eight children.

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### THIRD GENERATION<sup>[20]</sup>

Important note: Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part I or II, for a much more detailed version of the third generation.

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7. **SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>2</sub>*Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) born say 1642, probably Roxbury, Mass. He signed his will 13 Nov. 1734 in Derby, Conn., and it was proved 2 May 173[8?]. He married (1) 14 June 1667, Milford, Conn., **SARAH BALDWIN**, who was baptized 1 Apr. 1649, Milford, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Alsop) Baldwin. Sarah died 14 May 1712, in Derby, then Samuel married (2) 6 May 1713, Derby, **SARAH WASHBURN**, who was born Dec. 1661, Stratford, Conn., daughter of Hope and Mary (Stiles) Washburn.

Important note: Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part I or II, for a much more detailed sketch of Samuel<sup>3</sup> Riggs.

Children of the first marriage, to Sarah Baldwin:

- + 20 i **ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> RIGGS**, born [ ] June 1668, Derby, New Haven Co., Conn., perhaps married **ROBERT BASSETT**, and had six children.
- 21 ii **SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> RIGGS**, born 8 or 9 Jan. 1670/1, Derby, and baptized 12 Mar. 1670/1, First Church of Milford. Neither he nor any children of his are mentioned in his father's will of 1734, so he probably died young.
- 22 iii **SARAH<sup>4</sup> RIGGS**, born and died 1672 or 1673, Derby.
- + 23 iv **SARAH<sup>4</sup> RIGGS**, born 3 May [1674], Derby, married **JONATHAN LUM**, and had six children.
- + 24 v **JOHN<sup>4</sup> RIGGS**, born about April 1676, Derby, married (1), **ELIZABETH TOMLINSON**, and had five children, and married (2) **MARAH/MARY (LEE) (BECKWITH) STERLIN/STARLING**.
- + 25 vi **EBENEZER<sup>4</sup> RIGGS**, born [15 Oct.] 1678, Derby, New Haven Co., Conn., married **LOIS HAWKINS**, and had three children.

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20. All proofs of this generation, unless otherwise provided, are found in Anderson and Smith, "The Genealogy of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs Revisited," *The Genealogist*. (See bibliography for expansion of source details.)

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- + 26 vii EDWARD<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born [2] Oct. 1680, Derby, New Haven Co., Conn., married ABIGAIL NICHOLS, and had three children.
- + 27 viii HANNAH<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born 24 Feb. 1683[4?], Derby, married ABRAHAM HARGER, and had five children.
- 28 ix JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born about 1687,<sup>21</sup> died 22 Oct. 1707, Derby, aged 20, presumably unmarried.

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8. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RIGGS (<sub>2</sub>Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born say 1644, probably Roxbury, and died at Newark after 1 Jan. 1688/9 when he signed his will in Newark, and before 27 Nov. 1689 when it was proved by three witnesses of the will to be that of “Joseph Riggs of Newark latly [sic] deceased.” He married say 1678 HANNAH BROWNE, who was born probably in Milford and baptized 3 May 1658 in New Haven, daughter of John and Mary (Burwell) Browne. Joseph’s and Hannah’s fathers were both of Derby and then of Newark, of which they were both planters. Hannah married second, say 1690 and definitely before 4 Feb. 1694/5, Aaron Thompson of Elizabethtown, who signed his will on that date mentioning his wife Hannah.

**Important note: Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part I or II, for a much more detailed sketch of Joseph<sup>3</sup> Riggs.**

Children:

- 29 i JOHN<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born say 1679, Newark. He was the first son listed in his father’s will. On 20 Feb. 1701/2 he and Paul Day, both described as grandchildren of Edward Riggs, deceased, and John as son of Joseph, divided a land parcel in Newark inherited from Edward, suggesting that John had come of age.
- + 30 ii ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born say 1681, Newark, married DANIEL DOD, and had at least three and probably four children.
- + 31 iii SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born say 1683, Newark, Essex Co., N.J., married REBECCA —, and had one child, a daughter.
- 32 iv ZOPHAR/ZOPHER<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born say 1685, Newark. Robert Anderson and I could not agree with Cory who identified this

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21. Orcutt, *History of Derby*, 755, has it 22 Feb. 1686/7.

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Zopher with the Zopher Riggs of Morris Co., N.J., who died intestate before 18 Oct. 1773. It is possible, we admit, but the latter was probably too young to be Zopher<sup>4</sup>.

9. **MARY<sup>3</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>2</sub>*Edward<sup>2</sup>*, *Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born say 1646. She married (1) after 13 June 1666, say 1667, probably Newark, **GEORGE DAY**, a founder of Newark who died before [1?]7 March 1685[/6?] when his heirs were assigned land, and by which date she had married (2) **ANTHONY OLEF [OLIFFE] [OLIFF] [OLIVE]**, born about 1636 (gravestone), and died 16 March 1723[/4?], aged 87, his gravestone the oldest in the old burial ground of the First Presbyterian Church (the so-called Mountain Society), Orange, Essex Co., N.J. Mary died sometime before 16 Dec. 1713 when Anthony's second wife, Abiah Lindsley, gave her consent for a deed of sale.

**Important note: Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part I or II, for a much more detailed sketch of Mary<sup>3</sup> Riggs.**

Children of Mary's first marriage, to George Day:

- + 33 i **PAUL<sup>4</sup> DAY**, born say 1668, married **PHEBE** —, and had four children.
- + 34 ii **GEORGE<sup>4</sup> DAY**, born say 1670, married **PHEBE** —, and had at least one child.
- + 35 iii **SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> DAY**, born say 1671, married **ABIGAIL** —, and had two children.

11 **EDWARD<sup>3</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>2</sub>*Edward<sup>2</sup>*, *Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born say 1650, according to Anderson. Edward married **MARY** —. Edward died after 10 Apr. 1696, the date of the granting to him of 100 acres by the East New Jersey proprietors (see below). Mary died after 8 Apr. 1691, the date of the last entry mentioning her in the early Newark deeds and records.

**Important note: Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part I or II, for a much more detailed sketch of Edward<sup>3</sup> Riggs, especially as regards to Mary's surname.**

Children (**only Edward and Joseph have been proved**):

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- + 36 i EDWARD<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born say 1673, Newark, and had children. See Vol. 3, Part II, for continuation of this line.
- + 37 ii JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born about 1676, Newark, married SARAH —, and had children. See Vol. 3, Part II, for continuation of this line.
- + 38 iii ?JAMES<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born say 1679 married say 1710 a granddaughter of William Oliver.
- + 39 iv ?SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born say 1681, near Newark, Essex Co., N.J. It is not even known if his name was actually Samuel. **But there is a Gardiner reference that does name a Samuel Riggs at the right time and place.**

### [Putative children, with no known record:<sup>[22]</sup>

- 40 i ?ANNA<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born about 1662, Derby, New Haven Co., Conn., married J. GAGE. [By Congar alone, this would be ANNA<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, married — GAGE.]
- 41 ii ?MARY<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born about 1666, Derby, New Haven Co., Conn., married JOSEPH LINDSLEY. [By Congar alone, this would be MARY<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, married — LINDSLEY.]
- 42 iii ?MARTHA<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born about 1677, married S. FREEMAN. [By Congar alone, this would be MARTHA<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, married — FREEMAN.]
- 43 iv ?ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born about 1678, married JOHN LYON. [By Congar alone, this would be ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, married — LYON.]
- + 44 v ?JOHN<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born 1679 (or 1669), married FRANCIS COLBURN, and had four sons.
- 45 vi ?CHARITY<sup>4</sup> RIGGS, born about 1685, married JOHN BOWERS. There is a John Bowers who in 1714, according to *New Haven Co. Court Records*, had a wife Charity, recently married. John was son of Samuel Bowers and, probably, Ruth Wooster, his first wife.<sup>[23]</sup>

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22. Congar, *Genealogical Notices, First Settlers of Newark*, 131, states “trad. Says he [Edward] had Joseph, Edward, James, Samuel John [sic, no comma between], Anna Gage, Mary Lindsley, Martha Freeman, Elizabeth Lyon, and Charity.” Congar lists all the sons then all the daughters. Wallace added therefore the birth years and the first names or initials of the spouses, and the Francis Colburn and John Bowers spouses. Wallace’s order is Anna, James, Mary, Edward, Joseph, Martha, Elizabeth, John, Samuel, and Charity.

23. Donald Lines Jacobus, “Edward Wooster of Derby, Conn., and Some of His Descendants,” *Register* 75(1921):176-77. A footnote states: “This child is omitted in Orcutt’s History of Derby, p.

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703. Probate records prove that he was son of Samuel Bowers, and a consideration of the dates shows that it is almost impossible for him to have been a child by the second wife." She was Lydia French, whom Samuel married 4 Nov. 1691.

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CONNECTICUT BRANCH

See Vol. III: Part I for continuation of the Connecticut branch of the Riggs family.

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**Important note:** Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part II, for a much more detailed treatment of the fourth generation in New Jersey.

**30. ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> RIGGS** (Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born say 1681, Newark, married 17 June 1702, Guilford, Conn.,<sup>[25]</sup> **DANIEL DOD**, who was born about 1679, Guilford, son of Stephen and Sarah (Stevens) Dod.

**Important note:** Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part II, for a much more detailed sketch of Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Riggs.

Children:<sup>[26]</sup>

- + 46 i **STEPHEN<sup>5</sup> DOD**, born 4 Apr. 1703, Guilford, Conn., died 22 May 1764, Mendham, Morris Co., N.J. He married **DEBORAH BROWN**, and had 11 children, and with her became the ancestor of the largest branch of the Dod family, via sons Thaddeus and Daniel, who settled in western Pennsylvania.<sup>[27]</sup>
- + 47 ii **PHEBE<sup>5</sup> DOD**, born about 1703, married **PETER CONDIT**, and had eight children. Phebe is not mentioned in Littell.
- + 48 iii **JOHN<sup>5</sup> DOD**, born 14 May 1711, married **JEMIMA HARRISON**, and had seven children.

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24. All proofs of this generation, unless otherwise provided, are found in Anderson and Smith, "The Genealogy of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs Revisited," *The Genealogist*. (See bibliography for expansion of source details.)

25. "Old Guilford Marriage Records," *Conn. Nutmegger* 8:349, "[Dod-Doude-Dowd] Daniell [spouse] Elezabeth Riggs, of Newworke in East Jassy [date] 17 Jun 1702 [1]:8."

26. Littell, *First Settlers*, 134.

27. Dodd and Burnett, *Descendants of Daniel Dod*, 20.

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- + 49 iv **TIMOTHY<sup>5</sup> DOD**, born about 1715, and had three children by an unknown wife.

31. **SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> RIGGS** (*Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born say 1683, Newark, Essex Co., N.J., and died before 16 May 1711 when his will was proved. He married say 1708 **REBECCA** —. Samuel was the second son listed in his father's will and given first choice over his brother Zophar in an equal division of his father's lands.

**Important note: Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part II, for a much more detailed sketch of Samuel<sup>4</sup> Riggs.**

Child:

- + 50 i **SARAH<sup>5</sup> RIGGS**, born say 1709, married **JOTHAM CLARK**, and had two children.

33. **PAUL<sup>4</sup> DAY** (*Mary<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born say 1668, and died before 19 Nov. 1712, Newark, when his widow "Phebee" was bonded as administratrix of his estate. He married **PHEBE** —, possibly daughter of Thomas and Mary Brown. Cousin "Phebie" or "Phebee" Day is a beneficiary in the will, dated 31 May 1698, Newark, Essex Co., N.J., of Lt. Samuel Rose [Roos].<sup>[28]</sup>

**Important note: Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part II, for a much more detailed sketch of Paul<sup>4</sup> Day.**

Children:<sup>[29]</sup>

- 51 i **?JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> DAY**, married **HANNAH SARGEANT**, had eight children.
- 52 ii **?AZUBA/ASUBAH<sup>5</sup> DAY**, alive on 13 Apr. 1732, at the will of her sister, Mary Day (q.v.).
- 53 iii **?MARY<sup>5</sup> DAY**, died between 13 Apr. and 10 May 1732 when her will was signed and proved, respectively, married **JOSEPH TOMPKINS**, died before 10 May 1732 when his will was proved, and had no children.

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28. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 1:394, cites N.J. Archives, XXI, 145; *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 2:564, proved 24 Nov. 1701, mentions wife Mary, and other cousins, Hannah Brant, Sarah Moris [sic], and Abigail [sic] Ball.

29. Carrell, "The Day Family of Mendham", 56, "Paul Day had Joseph, Azuba, Mary, and one other daughter."



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54 iv ?CORRE<sup>5</sup> DAY, who died before her sister Mary's will of 13 Apr. 1732 (q.v.), leaving two sons and two daughters of unknown surname.

34. GEORGE<sup>4</sup> DAY (9Mary<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1669, died before 24 Jan. 1720/1, when administrators of his estate were appointed in Newark, they being John Brown, Amos Roberts, and John Day, all of Newark.<sup>[30]</sup> He married, perhaps (2), PHEBE —. He married her after 4 May 1709, when no wife was mentioned in a land sale, and before 2 June 1711, when she was.<sup>[31]</sup>

Important note: Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part II, for a more detailed sketch of George<sup>4</sup> Day.

Known child:

55 i JOHN<sup>5</sup> DAY.

35. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> DAY (9Mary<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1671, died after 8 Mar. 1714/5 (see town meeting record below) and before 17 Oct. 1715, when his will was proved. He married ABIGAIL —.

Important note: Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part II, for a more detailed sketch of George<sup>4</sup> Day.

Children:<sup>[32]</sup>

56 i DAVID<sup>5</sup> DAY, born about 1711, and had five daughters.

57 ii SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> DAY, born 15 July 1715, Newark, after his father's death, hence the expected child of the will, married ABIGAIL CARTER, and had eight children.

37. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> RIGGS (11Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1676, Newark, died 11 Sept. 1744, aged 68, and was buried in the Old Burying

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30. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 1:130.q

31. Newark Record of Lands, 137, George Day, cooper, of Newark sold 4 May 1709 (acknowledged 23 [ ] 1714) six acres west of Newark to John Medlis, ship carpenter, of Newark; Newark Record of Lands, 132, George Day, cooper, and Phebe his wife of Newark sold 2 June 1711 ten acres in Newark to Jabez Harger, shoemaker, of Newark.

32. Littell, *First Settlers*, 115, has David<sup>5</sup> son of George<sup>4</sup>, not Samuel<sup>4</sup>, indicating serious problems with Littell about this family.

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Ground, Orange, Essex Co., N.J. He married SARAH —, who was born about 1684, died 17 June 1735, aged 51 (gravestone), and was buried next to her husband.

**Important note:** Please see my Riggs, Vol. 3, Part II, for a more detailed sketch of Joseph<sup>4</sup> Riggs.

Robert Charles Anderson and I were able to establish only Miles, Joseph, and Daniel as children, with Gideon and Sarah as possibilities (since they were mentioned in Joseph Jr.'s will, with no relationship stated). We could not prove Zebulon was a child although he is widely proclaimed to be one. I include him here only tentatively, with the leading question mark.

Children:<sup>[33]</sup>

- + 58 i MILES<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born say 1705, in Newark (or nearby Orange), Essex Co., N.J., married ELIZABETH WHITNEY, and had eight children. See Vol. 3, Part II for continuation of this line.
- + 59 ii ?GIDEON<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born about 1714, married REBECCA HAND, and had eight children.
- + 60 iii ?ZEBULON<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born 23 or 24 Jan. 1719, Orange, Essex Co., N.J., married ELIZABETH [BROWN], and had at least two and perhaps four children.
- + 61 iv JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born about 1720, Orange, Essex Co., N.J., married ABIGAIL BROWN, and had eight children. See Vol. 3, Part II for continuation of this line.
- + 62 v DANIEL<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born 29 May 1724, Orange, Essex Co., N.J., married (1) SARAH LAMSON, and had 10 children, married (2) RHODA CONDIT [CONDICT], and had no other children. See Vol. 3, Part II for continuation of this line.
- 63 vi ?SARAH<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, who was unmarried at the signing of her putative brother Miles's will on 1 Jan. 1754. She was born about 1726, married<sup>[34]</sup> THOMAS [or JOSEPH] ROBERTS.

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33. Congar, *Genealogical Notices, First Settlers of Newark*, 131, states "Joseph Riggs bur. at Orange, d. 11th Sep. 1744, a. 69; trad. fath. of Gideon, Zebulon, Joseph, Daniel, Josiah, and Miles." Robert Charles Anderson and I were able to establish Joseph, Daniel, and Miles as children because they are all mentioned as siblings in the will of Joseph Jr., which also mentions Gideon and Sarah, but not their relationship.

34. Copied from a manuscript by Edith Tuller Riggs, Charles C. Gardiner Collection, N. J. Fam-

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[Putative children, with no known record:<sup>[35]</sup>

- 64 i ?JOSIAH<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born about 1703, married, and said to have had seven children.
- + 65 ii ?HANNAH<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born about 1707, married JOHN HEDDEN, and had at least five children.
- 66 iii MARY<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born about 1709, married THOMAS CUSHMAN.
- 67 iv BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born 1711, married, and had children.
- 68 v DINAH<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born about 1716, married<sup>[36]</sup> EDWARD HEDDEN.

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38. JAMES<sup>4</sup> RIGGS (<sub>11</sub>?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born say 1679, married say 1710 to a granddaughter of William Oliver.<sup>[37]</sup>

There is a 1710 mention of James Riggs in the Essex Co. records.<sup>[38]</sup>

An inventory, dated 29 Apr. 1730, of the estate of John Blanchard, who wrote his will 6 Apr. 1730, Elizabethtown, Essex Co., N.J., lists bonds due from many persons, including James “Rigs.”<sup>[39]</sup>

On 14 July 1732 an inventory of the personal estate of Joseph Meeker of Elizabethtown, Essex Co., N.J., contains a bill from James Riggs, among many others. Meeker wrote his will 28 Feb. 1731.<sup>[40]</sup>

On 1 May 1738 James “Rig” is listed as an heir in an agreement between the heirs of Sarah Coddington, a widow who wrote her will 4

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lies 1600-1900, reel 18: Pike-Rog, NEHGS microfilm F 133 G27 1978, Riggs, has the Joseph version and gives them children: Jesse, Ichabud [sic], Phebe, Hannah, Sarah, Joseph, and Israil. The Tuller manuscript is discussed at length by Robert Charles Anderson and me in Anderson and Smith, “The Genealogy of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs Revisited,” *The Genealogist*.

35. Jacobus, *Parke-Gildersleeve*, 109, cites Wallace; Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 9. Wallace’s list is introduced with these not very comforting words: “Mr. Conger, by tradition, gives him six sons, but from one of his descendants we have a list embracing seven sons and four daughters. This list contains evident marks of authenticity, and we do not hesitate to adopt it in preference to that of Mr. Conger.”

36. Copied from a manuscript by Edith Tuller Riggs, Charles C. Gardiner Collection, N. J. Families 1600-1900, reel 18: Pike-Rog, NEHGS microfilm F 133 G27 1978, Riggs, spells the surname Hadden [for John Hedden also].

37. Anderson and Smith, “The Genealogy of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs Revisited,” *The Genealogist*.

38. Essex Co. records [which ones?], vol. 1, 1709-1719, contributed by Robert Charles Anderson.

39. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 2:48.

40. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 2:330.

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May 1738, Elizabethtown, Essex Co., N.J. The agreement lists the following heirs: Moses Rolfe, Andrew Drake, Samuel Oliver, William Winans, Jonathan Frazee, **James Rig** [sic], William Oliver, Elizabeth Whithead [sic], David Conger, David Oliver, Benoni Frasee [sic], Mary Ogden, Elizabeth Olliver [sic], Joseph Oliver, and John Oliver. Administrators of Sarah Coddington's estate are William Winans and Samuel Oliver. In the account of the administrators of an estate auction for Sarah, date not recorded, many of the heirs names again appear, including James Riggs.<sup>[41]</sup>

Conger places James in Elizabethtown in 1739.<sup>[42]</sup>

Genealogist David Kendall Martin has argued that James Riggs "perhaps" married a daughter of William and Mary (Ackerly) Oliver born say 1670, married by 1710 to James, but this argument is based on Wallace's estimate of 1664 for James's birth. Robert Charles Anderson argues that James was younger, born say 1679, a date the author has adopted above. This meshes with Kendall's further argument: "If James Riggs were a younger man, born say in the 1680s, I would consider his wife a granddaughter rather than a daughter of William and Jane (Ackerly) Oliver."<sup>[43]</sup>

Placeholder information:

The complete list of heirs in Sarah Coddington's will is: Moses Rolfe, Andrew Drake, Samuel Oliver, William Winans, Jonathan Frazee, **James Rig**, William Oliver, Elizabeth Whithead, David Conger, David Olliver, Benoni Frasee, Mary Ogden, Elizabeth Olliver, Joseph Oliver, John Oliver. From David Kendall Martin's argument John Riggs must have married one of the Oliver descendants of Sarah Coddington.

The will of Benjamin Codington Sr. of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co. was signed 26 May 1750 and proved 19 May 1753. It mentions his wife Mary and children Margaret (wife of Abner Wright), Sarah (wife of William Oliver), Mary (wife of Will Pangburn), Martha (wife of Jonathan Frazee), Elizabeth (wife of Solomon Bycount),

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41. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 2:102.

42. Congar, *Genealogical Notices, First Settlers of Newark*, 131, "James, in Eliz. town 1739."

43. David Kendall Martin, "The Oliver Connection," in *Genealogies of New Jersey Families, from the Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., [get date]), vol. 1, 617-26. [Or get original NJ Gen Mag reference.] Quotation is on p. 624.

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Lydia (wife of Job Couger Jr.), Zillah (wife of Enoch Couger), Rebecca, Mary (called Mary Coddington), Sabrah, Elizabeth Coddington, Benjamin, Thomas, Isaac, John, Ashur, Uziah, Joatham, and Reuben.<sup>[44]</sup> The most interesting heirs here are Sarah Coddington, who married William Oliver thus linking those two surnames, and Martha Coddington, who married Jonathan Frazee thus linking those two surnames.

John Coddington, of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., signed his will on 25 Dec. 1738, proved 9 January 1738. It mentions his wife Elizabeth, children John, Richard, Elizabeth Marsh, Hanah Price, Rachel, Mary and Daniel Coddington, and Moses Rolfe among the witnesses.<sup>[45]</sup>

The will of Samuel Coddington of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., intestate, was assigned administrators 1 Aug. 1757: Samuel's widow Mary Coddington, and his brother David Coddington of Woodbridge. Bondsman was John Coddington.<sup>[46]</sup>

The will of John Coddington of Woodbridge Twp., Middlesex Co., was signed 11 Nov. 1757 and proved 5 Jan. 1758. It mentions his wife Margret and children Abigail, Sarah (both underage), James, Robert, John, Daniel, and David (the last four underage).<sup>[47]</sup>

David Oliver of the Borough of Elizabeth, Essex Co., signed his will 3 Nov. 1747, proved 24 Nov. 1747. It mentions his wife Elizabeth and children David, Samuel, Jeremiah, John, Jonathan, Sarah and Elizabeth, the last four under age.<sup>[48]</sup> Assuming the last four children were born in the period 1727-1735 suggests that the first three were born say 1720-1726. This suggests a marriage say 1719, and a birth for David of say 1692.

The will of Samuel Oliver of Elizabethtown, Essex Co., was signed 1 Nov. 1739 and proved 16 June 1744. It mentions his wife Margaret and his cousins Mercy Olliver and Benoni Frazee. An inventory of 19 June 1744 includes bonds of Jonathan Frazee and John Olliver and was made by Eliphalet Frasee and another. A 1747

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44. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 3:63.

45. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 2:102.

46. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 3:63.

47. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 3:62-63.

48. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 2:361.

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record mentions Samuel's brother, John Oliver, and David Oliver, his brother's son.<sup>[49]</sup>

The will of Samuel Oliver Sr. of Elizabethtown, Essex Co., was signed 18 Jan. 1719/20 and proved 12 Aug. 1723. It mentions his wife Mary and children Samuel (with wife Sarah), David, Jonathan, John, Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mercy, Dorcas, and Abigail.<sup>[50]</sup>

Benoni Frazee of the Borough of Elizabeth, Essex Co., signed his will 28 Apr. 1742, proved 19 June 1742. It mentions his wife Elizabeth and children Edward, George, Henry, and Sarah, all underage. Executors include Samuel Oliver and Jonathan Frazee (Jonathan of Woodbridge).<sup>[51]</sup>

The noncupative will of Elizabeth Frazee, widow of Benoni, of Essex Co., was recorded 10 Jan. 1748[/9?]. An inventory was made 5 Jan. 1748[/9?] by Eliphalet Frasee and another man. On 10 Jan. 1748[/9?] Jonathan Frasee of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., was made administrator.

The will of Capt. Edward Frazee of Elizabethtown, Essex Co., was signed 3 Jan. 1731/2 and proved 6 June 1733. It mentions eldest daughters Elizabeth Crow, Sarah Craig, and Humus Heirs/Hears, and youngest daughters Effiah, Mary, and Mercy Frazee. "Side-saddle given to dau. Mary's mother, Marcy, by her deceased grandmother, Mary Olliver." Also mentioned are brother-in-law David Olliver and, among the witnesses, John Frazee, and "Benony" Frazee.<sup>[52]</sup>

The noncupative will of Joseph "Frasey" Jr. was recorded 7 Nov. 1693, with letters issued to Joseph "Frasey" Sr. of Elizabethtown on 21 Dec. 1693. It mentions brothers Edward, William, and three younger ones, and sister Mary.<sup>[53]</sup>

Collapsing the Frazee information leads to the conclusion that Benoni Frazee, who died 1742, and Jonathan Frazee were sons of John Frazee (who had wife Sarah), who died 1724. John Frazee, Edward Frazee (with wife Marcy), who died 1733, Elisha Frazee

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49. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 2:361.

50. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 1:346.

51. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 2:186.

52. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 2:186-87.

53. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 2:559.

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(with wife Sarah), who died 1727, William Frazee (with wife Martha), who died 1703, and Joseph Frazee Jr., who died 1693 (so quite young—if this is right then there must have been born another Joseph Jr. to this family, alive in 1714/5), were sons of Joseph Frazee Sr. (with wife Mary), who died 1714/5. Benoni and Jonathan Frazee were both listed as heirs of Sarah Coddington in 1738. If these were brothers, then it must be their mother Sarah (–) Frazee who was the heir of Sarah Coddington. Recall that a Jonathan Frazee married Martha Coddington, daughter of Benjamin who died 1753.

Edward Frazee, just mentioned, must have married Marcy/Mercy Oliver, daughter of Mary Oliver (since Edward's daughter Mary inherited a sidesaddle from her), who had died before 1731/2. So Marcy (Oliver) Frazee matches Mercy Oliver, daughter of Samuel Oliver Sr. (with wife Mary), who died in 1723. Mercy's brother David Oliver was Edward Frazee's brother-in-law in Edward's 1733 will.

Children (these are not proved):<sup>[54]</sup>

- + 69 i ?ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born about 1724, married BETHUEL PIERSON, and had at least four children. Notice that it is Daniel<sup>5</sup> Riggs (<sub>37</sub>Joseph<sup>4</sup>) who appeared as a fellowbondsmen in Bethuel Pierson's estate papers. Also Bethuel is associated in a list with Joseph, Samuel, and Simeon Riggs. Of these only Simeon appears below and James does not appear.
- + 70 ii ?JOHN<sup>5</sup> RIGGS [this is a placeholder for John until we figure out where he really goes—Congar says John was son of James of Elizabethtown.], born say 1726 [between Elizabeth and Simeon and in Congar's male order]. Expanded as if son of James.
- + 71 iii ?SIMEON<sup>5</sup> RIGGS [this is a placeholder for Simeon until we figure out where he really goes—Congar says Simeon was son of James of Elizabethtown.], born say 1728, married (1) EUNICE –, married (2) SARAH (–) HAYES, and had no children.

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54. Congar, *Genealogical Notices, First Settlers of Newark*, 131, "James, in Eliz. town 1739; had John, Simeon, Zopher, Prudence Osborn, Eunice Lambert, and Eliz. Pierson." Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 9, credits Congar but inexplicably drops Simeon from the list; and there is no Simeon in Wallace of this generation [he has two Simeons in the seventh generation, the only ones in his book].

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- + 72 iv ?ZOPHAR<sup>5</sup> RIGGS [this is a placeholder for Zophar until we figure out where he really goes—Congar says Zophar was son of James of Elizabethtown.], born say 1730 [after Simeon in Congar’s male order], married[?] PHEBE —. Expanded as if son of James.

[Putative children, with no known record:

- 73 v PRUDENCE<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born say 1720 [before Eunice and Elizabeth, in Congar’s female order, Wallace guesses 1715], married DANIEL OSBORN.
- 74 vi EUNICE<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born say 1722 [after Eunice and before Elizabeth, in Congar’s female order, Wallace guesses 1717], married — LAMBERT.

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39. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> RIGGS (<sub>11</sub>?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born say 1681, near Newark, Essex Co., N.J. (He could have been born as late as 1700 and still be consistent with the children’s births as given below.)

[Samuel is said to have married KEZIAH BALDWIN, but there is no record.<sup>[55]</sup> “It seems to be historical fact,” according to Wallace, that Samuel located in Bottle Hill (now Madison), Morris Co., N.J., and reared his family.<sup>[56]</sup> What history? As shown below, all of Samuel’s supposed sons were located at about the same time in Hanover Twp., Morris Co. Isn’t this a more likely location than Bottle Hill?]

This branch is the most weakly presented in all of Wallace (which is saying a lot). Improbably, son Reuben’s children were the same in number and name, according to Wallace (who obviously did not trust the list either), as those of his father. But Wallace is inconsistent here. On his page 17 the list of four children (identical to the list below) does not list Zenas as a child of Reuben, but on his page 29, the lineage given for Zenas has Reuben as his father. This is ugly.

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55. There is no Keziah Baldwin in Baldwin, *Baldwin Genealogy*, who fits. The only Keziah Baldwin there with a relation to a Riggs is Keziah (Baldwin) Crane, whose daughter Esther married Cyrenus Riggs (*Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*).

56. Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 10, 17.



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Zenas, born in 1760 and in the Revolutionary War, is said by Wallace to have fought at the battle of Cowpens, not far from Kings Mountain. (Apparently not true, as Zenas never refers to North Carolina in his pension application, only New York.) And the members of this family were Baptists. One must notice that this parallels in time and space much of Bethuel's early situation: Bethuel, born in 1757 in Morris Co., fought in the Revolutionary War at Kings Mountain, and was a Baptist preacher. It is even tempting to consider his being a son of Reuben too (as does Leo Riggs), but Zenas was supposedly born at Bottle Hill (says who?) [Madison], Morris (now Chatham) Twp., Morris Co., N.J., while Bethuel was born slightly earlier in Mendham Twp., Morris Co. And Zenas spent much of his life at Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., not to be confused with New Vernon, Morris Co. An 1882 history of Morris Co. makes the following statement, which explains why it is important not to confuse Vernon with New Vernon:<sup>[57]</sup>

The Baptist is the second of the Morristown churches in point of age. It was formed August 11th 1752. On the 8th of the previous June eleven persons obtained dismission from the church at Piscataway, and were organized by Elders . . . into "The Baptist Church at Morristown." . . . The house occupied for worship was a small building a mile or two south of the village, on the road to New Vernon, in which direction the principal part of the membership appears to have lived.

Regarding Samuel's line, Leo Riggs is just as uncertain as is Wallace.<sup>[58]</sup>

John Wallace shows Samuel as the only family member in Morris County and therefore shows anyone with Morris County roots as a son. This may or may not be the case. I have continued this tradition since we lack any data to suggest otherwise, but think that only Samuel, Reuben and Timothy are brothers. Edward and William are brothers also but sons of Samuel's brother Edward. Like Wallace I'm guessing.

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57. *History of Morris Co.*, 138.

58. Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 21.

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The massive Baldwin genealogy does not support the marriage of Keziah Baldwin to Samuel Riggs. It does have a Keziah Baldwin, born about 1722, daughter of Nathaniel Baldwin of Newark, New Jersey, but she married – Crane, and had three children: (1) Samuel Crane; (2) Timothy Crane; and (3) Esther Crane, who married – Riggs. The dates for this Keziah Baldwin and for her daughter, Esther Crane, do not support marriage to Samuel Riggs, born about 1681.<sup>[59]</sup>

[Gardiner Essex Co. Collection [FHL 848918], Samuel Riggs, Newark, “Sept. 18.1723. Samll Rigs & Phebe Wilcocks witnesses at trial of John Lyon q v indicted on a charge of counterfeiting.”] If this reference checks out then it is the only mention of a Samuel Riggs in the right place and time we have. It cannot refer to Samuel<sup>4</sup> Riggs (*Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) who died before 16 May 1711. Note that John Lyon was a putative brother-in-law of Samuel Riggs.

Wallace gives Samuel’s children as Edward, Timothy, Reuben, and Samuel, stating, “Tradition has assigned to this Samuel the following four sons, but I will not attempt to approximate their dates.” Leo Riggs dropped Edward in his book, but Edward is included here as a possible son.

The following paragraphs are arguments for thinking of the four as living at the same time in the same place, suggesting brotherhood.

Edward and Reuben Riggs are listed as freeholders in Hanover Twp., Morris Co., N.J., on 31 Aug. 1752.<sup>[60]</sup> This could be the two sons below. In a list, posted 28 Sept. 1754, of letters left unclaimed in the Trenton post office is one for Edward Riggs of Hanover.<sup>[61]</sup> Putative son Samuel married in Hanover in 1749, and Reuben in 1750. Putative son Timothy has several of his children baptized in Hanover, 1750–1755. This argues that the family locus was Hanover Twp.

Records of the Morris Co. court for the period 1753–1754 list cases involving Edward, Timothy, and Samuel Riggs, who are probably the brothers below. The case of *Mary Shipman vs. Edward Riggs* is frequently

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59. Baldwin, *Baldwin Genealogy*, 306.

60. Henry W. Pilch, “Morris County,” *GMNJ*, 16(1941):60–61, “List of Freeholders of Morris County, Augt 31 1752,” lists Edward Riggs and “Rubin” Riggs.

61. *Newspaper Extracts*, in *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of N.J.*, 430.

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in the courts during this time, 26 Dec. 1753, 26 and 27 Mar., and 18 Sept. 1754. The notation of the last entry reveals the nature of the case, “from Justice Ford & Justice Hathaways Judgment On an Order of bastardy Continued till Next Court,” but no further records were found.<sup>[62]</sup> A Mary Shipman had two children baptized at the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown on 3 Aug. 1755, one unnamed and the other one named Mary.<sup>[63]</sup> Assuming the unnamed child was the younger, might daughter Mary then have been Edward Riggs’s child?

In the Morris Co. court records, Samuel Riggs is listed twice: *Samuel Riggs vs. Joseph Woodruff* on 27 Mar. 1754 and *Lemuel Bowers vs. Samuel Riggs* on 18 Sept. 1754. It is *John Schuyler vs. Timothy Riggs* on 18 Sept. 1754.<sup>[64]</sup>

On 18 Oct. 1756 Samuel Riggs and Abraham Baldwin, both carpenters of Morristown, Morris Co., sign as bondsmen for the administration of the estate of Nicholas Husk of Morristown, who died intestate.<sup>[65]</sup>

The minutes of the Court of Common Pleas of Morris Co. contain several records of Edward, Timothy, Samuel, and Reuben Riggs in the period 1754–1769:<sup>[66]</sup>

25 Dec 1754	Casparus Zobrisky ag <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>ll</sup> Riggs. [?]
17 Sep 1755	John Kiney ag <sup>t</sup> Edward Riggs. [38]
10 Feb 1756	John Kinney ag <sup>t</sup> Edward Riggs. [49]

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62. Morris Co., N.J., Court of Common Pleas, vol. 1, 1740–1754, FHL 961259, 516, 525, 529, 531, 562, items courtesy Robert Charles Anderson.

63. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 215, “Shipman Mary R.C. 3 Aug 1755 | A child B 3 Aug 1755 | Mary B 3 Aug 1755.” “R.C.” stands for Renewed the Covenant which is explained as follows: “This covers only the pastorate of Dr. Johnes. It contains a list of those who were popularly called ‘Halfway members’; that is, persons who renewed their own baptismal vows when presenting their first child for baptism, but did not, at that time at least, enter upon the duties and privileges of full communion. The practice was abandoned in this Church in 1795.” So Mary renewed the covenant and had her children baptized, all on the same day.

64. Morris Co., N.J., Court of Common Pleas, vol. 1, 1740–1754, FHL 961259, 534, 553–54, items courtesy Robert Charles Anderson.

65. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 3:171.

66. Morris Co., N.J., Court of Common Pleas, vols. 2–3, 1754–1766, FHL 961299, and vols. 4–6, 1766–1778, FHL 961249. The minutes were examined in 1995 by Fred Sisser III for his client Carolyn Ericson, photocopies courtesy of Bobby G. Carwile.

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Sep 1763	Samuel Rice v Timothy Rigg. [62]
Sep 1763	Woodruff & [?]?elf v Timothy Riggs. [69]
Dec 1763	Jonathan Hampton v Ruben Riggs. [76]
Mar 1764	John Tuttle v Ruben Riggs. [108]
Jul 1764	John Tuttle v Ruben Riggs. [129]
Jul 1765	Adam Temont v Edward Riggs. [238]
Jul 1769	Benjamin Smith executors. v Sam <sup>l</sup> & Edward Riggs. [245]

The following child list shows that in 1749–1750 all four of Edward, Timothy, Samuel, and Reuben Riggs were strongly affiliated with churches in Morris Co., N.J., the last three being all with the Hanover church, and Edward with the (nearby) Morristown church. Three of the four, Edward, Samuel, and Reuben were married during those two years, and Timothy joined in 1750 (and had four of his children baptized in Hanover 1750–1755). It is easy to speculate that the four were brothers since they are all in Hanover at the same time, but we have no proof.

Children (none of these have been proved, nor has their being brothers been proved):

- + 75 i ?EDWARD<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born say 1720, married 7 Feb. 1749, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., JANE BUCKLEY, and had at least four children. He perhaps had a child out of wedlock with Mary Shipman.
- + 76 ii ?TIMOTHY<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born say 1723. Timothy was allowed into the Hanover Presbyterian Church, Morris Co., N.J., on the so-called “half covenant” on 12 Aug. 1750. He married HANNAH —, and had xxx children.
- + 77 iii ?SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born say 1725, married 5 Jan. 1749, Hanover Presbyterian Church, Morris Co., N.J., ELIZABETH TOMPKINS, and had 10 children.
- + 78 iv ?REUBEN<sup>5</sup> RIGGS, born say 1727, married 16 Aug. 1750, Hanover Presbyterian Church, Morris Co., N.J., SARAH CARTER, and had one child.

[Probably bogus:

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44. ?JOHN<sup>4</sup> RIGGS (<sub>11</sub>Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 1669 (or 1679), married 19 May 1705, New York City<sup>[67]</sup> (or Trenton, Mercer Co., N.J.), FRANCIS COLBURN, born 1688, Trenton. This is the putative (whose?) Riggs line (except for Leo Riggs's version and mine).

There are several problems with this line:

First is John's birth year. Wallace gives 1679, but Riggs suggests that it might be a typographical error for 1669 since Wallace lists John between Edward, born about 1668, and Joseph, born about 1673.<sup>[68]</sup> Unfortunately there are other instances where Wallace lists children out of order, so this is not a reliable guide.

Second is the marriage place. Wallace states that John and Francis married by license, 19 May 1705, in Trenton,<sup>[69]</sup> but the author has found a New York City license for the same date. Could the marriage have been recorded in both places? The Trenton record is often repeated, but the New York City record has never before been mentioned, to my knowledge.

A third problem is the birth dates and places of the children. Wallace states that "tradition gives the following four sons" (as listed below, Congar's order) with the dates approximately as shown and no places. Riggs cites two sources for the dates and places shown below, both un-sourced it appears.<sup>[70]</sup>

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67. Kenneth Scott, "New York Marriage Licenses, 1639-1706," *Record*, 98(1967):90; "New York Marriage Licenses," *Record*, 2(1871):27, "[1705] [May] 19. John Riggs and Frances Colburne [sic]." Placeholder: "Records of the First Presbyterian Church of the City of New York," *Record* 3(1873):142, "mary Riggs Davghter of John Riggs and Cathrin his wife Born May 11<sup>th</sup> and Baptized June 15 1755." Placeholder: "Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York," *Record* 14(1883):89, "[A° 1699] [February] dito 8. [ouders] Jan Riggs, Catharina Boog. [kinders] Hendrik. [getuygen] Jacobus Van de Book, Susanna Pu," and *Record* 12(1881):192, "[A° 1716] [Dec :] [inge-teekent] [Novemb.] 7. [personen met licentie.] William Rose & Rachel Riggs. [getrouwt] [Ao 1716] [Novemb.] 10," and *Record* 18(1887):114, "[A° 1717] [Dec :] 22. [ouders] William Rose, Rachel Riggs. [kinders] Catharina. [getuygen] Hendrik Riggs, Sara Montanje."

68. Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 5; Riggs, *RIGGS Surname Study*, person 19.

69. Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 9.

70. Riggs, *RIGGS Surname Study*, person 19, cites Bev Peterson, Descendants Chart of Thomas and Jane Riggs and Celeste Morrow, Descendants Chart of Thomas and Jane (Richardson) Riggs.

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### Children:<sup>171</sup>

- 79 i EDWARD<sup>5</sup> RIGGS[, born 22 Sept. 1713, Trenton, Mercer Co., N.J].
- 80 ii CHRISTOPHER<sup>5</sup> RIGGS[, born 10 Dec. 1715, Trenton, Mercer Co., N.J].
- + 81 iii JOHN<sup>5</sup> RIGGS[, born 30 Oct. 1717, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., married (confusingly) FRANCIS COLBURN].
- 82 iv JEDEDIAH<sup>5</sup> RIGGS[, born 17 May 1720, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.<sup>172</sup>]

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71. Congar, *Genealogical Notices, First Settlers of Newark*, 131, states "John br. of Ed. jr., had Edward, Christopher, John, and Jedediah."

72. There is a marriage record for Jedediah Riggs 1763 in New Providence: "Records of the Presbyterian Church at New Providence," *GMNJ*, 18(1943):87, "[1763] Riggs, Jedediah, & Phebe Burrell, July 31." This would be quite late for a Jedediah born 1720. This is the only Jedediah record I have found.

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### FIFTH GENERATION

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59. **GIDEON<sup>5</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>37?</sub>*Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1714, and died of fever 23 Jan. 1786, aged 73, Morristown, Morris Co. N.J.,<sup>[73]</sup> and was buried in the Presbyterian churchyard, Morristown.<sup>[74]</sup> He married 21 Dec. 1742, East Hampton, Long Island,<sup>[75]</sup> **REBECCA HAND**, who was born about 1717, died of fever 16 or 17 May 1785, aged 68, and was buried in Morristown, next to her husband.<sup>[76]</sup>

See volume 7 of this series for the Gideon Riggs family.

Children, baptized at First Presbyterian Church, Morristown:<sup>[77]</sup>

- + 83 i **MARTHA<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1743, married **ANDREW WADE**, and had three children.
- + 84 ii **ABIGAIL<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, baptized 12 July 1747, married **JOHN PRUDDEN**, and had eight children.
- 85 iii **PHEBE<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, baptized 29 Oct. 1749, married, 20 Apr. 1779, First Presbyterian, Morristown,<sup>[78]</sup> **DAVID TARBELL**.<sup>[79]</sup> Phebe became a

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73. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, "Riggs, Gideon; died 23 Jan 1786, aet. 73; his wife Rebekah, died 17 May 1785, aet. 68"; Cherry, *Register of all Deaths, Morristown*, 57, "[1786] Gideon Riggs, 73, Fever, 23 Jan."

74. Shepherd, *Who's Who in the Grave Yard, the Presbyterian Church in Morristown*, 121, "Riggs, Gideon—31/71—d. 24 Jan 1786, age 73 [Ed. Note: CR205 show Husband of Rebechah Riggs. See Riggs, Rebeckah]"; *Abstracts of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots*, cites Hatcher, *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots*, "[name] Gideon Riggs [cemetery] Pres Cem [location] Morristown NJ 32 [reference] *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots, Vol.3, p. Serial: 9661; Volume: 7.*"

75. "Record of Marriages, Baptisms, and Deaths in East Hampton, L.I., from 1696 to 1746," *Record 24(1893):193*, "[1742] Dec. 21, Gideon Riggs of Newark and Rebecca Hand of East Hampton."

76. Shepherd, *Who's Who in the Grave Yard, the Presbyterian Church in Morristown*, 121, "Riggs, Rebeckah—31/70—Wife of Gideon Riggs, d. 16 May 1785 [Ed. Note: CR205 show Rebeckah —, wife of Gideon Riggs, d. 17 May 1785, age 68. Gideon & Rebeckah were parents of seven i.e., Abigail, Phebe, "A Child," Gideon, Junia, Abraham, and Rachell]"; Cherry, *Register of all Deaths, Morristown*, 58, "[1785] Rebeckah, wife of Gideon Riggs, 68, Fever, 17 May."

77. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205; Congar, *Genealogical Notices, First Settlers of Newark*, 131, states, "Gideon d. 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1786, a 73; bur. Morristown; w. n. ch. Joseph, Gideon, Josiah, and Aaron." Congar lists only the sons named in the will ("w. n. ch.").

78. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, "Riggs, Phebe; C. 2 Mar 1775; m. 20 Apr 1779 to David Tarbill; 'moved away.'"

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- communicant of the Morristown church on 2 Mar. 1775. They “moved away.”
- + 86 iv JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, baptized 19 Mar. 1752, married HANNAH COOK, and had eight children.
  - + 87 v GIDEON<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, baptized 9 Sept. 1753, married RACHEL MINTHORN, and had four children.
  - + 88 vi JUNIA [JOSIAH]<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, baptized 9 Feb. 1755, perhaps married JEMIMA COOPER, and had four children.
  - + 89 vii AARON<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, born 28 July 1756, baptized 12 Sept. 1756, married ABIGAIL —, and had four children.
  - 90 viii RACHEL<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, baptized 11 Nov. 1759, married 24 Jan. 1796, Essex Co., N.J.,<sup>[80]</sup> JACOB WOOD. Rachel became a communicant of the church 30 Dec. 1785. She was unmarried then and at the time of father Gideon’s 1785 will. Rachel was dismissed from the Morristown Presbyterian Church to Springfield, 30 Oct. 1810.

60. ZEBULON<sup>5</sup> RIGGS (<sup>37?</sup>Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 24 Jan. 1718/19 (calculated), Orange, Essex Co., N.J., died 12 Dec. 1780, Mendham, Morris Co., N.J., aged 61 years 10 months 19 days, and was buried there in the cemetery of the Hilltop Presbyterian Church, next to his son, Preserve, and daughter, Experience, and Preserve’s wife, Puah.<sup>[81]</sup> Zebulon married<sup>[82]</sup> ELIZABETH [BROWN].

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79. Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 14, has his name David Terrill.

80. Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, 205, “Riggs, Rachel; C. 30 Dec 1785; m. a Mr. Woods; dis 30 Oct. 1810, to Springfield”; N.J. Marriages, Colonial Era, 1665–1800, cites Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey Essex County Clerk’s Marriage Records. 1795–1801, 598, “Wood, Jacob, and Rachel Riggs J. V. A. 1796 Jan. 24.”

81. Wright, *Mendham Cemeteries*, 129: “(Sandstone cherub. Sect. 6) [next to Preserve’s and Puah’s stones] Here lies the Remains of Zebulon Riggs who Departed this Life Dec<sup>br</sup>: 12: 1780, Aged 61 Year 10 Months and 19 Days. | As I am now So you must be. | Prepare in time to follow me.” Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 16, has Zebulon’s death at age 57, for a birth in about 1723, and Crayon, *Riggs Family Genealogy*, supports the Wallace birth year.

82. *DAR Patriot Index*, under Riggs: “Zebulon: b 1-23-1719 NJ d 12-12-1780 NJ m Elizabeth Brown PS NJ.” [PS = Patriotic Service]; Jacobus, *Parke-Gildersleeve*, 110, states only that he married an Elizabeth.



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Children of record:<sup>[83]</sup>

- + 91 i PRESERVE<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, born about 1746, Mendham, Morris Co., N.J., married PUAH HUDSON, and had eight children.
- 92 ii EXPERIENCE<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, born about 1749 (or perhaps 1744), Mendham, Morris Co., N.J., died there 14 Dec. 1759 (or 1754, respectively), aged 10, and buried in the Hilltop Presbyterian Church cemetery in Mendham.<sup>[84]</sup>

[Putative children, with no known record:

- 93 i ?ELIAS<sup>6</sup> RIGGS.
- 94 ii ?SARAH<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, born about 1753, Mendham. Leo Riggs has her married to Samuel Vance.

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[Not convincing:

65. HANNAH<sup>5</sup> RIGGS (<sub>37?</sub>Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1707, and married<sup>[85]</sup> JOHN HEDDEN.

Children:<sup>[86]</sup>

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83. Two additional children are given by Congar, *Genealogical Notices*, 131: "Zebulon d. 12th Dec. 1780, a 57; bur. Mendham; had Preserve, Elias, Sarah, and Experience. Preserve was fath. Rev. Elias," but I have found no evidence for them. Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 16, Crayon, *Riggs Family Genealogy*, and Jacobus, *Parke-Gildersleeve*, 110, all follow Congar; Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 33, follows Congar but assigns two other children to Zebulon, John and Zophar, without sources, in this order: Preserve, Sarah, Zophar, Experience, John, and Elias.

84. Jacobus, *Parke-Gildersleeve*, 110, died 14 December 1759; Wright, *Mendham Cemeteries*, 129, "(Cherub, Sect. 6) Experience Dau'. of Zeblun & Elizabeth Riggs who Died Dec'. 14, 1754 in y<sup>e</sup> 11 year of her age." Wallace also has 1759. My inspection of this stone, next to that of Zebulon, on 20 Nov. 2003, revealed its face to have been almost totally lost by flaking, with only "Ex" remaining.

85. Jacobus, *Parke-Gildersleeve*, 110, says only that she married a Mr. Hedden.

86. Marda Suliga, *Marda Suliga Enbody*, <worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=:2529886&id=I02252> (accessed 22 September 2003), states: "Information from files at "Special Collections" Alexander Library, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. Another paper from same place lists Hannah and John Hedden and list of names, looks as if they could be their children; Josiah; John; Hannah; (Comfort + Recompence Crowel, husband???) Jean (+ Daniel Tuheron, husband??), Silvanus; Ephrisom"; copied from manuscript by Edith Tuller Riggs, Charles C. Gardiner Collection, N. J. Families 1600-1900, reel 18: Pike-Rog, NEHGS microfilm F 133 G27 1978, Riggs, "Josiah [ [children] Saml, Aaron, Hannah], John, Hannah, Comfort (Recompence Crowel), Jean (Daniel Tuheron), Silvanus, Ephriam." But cf. "Registration of Pedigrees," *Record*

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- 95 i JOSIAH<sup>6</sup> HEDDEN.<sup>[87]</sup>
- 96 ii JOHN<sup>6</sup> HEDDEN.
- 97 iii HANNAH<sup>6</sup> HEDDEN.
- 98 iv COMFORT<sup>6</sup> HEDDEN, married RECOMPENCE CROWEL.
- 99 v JANE/JEAN<sup>6</sup> HEDDEN, married DANIEL TUHERON.
- 100 vi SILVANUS<sup>6</sup> HEDDEN.
- 101 vii EPHRAIM<sup>6</sup> HEDDEN.

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69. ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> RIGGS (<sup>38</sup>?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1724 (Wallace guesses 1719), died 26 Dec. 1776, aged 52, and was buried in the old graveyard of Orange, Essex Co., N.J.<sup>[88]</sup> She married.<sup>[89]</sup> BETHUEL PIERSON, who was born about 1721, conjectured son of Joseph and Hepzibah (Camp) Pierson,<sup>[90]</sup> and who died 16 May 1791, aged 70, and was also buried in the old Orange graveyard.<sup>[91]</sup>

Bethuel Pierson, “heir-at-law,” of Newark, Essex Co., N.J., was appointed, 15 Nov. 1768, administrator and a bondsman of the estate of

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42(1911):332, “2. John Hedden, b. . . . , about 1698, at Newark, N.J., probably; d. . . . , at South Orange, N.J., m. . . . , about 1723, at . . . , to Hannah Riggs, b. . . . , about 1707, at Newark (or Orange), N.J.; d. . . . , at . . . . Res. Newark, N.J. Children: Abijah, Josiah (or Joseph), Zadock, Allen, Loton, Comfort, Rachel, Electa.”

87. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 4:221, has Joseph Hedden of Essex Co. as bondsman to the intestate estate of Jeremiah Johnson, 5 Dec. 1761, Hanover, Morris Co.

88. Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 77, “Eliz. Pierson, his wife [Deacon Bethuel Pierson’s], died Dec. 26, 1776, ag. 52 yrs”; Whittemore, *Founders and Builders of the Oranges*, 101, “He [Bethuel Pierson] married, first, Elizabeth Riggs, born 1725, died 1776; and second, Widow Taylor.”

89. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 188, “[Pierson] Bethuel; b. 1721; d. 1791; m. (1st) Elizabeth Riggs; m. (2d) a, [sic] widow Taylor; dwelt at Orange; he [sic] Elder of 1<sup>st</sup> Ch.”; Wickes, *History of the Oranges*, 306, “He [Bethuel Pierson] first married Elizabeth Riggs, after whose decease, he married Widow – Taylor.”

90. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 188, “i. Joseph Pierson [s. 2. Samuel], and his w. Hepzibah Camp, had:– . . . [21. Bethuel; b. 1721; d. 1791 etc. . . . ],” where the a notation enclosed in [ ] is conjectured by the compiler; Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 35, 77: “Joseph Pierson died Aug. 1759, aged 66 yrs. | Hepzibah Camp, his wife, died Nov. 1769, aged 73 yrs”; Jacobus, *Parke-Gildersleeve*, 54, “Hephzibah, b. abt. 1697; d. 12 Nov. 1769 in 73d yr. (g.s.) m. Joseph Pierson, b. abt. 1694; d. 25 Aug. 1759 in 66th yr. (g.s., Orange, N.J.).”

91. Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 77: “Dea. Bethuel Pierson, died May 16, 1791, ag. 70”; Wickes, *History of the Oranges*, 192, 306.

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Joseph Pierson of Newark, who died intestate. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Riggs (<sub>37</sub>*Joseph*<sup>4</sup>), Elizabeth's putative cousin, and also of Newark, was fellowbondsman.<sup>[92]</sup>

After Elizabeth's death Bethuel married, second, widow Rachel (—) Taylor.<sup>[93]</sup> Rachel's first name comes from the intestate estate papers of Bethuel Pierson, of Essex Co., first recorded 1 June 1791, also the date of renunciation by Rachel Pierson, the widow.<sup>[94]</sup>

Bethuel Pierson is listed on a subscription list of 1753 in the Oranges for the building of the second meeting house there. He gave £10 and “42 foot 2-inch Plank, very poor, 2s,” the merchandise being kept by, among several others, Joseph Riggs. In the same list are found Joseph, Samuel, and Simeon Riggs.<sup>[95]</sup>

Thomas Pierson and Rev. Abraham Pierson were two of the original associates of Newark in 1666, Abraham being the leader of the Branford group. They are thought to have been brothers. Thomas had three sons, Joseph, Samuel, and James Pierson. Samuel and his sons were carpenters who are traditionally credited with the building of the first meeting-house of the Mountain Society in the Oranges.<sup>[96]</sup> Bethuel is described in an 1892 history of the Oranges:

Bethuel Pierson, the subject of our sketch, was the fourth child of Joseph. He was born in 1721, and died at the age of seventy years. His life was one of great activity. The responsibilities to which he was called, in matters both civil and ecclesiastical, illustrate the confidence reposed in him by the people. In 1761, he was one of the agents appointed by the Town of Newark to allot and divide the parsonage lands between the three societies, or congregations, known as the First Presbyterian Society, the Church of England, and the Mountain Society.

In 1772, the poor of the town were farmed out to him, as the lowest bidder, at £148, 10s; and, in the next year, at £157. That he was possessed of a good estate may be inferred from his liberal contributions for the building of our second meeting-house and the Parsonage. In 1762, he was

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92. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 4:330. Inventory was made “1759, Oct.” and filed 30 Nov. 1768.

93. Wickes, *History of the Oranges*, 306.

94. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 8:285.

95. Wickes, *History of the Oranges*, 139–40, 142.

96. Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 35.

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elected an Elder in the Mountain Society, and all his subsequent life bore testimony to his fidelity to his ordination vows.

He was distinguished for his patriotism during the Revolution, and was among the tried men of the Twp. in sustaining the cause of his country. In 1774, he was made one of the Committee of Observation. In May, 1775, he was elected by the freeholders to represent the county in the Provincial Congress, being associated with men of such prominence as Isaac Ogden, Philip Van Cortland and Isaac Camp.<sup>[97]</sup>

So “Bethuel” was not an uncommon name in this community, being held by at least one prominent religious leader, a putative kinsman of Bethuel Riggs. Bethuel’s sister, Patience Pierson, married a Joseph Pierson, who settled in 1741 near Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., and had four children, including one named Bethuel.<sup>[98]</sup> See below that Bethuel had a grandson Bethuel from his son Joseph as well. There is a death record for Jacob, son of Bethuel Pierson, of fits, 21 June 1798, Morristown,<sup>[99]</sup> for Abraham, “daughter” of Bethuel, of scarlet fever, 28 Sept. 1803,<sup>[100]</sup> and for Anne Vashti, daughter of Bethuel, 9 May 1804.<sup>[101]</sup>

Marsha Hoffman Rising points out that all other Bethuel’s appear after Bethuel Pierson, so might be in his honor.

Bethuel Pierson appears often in the Newark town meeting records:<sup>[102]</sup>

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| 13 Mar 1759 | Bethuel Pierson chosen overseer of the poor. [143]  |
| 10 Mar 1761 | Bethuel Pierson chosen member of a committee to divide and allot lands originally designated for a parsonage among the three churches now existing. [145] |
| 9 Mar 1762  | Bethuel Pierson and members of the parsonage lands com-   |

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97. Wickes, *History of the Oranges*, 305–6, cites the Newark Town Records, 145, 153–54.

98. Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 35.

99. Cherry, *Register of all Deaths, Morristown*, “[1798] Jacob, son of Bethuel [sic] Pierson, —, fits, 21 Jun.

100. Cherry, *Register of all Deaths, Morristown*, “[1803] Abraham, daughter [sic] of Bethuel [sic] Pierson, 14, scarlet-fever, 28 Sep.

101. Cherry, *Register of all Deaths, Morristown*, “[1804] Anne Vashti, daughter of Bethuel Pierson, 5, pleurisy, 9 May.

102. *Town Records of Newark*, 143–89, page numbers in square brackets.

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- mittee make their report. [146]
- 8 Mar 1763 Bethuel Pierson elected freeholder. [147]
- 8 Mar 1768 Bethuel Pierson to represent the Mountain Society in the parsonage lands division. [150]
- 14 Mar 1769 Bethuel Pierson elected freeholder (mentioned three times). [151]
- 12 Mar 1771 The poor farmed out to Bethuel Pierson, lowest bidder [mentioned twice]. [153]
- 10 Mar 1772 The poor taken by Bethuel Pierson. [154]
- 14 Mar 1775 Bethuel Pierson chosen overseer of the highways. [156]
- 10 Mar 1778 Bethuel Pierson elected freeholder. [158]
- 9 Mar 1779 Bethuel Pierson elected freeholder. [159]

### Children:<sup>[103]</sup>

- + 102 i **CYRUS<sup>6</sup> PIERSON**, M.D., baptized 22 Aug. 1756, the Mountain Society, the Oranges, New Jersey, married **NANCY PIERSON**, and had seven children.
- + 103 ii **JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> PIERSON**, baptized 18 Mar. 1759, the Mountain Society, the Oranges, New Jersey, married (1) **HANNAH BALDWIN**, and married (2) **REBECCA CAMPBELL**.
- 104 iii **RHODA<sup>6</sup> PIERSON**.
- 105 iv **MARY<sup>6</sup> PIERSON**.

### [Possibly bogus lineage:

**70. JOHN<sup>5</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>38?</sub>James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) [this is a placeholder for John until we figure out where he really goes—Congar says John was son of James of Elizabethtown<sup>[104]</sup>] was born say 1726 (as explained above in child list for James<sup>4</sup>. Wallace guesses 1710).

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103. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 8:285, bondsmen were Cyrus Pierson and Joseph Pierson Jr, both of Newark Twp., Essex Co.; Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 36; Whittemore, *Founders and Builders of the Oranges*, 101, "His children were: Joseph, born 1759, Cyrus, born 1756; Rhoda, Mary"; Wickes, *History of the Oranges*, 306, does not mention Joseph, but see p. 152.

104. Congar, *Genealogical Notices, First Settlers of Newark*, 131, "James, in Eliz. town 1739; had John, Simeon, Zopher, Prudence Osborn, Eunice Lambert, and Eliz. Pierson."

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In the files of the New Jersey Supreme Court is a 1768 case concerning John Riggs, a cooper of Connecticut Farms, Essex Co., N.J., and a debt of £94 to John Ackley of New York.<sup>[105]</sup>

John Riggs was the defendant in a trespass case *Peter Penie vs. John Riggs* in 1770 in Morris Co.<sup>[106]</sup>

The following records, if those of one person, show John Riggs in Morris Co. from 1769 to 1801, but possibly removing from Mendham Twp. after 1778 to Roxbury Twp., and disappearing from the Mendham records. **He seems too late to be John<sup>5</sup>, however. Perhaps he is John<sup>6</sup>, son of Zopher<sup>5</sup>.**

In the files of the New Jersey Supreme Court is a 1770 case concerning John Riggs, who was sued for £100 for having cut down 200 walnut trees, 200 white oak trees, 200 black oak trees, 200 chestnut trees, and 200 ash trees. The plaintiffs were of Morris Co.<sup>[107]</sup>

The Mendham town records show the following entries for John. The number at the right is the page from Book 1: Ear Marks, or Book 2: Mendham Twp. Book, of the town records documenting the corresponding event.<sup>[108]</sup>

23 May 1769	Ear mark	23
11 Mar. 1777	Constable	42
10 Mar. 1778	Overseer of roads	43
10 Mar. 1778	Constable	44

John Riggs, residing in Mendham Twp., appears on a poll list of May 1776 of those voting for delegates from Morris Co. to New Jersey's first Constitutional Congress. Also from Mendham were Zebulon Riggs, "Lebeus Dodd," and Samuel McElrath.<sup>[109]</sup>

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105. N.J. Supreme Court Files, abstracted by Sandra Hewlett, CG, case 1104; *Supreme Court Case Files, 1704-1844*, case no. 1104, "[name] Riggs, John (Defendant) [case title] John Ackley v. John Riggs [case type] Debt [county] Essex [dates] 1768."

106. *Supreme Court Case Files, 1704-1844*, case no. 30634, "[name] Riggs, John (Defendant) [case title] Peter Penie v. John Riggs [case type] Trespass [county] Morris [dates] 1770."

107. N.J. Supreme Court Files, abstracted by Sandra Hewlett, CG, case 30634.

108. Wright, *Early Records of Mendham Twp.*, 29, 43-44, 87.

109. Stryker-Rodda, *Some Early Records of Morris Co., N.J., 1740-1799*, 96, 116, 118.

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There was a John Riggs who appears as a “rateable” in Mendham Twp. in June 1778 and again in June 1780.<sup>[110]</sup>

The Mendham Twp. record for 24 Nov. 1787 lists ear mark registration for Benjamin Leonard with this notation: “N.B. This mark was formerly John Riggs Mark and since taken by William Johnston and now Benjamin Leonard’s mark.”<sup>[111]</sup> And William Johnston took the mark on 7 Mar. 1785. This suggests that John Riggs, for whatever reason, no longer had cattle. For example, he might have died, or moved away, or simply have become too old.

My correspondent Gayle Ellison points out that a John Riggs listed in a 1786 taxables list for Krous’s District, Surry Co., N.C., might fit this John Riggs.<sup>[112]</sup>

Supporting the theory that he moved away, to a different township in Morris Co., are the following records: There was a John Riggs in Roxbury Twp., Morris Co., in 1778–1779.<sup>[113]</sup> John Riggs was a surrogate in Morris Co. in 1781.<sup>[114]</sup> John Riggs was appointed justice of the peace for four years beginning 1784, Morris Co.<sup>[115]</sup>

John Riggs, Esq., was elected 22 Oct. 1783 to serve as coroner of Morris Co.<sup>[116]</sup>

There was a John Riggs who witnessed a will for Daniel Thorp, dated 21 Aug. 1800 in Chester Twp., Morris Co., and who inventoried the estate on 22 Sept. 1801.<sup>[117]</sup> So perhaps John Riggs moved from Men-

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110. Stryker-Rodda, “New Jersey Rateables, 1778–1780: Mendham Twp., Morris County,” *GMNJ*, 45(1970):127, “John Riggs 36; 2h, 6c, 2p; ex (hh, 30; 1h, 1c, 0p; £1700)” meaning he had, in 1778, 36 acres, 2 horses, 6 cows, 2 pigs, and was exempt from service; and in 1780, he was a householder with 30 acres, 1 horse, 1 cow, no pigs, and had 1700 pounds out at interest, and is again exempt.

111. Wright, *Early Records of Mendham Twp.*, 87 (transcription of page 1:129).

112. *1786 Taxables – Cpt. Krous’ District, Surry County, NC*, “Riggs, John, 60 acres, 1 white poll.” A note states that this district is located in what is now Forsyth Co., N.C. Item courtesy of Gayle Ellison.

113. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 5:220.

114. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 6:110.

115. *History of Morris Co.*, 76.

116. Autographed Manuscript (A.M.) Index, reported by Sandra Hewlett, CG, A.M. 2161, Certificates of Election, Morris Co., 22 Oct. 1783, cites a card file found in the Manuscripts Reading Room in the Trenton archives.

117. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 10:446.

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dham Twp. to that part of Roxbury Twp. which became Chester Twp. in 1799.

There is a John Riggs listed in the Fairfield (Gansegat) Dutch Church Account Book during the period 1804–1808. Fairfield is in the Horseneck area of Essex Co.<sup>[118]</sup> [There was a Henry Riggs shown on a 1774 map of the Horseneck Tract.<sup>[119]</sup>

[There appears to be at least one other John Riggs in New Jersey at this time. There was a John Riggs in Middletown, Monmouth Co., in 1771–1772.<sup>[120]</sup> John Riggs, of Trenton, is mentioned as a bondsman in the intestate estate of Hugh McClean of Hunterdon Co., dated 16 Jan. 1792.<sup>[121]</sup> A John Riggs is mentioned in a will of Benjamin Green of Trenton Twp., Hunterdon Co., N.J., dated 4 Apr. 1797 and a codicil dated 4 May 1797.<sup>[122]</sup> And John Riggs was chosen Collector of the town of Trenton at a town meeting held 16 Apr. 1794.<sup>[123]</sup>

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[Possibly bogus lineage:

**71. SIMEON<sup>5</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>38</sub>?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) [This is a placeholder for Simeon until we figure out where he really goes—Congar says Simeon was son of James of Elizabethtown.<sup>[124]</sup>] was born say 1728, died after his will of 23 Feb. 1798, Newark Twp., Essex Co., N.J., and before 15 Apr. 1799, Newark, when it was proved.<sup>[125]</sup> He married (1) before 18 Mar. 1769, when he took a mortgage with his wife (q.v.), **EUNICE** —. He married (2), after 16 Aug. 1777, when her first husband's will was

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118. Dey, Francisco, and Pryor, "Fairfield (Gansegat) Dutch Church Account Book, 1804–1833," GMNJ 25:6.

119. Pryor, "The Horseneck Tract," GMNJ 26:3.

120. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 5:68–9, 433.

121. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 8:241.

122. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 9:147–48.

123. Wilson and Stratford, *Notices from N.J. Newspapers, 1791–1795*, 351.

124. Congar, *Genealogical Notices, First Settlers of Newark*, 131, "James, in Eliz. town 1739; had John, Simeon, Zopher, Prudence Osborn, Eunice Lambert, and Eliz. Pierson." Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 9, credits Congar but inexplicably drops Simeon from the list; and there is no Simeon in Wallace of this generation (he has two Simeons in the seventh generation, the only ones in the book).

125. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 9:299.



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proved, SARAH (–) HAYES, who was born about 1740, died 29 July 1822, aged 82, and was buried in Bloomfield.<sup>[126]</sup> She had a son by her previous marriage: Thomas Hayes, born about 1777, and died 17 Dec. 1814, aged 37.<sup>[127]</sup>

Sarah first married Thomas Hayes, son of Thomas Hayes, who died between 29 May and 16 Aug. 1777,<sup>[128]</sup> and grandson of Thomas Hayes, who was born about 1693, died 16 Sept. 1749, aged 56.<sup>[129]</sup>

Both Sarah and her son are named in Simeon Riggs's will, which describes Simeon as a cordwainer. (Samuel<sup>4</sup> Riggs (*Joseph*<sup>3</sup>) was also a cordwainer, and Zebulon<sup>5</sup> Riggs (*Joseph*<sup>4</sup>) was too (a "cordwinder" according to a deed).) Simeon left his estate, when Sarah should die, to Thomas Hayes, "son of his wife Sarah," indicating that Simeon was childless.

[There is online a Thomas Hayes (17 Jan 1777–17 Dec 1814) who married 27 Dec 1798 Sallie Ward (9 Jun 1777–20 Dec 1861), and had a child Simeon Riggs Hayes (17 Feb 1806–15 Jan 1888).<sup>[130]</sup> I have not yet found corroborating records for this family.]

Sarah outlived Simeon, as she was alive on 10 Feb. 1803 when she, "widow of Simeon Riggs" of Newark Twp. Essex Co., and Thomas "Hays" (but signed "Hayes") and his wife Sally sold, for \$110,  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres of land next to a paper mill at Bloomfield, Newark Twp., Essex Co., to Samuel Pitt of Newark Twp. Witnesses were John Dodd and Daniel Ball. The deed was acknowledged 6 Feb. 1805 and recorded 18 Nov. 1806.<sup>[131]</sup>

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126. Gardiner Essex Co. Families [FHL 848918], Simeon Riggs: "Sarah Riggs [his wife] d '59<sup>th</sup> July 1822 ae 82 - buried at Bloomfield." [Find a record.]

127. Shaw, *History of Essex and Hudson Counties, N.J.*, 370; Congar, *Genealogical Notices*, 145.

128. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 5:236, will of Thomas Hayes, signed 29 May 1777, Newark, proved 16 Aug. 1777, mentions wife, Sarah, but does not mention a son Thomas.

129. Abbott, *Families of Early Milford*, 331, "Thomas [Hayes] b ca 1673 [sic] died 16 Sept 1749 ae 56 mar Sarah (\_\_\_) who mar/2 Simeon Riggs." Abbott is off by one generation.

130. *Descendants of Edward Ball of New Jersey Interest Group*, <[www.altlaw.com/edball/html/d0077/i09685.htm](http://www.altlaw.com/edball/html/d0077/i09685.htm)> (accessed 21 Apr. 2004).

131. Essex Co., N.J., Deeds, 1806-1807, M:56-58, images 29-30/467 online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)> [FHL 911906, DGS 8355850], "Samuel Hays [sic] and Wife and Sarah Riggs to Samuel Pitt"; Gardiner Essex Co. Families [FHL 848918], Simeon Riggs, "Essex County Deeds M 56 Feb. 10. 1803. Deed. Thomas Hayes & wf Sally, & Sally Riggs, widow of Simeon Riggs of Newark to Samuel Pitt of do. For \$110.  $\frac{3}{4}$  A in Newark at Bloomfield . . . wit. John Dodd, Dan-

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Simeon must have raised Phebe Baldwin, daughter of Nehemiah Baldwin, since in May 1769 he was given money from Nehemiah's estate for Phebe's care.<sup>[132]</sup> Nehemiah Baldwin signed his will 28 Nov. 1765 in Newark, and it was proved 27 Dec. 1765. It lists 10 children who, if the list is in birth order, were all under 21, Phebe being the youngest.<sup>[133]</sup>

In 1860 Sarah Hayes, 82, born in New Jersey with \$5,000 real estate, resided in Bloomfield, Essex Co., N.J., in the household of Joseph F. Ward, 70, born in New Jersey with \$7,000 real and \$5,000 personal estates, and with Thomas Hayes, 12, born in New Jersey. On the preceding page was the item in the next paragraph.<sup>[134]</sup> Sarah was probably Sarah (Ward) Hayes, mother of Simeon Riggs Hayes.

In 1860 Simeon Hayes, 54, a clerk born in New Jersey with \$500 real estate, resided in Bloomfield, Essex Co., N.J., with Lydia, 52, Usal, 26, and Anna, 9, all three born in New Jersey. They shared a dwelling with Thomas Hayes, 29, a merchant born in New Jersey with \$1,000 real estate, and Caroline, 30, and Mary 6, both born in New York, and Nelson, 4, born in New Jersey. There was a servant in the household as well.<sup>[135]</sup>

On 28 Feb. 1752, Simeon Riggs witnessed a deed between Daniel Dod and Samuel Morris.<sup>[136]</sup>

Simeon Riggs was appointed 11 Mar. 1755, at a Newark town meeting, to be one of many overseers of the highways.<sup>[137]</sup> On 1 Sept. 1755

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iel Ball, signed Thomas Hayes, Sally Hayes, Sarah Riggs (h m)."

132. Gardiner Essex Co. Families [FHL 848918], Simeon Riggs, "May 4. 1769. Inv. of Nehemiah Baldwin q v of Newark shows receipt May 4, 1769 of the balance of Simion [sic] Riggs account £1.8.3. Exrs Acct. shows payt of £3.9.4 on Ap 19. 1769 'to Simion Riggs [sic] for Phebe' and in May 1769, £18.10.8 was paid to him - 'the Remainder of a bond Given for taking of phebe.' [Phebe was a dau of N.B. dec'd]." [\[Find this record\]](#).

133. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 4:27.

134. U.S. census, 1860, Bloomfield, Essex Co., N.J., r. 690, p. 138, dw. 206, fam. 269 and fam. 261. Thomas Hayes is Edmond G. Hayes in the 1870 census for Bloomfield, but otherwise the same family.

135. U.S. census, 1860, Bloomfield, Essex Co., N.J., r. 690, p. 138, dw. 200, fam. 260 and fam. 261. Thomas Hayes is Edmond G. Hayes in the 1870 census for Bloomfield, but otherwise the same family.

136. Gardiner Essex Co. Families [FHL 848918], Simeon Riggs, "Feb. 28. 1752. Simeon Riggs wit deed of Daniel Dod & Samuel Morris." [\[Find this record\]](#).

137. *Records of the Town of Newark, 1666-1836*, 141. At the same meeting, Joseph Riggs buys the

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Simeon Riggs is listed as a freeholder in Newark Twp., Essex Co. (with Daniel Riggs, Joseph Riggs, and Joseph Riggs Jr.).<sup>[138]</sup>

On 18 Mar. 1769 Simeon Riggs and his wife Eunice of Newark mortgaged to Samuel Plum of the same place a house, barn, and tract or 25 acres where the house of Simeon Riggs now stands, which he bought of Joseph Ball 26 July 1745.<sup>[139]</sup>

On 8 Jan. 1776 Simeon Riggs was one of 13 signers of a petition to the Essex County court asking that Thomas Dod's tavern license be reviewed.<sup>[140]</sup>

On 17 Sept. 1782 Simeon Riggs was called to be a juror in the trial of Daniel Lambert for assault and battery in the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace. They found him not guilty.<sup>[141]</sup>

**Placeholders:** There is a Simeon Riggs in Mendham Twp., Morris Co. who registered an ear mark in 1761.<sup>[142]</sup> He appears to be a different Simeon than Simeon<sup>5</sup> here, of Newark, but it is possible that he lived in Morris Co. between his 1755 appearance in Newark and his 1779 [re]appearance there. **[There is a Simeon Riggs in 1785 in Menallen**

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"feed of the burying Place" for 15s. 3d.

138. "A List of Freeholders in the County of Essex, Sept. 1, 1755," *N.J. Historical Proceedings*, the Riggses appear in the part of the list for Newark Twp.

139. Essex Co., N.J., Mortgages, 1766-1822, A:7, image 48/385 online at <www.FamilySearch.org> [FHL 947884, DGS 8217650], with note, "From Book A of Mortgages for Essex Co. page 121." Gardiner Essex Co. Families [FHL 848918], for Simeon Riggs: "Essex County Mortgages A. 121 Mar 18 1769. Mortgage. Simeon Riggs & wife Eunice of Newark, to Samuel Plum of same. . . . Not satisfied of record. | 25A. house barn & tract where house of Simeon Riggs now stand, which he bo't of Joseph Ball 26 July 1745 [with note: "Probably around Nutley in Franklin tp.]. I don't know what he meant by "Not satisfied of record." Perhaps he could not find the original record.

140. Gardiner Essex Co. Families [FHL 848918], Simeon Riggs, "Essex County Court Files 1776 Jan.8.1776. Simeon Riggs 1 of 13 signers of a petition to the Court asking that Thomas Dod's tavern license be reviewed." **[Find this record].**

141. Essex Co., N.J., Court Minutes, 1781-1783, vol. G, images 691-692/1101 online at <www.FamilySearch.org> [FHL 1310992, DGS 7896776]; Gardiner Essex Co. Families [FHL 848918], for Simeon Riggs: "Also 'Essex County Court Rec. "G" Sep. 17.1782 (G.Q.S.). Simeon Riggs a juror at trial of Daniel Lambert for Assault & Battery."

142. Wright, "All of the Names of Those Receiving Ear Marks Recorded in Book I," 13 (transcript of p. 1:5).

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Twp., Fayette Co., Pa.<sup>[143]</sup> There is a Simeon Riggs in Tyrone, Fayette Co., Pa. in the 1790 census.<sup>[144]</sup> There was a Simeon Riggs who died about 1808 in Monongalia Co., [W.]Va., who had a son, Isaac Riggs.<sup>[145]</sup>]

Simeon [Simon] appears on the tax lists for Newark Twp., Essex Co., N.J., for the years 1779–1783, 1789–1790, 1793, and 1795–1796.<sup>[146]</sup>

A contractor's surplus certificate was issued to Simeon Riggs of Essex Co., on 9 Nov. 1780, with interest beginning 16 Sept. 1780, suggesting that was when the goods or services were provided by Simeon, for £1.0.0.<sup>[147]</sup>

Simeon Riggs subscribed to the building fund for the First Presbyterian Church of Newark, contributing £3, as recorded in Sept. 1786.<sup>[148]</sup>

[Gardiner Essex Co. Families [FHL 848918], Simeon Riggs: "Jan. 14, 1795. Sarah Riggs, lately Hayes, executrix of Thomas Hayes, dec'd, q.v., et al, deeds meadow to Samuel Hayes."]

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143. Tax list, 1785, Menallen Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., reported by Marsha Hoffman Rising.

144. U.S. census, 1790, Tyrone Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., r. 8, p. 109, Simeon Riggs, 2-2-4. Also in same location a Nathaniel Riggs, 1-0-1, p. 112.

145. Zinn, *Monongalia Co. (W.)Va., Records of the Courts*, 7:11-12, "157a - 1808, Monongalia County Court. Bond signed by Isaac Riggs to act as administrator for Simeon Riggs, deceased, secured by Asa Harris and Robert Shearer, 12 December 1808. John Nichlin declined to serve as administrator of the estate of Mr. Riggs, deceased, because of the 'situation of his own affairs', 12 December 1808"; Zinn, *Monongalia Co. (W.)Va., Records of the Courts*, 2:71, 96, 128, 167, lists Simeon, "Cirus" or "Syrus" or Cyrus, and Isaac Riggs, on tax lists, 1801-1805; Zinn, *Monongalia Co. (W.)Va., Records of the Courts*, 8:71-72, "182 - 1819, Monongalia Superior Court. Richard W. Smith, . . . to answer Isaac Riggs in a plea of debt, 25 November, 9 December 1815, 2 February, 8 May and 14 June 1816. . . . Letter of Administration granted to and signed by Phoebe (x) Riggs . . . on the estate of Aaron Riggs, deceased, . . . 9 January 1815. Simeon Riggs' will dated 4 August 1808," mentions Mercy Riggs, his wife, his daughters, Sarah Peck, Rhoda Grier, Phebe Dougherty, Catherine Thomas, and Nancy Thomas, his son, "Cyrus?," three sons, Joseph Riggs, Isaac Riggs, and Aaron Riggs, son Isaac Riggs as executor, codicil signed by Isaac Riggs, 1 Aug. 1816, "Received of Richard W. Smith the sum of \$490 on account of money that was coming to my wife Phebe (late the widow of Aaron Riggs, deceased) and her children Simeon Riggs, Susanna Riggs and Daniel Riggs from the estate of Simeon Riggs, deceased, (they being the children, heirs and legal representatives of Aaron Riggs, deceased)," Elishu Smith mentioned as guardian to Simeon Riggs, Susanna Riggs, and Daniel Riggs, "infant children of Aaron Riggs, deceased."

146. *N.J. Census, 1772-1890*.

147. Stratford and Wilson, *Certificates and Receipts of Revolutionary New Jersey. Records of New Jersey*, 2:283.

148. Atkinson, *History of Newark*, 332.

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In a history book about Bloomfield, Essex Co., N.J., appears the following reference to Simeon:

The names of householders along the main road from the Second River to the Morris Neighborhood about the year 1796 appear on an old map reproduced in “The Church on the Green,” by Knox. On the east side going north were Amos Dodd, Captain John Ogden, . . . , Simeon Riggs.<sup>[149]</sup>

Bloomfield, originally Wardsession, lies near Newark and the Oranges.

[An 1898 history contains a short biography of William L. Johnson of Bloomfield, son of J. Cory and Sally W. (Hayes) Johnson, Sally being daughter of Simeon Riggs Hayes.<sup>[150]</sup>

In 1840 Simeon R. Hayes, 30–40, resided in Bloomingfield, Essex Co., N.J., with a woman 30–40, one male and one female 5–10.<sup>[151]</sup>

In 1850 Simeon R. Hayes, 44, a baker born in New Jersey, resided in Aquackanonk Twp., Passaic Co., N.J., with Lydia, 42, born in New Jersey, and Thomas E., 20, a clerk, Uzal T., 16, a clerk, and (twin) Sarah W., 16, all three born in New Jersey.<sup>[152]</sup>

In 1860 Simeon Hayes, 54, a clerk born in New Jersey with \$500 personal estate, resided in Bloomfield, Essex Co., N.J., with Lydia, 52, born in New Jersey, and “Usal,” 26, a clerk, and Anna, 9, born in New Jersey. They share the dwelling with Thomas Hayes, 29, a merchant born in New Jersey with \$1,000 personal estate, Caroline, 30, born in New York, Mary, 6, born in New York, and Nelson, 4, born in New Jersey, and one servant.<sup>[153]</sup>

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149. Folsom, “After the Revolution,” *Bloomfield: Old and New*, 43. An 1830 map of Bloomfield shows the landmarks mentioned. Simeon might have resided in building 14, the residence of “Mrs. Hayes, grandmother of T. Edmond Hayes.”

150. Ricord and Ricord, *Biography and Genealogical History of the City of Newark and Essex Co., N.J.*, 1:55–56.

151. U.S. census, 1840, Bloomingfield, Essex Co., N.J., r. ?, p. 365, FHL 16516.

152. U.S. census, 1850, Aquackanonk Twp., Passaic Co., N.J., r. 461, p. 360A, dw. 365, fam. 405, dwelling shared with fam. 406 of William Abbott.

153. U.S. census, 1860, Bloomfield PO, Bloomfield Twp., Essex Co., N.J., r. 690, p. 138, dw. 200, fam. 260, dwelling shared with fam. 261, FHL 803690.

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In 1870 Simeon R. Hayes, 64, a carpenter born in New Jersey with \$8,000 real and \$500 personal estates, resided in Bloomfield, Essex Co., N.J., with Lydia, 62, born in New Jersey, and J. Corey Johnson, 34, an insurance agent born in New Jersey, and his family: Sarah W., 34, born in New Jersey, Theodore H., 9, Edward P., 5, William L., 3, and Percy H., 1, all born in New Jersey.<sup>[154]</sup>

In 1880 Simeon R. Hayes, 74, a carpenter born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Bloomfield, Essex Co., N.J., with Lydia K., 72, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and with his son-in-law, J. “Cory” Johnson, 344, an insurance agent born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and his daughter, “Sallie” W., 46, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and grandsons, T. Howell, 18, Edward P., 15, William L., 13, and Percy H., 111, all born in New Jersey, and one servant.<sup>[155]</sup>

On 17 July 1879 Thomas E. Hayes and Robert M. Grummond applied for probate of the will of Joseph F. Ward in Bloomfield Twp., Essex Co., N.J. The next of kin and heirs of law, according to their submission, were: “Joseph Chandler Dodd Josiah F Dodd Dr Arthur Ward all residing in New York, Samuel L. Ward, Caroline Ward and Sarah Ward residing in Belleville, Simeon R. Hayes, John Ward and Mary E. Grummond residing in Bloomfield, Rhoda Caroline Crane residing in Montclair all in the [sic] of Essex, State of New Jersey, Rev Joseph F. Tuttle residing at Hobart in the state of Indiana and the children of Eleanor Lloyd dec’d if any residing in the state of Virginia as is supposed all being nephews and neices of the said Testator.”<sup>[156]</sup>

On 24 June 1886 Simeon R. Hayes signed his will in Bloomfield Twp., Essex Co., N.J., and it was proved 7 Feb. 1888, Bloomfield, N.J. The proof contains the statement that Simeon R. Hayes died 15 Jan.

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154. U.S. census, 1870, Bloomfield PO, Bloomfield Twp., Essex Co., N.J., r. 860, p. 101A, dw. 739, fam. 834.

155. U.S. census, 1880, Bloomfield PO, Bloomfield Twp., Essex Co., N.J., ED 92, r. 780, p. 375B, dw. 374, fam. 442.

156. *N.J. Wills and Probate Records, 1739–1991*, Essex Co., N.J., Applicatoins for probate of Wills, Vol. 1, 1878–1881, image 93/346 online, “To the Surrogate of the County of Essex. Thomas Edmund Hayes and Robert M. Grummond the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Joseph F. Ward late of the Township of Bloomfield etc.,” 17 July 1879.

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1888. The will mentions “my daughter Sarah W. wife of J. Corey Johnson,” “the Estate of the late Joseph F. Ward deceased,” “my daughter-in-law Caroline U.[possibly M.] Hayes, wife of my son Thomas E. Hayes, my son Uzal T. Hayes and my daughter Sarah W. wife of J. Corey Johnson.”<sup>[157]</sup>

Simeon Riggs Hayes, born 17 Feb. 1806 (gravestone), died 15 Jan. 1888, buried in Bloomfield Cem., Bloomfield, Essex Co., N.J., married 14 Jan. 1829, Essex Co., N.J.,<sup>[158]</sup> Lydia King, born 10 May 1808 (gravestone), died 21 Jan. 1883, buried with her husband.<sup>[159]</sup>

[Possibly bogus lineage:

72. ZOPHAR<sup>5</sup> RIGGS (<sub>38</sub>?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) [this is a placeholder for Zophar until we figure out where he really goes—Congar says Zophar was son of James of Elizabethtown<sup>[160]</sup>] was born say 1730 (as explained above in child list for James<sup>4</sup> but this is too late for Isaac born 1739 as he supposedly was; Wallace guesses 1712; 1720 would barely work). The following records, if those of one person, show Zophar Riggs in Morris Co. from 1761 to 1770. Zophar died before 19 Mar. 1772, in Morris Co. (see below). And it looks likely that he married PHEBE —, who outlived him (also see below).

[There might be a generational problem here. The Zophar described below appears on the record in the 1760s, suggesting a birth in the middle to late 1730s, but Zophar<sup>5</sup> appears to to have been born in the 1710s–1720s (1730 latest).]

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157. *N.J. Wills and Probate Records, 1739–1991*, Essex Co., N.J., Wills, F2:394–396, images 202–203/338 online, will of Simeon R. Hayes, signed 24 June 1886, proved 7 Feb. 1888.

158. *N.J. Marriage Records, 1670–1965*, image 11/439 online, Essex Co., 1795–1849, FHL 914211, p.236, “Marriages Solemnized by Rev<sup>d</sup> Gideon N. Judd,” “[1829] Jan’ 14. Simeon R Hayes To Lydia King both of Bloomfield.”

159. *Find a Grave*, no. 100197793, gravestone photograph, by Jody Lutter, Bloomfield Cem., Bloomfield, Essex Co., N.J., “Simeon Riggs Hayes | Feb. 17, 1806–Jan. 15, 1888 | Lydia King Hayes | his wife | May 10, 1808–Jan. 21, 1883 | Hayes.”

160. Congar, *Genealogical Notices, First Settlers of Newark*, 131, “James, in Eliz. town 1739; had John, Simeon, Zopher, Prudence Osborn, Eunice Lambert, and Eliz. Pierson.”

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The Biblical Zophar was one of Job's three friends who came "to mourn with him and to comfort him" in his distress, his body being covered in "sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown."<sup>[161]</sup>

The Mendham town records show the following entries for Zophar [Zopher]. The number at the right is the page from Book 1: Ear Marks, or Book 2: Mendham Twp. Book, of the town records documenting the corresponding event.<sup>[162]</sup>

5 Feb. 1761	Strays	87
31 Dec. 1764	Strays	97
23 Jan. 1770	Strays	118

There was a Zophar Riggs of Morris Co., N.J., who married Phebe —, and who died intestate before 18 Oct. 1773, when "Pheby Riggs Widdow" was appointed administratrix of the estate of "Zopher" Riggs. Bonded with Phebe was Samuel McElrath, both of "Mendum" Twp., Morris Co. Inventory of the estate was made 19 Mar. 1772 by Samuel McElrath and Demos "Lindsly."<sup>[163]</sup> This Zophar and Phebe fit well the Zophar<sup>5</sup> described above in the Mendham records.

On 24 Dec. 1773 the sheriff of Morris Co., N.J., was ordered to summon Stephen Moore to appear before the Court of Common Pleas on 15 Mar. 1774 in Morristown to answer a charge of trespass brought against him by Phebe Riggs, administratrix of the estate of Zophar Riggs, who demanded £100 for damages.<sup>[164]</sup>

A Morris Co., N.J., mortgage dated 27 Sept. 1774 by Samuel Martin and Ephraim Saunders to Stephen Moore, all three of Mendham, de-

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161. Job 2:11, King James version, "Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathhite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him." The sores are from Job 2:7.

162. Wright, *Early Records of Mendham Twp.*, 73, 77, 82.

163. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 5:424 [also FHL 550487]; Book K, p. 553, FHL 522739. "Demas" Lindsly was assigned an earmark on 14 May 1761 in Mendham [Wright, *Early Records of Mendham Twp.*, 25 (transcript of p. 17)], just a few weeks after Simeon Riggs. Samuel "McIlrath" is discussed on p. 243 of the *History of Morris Co.*, in the chapter on Mendham Twp.

164. Morris Co., N.J., Court of Common Pleas, Box 15. Robert Charles Anderson supplied a photocopy of this document.



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scribes “a certain tract in Mendham Beginning in the road above Nathaniel Bunnels where the line of Kirkbrides lot on which Zophar Riggs lately lived crosseth the road.”<sup>[165]</sup> This lot consisted of 59 acres. Ephraim Sanders [Saunders] was a kinsman; see Keziah (Dod) Sanders, my Vol. 3, Part II, for details.

It appears that Isaac borrowed money from Stephen Moore and signed a bond, or promissory note. He then left the area and Stephen was having trouble collecting his money. So he sued the estate after Zophar died asking that the money owed to him be taken from Isaac’s share of the estate. The others heirs protested, probably saying Isaac made the debt, not them. Stephen produced the actual bond, and the jurors decided that Stephen was entitled to his money. Since the only money available was from the estate itself, Stephen took a lien or mortgage on the property which is documented above.<sup>[166]</sup>

Phebe Riggs, administrator of the estate of Zophar Riggs, brings suit against Stephen Moore in the Dec. 1774 Morris Co., N.J., Court of General Sessions. The record of the case lists a jury of 12 members, five men presenting evidence for the plaintiff, including James, John, and Nathaniel Riggs, and 11 men presenting evidence for the defendant, including Samuel Day, and, not surprisingly (since they hold the mortgage on an abutting property), Samuel McElrath and Ephraim Saunders. The defense read into evidence a bond from Isaac Riggs to Stephen Moore, and won the case. Isaac Riggs was not present, indicating that perhaps he no longer lived in the area.<sup>[167]</sup> This is the only record of Isaac Riggs yet discovered in Morris Co. at the right time to be father perhaps to Bethuel or his four putative brothers. This record strongly suggests that Isaac, James, John, and Nathaniel were children of Zophar and Phebe.

It is worth noting here that James Riggs, thought to be son of Isaac, was born 25 Feb. 1774 near Brownsville (Redstone Old Fort), Fayette

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165. Morris Co., N.J., Mortgage Book, B:317, photocopy courtesy of Robert Charles Anderson.

166. This is almost verbatim the argument presented to me by Marsha Hoffman Rising, 13 July 2004.

167. Morris Co., N.J., Court of General Sessions, 6:137. Marsha Hoffman Rising discovered this important document, and supplied a photocopy to me.

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Co., Pa., consistent with Isaac's not being present that year in Morris Co. for the case just described.

[On 6 Nov. 1776, Stephen "Moor" of Morris Co. signed his will, proved 27 Jan. 1777. In it are mentioned his wife, "Unice Moor," his son, Samuel, under 21, and underage daughters [plural], sister, Hannah Losey. On 21 May 1777 "Unice" Moore, widow of Stephen Moore, was appointed administratrix.<sup>[168]</sup> There is a further record in 17 Sept. 1778 with Eunice Scott, administering the estate of Stephen Moore.]

[Eunice Ford, born about 1742, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Baldwin) Ford,<sup>[169]</sup> died 6 Mar. 1802, aged 60, married (1) Stephen Moore, who was born about 1738, died 19 Jan. 1777, Morristown.<sup>[170]</sup> She married (2), after 21 May 1777 and before 17 Sept. 1778, John Scott, whose wife Sarah died 1 Mar. 1777, aged 76.<sup>[171]</sup>]

[There is a marriage record for "Unis" Riggs to Daniel Tuttle on 7 July 1799, Morris Co., N.J.<sup>[172]</sup> Sibling of Zophar<sup>6</sup>? Some contemporaneous Morris Co. marriages that are not accounted for: Hannah Riggs married 17 Nov. 1798 Henry Mainer. Phebe Riggs married 16 Feb. 1805 Richard Gess.<sup>[173]</sup>]

Possible children, all conceived of course before 19 Mar. 1772:

- + 106 i ?ISAAC<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, born 1739, according to various unvalidated genealogies, had probably removed from Morris Co., N.J., by Dec. 1774. Marsha Hoffman Rising's theory: Isaac had Bethuel Riggs, either by wedlock or a short-lived marriage, then left for western

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168. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 5:354.

169. Shepherd, *Who's Who in the Grave Yard, the Presbyterian Church in Morristown*, 127, "Scott, Eunice—29/13—Wife of John Scott and Former Wife of Stephen Moore, d. 6 Mar 1802, age 60. [Ed. Note: CR212 show Eunice Ford, Daughter of Samuel & Hannah (Baldwin) Ford and Widow of Stephen Moore, was the 2nd Wife of John Scott. Eunice and her 1st Husband were parents of six i.e., Sarah, Phebe, Eunice, and Samuel and possibly Sarah and Hannah. No children found in The Combined Registers for Eunice & John.]"

170. Cherry, *Register of all Deaths, Morristown*, "[1777] Stephen Moore, 39, consumption, 19 Jan."

171. Cherry, *Register of all Deaths, Morristown*, "[1777] Sarah, wife of John Scott, 76, fever, 1 Mar."

172. Morris Co., N.J., County Clerk Records, FHL 1314453-54, Unis Riggs to Daniel Tuttle, as online at *Marriage Index: N.J. Marriages, 1680-1900*.

173. Morris Co., N.J., County Clerk Records, FHL 1314453-54, as online at *Marriage Index: N.J. Marriages, 1680-1900*, for all these records.

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Pennsylvania, leaving Bethuel to be raised in Morris Co., then Isaac married, possibly his second wife, Mary [surname perhaps Pierce] and had sons, Silas, James, Isaac, and John, and daughter, Eunice. Since Mary Pierce was purportedly from Middlesex Co., N.J., Isaac perhaps removed from Morris Co. to Middlesex Co. before removing further to Pennsylvania. His putative son James was born 25 Feb. 1774, Washington Co., Pa.

- + 107 ii ?JAMES<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, probably born before 1753, probably New Jersey, since he presented evidence in 1774, presumably of age 21 or older, in the court case against Stephen Moore.
- + 108 iii ?JOHN<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, probably born before 1748 (presumably 21 or older for the 1769 mortgage in his sketch) and surely before 1753, probably New Jersey, since he presented evidence in 1774, presumably of age 21 or older, in the court case against Stephen Moore.
- + 109 iv ?NATHANIEL<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, probably born before 1753, probably New Jersey, since he presented evidence in 1774, presumably of age 21 or older, in the court case against Stephen Moore. Phebe Riggs, probably his mother was listed with him in 1785 in Washington Twp., Fayette Co., Pa.
- + 110 v ?ZOPHAR<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, born about 1772, probably New Jersey, married (1) ANNA DELL, then married (2) ELEANOR [“NELLY”] HARRIS, and had at least two children. [Appears to be a generational problem here. This Zophar was born too late, about the time of Zophar<sup>5</sup>'s death. It is just barely possible.] [N.B., note added 26 May 2013 and appended 25 Aug. 2014: More seriously two proved descendants of Zophar do not carry the Edwardian Riggs YDNA signature. So this entire family should perhaps be removed from this book.]

75. EDWARD<sup>5</sup> RIGGS (<sub>39</sub>?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born say 1720, married 7 Feb. 1749, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co.,<sup>[174]</sup> JANE BUCKLEY. At the marriage he was described as “of

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174. From *The Record* published by the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown, 1880, online at <[www.rootsweb.com/~njmorris/churches/1stpresbmarriages.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~njmorris/churches/1stpresbmarriages.htm)> (accessed 21 Apr. 2004), “Riggs, Edward (of Roxiticus) Buckley, Jane (of New England) 07 Feb 1749.”

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Roxiticus” and she “of New England.” Roxiticus “comprised what are now the towns of Mendham, Chester, Washington, Mount Olive and Roxbury.”<sup>[175]</sup> Putative son Reuben was born in 1747 (Revolutionary War pension file), implying that Edward might have been married formerly. [Leo Riggs, p. 53, has this *same* Edward as Edward<sup>6</sup> (Edward<sup>5</sup>, Edward<sup>4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>). What a mess!]

An outline of the proof that Edward<sup>5</sup> of New Jersey, married in 1749 in Morris Co., N.J., is the same Edward who appeared later in North Carolina is this: It will be proved that Edward Riggs of North Carolina was father of Clisby, that Clisby had a sister Elizabeth, that Samuel had a sister Elizabeth, and hence that Clisby<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, and Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> were children of Edward<sup>5</sup> of North Carolina. But this child Samuel<sup>6</sup> is proved born in Morris Co., N.J., in 1760, and hence his father Edward<sup>5</sup> was there then. This is consistent with Samuel’s claim, in his Revolutionary War pension affidavit, that his (unnamed) father brought him to North Carolina in 1765.

On 12 Nov. 1750, Hanover Twp., Morris Co., records list Edward Riggs taking up a stray at Rockaway. Samuel Riggs took up a stray on 15 Nov., probably Edward’s father or his brother.<sup>[176]</sup> Note that son Samuel wasn’t born until 1760.

Edward<sup>5</sup> was probably the Edward Riggs who was sued for bastardy by Mary Shipman in Morris Co. in 1753–1754 (see putative father Samuel’s sketch for details).

Records of the Morris Co. court for the period 1753–1754 list cases involving Edward Riggs. The case of *Mary Shipman vs. Edward Riggs* was frequently in the courts during this time, 26 Dec. 1753, 26 and 27 Mar., and 18 Sept. 1754. The notation of the last entry reveals the nature of the case, “from Justice Ford & Justice Hathaways Judgment On an Order of bastardy Continued till Next Court,” but no further records were

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175. *History of Morris Co.*, [Munsell, 1882], 211.

176. Hanover Twp., Morris Co., N. J., Book of Estrays, p. 4, “[12 Nov. 1750] Taken up by Edward Riggs at Rockaway,” from the GMNJ, as reported in Charles C. Gardiner Collection, N.J. Families 1600–1900, reel 18: Pike-Rog, NEHGS microfilm F 133 G27 1978, Riggs; Stryker-Rodda, *Some Early Records of Morris Co., N.J., 1740–1799*, 32, “Strays Posted – Hanover 1749–1799,” “[1750] [Nov.] 12 Edward Riggs at Rockaway.”

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found.<sup>[177]</sup> A Mary Shipman had two children baptized at the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown on 3 Aug. 1755, one unnamed and the other one named Mary.<sup>[178]</sup> Assuming the unnamed child was the younger, might older daughter Mary then be Edward Riggs's child?

[Edward might have skipped town in here.]

In the records of the Sept. 1774 term of the Superior Court of Morris Co. is an order to the sheriff of Morris Co. on 16 May 1774 (14th year of the reign of George the Third) to cause "Edward Riggs of Hannover in the County of Morris and Province of New Jersey Cooper" to appear in Perth Amboy to answer for a debt of £80 due to David Ogden.<sup>[179]</sup> [Did Edward show up is the question.] Note that Edward was of Hannover in 1774.

Researchers approaching the problem from Tennessee have reached these conclusions [not yet vetted by me]:

Brothers Samuel and Reuben Riggs are believed to have been sons of Edward Riggs (1720-1820, married Jane Buckley), who, with three brothers, Samuel, Reuben and Timothy, removed to the Yadkin River, Rowan County, North Carolina (that part that later became Surry County) from Morris County, New Jersey about 1765. By 1776-7, Edward Riggs had moved overmountain, initially to Indian Creek in the Powell River Valley (later Hawkins County, Tennessee), and in the Spring of 1778, due to Indian attacks on the settlement, to North Fork

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177. Morris Co., N.J., Court of Common Pleas, vol. 1, 1740-1754, FHL 961259, 516, 525, 529, 531, 562, items courtesy Robert Charles Anderson.

178. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 215, "Shipman Mary R.C. 3 Aug 1755 | A child B 3 Aug 1755 | Mary B 3 Aug 1755." "R.C." stands for Renewed the Covenant which is explained as follows: "This covers only the pastorate of Dr. Johnes. It contains a list of those who were popularly called "Half-way members"; that is, persons who renewed their own baptismal vows when presenting their first child for baptism, but did not, at that time at least, enter upon the duties and privileges of full communion. The practice was abandoned in this Church in 1795." So Mary renewed the covenant and had her children baptized, all on the same day.

179. *Supreme Court Case Files, 1704-1844*, case no. 28807, "[name] Riggs, Edward (Defendant) [case title] David Ogden v. Edward Riggs [case type] Debt [county] Morris [dates] 1774"; The records were examined in 1995 by Fred Sisser III for his client Carolyn Ericson, photocopy of the record courtesy of Bobby G. Carwile.

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of the Holston River, somewhere in the neighborhood of Fort Shelby, Beaver Creek, Squabble State.<sup>[180]</sup>

A problem with this analysis is that Timothy moved to North Carolina, but to Rutherford Co. For reference, Surry Co. was formally derived from Rowan Co. in 1771. And Rutherford Co. was two (large) counties removed from Surry Co.

If Edward<sup>5</sup> was indeed father of Samuel<sup>6</sup>, as this analysis suggests, then according to the pension application of the latter, they moved to Surry (part of Rowan Co. at the time) Co., N.C., in about 1765. **This flies in the face of the 1774 record (and also the 1769 record).** A better fit perhaps is that Timothy<sup>5</sup> Riggs is father to Samuel<sup>6</sup>. Timothy is known to have left Morris Co. about 1765 (well, after 1765 and by 1769 anyway, and it was actually Essex Co. he apparently left from, but near Morris Co.). **But Timothy went to Rutherford Co., N.C.**

Note also the Morris Co. Court of Common Pleas records of Edward Riggs in July 1765 and July 1769. **[I reinsert these records below, for convenience:]**

The minutes of the Court of Common Pleas of Morris Co. contain several records of Edward, Timothy, Samuel, and Reuben Riggs in the period 1754–1769:<sup>[181]</sup>

25 Dec 1754	Casparus Zobrisky ag <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>ll</sup> Riggs. [?]
17 Sep 1755	John Kiney ag <sup>t</sup> Edward Riggs. [38]
10 Feb 1756	John Kinney ag <sup>t</sup> Edward Riggs. [49]
Sep 1763	Samuel Rice v Timothy Rigg. [62]
Sep 1763	Woodruff & [?] <sup>elf</sup> v Timothy Riggs. [69]
Dec 1763	Jonathan Hampton v Ruben Riggs. [76]
Mar 1764	John Tuttle v Ruben Riggs. [108]

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180. Bobby G. Carwile and C. Hammett, *Revolutionary War Privates: Reuben and Samuel Riggs of Morris County, New Jersey, and Tennessee*, <[www.tngenweb.org/revwar/records/r/riggs.html#1](http://www.tngenweb.org/revwar/records/r/riggs.html#1)> (accessed 16 March 2004). “Squabble State” was a disputed portion of western North Carolina and southwest Virginia.

181. Morris Co., N.J., Court of Common Pleas, vols. 2–3, 1754–1766, FHL 961299, and vols. 4–6, 1766–1778, FHL 961249. The minutes were examined in 1995 by Fred Sisser III for his client Carolyn Ericson, photocopies courtesy of Bobby G. Carwile.

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Jul 1764            John Tuttle v Ruben Riggs. [129]  
Jul 1765            Adam Temont v Edward Riggs. [238]  
Jul 1769            Benjamin Smith executors v Sam<sup>1</sup> & Edward Riggs. [245]

However, there are records in Surry Co., for an Edward Riggs that seem to fit the current Edward. It is possible that Edward moved to North Carolina after the 1769 record above and before the 1772 record below [but this does not explain the 1774 record in Morris Co.—perhaps Edward had skipped town on the debt to David Ogden—check for a followup to the 1774 summons]. But see next:

In 1765 Edward Riggs is listed on a tax list for Rowan Co., N.C.<sup>[182]</sup>

**Placeholder:** In 1768 **Samuel Riggs** is listed on a tax list for Rowan Co., N.C.<sup>[183]</sup>

N.B. Surry Co. was separated from Rowan Co. in 1771, becoming final in 1773. Shallow Ford of the Yadkin is located in what is now Yadkin Co., N.C.

N.B. A note from researcher Don Blauvelt:

In modern geography, Shallow Ford is about 15-miles west of Winston-Salem, NC. As the name implies, Shallow Ford was a shallow section affording a safe place for travelers to cross. Today the Yadkin River is the continuous north and east boundaries of Yadkin Co, NC. Shallow Ford is the southeast [sic, should be southwest] corner of Yadkin Co. and Elkin Ford the town of Elkin in the extreme southwest corner of Surry Co.

Don hypothesized that Edward lived along this road somewhere, being one of the property owners affected by the road.

On 17 Apr. 1767, “Ordered by the Court that **Edward Riggs** and William Pruvett [Privett by my reading] be Appointed Oversears of the road all ready Laid Out from the Shallow Ford on Yadkin River at the Ford Calld the Elkin Ford, on s<sup>d</sup> River, &c.”<sup>[184]</sup>

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182. Record citation missing. To be supplied courtesy of Don Blauvelt, I hope, from whom I learned the item.

183. Rowan Co., N.C., Miscellaneous Records, image online at <www.Family Search.org>, FHL 19904, DGS 8195643, image 191/524, “Tax Lists for the Year 1768,” 360, “Riggs, Sam<sup>l</sup>.”

184. Rowan Co., N.C., Court Minutes (transcribed), image online at <www.Family Search.org>.

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On 11 Aug. 1769, “Ordered by the Court that **Edward Riggs** and William Potter be Appointed Oversears of the Road already Laid Out from the Shallow ford on Yadkin River to the Ford Called the Elkin ford, on said river.”<sup>185</sup> This appears to be the item transcribed next, with a one day date error (since I could not find it in the original minutes):

On 10 Aug. 1769, “**Edward Riggs** & William Potter appointed oversears on road from Shallow Ford on Yadkin River to the Ford called Elkin Ford on Yadkin.”<sup>186</sup>

On 15 Feb. 1770, “Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> On petition | Ordered by the Court that Thomas Mears [Miers by my reading] Vallintine Vanhouser James Sheppard **Gideon Wright** [missing from transcription: David Stewart Benjamin Pettett Tyree Glenn] James Glenn Abram Creson Robert Forbus James Burk Michael Baker, be and are hereby Appointed as a Jury to View and Lay Out a Road from M<sup>r</sup> Harts Store Crossing the Yadkin River at the Yallow Bank Ford & from thence to **Edward Riggs** New Cut Road, from Allins Sawmill to the Shallow ford at **Smiths** Cabin, the Neares [sic] and Best Way &c. | Oversears &c— | Hezekiah Wright from John Sneeds Store to Bem Shouls Creek— | Jobe Feltorn from thence to the head of Forbushes Creek— | John Allin from thence to **Smiths** Cabin—.”<sup>187</sup>

Here I insert some research of Don Blauvelt, which I have yet to vet myself, but which looks to be based on real records and might be helpful in placing Edward Riggs and his family:

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FHL 313783/2, DGS 7640166, image 209/910, 168, “Page 168. | Quarter Sessions. | Minute Docket 1753-67. | . . . | Friday April 17 1767.” I also inspected the original record in FHL 313775, DGS 7640158, image 403/655, date deduced from images 398 and 402/655.

185. Rowan Co., N.C., Court Minutes (original), image online at <www.Family Search.org>, FHL 313775, DGS 7640158, image 503/655, date deduced from images 493 (second Tues., 8 Aug. 1769), 496 (adjourned until tomorrow), 501 (adjourned until tomorrow), and 502 (adjourned until tomorrow)/655.

186. Rowan Co., N.C., Court Minutes (transcribed), image online at <www.Family Search.org>, FHL 313783/2, DGS 7640166, image 248/910, 201, “August 1769 | Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> || Inferior Court | Page 24.”

187. Rowan Co., N.C., Court Minutes (transcribed), image online at <www.Family Search.org>, FHL 313783/2, DGS 7640166, image 255/910, 208, “Page 31. | Day Feb. 15 1770 | Inferior Court 1770.” I also inspected the original record in FHL 313775, DGS 7640158, image 526/655, date deduced from images 521 and 526/655.



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Regarding the road from Shallow Ford to Elkin Ford, historically:

1748. Six families (Carter, Bryant, Linville, Forbush, Davis and Hughes) made up the Bryant Settlement near the Shallow Ford.

1749. Isaac Ferree obtained a license to operate a ferry near Shallow Ford.

1753. Edward Hughes received a license to build a tavern at Shallow Ford.

1753. The Moravians (German) settled the Wachovia Tract east of the Yadkin, where they built the towns of Bethabara, Bethania, and Salem on tributaries of the Yadkin River.

1754. The Moravians cut a road from near Bethabara to the Shallow Ford.

1763. The cutting of a road from the Shallow Ford south to Salisbury (Rowan Co.) was ordered.

In 1770, a road from the Shallow Ford west to Mulberry Fields (North Wilkesboro, Wilkes Co.) was ordered. The Mulberry Fields Road later connected southwest to the Wilderness Road at Lower Sawra Town (Cherokee) to Kentucky (cut in 1775) and became known as part of the "Daniel Boone Trail." In 1772, the Moravians opened a road west from Salem to the Shallow Ford. . . .

As indicated by the 1767-1769 time reference, **Capt. Edward** lived along the Yadkin River, likely somewhere between the Shallow and Elkin Fords. In modern voice, being appointed an overseer of a new road meant he was the initial right-of-way agent responsible for seeing that the road was built, kept open and maintained. The usual context in colonial America was to appoint an affected landowner who coordinated where the road was to be cut and to work out the necessary details with all of the affected property owners.<sup>[188]</sup>

Here's more about Shallow Ford (from Wikipedia):

The Battle of Shallow Ford was an American Revolution skirmish that took place on October 14, 1780 in Huntsville, [Yadkin Co.], North Carolina. A company of 600 **Loyalist** militia, led by Colonel **Gideon Wright**

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188. Record citations missing. To be supplied courtesy of Don Blauvelt, I hope, from whom I learned the item. I learned of Don's work from John Clinard who got it from Bobby Carwhile. Bobby published a letter from Don Blauvelt to himself containing the items on the RIGGS-L list on 22 Aug. 2000. All mentions of Don's items in this sketch come from this posting.

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and his brother Captain Hezekiah Wright, were attempting to cross the Yadkin River to join General Cornwallis in Charlotte, which the British forces had captured two weeks prior. Colonel Joseph Williams gathered 300 Patriot militia and laid an ambush at the ford.

A short battle followed, with the Patriot forces winning decisively. The Loyalist militia became scattered and fled. Fifteen casualties were reported, fourteen Loyalists and one Patriot, Henry Francis, a captain in the Virginia militia. A tombstone at the site of the skirmish honors Francis. The Big Poplar Tree, a landmark at the site, is believed to have been shot out during the battle.

The Battle of Shallow Ford was one of several successful attempts to delay British reinforcements to Charlotte, along with the largest Battle of King's Mountain and other small skirmishes throughout the Carolinas. Facing constant harassment from Patriot militias and unable to secure reinforcement, Cornwallis was forced to retreat south in November.

In 1769 Edward Riggs was appointed JP (presumably of Rowan Co., N.C.).<sup>[189]</sup>

On 2 Mar. 1769, Rowan Co., N.C., Edward Riggs served as bondsman in the marriage of Reuben Riggs to Mary Crawford, with Gideon Wright and David Crawford as witnesses.<sup>[190]</sup> Surry Co. was formed from Rowan Co. in 1771. Note that this record precedes the July 1769 record in the table above.

In 1771 Edward Rigg, was on the Surry Co., N.C., tax list. And so were Reuben, David, and Samuel Riggs.<sup>[191]</sup>

In 1772 Edward Rigg, was on the Surry Co., N.C., tax list. And so were Samuel, William, and David Riggs.<sup>[192]</sup>

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189. Record citation missing. To be supplied courtesy of Don Blauvelt, I hope, from whom I learned the item, but who claims he was JP of Surry Co.

190. Rowan Co., N.C., Marriage Bond Abstracts, 2:378, “[groom] Riggs, Reuben [bride] Mary Crawford [bond date] 2 Mar. 1769 [bondsmen & witness] Edward Riggs (w) Gideon Wright, David Crawford.”

191. Johnson, *Surry-Wilkes Taxables, 1771-1777*, Surry, 1771 Tax List, 4, “Riggs Reuben 1 | . . . | Riggs David 1 | . . . | Riggs Edward 1 | Riggs Samuel 3.”

192. Johnson, *Surry-Wilkes Taxables, 1771-1777*, Surry, 1772 Tax List, 9, “Riggs Samuel 3 | Riggs William 3 | . . . | Riggs David 1 | . . . | Riggs Edward 1.”

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On the third Tuesday of Feb. in the 12th year of the reign of George the Third (18 Feb. 1772), the Surry Co. court minutes record the presence of Jacob Bond, **Gideon Wright**, and **Edward Riggs**, Esqrs., as judges presumably in the case of William Robison, a planter, who “did on 10 Jan. 1769 with force and arms did committ henious [sic] crime fornication upon one certain Charity Kennedy.”<sup>[193]</sup> [A surprise considering the bastardy case in N.J.—if the same man, of course.]

Edward Riggs signed the oath of Francis Runels [Reynolds] made 22 Feb. 1772 in Surry Co., N.C.<sup>[194]</sup> Other items in the same reference show that Francis Reynolds had land on the north side of the Yadkin River.

A Sept. 1772 court record lists people who had claims against Surry Co. (which was formed from Rowan Co. in 1771), including Gideon Wright and Edward Riggs. They claimants were reimbursed 4 pence per taxable acre, with Edward Riggs reimbursed for 330 taxable acres and Gideon Wright for 125.<sup>[195]</sup>

Edward Riggs and Gideon Wright were captains in the 1774 Surry Co. Militia.<sup>[196]</sup> But see the Wikipedia article above about the Battle of Shallow Ford to see that Gideon Wright became a Loyalist.

In 1774 the tax list of Surry Co., N.C., records “Edward Riggs & son Jesse Riggs,” 2 polls.<sup>[197]</sup> This establishes Jesse as Edward’s son.

On 10 May 1775 Reuben Riggs was summoned by the Surry Co. court “on behalf of Edward Riggs vs William Shepperd.”<sup>[198]</sup>

On 13 May 1775 [Edward Riggs] “supposedly paid the bail of John Simpson in Surry Co. This Edward probably was not Capt. Edward

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193. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 1.

194. Absher, *Some Pioneers from Wilkes Co., N.C.*, 89-90, cites “File C.R. 92.325.1, Civil Action Papers, Surry County, N.C. 1768-1806, N.C. Archives.”

195. Linn, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, 1771-1827*, 2, cites Surry Co., N.C., Wills, 1:12a.

196. As abstracted in Linn, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, 1771-1827*, 2, “Gideon Wright, William Hall, Edward Riggs, and Thomas Evans were captains in the 1774 Surry Co. Militia. Gideon Wright had Rev. War service.” William Hall and Thomas Evans were also reimbursed by the Surry Co. court in 1772.

197. Johnson, *Surry-Wilkes Taxables, 1771-1777*, Surry, 1774 Tax List, M. Armstrong’s List, 18, “Edward Riggs & son Jesse Riggs 2.”

198. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 6.

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Riggs, since on this date he and family were living west of the Appalachians in present northeast TN (see below).”<sup>[199]</sup>

Since there is no further mention of Edward Riggs in the Surry Co. court records, it is possible (but unlikely) that he returned to New Jersey, but the pension file (see below) of putative son, Samuel, claims that he (with his father, who is thought to have been Edward) moved to the Powell River Valley (which became Hawkins Co., Tenn.) in 1777 then in 1778 moved to the Holston River and then later returned (with his father) to Surry Co.

Now I insert another piece of Don Blauvelt’s research report which promises to fill in this gap (and explain away any return to New Jersey):

Colonial NC Land Records:

In 1780, North Carolina was organized into six separate military districts—Edenton, Halifax, Hillsborough, New Bern, Salisbury and Wilmington. The Salisbury District included virtually the entire western 1/3 of North Carolina between Virginia and South Carolina. Salisbury also included Sullivan and Washington in “overhill” North Carolina in the present northeast corner of Tennessee.

In 1782, all of North Carolina west of the north-south extension of the western boundary of Surry Co. (Burke, Lincoln, Rutherford and Wilkes Counties) plus Sullivan and Washington on the west side of the Appalachians was placed in the new separate military district of Morgan. Sullivan and Washington, however, were assigned separate auditors from those operating in the other four counties on the east side of the mountains.

Then in 1784, the new Washington Military District was formed consisting solely of colonial North Carolina’s “overhill” section west of the Appalachians, now eastern Tennessee. The associated “counties” were Davidson (AKA the Cumberland Settlement, now urban Nashville, TN), Greene, Sullivan and Washington (source: “North Carolina’s Military Districts”, a one-page brochure with maps, the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh).

In 1782 during the American Revolution, and apparently while living in “overhill” North Carolina, **Capt. Edward** was appointed Revolutionary

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Army Auditor for North Carolina's Sullivan and Washington Counties in the Morgan, subsequently the Washington Military District. In "Tennessee Soldiers in the Revolution", by Penelope Johnson Allen, pg. 28, in 1781-1783 three Riggs were residing in Sullivan and Washington Counties of NC (encompassing the NE corner of present TN): namely, **Edward, Reuben and Samuel Riggs**.<sup>[200]</sup> By the time the U.S. authorized Rev. War pensions, **Capt. Edward Riggs** was deceased. However, in the 1830s as elderly men **both Reuben and Samuel** received Rev. War pensions in Tennessee.<sup>[201]</sup>

A 1781 tax list for Washington Co., "The North State," of taxable property of the Fifth District lists "Ruben" Riggs with taxable worth £423 and "Edwd" Riggs with taxable worth £405.<sup>[202]</sup>

A "before 1783" [1782?] tax list for Washington Co., Tenn., of taxable property lists Reuben Riggs with taxable worth £410:0, next to "Edwards" Riggs with taxable worth £551:13.<sup>[203]</sup>

On 22 June 1782 Edward Riggs received a Revolutionary War pay voucher from Washington and Sullivan Counties, North Carolina [which became eastern Tennessee] for £8.16.<sup>[204]</sup>

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200. Allen, *Tennessee Soldiers in the Revolution*, North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts: Index to Soldiers Residing in Washington and Sullivan Counties, 1781-1783, 28, "Riggs, Edward, I-82-2 | Riggs, Reubin, I-56-4; I-62-2 | Riggs, Sam'l, I-20-4," "The numerals following soldiers' names here listed refer to volume, page and folio of the North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts in the State Archives at Raleigh, N.C."

201. Record citations missing. To be supplied courtesy of Don Blauvelt, I hope, from whom I learned the item. Note that there are some references included in the quotation.

202. Washington Co., Tenn., Tax Lists, 1778-1846, image online at <www.familysearch.org>, 1781, sheet 5, "Ruben Riggs To Land &c [no.] 200 [£] 238 | To Horskind 2 105 | To Neat Cattle 7 70 | To Cash in hand [empty] 10 } {total £] 423," and sheet 11, "Edwd Riggs To Horskind 6 315 | To Neat Cattle 9 90 } 405.

203. Washington Co., Tenn., Tax Lists, 1778-1846, image online at <www.familysearch.org>, "this list must belong to 1780s—Before 1783," sheet 2 (contains transcription from p. 12), "Reuben Riggs Land [£] 200 | Horses 160 | Cattle 50 {total £] 410.0," followed by, "Edwards Riggs Horses 466 | Cattle 90 | Cash 1.13 } 551:18."

204. N.C. *Revolutionary Pay Vouchers, 1779-1782*, image 237/940 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, Riddicks, Abraham to Robertson, Benjamin, DGS 4341913, Edward Riggs, from Washington and Sullivan Cos., no. 230, 22 June 1782; Treasurer's and Comptroller's Papers, Revolutionary War Army Accounts, N.C. State Archives, roll S.115.57, vol. 1, page 82, folio 2, "[No.] 230 [By whom granted] Bledsoe and Williams [To whom granted] Edward Riggs [Date] 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1782

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Reuben Riggs, Edward Riggs, and “Jenny” [Jessy?] Riggs were listed in the 1783 tax list for Greene Co., Tenn.<sup>[205]</sup>

On 28 Oct. 1783 Edward Riggs entered a request for land in Greene Co., N.C., and 445 acres were issued to him on 20 Sept. 1787 on the north side of the “knobbs” that divide the waters of French Broad River and Holston River.<sup>[206]</sup>

#### More from Don Blauvelt:

1783 – on “Old” Greene Co, NC tax list (later Greene Co, TN) together with a Jennie [check this: could it be Jessie?] Riggs (very likely Edward’s daughter) and Reuben Riggs (oldest son). Greene was created in 1783 from “Old” Washington Co, NC, which had been split off from Sullivan County in 1777. In addition to the previous discussion, the Washington Military District was colonial North Carolina’s attempt, in part, to appease colonists attempting to organize the “State of Franklin” out of the Watauga Settlement. The statehood effort failed in the U.S. Congress by one vote and the area encompassed therein was ceded in 1790 to the United States, becoming known as part of the United State’s Southwest Territory south of the Ohio River. Tennessee itself gained statehood in 1796.

1784 – Greene Co, NC, lawsuit of Edward Riggs vs. John Newman, Samuel Lyle & Shadrach Morris. Shadrack likely was the father of Gideon Morris, who would become Edward’s adjoining neighbor and the father-in-law of Edward’s son Samuel.<sup>[207]</sup>

On 3 Feb. 1784 the Greene Co., Tenn., Court of Common Pleas minutes record that an order was issued to take a deposition of John Bearden in behalf of Edward Riggs, in his suit against John Newman and others.<sup>[208]</sup>

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205. Alderman, *The Overmountain Men*, 242.

206. N.C. Land Warrants, N.C. State Archives, roll S.108.369, location 57–61, file no. 500 Edward Riggs, warrant no. 650, cites 65:522.

207. Record citations missing. To be supplied courtesy of Don Blauvelt, I hope, from whom I learned the item.

208. Burgner, *Greene Co., Tenn., Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas, 1783–1795*, 6, “[p11] Ord that a Depo Issue. Issue to the justices of Greene County to take the examination of John Bearden

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**Placeholder:** On 4 May 1784 Reuben Riggs was deeded 200 acres of land in Greene Co., Tenn., from James English and his wife Elizabeth.<sup>[209]</sup> **Note that this places Reuben and Edward together in Greene Co.**

On 20 Sept. 1787 Edward Riggs was granted 1,000 acres in Greene Co., N.C., “Lying & being in Green County on the South side of Holsten below the Indian path that Comes from the head of Dumplin Creek to Robisons on the branch where it comes through the nobbs,” sharing a complex border with land owned by “Giddian” Morris.<sup>[210]</sup> See also the record above for 445 acres entered on 28 Oct. 1783 and granted to Edward on 20 Sept. 1787, being land “on the North side of the Knobbs that divides the waters of French broad and Holston Rivers.”

**Placeholder:** In 1787 Jesse Riggs was granted land in Greene Co., Tenn.<sup>[211]</sup>

On 11 July 1788 Edward Riggs was granted 200 acres in Greene Co., N.C., “on the dry fork south side Holstien.”<sup>[212]</sup>

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in behalf of Edward Riggs- in his suit against John Newman and others.” The next date recorded is on [p13] “February Term Minutes 1784,” immediately followed on [p14] with “May Term Minutes 1784.” I take this to mean that Feb. 1784 minutes were concluded and the May 1784 minutes begun. I took the date to be the Tuesday after the first Monday in Feb. 1784. Need to look at the book again and determine the date which applies to [p11].

209. Burgner, *Greene Co., Tenn., Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas, 1783-1795*, 9, Tuesday after first Monday of May 1784, “[p16] A deed of conveyance from Jas and Elizabeth English to Reuben Riggs for 200 A or [sic] land was duly acknowledged in court by the said Jas & Elizabeth his wife & the same is ordered to be recorded.”

210. N.C. Land Warrants, N.C. State Archives, roll S.108.368, location 1071-75, file no. 426, Edward Riggs, warrant no. 428, cites 65:496, Harmon/Hermon Cox entered on 25 Oct. 1783, and assigned his warrant to Edward Riggs on 1 Mar. 1876. The survey map shows Riggs’s land enclosing Morris’s land on three sides. The warrant to survey the parcel issued 7 June 1784, included in the same archive location, describes the land as “One Thousand acres in Green County on a Branch of Holston lying below the Indian path that Comes from the head of Dumplin Creek to Robertsons Creek on the Branch where the path comes through the Nobs Including the Big spring and running down both sides of said Creek for Complement; . . . .”

211. N.C. *Land Grants in Tenn. 1778-1791*, 13, “[1787] 1824. Jesse Riggs.”

212. N.C. Land Warrants, N.C. State Archives, roll S.108.369, location 633-37, file no. 619, Edward Riggs, warrant no. 608, cites 66:447, warrant first issued to George Ervin, then assigned to David Stuart, then assigned to Edward on 27 Feb. 1786, “On the South side of Holestons river on the Dry fork”; *List of North Carolina Land Grants in Tennessee, 1778-1791*, NARA, Record Group 49, microfilm M68, r. 1, item 2201; N.C. *Land Grants in Tenn. 1778-1791*, 16, “[1788] 2201. Edward

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On 7 Dec. 1789 Edward Riggs of [Hamblin?], Hawkins Co., N.C., sold to Jessee Riggs of Green Co., N.C., for £25, 445 acres in the state and county “aforesaid” meaning probably Hawkins Co., N.C., but possibly Green Co., N.C. It was acknowledged in court in the December Sessions 1789, and registered 27 May 1790.<sup>[213]</sup>

On 7 Dec. 1789 Edward Riggs of Hawkins Co., N.C., sold to Samuel Riggs of the same place, for £25, 277 acres in Hawkins Co., N.C., “on the waters of Holston Joining James Ellis and bounded as follows . . . thence South to the open line of the said Edward Riggs’s thousand acre lot . . .” It was acknowledged in court in the December Sessions 1789, and registered 28 May 1790.<sup>[214]</sup>

On 6 Sept. 1790 “Jessee” Riggs sold to Polly Shelton, both of Hawkins Co., N.C., for £150, 245 acres in Hawkins Co. “on the north side of the Nobs that Divides the waters of French Broad & Holston River,” witnesses “Edw<sup>d</sup> Riggs, Reubin Riggs | Sam<sup>l</sup> Riggs.”<sup>[215]</sup>

Researcher Don Blauvelt states about this deed: “Since Jesse (written as Jessee) apparently signed and sealed the deed and no other Jesse in this time frame having been identified except as the son of Edward, this Jesse did not die in the Revolutionary War as others have suggested (see 1834 Rev. War pension of Jesse Riggs of Giles Co, TN).”

On 8 Sept. 1790 (in a deed following the one just above) Edward Riggs of Hawkins Co., N.C., sold 80 acres in Hawkins Co. to James Ellis of the same place for £20 “on the waters of Holston Including the plantation there the said Ellis now livs.”<sup>[216]</sup>

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213. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 1:44, “Edward Riggs To Jessee Riggs | Registered 27<sup>th</sup> May 1790 } Trans<sup>d</sup> from Liber D page 32.”

214. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 1:46, “Edward Riggs To Sam<sup>l</sup> Riggs | Registered 28<sup>th</sup> May 1790 } Trans<sup>d</sup> from Liber D page 34.”

215. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 1:59, “Jessee Riggs To Polly Shelton | Registered 9<sup>th</sup> November 1790 } Transcribed from Liber D page 80,” acknowledged in court by “Edw<sup>th</sup>” Riggs in “Sept<sup>r</sup> Sessions 1790.” Note: “Polly” might be “Pally,” and the expression “Pally Shelton his heirs & assigns” appears in the deed.

216. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 1:59–60, “Edw<sup>d</sup> Riggs To J Ellis Reg<sup>d</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1790 , Trans<sup>d</sup> from Liber D page 81,” signed by Edward Riggs, and acknowledged in court by “Edw<sup>th</sup>” Riggs in “Sept<sup>r</sup> Sessions 1790.”



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N.B. In 1792 Jefferson Co., Tenn., was formed from parts of Greene and Hawkins Counties and non-county area (i.e., previously unassigned land).

According to Don Blauvelt:

1780-85 - lived at the head of Lick Creek in Greene Co.\*

1785-88 - lived on the waters of French Broad river in present Jefferson Co. TN.

1788-90 - lived on the waters of the Holston River in Jefferson Co, TN.

1790 - moved to Fall Creek (Hawkins Co.) where he lived for 44 years in the same location.\*\*

\* the "head", or "head waters", of Lick Creek is assumed to be its confluence with the Nolichucky River [I disagree] in the extreme southwest corner of present Greene Co, TN. Otherwise, the eventual northern end of Lick Creek is in present Washington Co, TN south of Kingsport. For some 44 years, Samuel resided less than 15 miles due west from the confluence of Lick Creek and the Nolichucky in the extreme southeast corner of Hawkins Co., later Jefferson Co., now Hamblen Co, TN.

\*\* as written, this is a geographic error. In 1790 Capt. Edward Riggs sold son Samuel the western 200-acres of his 1787 grant of 1,000 acres. Samuel was ultimately to operate the Riggs Tavern south of Morrisville in present Hamblen Co, TN. The land Samuel lived on was next door west from his brother Jesse, who was next door west to their father Edward, with Samuel being next door east from sister Sarah and her husband, James Ellis. All of this land was in the northeast corner of Jefferson Co, now the SE corner of Hamblen Co., TN.

Under a miscellaneous warrant of survey found in the NC State Archives microfilm, Raleigh, this same 200 acres sold to son Samuel was resurveyed on November 18, 1792 as follows:

Territory So. of Ohio River. Scale 100 ps (poles) in one inch. By Virtue of a Warrant to me Directd of (Nov. 17th?) I have surveyd for Saml Riggs Two Hundred Acres of Land on fall Creek Including the place he now lives on joining a survey Made for Jessey Riggs.

Beginning at a line of small white oak on a Ridge turning thence North 98 West 160 (poles) to a (?) oak on a Ridge thence North 220

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(poles) to a stake. Thence East 160 (poles) a Stake & from thence to the Beginning. Surveyd 18th day of Novemr 1792.

by Thos King

Saml Riggs & James Alles (sic, James Ellis) - SCB <Sworn Chain Bearer>

Based on the above, from 1780 to about 1800 Capt. Edward Riggs effectively lived within an approximate 15-mile radius of the modern common corner of SW Greene, NW Cocke, NE Jefferson and SE Hamblen Counties of TN.<sup>[217]</sup>

On 18 Mar. 1797 Edward Riggs of Jefferson Co., Tenn., sold to Jesse Riggs of Grainger Co., Tenn., for £10 69p, 120 acres in Jefferson Co. “on the south side of Holstons river it being part of the tract that Edward Riggs now lives on Beginning at Samuel Riggs south East corner.” Clisby Riggs was witness.<sup>[218]</sup>

On 22 Dec. 1800 Thomas Martin, sold to Felps Read, both of Grainger Co., Tenn., for \$100, 75 acres “being part in Jefferson County and the other part in Grainger County on the Great road.” The description mentions Gideon Morris, and states, furthermore, “it being apart of a tract of land Granted by the state of North Carolina to Edward Riggs.” Witnesses were “Rubin” Riggs and William Riggs. It was proved in the August Term 1801 of the Grainger Co., Tenn., court.<sup>[219]</sup>

On 12 Sept. 1810 Jesse Riggs of Jefferson Co., Tenn., sold to Charles F. Keith of the same place, for \$300, “a negroe girl slave fifteen years old of the name of Rachel.”<sup>[220]</sup>

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217. Record citations missing. To be supplied courtesy of Don Blauvelt, I hope, from whom I learned the item. Note that he almost has a source citation in the quotation. I need to understand these locations better and what the date/location analysis is based on. Don implies it is based on the 1834 Rev. War affidavit of Samuel Riggs, but that isn't correct. Furthermore, “head waters” surely doesn't refer to the place where a stream empties into a river.

218. Transcription of deed in Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 737.

219. Grainger Co., Tenn., Deeds, A:669-673, images 784-788 of 1583 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 7898624, DGS 8332803, deed no. 222, actual pages 124-125, “Thomas Martin To Felps Read Registered August 25th 1801.”

220. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, J:227 image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, film 7898624, image 818 of 885, “J. Riggs to C. F. Keith Bill of Sale for a Negroe girl Rachel Registered 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1811.”

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On 21 Feb. 1811 Edward Riggs of Jefferson Co., Tenn., sold to “his son Clisbe Riggs” for \$200 120 acres in Jefferson Co., “being part of a tract of land Granted by the State of North Carolina to the said Edward Riggs of Number 428 bearing date the twentieth day of September A.D. 1787 Containing one thousand Acres.” One of the witnesses was Ellis Riggs, perhaps Clisbe’s son.<sup>[221]</sup>

On 16 June 1817 Edward Riggs “Senior” of Jefferson Co., Tenn., sold to “Clisbe Riggs, son of the said Edward Riggs” of the same place, for \$10 and “other valuable considerations,” 100 acres in Jefferson Co. “it being part of a tract of land granted by the State of North Carolina to the said Edward Riggs by patent bearing date the 20<sup>th</sup> September 1787 and No. 428 for one thousand acres.”<sup>[222]</sup>

### Miscellaneous further items from Don Blauvelt (unvetted by me):

Although the difference in county locations is confusing, study indicates Edward and his family essentially remained in the same general locale beginning as early as 1780. Various changes and divisions occurred for Greene Co. into Hawkins into Jefferson and finally into Hamblen counties. The 1,000 acre grant plus either the west abutting 200 or 445 acre tract is now located in the extreme southeast corner of Hamblen Co, TN. Because the county seat of Jefferson was closer than the county seat of Hawkins, and apparently portions of the actual grants may possibly have been in both counties, other than deed transfers the majority of associated family marriages are recorded in Jefferson Co, TN.

To better understand where Capt. Edward Riggs and family actually was, see two attached maps [not included].

Capt. Edward was the bondsman for the marriage of his granddaughter Mahulda “Huldah” Ellis (dau. of James Ellis and Sarah Riggs) to John Neece on May 31, 1800 (recorded Jefferson Co, TN). At that time, John Neece was Huldah’s next door neighbor.

On pg. 124 of Vol. VII, No. 3 of “East Tennessee Roots” is the notation that according to the Records of Hamblen County - Tombstone

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221. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, J:275-277 image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, film 7898624, image 842 of 885, “Edward Riggs to} Deed Clisbe Riggs 125 Acres Registered 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1811.”

222. Transcription of deed in Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 739.

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Records, the latter by the Copying Historical Records Project #46544-3-115 of July 1938:

Riggs Graveyard: Located on the farm of Hardee Dougherty, half a mile north of Russellville on the Three Springs Road. It is supposed that Jesse Riggs is buried here by his wife. Sam Riggs, the father of Jesse, is buried in an unmarked grave on an adjacent farm. Before the Riggs owned the land, it was owned by Galbreath and Loy and <the> Eckels [sic] have owned it since the Riggs, but it has been in the Dougherty family for many years. Hardee Dougherty lives in the old Riggs home, which has been greatly improved. This information was given by Hardee Dougherty.

Historical Markers in southern Hamblen County:

Morris Cemetery - In Morristown, on South Cumberland Street. A few yards east is the family graveyard of the founders of Morristown. In 1787, Gideon, Daniel and Absalom Morris, formerly of the Watauga Settlement, received grants in this area, from which Gideon deeded the land on which the town was built.

Sulphur Springs - Site of the land grant from North Carolina taken out by Edward and Jessie Riggs September 20, 1787, later the site of a tavern. In 1818, it was a religious campground established on 100 acres.

Capt. Edward is said to have died sometime between June 16, 1817 and January 17, 1820 in eastern TN, but we have been unable to determine exactly where or the actual date. The earlier date is when Capt. Edward sold son Clisbe an abutting portion of the original 1,000 acre 1787 grant that he had chosen as his known homestead. We assume that Capt. Edward died intestate and the later date may be when an administrator was appointed. We have not verified this as fact. When and where wife Jane Buckley died or whether Edward remarried is unknown.

It is well known [is it?] that there were two separate and unrelated Riggs clans in colonial NC and VA, which complicates identifying who was who. Descendants of both clans also ended up in eastern TN. Capt. Edward and Jane (Buckley) Riggs have been credited by some as having three children we cannot account for: Edward in c1768, Mahulda in c1770 and Mary T. in c1772.

It would seem that unless there are missing deeds of either stated or equivalent "love and affection" similar to those given by Capt. Edward

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Riggs to all of his other known children and son-in-law, these latter three either never were the children of Capt. Edward Riggs, or if they were, did not reach maturity.

The early eastern TN censuses are replete with wholesale omissions. Except for Rutherford Co, the entire 1810 census for Tennessee was lost. Beginning with the 1820 census, which includes nothing for Hawkins or Jefferson counties, we find the following Riggs households in eastern TN for future study.

1820 Riggs families in TN -

Bedford Co.:

- David, 100001-10010 (likely David B., son of Timothy and Sarah Dunkham)
- Edward, 310101-00100 (son of David B.)
- Joel, 000110-20010 (son of David B.)
- John, 300010-20010 (likely an immediate relative of David B.)
- William, 321010-21012 (ditto)

Giles Co.:

- Reuben, 020101-12021 (son of Capt. Edward Riggs)
- William, 220010-30010 (son of Reuben above)

Lincoln Co.:

- Jessee, 001201-12100 (possibly the son of Capt. Edward Riggs who followed sister Sarah (Riggs) Ellis to Lincoln Co, TN sometime after 1808)

Maury Co.:

- Samuel, 000101-00001

1830 Riggs Families in TN - [All preemptive]

Bedford Co.:

- David, pg. 53 (probably David B., son of Timothy and Sarah Dunkham)
- Gideon, pg. 106 (son of David B. above)
- Jeremiah, pg. 100 (another son of David B.?)
- Joel, pg. 106 (son of David B. above)

Giles Co.:

- Alfred, pg. 189 (son of William below)
- Reuben, pg. 171 (son of Capt. Edward Riggs)

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William, pg. 171 (son of Reuben above).<sup>[223]</sup>

The following table is a summary of Samuel<sup>6</sup>'s father's known movements, from Samuel<sup>6</sup>'s pension file ([Samuel's father's items in blue](#)) ([an exercise to see if Edward<sup>5</sup> fits as his father](#), Edward<sup>5</sup>'s items in black):

Date	Place	Source or Event
1749	Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.	Marriage
1750	Hanover Twp., Morris Co., N.J.	Took up stray
1753-1754	Morris Co., N.J.	Bastardy case
bef. 1765	Morris Co., N.J.	Moved from, pension file
1765	Yadkin R., Rowan Co., N.C. <sup>[224]</sup>	Move, pension file
1767	Yadkin R., Rowan Co., N.C.	Overseer of road
1769	Rowan Co., N.C.	Bondsman, marriage
1769	Yadkin R., Rowan Co., N.C.	Overseer of road
1772	Surry Co., N.C.	Judge, fornication case
1772	Surry Co., N.C.	Signed oath
1774	Hanover, Morris Co., N.J.	Court order for debt
1775	Surry Co., N.C.	Court case
1777	Powell's Valley, N.C. <sup>[225]</sup>	Move, pension file
1778	North Fork, Holston R., N.C. <sup>[226]</sup>	Move, pension file
1778	North Fork, Holston R., N.C.	Discharge, pension file
1779	North Fork, Holston R., N.C.	Discharge, pension file
1779	Surry Co., N.C.	Move, pension file
1780	Lick Creek, Greene Co., N.C. <sup>[227]</sup>	Move, pension file
1783	Greene Co., N.C.	Tax list
1784	Greene Co., N.C.	Lawsuit deposition order
1787	Greene Co., N.C.	Land grant
1788	Greene Co., N.C.	Land grant on Holston R.
1789	Hawkins Co., N.C.	Two land sales
1790	Hawkins Co., N.C.	Land sale on Holston R.
1797	Jefferson Co., Tenn. <sup>[228]</sup>	Land sale on Holston R.
1811	Jefferson Co., Tenn.	Land sale of 1787 grant
1817	Jefferson Co., Tenn.	Land sale

223. Record citations missing. To be supplied courtesy of Don Blauvelt, I hope, from whom I learned the item. I am especially unsure of the kinships claimed in the last lists.

224. Surry Co. was formed from Rowan Co. in 1771.

225. Became Hawkins Co., N.C., in 1787, from Sullivan Co., , was part of the disputed state of Franklin 1784-1788, then became Hawkins Co., Tenn., eventually.

226. Became E. Tenn., then Tenn., the E. Tenn. designation probably ceasing about 1796.

227. Became Greene Co., N.C., from Washington Co., in 1783, was part of the disputed state of Franklin 1784-1788, then became Greene Co., Tenn. eventually.

228. Jefferson Co., Tenn., was formed in 1792 from parts of Greene and Hawkins Cos, N.C.

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Date	Place	Source or Event
bef. 1834		Died before first affidavit

[*Leo Riggs His Book*, p. 54, has a different set of children than below (neither list have I vetted): Elizabeth, Jesse, Samuel, Sarah, Clisby. Leo has a completely different descent for Reuben<sup>6</sup>, namely Reuben<sup>7</sup> (*William<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Edward<sup>4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*). Again, what a mess! And Wallace is hopeless.]

N.B. My correspondent John Clinard of Loudon, Tenn., is seeking to prove that Edward<sup>5</sup> Riggs fathered Archibald<sup>6</sup> Austin, patriarch of the Austin branch of the Edwardian Riggs family. He has amassed DNA evidence proving that there is indeed an Edwardian Austin branch. It is clear that *some* Riggs man was the progenitor, but proof that he was Edward<sup>5</sup> remains elusive. [I suspect it was Edward's son, Clisbe<sup>6</sup> Riggs. See notes to follow.] I will summarize John's DNA results, assuming his descents are proved, except of course for the link to Edward<sup>5</sup>. All three are contributors to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group. All three match the Edwardian Modal Signature on 65 of 67 markers—a strong match—and differ at exactly the same two markers, numbers 34 (value 38=L) and 47 (value 9=i). So they are all a direct match for one another and are Edwardian Riggses. *Their most recent common ancestor (MRCA), assuming Austin DNA, was Clisbe<sup>7</sup> Austin (Archibald<sup>6</sup>)* which pushes the two mutations back to at least generation 6 (counting as if Edward<sup>1</sup> was the immigrant for this family). All surnames in the descent lists here are Austin:

Robert Carter<sup>11</sup> Austin Jr. (*Robert Carter<sup>10</sup>, Clyde Bernard<sup>9</sup>, Clisbe<sup>8</sup>, Clisbe<sup>7</sup>, ?Archibald<sup>6</sup> Austin*):

IxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLll kiophjjhki luwpjllohlwtmlkmmkkl

Clyde Bernard<sup>11</sup> Austin III (*Clyde Bernard<sup>10</sup>, Clyde Bernard<sup>9</sup>, Clisbe<sup>8</sup>, Clisbe<sup>7</sup>, ?Archibald<sup>6</sup> Austin*):

IxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLll kiophjjhki luwpjllohlwtmlkmmkkl

William Luther<sup>12</sup> Austin (*William Brinks<sup>11</sup>, William Thompson<sup>10</sup>, Robert White<sup>9</sup>, William Thompson<sup>8</sup>, Clisbe<sup>7</sup>, ?Archibald<sup>6</sup> Austin*):

IxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLll kiophjjhki luwpjllohlwtmlkmmkkl

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We also have Richard L.<sup>7</sup> Austin (?):

lxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLll kiophjjhkluwpjlllohltmklmkkll

For reference (from the DNA Evidence section), where all surnames here are Riggs:

Clisbe<sup>6</sup> Riggs (<sub>75</sub>Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>):

lxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLll kiophjjhkluwpjlllohltmklmkkll

with L (=38) in marker no. 34 and j (=10) in marker no. 47. **The proposal which this DNA signature supports is that Clisbe<sup>7</sup> Austin was son of Clisbe<sup>6</sup> Riggs, not Archibald<sup>6</sup> Austin. John Clinard believes that Archibald's wife, Rebecca, was Clisbe<sup>7</sup>'s mother.**

John has also obtained the DNA signature for the following Riggs descendant, also a contributor the Riggs DNA project, whose descent from Edward<sup>5</sup> Riggs is proved in this volume. All surnames here are Riggs:

Horace Lester<sup>11</sup> Riggs Jr. (*Horace Lester<sup>10</sup>, Horace Lester<sup>9</sup>, John W,<sup>8</sup> Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>*):

lxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLll kiophjjhkluwpjlllohltmklmkkll

Horace matches the Edwardian Modal Signature on 66 of 67 markers, and he matches one of the two mutations of the Austin subfamily, but not the other (the match is a 38 on marker 34). The state of the argument is this: The Austin family is indeed a Riggs subfamily. The occurrence of the name Clisbe in both the Riggs and Austin families of the region is circumstantially strong. (I would like to see an argument that Clisbe<sup>6</sup> Riggs could not have been the Austin progenitor. **Note added 20 Dec. 2018: I have now received definitive evidence from Clinard that a Clisbe<sup>6</sup> Riggs was almost certainly the departure point for the tins.<sup>1229</sup>**)

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229. Jonathan L. Mann, "From the *New Era*: Clisby Austin, No. 2," *The Union Flag*, Fri., Greenville, Greene Co., Tenn., 12 June 1868p. 1, cols. 3-5, "How did you get the beautiful name 'Clisby?' Were you named for your mother's *husband*, or your mother's *lover*? What of Clisby Riggs and the *corn* matter? You are a nice man to be talking about 'bad raising' and 'low breeding.' If the belief of your neighbors is well founded, you ought to be grateful that you were born under the Christian instead of the Jewish dispensation. Were the Mosaic law now in force, you, sir, could not boast of



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I also add here the DNA result for another proved (in this volume) descendant of Edward<sup>5</sup>:

Wesley Brandon<sup>13</sup> Riggs (*Stanley Christopher*<sup>12</sup>, *Clyde Alvin Jr.*<sup>11</sup>, *Clyde Alvin*<sup>10</sup>, *Ellis*<sup>9</sup>, *William N.*<sup>8</sup>, *Jesse W.*<sup>7</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>)

Wesley<sup>13</sup> matches Horace<sup>11</sup> on 65 of 67 markers, sharing the mutation at marker 34 (value 38). The other mutation is not marker 47. Clisbe<sup>6</sup> Riggs, their MRCA, does not have the mutation at marker 47 (value 9), so probably Edward<sup>5</sup> did not either.

Known (or suspected) children of Edward<sup>5</sup>:

- + 111 i **?REUBEN<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born **22 Nov. 1747**, Morris Co., N.J.,<sup>[230]</sup> **[but this predates putative father Edward's marriage in 1749]**, married **MARY CRAWFORD**, with Edward Riggs as bondsman, and had at least eight children. Note that the Grainger Co., Tenn., deed of 3 Dec. 1795 binds Reuben Riggs, the purchaser, to Samuel Riggs and Clisbe Riggs, the witnesses, but doesn't establish their relationship (q.v.).
- + 112 ii **JESSE<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born **about 1758**, married **MARY T. —**, and had at least eight children. The 1789, 1790, and 1797 deeds argue for Jesse<sup>6</sup> being son of Edward<sup>5</sup>. The 1774 Surry Co. tax record establishes it.
- + 113 iii **SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born 4 Apr. 1760, Morris Co., N.J., married (1) **MARY MORRIS**, and had children, married (2) **MARY (—) LEE**. He refers to "sisters" in his second Revolutionary War affidavit of 6 Aug. 1845.

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your connection with the M. E. Church. That law expressly says, 'A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the Lord.'" And a lot more of this nature. Articles forwarded to me by John Clinard. The Clisby<sup>6</sup> Riggs I have was born 1790, died 1845 (it is claimed) in Tennessee, so could have fathered Clisby Austin alive in Tenn. in 1868. **John has Clisby Austin born 1802, Morristown, Tenn., son of Clisby Rigg, born 1764, Morristown, NJ, out of wedlock with Rebecca Blankenship.**

230. *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files*, NARA M804, N.C., Reuben Riggs, S45880, 12 pages. His birth information is from the interrogatories following his affidavit (q.v.) on p. 5, "[born] in Morris County N Jersey in 1747," supported by his claiming to be 85 at the date 20 Aug. 1832 of the affidavit, and his death is written in pencil on the document on p. 2, "Died 1837," and repeated on p. 12, "He died in 1837, exact date not given."

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- + 114 iv **CLISBE<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born **about 1764**. His will, written 7 May 1841 in Jefferson Co., Tenn., refers to his “beloved sister Elizabeth.” So this binds Samuel, Clisbe, and Elizabeth together. He had perhaps nine children, at least five. **He is the proposed origin of the Austin family that carries the Riggs YDNA.**
- 115 v **ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, of Jefferson Co., Tenn. See mention of her in brother Samuel’s pension application. **[So she would have been daughter of Timothy if Samuel was son of Timothy.]** In his pension file Samuel Riggs refers to her as “his oldest Sister Elizabeth Riggs of Jefferson County, Tennessee.” So there were other sisters. Elizabeth was alive 4 Apr. 1834 at the time of Samuel’s first affidavit (q.v.) but had died by the time of Samuel’s second affidavit (q.v.) of 6 Aug. 1845.
- 116 vi **SARAH<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, married **JAMES ELLIS**. This is based on an Ancestry.com report (quoted below). I have developed the circumstantial argument in my book on the Riggs and Neece families.<sup>[231]</sup> Roughly it is based on this: that James Ellis had land next to Edward<sup>5</sup> Riggs (in fact, we know Edward sold James Ellis some land in 1790), that James married Edward’s daughter, Sarah, that James and Sarah Ellis had a daughter Huldah who married John Neece, and that Neece inherited some of Edward<sup>5</sup> Riggs’s original land grant. Here are the interesting bits from the Neece family tree at Ancestry.com:

The first record we find of our John Neece is from the book of Jefferson County, Tennessee Marriage Bonds which show the “John Ness” and “Huldy Ellis” marriage on May 31, 1800. We know from later census records that John was about 17 years old and Hulda was about 14 years old at the time of their marriage.

As a point of historical reference it might be interesting to note some of the events that were contemporary to this time. Tennessee had become the 15th state in 1796. George Washington died on December 14, 1799, about 6 months before the marriage of John Neece and Hulda Ellis. In the fall of 1800 Thomas Jefferson, ran against Aaron Burr for the Presidency.

It was in these times that the story of John and Hulda began. On March 25, 1801 Robert N. Neece was the first child born to

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231. Smith, *Riggs and Neece Families*. Online at <alvyray.com/Riggs/vol3/>.

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the young couple. Robert would be the first of 14 children. Remarkably, all 14 children survived to adulthood, and 12 of the 14 produced offspring, a great rarity in those days. John and Hulda gave themselves a Christmas present on December 20, 1802 as John bought his first land. He paid David Sunderland \$250.00 to purchase 120 acres described in the deed as being “on the south side of the road to Knoxville” and “on the south side of the Holston River.” The land was part of that originally given as a North Carolina land grant to Hulda’s grandfather, Edward Riggs, and was adjacent to Hulda’s father’s land. Most probably John and Hulda had been living with Hulda’s parents, James and Sarah Ellis, until they purchased this land adjacent to her father with his assistance. Eight months later John bought another 6 1/2 acres from his father-in-law, James Ellis, for \$12. The land has the same description as above, with the very tantalizing addition that the land is “adjacent to land owned by S. Niece.” This mysterious reference to S. Niece is the only reference to a possible family member of John’s that has been found. From census records and other sources we know that between 1801, when Robert was born, and 1811 there were five more children born: Ellis, Sarah, William, Mary Ann, and John Jr.

**76. TIMOTHY<sup>5</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>39</sub>?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born say 1723, probably in New Jersey, and perhaps in Morris Co., N.J., where he had four children baptized. The birth year estimate is consistent with his being exempted from paying taxes on 24 Oct. 1803 for “on account of age,” presumably a particularly important age, such as 80. He died after signing his will in Christian Co., Ky., on 4 Dec. 1804 and before 4 Jan. 1805 when a case involving his estate was settled. He married, say 1747, perhaps in Morris Co., **HANNAH** —, who was born say 1730, and died after signing her will (as “Haney” Riggs) on 15 Sept. 1815, Christian Co., Ky., and before the Nov. 1815 term of the Christian County Court. Although there are claims that Timothy had a first wife, Sarah, I have not found a single piece of evidence to support it.<sup>[232]</sup> There is no definite proof that Hannah was Timothy’s wife, but circumstantially there are two

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232. Wallace does not name a wife for Timothy and does not mention two, and Leo Riggs names two: (1) Sarah Dunham or Sarah Dunkham, and (2) Hannah.

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deeds in Rutherford Co., N.C., witnessed by Timothy Riggs and Hannah Riggs, suggesting marriage (details are presented later in this sketch). Both Hannah and Timothy died in Christian Co., Ky. Daniel Riggs was the administrator of Timothy's estate, and Hannah ("Haney") Riggs mentions her son Daniel in her will. Timothy gave Silas a horse shortly before his death, and Hannah mentions her son Silas in her will.

For my full, elaborate argument, please see my Riggs, Vol. 8, devoted Timothy Riggs and his descendants. The case for each of the following is presented in full there.

Children:

- 117 i ?DANIEL<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, born say 1747, perhaps Morris Co., N.J., married 15 Dec. 1774, New Providence, Essex (now Union) Co., N.J.,<sup>[233]</sup> ESTHER OSBORN.
- 118 ii LOIS<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, baptized 12 Aug. 1750, Hanover, Morris Co., N.J.<sup>[234]</sup> I have found no further record of her.
- 119 iii JAMES<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, baptized 21 July 1751, Hanover, Morris Co., N.J.<sup>[235]</sup>
- 120 iv EUNICE<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, baptized 1 Feb. 1753, Hanover, Morris Co., N.J.<sup>[236]</sup>
- + 121 v DORCAS<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, baptized 16 Feb. 1755, Hanover, Morris Co., N.J.,<sup>[237]</sup> married 7 June 1772, Hanover,<sup>[238]</sup> SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> LUM, son of Samuel and Martha (Day) Lum.<sup>[239]</sup> Martha was Martha<sup>6</sup> Day (Joseph<sup>5</sup> Day, ?Paul<sup>4</sup> Day, Mary<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>). See my Vol. 3, Part II, for her ancestry.
- 122 vi HANNAH<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, baptized 16 Sept. 1764, New Providence, Essex (now Union) Co., N.J.<sup>[240]</sup>

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233. "Records of the Presbyterian Church at New Providence, New Jersey, Kept by Rev. Jonathan Elmer, 1763-1793," GMNJ, 18(1943):92, "[1774] Riggs, Daniel, & Esther Osborn, Dec. 15."

234. *Hanover Presbyterian Church Records*, baptism, "12 Aug 1750 - Riggs, Lois, dau. of Timothy."

235. *Hanover Presbyterian Church Records*, baptism, "21 Jul 1751 - Riggs, James, son of Timothy."

236. *Hanover Presbyterian Church Records*, baptism, "1 Feb 1753 - Riggs, Eunice, dau. of Timothy."

237. *Hanover Presbyterian Church Records*, baptism, "16 Feb 1755 - Riggs, Doras [sic], dau. of Timothy."

238. *Hanover Presbyterian Church Records*, marriage items 501, 620.

239. *Calendar of N.J. Wills*, 3:208, 7 Oct. 1756, will of Samuel Lum Esq., of Hanover, Morris Co., N.J., with wife Martha, and children including Samuel, under age; Lum, *Lum Genealogy*, 35-36.

240. "Records of the Presbyterian Church at New Providence, N.J., Kept by Rev. Jonathan Elmer, 1763-1793," GMNJ, 18(1943):4, "[1764] Riggs, Hannah, a daughter of Tim, Sept. 16."

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- + 123 vii **TIMOTHY<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born say 1767, North Carolina (birthplace is according to the 1880 census), married 14 Mar. 1785, Rutherford Co., N.C., **ANN WELCH**. The bondsman was Timothy Riggs, and the groom was referred to as Timothy Jr.
- + 124 viii **DANIEL<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born 1765–1770, probably North Carolina (but there is no help from the 1880 census). He administered (his father) Timothy's estate in Christian Co., Ky., in 1805. "Haney" Riggs who died in Christian Co. in 1815 mentioned "son" Daniel in her will. He married **NANCY** – (see deeds), and had at least one child.
- + 125 ix **REUBEN<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born 9 Mar. 1769, North Carolina, probably Tryon Co. He challenged the estate of Timothy Sr., administered by Daniel Riggs. He married (perhaps in about 1796) in Warren Co., Ky., **CATHARINE SALING [SAILING]**, and had 12 children.
- 126 x **JACOB<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born say 1774 (over 45 in the 1820 census, first appears in the record in 1795). He witnessed the gift from Timothy to Silas in 1804 in Christian Co., Ky. He married 7 or 21 June 1799 or 1800, Warren Co., Ky.,<sup>[241]</sup> **SARAH BOREN**. We do not definitely know that the Jacob in Warren Co. was the Jacob in Christian Co., Ky., in 1804, but the fact that Reuben went to Warren Co. supports the view that the two Jacobs were the same person.
- 127 xi **SILAS<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born say 1779 (based on his being at least 21 at his first appearance in the record in 1802 and on Hannah's childbearing analysis given below). He was given livestock by (his father) Timothy as Timothy approached death in 1804, in Christian Co., Ky. "Haney" Riggs who died in Christian Co. in 1815 mentioned "son" Silas in her will.
- 128 xii **WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**. [Since William took land in Surry Co., not Rutherford, it appears more likely that he was a son of Samuel<sup>5</sup>, not Timothy<sup>5</sup>.] I have listed him in both places for now. There could be two Williams of course.
- + 129 xiii **ISRAEL<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born say 1766 and before 1775 (he was over 45 in 1820 census), possibly New Jersey, and probably had at least one child.

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241. Ky. *Marriages to 1850*, for 7 June 1799; *Warren Co. [Ky.] Marriage Index 1797–1870*, Rs, "Regs [sic], Jacob [to] Bovin [sic], Salley [sic] A[:]217 6/21/1800." In the latter reference, the marriage of David "Regg" is listed also, to Nancy Reed.

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130 xiv ?JOHN<sup>6</sup> RIGGS. There was a John Riggs in Christian Co., Ky., in 1804 (see Peter Thompson deed of that date).

[Claimed children, without proof:<sup>[242]</sup>

- 131 xv ?HANNAH<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, born about 1772, Rutherford Co., N.C, married 21 Jan. 1794, Rutherford Co.,<sup>[243]</sup> PETER THOMPSON [THOMSON]. Reuben Riggs was bondsman for the marriage, presumably her brother. [Is this Hannah different from the other Hannah Riggs, daughter of Timothy, above?]
- + 132 xvi ?DAVID<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, born 24 Oct. 1776 (Bible), North Carolina, married 6 Mar. 1802, Warren Co., Ky., NANCY REED, and had seven children. His father's name was Timothy, but his mother's name was Nancy, a serious problem.
- 133 xvii ?JANE<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, born about 1778, Tryon Co., N.C, married 1 June 1803, Warren Co., Ky.,<sup>[244]</sup> JACOB CREEK.

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77. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> RIGGS (<sub>39</sub>?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born say 1725, and died after his will of 12 Sept. 1798, Surry Co., N.C., and before its proof in Aug., 1800. Samuel married 5 Jan. 1749, Hanover Presbyterian Church, Morris Co., N.J.,<sup>[245]</sup> ELIZABETH TOMPKINS, who died after the 1800 census.

On 15 Nov. 1750, Hanover Twp., Morris Co., records list Samuel Riggs taking up a stray. Edward Riggs took up a stray on 12 Nov. Similarly Samuel Riggs was reported as taking up a stray in the same location on 12 Dec. 1753, 24 Nov. 1757, and 5 Dec. 1758.<sup>[246]</sup> And Reuben Riggs

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242. Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 39.

243. Holcomb, *Marriages of Rutherford Co., N.C., 1779-1868*, 146, "Thomson, Peter & Hanna Riggs, 21 Jan 1794; Reuben Riggs, bm."

244. xxx.

245. *Hanover Presbyterian Church Records*, marriage items 619, 714.

246. *Hanover Twp., Morris Co., N.J., Book of Estrays*, p. 4, "[12 Nov. 1750] Taken up by Edward Riggs at Rockaway," from the GSNJ Magazine, as reported in Charles C. Gardiner Collection, N.J. Families 1600-1900, reel 18: Pike-Rog, NEHGS microfilm F 133 G27 1978, Riggs; also transcribed in Stryker-Rodda, *Some Early Records of Morris Co. N.J., 1740-1799*, 32-33, 35-36.

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reported a stray there on 6 Dec. 1759.<sup>[247]</sup> There are no further mentions of any Riggs stray reports after that date.

An online biography of Samuel follows [I have not vetted this]:<sup>[248]</sup>

Samuel Riggs came to Surry in the late 1760s and settled in the beautiful Mitchell River Valley at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

He received a grant and later purchased land nearby. There he built the necessary buildings for his plantation including a grist mill. He set out trees for orchards as mentioned in his will.

Samuel is listed on Surry County's first tax list in 1771. He served on juries and was one of the commissioners chosen to establish the boundary between Surry, Rowan and Wilkes Counties in 1778.

He was too old to serve in the army but there are three pay vouchers showing he contributed supplies and clothing to the Patriot Army during the Revolution.

Samuel Riggs wrote his will in 1798, Surry Will Book 3 p. 36. He died in 1800. His wife Elizabeth survived him by ten years. It is believed that they are buried on his plantation. The will lists his children: Lott Riggs b. ca 1750 d. ca 1813, m. Margaret "Peggy" surname believed to have been Ross. (See Lott Rigg's story in Surry Heritage Book, Vol. II.) Silas Riggs b. ca 1752, d. ca 1835, never married. Zadoc Riggs b. 4 Jan 1754, m. Sarah Scott in Surry 1775. They moved to Boone Co., Mo. Sarah and her brother, John Scott, were the children of James Scott and Keziah Terry Scott.

Chloe Riggs m. John Scott in 1778 at Surry. They moved to Lincoln Co., KY by 1798. In 1807 they were in Washington Co., KY, where he died in January 1811. John Scott was also one of the commissioners in Surry Co. to lay the boundary of the Surry, Wilkes, Rowan County lines. He also had pay vouchers for contributions to the Patriot Army. About 1823 Chloe moved with her son, James Scott, and about one hundred

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247. Stryker-Rodda, *Some Early Records of Morris Co., N.J., 1740-1799*, 36, "Strays Posted – Hanover 1749-1799," "[1759] [Dec.] 6 Reuben Riggs."

248. *Pioneer Families of Surry County*, <juliemorrison.com/surry/pioneers.htm#riggs> (accessed 27 May 2004), states, "Information on the Riggs family in New Jersey is from Delpha Wright in her book, *Ancestry of William Henry Wright and Wife Polly Royal and Their Descendants*. She went to New Jersey and found information "hands on." She [which "she"? Delpha or Julie?] also cites *Genealogy of the Riggs Family*, edited by John H. Wallace, 1901. Other information is from Surry County records. Delpha visited Surry County "where this writer met her after years of correspondence. Her book is splendid."

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other extended family members to Tazewell Co., Illinois. Chloe died there in 1852.

Eunice Riggs m. John Lasswell, no information. Iram Riggs is said to have moved to Rock Castle, KY. Elizabeth Riggs m. Henry Snow, moved to GA. Abigail Riggs m. Obadiah Snow. They remained in Surry Co. Mary Riggs m. Ezekiel Wilmoth. They remained in Surry.

All of Samuel Riggs' children were born in Morris Co., N.J. Samuel Riggs was born in Morris Co., N.J. ca 1720, the 5th generation of this Riggs family to live in America. His marriage record to Elizabeth Tompkins shows they were married 5 Jan 1749. This was found in a book Church Members, Marriages and Baptisms, at Hanover, Morris Co., N.J. during the pastorate of Rev. Jacob Green and to the settlement of Rev. Aaron Condit 1746-1796. This church was Presbyterian.

Samuel's brother, Reuben Riggs' marriage record there shows he m. Mary [No, Sarah, and this is Zenas's son Reuben anyway] Carter 16 Aug 1750. He m. (2) at Rowan 1769 Mary Crawford. Also on this record is their brother, Timothy Riggs' church membership. He joined 12 Aug 1750.

The immigrant ancestor of this line was Edward Riggs, b. ca 1590 in England (possibly Somerset Co. [No]), landed in Boston 1733 [sic], and settled at Roxbury, Mass.

This line continues through his son Edward Jr. b. 1614 [No, 1619] in England and came with his parents to America. He eventually moved to Newark, New Jersey, where he is listed as one of the founders of the city of Newark.

His son Edward III carried the line and was the father of Samuel Riggs b. ca 1681. This Samuel Riggs was the father of the Samuel Riggs who came to Surry Co., NC.

When Samuel Riggs came to Surry in the late 1760s he was accompanied by brothers Reuben, Edward and Timothy and their families. Timothy had a son, David Riggs, who remained in Surry a while and m. Miriam Wright, daughter of Gideon Wright. Timothy did not stay in Surry but moved to Rutherford Co., NC, where he died ca 1795.

Edward Riggs was listed on the 1774 Militia List of Surry Co. No record after 1814.



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Reuben, David and Edward are also listed in the 1771 tax list. Edward is listed in the 1774 tax list of Surry with a son named Jesse. Jesse died in the Revolution.

The Riggs descendants in Surry came from Lott Riggs. Samuel Riggs also has Wilmoth and Snow descendants in Surry.

Samuel Riggs appears, with two rateables, on a 1768 tax list of Gideon Wright in Rowan Co., N.C., “probably Yadkin-Wilkes Co. areas.” Also on the list near his name were Ben “Cleaveland” with two rateables and Daniel “Boon” with two.<sup>[249]</sup>

In 1768 Samuel Riggs is listed on a tax list for Rowan Co., N.C.<sup>[250]</sup> A repeat record for the paragraph above.

Daniel Boone had moved with his wife, Rebecca, and family from the Forks of the Yadkin River to the upper Yadkin in Rowan Co. in the period 1765-1769. They lived on Beaver Creek then, because of flooding, moved to a better place north of the Yadkin across from the mouth of Beaver Creek. Their sixth child, Rebecca, was born there 26 May 1768, “in the foothills of the Blue Ridge.” Daniel is reported as saying, “It was on the first of May, in the year 1769 that I resigned my domestic happiness for a time, and left my family and peaceable habitation on the Yadkin River, in North-Carolina, to wander through the wilderness of America, in quest of the country of Kentucke.”<sup>[251]</sup>

In 1771 the tax list of Surry Co., N.C., records Samuel Riggs with 3 polls, Reuben Riggs with 1, David Riggs with 1, and Edward Riggs with 1.<sup>[252]</sup>

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249. Linn, *Rowan County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1757-1800*, 104-5. The names are listed very near one another, but it is not clear that much should be made of the fact. Most of the list is organized alphabetically by first name. Then attached to this list are twenty or more other names, the first few being Daniel Boon, Abel Cobb, Isaac Farrand, Ben Cleaveland, Peter Mires, Saml Riggs . . .

250. Rowan Co., N.C., Miscellaneous Records, image online at <[www.Family Search.org](http://www.Family Search.org)>, FHL 19904, DGS 8195643, image 191/524, “Tax Lists for the Year 1768,” 360, “Riggs, Saml.”

251. Faragher, *Daniel Boone*, 65, 67.

252. Johnson, *Surry-Wilkes Taxables, 1771-1777*, Surry, 1771 Tax List, 4, “Riggs Reuben 1 | . . . | Riggs David 1 | . . . | Riggs Edward 1 | Riggs Samuel 3.”

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In 1772 the tax list of Surry Co., N.C., records Samuel Riggs with 3 polls, William Riggs with 3, David Riggs with 1, and Edward Riggs with 1.<sup>[253]</sup>

In 1774 the tax list of Surry Co., N.C., records “Samuel Riggs & sons Silas & Zadock,” 3 polls, Joseph Lasswell with 1, and “Ruben” Riggs with 1.<sup>[254]</sup>

**Placeholder:** In 1774 the tax list of Surry Co., N.C., records “Edward Riggs & son Jesse Riggs,” 2 polls.<sup>[255]</sup>

On 27 Dec. 1778 Samuel Riggs entered, and was granted a warrant for, 400 acres of land in Surry Co. on both sides of Mitchells River beginning on the county line that divides Wilkes Co. and Surry Co. and “then Run[n]ing down the s<sup>d</sup> River including part of John Scotts Benj<sup>a</sup> Scotts Jo<sup>s</sup> Lasswell Zadock Riggs & my own Improvements for Quantity.”<sup>[256]</sup> As shown below, the Scott and Lasswell families intermarried with the Riggs family. On the same date, Richard Murphey entered, and was granted, 300 acres in Surry Co. beginning at Samuel Riggs’s claim on Mitchells River and running down both sides of the river.<sup>[257]</sup> Also on the same date, David Riggs [Samuel’s son?] entered and was granted 300 acres of land in Surry Co. on both sides of Mitchells River adjoining Richard Murphy’s land.<sup>[258]</sup> From depositions (see sketch for child Eunice Riggs), we know that Richard Murphy married, second, the widow Scott, mother of John Scott and Sarah Scott who married other Riggs children.

Samuel Riggs entered on 18 Dec. 1779, and was granted a warrant for, 100 acres of land in Surry Co. on the north side of Mitchells River and adjoining his own line.<sup>[259]</sup>

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253. Johnson, *Surry-Wilkes Taxables, 1771-1777*, Surry, 1772 Tax List, 9, “Riggs Samuel 3 | Riggs William 3 | . . . | Riggs David 1 | . . . | Riggs Edward 1.”

254. Johnson, *Surry-Wilkes Taxables, 1771-1777*, Surry, 1774 Tax List, Dr. Bonn’s List, 16, “Samuel Riggs & sons Silas & Zadock 3 | Joseph Lasswell 1 | Ruben Riggs 1.”

255. Johnson, *Surry-Wilkes Taxables, 1771-1777*, Surry, 1774 Tax List, M. Armstrong’s List, 18, “Edward Riggs & son Jesse Riggs 2.”

256. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778-1781*, 98, item 1119.

257. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778-1781*, 98, item 1118.

258. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778-1781*, 99, item 1120.

259. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778-1781*, 161, item 1875.

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Samuel Riggs was ordered, on 15 Aug. 1781, to attend the next court in Surry Co., N.C., as a juror.<sup>[260]</sup>

On 15 Nov. 1781 the Surry Co. court heard the case of *Samuel Riggs vs Richard Murphey*, before a jury.<sup>[261]</sup>

On 3 Nov. 1784 North Carolina granted to Samuel Riggs 400 acres on Mitchells River.<sup>[262]</sup>

The 1785 tax list for Surry Co. of Capt. Willis records Samuel and Silas Riggs with 500 acres and one white poll each, David Riggs with 300 acres, one white poll, and one black poll, “Zadock” Riggs with one white poll.<sup>[263]</sup>

On 14 May 1785 the Surry Co. court ordered Samuel Riggs and “Zadoc” Riggs, among others, to view the road “from where Wilkes line crosses Mitchels River to Crichfields ford on Yadkin River.”<sup>[264]</sup> They reported the results of this order on 12 Aug. 1785.<sup>[265]</sup> This committee also included John Scott.

On 10 Aug. 1785 the Surry Co. court ordered Samuel Riggs to be exempt from paying poll tax in the future.<sup>[266]</sup> He had presumably reached an important age, such as 60, which would be consistent with his supposed birth in 1724.

In a deed dated 12 Aug. 1785, in Surry Co., N.C., Samuel and Elizabeth Riggs sold 96 acres of Surry Co. land on Mitchel’s River, part of a 400-acre tract belonging to Samuel Riggs, to “Zadoc” Riggs, for £100.<sup>[267]</sup> This was probably the deed recorded in the Surry Co. court minutes on 11 May 1786.<sup>[268]</sup>

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260. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 29, photocopy courtesy Marsha Hoffman Rising.

261. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 34.

262. Surry Co., N.C., Deeds, C:141, as abstracted in Linn, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, 1771–1827*, 108, “SCDB C:141, 3 Nov. 1784, NC grant to Samuel Riggs for 400 A on Mitchells River.”

263. As abstracted in Linn, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, 1771–1827*, 108, “The 1785 Surry Co. tax list of Capt. Willis shows Samuel & Silas Riggs with 500 A, 1 wp; David Riggs with 300 A, 1 wp, 1 bp; Zadock Riggs with 1 wp.”

264. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 69.

265. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 75.

266. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 72.

267. Surry Co., N.C., Deeds, C:340, record courtesy Marsha Hoffman Rising.

268. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 91, “Deed from Samuel Riggs and wife to Zadock Riggs; oath

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The 1786 tax list for Surry Co. of Capt. Willis records Samuel Riggs with 359 acres and one white poll, David Riggs with 300 acres and one white poll, "Isam" Riggs and "Zadock" Riggs each with no acreage and one white poll.<sup>[269]</sup>

In the 1786 state census for Surry Co. is listed Samuel Riggs with two white males 21-60, one white male under 21 or over 60, and three white females, residing in Capt. Lovell's District.<sup>[270]</sup>

In about 1787 Samuel Riggs served as executor of the will of Kezia Dean, which mentions her children, including Job Dean, who had been bound to Zadock Riggs (q.v.) "to learn the Art & Mistry of a black-smith."<sup>[271]</sup>

The 1789 tax list for Surry Co. of Capt. Edwards records Samuel Riggs with 359 acres and one white poll, David Riggs with 400 acres and two white polls, "Zadock" Riggs with 126 acres and one white poll, and "Isom" Riggs with one white poll.<sup>[272]</sup>

In 1790 David, Samuel, and "Zadock" Riggs were listed side-by-side as heads of households in the 1790 census for Surry Co., N.C. Nearby on the same census page is Hiram Riggs. There were no slaves or "other" free persons in any of the four households. The Samuel Riggs household had three (free white) males 16 or over, and one (free white) female. David Riggs had two males 16 or over, five males under 16, and six females. Zadok Riggs had one male 16 or over, four males under 16, and three

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269. As abstracted in Linn, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, 1771-1827*, 108, "The 1786 Surry Co. tax list of Capt. Willis shows Samuel Riggs with 359 A, 1 wp; David Riggs with 300 A, 1 wp; Isam Riggs and Zadock Riggs each with 1 wp, no acreage"; *N.C. State Census, 1784-1787*, Surry Co., Willese District, lists Samuel Riggs (2 males 21-60, 1 males under 21 or over 60, 3 females), Zadock Riggs (1, 3, 3), David Riggs (1, 5, 5), Iram (1, 2, 1) Riggs, Joseph Lasswell (1, 1, 5), Benja. Scott (1, 1, 2), and others.

270. As abstracted in Linn, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, 1771-1827*, 108, "1786 Surry Co. state census: Samuel Riggs with 2 WM 21-60, 1 WM -21 or 60+, 3 WF in Capt. Lovell's Dist."

271. *Surry Co., N.C., Wills*, 2:81, as abstracted in Linn, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, 1771-1827*, 69, recorded Nov. 1787.

272. As abstracted in Linn, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, 1771-1827*, 108, "The 1789 Surry Co. tax list of Capt. Edwards shows Samuel Riggs with 359 A, 1 wp; Zadock Riggs with 126 A, 1 wp; David Riggs with 400 A, 2 wp; Isom Riggs with 1 wp."

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females. Hiram Riggs had one male 16 or over, three males under 16, and three females.<sup>[273]</sup>

On 20 Dec. 1791 North Carolina granted to Samuel Riggs 100 acres on the north side of Mitchell River adjoining his own line.<sup>[274]</sup>

On 11 Oct. 1794 Samuel Riggs of Surry Co., N.C., sold to John Scott, of Wilkes Co., N.C., for £50, 48 acres in Surry Co. “on the South side of Mitchels river it being part of four hundred acres of land that the s<sup>d</sup> Riggs now lives on.” The description mentions “a pine in said Riggs’ Southwest corner in Wilks County.” The deed was proved in the November Term 1794 of the Surry Co. court.<sup>[275]</sup>

On 10 Nov. 1794 Samuel Riggs sold to Ephraim Witcher, both of Surry Co., N.C., for £100, 22 acres in Surry Co. “on Michels river.” The deed was witnessed by, among others, Silas Riggs. It was proved in the November Term 1794 of the Surry Co. court.<sup>[276]</sup>

The will of Samuel Riggs, dated 12 Sept. 1798, Surry Co., N.C., mentions, in this order: “Elizabeth Riggs (my beloved wife),” “Lott Riggs (my son),” “Silas Riggs (my son),” and “Zadock Riggs (my son),” Chloe Scott, Eunice Lasswell, “Iram Riggs (my son),” Mary Wilmouth, Elizabeth Snow, and Abigail Snow. Executors were Silas Riggs, John Williams, and Ezekiel Wilmouth. Witnesses were John Personett, Stephen Potter, and Ephraim Witcher. In Aug. Session, 1800, Surry Co., the latter two witnesses proved the will.<sup>[277]</sup>

An inventory of Samuel’s estate was made 13 May 1800, by Ezekiel Wilmouth, executor, and accepted and recorded in the Nov. 1800 term of the Surry Co., N.C., court. He also submitted an account of the sale of Samuel’s estate, made 18 Oct. 1800. Mentioned as purchasers, in order (an incomplete list), were [Ishean?] Riggs, Ezekiel Wilmouth,

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273. U.S. census, 1790, Surry Co., N.C., r. 7, p. 183.

274. Surry Co., N.C., Deeds, E:66, as abstracted in Linn, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, 1771–1827*, 108, “SCDB E:66, 20 Dec. 1791, NC grant to Samuel Riggs for 100 A on N side Mitchell R adj his own line.”

275. Surry Co., N.C., Deeds, F:136, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, DGS 7519395, image 405 of 676.

276. Surry Co., N.C., Deeds, F:138, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, DGS 7519395, image 406 of 676.

277. Surry Co., N.C., Wills, 3:36–37.

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[Isham?] Riggs, Lott Riggs, Ezekiel Wilmouth, Lott Riggs, Elizabeth Riggs, Zadock Riggs, Zadock Riggs, Elizabeth Riggs, [Fielding?] Snow, Lott Riggs, [Ishana?] Riggs, Silas Riggs. Also listed was a debt owed to David Riggs for over £4 currency, due on demand.<sup>[278]</sup>

In 1800 Elizabeth Riggs, over 45, resided in Salisbury Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with a woman over 45, and two boys 10–16.<sup>[279]</sup>

Children, will order (except for David and William who are not in the will):<sup>[280]</sup>

- + 134 i ?**DAVID**<sup>6</sup> **RIGGS**, born 8 Sept. 1749, **New Jersey**, married (1) **MIRIAM WRIGHT**, and had 10 children, married (2) **SOPHIA DEMPSEY**, and had one child. No David is mentioned in Samuel's will of 12 Sept. 1798. [Leo Riggs assigns him to Samuel, but Wallace assigns him to Timothy. The 1790 census supports Samuel. The 1771–1772 Surry Co. tax lists support Samuel.]
- 135 ii ?**WILLIAM**<sup>6</sup> **RIGGS**. [Since William took land in Surry Co., not Rutherford, it appears more likely that he was a son of Samuel<sup>5</sup>, not Timothy<sup>5</sup>.]

On 7 Sept. 1778 William T. Lewis entered 250 acres of land in Surry Co. on the north side of the Yadkin River, “including William Rigs plantation for complement.”<sup>[281]</sup>

William T. Lewis entered 200 acres of land in Surry Co. on the north side of the Yadkin River, joining his entry “that includes William Rige's improvement,” on 17 Feb. 1780.<sup>[282]</sup>

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278. A digital photocopy of an original document, but which one not identified, online at <Ancestry.com>, under Eunice Riggs, downloaded 6 May 2014.

279. U.S. census, 1800, Salisbury Twp., Surry Co., N.C., r. 32, p. 687. The same page of the census contains Hiram Riggs and Lott Riggs.

280. Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 40, lists the children thus: (1) David, born 8 Nov 1749, Mendham, Morris Co., N.J.; (2) Chloe, born about 1751, Mendham; (3) Zadok [Tomkins], born 4 January 1754, Mendham; (4) Silas, born about 1756, Mendham; (5) Iram, born about 1759, Mendham; (6) Eunice, born about 1763, Mendham; (7) Mary, born 4 June 1764, Mendham; (8) Lott born about 1765, Mendham; (9) Elizabeth, born about 1767, Mendham; (10) Abigail, born about 1769, Mendham. There are no sources cited for Mendham as the place of birth. Wallace gives Morris Co. for David and Zadok.

281. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778–1781*, 61, item 679.

282. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778–1781*, 167, item 1952.

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On 7 Dec. 1780, William T. Lewis entered 400 acres lying on the south side of the Yadkin River, “including the plantation whereon David Riggs formerly lived.”<sup>[283]</sup> This illustrates the family-like relationship between William and David<sup>6</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>5</sup>. Note that both David and William appear to have moved on by 1780.

+ 136 iii **LOTT<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1766, probably still at home with his father, Samuel, in 1790, married **MARGARET [PEGGY] ROSS**, and had nine children.

137 iv **SILAS<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born before 1765, probably still at home with his father, Samuel, in 1790. Probably he who witnessed Lott’s will in 1813.

In 1787 Silas Riggs was ordered onto a road jury in Surry Co., N.C., with David, Zadock, Samuel, and Isam Riggs.<sup>[284]</sup>

In 1788 Silas Riggs was ordered onto a road jury in Surry Co., with Zadock, Samuel, and Iram Riggs.<sup>[285]</sup>

In 1810 Silas Riggs, over 45, resided in Surry Co., N.C., with a woman over 45, and one female 16–26.<sup>[286]</sup>

On 28 Dec. 1810 Silas Riggs witnessed the signing of John Personett’s will in Surry Co., N.C., and assisted in its proof in Nov. 1813.<sup>[287]</sup>

Silas Riggs, Lott Riggs, and Zadock Riggs are listed in the 1812 tax list for Surry Co., N.C., Capt. Witcher’s district.<sup>[288]</sup>

+ 138 v **ZADOK<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1753, married **SARAH SCOTT**, sister of John Scott below, and had eight children.

+ 139 vi **CHLOE<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, married **JOHN SCOTT**, and had at least one child.

+ 140 vii **EUNICE<sup>6</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1760, married **JOSEPH LASSWELL [LACEFIELD] [LASSFIELD]**.

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283. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778–1781*, 179, item 2118.

284. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 129.

285. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 134.

286. U.S. census, 1810, Surry Co., N.C., r. 43, p. 670.

287. Surry Co., N.C., Wills, 3:109, as abstracted in Linn, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, 1771–1827*, 136, “3:109. Will of John Personett, 28 Dec. 1810. Daus: Jane Musick, Polly Harris, and Anne Roy. Exr: Leonard Roy. Wit: Silas Riggs, Moses Williams, Thomas Roy. Prvd by Riggs & Roy. Rec. Nov. Ct. 1813.”

288. *1812 Tax List of Surry Co., N.C.*, 12, “Riggs, Zadock 425/1 | . . . | Riggs, Silas 123/0 | Riggs, Lott 100/1.” The first number is the number of acres owned by the individual, and the second is the number of white polls listed.

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- + 141 viii IRAM/HIRAM<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, born 1755-1774. "Isam" is probably a misreading of "Iram." See putative son Moses Riggs (141?<sup>6</sup>Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) sketch for a possible development.
- 142 ix MARY<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, married EZEKIEL WILMOUTH. He might have been Ezekiel Wilmouth, executor of Samuel's will.
- 143 x ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, married HENRY SNOW.
- 144 xi ABIGAIL<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, married OBEDIAH SNOW.

78. REUBEN<sup>5</sup> RIGGS (<sup>39</sup>?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born say 1727, and died about Apr. 1776 at Fort George (apparently on Lake George), New York,<sup>[289]</sup> on duty there with the Morris Co. militia, under Capt. Joseph Lindsley. Reuben married 16 Aug. 1750, Hanover, Morris Co.,<sup>[290]</sup> SARAH CARTER.

Sergeant Reuben Riggs is listed in a "Muster Roll of the Detachment from Morris County under the Command of Capt. Lemuel Bowers from 7th May 1757 to the 10th of June Allowing time for going Home &c." Reuben Riggs is listed in a muster roll of Capt. Richard Gardiner for the period 8 June to 20 July 1757. Sergt. Reuben Riggs, is listed on all six of six combined muster rolls for forces under Capt. Richard Gardiner for the period 20 July 1757 to 20 July 1758.<sup>[291]</sup> His putative brother Sergt. Timothy Riggs appears on three of these rolls (q.v.). Then on 23 Aug. 1758, Reuben Riggs was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant to Richard "Gardner," 1st Company.<sup>[292]</sup>

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289. Zenas Riggs Revolutionary War pension file S32593, "at fort George this deponents father was taken sick and finally died at fort George. This declarants fathers name was Reuben and was a member of the same company." The date last mentioned before this statement is 1 Apr. 1776. There was a Fort George in New York City, but the context implies that a fort on Lake George was the place intended. See also the sketch for son Zenas for further war service details.

290. *Hanover Presbyterian Church Records*, marriage item 180, 618, "Rubin."

291. Wilson, "Muster Rolls of Forces on the Frontiers of New Jersey 1757-1758," *GMNJ*, 62(1987):14-15, 18.

292. [East Jersey] *Colonial Commissions 1703-1856*, C-2:235, courtesy of Sandra Hewlett, CG, citing microfilm titled *Secretary of State Deeds*; Film No. 46004, Box No. 100.



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On 6 Dec. 1759 Reuben Riggs reported a stray in the Hanover Twp., Morris Co., N.J., records.<sup>[293]</sup> This was the last Riggs reported in these Hanover stray records (cf. putative brothers Edward and Samuel).

Reuben Riggs was the defendant in a debt case *David Ogden vs. Reuben Riggs* in 1763 in Morris Co.<sup>[294]</sup>

On 2 Oct. 1764 Reuben Riggs and Joseph Bond made an inventory of the estate of John Dreen, of Hanover Twp., Morris Co., N.J., who died intestate.<sup>[295]</sup>

In the files of the New Jersey Supreme Court is a 1768 case concerning Reuben Riggs. A warrant was issued to the Morris Co. sheriff to take “Rubin” Riggs of Morris Co. to appear in court at Perth Amboy for a £161 debt.<sup>[296]</sup> **Those Riggs boys and their debts!**

[Placeholder: *Dom. Rex [The King] vs. Enas Riggs*, indictment for fornication, the Friday following the fourth Monday in September 1734, Essex Co.<sup>[297]</sup> Enas was perhaps Zenas Riggs or maybe Enos Riggs. An unmatched Riggs: There was a Mendham Twp., Morris Co., N.J., tax record of 1792 for “Jasb” [perhaps “Jac<sup>b</sup>”, or maybe even “Isa<sup>c</sup>”?] Riggs (and also Preserve Riggs).]

Children:<sup>[298]</sup>

+ 145 i ZENAS<sup>6</sup> RIGGS, born 3 Jan. 1760, probably Morris Co., N.J., married (1) JEMIMA (GENUNG) RICHARDS, and had seven children, married (2) SARAH (–) PADDICK [PADDOCK].

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293. Stryker-Rodda, *Some Early Records of Morris Co., N.J., 1740–1799*, 36, “Strays Posted – Hanover 1749–1799,” “[1759] [Dec.] 6 Reuben Riggs.”

294. *Supreme Court Case Files, 1704–1844*, case no. 28831, “[name] Riggs, Reuben (Defendant) [case title] David Ogden v. Reuben Riggs [case type] Debt [county] Morris [dates] 1763.”

295. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 4:121.

296. N.J. Supreme Court Files, abstracted by Sandra Hewlett, CG, case 4666; *Supreme Court Case Files, 1704–1844*, case no. 4666, “[name] Riggs, Reuben (Defendant) [case title] Hendrick Brown [et al] v. Reuben Riggs [case type] Debt [county] Morris [dates] 1768.”

297. Essex Co., N.J., Court Records, B:272.

298. Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 40, places Bethuel here but it is a wild guess by Leo.

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102. **CYRUS<sup>6</sup> PIERSON** (<sup>69</sup>*Elizabeth<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*), M.D., was baptized 22 Aug. 1756, the Mountain Society, the Oranges, Essex Co., N.J.,<sup>[299]</sup> died Oct. 1804, aged 48, and was buried in the old graveyard of Orange, Essex Co., N.J. His body was removed “to Rosedale cemetery,” presumably at Rosedale Village in Morris Co, New Jersey,<sup>[300]</sup> when that cemetery opened. Cyrus married **NANCY PIERSON**, who was born about 1767, New Jersey, daughter of Dr. Matthias Pierson, and probably died before the 1860 census.<sup>[301]</sup>

Sgt. Cyrus Pierson appears on a company pay roll, dated 15 Apr. 1777, of Capt. Samuel Pierson’s Company of the New Jersey Militia, Essex Co., battalion commander Col. Philip V. Cortlandt. He had served from 17 Feb. 1777 to 11 Apr. 1777.<sup>[302]</sup> The pension application of George Price mentions, in his affidavit, his service “under Captain Cyrus Pierson in the year 1779.”<sup>[303]</sup>

Cyrus graduated from Princeton in 1776, where he studied medicine under Dr. John Darby [perhaps Darcy]. He practiced in South Orange, then later removed to Caldwell, and practiced there for four years. Then he set up an extensive practice in Woodbridge. When his health failed, he moved to Newark, where he associated with himself Dr. Samuel Hays, and practiced with him until death.<sup>[304]</sup>

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299. Wickes, *History of the Oranges*, 151, baptisms 1756-1762 by Rev. Caleb Smith, “1756. Aug. 22. Cyrus, son of Bethuel Pierson.”

300. Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 77.

301. Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 37; Whittemore, *Founders and Builders of the Oranges*, 101.

302. Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War, NARA M881, RG 93, New Jersey, Van Cortlandt’s Battalion, Militia, Cyrus Pierson.

303. Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, NARA M804, RG 15, New Jersey, George Price, Sally Price, W1074.

304. Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 37; Whittemore, *Founders and Builders of the Oranges*, 101. Dr. John Darcy is Dr. Darby in the former reference.

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Nancy Pierson, sometimes “Nancy Widow Pierson,” is listed in the tax lists of Orange Twp., Essex Co., N.J., in 1810-1815.<sup>[305]</sup>

In 1840 Nancy Pierson, 60-70, resided in Orange Twp., Essex Co., N.J., with one female 40-50.<sup>[306]</sup>

In 1850 Nancy Pierson, 83, born in New Jersey, resided in Bloomfield Twp., Essex Co., N.J., in the household of Cyrus Pierson, 45, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$24,000 real estate, with Angeline, 40, Charles A., 14, William H., 13, Caroline R., 12, Harriet, 9, Eliza H., 5, Angeline C., 4, Anna A., 1, and Cyrus F., 4/12, all born in New Jersey. There were also three other non-family members in the household.<sup>[307]</sup>

Children:<sup>[308]</sup>

- 146 i HORACE<sup>7</sup> PIERSON, born 1791, died Apr. 1814, aged 22.
- 147 ii HARRIET<sup>7</sup> PIERSON, born 1793.
- 148 iii SARAH D.<sup>7</sup> PIERSON, born 1796, died 1852.
- 149 iv CHARLOTTE<sup>7</sup> PIERSON, born 1798, died 1839.
- 150 v CAROLINE R.<sup>7</sup> PIERSON, born 1800, died 1851.
- 151 vi CHARLES<sup>7</sup> PIERSON, born 1802, died 1829.
- 152 vii CYRUS<sup>7</sup> PIERSON, born about 1804, New Jersey, died 1862, married ANGELINE —, and had at least eight children.

103. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> PIERSON (<sub>69</sub>Elizabeth<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>), was baptized 18 Mar. 1759, the Mountain Society, the Oranges, New Jersey,<sup>[309]</sup> and died 1835.<sup>[310]</sup> He married (1) HANNAH BALDWIN, who died in 1802, and married (2) REBECCA CAMPBELL. They lived in South Orange on his farm. Joseph was made ruling elder of the old First Church of Orange after his father’s death, an office he held until his own death.<sup>[311]</sup>

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305. *N.J. Census, 1643-1890*, cites N.J. Tax Lists Index 1772-1822.

306. U.S. census, 1840, Orange Twp., Essex Co., N.J., r. 258, p. 251.

307. U.S. census, 1850, Bloomfield Twp., Essex Co., N.J., r. 449, p. 158B, dw. 78, fam. 84.

308. Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 37; Whittemore, *Founders and Builders of the Oranges*, 101.

309. Wickes, *History of the Oranges*, 152, baptisms 1756-1762 by Rev. Caleb Smith, “[1759.] Mar. 18. Joseph, son of Bethuel Pierson.”

310. Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 36.

311. Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 36.

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Joseph Pierson Jr., “son of Dea. Bethuel Pierson,” is mentioned in the will of Samuel Camp, dated 25 Dec. 1795, Newark Twp., Essex Co., N.J., in which Joseph is described as an elder “of the Church of Christ at Orange Dale.”<sup>[312]</sup>

Joseph Pierson is listed in the New Jersey tax lists in Essex Co., N.J. for 1789-1790 in Newark Twp., 1793 in an unnamed township, 1810 in Orange Twp., and 1812-1814 in Springfield Twp.<sup>[313]</sup>

Children:<sup>[314]</sup>

- 153 i **BETSEY**<sup>7</sup> **PIERSON**, born about 1787, New Jersey, married **EZRA GILDERSLEEVE**.

In 1850 Cyrus Gildersleeve, 47, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$3,000 real estate, resided in Orange Twp., Essex Co., N.J., with Mary C., 45, born in New Jersey. Sharing the dwelling was Betsey Gildersleeve, 63, born in New Jersey, and Sarah Pierson, 51, born in New Jersey.<sup>[315]</sup> I am supposing that these are sisters **Betsey Pierson and Sarah Pierson**.

- 154 ii **NANCY**<sup>7</sup> **PIERSON**, married **J. DAVIE**, of Kentucky.

- 155 iii **BETHUEL**<sup>7</sup> **PIERSON**, married **ELIZABETH CROWELL**.

Children:<sup>[316]</sup> (1) Hannah<sup>8</sup> Pierson, married – Henderson; (2) John<sup>8</sup> Pierson, who had children: (i) Bethuel<sup>9</sup> Pierson; (ii) Lucius<sup>9</sup> Pierson; (iii) Elizabeth<sup>9</sup> Pierson; (iv) Harriet<sup>9</sup> Pierson; (v) William<sup>9</sup> Pierson; (vi) John<sup>9</sup> Pierson; and (vii) C. Davie<sup>9</sup> Pierson; and (3) Emily<sup>8</sup> Pierson, married – Pye.

- 156 iv **CALVIN**<sup>7</sup> **PIERSON**, married **S. STOCKTON**.

- 157 v **SARAH**<sup>7</sup> **PIERSON**, born about 1799, New Jersey (assuming this is the Sarah in the 1850 census with Betsey Gildersleeve).

- 158 vi **RACHEL**<sup>7</sup> **PIERSON**.

- 159 vii **JOSEPH**<sup>7</sup> **PIERSON**, born 1780-1790.

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312. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 9:58.

313. *N.J. Census, 1654-1890*.

314. Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 36.

315. U.S. census, 1850, Orange Twp., Essex Co., N.J., r. 449, pp. 225A-B, dw. 440, families 485 and 486.

316. Pierson, *Pierson Genealogical Records*, 36.

## THE FAMILY OF EDWARD<sup>1</sup> RIGGS: N.J. BRANCH

In 1830 Joseph Pierson, 40–50, resided in Springfield, Essex Co., N.J., with a woman 40–50, one male 15–20, one male 20–30, and one female 50–60.<sup>[317]</sup>

In 1840 Joseph Pierson, 50–60, resided in Springfield, Essex Co., N.J., with a woman 50–60, and one female 30–40.<sup>[318]</sup>

[Probably incorrect lineage:

106. ISAAC<sup>6</sup> RIGGS (<sub>72</sub>?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 7 Aug. 1739, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., died 1788, in Washington Co., Pa., married 1757, Morristown, MARY PIERCE, born 1743, Windsor Twp., Middlesex Co., N.J., daughter of Robert and Abigail (Osborn) Pierce, died 9 or 10 Apr. 1816, Erlanger, Kenton Co., Ky., aged 72, and was buried there on the John Riggs farm.<sup>[319]</sup> If this is true, then Mary was about 14 at marriage, which is unlikely.

I have not yet found an Isaac Riggs mentioned anywhere in the Mendham, Morris Co., N.J., records, who might be a candidate for Isaac<sup>6</sup> Riggs.<sup>[320]</sup>

On 8 Jan. 1795 “Eunie” Riggs married Walter Smith in Clark Co., Ky., by consent of her mother, Mary Riggs, witness, Isaac Riggs, and bondsman, Joseph Smith. This strongly suggests that Mary Riggs and her family were in Clark Co. in 1795, probably in the part that became Montgomery Co. in late 1796. This record adds another child to Mary’s family, a daughter presumably named Eunice Riggs. The Isaac who witnessed her marriage would have been her brother.

Children (see volume 4 for the full argument):

160 i ?BETHUEL<sup>1</sup> RIGGS, born 1757, Mendham Twp., Morris Co., N.J., married NANCY LEE, and had eight children. There is no proof that

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317. U.S. census, 1830, Springfield, Essex Co., N.J., r. 79, p. 199.

318. U.S. census, 1840, Springfield, Essex Co., N.J., r. 354, p. 251.

319. Worrel and Fitzgerald, Boone Co., Ky., Cemeteries, 163, “Mary, wife of Isaac Riggs, died Apr. 9, 1816, aged 72 yrs.”

320. Littell, *First Settlers*, 35, has Betsey Miller, of New Vernon, Morris Co., N.J., married to Isaac Riggs, but this was Isaac<sup>7</sup> Riggs (<sub>88</sub>Junia [Josiah]<sup>6</sup>, Gideon<sup>5</sup>, ?Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) [Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 40].

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- Mary was his mother. See volumes 1 and 2 for the continuation of this line.
- 161 ii **SILAS<sup>1</sup> RIGGS**, born 17 Aug. 1771, Maryland, married **VASHTI MASON**, and had four children. See volume 4 for the continuation of this line.
- 162 iii **JAMES<sup>1</sup> RIGGS**, born 25 Feb. 1774, Washington Co., Pa., married **KATHERINE [KETURAH] HATHAWAY**, and had 12 children. See volume 4 for the continuation of this line.
- 163 iv **ISAAC<sup>1</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1778, Washington Co., Pa., married 6 Nov. 1800, Montgomery Co., Ky.,<sup>[321]</sup> **HANNAH COLLIER**. See volume 4 for the continuation of this line.
- 164 v **EUNICE [“EUNIE”]<sup>1</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1779, married, by consent of her mother, Mary Riggs, on 8 Jan. 1795, Clark Co., Ky.,<sup>[322]</sup> **WALTER SMITH**. Isaac Riggs, probably her brother, was witness to the marriage.
- 165 vi **JOHN<sup>1</sup> RIGGS**, born 1782, Pennsylvania, married **DORCAS HATHAWAY**, sister of Katherine Dorcas, wife of his brother James<sup>1</sup>. John and Dorcas had 13 children. See volume 4 for the continuation of this line.
- 166 vii **?FRANCES<sup>1</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1786, Pennsylvania. She is probably the Frances Riggs, 64, born in Pennsylvania, residing with her supposed brother John in 1850 in Kenton Co., Ky. **[I do not believe she was a sister.]**

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**107. JAMES<sup>6</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>72</sub>?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was probably born before 1753, probably New Jersey, since he presented evidence in 1774, presumably of age 21 or older, in the court case against Stephen Moore.

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321. Ky. *Marriages to 1850*, “Kentucky, Montgomery, Collier, Hannah, Riggs, Isaac, 06 Nov 1800”; Boyd et al [see its appendix], *Marriages in Montgomery Co., Ky. before 1864*, 88: “[Riggs] Isaac m. Hannah Collier, November 6, 1800,” cites “Howe.”

322. George Doyle, *Clark Co. Kentucky Marriages Records*, vol. 1, 1793–1820, online at <[www.rootsweb.com/~kyclark/doylemarriages1795.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~kyclark/doylemarriages1795.html)>, “[1795] 8th January, Walter Smith and Eunie Riggs, Bondsman: Joseph Smith, Consent of Mary Riggs, mother of Eunie Riggs attested by Isaac Riggs”; Bell, *Clark Co., Ky., Marriages, 1792–1851*, 90, “Smith, Wedler Rigs, Unis ?---1794.”

## THE FAMILY OF EDWARD<sup>1</sup> RIGGS: N.J. BRANCH

In 1820 James Riggs, over 45, resided in German, Fayette Co., Pa., with a woman over 45, and with one boy and one girl under 10, all in Ohio Co., [West] Virginia.<sup>[323]</sup>

In 1830 James Riggs, 50-60, resided in Ohio Co., Va. [part of which would become Marshall Co., W.Va., eventually] with a woman 40-50, one boy under 5, one boy and one girl 5-10, and two males 15-20. On the same census page is Nathan Riggs, 30-40.<sup>[324]</sup>

In 1830 James Riggs, 60-70, resided in the western district of Monongalia Co., [West] Virginia, with a woman 50-60, and with one boy and two girls under 5, one girl 5-10, one male 20-30, and one female 30-40. On the same census page are William Riggs, 30-40, Levi Riggs, 30-40, Isaiah Riggs, 40-50, John Riggs, 40-50, and Lemuel [possibly Samuel] H. Riggs, 20-30.<sup>[325]</sup>

In 1840 "Ja" Riggs, 60-70, resided in Marshall Co., [later West] Virginia, with a woman, 50-60, one female 5-10, and one male 15-20. On the same census page is Nathaniel Riggs, 40-50.<sup>[326]</sup>

In 1830 James Riggs, 50-60, resided in Warren Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with a woman, 50-60, and with one male 10-15, two females 15-20, and one female 20-30.<sup>[327]</sup> Another Riggs in Belmont Co is Hammond Riggs, 20-30, with a woman 20-30, and one male under 5, Somerset Twp.<sup>[328]</sup>

In 1840 James Riggs, 60-70, resided in Warren Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with a woman 40-50.<sup>[329]</sup> Another Riggs in that township is Hammond Riggs, 30-40, and a woman 30-40, a girl under 5, one girl and two boys 5-10.<sup>[330]</sup>

In 1850 James Riggs, 75, born in Maryland, resided in Warren Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with a woman, Orner, 57, born in Maryland. [So

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323. U.S. census, 1820, German Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., r. 103, p.179.

324. U.S. census, 1830, Ohio Co., [West] Va., r. 198, p. 241.

325. U.S. census, 1830, Western District, Monongalia Co., [West] Va., r. 191, p. 414.

326. U.S. census, 1840, Marshall Co., [West] Va., r. 568, p. 288.

327. U.S. census, 1830, Warren Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 127, p. 207.

328. U.S. census, 1830, Somerset Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 127, p. 349.

329. U.S. census, 1840, Warren Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 378, p. 188.

330. U.S. census, 1840, Warren Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 378, p. 184.

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this James is probably not ours.] They resided in the home of James Riggs Jr., 32, born in Ohio, Elizabeth, 31, born in Ohio, and Elvya C., 4, and David C., 1, both born in Ohio. Also in the household was Elisha Briggs, a black laborer, 21, born in Virginia.<sup>[331]</sup>

[In 1850 Hammond Rigg, 44, is discovered to be born in Maryland, and his wife Jane, 42, in England, so is probably not one of ours.<sup>[332]</sup>]

[In 1850 a James Riggs, 49, insane, born in New York, resided in Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, living in the poor house.<sup>[333]</sup>]

**108. JOHN<sup>6</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>72</sub>?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) probably born before 1748 (presumably 21 or older for the mortgage in the next paragraph) and surely before 1753, probably New Jersey, since he presented evidence in 1774, presumably of age 21 or older, in the court case against Stephen Moore.

A mortgage dated 3 Jan. 1769 from John Riggs of “Mendom,” Morris Co., Province of East New Jersey, to Joseph Hinds of Mendom was recorded for a plot of land of over three acres in Mendom for a payment of £18 due at times specified in “certain Bonds wherein the s<sup>d</sup> John is bound unto the s<sup>d</sup> Joseph.”<sup>[334]</sup>

A mortgage dated 29 Mar. 1778 from John Riggs of Mendham, Morris Co., Province of East New Jersey, to Moses Twitchel was recorded for a plot of land of 31.75 acres in Mendham for a payment of £330 due 29 Mar. 1779 with interest.<sup>[335]</sup>

John Riggs is listed in the New Jersey tax tabulation for 1805 in Chester Twp., Morris Co., N.J.<sup>[336]</sup>

In 1790 “Jn<sup>o</sup>” Riggs, over 16, resided in Washington Co., Pa., with four males under 16, and with three females.<sup>[337]</sup>

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331. U.S. census, 1850, Warren Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 661, p. 387, dw. 373, fam. 381.

332. U.S. census, 1850, Somerset Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 661, p. 404, dw. 610, fam. 623.

333. U.S. census, 1850, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 661, p. 131, dw. 348, fam. 355.

334. Morris Co., N.J., Mortgages, A:140, photocopy courtesy Robert Charles Anderson.

335. Morris Co., N.J., Mortgages, B:582, photocopy courtesy Robert Charles Anderson.

336. *N.J. Census, 1643–1890*, John Riggs, Chester Twp., Morris Co., N.J., 1805.

337. U.S. census, 1790, Tyrone Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., r. 8, p. 112, Nathaniel Riggs, 1-0-1.



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In 1800 John Riggs is listed on a tax list for Mason Co., Ky.<sup>[338]</sup> He was not the John Riggs in Montgomery Co., Ky., 1799-1807, and thought to be brother of Silas, James, and Isaac Riggs. But it is not likely that the current John would move from western Pennsylvania to Kentucky then back to eastern Ohio (next to western Pennsylvania). However, Nathaniel Riggs (see next sketch) was in Mason Co., Ky., in 1800.

[In 1810 “Jn<sup>o</sup>” Riggs, 26-45, resided in Monongalia Co., [West] Virginia, with a woman 26-45.<sup>[339]</sup>

In 1820 there are a John Riggs, 26-45, Isaac Riggs, 26-45, William Riggs, 16-26, and Alexander Riggs, 26-45, in the Western Division of Monongalia Co., [West] Virginia.<sup>[340]</sup> There is also an Isaac Riggs, 26-45, in the Eastern Division.<sup>[341]</sup>

In 1820 there are a John Riggs, 10-16, Nancy Riggs, 26-45, James Riggs, 16-18, Thomas Riggs, 26-45, Matthew Riggs, under 10, and Samuel Riggs, 16-26, all in Ohio Co. [West] Virginia.<sup>[342]</sup> There are also John Riggs, 26-45, James Riggs, 26-45, and Robert Riggs, 26-45, all in Ohio Co. [West] Virginia.<sup>[343]</sup>

The 1829 tax record of Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, lists John Riggs, with two horses valued at \$80 total and two cows valued at \$16 total, paying a total of 58 cents 3 mills tax for state and canal (26 cents 4 mills), county and school (24 cents 2 mills), county poorhouse (4 cents 4 mills), and township (3 cents 3 mills) taxes. Listed nearby (alphabetical by R) is “Zafer” Riggs with a total tax of 10 cents 6 mills.<sup>[344]</sup>

In 1830 John Riggs, 60-70, resided in Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with a woman 60-70.<sup>[345]</sup> Eleanor Riggs, wife of Zophar<sup>6</sup>, also lived

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338. Ky. Census, 1810-90.

339. U.S. census, 1810, Monogalia Co., [West] Va., r. 69, p. 532.

340. U.S. census, 1820, Western Division, Monogalia Co., [West] Va., r. 142, p.57.

341. U.S. census, 1820, Eastern Division, Monogalia Co., [West] Va., r. 142, p.81.

342. U.S. census, 1820, Ohio Co., [West] Va., r. 140, p.25.

343. U.S. census, 1820, Ohio Co., [West] Va., r. 140, p.24.

344. *Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850*, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., 1829, 189 [FHL 514150], “[Names] Riggs John [horses] 2 [val] 80 [cattle] 1 [val] 8 [Me<sup>e</sup> | Cap<sup>l</sup>] [empty] [R? | Cariges] [empty] [Total val] 88 [State and Canal Tax [\$ ¢ m] 26 4 [County and School Tax] 24 2 [County poor house Tax] 4 4 [Township Tax] 3 3 [Total Tax] 58 3.” The \$ columns are all empty.

345. U.S. census, 1830, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 127, p. 367.

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in this same township (see Zophar's sketch). Belmont Co., Ohio, is separated from Washington Co., Pa., only by a narrow neck of West Virginia, about 10 miles thick.

Another John Riggs in that county was John H. Riggs, 50-60, who resided in Warren Twp. [where resided James Riggs] with a woman 50-60, and with one male and one female 10-15, two males 15-20, and two females 20-30.<sup>[346]</sup>

[In 1830 "John of Jr" Riggs, 40-50, resided in Ohio Co., [West] Virginia, with a woman 30-40, and with one girl under 5, one boy and two girls 5-10, one boy and one girl 10-15, one female 15-20, and four males 20-30. One person is over 25 and deaf and dumb. On the same census page are Thomas Riggs, 40-50, Noah Riggs, 30-40, and Elias Riggs, 20-30. On the next page are Nathan Riggs, 30-40, and James Riggs, 50-60.<sup>[347]</sup>]

**109. NATHANIEL<sup>6</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>72</sub>?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was probably born before 1753, probably New Jersey, since he presented evidence in 1774, presumably of age 21 or older, in the court case against Stephen Moore.

In Jan. 1783 five Riggs males signed a petition— about the Virginia vs. Pennsylvania controversy—to the President of the Continental Congress from the inhabitants of the west side of the Laurel Hill Mountains. The Laurel Hill Mountains form the modern border between Fayette and Somerset Counties, and Somerset Co. was formed from Bedford Co. in 1795. The five men were Edmund, Jeremiah, John Jr., Nathaniel, and William Riggs. Nathaniel Riggs signed some distance from the other four Riggses, who all signed together.<sup>[348]</sup> The others were probably descendants of James Riggs of Maryland (see my Riggs, Vol. 9).

Nathaniel Riggs is listed on a 1783 assessor's list for Westmoreland Co., Pa.<sup>[349]</sup> Fayette Co. was taken from Westmoreland Co. in 1783.

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346. U.S. census, 1830, Warren Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 127, p. 207.

347. U.S. census, 1830, Ohio Co., [West] Va., r. 198, p. 240.

348. Contributed by Robert Charles Anderson and Marsha Hoffman Rising, 14 July 2004. NARA Microfilm Publication M247, reel 62, item 48, the first page p. 251.

349. Contributed by Marsha Hoffman Rising, 17 July 2004, who reported that "Nath'l Riggs listed

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Nathaniel Riggs appears on the 1785 tax roll for Washington Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., for several years. Phebe Riggs is listed on the 1785 roll for a tiny amount (4.5 pence) and then disappears from subsequent years. She was probably Nathaniel's mother, who died about 1786.<sup>[350]</sup>

In 1786 Nathaniel Riggs was taxed in "Franklyn" Twp., Westmoreland Co., Pa.<sup>[351]</sup> [Should this be 1783? I find several references online to the 1783 census of Franklyn Twp., Westmoreland Co., Pa.]

In 1790 Nathaniel Riggs, over 16, resided in Tyrone Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., with a female.<sup>[352]</sup>

In 1800 Nathaniel Riggs is listed on a tax list for Mason Co., Ky.<sup>[353]</sup>

In 1820 "Nath<sup>l</sup>" Riggs, over 45, resided in Mason Co., Ky., with a woman 26-45, two boys under 10, and one girl 10-16, with one person engaged in agriculture.<sup>[354]</sup>

In 1830 Nathaniel Riggs, 70-80, resided in Salt River Twp., Ralls Co., Mo., with one man and one woman 30-40, and with one boy and one girl under 5, one boy 5-10, one boy 10-15, and one male 15-20.<sup>[355]</sup> There was a Jonathan Riggs, 20-30, in Union Twp., Ralls Co., Mo., with a female 15-20, and with two boys and one girl under 5.<sup>[356]</sup> [This was not Jonathan, 40-50, son of Bethuel, who resided in Lincoln Co. in 1830.]

In 1830 Nathan Riggs, 30-40, resided in Ohio Co., Va. [part of which would become Marshall Co., W.Va.] with a woman 20-30, one girl under 5, one boy and one girl 5-10, and one boy 10-15. On the same census page is James Riggs, 50-60.<sup>[357]</sup>

In 1840 Jonathan Riggs, 20-30, resided in Wells Twp. [or "persons between the two disputed Lines on the north of the Territory"], Macon

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but assessment on fold. Paid a tax on a "cabbin" and maybe a cow."

350. Contributed by Marsha Hoffman Rising, 13 July 2004, who inspected the tax rolls.

351. Supply Tax and Summary Transcript 1786, Franklyn Twp., Nathaniel Riggs 1-6-5 tax. Contributed by Marsha Hoffman Rising, 17 July 2004.

352. U.S. census, 1790, Tyrone Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., r. 8, p. 112, Nathaniel Riggs, 1-0-1.

353. Ky. Census, 1810-90.

354. U.S. census, 1820, Mason Co., Ky., r. 26, p. 69.

355. U.S. census, 1830, Salt River Twp., Ralls Co., Mo., r. 73, p. 369.

356. U.S. census, 1830, Union Twp., Ralls Co., Mo., r. 73, p. 375.

357. U.S. census, 1830, Ohio Co., [West] Va., r. 198, p. 241.

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Co., Mo., with a woman 20-30, and with one boy and one girl under 5, one boy and two girls 5-10, and one boy and one girl 10-15.<sup>[358]</sup> Listed nearby is Reubin Riggs, 30-40, with woman 20-30, and with one boy under 5, and another 5-10. Macon Co. was derived partially from Ralls Co. in 1837.

Also in 1840 Nat Riggs, 40-50, resided in Santofer Twp., Monroe Co., Mo., with a woman 40-50, and with a boy and two girls under 5, one girl 5-10, one boy and one girl 10-15, and two males 15-20.<sup>[359]</sup> Nearby is J. W. Riggs, 40-50, with a woman 30-40, and with one boy and one girl 5-10, and one boy and one girl 10-15. Monroe Co. was derived mostly from Ralls Co. in 1831. [There is a John W. Riggs, 51, in Monroe Co. in 1850.]

In 1840 there was also a Nathaniel Riggs, 40-50, in Marshall Co., Va. Marshall Co. was formed from Ohio Co. in 1835. West Virginia was formed from Virginia in 1863, so Marshall Co., Virginia, in 1840 is a county in the narrow neck of land separating Washington and Greene Cos., Pennsylvania, from Belmont and Monroe Counties, Ohio. In the household with Nathaniel are a woman, 40-50, and one boy and one girl 5-10, one girl 10-15, one male and one female 15-20. On the same census page was James Riggs, 60-70.<sup>[360]</sup>

**110. ZOPHAR<sup>6</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>72</sub>?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1772, probably in New Jersey. He married (1) 16 Apr. 1796, Mendham, Morris Co., N.J.,<sup>[361]</sup> **ANNA DELL**, both of Succassuna,

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358. U.S. census, 1840, Wells Twp., Macon Co., Mo., r. 226, p. 64.

359. U.S. census, 1840, Santofer Twp., Monroe Co., Mo., r. 226, p. 153.

360. U.S. census, 1840, Marshall Co., [West] Va., r. 568, p. 288.

361. N.J., *County Marriages, 1682-1956*, image online, Morris Co., N.J., Marriages, A:7 [DGS 4541274, image 282/869], "Zophar Riggs to Anna Dell } These may certify that Zophar Riggs and Anna Dell both of Succasoney in the Township of Mendham were married on the evening of the sixteenth day of April AD 1796 by me Isaac Price Minister of the Gospel in Mendham - | Received and Recorded June 1<sup>st</sup> 1796 | Caleb Russell Clk" [FHL 1314453]; GMNJ, 4:31, "Zophar Riggs and Anna Dell, both of Succassuna, by Rev. Isaac Price, of Mt. Freedom"; *Essex County, New Jersey Quaker Records*, <Ancestry.com>, cites "Quaker Records: Rahway & Plainfield Monthly Meetings Essex County, New Jersey:" name: – Riggs, spouse name: Anna Dell, marriage date: "out bef 19 May 1796," comment: "Dis 6-15-1796."

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Mendham Twp., Morris Co. He married (2) 7 Apr. 1799, Morris Co.,<sup>[362]</sup> **ELEANOR** [“NELLY”] **HARRIS**, who was born 1774–1780. Both Zophar and Nelly were of Mendham, Morris Co., N.J., at their marriage. Zophar died before the 1830 census. Zophar probably died after the 1829 Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, tax list and before the 1830 census, which lists Eleanor alone.<sup>[363]</sup>

**N.B. We must raise a red flag here. Two male Riggs descendants of this line have proved to not have the Edwardian Riggs genetic signature.**

Zophar is not mentioned in the list of defendants in the 1774 New Jersey case against Samuel Moore by Phebe Riggs, his putative mother. He’s assumed to be son of Zophar<sup>5</sup> because of his name only, and the Morris Co., N.J. connection. Of course, he wouldn’t have testified if he was indeed only two years old. But 1772 is just a guess at a birth year.

As previously mentioned, “Hopher” Riggs appears on the June 1793 tax list of Mendham Twp., Morris Co.<sup>[364]</sup> This suggests a 1772 birth year. Indeed, Zophar (Sr.) died before 19 Mar. 1772.

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362. N.J., *County Marriages, 1682–1956*, image online, Morris Co., N.J., Marriages, A:68 [DGS 4541274, image 313/869], “Zophar Riggs to Nelly Harris } This may certify that on the 7<sup>th</sup> April AD 1799 I married Zophar Riggs to Nilly [sic] Harris both of Mendham Township, Morris County and State of New Jersey – | Joshua Jennings Justice Peace | Recorded Oct 1<sup>st</sup> AD 1799 | C Russell Clk” [FHL 1314453]; GMNJ, 4:88, “Zophar Riggs and Nelly Harris, both of Mendham, by Joshua Jennings, JP.”

363. Nelly died Nov. 1856, East Richland, Belmont Co., Ohio, and was buried in the East Richland Cem. [Leo Riggs says so, citing Helen Carlson. Eleanor was buried at St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., according to Helen Carter posting. Proof?] These references to “Helen Carter” by Leo Riggs in *Leo Riggs His Book* show that he was probably familiar with a family group sh. (or more than one) compiled by Helen R. Johnson. I have a copy of one such sheet, for Sylvester Riggs and his family, downloaded from <Ancestry.com>, without sources. It gives Helen Johnson’s address as 134 Lawrence, Evansdale, Iowa, and a date of 25 July 1978. The same data that Leo mentions also appears on this sheet. Another downloaded file (also from <Ancestry.com>) has this further information, “This information was compiled by Helen Riggs Johnson (Mrs. Hjalmar)” at the address just given. This makes her the daughter of John W.<sup>8</sup> Riggs (<sub>168</sub>Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>). There’s a gravestone photograph on Ancestry.com purporting to be Nellie’s. It reads “Elenor Riggs | died | Nov. 1[0?], 1856 | in the [9?]3 Year | of her age.” It appears to have been reset in cement into which has been scratched these words: “Riggs Waterloo | [19?]37 Mohawk Iowa.” But 93 years of age doesn’t make sense for our Nellie, and I don’t know where the gravestone is located.

364. N.J. *Census, 1772–1890*, “Hopher” Riggs also appears in *Morris County Militia–1793*, <www.rootsweb.com/~njmorris/military/militia/militia-d.htm>, from Mendham.

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In 1800 “Zopha” Riggs resided in Ovid Twp., Cayuga Co., N.Y., but no males are listed [there appears to be a hole torn in the page here]. In the household were two girls under 10, and one female 16–26.<sup>[365]</sup> This part of Cayuga Co. became Seneca Co. in 1804. If he were 16–26, then his birth would have been 1774–1784. 26–45 implies 1755–1774.

In 1801 Zophar Riggs is listed in the tax records of Ovid Twp., Cayuga Co., N.Y., with no real estate, \$40 personal estate, and a tax of 8 cents.<sup>[366]</sup>

In 1803 Zophar Riggs is listed in the tax records of Hector, Cayuga Co., N.Y., with no real estate, \$44 personal estate, and a tax of 5 cents.<sup>[367]</sup>

In 1810 “Zopher” Riggs, 26–45 (implies born 1765–1784), resided in Ovid Twp., Seneca Co. (derived from Cayuga Co. in 1804), New York, with a woman 26–45, one boy and two girls under 10, and two girls 10–16.<sup>[368]</sup>

“Zopher” Riggs served as a private in the War of 1812 in the 3rd Artillery and Light Infantry Regiment, New York.<sup>[369]</sup> “Zopher Riggs” served as a private in the War of 1812 in Lt. Covert’s Company, Light Infantry, New York.<sup>[370]</sup>

Zophar (or Zopher) Riggs served as a private in Capt. Timothy Hurd’s Company of Light Infantry, Detached Militia, 3rd Regiment Artillery and Light Infantry in the War of 1812, according to company pay rolls for 7 Sept. to 7 Oct. 1813 and 7 Oct. to 7 Dec. 1813, and from 7 Sept.

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365. U.S. census, 1800, Ovid Twp., Cayuga Co., N.Y., r. 28, p. 564.

366. *N.Y. Tax Assessment Rolls, 1799–1804, 1801*, Ovid, Cayuga Co., image online, “[Name of Possessor] Riggs Zophar [Value of Real Estate Dollars] [empty] [Value of Personal Estate Dollars] 40 [Tax laid Dollars Cents] 0 8.”

367. *N.Y. Tax Assessment Rolls, 1799–1804, 1801*, Hector, Cayuga Co., image online, “[Name of Possessor] Riggs Zophar [Value of Real Estate Dollars] [empty] [Value of Personal Estate Dollars] 44 [Amount Dollars] 44 [Tax laid Dollars Cents] 0 5.”

368. U.S. census, 1810, Ovid Twp., Seneca Co., N.Y., r. 36, p. 275.

369. *War of 1812 Service Records*, <Ancestry.com>, Zopher, rank at induction: private, rank at discharge: private, r. box 175, r. “exct” 602. Cites NARA record group 94, M602, with 234 rolls.

370. *War of 1812 Service Records*, <Ancestry.com>, Zopher, rank at induction: private, rank at discharge: private, roll box 175, roll “exct” 602.

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to 7 Dec. 1813 according to a company muster roll, dated at Fort George, Upper Canada, 7 Dec. 1813.<sup>[371]</sup>

(The tax lists for 1811-1814 for Belmont Co., Ohio, were checked and no Riggses were found.)

The 1826 tax record of Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, lists “Zopher Rigg,” with four cows valued at \$32 total, paying a total of 28 cents 4 mills tax for state (6 cents 4 mills), county (12 cents 8 mills), township (1 cent 2 mills), poorhouse (6 cents 4 mills), and school (1 cent 6 mills) taxes.<sup>[372]</sup>

The 1828 tax record of Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, lists “Zopher” Riggs, with two cows valued at \$16 total, paying a total of 11 cents tax for state and canal (4 cents 8 mills), county poorhouse (4 cents 8 mills), school (8 mills), and township (6 mills) taxes.<sup>[373]</sup>

The 1829 tax record of Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, lists “Zafer” Riggs, with two cows valued at \$16 total, paying a total of 10 cents 6 mills tax for state and canal (4 cents 8 mills), county and school (4 cents 4 mills), county poorhouse (8 mills), and township (6 mills) taxes. Listed nearby (alphabetical by R) is John Riggs with a total tax of 58 cents 3 mills.<sup>[374]</sup>

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371. Images of three War of 1812 service records shared with me by Teresa Craig, email 19 Mar. 2013, just as described.

372. *Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850*, image online, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., 1826, 172 [FHL 514148], “[Proprietors name] Rigg Zopher [Farm] [empty] [val] [empty] [cattle] 4 [val] 32 [Merch<sup>t</sup> | Brokers] [empty] [Total val] 32 [State Tax [\$ ¢ m] 6 4 [County Tax] 12 8 [Township Tax] 1 2 [Poor Tax] 6 4 [Schools Tax] 1 6 [Total Tax] 28 4.” The \$ columns are all empty.

373. *Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850*, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., 1828, 189 [FHL 514149] , “[Proners? Names] Riggs Zopher [Horses] [empty] [Value] [empty] [Cattle] 2 [value] 16 [Merch<sup>t</sup> | Capital] [empty] [Pleasure | Carriages] [empty] [Total Value] 16 [State and Canal Tax [\$ ¢ m] 4 8 [County Poorhouse] 4 8 [School Tax] - 8 [Township Tax] - 6 [Total Tax] 11 0.” The \$ columns are all empty.

374. *Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850*, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., 1829, 189 [FHL 514150], “[Names] Riggs Zafer [horses] [empty] [val] [empty] [cattle] 2 [val] 16 [Me<sup>t</sup> | Cap<sup>t</sup>] [empty] [R? | Cariges] [empty] [Total val] 16 [State and Canal Tax [\$ ¢ m] 4 8 [County and School Tax] 4 4 [County poor house Tax] - 8 [Township Tax] - 6 [Total Tax] 10 6.” The \$ columns are all empty.

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In 1830 Eleanor Riggs, 50–60, resided in Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with two males 15–20, one male and one female 20–30, and one male 30–40.<sup>[375]</sup>

Placeholder: There were a Peter and Rachel Bockoven buried in Canoga Cem., Fayette, Seneca Co., N.Y., died 1873 and 1872, respectively.<sup>[376]</sup> Rachel<sup>3</sup> (Riggs) Bockoven was daughter of Aaron<sup>2</sup> (*Gideon*<sup>1</sup>), see Vol. VII of this series.

Children: [Leo lists two other children: Elizabeth, and James, born about 1801. Proof!]<sup>[377]</sup>

- + 167 i DAVID<sup>7</sup> RIGGS was born about 1814, New York, married MARY SEARS [SEAGERS], and had 10 children.
- + 168 ii SYLVESTER<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, born about 1813 [need to exchange this with David above if 1813 is correct], New York, married MARGARET ROBINSON [RITTS], and had at least nine children.

111. REUBEN<sup>6</sup> RIGGS (<sup>75?</sup>Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 22 Nov. 1747, Morris Co., N.J.,<sup>[378]</sup> [but this predates putative father Edward's marriage in 1749], and died 6 June 1837.<sup>[379]</sup> He married

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375. U.S. census, 1830, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 127, p. 369.

376. *Canoga Cem., Fayette, Seneca Co., N.Y.*, <[www.rootsweb.com/~nyseneca/canoga.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyseneca/canoga.htm)>, "Blakney Daniel V. 1873 5 85 born 1806 | Blakney Eliza E. Riggs 1878 5 85 aged 76; wife of Daniel | Blakney Henry 1840 5 85 aged 18; son of Daniel & Eliza" and "Bockoven Fessonia 1900 5 118 aged 73y; wife of G. W. | Bockoven G. A. 1897 5 118 aged 41y | Bockoven G. W. 1897 5 118 aged 81y | Bockoven Peter 1873 5 118 | Bockoven Peter W. (V) 1863 5 118 aged 23y; son of G.W. & Maria | Bockoven Rachel 1872 5 118 | Bockoven Richard 5 118."

377. U.S. census, 1850, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. x, p. 131, dw. 348, fam. 355, lists James Riggs, 49, born N.Y., illiterate, pauper. He is listed with the Belmont Co. Poor House Superintendent.

378. *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files*, NARA M804, N.C., Reuben Riggs, S45880, 12 pages. His birth information is from the interrogatories following his affidavit (q.v.) on p. 5, "[born] in Morris County N Jersey in 1747," supported by his claiming to be 85 at the date 20 Aug. 1832 of the affidavit, and his death is written in pencil on the document on p. 2, "Died 1837," and repeated on p. 12, "He died in 1837, exact date not given."

379. *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files*, NARA M804, N.C., Reuben Riggs, p. 10, letter from Ray Riggs of Austin, Tex., 16 May 1931, gives the exact birth and death dates, but no proof; *Index to Selected Final Payment Voucher, 1818–1864*, Final Payment Voucher Received from the General Accounting Office, NARA RG 217, "[name] Riggs, Reuben [agency of payment] Pulaski, Tenn [date of Act] 1832 [date of payment] 1st qr 1837 [date of death] [empty]."



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2 Mar. 1769 (bond date), Rowan Co., N.C.,<sup>[380]</sup> **MARY CRAWFORD**, with Edward Riggs as bondsman. David Crawford was another bondsman of the marriage, possibly Mary's father.

He was probably the Reuben Riggs who was second lieutenant of the first of "two companies of foot raised for the defence of the frontiers and captain of the first of them, 23 August 1758," where Richard Gardiner, Esq., major and commander-in-chief, was the "captain" referred to.<sup>[381]</sup>

Here is Reuben's Revolutionary War pension application abstract:

[Riggs] Reuben, NC Line, S45880, sol was b in 1747 in Morris Co NJ & he lived in Surry Co NC at enl & in 1780 he moved to Washington Co NC which is now East TN & also enl there then moved to Grainger Co TN & in 1808 he moved to Giles Co TN where he appl 20 Aug 1832, sol referred to Jesse Riggs of Lincoln Co TN who had d in 1831 who knew him during the Rev but did not state a relationship.<sup>[382]</sup>

Here is my transcription of Reuben's Revolutionary War pension affidavit:

State of Tennessee

Giles County

on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the justice holding the court of pleas & Quarter Sessions for the county & state aforesaid, at their August Term of said Court Reuben Riggs of said county of Giles, resident therein aged Eighty five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. The said Reuben Riggs saith & declares, that he first enter<sup>d</sup> the service under One Col<sup>o</sup> Cleveland in Saury [sic] County N.C. one Saunders being his Captain, the day not recollected but most probably in the month of June in the Second year after the declaration

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380. Rowan Co., N.C., Marriage Bond Abstracts, 2:378, "[groom] Riggs, Reuben [bride] Mary Crawford [bond date] 2 Mar. 1769 [bondsmen & witness] Edward Riggs (w) Gideon Wright, David Crawford."

381. Wilson, "Military Commissions of New Jersey 1665-1774," GMNJ 86:125, cites C2:235, apparently one of six volumes of records published in *New Jersey Archives*, vols. 13-18.

382. White, *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, 3:2889.

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of Independence, & during that year served a tour of three months, & also served a similar tour under the same officers, during the year following. These tours were against the Indians, committing deprivations about the head of the Yadkin River. The declarant then moved into Washington County then in N. Carolina, but now in East Tennessee—where in the month of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1780 he volunteer<sup>d</sup> under Col<sup>o</sup> Sevier in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians.<sup>[383]</sup> They mustered at Stockdon's Mill & proceeded on the expedin [sic] until Colo<sup>l</sup> Clark & Col<sup>o</sup> Campbell of Virginia overtook & joined Sevier. [unreadable] was in that campaign in Capt Previts company untill its close, the declarant was present at several skirmishes between the whites & Indians, one on Boyds creek of French Broad river—& at Echota [Etchoe] & Hewassee [Hiwassee], Tillico [Tellico] & Chistua—What time that campaign closed he does not now remember, but supposes that some history or other record testimony in the public offices of his county will shew. He has no dockumentry [sic] evidence, having long since lost his discharges, & that he knows of no person, now alive who can testify to his services—The last man who could have done so to his knowledge, died during the last year [i.e., 1831], one Jessee Riggs of Lincolnm [sic] county Tennessee—

The said Reuben Riggs duly relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on any pension Roll of any State or Territory whatsoever.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[signed] Reuben Riggs

Germian Lester Clerk

Mr Stephen Shelton clergiman [sic] residing in the county & State aforesaid & Thomas Martin merchant of the Town of Pulaski, in the county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Reuben Riggs, who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration; and we believe him to be Eighty five years of age & that he is respected & be-

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383. Cf. Samuel Riggs's pension file affidavit: "Early in the month of December 1780 Declarant volunteered under Captain William Pruett, (John Howard Lieutenant, no ensign,) to go under Colonel John Sevier against the Cherokee Indians," and in answer to the interrogatories: "In the year 1780 he served a tour of three months in Capt W<sup>m</sup> Pruitt's company under Col Sevier in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians." So Samuel and Reuben were in the same company.

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lied in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscrib[ed]

1. Interrogatories propounded by said court to the said Reuben Riggs

2. Where & in what year were you born?

Ans[wer] in Morris County N. Jersey in 1747 & have the record of my birth in my Fathers Bible—now at home—

3. Where were you living when called into service & where have you lived since the Revolution & where do you now live—

Answer in Saury [sic] county NC & Washington county as before stated when I enter<sup>d</sup> the service & from Washington I moved to Grainger co. E. Tennessee where I lived untill about 1808 when I moved to Giles County Tennessee where I have resided ever since.

4. How were you called into service?

Ans. In all the above campaigns I volunteerd & served in person not by substitute—

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers &c

Ans I have stated all of the general officers whose names are now recollected

6. [unreadable] further says that he received discharges from his said Captains Saunders & Previtt but has no recollection of what has become of them.

[signed] Reuben Riggs

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Germian Lester Clerk<sup>[384]</sup>

In 1771 Reuben Riggs is listed in the tax list of Surry Co., N.C.<sup>[385]</sup>

In the early Nov. 1774 records of the Surry Co. court is mentioned the case of *Reuben Riggs vs. Garrot Gorss*.<sup>[386]</sup>

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384. Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, NARA M804, N.C., Reuben Riggs, S45880.

385. *N.C. Census, 1790–1890*, Reuben Riggs, Surry Co., 1771, tax list.

386. Absher, Surry Co. Court Minutes, 5.

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As mentioned above, on 10 May 1775 Reuben Riggs was summoned by the Surry Co. court for a case involving Samuel.<sup>[387]</sup>

According to his Revolutionary War pension application affidavit (q.v.), Reuben enlisted probably in June 1778, “probably in the month of June in the Second year after the declaration of Independence, & during that year served a tour of three months, & also served a similar tour under the same officers, during the year following.” This accounts for Reuben’s whereabouts in 1778 and 1779, in Surry Co., N.C.

On 21 July 1778 a Surry Co., N.C., land entry was made for Isham East for 100 acres on the south side of the Yadkin River, “including David Rigs improvement for complement.” But on 29 Aug. 1778, this deal fell apart, “caveated by Reuben Rigs, returned to court, Feb’y—entry withdrew, money refunded.”<sup>[388]</sup> On 28 Aug. 1778 Reuben “Rigs” entered 100 acres of land in Surry Co. on the south side of the Yadkin adjoining Isham East’s former entry.<sup>[389]</sup>

A Surry Co. land entry of 12 Aug. 1778 by William McChin for 100 acres of Surry Co. land at the mouth of Turkey Creek on the north side of the Yadkin River, mentions “an improvement that formerly belonged to Reubin Rigs for complement.”<sup>[390]</sup>

Thomas Burch entered 300 acres of land in Surry Co. on the north fork of Deep Creek, “including Reuben Riggs improvement for complement,” on 11 Nov. 1778.<sup>[391]</sup> Two entries of 26 Dec. 1778 and one of 12 May 1779 mention the adjoining property of Reuben Riggs on the north fork of Deep Creek.<sup>[392]</sup>

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387. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 6.

388. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778-1781*, 28, item 303. Pruitt, *Abstracts of Land Entries, Tryon and Lincoln Co., N.C., 1778-1780*, Introduction, “A ‘caveat’ could be issued (after the entry and before the grant) to stop the grant from being issued. The person making a caveat could say he already owned part or all of the land. The entry taker usually indicated in the entry book if a caveat was made against all or part of an entry and who made the caveat. Then a jury would settle the dispute.”

389. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778-1781*, 59, item 655.

390. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778-1781*, 45, item 492.

391. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778-1781*, 80, item 906.

392. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778-1781*, 98, 139, items 1114, 1115, 1606.

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According to his Revolutionary War pension application affidavit (q.v.), Reuben “then [after his second service, in 1779] moved into Washington County then in N. Carolina, but now in East Tennessee—where in the month of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1780” he volunteered for further service.

The Surry Co. court minutes of 13 Nov. 1781 record the transfer of 200 acres “entered by Reubin Riggs lying South side Yadkin River commonly known by name David Riggs old place.”<sup>[393]</sup> Two undated entries refer to land in Surry Co. on the south side of the Yadkin adjoining that of Reuben Riggs or the lines of Reuben’s land.<sup>[394]</sup>

All the references to David Riggs’s “old place” makes me wonder if David was Reuben’s father.

From the interrogatories following Reuben’s Revolutionary War affidavit: “from Washington I moved to Grainger co. E. Tennessee where I lived untill about 1808 when I moved to Giles County Tennessee where I have resided ever since.” So he moved sometime after Dec. 1780 to Grainger Co., Tenn. Then in about 1808 he moved Giles Co., Tenn. and was still there at the time of his affidavit, 20 Aug. 1832. [N.B., Giles Co. did not exist in 1808. It was pending in 1809 and effective in 1810.]

On 25 June 1782 Reuben Riggs received a Revolutionary War pay voucher from Washington and Sullivan Counties, North Carolina [which became eastern Tennessee] for £20.<sup>[395]</sup>

On 12 June 1783 Reuben Riggs received a Revolutionary War pay voucher from Washington and Sullivan Counties, North Carolina [which became eastern Tennessee] for £6.19.6.<sup>[396]</sup>

Placeholder: On 22 June 1782 Edward Riggs received a Revolutionary War pay voucher from Washington and Sullivan Counties, North Carolina [which became eastern Tennessee] for £8.16.<sup>[397]</sup>

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393. Absher, Surry Co. Court Minutes, 32.

394. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778–1781*, 151, items 1750, 1751.

395. N.C. *Revolutionary Pay Vouchers, 1779–1782*, image 263/940 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, Riddicks, Abraham to Robertson, Benjamin, DGS 4341913, no. 246, Reuben Riggs, from Washington and Sullivan Cos., 25 June 1782.

396. N.C. *Revolutionary Pay Vouchers, 1779–1782*, image 261/940 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, Riddicks, Abraham to Robertson, Benjamin, DGS 4341913, no. 1084, “Reubin” Riggs, from Washington and Sullivan Cos., 25 June 1782.

397. N.C. *Revolutionary Pay Vouchers, 1779–1782*, image 237/940 online at <www.FamilySearch-

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**Placeholder:** On 12 June 1783 Jesse Riggs received a Revolutionary War pay voucher from Washington and Sullivan Counties, North Carolina [which became eastern Tennessee] for £6.19.6.<sup>[398]</sup>

Reuben Riggs, Edward Riggs, and “Jenny” [Jessey?] Riggs were listed in the 1783 tax list for Greene Co., Tenn.<sup>[399]</sup>

On 4 May 1784 Reuben Riggs was deeded 200 acres of land on Lick Creek in Greene Co., Tenn., from James English and his wife Elizabeth.<sup>[400]</sup> Note that this places Reuben and his putative father Edward together in Greene Co. in 1784. It also implies that Reuben left Greene Co. out of his Revolutionary War affidavit explicitly, but did mention eastern Tennessee. This Reuben, as will be seen, had wife Mary, so does indeed appear to be the current Reuben.

N.B. in 1784 the three eastern counties of Tennessee, Washington, Sullivan, and Greene, formed the provisional state of Franklin in a move to secede from North Carolina. Grainger Co. formed in eastern Tennessee in 1796, but from Hawkins Co., not Greene Co.

On 8 May 1786 Reuben Riggs was called to be a member of a Grand Jury in Greene Co., Tenn.<sup>[401]</sup>

On 14 Nov. 1786 Reuben Riggs was appointed overseer of the road in Greene Co., Tenn., from “Washington line” (presumably with Wash-

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.org>, Riddicks, Abraham to Robertson, Benjamin, DGS 4341913, Edward Riggs, from Washington and Sullivan Cos., no. 230, 22 June 1782; Treasurer’s and Comptroller’s Papers, Revolutionary War Army Accounts, N.C. State Archives, roll S.115.57, vol. 1, page 82, folio 2, “[No.] 230 [By whom granted] Bledsoe and Williams [To whom granted] Edward Riggs [Date] 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1782 [Sum] [11?]| 16|[empty].”

398. N.C. *Revolutionary Pay Vouchers, 1779–1782*, image 261/940 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, Riddicks, Abraham to Robertson, Benjamin, DGS 4341913, no. 1091, Jesse Riggs, from Washington and Sullivan Cos., 25 June 1782.

399. Alderman, *The Overmountain Men*, 242.

400. Burgner, *Greene Co., Tenn., Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas, 1783–1795*, 9, Tuesday after first Monday of May 1784, “[p16] A deed of conveyance from Jas and Elizabeth English to Reuben Riggs for 200 A or [sic] land was duly acknowledged in court by the said Jas & Elizabeth his wife & the same is ordered to be recorded”; *Greene Co., Tenn., Deed Abstracts, 1785–1810, Vols. 2, 4, 6–8, 2*, “Page 28 Indenture 4 May 1784 James English, Greene Co, NC, and Reubin [sic] Riggs, of same place, 200 acres on Lick creek and tr adj Leonard Adcock. Signed Jas E and E E.”

401. Burgner, *Greene Co., Tenn., Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas, 1783–1795*, 26, second Monday of May 1786.

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ington Co. line).<sup>[402]</sup> “Rubin” Riggs is mentioned again in the Nov. 1786 term minutes.<sup>[403]</sup> In 1786 Washington Co. abutted Greene Co.

In 1787 Reuben Riggs is listed in the tax list for what is thought to have been Washington Co., Tenn.<sup>[404]</sup>

In Dec. 1787 over 450 signatories, including Reuben Riggs, calling themselves “Inhabitants of the Western Country” [of North Carolina] petitioned the General Assembly of North Carolina to recognize the (unnamed) State of Franklin (essentially the counties forming what is now east Tennessee):

[W]e hope to be enabled by the concurrence of your State to participate in the fruits of the Revolution; and to enjoy the essential benefits of Civil Society under a form of Government which ourselves alone can only calculate for such a purpose.<sup>[405]</sup>

On 5 Feb. 1790 the Greene Co. Court of Common Pleas issued an order to examine Mary Riggs, wife of Reuben, regarding her relinquishment of her dower to the tract of land sold by Reuben to Asa Rawlings.<sup>[406]</sup> This was concerning a deed dated 13 Jan. 1790, that was subsequently recorded on 20 July 1790.<sup>[407]</sup>

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402. Burgner, *Greene Co., Tenn., Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas, 1783–1795*, 32, Tuesday after second Monday of Nov. 1786, “[p71] Reuben Riggs is appointed overseer of the road from Washington line to Robert Steels in the room of Jno Tadlock.”

403. Burgner, *Greene Co., Tenn., Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas, 1783–1795*, 34, Nov. Term 1786, “[p75] Recd of Rubin [sic] Riggs out of 27-1/2 bu Due to Roads | cash 12L 4S.”

404. Creekmore, *Early East Tenn. Taxpayers*, Washington Co., 1787, 210, “[no.] 702 Reubin [sic] Riggs [acres] 200 [polls] 1.”

405. *Lost State of Franklin*. Franklin was formed in Aug 1784 at Jonesboro, and adopted the constitution of North Carolina in Nov. 1785 at Greenville, and elected John Sevier governor.

406. Burgner, *Greene Co., Tenn., Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas, 1783–1795*, 68, Thursday after the Wednesday given as 4 Feb. 1790, “[p 150] Ordered that a commission issue to take the examination of Mary Riggs wife of Reuben Riggs touching her relinquishment of dower to the tract of land sold by said Reuben to Asa Rawlings Esq.”

407. Burgner, *Greene Co., Tenn., Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas, 1783–1795*, 76, “[p 165] One other [deed of conveyance] from Reuben Riggs to Asahel Rawlings for 200 A of land dated January 13th, 1790 was duly proven by the oath of James Hays and admitted to record”; *Greene Co., Tenn., Deed Abstracts, 1785–1810, Vols. 2, 4, 6–8*, 49, “Page 140 Indenture 13 Jan 1790 Rubin [sic] Riggs and Asabel [sic] Rawlings, 150 pounds pd, 200 acre tr adj Leonard Adcock Land. Wit: William Crawford, Daniel Rawlings. Reg 20 July 1790.”

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On 3 Dec. 1795, in the Grainger Co., Tenn., deed book, Reuben [var. Reubin] Riggs purchased from Richard Farr, for £100, a parcel of 200 acres in Hawkins Co., Tenn., “being part of a Tract of land that belonging to John Smith Since Deseased that was known and called by the name of Watts place.” Witnessed by Alexander Blair, Samuel Riggs, and Clisbe Riggs. Registered 20 June 1797.<sup>[408]</sup>

In 1799 Reuben Riggs and Jesse Riggs are listed in the tax list of Grainger Co., Tenn.<sup>[409]</sup>

On 23 Jan. 1804, Richard Reynolds and Reuben Riggs, both of Grainger Co., Tenn., sold to Henry Ivey, of the same place, for \$400, a parcel of 200 acres “lying in the Counties of Jefferson & Grainger on both sides of the great waggon road between Jesse Riggs old place and the Panther Springs lately known by the name of David Evanses Cabbins,” “(granted to John Evans by patent bearing date the 26<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>rs</sup> 1791. No. 240.” Proved in Grainger Co., Tenn., court, February Session 1804.<sup>[410]</sup>

On 27 May 1809 Reubin Riggs appears on a long list of people “Intruding . . . In Sim’s Settlement,” which appears in records of the Cherokee Indian Agency in Tennessee.<sup>[411]</sup>

On 5 Sept. 1810, from “Mississippi Territory Elk River Sims’ es settlement,” came a “Petition to the President and Congress by Intruders on Chickasaw Lands.”<sup>[412]</sup> The signatories claim they were misled into thinking the land had been purchased from the Indians and so began

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408. Grainger Co., Tenn., Deeds, A:101-102, images 207, 209 of 1583 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, original page 30, deed no. 39, FHL 464092, DGS 8332803, “Richard Farr To Reuben Riggs. Registerd 20<sup>th</sup> June 1797.”

409. *Tenn. Census, 1810-91*, Reuben Riggs, Grainger Co., 1799, tax list; Creekmore, *Early East Tenn. Taxpayers*, Grainger Co., 1799, “Riggs, Jesse<sup>69</sup> [sic] 400 1 2) | Riggs, Reubin [sic] 200.” Note 69 for Jesse reads, “Came from Surry County, N.C.” I do not understand the “)” notation. Perhaps it was to indicate that Jesse and Reuben were a unit. Or perhaps 400 1 2 is to be read 400½.

410. Grainger Co., Tenn., Deeds, B:2108-2111, images 662-665 of 930 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, original page 322, deed no. 353, FHL 464093, DGS 8265287, “Richard Reynolds to Henry Ivey. Registerd 29<sup>th</sup> Feby 1804.”

411. Records of the Cherokee Indian Agency in Tennessee, 1801-1835, NARA M208, 1809, p. 152.

412. *Mississippi Terr. Petition*. The petition was received and recorded 1 Oct. 1810.



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settling it in “the winter and spring of 1807.” In the fall of 1807 they were informed that although the Cherokees had sold the land, the Chickasaws still held a claim on it. Of 450 signatories expecting redress appear Reuben Riggs (no. 113), James Riggs (no. 115), and William Riggs (no. 171).

[William was Reuben’s son, so the record above suggests that James was probably Reuben’s brother, or perhaps another son.]

William Riggs and Reubin “Rigs” appear on an 1812 tax list for Giles Co., Tenn.<sup>[413]</sup>

Giles Co. was devised in 1809, and formalized in 1810, as part of the solution of the problem.

On 19 Nov. 1818 Joseph Brown, of Maury Co., Tenn., sold to “Reubin” Riggs, of Giles Co., Tenn., for \$350, 150 acres of land in Giles Co. “on the Eastern branch of Buck Creek,” being part of 450-acre survey granted to James Brown. The deed was acknowledged in the Giles County Court November Term 1818 and recorded 21 July 1819 and registered 17 Nov. 1819.<sup>[414]</sup>

On 3 Dec. 1818 “Reubin” Riggs sold to William Riggs, for \$100, 50 acres of land in Giles Co. “on the east fork of Buck Creek about thirteen miles from Pulaski it being part of the tract I now live on,” being part of 450-acre survey granted to James Brown. The deed was acknowledged in the Giles County Court November Term 1818 and recorded 21 July 1819 and registered 1 Apr. 1820.<sup>[415]</sup>

In 1820 Reuben Riggs, over 45, resided in Pulaski Twp., Giles Co., Tenn., with a woman over 45, one girl under 10, two boys and two girls 10–16, one male 18–26, two females 26–45, with three persons engaged in agriculture. William Riggs, 26–45, is listed nearby.<sup>[416]</sup>

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413. Giles Co., Tenn., 1812 Tax List, Q thru Z.

414. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, D:56–57, image 46/573 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968854, DGS 8264670, “Joseph Brown Deed to Reubin Riggs } for 150 acres of land on the eastern branch of Buck Creek. Registered the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 1819.”

415. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, D:153, image 94/573 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968854, DGS 8264670, “Reubin Riggs deed to William Riggs } For fifty acres of land on the East fork of Buck Creek registered the first day of April 1820.”

416. U.S. census, 1820, Pulaski Twp., Giles Co., Tenn., r. 124, p. 10.

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On 28 Oct. 1823 Nicholas Browning sold to “Reubin” Riggs, both of Giles Co., Tenn., for \$90, 15 acres of land in Giles Co. “on the East fork of Buck Creek it being part of the tract that the said Browning now lives on.” The land description mentions “said Riggs line.” One of the witnesses was J. B. Riggs. The deed was acknowledged in the Giles County Court August Term 1824 and recorded 4 Sept. 1824, Pulaski, and registered 21 Oct. 1824.<sup>[417]</sup>

A land entry in the records of Giles Co., Tenn., proves that Reubin resided next to William Riggs at one time: On 15 Sept. 1842 a plot of land of 100 acres on the waters of Shoal Creek and Jenkins Creek, adjacent to William Riggs was surveyed for Samuel Kerr, assignee of Reuben Riggs.<sup>[418]</sup>

In 1830 Reuben Riggs, 80-90, resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with a woman 80-90, one woman 50-60, one female 20-30, one male 30-40, and one boy under 5. Two items away on the same page is “W<sup>m</sup>” Riggs, 40-50.<sup>[419]</sup>

**Placeholder:** In 1830 “Jessee” Riggs, 80-90, resided in Lincoln Co., Tenn., with one male and two females 20-30, one boy and one girl under 5, and one girl 5-10. Two items away on the same page is Edward Riggs, 30-40, with one male 20-30, and one female 15-20.<sup>[420]</sup> Jesse is surely he referred to by Reuben in his affidavit (q.v.) and who died in 1831. [N.B., Lincoln Co. is adjacent to Giles Co. and came into existence (from Bedford Co.) at the same time as Giles, in 1810.] **Jesse is the same age as Reuben, suggesting that perhaps he was Reuben’s brother.**

**Placeholder:** In 1830 “Zadoc” Riggs, 30-40, resided in Lincoln Co., Tenn., with a woman 30-40, two boys under 5, two boys and one girl 5-10.<sup>[421]</sup>

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417. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, F:87, image 38/519 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968855, DGS 8151349, “Nicholas Browning Deed to Reubin Riggs } for fifteen acres of land in Giles County on the east fork of Buck Creek. Registered the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 1824.”

418. Giles Co., Tenn., Land Entry Abstract, item 36. See also item 119.

419. U.S. census, 1830, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 176, p. 171.

420. U.S. census, 1830, Lincoln Co., Tenn., r. 176, p. 171.

421. U.S. census, 1830, Lincoln Co., Tenn., r. 177, p. 232.

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**Placeholder:** In 1830 Alfred Riggs, 20–30, resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with a woman 20–30, and one boy and one girl under 5.<sup>[422]</sup>

On 20 Aug. 1832 Reuben Riggs gave his Revolutionary War affidavit (q.v.) in Giles Co., Tenn.

On 26 Oct. 1833, Giles Co., Tenn., Reuben Riggs signed his will. Judging by the title of the file where this will was found, it was proved in 1837. Here is a transcription:

In the name of God Amen. I Reuben Riggs of the County of Giles and State of Tennessee being of a sound and pewrfect memory do this twenty-sixth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirt[y] three make this my last will and Testament as follows, First I give and Bequeath to **my beloved Wife Mary Riggs**, the tract of Land which I now live on, Also all the house and kitchen Furniture, During her life or Widdowhood, and at her Decease to be sold at twelve month Credit and equally Divided Amongst **my four children, Phebe Riggs, William Riggs, Mary Morgan and Margaret Poor**, I also give and bequeath to my daughter Phebe all my stock of horses, Cattle, sheep, and hogs, and all my farming tools–

I also give and bequeath to **my grandsons Jeremiah Henderson, William Condon, Reuben W. Runnels (sic) and Thomas P. Norton**, Each two dollars.

I do hereby appoint my worthy friends James White and David A. Gooch Executors to this my Last Will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed my Seal day and Date above written.

Attest Reuben Riggs (Seal)

James Paisley: Jurat

John A Paisley: Jurat.<sup>[423]</sup>

Reuben Riggs, 87, is listed in the 1835 pension roll for Giles Co., Tenn., for his duty as a private in the North Carolina line (Revolutionary War).<sup>[424]</sup>

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422. U.S. census, 1830, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 176, p. 189, FHL 24534.

423. Giles Co., Tenn., Will of Reuben Riggs (1749–1837).

424. *Giles Co., Tenn., 1835 Pension Roll*, “Reuben Riggs | Private | North Carolina line | \$26.66 annual allowance | \$79.98 amount received | March 5, 1833 pension started | age 87.”

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1836 tax list for Giles Co., District 3 includes: James, James B., and Reuben Riggs.<sup>[425]</sup> It is not clear that this Reuben is the old Reuben of this sketch or the young Reuben of the 1840 census (next).

On 18 Nov. 1837 **Phebe Riggs** and **William Riggs** of Giles Co., Tenn., sold to David A. Gooch and James White of Giles Co., for \$300, “all our rite title Claim and Interest in and to the Estate of **Reuben Riggs deceased.**” The transaction was acknowledged and registered 23 Jan. 1838.<sup>[426]</sup>

On 25 Dec. 1837 Henry Morgan and Mary Morgan “his wife formally [sic] **Mary Riggs**” sold to David A. Gooch and James White, all of Giles Co., for \$150, “all our rite title Claim and Interest which we own in and to the Estate of **Reuben Riggs deceased.**” The transaction was acknowledged 23 Jan. 1838 and registered 24 Jan. 1838.<sup>[427]</sup>

On 17 Aug. 1838 William Poor and **Margaret Poor** “Wife of William Poor . . . , **daughter of Ruben Riggs** Late of the County of Giles,” of Scott Co., Ark., granted power of attorney to **William Riggs** of Giles Co., Tenn., in regard to the settlement of the estate of **Reuben Riggs deceased.** The transaction was acknowledged 1 Sept. 1838 and registered 19 Sept. 1839.<sup>[428]</sup>

Then on 18 Oct. 1838 William Riggs of Giles Co., Tenn., as agent of William and Margaret Poor with their power of attorney, sold to David A. Gooch, for \$150, the Poores’ undivided interest in land in Giles Co. “on the waters of Shoal Creek” per the will of her father, **Reuben Riggs**

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425. Giles Co., Tenn., 1836 Tax List, District 3, James Riggs 1 white toll, James B. Riggs 1 white toll, Reuben 93 acres.

426. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, N:184, image 367/531 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968858, DGS 8478682, “Phebe Riggs and William Riggs To David A Gooch & James White } Deed or Transfer of Interest } Registered the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1838.”

427. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, N:184, image 367/531 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968858, DGS 8478682, “Henry E Morgan & Wife To David A Gooch & James White } Deed Interest } Registered the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1838.”

428. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, O:178-179, images 112-113/616 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968859, DGS 8478683, “William Poor & Margaret Poor To William Riggs } Power of Attorney } Registered the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1839.”

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deceased. The transaction was acknowledged 7 Sept. 1839 and registered 19 Sept. 1839.<sup>[429]</sup>

In 1840 “W<sup>m</sup>” Riggs, 50–60, James Riggs, 30–40, and Reuben Riggs, 20–30, resided in Giles Co., Tenn.<sup>[430]</sup> [This James would have been too young to be he who signed the Mississippi Territory petition.]

In 1840 (on the census page just following the page for the item just above) there is a woman 90–100 in the household of H. E. Morgan in Giles Co., Tenn., who might be Mary Riggs residing in the home of her daughter, Mary Morgan (q.v.).<sup>[431]</sup>

**Placeholder:** In 1840 John Riggs, 15–20, resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with one woman 30–40, one male and one female 5–10, and two females 15–20.<sup>[432]</sup>

The following table is a summary of Reuben’s known movements:

Date	Place	Source or Event
1747	Morris Co., N.J.	Birth, pension file
1771	Surry Co., N.C.	Tax list
1774	Surry Co., N.C.	Court case
1775	Surry Co., N.C.	Court case
1778	Surry Co., N.C.	Enlistment, pension file
1778	Surry Co., N.C.	Land entry
1779	Surry Co., N.C.	Land entry
1779	Surry Co., N.C.	Enlistment, pension file
1780	Washington Co., N.C. <sup>[433]</sup>	Move, pension file

429. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, O:179-160, image 113/616 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968859, DGS 8478683, “William Riggs atty To David A. Gooch } Deed } Registered the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1839.”

430. U.S. census, 1840, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 523, p. 96. William is 00121001, 00012001; James is 000001, 20001; and Reuben is 11001, 11001.

431. U.S. census, 1840, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 523, p. 97.

432. U.S. census, 1840, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 523, p. 152.

433. Washington Co., N.C., created in 1777, became Washington Co., E. Tenn. Greene Co., N.C., formed 1783 from Washington Co. In 1784 Washington, Sullivan, and Greene Counties formed provisional state of Franklin and attempted to secede from N.C. In 1786 both Franklin and N.C. govern in parallel this area. In 1787 county N.C. governments gain dominance over Franklin governments, and Hawkins Co. is created from Sullivan and Greene Counties. Franklin ceases in 1788. In 1790 N.C. cedes its western region (i.e., E. Tenn.). In 1792 Jefferson Co. formed from Greene and Hawkins Counties. In 1796 Grainger Co. formed. In 1801 Tennessee adds counties which join western Tenn. to eastern Tenn. counties, leading to eventual demise of the “E. Tenn.” designation.

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Date	Place	Source or Event
1780	Washington Co., N.C.	Enlistment, pension file
aft. c1781	[Grainger] Co., N.C. <sup>[434]</sup>	Move, pension file
1783	Greene Co., Tenn.	Tax list
1784	Greene Co., Tenn.	Land purchase
1786	Greene Co., Tenn.	Grand jury, road overseer
1787	[Grainger] Co., N.C. <sup>[435]</sup>	State of Franklin petition
1787	Washington Co., N.C.	Tax list
1790	Greene Co., Tenn.	Land sale
1795, 1797	Grainger Co., Tenn.	Deed (for Hawkins Co.)
1799	Grainger Co., Tenn.	Tax list
1808	[Giles Co.], Tenn. <sup>[436]</sup>	Move, pension file
1809	Sim's Settlement, Tenn.	Cherokee Agency record
1810	Sim's Settlement, Tenn.	Mississippi Terr. petition
1812	Giles Co., Tenn.	Tax list
1818	Giles Co., Tenn.	Deeds
1820	Giles Co., Tenn.	Census
1823	Giles Co., Tenn.	Deed
1830	Giles Co., Tenn.	Census
1832	Giles Co., Tenn.	Affidavit, pension file
1833	Giles Co., Tenn.	Signed will
1835	Giles Co., Tenn.	Pension roll
1837	Giles Co., Tenn.	Deceased

Children (from Reuben's will, in the order listed; the first four alive at the signing of the will 26 Oct. 1833, the last four deceased):

- 169 i **PHEBE**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS**, unmarried at signing of the will in 1833 and at transfer of interest in Reuben's estate in 1837.
- + 170 ii **WILLIAM**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1784, Tennessee, married **E. MILLIE MCGHEE**, and had children.
- + 171 iii **MARY**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS**, born 1780-1790, married **HENRY E. MORGAN**, and had children.
- 172 iv **MARGARET**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS**, married (1) 9 Apr. 1806, Grainger Co., Tenn.,<sup>[437]</sup> **CALEB REECE**, married (2) before the signing of her

434. Grainger Co., E. Tenn., was created in 1796 from Hawkins, Knox, and Sumner Counties. Either Reuben moved at that time, or more likely he moved to what was then say Hawkins Co.

435. He had not moved, according to his pension file. The petition was from self-described "inhabitants of the Western Country."

436. Became Giles Co. in 1810 (pending in 1809, from non-county area).

437. *All Tenn. Marriages to 1825*, Caleb Reece to "Margit" Riggs, 9 Apr. 1806, Grainger Co.

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father's will on 26 Oct. 1833, **WILLIAM POOR**. Margaret and William were of Scott Co., Ark., on 17 Aug. 1838 when they gave brother William Riggs power of attorney in settling Reuben's estate.

In 1810, Caleb Reece was listed in a Grainger Co., Tenn., tax list.<sup>[438]</sup>

In 1840 "W<sup>m</sup>" Poor, 50-60 [born 1780-1790] resided in Scott Co., Ark., with a woman 40-50 [born 1790-1800], and one male 15-20, one female 5-10, and one female 10-15. Listed just prior was James B. Riggs, 40-50 (2010001, 130010001).<sup>[439]</sup>

In 1850 Margaret "Pore," 65, born in Tennessee with \$300 real estate, resided in Upper Fourche Twp., Yell Co. [formed from Scott and other counties in 1840], Ark., in the household of John Watson, 23, a farmer born in Tennessee, and his wife of less than one year, Tabitha, 16, born in Arkansas, and one other person.<sup>[440]</sup>

Tabitha's maiden name comes from the death certificate for her son William Samuel Watson, born 17 Feb. 1861, Texas, died 25 Feb. 1938, Burnet Co., Tex.<sup>[441]</sup>

- 173 v [DAUGHTER]<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, married – HENDERSON, and had at least one child: (1) Jeremiah<sup>8</sup> Henderson. **Lena?**
- 174 vi [DAUGHTER]<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, married – CONDON, and had at least one child: (1) William<sup>8</sup> Condon. **[Note that William "Candon" was signatory no. 114, between Reuben and James Riggs, of the Mississippi Territory petition.]**
- + 175 vii PREPARE<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, married RICHARD C. REYNOLDS [RUNNELS], and had three children.
- 176 viii HANNAH<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, married 18 Aug. 1801, Grainger Co., Tenn.,<sup>[442]</sup> WILLIAM NORTON, and had at least one child: (1) Thomas P.<sup>8</sup> Norton.

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438. *Tenn. Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1810-1891*, Caleb Reece, Grainger Co., Tenn., 1810 tax list.

439. U.S. census, 1840, Scott Co., Ark., r. ?, p. 180, FHL 2474. William is 00121001, 00012001; James is 000001, 20001; and Reuben is 11001, 11001.

440. U.S. census, 1850, Upper Fourche Twp., Yell Co., Ark., r. 31, p. 495A, dw. 19, fam. 19.

441. *Tex. Death Certificates, 1903-1982*, image online, no. 6296, William Samuel Watson, resident of Pct. 1, Burnet Co., Tex., his entire life, died 25 Feb. 1938 there, aged 77 yrs. 0 mos. 8 dys., male, white, married (spouse Mrs. "Harrette" Watson), farmer, born 17 Feb. 1861, Tex., father John Watson, born Tex., mother "Telitha Poore," born Tex., informant J. P. Graves, of Burnet, Tex., buried 25 Feb. 1938, Debo Cem., Burnet, Burnet Co., Tex.

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112. **JESSE<sup>6</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>75</sub>Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born **about 1758**. He died before 18 May 1832 when an inventory sale of his estate was made.<sup>[443]</sup> This is consistent with the Jesse Riggs mentioned in Reuben Riggs's Revolutionary War pension application (q.v.), who died in about 1831 and was of Lincoln Co., Tenn. He apparently married **MARY T. —**, who was born about 1772, Tennessee (see the 1850 census for son, Jesse).

On 12 June 1783 Jesse Riggs received a Revolutionary War pay voucher from Washington and Sullivan Counties, North Carolina [which became eastern Tennessee] for £6.19.6.<sup>[444]</sup>

On 7 Dec. 1789 Edward Riggs of Hawkins Co., N.C., sold to Jesse Riggs of "Green" Co, N.C., for £25, 442 acres in Hawkins Co., part of the original 1,000 acres granted to Edward Riggs in 1787 (q.v.). On the same day Jesse Riggs of "Green" Co., N.C., sold to Edward Riggs of Hawkins Co., N.C., for £25, 69 acres in Hawkins Co. on Fall Creek.<sup>[445]</sup> This appears to have been a swap.

On 26 Feb. 1790 Jesse Riggs of "Green" Co., N.C., sold to John Ruddick of Hawkins Co., N.C., for £13, 200 acres "lying in Hawkins County on the south side of the Holston River on the north side of the knobs that divides the waters of French Broad and Holston Rivers," "being a tract or parcel of land granted unto Edward Riggs the grant bearing the date at Kingston the 20th day of September in the 12th year of our Independence A.D. 1787 and the said Edward Riggs conveyed the said land unto the aforesaid Jesse Riggs on the sixth day of December A.D. 1789." Witnesses included Edward Riggs and Samuel Riggs.<sup>[446]</sup>

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442. *Tenn. State Marriage, 1780–2002*, William Norton to Hannah Riggs, 18 Aug. 1801, Grainger Co.

443. Lincoln Co., Tenn., Constable Receipts on Estate of "Jessee" Riggs, 361–63, contributed to RIGGS-L Archives by Bobby G. Carwile, 6 Sept. 2001, record 0999813052.

444. *N.C. Revolutionary Pay Vouchers, 1779–1782*, image 261/940 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, Riddicks, Abraham to Robertson, Benjamin, DGS 4341913, no. 1091, Jesse Riggs, from Washington and Sullivan Cos., 25 June 1782.

445. Both deeds are transcribed in Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 723.

446. The deed is transcribed in Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 723. See the original warrant record, issued 20 Sept. 1787, in Edward's sketch.



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In Feb. 1790 Samuel Riggs assigned to Jesse Riggs a warrant for 70 acres on the waters of Bent Creek, Greene Co., Tenn., entered 21 Oct. 1783. Jesse then assigned it to Jacob van Hosen on 8 Oct. 1790, and the grant was issued to him on 13 Feb. 1791.<sup>[447]</sup>

On 24 July 1792 Jesse Riggs, of Hawkins Co., bought 200 acres from Hugh Johnson of Jefferson Co., both of the “territory of the United States of America South of the river Ohio,” for £50, a tract of land lying in the counties of “Jefferson & Hawkins on the Waters of Houlston Joining Jesse Riggs, Jonathan Byrds, **Gidion Morris**,” being a tract granted to Hugh Johnson on 13 Feb. 1791, grant no. 78. Registered 20 Dec. 1792.<sup>[448]</sup>

On 18 Mar. 1797 Edward Riggs of Jefferson Co., Tenn., sold 120 acres in Jefferson Co., Tenn., to Jesse Riggs of Grainger Co., Tenn., for £10 69p, the land lying on the south side of Holstons River and being half of the 240-acre tract on which Edward Riggs now lives. Witness: Clisby Riggs.<sup>[449]</sup>

On 8 June 1798 Jesse Riggs sold to John Harris, both of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for £10, 30 acres in Jefferson Co. “on the south side of Holston river.” Witnesses: Ezekiel Robertson and William Robertson. Registered 7 June 1804.<sup>[450]</sup>

On 1 June 1801 Martin Ashburn, of Grainger Co., Tenn., sold to Jesse Riggs, David Shelton, and Isaac Wilson, of Grainger and Jefferson Co., Tenn., and Spencer Griffin, of Lincoln Co., Kentucky, for \$100, 800 acres in “the County of Grainger and Eastern district on the south side of Holston river on bub Creek and both Sides of the main road that leads from Jonesborough to Knoxville.” The four purchasers agreed that

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447. Land Warrants, N.C. State Archives, roll S.108.370, location 439-45, file no. 839, Jacob “Vanhoosen,” warrant no. 718, 70 acres, grant no. 820, entered 21 Oct. 1783, issued 13 Feb. 1791, cites 73:375, original warrant for Samuel Riggs dated 7 June 1784, who assigned it to Jesse Riggs on [?] Feb. 1790, who assigned it to Jacob van Hosen on 8 Oct. 1790.

448. Jefferson Co., Tenn., [sic] Deeds, C:28-30, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, film 8264659, image 381 of 736, “15 This Conveyance from Hugh Johnson to Jesse Riggs Rg<sup>sd</sup> Decemb. 20<sup>th</sup> 1792.”

449. Transcribed on Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 724, registered 10 June 1797.

450. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, F:242-253, image online at <www.familysearch.org>, “32 Riggs<sup>s</sup> Deed to Harris Registered June ye 7<sup>th</sup> 1804.”

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the 800 acres would be divided among them in the manner described in the deed, 200 acres to David Shelton, 200 acres to Isaac Wilson, 100 acres to Spencer Griffin, and the remainder to Jesse Riggs. The description mentions “lines Joining Jesse Riggs, Jonathan Bird, & Gideon Morris.” The deed was proved in August Session 1801 in Grainger Co., Tenn., court, and registered 6 Oct. 1809.<sup>[451]</sup>

On 13 Oct. 1802 Jesse Riggs, of Jefferson Co., Tenn., sold to John Morris, of the same place, for £160, 200 acres in Grainger and Jefferson Co. “on the waters of Holston river, Joining Jesse Riggs, Jonathan Bird & Gideon Morris.” Acknowledged 30 Nov. 1802 in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Grainger Co., Tenn.<sup>[452]</sup>

On 16 Oct. 1802 Jesse Riggs, of Jefferson Co., Tenn., sold to John Morris, of the same place, for £40, 46 acres in Grainger and Jefferson Co. “on both sides of the main Road that leads from Mossy creek Iron Works to Dodsons ford on Holston river, and on the first Creek said road Crosses after it leaves the Panther Springs towards Jonesborough from Knoxville, it being the west end of a tract of land first entered by Thomas Gilbreath and Conveyed to the said Jesse Riggs.” Acknowledged November Session 1802 in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Grainger Co., Tenn.<sup>[453]</sup>

On 19 Nov. 1803 Jesse Riggs, of Jefferson Co., Tenn., bought from Robert Yancy, high sheriff of Grainger Co., Tenn., to cover the debt owed by David Shelton, for \$18.46, 100 acres in Grainger Co. Acknowledged May Session 1804 in Grainger Co., Tenn., court.<sup>[454]</sup>

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451. Grainger Co., Tenn., Deeds, B:1536-1543, images 88-95 of 930 online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, no. 168-169, p. 244, “Martin Ashburn To Jesse Riggs, David Shelton, Isaac Willson, & Spencer Griffin, Registered 6<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1809.”

452. Grainger Co., Tenn., Deeds, B:1849-1853, images 401-405 of 930 online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, no. 274, p. 286, “Jesse Riggs to John Morris, Registered Nov<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1802.”

453. Grainger Co., Tenn., Deeds, B:1853-1857, images 405-409 of 930 online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, no. 275, pp. 286-287, “Jesse Riggs to John Morris, Registered Nov<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1802.”

454. Grainger Co., Tenn., Deeds, B:2187-2191, images 741-745 of 930 online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, no. 377, p. 334, “Robert Yancy Shiff To Jesse Riggs Registered 30<sup>th</sup> May 1804.”

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On 19 Nov. 1803 Jesse Riggs, of Jefferson Co., Tenn., bought from John Lea, sheriff of Grainger Co., Tenn., to cover the debt owed by David Shelton, for \$20, 156 acres in Grainger Co. “on the South Side of Holston River it being part of the tract of land where on Jesse Riggs formerly lived (viz) where Richard Reynolds now lives.” Acknowledged May Session 1804 in Grainger Co., Tenn., court.<sup>[455]</sup>

**Placeholder:** On 18 Oct. 1816 William Barran of Washington Co., Tenn., gave to “Jessee Riggs his son in law” (no location specified), “for the natural love and affection,” “after the Decease of the said William Barran and his wife Mary,” the land “where I now live,” 100 acres in Washington Co., Tenn., proved in court in the October Sessions 1818, and recorded 9 Dec. 1818.<sup>[456]</sup>

**Placeholder:** Jesse Riggs married 27 July 1813, Washington Co., Tenn., Mary Ann Barron.<sup>[457]</sup>

On 21 May 1816 Jesse Riggs of “Linkhern” [Lincoln] Co., Tenn., sold to Martin Stubblefield of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$45, a tract of land of 9 acres in Jefferson Co. “granted to Jesse Riggs & others joining lines of land granted to **Gideon Morris**.” Signed by Jesse Riggs. Witnesses: Jacob Peck, Charles F. Keith, and John Bull. Acknowledged in March Sessions 1817. Registered 4 Apr. 1817<sup>[458]</sup>

**Placeholder:** Eli Kean married 7 Mar. 1820, Washington Co., Tenn., Nancy Barren, rites by Jesse Riggs.<sup>[459]</sup>

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455. Grainger Co., Tenn., Deeds, B:2312-2317, images 866-871 of 930 online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, no. 40, pp. 352-353, “John Lea Shff To Jesse Riggs, Registered March 5<sup>th</sup> 1805.”

456. Washington Co., Tenn., Deeds, 1:198-200, image online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>.

457. Washington Co., Tenn., Marriages, O:144, “July 27, 1813—Jesse Riggs to Mary Ann Bowen (should be Barron), State of Tenn. Rites by Jehu Ford. Att. J. C. Harris.” In *Washington Co., Tenn., Marriages and Wills, Vol. I*, by Ethel Depew Huffins and Ruth Stuart, Johnson City, Tenn.: Parrish Printing, 1961, downloaded from <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>.

458. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, O:96-99, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, “Jesse Riggs Deed to Martin Stubblefield For Nine acres of land Registered April 4<sup>th</sup> 1817.”

459. Washington Co., Tenn., Marriages, O:169, “Mar. 7, 1820-----Eli Kean to Nancy Barren. Rites by Jesse Riggs. James S. Johnson D. C.” In *Washington Co., Tenn., Marriages and Wills, Vol. I*, by Ethel Depew Huffins and Ruth Stuart, Johnson City, Tenn.: Parrish Printing, 1961, downloaded from <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>.

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**Placeholder:** Isaiah Riggs married 15 Sept. 1801, Washington Co., Tenn., Ruth Murry.<sup>[460]</sup>

**Placeholder:** In 1830 Ninian Riggs, 40-50, resided in Grainger Co., Tenn., with a woman 30-40, one boy and one girl under 5, one girl 5-10, two females 10-15, one male and one female 15-20, two males and one female 20-30.<sup>[461]</sup> [From estate settlement records for Ninian, we know that he married Elizabeth —, died before 22 May 1838 (first record in the settlements book, but she mentions 1837 in one report so he might have died about then), and had five minor children at the time: Mahala, Malinda, Lavina, **Joshua**, Elizabeth, and Keziah. Only Elizabeth and Keziah, “two of her youngest wards,” in the report of 7 Apr. 1841 and also that of 2 Aug. 1842. Mahala died before the 8 Mar. 1844 report, which mentions only Elizabeth and Keziah otherwise. Final settlement appears to be 8 Mar. 1845.]<sup>[462]</sup> Ninian Riggs married (bonded) 12 Oct. 1812, Grainger Co., Tenn.,<sup>[463]</sup> Elizabeth Boatman. Also, Levi Riggs married 29 Aug. 1816, Grainger Co., Tenn.,<sup>[464]</sup> Sarah Boatman. [DAR for Mrs. Mary S. Cooley Jacobs claims she descends from “John Riggs enlisted 1776 and served as drum major in the 7<sup>th</sup> regiment of **Maryland troops**,” married Mary Elligan, who died 1840, had son Ninian Riggs (1783-1837, married (2) 1812 Elizabeth Boatman (1793-1860), had daughter Lavina Riggs (1826-1913) who married John Jasper McCollum.]<sup>[465]</sup>

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460. Washington Co., Tenn., Marriages, O:128, “Sept. 15, 1801—State of Tenn. Isaiah Riggs to Ruth Murry, Rites by Wm. Odeneal.” In *Washington Co., Tenn., Marriages and Wills, Vol. I*, by Ethel Depew Huffins and Ruth Stuart, Johnson City, Tenn.: Parrish Printing, 1961, downloaded from <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>.

461. U.S. census, 1830, Grainger Co., Tenn., r. 180, p. 406.

462. Grainger Co., Tenn., Wills and Settlements, 1839-1847, images online at <[www.Family-Search.org](http://www.Family-Search.org)>, original pages 28, 45, 152, 205, 266, 297, and 416 [transcribed pages, respectively, 63, 106, 396, 540, 712, 812, and 1158].

463. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780-2002*, Grainger Co., 1810-1819, images online, Ninian Riggs bonded 12 Oct. 1812, to marry Elizabeth Boatman, bondsman, David Tate. This record is adjacent the one below.

464. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780-2002*, Grainger Co., 1810-1819, images online, Levi Riggs licensed to marry 19 Aug. 1816, Sarah Boatman, married 29 Aug. 1816, by Isaac Barton.

465. *North America, Family Histories, 1500-2000*, Mrs. Mary S. Cooley Jacobs, 140321, DAR Lineage Book, 141:98.

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**Placeholder:** On about 10 or 12 Sept. 1833 John Riggs, of Jefferson Co., Tenn., died possessed of a tract of land in Jefferson Co. “on the North Side of French broad river adjoining the lands of William Graham Elias Hickman and others. He left the “following Children and heirs at Law to wit, Elias Riggs Isaiah Riggs Rhoda Wester Ninian Riggs Jesse Riggs Casander Graves Achsah Thomas Nancy Keen Asariah Riggs Cloe Pearman and Arabella Eckles and a surviving Widow to inherit said tract of Land.” The heirs sold the 50 acres on 4 Nov. 1834 for \$135 to Peter Harrison. The heirs who sold were listed as “Polly Riggs the Widow of the County of Jefferson and State aforesaid and Ninian Riggs of Grainger County Jesse Riggs and Nancy Keen & Eli Keen her husband of the Sd County of Grainger and all of the State of Tennessee and Asariah Riggs and Arabella Eckles and Thomas G. Eckels her husband all three of the County of Jefferson and State of Tennessee.”<sup>[466]</sup>

At an inventory of Jesse’s estate, 18 May 1832, Lincoln Co. Tenn., some interesting purchasers listed were Arville Newberry, Elisha Riggs, Jesse Riggs, Phebe Powell, S. E. Hogan, Henry Talley, and Clisbe Riggs, among many others. Also on the same date were listed the following who made “Hire of Negros:” S. E. Hogan, Jesse Riggs, A. Newberry, and Phebe Powell. And notes were given to “Jesse Riggs Representatives due 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 1832” including: “Jessee” Riggs, Arville Newberry, and Edward Riggs.<sup>[467]</sup> **Elisha and Edward Riggs are yet to be explained.**

On 30 Aug. 1832, “Henry Talley, administrator of Jesse Riggs, late of Lincoln County, Tennessee,” sold a slave woman, presumably from Jesse’s estate.<sup>[468]</sup>

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466. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, U: 72-73, image online at <www.familysearch.org>, film DGS 7903236, image 325 of 569, “Jessee Riggs & Thomas Eckles & others Deed to Peter Harrison Registered August 4 1837.” Signed by Polly Riggs her mark, Ninian Riggs, Jesse Riggs, Nancy Keen her mark, Ely Keen, Azariah Riggs, Arabella Eckles her mark, and Thomas G. Eckles. Witnesses William Graham and Elias Hickman.

467. Lincoln Co., Tenn., Constable Receipts on Estate of “Jessee” Riggs, 361-63, contributed to RIGGS-L Archives by Bobby G. Carwile, 6 Sept. 2001, record 0999813052.

468. Bill of sale transcribed in Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 725, which cites *Land Deed Genealogy of Lincoln C. TN 1809-1818*, vol. 1, compiled by H. C. and T. R. Marsh, Southern Historical Press, Greenville, S.C., 1996.

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Much of Jesse's family can be reconstructed from the deeds of his heirs, eight of them who survived Jesse anyway, who sold off their 1/8th shares.<sup>[469]</sup>

On 1 Mar. 1833 Jesse Riggs (Jr.) of Lincoln Co., Tenn., sold to Stephen C. Chitwood of the same place, for \$375, "one eighth part of four certain tracts or parcels of land, it being the same land of Jesse Riggs late of Lincoln County, Tennessee died possessed and said one eighth being the interest in said land, which said Jesse Riggs as the heir of Jesse Riggs lying in Said County of Lincoln . . ." <sup>[470]</sup>

On 18 Mar. 1833 "Abner B. Ponder and Lavina his wife Joseph H Wallis and Rhoda his wife and Nancy Cunningham all of Lawrence County Alabama and heirs at law of the estate of Jesse Riggs deceased, late of Lincoln County Tennessee," sold to Stephen C. Chitwood of Lincoln Co., Tenn., "three eighth parts or undivided moieties of three certain tracts or parcels of land it being the same land of which said Jesse Riggs died possessed and said three eights parts being the interest which said Ponder & wife said Wallis and wife and said Nancy Cunningham have in said land as the heirs of said Jesse Riggs." <sup>[471]</sup>

On 2 Oct. 1833 Phoebe Powell sold for \$300 to Stephen C. Chitwood, both of Lincoln Co., Tenn., "one eighth part of four certain tracts or parcels of land it being the same land of Jesse Riggs late of Lincoln County Tennessee died possessed and said one eighth being the interest in said land which s<sup>d</sup> Phebe Powel as the heir of Jesse Riggs . . ." <sup>[472]</sup>

On 12 Oct. 1833 Clisby Riggs of Marion Co., Ala., sold to Stephen C. Chitwood of Lincoln Co., Tenn., for \$150, "One Eighth part of an undivided moietie of three certain tracts or parcels of land it being the same land of which said Jesse Riggs dec'd possessed and said one Eighth

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469. All these deeds are transcribed in Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 725.

470. Lincoln Co., Tenn., Deeds, J:337, image online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, acknowledged 21 Jan. 1835, recorded 13 May 1835.

471. Lincoln Co., Tenn., Deeds, I:673-674, image online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, acknowledged 18 Mar. 1833 and 13 May 1833, recorded 13 Feb. 1834.

472. Lincoln Co., Tenn., Deeds, J:89-90, image online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, acknowledged 25 Mar. 1834 and 31 July 1834, registered 21 Aug. 1834, signed by Phebe "Powel" her mark.

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part being the interest which said Clisby Riggs have in Said Land as the heirs of Said Jesse Riggs, lying in said County of Lincoln.”<sup>[473]</sup>

On 18 Apr. 1833 Arvill Newberry and Sally Newberry, his wife, of Lincoln Co., Tenn., sold to William Nolen of the same place, for \$400, a “one eighth part of four certain tracts or parcel or parcels of land, it being the same land of which Jessee Riggs, late of Lincoln County Tennessee, dcd possessed, and said one eighth being the interest in sd land which s<sup>d</sup> Arville Newberry and his wife Sarah Newberry is the heirs of s<sup>d</sup> Jessee Riggs lying in s<sup>d</sup> County of Lincoln . . .” Then William Nolen Jr. sold it on 12 Dec. 1833 to Stephen C. Chitwood.<sup>[474]</sup>

On 25 Apr. 1834 “[S]quire] E. Hogan and Polly Hogan his wife of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee, and heir at law of the Estate of Jesse Riggs dec<sup>d</sup> late of Lincoln County Tennessee,” sold to Stephen C. Chitwood of the same place for \$350 “one eighth part or undivided moities of four certain tracts of or parcel of land it being the same land of which said Jesse Riggs dec<sup>d</sup> possessed and said one eighth part being the interest which said S. E. Hogan and his wife Polly Hogan have in said lands as the heir of said Jesse Riggs, lying in said County of Lincoln.”<sup>[475]</sup>

An affidavit in the Revolutionary War pension file for Amos Ponder and his widow, Violet, by Higdon Robertson, before the probate court of Lawrence Co., Ala.:

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1850. Personally appeared Higdon Robertson who is the administrator of the Estate of Violet [sic] Ponder deceased, Widow of Amos Ponder, and who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration for the use and benefit of the children of the said Amos and Violet Ponder, herein after named, to wit, John H. Ponder, Alexander Ponder, Elizabeth Ponder

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473. Lincoln Co., Tenn., Deeds, J:139-140, image online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, acknowledged 2 Aug. 1834 and 7 Oct. 1834, registered 8 Oct. 1834.

474. Lincoln Co., Tenn., Deeds, I:629-630, witnessed by S. C. Chitwood and Phebe Powel, acknowledged in Oct. Term 1833 court, and ordered registered. The index gives the location of the second deed as Lincoln Co., Tenn., Deeds, J:13, Wm Nolan Jr. to S C Chitwood int, 572 acres, “Dec 12 1833 J-1 13,” but it was not on that page.

475. Lincoln Co., Tenn., Deeds, B:235-237, acknowledged 25 Apr. 1834, registered 8 May 1834.

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who intermarried with Arthur Gairy, Mary Ponder who intermarried with Higdon Robertson (Declarant) Anna Ponder who intermarried with Brittain Gallaway, Delilah Ponder who intermarried with Anderson Gallaway, Abner B. Ponder and Rebecca Ponder who intermarried with Jessee [sic] Riggs, in order to obtain for the aforesaid children the benefits of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of . . . . That the said Amos Ponder was a Lieutenant for the space of time in the War of the Revolution, that he was also a private in the said War in the State Troops and Malitia [sic] of South Carolina, for upwards of Two years in Tours of different duration . . . . That the said Amos died in the [blank] day of February 1802 in the County of Oglethrope [sic] in the State of Georgia, and that his said Widow the said Violet died on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1846 in the County of Marion in the State of Alabama, that the said Amos Ponder and the said Violet Ponder were married in the now County of Oglethrope [sic] in the State of Georgia on or about the [blank] day of [blank] 178 [sic]. Seventeen hundred and eighty [blank] and that the said marriage did not take place untill [sic] after the said Amos Ponder had left the service but took place at the time aforesaid.<sup>[476]</sup>

Known children (from sales of heirs' portions):

- 177 i **CLISBY<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1798, Tennessee, married **ELIZABETH** —, and had at least seven children.  
In 1850 Clisby Riggs, 52, a shoemaker born in Tennessee with \$150 real estate, resided in Lawrence Co., Ala., with Elizabeth, 47, born in Virginia, and with Mary, 21, and “Jessee,” 19, both born in Kentucky, and Nancy, 17, Clisby, 14, Sarah, 12, and George, 10, all four born in Alabama.<sup>[477]</sup>
- 178 ii **NANCY<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 1790-1800, married — **CUNNINGHAM**, and probably had at least six children. **Placeholders:** “Any” Riggs married Daniel Shuffield, 28 Sept. 1837, Lawrence Co., Ala.<sup>[478]</sup>  
Nancy Minerva Cunningham married Thomas Walker Alexander, 1838, Lawrence Co., Ala.<sup>[479]</sup>

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476. Revolutionary War pension file, Amos and Violet Ponder, W.10920.

477. U.S. census, 1850, Lawrence Co., Ala., r. 8, p. 405B, dw. 576, fam. 576.

478. *Lawrence Co., Ala., Grooms Surnames O thru Z*, “Daniel Shuffield Any Riggs Sep 28, 1837 [contributed by] Calista Parker.”

479. *Lawrence Co., Ala., Grooms Surnames A thru G*, “Thomas Walker Alexander Nancy Minerva



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In 1830 Nancy Cunningham, 30-40, resided in Lawrence Co., Ala., with one boy under 5, two girls 5-10, one boy and two girls 10-15, and one female 15-20.<sup>[480]</sup>

- + 179 iii **JESSE<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1802, Tennessee, probably married **REBECCA PONDER**, and had at least two children.
- 180 iv **LEVINIA<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1805, Tennessee, married 5 or 13 May 1825, Lawrence Co., Ala.,<sup>[481]</sup> **ABNER B. PONDER**, born 9 Mar. 1800,<sup>[482]</sup> Georgia.

In 1850 Albert B. Ponder, 50, born in Georgia with \$480 real estate, resided in Chickasaw Co., Miss., with "Lucinda," 35 [sic], born in Tennessee, and with Rhody R., 21, Nancy J., 20, Jesse R., 18, James, 15, "Clesby," 13, Sarah, 11, Wesley, 7, and John, 4, all born in Alabama.<sup>[483]</sup>

In 1860 "Lavinia" Ponder, 54, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$2,000 real and \$1,700 personal estates, resided in Tallibenda, Pontotoc Co., Miss., with Amos A., 34, James F. [possibly T.], 24, Sarah M., 19, "Wm" W., 17, and John W., 13, all born in Alabama, and with Julia A., 23, born in North Carolina, Nancy J. Waddill, 32, born in Alabama, Rebecca J. D. Waddill, 2, and Sally H., 6/12, both born in Mississippi, and with Robert Tate, 13, born in Mississippi.<sup>[484]</sup>

- 181 v **SALLY<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 1800-1810, married 24 Dec. 1823, Lawrence Co., Ala.,<sup>[485]</sup> **ARVILLE NEWBERRY**, and had at least nine children.

In 1840 A. Newberry, 30-40, resided in Lawrence Co., Ala., with a woman 30-40, one boy and one girl under 5, three boys and one girl 5-10, and three boys 10-15.<sup>[486]</sup>

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Cunningham 1838 [contributed by] Marilyn Primero."

480. U.S. census, 1830, Lawrence Co., Ala., r. 1, p. 253.

481. *Lawrence Co., Ala., Grooms Surnames O thru Z*, "Abner B. Ponder Levina [sic] Riggs May 05, 1825 [contributed by] Calista Parker"; *Ala. Marriage Collection, 1800-1969*, Abner B. Ponder to Levinia Riggs, 13 May 1825, Lawrence Co., Ala., by H. M. Cunningham JP.

482. Revolutionary War pension file, Amos and Violet Ponder, W.10920, a family Bible record.

483. U.S. census, 1850, Eastern Division, Chickasaw Co., Miss., r. 369, p. 320B, dw. 299, fam. 299.

484. U.S. census, 1860, Tallibenda PO, Pontotoc Co., Miss., r. 590, p. 679, dw. 1271, fam. 1271.

485. *Lawrence Co., Ala Grooms Surnames H thru N*, "Arville Newberry Sally Riggs Dec 24, 1823 [contributed by] Calista Parker."

486. U.S. census, 1840, Lawrence Co., Ala., r. 182, p. 8.

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- 182 vi **RHODA**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS**, born 1810–1815,<sup>[487]</sup> married 16 Dec. 1826, Lawrence Co., Ala.,<sup>[488]</sup> **JOSEPH H. WALLIS [WALLACE]**, born about 1806, Kentucky, and had at least three children.
- In 1830 Joseph H. Wallis, 20–30, resided in Lawrence Co., Ala., with a woman, 15–20, one girl and one boy under 5, one boy 5–10.<sup>[489]</sup>
- In 1840 “Jo<sup>s</sup>” H. Wallace, 30–40, resided in Lawrence Co., Ala., with one girl under 5, one boy 5–10, one male and one female 10–15, and one male 20–30.<sup>[490]</sup>
- In 1850 Joseph H. “Wallas,” 44, a farmer born in Kentucky, resided in Lawrence Co., Ala., in the household of Irwin P. McCrary, 26, a farmer born in Alabama with \$1,000 real estate, Mary J., 25, and Julian, 3, both born in Alabama.<sup>[491]</sup>
- 183 vii **PHOEBE/PHEBE**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS**, married – **POWELL**.
- 184 viii **POLLY**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS**, married **SQUIRE E. HOGAN**. Placeholder: Polly Riggs married William Nicks, 27 Mar. 1860, Lawrence Co., Ala.<sup>[492]</sup>

**113. SAMUEL**<sup>6</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>75</sub>*Edward*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 4 Apr. 1760, Morris Co., N.J., and died after the first quarter of 1844 when he was paid his last Revolutionary War pension payment in Jonesboro, Tenn.,<sup>[493]</sup> and after 6 Aug. 1845, aged 85, when he gave his second affidavit (q.v.), in Hawkins Co., Tenn. He married (1) (see deed below of 15 Mar. 1803 when he sold the property he’d inherited from her father to her brother Gideon Morris Jr.) **MARY MORRIS**, daughter of Gideon Morris Sr., and had at least one child, probably more. From sever-

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487. *Find a Grave*, no. 55719438, unsourced, Wallis Cem., Lawrence Co., Ala., born 1 Jan. 1811, died 4 Aug. 1837, “Rhoda was the spouse of Joseph Hall Wallis.”

488. *Lawrence Co., Ala Grooms Surnames O thru Z*, “Joseph Wallace Rhoda Riggs Dec 16, 1826 [contributed by] Calista Parker.”

489. U.S. census, 1830, Lawrence Co., Ala., r. 1, p. 260.

490. U.S. census, 1840, Lawrence Co., Ala., r. 185, p. 8.

491. U.S. census, 1850, Lawrence Co., Ala., r. 1, p. 260, dw. 459, fam. 459.

492. *Lawrence Co., Ala Grooms Surnames H thru N*, “William Nicks Polly Riggs Mar 27, 1860 [contributed by] Calista Parker.”

493. *Index to Selected Final Payment Voucher, 1818–1864*, Final Payment Voucher Received from the General Accounting Office, NARA RG 217, “[name] Riggs, Samuel [agency of payment] Jonesboro, Tenn [date of Act] 1832 [date of payment] 1st qr 1844 [date of death] [empty].”

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al deeds he executed in Jan. and Mar. 1844, we know of his estranged second wife, **MARY (–) LEE**, who first married Thomas Lee.

Here is his Revolutionary War pension application abstract:

[Riggs] Samuel, NC Line, S4095, sol was b 4 Apr 1760 in Morris Co NJ & sol referred to his sis Elizabeth of Jefferson Co TN as having a record of his age, at aged or [sic] 5 yrs he moved with his father to Surry Co NC & at age of 17 he moved to Powell's Valley (which later became Hawkins Co TN) for 1 yr then moved to the north fork of the Holston River & enl there & later returned with his father to Surry Co NC & in 1780 he moved to Greene Co NC which was later in TN & also enl there & after the Rev he lived in Green, Jefferson & Hawkins Cos all in TN, he appl 4 Apr 1834 Hawkins Co TN, in 1845 a John Riggs was a JP for Hawkins Co TN but no relationship to sol was given.<sup>[494]</sup>

Here is the actual wording of Samuel's 1834 affidavit:

On this 4th day of April 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Hawkins County now sitting, Samuel Riggs a resident Citizen in the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, aged Seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That the Declarant Samuel Riggs was born in Morris County, in the State of New Jersey, on the 4th day of April 1760. He has no record of this age himself; But there is a record of his age in the Bible left by his father at his death now in the possession of his oldest sister Elizabeth Riggs of Jefferson County, Tennessee. When the Declarant was five years of age, his father moved to Surry County, North Carolina, on the Yadkin river. There he lived twelve years. In his seventee[n]th year Declarant moved with his father to Powell's Valley on Indian Creek, now Hawkins County, East Tennessee, where he lived nearly a year—thence to the North fork of Holson [sic, Holston], where he remained untill the Spring of 1778; When he moved to the North fork of Holson from Indian Creek; it was on account of an attack by the Indians upon that settlement, in which they had killed the next neighbour of Declarants father, one William Parks. Shortly after his removing to the North fork of Holson, Declarant volunteered

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494. White, *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, 3:2889.

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under Capt Isaac Shelby in the Summer of 1778, in the month of July, day not recollected, for the purpose of protecting the frontiers against the indian incursions and of garrisoning a fort on Beaver Creek. There were about thirty men under Captain Isaac Shelby. Lieutenant and ensign not recollected. The company were for the greater part of the time engaged in keeping the Fort. This Fort was capable of containing five hundred people. Repeated attacks were made by the Indians upon the settlements, and the people compelled to take shelter in the Fort, untill the company had driven off the Indians, and the people then cultivated their land under the protection of Capt Shelby's company. Capt Shelby's company were constantly in service, in doing the duty of sentries, or in scouting parties, and in all such services as was necessary for the protiction [sic] of the families of that frontier settlement. When Declarant was in service under Capt Shelby at this Fort, General Christy, in the fall of 1778 in October day not recollected, came by the Fort with his troops on his expedition again[st] the Cherokee Indians, and it being thought that the people would not need the protection of Capt Isaac Shelby's company during this invasion of the Cherokee Country, Captain Shelby went on with Gen<sup>l</sup> Christy. The Declarant was anxious to go on this expedition; But his health being then bad, he was not permitted to do so. The Declarant's Father received a written discharge from Captain Isaac Shelby for Declarant's Service, setting forth that the Declarant had served a tour of three months under him in garrisoning the Fort on Beaver Creek. Whether his Father ever received any thing for Declt's services or not, Declt does not know. Declt did not receive anything, Nor does he know what has become of the discharge obt'd by his father. In the month of December 1778, day not recollected Declarant volunteered under Captain Isaac Bletcher, Major Anthony Bletcher Commandant. Lt George Hart was the lieutenant of the Company—other officers not recollected. Capt Bletcher's was one of three companies, raised for the purpose of garrisoning a large Fort on the North side of the Holson river, opposite to the Long Island. This Fort was on the remotest part of then [sic] frontiers. These three companies—under Major Bletcher—were constantly engaged on duty in keeping the Fort or in scouting parties protecting the settlers and ascertaining the approaches of the Indians. This garrison was regularly detailed for guard duty and for the duty of scouts and was regularly paraded night and morning and were every suitable day taught the manual exercise. In the month of April 1779, day

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not recollected, this Declarant was discharged after a service of four months by Capt. Bletcher on the application of Declt's father, who was then about to move back to North Carolina. Whether Declarant's father received any thing for his services or not, Declt does not know. Declarant himself received nothing. Declarant moved back to Surry County, North Carolina, with his father, and there remained untill the fall of 1780 when he again moved with his Father to Greene County, North Carolina now East Tennessee. Early in the month of December 1780 Declarant volunteered under Captain William Pruett, (John Howard Lieutenant, no ensign,) to go under Colonel John Sevier against the Cherokee Indians.<sup>[495]</sup> We were mounted riflemen. Col Sevier commanded the men from Washington and Greene Counties—Major Tipton, Capt Hawkins and Capt Langdon Carter were Officers under Col Sevier. There were four Companies under Col Sevier, about 200 men. The Company of Capt Pruett started after Col Sevier had started. The first night we encamped on Lick Creek; the second night we overtook Col Sevier on Long Creek in what is now Jefferson County; the third day we started two hours before day and crossed French Broad River at Buckingham's Island and encamped on the other side of the river. The fourth day we marched for Chota town. We started early in the morning, and after marching two miles we came to where the Indians had encamped the night before on their way to attack the whites. The Indians had fallen back to waylay us. Our spies having gone on and met the advanced spies of the Indians, made us acquainted with their situation; They had fallen back about two hundred yards from where they had encamped. Col Sevier was leading one division and Major Tipton the other. Suddenly a gun was fired about fifty yards off from the midst of a field of tall grass before us at Col Sevier—Major Jesse Walton, a volunteer, being next to Col Sevier, jumped from his horse and fired at the Indian, who had discharged his gun at Col Sevier, and broke the Indians leg. The Indians immediately jumped up and fired—Our men jumped from their horses at the fire of the first gun, (except Col Sevier,) and commenced firing—and immediately drove the Indians, completely routing them. We killed sixteen of them. None of our men were killed; one of our

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495. Cf. Reuben Riggs's pension file affidavit: "Dec<sup>r</sup> 1780 he volunteer<sup>d</sup> under Col<sup>o</sup> Sevier in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians." From such evidence it becomes clear that Samuel and Reuben were in the same company. See Reuben's affidavit for further details. Curiously neither mentions the other for possible verification of his affidavit.

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men was slightly wounded in the hand and one of our horses was killed and one of our men was injured by being thrown from his horse. We pursued them to a cane break, in which they took refuge, and we were ordered to halt. We got a good many guns and knapsacks, which were thrown down by the Indians. The same day we returned to Buckingham's Island and there remained encamped for eight days, waiting for reinforcements from Virginia. A consionable [sic] body of men, about 500 came on commanded by Colonel Archibald Campbell. Other Virginia officers are not recollected. Col Campbell took the command of the united forces, and the whole body, the day after the junction, marched towards the Cherokee Towns. After leaving Buckingham's Island, we crossed Little river and arrived the second night at an Indian Town on the Tennessee river. Here we found provisions, Deer skins, horses, cattle and a swivel. After burning this town, we marched up the river, on to Chota several miles above the mouth of Tillico river. We remained some time in Chota—finding here Corn, that had been concealed—an Indian was killed at this town. After burning Chota, we marched back down the Tennessee river to the mouth of Tillico river to Tillico Towns—here we remained for some time, when the army divided. The larger part, of which Declarant was one, marched under Cols Campbell and Sevier to the Hiwassee Old Town; The remainder being left at the Tillico Towns. We arrived at the Hiwassee Old Town the second day—burnt it and immediately returned to Tillico, where we again remained for several days. At our entrance into Tillico Towns, Captain Ellit, of Virginia was killed by an Indian. There were some Indians getting corn in Tillico, on our arrival. Captian Ellit was in front. One of his men had wounded an Indian. The Indian having fallen, Capt Ellit rode up to him, and as he approached, the Indian rose and shot him dead through the head. Ellit fell so near to the Indian, that the Indian got Ellit's gun and fired it at one of the men before he was killed, which was immediately done. We found several negroes in the town. After burning Tillico, we marched back together untill we came to Long Creek, in what is now Jefferson County, where we separated, Col Sevier returning with his men through Greene County, and Col Campbell to Virginia through Hawkins County. The men who were engaged in this tour were informed that they would receive certificates for a three months tour at Jonesborough from a Committee of the North Carolina Legislature, and those who applied did receive certificates for a three months tour—though this Declarant never

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did, and never received any other than the verbal discharge of his Captain on his return into Greene County. The Declarant was engaged in this expedition from ["early in December" lined through] November 1780 day not recollected untill February 1781 day not recollected a period of three months. After the year 1783 [sic] Declarant served three tours against the Cherokees under Col Sevier—his Capts were W<sup>m</sup> Lea Stephen Copeland and Johnson, and one tour against the same Indians under Cols Outlaw & Cocke, his Captain W<sup>m</sup> Lea. Declarant was detailed as a guard for the first settlement at Knoxville for two months—He was detailed as a Lieutenant with six men to guard a frontier settlement on Flat creek one of the branches of Holson for two months. Declt served two tours as a spy—For all which services he has never received one cent. In the year 1780 Declt moved to the head of Lick Creek in Greene County, North Carolina now E. Te. [East Tenn.] where he lived five ["five" written over "six"] years, when he moved to the waters of French broad river in what is now Jefferson County E. Te. where he lived two years, then to the waters of Holson river in Jefferson, where he lived three years, then to fall creek, waters of Holson, in Hawkins County, where he has lived for forty ["three" lined through] four years and where he now lives. Declarant makes no claim for the services which he performed after the year 1783. Tho' he has never rec[e]ived one cent for them. He served in the year 1778 three months under Captain Isaac Shelby, in garrisoning Fort Shelby—In the year 1779 he served four months under Captain Bletcher—in garrisoning the long Island Fort. In the year 1780 he served a tour of three months in Capt W<sup>m</sup> Pruett's company under Col Sevier in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians. Thus he served in all during the revolution ten months, as a volunteer, as above stated. In the year 1782 he served two tours as an Indian spy—making five weeks service. Declarant has no documentary evidence in regard to his service, having never gotten the discharges, which his Father received for his two first tours, Declarant being then under age. His Father lost them, where or when Declarant knows not. Declarant never got a discharge for his last tour, never applying for one. Declarant knows of no living witnesses, by whom he could prove his services. Declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

[signed] Samuel Riggs

Sworn to and Subscribed in Open Court this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1834

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[signed] W B Mitchell Clk

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer 1<sup>st</sup> I was born in Morris County, State of New Jersey, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1760.

Question 2<sup>cd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so, where is it?

Answer 2<sup>cd</sup>. There is a record of my age in the possession of my sister Elisabeth of Jefferson County, East Tennessee.

Question 3<sup>rd</sup>. Where were you living, when called into Service; where have you lived Since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Answer 3<sup>rd</sup>. When called into service, I was living in what is now Hawkins County, East Tennessee, and Greene County, E. Te. then frontier settlements. Since the Revolutionary I have lived in East Tennessee, where I now live in Hawkins County.

Question 4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did volunteer, or were you a substitute? and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer 4<sup>th</sup>. I was a volunteer in every tour that I served.

Question 5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops, where you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer 5<sup>th</sup> There were no Continental troops, where I served. I served as a Volunteer under Captain Isaac Shelby, in garrisoning Fort Shelby on Beaver Creek above the North Fork of Holson river, near the line between Virginia and East Tennessee, from July 1778 day not recollected untill October 1778 day not recollected, a tour of three months. I served as a Volunteer under Captain Bletcher, in garrisoning Long Island Fort on Holson River in what is now East Tennessee, from December 1778 day not recollected untill April 1779 day not recollected, a tour of four months, I served as a Volunteer under Capt W<sup>m</sup> Pruett in an expedition under Col Sevier against the Cherokee Indians from November 1780 untill February 1781—a tour of three months. I served five weeks in 1782 as an Indian spy in two scouting parties. In all I served ten months as a volunteer as above named and five weeks as an Indian spy—during the Revolutionary War.

Question 6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?



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Answer 6th. My father received two of my discharges—He lost them where or when I do not know. I never got one for my service under Col Sevier never applying for one.

Question 7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer 7th. I have lived where I now do for forty ["six" overwritten with "four"] four years. I would refer to the Reverend Daniel Howry and Major Thomas Hale, citizens of Hawkins county and to Doctor Pleasant W. Lane, a citizen of Jefferson County, a neighbor of mine, as I live near the line between the two counties, who can be examined as required by the War Department.

[signed] Samuel Riggs

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court this 4th day of April 1834.

[signed] W B Mitchell Clk<sup>496</sup>

On 6 Aug. 1845 John Riggs (unknown relationship to Samuel) JP of Hawkins Co., Tenn., took a declaration from Samuel, then aged 85, in order to raise his pension for duty as a lieutenant instead of a private in the Revolutionary War. The answers given for the second and third interrogatories differ slightly but importantly from those of his 1834 affidavit. Here is the entire second affidavit, with interrogatories, omitting only an affidavit from two clergymen of Jefferson Co., Tenn., Andrew Coffman and Y. J. Morriss, vouching for Samuel, and for his reputation for service in the Revolution as an officer:

State of Tennessee  
Hawkins County

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1845 personally appeared before me John Riggs an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Samuel Riggs of said County, aged Eighty five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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496. *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files*, NARA M804, N.C., Samuel Riggs, Pvt. N.C. line, S4095, 30 pages.

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That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and and [sic] served as a Lieutenant, Three tours under Colnl John Sevier, That he recollects Capt Shelby, Capt Copeland, and Capt Carter and on etour Capt not recollected, does not recollect the times when he entered the service nor date when he left the same, that he was in an engagement with the Indians near French Broad River in which fourteen were killed, and was in several engagements afterwards with them, that he lay on French Broad River untill a [Recruit?] of about five hundred troops came from Virginia he was sent to where Knoxville now stands with troops to guard a family then living there, and afterwards marched to the different Indian towns, that he served as a Lieutenant four towers [sic, tours] and that he served on Horseback that he cannot positively swear as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than Twelve months, and for such service he claims a pension, that he is now drawing a pension of \$33.33 per annum payable at the Jonesborough Agency as a private That the reason why he did not make application before as a Lieutenant, was that he was under the impression that none but officers of the Regular Army were entitled to draw a pension. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

[signed] Samuel X [his mark] Riggs

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] John Riggs

Justice of the peace for Hawkins County

Q. where and in what year were you born

Ans I was born in New Jersey, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1760.

Q. have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Ans There was a Record of my age in my Fathers Bible one of my sisters got the Bible, she is now dead, and I don't know what has become of it.

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

Ans. I lived on Lick Creek which is now in Green County Tennessee, and have lived in Jefferson and Hawkins, & now reside in Hawkins County.

Q. how were you called into service

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Ans I was a Volunteer.

Q. Did you ever receive a commission and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it.

Ans I had a commission signed by Colnl John Sevier and Capt Shelby, which is lost or mislaid so that I cannot find it.

Q. State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for Veracity and their belief of your services as an officer of the Revolution

Ans The Rev<sup>d</sup> Andrew Coffman and Y. J. Morriss

I do hereby certify that Samuel Riggs the above named applicant is unable from bodily infirmity to attend Court.<sup>[497]</sup>

[signed] John Riggs  
Justice of the peace

Here is an brief description of the part of Tennessee the Riggs family occupies in this part of this book, now called (since 1870) Hamblen County. There are many familiar names in this text:

**Hamblen County** is a small county lying along the left bank of the Holston River, and divided into two almost equal parts by the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad. It **was formed from fractions of Jefferson, Grainger and Hawkins Counties**. The first settlement in this territory was made in 1783 by Robert McFarland and Alexander Outlaw, both of whom located at the "bend of Chucky". Shortly after, **Gideon, Daniel and Absalom Morris** settled in the vicinity of where Morristown now is. They were brothers and had been among the first settlers on the Watauga. **Gideon Morris had three sons; John, Gideon and Shadrach**, all of whom after marriage remained In the neighborhood of the old homestead. John lived south of the present town in a house still occupied by one of his descendants and Gideon west of town on what is now known as the Hobb's place, while Shadrach, who subsequently removed to Indiana, located on the site of Rheatown. In 1792-93 a road was laid out through what is now Hamblen County, and extended to the western limits of Jefferson County, where it was met by **the road from Knoxville**.

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497. *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files*, NARA M804, N.C., Samuel Riggs, Pvt. N.C. line, S4095, p. 25. Samuel was placed on the pension rolls 21 Apr. 1834. The second affidavit was for the purpose of increasing his pension.

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This road afterward formed the line between the counties of Jefferson and Grainger, and became a section of the great stage route from Knoxville to Abingdon, VA. It was along this road that most of the early settlers located. Beginning at Morristown and going eastward was **William Chaney**, who lived on the lot now occupied by Joseph Brown's residence; Thomas Daggett, a little less than a mile beyond, and Phelps Read, about two miles east Morristown. In the neighborhood of Read were John Crockett, Richard Thompson and Isaac Martin. Still farther to the east were Isaac Barton, Joseph Shannon and James McGhee. **In the vicinity of Russellville and Whitesburg were Samuel Riggs**, James Roddye, Caleb Witt, William Pulliam, William B. Roddye and Jesse Hoskins. Daniel Taylor located on the Holston River at Marshall's Ferry. Sherrod Mayes and James Shields also lived on the Holston. John Evans was one of the first to locate on Panther Creek. Jesse Cheek settled at what is known as **Cheek's Cross Roads**, where he carried on a store for many years. A store was also opened there some time prior to 1810 by Deaderick & Wendell. About 1835 P. B. Anderson and James W. Deaderick, ex-chief Justice of Tennessee, and G. A. & G. H. Cheek were engaged in business at the same place during the thirties. An early settler just southwest of Morristown was **Clisbie Riggs**, who ran a still-house, while about three miles northwest were the Noes, David and John.<sup>[498]</sup>

Following is a description of the Bent Creek Baptist church:

Horner owned the land on which the cemetery was located and in 1810 donated one acre of land as a burial ground for the community. The property was also for the use of the Baptist congregation. A deed to the property is on record at the Jefferson County Court House in Dandridge. (The cemetery and church were in Jefferson County after the latter's formation in 1792) The deed was granted to Caleb Witt, **Samuel Riggs**, and Jacob Coffman, commissioners of the Baptist congregation and their successors in office.<sup>[499]</sup>

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498. From Goodspeed's *History of Hamblen Co., Tenn.*, published 1887, excerpted online at <[www.tngenweb.org/hamblen/history.htm#Goodspeed](http://www.tngenweb.org/hamblen/history.htm#Goodspeed)>, accessed 23 Jan. 2018.

499. From Don Floyd, Early Settlement, in *Historic Hamblen 1870-1970*, 69-70, published 1970, excerpted online at <[www.tngenweb.org/hamblen/history.htm#EarlySettlement](http://www.tngenweb.org/hamblen/history.htm#EarlySettlement)>, accessed 23 Jan. 2018.

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On 12 June 1783 Samuel Riggs received a Revolutionary War pay voucher from Washington and Sullivan Counties, North Carolina [which became eastern Tennessee] for £6.19.6.<sup>[500]</sup>

On 9 Apr. 1784 Samuel “Rigs” received a Revolutionary War pay voucher from the Salisbury District, North Carolina for £19.6.8.<sup>[501]</sup>

On 9 Apr. 1784 Samuel “Rigs” received a Revolutionary War pay voucher from the Salisbury District, North Carolina for £36.5.<sup>[502]</sup>

N.B. Wikipedia states:

Eventually, as new settlements were carved out of the wilderness, the Salisbury District encompassed the counties of Lincoln, Montgomery, Richmond, Rutherford, Wilkes (all in present-day North Carolina), and Sullivan (in present-day Tennessee) as well.

On 3 Nov. 1789 William Galbraith of Green Co., N.C., sold to Jesse Riggs of Hawkins Co., N.C., for £50, a tract of 200 acres in Hawkins Co. “on the South Side of Holston River on Cub branch . . . Obtained by a Grant Dated at Kingston the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1787.” Registered 25 May 1790.<sup>[503]</sup>

On 7 Dec. 1789 Jessee Riggs of Green Co., N.C., sold to Edward Riggs of Hawkins Co., N.C., for £25, a tract of 70 acres in Hawkins Co. “on fall Creek.” Registered 27 May 1790.<sup>[504]</sup>

On 7 Dec. 1789 Edward Riggs of Hawkins Co., N.C., sold to Jessee Riggs of Green Co., N.C., for £25, a tract of 442 acres in the county

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500. N.C. *Revolutionary Pay Vouchers, 1779–1782*, image 269/940 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, Riddicks, Abraham to Robertson, Benjamin, DGS 4341913, no. 1092, Samuel Riggs, from Washington and Sullivan Cos., 12 June 1783.

501. N.C. *Revolutionary Pay Vouchers, 1779–1782*, image 265/940 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, Riddicks, Abraham to Robertson, Benjamin, DGS 4341913, no. 4731, Samuel “Rigs,” from Salisbury Dist., N.C., 9 Apr. 1784.

502. N.C. *Revolutionary Pay Vouchers, 1779–1782*, image 267/940 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, Riddicks, Abraham to Robertson, Benjamin, DGS 4341913, no. 4732, Samuel “Rigs,” from Salisbury Dist., N.C., 9 Apr. 1784.

503. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 1:39, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “William Galbraith To Jesse Riggs Registered 25<sup>th</sup> May 1790 } Trans<sup>d</sup> from Liber D page 27.”

504. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 1:43, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Jessee Riggs To Edward Riggs Registered 27<sup>th</sup> May 1790 } Transcribed from Liber D page 31.”

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“aforesaid” which refers apparently to Green Co. Registered 27 May 1790.<sup>[505]</sup> So this was a land swap between the two.

On 7 Dec. 1789 Edward Riggs of Hawkins Co., N.C., sold to Samuel Riggs of the same place, for £25, a tract of 277 acres in Hawkins Co. “on the waters of Holston **Joining James Elliss.**” Registered 28 May 1790.<sup>[506]</sup>

On 26 Feb. 1790 Jesse Riggs of Green Co., N.C., sold to John Ruddick of Hawkins Co., N.C., for £13, a “tract or parcel of Land lying and being in Hawkins County on the South Side of Holston River on the North Side of the Knobbs that Divides the Waters of French Broad & Holston Rivers,” containing 200 acres, “It being a Tract or parcel of **Land Granted unto Edward Riggs** the Grant bearing date at King[sbury?] the **20<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup>** in the 12<sup>th</sup> Year of our Independence AD 1787, and the said Edward Riggs conveyed the said Land unto the aforesaid Jesse Riggs on the Sixth day of December AD 1789.” Witnesses were Edward Riggs, George Daggett, and Samuel Riggs. Registered 6 Mar. 1790.<sup>[507]</sup>

On 24 July 1792 Jesse Riggs, of Hawkins Co., bought 200 acres from Hugh Johnson of Jefferson Co., both of the “territory of the United States of America South of the river Ohio,” for £50, a tract of land lying in the counties of “Jefferson & Hawkins on the Waters of Houlston Joining Jesse Riggs, Jonathan Byrds, **Gidion Morris,**” being a tract granted to Hugh Johnson on 13 Feb. 1791, grant no. 78. Registered 20 Dec. 1792.<sup>[508]</sup>

On 4 Sept. 1792 Edward Riggs of Hawkins Co. “in the ceded Ter. So. of the Ri. Oh. [Territory South of the River Ohio],” sold to William

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505. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 1:44, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Jessee Riggs To Edward Riggs Registered 27<sup>th</sup> May 1790 } Trans<sup>d</sup> from Liber D page 32.”

506. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 1:46, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Edward Riggs To Sam<sup>l</sup> Riggs Registered 28<sup>th</sup> May 1790 } Trans<sup>d</sup> from Liber D page 34.”

507. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 1:31, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Jessee Riggs To John Ruddick Registered 6<sup>th</sup> March 1790 } Transfer<sup>d</sup> from Liber C page 111.”

508. Jefferson Co., Tenn., [sic] Deeds, C:28-30, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, film 8264659, image 381 of 736, “15 This Conveyance from Hugh Johnson to Jesse Riggs Rg<sup>sd</sup> Decemb. 20<sup>th</sup> 1792.”

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Cocke “of the County & Territory aforesaid,” for £200, a tract of 70 acres in Hawkins Co. “on fall creek.” Registered 19 Dec. 1792.<sup>[509]</sup>

On 12 Jan. 1793 Samuel Riggs was granted 40 acres in “Green” Co., N.C., grant no. 1232, made at Newburn by “Richard Dobbs Spaight Esquire our governor Captain general Commander in Chief,” joining a survey of 1,000 acres made for Hermond Cox, and it was registered 4 Feb. 1797.<sup>[510]</sup>

On 3 Dec. 1795 Samuel Riggs and Clisbe Riggs witnessed, in Granger Co., Tenn., a deed of Reuben Riggs *for a land purchase in Hawkins Co., Tenn (q.v.)*.

On 9 May 1798 an inventory was made of the estate of Gideon “Morriss” deceased, Jefferson Co., Tenn. It consisted of “3 Negros, 1 a man by the name of Jack; a girl about 11 years old by the name of Sook; one boy about 7 years old by the name of Jacob,” stock, plantation utensils, and household furniture. It was signed by the administratrix [his widow] “Jean Morriss” with her mark. A second inventory of notes due followed, and was signed by Jennet Morriss with her mark, the administratrix of Gideon Morriss deceased. Following that is a list items sold at the sale of Gideon’s estate items. Among them are: “1 Old Chest **Samuel Riggs** [\$ ¢]1 15½,” “1 Black boy Samuel Riggs 401 [empty],” and “1 Lot of pewter Samuel Riggs 1 51.” Most of the other items were purchased by Jennet or John Morris.<sup>[511]</sup>

On 15 Mar. 1803 Samuel Riggs of Hawkins Co., Tenn., sold to Gideon “Morriss” Jr. of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$300, “the Lands of Gideon Morriss Sen<sup>r</sup> deceased that descended to him by virtue of **his Wife Mary being a daughter of the said Gideon Morris Sen<sup>r</sup> deceased.**” Acknowledge Oct. Sessions 1805. Registered 13 Jan. 1806.<sup>[512]</sup>

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509. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 2:55, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Edward Riggs To W<sup>m</sup> Cocke Regs<sup>d</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1792.”

510. Jefferson Co., Tenn., [sic] Deeds, A:310–312, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, film 8264659, image 161 of 736, “56 Sam<sup>r</sup> Riggs Grant Registered Feby ye 4<sup>th</sup> 1797 State of North Carolina No. 1232.”

511. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Wills, 1:175–179, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Jean Morriss adm<sup>x</sup>.” Jesse Riggs is mentioned on 1:200 (30 Aug. 1793), Clisbe Riggs on 1:305 (18 Apr. 1807), Samuel Riggs again on 1:353 (23 Oct. 1810).

512. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, G:203–204, item 101, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>.

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On 16 Mar. 1808 William Cocke of Hawkins Co., Tenn., sold to Edward Riggs of the same place, for \$500, a tract of 100 acres in Hawkins Co. “on the waters of fall Creek.” Registered 10 Dec. 1808.<sup>[513]</sup>

On 27 May 1808 William Cocke of Hawkins Co., Tenn., sold to Edward Riggs of the same place, for \$1,000, a tract of 70 acres in Hawkins Co. “on fall Creek.” Registered 10 Dec. 1808.<sup>[514]</sup>

On 6 Sept 1819 Alexander Rodgers of Jefferson Co., Tenn., sold to Samuel Riggs of Hawkins Co., Tenn., for \$105, 20 acres in Jefferson Co. “on the North Side of the dividing ridge of Holston river and Nola-chucky bounded by the Samuel Riggs and Abram Witson Esqr.” Witnesses John Ward, John Morris, and William Sheperd. It was acknowledged in Jefferson Co. September Sessions 1820, and registered 22 May 1821.<sup>[515]</sup>

An important deed:

On 16 Feb. 1816 the heirs of Gideon “Morriss” deceased, all of Hawkins and Jefferson Counties, Tennessee, sold to Martin Stubblefield, of “Grainder” [Grainger] Co., Tenn., for \$1,000, two tracts of land totaling 137¾ acres lying in Jefferson and Grainger Counties, “on Cub Creek the Waters of Holston, Known by the name of Morristown.” The heirs were “John Morriss, Gideon Morriss, Shadrach Morriss and Samuel Riggs and his wife Mary James Anderton and his wife Margaret, Elihu Millikan and his wife Nancy, and “Gennett” Morriss Widow and rellic [sic] of the said Gideon Morriss dec<sup>d</sup>.” This list should also include James Hurst [it appears in all other lists of heirs in this same document]. The land description of the first tract, of 90 acres, mentioned “Corner of the tract of land whereon John Crow now lives” and “John Bulls line.” Also “it being a part of a two hundred acre tract of land granted in the Name of the said Gideon Morriss Dec<sup>d</sup> by the State of North Carolina by

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“Riggs’s Deed to Morriss Registered Janr’y<sup>c</sup> 13th 1806.”

513. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 6:105-106, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “William Cocke To Samuel Riggs Dec<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1808.”

514. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 6:106-107, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “William Cocke To Samuel Riggs Regt<sup>d</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1808.”

515. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, Q:37-38, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Alexander Rogers [sic] Deed to Samuel Riggs for 20 acres of land registered 22 May 1821.”



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Grant bearing date [30 Feb. 1791] & Number seventy five.” The second tract, of 45¾ acres, in Jefferson Co., “on said Cub Creek adjoining the said tract aforesaid.” Its description again mentions Crow and Bull and also another 400-acres tract owned by Gideon Morriss deceased. Also “it being a part of a thousand acre tract of land Granted in the Name of **Edward Riggs** and Conveyed to the said Gideon Morriss now decd in his lifetime . . .” Signed by all eleven heirs, Mary Riggs and Nancy Millikan with their marks. Witnesses: John Bull, Abram Wilson, and Peter Majers. Acknowledged in March Sessions 1817 (the three wives separately on 10 Mar. 1817). Registered 12 July 1817.<sup>[516]</sup>

N.B. There are a sequence of three deeds following the one above from the Gideon Morris heirs, with Gennet [or Jennet] Morris as administratrix to various people. Of particular interest is the second one which states that “James Hurst, Who was a son of Elizabeth Hurst, one of the daughters & heirs of the said Gideon Morris Sn<sup>r</sup> deceased.”<sup>[517]</sup>

On 14 Oct. 1823 Thomas Roddy of Jefferson Co., Tenn., sold to Samuel Riggs, of Hawkins Co., Tenn., for \$252, 36 acres in Jefferson and Hawkins Counties “on the north Side of the great road leading from Russelville by Cheeks X Roads.” Witnesses G. McCraid and Peregrine G. Yoe. Acknowledged in the March Sessions 1824, and registered 1 May 1824.<sup>[518]</sup>

On 14 Sept. 1828 Jennet Morris signed her will, in Jefferson Co., Tenn., and it was proved in court in the June Sessions 1829. It mentions her daughters, Nancy Crow, “Polly” Riggs, “Peggy” Anderton, and her sons, “Shadrick,” Gideon, and John.<sup>[519]</sup> Jennet was the widow of Gideon Sr. Nancy Crow was presumably Nancy (Morris) Millikan, who probably

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516. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, O:174-178, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, “[List of 11 heirs] Deed to Martin Stubblefield for 137¾ acres of land Registered July 12<sup>th</sup> 1817.”

517. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, O:183-185, 186-188, 224-227, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, “[List of 9 heirs] Deed to John Morris for 257 acres of land Registered July 16<sup>th</sup> 1817,” “[List of 10 heirs] Deed to James Hurst for 46¼ acres of land Registered July 17<sup>th</sup> 1817,” and “[List of 9 heirs] Deed to Elihu Millikan for 33¾ acres of land Registered October 4, 1817.”

518. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, Q:411-412, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, “Thomas Roddy Deed to Samuel Riggs for 30 acres of land Registered May 1<sup>st</sup> 1824.”

519. Jefferson Co., Wills, 2:618, image online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, “Jennet Morris Will,” signed 14 Sept. 1828, witnesses Joseph Johnson and Ephraim Moore, proved June Sessions 1829.

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remarried neighbor John Crow between the 16 Feb. 1816 deed above and this 1828 will.

In 1830 Samuel Riggs, 70-80, resided in Hawkins Co., Tenn., with a male 30-40, one male 10-15, and one male 15-20, and also with six male and four female slaves under 10, five male and three female slaves 10-24, and one male and two female slaves 24-36.<sup>[520]</sup> On the same page is listed Clisbe Austin, 20-30.

On 3 Nov. 1832 Thomas Crosby of Hawkins Co., Tenn., sold to **John Riggs** of the same place, for \$300, a tract of 150 acres “lying in the County of Hawkins and Jefferson,” “on fall Creek.” Witnessed by **Elizabeth M. Riggs** (and another person). Registered 13 Mar. 1833.<sup>[521]</sup>

In 1837 Samuel Riggs, Ellis Riggs, and John Riggs were listed in the tax list for Hawkins Co., Tenn.<sup>[522]</sup>

On 28 June 1837 [1857? If so, then not this Samuel], a title bond was made between Samuel Riggs and Richard T. and William Robertson, for \$1 paid by Riggs, wherein the Robertsons obligated themselves to create a lawful title in fee simple for a tract of land in Hawkins Co. “lying between fall creek & meddow Creek it being a part of an Entry made by William Robertson & Hezekiah Robertson between the lines of a tract of land formerly owned by Richard Robertson and the tract of land where the said Sam<sup>l</sup> Riggs now lives.” Witnesses: T. McCraw and Hugh W. Taylor. Acknowledged in court in Hawkins Co. on 21 July 1857. Registered 5 Oct. 1857.<sup>[523]</sup>

On 19 [variant 29] Dec. 1838 Samuel Riggs of Hawkins Co., Tenn., sold to John Crow and Lewis Riggs, both of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$2,500, 340 acres in Jefferson Co. “on the South Side of the Knoxville road.” Witnesses “Plesant” J. Jarnagin, “Plesant” M. Riggs. It was

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520. U.S. census, 1830, Hawkins Co., Tenn., r. 178, p. 20.

521. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 14:32-34, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, “Thomas Crosby To John Riggs Reg<sup>d</sup> March 13<sup>th</sup> 1833.”

522. *Tenn. Early Tax List Records, 1783-1895*, “Riggs Samuel . . . | Riggs Ellis . . . | . . . | Riggs John . . .”

523. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 24:139-140, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, “Richard T & W<sup>m</sup> Robertson to Samuel Riggs (Title Bond) Registered the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1857 at 2 Oclock P.M.”

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acknowledged in Jefferson Co. on 5 Jan. 1839, and registered 8 Jan. 1839.<sup>[524]</sup> Followed immediately by the next:

On 29 Dec. 1838 Samuel Riggs of Hawkins Co., Tenn., sold to Russell Riggs, of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$1,125, three Negro slaves. Witnesses Pleasant J. Jarnagin, and Pleasant M. Riggs. It was acknowledged in Jefferson Co. on 5 Jan. 1839, and registered 8 Jan. 1839.<sup>[525]</sup> Followed immediately by the next:

On 20 Dec. 1838 Samuel Riggs of Hawkins Co., Tenn., sold to Lewis Riggs, of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$1,000, 133 acres in Jefferson Co. The land description mentions “a corner to Russell Riggs land,” “on a line of a certain tract of land conveyed by Samuel Riggs to John Crow and Lewis Riggs.” Witnesses John B. Staply, Pleasant J. Jarnagin, and Pleasant M. Riggs. It was acknowledged in Dandridge, Jefferson Co. on 5 Jan. 1839, and registered 8 Jan. 1839.<sup>[526]</sup> Followed immediately by the next:

On 19 Dec. 1838 Samuel Riggs of Hawkins Co., Tenn., sold to Russell Riggs, of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$2,500, 300 acres in Jefferson Co. The land description mentions “Harvy” Riggs, John Morris, Lewis Riggs, and “on John Crows & Lewis Riggs line.” Witnesses Pleasant J. Jarnagin, and Pleasant M. Riggs. It was acknowledged in Dandridge, Jefferson Co. on 5 Jan. 1839, and registered 8 Jan. 1839.<sup>[527]</sup>

On 15 Mar. 1839 Jesse Riggs, son of Samuel Riggs, and Mary Riggs, “formerly Mary Lee,” Jesse’s stepmother and estranged wife of Samuel Riggs reached an agreement in Hawkins Co., Tenn., “whereas the said Mary Riggs and her said Husband Samuel Riggs has disagreed and ar not likely to become reconciled to each other so as to live together again, and the said Jesse Rigg [sic] being desirous to settle all the matters between his said Father Samuel Riggs and his step mother the said Marry Rigg

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524. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, U:381-383, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, DGS 7903236, image 483 of 569 “Samuel Riggs Deed To Crow & Riggs Registered January 8 1839.”

525. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, U:382, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, DGS 7903236, image 483 of 569 “Samuel Riggs Deed To Crow & Riggs Registered January 8 1839.”

526. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, U:383-384, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, DGS 7903236, image 484 of 569 “Samuel Riggs Deed To Lewis Riggs Registered January the 8<sup>th</sup> 1839.”

527. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, U:384-385, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, DGS 7903236, images 484-485 of 569 “Samuel Riggs Deed To Russell Riggs Registered January the 8<sup>th</sup> 1839.”

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[sic] the Said Mary an [sic] the said Jesse have agreed on the following terms the Said Mary Rigg has agreed to sell to the said Jesse all her Right of dower in the Estate of her Said husband Samuel Rigg on the following terms [which are listed].” Witnesses were P. H. Lee and W. D. Lee. Acknowledged in Rogersville [smudged] Apr. 1839.<sup>[528]</sup>

In 1840 Samuel Riggs, 80-90, resided in Hawkins Co., Tenn., with a male 60-70, including one Revolutionary War veteran, Samuel Riggs, age 80, and slaves: two males and two females under 10, two males and one female 10-24, two males 24-36, and two males 36-55. Two names later is John Riggs, 40-50, with a woman 30-40, two boys under 5, one boy and one girl 5-10, one male 10-15, and one female 15-20.<sup>[529]</sup>

On 16 Jan. 1844 Samuel Riggs of Hawkins Co., Tenn., “in consideration of the natural Love and affection which I bear **my beloved grand son William Henderson Riggs son of Jesse Riggs** of the County of Grainger in Said State of Tennessee,” to provide “for **my two grandsons Samuel Riggs & Jackson Riggs children of my Son Ellis Riggs now deceased**, gave him three Negro Slaves “to wit Jerry Francis & Jane” until “Samuel & Jackson Shall arrive to the age of twentyone.” Acknowledged in Rogersville, 28 Jan. 1844.<sup>[530]</sup>

On 16 Jan. 1844 Samuel Riggs of Hawkins Co., Tenn., “in consideration of the natural Love and affection which I bear towards **my beloved Son Russel Riggs** of the County of Jefferson in Said State of Tennessee,” to provide “for **my two grandsons Samuel Riggs & Jackson Riggs children of my Son Ellis M. Riggs now deceased**, gave him six promissory notes “mounting to One thousand dollars” until “Samuel Riggs & Jackson Shall arrive to the age of twenty One.” Acknowledged in Rogersville, 8 Mar. 1844.<sup>[531]</sup>

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528. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 16:487-488, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Articles of Agreement Between Jesse & Mary Riggs Reg<sup>d</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup> 1839.”

529. U.S. census, 1840, Hawkins Co., Tenn., r. 526, p. 249.

530. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 18:669, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Samuel Riggs To William Henderson Riggs Registered 11<sup>th</sup> March 1844.”

531. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 18:670, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Samuel Riggs To Russel Riggs Registered 11<sup>th</sup> March 1844.”

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On 7 Mar. 1844, Samuel Riggs and Jesse Riggs, both of Hawkins Co., Tenn., bonded themselves to Thomas G. Lee for \$1000 on condition that “the said Samuel Riggs & Jesse Riggs Should Keep the Said Mary Riggs in the peaceable & unmolested possession of Said property . . .” The deed mentions “**Samuel Riggs & Mary Riggs his wife for certain Reasons cannot live together as man & wife,**” and “whereas the Said **Mary Riggs** is in possession of Certain lands & personal property bequeathed to her during her natural life by **her former Husband Thomas Lee deceased.**” Acknowledged in Rogersville 8 Mar. 1844.<sup>[532]</sup>

On 8 Mar. 1844, **Samuel Riggs and Mary Riggs his wife**, both of Hawkins Co., Tenn., sold to **William Henderson Riggs, grandson of the said Samuel**, of Grainger Co., Tenn., for \$5 (and other considerations), the following tracts: (1) the land on which the said Samuel now resides, lying partly in Hawkins and partly in Jefferson Counties, containing between 1200 and 1300 acres “upon the waters of fall creek;” (2) a tract in Hawkins Co., called the Enos Place, containing 200 acres; (3) a tract in Grainger Co. with 60 acres “upon the top of Clinch mountain where the road from Beans Station to Tazwell crosses Said Mountain;” (4) a tract in Hawkins Co. containing 150 acres “on the South Side of the Holston River;” (5) a tract in Jefferson Co. containing 1000 to 1200 acres “being near to Morristown (and adjoining **Henry Riggs** and others); (6) three half-acre lots in Russelville, Jefferson Co. The deed mentions “**Jessee Riggs Son of the Said Samuel.**” It was signed by Samuel Riggs (his mark) and Mary Riggs, and acknowledged by the Hawkins Co. Court on 8 Mar. 1844, and registered on 11 Mar. 1844. A final note states: “the Grainger Stricken out & Jefferson inserted before signing.” [Ambiguous because Grainger is mentioned twice in the document.]<sup>[533]</sup>

On 17 Dec. 1844 Samuel Riggs, “for the love and affection I entertain for my grand daughter Emily Jane the wife of John C. Taylor,” gave

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532. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 18:670-671, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, “Samuel Riggs & Jesse Riggs To Mary Rigs Registered 11<sup>th</sup> March 1844.”

533. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 18:671-672, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, “Samuel Riggs & Mary Riggs To William H. Riggs Registered 11<sup>th</sup> March 1844.”

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her “a girl slave named Margaret.” Registered 20 Dec. 1844, Hawkins Co., Tenn.<sup>[534]</sup>

On 25 Aug. 1847 Mary Riggs “formerly Mary Lee,” and Augustus W. Faris and Mary Ann Faris his wife, sold to John Phillips and William Harris, for \$720, a tract in Hawkins Co., Tenn., District 14, of 132 acres. Acknowledged 4 Dec. 1848. Mary Ann Faris examined separately 5 May 1849. Registered 8 Oct. 1850, Hawkins Co.<sup>[535]</sup>

The following table is a summary of Samuel’s known movements:

Date	Place	Source or Event
1760	Morris Co., N.J.	Birth, pension file
1765	Yadkin R., Surry Co., N.C.	Move, pension file
1777	Powell’s Valley, N.C. <sup>[536]</sup>	Move, pension file
1778	North Fork, Holston R., N.C. <sup>[537]</sup>	Move, pension file
1778	North Fork, Holston R., N.C.	Enlistment, pension file
1778	Beaver Creek, N.C.	Discharge, pension file
1778	North Fork, Holston R., N.C.	Enlistment, pension file
1779	North side, Holston R., N.C.	Discharge, pension file
1779	Surry Co., N.C.	Move, pension file
1780	Lick Creek, Greene Co., N.C. <sup>[538]</sup>	Move, pension file
1780	Lick Creek, Greene Co., N.C.	Enlistment, pension file
1781	Greene Co., N.C.	Discharge, pension file
1783	Holston R., N.C.	Campaigns, pension file
1785	French Broad R., N.C. <sup>[539]</sup>	Move, pension file
1787	Holston R., N.C. <sup>[540]</sup>	Move, pension file
1790	Bent Creek, Greene Co., N.C.	Warrant to Jesse (q.v.)
1790	Fall Creek, Holston R., N.C. <sup>[541]</sup>	Move, pension file

534. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 19:47, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Samuel Riggs To Emily Jane Taylor Registered 20<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1844.”

535. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 20:391-392, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Mary Riggs Augustus W. Faris and Mary Ann Faris to John Phillips and William Harris Registered 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1850 at One P.M.”

536. Became Hawkins Co., N.C., in 1787, from Sullivan Co., , was part of the disputed state of Franklin 1784-1788, then became Hawkins Co., Tenn., eventually.

537. Became E. Tenn., then Tenn., the E. Tenn. designation probably ceasing about 1796.

538. Became Greene Co., N.C., from Washington Co., in 1783, was part of the disputed state of Franklin 1784-1788, then became Greene Co., Tenn. eventually.

539. Became Jefferson Co., N.C., in 1792, from Greene and Hawkins Counties, then became Jefferson Co., Tenn., eventually.

540. Became Jefferson Co., N.C., in 1792, then became Jefferson Co., Tenn.

541. Became Hawkins Co., N.C., in 1792, then became Hawkins Co., Tenn. Samuel never left.

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Date	Place	Source or Event
1830	Hawkins Co., Tenn.	Census
1834	Hawkins Co., Tenn.	Affidavit, pension file
1840	Hawkins Co., Tenn.	Census
1844	Hawkins Co., Tenn.	Deeds
1845	Hawkins Co., Tenn.	Affidavit, pension file
bef. 1850		Died before census

The following table is a summary of Samuel's father's known movements, from Samuel's pension file:

Date	Place	Source or Event
bef. 1765	Morris Co., N.J.	Moved from, pension file
1765	Yadkin R., Surry Co., N.C.	Move, pension file
1777	Powell's Valley, N.C. <sup>[542]</sup>	Move, pension file
1778	North Fork, Holston R., N.C. <sup>[543]</sup>	Move, pension file
1778	North Fork, Holston R., N.C.	Discharge, pension file
1779	North Fork, Holston R., N.C.	Discharge, pension file
1779	Surry Co., N.C.	Move, pension file
1780	Lick Creek, Greene Co., N.C. <sup>[544]</sup>	Move, pension file
bef. 1834		Died before first affidavit

Known children, mother not identified (except Jesse was definitely not son of the second wife, Mary):

- + 185 i **JESSE<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, son of the first marriage, born about 1795, Tennessee, married (1) **MARY HENDERSON**, and had two, perhaps three, children, **married (2) SARAH** —.
- + 186 ii **ELLIS M.<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, known from the deeds, married **AMANDA SMITH**, and had two children.
- + 187 iii **RUSSEL[L]<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1798, Tennessee, married **SARAH PERKAPILE**, and had at least one child.
- + 188 iv **JOHN<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 1790–1800, married **MARY W. (–) JOHNS**, and had four children.

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542. Became Hawkins Co., N.C., in 1787, from Sullivan Co., , was part of the disputed state of Franklin 1784–1788, then became Hawkins Co., Tenn., eventually.

543. Became E. Tenn., then Tenn., the E. Tenn. designation probably ceasing about 1796.

544. Became Greene Co., N.C., from Washington Co., in 1783, was part of the disputed state of Franklin 1784–1788, then became Greene Co., Tenn. eventually.

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114. CLISBE<sup>6</sup> RIGGS (<sup>75</sup>Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1764. He signed his will 7 May 1841, Jefferson Co., Tenn., and died before 17 Jan. 1845 when a deed mentions his passing. [John Clinard has this Capt. Clisby Riggs, born 28 Mar. 1765, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J. but possibly VA or NC, died 5 Jan. 1845, Jefferson Co., Tenn., married 29 July 1788, Greene TN/NC, Jane Evans, born 10 Oct. 1765, Rutherfordton, Rutherford Co., N.C., died 14 July 1816, Jefferson Co., Tenn.]

On 3 Dec. 1795 Clisbe Riggs and Samuel Riggs witnessed, in Grainger Co., Tenn., a deed of Reuben Riggs for a land purchase in Hawkins Co., Tenn (q.v.).

On 2 Nov. 1816 Clisbe Riggs of Jefferson Co., Tenn., sold to “**his son Ellis Riggs**” of Grainger Co., Tenn., for \$450, a parcel of land of 130 acres in Jefferson and Grainger Counties, “on both sides of the great road leading from joining Reads lands including the place whereon the said Ellis Riggs formerly lived . . .” The land description mentions Read’s land and John Bull several times, e.g., John Bull’s line, John Bull’s corner. Also “being part of a tract of land of three hundred acres, granted by the State of North Carolina to Thomas Jackson and the said Clisbe Riggs by patent bearing date the twenty seventh day of June in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three [27 June 1793], and number 493.” Signed by Clisbe Riggs. Witnesses: Felps Read, Thomas Read, George K. Larimore, and James Snow. Acknowledged in court in December Sessions 1816. Registered 16 Jan. 1817.<sup>1545</sup>

On 2 Nov. 1816 Clisbe Riggs of Jefferson Co., Tenn., sold to James Snow of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$333, a parcel of land of 100 acres in Jefferson Co., “it being the place whereon the said James Snow now lives . . .” Also “it being the east end of a certain tract of land granted by the State of North Carolina to Adam Meek and the said David Stuart by patent bearing date 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1787, and number 148 . . . conveyed to Clisbe Riggs by deed bearing date the 30th day of April A.D. 1798 &c and by the said Clisbe Riggs to the said James Snow.” Signed by Clisbe

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545. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, O:12-14, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Clisbe Riggs Deed to Ellis Riggs for 130 acres of land Registered 16<sup>th</sup> January 1817.”



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Riggs. Witnesses: Felps Read, George K. Larimore, Thomas Read, and Ellis Riggs. Acknowledged in court in December Sessions 1816. Registered 16 Jan. 1817.<sup>[546]</sup>

**Placeholder:** James Snow married (licensed) 18 Mar. 1809, Jefferson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[547]</sup> Nancy Riggs. **This suggests, combined with the deeds just above, that Nancy Riggs and Clisbe Riggs were related.**

On 8 Mar. 1817 Francis Mayberry of “Granger” Co., Tenn., sold to Clisbe Riggs of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$55, a parcel of land of 112 acres in Jefferson Co., “on the main road leading from Mossy Creek to Dodsons ford on Holstons river being part of a tract of land granted by the State of North Carolina to James Mayberry . . .” The land description mentions “John Bulls line” and “Corner to said Riggs.” Signed by Francis Mayberry. Witnesses: Elihu Millikan, Edward Riggs, and William Cantrel. Acknowledged in court in March Sessions 1817. Registered 6 Apr. 1817.<sup>[548]</sup>

In an 1822 tax list for Jefferson Co., Tenn., in “Captain Riggs Company,” were “Edw<sup>d</sup>” Riggs with 100 acres, “Clisby” Riggs with 400 acres, “Sam<sup>l</sup>” Riggs with 682, “Jessee” Riggs with 280, and Ellis Riggs with 100 acres. Nobody in Capt. Riggs’s Company had more land than he. Some other familiar names in the Company were John Bull, Elihu Millikan, John, Shadrach, and Gideon Morris, James Snow, Martin Stubblefield.<sup>[549]</sup>

In an 1823 tax list for Jefferson Co., Tenn., in “Captain Riggs Company,” were Edward Riggs with 100 acres, Clisbe Riggs with 400, Samuel Riggs with 489, and Jesse Riggs with 205 acres. Nobody in Capt. Riggs’s Company had more land than he.<sup>[550]</sup>

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546. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, O:14-16, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Clisbe Riggs Deed to James Snow for 100 acres of land Registered 16<sup>th</sup> January 1817.”

547. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780-2002*, Jefferson Co., Marriages, Dec. 1792-July 1881, image online, 87, “[no.] 861 [date of issuance] Mch. 18, 1809 [parties] James Snow to Nancy Riggs [return] No returns [every entry on this page as the same note].”

548. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, O:106-108, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Francis Mayberry Deed to Clisbee [sic] Riggs For 112 acres of land. Registered April 6<sup>th</sup> 1817.”

549. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Tax Books, 1822-1829: 7-10, images online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Captain Riggs Company year 1822.” Images 9-11 of 756. FHL 968340.

550. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Tax Books, 1822-1829: 64-67, images online at <www.FamilySearch.org>.

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In an 1824 tax list for Jefferson Co., Tenn., in “Captain McFarlands Company,” were Lewis Riggs, Edward Riggs with 100 acres, “Clisby” Riggs with 400, Samuel Riggs with 659, Ellis Riggs with 100, and Jesse Riggs with 205 acres.<sup>[551]</sup>

In an 1825 tax list for Jefferson Co., Tenn., in “Captain McFarlands Company,” were Edward Riggs with 100 acres, Lewis Riggs, Samuel Riggs with 659, Ellis Riggs with 100, Jesse Riggs with 205, Clisbe Riggs with 400, and Samuel Riggs Jr. with 100 acres.<sup>[552]</sup>

In an 1826 tax list for Jefferson Co., Tenn., in “Captain McFarlands Company,” were Edward Riggs with 47 acres, Samuel Riggs with 659, Jesse Riggs with 205, Clisbe Riggs with 400, and Samuel Riggs Jr. with 100 acres.<sup>[553]</sup>

In an 1827 tax list for Jefferson Co., Tenn., in “Capt. McFarlands Co.,” were Edward Riggs with 100 acres, Samuel Riggs Sr. with 659, Ellis Riggs with 100, Jesse Riggs with 205, Jesse Riggs Jr., “Clisby” Riggs with 400, and Samuel Riggs Jr. with 100 acres.<sup>[554]</sup>

In an 1828 tax list for Jefferson Co., Tenn., in “Captain McFarlands Co.,” were Edward Riggs with 100 acres, “Clisby” Riggs with 400, Samuel Riggs with 659, Ellis Riggs with 100, “Jessee” Riggs with 205, Lewis Riggs with 268, and Samuel Riggs Jr. with 100 acres.<sup>[555]</sup>

In an 1829 tax list for Jefferson Co., Tenn., in “Captain McFarlands Comp.,” were Edward Riggs with 100 acres, “Clisby” Riggs with 400, “Sam<sup>l</sup>” Riggs with 659, Ellis Riggs with 100, “Jessee” Riggs with 205, and Lewis Riggs with 268 acres.<sup>[556]</sup>

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org>, “Captain Riggs Company year 1823.” Images 38-40 of 756. FHL 968340.

551. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Tax Books, 1822-1829: 85-88, images online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Captain McFarlands Company for 1824.” Images 50-51 of 756. FHL 968340.

552. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Tax Books, 1822-1829: 135-138, images online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Captain McFarlands Company for the year 1825.” Images 75-76 of 756. FHL 968340.

553. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Tax Books, 1822-1829: 181-184, images online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Captain McFarlands Co for the year 1826.” Images 100-102 of 756. FHL 968340.

554. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Tax Books, 1822-1829: 229-232, images online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Capt. McFarlands Co for the year 1827.” Images 124-126 of 756. FHL 968340.

555. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Tax Books, 1822-1829: 260-264, images online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Captain McFarlands Co for the year 1828.” Images 140-142 of 756. FHL 968340.

556. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Tax Books, 1822-1829: 325-328, images online at <www.FamilySearch.org>

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In 1830 Clisbe Riggs, 60–70, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with a woman 70–80, and with one male and one female 20–30. Gideon Morris, 40–50, was next door.<sup>[557]</sup>

In 1840 Clisbe Riggs, 70–80, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with a woman 80–90. Jesse Riggs, 30–40 is listed next to Clisbe, and Edward Riggs, 40–50, is listed three names away.<sup>[558]</sup>

On 19 Aug. 1833 Clisbe Riggs sold to Samuel Riggs, both of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$333, 45.5 acres in Jefferson Co., “being a part of a tract of land Granted by the State of North Carolina to Edward Riggs now Deseased by pattent bearing date 20<sup>th</sup> September 1787 No. 428 for one thousand acres.” Witnesses were Harry [Harvy?] Riggs, William Watkins, Edward Riggs, William Baker, and Hughes W. Taylor. Acknowledged 2 Apr. 1838 (for 55.5 acres in the acknowledgement). Registered 8 May 1838.<sup>[559]</sup>

On 31 Dec. 1838 Clisbe Riggs sold to Edward Riggs, both of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$185.625, 74.25 acres in Jefferson Co., “on the head waters of the dry fork of [?] Spring Creek including the farm where the sd Edward Riggs now lives the same being part of a tract of land granted by the state of North Carolina to William Campbell conveyed from sd Campbell to Isaac Curry snr, from said Curry to Clisbe Riggs.” Witnesses were George K. Larimore, Samuel Rigs [sic], and “Harvy” Riggs. Acknowledged 3 Feb. 1845 in Dandridge. Registered 25 Feb. 1845.<sup>[560]</sup>

Following the deed above in quick succession are several others, all registered on the same day 25 Feb. 1845 (the last on 26 Feb. 1845). Since Clisbe is known to have died before 17 Jan. 1845 when a deed mentions his passing, this suggests that these transactions (including the one above) were all triggered by his death (in order of appearance in the deed book):

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org>, “Captain M<sup>c</sup>Farlands Comp for the year 1829.” Images 172–174 of 756. FHL 968340.

557. U.S. census, 1830, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 180, p. 287?, item 251.

558. U.S. census, 1840, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 526, p. 335.

559. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, U:213–214, image online at <www.familysearch.org>, file DGS 7903236, image 397 of 569, “Clisbe Riggs Deed to Samuel Riggs Registered May 8<sup>th</sup> 1838.”

560. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, Z:261–262, FHL 968325, “A Deed of Conveyance from Clisbe Riggs to Edward Riggs Registered the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 1845.”

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On 20 Apr. 1844 Ellis Riggs of Grainger Co., Tenn., sold to James Thompson of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$480, 50 acres in Jefferson Co. The land description mentions “corner to John Cox, thence, south to Samuel Riggs corner,” “the great road leading from Cheeks X Roads to Newmarket.” Witnesses were Hughs M. Taylor, David Mc[Qually?], Edward Riggs, and Alexander Williams. It was acknowledged in Dandridge on 5 Feb. 1845, and registered 25 Feb. 1845.<sup>[561]</sup>

On 8 Apr. 1843 Willie B. Read sold to Alexander Williams, both of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$1,400, 200 acres in Jefferson Co. “on the head of the East fork of spring Creek in Civil District No. 13.” Witnesses were Hughs M. Taylor, Willie J. Read, James Thompson, and Edward Riggs. It was acknowledged in Dandridge on 3 Feb. 1845, and registered 25 Feb. 1845.<sup>[562]</sup> I include this because of the witness list and vicinity in time and place.

On 1 February 1845 William F. Whitman acknowledged a guardianship power of attorney document. It was witnessed by Edward Riggs, Samuel Riggs, and “Harvy” Riggs. This is why it is listed here (plus the fact that it is one of the succession of documents registered on the one day). For completeness, the details of the document are these: On 16 Jan. 1845 James Coffman and Mary Jane Bragg of Madison Co., Ala., “being of full age and heirs at law of John Coffman late of said County decd. and Cortes D. Kavanaugh of the same place, guardian of [minor heirs] Elizabeth Coffman, Margaret Ann Coffman, Susan Caroline Coffman, and Pleasant Coffman, “heirs of the said John Coffman deceased,” appointed William F. Whitman as their attorney. The purpose of his services is to obtain proceeds from the estate of John Coffman, with Hughs M. Taylor executor, for the Coffman heirs. It was acknowledged in Dandridge, Jefferson Co., Tenn., on 3 Feb. 1845, and registered 25 Feb. 1845.<sup>[563]</sup>

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561. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, Z:262-263, FHL 968325, “A Deed of Conveyance from Ellis Riggs to James Thompson Registered the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Feby. 1845.”

562. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, Z:263-264, FHL 968325, “A Deed of Conveyance from W<sup>m</sup> B. Reid to Alexander Williams Registered the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Feby. 1845.”

563. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, Z:265-267, FHL 968325, “A power of attorney to C. D. Kavanaugh from W<sup>m</sup> F Whitman [?] Registered the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Feby. 1845.”

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On 15 Apr. 1840 Edward Riggs sold to George Witt, both of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$300, 300 acres in Jefferson Co. “on the south side of the great road passing from Morristown to the Panther springs.” The land description contains several names with a familiar one being Elihu Millakin and “containing three hundred acres granted to the sd. Edward Riggs by the State of Tennessee bearing date 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1828 No. 17373.” Witnesses: “Hughes” M. Taylor and Clisbe Riggs Jr. Acknowledged in Dandridge, Jefferson Co., on 3 Feb. 1845. Registered 25 Feb. 1845.<sup>[564]</sup>

On 24 Dec. 1838 Clisbe Riggs sold to “Harvy” Riggs, both of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$333, 125 acres in Jefferson Co. “being a part of a tract of land granted by the State of North Carolina to Edward Riggs senior now decaest [sic] by paattent bearing date twentieth September 1787 No. 428 for one thousand acres & part of a thirty acre entry made by Edward Riggs junior & part entered by the sd. Clisbe Riggs both joining the other on the South East side.” The land description mentions the line of John Morris several times. Witnesses: George K. Larimore, Edward Riggs, and Samuel Riggs. Acknowledged in Dandridge, Jefferson Co., on 3 Feb. 1845. Registered 26 Feb. 1845.<sup>[565]</sup>

Here is a transcription of Clisbe’s last will and testament.<sup>[566]</sup>

State of Tennessee  
Jefferson County  
May the 7th 1841

In the name of God Amen. I Clisby Riggs of the County and State aforesaid being advanced in life also being much afflicted and by the course of nature can not expect to live long, calling to mind the mortality of the body and the Imortality [sic] of the soul but being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament.

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564. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, Z:267-269, FHL 968325, “A deed of conveyance from Edward Riggs to George Witt. Registered the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Feby. 1845.”

565. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, Z:269-270, FHL 968325, “A deed of conveyance from Clisbe Riggs to Harvy [sic] Riggs. Registered the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Feby. 1845.”

566. Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 737.

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First: I direct that my Funeral expenses and my Just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any mony [sic] that I may have on hand or the first monies that may come into the hands of my executor from the property that I may die possessed of.

Secondly: Whereas my beloved sister Elizabeth is afflicted in her old age and my black boy Phillip being old and afflicted and not able to labour for their living, I direct that my executor shall out of the property I leave at my death shall reserve nine hundred dollars which I direct shall be put to Interest. The Interest and so much of the principle [sic] as may be necessary annually to be appropriated to a decent and comfortable support of them both while they may live. The remainder if any at their death to be equally divided among my heirs.

Thirdly: I will that all my property to be equally divided among all my children at my death.

Fourthly: I appoint my sons Ellis and Edward Riggs as agents to have the care and oversight and management of my sister Elizabeth and my black boy Phillip and the allowance made for them and that they have a reasonable compensation out of my estate for their services.

Fifthly: I appoint my sons Samuel & Harvey Rigg [sic] my Executors this day and date before written.

Signed in the presence of  
Clisby (his mark) Riggs

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by seal the day and date before written. Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of Testator.

Interlined before assigned  
Clisby (his mark) Riggs  
Hughs M. Taylor  
James Curry

On 17 Jan. 1845 “Jessa” Riggs of Jefferson Co., Tenn., “one of the miner heirs at Law of Clisba Riggs, lately of Jefferson County deceased,” sold for \$650 to Alexander S. Landrum (and \$425 owed Jesse from the estate assigned to Landrum) his portion of the estate of “Clisba” Riggs, “being the one-ninth part of Said Estate Consisting of Lands, negros, debts and all manner of personal property.”<sup>567</sup> This states that there

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567. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, Z:237-238, FHL 968325, “Jessa Riggs &c to Alexander Landrum

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were nine heirs to Clisby. **N.B. minor as of 17 Jan. 1845 implies birth after 17 Jan. 1824, which doesn't fit.**

On 19 Dec. 1845 Samuel and Harvey Riggs, executors of "Clisba" Riggs deceased, reported on the sale of the "Land & Negros" of the estate. On 30 Sept. 1845 they had sold 12 slaves to "Pheba" Stubblefield, Ellis Riggs, Henderson Riggs, and others. They also sold four adjoining lots of land to John Morris (68 acres), James Curry (94 acres), Edward Riggs (74 acres), Hughs W. Taylor (71 acres). This long deed contains descriptions of all four lots and a plat map of them. It was acknowledged in the Jefferson Co., Tenn., Circuit Court on 31 Jan. 1845 [sic] and registered 20 Feb. 1846.<sup>[568]</sup>

Known children (first four Riggs children from Clisby's will, in the order listed), of probably nine:

- 189 i **ELLIS<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, married 20 July 1816 (license), Grainger Co., Tenn.,<sup>[569]</sup> **ADELINE READ**. **N.B. There is an Ellis Riggs, son of Samuel<sup>6</sup> of about the same age who might be confused here with this Ellis.**

On 21 January 1822 James Walker of Jefferson Co., Tenn., sold to Ellis Riggs of Grainger Co., Tenn., for \$400, a parcel of land of 96 acres in Jefferson Co., Tenn., "on the South Side of the great road leading from Checks [Cheeks?] X roads [crossroads] to Knoxville . . ." Signed by James Walker with his mark, with his acknowledgement. Witnesses: George G. Read, William McFarland. Acknowledged in court in January Term 1822. Registered 1 Jan. 1824.<sup>[570]</sup>

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Registered the 23 January 1845."

568. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, Z:549-552, FHL 968325, "Samuel Riggs & Harvey Riggs Executors Decree & Petition to Sell Lands & Negros Registered the 20 February 1846. Samuel Riggs & Harvey Riggs Executors &c vs The Heirs of Clisba Riggs Deceased } Petition to Sell Land & Negros."

569. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780-2002*, has image, Ellis Riggs to Adeline Read, Grainger Co., Tenn., 20 July 1816.

570. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, Q:359-360, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, "James Walker Deed to Ellis Riggs for 96 acres of land Registered January 1<sup>st</sup> 1824."

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In 1830 Ellis Riggs, 30-40, resided in Grainger Co., Tenn., with a woman 30-40, one girl 5-10, and two males 10-15.<sup>[571]</sup>

On 13 January 1838 Ellis Riggs of Grainger Co., Tenn., sold to Samuel Riggs of Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$275, a parcel of land of 50 acres and 8 poles in Jefferson Co., Tenn., being part of the 96 acres entered by James Walker bearing date 3 July 1810. Acknowledged 2 Apr. 1838. Registered 8 May 1838.<sup>[572]</sup>

- + 190 ii EDWARD<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, born about 1796, Tenn., married JENNETT – ,and had five children.
- + 191 iii ?CLISBE<sup>7</sup> AUSTIN, born (probably out of wedlock) 21 Jan. 1802, Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., married (1) SARAH ROBERTSON, and had at least five children, married (2) JANE HAMMOND, and had three children.
- + 192 iv SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, born 11 Jan. 1803, Jefferson Co., Tenn., married ELIZABETH CHANEY, and had 12 children.
- + 193 v HARVEY<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, born about 1808, Tennessee, married RACHEL MCKINNEY, and had at least three children.
- + 194 vi JESSE W.<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, born 29 Sept. 1805, Tennessee, married CELIA CHELTON, and had 10 children.

134. DAVID<sup>6</sup> RIGGS (<sup>7</sup>?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 8 Sept. 1749,<sup>[573]</sup> New Jersey,<sup>[574]</sup> died 1839, Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn.<sup>[575]</sup> He married (1) 13 Mar. 1771<sup>[576]</sup> MIRIAM WRIGHT, who

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571. U.S. census, 1830, Grainger Co., Tenn., r. 180, p. 409?, line 2.

572. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Deeds, U:216-217, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, file DGS 7903236, images 398 and 399 of 569, "Ellis Riggs Deed to Samuel Riggs Registered May 8<sup>th</sup> 1838."

573. *William S. Mabry's Account Book*, 14, cites the David Riggs Bible: "Davigs [sic] was born Sept 8th 1749 and married Miriam Wright, March 13 1771. Miriam Wright was born Aug 22 1748."

574. *William S. Mabry's Account Book*. This book begins with engineering notes for a railroad, then contains many items on Mabry and Riggs genealogy. The transcription notes when the handwriting changes and when a word is questionably transcribed. The transcription is 19 pages long, and these page numbers are used in footnotes here. The latest date contained in the document is 19 May 1910. "J H Wallace who is author of Genealogy of the Riggs family lives at 40 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street N.Y." appears on p. 18, but pp. 15-19 appear in a different hand, so were undoubtedly added much later than the main entries by William S. Mabry. David's birthplace is given as Newark on p. 6 and "said to have been" Morris Co., N.J., on p. 10.

575. *William S. Mabry's Account Book*, 10.

576. *William S. Mabry's Account Book*, 14, cites, "In March 1909 Larchmond [sic] N.Y. Grace Hun-



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was born 22 Aug. 1748,<sup>[577]</sup> daughter of Gideon Wright. David married (2) 29 June 1815<sup>[578]</sup> SOPHIA DEMPSEY.

The Mabry account book states that David was son of “Edmund” Riggs, who was born in England, and settled in Newark, N.J. [Note that this description exactly fits Edward<sup>2</sup> Riggs, who could not have been David’s father.] It also states that “David, Hiram and Reuben Riggs—were brothers and moved to Surry and Stokes Counties North Carolina.”<sup>[579]</sup> It is not yet clear to me how David actually fits into the Riggs genealogy. Leo Riggs has the lineage as given above.<sup>[580]</sup> Hiram could be Iram, but there is no Reuben listed as son of Samuel. The relationships of both Reuben and Edmund were probably incorrectly stated by Mabry.

The fact that Samuel lived in Gideon Wright’s district of North Carolina, that his putative son David married Gideon’s daughter (unproved, but the next fact justifies the assumption), that David’s son was named Gideon and Gideon’s son was named Gideon Wright Riggs, form the bricks in the wall of circumstance defining this family.

In 1775 the tax list of Surry Co., N.C., records David Riggs with one poll.<sup>[581]</sup>

The Mabry account also states that David, born in New Jersey, “went with his father and settled first in Stokes County North Carolina . . . In 1784 he entered + had patented to him 300 acres of government land on Mitchell river in Surry Co. N.C. In 1810 moved Williamson County.”<sup>[582]</sup> Stokes Co. came into existence in 1789, derived from Surry Co. (see next item).

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tington sends me the following information coppied [sic] from the bible of David Riggs.”

577. *William S. Mabry’s Account Book*, 14, cites the David Riggs Bible as above.

578. *William S. Mabry’s Account Book*, 15, cites, “Mrs Sue Riggs Gill furnishes the foregoing information saying that Rev Adam Shringo [sic] Riggs was her father.” The transcriber notes that “Cole” is unclear, and p. 9 states, “in 1815 [David Riggs] Married Sophia Dempsey.”

579. *William S. Mabry’s Account Book*, 3, 5, 8, 11.

580. *Leo Riggs His Book*, 78.

581. Johnson, *Surry-Wilkes Taxables, 1771–1777*, Surry, 1775 Tax List, John Hudspeth’s List, 30, “David Riggs 1.”

582. *William S. Mabry’s Account Book*, 9–10, cites Surry Co., N.C., Deeds, Book 6, p. 145, but transcriber states that “Book 6” is unclear.

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On 27 Dec. 1778 David Riggs entered 300 acres of land in Surry Co. on both sides of Mitchells River, and a warrant for the land was granted.<sup>[583]</sup> This might be the patent mentioned, but inaccurately dated, in the Mabry account book.

In about June 1780 a deed for 100 acres on the south side of the Mitchel's River, Wilkes Co., N.C., was transferred to David Riggs.<sup>[584]</sup>

On 13 Nov. 1781 a tract of 200 acres lying on the south side of the Yadkin River and "commonly known by name David Riggs old place," is noted in the Surry Co., N.C., court records as having been entered by "Reubin" Riggs in the name of "Wm. Terril" Lewis.<sup>[585]</sup> This item suggests that David Riggs owned land before this date in this location.

In 1784 David Riggs is listed as a jury member in the Surry Co. court minutes.<sup>[586]</sup> On 11 May 1785 the court minutes record David Riggs as a witness in a trial finding the defendant, William Underwood, guilty. David is credited with 360 miles and 24 days.<sup>[587]</sup> Presumably he had traveled this distance to serve as a witness, suggesting that he now lived some distance from Surry Co. If so, he moved back, as the next records show.

On 16 May 1787 the Surry Co. court orders John Williams to be the overseer of the road from "little fork Mitchells River to David Riggs."<sup>[588]</sup>

As previously mentioned, on 17 Nov. 1787, David Riggs was ordered to be part of a jury for the road "from Little fork of Mitchells River to David Riggs, thence Fishers River Gap."<sup>[589]</sup> On this jury were also Isam [Iram?], Zadock, Samuel, and Silas Riggs.

The Surry Co. court of 16 Feb. 1788 ordered David Riggs to report as a juror at the next session of the court at the courthouse in Rich-

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583. Wells et al., *Surry Co., N.C. Land Entries, 1778-1781*, 99, item 1120.

584. Absher, *Land Entry Book Wilkes Co., 1778-1781*, 108, "No date. Jesse Franklin e. 100 ac. S side Mitchels River. . (Jesse Franklin, Jonathan Canterbury marked out. . David Riggs written in). Entry No. 1870." This item between one dated 9 June 1780 and another dated 1 July 1780.

585. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 32.

586. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 59.

587. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 66.

588. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 113.

589. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 129.

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mond.<sup>[590]</sup> This is perhaps what is now known as Little Richmond, Surry Co.

On 14 May 1789 the Surry Co. court ordered that David Riggs, in Edwards District, be released from payment of an overcharge on 300 acres. He is erroneously listed among the insolvents in the county.<sup>[591]</sup>

In 1790 David, Samuel, “Zadock,” and Hiram Riggs are listed side-by-side as heads of households in the 1790 census for Surry Co., N.C. David Riggs had two males 16 or over, five males under 16, and six females.<sup>[592]</sup> So all four had been born before 1774.

In 1800 David Riggs, over 45, resided in Salisbury Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with a woman 26-45, and four boys under 10, and two girls 10-16.<sup>[593]</sup> So David had been born before 1755.

In 1810 David Riggs, over 45, resided in Surry Co., N.C., with two women over 45, one boy under 10, two males 16-26, one male and one female 26-45, and seven slaves.<sup>[594]</sup>

In 1820 David Riggs, over 45, resided in Bedford Co., Tenn., with a boy and a girl under 10, and a woman, 26-45, with two persons engaged in agriculture, and with four slaves.<sup>[595]</sup>

In 1830 David Riggs, 80-90, resided in Bedford Co., Tenn., with a woman, 50-60, one male 10-15, and one male 40-50.<sup>[596]</sup> So David was born 1740-1750.

Children of the first marriage, to Miriam:<sup>[597]</sup>

- 195 i **REBECCA<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 1 Jan. 1772, married — **BOYD**, and had at least one child (mentioned in Gideon Riggs’s 1871 will (q.v.), as nephew and one of his executors): Joseph B.<sup>8</sup> Boyd.

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590. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 134.

591. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 157, 164-65.

592. U.S. census, 1790, Surry Co., N.C., r. 7, p. 183, alphabetized by “R.”

593. U.S. census, 1800, Salisbury Twp., Surry Co., N.C., r. 32, p. 685. The same page of the census contains Zadok Riggs.

594. U.S. census, 1810, Surry Co., N.C., r. 43, p. 631.

595. U.S. census, 1820, Bedford Co., Tenn., r. 122, p. 11.

596. U.S. census, 1830, Bedford Co., Tenn., r. 174, p. 53.

597. *William S. Mabry’s Account Book*, 8-9, 14-15, the latter cites the David Riggs Bible as above. Page 9 also lists an additional child, Wright, never married. All the children are checkmarked by someone except for Wright and Edward.

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- + 196 ii **ZADOK<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 1 Apr. 1774, married **NANCY FLEMING**, and had four children.
- + 197 iii **JOEL<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 22 Apr. 1776, married **ELIZABETH DAVIS**, and had seven children.
- + 198 iv **ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 6 May 1778, North Carolina, married **NIMROD FIELDER**, and had a child or children **four children**.
- 199 v **SARAH FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 24 Apr. 1780, married **JOHN DEFOREST [?DEFRIEST ?DETRIEST]**.
- 200 vi **HEZEKIAH<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 1 Mar. 1782.
- 201 vii **DAVID<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 2 Apr. 1784, Surry Co., N.C., died 25 June 1843, Williamson Co., Tenn, in the home of his brother, Gideon.<sup>[598]</sup> Never married.
- 202 viii **EDWARD<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 16 Apr. 1786, married — **SHEFFIELD**.  
     In 1820 Edward Riggs, 26–45, resided in Bedford Co., Tenn., with a woman, 26–45, three boys and three girls under 10, one male 10–16, and one male 18–26. and four slaves. Joel Riggs is listed just above.<sup>[599]</sup>
- 203 ix **MIRIAM [“MINNIE”]<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 30 May 1788, married **JESSIE KENNEDY**, and had at least one child.
- + 204 x **GIDEON<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 8 Mar. 1790, married (1) **MARY/POLLY<sup>8</sup> REYNOLDS** (<sup>175</sup>*Prepare*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>), and had one child, married (2) **SOPHIA CAMPBELL**, and had one child, and married (3) **CATHERINE F. HOLDEN**, and had two children.

Child of the second marriage, to Sophia:<sup>[600]</sup>

- + 205 xi **ADAM SPRINGS<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 6 June 1816, near Riggs’s Cross Roads, Williamson Co., Tenn., married **SARAH MARIA HURT**, and had six children.

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598. *Death Notices from the Western Weekly Review, Franklin, Tenn. 1841–1851*, 11 Aug. 1843: “David Riggs born Surry Co., No. Carolina, April 2, 1784; died in residence of his brother, Gideon Riggs, Williamson Co., Tenn., June 25, 1843.”

599. U.S. census, 1820, Bedford Co., Tenn., r. 122, p. 3A.

600. *William S. Mabry’s Account Book*, 8–9, 14–15, “David Riggs . . . in 1815 Married Sophia Dempsey. Had one son by this marriage Rev Adam S. Riggs,” but also, “David Riggs + Sophia Cole were married June 29 1815 Their only child was Adam Shringo [sic] Riggs born June 16 1816 Mrs Sue Riggs Gill furnishes the fore going information saying that Rev Adam Shringo Riggs was her father and that her Mother Sallie Hunt was raised in Maury County Tennessee in a mile of Zadoc Riggs.”

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136. LOTT<sup>6</sup> RIGGS (<sub>77</sub>Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1766 (computed from death date—if this is correct, then Lott is not in birth order), probably still at home with his father, Samuel, in 1790, died after he signed his will on 25 Feb. 1813 and before it was proved in May 1813, in Surry Co., N.C. He married 1792, Dobson, Surry Co.,<sup>[601]</sup> MARGARET [PEGGY] ROSS.

Lott signed his will 25 Feb. 1813, Surry Co., N.C. In it he appoints “my worthy friend John Mash senior” executor and leaves everything to “my dearly beloved wife Peggy Riggs.” Witnesses were Leonard Ray and Silas Riggs, who both later, in Surry Co. Court, May Session 1813, proved the will.<sup>[602]</sup> Silas was surely Lott’s brother, as son Silas was only about 10 years old.

In 1800 Lott Riggs, 26–45, resided in Salisbury Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with a woman 16–26, and 5 girls under 10.<sup>[603]</sup>

In 1810 “Lot” Riggs, 26–45, resided in Surry Co., N.C., with a woman 26–45, four boys and one girl under 10, two girls 10–16, four females 16–26, and two females over 45.<sup>[604]</sup>

Silas Riggs, Lott Riggs, and Zadock Riggs are listed in the 1812 tax list for Surry Co., N.C., Capt. Witcher’s district.<sup>[605]</sup>

In 1820 Peggy Riggs, over 45, resided in Capt. Patters District, Surry Co., N.C., with one girl under 10, three boys and one girl 10–16, and one female 16–26. Three persons are farmers. Listed nearby on the same page is Silas Riggs, 26–45, with a woman 26–45, one boy and three girls under 10, and two girls 10–16.<sup>[606]</sup>

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601. *Leo Riggs His Book*, 82, unsourced.

602. Surry Co., N.C., Wills, 3:106.

603. U.S. census, 1800, Salisbury Twp., Surry Co., N.C., r. 32, p. 687. The same page of the census contains Hiram Riggs and Elizabeth Riggs.

604. U.S. census, 1810, Surry Co., N.C., r. 43, p. 654.

605. *1812 Tax List of Surry Co., N.C.*, 12, “Riggs, Zadock 425/1 | . . . | Riggs, Silas 123/0 | Riggs, Lott 100/1.” The first number is the number of acres owned by the individual, and the second is the number of white polls listed.

606. U.S. census, 1820, Capt. Patters District, Surry Co., N.C., r. 82, p. 774.

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In 1830 “Margarett” Riggs, 50–60, resided in Surry Co., N.C., with one female 15–20, and two males 20–30. Next to her is listed Silas Riggs, 20–30, with a woman 20–30, and three boys and one girl under 5.<sup>[607]</sup>

A quitclaim deed dated 15 Nov. 1836, Surry Co., N.C., lists Lott’s heirs at that time: Silas Riggs, Daniel Riggs, Larkin “Kenneday” and his wife, Elizabeth, and Eleanah Lewis and his wife, “Mehala.” They sold for \$150 to James Thompson a tract of 100 acres on Mitchell’s River including the land conveyed by Samuel Riggs to Lott Riggs by a will in which he was called “my son,” on the north side of Spring Creek.<sup>[608]</sup>

[In 1820 John Riggs, over 45, resided in Capt. Winfreys District, Surry Co., N.C., with a woman over 45, and a male 26–45. There is one farmer and one mechanic in the household.<sup>[609]</sup> This does not fit John Riggs below, but which John Riggs it was, is unknown.]

Children [This is Leo Riggs’s list, reordered, but I doubt it’s correct]:

206 i ?MARY [“POLLY”]<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, born about 1794, North Carolina, married 16 Mar. 1816, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[610]</sup> TYRE P. GALASPY [Gillespie, perhaps], born about 1788, North Carolina, and had at least one child.

On 15 July 1820, “Tirey” Galaspy served as bondsman for the marriage of Elijah Galaspy to Sarah Laffoon, Surry Co., N.C.<sup>[611]</sup>

In 1850 Tyre Galaspy, 62, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$1,454 real estate, resided in Mt. Airy, Surry Co., N.C., with Mary, 56, born in North Carolina and with James, 18, born in North Carolina.<sup>[612]</sup>

In 1860 Tyre “R.” “Gillaspie,” 72, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$1,000 real and \$1,432 personal estates, resided in

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607. U.S. census, 1830, Surry Co., N.C., r. 125, p. 104.

608. Surry Co., N.C., Deeds, W:319; Surry Co., N.C., Wills, 3:35–37.

609. U.S. census, 1820, Capt. Winfreys District, Surry Co., N.C., r. 82, p. 782.

610. Holcomb, *Marriages of Surry Co.*, 72, “Galaspy, Tyre P. & Polly Riggs, 16 March 1816; Elijah Galaspy, bm.”

611. Holcomb, *Marriages of Surry Co.*, 72, “Galaspy, Tyre P. & Polly Riggs, 16 March 1816; Elijah Galaspy, bm.”

612. U.S. census, 1850, Mt. Airy, Surry Co., N.C., r. 646, p. 309B, dw. 596, fam. 596.

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Fishers Gap, Surry Co., N.C., with Mary, 66, born in North Carolina and with Milletty, 18, born in North Carolina.<sup>[613]</sup>

James Gillaspie signed his will 8 Aug. 1862 (as he prepared to go off to war) in Surry Co., N.C., leaving everything to his wife Martha. Wilson Laffoon was executor. The will was proved Nov. 1862.<sup>[614]</sup>

- + 207 ii ?**SARAH**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1796, North Carolina, married 12 Feb. 1816, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[615]</sup> **MATTHEW LAFFOON**. They seem not to have had children as she apparently raised putative sister Mahala's family, or was very close to it.
- 208 iii **ELIZABETH**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1799, North Carolina, married 24 Mar. 1817, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[616]</sup> **LARKIN CANADY [KENNEDAY] [KENNEDY]**, born about 1798, North Carolina, and had at least five children.

In 1850 Larkin Kenneday, 52, a laborer born in North Carolina, resided in Forsyth Co., N.C., with Elizabeth, 51, born in North Carolina, and with Cynthia, 27, Sally, 24, Joel, 21, Samuel, 12, and Elizabeth J., 7, all five born in North Carolina. Nearby was Silas Riggs, 47, born in North Carolina (q.v.).<sup>[617]</sup>

- 209 iv ?**ABIGAIL**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1800, North Carolina, married 8 Dec. 1829, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[618]</sup> **ISAAC NORMAN**, born about 1800, died before the 1860 census, and had at least three children.

In 1850 Isaac Norman, 50, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$350 real estate, resided in Mt. Airy, Surry Co., N.C., with "Abigal," 50, born in North Carolina, and with Mary, 20, Henry,

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613. U.S. census, 1860, Fishers Gap PO, Blevin District, Surry Co., N.C., r. 914, p. 203, dw. 254, fam. 254.

614. Surry Co., N.C., Wills, 5:64, will of James Gillaspie, as transcribed in Snow, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, Vols. 5 & 6, 1853-1901*, 20.

615. Holcomb, *Marriages of Surry Co.*, 120, "Laffoon, Matthew & Sarah Riggs, 12 Feb 1816; James Fitzgerald, bm."

616. Holcomb, *Marriages of Surry Co.*, 304, "Canady, Larkin & Elizabeth Ricks(?), 24 March 1817; David Riggs, bm."

617. U.S. census, 1850, Forsyth Co., N.C., r. 630, p. 260A, dw. 897, fam. 911. Silas resided in dw. 894.

618. Holcomb, *Marriages of Surry Co.*, 152, "Norman, Isaac & Abagal [sic] Riggs, 8 Dec 1829; Eleanor [sic] Lewis, bm."

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18, and “Margarett,” 12, all three born in North Carolina. Tyre Gallaspy and Eleanor Lewis resided nearby.<sup>[619]</sup>

In 1860 “Abagal” Norman, 55, a widow farmer born in North Carolina with \$300 real and \$200 personal estates, resided in Nixons District, Surry Co., N.C., with Mary, 30, and Henry, 25, both born in North Carolina.<sup>[620]</sup>

210 v **SILAS<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1803, North Carolina, married **MARTHA** —, born about 1805, North Carolina, and had at least seven children.

In 1850 Silas Riggs, 47, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$380 real estate, resided in Forsyth [formerly Stokes] Co., N.C., with Martha, 45, born in North Carolina, and with Lot, 22, John, 17, Margaret, 16, Martha, 12, Zadock, 5, Sarah Venable, 24, Silas Venable, 5, Martha A. Venable, 3, and Mary E. Venable, 1, all born in North Carolina Next door was Rial Riggs Jr., 25, born North Carolina, and Rial Venable, 7, resided nearby in the household of Henry H. Pitts. Nearby was Larkin Kenneday, 52, born in North Carolina (q.v.).<sup>[621]</sup> I take the proximity of Larkin to identify this Silas as Larkin’s brother-in-law. It is tempting to think that Rial was a son of Silas, but the “Jr.” is inconsistent with the idea. Note that Rial Riggs (Sr.) is listed on the next page of the census. **I do not know the relationship of Rial to Silas, but it appears to be close (Rial has a son named Silas).**

Sarah Riggs married 8 Mar. 1842, Stokes Co., N.C., William Venable.<sup>[622]</sup>

+ 211 vi **?JOHN<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 8 Feb. 1804, Surry Co., N.C., married (1) **PATSEY PETERSON**, married (2) **CYNTHIA LAWSON**, and had 10 children, married (3) **EDITH (SMITH) YOUNG**, and had two children.

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619. U.S. census, 1850, Mt. Airy, Surry Co., N.C., r. 646, p. 310A, dw. 604, fam. 604. Tyre resided in dw. 596, Eleanor in dw. 600.

620. U.S. census, 1860, Judesville or Dobson PO, Nixons District, Surry Co., N.C., r. 914 p. 216, dw. 465, fam. 465.

621. N.C. *Marriage Collection, 1741–2004*, William Venable to Sarah Riggs, 8 Mar. 1842, Stokes Co.

622. U.S. census, 1850, Forsyth Co., N.C., r. 630, p. 260A, dw. 894, fam. 908. Larkin resided in dw. 897, Rial Riggs Jr. in dw. 895, and Rial Venable in dw. 896. Rial Riggs (Sr.) resided in dw. 904.



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- + 212 vii MAHALA<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, born about 1806, North Carolina, married ELEANAH/ELKANA LEWIS, and had at least four children.
- + 213 viii ?JESSE<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, born about 1808, North Carolina, married LYDIA HODGES, and had six children.
- + 214 ix DANIEL<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, born about 1811, North Carolina, married DEBORAH —, and had at least five children.

138. ZADOK<sup>6</sup> RIGGS (<sup>77</sup>Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1753, Morris Co., N.J.,<sup>[623]</sup> died Oct. 1846, aged about 93, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[624]</sup> His will was proved 23 Nov. 1846, Boone Co. Zadok married SARAH SCOTT, born about 1755 in Virginia,<sup>[625]</sup> sister or cousin of John Scott who married Zadok's sister, Chloe Riggs.<sup>[626]</sup> Sarah died in Aug. 1846, Boone Co., Mo., aged 91.<sup>[627]</sup>

On 14 Aug. 1779 "Zadock" Riggs was appointed sheriff of Surry Co., N.C.<sup>[628]</sup>

On 6 Apr. 1780 "Zeadock" Riggs was deeded 100 acres on Big Branch of Mitchels River in Wilkes Co., N.C.<sup>[629]</sup>

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623. 4 Jan. 1754, Hanover, Morris Co., N.J., according to DeMarce, *Boone Co., Mo.*, which cites *Genealogical Society of Central Missouri (GCSM) Reporter*, 12(1993):17, but also has this note: "Varies according to contributor." Further cites "Data in GSCM 1996, 8. Data from Phyllis Roscom Manery, *GSCM Reporter Quarterly* 12(1), Spring 1993, 17. Contains data on additional children of this couple who did not come to Boone County."

624. *Boone Co., Mo., Obits., 1892-1901*, Zadok Riggs, aged about 93, died Oct. 1846.

625. Born 24 Aug. 1755, Halifax Co., Va., daughter of James and Kezia (Terry) Scott, according to DeMarce, *Boone Co., Mo.*

626. <juliemorrison.com/surry/newqu.htm> (accessed 15 March 2004), "Riggs-Tompkins-Scott - I am putting together a genealogical record of Samuel Riggs and his wife Elizabeth Tompkins. I know there are descendants still living in Surry Co. and would appreciate any information on this family. I am a descendant of Zadok Riggs and his wife Sarah Scott. Zadok was born in Morristown, N.J. and Sarah was born in Halifax or Pittsylvania, Virginia. John Scott married Chloe Riggs, so there is a double relationship with these two families. They left Surry Co. in 1795 for Lincoln Co., Ky. and from there to Boone County, Missouri; the Scott family to Illinois. I am also interested in family photos and will pay a reasonable price for copies. Florence M. Bowe, 273 SW Sunset Way, Troutdale, OR 97060."

627. *Boone Co., Mo., Obits., 1892-1901*, Mrs. Sarah Riggs, aged about 91, died Aug. 1846.

628. As abstracted in Linn, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, 1771-1827*, 108, "Surry Co. minutes of court of P & QS, 14 Aug. 1779: Zadock Riggs appt Sheriff of Surry Co. with Keziah and Levy Jarvis apptd deputy Sheriffs."

629. Absher, *Land Entry Book Wilkes Co., 1778-1781*, 101, "6 Apr. 1780. Zeadock Riggs e. 100 ac.

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On 15 May 1783 Job Deane, “orphan of John Dean [sic] decd, aged 16, was bound to Zadock Riggs to learn the Art & Mistry of a blacksmith.”<sup>[630]</sup>

In 1790 Zadock Riggs, over 16, resided in Surry Co., N.C., with four males under 16, and three women. Also listed under “R” were David Riggs (2,5,6), Samuel Riggs (3,0,1), and Hiram Riggs (1,3,3).<sup>[631]</sup>

On 20 Dec. 1791 “Zadock” Riggs was granted, by the State of North Carolina, 35 acres in Surry Co. “On the Waters of Mitchells River Beginning at a black gum on the top of as ridge Murpheys Corner in Samuel Riggs Line . . .” On the facing page of the land patent book is a grant of 100 acres to Samuel Riggs in Surry Co. “On the north Side of Mitchells River beginning at a black oak on his own Line . . .”<sup>[632]</sup>

On 3 Dec. 1800 “Zadock” Riggs was granted, by the State of North Carolina, 300 acres in Surry Co. “Beginning at a Chesnut tree on the South side of Mitchells river on the top of a ridge a conditional line between said Zadock Riggs and Samuel Riggs runing South Sixty five chaines to a black oak in David Riggs line . . .” Entered 27 Dec. 1778. Also on the same date Zadock was granted 100 acres in Surry Co. “Beginning at a black oak, the South side of Mitchels river at the mouth of Samuel Riggs Mill race . . .” Engered 16 Dec. 1779.<sup>[633]</sup>

In 1800 “Zadck” Riggs, 26–45, resided in Salisbury Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with one woman, 26–45, and five slaves. Next to Zadok is David Riggs, over 45.<sup>[634]</sup>

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Branch Mitchels River known by name Big Branch. . including James Childers improvement. Entry No. 1751.”

630. As abstracted in Linn, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, 1771–1827*, 6, cites Surry Co. Minutes of Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions.

631. U.S. census, 1790, Surry Co., N.C., r. 7, p. 510. There is also a William “Pigg,” (1,0,2).

632. N.C. patent book, 78:212, grant no. 1479, issued 20 Dec. 1791, file no. 1541, entered 11 May 1786, entry no. 185, also grant no. 1482, issued 20 Dec. 1791, file no. 1544, 78:213, entered 26 May 1784, entry no. 1875, image online at <[www.nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.113.1545&qid=633625&rn=3](http://www.nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.113.1545&qid=633625&rn=3)>, accessed 27 Mar. 2021.

633. N.C. patent book, 112:16–17, grants no. 2047 and 2048, issued 3 Dec. 1800, files no. 2125 and 2126, images online at <[www.nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.113.2125&qid=633640&rn=3](http://www.nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.113.2125&qid=633640&rn=3)>, accessed 27 Mar. 2021.

634. U.S. census, 1800, Salisbury Twp., Surry Co., N.C., r. 32, p. 685.

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In 1800 Zadock Riggs is listed on a tax list for Lincoln Co., Ky., suggesting he removed from Surry Co., N.C., during this year.<sup>[635]</sup> **But . . . :**

On 24 Dec. 1802 in Surry Co., N.C., Zadock Riggs witnessed a deed of gift of slaves from John Hughes to his son, Matthew M. Hughes.<sup>[636]</sup>

In 1810 Zadock Riggs, over 45, resided in Lincoln Co., Ky., with one woman over 45, one male 10-16, two males 16-26, and one slave. Listed next to him is Samuel Riggs, 16-26.<sup>[637]</sup>

Silas Riggs, Lott Riggs, and Zadock Riggs are listed in the 1812 tax list for Surry Co., N.C., Capt. Witcher's district.<sup>[638]</sup>

By 1816 Zadok was in Boone Co., Mo., according to this, with some of his sons:

The Riggs family was prominent in the early history of the northern part of Boone County. According to Switzler's 1882 History of Boone County, "Old Zadok Riggs had three sons, viz.: Zadok, Silas, and Samuel Riggs, who came to Rocky fork from Kentucky in 1816, living to be old men. Silas Riggs was a justice of the peace for twenty years, and one of the most prominent citizens of the county." Both Silas and Zadok Riggs subscribed \$100.00 to help obtain the University of Missouri for Boone County.<sup>[639]</sup>

"By 1820, lived north of Columbia near Red Top meeting house (Switzler 1882, 133)."<sup>[640]</sup>

"Boone County 1821 tax list (Hodges and Woodruff 1971)."<sup>[641]</sup>

"Boone Co. combined tax list, 1821 and 1825 (Stanley, Wilson, & Wilson, Missouri Taxpayers 1819-1826, 1979)."<sup>[642]</sup>

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635. Ky. Census, 1810-1890.

636. Surry Co., N.C., Wills, 2:51, as abstracted in Linn, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, 1771-1827*, 60.

637. U.S. census, 1810, Lincoln Twp., Lincoln Co., Ky., r. 7, p. 131.

638. *1812 Tax List of Surry Co., N.C.*, 12, "Riggs, Zadock 425/1 | . . . | Riggs, Silas 123/0 | Riggs, Lott 100/1." The first number is the number of acres owned by the individual, and the second is the number of white polls listed.

639. "This information is from the GSCM Reporter Volume 17 Number 6 - November/December 1998 by David P. Sapp," according to and courtesy of my correspondent Marilou Morris.

640. DeMarce, *Boone Co., Mo.*

641. DeMarce, *Boone Co., Mo.*

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In 1830 “Zedock” Riggs, 70–80, resided in Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with one woman, 70–80, and no slaves. Nearby was “Siles” Riggs, 30–40.<sup>[643]</sup>

In 1840 Zadok Riggs Sr., 80–90, resided in Boone Co., Mo., with a woman 80–90. James S. Riggs, 20–30, Zadok Riggs Jr., 40–50, and Samuel Riggs, 20–30, are listed two pages away.<sup>[644]</sup>

The will of “Zodak” Riggs, proved 23 Nov. 1846, Boone Co., Mo., mentions his wife, Sarah, and children, Scott Riggs, Polly Warren, Samuel Riggs, “Zodak” Riggs Jr., James Riggs, and Silas Riggs. Also mentioned were grandchildren, Martha<sup>8</sup> Emry, Sarah<sup>8</sup> Patton, and Keziah<sup>8</sup> Johnson. The executor was Samuel Riggs, and witnesses were John and Stephen Davenport.<sup>[645]</sup>

Children:

- + 215 i **SCOTT ADAMS<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1779, North Carolina, married **HANNAH BERRY**, and had 10 children.
- + 216 ii **MARY [POLLY]<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1782, North Carolina, married **WILLIAM WARREN**, and had at least one child.
- + 217 iii **SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born say 1788, married (1) **DEBRA/DEBORAH CAMPBELL**, married (2) **ELIZABETH SUTTON**, married (3) **NANCY ROBINSON**.
- + 218 iv **ZADOK<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 25 Sept. 1790, North Carolina, married (1) **POLLY MOORE**, married (2) **ELIZABETH ANN SIMS**, and had eight children.
- + 219 v **JAMES<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1793, North Carolina, apparently married.
- + 220 vi **SILAS<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 6 July 1797, married **SARAH HICKS**, and had at least eight children.

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642. DeMarce, *Boone Co., Mo.*

643. U.S. census, 1830, Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Ky., r. 73, p. 102.

644. U.S. census, 1840, Boone Co., Ky., r. 220, p. 120. The other Riggses are listed on p. 122.

645. Mrs. E. E. Evans and Mrs. J. Frank Thompson, *Wills and Administrations of Boone County, Missouri, 1821–1870* (publishing info?), 33, “Riggs, Zodak [sic] – No. 699 – Will. Samuel Riggs, Ex. Nov. 23, 1846. Wife, Sarah Riggs; Scott Riggs, Polly Warren, Samuel Riggs, Zodak Riggs, jr., James Riggs, Silas Riggs, gd. ch. Martha Emry, Sarah Patton, Keziah Johnson. Wit. John Davenport & Stephen Davenport.” Cited by DeMarce, *Boone Co., Mo.*

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139. CHLOE<sup>6</sup> RIGGS (<sub>77</sub>Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1754, Morris Co., N.J., and died 1852, Illinois.<sup>[646]</sup> She married 1778, North Carolina, JOHN SCOTT.

In 1850 Chloe Riggs, 96, born in New Jersey, resided in Tazewell Co., Ill., in the household of James Scott, 70, a farmer born in North Carolina, "Jemmima," 49, born in Massachusetts, and Mary L[evici?] Davis, 14, born in Illinois.<sup>[647]</sup>

Known child:

+ 221 i JAMES<sup>7</sup> SCOTT, born 9 Nov. 1779, North Carolina, married (1) FRANCES TUCKER, and had seven children, married (2) JEMIMA BROWN.

The following is a placeholder piece of work awaiting further evidence that will place it firmly in the preceding work. It's inspired by the DNA contribution of Jason Lance<sup>12</sup> Riggs, a descendant who has contributed his genealogy as well. The current theory, supported by this work, is that probably Hiram/Iram Riggs and family came out of North Carolina to Lincoln Co., subsequently split off as Rockcastle Co., Ky., and then into Orange Co., and into Lawrence Co. (split from Orange in 1818), Ind. The Riggess appear to have been accompanied by the Laswells at every step of the way, from North Carolina, into Kentucky, and then into Indiana. [See Iram/Hiram<sup>6</sup> Riggs (<sub>77</sub>Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) for a possible connection to the rest of this volume See also his sister Eunice, who married a Laswell.]

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646. *Find a Grave*, no. 108323521, no photograph, Deacon Street Cem., Morton, Tazewell Co., Ill., unsourced: born 16 Apr. 1752, Mercer Co., N.J., died 3 Dec. 1842, Groveland, Tazewell Co., Ill., with this interesting (but again unsourced) note: "Chloe was the wife of John Scott (who died prior to January 11, 1811 in Kentucky). According to Watie Delfa Wright Ellis she is buried next to her son James. Watie wrote: 'In the 1850 census [she recites what we have above]. In 1852 Chloe died. Her monument, now disappeared, read born Bergen County, New Jersey 1752. It should have read Morris County, New Jersey, not Bergen.' Chloe's ancestors were among the first settlers of Newark, NJ."

647. U.S. census, 1850, Tazewell Co., Ill., r. 129, p. 45B, dw. 629, fam. 629.

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141. EUNICE<sup>6</sup> RIGGS (<sub>77</sub>Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1760, Morris Co., N.J., and died about 1829, Skegg Creek, Rockcastle Co., Ky. She married say 1777 JOSEPH LASSWELL [LACEFIELD] [LASSFIELD], who was born about 1758, Cameron, Loudoun Co., Va., and died about 1816, Rockcastle Co., Ky.

See Moses Riggs (<sub>141</sub>?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) sketch for possible development.

Apparently Joseph served as a Loyalist in the Revolutionary War, near 1780. Joseph Lacefield was convicted of high treason Mar. 1783 in Morgan District Superior Court, Rutherford Co., N.C., to be hanged 16 May 1783. Then on 21 Apr. 1783, he was pardoned from his sentence of hanging until dead.<sup>[648]</sup>

The following extract from Lyman C. Draper's *King's Mountain and its Heroes* is especially interesting because it mentions Col. Benjamin Cleveland who figures highly in the story of Bethuel Riggs (Vol. I of this series) and Joseph Lasswell:

On one occasion a Tory party under Jo Lasefield [sic] captured him [Jesse Franklin, Cleveland's adjutant] and had him ready to swing off, when he said: "You have me completely in your power! But if you hang me, it will prove the dearest days work you ever performed, for Uncle Ben Cleveland will pursue you like a bloodhound, and he will never cease the chase while a solitary one of you survives." [Franklin escaped, by the way.]<sup>[649]</sup>

In 1810 Joseph Lasswell, over 45, resided in Rockcastle Co., Ky., with one woman over 45, and with one male under 10, two males and one female 10–15. Next to him is listed Jesse Lasswell, 16–26, with a woman of the same ages, and gwo girls under 10. In the same county were Hiram Riggs and Silas Riggs, **but note that there was a Silas Riggs in Surry Co., N.C., in 1810.**<sup>[650]</sup>

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648. N.C. State Records, 777, 244–248, documentation of government action to pardon condemned prisoners in 1783. Downloaded 6 May 2014 from <[www.yatesville.net/tngrey/-historieshgen/laswell%2Cjos\\_loyalistcondemned.pdf](http://www.yatesville.net/tngrey/-historieshgen/laswell%2Cjos_loyalistcondemned.pdf)>.

649. Draper, *King's Mountain and Its Heroes*, xxx.

650. U.S. census, 1810, Rockcastle Co., Ky., r. 8, p. 161. On the same page is John Lasswell 20010,10100. Iram and Silas Riggs are listed on the next page.

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The following are depositions in a case against Richard Murphy, taken in Lincoln Co. [from which Rockcastle Co. was principally derived in 1810], Ky., in Feb. 1810. The deponents were Joseph Lassfield and Eunice Lassfield:

The Commonwealth of Kentucky; Stanford, Lincoln Co., Kentucky; February 1810

Also the Deposition of Joseph Lasswell taken at the same time and place to be read in the same suit this deponent being of Lawful age and being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that he has been acquainted with Richard Murphy's family about forty two years and at his first acquaintance with said Murphey he had no negroes and he understood by said Murphey that there was a degree conveying them to his wife from her father then living in Virginia and as well as this deponent recollects said Murphey and his wife went to Virginia and on their return back again they brought with them two negroes one by the name of Harry , the other by the name of Phillis and I understood by said Murphey that he the said Murphey got them from his wife's father Benjamin Terry.

Quest by Complainants; Do you recollect that the above mentioned Phillis had a child named Ciller?

And by Deponent; Yes I do recollect I think Cealler is about 35, 36, or 37 years of age at this time.

Quest by same; Do you recollect that you ever saw Fillis in a state of pregnancy previous to the birth of Cealer at the house of the defendant, Richard Murphey?

Answer by deponent; Yes I did and afterwards saw her with a young child who was called Cealer by the family of the defendant Richard Murphey and never knew said Richard Murphey to have any Negros woman but Fillis and her family.

Quest by same; Did you ever hear Richard Murphey say that Benjamin Scott, Elizabeth Elizabeth, now wife of David Aston, and John Scott and Sarah Scot now the Wife of Zadock Rigs and Lucy Scot, now the wife of Arthur Scritchfield, war the children of the said Richard Murphy's wife.

Answer by deponent; Yes I have heard Richard Murphey say they were his wife's children Repeated by; Quest by same; Did you ever hear Richard Murphey the Deft say that he the said Richard Murphey married the Widow Scott?

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Answer by Deponent; Yes I have often heard him say he did and further the Deponent sayeth not  
Joseph X (his mark) Lassfield

Also the Disposition of Eunice Lassfield taken at the same place & time to be read as Evidence in the same tort this Deponent being of Lawful age and Duly Sworn; Deposeth & sayeth that I have been acquainted with Richard Murphy's Family upwards of thirty years as well this Deponent recollects 35 or 36 years past; She saw a Negro child called Celar suck a Negro woman by the name of Filly who was then in the possession of Richard Murphey 6 Deft

Question by the same com? Did you ever hear Richard Murphey the Deft say that he got the said Filly by his wife's fathers estate.

Answer; Yes I have repeatedly

Question by the same; Did you ever hear Richard Murphey the Deft say that the negroes was all to be equally divided amongst his wife's children at her death.

Answer; Yes I did & father this Deponent sayth not  
Eunice (her mark) Lassfield

Kentucky; Lincoln Co.; The foregoing Dispositions were taken at subscribed & Sworn to before us Justices of the Peace in & for the County of sd at the place & time above written & given under our hands this 17 day of Sept 1810 Harbert King JP John M Roberts Ck 17 Aug 1810 two dollars as our fee for attending to the above dispositions.<sup>[651]</sup>

**141. IRAM/HIRAM<sup>6</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>77</sub>Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 1755-1774.

In 1787 Isam [probably a misreading of Iram] Riggs was ordered onto a road jury in Surry Co., N.C., with David, Zadock, Samuel, and Silas Riggs.<sup>[652]</sup>

In 1788 Iram Riggs was ordered onto a road jury in Surry Co., with Zadock, Samuel, and Silas Riggs.<sup>[653]</sup>

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651. Transcription from Yatesville History and Genealogy, for Eunice Riggs. This note added: "(Minor editing done by Yates, R.E. 9/7/2009 to improve readability)."

652. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 129.



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In 1790 Hiram Riggs, over 16, resided in Surry Co., N.C., with three males under 16, and three women. Also listed under “R” were David Riggs (2,5,6), Samuel Riggs (3,0,1), and Zadock Riggs (1,4,3).<sup>[654]</sup>

In 1800 Hiram Riggs, 26-45, resided in Salisbury Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with a woman 26-45, two boys and four girls under 10, one boy and one girl 10-16, and one male 16-26.<sup>[655]</sup>

In 1784-1787 in “A List of the Number of Souls taken in Willeses District,” N.C., are the following white persons, in the order given:<sup>[656]</sup>

Samuel Riggs	2 males 21-60	1 males else	3 females
Zadock Riggs	1 males 21-60	3 males else	3 females
David Riggs	1 males 21-60	5 males else	5 females
Iram Riggs	1 males 21-60	2 males else	1 females
Joseph Lasswell	1 males 21-60	1 males else	5 females

### [Placeholder summary]

Silas (or Silus) Riggs (or Rigs) was listed in Rockcastle Co., Ky., tax lists from 1811-1817, 1819-1822.

Patsy Riggs was listed in Rockcastle Co., Ky., tax lists in 1822.

Joseph Laswell (Lasswell, Lasswill) was listed in Rockcastle Co., Ky., tax lists from 1811-1815. In 1810 Joseph Laswell, over 45, resided in Rockcastle Co., Ky., with a woman over 45, one boy under 10, two boys and one girl 10-15.<sup>[657]</sup> Joseph “Lacefield” was listed in Lincoln Co., Ky., in an 1800 tax list.

John and John Jr. (or J.) Laswell was listed in Rockcastle Co., Ky., tax lists from 1811-1814. Just John in 1815, John “deceased” in 1817, John in 1819, 1821-1822.

Jesse Laswell was listed in Rockcastle Co., Ky., tax lists from 1811-1815, 1822.

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653. Absher, *Surry Co. Court Minutes*, 134.

654. U.S. census, 1790, Surry Co., N.C., r. 7, p. 510. There is also a William “Pigg,” (1,0,2).

655. U.S. census, 1800, Salisbury Twp., Surry Co., N.C., r. 32, p. 687. The same page of the census contains Lott Riggs and Elizabeth Riggs.

656. *N.C. State Census, 1784-1787*, 144, no blacks listed in these families.

657. U.S. census, 1810, Rockcastle Co., Ky., r. 8, p. 161.

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William and William Jr. (perhaps) Laswell was listed in Rockcastle Co., Ky., tax lists in 1811. Just William in 1816, 1819, 1822.

Ezekiel Laswell was listed in Rockcastle Co., Ky., tax lists from 1815-1816. "E (widow)" Laswell was listed in 1819.

[End of placeholder summary]

In 1810 Iram Riggs, over 45, resided in Rockcastle Co., Ky., with a woman over 45, one boy and three girls under 10, two boys and one girl 10-15, one male and four females, 16-26.<sup>[658]</sup>

Iram (or Irahm in one instance) Riggs was listed in Rockcastle Co., Ky., tax lists from 1811-1812, 1814-1817, 1819-1821.<sup>[659]</sup>

N.B. Rockcastle Co. was formed mostly from Lincoln Co., in 1810

For example, in 1811 Iram Riggs was taxed on 100 acres of 3rd (tax) rate land on Dicks River in Rockcastle Co., Ky., with one male over 21 and five horses (mares and colts). The land had been entered and surveyed under the name J. Mycox [probably Myers]. Next to him in alphabetical order was Moses Riggs with one male over 21. Also listed (but separated) was Silas Riggs with one male over 21 and one horse.<sup>[660]</sup>

For context, on 6 Oct. 1813, by virtue of a warrant entered 25 Sept. 1786, the Commonwealth of Kentucky granted to Joseph Laswell "ass<sup>d</sup>" [assessed?] of Jacob Myers 100 acres of land, by a survey dated 29 Aug. 1788 in Lincoln County on the waters of Dicks River.<sup>[661]</sup>

On 19 Aug. 1800, Jacob Myers transferred 100 acres of land to Joseph Laswell, "being part of a 200 acre Entry lying in the East End of the same and Joining my Connection of surveys on the head of Skagges Creek & Dick's River."<sup>[662]</sup>

As another example, in 1812 (possibly on 23 July) "Iram" Riggs was taxed on 100 acres of 3rd rate land on Dicks River in Rockcastle Co., Ky., with one male over 21, four horses (presumably mares and colts),

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658. U.S. census, 1810, Rockcastle Co., Ky., r. 8, p. 162.

659. Rockcastle Co., Ky., Tax Lists, 1811-1824, images courtesy of Jason Riggs.

660. Rockcastle Co., Ky., Tax Lists, 1811-1824, images courtesy of Jason Riggs.

661. This deed was scanned and uploaded to Ancestry.com (downloaded 19 Aug. 2013), p. 102 of (presumably) the Lincoln Co., Ky., Deeds of the appropriate year, deed signed by Lt. Gov. Richard Hickman, Frankfort, Ky.

662. This transfer was scanned and uploaded to Ancestry.com (downloaded 19 Aug. 2013).

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and one stud horse. Next to him in alphabetical order was Moses Riggs with one male over 21, and two horses. On 11 Apr. 1812 (probably) was listed Silas “Rigs” with one male over 21 and two horses.<sup>[663]</sup>

Known (or suspected) children:

- + 222 i ?MOSES<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, born about 1789, North Carolina, married MAHALA LASWELL, and had at least four children.
- 223 ii ?SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> RIGGS, born about 1798, North Carolina.

I list the following three items also under Samuel<sup>7</sup> Riggs (<sub>138</sub>Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>), uncertain as to their actual placement:

Samuel Riggs was listed in Rockcastle Co., Ky., tax lists from 1819-1822.

Samuel Riggs was granted 100 acres on Negro Creek, Rockcastle Co., Ky., surveyed 1 June 1821; 100 more acres there, surveyed 11 Nov. 1833; and apparently over a 1000 more acres, on Dix River, Rockcastle Co., surveyed 9 Jan. 1838.<sup>[664]</sup>

In 1820 “Sam<sup>1</sup>” Riggs, 26-45 [implies birth 1775-1794], with [possibly, a long mark obscures the “1” if it is present] a woman 26-45, one boy under 10, and a female over 45. Next was listed Hiram Riggs, 10-16, resided in Rockcastle Co., Ky., with one female 10-16, two females 16-26, one female 26-45, and two females over 45.<sup>[665]</sup> I have not placed Hiram, but he was possibly a son of Samuel.

**This is problematical too:** In 1850 Samuel Riggs, 52, a farmer born [about 1798] in North Carolina with \$150 personal estate, resided in Pulaski Co. [abuts Rockcastle Co.], Ky., with Elizabeth, 53, born in Virginia, America, 27, born in Kentucky, Mary, 19, Eliza, 16, Margret, 12, all four born in Kentucky.<sup>[666]</sup>

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663. Rockcastle Co., Ky., Tax Lists, 1811-1824, images courtesy of Jason Riggs.

664. Ky. *Land Grants, 1782-1924*, Samuel Riggs, Rockcastle Co., Ky., book H, C2, and R2 (two entries), respectively (no. acres on the Dix listed as “1 xxx” and “xxx”).

665. U.S. census, 1820, Rockcastle Co., Ky., r. 27, p. 83.

666. U.S. census, 1850, Pulaski Co., Ky., r. 217, p. 46A, dw. 633, fam. 633.

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Mary J. Riggs married May 1852, Rockcastle Co., Ky., Johnston Sowder.<sup>[667]</sup> Mary J. Sowder, 26, born in Kentucky, died June 1859, of consumption, Rockcastle Co., Ky.<sup>[668]</sup>

Margaret Riggs married July 1854, Rockcastle Co., Ky., John Laswell.<sup>[669]</sup>

Eliza J. Riggs, 22, born Rockcastle Co., married 24 May 1856, Rockcastle Co., Ky., Joshua S. Orender, 21.<sup>[670]</sup>

**This is problematical too:** In 1860 “Saml” Riggs, 62, a farmer born [about 1798] in North Carolina with \$150 personal estate, resided in Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Co., Ky., with Elizabeth, 67, born in Virginia, “Americca” J., 37, born in Kentucky with \$360 real and \$200 personal estates, and with widow Sarah Warren, 33, born in Kentucky with \$25 personal estate, and with her children (all surnamed Warren): “W<sup>m</sup>” M., 13, W. Scott, 8, George “arm”, 6, Cyrenia E., 4, and Amand W., 1, all born in Kentucky. John and Margaret Laswell resided nearby.<sup>[671]</sup>

**Placeholder:** Rockcastle Co., Ky., Deeds, J:503, America J. Riggs sells 10 Sept. 1866 to John Laswell of the same place [259/664 for image].

- + 224 iii **?AARON<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1805, North Carolina, married (1) **JERUSHA SUTTON**, and had at least seven children, married (2) **SUSAN ELMIRA (SPURLING [SPUNIG]) (HOLTZ) BROWN**. **I have no evidence that Aaron was Iram’s son. Leo Riggs guesses it is so, which is the only “reason” I have placed him here.**
- + 225 iv **?REDDIN/REDDING<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1801, North Carolina, and had at least three children.

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667. Ky. *Marriage Records, 1852–1914*, image online, Mary J. Riggs to Johnston Sowder, [no day given] May 1852, Rockcastle Co., Ky., most columns marked “not known.”

668. US Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850–1885, 1860.

669. Ky. *Marriage Records, 1852–1914*, image online, Margaret Riggs to John Laswell, [no day given] July 1854, Rockcastle Co., Ky., “Not full Certified” in remarks column.

670. Ky. *Marriage Records, 1852–1914*, image online, Eliza J. Riggs, 22, of Rockcastle Co., born Rockcastle, to Joshua S. Orender [mistranscribed Sowder], 21, of Larue Co., Ky., born Larue Ky., 24 May 1856, Rockcastle Co., Ky.

671. U.S. census, 1860, Mt. Vernon PO, Rockcastle Co., Ky., r. 393, p. 492, dw. 252, fam. 252.

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145. ZENAS<sup>6</sup> RIGGS (<sup>78</sup>Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 3 Jan. 1760,<sup>[672]</sup> probably Morris Co., N.J., since his father, Reuben, is recorded officially there both before and after 1760. Zenas was baptized 8 July 1787, First Baptist Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., dismissed by letter 16 Apr. 1792 to Pepper Cotton, Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[673]</sup> He died 14 Aug. 1847, Vernon, Sussex Co.,<sup>[674]</sup> and was buried in Moshure (Williamsville) Cem., Vernon.<sup>[675]</sup> Zenas married (1) 22 Oct. 1780<sup>[676]</sup> **JEMIMA (GENUNG) RICHARDS**,<sup>[677]</sup> a widow born 27 Apr. 1755 (calculated), daughter of Joseph Genung, and died 15 Mar. 1833, aged 77 years 10 months 16 days, and was buried in Moshure (Williamsville) Cem.<sup>[678]</sup>

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672. He was 85 on 3 Jan. “last” in his pension affidavit of 31 July 1845, and he was 86 on 3 Jan. “last” in his pension affidavit of 28 Nov. 1846. Revolutionary War pension file (q.v.).

673. *First Baptist Church of Morristown, N.J., Church Records, 1752–1874*, Book I, 17, 20: “[1787] July 8<sup>th</sup> Zenas Riggs was baptized and added [to the church],” and “[1792] Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> Zenos Riggs was dismissed to Pepper Cotton.—”

674. See Revolutionary War widow’s pension application below, for pension W1320 for the 14 Aug. date; death notice, *The Sussex Register*, Newton, Sussex Co., N.J., Sat., Sept 4, 1847, “Died, | . . . | In Vernon township, on the 15th ultimo, Zenas Riggs, aged 87 years,” photocopy of newspaper courtesy of Terry Hann; *Index to Selected Final Payment Voucher, 1818–1864*, Final Payment Voucher Received from the General Accounting Office, NARA RG 217, “[name] Riggs, Zenas [agency of payment] New Jersey [date of Act] 1832 [date of payment] 1st qr 1848 [date of death] Aug. 14, 1847.”

675. *Moshure (Williamsville) Cem.*, “Riggs, Zenus [sic], d. 11 [sic] Aug. 1847, a. 87.7.11. ‘A soldier of the Revolution.’ Wife: Jemima.” If the date were 14 Aug. 1847, then the calculated birthdate would be 3 Jan. 1760. As given, the calculated birthdate is 31 Dec. 1759. Two photographs made of his gravesite in 2001 or 2002 by Terry Hann and in 2002 or 2003 by Jenny Sweetman show an apparently modern marker with only this inscription: “Zenus [sic] Riggs | Am. Rev. War.”

676. Nichols and Nichols, *Genung Genealogy*, 117, for all details on Jemima Genung (however, none are proved): “Jemima Genung (dau. of 12), b. Apr. 29, 1758—d. Mar. 15, 1833. Lived at or near Bottle Hill (Madison) N.J. about 1812. Died at Vernon, N.J. No sourcing also for some of the following items. Married to Edus Richards, b. —d. about 1780. Died at Hanover, N.J. Child: 1024. Jemima, b. before 1780—d. [paragraph] Jemima Genung married 2nd October 22, 1780 to Zenas Riggs, b. January 5, 1760—d. August 14, 1847. Born at Bottle Hill (Madison) N.J. Son of Reuben Riggs. Farmer. Vernon, N.J. Revolutionary soldier. Family all Baptist. He married 2nd after 1833 Sarah —, by whom he had no children.”

677. From grandson Charles P. Riggs’s biography of his father, Ebenezer Bradford Riggs, we know only that her name was Jemima. I have used the *Genung Genealogy* for the remaining details and also two letters from relatives in Zenas’s pension file, but none of these is satisfactory proof.

678. *Moshure (Williamsville) Cem.*, “Riggs, Jemima, wife of Zenus [sic], d. 15 Mar. 1833, a. 77.10.16.”

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Zenas married (2) 19 Dec. 1833, Vernon,<sup>[679]</sup> SARAH (–) PADDICK [PADDOCK], who was born about 1770,<sup>[680]</sup> the widow of James Paddick, and who died 25 Sept. 1853, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[681]</sup>

Zenas states, in his Revolutionary War pension application, that he lived in the Vernon Mountains of Sussex Co., signing his affidavit on 31 July 1845 in Vernon, Sussex Co. He entered the service on 4 Mar. 1776 in Morris Co., N.J., under Capt. Joseph Lindsley.<sup>[682]</sup>

On 10 Feb. 1848 Sarah Riggs, widow of the pensioner Zenas Riggs, appointed attorney Thomas J. Stryker to collect arrears due from 4 Mar. 1831 to 14 Aug. 1847. In Trenton on 18 February 1848, Stryker collected \$1,348.43.<sup>[683]</sup>

Sarah Riggs applied 18 Apr. 1853 for a widow's pension, which she was awarded.<sup>[684]</sup> Here is an abstract of her application:

[Riggs] Zenas, Sarah, Cont & NJ Line, W1320, sol was a son of Reuben Riggs & was b 3 Jan 1760, he lived in Morris Co NJ at enl, sol m his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Sarah (–) Padolick [sic] wid of James Padolick on 19 Dec 1833 at Vernon in Sussex Co NJ (1<sup>st</sup> wife was not named), sol appl 31 Jul 1845 at

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679. Bible record in Sarah's pension file, Zenas's second marriage. See Revolutionary War widow's pension application below, for pension W1320.

680. She was 83 on 18 Apr. 1853 when she gave her pension affidavit. See Revolutionary War widow's pension application below, for pension W1320.

681. *U.S. Pensioners, 1818–1872*, “[name] Sarah Riggs Zenas [rank] pvt & Artf [allowance] 41.00 3 Feb. 1853 . . . Died 25 Sep 1853”; Pierce, *Selected Final Pension Payment Vouchers, 1818–1864*, 2:406, Riggs, Sarah (Zenas), N. J., 1853, “On 1 Aug. 1855, Lawrence Co., Ill., John N. Paddock J.P. [s] makes oath he is the son of late pensioner Sarah Riggs (widow of Zenas Riggs, former private and artificer in Rev.) who resided at Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., during her natural life, and appoints Thomas J. Stryker atty to collect arrears due from 3 Feb 1853 to 25 Sep 1853, the day of her death”; *Index to Selected Final Payment Voucher, 1818–1864*, Final Payment Voucher Received from the General Accounting Office, NARA RG 217, “[name] Riggs, Sarah (Zenas) [agency of payment] New Jersey [date of Act] 1853 [date of payment] 4th qr 1855 [date of death] Sep. 25, 1853.”

682. *U.S. Pensioners, 1818–1872*, “[name] Zenas Riggs dec<sup>d</sup> [rank] Pvt & Artificer [allowance] 41.00 [commencement] 4 March 1833 . . . died 14 Aug 1847”; Zenas Riggs Revolutionary War pension file S32593. He actually uses the spelling “Lindley.” This file gives the enlistment date as 1 Mar. 1776, but the widow's pension file contains a true copy of the “articles & conditions” on which the company was to be formed, signed by Maj. Gen. Charles Lee, and dated 4 Mar. 1776. 36 individuals signed the articles and conditions, including Reuben Riggs and Zenas Riggs.

683. Pierce, *Selected Final Pension Payment Vouchers, 1818–1864*, 2:406.

684. Sarah Riggs Revolutionary War pension file W1320.

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Vernon NJ where he d 14 Aug 1847 & his wid appl there 18 Apr 1853  
aged 83.<sup>[685]</sup>

Here is my transcription of selected portions of the Zenas and Sarah Riggs (W1320) pension file which is 62 pages long:

[p. 2a:] Reported | Died 14 Aug 1847.

[p. 2b:] 32593 | New Jersey | Zenas Riggs | of Sussex in the State of N. Jersey who was an Artificer & Pri. of Infy in the Company commanded by Captain J Lindley of the Regs. commanded by — in the Revolution for | 12 months Artificer | 3 months Pri of Infy. | Inscribed on the Roll of Trenton at the rate of 82 Dollars – Cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831. | Certificate of Pension issued the 18th day of Decr 1847 and sent to Tho<sup>s</sup> C. McEwen, Warwick, New Jersey [sic] | Arrears to the 4th of March 1847 \$1312.00 | Semi-anl. allowance ending 4 Apr. 1847 [\$]41.00 | [total] \$1353.10.

[p. 3:] 1117 | New Jersey | Sarah Riggs | widow of Zenas Riggs who served in the Revolutionary war, as a Priv. & Artc<sup>r</sup>. | N.J. Line | Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of 82 Dollars – Cents per annum, to commence on the 3 February 1853. | Certificate of Pension issued the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Aug<sup>t</sup> 1853 and sent to Th<sup>s</sup> C McEwen | Warwick, N.Y.

[pp. 5-8:] State of New Jersey | Sussex County | On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1845 personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the county court in and for Said County. Zenas Riggs a resident of the town of Vernon, County and State aforesaid Eighty five years on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of January last who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benifits [sic] of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That this declarant entered the service of the United States on the first day of March 1776 in Morris County State of New Jersey under Captain Joseph Lindley and left the said county of Morris under the said Captain for the City of New York, remained in the City of New York untill the first of April following[,] this declarant left New York on the first of April under the said Captain and went to Albany remained in Albany, State of

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685. White, Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, 3:2889.

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New York, two weeks then left Albany, and went to Lake George under the said Captain, remained at fort George some little time then marched from Fort George to Ticonderoga, from Ticonderoga to fort St John from fort St. John to fort Chamblee [Champlain] from fort Chamblee this declarant went down the river to a place called Sorell, remained at Sorell sometime and returned to fort Gorge [sic], and at fort George this deponents further was taken sick and finally died at fort George. This declarants fathers name was Reuben and was a member of the same company, and this declarant after the death of his father was also taken sick at Lake George, Fort William Henry, but is unable to state at this present time how long he remained sick, but the enlistment was for one year.

This declarant in 1777 was called out in the Malitia [sic] under Capt. Humpreyville at Morris town Court House in New Jersey and served three months, after this tour of service was done this declarant went into Essex County, and in December 1777 he was called on and went to Elizabeth Town, under Cap. Ward served there three months. This declarant in 1778 was called out and went to Acquacanae and served one week or more this declarant done another tour of service of two weeks Apr 1778 at a place called Pyramus. This declarant is unable at this time on account of old age to state positively who the officers ware [sic], But thinks that Edwards was the Captain the last tour of service above mentioned was done under

This declarant done one tour of service on the Delaware River against the Indians, but is unable to state who the Captain was, but General Wians was the principle officer in this campaine [sic].

This declarant further says on his oath that he was a resident of Morris County, State of New Jersey on first of March 1776 at the time he first enlisted under Captain Lindley.

This declarant further says on his oath that he has no documentary evidence of his service, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service but must rely on the records for Evidence

This declarant says the reason why he has not applied before for a pension is that, he lives in Vernon Mountains in Sussex County State of New Jersey, remote and secluded place and difficult [sic] of Access, and did not know how to proceed and was not aware of the Justness of his claim untill



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about four years ago, and from that time he has been urged by his friends to apply.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to apension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

[signed ] Zenas Riggs

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1845

[signed] Walter L. Shee

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Sussex State of New Jersey

[pp. 9-13:] State of New Jersey | Sussex County | On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1853 personally appeared before me one of the Judges in and for the County and State aforesaid Sarah Riggs aged Eighty three years a resident of the town of Vernon County of Sussex and State of New Jersey who being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed February 3<sup>d</sup> 1853

That she is the widow of Zenas Riggs who was inscribed on the pension list under the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832 at the rate of Eight two dollars per annum.

That she was married to her husband the said Zenas Riggs on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1833 by one William Winans then an acting Justice of the Peace in the town of Vernon County of Sussex and State of New Jersey

That her husband the said Zenas Riggs died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1847 in the town of Vernon County of Sussex and State of New Jersey

That she has remained the widow of the said Zenas Riggs ever since his death. That she has the record of her said Marriage in her bible but does not wish to have the leaf cut out of her bible That her name before her said marriage was Sarah Paddick

[signed] Sarah X her mark Riggs

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written

[signed] Henry K Winans Judge

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[p. 15, affidavit of James Paddick:] That the following is a true copy of the marriage record of the said Zenas and Sarah Riggs taken from there [sic] family Bible to wit

Family Record  
Marriages

Zenas Riggs was married the second time to Sarah Paddick widow of James Paddick in the year 1833 December 19.

That the above is a true extract of said marriage.

[p. 20, summary of Zenas's service:]

[enlistment] Mar. 1, 1776 [length of service] 1 year [rank] Artificer [Capt.] Joseph Lindsly [Col.] Baldwin [state] Continental  
1777 1 mo. Pvt. Timothy Humphryville or Humperbell. [no Col. Listed] N.J.

Dec. 1777 1 mo. Israel Ward

1 mo. Benjamin Carter

1778 3 weeks Edwards

Also served a tour against the Indians in Delaware River under Gen. Winds.

Battles engaged in, not stated

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Morris Co., N.J.

Date of application for pension, July 31, 1846; His claim was allowed.

Residence at date of application, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J.

Age at date of application, born Jan. 3 1760, died Aug. 14, 1847 at Vernon, N.J.

Remarks: Solder son of Reuben Riggs married at Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J.

Dec. 19, 1833, Sarah his second wife, the widow of James Paddick and she was allowed pension on an application executed April 18, 1853 while a resident of Vernon, N.J., aged 83 years.

No further data as to family. Name of first wife not stated.

[pp. 23-24, affidavit of William Simonson:] He further says on his oath that the said Zenas Riggs informed this deponent years ago of his enlisting in the regular army during the revolutionary war and of his being at Lake Champlain under a captain by the name of Joseph Lindley and also of his serving in the Malitia [sic] at Morristown. He further says at the time that the said Zenas Riggs first informed this deponent of his being in the ser-

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vice at Fort George and other places at the North that his Father was also with him in the same company and that his Father was taken sick and died at Fort George and at the time that his Father was dieing [sic] the said Zenas Riggs was also sick but at the request of his Father they carried the said Zenas Riggs in to see his Father.

[pp. 29-31, second affidavit of Zenas:] State of New Jersey | Sussex County | Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Zenas Riggs a resident of the town of Vernon County and State aforesaid aged Eighty six years on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of January last who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following supplemental [sic] declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under Captain Joseph Lindley in March 1776 and served as before stated in a former declaration he further says that he company commanded by Joseph Lindley was a company of artificers, and was commanded or under the command of Colonel Baldwin He further says that the company under Capt Lindley while in New York was employed in laying Timbers and Plank for the canon to run on and other work of a similar [sic] nature He further says on his oath that Col Baldwin was Head Enginier [sic] and was in command and in company with us when we went from New York to Albany and continued with us up to the time that we lay at a Place called Sorrel. He further says that the americans retreated from Sorrel and after the retreat he does not now recollect wether [sic] Col Baldwin continued their commander or not. He further says that it is his impression now that Col Baldwin was a New England man He further says that Zenas Conger Enas Crowell Samuel Leonard John Lyon Aphraham Lyon Barna Wines Benjamin Wingit Elihue Lindley Ezekiel Crane ware [sic] members in the said company under Captain Joseph Lindley in 1776 as before stated He further says that the men received Thirteen Dollars per month while under Capt Joseph Lindley. He further says that his employment proious to his going into the service of the United States in the spring of 1776 was a house joiner He further stays that his father was a house joiner and that this declarant worked at his trade with his Father two years before he went into the service He further says that the company under Joseph Lindley was composed of machanics and principally [sic] carpenters by trade He further says on his oath that he together with his company drew a ration and a half per day from Government He further

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says on his oath that he quartered in tents and Forts He further says on his oath that one of the officer that commanded on the expedition in 1776 was Thompson and this declarant thinks that Thompson was taken prisoner He further says on his oath that this declarant done three months in 1777 at Morris town in New Jersey as before stated one month he done under Capt Timothy Humperbell two months service at the same place under two other different captains but does not now recollect there [sic] names He further says on his oath that in December 1777 that he went to Elizabeth town Essex County New Jersey an done one month service for himself and two months service as a substitute that he done this three months service under three different captains that one Captains name was Iseral [sic] Ward, one Benjamin Carter the other Captains name he does not now remember

He further says on his oath that he has no documentary evidence in his possession nor does he known of any. He further says on his oath that he believes that all the persons that served with him is now dead

[signed] Zenas Riggs]

Sworn to and subscribed this 28<sup>th</sup> November 1846 before me

John DeKay, Justice of the peace

[p. 57. I include this strange item although I don't understand it. There is nothing else in the pension file that supports it, yet it is "official" in the sense that it was stamped and sent out from the "Old War" division of pension office:]

Zenas Riggs, entered the army about 1776; in Cavalry; was in the battle of Cowpens, Brandywine, Trenton and many others.

[I repeat that nothing else in the file supports the Cavalry or the three battles mentioned. In particular, Zenas's personal affidavit doesn't mention them.]

[pp. 58-60: letter addressed from 306 Highland St., Syracuse, N.Y.:]

I write to ask if you can give me any information regarding the service of one Zenas Riggs who enlisted in the Revolutionary War in 1777 fighting in the battle of Cowpens and other battles. He was born at Bottle Hill now Madison New Jersey January 5, 1760 and died August 14, 1847 at Vernon N.J.

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He was married October 22, 1780 to Jemima Richards of Vernon, N.J. who was born 1755 and died 1833.

If you will kindly ascertain if he or his wife ever drew a pension and if so give me a history of his service I shall be most grateful to you.

I am a descendent of this Zenas Riggs and, living at such a distance from the records, must depend upon the srvicees of others for research.

Most sincerely yours,  
Carline C. Dobbs  
(Mrs. John H.)

April 9, 1910

[pp. 61–62: letter addressed from Chrisman, Illinois, 21 Nov 1920:]

Would like information in regard to the Revolutionary service of Zenas Riggs born January 3rd 1760, died August 14th 1847. His wife was Jemina [sic] Genung, born April 29th 1755

Would also like to know where he enlisted from and place of birth.

Lena Riggs Youtz  
Chrisman Illinois.

Zenas and “Rheubin” Riggs appear on the pay roll of Lindsly’s Company, Artificers, New Jersey, dated 17 Apr. 1776, for 30 days. The full description of the of Lindsly’s company is this: “Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Lindsly compeny [sic] of Artificers in the Service of the united Colonies [sic] Agreeable to Artecals [sic] Entered into between his Excelency Charls Lee Major General and s<sup>d</sup> Lindsly.” There is also this “Note: ‘Reviewed March 20<sup>th</sup> 1776 pay began March 18.’”<sup>[686]</sup>

“Zenos” Riggs appears on a list, dated 7 May 1778, composed at a meeting at the house of Thomas Gardner in Hanover, Morris Co., N.J., the list being that of Company No. 48. Thomas Gardner himself is listed just after Zenos in Company No. 48.<sup>[687]</sup>

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686. NARA publication M881, Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War, state N.J., regiment Lindsly’s Company of Artificers, Riggs. Also the actual roll, NARA M246, Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775–1783.

687. Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775–1783, NARA M246, New Jersey, Various Organizations, 45, 60 (of 91 pages). The date and location appear on p. 45, the last such date before p. 60, with this note: “And then the Said Commis[sheet torn]rs adjourned until the next morning at nine of the clock to meet at the house of Thomas Gardners in Hanover. May 7<sup>th</sup> 1778 the Commis[sioners] meet

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“Zenos” Riggs appears on the tax list of Hanover Twp., Morris Co., in 1781 and 1783, “Zebius” in 1786, “Zenus” in 1787, “Zenos” in 1788, and “Zenus” in 1789–1791.<sup>[688]</sup>

A 1 Sept. 1791 and a 1797 list of members of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J., contain the name of Zenas Riggs.<sup>[689]</sup>

In 1830 Zenas Riggs, 60–70, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with a woman 70–80. On the same census page are listed Samuel, John, Bradford, and Silas Riggs, and William Riggs is on the next page.<sup>[690]</sup>

In 1840 Zenas Riggs, 80–90, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with a woman 70–80. There is an Ama Riggs, 30–40, on the same census page, with a woman, 30–40.<sup>[691]</sup>

Zenas Riggs wrote his will on 14 June 1842 in Sussex Co., N.J., and it was proved there 25 Aug. 1847. In it Zenas mentions in order Sarah (“Sarah his widow” later in the will), whom he refers to as “your step mother,” presumably to his children, listed by Zenas as “you fore [sic] Samuel & Hannah and Willum and Bradford.” He then states that “Silas has had his fool [sic] share and Wilkins tue [sic][.] Willum Wilkins oes [sic] me[.] I have a note of his and you may send it to John his father to git it for himself[.] . . . John has had his share.” This suggests that four of the children were Samuel, Hannah, William, Bradford, and that another three, Silas, an (unnamed) daughter, wife of John Wilkins and mother of William Wilkins, and John, had already received their share. Executors were Samuel and William Riggs.<sup>[692]</sup>

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according [sic] to adjournment at the said Thomas Gardners.” On p. 61 appears the note: “And then the Said Commissinors [sic] Adjoured [sic] until May 11<sup>th</sup> 1778 to meet at the house of James Genings in Pequanick.”

688. Jackson, *New Jersey Tax Lists 1772–1822* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Accelerated Indexing Systems, Inc., 1981), vol. 3, 2683, p. 2680 lists him as “Zenus Rigge” in 1787 and “Zenus Rigges” in 1789, and p. 2681 lists him as “Zenus Rigg” for 1791; *N.J. Census, 1772–1890*.

689. Love, Bristow, Reynolds, and Meeker, *History of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, Sussex, N.J.*, 20, 22.

690. U.S. census, 1830, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 82, p. 298.

691. U.S. census, 1840, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 260, p. 125.

692. Sussex Co., N.J., Wills, photocopy of the 3-page will was supplied courtesy of Terry Hann, a

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An inventory was performed on the estate of Zenas Riggs, deceased, of Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., on 24 Aug. 1847. It was signed by one of the appraisors, William Smith, and witnessed on 25 Aug. 1847 by the executors, Samuel and William Riggs. It lists outstanding notes against, among others, William Wilkins, Silas Riggs, Samuel Riggs, Ebenezer B. Riggs, Samuel McAfee, John Wilkins, and John Riggs.<sup>[693]</sup>

Children of the first marriage, to Jemima:<sup>[694]</sup>

- + 226 i **SILAS<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 3 or 8 Aug. 1781, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., married **MARY RORBACK**, and had at least two children.
- 227 ii **SUSANNAH<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 20 Aug. 1784, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., married 8 Apr. 1804, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[695]</sup> **JOHN WILKINS**. They had a son, William<sup>8</sup> Wilkins, according to the will of Zenas Riggs.
- + 228 iii **SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 5 or 8 Apr. 1787, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., married (1) **SUSANNAH/SUSANNE VAN CAMPEN**, and had seven, possibly eight, children, married (2) **ANN/ANNA SHURTS**.
- + 229 iv **JOHN<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 20 Apr. 1789, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., married **SUSAN/SUSANNAH VAN FLEET**, and had at least three children.
- + 230 v **WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 29 May 1792, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., married **JULIA FORCE**, and had two children.
- + 231 vi **HANNAH<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born about 2 Apr. 1794, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., married **SAMUEL H. MCAFEE [MCAFFEE]**, and had at least seven **nine** children.
- + 232 vii **EBENEZER BRADFORD<sup>7</sup> RIGGS**, born 24 Dec. 1796, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., married **MARIAH/MARY BROWN**, and had five children.

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descendant from Zenas.

693. Sussex Co., N.J., Inventories, photocopy of the 3-page inventory was supplied courtesy of Terry Hann, who also supplied various other estate paper photocopies, including an accounting by the executors in Sussex Co. Orphans Court, dated Feb. Term 1849.

694. Nichols and Nichols, *Genung Genealogy*, 117-19, unproved.

695. Sussex Co., N.J., County Clerk Records, FHL 1294801-05, John Wilkins to Susannah "Reggs," as online at *Marriage Index: N.J. Marriages, 1680-1900*.

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SEVENTH GENERATION

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**167. DAVID<sup>7</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>110</sub>*Zophar*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Zophar*<sup>5</sup>, ?*James*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1814, New York, and died after the 1880 census and before the 1900. He married 18 June 1834, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[696]</sup> **MARY SEARS [SEAGERS]**, who was born July 1816 (1900 census), Ohio.

In 1840 David Riggs, 20–30, resided in Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with a woman 20–30, one boy and one girl under 5.<sup>[697]</sup>

In 1850 David Riggs, 36, born in New York, resided in Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with Mary, 28, born in Ohio, and with “Elaner,” 13, John, 12, “Wm,” 10, Armena, 6, and Jefferson, 4, all born in Ohio.<sup>[698]</sup>

In 1860 David Riggs, 47, born in New York, resided in Apple Grove, Meigs Co., Ohio, with Mary, 43, born in Ohio, and with John, 21, “Wm.,” 19, Armena, 16, Jefferson, 14, Alice, 9, Franklin, 7, and Walter, 5, all born in Ohio.<sup>[699]</sup>

In 1870 David Riggs, 58, born in New York with real estate worth \$700, resided in Uniontown, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with Mary, 54, born in Ohio, neither of whom could read or write, and with them were Jefferson, 29, a laborer, Franklin, 16, a laborer, and Walter L., 14, a helper in an iron furnace.<sup>[700]</sup>

On 29 Aug. 1874 the Belmont Co., Ohio, Sheriff sold “the property of David Riggs, to wit: One Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine,” as a

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696. Marriage license and certificate, image online at *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–1994*, 2:298, license 129, David Riggs to Mary Seager [perhaps Seazer], 17 June 1834, Belmont Co., Ohio, married Mr. David Riggs to Miss Mary Sears, 18 June 1834, Belmont Co., by William Kinney JP.

697. U.S. census, 1840, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 378, p. 130.

698. U.S. census, 1850, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 661, p. 119, dw. 193, fam. 197.

699. U.S. census, 1860, Apple Grove PO, Letart Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 1008, p. 318, dw. 1829, fam. 1777.

700. U.S. census, 1870, Bellaire PO, Pultney Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 1173, p. 219, dw. 643, fam. 640.



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result of a verdict in the case David Riggs vs John Workman, at the house of the defendant Workman in Pultney Twp., Belmont Co. A jury had found in favor of Workman. The plaintiff Riggs had asked for a new trial, which apparently was not granted.<sup>[701]</sup>

In 1880 David Riggs, 66, a laborer born in New York of New Jersey natives, resided in Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, with wife, Mary, 64, born in Ohio of Pennsylvania natives, and with daughter, "Allice," 27, and son, Franklin, 25, both born in Ohio.<sup>[702]</sup>

In 1900 Mary Riggs, 83, a widow born July 1816 in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., in the household of her son, Frank, 46, born Sept. 1853 in Ohio (q.v.). His sister, Alice Dickman, 50, born Mar. 1850, Ohio, married 27 years, resided with them. Mary had had 10 children, with five surviving.<sup>[703]</sup>

Known children of 10:

- 233 i ELEANOR<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1837, Ohio.
- 234 ii JOHN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1838, Ohio.
- 235 iii WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1840, Ohio.
- 236 iv ARMENA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1844, Ohio.
- + 237 v JEFFERSON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 9 Oct. 1846, Belmont Co., Ohio, married (1) DILLIANNE/DELIA ANN MARINER [MARNER], and had five children, married (2) ELIZABETH M. DRUGAN, and had no children.
- 238 vi ALICE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 9 Mar. 1850, Ohio, married 26 Feb. 1883, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[704]</sup> HUBERT DICKMAN, died 1887, married (2) 26 Oct. 1905, Clay Co., Ind.,<sup>[705]</sup> JOHN ANDERSON, born 3 June 1848, Sweden, son of Andrew and Mary (Burger) Anderson.

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701. Newspaper clipping images sent via email, 31 Aug. 2014, said to be from *Belmont Chronicle*, 18 June 1874, 27 Aug. 1874, and 28 Dec. 1876, courtesy of Teresa Craig.

702. U.S. census, 1880, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 26, r. 994, p. 255D, dw. 478, fam. 552.

703. U.S. census, 1900, Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., ED 4, r. 363, p. 60, sh. 4B, dw. 85, fam. 88.

704. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ohio, Marriages, 1789-1994*, marriages 1879-1866, 13:273, Hubert Dickman to Alice Riggs, 26 Feb. 1883, Belmont Co., Ohio.

705. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind., Marriages, 1811-1959*, marriages 1905-1906, 13:162, John Anderson to Alice Dickman, 26 Oct. 1905, Clay Co., Ind., he born 3 June 1848, Sweden, father Andrew Anderson, born Sweden, dead, mother Mary Burger, born Sweden, dead, married once previously, ended by death 27 Aug. 1905, she born 9 Mar. 1850, Ohio, father Riggs,

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In 1900 Alice Dickman, 50, resided with her brother Frank Riggs, 46, in Brazil, Clay Co., Ind. (q.v.).

In 1910 John Anderson, 64, a coal miner born in Sweden of Swedish natives, resided in Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., with his wife of five years, Alice, 60, born in Ohio of a father born in New York and a mother in Ohio. It was the second marriage for both. John immigrated in 1882 and naturalized.<sup>[706]</sup>

In 1920 John Anderson, 72, a coal miner born in Sweden of Swedish natives, resided in Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., with his wife, Alice, 72, born in Ohio of Ohio natives.<sup>[707]</sup>

+ 239 vii **BEN FRANKLIN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 25 Sept. 1853, Ohio, married **ALFARETTA HARMON**, and had seven children.

+ 240 viii **WALTER L.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born Mar. 1855, Ohio, married **MARY HOFFMAN**, and had two children.

**168. SYLVESTER<sup>7</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>110</sub>*Zophar*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Zophar*<sup>5</sup>, ?*James*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1813, New York, died in May 1881, Jacobsburgh, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio (see obituary below), and was buried in East Richland Cem., Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio. He married 8 June 1835, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[708]</sup> **MARGARET ROBINSON [RITTS]**,<sup>[709]</sup> who was born about 1815, Pennsylvania.

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born Ohio, dead, mother Mary Riggs, born Ohio, dead, married once previously, ended by death 1887, both residents of Clay Co., Ind., marriage by George E. Law JP.

706. U.S. census, 1910, Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., ED 5, r. 343, p. 82, sh. 13B, dw. 300, fam. 374.

707. U.S. census, 1920, Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., ED 26, r. 424, p. 266, sh. 15A, dw. 349, fam. 349.

708. Marriage record, image online at *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994*, Belmont Co., Marriages 1833-1838, 4:75, "Silvester" Riggs, 21, to Margaret "Robison," 18, licensed 25 Apr. 1835, and "Silvester" Riggs to Margaret Robinson married 8 June 1835, by William Kinney JP; IGI marriage record, Sylvester Riggs to Margaret Robinson, batch no. M513103 [FHL 317292], "Marriage records v. 4-5 1833-1844, Ohio. Probate Court (Belmont County)." (N.B. There is an Armenia Riggs married to Milton J. Moore, 14 Dec. 1837, Belmont Co., Ohio, in the same source records.)

709. The Robinson form is from her marriage record to Sylvester. The Ritts form is from her daughter Armenia's death record, which has Robinson crossed out and overwritten by Ritts. Also the death certificate of her son, John W., has her name "Margret Ritte." An unsourced family group sheet by Nancy Riggs Johnson has her daughter of Matthias and Elizabeth (→) Ritts. It also has her death as 1885, St. Clairsville, Ohio, and burial in Old Methodist Cem. there. A solution would be that her maiden name was Ritts and that she married first a Mr. Robinson.

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In 1840 “Silvester” Riggs, 20–30, resided in Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with a woman 30–40, and with one boy and two girls under 5.<sup>[710]</sup>

In 1850 Sylvester Riggs, 30, a farmer born in New York, resided in Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with “Margret,” 35, born in Pennsylvania, and with Armenia E., 14, “Wm,” 12, Mary, 10, “Stunling,” 8, male, Sarah, 6, John, 4, Ross, 2, and Joseph, 8/12, all born in Ohio.<sup>[711]</sup>

In 1860 Sylvester Riggs, 47, born in New Jersey [sic], resided in St. Clairsville, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with Margaret, 47, born in Pennsylvania, and with William, 22, Sterling, 19, Sarah, 17, John, 14, and Margaret, 8, all born in Ohio.<sup>[712]</sup>

Sylvester Riggs, 42, enlisted 6 Oct. 1864 for service as a private in the Union army in Company H of the 1st Michigan Infantry Regiment. He joined the regiment on 20 Oct. 1864 in Petersburg, Va. On 9 Mar. 1865 he transferred to Company K, 24th Michigan Infantry Regiment, and was mustered out on 30 June 1865 in Detroit, Mich.<sup>[713]</sup>

In 1870 Sylvester Riggs, 53, a farm laborer born in Ohio, resided in Uniontown, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with Margaret, 53, born in Ohio, and with Margaret, 18, a domestic servant, Samuel, 8, and Ephraim, 6, all born in Ohio.<sup>[714]</sup>

In 1880 Margaret Riggs, 63, born in Ohio of Pennsylvania natives, resided in St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, with her daughter Mary Berry, 36, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and her grandsons, Samuel Riggs, 19, a brick moulder, and Ephraim Riol, 16, both born in Ohio of Ohio natives.<sup>[715]</sup> Compare the two grandsons to Samuel and Ephraim Riggs in the preceding census.

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710. U.S. census, 1840, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 378, p. 122.

711. U.S. census, 1850, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 661, p. 138, dw. 451, fam. 459.

712. U.S. census, 1860, St. Clairsville PO, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 936, p. 18, dw. 258, fam. 268.

713. American Civil War Soldiers.

714. U.S. census, 1870, Uniontown PO, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 1174, p. 267, dw. 147, fam. 143.

715. U.S. census, 1880, St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 29, r. 994, p. 314B, dw. 141, fam. 154.

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From a Dec. 1880 obituary for son Sterling<sup>8</sup> Riggs, “The parents of Riggs are both living, but are separated, the father living in Jacobsburg [Belmont Co., Ohio] and the mother in this place [probably St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio]” [q.v.].

In 1880 Sylvester Riggs, 75 [sic], born in New Jersey [sic] of New Jersey natives, was in Belmont Co., Ohio, in the household of his daughter, A. E. Hays, 45, a widow, born in Ohio (q.v.).<sup>[716]</sup>

Sylvester’s obituary:

Sylvester Riggs, father of John W. Riggs, of this place, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. Hays, in Jacobsburgh, on Sabbath evening, of Bright’s disease of the kidneys, aged 70 years. His remains were buried on Monday afternoon in the East Richland cemetery.<sup>[717]</sup>

Children:

- + 241 i ARMENIA ELIZA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 14 Jan. 1836, St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, married (1) JOHN SINCLAIR, married (2) WILLIAM HENSON HAYS, and had five children.
- 242 ii WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1838, Ohio, was attacked 31 Aug. 1861, Belmont Co., Ohio, and died on or shortly after 5 Sept. 1861 there. “During the hard feeling in that area over the Civil War, William was killed by a man who hit him in the head with a rock.”<sup>[718]</sup> The following news item from *The Chronicle*, Belmont Co., Ohio, Thurs., 5 Sept. 1861, supports this:

Serious Affray.—On Saturday, while some young men from town were returning from the pic-nic at Loydsville, a serious affair took place at the Great Western between them and a young man by the name of Wright. Wright claims, we believe, that he was assaulted and beaten by the party, consisting of eight or ten persons. Afterwards, mistaking Wm. Riggs for one of the party that had been engaged in the assault upon him, he struck him a severe blow about the ear with a limestone. Riggs was brought to town the same even-

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716. U.S. census, 1880, Mead Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 21, r. 994, p. 94A, dw. 184, fam. 198.

717. Image of newspaper item posted online at <Ancestry.com>, with this caption, “*Belmont Chronicle*, Ohio May 1881.” The Saturdays of that month were 7, 14, 21, and 28 May, and the Mondays were 9, 16, 23, and 30 May.

718. See excerpt in sketch of Helen Belle<sup>9</sup> Riggs (*John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>*).

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ing, and has since been insensible, and fears are entertained by the physicians that he will not recover. Wright was arrested on Monday, had a hearing before Esq. Jones, and was committed to jail, to await an examination before the Court of Common Pleas.<sup>[719]</sup>

- 243 iii **MARY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1840, Ohio,<sup>[720]</sup> married (1) 12 June 1863, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[721]</sup> **JOSEPHUS RYALL**, and probably had at least one child: (1) Ephraim<sup>9</sup> Ryall [Rioll], born about 1864, Ohio (1880 census for Margaret Riggs, Mary's mother). Mary married (2) 28 May 1872, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[722]</sup> **WILLIAM C. BERRY**.
- + 244 iv **STERLING<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1842, Ohio, married **SARAH J. QUIGLEY**, and had at least five children.
- + 245 v **SARAH J.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born Jan. 1844, Ohio, married **JAMES W. HOLLAND**, and had six children.
- + 246 vi **JOHN W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born in 1846 near St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, married (1) **MARGARET L. BERRY**, and had nine children, married (2) **FRANCIS/FANNIE BEATRICE BACON**, and had five children.
- 247 vii **ROSS<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 28 May 1848 (calculated), Ohio, died 22 Aug. 1857, aged 9 years 2 months 25 days, and buried in East Richland Cem., Belmont Co., Ohio.<sup>[723]</sup> According to a family report, he and his brother Charles (next) were killed by lightning at the same time as his brother Charles (next).<sup>[724]</sup>

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719. Image of news item, from *The Chronicle*, Belmont Co., Ohio, 5 Sept. 1861, p.1, col. 2, courtesy of Teresa Craig.

720. Leo Riggs has "born in St Clairsville, Belmont Co, Oh 1840. She died in St Clairsville, Belmont Co, Oh 1903 at 63 years of age. Her body was interred in Old Methodist, Cemetery, St Clairsville, Oh. She married Joseph Rial [sic]," but no sources. Helen Riggs Johnson's unsourced 1978 family group sh. has her born 1838 Belmont Co., died 1903, buried Old Methodist Cem., St. Clairsville, and married to Joseph F. Rial [sic].

721. Marriage record, image online at *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994*, Belmont Co., Marriages 1858-1866, 10:290, Josephus Ryall to Mary Riggs licensed 12 June 1863, and Mr. Josephus Ryall to Miss Mary Riggs married 12 June 1863, by J. Neirwanger JP.

722. Marriage record, image online at *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994*, Belmont Co., Marriages 1867-1873, 11:467, William C. Berry to Mary Riggs licensed 28 May 1872, and Mr. William C. Berry to Mrs. Mary Riggs (with no husband living) married 28 May 1872, by William F. Sarrah MG.

723. *Find a Grave*, no. 12792501, gravestone photograph by Kimberly Nolan, "Ross & Charles | Sons of | S. & M. Riggs | died | August 22, 1857 | Aged | 9 ys.2mo.25d. 7 ys.7mo.1d."

724. See excerpt in sketch of Helen Belle<sup>9</sup> Riggs (*John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>*).

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- 248 viii **JOSEPH CHARLES<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 21 Jan. 1850 (calculated), Ohio, died 22 Aug. 1857, aged 7 years 7 months 1 day, and buried in East Richland Cem., Belmont Co., Ohio (see Ross above).
- + 249 ix **MARGARET A.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born Mar. 1852, Ohio, married **GEORGE T. BRYANT**, and had no children.

**170. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>111</sub>Reuben<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1784, Tennessee, and died after the 1860 census. He married (license) 28 Feb. 1803, Jefferson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[725]</sup> **E. MILLIE MCGHEE**, who was born about 1787, Tennessee, and died after the 1860 census.

An 1876 history of Giles Co. (created in 1810), Tenn., states, concerning the Aspin Hill neighborhood during the period of about 1805–1809, “Old William Riggs, Joseph Moore, and Daniel Cox, came about the same time.”<sup>[726]</sup>

Goodspeed’s county history has this: “Other settlements were made in the county as follows: Thomas Reed, William Riggs, Joseph Moore, Daniel Cox, . . . settled in the now Aspin Hill neighborhood from 1807 to 1809.”<sup>[727]</sup>

William Riggs and Reubin “Rigs” appear on an 1812 tax list for Giles Co., Tenn.<sup>[728]</sup>

In 1820 William Riggs, 26–45, resided in Pulaski, Giles Co., Tenn., with a woman 26–45, two boys and three girls under 10 [born about 1810–1820], and two boys 10–16 [born about 1804–1810]. Listed nearby is Reuben Riggs.<sup>[729]</sup>

On 1 Oct. 1822 William Riggs sold to James Paisley, both of Giles Co., Tenn., for \$350, 50 acres of land in Giles Co. “on the east side of the east fork of Buck Creek about thirteen miles from Pulaski.” The

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725. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, image, p. 46, “458 [issued] Feb 28 1803 W<sup>m</sup> Riggs | to | Millie McGhee no return.”

726. McCallum, *Settlement and Early History of Giles Co., Tenn.*, chapter 3, section 3, “Aspin Hill and Neighborhood.”

727. Goodspeed’s *History of Giles Co., Tenn.*, “First Settlers.”

728. Giles Co., Tenn., 1812 Tax List, Q thru Z.

729. U.S. census, 1820, Pulaski Twp., Giles Co., Tenn., r. 124, p. 10.

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deed was acknowledged in the Giles County Court February Term 1823, recorded 18 Mar. 1823, and registered 5 June 1823.<sup>[730]</sup>

On 28 Aug. 1826 Alexander and John McDonald sold to William Riggs, both parties of Giles Co., Tenn., for \$200, 50 acres of land in Giles Co. (by survey dated 14 May 1821) “in the seventh District in Giles County on Little Shoal Creek in Section first ranges first & Second.” The deed was acknowledged in the Giles County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1827, recorded 9 Jan. 1828, and registered 27 Feb. 1828.<sup>[731]</sup>

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On 25 Jan. 1828 **William Riggs** sold (mortgaged) to Wiley Davis, both of Giles Co., Tenn., for \$110, “one Grey Horse one Brown Mare one yoke of work steers two cows and calves one yearlin five head of Hogs three featherbeds & furniture five beestands one chest and twenty barrels of corn,” on the condition that if Riggs repaid Davis, with \$110 plus interest, by 1 Feb. 1829, then the sale would be void and the property revert to Riggs. One of the witnesses was **Alfred Riggs**. The transaction was acknowledged in Giles County Court February Term 1828 on 7 Mar. 1828 and registered 27 Mar. 1828.<sup>[733]</sup>

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730. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, E:291-292, images 448-449/573 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968854, DGS 8264670, “William Riggs Deed to James Paisley } for fifty acres of land on the east side of buck creek. Registered the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1823.”

731. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, G:319, images 444-445/519 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968855, DGS 8151349, “Alexander & John M<sup>c</sup>Donald Deed to William Riggs } for fifty acres of land in Giles County on Little Shoal Creek. Registered the 27<sup>th</sup> February 1828.”

732. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, G:382-383, images 444-445/519 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968855, DGS 8151349, “Alexander & John M<sup>c</sup>Donald Deed to William Riggs } for fifty acres of land in Giles County on Little Shoal Creek. Registered the 27<sup>th</sup> February 1828.”

733. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, G:391-393, images 449-450/519 online at

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In 1830 “W<sup>m</sup>” Riggs, 40–50, resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with a woman 40–50, two boys 5–10 [born about 1820–1825], two females 10–15 [born about 1815–1820], one male and one female 15–20 [born about 1810–1815], and one male 20–30 [born about 1800–1810]. Listed nearby is Reuben Riggs. In the same county was **Alfred Riggs**, 20–30 [born 1800–1810].<sup>[734]</sup>

Repeated for convenience: On 18 Nov. 1837 **Phebe Riggs** and **William Riggs** of Giles Co., Tenn., sold to David A. Gooch and James White of Giles Co., for \$300, “all our rite title Claim and Interest in and to the Estate of **Reuben Riggs deceased**.” The transaction was acknowledged and registered 23 Jan. 1838.<sup>[735]</sup>

Repeated for convenience: On 17 Aug. 1838 William Poor and **Margaret Poor** “Wife of William Poor . . . , **daughter of Ruben Riggs** Late of the County of Giles,” of Scott Co., Ark., granted power of attorney to **William Riggs** of Giles Co., Tenn., in regard to the settlement of the estate of **Reuben Riggs deceased**. The transaction was acknowledged 1 Sept. 1838 and registered 19 Sept. 1839.<sup>[736]</sup>

Repeated for convenience: Then on 18 Oct. 1838 William Riggs of Giles Co., Tenn., as agent of William and Margaret Poor with their power of attorney, sold to David A. Gooch, for \$150, the Poores’ undivided interest in land in Giles Co. “on the waters of Shoal Creek” per the will of her father, **Reuben Riggs deceased**. The transaction was acknowledged 7 Sept. 1839 and registered 19 Sept. 1839.<sup>[737]</sup>

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<www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968855, DGS 8151349, “William Riggs Mortgage to Wiley Davis } Registered the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1828.”

734. U.S. census, 1830, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 176, p. 171. Alfred is on p. 189.

735. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, N:184, image 367/531 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968858, DGS 8478682, “Phebe Riggs and William Riggs To David A Gooch & James White } Deed or Transfer of Interest } Registered the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1838.”

736. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, O:178-179, images 112-113/616 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968859, DGS 8478683, “William Poor & Margaret Poor To William Riggs } Power of Attorney } Registered the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1839.”

737. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, O:179-160, image 113/616 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968859, DGS 8478683, “William Riggs atty To David A. Gooch } Deed } Registered the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1839.”



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In 1840 “W<sup>m</sup>” Riggs, 50–60, resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with a woman 50–60, one male 10–15 [born about 1825–1830], two males and one female 15–20 [born about 1820–1825], and one male and two females 20–30 [born about 1810–1820]. James Riggs, 30–40, and Reuben Riggs, 20–30, are listed next to him. John Riggs, 15–20 [born about 1820–1825], is also listed in the county.<sup>[738]</sup>

In 1850 William Riggs, 66, a farmer born in Tennessee, resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with “Milley,” 63, born in Tennessee, in the household of Henry “Arther,” 35, a farmer born in Georgia, and Jinsey, 26, born in Tennessee, and four children (q.v.).<sup>[739]</sup>

In 1860 William Riggs, 77, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$50 personal estate, resided in Bethel, Giles Co., Tenn., with E. “Milly,” 74, born in Tennessee. Both were illiterate. They shared a dwelling with “Manerva” Hughes, 42, and her family, all born in Tennessee.<sup>[740]</sup>

### The Great Aunt’s Story

My correspondent (and DNA contributor) Zachary Riggs states:

I can only go back to my 3x great grandfather, Alfred Washington Riggs, who was born in Pope County, Arkansas in 1852. Family legend has it that his parents were murdered before he turned 8 years old and that he was sent to live and work on the Page Hatchet farm in Van Buren County, Arkansas with his older brother Reuben Riggs. Later, Alfred moved to Conway County, Arkansas and supposedly married his cousin Minerva Josephine Riggs.

My great aunt says that Alfred’s parents were William R. and Eliza Riggs from Tennessee. She also says that William R. Riggs was the son of William Riggs and grandson of Reuben Riggs (Giles, Tennessee) from your New Jersey Problematical book [i.e., my Riggs Vol. 3, Part 3, the book you are currently reading].<sup>[741]</sup>

I call the story above the Great Aunt’s Story **and treat it as hearsay.**

Probable or possible children (from censuses and census proximities):

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738. U.S. census, 1840, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 523, p. 96. John is on p. 152.

739. U.S. census, 1850, District 3, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 879, p. 318B, dw. 27, fam. 27.

740. U.S. census, 1860, Bethel PO, Southern Subdivision, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 1251, p. 180, dw. 1140, fam. 1123. Manerva was fam. 1122 in the same dwelling.

741. Email from Zachary Riggs, 11 Aug. 2012.

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- + 250 i ?ALFRED<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1804, Tennessee. I believe this is where Alfred might go, so I'll just assume it, a placeholder for Alfred, at the very least. Note that this would make his daughter Minerva Josephine<sup>9</sup> the cousin who married Alfred Washington<sup>9</sup> Riggs according to the Great Aunt's Story. He fits the son born 1804-1810 in the 1820 census. He married (1) HANNAH —, and had nine children, and married (2) MARY [MANERVIA or MARRINIA] SCOTT, and had three children.
- 251 ii JAMES<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 1804-1810 (from the 1820 and 1840).  
In 1840 James Riggs, 30-40, resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with a woman 20-30, and two girls under 5.<sup>[742]</sup>
- + 252 iii REUBEN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 3 Sept. 1811, Tennessee, married (1) SARAH M. —, and had nine children, married (2) ELIZABETH BURRUS, and had at least two children.
- + 253 iv ?WILLIAM R.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1819, Tennessee, married ELIZA —, born about 1824, Tennessee, and had at least three children, and four by the Great Aunt's Story. Also by her story, William and Eliza were murdered after son Washington's birth in about 1852 and before the 1860 census.  
There was probably a son born 1810-1820 (from the 1820 census). I assume here that he was William R. Riggs, supported by (but not proved by) the Great Aunt's Story. At the very least, this is a placeholder for the very real William R. Riggs and his family.
- 254 v ?[daughter]<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 1810-1815 (from the 1820 and 1830).
- + 255 vi MINERVA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1818, Tennessee, married JOHN HUGHES, and had seven children.
- 256 vii ?[daughter]<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 1815-1820 (from the 1820 and the 1830).
- + 257 viii JINSEY/JENCY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1824, Tennessee, married HENRY D. ARTHUR, and had at least four children.
- + 258 ix ?ALBERT W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1826, Tennessee, married (1) JANE ADALINE PERRYMAN, and had at least two children married (2) AMERICA BYRD [BIRD], and had two children.  
There was probably a son born 1820-1825 (from the 1830 census). I assume here that he was Albert W. Riggs, probably brother of William R. Riggs, similarly assumed to be a son. At the

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742. U.S. census, 1840, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 523, p. 96. John is on p. 152.

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very least, this is a placeholder for the very real Albert W. Riggs and his family.

259 x ?[son]<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 1820-1825 (from the 1830).

The following is from a message board posting from shirleyanderson1969 “Re:Riggs family cemetery - Morrilton Arkansas”:

. . . Alfred. He had a brother named Reuben 1811-1893, a brother Albert W 1825-1859, a brother John H 1823-1906, (my great grandfather whom I know very little about, a sister named Jensey 1820-1907, and a sister named Polly b 1822. My grandfather John H Riggs married a Rachel Arritta Perrymore on Feb 27, 1844. They had nine children, Albert F, William J b. 1847, Jesse D b. 1848-1830, Nancy Ann Elizabeth 1850-1932. Rufus 1854, Sarah 1856-1870, Jefferson Davis 1860-1897 and Rosie Riggs 1870-1948 which is my grandmother.

**Placeholder.** In 1850 John H. Riggs, 26, a farmer born in Tennessee, resided in Pope Co., Ark., with Rachel, 22, born in Tennessee, and with William J., 5, and Jesse D., 3, both born in Tennessee, and Nancy A., 1, born in Arkansas.<sup>[743]</sup>

**Placeholder.** John H. Riggs married 28 Feb. 1844, Lawrence Co., Tenn.,<sup>[744]</sup> Rachael Arritta Perrymore.

**Placeholder.** In 1860 John H. Riggs, 35, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$200 personal estate, resided in Shoal Creek, Johnson Co., Ark., with Rachael, 33, born in Tennessee, and with William, 15, and Jesse, 13, both born in Tennessee, and Nancy, 10, Albert, 9, Rufus, 6, Sarah, 4, and Mary, 1, all born in Arkansas, and with Willis J. Riggs, 22, born in Tennessee with \$50 personal estate, Mary, 14, born in Tennessee, and Sarah Saunders, 15, and George Saunders, 11, both born in Tennessee, and Millier Saunders, 11, born in Arkansas.<sup>[745]</sup>

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743. U.S. census, 1850, Pope Co., Ark., r. 29, p. 249B, dw. 141, fam. 141.

744. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780-2002*, Lawrence Co., 1840-1849, Marriage Bonds, image 991-992/1332 online, John H. “Rigs” to Rachael Arritta “Perrymore,” licensed 27 Feb. 1844, “Solemnized 28<sup>th</sup> Feby. 1844 by C. Parkes J.P.”

745. U.S. census, 1860, Shoal Creek PO, Shoal Creek Twp., Johnson Co., Ark., r. 44, p. 1047, dw. 825, fam. 826, FHL 803044.

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**Placeholder.** In 1870 John H. Riggs, 45, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$300 personal estate, resided in Dover, Gum Log Twp., Pope Co., Ark., with Rachel "L.," 44, born in Tennessee, and with Jesse, 22, born in Tennessee, and Nancy A. E., 20, Albert H., 18, Rufus M., 16, and Jefferson Davis, 10, all born in Arkansas.<sup>[746]</sup>

**Placeholder.** In 1880 John H. Riggs, 57, a farmer born in Tennessee of "(Tennessee)" natives, resided in Bayliss Twp., Pope Co., Ark., with his wife, Rachel A., 53, born in Tennessee of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in "(N. Carolina)," and with his sons, Albert F., 24, and Jefferson D., 18, all born in Arkansas, and his daughter, Nancy A. Cyle, 27, a widow with the same nativities as Albert, his granddaughters, Alice B., 7, and Sarah L., 4, both born in Arkansas of a father born in Tennessee, and an **adopted** daughter, Rosie M. Riggs, 7, born in Arkansas of a mother born in Arkansas.<sup>[747]</sup>

171. **MARY**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>111</sub>*Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1780-1790. She married 25 Jan. 1808, Grainger Co., Tenn.,<sup>[748]</sup> **HENRY E. MORGAN**, who was born 1780-1790.

In 1820 Henry Morgan, 26-45, resided in Pulaski, Giles Co., Tenn., with a woman 26-45, one boy and three girls under 10, and one boy and one girl 10-16. Henry is listed next to Reuben Riggs and near William Riggs.<sup>[749]</sup>

In 1830 H. E. Morgan, 40-50, resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with one boy under 5, one boy and one girl 5-10, one boy and one girl 10-15, and one female 15-20.<sup>[750]</sup>

In 1840 H. E. Morgan, 50-60, resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with a woman 50-60, one girl under 5, one girl 5-10, two boys 10-15, one female 15-20, one female 20-30, one female 30-40, and one male 40-50.

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746. U.S. census, 1870, Dover, Gum Log Twp., Pope Co., Ark., r. 61, p. 376B, dw. 946, fam. 964, FHL 545560.

747. U.S. census, 1880, Bayliss Twp., Pope Co., Ark., ED 135, r. 54, p. 60A, dw. 190, fam. 197.

748. *Tenn. Marriages, 1796-1950*, "Manervy Rigs" to John "Hughs," 27 Apr. 1839, Marshall Co., Tenn. [FHL 976385].

749. U.S. census, 1820, Pulaski Twp., Giles Co., Tenn., r. 124, p. 10.

750. U.S. census, 1830, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 176, p. 160.

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There was also a woman 90–100 in the household, who was possibly Mary’s mother, Mary Riggs.<sup>[751]</sup>

175. **PREPARE<sup>7</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>111</sub>Reuben<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) died after 3 Feb. 1831 (her will). She married **RICHARD C. REYNOLDS [RUNNELS]**, who was born 27 Nov. 1771, died 8 Nov. 1825, and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[752]</sup> He died after 31 Oct. 1825 (his will) and before 3 Apr. 1826 (court order), Williamson Co., Tenn.

Richard C. Reynolds signed his will on 31 Oct. 1825 in Williamson Co., Tenn., naming his wife, Prepare Reynolds, and his children Phebe, wife of John Dawson, Polly, wife of Gideon Riggs, and Reuben Reynolds. He left several slaves to them. An inventory of Richard’s estate lists sales to “Rheuben” (alternatively, “Rubin”) Riggs and Gideon Riggs and mentions Reuben W. Reynolds. The probate settlement was recorded 7 July 1828. Also in the packet is an order dated “first Monday in April 1826,” summoning Spencer Reynolds to appear in court to identify the last will of “Richard Reynolds deceased,”<sup>[753]</sup> which will he had signed.<sup>[754]</sup>

Prepare Reynolds signed her will 3 Feb. 1831 in Williamson Co., Tenn., mentioning her daughter, Phebe “Dorson” and Phebe’s (unnamed) children, her son, “Reubin” W. Reynolds, her grandchildren, “Marzea” Riggs and Overton Riggs, children of her daughter, “Polly Riggs who was the wife of Gideon Riggs.” She specified that two slaves were to be given their freedom upon the death of Phebe.<sup>[755]</sup>

Children:

260 i **PHEBE<sup>8</sup> REYNOLDS**, born 1770–1780, married **JOHN DAWSON**, and had children.

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751. U.S. census, 1840, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 523, p. 97.

752. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051243, no photograph, dates recorded: 27 Nov. 1771, 8 Nov. 1825.

753. *Tenn. Divorce and Other Records, 1800–1965*, Williamson Co., probate packet images, Richard C. Reynolds, 1828, “Will-1825 | Inventory & Sale- | Settlement-1828 | Order-1826.”

754. Spencer G. Reynolds is buried in the Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn. [*Find a Grave*, no. 8051246, no photograph, dates recorded: 16 Aug. 1805, 16 July 1845].

755. *Tenn. Divorce and Other Records, 1800–1965*, Williamson Co., probate packet images, Prepare Reynolds, will, Oct. 1832, contains another copy of Richard’s will and of the court order.

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In 1830 John Dawson, 50-60, resided in Williamson Co., Tenn., with a woman 50-60, two boys 10-15, one male 15-20, and one female 20-30.<sup>[756]</sup>

- + 261 ii **MARY/POLLY**<sup>8</sup> **REYNOLDS**, born 1798, married **GIDEON**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>134</sub>*David*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>), and had two children.
- 262 iii **REUBEN W.**<sup>8</sup> **REYNOLDS [RUNNELS]**, born before the signing of his grandfather Reuben Riggs's will on 26 Oct. 1833. **There was a Reuben P. Reynolds, 20-30, in Clay Co., Mo. in 1830.**

**179. JESSE**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>112</sub>*Jesse*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1802, Tennessee. He married<sup>[757]</sup> **REBECCA PONDER**, who was born 1 July 1802,<sup>[758]</sup> Georgia, daughter of Amos and Violet (Luckey) Ponder.

In 1830 Jesse Riggs, 30-40, resided in Lawrence Co., Ala., with a woman, 30-40, and one boy under 5, and with one male slave.<sup>[759]</sup>

In 1850 Jesse Riggs, 48, a farmer born in Tennessee, resided in Marion Co., Ala., with Rebecca, 48, born in Georgia, and with Mary T. Riggs, 78, born in Tennessee, and Martha S., 9, born in Alabama. Next door was Henderson Riggs and beyond him was William "Rigs."<sup>[760]</sup> Mary T. was presumably Jesse's mother.

In 1860 Jesse "Rigs," 57, a farmer born in Tennessee with real and personal estates valued respectively at \$150 and \$485, resided in Pikeville, Marion Co., Ala., with Rebecca, 57, born in Georgia. Next door was Martha S. "E." Luster, 19, born in Alabama.<sup>[761]</sup>

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756. U.S. census, 1830, Williamson Co., Tenn., r. 182, p. 236.

757. Revolutionary War pension file, Amos and Violet Ponder, W.10920.

758. Revolutionary War pension file, Amos and Violet Ponder, W.10920, a family Bible record shows her birth, as "Rebekah," after Abner's (q.v.) but is unreadable (apparently lined through). The births of the older children are all spaced two or three years apart, so a good estimate of Rebecca's birth is 1802. Indeed, a typewritten letter from the pension office in the same file gives "Rebekah"'s birth date as 1 July 1802. An affidavit in this file gives Violet's maiden name, Luckey.

759. U.S. census, 1830, Lawrence Co., Ala., r. 1, p. 260.

760. U.S. census, 1850, Marion Co., Ala., r. 10, p. 144, dw. 242, fam. 249.

761. U.S. census, 1860, Pikeville PO, Western District, Marion Co., Ala., r. 16, p. 496, dw. 98, fam. 98. Martha S. resided in dw. 99.

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In 1880 Rebecca Riggs, 77, a widow born in Georgia of a father born in Georgia and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in the home of her son, Henderson E. Riggs [q.v.].<sup>[762]</sup>

Known children:

- + 263 i HENDERSON EVANS<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born July 1830, Alabama, married SARAH A. LINDSEY, and had 11 children.
- + 264 ii MARTHA S.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1841, Alabama, married HENRY LUSTER, and had at least one child.

185. JESSE<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>113</sub>Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1795, Tennessee. He married (1) 7 Jan. 1821, Jefferson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[763]</sup> MARY HENDERSON, who was born 1797 (grave-stone), died Sept. 1845, and was buried in Riggs Family Cem., Hamblen Co., Tenn.<sup>[764]</sup> He married (2) SARAH —, who was born about 1812, Tennessee.

In 1850 “Jessee” Riggs, 55, male, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$7,000 real estate, resided in Hawkins Co., Tenn., with William, 26, a farmer, Sarah, 38, and Adelaide, 12, all three born in Tennessee.<sup>[765]</sup> The slave schedule lists three female slaves, ages 20, 18, and 4 for “Jessee” Riggs, District 13, Hawkins Co., Tenn.<sup>[766]</sup>

On 25 June 1855, Morristown, Hawkins Co., Tenn., “Mr. Haul Esqr. Sir this is to say that I do agree that a Black Girl that is in the possession of Jesse Riggs by the name of Celia and is my property may stand good to you or any one els [sic] that may go Sarah Taylor & Thomas Alexander Security for the or bill [sic] that they have or are about to enter against George Linch, C. P. Vinney Crisbie Riggs and others in Chancery Court

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762. U.S. census, 1880, Marion Co., Ala., ED 243, r. 23, p. 76B, dw. 136, fam. 136.

763. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780–2002*, Jefferson Co., image online, 159, “[no.] 1583 [issued] Jan. 6 1821 [parties] Jesse Riggs to Mary Henderson [return] Jan. 7, 1821 by Isaac Barton.”

764. *Find a Grave*, no. 101579909, gravestone photograph, by Lynda (Collbaugh) Raitala, Riggs Family Cem., Hamblen Co., Tenn., “Mary Riggs | consort of | Jesse Riggs | born 1797 | died Sept. 1845 | . . .”

765. U.S. census, 1850, District 13, Hawkins Co., Tenn., r. 882, p. 412, dw. 92, fam. 92.

766. U.S. census, 1850, Slave Schedule, District 13, Hawkins Co., Tenn., lines 19–21, image online at *1850 U.S. Federal Census–Slave Schedules*.

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at Rogersville . . .” Witness: Jesse Riggs. Signed Russell Riggs. Acknowledged 26 June 1855 in court in Hawkins Co., Tenn. Registered 2 July 1855.<sup>[767]</sup> Thomas Alexander was the father of Martha Elizabeth Alexander mentioned in the following (who married Thomas Lee).<sup>[768]</sup>

In 1860 “Jessee” Riggs, 70, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$1,200 real and \$500 personal estates, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with Sarah Taylor, 40, born in Tennessee, Martha Alexander, 10, and “Jas” Meford, 8, both born in Tennessee.<sup>[769]</sup> Note that Sarah Taylor here corresponds to Sarah Taylor in the 1880 census (below, with son William), and Martha Alexander might be Martha E. Taylor there (see marriage in next paragraph).

Children of the first marriage, to Mary:

265 i **MARY J.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 10 Dec. 1821 (gravestone), died Aug. 1845, buried Riggs Family Cem., Hamblen Co., Tenn.,<sup>[770]</sup> married – **TAYLOR**.

266 ii **WILLIAM HENDERSON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1824, Tennessee.

In 1870 William “Rigs,” 45, a grocer born in Tennessee with \$200 personal estate, resided in Wits Foundry, Jefferson Co., Tenn., in the household of Sarah Taylor, 51, born in Tennessee with \$650 real and \$400 personal estates, and with Martha Alexander, 19, born in Tennessee.<sup>[771]</sup>

In 1880 William H. Riggs, 56, single, a tinker and beekeeper born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Russellville, Hamblen Co., Tenn., in the household of Thomas F. Lee, 24, a farmer, his wife, Martha E., 28, daughter, Sarah L., 1, and son Charlie H., born in May, and with his (Thomas’s) aunt, Sarah

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767. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 23:105-106, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “Russell Riggs to Mr. Haul Registered July 2nd 1855 at 4 P.M.”

768. U.S. census, 1850, Dist. 13, Hawkins Co., Tenn., r. 882, p. 412B, dw. 98, fam. 98, lists Thomas Alexander, 22, Anna, 26, Jessee, 2, and Elizabeth, 2/12, all born in Tenn.

769. U.S. census, 1860, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1258, p. 383, dw. 747, fam. 785.

770. *Find a Grave*, no. 101579982, gravestone photograph, by Lynda (Collbaugh) Raitala, Riggs Family Cem., Hamblen Co., Tenn., “Mary J. Taylor | daughter of | Jess & Mary Riggs | born Dec. 10, 1821 | died Aug 1845 | . . .”

771. U.S. census, 1870, Witts Foundry PO, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1540, p. 535B, dw. 92, fam. 95.



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Taylor, 70 [sic], single, born in Tennessee of Virginia natives. All the others were born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives.<sup>[772]</sup> Comparing these two censuses shows that Martha Alexander married Thomas Lee, and that Sarah Taylor was her aunt.

Indeed, Franklin Lee married 5 Sept. 1877, Hamblen Co., Tenn.,<sup>[773]</sup> “Mattie” E. Alexander

267 iii ?ADELAIDE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1838, Tennessee.

**186. ELLIS M.<sup>7</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>113</sub>Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) is known from the deeds, died before 16 Jan. 1844. He married before the 1840 census **AMANDA SMITH**, born about 1810, Tennessee, daughter of Jackson and Elizabeth (–) Smith.

In 1840 Ellis M. Riggs, 20–30, resided in McMinn Co., Tenn., with a woman 20–30, and with two boys under 5, and one slave.<sup>[774]</sup>

In 1850 Jackson Smith, 73, a farmer born in Virginia with \$16,000 real estate, resided in McMinn Co., Tenn., with Elizabeth, 75, born in Virginia, and Amanda “Rigs,” 30, Samuel, 13, and Jackson, 11, all three born in Tennessee.<sup>[775]</sup> We take from this that Amanda Smith was wife of Ellis M. Riggs, with Samuel and Jackson being the two grandsons of Samuel<sup>6</sup> mentioned in the 1844 deeds in his sketch.

On 1 Sept. 1851, Athens, McMinn Co., Tenn., Jackson Smith assigned his guardianship to William D. Smith, who then became guardian to Samuel L. Riggs and Jackson S. Riggs, minor orphans of Ellis Riggs, deceased. The guardianship bond was signed by William D. Smith, Jackson Smith, and Milton L. Phillips.<sup>[776]</sup>

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772. U.S. census, 1880, Russellville Dist., Hamblen Co., Tenn., ED 72, r. 1258, p. 386A, dw. 250, fam. 258.

773. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780–2002*, Hamblen Co., image online, Franklin Lee to Mattie E. Alexander, licensed 4 Sept. 1877, married 5 Sept. 1877 by W. M. Miller JP; *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Sallie Lucinda Morgan aka Sallie Lucinda Lee, born 21 July 1878, Russellville, Hamblen Co., Tenn., father Thomas F. Lee, mother Martha E. Alexander, SSN 523–70–6241.

774. U.S. census, 1840, McMinn Co., Tenn., r. 527, p. 124. McMinn Co. created in 1819.

775. U.S. census, 1850, McMinn Co., Tenn., r. 887, p. 324A, dw. 2048, fam. 1404.

776. McMinn Co., Tenn., County Court Records, folders 1–503, FHL 1572762/item 2, DGS 7643780, images 1983–1986/3087 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, folder 333, 1851, guardianship by W. D. Smith of the Ellis Riggs heirs. Image 1987/3087 is mislabeled part of this case but is

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Children:

- 268 i SAMUEL L.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1837, Tennessee.
- 269 ii JACKSON S.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1839, Tennessee.

187. RUSSEL[L]<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>113</sub>Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1798, Tennessee, and was buried in Morris Family Cem., Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn.<sup>[777]</sup> He married 25 Sept. 1847, Grainger Co., Tenn.,<sup>[778]</sup> SARAH PERKAPILE, who was born 10 Mar. 1820, Tennessee, died 24 [July] 1869, and was buried in Morris Family Cem., Morristown, [now] Hamblen Co., Tenn.<sup>[779]</sup> Ellis Riggs was the JP who married them, and who could not be the brother Ellis who died before the 1844 deeds. Russell is known from the 1844 deeds.

In 1840 Russel Riggs, 30–40, resided alone in Jefferson Co., Tenn. On the same page was Samuel Riggs, 30–40.<sup>[780]</sup>

In 1850 Russell Riggs, 52, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$1,900 real estate, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with Sarah, 31, John H., 1,

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about John Riggs's estate, not Ellis Riggs's orphans. See John's sketch.

777. *Find a Grave*, no. 46952447, gravestone photograph, by Lynda (Colbaugh) Raitala, Morris Family Cem., Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., "Russel Riggs | [illegible photograph]." Unsourced data: born 10 Nov. 1802, died 2 Nov. 1857, Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn.

778. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, Grainger Co., 1840–1849 Marriage Bonds, image online, licensed and bonded Russell Riggs to Sarah Peckapole, 24 Sept. 1847, married 25 Sept. 1847, by Ellis Riggs JP; *Tenn. Co. Marriages, 1790–1950*, images online, "1847 | Marriage Bonds and Licenses, Loose Records," "Marriage | License | Bond | Russel Riggs | To | Sarah Perkapile | Isd 24<sup>th</sup> Sept | 1847," then "State of Tennessee Grainger County | To any Regular Minister of the Gospel or any Justice of the peace I Edward Tate Clerk of the County Court for the County of Grainger aforesaid by Virtue of the power in me vested by Same Do License you or either of you to celebrate the Rites of Matrimony between Russel Riggs and Sarah Perkapile by uniting them together as Husband and Wife | Given at Office in Rutledge the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of Sept. Anno Domini 1847. And of American Indapendance [sic] the 72<sup>d</sup> | [signed] Edw<sup>d</sup> Tate Clerk," then "Marriage License | Russel Riggs | To | Sarah Perkapile | Isd. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept | 1847 | Celebrated the | rites of Matrimony | between the within | named persons on | the 25<sup>th</sup> Sept | 1847 | [signed] Ellis Riggs | Justice of the | peace." [FHL 968583].

779. *Find a Grave*, no. 46952491, gravestone photograph, by Lynda (Colbaugh) Raitala, Morris Family Cem., Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., "Sarah Riggs | Wife of | Russell Riggs | born | March 10 1820 | died | [July?] 24 1869."

780. U.S. census, 1840, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 526, p. 325.

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and Mary, 17, all three born in Tennessee.<sup>[781]</sup> **Mary was perhaps his daughter from a previous marriage.**

**Child of a first marriage?:**

270 i **MARY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1833, Tennessee.

Known child:

271 ii **JOHN H.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1849, Tennessee.

**188. JOHN<sup>7</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>113</sub>*Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1790–1800, and signed his will 31 Jan. 1849, Hawkins Co., Tenn. He married **MARY W. (–) JOHNS**.

On 24 Apr. 1841 John Riggs relinquished a property to which “the said John Riggs claims Title by deed from Samuel Riggs,” lying in Hawkins Co., Tenn., “on the waters of fall Creek,” to Samuel Riggs. It was witnessed by Pleasant M. Riggs and Lewis Riggs. It was acknowledged in court 14 Feb. 1851 by testimony of the two witnesses and also Russel Riggs. It was registered 14 Feb. 1851.<sup>[782]</sup>

On 8 Jan. 1844 John Riggs of Hawkins Co., Tenn., sold to G. L. Long of Russellville, Jefferson Co., Tenn., for \$700, a tract of 150 acres “lying and being in the counties of Hawkins and Jefferson.” Acknowledged in court on 10 July 1851. Registered 11 Feb. 1853.<sup>[783]</sup>

On 31 Jan. 1849, John Riggs of Hawkins Co., Tenn., signed his will, and it was witnessed by John H. Cockreham and William Roberson. It mentions “my beloved wife Mary W Riggs,” “my black girl named Emily,” “my black boy named Major and my black girl named Tabitha,” “my heirs Namely William E. D. Johns a son that my said wife had by her former husband Samuel T. Riggs James V Riggs Pleasant Marion Riggs and my daughter Louisa J. Riggs,” and “Franklin F. Taylor my Executor.”<sup>[784]</sup>

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781. U.S. census, 1850, District 13, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 885, p. 332A, dw. 46, fam. 46.

782. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 20:431–432, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, “John Riggs to Samuel Riggs Registered 14<sup>th</sup> February 1851 at 10 A.M.”

783. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 21:284–285, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, “John Riggs to G. L. Long Registered February 11<sup>th</sup> 1853 at 3 P.M.”

784. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Wills, 1779–1975, Mays, Crocia-Ward, Walter M., FHL 1572795,

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In 1850 Mary W. Riggs, 53, a farmer born in Virginia with \$1,680 real estate, resided in Hawkins Co., Tenn., with Thompson, 17, Jane, 16, James, 15, and Pleasant, 11, all four born in Tennessee.<sup>[785]</sup>

On 5 Apr. 1852 the county court replaced one of the original securities of the administration bond for the estate of John Riggs, deceased. James H. Walker was appointed administrator in the May term 1849 of the court “with the will annexed.” In the January term 1852, one of the securities of the original bond, William Robinson, asked to be released. James H. Walker replaced him as a security.<sup>[786]</sup>

In 1860 Mary W. Riggs, 43, a widow born in Virginia with \$5,000 real and \$700 personal estates, resided in Hawkins Co., Tenn., with Pleasant, 20, born in Tennessee, in the household of Caleb G. Jones, 35, and his family, Kizza, 30, Emerson, 4, and Nancy, 2, all born in Tennessee.<sup>[787]</sup>

**Placeholder:** Pleasant W. Riggs signed his will 26, Mar. 1842, Jefferson Co., Tenn., and it was proved 4 Apr. 1842. It mentions his wife, Margaret, son, Samuel, daughters, Mary and Nancy. Witnesses were “Russel” Riggs, “Russel” Crow, and “Harvy” Riggs. Executors were John Crow and Lewis Riggs.<sup>[788]</sup>

Children:

- 272 i SAMUEL THOMPSON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1833, Tennessee.
- 273 ii LOUISA JANE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1834, Tennessee.
- 274 iii JAMES V<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1835, Tennessee.

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image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, will of John Riggs, 31 Jan. 1849, recorded in Book 1:426-427.

785. U.S. census, 1850, District 13, Hawkins Co., Tenn., r. 882, p. 412, dw. 103, fam. 103.

786. McMinn Co., Tenn., County Court Records, folders 1-503, FHL 1572762/item 2, DGS 7643780, image 1987/3087 online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, folder 333, 1851, mislabeled as guardianship by W. D. Smith of the Ellis Riggs heirs (see images 1983-1986/3087) but is actually about John Riggs’s estate. See Ellis Riggs’s sketch. I assume that the County Court mentioned refers to McMinn Co., but it might be to Hawkins Co.

787. U.S. census, 1860, District 13, Hawkins Co., Tenn., r. 1255, p. 149, dw. 982, fam. 968.

788. Historical Records of East Tenn.; Jefferson Co. Edition: Abstract of Wills, 1792-1861, online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, 26, “Riggs, Pleasant W. 3-26-1842 probated 4-4-1842 | Wife Margaret | Son Samuel | Daughters Mary and Nancy | Witness 2 [sic] Russel Riggs, Russel Crow, Harvy Riggs | Ex John Crow, and Lewis Riggs.”

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On 17 Mar. 1858 James V. Riggs sold to Raleigh J. Dodson “my undivided Interest in my fathers landed Estate lying and being in Hawkins County and the State of Tennessee in Civil District No 13 adjoining the lands of Joseph Eckel F. W. Taylor John Hartman & others,” for \$837. Witnesses: A. Beckner, Hugh Cain, and Thomas C. Miller. Acknowledged in court in Hawkins Co. 24 May 1858. Registered 24 May 1858.<sup>[789]</sup>

275 iv PLEASANT MARION<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1839, Tennessee.

190. EDWARD<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>114</sub>Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1796, Tenn. He married JENNETT MARSH, who was born about 1811, Tenn. [John Clinard has this Edward Riggs, born 27 Sept. 1795, Jefferson Co., Tenn., died 1852, Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., married 29 Jan. 1827, Jefferson Co., Tenn., Jenettie Morris, born 1813, Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., died 1880, Morristown.]

In 1830 Edward Riggs, 30–40, resided in Lincoln Co., Tenn., with a woman 15–20, and one male 20–30. Nearby is listed Jesse Riggs, 70–80, with one boy and one girl under 5, one girl 5–10, one male and two females 20–30.<sup>[790]</sup>

In 1840 Edward Riggs, 40–50, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with a woman 20–30, and a boy and a girl under 5. Nearby are listed Jesse Riggs, 30–40, and Clisbe Riggs, 70–80.<sup>[791]</sup>

In 1850 Edward Riggs, 54, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$800 real estate, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with Jennett, 39, born in Tennessee, and with Mary M., 15, Jasper N., 12, Dodson S., 9, Henry C., 6, and Porter J., 3, all five born in Tennessee. There was also a black laborer, Philip Rhoton, 80, born in Virginia, in the household.<sup>[792]</sup>

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789. Hawkins Co., Tenn., Deeds, 24:280, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, “James V. Riggs to Raleigh J. Dodson Registered the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1858 at 4 Oclock P.M.”

790. U.S. census, 1830, Lincoln., Tenn., r. 177, p. 178.

791. U.S. census, 1840, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 526, p. 335.

792. U.S. census, 1850, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 885, p. 330B, dw. 23, fam. 23. Henry and Porter are listed after Philip Rhoton with ditto marks under his surname for their surname, but since they are in the correct age sequence to be Riggs children, and since they are not listed as black, I have assumed that they were indeed Riggs children, not Rhotons.

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In 1860 J. Riggs, 47, female, born in Tennessee with \$500 real and \$600 personal estates, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with J., 21, a male laborer, [N?], 18, a male laborer, [?]. C., 15, male, and [P?]. J., 13, all four born in Tennessee.<sup>[793]</sup>

Known children:

- 276 i MARY M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1835, Tennessee.
- + 277 ii JASPER N.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1838, Tennessee, married SARAH A. —, and had three children.
- 278 iii DODSON S.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1841, Tennessee.
- 279 iv HENRY C.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1844, Tennessee.
- + 280 v PORTER JARNAGIN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 12 Nov. 1846 or 1848, Tennessee, married HATTIE M. —, and had eight children.

191. CLISBE<sup>7</sup> AUSTIN (<sub>114</sub>?Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born (out of wedlock) 21 Jan. 1802, Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., died 24 July 1883, Austin's Springs, Washington Co. [at about where Washington, Sullivan, and Carter Counties join], Tenn.,<sup>[794]</sup> and was buried in Oak Grove Cem., Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., where one of his two wives, and at least one child were buried.<sup>[795]</sup>

This is the proposed departure point for the Austin clan from the Riggs clan. My correspondent John Clinard has Clisby Austin born 1802, Morristown, Tenn., son of Clisby Riggs, born 1764, Morristown, NJ, out of wedlock with Rebecca Blankenship. N.B. DNA tests of male descendants of Clisbe Austin show that indeed they inherited the Riggs DNA signature.

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793. U.S. census, 1860, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1258, p. 388, dw. 827, fam. 864.

794. *Morristown Gazette*, 1 Aug. 1883, online at <newspapers.com>: "Rev. Clisby Austin, well known throughout East Tennessee, died at Austin's Springs, Tenn., July 24, 1883. He was born in Morristown, 1802, and has been a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, about fifty years." Item courtesy of my correspondent John Clinard.

795. *Find a Grave*, no. 188778513, no gravestone photograph but there his this, labeled "Gravesite Details": Name: Rev. C. Austin | Birth Date: 21 Jan 1802 | Death Date: 24 Jul 1883 | Age: 81 | Cemetery Name: Greene County Oak Grove Cemetery | Cemetery Description: Located on North Main Street, in Greeneville, Te.;" *Greene Co. Tenn. Cem. Records*, Rev. C. Austin, born 21 Jan. 1802, died 24 July 1883, cem. Greene Co. Oak Grove Cem., "Copied by Daley S. Bowman, of Greeneville, Tennessee, June 11, 1937."

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John Clinard has provided me several venomous newspaper articles from 1868, by a Jonathan L. Mann of Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., charging Rev. Clisbe Austin with several scandals:

1. Marrying his second wife only four days after his first wife's death, a little too soon according to some. The woman [Jane Hammond?] was living with Clisbe's family, it was said, and was thought to be his paramour.

2. That he had been arraigned and tried by the [M.E.] Church for "high crimes and misdemeanors."

3. That he sold the same horse to three different men.

4. That he was named for his mother's lover perhaps (with Clisbe Riggs mentioned in the next sentence).

5. That he sold salted soleleather.

6. That he claimed to "be Union" while holding slaves in the South and supporting the Confederacy there.

7. That he was expelled as a minister from the Holston [Church] Conference for "criminal intercourse with a girl who lived with him named Boman." He refused to remove her from his home. [See 1860 and 1870 census items below which show an Ann M. Bowman residing in Clisbe's household, but not in 1850.]

None of these claims are proved (except perhaps claim 6), but they make for unusual reading in an otherwise typically staid genealogy.

A published letter, dated 25 May 1868, from Red Clay, Whitfield Co., Ga., states [the italics are in the newspaper article]:

Dear Brother Mann:—Yours of the 25th is received. I was absent when it came, which is my apology for not answering at once. I know all about the *Clisby Austin trial here*, but yet the facts of the case here are not what you want. The information you want can better be procured in the bounds of the Holston Conference. Any of the old preachers of that Conference can tell you all about it. I think the trial came off somewhere about Strawberry Plains [located at the boundary between Jefferson, Knox, and Sevier Counties, Tenn., on the Holston River above Knoxville]. *He was tried for criminal intercourse with a girl who lived with him named Boman. He came to this county an expelled minister*, but was soon again licensed to exhort, then to preach. Many of us were opposed to

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him on account of his record, and asked him to put that same woman from his house. This he refused to do; whereupon we charged him with doing that, that was not to the glory of God, in keeping that that woman still about his house, greatly to the injury of the Church and to his disgrace as a minister. This is, in substance, the charge we preferred against him. When the day of trial arrived, he asked leave to withdraw from the Church, without the disgrace of a trial, which request was granted. We had no proof of criminality against him only the circumstance of his keeping that same girl about his house, after having been expelled from the Church in Tennessee, on her account, together with other circumstances strongly leading in the same direction. And on these charges, with what circumstantial evidence we had, we would have expelled him from the Church, had he not withdrawn. This is, in substances, all I can give you.<sup>[796]</sup>

He married (1) 10 Aug. 1820, Hawkins Co., Tenn.,<sup>[797]</sup> **SARAH ROBERTSON**, who was born 4 Feb. 1802 (calculated), died 24 Nov. 1842, aged 40 years 9 months 20 days, and was buried in Shiloh Cem., Grainger Co., Tenn.<sup>[798]</sup>

He married (2) 28 Nov. 1842 (if we believe the Mann scandalmongering) **JANE HAMMOND**, who was born 30 Sept 1812 (gravestone), Tennessee, died 24 Nov. 1893, and was buried in Oak Grove Cem., Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn.<sup>[799]</sup>

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796. *Union Flag*, 19 June 1868, Fri., Jonesborough, Tenn., vol. 4, no. 3, p. 1, cols. 3-4, <[www.newspapers.com/image/171715048/](http://www.newspapers.com/image/171715048/)>, "From the New Era | Clisby Austin, No. 3.," a letter from Jonathan L. Mann, Greeneville, Tenn., 8 June 1868.

797. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780-2002*, Clisbe Austin, male, to Sally Robertson, licensed Rogersville, Hawkins Co., Tenn., 9 Aug. 1820, Hawkins Co., Tenn., images 46-47/93 online, "Marriage License Clisbe Austin to Sally Robertson Iss'd 9<sup>th</sup> August 1820," "This is to certify that Clisbe Austin was Mared to Saley Robertson on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820 by Me Cabb Witt Mn of the GSPL."

798. *Find a Grave*, no. 35345695, gravestone photograph, by Lynda (colbaugh) Raitala, Shiloh Cem., Grainger Co., Tenn., "Sacred | to the memory of | Sarah Austin, | consort | of | R<sup>ev</sup> Clisbe Austin | Who lived 17 Y<sup>s</sup> A Member | of the M. E. Church & died | Happy in the Christian Faith | N<sup>ov</sup>. 21<sup>st</sup> 1812 | A<sup>ged</sup> 40 Y<sup>s</sup>. 9M. 20 | Days."

799. *Find a Grave*, no. 59211565, gravestone photograph, Oak Grove Cem., Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., "Jane Hammond | Sept. 30, 1812 | Nov. 24, 1893 | wife of | Rev. Clisbe Austin."



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In 1830, Clisbe Austin, 20–30, resided in Hawkins Co., Tenn., with a woman 20–30, one boy and one girl under 5, and one boy and two girls 5–10.<sup>[800]</sup> On the same page is listed Samuel Riggs, 70–80.

On 12 Sept. 1836 “our beloved brother Clisby Austin” was recommended to the Holston Conference “as a suitable person to receive deacons orders in the M. E. Church,” by the members of “the Q. M. Conf. [Quarterly Meeting Conference], New Market Circuit, Knoxville district.”<sup>[801]</sup>

In 1840, Clisbe Austin, 30–40, resided in Grainger Co., Tenn., with a woman 30–40, one male and one female 70–80, three girls under 5, one boy and two girls 5–10, one male and one female 10–15.<sup>[802]</sup>

Between 1840 and 1850 Clisbe Austin moved to Murray Co., Ga. If the Mann accusations are to be believed, then he was expelled from the Holston Conference for intercourse with Miss “Boman,” presumably Ann M. Bowman during this interval, whom he kept in his household in Tennessee and moved with him to Georgia. **I cannot distinguish Ann Bowman from Jane Hammond in the rumors.**

In 1850 Clisbe Austin “S<sup>r</sup>,” 48, a merchant born in Tennessee with \$2,200 real estate, resided in Murray Co., Ga., with Jane, 37, born in Tennessee, and with James C., 18, a clerk, Clara, 17, Matilda C., 15, Adaline D., 13, Eliza C., 11, Frederick H., 4, Clisbe “J,” 3, and Henry C., 11/12, all born in Tennessee.<sup>[803]</sup> N.B. Ann M. Bowman, 21, born in Tennessee, resided in the same county, but not the same dwelling, apparently with her family.<sup>[804]</sup>

N.B. Whitfield Co. was formed out of the western half of Murray Co., Ga., in 1851. Both counties abut Tennessee’s southern border. In other words, Clisbe just barely moved out of state. “Clisby Austin House” is currently a featured museum in Tunnel Hill, Whitfield Co., Ga., located on Clisby Austin Dr.

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800. U.S. census, 1830, Hawkins Co., Tenn., r. 178, p. 20.

801. From the image of a record from Daniel Ferkin, Holston Conference Archivist, courtesy of John Clinard, email 20 May 2020.

802. U.S. census, 1840, Hawkins Co., Tenn., r. 525, p. 141, FHL 24546.

803. U.S. census, 1850, Murray Co., Ga., r. 78, p. 151A, fam. ?, dw. 51 [est.].

804. U.S. census, 1850, Murray Co., Ga., r. 78, p. 210A, fam. 855, dw. 855.

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In 1860 Clisbe Austin, 58, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$14,000 real and \$11,000 personal estates, resided in Tunnel Hill, Whitfield Co., Ga., with Jane, 47, born in Tennessee, and with F. H., 14, Clisbe Jr., 13, H. C., 11, Ann M. Bowman, 32, all born in Tennessee, and Archibald Austin, 93, born in Virginia. According to the 1860 slave schedule of the same place, Clisbe Austin owned six slaves, five mulatto (ages 22, 20, 20, 4, and 2) and one black (age 24), the two oldest being male.<sup>[805]</sup>

On 10 Apr. 1866 Clisbe Austin was appointed U.S. Postmaster at Austin's Mills, Hawkins Co., Tenn.<sup>[806]</sup>

In 1870 C. Austin, 68, a hotel keeper born in Tennessee with \$2,000 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in White Horn, Hawkins Co., Tenn., with Jane, 58, born in Tennessee, and with Henry C., 21, born in Tennessee, and Ann M. Bowman, 42, born in Tennessee.<sup>[807]</sup>

In 1870 Hamblen Co., Tenn., was formed from Grainger and Jefferson Counties. In 1871 Hamblen Co. gained from Hawkins Co.

On 16 Dec. 1871 the county line between Hawkins and Hamblen Counties was changed "to include Clisby Austin's lot of land at Rogersville Junction, and all that part of the public road known as the 'White Horse' [White Horn?] road, leading southwest of said lot of land to the line of Hawkins and Hamblen, be and the same are included in the new county of Hamblen, so as to conform with the desire of said Austin, as shown by his petition."<sup>[808]</sup>

In 1870 Clisbe "Austins," 77, a medical compounder born in Tennessee of Virginia natives, resided in Washington Co., Tenn., with his wife, Jane, 67, born in Tennessee of North Carolina natives.<sup>[809]</sup>

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805. U.S. census, 1860, Tunnel Hill PO, Tunnel Hill Dist., Whitfield Co., Ga., r. ?, p. 544, fam. 240, dw. 231, FHL 803141.

806. *U.S. Appointments of U.S. Postmasters, 832-1971*, Hawkins Co., Tenn., image 165/718 online, p. 66, "Austin's Mills Clisbe Austin 10 Apl. 1866."

807. U.S. census, 1870, White Horn PO, Dist. 14, Hawkins Co., Tenn., r. 1535, p. 181A, fam. 67, dw. 67, FHL 553034.

808. *National Union and American*, 28 Dec. 1871, p. 3, "Laws of Tennessee," cols. 6-7 (maybe 8), No. 86, col. 7, online at <newspapers.com>. Item courtesy of my correspondent John Clinard.

809. U.S. census, 1870, White Horn PO, Dist. 14, Hawkins Co., Tenn., r. 1535, p. 181A, fam. 67, dw. 67, FHL 553034.

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In 1881 “Clisby (Clisbe) Austin) was the pastor for the Union Circuit near Austin Springs, TN in the former Jonesboro District.” This is according to the Holston Conference Annual Journal for Methodist Episcopal South for 1881.<sup>[810]</sup>

Known children of the first marriage, to Sarah:

- 281 i **JAMES C.**<sup>8</sup> **AUSTIN**, born about 1832, Tennessee.
- 282 ii **CLARA**<sup>8</sup> **AUSTIN**, born about 1833, Tennessee.
- 283 iii **MATILDA C.**<sup>8</sup> **AUSTIN**, born about 1835, Tennessee.
- 284 iv **ADALINE D.**<sup>8</sup> **AUSTIN**, born about 1837, Tennessee.
- 285 v **ELIZA C.**<sup>8</sup> **AUSTIN**, born about 1839, Tennessee.

Children of the second marriage, to Jane:

- 286 vi **FREDERICK H.**<sup>8</sup> **AUSTIN**, born about 1846, Tennessee.
- + 287 vii **CLISBE**<sup>8</sup> **AUSTIN**, born 22 Dec. 1846 or 21 Dec. 1847, Tenn., married **MARTHA A. (“MATTIE”)** **SMITH**, and had nine children.
- 288 viii **HENRY C.**<sup>8</sup> **AUSTIN**, born about 1849, Tennessee.

**192. SAMUEL**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>114</sub>*Clisbe*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 11 Jan. 1803 (calculated), Jefferson [now Hamblen] Co., Tenn., died 4 Aug. 1859, aged 56 years 6 months 24 days, Jefferson [now Hamblen] Co., Tenn.,<sup>[811]</sup> and was buried in the Historic Morristown Cem., Morristown, [now] Hamblen Co., Tenn.<sup>[812]</sup> He married 24 Dec. 1824, Jefferson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[813]</sup> **ELIZABETH CHANEY**, who was born about 1806, Tennessee (or North Carolina according to her son Caswell's

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810. From an email 20 May 2020 from Daniel Ferkin, Holston Conference Archivist, to John Clinard, courtesy of John Clinard.

811. *U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index*, Samuel Riggs, died Aug. [1859, assuming census was enumerated in June 1860], age 56, Jefferson Co., Tenn., born in Tenn., farmer, married, cause kidney disease, ill for 7 yrs.

812. *Find a Grave*, no. 117023781, gravestone photograph, by Lynda (Colbaugh) Raitala, Historic Morristown Cem., Morristown, [now] Hamblen Co., Tenn., [difficult to read]: “Samuel Riggs | Died 4[?]1859 | Aged 56 [Ye?] [6?] M[?] {24?} D[?]” The site gives birthdate, unsourced, as 10 Jan. 1803.

813. McGhee, *Historical Records of East Tenn.; Jefferson Co. Edition*, 89, “[groom] Riggs, Samuel [bride] Chaney, Elizabeth [date] 12–24–1824 [witness] J Hamilton” [see Bibliography for details.]; another reading: *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, image online, “[no.] 1817 [date] Dec 24 1824 [whom] Samuel Riggs | to | Elizabeth Chaney [return] Dec. 26, 1824 by | Isaac Barton M.G.”

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death certificate, q.v.), daughter of William and Tabitha (–) Chaney, and died 30 Dec. 1861, and was buried near or with her husband.<sup>[814]</sup>

N.B. Hamblen County was formed in 1870 from Jefferson and Grainger Counties.

This biography was published in 1886, embedded in a biography of son, Dr. Caswell C. Riggs (q.v., for the full biography):

His [Caswell's] father, Samuel Riggs, also a native of Hamblen County, died there August 4, 1859, at the age of fifty-six years. He was the son of Clisbe Riggs, who was born in North Carolina; located in pioneer times in east Tennessee, where he was a large land owner and slave holder; and he died 1845. Samuel Riggs married Elizabeth, daughter of William and Tabitha Cheny, of Morristown (died in 1862, aged fifty-six years), and from their union sprang Ellis, Phebe, Newton and Owen, Adeline (deceased), Clisbe, Jane (Felknor), William, Dr. C. C., James, John W., and Samuel H.<sup>[815]</sup>

In 1830 Samuel Riggs, 20–30, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with a woman 20–30, one boy and two girls under 5, three female slaves under 10, and one female slave 10–24.<sup>[816]</sup>

In 1840 Samuel Riggs, 30–40, resided in “the Northern Division of” Jefferson Co., Tenn., with a woman 30–40, two boys [Clisbe and William] and a girl [Jane] under 5, one boy 5–10, and one boy [Ellis] and two girls 10–15. On the same census page is listed “Russel” Riggs, 30–40, living alone.<sup>[817]</sup>

On 19 Sept. 1846, William Chaney signed his will in Jefferson Co., Tenn., and it was proved 1 Nov. 1847. It mentions his wife Tabitha, and

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814. *Find a Grave*, no. 117023763, gravestone photograph, by Lynda (Colbaugh) Raitala, Historic Morristown Cem., Morristown, [now] Hamblen Co., Tenn., [difficult to read]: “Elizabeth | [Wife of, presumably] | [Samuel [R]iggs | Died 3[0?] Dec[?] 186[1?] | Aged [?]5 [?].” The site gives deathdate, unsourced, as 31 Dec. 1861.

815. *Find a Grave*, no. 46844866, biography provided, cited: “The following info is from: *Kentucky: A History of the State*, Battle, Perrin, & Kniffin, 3rd ed., 1886. Monroe County.” [I added the italics.]

816. U.S. census, 1830, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 526, p. 325, item 61.

817. U.S. census, 1840, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 526, p. 325.

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14 heirs, including “Betsy.” The executor was Samuel Riggs (who had married Chaney’s daughter, Betsy).<sup>[818]</sup>

In 1850 Samuel Riggs, 47, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$3,000 real estate, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with Elizabeth, 44, born in Tennessee, and Clisby, 18, Jane, 16, William, 12, Caswell, 10, James, 8, John, 6, and Henderson, 2, all seven born in Tennessee. Also in the household was Manerva Carry, 26, born in Tennessee. Next door was Harvey Riggs, 42.<sup>[819]</sup>

In 1860 E. Riggs, 54, born in Tennessee with \$7,000 real and \$5,000 personal estates, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with Caswell, 21, James, 19, J. W., 14, and S. H., 12, all four born in Tennessee. Next door was “W<sup>m</sup>” Riggs, 23, with M., 18, female, and with J. Iman, 24, all three born in Tennessee.<sup>[820]</sup>

Children:

- + 289 i **ELLIS<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1825, Tennessee, married (1) **EVE J. COUNTS [COUNTZ]**, and had four children, married (2) **ANN F. —**.
- 290 ii **PHEBE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, known from the bio above.
- 291 iii **NEWTON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, known from the bio above.
- 292 iv **OWEN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, known from the bio above.
- 293 v **ADELINE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, known from the bio above, died before 1886 bio was published.
- + 294 vi **CLISBE D.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 9 June 1832, Tennessee, married (1) **MARTHA E. THOMPSON**, and had eight children. He married (bonded) (2) **ISABELLA J. LONG**.
- 295 vii **JANE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 18 Oct. 1834, Tennessee, died 8 Aug. 1903, buried in St. Paul Presbyterian Church Cem., Morristown,

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818. Jefferson Co., Tenn., Wills, 4:18, image online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, “Last Will & Testament of William Chaney,” signed 19 Sept. 1846, attested 12 Oct. 1846. The probate date comes from McGhee, *Historical Records of East Tenn., Jefferson Co., Abstracts of Wills*, 43, “Chaney, William September 14, 1846 probated November 1, 1847 . . . Executor Samuel Riggs”

819. U.S. census, 1850, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 885, p. 333A, dw. 60, fam. 60. Harvey resided in dw. 59.

820. U.S. census, 1860, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1258, p. 388, dw. 830, fam. 867. William resided in dw. 331.

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- Hamblen Co., Tenn.,<sup>[821]</sup> married **A. M. FELKNOR**, born 27 Jan. 1830, died 12 Nov. 1899, buried with his wife.<sup>[822]</sup>
- + 296 viii **WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1838, Jefferson Co., Tenn, married **SARAH MARGARET COUNTS**, and had one child.
- + 297 ix **CASWELL C.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 13 Jan. 1839, Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., married **SARAH LYNE JONES**, and had two children.
- 298 x **JAMES<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1842, Tennessee.
- + 299 xi **JOHN W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born Sept. 1845, Tennessee, married **REBECCA J. —**, and had seven children.
- 300 xii **SAMUEL HENDERSON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1848, Tennessee. He resided with his brother John in the 1870 census.

**193. HARVEY<sup>7</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>114</sub>*Clisbe<sup>6</sup>*, *Edward<sup>5</sup>*, *?Samuel<sup>4</sup>*, *?Edward<sup>3</sup>*, *Edward<sup>2</sup>*, *Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was about 1808, Tennessee. He married 15 Dec. 1829, Jefferson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[823]</sup> **RACHEL MCKINNEY**, who was born about 1810, Tennessee.

In 1840 Harvey Riggs, 30-40, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with a woman 20-30, a boy under 5, one boy 5-10, one boy and two girls 10-15. On the same census page is listed Pleasant M. Riggs, 20-30, with a woman 20-30, a girl under 5, and a boy 5-10.<sup>[824]</sup>

**Placeholder:** In 1840 Lewis Riggs, 40-50, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with a woman 40-50, a female 10-15, and a female 30-40.<sup>[825]</sup>

In 1850 Harvey Riggs, 42, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$1,500 real estate, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with Rachel, 40, born in Tennessee, and Rachel J., 16, John, 12, and Mary, 8, all three born in Tennessee. Also in the household was D. N. P. Newel, 28, born in Tennessee. Next door was Samuel Riggs, 47.<sup>[826]</sup>

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821. *Find a Grave*, no. 66832561, gravestone photograph, by Shelby Morris, St. Paul Presbyterian Church Cem., Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., “Jane Riggs | Wife of | A. M. Felknor | Oct. 18, 1834 | Aug. 8, 1903.”

822. *Find a Grave*, no. 66733028, gravestone photograph, by Shelby Morris, St. Paul Presbyterian Church Cem., Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., “A. M. Felknor | Jan. 27, 1830 | Nov. 12, 1899.”

823. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780-2002*, image online, “[no.] 2204 [date] Dec 15 1829 [whom] Harvey Riggs | to | Rachel M<sup>c</sup>Kinney [return] Decr. 24, 1829 | by | Albert M<sup>c</sup>Farland | JP.”

824. U.S. census, 1840, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 526, p. 294.

825. U.S. census, 1840, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 526, p. 292.

826. U.S. census, 1850, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 885, p. 333A, dw. 59, fam. 59. Samuel resided in

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In 1860 Harvey Riggs, 52, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$4,000 real and \$1,000 personal estates, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with R., 50, born in Tennessee, and M. E., 16, female, born in Tennessee.<sup>[827]</sup>

In 1870 Harvey Riggs, 62, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$6,000 real and \$767 personal estates, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with Mary E., 25, born in Tennessee.<sup>[828]</sup>

Children:

- 301 i RACHEL J.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1834, Tennessee.
- 302 ii JOHN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1838, Tennessee.
- 303 iii MARY E.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1842, Tennessee.

**194. JESSE W.<sup>7</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>114</sub>Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 29 Sept. 1805 (gravestone), Tennessee, died 28 June 1886, and was buried in Ebenezer Methodist Cem., Jefferson City, Jefferson Co., Tenn.<sup>[829]</sup> He married 25 Mar. 1828, Jefferson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[830]</sup> CELIA CHELTON, who was born about 1810, Tennessee.

In 1830 “Jessee” W. Riggs, 20–30, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with a woman 20–30, and a boy under 5 [William].<sup>[831]</sup>

In 1840 Jesse Riggs, 30–40, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with a woman 20–30, and a boy and a girl under 5 [John and Nancy], a boy and a girl 5–10 [Edward and Rebecca], and two boys 10–15 [Chester and William]. Clisbe Riggs, 70–80 is listed next to Jesse, and Edward Riggs, 40–50, is listed two names away.<sup>[832]</sup> Susannah is not accounted for.

In 1850 “Jessee” Riggs, 44, a farmer born in Tennessee, resided in Bradley Co., Tenn., with Celia, 40, born in Tennessee, and with William, 21, a farmer, “Susanah,” 20, probably William’s wife, Chester, 20,

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dw. 60.

827. U.S. census, 1860, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1258, p. 397, dw. 958, fam. 995.

828. U.S. census, 1870, Witt Foundry PO, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1540, p. 498B, dw. 283, fam. 283.

829. *Find a Grave*, no. 10722372, gravestone photograph, Ebenezer Methodist Cem., Jefferson City, Jefferson Co., Tenn., “Jesse | Riggs | born | Setp. 29, 1805 | died | June 28, 1886.”

830. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, image online, “[no.] 2110 [date] March 25 1828 [whom] Jessee [sic] Riggs | to | Celia Chelton [return] March 27<sup>th</sup> 1828 | Thos Snoddy | JP.”

831. U.S. census, 1830, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 180, p. 279.

832. U.S. census, 1840, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 526, p. 335.

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a farmer, Rebecca J., 16, Edward C., 15, Nancy E., 13, John, 12, Nelson, 9, "Jessee" E., 6, Mary A., 3, and "Saml" H., 3/12, all 11 born in Tennessee.<sup>[833]</sup> Bradley Co. is in the southeast corner of Tennessee, derived from McMinn Co. in 1836.

In 1860 "Jessee" Riggs, 55, a laborer born in Tennessee, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with Celia, 50, born in Virginia, and with R. J., male [sic], 24, J. A., male, 21, N. V., male, 17, J. E., male, 15, and M. A., female, 12, all five born in Tennessee.<sup>[834]</sup>

In 1870 Jesse Riggs, 64, a farm worker born in Tennessee with \$236 personal estate, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with "Ceile," 56, born in Tennessee, in the household of Francis Shelton, 68, female, born in North Carolina with \$400 real and \$185 personal estates. Next door was Edward C. Riggs, 35 (q.v.).<sup>[835]</sup>

In 1880 "Jessee" Riggs, 74, born in Tennessee of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Tennessee, resided in Witts Foundry, Hamblen Co., Tenn., with his wife, "Selia," 72, born in Virginia of Virginia natives, and with two boarders. Next door was "Jessie" E. Riggs, 35, and his family (q.v.).<sup>[836]</sup>

Children:

- + 304 i **WILLIAM N.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1829, Tennessee, married **SUSAN/SUSANNAH M.** —, and had at least 10 children.
- 305 ii **CHESTER<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1830, Tennessee.
- 306 iii **REBECCA J.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1834, Tennessee.
- + 307 iv **EDWARD C.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1835, Tennessee, married **ELIZABETH M.** —.
- 308 v **NANCY E.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1837, Tennessee.
- 309 vi **JOHN A.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1838, Tennessee.

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833. U.S. census, 1850, Bradley Co., Tenn., r. 871, p. 163B, dw. 339, fam. 339.

834. U.S. census, 1860, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1258, p. 356, dw. 385, fam. 392.

835. U.S. census, 1870, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1258, p. 356, dw. 5, fam. 5. Edward resided in dw. 6.

836. U.S. census, 1880, Witts Foundry, Hamblen Co., Tenn., ED 70, r. 1258, p. 332A, dw. 46, fam. 47. Jesse (Jr.) resided in dw. 45.



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- 310 vii NELSON V.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1841, Tennessee, married 10 Dec. 1862, Jefferson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[837]</sup> SARAH E. PALMER.
- + 311 viii JESSE E.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born Jan. 1846, Tennessee, married (1) DARTHULA J. BETTIS, and had at least six children, married (2) EMMA —, and had possibly one child.
- 312 ix MARY A.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1847, Tennessee.
- 313 x SAMUEL H.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1850, Tennessee. He is not listed in the 1860 census so probably had died.

196. ZADOK<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>134</sub>David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 1 Apr. 1774, and died 19 May 1816.<sup>[838]</sup> He married<sup>[839]</sup> NANCY FLEMING.

In 1810 Zadock Riggs, 26–45, resided in Surry Co., N.C., with a woman 26–45, one boy and three girls under 10, and seven slaves.<sup>[840]</sup>

From “The Allowance [sic] of Provisions to the Widow Riggs | Recorded in book B page 273” (delightful orthography preserved):

Agreeabel to a Comition to us derved from the County Court of Williamson County July Session 1816 we have proceeded to lay of and set against one years provision for the widow and orphans of Zadock Riggs  
Dect as foloweth to wit  
all the hogs belon[ging] to the Dect & all the bacon on hand  
One Con[e?] [probably Cowe] to [?] Milch for one Year  
Choise of the Sheep for one Muton  
two hefers for beef

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837. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, image online, “Nelson V. Riggs To Sarah E. Palmer | Isd 8<sup>th</sup> Decr 1862. | Decr 10<sup>th</sup> 1862. This day the aforesaid couple were joined to Gather [sic] as husband And wife By me. Amos Holeway J. P.”

838. *William S. Mabry's Account Book*, 11, cites Dr. William Crutchen's [sic] letter, written 27 Feb. 1908, Bethesda, Tenn., which says that “the old family bible show that his Mothers father was Zadoc Riggs and that he was born Apr. 1st 1774 and died May 19 1816 He also says his Mother had an uncle Gideon Riggs who lived and died at Riggs X Roads Williamson County Tenn.”

839. *William S. Mabry's Account Book*, 11, cites Dr. William Crutchen's [sic] letter, written 15 Nov. 1908, which says that “Zadoc Riggs married Nancy Fleming + had two sons and two daughters—Daniel, Joel Elizabeth and Martha. His widow married Samuel Dunlap + they had five daughters Nancy, Liddie, Jane, Miriam, Eliza.” But this does not fit with the heirs as given in the probate packet for Zadok's estate, which gives Nancy (Mrs. Samuel) “Dunlop” as a child of Zadok.

840. U.S. census, 1810, Surry Co., N.C., r. 43, p. 663.

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all the Salt on hand  
Seventy barels of Corn out of the next [Crop?].  
beside What [?]  
for Chugar and [Cafe?] Twenty five Dollars  
Given under our hands  
This 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1816  
[signed] James Wison  
[signed] Hines Camron  
[signed] Tho<sup>s</sup> Wilson<sup>841</sup>

In the same probate packet is an inventory of the estate of Zadock Riggs, deceased, by Nancy Riggs and Richard Ogilvie, administrators, presented 1 July 1816. In included “9 Negroes.” Zadock’s estate was sold off on 17 Aug. 1816 with these purchasers listed: Mrs. Nancy Riggs, James Joice, James M. Reynolds, Edward Riggs, “Rheuben” Reynolds, Joseph Boyd, Daniel Riggs, “Rheuben” Hamilton, David Orton, William Sheffield, John Tucker, Robert Bruice, and John Higgs. A further sale on 30 Nov. 1816 lists these purchasers: Mrs. Nancy Riggs (for “2 negroes hired”), William Jackson (“1 negro hired”), James [Hawthorne?] (“1 negro hired”), and Gideon Riggs (“[3?] negroes Bought”). The settlements of the estate are dated “first Monday in April 1818,” 30 May 1818, and 22 Nov 1822, with the widow referred to explicitly as Nancy Riggs in the first and second of these (and not mentioned in the third).

Also in the probate packet is a petition by Samuel Dunlap and his wife, Nancy, to the heirs, signed by “Samuel Dunlap and wife [Nancy] | William Crutcher for himself & wife | Elizabeth | Aaron Boyd attorney in fact for Daniel M. Riggs | Aaron Boyd guardian for the minor heirs.”

To the [?] County Court of Williamson County the petition of Samuel Dunlap and his wife Nancy of William Crutcher and his wife Elizabeth of Daniel M Riggs by his attorney [?] Aaron Boyed [sic] and of Jane Riggs, of Miriam Riggs of Joel Riggs and Patsey Riggs by their guardian Aaron

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841. *Tenn. Divorce and Other Records, 1800–1965*, Williamson Co. probate packet, Zadock Riggs, Box 2, 1816 “Riggs, Zadock 1816 | Wife- Not named | Children: Elizabeth (Mrs. William) Crutcher, Nancy (Mrs. Samuel) Dunlop, Daniel N. Riggs, Joel Riggs, Miriam Riggs, Patsey Riggs, Jane Riggs | Inventory-1816 Widow’s allotment-1816 Summons-1816 Account of sale-1816, 1817 Settlement-1818, 1822 | Pleas & Quarter Session: Zadock Riggs, heirs Exparts | Petition- Report.”

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Boyed Complaining showeth to the Court that some time in the year 1816 Zadiac [sic] Riggs . . .

Also in the packet is this answer to the petition:

[I introduced the paragraphs in this transcription for ease of reading]

Pursuant to an order to us directed from the Williamson County Court at the July Turm [sic] & us directed for the division of the Estate Zadock Riggs Estate Deceased between his Heirs we have proceeded & Executed the said order in the following manner, viz, sixty and ½ acres of land divided as follows in lots

The first lot for Miram [sic] Riggs beginning at a [chinguspin?] oak in the north boundry [sic] of Joel Riggs sen<sup>r</sup> his land it being the south East corner of the above s<sup>d</sup> sixty & ½ acres running thence north six chains to Hickory thence west nineteen chains & 75 links to a stake on Gideon Riggs East boundry [sic] line thence south 40 degrees west seven chains to a [stake?] Joel Riggs north west corner thence East with his line twenty five chains to the beginning containing [sic] thirteen acres.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 for Jane Riggs beginning at the North East corne[r] of lot the first a Hickory running thence North five chains & 50 links to a sugartree thence west nineteen [sic] chains & 50 links to a stake in Gideon Riggs line thence south 38 degrees East three chains to a stake thence south 40 degrees west two chains & 80 links to a stake corner of lot the first thence East nineteen [sic] ch<sup>s</sup> & 75 links to the beginning containing ten acres

[I omit the full lot definition from hereon]

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 for Samuel Dunlap [ . . . mentions Gideon Riggs line . . . ] containing Nine & ½ acres

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 for Patsey Riggs [ . . . mentions Gideon Riggs line . . . ] containing [sic] Ten acres

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 for Daniel Riggs [ . . . mentions Gideon Riggs line . . . ] containing [sic] seven acres

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 6 for Joel Riggs [ . . . mentions Richard C Reynolds, Jessee Kenady, and Gideon Riggs lines . . . ] containing five acres

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Lot N<sup>o</sup> 7 for William Crucher [sic] [mentions Richard C Reynolds and Edward Riggs lines] containg [sic] three acres and Eight tenths of an acre

In Negroe [sic] Property [?]lotted and valued as following

The first lot for William Crucher [sic] & his wife Elizabeth two negroes (to wit, Pleasant and Nancy valued to six hundred & forty six dollars & 66 cents

Lot the 2 for Patsey Riggs two negroes, to wit, Bette and Jenney valued to six hundred an forty three dollars & 66 cents

Lot the 3<sup>d</sup> for Jane Riggs one negroe [sic] to with Bill valued to six hundred Dollars

Lot the 4<sup>th</sup> for Samuel Dunlap & his wife Nancy one Negroe [sic] (to wit, Arbor valued to six hundred and twenty five dollars.

Lot the 5<sup>th</sup> For Joel Riggs two negroes to wit Lett & Susan valued to five hundred twenty seven Dollars & 50 cents.

Lot the 6<sup>th</sup> for Daniel Riggs two negroes, to wit, Pat & Pheriby valued to five hundred & ninty [sic] seven dollars.

Lot the 7<sup>th</sup> for Miriam Riggs two negroes (to wit, Nicey and Nimy valued to five hundred dollars

The legatees all being present in person or by their legal tives . . .

Given under our hands and seals this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1823.

[signed] Richard C Reynolds [and five others, presumably legal representatives]

Children of Zadok's marriage to Nancy, so all born before about 1816:<sup>[842]</sup>

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842. *William S. Mabry's Account Book*, 11; Albert L. Johnson Jr., *Guardian Records of Williamson County, Tennessee*, 4 vols. (Franklin, Tenn.: Genealogy Pubs, 2001), 1:263, citing Williamson Co., Tenn., County Court Minute Book 7:117, lists "Riggs, Daniel is a child of Zadock Riggs (1823) MB7 p. 117," and similarly for "Elizabeth (Mrs. William Crutcher)," Jane, Joel, Miriam, "Nancy (Mrs. Samuel Dunlap)," and Patsey. So the second reference appears to make all the children of the second marriage also Zadok's (and lists his wife Nancy as his child). I suspect the compiler misread the rec-

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- + 314 i **DANIEL M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1800, North Carolina, married **MARY ANN HOGAN**, and had eight children.
- 315 ii **NANCY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1802, North Carolina, married 23 Dec. 1818 (bond), Williamson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[843]</sup> **SAMUEL DUNLAP**.
- + 316 iii **ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1804, North Carolina, married **WILLIAM CRUTCHER**, born about 1793, Virginia, and had 12 children.
- 317 iv **JANE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1808, North Carolina.
- + 318 v **MIRIAM<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1810, North Carolina, married **WILLIAM D. GILLESPIE**, and had five children.
- + 319 vi **JOEL<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 30 Apr. 1812, near Stone Mountain, N.C., He married (1) at Tuscaloosa, Ala., **GEORGENA REBECCA MOORE**, and had six children He married (2) **MARTHA JONES**.
- + 320 vii **MARTHA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 24 Nov. 1815, Maury Co., Tenn., or Surry Co., N.C., married (1) **THOMAS ELNATHON TARTT**, and had one child, married (2) Dr. **ALBERT GALLATIN MABRY**, and had six children. Martha's son, William Spark<sup>9</sup> Mabry, was the author of the account book.

**197. JOEL<sup>7</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>134</sub>*David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born 22 Apr. 1776, and died 13 Dec. 1835, Bedford Co., Tenn. He married, say 1810, **ELIZABETH DAVIS**, who was born about 1789, North Carolina.

On 7 Dec. 1801 Joel Riggs witnessed a deed in Surry Co., N.C., of 27 acres from Daniel DeJornett to David Cook.<sup>[844]</sup>

On 2 July 1802 Joel Riggs served as bondsman in Surry Co., N.C., in the marriage of M. Franklin to Milley Edwards.<sup>[845]</sup>

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ord.

843. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, Williamson, “Riggs, Nancy | m. Samuel Dunlap | Bond: Dec. 23, 1818.”

844. Surry Co., N.C., Deeds, book 1, cited in Earl Clarence Frost, *DeJarnette and Allied Families in America, 1699–1954* (San Bernardino, Calif., 1954).

845. Holcomb, *Surry Co. Marriages*, 69, “Franklin, M. & Milley Edwards, 2 July 1802; Joel Riggs, bm.”

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In 1820 Joel Riggs, 26-45, resided in Bedford Co., Tenn., with a woman, 26-45, one male 18-26, and three girls under 10, and one slave. Edward Riggs is listed next.<sup>[846]</sup>

In 1830 Joel Riggs, 50-60, resided in Bedford Co., Tenn., with a woman, 40-50, two girls 5-10, one boy 10-15, one male and one female 15-20, and two males 20-30. Gideon Riggs is listed just above.<sup>[847]</sup>

From the Bedford Co., Tenn., court minutes:

Riggs, Joel. Died 13 December 1835 in Bedford County, intestate. James M. Riggs was appointed administrator. Elizabeth Riggs is the widow and James M.[.] Zadock, & Joel D. Riggs, Mary Shepherd, Nancy Douglass, Elizabeth H. Riggs and Rebecca B. Riggs are the only children and distributees of said Joel Riggs. John H. Roberson is the guardian of Joel D., Elizabeth H. & Rebecca B. Riggs. William Shepard is the husband of Mary Shepard. Thomas L. is the husband of Nancy Douglass. The petition for division states that the widow & all the children are residents of Marshall County, TN, except William & Mary Shepherd who are citizens of Williamson County. The slaves are to be sold at the late residence of Joel Riggs, deceased, in Marshall County. (Bed TN, Ch Ct Min, 1/112)<sup>[848]</sup>

In 1850 Elizabeth Riggs, 61, born in North Carolina with \$1,200 real estate, resided in Marshall Co., Tenn., with "Cadok," 35, a farmer born in Tennessee.<sup>[849]</sup>

Children, in order deduced from the 13 Dec. 1835 petition:

- 321 i **JAMES MADISON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born say 1813. He lived in Corsicana, Navarro Co., Tex., in 1890,<sup>[850]</sup> and died there 16 Apr. 1890.<sup>[851]</sup> He

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846. U.S. census, 1820, Bedford Co., Tenn., r. 122, p. 3A.

847. U.S. census, 1830, Bedford Co., Tenn., r. 174, p. 106.

848. Bedford Co., Tenn., Ch[ildren?] Court Minutes, 1:112, quoted in Fischer and Burns, *Tennessee Tidbits, 1778-1914*, 257.

849. U.S. census, 1850, District 9, Marshall Co., Tenn., r. 890, p. 44, dw. 275, fam. 275.

850. *William S. Mabry's Account Book*, 20, "James Madison Riggs now living in Corsicana, Navarro County Texas - (1890) is a son of Joel Riggs, who was a brother of Zadock Riggs + son of David Riggs."

851. *Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, The Nashville Christian Advocate, 1890-1893*, "Colonel J. M. Riggs died Corsicana, Texas, April 16, 1890; long-time district clerk of Navarro Co., Texas."

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married MARGARET HANCOCK, born [5?] July 1815, died 8 June 1904, buried Oakwood Cem., Corsicana.<sup>[852]</sup>

- 322 ii ZADOK<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1815, Tennessee.
- 323 iii MARY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born say 1817, married WILLIAM SHEPHERD [SHEPARD]
- 324 iv NANCY F.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1819, Tennessee, married THOMAS L. DOUGLASS, and had three children (see Joel's sketch, next).
- 325 v JOEL D.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1822, Tennessee, but after 13 Dec. 1821, assuming 14 was the age of majority.
- In 1850 Joel D. Riggs, 28, a farmer born in Tennessee, resided in Northern Division, Marshall Co., Miss., with Nancy F. "Doughlass," 31, born in Tennessee with \$1,600 real estate, and with her children (surname Doughlass), Victoria E., 10, Thomas S., 8, and John J., 6, all three born in Mississippi. Nancy was almost certainly Joel's sister.<sup>[853]</sup>
- 326 vi ELIZABETH H.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born after 13 Dec. 1821, assuming 14 was the age of majority.
- 327 vii REBECCA B./D.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 14 Apr. 1824, died 22 Sept. 1845, Marshall Co., Tenn.,<sup>[854]</sup> married THOMAS LANE.

198. ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>134</sub>David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 6 May 1778, North Carolina, died **May 1852, Huntsville, Madison Co., Ala.** after the 1850 census. She married NIMROD FIELDER, who was born about 1770, North Carolina, **or 1778, Williamson Co., Tenn.**, and died **23 Dec. 1853, Huntsville** after the 1850 census.

In 1850 Nimrod Fielder, 80, born in North Carolina, resided in Huntsville, Madison Co., Ala., with Elizabeth Fielder, 73, born in North

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852. Gravestone photograph, by "ck4eva2325," added to <Ancestry.com> on 8 July 2009, Oakwood Cem., Corsicana, Tex., "Margaret | Hancock | Wife of | J. M. Riggs | born | July [5?], 1815 | died | June [8?], 1904." Unsourced notes give her name as Margaret Catherine Hancock, wife of James Madison Riggs.

853. U.S. census, 1850, Northern Division, Marshall Co., Miss., r. 377, p. 335, dw. 785, fam. 785.

854. *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, 9 Jan. 1846, transcribed at Smith, *Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, The Southwestern Christian Advocate, 1838-1846*, death record for "Rebecca D. Lane wife of Thomas Lane; daughter of Joel and Elizabeth Riggs; born Apr. 14, 1824; died Marshall Co., Tenn., Sept. 22, 1845."

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Carolina, in the household of Thomas Bibb, 56, born in Virginia (q.v.).<sup>[855]</sup>

Children:<sup>[856]</sup>

- 328 i ?**MIRIAM**<sup>8</sup> **FIELDER**, born 1797, Huntsville, Madison Co., Ala. She was probably the first wife of **THOMAS BIBB** (see sister Elizabeth), and hence she who died in 1829.
- 329 ii ?**SARAH D.**<sup>8</sup> **FIELDER**, born 29 Oct. 1804, Huntsville.
- + 330 iii **ELIZABETH C.**<sup>8</sup> **FIELDER**, born about 1808, Tennessee, married **THOMAS BIBB**, and had six children.
- 331 iv ?**JOEL R.**<sup>8</sup> **FIELDER**, born about 1808, Huntsville. Perhaps Joel Riggs Fielder, for his uncle.

**204. GIDEON**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>134</sub>*David*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 8 Mar. 1790, died 17 Nov. 1871, Williamson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[857]</sup> and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co.<sup>[858]</sup> He married (1) 6 Mar. 1816, Williamson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[859]</sup> **MARY/POLLY**<sup>8</sup> **REYNOLDS** (<sub>175</sub>*Prepare*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) who was born 10 Mar. 1798 (gravestone), died 22 Dec. 1825, and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem.<sup>[860]</sup> He married (2)<sup>[861]</sup> **SOPHIA CAMPBELL**, who was born 28 Jan. 1801, died 18 June 1835<sup>[862]</sup> or 1831

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855. U.S. census, 1850, Huntsville, Madison Co., Ala., r. 9, p. 464, dw. 484, fam. 484.

856. Bibb, *The Bibb Family in America, 1640-1940*, 119.

857. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, handwritten: "Gideon Riggs was born March 8<sup>th</sup> 1790 | Sophia Campbell wife of Gideon Riggs was born January 28 1801" and "Gideon Riggs departed this life November 17<sup>th</sup> 1871 | Sophia Riggs departed this life June 18<sup>th</sup> 1835"; typescript: "Gideon Riggs, Sen. Was born March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1790 and died November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1871. | Catherine F. Holden, his wife, was born September 1815 and died August 10, 1864. | (Catherine Holden was the 3rd wife of G. Riggs - 1st. wife was Mary Reynolds, they had one child Myra Marzee - 2nd. wife was Sophia Campbell, they had one child, Mary Campbell.); *Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, the Nashville Christian Advocate, 1869-1871*, vol. 31, no. 50, 16 Dec. 1871.

858. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051264, gravestone photograph by Kim Shockey, "Gideon Riggs | born March 8, 1790 | died | Nov. 17, 1871."

859. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780-2002*, image, "4 March 1816 Gideon Riggs and Polly Reynolds Executed March 6, 1816 L. Logan J.P."; Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, no date.

860. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051316, gravestone photograph by Kim Shockey, "Mary Riggs | wife of | Gideon Riggs | Mar. 10, 1798 | Dec. 22, 1825."

861. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible.

862. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible.



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and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem.<sup>[863]</sup> He married (3) 8 Mar. 1838 (license), Marshall Co., Tenn.,<sup>[864]</sup> **CATHERINE F. HOLDEN**, who was born Sept. 1815, Ireland, and died 10 Aug. 1864.<sup>[865]</sup>

There is a plaque at Riggs Crossroads, Tenn., with the following inscription:

In Memory of | Gideon Riggs 1790-1871 | and his wives | Mary Reynolds 1798-1825 | Sophia Campbell 1801-1836 | Catherine F. Holden 1815-1865 | All their graves are here except Catherine F. Holden's | which is in Arkansas. His farm included approximately | 1000 acres hereabouts, with brick house about 100 ft. northwest of here. | Erected 1969 by his descendants.”

An obituary in the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, 16 Dec. 1871:

Gideon Riggs b Surry Co., N.C., March 8, 1790; d Williamson Co., Tenn., Nov. 17, 1871; moved to Tenn., 1810; served in War of 1812.<sup>[866]</sup>

In 1830 Gideon Riggs, 40-50, resided in Bedford Co., Tenn., with a woman, 20-30, one girl under 5, and one male and one female 10-15. Joel Riggs is listed next.<sup>[867]</sup>

In 1840 Gideon Riggs, 50-60, resided in Williamson Co., Tenn., with a woman, 20-30, one boy under 5, and one girl 5-10, and with eight slaves.<sup>[868]</sup>

In 1860 Gideon Riggs, 70, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$7,000 real and \$19,000 personal estates, resided in Green Grove, Cadron Twp., Conway Co., Ark., with “Catharine,” 44, born in Ireland.<sup>[869]</sup> Gideon had 20 slaves, according to the 1860 slave schedule.<sup>[870]</sup>

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863. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051223, gravestone photography by Kim Shockey, “Sacred | To the Memory of Sophia | Riggs, Wife gideon Riggs Who | Was born jan. the [! [2 digits]] 1801 | [&?] Departed this life [june 18?] | 183[!?] Age 31 Years.” Dates given are: 22 Jan. 1801, 18 June 1831.

864. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780-2002*, “Gedeon” Riggs to “Catherine” Holden, licensed 8 Mar. 1838, Marshall Co., no return; Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, no date.

865. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible.

866. Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, 1869-1871, vol. 31, no. 50, 16 Dec. 1871.

867. U.S. census, 1830, Bedford Co., Tenn., r. 174, p. 106.

868. U.S. census, 1840, Williamson Co., Tenn., r. 537, p. 197.

869. U.S. census, 1860, Green Grove PO, Cadron Twp., Conway Co., Ark., r. 39, p. 480, dw. 275,

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On 29 Sept. 1862 Gideon Riggs was issued a voucher by the Confederate States of America for \$4.00 for two bushels of dried fruit delivered at Cadron Mill by order of Maj. Palmer, chief commissary.<sup>[871]</sup> I take this to be the same Gideon Riggs by the coincidence of the name Cadron in the 1860 census. There are several other vouchers of similar nature in the so-called “Rebel Archives,” all reimbursing Gideon Riggs of Cadron Mill, Ark., for “services as Stand Keeper for Couriers employed transmitting messages,” for the period 14 Oct. 1862 to 6 Feb. 1863.<sup>[872]</sup>

In 1870 Gideon Riggs Sr., 80, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$4,000 real and \$200 personal estates, resided in Jordans Store, Williamson Co., Tenn. The same census page lists G. W. Riggs, 24, and T. C. “Brittian,” 24.<sup>[873]</sup>

Gideon Riggs signed his will on 1 Apr. 1871, Williamson Co., Tenn. Here is my transcription of it (with spellings as given, only the most egregious marked with [sic]):

I Gideon Riggs of the County of Williamson and State of Tennessee knowing the uncertainty of lie and the sertanty [sic] of death being nowe in sound mind and memory do nowe make and and [sic] acknowledge this to be my last will and testament that is to say after all of my just debts are paid out of the first money comes into the hands of my exetors [sic]

Article 1<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my Daughter [sic] Mary [sic] Marzee Ogely nowe the Widowe of Alford Ogelvie deseasd a certain pasel [sic] of Land Eighty achors [sic] nown [sic] as the land cald [sic] the Turbyvill plase I bought of Bird Lavender & forty five achors I bought of B. F. Boyd the land all lays joining & is Bounded on the North by the land of Cowden McCord & on the South by the lands of my Daughter Maree Ogelvie & on the South West and West by the lands of Brt [sic] Ezell and John Manner John Blackwell & Episp—the land that I have given to my Daughter

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870. U.S. census, 1860, slave schedule, Cadron Twp., Conway Co., Ark., p. 152, lines 7–26.

871. Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms, 1861–65, NARA M346, citizen Gideon Riggs, no. 124. The file is listed under Mrs. R. J. Gideon, of Calhoun Co., Miss.

872. Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms, 1861–65, NARA M346, citizen, Gideon Riggs, Ark.

873. U.S. census, 1870, Jordans Store PO, Williamson Co., Tenn., r. 1571, p. 333, dw. 65, fam. 71. G. W. resided in dw. 61, and T. C. Brittain in dw. 57.

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Marzee has a grate deel of Sedar on it that Sedar I want it to bee Equally divided between my four Children that is my four heirs that is for the purpos [sic] of keeping up thare Separate farms Share and Share alike.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my Daughter the wif [sic] of Wily Haly deseasd Mary C. Haley a certain Tract of land that She now lives on not knowing the number of achors the land lies as is nowe described begining [sic] on Riley D. Tatums line & my line of land on the Turnpik road is next to Tatums runing [sic] down the pik to the Brick House the [sic] up the Columbia Rod [sic] West to Same land line & William Smiths Thence with Smiths line to Tatums line thene East with Tatums line and mine to the beginning on the Turnpike road & als [sic] give to Mary all the land that I owne on the Hill side lyin betwes [sic] the lands of Samul [sic] Davis & James Deen & W<sup>m</sup> Smith supod [sic] to be Twenty achors more or less all the above naind [sic] land I give to my Daughter Mary hur natural life-time and after hur death to the lawful heirs of hur body.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequesth to my grand child Oliver Riggs Britton [sic] the Son of my Daugter [sic] Cathorine [sic] was the above naimd [sic] Child the land that I give is as folows beginning whare the Columbia Rode runs across [sic] the pike on the west side of the pike runing south down the pike to my East boundry line on the pike thene with Zadock Riggs line & mine west miandering [sic] Zadocks line & my line Round to Frank Ezells and J. B. Boyds line & my line thence with Sam<sup>l</sup> Davis line & my line Round to the Columba Road down East to the beginning all of the above described land I give to my grand child Oliver R. Britton with this Exceptshion [sic] of fifty Achors I want that Fifty achors Taken off of the East Corner of my land next to the Turnpike runing North up the pike fare [sic] enough as to run rather a Wes [sic] directon so as to form a fifty achor field in as good a shape as can be got off of the south East Corner of the land next to turn pike the above Fifty achors of land that I have reservd taken off of the Tract of land that I have given to grand child I give that Fifty achors to my Son Gideon Riggs and his lawful Heirs at his death and if the said Oliver R. Britton should dye [sic] before he has children lawful Heirs then in that I want the land that I have given him to fall back to my three Children to be Equally divided Shear [sic] and Share alike—and there is Twelve achors of Sedar timber on land of John Maniers land that I own the Sedar on that I want it also devided betwes my four heirs as before

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stated—and to the first apple [sic, apples] & peaches I want that to be Equally divided between my four Heirs

4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my Sone Gideon Riggs all the the [sic] land that I owne on the South East Side of the Turnpike Road beginning begining [sic] on the North boundy [sic] of my land whare it Crosses the Turnpik joining Riley D Tatums land runing south with Tatums land & mine down the pike thence East miandering Round with Tatums land & mine to David Rolstons land & mine thence to Jonas Suttons land & mine thence south with Suttons land & myne to Tho<sup>s</sup> Holt land & myne thence west with Holts land & myne to Joseph Roystens land & myne thence rather south with Roystens land & myne to the Turnpike Road thence north to the beginning—I als [sic] have given to my son Gideon Riggs Fifty achors of land taken off of the land that I have given to Oliver R Britton which is designted [sic] in Oliver part of his land—all the land that I have given to my Sone Gideon Riggs I want him to have the use and Benafit of it his nateral lifetime and after his death to his lawful Heirs, so the land will remer [sic] in the Riggs famaly

And as to my other property I have three Hundred Achors of land in the State of Arkansas 30 miles above Little Rock on the Arkansas River near the mouth of the Cadron I want that land sold and the prseads [sic, proceeds] divided between my three Children Marzee I want hur to have one half of the prseads of the land and the other half I want it Equally divided between Mary & Gideon and as to money or notes that I may have on hand I want them Equally divided between my three Children Marzee Mary & Gideon—and as to the Stock that I want my Son Gideon to have one half of all the Stock that is on hand & the other half I want Equally divided betwen my three Children Share and Share alike and as to the beds and furnture [sic] about the hous I want my sone Gideon to have all of them

And I do hereby authrise [sic] nomnate [sic] and apoint my Sone Gideon Riggs and my respected nephewe Joseph B. Boyd Exetors of this my last Will and Testament and if Ether of them dose not wish to serve then my next choies [sic] would be David R Collett Exetors of this my last Will ever maid by me revocan [sic] all former that ever I have maid given under my hand and seal this the First of April—1871 Eigten [sic] Hundred and Sevety [sic] one acknowlegd [sic]

[signed] Gideon Riggs

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In the presase [sic] of Wm. M. Smith David R. Corbett R. D. Tatum<sup>[874]</sup>

Children of the first marriage, to Mary/Polly:<sup>[875]</sup>

- 332 i **MYRA MARZEE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 19 Dec. 1816, died 17 Jan. 1896, Marshall Co., Tenn.,<sup>[876]</sup> married 4 May 1836, Williamson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[877]</sup> **ALFRED S. OGILVIE**.
- 333 ii **OVERTON C.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 7 Dec. 1818 (gravestone), died 30 Dec. 1835, buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[878]</sup>

Children of the second marriage, to Sophia:<sup>[879]</sup>

- 334 iii **MARY CAMPBELL<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 22 Jan. 1830 (gravestone), died 10 Aug. 1900, buried Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[880]</sup> married 29 Nov. 1846 (license), Williamson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[881]</sup> **WYATT A. HALEY**, born 25 Aug. 1824 (gravestone), died 18 May 1864, buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem.<sup>[882]</sup> He died before 15 Sept. 1864 when “Sale of the property of the late W A Haley Dec<sup>d</sup> Sold at his late residence in Williamson County,” with M. C. Haley being the purchaser of most items.<sup>[883]</sup>

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874. Tenn. Divorce and Other Records, 1800–1965, Williamson, Riggs folder, 5 pages.

875. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, for Myra Marzee only; *Tenn. Divorce and Other Records, 1800–1965*, Williamson Co., probate packet images, Prepare Reynolds, will, Oct. 1832, for Marzea and Overton Riggs.

876. *Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, The Nashville Christian Advocate, 1894–1896*, 19 Mar. 1896, “Maryee [sic] Riggs Ogilvie widow of A. S. Ogilvie; born Dec. 19, 1816; died Marshall Co., Tenn., January 17, 1896.”

877. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, “Mira” M. Riggs to Alfred S. Ogilvie, image of record, license 2 May 1836, “Executed May 4th 1836 By me Nelson D. Modrall M.G.”

878. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051341, gravestone photograph by Kim Shockey, “Sacred | [?] | the Memory of Overton | C Riggs only Son of Gideon | Riggs who was born Dec. | the 7 1818 and departed | this life Dec. the [3?]0 183[5?] | Age 17 Years.” Dates reported: 7 Dec. 1818, 30 Dec. 1835.

879. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible.

880. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051223, gravestone photography by Kim Shockey, “M. C. | wife of | W. A. Haley | born | Jan. 22, 1830 | died | Aug. 10, 1900.”

881. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, Mary C. Riggs to Wyatt A. Haley, Williamson Co., image of record, license 28 Nov. 1846, no return; according to her father Gideon’s will of 1871, she married “Wiley” Haley.

882. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051238, gravestone photograph by Kim Shockey. I could not read the gravestone from the photograph, so trusted the reading of dates given on this website.

883. *Tenn. Divorce and Other Records, 1800–1965*, file of Wyatt A. Haley, with William N. Haley,

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Children of the third marriage, to Catherine:<sup>[884]</sup>

- + 335 iv CATHERINE/KATE F.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 18 Nov. 1841, married (1) JOHN B. H. TYLER, and had one child, married (2) THOMAS CHESLEY BRITAIN, and had one child.
- + 336 v GIDEON WRIGHT<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 17 Oct. 1845, Tennessee, married NANCY ALLEN JORDAN, and had seven children.

205. ADAM SPRINGS<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>134</sub>David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 6 June 1816, near Riggs's Cross Roads, Williamson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[885]</sup> died 29 Oct. 1870, and was buried 31 Oct. 1870 in Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn.<sup>[886]</sup> He married 5 Mar. 1845, Maury Co., Tenn.,<sup>[887]</sup> SARAH MARIA HURT, who was born 8 Apr. 1823, Maury Co., Tenn., daughter of Bird S. and Susan E. (–) Hurt, and died 10 Mar. 1902, Sylvan Side, Bedford Co., Tenn.<sup>[888]</sup>

In a book on Methodism in Tennessee, published in 1873, is found this autobiography:<sup>[889]</sup>

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administrator of the estate.

884. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Their children: | Gideon Wright Riggs was born October 17th, 1845. | Kate F. (Catherine) Riggs was born November 18, 1841." There might be another child: "C. H. Riggs was born February 18, 1839," ambiguously recorded in the Bible.

885. *William S. Mabry's Account Book*, 8–9, 14–15, "David Riggs . . . in 1815 Married Sophia Dempsey. Had one son by this marriage Rev Adam S. Riggs," but also, "David Riggs + Sophia Cole [sic] were married June 29 1815 Their only child was Adam Shringo [sic] Riggs born June 16 [sic] 1816 Mrs Sue Riggs Gill furnishes the fore going information saying that Rev Adam Shringo [sic] Riggs was her father and that her Mother Sallie Hunt was raise in Maury County Tennessee in a mile of Zadoc Riggs"; see the autobiography (in this sketch) for the details used here.

886. M'Ferrin, *History of Methodism in Tennessee*, 3:141–45, "Brother Riggs was taken sick on Monday night, at the Conference which convened at Pulaski, Oct. 5, 1870," and "He continued in this frame of mind till eleven o'clock Saturday night, Oct. 29, when he quietly fell on sleep. His funeral took place in Shelbyville on Monday, Oct. 31."

887. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, Adam S. Riggs to Sarah M. Hunt, 5 Mar. 1845, Maury Co., image of record, license 5 Mar. 1845."

888. *Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, The Nashville Christian Advocate 1902–1904*, 10 Apr. 1902, "Sarah M. Riggs widow of Rev. Adam S. Riggs, daughter of Bird S. and Susan E. Hurt; born Maury Co., Tenn., April 8, 1823; died at home, Sylvan Side, Bedfore Co., Tenn., Mar. 10, 1902; married Mar. 5, 1845. Children: Mrs. John J. Gill, Mrs. W. W. McLean, William Hurt, Adam S., Mrs. Joe D. Steele and Lavinia Kelley Riggs. Her husband died Oct. 29, 1870."

889. M'Ferrin, *History of Methodism in Tennessee*, 3:137, "Brother Riggs, always prompt in the discharge of duty, penned the following brief outline."

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Adam Springs Riggs was born in Williamson county, Tenn., near Riggs's Cross Roads, June 6, 1816. His parents, David and Sophia Riggs, moved to Bedford county during his childhood. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and gave him such opportunities as the Church afforded in that day and time. In answer to the prayer of a pious father and mother, and through the instrumentality of the Rev. Charles B. Faris, of the Tennessee Conference, he embraced religion while alone at prayer in the secret grove, in Bedford county, Tenn., near Shelbyville, on Sunday evening, the 19th of June, 1836. The next Saturday, June 25, 1836, he was received into the Methodist Church, by the Rev. Jesse Hord, then of the Tennessee, now of one of the Texas Conferences. He was licensed to preach by the Rev. F. G. Ferguson, Presiding Elder, at Center Camp-ground, Bedford county, Sept. 21, 1839. He was received on trial in the Tennessee Conference, at Nashville, in the autumn of 1839, and appointed to the Rock Creek Circuit, as junior preacher, with Gerard Van Buren in charge. In 1840 he was sent to the Bedford Circuit, with Joseph Smith in charge; in 1841, to the Stone's River Circuit, with Elbert J. Allen in charge. In 1842 he was stationed in Columbia. In 1843 he was stationed at College Hill Church, Nashville, and alternated in the pulpit, during the year, with Philip P. Neely, who was stationed at McKendree. In 1844 he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Dover District. On March 6, 1845, he was married to Miss Sarah M. Hurt, of Maury county, Tenn., and in the fall of 1845 was stationed in Clarksville. In 1846 he was stationed in Huntsville, Ala. In 1847 he returned to Huntsville. In 1848 he was stationed at McKendree Church, in Nashville; in 1849, stationed at Franklin; in 1850, returned to Franklin; in 1851, stationed at Lebanon; in 1852, stationed at Pulaski; in 1853, appointed Presiding Elder of the Murfreesboro District; in 1854, returned to the Murfreesboro District; in 1855, appointed Presiding Elder of the Lebanon District; in 1856, stationed at McKendree Church, Nashville; in 1857, appointed Presiding Elder of the Nashville District; and in 1858, 1859, and 1860, returned to the Nashville District. In 1861 he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Murfreesboro District, where he remained eight years, the Bishops not counting the four years of the war in their appointments. In 1869 he was appointed Presiding Elder of the McMinnville District.

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In 1860 Adam S. Riggs, 43, a Methodist minister born in Tennessee with \$25,000 real and \$8,870 personal estates, resided in Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn., with S. M., 37, a female born in Tennessee, and with Susan S., 14, Bettie M., 6, “Willie” H., 4, and A. S. Jr., 1/12, all four born in Tennessee, and with E. C. Dempsey, 70, a female born in North Carolina, and with John Nance, 28, an overseer born in Tennessee.<sup>[890]</sup> Adam had 11 slaves, by the 1860 slave schedule.

On 3 Mar. 1862, “Addam” S. Riggs of Shelbyville, Tenn., received \$36.00 reimbursement from the Confederate States for 45 bushels of corn.<sup>[891]</sup>

In 1870 Adam S. Riggs, 43, a Minister of the Gospel born in Tennessee with \$23,820 real and \$9,415 personal estates, resided in Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn., with Sarah M., 47, born in Tennessee, and with Bettie M., 16, “Wilie” H., 14, Adam S. Jr., 10, Sallie C., 8, and Mary K., 4, all five born in Tennessee, and with Martha J. Briggs, 34, born in Tennessee.<sup>[892]</sup>

In 1880 Sarah M. Riggs, 57, widow, a farmer born in Tennessee of Virginia natives, resided in Bedford Co., Tenn., with her sons, “W<sup>m</sup>” H., 24, and Adam S., 20, and daughters, Sallie C., 18, and “Kelley M. L.,” 14, all four born in Tennessee of a father born in Tennessee, and with Martha J. Briggs, 38, a servant born in Tennessee of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Tennessee.<sup>[893]</sup>

In 1900 Mrs. A. S. Riggs, 77, widow, a farmer born Apr. 1823 in Tennessee of Virginia natives, resided in Bedford Co., Tenn., with her grandson, “Adams,” 17, born Nov. 1882 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives. There was also a servant in the household. Mrs. Riggs was first married at 25, and had one [sic] child, with it surviving.<sup>[894]</sup>

Children:

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890. U.S. census, 1860, Shelbyville PO, Western Division, Bedford Co., Tenn., r. 1239, p. 274, dw. 440, fam. 409.

891. Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms, 1862–65, NARA M346, citizen, Adam S. Riggs, Tenn.

892. U.S. census, 1870, Shelbyville PO, Bedford Co., Tenn., r. 1514, p. 370, dw. 136, fam. 136.

893. U.S. census, 1880, Bedford Co., Tenn., ED 15, r. 1244, p. 347C, dw. 91, fam. 94.

894. U.S. census, 1900, Bedford Co., Tenn., ED 16, r. 1558, p. 182, sh. 4B, dw. 73, fam. 77.



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- 337 i **SUSAN SOPHIA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1846 **16 Dec. 1845, Bedford Co., Tennessee**, died 18 Mar. 1912, Florida, buried Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn.,<sup>[895]</sup> married 8 Feb. 1870, Bedford Co., Tenn.,<sup>[896]</sup> **JOHN J. GILL**. They had at least one child: (1) Sallie Riggs<sup>9</sup> Gill, born 29 Aug. 1873, died 7 Jan. 1874.<sup>[897]</sup>
- 338 ii **ELIZABETH/BETTIE MARGARET<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 8 July 1853, Bedford Co., Tenn., died 11 Aug. 1891,<sup>[898]</sup> married 24 Oct. 1876, Bedford Co., Tenn.,<sup>[899]</sup> **WILLIAM W. MCLAIN [MCLEAN]**.
- + 339 iii **WILLIAM HURT<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 12 Dec. 1855, Tennessee, married (1) **MINNIE M. CURTIS**, and had one child, married (2) **RUTH SMITH**, and had four children.
- 340 iv **ADAM SPRINGS<sup>8</sup> RIGGS JR.**, born about 7 May 1860, near Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn., died 24 Nov 1885.<sup>[900]</sup>
- 341 v **SALLIE CHRISTY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born **11 Feb.** about 1862, **Bedford Co., Tennessee**, died **1939, Shelbyville**, married 18 Nov. 1885, Bedford Co., Tenn.,<sup>[901]</sup> **JOE DAVIS STEELE**, and had **seven** children, including: (1) John Gill<sup>9</sup> Steele, born 8 Apr. 1887, died 28 June

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895. *Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, The Nashville Christian Advocate, 1911–1914*, 21 June 1912, “Sue Riggs Gill died in Florida, March 18, 1912; burial in Shelbyville, Tenn.”

896. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, Sue S. Riggs to John J. Gill, 8 Feb. 1870, Bedford Co., image of record, license 5 Mar. 1845.

897. *Death Notices from the Christian Advocate, Nashville, Tennessee, 1874–1876*, 17 Jan. 1874, “Sallie Riggs Gill dau John J. and Sue Riggs Gill born Aug. 29, 1873; died January 7, 1874.”

898. *Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, The Nashville Christian Advocate, 1890–1893*, 28 Nov. 1891, “Bettie McClain [sic] daughter of the Rev. Adam S. Riggs, born Bedford CO., Tenn., July 8, 1859; died Aug. 11, 1891. Cumberland Presbyterian.”

899. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, Bettie M. Riggs to W. W. McLain, 24 Oct. 1876, Bedford Co., by T. B. Disher, MG, image of record, bondsmen W. W. McLean, J. D. Steele, bonded and licensed 24 Oct. 1876.

900. *Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, The Nashville Christian Advocate 1885–1886*, 23 Jan. 1886, “Adam S. Riggs born May 7, 1860, son of Rev. Adam S. Riggs, dec.; died near Shelbyville, Tenn., November 24, 1885.”

901. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, Sallie Riggs to J. D. Steele, 18 Nov. 1885, Bedford Co., by T. S. Moody, MG, image of record, bondsmen J. D. Steele and R. N. Hutton, bonded and licensed 18 Nov. 1885.

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1887;<sup>[902]</sup> (2) Josephine<sup>9</sup> Steele, born 20 Nov. 1888, died 2 July 1889.<sup>[903]</sup>

342 vi MARY KELLEY LAVINIA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1866 **27 July 1865**, **Bedford Co.**, Tennessee, died 12 Mar. 1894.<sup>[904]</sup>

207. SARAH<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>136</sub>?Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1796, North Carolina, married 12 Feb. 1816, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[905]</sup> MATTHEW LAFFOON, who was born 1790–1800, and died before the 1860 census.

In 1830 Matthew Laffoon, 30–40, resided in Surry Co., N.C., with a woman, 30–40, and one male 15–20, and one female 50–60.<sup>[906]</sup>

In 1840 Matthew Laffoon, 50–60 [sic], resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with a woman, 40–50, three boys under 5, two boys and two girls 5–10, two boys 10–15, one male and two females 15–20, two males and one female 20–30. Listed three items away was John Riggs, 15–20.<sup>[907]</sup>

In 1846 in Surry Co., N.C., “We Matthew Laffoon and Sarah Laffon [sic], his wife do [c]ertify that we have heard . . . .”<sup>[908]</sup>

In the 1850 slave schedule for Stewarts Creek, Surry Co., N.C., Matthew Laffoon is listed as owner of two female slaves, ages 59 and 15.

In 1860 “Sallie” Laffoon, 63, a widow born in North Carolina with real and personal estates worth \$300 and \$3,000, respectively, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., with her grandchild [sic], “Tho<sup>s</sup>” Venable, 7, born in North Carolina. Next door was Joab Venable, 29, Rebecca Venable, 25, and with Jesse Venable, 2, and Martha Venable, 5/12, all

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902. *Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, The Nashville Christian Advocate 1887–1899*, 20 Aug. 1887, “John Gill Steele infant of Dr. Joe D. and Sallie Riggs Steele born April 8, 1887; died in residence of his uncle, John J. Gill near Shelbyville, Tenn., June 28, 1887.”

903. *Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, The Nashville Christian Advocate 1887–1889*, 31 Oct. 1889, “Josephine Steele daughter of Joe D. and Sallie Steele, granddaughter of Rev. A. S. Riggs, dec. born Nov. 20, 1888; died July 2, 1889.”

904. *Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, The Nashville Christian Advocate 1894–1896*, 24 May 1894, “Miss Kelley Riggs died March 12, 1894; daughter of the Rev. Adam S. Riggs.”

905. Holcomb, *Marriages of Surry Co.*, 174, “Laffoon, Matthew & Sarah Riggs, 12 Feb 1816; James Fitzgerald, bm.”

906. U.S. census, 1830, Surry Co., N.C., r. 125, p. 137.

907. U.S. census, 1840, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 523, p. 152.

908. Burns, *Abstracts of Pensions of N.C. Soldiers*, 5:100, affidavit for Frederick Albery.

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born in North Carolina.<sup>[909]</sup> Rebecca (Lewis)<sup>8</sup> Venable was Sarah's niece, by her **putative** sister, Mahala (q.v.), and Thomas was Rebecca's son, so Sarah's grandnephew.

In 1870 Sarah Laffoon, 74, born in North Carolina with real and personal estates worth \$500 and \$300, respectively, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., with Rebecca Venable, 34, born in North Carolina, and with Thomas Venable, 16, Jesse M. Venable, 19, and Martha Venable, 9, all three born in North Carolina. Four dwellings away was Jesse Riggs and family.<sup>[910]</sup>

In 1880 "Sally" Laffoon, 84, a widow born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with her niece, Rebecca Venable, 45, a widow born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and her nephew [*sic*, actually her grandnephew], Jesse Venable, 19, a worker in a wool factory born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. Next door was the family of Thomas J. Venable, 26.<sup>[911]</sup>

**211. JOHN<sup>7</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>136</sub>?Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 8 Feb. 1804, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[912]</sup> and died before the 1870 census. John married (1) 11 July 1825, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[913]</sup> **PATSEY PETERSON**, and, less than a year later, he married (2) 21 Jan. 1826, Surry Co.,<sup>[914]</sup> **CYNTHIA LAWSON**, who was born **28 Feb. 1808, Surry Co., N.C.**, died **Feb. 1851, Surry Co.**, and was buried in **Tucker-Snow Cem., Surry Co., N.C.**<sup>[915]</sup>

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909. U.S. census, 1860, Dobson PO, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., r. 1161, p. 261, dw. 507, fam. 499. Joab Venable resided in dw. 508.

910. U.S. census, 1870, Dobson PO, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., r. 1161, p. 261, dw. 34, fam. 34. Jesse Riggs resided in dw. 30.

911. U.S. census, 1880, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 169, r. 982, p. 17A, dw. 318, fam. 319. Thomas Venable resided in dw. 319.

912. Battle, Perrin, and Kniffin, *Ky.: History of the State*. 3rd ed.

913. Holcomb, *Marriages of Surry Co.*, 174, "Riggs, John & Patsey Peterson, 11 July 1825; John York, bm."

914. Holcomb, *Marriages of Surry Co.*, 174, "Riggs, John & Sinthy Lawson, 21 Jan 1826; Newel Jackson, bm."

915. *Find a Grave*, no. 19115582, Tucker-Snow Cem., Surry Co., N.C., unsourced data: Cynthia

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John married (3) 18 Jan. 1852, Clinton Co., Ky.,<sup>[916]</sup> **EDITH (SMITH) YOUNG**, born Mar. 1810, Rowan Co., N.C., died 27 Feb. 1891, widow of Andrew Young, who was born 11 July 1806, and died 31 Aug. 1846. Both Edith Riggs and Andrew Young are buried in the Koger family cemetery in Albany, Clinton Co., Ky.<sup>[917]</sup> Their daughter, Elizabeth Young, born Aug. 1834, Kentucky, would marry William F. Braswell (*Boardvine R. Braswell*).<sup>[918]</sup> N.B., Boardvine Braswell and his male Braswell descendants carry the Edwardian Riggs YDNA genetic signature, so he was related to the Riggs family probably by adoption or by adultery.

From an 1886 history of Metcalfe Co., Ky., in a sketch for son William M. Riggs:

His father, John Riggs, was also a native of Surry County, N.C., born February 8, 1804; in 1852 he came with his son and settled in Kentucky. During the war, to avoid capture by the guerillas, he was compelled to leave home and take to the woods, and was killed by falling from a precipice in Wayne County, while traveling at night to escape them. He was **a son of Zedock Riggs**, who was of Scotch descent [*sic*]. John Riggs was twice [*sic*] married; first, in 1825, to Cynthia Lawson, who had two uncles (Bryants) in the Revolutionary war, and he had seven (Rosses). From this union sprang William M., James M. (who died in the Mexican war),

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Riggs, born 28 Feb. 1808, Surry Co., died Feb. 1851, Surry Co., also no. 19115346, unsourced data: M. C. Riggs, born June 1851, died June 1851, presumably the child whose birth caused Cynthia's death [this doesn't make sense, by the Feb./June mismatch]. The Tucker-Snow Cem. is apparently associated with the Round Peak Primitive Baptist Church, "Org. 1825 by Elder Silas Jones" (a photograph is presented of the plaque on the church and another of the cemetery stones, by Richard B. Tucker Sr., who created the two items just listed).

916. Ky. *Marriage Records, 1852-1914*, image of Clinton Co., Ky., marriage record Mar.-July 1852, "[date of marriage] Jany 18 1852 [groom name] John Riggs [residence] Clinton Co Ky [age] 48 [condition] Wid' [place of birth] Surry Co N.C. [bride name] Edy [*sic*] Young [residence] Clinton Co Ky [age] 44 [condition] Wid [place of birth] Roan [*sic*] Co N.C." Immediately preceding is the marriage of "W<sup>m</sup> R." Braswell to Elizabeth Young on the preceding day.

917. Koger family cemetery, Albany, Clinton Co., Ky., grave listings courtesy of Elizabeth McMahon, a Braswell descendant, and email to the author via Gayle Braswell Ellison, 16 June 2004, "Young, Andrew, born 7/11/1806, died 8/31/1846," and "Riggs, Edith, born 3/1810, died 2/27/1891," and "Edith Riggs, widow of Andrew Young. Edith nee Smith from NC. two unidentifiable graves."

918. Smith, *Boardvine R. Braswell and His Family*. See online at <alvyray.com/Riggs/>.

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John B., Rebecca E. (Boyter), Sarah M. (Phemister), Frances (Hopkins),  
Mary U. (Snow), Cynthia J. (Grider), Thomas D. and Martha C.<sup>[919]</sup>

In 1830 John Riggs, 20-30, resided in Surry Co., N.C., with a woman 20-30, and two boys under 5.<sup>[920]</sup> (There is another John Riggs in the 1830 census for Surry Co., 80-90, with a woman 50-60, a boy under 5, a girl 5-10, a girl 10-15, and a girl 15-20.<sup>[921]</sup>)

In 1840 John Riggs, 20-30 [sic], resided in Surry Co., N.C., with a woman 20-30 [sic], two girls under 5, two boys and one girl 5-10, one male 10-15, and one female 50-60. Next door was Rial Riggs, 30-40.<sup>[922]</sup>

In 1850 John "Rigs," 46, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in Mt. Airy, Surry Co., N.C., with "Cinthia," 42, born in North Carolina, and William, 23, a school teacher, John B., 19, a school teacher, Rebecca, 16, Sally, 14, "Fracis," 11, female, Mary, 9, Cintha, 6, and Thomas, 1, all born in North Carolina.<sup>[923]</sup>

In 1850 Edith Young, 41, born in North Carolina with real estate worth \$1,200, resided in Clinton Co., Ky., with Elizabeth, 15, Hetty, 13, Rosannah, 11, John A., 8, William L., 6, and Andrew, 3, all born in Kentucky. Next door is Jeremiah Young, 20, and Permelia, 17, both born in Kentucky.<sup>[924]</sup> Jeremiah was probably Edith's son.

In 1860 John Riggs, 56, a farmer born in North Carolina with real and personal estates worth \$1,000 and \$650, respectively, resided in Albany, Clinton Co., Ky., with his wife "Eda," 52, a spinner born in North Carolina, Mary Riggs, 19, knitting, born in North Carolina, and with "Rosea" [Rosannah] Young, 21, a weaver, and Andrew Young, 13, both born in Kentucky, John Smith, 16, Sally Smith, 7, both born in Kentucky, and Betsey Smith, 85, born in Virginia. Next door resided John A. Young, 18, and "W<sup>m</sup>. S.," 16, both farmers born in Kentucky, in the

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919. Battle, Perrin, and Kniffin, Ky.: *History of the State*. 3rd ed.

920. U.S. census, 1830, Surry Co., N.C., r. 125, p. 105.

921. U.S. census, 1830, Surry Co., N.C., r. 125, p. 129.

922. U.S. census, 1840, Surry Co., N.C., r. 371, p. 80.

923. U.S. census, 1850, North Division, Mt. Airy district, Surry Co., N.C., r. 646, pp. 301-2, dw. 490, fam. 490.

924. U.S. census, 1850, district 1, Clinton Co., Ky., r. 197, p. 171, dw. 234, fam. 234. Next door, in dw. 233, is the Anderson Kogar family. Jeremiah Young resided in dw. 235.

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household of W. J. M. Smith, 26, and Hester, 23, born in Kentucky.<sup>[925]</sup> The Youngs were all children of Edith's former marriage to Andrew Young, as was, probably, Hester. Betsey Smith was probably her mother, and the Smith children kinsmen of some kind, probably nephew and niece. There was a Margarett Riggs, 22, spinning, born in North Carolina, nearby, but of unknown relationship.<sup>[926]</sup>

In 1870 Edith Riggs, 59, born in North Carolina, resided in Albany, Clinton Co., Ky., in the household of Alvin Buttram, 25, a farmer born in Kentucky with real and personal estates worth \$600 and \$756, respectively, and with "Rosa," 31, born in Kentucky, "W<sup>m</sup>," 5, and Elza, 1, both born in Kentucky. Rosa was probably Edith's daughter, Rosannah, by Andrew Young. Next door was the household of "W<sup>m</sup>" F. Braswell, 39, and Elizabeth, 35, and eight children, all born in Kentucky, including George F. Braswell, 11. Elizabeth was probably Edith's daughter by Andrew Young. And next door in the opposite direction was the household of "W<sup>m</sup>" J. M. Smith, 36, and Hester, 33, born in Kentucky, and six children. Hester was probably Edith's daughter by Andrew Young.<sup>[927]</sup>

In 1880 Edith Riggs, 70, a widow born in Kentucky [sic], resided in Hays, Clinton Co., Ky., in the household of G. F. Braswell, 21, to whom she was grandmother, and also with Clamanza Braswell, 23, and Luther, 2, all three born in Kentucky to Kentucky natives. Also in the household was a servant. Next door was the household of "W<sup>m</sup>" Braswell, 49, and Elizabeth, 45, and seven children, all born in Kentucky.<sup>[928]</sup> William Braswell was G. F. Braswell's father, and Elizabeth was Edith's daughter. Thus Andrew and Edith (Smith) Young had a daughter, Elizabeth Young, who married William F. Braswell. In fact, Andrew Young's daughter, Eliz-

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925. U.S. census, 1860, Albany PO, Clinton Co., Ky., r. 363, "Page No. 3," dw. 19, fam. 19. John and William Young resided in dw. 18.

926. U.S. census, 1860, Albany PO, Clinton Co., Ky., r. 363, "Page No. 10," dw. 66, fam. 66, in the household of William Morrison.

927. U.S. census, 1870, Albany PO, district 5, Clinton Co., Ky., r. 457, p. 324, dw. 96, fam. 96. William F. Braswell resided in dw. 95, and William J. M. Smith in dw. 97. Two families of Kogers also lived nearby.

928. U.S. census, 1880, Hays, precinct 5, Clinton Co., Ky., ED 31, r. 410, p. 644D, dw. 146, fam. 146. William Braswell resided in dw. 147.

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abeth Young, married 17 Jan. 1852, Clinton Co., Ky.,<sup>[929]</sup> William Franklin Braswell, son of Boardvine R. Braswell.

In 1850 B. R. Braswell, 50, a farmer born in North Carolina with real estate worth \$400, resided in Clinton Co., Ky., with Elizabeth, 46, and eight children, including William F., 20, a school teacher born in Kentucky.<sup>[930]</sup> **I am informed that** Elizabeth was Lola Elizabeth Lawson, sister of Cynthia Lawson, who married John Riggs.<sup>[931]</sup>

Y-chromosome DNA analysis has shown that three male descendants of Boardvine R. Braswell have DNA matching that of Edwardian Riggs males, (i.e., descendants of Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs of Roxbury). **A plausible (but unproven) theory is that Boardvine Braswell was a half-brother of John Riggs, considering the close relationship of the two men and their families.** John Riggs was the only one of his siblings who moved from Surry Co., N.C., to Clinton Co., Ky., as had Boardvine. They probably married sisters.

Children of John's second marriage, to Cynthia:<sup>[932]</sup>

- + 343 i **WILLIAM M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 25 Nov. 1826, near Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., married (1) **MARY E. GLAZEBROOK**, and had no children, married (2) **JOSEPHINE SANDERS**, and had four children.
- 344 ii **JAMES M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, died in the Mexican War.
- 345 iii **JOHN B.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1831, North Carolina.
- 346 iv **REBECCA E.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1834, North Carolina, married – **BOYTER**.
- 347 v **SARAH M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1836, North Carolina, married – **PHEMISTER**.
- 348 vi **FRANCIS<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 15 Apr. 1838, North Carolina, died 5 May 1912, Summer Shade, Metcalfe Co., Ky., buried 6 May 1912,

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929. Ky. *Marriage Records, 1852–1914*, image of Clinton Co., Ky., marriage record Mar.–July 1852, “[date of marriage] Jany 17 1852 [groom name] W<sup>m</sup> R. [sic] Braswell [residence] Clinton Co Ky [age] 22 [condition] Single [place of birth] Clinton Co Ky [bride name] Elizabeth Young [residence] Clinton Co Ky [age] 17 [condition] Single [place of birth] Wayne Co Ky.” Immediately following is the marriage of John Riggs to Edy Young on the following day.

930. U.S. census, 1850, district 1, Clinton Co., Ky., r. 197, p. 179, dw. 342, fam. 342.

931. Email from Gayle Braswell Ellison, descendant of Boardvine Braswell, 16 June 2004.

932. Battle, Perrin, and Kniffin, Ky.: *History of the State*. 3rd ed.

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- Summer Shade,<sup>[933]</sup> married — HOPKINS. [Riggs Genforum has a Francis Riggs, born about 1838, married George Washington Hopkins, living in Clinton Co., Ky. Item contributed 6 July 2003 by her great-great-grandson, William Branstetter.]
- 349 vii MARY U.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1841, North Carolina, married — SNOW.
- 350 viii CYNTHIA J.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1844, North Carolina, married — GRIDER.
- 351 ix THOMAS<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1849, North Carolina.
- 352 x MARTHA C.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born and died June 1851, presumably the M. C. Riggs buried in the Tucker-Snow Cem., Surry Co., N.C., near her mother. [Although the *Find a Grave* item (see mother's burial record) gives her birth as June 1851, if it were Feb. 1851, that would explain her mother's death then.]

Child of John's third marriage, to Edith:

- 353 xi GEORGE W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 5 Oct. 1852, Clinton Co., Ky.,<sup>[934]</sup> died 10 Aug. 1853, and was buried in the Koger family cemetery, Albany, Clinton Co., Ky.<sup>[935]</sup>
- 354 xii [SON]<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 18 Sept. 1855, Clinton Co., Ky.,<sup>[936]</sup> and buried in the Koger family cemetery, Albany, Clinton Co., Ky.<sup>[937]</sup>

[A possibility. See argument above:

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933. Death certificate, Francis Hopkins, Commonwealth of Kentucky, State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 13512, reg. dist. no. 7007, primary red. dist. no. 7, died 5 May 1912, Summer Shade, Metcalfe Co., Ky., aged 74 yr. 21 dys., female, white, married, born 15 Apr. 1838, N.C., father John B. Riggs, born N.C., mother "Cintha Ross [possibly Rose]," born N.C., informant H. S. Hoplins of Summer Shade, burial 6 May 1912, Summer Shade.

934. Ky. *Birth Records, 1852-1910*, online image, "[date of birth] Oct. 5 1852 [name of child] G. W. Riggs [sex] Male Alive [place of birth] Clinton C<sup>o</sup> [name of father] Jno Riggs [maiden name of mother] Edy Smith [color of child] White [residence of parents] Clinton C<sup>o</sup>."

935. Koger family cemetery, Albany, Clinton Co., Ky., grave listings, "Riggs, George W., born 10/5/1852, died 8/10/1853."

936. Ky. *Birth Records, 1852-1910*, online image, "[date of birth] Sept' 18<sup>th</sup> 1855 [name of child] [empty] [sex] Male Bad health [place of birth] Clinton County, Ky [name of father] John Riggs [maiden name of mother] Eada Young [color of child] White [residence of parents] Clinton County, Ky."

937. Koger family cemetery, Albany, Clinton Co., Ky., grave listings, "Infant son of J. & E. Riggs, born 2/5/1855, died 2/5/1855." The date is obviously wrong.



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**BOARDVINE R.<sup>7</sup> BRASWELL** (<sub>136</sub>?Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1799, North Carolina. Boardvine married **4 Jan. 1820, Surry Co., N.C., LOLA ELIZABETH LAWSON**, who was born about 1804, North Carolina. Elizabeth was perhaps sister of the wife of John<sup>7</sup> Riggs (<sub>136</sub>?Lott<sup>6</sup>), Sinthy [Cinthia] Lawson.<sup>[938]</sup>

[Repeated from above:] In 1850 B. R. Braswell, 50, a farmer born in North Carolina with real estate worth \$400, resided in Clinton Co., Ky., with Elizabeth, 46, and eight children, including William F., 20, a school teacher born in Kentucky.<sup>[939]</sup> I am informed that Elizabeth was Lola Elizabeth Lawson, sister of Cynthia [Sinthy] Lawson, who married John Riggs.<sup>[940]</sup>

For this family see my paper.<sup>[941]</sup>

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**212. MAHALA<sup>7</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>136</sub>Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1806, North Carolina. She married **ELEANAH/ELKANA LEWIS**, who was born about 1796, North Carolina.

In 1850 “Eleaner” Lewis, 54, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in Mt. Airy, Surry Co., N.C., with Mahala, 44, born in North Carolina, and with “Jessee,” 20, Harden, 19, Rebecca, 15, Mary, 13, all four born in North Carolina, and with Rebecca Hodges, 26, and Wilson Hodges, 2, both born in North Carolina.<sup>[942]</sup>

In 1860 Elkana Lewis, 60, a tenant with \$50 personal estate, born in North Carolina, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., with Mahala, 52, born in North Carolina, and with Mary, 22, born in North Carolina.<sup>[943]</sup>

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938. Holcomb, *Marriages of Surry Co.*, 174, “Riggs, John & Sinthy Lawson, 21 Jan 1826; Newel Jackson, bm.”

939. U.S. census, 1850, district 1, Clinton Co., Ky., r. 197, p. 179, dw. 342, fam. 342.

940. Email from Gayle Braswell Ellison, descendant of Boardvine Braswell, 16 June 2004; U.S. census, 1850.

941. Smith, *Boardvine R. Braswell and His Family*, online at <alvyray.com/Riggs/>.

942. U.S. census, 1850, Mt. Airy, Surry Co., N.C., r. 646, p. 309B, dw. 600, fam. 600.

943. U.S. census, 1860, Dobson PO, Surry Co., N.C., r. 914, p. 263, dw. 512, fam. 504.

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In 1880 Elkana Lewis, 84, a farmer born in North Carolina of Virginia natives, resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with his wife, Mahala, 75, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives.<sup>[944]</sup>

Children:

- 355 i **JESSE**<sup>8</sup> **LEWIS**, born about 1830, North Carolina.
- 356 ii **HARDEN**<sup>8</sup> **LEWIS**, born about 1831, North Carolina.
- 357 iii **REBECCA T.**<sup>8</sup> **LEWIS**, born about 1835, North Carolina, married 13 Nov. 1852, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[945]</sup> **JOAB VENABLE**, born about 1831, North Carolina, and had three children:
  - (1) Thomas J.<sup>9</sup> Venable, born about 1853, North Carolina; (2) Jesse M.<sup>9</sup> Venable, born about 1858, North Carolina; and (3) Martha<sup>9</sup> Venable, born about 1860, North Carolina.Rebecca resided with, or next to, her aunt, Sarah<sup>7</sup> (Riggs) Laffoon in 1860, 1870, and 1880 (q.v.).
- 358 iv **MARY**<sup>8</sup> **LEWIS**, born about 1837, North Carolina.

213. **JESSE**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>136?</sub>*Lott*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1808, North Carolina, married 28 Oct. 1830, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[946]</sup> **LYDIA HODGES**, born about 1812, North Carolina.

In 1850 "Jessee" "Riggan," 42, a farmer born in North Carolina with real estate worth \$450, resided in Mt. Airy, Surry Co., N.C., with Lydia, 37, born in North Carolina, and with David, 18, Wiley, 16, Weston, 14, "Margarett," 9, Sally, 7, Joel, 5, James, 2, and "Sherrall" F., 6/12 [actually written 6½], all born in North Carolina. "Jos." M. Riggan, 17, born in North Carolina, is listed just above Jessee in the household of Drury Kersey, 97.<sup>[947]</sup> This Riggan family is almost identical to the Riggs family next listed, so I feel safe in assuming a recording or transcription error in the surname. I therefore believe Joseph M. to be a son of Jesse's. I also identify "Sherrall" F. with Shadrack F.

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944. U.S. census, 1880, Dobson Twp, Surry Co., N.C., ED 169, r. 982, p. 16C, dw. 302, fam. 303.

945. N.C. Marriage Collection, 1741–2004, Rebecca T. Lewis to Joab Venable, 13 Nov. 1852, Surry Co., N.C.

946. Holcomb, *Marriages of Surry Co.*, 174, "Riggs, Jesse & Lydia Hodges, 28 Oct 1830; Andrew Hodges, bm."

947. U.S. census, 1850, Mt. Airy, Surry Co., N.C., r. 914, p. 249, dw. 593, fam. 593.

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In 1860 Jesse Riggs, 52, a farmer born in North Carolina with real and personal estates worth \$850 and \$400, respectively, resided in Rockford, Surry Co., N.C., with Lydia, 48, born in North Carolina, and with Wilson, 25 (listed last), Margaret, 19, Sarah, 17, Joel, 15, James, 12, and Shadrack, 10, all born in North Carolina. Two dwellings away was Daniel Riggs and family.<sup>[948]</sup>

In 1870 Jesse Riggs, 62, born in North Carolina with real and personal estates worth \$800 and \$240, respectively, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., with "Lidy," 58, born in North Carolina, and with Joel, 25, and "Shadric," 20, both farm laborers born in North Carolina. Both Jesse and Lydia were illiterate. Two dwellings away was Daniel Riggs with his family.<sup>[949]</sup>

In 1880 Jesse Riggs, 72, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with his wife, Lydia, 68, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. Lydia suffered from chronic rheumatism. Next door was the family of James Riggs, 32, with a wife and five children.<sup>[950]</sup>

Children:

- 359 i **DAVID<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1832, North Carolina.
- 360 ii **JOSEPH M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1833, North Carolina.
- + 361 iii **WILEY/WILSON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 28 July 1833 or July 1832, North Carolina, married **JULIA ANN HAYMORE**, and had seven children.
- 362 iv **WESTON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1836, North Carolina.
- 363 v **MARGARET<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1841, North Carolina.
- 364 vi **SARAH/SALLY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1843, North Carolina.
- + 365 vii **JOEL<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born Apr. 1845, North Carolina, married **SARAH JANE WRIGHT**, and had seven children.
- + 366 viii **JAMES<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1848, North Carolina, married **MIDIAM MARION**, and had at least five children, married (2) **MARY WRIGHT**.

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948. U.S. census, 1860, Rockford PO, Rockford district, Surry Co., N.C., r. 914, p. 249, dw. 319, fam. 311. Daniel Riggs resided in dw. 321.

949. U.S. census, 1870, Dobson PO, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., r. 1161, p. 260, dw. 30, fam. 30. Daniel Riggs resided in dw. 28.

950. U.S. census, 1880, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 169, r. 982, p. 4C, dw. 69, fam. 69. James Riggs resided in dw. 70.

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367 ix SHADRACK F.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born Nov. 1849, North Carolina.

In 1880 “Shadrach” F. Riggs, 31, a dealer in confection born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C.<sup>[951]</sup>

In 1900 Shadrack F. Riggs, 50, single, a merchant born Nov. 1849 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C.<sup>[952]</sup>

214. DANIEL<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>136</sub>Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1811, North Carolina, married **DEBORAH** —, born about 1811, North Carolina.

Placeholder: Daniel Rigg married 7 Sept. 1856, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[953]</sup> Mary Jane Haymore. The Haymore, Gillaspie, and Laffoon surnames are part of the nexus of names associated with the Lott Riggs family.] Mary J. Riggs left her entire estate to her sister, Julia Ann (Haymore) Riggs, wife of Wilson’/Wilie Riggs (q.v., for Mary’s will).

Placeholder: In 1850 Daniel Riggs [perhaps Jr.], 28, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$300 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., with M. J., 26, born in North Carolina.<sup>[954]</sup>

In 1840 Daniel Riggs, 30-40, resided in Surry Co., N.C., with one boy and one girl under 5, and with two females 20-30, with one person engaged in agriculture.<sup>[955]</sup>

In 1850 Daniel “Rigs,” 39, a farmer born in North Carolina with real estate worth \$420, resided in Surry Co., N.C., with Deborah, 39, born in North Carolina, and Sarah, 12, Columbus, 11, George, 8, Thomas J., 5, all born in North Carolina, and Jane Haynes, 50, born in North Carolina.<sup>[956]</sup>

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951. U.S. census, 1880, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 169, r. 982, p. 1A, dw. 7, fam. 7.

952. U.S. census, 1900, Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., ED 105, r. 1219, p. 50, sh. 27A, dw. 505, fam. 507.

953. Holcomb, *Marriages of Surry Co.*, 173, “Riggs, Daniel & Mary Jane Haymore, 5 Sept 1856; Jas. L. Gillaspie, bm; m 7 Sept 1856 by Wilson Laffoon, J.P.”

954. U.S. census, 1850, Dobson PO, Haystack District, Surry Co., N.C., r. 914, p. 204, dw. 281, fam. 281.

955. U.S. census, 1840, Surry Co., N.C., r. 371, p. 74.

956. U.S. census, 1850, North Division, first district, Surry Co., N.C., r. 646, p. 308, dw. 587, fam.

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In 1860 Daniel Riggs, 50, a farmer born in North Carolina with real and personal estates worth \$1,425 and \$500, respectively, resided in Rockford, Surry Co., N.C., with “Deby,” 50, born in North Carolina, and with Sarah J., 22, C. H., 21, a male, G. W., 18, a male, T. J., 15, a male, and J. B., 10, a male, all born in North Carolina. Also in the household was Jane Haynes, 60, born in North Carolina. Two dwellings away was Jesse Riggs and family.<sup>[957]</sup>

In 1870 Daniel Riggs, 59, born in North Carolina with real and personal estates worth \$1,000 and \$600, respectively, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., with “Debenet,” 62, born in North Carolina, and with Columbus, 31, a schoolteacher, born in North Carolina, and Thomas, 25, and “Jim Barnet,” 20, both farm laborers born in North Carolina. Two dwellings away was Jesse Riggs and family.<sup>[958]</sup>

In 1880 Daniel Riggs, 69, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with his wife, “Debby,” 71, born in North Carolina of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in North Carolina, and with a son, J. Barnett, 29, a farmer and merchant born in North Carolina.<sup>[959]</sup>

Children:

- 368 i SARAH J.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1838, North Carolina.
- 369 ii COLUMBUS H.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1839, North Carolina.
- 370 iii GEORGE W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1842, North Carolina.

There is a card in the “Rebel Archives” with the following entry:  
“Riggs, Daniel | Father, Surry Co. N.C. | See personal papers of |  
Geo. W. Riggs | Pvt. Co. A, 28<sup>th</sup> Reg’t N.C.S.7.”<sup>[960]</sup>

- + 371 iv THOMAS J.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 11 July 1845, North Carolina, married MATTIE CATHERINE NORMAN, and had two children.

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957. U.S. census, 1860, Rockford PO, Rockford district, Surry Co., N.C., r. 914, p. 249, dw. 321, fam. 313. Jesse Riggs resided in dw. 319.

958. U.S. census, 1870, Dobson PO, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., r. 1161, p. 260, dw. 28, fam. 28. Jesse Riggs resided in dw. 30.

959. U.S. census, 1880, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 169, r. 982, p. 5B, dw. 99, fam. 99.

960. Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms, 1861–65, NARA M346, citizen, Daniel Riggs, N.C.

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+ 372 v JESSE BARNETT<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born June 1850, North Carolina, married IDA LAURA FOLGER, and had six children.

215. SCOTT ADAMS<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>138</sub>Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>)<sup>[961]</sup> was born 26 Mar. 1778, North Carolina, died 24 Feb. 1872 (gravestone), and was buried in Gillham Cem., Winchester, Scott Co., Ill.<sup>[962]</sup> He married 4 Mar. 1801 (see biography below) HANNAH BERRY, who was born 28 Apr. 1780 (calculated), Kentucky, and died 2 June 1864 (gravestone),<sup>[963]</sup> aged 84 years 1 month 5 days, and was buried in Gillham Cem. See figure 4.

From the *Standard Atlas of Scott County, Illinois 1903*:

Scott Riggs was a lineal descendant of Edward Riggs, who came from England - probably from Yorkshire or Lincolnshire to this country early in the summer of 1633. He settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, which was then a suburb but now a part of Boston. The family was a prolific one; multiplied rapidly, and members of it migrated to New York, New Jersey and on southward. One branch of it lodged in North Carolina, and there Scott Riggs was born March 26, 1779, while the American Revolutionary war was raging.

About 1798, when he was nineteen years old he removed with his father, Zadok Riggs, to Warren county, Kentucky. On March 4, 1801, he married Hannah Berry, and afterward removed to Tennessee. About 1816 he emigrated to Illinois Territory and settled in what is now Lawrence county. The "settlement" was on Ellison's prairie, and in those early days was called the "Christian Settlement." Lawrence county had not then been created and this settlement was in Crawford county. Scott Riggs represented this latter named county in the first general assembly of the state which convened in Kaskaskia in the winter of 1818-1819. In October, 1825 he

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961. *Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley*, sketch for Roswell L. Conner, gives Scott's full name.

962. Jane Tyler Craig Reichlein, *The Samuel Givens Family and Kin* (J.T.C. Reichlein, 1981), 78, "died June 2, 1864, 'age 84 years 1 month, 5 days'; she is buried in Gillham Cemetery, Winchester, Scott County, Illinois, beside her husband whose tombstone reads 'Scott Riggs, b. in North Carolina March 26, 1778, died in Illinois Feb. 24, 1872.' Descendants of Hannah and Scott Riggs still live in the Winchester Area." From Google Books, snippet view.

963. *Ibid.*

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removed to what is now Scott county, and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land from Murray McConnell, on North Prairie, upon which he located with his family. Being a thrifty, prudent man, with an excellent wife, he soon acquired adjacent lands, and on his farm there he lived till his death, February 21, 1872. His faithful wife preceded him to the grave several years. He was reared a Baptist, but early in life and almost in the very beginning of the religious movement inaugurated by Thomas and Alexander Campbell, he became identified with the Disciples of Christ, or Christians, and both by pious example and by public preaching he contributed to the dissemination of the views entertained by that body of religious people, with whom he was closely identified till the day of his death. He and his wife, Hannah, reared ten children, whose names and consorts are as follows: James Berry Riggs, who married Nancy C. Anderson; Sallie S. Riggs, who married Daniel Dennison; Polly T. Riggs, who was the second wife of Robert H. McDow; Cynthia M. Riggs, who married Stephen Green; Zadok T. Riggs, who married Ginney Leib; John A. Riggs, who married Orpha Campbell; Harriet L. Riggs who married Fielding McMurray; Milton W. Riggs, who married Eliza G. Beach; Elvira J. Riggs, who married Benjamin F. Hitt, and Louisa H. Riggs, who married John Lee. All of these children reared families except Louisa H. Lee, who died soon after her marriage. the only descendants of this numerous family now residing in Scott county are Amanda Funk, wife of Rufus Funk, and her children and grandchildren; Henry B. Riggs and his one son; Mary Riggs Stewart and J. M. Riggs and his family.

Amanda Funk is a daughter of Elvira J. and Benjamin F. Hitt, above mentioned. Henry B. Riggs is a son, and Mary Riggs Stewart is a daughter, of Milton W. Riggs; J. M. Riggs is a son of John A. Riggs. The other numerous descendants of Scott Riggs are scattered far and wide, a large portion of them being located on the Pacific slope.<sup>[964]</sup>

In 1830 Scott Riggs, 50-60, resided in Morgan Co., Ill., with a woman 50-60, two females 5-10, and one male and one female 10-15, two males and one female 15-20.<sup>[965]</sup>

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964. Standard Atlas of Scott County, Illinois 1903, 117.

965. U.S. census, 1830, Morgan Co., Ill., r. 24, p. 104.

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N.B. In 1837 Cass Co. was formed from the top part of Morgan Co., Ill. In 1839 Scott Co. was formed from the southwest corner of Morgan Co.

In 1840 Scott Riggs, 60-70, resided in Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., with a woman 60-70, two females 15-20, and one male 20-30. John A. Riggs was nearby.<sup>[966]</sup>

In 1850 Scott Riggs, 71, a blacksmith born in North Carolina with \$4,600 worth of real estate, resided in Scott Co., Ill., with Hannah, 70, born in Kentucky.<sup>[967]</sup>

Children (from the biography above):

- + 373 i **JAMES BERRY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 25 Mar. 1802, Kentucky, married (1) **NANCY C. ANDERSON**, and had at least five children, married (2) **MARGRET (–) TAYLOR**.
- 374 ii **SALLIE/SALLY S./L.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, married 26 Apr. 1824, Lawrence Co., Ill.,<sup>[968]</sup> **DANIEL DENNISON**.
- 375 iii **POLLY T.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, married 18 Oct. 1829, Morgan Co., Ill.,<sup>[969]</sup> **ROBERT H. MCDOW**.
- 376 iv **CYNTHIA/CYNTHA M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, married 1 Jan. 1829, Morgan Co., Ill.,<sup>[970]</sup> **STEPHEN GREEN**.
- + 377 v **ZADOK T.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1811, Tennessee, married **GINNEY/JANE LEIB**, and had five children.
- + 378 vi **JOHN A.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 1810-1820, married **ORPHA CAMPBELL**, and had at least three children.
- 379 vii **HARRIET L.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, married 31 May 1836, Morgan Co., Ill.,<sup>[971]</sup> **FIELDING MCMURRAY**.
- + 380 viii **MILTON W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1820, Illinois married **ELIZA G. BEACH**, and had at least two children.
- 381 ix **ELVIRA J.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, married 15 July 1841, Scott Co., Ill.,<sup>[972]</sup> **BENJAMIN F. HITT**, and had at least one daughter: (1) **Amanda<sup>9</sup> Hitt**, married – Funk.

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966. U.S. census, 1840, Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., r. 69, p. 149.

967. U.S. census, 1850, Scott Co., Ill., r. 128, p. 28, dw. 363, fam. 373.

968. Ill. *Marriages to 1850*, Sally L. Riggs to Daniel “Denison.”

969. Ill. *Marriages to 1850*, Polly T. Riggs to Robert H. “Mcdow.”

970. Ill. *Marriages to 1850*, Cyntha M. Riggs to Stephen Green.

971. Ill. *Marriages to 1850*, Harriet L. Riggs to Fielding “Mcmurray.”



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382 x LOUISA HANNAH<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, married 8 Nov. 1847, Scott Co., Ill.,<sup>[973]</sup>  
JOHN F. LEE, and died shortly afterwards.

216. MARY [POLLY]<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>138</sub>Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1782, North Carolina. She married WILLIAM WARREN, who was born about 1783, Kentucky.

In 1850 William Warren, 67, a farmer born in Kentucky, resided in Boone Co., Mo., with Mary, 68, born in North Carolina, and with Silas W. Warren, 25, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$600 worth of real estate.<sup>[974]</sup>

Known child:

383 i SILAS W.<sup>8</sup> WARREN, born about 1825, Kentucky.

217. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>138</sub>Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 28 Mar. say 1788, Surry Co., N.C., died 17 Apr. 1850, Boone Co., Mo. He married (1) 29 Jan. 1810, Lincoln Co., Ky.,<sup>[975]</sup> DEBRA/DEBORAH CAMPBELL, who was born 1784-1789 (she was over 21 at marriage). He married (2) 25 Apr. 1818, Lincoln Co., Ky.,<sup>[976]</sup> ELIZABETH SUTTON, who was born 1790-1800. He married (3) 22 Aug. 1826, Boone Co., Mo.,<sup>[977]</sup> NANCY (REED) ROBINSON [ROELOFSON], who was born about 1801, Virginia.

Placeholder: Isaac Riggs married 12 Oct. 1826, Boone Co., Mo.,<sup>[978]</sup> Polly Henson.

In 1810 Samuel Riggs, 16-26 [implies born 1784-1794], resided in Lincoln Co., Ky., with a woman 16-26. He is listed next to Zadock Riggs.<sup>[979]</sup>

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972. Ill. *Marriages to 1850*, Elvira Riggs to Benjamin F. Hitt.

973. Ill. *Marriages to 1850*, Louisa Hannah Riggs to John F. Lee.

974. U.S. census, 1850, Boone Co., Mo., r. 392, p. 428, dw. 1382, fam. 1382.

975. Ky. *Marriages to 1850*, Samuel Riggs to Debra Campbell; Cook, *Lincoln Co., Ky., Records*, 1:89, "Bond of Samuel Riggs to marry Deborah Campbell, with Benjamin Givens as surety, January 29, 1810. Benjamin Givens certified that Deborah was upwards of 21 years of age."

976. Lincoln Co., Ky., Marriage Register, FHL 192261, Samuel Riggs to Elizabeth Sutton.

977. Boone Co., Mo., *Marriages*, A:36, "036 Riggs Samuel Robinson Nancy 22 Aug 1826."

978. Boone Co., Mo., *Marriages*, A:32, "032 Riggs Isaac Henson Polly 12 Oct 1826."

979. U.S. census, 1810, Lincoln Twp., Lincoln Co., Ky., r. 7, p. 131.

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Samuel Riggs was listed in Rockcastle Co., Ky., tax lists from 1819–1822. Rockcastle Co. was derived mostly from Lincoln Co. in 1810.

Samuel Riggs was granted 100 acres on Negro Creek, Rockcastle Co., Ky., surveyed 1 June 1821; 100 more acres there, surveyed 11 Nov. 1833; and apparently over a 1000 more acres, on Dix River, Rockcastle Co., surveyed 9 Jan. 1838.<sup>[980]</sup> **Note that the 1833 and 1838 grants are inconsistent with Samuel's being in Boone Co., Mo. from 1830 on. So see Samuel<sup>7</sup> Riggs (<sub>141</sub>?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) for another possibility.**

In 1820 “Sam<sup>1</sup>” Riggs, 26–45 [implies birth 1775–1794], with [possibly, a long mark obscures the “1” if it is present] a woman 26–45, one boy under 10, and a female over 45. Next was listed Hiram Riggs, 10–16, resided in Rockcastle Co., Ky., with one female 10–16, two females 16–26, one female 26–45, and two females over 45.<sup>[981]</sup> **I have not placed Hiram, but he was possibly a son of Samuel.**

In 1830 Samuel Riggs, 40–50, resided in Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with a woman 30–40, two boys under 5, one boy and one girl 10–15, one male and three females 15–20, and one female 20–30, and no slaves. “Zedock” Riggs, 70–80, is listed two pages away in the same locale.<sup>[982]</sup>

In 1840 Samuel Riggs, 50–60, resided in Boone Co., Mo., with two boys under 5, one boy and one girl 5–10, two boys 10–15, one female 20–30, and one female 30–40.<sup>[983]</sup>

In 1850 “Nancey” Riggs, 49, illiterate, born in Virginia with \$1,200 in real estate, resided in Boone Co., Mo., with Joseph, 23, a farmer with \$100 real state, Benjamin, 21, a farmer, Silas, 12, “Fredrick,” 10, and Phebe A., 8, all five born in Missouri.<sup>[984]</sup>

In 1860 Nancy Riggs, 60, born in Virginia with \$800 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with Silas

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980. Ky. Land Grants, 1782–1924, Samuel Riggs, Rockcastle Co., Ky., book H, C2, and R2 (two entries), respectively (no. acres on the Dix listed as “1 xxx” and “xxx”).

981. U.S. census, 1820, Rockcastle Co., Ky., r. 27, p. 83.

982. U.S. census, 1830, Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., r. 73, p. 100. Zadok is listed on p. 102.

983. U.S. census, 1840, Boone Co., Mo., r. 220, p. 124.

984. U.S. census, 1850, Boone Co., Mo., r. 392, p. 370A, dw. 609, fam. 609.

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T., 22, a farmer, Zadoc T., 21, a farmer, and Phebe N., 18, all three born in Missouri.<sup>[985]</sup>

Child of the first marriage perhaps (Samuel M.'s birth in Tennessee is problematical however. I have seen him attributed to Zadok<sup>7</sup>'s first wife, Mary Moore):

- + 384 i ?SAMUEL M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 16 Nov. 1811, Tennessee, married MARGARET RIDGWAY, and had six children.

Child of the third marriage perhaps:

- 385 ii JOSEPH ROELOFSON/ROLLERSON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 13 Sept. 1827, Boone Co., Mo., died 8 Oct. 1912, Boone Co., buried in Rocky Fork Baptist Church Cem., Hinton, Boone Co.,<sup>[986]</sup> married ELIZABETH HOUSTON, and had eight children.

- 386 iii BENJAMIN SCOTT<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 1828 (gravestone) or May 1829 (1900 census), Missouri, died 1915, buried in Mt. Horeb Cem., Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo.,<sup>[987]</sup> married about 1861 POLLY A. —, born 1833 (gravestone) or Sept. 1832 (1900 census), died 1915, buried next to her husband, and had four children.

In 1900 Benjamin S. Riggs, 71, a farm laborer born May 1829 in Missouri of Kentucky natives, resided in Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo., with his wife of 39 years, Polly, 67, born Sept. 1832 in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and his daughter, Nannie, 38, single, a seamstress born Jan. 1862 in Missouri. Polly had had four children, with four surviving.<sup>[988]</sup>

- 387 iv SILAS<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1838, Missouri.

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985. U.S. census, 1860, Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., r. 608, p. 640, dw. 25, fam. 25.

986. *Find a Grave*, no. 14105411, Rocky Fork Baptist Church Cem., Hinton, Boone Co., Mo., presumably from a gravestone: "Birth: Sep. 13, 1827 | Boone County | Missouri, USA | Death: Oct. 8, 1912 | Boone County | Missouri, USA," with unsourced remarks: "Joseph Roelofson Riggs is the s/o of Nancy Reed (Roelefsen) Riggs & her second husband Samuel V. Riggs. He married Elizabeth Houston & fathered 8 children in Boone Co., MO."

987. *Find a Grave*, no. 40342446, Mt. Horeb Cem., Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo., gravestone photograph, by Patricia Gilliland Devoti, "Riggs | Benjamin S. | 1828-1915 | Polly A. His Wife | 1833-1915."

988. U.S. census, 1900, Sturgeon, Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., ED 14, r. 840, p. 19, sh. 5B, dw. 132, fam. 135.

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- 388 v **FREDERICK/ZADOC T.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1840, Missouri. “Fredrick” of the 1850 census, and Zadoc T. of the 1860 must be the same person.
- 389 vi **PHEBE A./N.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1842, Missouri.
- 390 vii **?ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**,.
- 391 viii **?WILLIAM GIVENS<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born Feb. 1833 (1900 census), Missouri, married about 1854 **LIZEBETH** —, born Apr. 1833, Missouri, and had eight children.

In 1900 William G. Riggs, 67, a farmer born Feb. 1833 in Missouri of Kentucky natives, resided in Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with his wife of 46 years, Lizebeth, 67, born Apr. 1833 in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and his daughter, Mirria J., 39, born June 1861 in Missouri, and son, Jessie B., 26, a farmer born Sept. 1873 in Missouri. Lizebeth had had eight children, with six surviving. Next door was Fred H. Riggs, 35, born in Missouri.<sup>[989]</sup>

**Placeholder:** In 1900 Fred H. Riggs, 35, a farmer born Aug. 1864 in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with his wife of 17 years, Lucey, 25, born Mar. 1875 in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his son, Clide, 12, born Sept. 1887, daughter, Magie, 11, born Sept. 1888, and sons, Virgil, 6, born Jan. 1894, Luther, 3, born Aug. 1896, and Jesie T., 1, born May 1899, all five born in Missouri of Missouri natives. Lucey had had four children, with three surviving (so there must have been a former wife). Next door was William G. Riggs, 67, born in Missouri.<sup>[990]</sup>

**218. ZADOK<sup>7</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>138</sub>Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 Sept. 1790 (gravestone), North Carolina, died 23 July 1875, and was buried in Red Top Cem., Hallsville, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[991]</sup> He married (1) (bond) 12 Feb. 1811, Lincoln Co., Ky.,<sup>[992]</sup> **POLLY**

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989. U.S. census, 1900, Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., ED 28, r. 840, pp. 281-82, sh. 9B-10A, dw. 197, fam. 199. Fred resided in dw. 198.

990. U.S. census, 1900, Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., ED 28, r. 840, p. 282, sh. 10A, dw. 198, fam. 200. William resided in dw. 197.

991. *Red Top Cem., Hallsville, Mo.*, “Riggs Zadok 25 Sep 1780 23 Jul 1875 h/o Elizabeth A.”

992. Cook, *Lincoln Co., Ky., Records*, 1:92, “Bond of Zadock [sic] Riggs to marry Polly Moore, with Samuel Riggs as surety, February 12, 1811. Consent of Samuel Moore and Elizabeth Moore for

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**MOORE**, who was underage at marriage, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (–) Moore. He married (2) 23 June 1840, Boone Co., Mo.,<sup>[993]</sup> **ELIZABETH ANN SIMS**, who was born 1 May 1816 (gravestone), Virginia, died 22 Feb. 1884, and was buried in Red Top Cem.<sup>[994]</sup> *Leo Riggs His Book, p. 215, has much information on this branch.*

In 1840 Zadok Riggs Jr., 40–50, resided in Boone Co., Mo., with a one male and one female, 10–15, and one female 15–20.<sup>[995]</sup>

In 1850 Zadok Riggs, 59, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$2,670 worth of real estate, resided in Boone Co., Mo., with Elizabeth, 34, born in Virginia, and with Turner S., 7, Amanda, 5, Ann E., 4, and Margaret F., 1, all four born in Missouri.<sup>[996]</sup>

In 1860 Zad[ok? Looks like “Zadde”] Riggs, 69, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$6,700 real and \$3,600 personal estates, resided in Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with Elizabeth A., 43, born in Virginia, and with Turner R. S., 17, Amanda K., 15, Ann E., 14, Jennette, 8, Shelton A., 6, Brunette F., 3, Joseph W., 1, all seven born in Missouri. Also in the household were James M. Angell, 27, a farmer born in Missouri with real and personal estates of \$2,000 and \$700, with Hannah Angell, 20, and Martha Angell, 1, both born in Missouri.<sup>[997]</sup>

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their daughter, February 11, 1811, witnessed by William Warren and Samuel Riggs.”

993. Boone Co., Mo., *Marriages*, A:192, “192 Riggs Zodak [sic] Sims Elizabeth Ann 23 Jun 1840”; Mo. *Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Boone Co., Mo., *Marriages* (image), “State of Missouri County of Boone Be It Remembered that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and forty I joined in marriage Zadok Riggs and Elizabeth Ann Sims and said parties being of lawful age. James Williams. Recorded July 13<sup>th</sup> 1840 Roger N. Todd Clerk.” There are two images of different recordings of this marriage. I combined both in the reading above. The middle name Ann is given in only one, and her surname is difficult to read, being transcribed by Ancestry.com as Simos in one case and Lewis in the other. Next to this record is another for Hannah “Rigs,” daughter of Samuel, to James Gay on 7 May 1840. Again there are two recordings with one having the record date of 4 Aug. 1840 substituted for the marriage date of 7 May 1840.

994. *Red Top Cem., Hallsville, Mo.*, “Riggs Elizabeth A 01 May 1816 22 Feb 1884 w/o Zadok”; *Find a Grave*, no. 27866837, Red Top Cem., Hallsville, Boone Co., Mo., born 1 May 1816, died 22 Feb. 1884, wife of Zadok.

995. U.S. census, 1840, Boone Co., Ky., r. 220, p. 122.

996. U.S. census, 1850, Boone Co., Mo., r. 392, p. 371, dw. 626, fam. 626.

997. U.S. census, 1860, Rock Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., r. 608, “Page No. 41,” dw. 295, fam. 286.

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In 1870 Zadok Riggs, 39 [*sic*, should be 79], a farmer born in North Carolina with \$12,000 real and \$1,200 personal estates, resided in Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo., with Elizabeth, 33 [*sic*, should be 53], born in Virginia, and with Jennette, 18, Shelton, 16, and Vernetta F., 14, all three born in Missouri.<sup>[998]</sup>

On 2 July 1874, “Zadock” Riggs signed his will in Boone Co., Mo. and letters of administration were issued on his estate 23 Aug. 1875, Columbia, Boone Co. In it he mentions his “wife Elizabeth,” and his children, “Jas Riggs, Sam’l M Riggs, Elizabeth B Kelly, Hannah L. Fretwell, Martha J. Hutt, Zadok A Riggs, Turner Smith Riggs, Anne E. Winn, Jenette M Bratton, Shelton A Riggs, and Burrell T Riggs.” He made his wife Elizabeth and “Jos. Fretwell” his executors.<sup>[999]</sup>

Children of the first marriage, to Polly (in will order):

- 392 i JAMES<sup>8</sup> RIGGS.
- 393 ii SAMUEL M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS.
- 394 iii ELIZABETH B.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, married – KELLY.
- 395 iv HANNAH L.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, married JOSEPH FRETWELL.
- 396 v ?POLLY W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 15 Oct. 1824 (calculated), died 25 Oct. 1825, Boone Co., Mo., aged 1 year 10 days.<sup>[1000]</sup>
- 397 vi MARTHA J.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, married – HUTT.
- + 398 vii ZADOK ASHLEY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 10 Mar. 1826, Boone Co., Mo., married PHEBE CAIRNES, and had five children.

Children of the second marriage, to Elizabeth:

- 399 viii WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 2 Mar. 1841 (calculated), died 3 Aug. 1841, aged 5 months 1 day, buried in Red Top Cem., Hallsville, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[1001]</sup>

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998. U.S. census, 1870, Sturgeon PO, Boone Co., Mo., r. 760, p. 215, dw. 1, fam. 1. All dwellings and families are 1 on this page.

999. Riggs, *Leo Riggs His Book*, 215–16, as transcribed by him.

1000. Email from Christine Riggs, 27 July 2010, “I also have a newspaper article in our family papers that lists the inscription on the oldest tombstone in Boone County as: Polly W. Riggs, dau of Zadok. Polly Riggs died Oct, 25, 1825. Aged 1 year and 10 days.”

1001. Gravestone photograph, Red Top Cem., Hallsville, Boone Co., Mo., “William Henry Harrison | Son of | Zadok & Elizabeth | Ann Riggs, | died | Aug. 3, 1841 | Aged 5 Ms & 1D.,” online at *Find a Grave*, no. 27866842.

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- 400 ix **TURNER R. SMITH<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 17 July 1842, Missouri, died 3 Mar. 1913, buried in Old Union Cem., Columbia, Boone Co., Mo.,<sup>[1002]</sup> married about 1877 **ALICE M.** —, born 14 Feb. 1858, died 5 July 1911, buried next to her husband, and had two children. Turner was a physician.

In 1900 Turner S. Riggs, 57, a physician born July 1842 in Missouri of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Virginia, resided in Cedar Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with his wife of 23 years, Alice M., 42, born Feb. 1858 in Missouri of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Missouri, and his son, William W., 21, born Nov. 1878 in Missouri. Alice had had two children, with one surviving. Sharing the dwelling was Shelton Riggs, 46, a dry goods clerk born Oct. 1853 with nativities matching Turner's, with his wife of 13 years, Mattie L., 36, born July 1863 in Missouri of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Missouri. Mattie had had no children.<sup>[1003]</sup>

- 401 x **AMANDA K.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born Sept. 1844, Missouri, died 18 Sept. 1931, buried next her husband in Red Top Christian Church Cem., Hallsville, Boone Co., Mo., married 20 May 1866, Boone Co., Mo., **STRAUDER G. BARNES**, who was born 1834, Kentucky, died 11 Feb. 1900.<sup>[1004]</sup>
- 402 xi **ANN E.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1846, Missouri, married — **WINN**.
- 403 xii **MARGARET F.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 9 Mar. 1848, died 9 June 1857, buried in Red Top Cem.<sup>[1005]</sup>
- 404 xiii **JENNETTE M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1852, Missouri, married — **BRATTON**.
- 405 xiv **SHELTON A.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born Oct. 1853 (1900 census), Missouri, married about 1887 **MATTIE L.** —, born July 1863 (1900 census),

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1002. Gravestone photograph, Old Union Cem., Columbia, Boone Co., Mo., "Riggs | Dr. T. S. Riggs | born July 17, 1842 | died Mar. 3, 1913 | Alice M. Riggs | born Feb. 14, 1858 | died July 5, 1911," online at *Find a Grave*, no. 51291293.

1003. U.S. census, 1900, Cedar Twp., Boone Co., Mo., ED 15, r. 840, p. 39, sh. 8B, dw. 168, fam. 175. Shelton was fam. 176.

1004. This is nearly all from Goff and Lockhart, *The Four Goff Brothers*, 197, 330–31, a well-documented genealogy (for a change!). For example, the marriage record is sourced by "Boone Co., Mo. Marriage Record B: 304."

1005. *Red Top Cem. Hallsville, Mo.*, "Riggs Margaret 09 Mar 1848 09 Jun 1857."

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Missouri, and had no children. They lived next door to Turner Riggs in the 1900 census (q.v.).

406 xv **BURRELL/BRUNETTE/VERNETTE T./F.**<sup>8</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1857, Missouri.

407 xvi **JOSEPH W.**<sup>8</sup> **RIGGS**, born 4 Aug. 1858 (calculated), Missouri, died 24 Jan. 1864, aged 5 years 5 months 20 days, buried in Red Top Cem.<sup>[1006]</sup>

**219. JAMES**<sup>7</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>138</sub>*Zadok*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1793, North Carolina, and died Feb. 1876, aged 83, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[1007]</sup>

In 1850 James Riggs, 50, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$5,000 worth of real estate, resided in Boone Co., Mo., with Phereba Brady, 50, born in North Carolina, and with Elizabeth Brady, 17, and Nancy J. Brady, 11, both born in Missouri.<sup>[1008]</sup>

In 1870 James Riggs, 70, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$4,000 real and \$700 personal estates, resided in Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo., with Lavonia E., 45, born in Virginia, Nancy, 14, and Henry, 12, **both black** and both born in Missouri. Two households away was “W<sup>m</sup>” S. Riggs, 35, a farmer born in Missouri, with Elizabeth, 34, born in Missouri, and with James W., 15, Catharine M., 12, “Benj.,” 10, Myra, 8, Frederick, 6, Silas, 4, and Joseph, 2, all seven born in Missouri, and with “Pheribe” Brady, 70, born in North Carolina, and Sallie Hart, 17, black, born in Virginia.<sup>[1009]</sup>

In 1880 W. G. Riggs, 47, a farmer born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, resided in Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with his wife, Elizabeth, 47, born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and with his son, F. M., 18, daughter, Mary J., 17, and sons, Silas, 14, Joseph, 12, and Jessie, 6,

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1006. Gravestone photograph, Red Top Cem., Hallsville, Boone Co., Mo., “Joseph W. | Son of | Z. & E. Riggs | died | Jan. 24, 1864, | aged | 5 Ys, 5 Ms, & 20 ds,” online at *Find a Grave*; *Red Top Cem. Hallsville, Mo.*, “Riggs Joseph W 04 Aug 1858 24 Jan 1864 s/o Zadok Jr & Elizabeth.”

1007. *Boone Co., Mo., Obits., 1892–1901*, James Riggs, aged about 83, died Feb. 1876.

1008. U.S. census, 1850, Boone Co., Mo., r. 392, p. 455, dw. 1774, fam. 1774.

1009. U.S. census, 1870, Sturgeon PO, Boone Co., Mo., r. 760, p. 182, line 20, William line 27.



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all five born in Missouri, and his mother, “Pherba” Brady, 80, born in Kentucky.<sup>[1010]</sup>

In 1900 William G. Riggs, 67, a farmer born Feb. 1833 in Missouri of Kentucky natives, resided in Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with his wife of 46 years, “Lizebeth,” 67, born Apr. 1833 in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and with his daughter, “Mirria” J., 39, born June 1861, and son, Jessie B., 20, born Sept. 1873, both born in Missouri. Lizebeth had had eight children, with six surviving. Next door was Fred H. Riggs, 35, born Aug. 1864 in Missouri, and his family.<sup>[1011]</sup>

**220. SILAS<sup>7</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>138</sub>Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 6 July 1797 (calculated), died 8 Oct. 1844, Boone Co., Mo., aged 47 years 3 months 2 days, and was buried Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co.<sup>[1012]</sup> He married 18 Mar. 1819, Howard Co., Mo.,<sup>[1013]</sup> **SARAH HICKS**, who was born 16 Mar. 1800 (gravestone), Kentucky, died 30 Jan. 1884, and was buried beside her husband.<sup>[1014]</sup>

In 1830 “Siles” Riggs, 30–40, resided in Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with a woman 20–30, one boy and three girls under 5, three boys 5–10, and one boy 10–15, and no slaves. Nearby was “Zedock” Riggs, 70–80.<sup>[1015]</sup>

In 1839 Silas, Zadok, and James Riggs donated funds to encourage the founding of a university in Boone Co., Mo. The University of Mis-

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1010. U.S. census, 1880, Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., ED 21, r. 676, p. 243A, dw. 17, fam. 18.

1011. U.S. census, 1900, Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Mo., ED 28, r. 840, pp. 281–82, sh. 9B–10A, dw. 197, fam. 199. Fred resided in dw. 198.

1012. *Find a Grave*, no. 9048116, Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co., Mo., presumably from a gravestone: “Silas Riggs | Died Oct. 8, 1844 | age 47 yrs, 3 mos., 2 days,” with this note: “He has two stones . . . . Second stone for Silas, the stone shared by Silas and Sarah, reads ‘Our Father & Mother, Greet us on the Other Shore.’”

1013. *Mo. Marriages Before 1840*, “Riggs, Silas to Sary Hicks 18 Mar. 1819 Howa.”; Ormsher, *Mo. Marriage Before 1804*, 189.

1014. *Find a Grave*, no. 9048124, Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co., Mo., presumably from a gravestone: “Sarah Riggs | wife of Silas | born Mar. 16, 1800 | died Jan. 30, 1884.”

1015. U.S. census, 1830, Rocky Fork Twp., Boone Co., Ky., r. 73, p. 102.

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souri-Columbia was founded in the county. Silas and Zadok donated \$100 each.<sup>[1016]</sup>

In 1840 Silas Riggs, 40-50, resided in Boone Co., Mo., with a woman 40-50, one boy and one girl under 5, one boy and two girls 5-10, one boy and two girls 10-15, and three males 15-20.<sup>[1017]</sup>

On 16 Oct. 1844 Absalom H. Riggs was granted administration of the estate of Silas Riggs, which reached final settlement on 4 Dec. 1847. The heirs listed were "Sally" Riggs, widow, James S. Riggs, Absalom H. Riggs, William W. Riggs, Zadoc Riggs, Elizabeth Green, wife of William G. Green, John W. Riggs, Eliza Riggs, Hannah Riggs, Polly Riggs, Young E. H. Riggs, Samuel A. Riggs, Susan Riggs, and Laura B. Riggs.<sup>[1018]</sup>

In 1850 Sarah Riggs, 50, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$2,500 worth of real estate, resided in Boone Co., Mo., with Eliza, 20, Hannah, 18, Mary, 16, Young, 14, Samuel, 11, Susan, 9, Sarah, 7, and Laura, 5, all born in Missouri.<sup>[1019]</sup>

In 1870 Sarah Riggs, 70, born in Kentucky, resided in Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo., in the household of Robert Gordon, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$600 real and \$500 personal estates, and with Ann, 43, born in Ohio, Mary, 21, Sarah, 19, Nathan, 17, and John, 15, all four born in Indiana, Thomas, 13, Harriet, 10, Francis, 8, and "W<sup>m</sup>," 10/12, born in Aug., all four born in Missouri.<sup>[1020]</sup>

In 1880 Sarah Riggs, 80, a widow born in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, resided in Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., in the household of her son-in-law, Andrew J. Woods, 49, a farmer born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, with his wife, Polly W., 47, born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and with his son, Jasper, 25, daughters, Susan A., 23, Sarah L., 20, Laura R., 18, Mary R., 16, Nicholas S., 13, and Silas M., 11.<sup>[1021]</sup>

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1016. Founding Families of the University of Mo.

1017. U.S. census, 1840, Boone Co., Ky., r. 220, p. 127.

1018. Evans and Thompson, *Wills and Administration of Boone Co., Mo., 1821-1870*, 27, as cited in *Leo Riggs His Book*, 218.

1019. U.S. census, 1850, Boone Co., Mo., r. 392, p. 344, dw. 229, fam. 229.

1020. U.S. census, 1870, Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo., r. 760, p. 241A, dw. 1, fam. 1. [All dwellings and families on this page are 1.]

1021. U.S. census, 1880, Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., ED 10, r. 676, p. 18D, dw. 331, fam. 348.

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Known children (from the list of heirs in Silas's estate):<sup>[1022]</sup>

- + 408 i JAMES S.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 19 Nov. 1819, Missouri, married PAULINA BAKER, and had at least four children.
  - + 409 ii ABSALOM H.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1 Feb. 1821, Missouri, married CAROLINE M. ROWLAND, and had four children.
  - + 410 iii WILLIAM WARREN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 15 Oct. 1822, Missouri, married CAROLINE FITZGERALD, and had eight children.
  - + 411 iv ZADOK T.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 29 Feb. about 1824, Missouri, married SUSAN A. —, and had at least four children.
  - 412 v ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 1 Jan. 1827, Missouri, married, before the 1844 estate division, WILLIAM G. GREEN.
  - 413 vi JOHN W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 7 Mar. 1828, Missouri.
  - 414 vii ELIZA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 17 Dec. 1829 about 1830, Missouri.
  - 415 viii HANNAH<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 22 June 1831 about 1832, Missouri.
  - 416 ix MARY/POLLY W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 31 Jan. 1833 about 1834, Missouri, married ANDREW J. WOODS, and had seven children (see 1880 census).
  - + 417 x YOUNG E. H.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 10 Nov. 1834 2 Nov. 1834, Missouri, married SARAH ANN DAVENPORT, and had at least 12 children.
  - 418 xi SAMUEL A.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 20 Apr. 1836 about 1839, Missouri.
  - 419 xii SUSAN E.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 11 Feb. 1838 about 1841, Missouri, married GEORGE SEYMOUR, and had at least eight children.
- In 1880 George Seymour, 44, a farmer born in Missouri of Tennessee natives, resided in Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with his wife, Susan E., 39, born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and with his sons, Joseph C., 19, Ezra P., 15, and "Robbt" R., 13, daughters, Clarissa A., 11, and Zula E., 8, and sons, Horatio E., 6, and Henry W., 1, all seven born in Missouri. Nearby resided Mary Seymour, 20, in the residence of her uncle, Zadok T. Riggs.<sup>[1023]</sup>
- 420 xiii SARAH<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 30 Sept. 1842 about 1843, Missouri.

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1022. *Leo Riggs His Book*, 218, "Vital information on this family comes from two sheets I discovered at The [sic] DeKalb Co, Mo Historical Society. They appeared to be copied from or photocopied from a family Bible. There is however no identification given. Ethel Warren Riggs says her brother had great grandfather Silas' Bible but that it [sic] trying to have it restored it fell to pieces. I would guess this the source." I shall therefore put the dates in red.

1023. U.S. census, 1880, Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., ED 10, r. 676, p. 19A, dw. 342, fam. 359. Mary Seymour resided in dw. 340.

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421 xiv **LAURA B.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born **11 Mar. 1844** about 1845, Missouri. She resided with her brother William Warren in the 1860 census (q.v.).

**221. JAMES<sup>7</sup> SCOTT** (<sub>139</sub>*Chloe<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born 9 Nov. 1779 (gravestone), North Carolina, died 18 July 1860, and was buried in Deacon Street Cem., Monroe, Tazewell Co., Ill.<sup>[1024]</sup> He married (1) 12 Feb. 1806, Lincoln Co., Ky.,<sup>[1025]</sup> **FRANCES TUCKER**, who was born 6 May 1786 (gravestone), died 9 July 1838, and was buried near her husband.<sup>[1026]</sup> He married (2) **JEMIMA BROWN**, who was born 6 (birth record) or 26 Dec. 1800 (gravestone), Belchertown, Hampshire Co., Mass., daughter of Thomas and Polly (Nichols) Brown,<sup>[1027]</sup> and died 22 Oct. 1872, and was buried in Fairview Cem., Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie Co., Iowa.<sup>[1028]</sup>

In 1860 James Scott, 80, born in North Carolina, and Jemima Scott, 59, born in Massachusetts, resided in the household of (Jemima's brother) Elijah Brown, 54, a carpenter born in Massachusetts with \$3,000 real and \$300 personal estates, in El Paso, Woodford Co., Ill., with Mary T., 44, born in Ky., and James S., 7, born in N.C.<sup>[1029]</sup>

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1024. *Find a Grave*, no. 10190886, gravestone photograph, by Jodi Witz, Deacon Street Cem., Morton, Tazewell Co., Ill., "James | Scott | born | Nov. 9, 1779 | died | July 18, 1860" and backside, "At Rest | Came from | Kentucky to Illinois | in 1824 and sett | led in Groveland | Township, the first | Settler in the | Township." Has this **unsourced** note: "James P. Scott was the s/o John Scott & Chloe Riggs. He was married twice: 1<sup>st</sup> to Frances (Frankie) Tucker (d/o John Tucker & Rhoda Powell). They had 7 children. Second wife was Jemima Brown (d/o Thomas Brown & Mary Nichols). He was among the earliest settlers of Groveland, IL."

1025. Ky. *Complied Marriages, 1802–1850*, James Scott to "Franky" Tucker, 12 Feb. 1806, Lincoln Co., Ky.

1026. *Find a Grave*, no. 18335998, gravestone photograph, by Jodi Witz, Deacon Street Cem., Morton, Tazewell Co., Ill., "Frances | Tucker, | wife of | James Scott | born | May 6, 1786 | died | July 9, 1838."

1027. *Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988*, Belchertown, Births, Marriages and Deaths, image online, 34, "Thomas Brown | Married July 24 1800 | Polly Nichols | Jemima Brown Decem<sup>r</sup> 6, 1800 | Samuel Brown Jan<sup>y</sup> 8, 1804 | Elijah Brown May 3, 1806 | Daniel Brown May 31, 1808 | | Widow Mehitabel Brown | Died October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1811 | M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Brown Died May 10, 1813."

1028. *Find a Grave*, no. 26955914, gravestone photograph, by Warren Cupples, Fairview Cem., Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie Co., Iowa, "Jemima Scott | [Born] Dec. 26, 1800 | Oct. 22, 1872."

1029. U.S. census, 1860, El Paso PO, El PasoTwp., Woodford Co., Ill., r. 241, p. 918, dw. 2049,

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In 1870 Jemima Scott, 69, born in Massachusetts, resided in the household of (Jemima's brother) Elijah Brown, 64, a carpenter born in Massachusetts with \$2,000 real and \$200 personal estates, in El Paso, Woodford Co., Ill., with Mary, 54, born in Ky., and James, 17, born in N.C.<sup>[1030]</sup>

Known children:

- 422 i **JOHN TUCKER<sup>8</sup> SCOTT**, born 18 Feb. 1809, Washington Co., Ky., died 1 Sept. 1880, Forest Grove, Washington Co., Ore., buried Mountain View Memorial Gardens, Forest Grove, married (1) 22 Oct. 1830, Ill., **ANN ROELOFSON**, born 22 July 1811, Kentucky, and had nine children. Arrived in Oregon in 1852. He married (2) "nf 15 Mar. 1853," Marion Co., Ore., **RUTH (ECKLER) STEPHENSON**, born 30 Mar. 1828, Kentucky, and had at least two children.<sup>[1031]</sup>

In 1850 John T. Scott, 41, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$4,000 real estate, resided in Tazewell Co., Ill., with Ann, 39, born in Illinois, and Mary F., 17, Abigail J., 16, Margaret A., 14, "Harry" W., 13, Catharine A., 11, Harriet L., 10, John H., 6, Sarah M., 3, and William N., 2, all born in Illinois, and one laborer, "Robt" King Scott, 19, born Iowa.<sup>[1032]</sup>

In 1860 John "S." Scott, 51, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$1,500 real and \$1,000 personal estates, resided in Forest Grove, Washington Co., Ore., with "Ruthy," 32, born in Kentucky, Harvey, 22, John, 16, Jacob Stephenson, 10, and Mary E.

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fam. 2051, FHL 803241; *Ill. Marriage Index, 1860–1920*, Elijah Brown to Mary T. Scott, 13 Feb. 1834, Tazewell Co., Ill.

1030. U.S. census, 1870, El Paso PO, El PasoTwp., Woodford Co., Ill., r. 295, p. 296A–B, dw. 91, fam. 84, FHL 545794.

1031. Unless otherwise stated, all info from (and only as good as) *North America, Family Histories, 1500–2000*, page images online, pp. 173–175, no. 1672 Ann Roelofson and no. 1673 John Tucker Scott, married, went to Oregon, had 12 children, all named on p. 175. OR from *Early Oregonian Search*, <secure.sos.state.or.us/prs/profile.do?ancRecordNumber=103741>, accessed 21 Dec. 2018, cites probate file 509, Washington Co., Ore., 1850 census Tazewell Co., Ill., 1860–1880 censuses for Washington Co., Ore.

1032. U.S. census, 1850, Tazewell Co., Ill., r. 129, p. 46A, dw. 632, fam. 632.

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Stephenson, 8, all four born in Illinois, and Rhoda Scott, 5, born in Oregon, and Casie Eckler, 20, born in Illinois.<sup>[1033]</sup>

In 1870 John T. Scott, 61, a deputy U.S. collector born in Kentucky with \$2,000 real and \$500 personal estates, resided in Forest Grove, Washington Co., Ore., with Ruth, 42, born in Illinois, "Ella," 14, born in Washington Terr., Ward B., 6, born in Oregon, Jacob Stephenson, 20, born in Illinois, and Elvia Fearnside, 11, born in Oregon.<sup>[1034]</sup>

- 423 ii **MARY T.<sup>8</sup> SCOTT**, born 10 May 1816 (gravestone), Kentucky, died 12 Feb. 1899, buried Littleton Cem., Mulvane, Sumner Co., Kans., married 13 Feb. 1834, Tazewell Co., Ill.,<sup>[1035]</sup> (Jemima's brother) **ELIJAH BROWN**, born 3 May 1806, Belchertown, Hampshire Co., Mass. (see Jemima's birth record), died 6 Sept. 1899, buried with his wife.<sup>[1036]</sup> They had at least one child: (1) James S.<sup>9</sup> Brown, born about 1853, North Carolina, or Illinois.

On 1 Mar. 1875, Elijah Brown, 69, a farmer born in Massachusetts, removed from Illinois, resided in Vernon, Cowley Co., Kans., with his wife, Mary, 59, born in Kentucky, and James S., 22, born in Illinois.<sup>[1037]</sup>

In 1880 Elijah Brown, 74, a farmer born in Massachusetts of Massachusetts natives, resided in Vernon, Cowley Co., Kans., with his wife, Mary T., 64, born in Kentucky of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Kentucky, and one laborer.<sup>[1038]</sup>

On 1 Mar. 1885, Elijah Brown, 79, a farmer born in Massachusetts, removed from Illinois, resided in Vernon, Cowley Co., Kans., with his wife, M. T., 69, born in Kentucky, J. S., 31, male, born in Illinois, his (J. S.'s) wife, M. B., 26, born in Arkansas

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1033. U.S. census, 1860, Forest Grove PO, Washington Co., Ore., r. 1056, p. 614, dw. 5, fam. 5, FHL 805056.

1034. U.S. census, 1870, Forest Grove PO, Washington Co., Ore., r. 1288, p. 457B, dw. 47, fam. 45, FHL 552787.

1035. *Ill. Marriage Index, 1860–1920*, Elijah Brown, male, to Mary T. Scott, female, 13 Feb. 1834, Tazewell Co., Ill.

1036. *Find a Grave*, no. 26117471, gravestone photograph, by Judy Mayfield, Littleton Cem., Mulvane, Sumner Co., Kans., "Brown | Elijah | May 3, 1806 | Sept. 6, 1899 | Mary T. | May 10, 1816 | Feb. 12, 1899."

1037. *Kans. State Census Collection, 1855–1925*, 1875, Vernon, Cowley Co., Kans., dw. 94, fam. 94.

1038. U.S. census, 1880, Vernon, Cowley Co., Kans., ED 184, r. 377, p. 618B, dw. 16, fam. 16.

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and removed from Arkansas, L. B. 4, male, and L. E., 2 months, female, both born in Kansas, and two others.<sup>[1039]</sup>

- 424 iii RHODA ANN<sup>8</sup> SCOTT, born 19 Jan. 1828, Groveland, Tazewell Co., Ill., married 25 June 1848 Tazewell Co., Ill.,<sup>[1040]</sup> SANFORD RICHARDSON, born 1825 (gravestone), Ohio, died 1886, last will probate decision made 8 Apr. 1886, Woodford Co., Ill.,<sup>[1041]</sup> buried in Mt. Vernon Cem., Washburn, Woodford Co., Ill.,<sup>[1042]</sup> and had four children.<sup>[1043]</sup>

In 1850 Sanford Richardson, 25, a school teacher born in Ohio, resided in Putnam Co., Ill., with Rhoda Ann, 23, born in Illinois, and Ellen, 11/12, born in Illinois, and with Lucinda W. Richardson, 18, born in Ohio, and Mary A. Brown, 12, born in Illinois. They shared a dwelling with Matilda Hough, 35.<sup>[1044]</sup>

222. MOSES<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>141</sub>?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1789, North Carolina, died after the 1870 census, probably in Indiana **about 1874, Indiana**. He married say 1810 MAHALA LASWELL,<sup>[1045]</sup> who was born about 1785, North Carolina, and died before the 1870 census.

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1039. *Kans. State Census Collection, 1855–1925*, 1885, Vernon, Cowley Co., Kans., dw. 109, fam. 120.

1040. *Ill. Marriage Index, 1860–1920*, Sanford Richardson, male, to Rhoda Ann Scott, female, 25 June 1848, Tazewell Co., Ill.

1041. *Ill. Wills and Probate Records, 1772–1999*, Woodford Co., Probate Orders, Vol B, 1865–1866; Will Records, Vol A-C, 1869–1894, image 452/875 online, 8 Apr. 1886, “In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Sanford Richardson, Probate of Will,” decision made to obtain testimony of the last will for Sanford Richardson, late of Woodford Co., from attesting witnesses now residing I Boston.

1042. *Find a Grave*, no. 113874229, gravestone photograph, by Bob and Nancy Cannon, Mt. Vernon Cem., Washburn, Woodford Co., Ill., “1825–1886. | Rev. Sanford | Richardson, | Missionary of the A.B.C.F.M. in the | Turkish Empire | 1854–1882.”

1043. Unless otherwise stated, all info from **(and only as good as)** *North America, Family Histories, 1500–2000*, page images online 91/548, p. 90, no. 595 Sanford Richardson, born 10 Mar. 1825, died 2 Feb. 1886, married 25 June 1848 Tazewell Co., Ill., Rhoda Ann Scott, daughter of James and Frances Scott, and had eight children, all named on p. 90. They were missionaries to Turkey. See also p. 52, image 53/548.

1044. U.S. census, 1850, Putnam Co., Ill., r. 125, p. 335A, dw. 720, fam. 750.

1045. Her surname is from the (second) marriage record of her daughter, Elizabeth (q.v.).

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Moses Riggs was listed in Rockcastle Co., Ky., tax lists from 1811-1817.

In 1820 Moses Riggs, 26-45, resided in Northwest Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with a woman 16-26, and with two boys and two girls under 10.<sup>[1046]</sup>

The land office issued 80 acres in Orange Co., Ind., on 8 Apr. 1825 to Moses Riggs of Orange Co., Ind. More acerage was issued on 1 Oct. 1835, 1 Sept. 1838, 1 Oct. 1840, 1 Oct. 1852, and 1 Mar. 1854, for a total of 360 acres.<sup>[1047]</sup>

In 1830 Moses Riggs, 30-40, resided in Orange Co., Ind., with a woman 30-40, and with one boy under 5, one boy 5-10, two boys and one girl 10-15, and two females 15-20. Listed next to him was Jesse "Lasewell," 40-50.<sup>[1048]</sup>

In 1840 Moses "Rigs," 50-60, resided in North West Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with a woman 40-50, and with one girl 5-10, one boy 10-15, one male 15-20, and one female 30-40. Listed next to him (alphabetically) was Joel "Rigs."<sup>[1049]</sup> There was a Joseph Laswell, 20-30, in the same township, and a Jesse Laswell, 50-60, and a James Laswell, 20-30, in Orleans Twp.

In 1850 Moses Riggs, 61, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$1,200 real property, resided in Northwest Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with Mahala, 55, born in North Carolina, and Aaron, 24, born in Indiana. Two doors away resided Joel Riggs, 34.<sup>[1050]</sup> There was a Jesse Laswell, 60, and a Joseph Laswell, 30, born Ky., residing in Northwest Twp. also.

In 1860 Moses Riggs, 71, born in North Carolina, resided in Bryantsville, Spice Valley Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., with Mahala, 65, born in North Carolina. Next door resided Aaron Riggs, 33.<sup>[1051]</sup>

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1046. U.S. census, 1820, Northwest Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 14, p. 125.

1047. *U.S. General Land Office Records, 1796-1907*, Moses Riggs, 80 acres, issued 8 Apr. 1825, Vincennes, Ind., parcel E½NW, section 29, Twp. 3N, Range 1W. and so forth. All images are online. The other parcels were SWNE of 29, W½NW of 35, E½NE of 29, SWNW of 29, and NESW of 19, respectively.

1048. U.S. census, 1830, Orange Co., Ind., r. 31, p. 22.

1049. U.S. census, 1840, North West Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 89, p. 54.

1050. U.S. census, 1850, Northwest Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 163, p. 492B, dw. 1183, fam. 1187.

1051. U.S. census, 1860, Bryantsville PO, Spice Valley Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., r. 276, p. 913,



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In 1870 Moses Riggs, 81, born in North Carolina, resided in Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., in the household of his son, Aaron (q.v.).<sup>[1052]</sup>

Known (and suspected) children:

- 425 i ?LEVISA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 26 July 1812, Kentucky, married AMBROSE SHIELDS, and had four children.
- 426 ii ?NANCY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1815, Kentucky, married ROBERT WADSWORTH, and had at least three children.
- + 427 iii ?JOEL<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 25 Feb. 1816, Kentucky or Indiana, married HESTER ANN ELROD, and had five children.
- + 428 iv LINNA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1820, Indiana, married JOHN BURTON, and had seven children.
- + 429 v WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1823, Orange Co., Ind., married (1) ELIZABETH B. CHISHAM, and had five children, married (2) THERZA (BURTON) SANDERS.
- + 430 vi AARON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born Sept. 1826, Indiana, married MARY CONNELLY, and had 12 children.
- + 431 vii ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born Sept. 1830, Orange Co., Ind., married (1) THOMAS G. MAIDEN, and had no children, married (2) JOSEPH H. MILLER, and had no children.

224. AARON<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>141</sub>?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1805 (1880 census), North Carolina, died 15 Mar. 1884, aged 78 years, and was buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1053]</sup> He married (1) JERUSHA SUTTON,<sup>[1054]</sup> who was born about 1806 in Kentucky, died 2[8?] July 1871 (gravestone), and was buried near her husband.<sup>[1055]</sup> He married (2) 29 Oct. 1871, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1056]</sup>

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dw. 1298, fam. 1298.

1052. U.S. census, 1870, Orangeville PO, Orangeville Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 348, p. 81a, dw. 30, fam. 30.

1053. *Find a Grave*, no. 81982202, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "Aaron Riggs | died | Mar. 15, 1884 | aged | 78 Y[?] [?]M[s?] | [?]." **Un sourced** birth: 15 Oct. 1805.

1054. Her surname from her son Harvey's third marriage record (q.v.).

1055. *Find a Grave*, no. 81982254, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "Jerusha | wife of | Aaron Riggs | died | July 2[8?], 187[1?] | aged | [illegible]" **Un sourced** birth: 13 Aug. 1806.

1056. *Ill. County Marriage Records, 1800-1940*, Aaron Riggs to Elmira Holtz, 29 Oct. 1871, Richland Co., Ill, FHL 1221093.

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SUSAN ELMIRA (SPURLING [SPUNIG]) (HOLTZ) BROWN, who was born 15 Sept. 1821, Hazelton, Gibson Co., Ind., or near Mitchell, Lawrence Co., Ind., died 4 Jan. 1929, Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1057]</sup> and was buried 6 Jan. 1929 in Wachtel Cem., Dundas, Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1058]</sup> Susan Elmira married, first, 14 May 1843, Richland Co, Ill. (see newspaper item below) Joseph Holtz, and had six children. She married, second, 1 Sept. 1859, Richland Co, Ill. (see newspaper item below) Joseph Brown (see 1860 census below), and had one child.

N.B. Richland Co., Ill., abuts on the east Lawrence Co., Ill., from which it was derived in 1841. Lawrence Co., Ind., abuts on its south Orange Co., Ind., from which it was derived in 1818. Both Illinois counties are directly west several counties from the two Indiana counties.

In 1840 Aaron “Rigs,” 30-40, resided in Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., with a woman, 30-40, two boys [Uriah R. and Harvey perhaps] and one girl [Mahala possibly] under 5, one boy 5-10 [Samuel G. perhaps], and one boy and one girl 10-15. He was listed next (alphabetical order) Samuel “Rigs,” 20-30, with a woman, 20-30.<sup>[1059]</sup> **This Samuel might have been a younger brother.** Note that Aaron’s uncle Moses Riggs resided for many years in Orange Co., Ind. Also, several of Aaron’s children were born in Indiana near 1840. **If this is the correct Aaron, then there were probably two other children, older than those listed below.**

In 1850 Aaron Riggs, 41, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$50 real estate, resided in Richland Co., Ill., with “Jerucia,” 44, born in Kentucky, and with Samuel G., 18, and Uriah R., 15, both farmers born in

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1057. Ill. *Death and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947*, Susan E. Riggs, born 15 Sept. 1821, Mitchell, Ind., died 4 Jan. 1929, Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill., buried 6 Jan. 1929, Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., Wachtel Cem., age 107, resident of Preston, Richland Co., Ill., spouse Aaron Riggs, FHL 1643609.

1058. *Find a Grave*, no. 121192690, gravestone photograph, Wachtel Cem., Dundas, Richland Co., Ill., “Susan Elmira (Mira) Spurling Holtz Brown Riggs | Sept. 16, 1821 Mitchell, Ind | Jan. 29 [sic], 1929 | 107 years 4 months 13 days.” **This stone is incorrect in several ways (assuming the newspaper accounts are correct). She was born on 15 Sept., died on 4 Jan., which calculates to aged 107 years 3 months and 20 days.**

1059. U.S. census, 1840, Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., r. ?, p. 19, last line. Samuel is on p. 20, first line.

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Kentucky, Mahala, 14, "Harvy," 11, and John H., 9, all born in Indiana, and Joseph Gard, 1, born in Illinois.<sup>[1060]</sup>

On 16 Nov. 1853 A. Riggs sold 40 acres to S. G. Riggs for \$50.[Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, E:239]

In 1855, "Aron" Riggs, 50-60, resided in Richland, Richland Co., Ill., with a woman 50-60, two males 10-20, and one male 30-40. They are listed next to S. G. Riggs, 20-30, with a woman 20-30, and one boy under 10.<sup>[1061]</sup>

On 8 Mar. 1856 A. Riggs sold 40 acres to S. G. Riggs for \$50. [Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, H:386] **This and the following three deeds abstracts are from Richland Co., Ill., Grantor Index, vol. 1, 1840-1863, FHL 1221741 item 3, all of which cannot be read from home.**

On 8 Mar. 1856 A. Riggs sold 40 acres to U. A. Riggs for \$50. [Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, H:388]

On 8 Mar. 1856 S. G. Riggs sold ? acres to A. Riggs for \$50. [Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, H:435]

On 30 Mar. 1856 Aaron Riggs sold 10 acres to S. G. Riggs for \$100. [Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, J:49]

On 9 Apr. 1858 Aaron Riggs and Jerusha Riggs his wife of Richland Co., Ill., sold to Uriah R. Riggs of the same place, for \$50, a tract of land in Richland Co. of 40 acres.<sup>[1062]</sup>

On 9 Apr. 1858 Uriah R. Riggs and Malinda M. Riggs his wife of Richland Co., Ill., sold to Aaron Riggs of the same place, for \$50, a tract of land in Richland Co. of 20 acres.<sup>[1063]</sup>

In 1860 Aaron Riggs, 53, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$1,300 real and \$488 personal estates, resided in Wilsonburgh, Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with Jerusha, 54, born in Kentucky, and with Harvey, 20, and "Jno" H., 18, both born in Indiana, and "Jerr<sup>h</sup>" A., 10, male, and A. W., 9, female [sic], both born in Illinois, and H. J. Moody,

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1060. U.S. census, 1850, Richland Co., Ill., r. 125, p. 141A, dw. 813, fam. 818.

1061. Ill. state census, 1865, Richland Co., Ill., r. 2194, line 32. S. G. is on the next page, first line.

1062. Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, K:415-416, images online at <www.FamilySearch.org>.

1063. Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, K:417, images online at <www.FamilySearch.org>.

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16, female, born in Indiana. Next door was S. G. Riggs, 26, born in Kentucky.<sup>[1064]</sup>

In 1860 Joseph Brown, 35, a farmer born in Ireland with \$1,000 real and \$50 personal estates, resided in Olney, Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with Susan "M.," 39, born in perhaps Iowa, and with six Holtz children: Sarah J., 16, Henry, 14, David, 12, John, 11, Catharine, 7, and Adaline, 4, all born in Illinois, and four Brown children: Mary E., 18, Jane A., 8, and Sidney L., 6, all born in perhaps California, and Robert W., 2/12, born in Illinois.<sup>[1065]</sup> Note that Catharine Holtz, 7, would be the Catharine who married "Aaron" Riggs. Note also that Robert W. Brown, whose mother was Sarah, resides with her in the Aaron<sup>7</sup> Riggs household of 1880.

On 8 Mar. 1861 Aaron Riggs and Jerusha Riggs his wife sold 40 acres in Richland Co., Ill., to Harvey Riggs for \$400.<sup>[1066]</sup>

On 8 Mar. 1861 Aaron Riggs and Jerusha Riggs his wife sold 40 acres in Richland Co., Ill., to John Henry Riggs for \$400.<sup>[1067]</sup>

In 1865, Aaron Riggs, 60-70, resided in Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with a woman 50-60. They are listed next to H. Riggs, 20-30, with a woman 20-30, two boys and one girl under 10.<sup>[1068]</sup>

On 20 Aug. 1869 Aaron Riggs and Jerusha Riggs his wife sold 20 acres in Richland Co., Ill., to Harvey Riggs for \$400. On the same day Harvey Riggs sold to Aaron Riggs 20 acres in Richland Co., Ill., for \$400. So, essentially a swap.<sup>[1069]</sup>

In 1870 Aaron Riggs, 63, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$1,500 real and \$400 personal estates, resided in Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with "Jerushia," 64, born in Kentucky, and with Charity Hauser, 15, and "Melvina" Moody, 9, both born in Illinois. Next door

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1064. U.S. census, 1860, Wilsonburgh PO, Richland Co., Ill., r. 222, p. 146, dw. 1032, fam. 1033.

1065. U.S. census, 1860, Olney PO, Richland Co., Ill., r. 222, p. 250, dw. 578, fam. 591.

1066. Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, M:549, images online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>.

1067. Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, M:550, images online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>.

1068. Ill. state census, 1865, Richland Co., Ill., r. 2183, line 14.

1069. Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, Z:83-84, image online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, images 418-419 of 938, film 8423038.

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were Green Riggs, 37, born in Kentucky, and Harvey Riggs, 30, born in Indiana.<sup>[1070]</sup> Charity was daughter Mahala's child.

In 1880 Aaron Riggs, 75, a retired farmer with rheumatism born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with his wife, Susan E., "(57)," born in Indiana of a father of unknown nativity and a mother in North Carolina, and with his stepson, "W<sup>m</sup>" R. Brown, 19, born in Illinois of a father born in Ireland and a mother in Indiana, a friend, Malvina Moody, 17, born in Illinois of a father of unknown nativity and a mother in Illinois, a stepdaughter, Catharine Riggs, 24, a widow born in Illinois of a father born in France and a mother in Indiana, and granddaughter, Sarah A. Riggs, 6, of unstated nativities. Next door were the families of Green S. Riggs, 46, born in Kentucky, and Harvey Riggs, 40, born in Indiana.<sup>[1071]</sup>

Confusingly, in 1880 John W. Blain, 44, a minister born in Kentucky of parents of unknown nativities, resided in Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with his wife, Catharine, 25, born in Illinois of a father born in Germany and a mother in Indiana, and with seven Blain children, mostly sons, ranging in age from 16 down to 1, and with his stepdaughter, Sarah A. Riggs, 6, born in Illinois of Illinois natives.<sup>[1072]</sup> So it appears that Catharine Holtz married, first, Aaron (Jr.) Riggs, then married, second, John W. Blain, then married, third, 1892, Lewis W. Lanier. Furthermore, she and her Riggs daughter were doubly listed in the 1880 census (see preceding paragraph).

Newspaper item regarding Susan Elmira's 107th birthday:

Mrs. Elmira Riggs, whose maiden name was Elmira Spurling, was born September 15, 1821, near Mitchell, Indiana.

Mrs Riggs came west and settled near Olney, IL in 1841.

She was married to Joseph Holtz on May 14, 1843 (Richland Co, IL) and to this union were born 6 children, namely, Mrs. Sarah White, Henry, David, John, Mrs. Catherine Lenear and Mrs. Adda Harvey.

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1070. U.S. census, 1870, Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., r. 272, p. 515A, dw. 2, fam. 2.

1071. U.S. census, 1880, Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., ED 171, r. 245, p. 53B, dw. ?, fam. 103.

1072. U.S. census, 1880, Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., ED 171, r. 245, p. 53B, dw. ?, fam. 103.

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After Mr. Holtz died in 1857, she married Joseph Brown on Sept 1, 1859 (Richland Co, IL) and to this union 1 son, William, was born.

She was married the third time on Oct 29, 1871 (Richland Co, IL) to Aaron Riggs, who died in 1884

Numerous Descendants

Mrs. Riggs has 1 daughter and 1 son living and has 29 living grandchildren, 125 great grandchildren scattered over many states on the Union and 45 great great grandchildren and 1 great great great grandchild, bringing the total to over 200 direct living descendants and making six generations.

Of the six generations follow:

1st—Elmira Riggs

2nd—Adda Harvey and William—her children

3rd—Dora Hoel—grandchild

4th—Viola Scherer—great grandchild

5th—Drue Scherer—great great grandchild

6th—Bernice Scherer—great great great grandchild

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Mt. Gilead Christian Church with Rev. A. O. Jacobs officiating, with burial at the Wachtel Cemetery in Denver Township, IL.<sup>[1073]</sup>

Obituary for Susan Elmira:

Olney Jan 11-1929

Mrs. Elmira Riggs, one of the oldest persons in the state, died last Friday [4 Jan. 1929] at the home of Jacob Gruneisen, northwest of Olney.

The funeral was held at Mt. Gilead Christian church Sunday afternoon with Rev. A.O. Jacobs in charge.

Surviving are a son and daughter, William Brown of Anna and Mrs. Addie Andrews of Nebraska.

Mrs. Riggs is survived also by a brother, who is now in his nineties. He resides in Nebraska.

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1073. *Olney (Ill.) Advocate*, Jan. 1929, as transcribed at *Find a Grave*, no. 121192690, introduced by this: "The *Olney Times* in its issue of October 25th, after telling of the birthday celebration that had been arranged by descendants and friends for the aged woman, gave the following facts regarding her life." *Unfortunately, this note is inconsistent with the *Olney Advocate*, Jan. 1929 note attached to the newspaper item in its body.*

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Up to within a short time of her death, Mrs. Riggs would get up from bed and occupy a chair, and she was able to walk until three years ago.

She was born in Hazelton, Ind. Sept 15, 1821 and her parents came to this county when she was a young girl.<sup>[1074]</sup>

Aaron Riggs signed his will 17 Mar. 1880, Denver, Richland Co., Ill., and it was proved 25 Mar. 1884. He mentions "my beloved wife Susan A. [sic] Riggs," "John H. Riggs - Samuel G. Riggs - Harvey Riggs Reddne [sic] Riggs heirs Lucy A Holdens heirs Mahala Hausers [sic] heirs Melvina Moody to their heirs and assigns for ever," "my three sones [sic] at my death John H Riggs Samuel G. Riggs Harvey Riggs."<sup>[1075]</sup>

Children:

- 432 i POLLY A.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, died 5 Jan. 1847, and was buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1076]</sup> **She is said to have died aged 20 years (unsourced).**
- + 433 ii LUCY ANN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born say 1827, married THOMAS HOLDEN, and had at least five children.
- + 434 iii URIAH REDDIN/REDDEN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1828, Kentucky, married (1) PURLINA (BRADLEY) BROTHERS, and had at least one child, married (2) MALINDA/MELINDA M. GADDY, and had at least one child.
- + 435 iv SAMUEL GREEN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1832, Kentucky, married (1) HANNAH WHEELER, and had six children with four surviving, married (2) LURANA NEWELL, and had two children, married (3) MARGIE A. VARNER.
- + 436 v MAHALA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 28 Apr. 1836, Indiana, married MANASSA T. HOUSER, and had at least four children.
- + 437 vi HARVEY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 4 May 1840, Indiana, married (1) FANNIE M. COURTRIGHT, and had four children, married (2) CORNELIA A.

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1074. *Decatur* (Macon Co., Ill.) *Evening Herald*, Fri., 11 Jan. 1929, p. 12, as transcribed at *Find a Grave*, no. 121192690.

1075. *Decatur* (Macon Co., Ill.) *Evening Herald*, Fri., 11 Jan. 1929, p. 12, as transcribed at *Find a Grave*, no. 121192690.

1076. *Find a Grave*, no. 81982320, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "Polly A. | Dau. of | A. & J. Riggs | died | Jan. 5, 1847 | [broken]." **Unsourced** birth: 13 Dec. 1826, Ky., middle name Ann, died age 20.

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- (WILLIAMSON) RIGGS, widow of his brother John H. Riggs, married (3) LIZZIE (TUSCHHAUSER) (KOCHHAUSER) MEURLLOT.
- + 438 vii JOHN HENRY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 6 Jan. 1842, Indiana, married (1) MARY F. —, married (2) MARTHA JANE —, married (3) CORNELIA A. WILLIAMSON, and had three children.
- 439 viii [JEREMIAH?] A.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1850, Illinois. Jeremiah is a guess at “Jerr<sup>h</sup>.”
- + 440 ix AARON W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1851, Illinois, married CATHARINE HOLTZ, and had one child. **This is my correspondent Forrest (Seaton) Deimel’s line.**
- 441 x ?MALVINA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about xxx, married — MOODY.

225. REDDIN/REDDING<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>141</sub>?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1801, North Carolina.

Redin Riggs was listed in Rockcastle Co., Ky., tax lists in 1822 for the first time (he doesn’t appear there 1811–1821).

On 10 Apr. 1829 Reddin Riggs of Lawrence Co., Ind., was granted 80 acres in Indiana: W½NE of section 15, twp. 3N, range 1W.<sup>[1077]</sup>

In 1830 Reddin Riggs, 30–40, resided in Lawrence Co. (derived from Orange Co. in 1818), Ind., with one boy [John H.] and one girl [Malinda M.] under 5, two boys 5–10, and one boy [James J.] and one girl 10–15.<sup>[1078]</sup>

In 1840 Redding Riggs, 40–50, resided in Lawrence Co., Ind., with one boy [John H.] and one girl [Malinda M.] 10–15, and two males and one female 15–20. Next to him was James J. Riggs, 20–30, with a woman 15–20, and one boy 5–10.<sup>[1079]</sup>

In 1850 Reddin Riggs, 50, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$4,500 real estate, resided in Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., with Nancy A., 28, born in “Mi” (probably Missouri), John H., 21, and Malinda M., 20, both born in Indiana, and with Isom McKinney, 22, a

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1077. Ill. *Wills and Probate Records, 1772–1990*, image online, B:21, last will and testament of Aaron Riggs.

1078. U.S. census, 1830, Lawrence Co., Ind., r. 26, p. 99.

1079. U.S. census, 1840, Lawrence Co., Ind., r. 86, p. 207.



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farmer born in Indiana. Next door was James J. Riggs, 32, born in Kentucky.<sup>[1080]</sup>

“Redden” Riggs served as a private in the Union Army, Company F, 144th Regiment, Indiana Infantry.<sup>[1081]</sup>

Redding Riggs was buried in Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., with a tombstone furnished to Union veterans for his service in Company F, 144th Regiment, Indiana Infantry.<sup>[1082]</sup>

Known (and suspected) children:

- + 442 i ?JAMES J.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1818, Kentucky, married PRISCILLA —, and had at least three children.
- 443 ii NANCY A.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1822, Missouri(?).
- + 444 iii ?HIRAM WHITLEY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1824, Indiana or Kentucky, married HANNAH SHERIDAN, and had nine children.
- 445 iv JOHN H.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1829, Indiana.
- 446 v MALINDA M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1830, Indiana.

226. SILAS<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>145</sub>Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 3 or 8 Aug. 1781, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1083]</sup> died 1845 (see biography below) and died after the 1840 census. He married 24 Apr. 1803, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1084]</sup> MARY RORBACK, who was born about 1790, New Jersey, and probably died before the 1860 census.

In 1830 Silas Riggs, 40–50, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with a woman 40–50, two girls under 5, one boy and one girl 5–10, one female 10–15, one female 15–20, and one male 30–40. On the same census page are listed Samuel, John, Bradford, and Zenas Riggs.<sup>[1085]</sup>

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1080. U.S. census, 1850, Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., r. 158, p. 351B, dw. 384, fam. 384.

1081. *U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861–1865*, Redden Riggs.

1082. *U.S. Records of Headstones of Deceased Union Veterans, 1879–1903*, Redding Riggs, contract for stone dated 21 Aug. 1888.

1083. Nichols and Nichols, *Genung Genealogy*, 117–18, unproved, “Silas Riggs (son of 1023 [Jemima Genung]), b. August 3, 1791—d. Farmer. Born and lived at Vernon, N.J. Married April 24, 1799 to Mary Roorback [sic], children (perhaps others): 1029. John, b. about 1802— . Minister. 1030. Amos, b. about 1804— .”

1084. Sussex Co., N.J., County Clerk Records, FHL 1294801–05, Silas Riggs to Mary Rorback, as online at *Marriage Index: N.J. Marriages, 1680–1900*.

1085. U.S. census, 1830, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 82, p. 298.

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In 1840 Silas Riggs, 50-60, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with a woman 50-60, one female 10-15, and one male and one female 15-20.<sup>[1086]</sup>

In 1850 Mary Riggs, 60, born in New Jersey, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with Amos, 40, a laborer, "Marinda," 38, and Mary, 10, all three born in New Jersey, and with Ann Barnes, 60, black, born in New Jersey.<sup>[1087]</sup>

The following article suggest further lines of research:

The son of Sylvester Card and Catherine Crill, William B. Card, married Rachel Mann, also of Cherry Ridge, on Oct. 15, 1857. Their son, William H. Card, married Martha Jane Riggs, the daughter of Rev. John Riggs and his wife, Maria Lozaw (Losaw). That marriage resulted in combining the Card and the Riggs families

On the Riggs side of Hann's family, the progenitor of the family was Edward Riggs, who together with his wife and six [sic] children migrated to this country from England on a trip of the Mayflower [sic] in 1633.

Members of the Riggs family were among the group that moved from Milford, Conn. to Newark in 1667. Like many of those early families, over the course of time they drifted to Morris County.

Hann's ancestor Zenus Riggs was a son of Sgt. Reuben Riggs, an American Revolutionary War veteran. Zenus also served in the Revolutionary War as a private. In 1790, Zenus migrated to the Williamsville section of Vernon where he earned a living as a farmer and a weaver. Zenus Riggs and his wife, Jemima Genung Richards Riggs, were both laid to rest in the Williamsville Cemetery.

The couple's son Silas was married to Mary Rorback on April 24, 1803. They resided in the section of Vernon known as Sand Pond where they had purchased a 30-acre farm in 1818. Born on April 8, 1781 in Morris County, Silas, like his father, was a weaver and a farmer. Upon his death in 1845, his 30-acre farm, which adjoined the Simpson and Joseph Edsall lands, was sold to Joseph E. Edsall for unpaid debts. Following her husband's death, Maria moved to Pennsylvania with Samuel Lozaw and his family. She was buried at Eaton cemetery in Pennsylvania. Hann has yet to find where Silas Riggs, another of his ancestors, was buried.

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1086. U.S. census, 1840, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 260, p. 117.

1087. U.S. census, 1850, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 464, p. 59, dw. 274, fam. 284.

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One of Silas and Mary Rigg's children was Rev. John Riggs. Born on June 6, 1823, he married Maria Lozaw. This couple farmed at Canisteer, where Riggs served as a minister of the Free Methodist Church. Rev. Alan-son A. Haines, in "Hardyston Memorial" wrote concerning Riggs "Sidney Haines started a Sunday school upon the mountain, near his 'coal job' in the vicinity of Mud Pond, and rode on horseback to attend it on Sunday afternoon. The 'coal job' families were among the poorest and the most destitute portion of our population, but the Sunday school bore precious fruit in leading some to Christ, as did the Log Chapel Sunday School, somewhat modeled after it, in later times.

"The late John Riggs, a leading minister of the Free Methodist Church, learned to read and received his first religious impressions in this Sunday School. For nearly 30 years, he labored and preached through the mountains, in school houses and dwellings, reaching scores who were over-looked by churches and Christians.

"His death occurred in April 1888 and the large attendance from all denominations at his funeral attested the high esteem entertained for one who, with few advantages, accomplished much good," Haines wrote. John Riggs passed away on March 6, 1888, and his wife died on Dec. 25, 1890. But, here, Hann is stumped. The death certificates for both Rev. John Riggs and his wife, Maria, state that they were buried in Hamburg, but to date their grave site has eluded his research.<sup>[1088]</sup>

Children:<sup>[1089]</sup>

- + 447 i AMOS<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1810, New Jersey, married MALINDA BROWN, and had one child.
- + 448 ii JOHN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 6 June about 1823, New Jersey, married MARIA LOZAW [LOSAW], and had at least four children.

228. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>145</sub>Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 5 Apr. 1787 (grandchild's genealogy, transcribed below) or 8 Apr. 1787 (calculated), Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., and died 16 Nov. 1863,<sup>[1090]</sup> aged 76 years 7 months 8 days, Hamburg, Hardyston Twp., Sus-

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1088. "Sweetman: County resident traces family history," <njherald.com> (accessed 11 Feb. 2009), reports research by Terry L. Hann.

1089. Nichols and Nichols, *Genung Genealogy*, 117-18, unproved.

1090. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Samuel Riggs Died November 16<sup>th</sup> 1863."

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sex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1091]</sup> and was buried in Glenwood (or Mosier) Cem., Vernon Twp., Sussex Co.<sup>[1092]</sup> He married (1) 26 Jan. 1811, Wantage, Sussex Co.,<sup>[1093]</sup> **SUSANNAH/SUSANNE VAN CAMPEN**, who was born 27 Apr. 1792, died 31 May 1833,<sup>[1094]</sup> and was buried in the McAfee Cem.<sup>[1095]</sup> He married (2) before the 1850 census **ANN/ANNA SHURTS**, born about 1804, New Jersey, died 8 Dec. 1893, aged 89,<sup>[1096]</sup> in the home of Susan Riggs, widow of her stepson, Zenas D. Riggs, near Denton, Goshen Twp., Orange Co., N.Y.,<sup>[1097]</sup> and was buried in Glenwood Cem., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1098]</sup>

A handwritten genealogy by an unidentified grandchild of Samuel contains the usual genealogy from Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs down to Zenas<sup>6</sup>, meaning the usual highly flawed one taken apparently from Wallace's 1901 genealogy. I transcribe the genealogy from Zenas<sup>6</sup> down with full credence given only to Samuel<sup>7</sup> and Ebenezer Bradford<sup>7</sup> down, since Samuel is identified as "my grandfather" in the genealogy. The latest date in

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1091. Death notice, *The Sussex Register*, Newton, Sussex Co., N.J., Fri., 27 Nov. 1863, "Died | . . . | In Hardyston, on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., in the peaceful and assured expectation of a blessed immortality, Samuel Riggs, senior deacon of the Hamburg Baptist Church, in the [torn]7<sup>th</sup> year os his age," photocopy of newspaper courtesy of Terry Hann.

1092. Glenwood Cem., Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., "Riggs, Samuel 16 Nov 1863 76.7.8"; gravestone photograph, by Dave Francis, Glenwood Cem., Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., *Find a Grave* no. 12343604, "Samuel Riggs | died | Nov. 16, 1888 | aged | 75 yrs. 7 mo. & 8 d's || Ann Shurts | wife of | Samuel Riggs | died | Dec. 8, 1893 | aged 75 [sic] yrs."

1093. Love, Bristow, Reynolds, and Meeker, *History of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, Sussex, N.J.*, 31-32, "Jan. 26, 1811 Samuel Riggs to Susannah Van Campen by Rev. Thomas Teasdale"; Nichols and Nichols, *Genung Genealogy*, 118, unproved, "Samuel Riggs (son of 1023 [Jemima Genung], b. Apr. 8 1787—d. Nov. 16, 1863. Born at Vernon, N.J. Farmer. Lived and died at Hamburg, N.J. Bought and sold land from 1832 to 1846. Married January 26, 1811 to Susannah Van Campen, Children: 1032 Zenas D., b. about 1812—[,] 1033. Thompson D., b. about 1814— . Hamburg, N.J." Samuel Riggs Genealogy, by a grandchild, gives it as 26 Oct. 1810.

1094. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Susan [sic] Riggs Died [May?] 31 1833."

1095. Cemeteries, McAfee - former Ryerson property, list compiled by Jennie Sweetman, [need better reference], "Samuel Riggs | wife Susannah d. 5-31-1833 in 41st year."

1096. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Ann Shirts [sic] Riggs - Died Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1893. 89 years of age."

1097. Obit., unnamed and undated newspaper clipping, digitized photocopy of clipping courtesy Terry Hann, "Mrs. Ann Riggs died yesterday at the residence of Mrs. Susan Riggs, near Danton. Her age was 89 years. | Mrs. Riggs had for many years resided in the family of her late son, Zenas Riggs, and she removed from New Jersey about 15 years ago."

1098. *Glenwood Cem., Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.*, "Riggs, Ann (Shurts) 08 Dec 1893 85 [sic] yrs."

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the genealogy is 1919 (which is why I believe the early generations come from Wallace's genealogy—along with repetition of all the errors in Wallace). The photocopy from which this transcription was made is cropped slightly at its right edge, which omissions will be designated with brackets:

Zenas Riggs son of Reuben<sup>5</sup> Samuel<sup>4</sup> Edward<sup>3</sup> Edward<sup>2</sup> Edwa[ ] was born at Bottle Hill (Madison) N.J. Jan 5 1760, & spen[ ] most of his life at Vernon N.J. & died there Aug 14, 1847. He was buried in Mosier [sic, blurred from overwriting] Burying Ground three mile[ ] north of McAfee Corners, near Vernon. He was m. Oct. 22 1780 to a young widow Jemima Richards who was born Apr 29, 1758, & died at Vernon, Mar 15, 1832. He was a farmer & settled at Vernon where all his children were bor[ ] He entered the Colonial Army at 17, & was in a nubur [sic] of skirmishes as well as the Battle of Cowpens. His children were

Silas B [born], Aug 5, 1781 m Mary Rowback [sic], April 21, 1799

Susanna, B Aug 20 1784, m John Wilkins 1804

Samel [sic] (my grandfather), B, Apr 8, 1787, married Susannah Canpen,

John B, April 21, 1789, m Susannah Van Fleet,

William, B, May 28, 1792, m Julia Force

Hannah, B, Apr 2, 1794, m Samuel McAfee,

Ebenezer, Bradford, [v?] Dec 24, 1796, m Mary Brown.

[mark], Ebenezer Bradford Riggs son of Zenas<sup>6</sup> Reuben<sup>5</sup>, Samuel[ ] Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born in Vernon N J, Dec 2 1796. He was a farmer & married Dec 13 1818 Mary Brown daughter of David Brown of Vernon, who was born Nov 12, 800 [sic] [ ] in 1833, he moved from Vernon to Wallpack in Sussex Co. Two years later moved to [Ox?]ford, Warren Co. & in Apr 184[ ] He made his final move to Smithfield Bradford Co, Pa, where [ ] died Nov 23, 1857. His children

Charles Brown B, Mar 5 1820, m Hannah Maria Tompkinson

Alfred Riggs B, July 10 1821 m Jane Miller

Marilda [v?] Nov 11, 1925 [sic], m Darnas [perhaps Danners] Bourne

William Lame [sic] B Aug [22?] 1827 m, at Winnegabo Wis, 1852

Samel [sic] [Minna?] B, Aug 30, 1831, m Marilda Perkins.

[mark] Samil [sic] Riggs Son of Zenas oc [etc.?] was born at Vernon N.J. Apr 5, 1787. He was a farmer, & Oct 26, 1810, married Susanna Van

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Campen, D [died] at Hamburg Nov 16, 1863 Samuel Riggs died Nov 16, 1863. Married Ann Sharts [sic], no record, who died Dec 8 1893, aged 89 years. Samuel Riggs & Susannah Van Campen children  
Thompson D Riggs B, July 21, 1811, D Nov 4 1889  
Gemantha Riggs B, Jan 14, 1815 [sic], D Dec 14, 1849  
Hannah C, B, Mar 18, 1815  
Zenas Dayton B May 9, 1817 D, Dec 19, 1891  
Emeline B Nov 18, 1819, D Ap[smudge]9, 1894  
Elizabeth B Dec 24, 1921 [sic] D Mar 23, 1901  
Walter L, B. Mar 29, 1824,  
Cornelia, Sep 14, 1827, D, Jan 24, 1919<sup>[1099]</sup>

This genealogy is to be compared to the following one printed in a sketch of Francis Edward Stoll, son of Moses and Cornelia (Riggs) Stoll:

Mrs. Moses Stoll was the daughter of Samuel Riggs, who was born April 7, 1787, and who married Susannah Van Campen, born April 27, 1792, by whom he had children: 1. Thompson D., born July 21, 1811. 2. Samantha, born January 14, 1813. 3. Herman C., born March 18, 1815. 4. Zenas D., born May 9, 1817. 5. Evaline, born November 18, 1819. 6. Elizabeth, born December 24, 1821. 7. Walter L., born November 20, 1824. 8. Cornelia, born September 14. 1827.<sup>[1100]</sup>

In 1830 Samuel Riggs, 30-40, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with a woman 30-40, one girl under 5, one boy and one girl 5-10, two males and one female 10-15, one male and one female 15-20, and one male 30-40. On the same census page are listed Silas, John, Bradford, and Zenas Riggs.<sup>[1101]</sup>

In 1840 "Sam<sup>l</sup>" Riggs, 50-60, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with a woman 40-50, one female 10-15, one male 15-20, and one male 20-30 [Zenas D.]. Next to Samuel is listed Thompson D. Riggs, 20-30, with a female 15-20, and two girls under 5.<sup>[1102]</sup> So I will take Thompson to be Samuel's son.

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1099. Samuel Riggs Genealogy, photocopy of handwritten original courtesy of Terry Hann.

1100. Francis Edward Stoll Sketch. For further excerpts see the sketch for Cornelia Riggs.

1101. U.S. census, 1830, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 82, p. 298.

1102. U.S. census, 1840, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 260, p. 118.

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In 1850 Samuel Riggs, 64, a farmer born in New Jersey with real estate worth \$6,000, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with Ann, 46, and Cornelia, 22, both born in New Jersey. In the same dwelling was Zenas D. Riggs, 33 (q.v.).<sup>[1103]</sup>

In 1860 Samuel Riggs, 73, a weaver born in New Jersey with real estate worth \$6,000 and personal estate worth \$4,500, resided in Hamburg, Hardyston Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with Anna, 56, born in New Jersey. In the same dwelling was Zenas D. Riggs, 43 (q.v.).<sup>[1104]</sup>

The case of Ann Riggs, petitioner in right of her dower as widow of Samuel Riggs, was recorded in Sussex Co., N.J. on 20 Apr. 1865.<sup>[1105]</sup>

In 1870 Ann Riggs, 60 [*sic*], resided in Glenwood, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., in the household of (her stepson) Zenas Riggs (q.v.).<sup>[1106]</sup>

Children, probably children of Susannah:<sup>[1107]</sup>

- + 449 i THOMPSON DER<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 21 July 1811, New Jersey, married MARIBAH COX, and had at least six children.
- 450 ii SAMANTHA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 14 Jan. 1813,<sup>[1108]</sup> died 14 Dec. 1849,<sup>[1109]</sup> Manchester, Passaic Co., N.J.,<sup>[1110]</sup> married 9 Mar. 1833, Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1111]</sup> JUSTUS BEARDSLEE.

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1103. U.S. census, 1850, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 464, p. 45, dw. 69, families 70 and 71.

1104. U.S. census, 1860, Hamburg PO, Hardyston Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 709, p. 463, dw. 5, families 6 and 7.

1105. Alleman, *Abstracts of Divisions of Warren and Sussex Co. Estates Filed at Sussex Co. Courthouse, Newton, N.J., from 1789–1918*, 136.

1106. U.S. census, 1870, Glenwood PO, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 889, p. 227B, dw. 91, fam. 95.

1107. Samuel Riggs Genealogy; Francis Edward Stoll Sketch.

1108. Samuel Riggs Genealogy; Francis Edward Stoll Sketch. These two differ, the former having Gemantha born 14 Jan. 1815, the latter having Samantha born 14 Jan. 1813. I have used the earlier date so as not to compete with the birthdate reported for child iii.

1109. Samuel Riggs Genealogy; Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Semantha Riggs Died Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1849."

1110. *U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index*, 1850, "Cemanatha Beardsley," died Dec. [1849], Passaic Co., N.J., aged 37, of consumption, ID no. MRT42\_331; *U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850–1885*, 1850, "Amantha [perhaps Cimantha] Beardsley," female, married, born N.J., died Dec. [1849], Manchester, Passaic Co., N.J., of consumption, line 22, archive no. M1810

1111. Love, Bristow, Reynolds, and Meeker, *History of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, Sussex, N.J.*, 37, "[By Rev. John Teasdale] [1833] March 9–Justus Beardslee to Samantha Riggs."

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- 451 iii **HERMAN/HARMON C.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 10 or 18 Mar. 1815,<sup>[1112]</sup> known from an obituary for Zenas D. Riggs (q.v.), “Herman Riggs, a brother, lives at Coleville, [Sussex Co.,] N.J.” He died 30 May 1893, was buried in Clove Cem., Sussex, Sussex Co., N.J., married **SUSAN** —, born 7 July 1809, died 29 Sept. 1882, buried Clove Cem.<sup>[1113]</sup> They had three children: (1) Adelia<sup>9</sup> Riggs, married Jackson Cole; (2) Elijah R.<sup>9</sup> Riggs, married 23 Nov. 1865, Deckertown, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1114]</sup> Martha J. Wright, born about 1843, daughter of Ob. A. and Caroline (–) Wright; and (3) Florence<sup>9</sup> Riggs, married Jonas Sim—. From an obituary for Harmon:
- Harmon C. Riggs, of Wantage, died near Coleville, May 30, in his 79<sup>th</sup> year. He is survived by three children, Adelia, wife of Jackson Cole, of Newark; Elijah, of Jersey City, and Florence, wife of Jonas Sim[blurred].<sup>[1115]</sup>
- + 452 iv **ZENAS DAYTON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 9 May 1817, New Jersey, married **SUSAN BAILEY**, and had seven children.
- 453 v **EMELINE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 18 Nov. 1819, died [ ]9 Apr 1894,<sup>[1116]</sup> married 25 Aug. 1839, Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1117]</sup> **WILLIAM H. SPENCER**.
- 454 vi **ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 24 Dec. 1821, died 23 Mar. 1901.
- 455 vii **WALTER L.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS**, born 20 or 29 Mar. 1824,<sup>[1118]</sup> died [5] Nov. 18[4]6, aged 22, buried in Hamburg Baptist Cem., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1119]</sup>

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1112. Samuel Riggs Genealogy; Francis Edward Stoll Sketch. These two differ, the former having Hannah C. born 18 Mar. 1815, the latter having Herman C. born 18 Mar. 1815. Herman is consistent with the obit. for Zenas. The 10 Mar. date is from *Find a Grave* no. 11378734, Hermon [sic] C. Riggs, unsourced, born 10 Mar. 1815, died 30 May 1893, “Husband of Susan A. \_ Riggs.”

1113. *Find a Grave*, no. 11378737, Clove Cem., Sussex, Sussex Co., N.J., Susan A. Riggs, unsourced, born 7 July 1809, died 29 Sept. 1882, “Wife of Hermon [sic] C. Riggs.”

1114. *N.J. Marriages, 1670–1980*, Elijah R. Riggs, father Harmon C. Riggs, mother Susan, to Martha J. Wright, 22, born about 1843, father Ob. A. Wright, mother Caroline M., 23 Nov. 1865, Deckertown, Sussex Co., N.J.

1115. Obit., unnamed newspaper clipping, dated 1893 in handwriting, digitized photocopy of clipping courtesy of Terry Hann.

1116. Samuel Riggs Genealogy; Francis Edward Stoll Sketch. These two differ for child v, the former having Emeline born 18 Nov. 1819, the latter having Evaline [sic] born 18 Nov. 1819.

1117. Love, Bristow, Reynolds, and Meeker, *History of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, Sussex, N.J.*, 38, “[Rev. Isaac Moore] [1839] Aug. 25–Rev. William H. Spencer to Miss Emeline Riggs.”



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+ 456 viii CORNELIA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 14 Sept. 1827, New Jersey, married MOSES STOLL, and had five children.

229. JOHN<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>145</sub>Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 20 Apr. 1789, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., and died 12 May 1832.<sup>[1120]</sup> He married 22 Nov. 1815, Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1121]</sup> SUSAN/SUSANNAH VAN FLEET, who was born about 1796, New York.

In 1830 John Riggs, 40-50, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with a woman 30-40, one boy under 5, two girls 5-10, two males and one female 10-15. On the same census page are listed Samuel, Silas, Bradford, and Zenas Riggs.<sup>[1122]</sup>

In 1850 "Susanna" Riggs, 54, born in New York, resided in Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., in the household of (her son) L. T. Riggs, 30 (q.v.).<sup>[1123]</sup>

In 1870 Susan Riggs, 75, born in Pennsylvania, resided in East Canton, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., in the household of Ruth Clark, 48, born in New Jersey with \$2,000 real and \$500 personal estates, and Mary Clark, 18, born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1124]</sup>

[I have not vetted the following article from <Ancestry.com>, but I suspect it will vet:]

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1118. Samuel Riggs Genealogy, 29 Mar.; Francis Edward Stoll Sketch, 20 Mar.

1119. *Hamburg Baptist Cem. Headstones, Sussex Co., N.J.*, "In memory of Walter L son of Samuel & Susanne Riggs who died Nov 3, 1826 [sic] in the 23rd year of his age 'asleep in Jesus blessed, sleep.'" *Find a Grave*, no. 12256072, gives the reading as 5 Nov. 1846. Also, "Gravestone Inscriptions, Baptist Church, Hamburg, Sussex County, N.J.," *Record* 56(1925):47, "[Riggs] Walter L., s. Samuel & Susanna, d. Nov. 5, 1846, in 23rd year of his age."

1120. Nichols and Nichols, *Genung Genealogy*, 117, unproved, "John, b. Apr. 20, 1789—d. May 12, 1832. Married Apr. 22, 1815 to Susannah Van Fleet who died after May 1832. After his death she removed to Leroy, Bradford Co., Pa. where she died. Perhaps had children."

1121. Sussex Co., N.J., County Clerk Records, FHL 1294801-05, John Riggs to Susannah Van-Fleet, as online at *Marriage Index: N.J. Marriages, 1680-1900*; Love, Bristow, Reynolds, and Meeker, *History of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, Sussex, N.J.*, 33, "[By Rev. John Wintermute, Minister] Nov. 22, 1815 John Riggs to Susannah Van Fleet."

1122. U.S. census, 1830, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 82, p. 298.

1123. U.S. census, 1850, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 756, p. 67A, dw. 48, fam. 48.

1124. U.S. census, 1870, East Canton PO, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1311, p. 224A, dw. 52, fam. 52.

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On February 18, 1824, John Riggs purchased 43 and 93/100 acres in Vernon Township, Sussex County, New Jersey from John Russell and his wife. Sometime later, John Riggs sold 4 acres of this land to Charles Decker Jr. When John Riggs died in 1832, he still owned the 39 and 93/100 acres.

On Feb 25, 1848, Squire L. Riggs acting as attorney for himself, his wife, and the other heirs, sold these 39 and 93/100 acres to William Smith. The deed was recorded on March 8, 1848. The names of the other heirs were not mentioned.

The power of attorney under which Squire L. Riggs acted was not recorded and in consequence thereof the property of the conveyance was questioned. In order to make a more satisfactory title for William Smith, the property was sold to him again for one dollar. The second sale of this same land took place a number of years later in December 1866 and was recorded in Towanda, Bradford County, Pennsylvania on June 7, 1867.

This second sale listed all of the heirs. They were

Susannah Riggs widow of John Riggs decd  
Squire L. Riggs and Arminda Riggs, his wife  
Carpenter Hoagland and Jane, his wife  
Amos W. Wilcox and Mary Wilcox  
Lewis T. Riggs and Angeline, his wife  
John V. Riggs and Cynthia, his wife  
Ruth Clark widow of Uriah Clark decd  
Justice J. Clark and Hattie L. Clark his wife, heirs of Uriah Clark  
Hannah J. Phinney and Allen M. Phinney, heirs of Uriah Clark

It is not clear why Amos W. Wilcox and his second wife, Mary, were heirs rather than the children of Arminda Riggs (Rolison). It is true that Amos W. Wilcox's first wife, Cynthia Van Fleet, was a sister of Susannah Van Fleet (Riggs). It is also true that Amos W. Wilcox and Cynthia were next door neighbors of Nathan Rolison and Arminda in Bradford County, Pennsylvania in 1850.

[contributed by] Lee Griffin

Children (list of heirs above assumed to be in birth order):

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- + 457 i SQUIRE L.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1812, New Jersey, married ARMENIA/ARMINDA —, and had at least six children.
- 458 ii JANE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, married CARPENTER HOAGLAND.
- 459 iii MARY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, married AMOS W. WILCOX.
- + 460 iv LEWIS T.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 28 Feb. 1820, Connecticut, married ANGELINE S. WILCOX, and had seven children.
- + 461 v JOHN V.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1826, New Jersey, married CYNTHIA —, and had 12 children.
- 462 vi RUTH<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, married URIAH CLARK, and had two children: (1) Hattie L.<sup>9</sup> Clark, married Justice J. Clark; and (2) Hannah J.<sup>9</sup> Clark, married Allen M. Phinney.

230. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>145</sub>Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 29 May 1792 (calculated), **Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J.**,<sup>[1125]</sup> died 13 Jan. 1883, aged 90 years 7 months 15 days, and was buried in Hamburg Baptist Cem., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1126]</sup> He married 28 Jan. 1813, Wantage, Sussex Co.,<sup>[1127]</sup> JULIA FORCE, who was born 29 Nov. 1791 (calculated), New Jersey, died 25 Dec. 1873, aged 82 years 26 days, and was buried in Hamburg Baptist Cem.<sup>[1128]</sup>

In 1830 William Riggs, 30-40, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with a woman 30-40, one boy 5-10, one male 10-15. On the pre-

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1125. Nichols and Nichols, *Genung Genealogy*, 118, unproved, “1034. William Riggs (son of 1023 [Jemima Genung], b. May 28, 1792—d. after Jan. 1877. Born in Vernon, N.J. Lived at Hamburg, N.J. January 1877. Married January 28, 1813 to Julia Force, Children: 1035. Horace, b. about 1816— . Not married. 1036. Elias H., 1818(?)— .” This is followed by “1036. Elias H. Riggs (son of 1034), b. about 1818— Married to —, Children: 1037. (Son), 1038. (Son), 1039. (Daughter).”

1126. *Hamburg Baptist Cem. Headstones, Sussex Co., N.J.*, “William Riggs died Jan 13, 1883 ae 90y 7m 15d.”

1127. Sussex Co., N.J., County Clerk Records, FHL 1294801-05, William Riggs to Julia Force, as online at *Marriage Index: N.J. Marriages, 1680-1900*; Love, Bristow, Reynolds, and Meeker, *History of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, Sussex, N.J.*, 33, “[By Rev. Thomas Teasdale] Jan. 28, 1813 William Riggs to Julia Force.”

1128. *Hamburg Baptist Cem. Headstones, Sussex Co., N.J.*, “Julia wife of William Riggs died Dec 25, 1873 ae 82y 26d.”; “Gravestone Inscriptions, Baptist Church, Hamburg, Sussex County, N.J.,” *Record* 56(1925):47, “[Riggs] Julia (not born Riggs), wife of William Riggs, d. Dec. 25, 1873, aged 82-0-26.”

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ceding census page are listed Silas, Samuel, John, Bradford, and Zenas Riggs.<sup>[1129]</sup>

In 1840 William Riggs, 40-50, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with a woman 40-50, one male 15-20, and one male and one female 20-30.<sup>[1130]</sup>

In 1850 William Riggs, 58, a farmer with \$3,000 in real estate, born in New Jersey, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with Julia, 58, born in New Jersey, and with Horace 31, a laborer, Elias, 27, a laborer, Susan, 29, Sarah, 28, and Mary, 3, all five born in New Jersey.<sup>[1131]</sup> Mary was Elias's daughter, who died one year later.

In 1860 William Riggs, 68, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$10,000 real and \$960 personal estates, resided in Deckertown, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with Julia, 68, born in New Jersey, and with Horace, 42, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$2,704 personal estate, Susan J., 37, born in New Jersey, and with Smith Winans, 13, born in New York, and "Anamelia" Riggs [possibly Winans], 2, born in New Jersey. Next door was Elias H. Riggs, 38.<sup>[1132]</sup>

In 1870 "W<sup>m</sup>" Riggs, 78, a retired farmer born in New Jersey with \$10,500 real and \$1,000 personal estates, resided in Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., with Julia, 77, born in New Jersey, and with Horace, 53, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$2,704 personal estate, Susan J., 48, and Amelia, 12, both born in New Jersey.<sup>[1133]</sup>

In 1880 William Riggs, 88, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in the household of his son, Horace (q.v.).

Children:

- + 463 i **HORACE<sup>s</sup> RIGGS**, born 16 July 1817, married **SUSAN J. GREEN**, and had three children, and raised another.

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1129. U.S. census, 1830, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 82, p. 299.

1130. U.S. census, 1840, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 260, p. 123.

1131. U.S. census, 1850, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 464, p. 42, dw. 39, fam. 40.

1132. U.S. census, 1860, Deckertown PO, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 709, p. 524, dw. 136, fam. 136. Elias resided in dw. 137.

1133. U.S. census, 1870, Vernon PO, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 889, p. 237B, dw. 229, fam. 238.

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+ 464 ii ELIAS HOMEDIERE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born Dec. 1821, married SARAH JANE SIDMAN, and had four children.

231. HANNAH<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>145</sub>Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 2 Apr. 1794, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1134]</sup> and probably died before the 1860 census. She married 1 Oct. 1819, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1135]</sup> SAMUEL H. MCAFEE [MCAFFEE], who was born 10 Oct. 1796, Pennsylvania, son of Benjamin and Rachel (Potter) McAfee,<sup>[1136]</sup> and died 28 May 1882. His father, Benjamin, was a Revolutionary War veteran.

In 1850 S. H. McAfee, 55, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$1,700 real estate, resided in Athens Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Hannah, 56, born in New Jersey, and with Julia A., 20, John, 18, Susan, 16, all three born in New Jersey, and Thompson, 13, born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1137]</sup>

In 1860 Samuel “McAfee,” 64, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$100 personal estate, resided in Athens, Bradford Co., Pa., with Elizabeth, 38, born in New Jersey. George McAfee, 32, and Joel “McAfee,” 39, resided nearby.<sup>[1138]</sup>

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1134. Nichols and Nichols, *Genung Genealogy*, 117, unproved, “Hannah, b. Apr. 2, 1794–d. Married Samuel M’Afee [sic].”

1135. Sussex Co., N.J., County Clerk Records, FHL 1294801-05, Hannah Riggs to Samuel McAfee, as online at *Marriage Index: N.J. Marriages, 1680–1900*. See also family Bible record in next note.

1136. Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, NARA M804, N.J., veteran Benjamin “MacAfee,” and widow Rachel, widow’s pension W1980, p. 16 (of 79), a family Bible page listing these births: “Benjamin Macafee Was born March 9<sup>th</sup> AD. 1764. | Rachel Potter was Bron November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1772 | Pamela Macafee their Daugter [sic] Was born August 10<sup>th</sup> 1794. | Samuel Macafee their Son Was born October 10<sup>th</sup> 1796. | Phila Macafee their Daughter was born September 16<sup>th</sup> 1798. | Joel P. Macafee Their son Was born July 17<sup>th</sup> 1800 | . . . | Susan Eveline Macafee their Daughter Was born June 19<sup>th</sup> 1802. | Benjamin Macafee Jr their Son Was born July 19<sup>th</sup> 1815 [other births on this page are for children of Pamela and Susan],” p. 17, family Bible marriages: “Benjamin Macafee And Rachel Potter was Married January 1<sup>st</sup> 1793 | [marriages of several children follow] | Samuel H. Macafee And Hannah Riggs Was married October 1<sup>st</sup> 1819 | [more marriages].”

1137. U.S. census, 1850, Athens Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 756, p. 315A, dw. 223, fam. 226.

1138. U.S. census, 1860, Athens PO, Athens Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1080, p. 84, dw. 326, fam. 312. George resided in dw. 319, and Joel in dw. 328.

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Known children:

- + 465 i JOEL<sup>8</sup> MCAFEE, born about 1821, New Jersey, married SIBYL —, and had at least five children.
- 466 ii ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup> MCAFEE, born about 1822, New Jersey.
- + 467 iii GEORGE<sup>8</sup> MCAFEE, born about 1828, New Jersey, married URSULA —, and had at least one child.
- 468 iv JULIA A.<sup>8</sup> MCAFEE, born about 1830, New Jersey.
- 469 v JOHN<sup>8</sup> MCAFEE, born about 1832, New Jersey.
- 470 vi SUSAN<sup>8</sup> MCAFEE, born about 1834, New Jersey.
- 471 vii THOMPSON<sup>8</sup> MCAFEE, born about 1837, Pennsylvania.

232. EBENEZER BRADFORD<sup>7</sup> RIGGS (<sub>145</sub>Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 24 Dec. 1796 (calculated), Vernon, Sussex Co., (see biography below), died 25 Nov. 1857, aged 60 years 11 months 1 day, Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa.,<sup>[1139]</sup> and was buried in Turnpike Cem., Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>[1140]</sup> He married 13 Dec. 1818, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1141]</sup> MARIAH/MARY BROWN,<sup>[1142]</sup> who was born 12 Nov. 1800 (gravestone), New Jersey or New York, died 21 Feb. 1881, and was buried in Turnpike Cem.<sup>[1143]</sup>

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1139. Death notice, *The Sussex Register*, Newton, Sussex Co., N.J., Sat., 26 Dec. 1857, "At Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa., on the 25th ult., Ebenezer B. Riggs, aged 61 years, formerly of Sussex County."

1140. *Turnpike Cem., Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa.*, "Riggs Ebenezer [died] Nov. 25, 1857 60 yrs 11 mo 1 day."

1141. Sussex Co., N.J., County Clerk Records, FHL 1294801-05, Ebenezer B. Riggs to Mariah Brown, as online at *Marriage Index: N.J. Marriages, 1680-1900*.

1142. Nichols and Nichols, *Genung Genealogy*, 118-19, unproved, "Ebenezer Bradford Riggs (son of 1023 [Jemima Genung]), b. Dec. 24, 1796—d. Nov. 25, 1857. Born at Vernon, N.J. Farmer. Lived at Vernon, N.J. till 1835, at Wallpack, and Oxford, N.J. from 1837 to 1840, at Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa., after 1840. Died at Smithfield, Pa. Married December 13, 1818 to Mary Brown, b. November 12, 1800— Daughter of Daniel Brown of Vernon, N.J. Children: 1041. Charles Brown, b. March 5, 1820— . Married Hannah Maria Tompkinson. 1042. Alfred Magee, b. July 10, 1821— . Married Jane Miller. 1043. Marilda, b. November 11, 1823— . Married Danvers Bourne. 1044. William Lane, b. Aug. 29, 1827—d. 1852. Died at Winnebago, Wis. 1045. Samuel Thompson, b. Aug. 30, 1831— . Married November 1849 to Matilda Perkins."

1143. *Turnpike Cem., Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa.*, "Riggs Mary [born] Nov. 12 1800 [died] Feb. 21, 1881."

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The following biography, written by their son, Charles B.<sup>8</sup> Riggs, in 1881, is from the Riggs file at the Sussex Co. Historical Society, Newton, N.J. It is titled "Ebenezer Bradford Riggs":

Ebenezer Bradford Riggs was born in the town of Sussex County, New Jersey on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1796. He was the youngest of five sons of Zenas and Jemima Riggs.

His boyhood days were spent as many others in those days, working on the farm during the summer season and going to the district school during the winters, traveling a distance of 2½ miles. One mile of the road was very little traveled. Snow was often 2 to 3 feet deep. Evenings and mornings were spent in studying or working in the shop. (His father was a weaver.) Thus passed his early days at his father's home.

When about 21 years of age he was in search of a cow that had gone astray. About 3 miles from home he stopped at a farmhouse to make inquiry for the cow, and it being dinner time, the family was at dinner. He was invited to partake with them and did so.

One member of the family attracted his special notice. It was a young lady named Mary Brown. In short he fell in love with her and Bradford as he was called by his family, often went that same path although he was not looking for a lost cow, but for "Polly" as she was familiarly called at her childhood home.

In due course of time they were married and lived together until death did them part, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1857. They commenced housekeeping at the Riggs Homstead [sic] and remained there until the spring of A.D. 1834 when they moved on a farm near Vernon Village (N.J.) known as the Vibbert farm. They lived there 2 years and from there moved to Walpack, Sussex County, New Jersey, on a farm situated on the Delaware River known as Garrett Van Scoder farm, and remained there 3 years.

While living there they purchased a farm in the town of Oxford, Warren County, New Year [crossed out, with "York" written above] near Belvidere the County seat. They sold that farm and left it April 18<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1840 and arrived at a farm previously purchased in Smithfield, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, April 23<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1840. They lived there 2 years and then moved to a farm known as the Kingsley farm, and lived there 1 year. During the time on the Kingsley farm they purchased a farm known as the Jerry Miller farm, and remained there until his death.

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They united with a denomination known as the Christian Church in Vernon, N.J. during their early married life. His last sickness [cut off] [typhoid] fever. They were buried side by side in the Cemetery on the Berwick Turnpike near the Methodist Chapel on the same farm where they first resided in Smithfield[.] Peace to their ashes!! All of which is respectfully submitted to the action of the Riggs family annual meeting on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1881 Smithfield, Penna.

[signed] Charles B. Riggs, oldest son of Ebenezer Bradford Riggs.<sup>[1144]</sup>

In 1830 Bradford Riggs, 30-40, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with a woman 30-40, one boy under 5, two boys and one girl 5-10. On the same census page are listed Samuel, John, Silas, and Zenas Riggs.<sup>[1145]</sup>

In 1840 Ebenezer B. Riggs, 40-50, resided in Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with a woman 30-40, one boy 5-10 [Samuel], one boy 10-15 [William], one boy and one girl 15-20 [Alfred, Marilda], and one male 20-30 [Charles].<sup>[1146]</sup>

In 1860 Mary Riggs, 60, born in New York, resided in Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa., in the household of S. [T?]. Riggs, 27, and Matilda, 25 (q.v.).<sup>[1147]</sup>

In 1870 Mary Riggs, 69, born in New Jersey, resided in Burlington, Bradford Co., Pa., in the household of Danvers Bourne, 53, and Marilda, 46 (q.v.).<sup>[1148]</sup>

In 1880 Polly Riggs, 79, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in West Burlington, Bradford Co., Pa., in the household of her son-in-law, Danvers Bourne, 63 (q.v.).<sup>[1149]</sup>

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1144. From the Riggs file at the Sussex Co. Historical Society, Newton, N.J., image of three-page document courtesy of Terry McCann.

1145. U.S. census, 1830, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 82, p. 298.

1146. U.S. census, 1840, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 443, p. 241.

1147. U.S. census, 1860, Smithfield PO, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1081, p. 679, dw. 1778, fam. 1768.

1148. U.S. census, 1870, Burlington PO, West Burlington Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1312, p. 622B, dw. 177, fam. 177.

1149. U.S. census, 1880, West Burlington, Bradford Co., Pa., ED 33, r. 1105, p. 555B, dw. 70, fam. 77.



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Children:<sup>[1150]</sup>

- + 472 i CHARLES BROWN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 5 Mar. 1820, New Jersey, married (1) HANNAH MARIA/MARIE TOMPKINS, married (2) TALITHA/TALITHE ANN —, and had two children.
- + 473 ii ALFRED MAGEE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 10 July 1821, New Jersey, married SARAH JANE MILLER, and had five children.
- + 474 iii MARILDA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born about 1824 11 Nov. 1823, New Jersey, married DANVERS BOURNE, and had at least four children.
- 475 iv WILLIAM LANE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born 29 Aug. 1827, died 1852, Winnebago, Wis.
- + 476 v SAMUEL THOMPSON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS, born Aug. 1832, New Jersey or New York or Pennsylvania, married (1) LAURA BEACH, married (2) MATILDA PERKINS, and had four children.

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1150. Nichols and Nichols, *Genung Genealogy*, 118-19, unproved.

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### EIGHTH GENERATION

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237. **JEFFERSON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>167</sub>*David*<sup>7</sup>, *Zophar*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Zophar*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 9 Oct. 1846, Belmont Co., Ohio, died 2 June 1924, Perkins Twp. (Sandusky), Erie Co., Ohio, and was buried 4 June 1924, Ohio Veterans Home Cem., Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio.<sup>[1151]</sup> He married (1) before about 1872 **DILLIANNE/DELIA ANN MARINER [MARNER]**,<sup>[1152]</sup> who was born about 1849, West Virginia, or about 1856 (1880 census), Pennsylvania. She was probably the Delia Ann Riggs who died 22 Dec. 1882, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, aged 33.<sup>[1153]</sup> He married (2) 22 Mar. 1884, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1154]</sup> **ELIZABETH M. DRUGAN**, who was born Jan. 1848 (1900 census), Ohio, daughter of George and Elisabeth (–) Drugan,<sup>[1155]</sup> and died 9 Jan. 1919, Cambridge, Guernsey Co., Ohio.<sup>[1156]</sup>

In 1880 Jefferson Riggs, 28, a laborer born in Ohio of a father born in New York and a mother in Ohio, resided in Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, with his wife, Dillianne, 24, born in Pennsylvania of a father born

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1151. Death certificate, image online at *Ohio, Deaths, 1908–1953*, State of Ohio, Dept. of Health, no. 33641, Jefferson Riggs, died 2 June 1924, Perkins, Erie Co., Ohio, aged 77 yrs. 7 mos. 23 dys., male, white, widower, laborer, born 9 Oct. 1846, Belmont Co., Ohio, father J. E. [sic] Riggs, of unknown birthplace, mother unknown, informant J. C. Lee of “SS Home O,” buried 4 June 1924, “OSOS Home”; *Find a Grave*, no. 105151065, Jefferson Riggs, no photograph, unsourced born 1846, Belmont Co., Ohio, died 2 June 1924, Sandusky, service Co. H W.Va. Cav.

1152. Her surname comes from her son Charles’s birth record (q.v.), her son Davis’s birth records, and is reinforced by her daughter Mary’s.

1153. *Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854–1997*, ref. 1:264, Delia Ann Riggs, died 22 Dec. 1882, Bellaire, Ohio, age 33, born about 1849, Wheeling, W.Va., housekeeper, white, unknown marital status.

1154. *Ohio, Marriages, 1803–1900*, Jefferson Riggs to Elizabeth Drugan, 22 Mar. 1884, Belmont Co., Ohio.

1155. U.S. census, 1850, Pultney Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 661, p. 227B, dwelling 1689, family 1716, lists George Drugan, 42, sailor, born Ireland, Elisabeth, 30, born Pa., and seven children including Elisabeth, 2, born Ohio.

1156. *Ohio Obit. Index, 1830s–2011, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center*, Mrs. Jefferson Riggs, died 9 Jan. 1919, Cambridge, Ohio, aged 70, spouse Jefferson Riggs, obit. appeared in *Sandusky Register*, Sandusky, Ohio, 10 Jan. 1919, p. 1, col. 3.

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in Massachusetts and a mother in Pennsylvania, and with daughter, “Alice,” 8, son, Charles, 4, and daughter, “Lama,” 3, all born in Ohio.<sup>[1157]</sup>

In 1880 “Elisabeth” Drugan, 30, single, born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, with [presumably] her son, William Drugan, 1, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, in the household of her brother[-in-law], Harvey Tharp, 29, a carpenter born in Ohio of Ohio natives and wife, Catharine,<sup>[1158]</sup> 27, born in Ohio of a father born in Ireland and a mother in Pennsylvania, and three children.<sup>[1159]</sup>

William Drugan was born, out of wedlock, 7 Feb. 1879, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, to Elizabeth Drugan and Frederick Hawn.<sup>[1160]</sup> William “Hawn” died 27 July 1913, Cambridge, Guernsey Co., Ohio, having been struck by a train.<sup>[1161]</sup>

From 30 Sept. 1898 to 18 Jan. 1899 Jefferson Riggs resided in the U.S. National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. He was readmitted 4 Apr. 1919 and discharged 16 Aug. 1919. He was readmitted a third time 10 Jan. 1920 and discharged 23 July 1920. He was discharged the first time to his wife, Elizabeth Riggs, of Brazil, Clay Co., Ind. He was discharged a second time (and presumably the third time too) to his son, Charles Riggs, of Detroit, Mich., and listed as a widower then. His military service was as a private in Company H, 3rd West Virginia Caval-

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1157. U.S. census, 1880, ward 2, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 26, roll 994, p. 226A, dwelling 43, family 43.

1158. Birth record, image online at *Ohio, County Births, 1841–2003*, Belmont Co., 1875–1884, 2:99, Rosanna Tharp, born 3 Oct. 1879, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, father Harvey Tharp, mother Catharine Drugan, of Bellaire.

1159. U.S. census, 1880, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 26, roll 994, p. 239D, dw. 266, fam. 280, including children Charles Tharp, 6, James F. Tharp, 3, and “Rosann” Tharp, 7/12.

1160. *Ohio, County Births, 1841–2003*, Belmont Co., birth register 1879, 2:74, image online, “Ill[egitimate] May 17 [no.] 4 [name] Drugan William [birth] 1879 Feby 7 [birthplace] Ohio Belmont Bellaire [male] [white] [father] Frederick Hawn [mother] Elizabeth Drugan [residents of] Belmont Co Ohio [reported by] Geo Chriswell.”

1161. *Ohio, Deaths, 1908–1953*, 1913, image online, Ohio death certificate, no. 39826, William Hawn, died 27 July 1913, City Hospital, Cambridge, Guernsey Co., Ohio, male, white, married, aged 32 yrs. 5 mos. 16 dys., born 11 Feb. 1881 [sic], Ohio, father William [sic] Hawn, born Ohio, mother “Lizzie” Drugan, born Ohio, informant Rosa A. Tharp [probably Harvey Tharp’s daughter], buried 30 July 1913, Northwood Cem., glass worker, cause: struck by B&O train,

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ry, enlisted 2 or 20 Sept. 1862, Parkersburgh, Wood Co., W.Va., discharged 10 Sept. 1865, Wheeling, Ohio [or possibly Marshall] Co., W.Va., at the close of the Civil War. His war disabilities were rheumatism, eye disease (“old gun shot wound right temporal [sic] region” in one record), and a broken ankle.<sup>[1162]</sup>

In 1894 Jefferson Riggs resided in Zanesville, Muskingum Co., Ohio, with his wife, Elizabeth M.<sup>[1163]</sup>

In 1900 Jefferson Riggs, 55, a flint house laborer born Oct. 1844 in Ohio of a father born in New York and a mother in Ohio, resided in Newark, Licking Co., Ohio, with his wife of 17 years, Elizabeth, 52, born Jan. 1848 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his son, “Chas” W., 24, born Aug. 1875 in Ohio of a father born in New York [sic], a stepson, “Wm” [“Tharp” crossed out], 21, born Feb. 1879 in Ohio of Ohio natives, his nephew, James, 23, born Nov. 1876, niece, “Lily,” 16, born Mar. 1884, and nephew, Harvey, 13, born Oct. 1886, all three born in Ohio of Ohio natives. Elizabeth had had one child, and it survived.<sup>[1164]</sup> William was Elizabeth’s son out of wedlock, William Drugan, listed as 1 in the 1880 census in her brother-in-law Harvey Tharp’s household. Surely James was James F. Tharp, born 2 Nov. 1876, son of Harvey and “Kate” Drugan, and hence Elizabeth’s nephew.<sup>[1165]</sup> Lily appears to be Lillian Francis Tharp, born 6 Mar. 1883, Bellaire, Belmont Co., father Richard Tharp and mother “Katharine” Drugan.<sup>[1166]</sup>

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1162. *US National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866–1938*, folio 5744, Jefferson Riggs, admitted 1898, age 57, Marion, Grant Co., Ind., information given as shown, pension certificate 788119, information augmented by a similar record, p. 42063, at the Dayton, Montgomery [Greene] Co., Ohio branch (presumably for the third visit).

1163. *U.S. City Directories, 1821–1989 (Beta)*, 1894, Zanesville, Ohio, 322, “Riggs Jefferson [Elizabeth M], wks Robinson Glass Co, res 390 Muskingum ave.”

1164. U.S. census, 1900, Newark, Licking Co., Ohio, ED 145, r. 1293, p. 68, sh. 19A, dw. 405, fam. 415.

1165. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, James F. Tharp, born 2 Nov. 1876, Belmont Co., Ohio, father Harvey Tharp, mother Kate Drugan; *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–1997*, image online, Muskingum Co., James Franklin Tharp to Mamie Beatty, 4 July 1909, he 34 on 2 Nov. 1908, resident in Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, born Bellaire, father Richard H. Tharp, mother Catharine Drugan.

1166. *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–1997*, image online, Belmont Co., Philip Roy Reese to Lillian Francis Tharp, 12 July 1902, she 19 on 6 Mar. 1902, resident in Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, born

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In 1908 Jefferson Riggs resided in Lancaster, Fairfield Co., Ohio, with his wife, Elizabeth.<sup>[1167]</sup>

In 1910 Jefferson “Rigg,” 61, a glass house laborer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Cambridge Twp., Guernsey Co., Ohio, with his wife of 26 years, Elizabeth, 52, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his son, “Charley,” 38, single, born in Ohio of Ohio natives. Elizabeth had had one child, and it survived (William of the 1900 census).<sup>[1168]</sup>

In 1920 Jefferson Riggs, 78, a widower born in Ohio of a father born in England [sic] and a mother in Ohio, resided in Jefferson Twp., Montgomery Co., Ohio, in the Central Branch, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.<sup>[1169]</sup>

Children of the first marriage, to Delia Ann:

- + 477 i ALICE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1872 or Sept. 1873, Ohio, married WILLIAM HARMON, and had four children.
- 478 ii DAVIS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 9 Dec. 1873, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio.<sup>[1170]</sup> Probably the David J. Riggs, born about 1874, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, who died 15 Nov. 1874, Bellaire.<sup>[1171]</sup>
- + 479 iii CHARLES W.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 29 Aug. 1875 or 18 Aug. 1879 or 18 Aug. 1884, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, married ETTA MAY WARD, and had two children.
- + 480 iv MARY/MAMIE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 3 Dec. 1877, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, married EDWARD REED STONEBRAKER, and had two children.

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Bellaire, father Richard Tharp, mother “Katharine” Drugan. In U.S. census, 1900, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, Catherine Tharp, 51, born July 1848, a widow born in Ohio, had 10 children with 7 surviving, son, Harry, 13, born July 1886, and daughter, Alice, 10, born [Dec.?] 1890, both in Ohio.

1167. *U.S. City Directories, 1821–1989 (Beta)*, 1908, Lancaster, Ohio, 160, “Riggs Jefferson (Elizabeth), lab, h s s E Chestnut.”

1168. U.S. census, 1910, Cambridge Twp., Guernsey Co., Ohio, ED 3, r. 1186, p. 25, sh. 9B, dw. 183, fam. 189.

1169. U.S. census, 1920, Jefferson Twp., Montgomery Co., Ohio, ED 222, r. 1423, p. 211, sh. 35B, dw. 17, fam. 17.

1170. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, ref. 1:250, Davis Riggs, born 9 Dec. 1873, Bellaire, Ohio, father Jefferson Riggs, mother Delia Ann Marner.

1171. *Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854–1997*, ref. 1:110, no. 373, David J. Riggs, died 15 Nov. 1874, Bellaire, Ohio, age 0, born 1874, Bellaire.

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481 v [SON]<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 1880, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, died 18 Aug. 1880, Bellaire.<sup>[1172]</sup>

**239. BEN FRANKLIN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>167</sub>*David*<sup>7</sup>, *Zophar*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Zophar*<sup>5</sup>, ?*James*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 Sept. 1853 (gravestone), Belmont Co., Ohio, died 18 Nov. 1902, and was buried in Summit Lawn Cem., Brazil, Clay Co., Ind.<sup>[1173]</sup> He married 6 Mar. 1886, Clay Co., Ind.,<sup>[1174]</sup> **ALFARETTA HARMON**, who was born Aug. 1867 (1900 census), Clay Co., Ind., daughter of Samuel Harmon. She married, second, about 1907, Charles Gross, as his second wife.

In 1900 “Frank” Riggs, 46, a rolling mill worker born Sept. 1853 in Ohio of a father born in New York and a mother in Ohio, resided in Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., with his wife of 14 years, Alfaretta, 32, born Aug. 1867 in Indiana of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Indiana, and with his daughter, Myrtle, 13, born Mar. 1887, his son, Willie, 10, born Apr. 1890, his daughter, Estella, 5, born Aug. 1894, his son, Carl, 5/12, born Jan. 1900, his sister, Alice Dickman, 50, born Mar. 1850 with his nativities, married 27 years, and his mother, Mary Riggs, 83, a widow born July 1816 in Ohio of Ohio natives. Alfaretta had had five children, with four surviving. Mary had had 10 children, with five surviving.<sup>[1175]</sup>

In 1910 Charles Gross, 52, a clayworker born in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, resided in Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., with his second wife of three years, “Alfreda,” 42, born in Indiana of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Indiana, and with his stepson, William, 20, stepdaughter, Estella, 15, stepson, Carl, 10, and stepdaughter, Myrtle Remington, 23, married for three years, all four stepchildren born in Indiana of a father born in Indiana, and with his “stepfather,” Samuel Harmon, 76, a

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1172. *Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854–1997*, ref. 1:200, Riggs, male, died 18 Aug. 1880, Bellaire, Ohio, age 0, born 1880, Bellaire, white, father Jefferson Riggs, mother “Dillie.”

1173. *Find a Grave*, no. 52441828, gravestone photograph, Summit Lawn Cem., Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., section 7 west, “B. F. Riggs | Sep. 25, 1853 | Nov. 18, 1902 | [?].”

1174. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, Clay Co., Ind., Marriages, 6:391, Franklin Riggs to Alfaretta Harmon, licensed 6 Mar. 1886, Brazil, Clay Co., married 6 Mar. 1886, Clay Co., by H. M. Middleton MG, filed 12 Mar. 1886.

1175. U.S. census, 1900, Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., ED 4, r. 363, p. 60, sh. 4B, dw. 85, fam. 88.

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widower born in Kentucky of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Kentucky, and “grand son,” Vincent B. Remington, 3, born in Indiana of Indiana natives. Alfreda had had seven children, with four surviving.<sup>[1176]</sup>

Known children of seven:

- 482 i **MYRTLE**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 24 Mar. 1887, Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., married (1) 5 Sept. 1906, Clay Co., Ind.,<sup>[1177]</sup> **ELISHA CLINTON REMINGTON**, born 19 Jan. 1885, Parke Co., Ind., son of Isaac Denman and Emma Frances (Lowe) Remington, and had one child: (1) Vincent B.<sup>10</sup> Remington, born about 1907, Indiana. Myrtle divorced Jan. 1913, married (2) 30 Oct. 1915, Clay Co., Ind.,<sup>[1178]</sup> **EDWARD BURKITT**, born 6 Mar. 1873, Frederick Co., Ind., son of George and Surena ([A?])shman) Burkitt.
- 483 ii **WILLIAM**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 11 Apr. 1890, Brazil, Clay Co., Ind.,<sup>[1179]</sup> died single 27 Aug. 1948, Eloise, Wayne Co., Mich.<sup>[1180]</sup> In 1940 William Riggs, 50, single, born in Indiana, was an inmate in Eloise Hospital, Nankin, Wayne Co., Mich., where he also resided in 1935.<sup>[1181]</sup>

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1176. U.S. census, 1910, Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., ED 5, r. 343, p. 73, sh. 4B, dw. 91, fam. 97.

1177. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, Clay Co., Ind., Marriages, 13:471, Elisha Clinton Remington to Myrtle Riggs, licensed 5 Sept. 1906, Clay Co., married 5 Sept. 1906, Clay Co., by George E. Law JP, filed 11 Sept. 1906, she born 24 Mar. 1887, Brazil, Ind., parents B. F. Riggs, Ohio, deceased, and “Alfarata” Riggs, born Clay Co., resident of Brazil, Ind., Elisha was born 19 Jan. 1885, Parke Co., Ind., parents Isaac Denman Remington, teamster, born Bridgeton, Parke Co., Ind., and Emma Frances Lowe, born Edgar Co., Ill.

1178. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, Clay Co., Ind., Marriages, 18:530, Edward Burkitt to Myrtle Remington, licensed 30 Oct. 1915, Clay Co., married 30 Oct. 1915, Clay Co., by W. M. Grimes JP, filed 6 Nov. 1915, she born 24 Mar. 1887, Brazil, Ind., parents Franklin Riggs, peddler, born Belmont Co., Ohio, deceased, and “Alfarata” Harmon, born Clay Co., resident of Clay Co., Myrtle divorced Jan. 1913, Edward was born 6 Mar. 1873, Frederick Co., Ind., parents “Geo.” Burkitt, carpenter, born Frederick Co., Ind., and Surena [A?]shman, unknown birthplace, deceased.

1179. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, William Riggs, 27, of Brazil, Ind., born 11 Apr. 1890, Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., railroad flagman, single, dependent mother, registered 5 June 1917.

1180. *Mich. Death Certificates, 1921–1952*, William Riggs, 58, single, born 11 Apr. 1890, Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., died 27 Aug. 1948, Eloise, Wayne Co., Mich., father Ben F. Riggs, mother “Alforata,” GS 1973153.

1181. U.S. census, 1940, Nankin, Wayne Co., Mich., ED 82-1908, r. 1834, p. 4127, sh. 45A, line 32.

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- 484 iii **ESTELLA**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born Aug. 1894, Indiana.  
485 iv **CARL A.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 22 Jan. 1900, Clay Co., Ind.,<sup>[1182]</sup> died 27 Aug. 1918, Brazil, Clay Co., Ind.,<sup>[1183]</sup> buried Summit Lawn Cem., Brazil.<sup>[1184]</sup>

**240. WALTER L.**<sup>8</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>167</sub>*David*<sup>7</sup>, *Zophar*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Zophar*<sup>5</sup>, ?*James*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born Mar. 1855 (1900 census), Ohio, perhaps the Walter L. Riggs who died 25 Apr. 1942, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio.<sup>[1185]</sup> He married **MARY HOFFMAN**,<sup>[1186]</sup> who was born July 1855 (1900 census), Maryland.

In 1880 Walter Riggs, 24, a laborer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, with his wife, Mary, 26, born in Maryland of Maryland natives, and with daughter, Minnie, 5, and son, John, 4, both born in Ohio.<sup>[1187]</sup>

In 1900 Walter Riggs, 45, a laborer born Mar. 1855 in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Warren, Trumbull Co., Ohio, with his wife, Mary, 44, born July 1855 in Maryland of Maryland natives. Mary had had two children, with both surviving.<sup>[1188]</sup>

Children:

- 486 i **MINNIE M.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 31 Jan. 1875, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1189]</sup> married (1) about 1900 **JAMES W. HASHBARGER**, born Dec. 1872, Indiana, son of Elizabeth (–) Hashbarger, had one child, divorced, married (2) 17 Oct. 1911, Mahoning Co., Ohio,<sup>[1190]</sup>

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1182. *Ind. Births, 1880–1920*, Riggs, male, 22 Jan. 1900, father Frank, mother Alfaretta.

1183. *Ind. Deaths, 1882–1920*, Carl A. Riggs, male, 27 Aug. 1918, Brazil.

1184. *Find a Grave*, no. 52441829, gravestone photograph, Summit Lawn Cem., Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., section 7 west, “Carl A. Son of | BF & A Riggs | June 22, 1900 | Aug. 27, 1918 | {?}.”

1185. *Ohio Deaths and Burials, 1854–1997*, Walter L. Riggs, 1942; *Ohio Death Index, 1908–1932, 1938–1944, 1958–2007*, Walter L. Riggs, died 25 Apr. 1942, Cuyahoga Co.

1186. Her surname from her daughter Minnie’s birth record.

1187. U.S. census, 1880, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 26, r. 994, p. 226B, dw. 52, fam. 52.

1188. U.S. census, 1900, Warren, Trumbull Co., Ohio, ED 121, r. 1325, p. 83, sh. 11B, dw. 231, fam. 258.

1189. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, ref. 1:300, Minnie Riggs, born 31 Jan. 1875, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, father Walter Riggs, mother Mary Hoffman.

1190. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–1994*, Mahoning Co. Marriages, 1910–1911, 29:521, John Driscoll, 38 on 12 Aug. 1911, resident of Niles, born Niles,



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**JOHN DRISCOLL**, born 12 Aug. 1873, Niles, Trumbull Co., Ohio, son of Dave and Margaret (Stringer) Driscoll.

In 1900 Elizabeth Hashbarger, 58, a widow born Feb. 1842 in Indiana of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Indiana, resided in Forest, Clinton Co., Ind., with her son, James W., 27, born Dec. 1872 in Indiana of a father born in Virginia, and his wife, Minnie M., 25, born Feb. 1875 in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in West Virginia. Elizabeth had had three children, with three surviving. James and Minnie had been married 6/12 years, and had no children.<sup>[1191]</sup>

In 1910 James “Hashberger,” 39, a railroad section foreman born in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in St. Anne, Kankakee Co., Ill., with his wife of 10 years, Minnie, 35, born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in West Virginia, and his son, Earl, 5, born in Ohio. Minnie had had one child, and it survived.<sup>[1192]</sup>

- 487 ii **JOHN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 1876 or 10 June 1872, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, **perhaps** he who died in Poland Twp., and was buried 10 Oct. 1954, Lowellville Cem., Lowellville, Mahoning Co., Ohio,<sup>[1193]</sup> married 14 Mar. 1899, Warren, Trumbull Co., Ohio,<sup>[1194]</sup> **EMMA (SHILLINGER) MCCLARE**, born about 1872, Poland, daughter of Solomon and Sophie (Siller) Shillinger, and **perhaps** she who died

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Ohio, stonemason, father Dave [perhaps Dan] Driscoll, mother “Margart” Stringer, not previously married, to Minnie Riggs, 36 on 1 Feb. 1911, born Bellaire, Ohio, father Walter Riggs, mother Mary Hoffman, once previously married, divorced, married name Minnie Hashbarger, marriage 17 Oct. 1911, Mahoning Co., by Robert O. Kerling JP.

1191. U.S. census, 1900, Forest, Clinton Co., Ind., ED 46, r. 364, p. 92, sh. 2A, dw. 83, fam. 83.

1192. U.S. census, 1910, St. Anne, Kankakee Co., Ill., ED 119, r. 298, p. 138, sh. 4A, dw. 88, fam. 89.

1193. *Find a Grave*, no. 83973098, no gravestone photograph, Lowellville Cem., Lowellville, Mahoning Co., Ohio, unsourced: John Riggs, buried 10 Oct. 1954, died in Poland Twp., plot: section B single lot G grave 100.

1194. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–1994*, Trumbull Co. Marriages, 1898–1901, 13:26, John Riggs, 26 on 10 June 1898, resident of Warren, born Bellaire, iron worker, father Walter Riggs, mother Mary Hoffman, not previously married, to Emma Shillinger, 27, resident of Warren, born Poland, father Solomon Shillinger, mother Sophie Siller, once previously married, a widow, married name McClare, marriage 14 Mar. 1899 Trumbull Co., by Chester T. Ralston MG.

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in Poland Twp., and was buried 17 May 1943 next to her husband.<sup>[1195]</sup>

?In 1910 John W. Riggs, 35, a machinist born in Ohio of a father born Ohio and a mother in **West Virginia**, resided in Youngstown, Mahoning Co., Ohio, with his wife of 11 years, Emma, 37, born in **Ohio of Ohio natives**. Emma had had no children.<sup>[1196]</sup>

**241. ARMENIA ELIZA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>168</sub>Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>)<sup>[1197]</sup> was born 14 Jan. 1836, St. Clairsburg, Belmont Co., Ohio, died 1 Feb. 1910, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, and was buried 4 Feb. 1910, Jacobsburgh, Belmont Co.<sup>[1198]</sup> She married (1) 9 June 1853, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1199]</sup> **JOHN SINCLAIR**. She married (2) 25 June 1858, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1200]</sup> **WILLIAM HENSON HAYS**,<sup>[1201]</sup> who was born about 1821, Uniontown, Pa., or Ohio, died June 1878, and was buried in Union Cem., St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio.<sup>[1202]</sup>

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1195. *Find a Grave*, no. 83973097, no gravestone photograph, Lowellville Cem., Lowellville, Mahoning Co., Ohio, unsourced: Mrs. Emma Riggs, buried 17 May 1943, died in Poland Twp., plot: section B single lot G grave 99.

1196. U.S. census, 1910, Youngstown, Mahoning Co., Ohio, ED 106, r. 1212, p. 7, sh. 7B, dw. 94, fam. 96.

1197. Her middle name and birthplace from her son William Sherman's death certificate. Also her husband's birthplace.

1198. Death certificate, image online at *Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953*, State of Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 6238, Armenia E. Hays, died 1 Feb. 1910, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, aged 74 yrs. 0 mos. 17 dys., female, white, widowed, housekeeper, born 14 Jan. 1836, Ohio, father Sylvester Riggs, born Ohio, mother "Margret ~~Robinson~~ Ritts," born Md., informant Nelia M. Noling, of Jacobsburgh, Ohio, buried 4 Feb. 1910, Jacobsburgh, Ohio.

1199. Marriage license and certificate, image online at *Ohio County Marriages, 1789-1994*, John Sinclair to Eliza Riggs, 17 with father's consent, licensed 9 June 1853, Belmont Co., Ohio, married 9 June 1853, by John Gallaher JP.

1200. Marriage license and certificate, image online at *Ohio County Marriages, 1789-1994*, William H. Hays to Mrs. Armenia E. Sinclair, licensed 23 June 1853, Belmont Co., Ohio, married 24 June 1853, by Henry Thurston JP.

1201. His middle name from his son Walter's death certificate. An unsourced family group record by Helen Riggs Johnson, dated 25 July 1978, has his middle name Hance.

1202. *U.S. Records of Headstone of Deceased Union Veterans, 1879-1903*, William H. Hays, Pvt., Co. K, Regt. 39th, Union Cem. St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, died June 1878, contract for head-

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William H. Hays served as a Union soldier private in Company K, 39th Regiment, Ohio Infantry. Also Company K, 17th Regiment, and Company E, 15th Regiment. He filed 6 Apr. 1876 for and obtained a pension.<sup>[1203]</sup>

In 1870 William "W." Hays, 49, a day laborer born in Ohio with a personal estate valued at \$100, resided in Powhatan Point, Belmont Co., Ohio, with Armenia E., 35, born in Ohio, and with Edward E., 10, William S., 5, Mary C., 3, and Lorenzo D., 1, all born in Ohio.<sup>[1204]</sup>

In 1880, A. E. Hays, 45, a widow, born in Ohio of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Maryland, resided in Mead Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with her son, Edward, 19, daughter, Mary, 13, and sons, Lorenzo D., 11, and Walter "D.," 3, all four born in Ohio of Ohio natives. Her father, Sylvester Riggs, 75, also resided with her.<sup>[1205]</sup>

Children:

- 488 i **EDWARD E.<sup>9</sup> HAYS**, born about 1860, St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, died 19 Sept. 1899, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio.<sup>[1206]</sup>
- 489 ii **WILLIAM SHERMAN<sup>9</sup> HAYS**, born 22 Nov. 1864, St. Clairsville, Ohio, died 1 Jan. 1944, Shadyside, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1207]</sup> buried 4 Jan. 1944, Jacobsburg, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, married

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stone dated 28 Sept. 1886.

1203. *Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900*, Ohio, Infantry, 39th Regiment, Company K, William H. Hays, filed for pension 6 Apr. 1876, application no. 216783, certificate 140931, widow's application 388880, law J, certificate 285836, filed for minor pension 26 May 1910, application 943095, law J., no certificate no. but note "minor suppl to widow," additional services "K. 17 and E. 15 Ohio Inf."

1204. U.S. census, 1870, Powhatan Point PO, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 1174, p. 326, dw. 246, fam. 246.

1205. U.S. census, 1880, Mead Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 21, r. 994, p. 94A, dw. 184, fam. 198.

1206. *Ohio Deaths and Burials, 1854-1997*, Edward Hays, died 19 Sept. 1899, Smith Twp., Ohio, aged 39, born about 1860, St. Clairsville, ref. 3:108.

1207. Death certificate, image online at *Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953*, State of Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 340, William Sherman Hays, resident of 3828 Liberty Ave., Shadyside, Belmont Co., Ohio, died 1 Jan. 1944, Shadyside, aged 79 yrs. 1 mos. 9 dys., male, white, married, to Ella Hayes, retired shipping clerk, glass co., born 22 Nov. 1864, father William H. Hays, born Uniontown, Pa., mother Eliza Riggs, born St. Clairsville, Ohio, informant Harry W. Hays, of Liberty Ave., Shadyside, buried 4 Jan. 1944, Jacobsburg, Ohio.

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- 2 Nov. 1889, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1208]</sup> **ELLA B. WHITE**, and had at least one child: (1) Harry W.<sup>10</sup> Hays, born about 1890, died 7 Aug. 1955, New Martinsville, Wexler Co., W.Va., aged 65.<sup>[1209]</sup> He married (2) 26 Nov. 1905, Campbell Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1210]</sup> **MATTIE (WILSON) GEORGE**, and had at least one child: (2) Georgia Mae<sup>10</sup> Hays, born 29 Mar. 1907, Campbell Co., Tenn.<sup>[1211]</sup>
- 490 iii **MARY CORNELIA<sup>9</sup> HAYS**, born 7 Jan. 1867, Ohio, died 25 Aug. 1934, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1212]</sup> buried 28 Aug. 1934, Jacobsburg, Smith Twp., married 17 July 1889, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1213]</sup> **FRANCIS ELLSWORTH NOLING**.
- 491 iv **LORENZO DANFORD<sup>9</sup> HAYS**, born 14 Feb. 1869, Jacobsburg, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, died 6 July 1946, Shadyside, Belmont Co.,<sup>[1214]</sup> buried 9 July 1946, Jacobsburg Cem., Jacobsburg, married

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1208. *Ohio Marriages, 1803–1900*, Ella B. White to William S. Hays, 2 Nov. 1889, Belmont Co., Ohio.

1209. Death certificate, image online at *W.Va. Vital Research*, Harry W. Hays, died 7 Aug. 1955, New Martinsville, Wetzel Co., W.Va., age 65, born about 1890, widowed, father William Sherman Hays, mother Ella White, cites county records, vol. E–K, p. 68c, informant Mrs. Norma Husser.

1210. Marriage record, image online at *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, Sherman Hays to Mattie George, licensed and bonded 24 Nov. 1905, married 26 Nov. 1905, by J. F. Sharp JP.

1211. Birth certificate, image online at *Tenn. Delayed Birth Records, 1869–1909*, State of Tenn., Dept. of Public Health, no. 118148, Georgia Mae Hays, born 29 Mar. 1907, Campbell Co., Tenn., father William Sherman Hays, born Tenn., mother Mattie Wilson George, born Ky., registrant Georgia M. Hays of Knoxville, Tenn., on 7 Apr. 1942, cites affidavit of the mother and a family Bible record, with the affidavit claiming birthplace Campbell Co., Tenn., father “Wm.” Sherman Hays, mother Mattie W. George, and the Bible claiming Jacksboro, Tenn., W. Sherman Hays, and Mattie W. Hays, respectively.

1212. Death certificate, image online at *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, State of Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 52225, Mrs. Cornelia Noling, died 25 Aug. 1934, Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, aged 67 yrs. 7 mos. 18 dys., female, white, widowed, of Ellsworth Noling, housewife, born 7 Jan. 1867, Ohio, father William Hays, born Ohio, mother Eliza Riggs, born Ohio, informant Glen Noling, of Jacobsburg, Ohio, buried 28 Aug. 1934, Jacobsburg, Ohio.

1213. *Ohio Marriages, 1803–1900*, Francis E. Noling to Mary C. Hays, 17 July 1889, Belmont Co., Ohio.

1214. Death certificate, image online at *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, State of Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 40423, Lorenzo D. Hays, of W. 45th St., Shadyside, Belmont Co., Ohio, resident for 30 yrs., died 6 July 1946, Shadyside, aged 77 yrs. 5 mos. 22 dys., male, white, married, to Maude Rush Hays, glass co. employee, born 14 Feb. 1869, Jacobsburg, Ohio, father William H. Hays, born Ohio, mother Eliza Riggs, born St. Clairsville, Ohio, informant J. M. Hays, of Cleveland, Ohio, buried 9 July 1946, Jacobsburg Cem., Ohio, SSN 280–16–2561.

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14 Nov. 1895, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1215]</sup> **MAUD BRUCE RUSH**, born 1 Apr. 1877, Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va., daughter of Jesse M. and Drusella (McMahu) Rush. They had three children, including: (1) Jessie M.<sup>10</sup> Hays, born Sept. 1896, Ohio; and (2) Lorenzo D.<sup>10</sup> Hays, born about 1907, Ohio.

In 1900 Lorenzo D. Hays, 31, born Feb. 1869 in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, with his wife of five years, Maud, 23, born Apr. 1877 in West Virginia of a father born in Delaware and a mother in West Virginia. She had had one child and it survived and resided in the household: son, Jessie, 3, born Sept. 1896 in Ohio of a father born in Delaware [sic] and a mother in West Virginia. Also in the household was father, Jessie "Rusk" Hays [sic], 45, a widower born June 1855 in Ohio of West Virginia natives.<sup>[1216]</sup> The father has to be Maud's father, Jesse Rush.

In 1910 Danford Hays, 40, a glass worker born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, with his wife of 15 years, Maud, 33, born West Virginia of a father born in Delaware and a mother in West Virginia, and with his sons, Jessie, 13, and Lorenzo, 3, both born in Ohio. Maud had had three children, with two surviving.<sup>[1217]</sup>

In 1920 L. Danford Hays, 51, a glass works cutter born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, with his wife, Maud "V.," 42, born West Virginia of a father born in Delaware and a mother in West Virginia, and with his daughters [sic], Jessie M., 23, and "Lorenza" D., 12, both born in Ohio.<sup>[1218]</sup>

492 v **WALTER B.<sup>9</sup> HAYS**, born 1 Feb. 1878, Mead Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1219]</sup> died unmarried 1 May 1952, Bellaire, Belmont Co., buried 4 May 1952, Jacobsburg Cem., Jacobsburg, Belmont Co.<sup>[1220]</sup>

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1215. *Ohio Marriages, 1803-1900*, Lorenzo Danford Hays to Maud B. Rush, 14 Nov. 1895, Belmont Co., Ohio.

1216. U.S. census, 1900, Bellaire, Pultney Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 17, r. 1241, p. 42, sh. 3A, dw. 44, fam. 47.

1217. U.S. census, 1910, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 36, r. 1156, p. 274, sh. 7B, dw. 127, fam. 132.

1218. U.S. census, 1920, Bellaire, Pultney Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 43, r. 1350, p. 205, sh. 8A, dw. 157, fam. 170.

1219. Birth record, image online at *Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003*, Walter B. Hays, born 1 Feb. 1878, Mead Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, male, father William H. Hays, mother Armenia [Armina?]

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244. **STERLING<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>168</sub>*Sylvester*<sup>7</sup>, *Zophar*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Zophar*<sup>5</sup>, ?*James*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>[1221]</sup> was born about 1842, Ohio, died by murder 25 Dec. 1880, St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio.<sup>[1222]</sup> He married **SARAH J. QUIGLEY**,<sup>[1223]</sup> who was born about 1849, Pennsylvania.

Sterling Riggs served for three months as a Union soldier private in Company K, 17th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Peter Tallman. Recruitment occurred 22 Apr. 1861, and service began 26 Apr. 1861. Company K was sent with the regiment down the Ohio and did garrison work in West Virginia. It was mustered out on 3 Aug. 1861.<sup>[1224]</sup>

Sterling Riggs and his widow received pensions for his service as a Union soldier private in Company I, 43rd Regiment, Ohio Infantry, enlistment Feb. 1862, discharged 13 July 1865.<sup>[1225]</sup>

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E. Riggs, both of Mead Twp.

1220. Death certificate, image online at *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, State of Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 28800, Walter B. Hays, of rural Smith Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, died 1 May 1952, City Hospital, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, aged 74 yrs. – mos. – dys., male, white, never married, dairy farmer, born 1 Feb. 1878, Ohio, father Henson Hays, mother Eliza Hays, informant Harry Hays, buried 4 May 1952, Jacobsburg Cem., Ohio.

1221. He is Sterling R. Riggs in the death record of his daughter, Mary Elizabeth (q.v.).

1222. *Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854–1997*, ref. 1:214, Sterling Riggs, died 25 Dec. 1880, St. Clairsville, born Ohio; newspaper image, online at <Ancestry.com> (downloaded 3 May 2013), *Belmont Chronicle* (Belmont Co., Ohio), 30 Dec. 1880, carries a full account of the murder, the murderer, and the victim; Helen Riggs Johnson's unsourced 1978 family group sh. has him buried Old Methodist Cem., St. Clairsville.

1223. Her surname from her son William's birth record and daughter Margaret Frances's death certificate. Her middle initial is from the 1910 census for her daughter Margaret Morris (q.v.).

1224. Caldwell, *History of Belmont and Jefferson Counties, Ohio*, 196; *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Ohio*, r. 90, 17th Infantry, 3 Months, 1861, Sterling Riggs, Company K, enlisted as private, discharged as private.

1225. *Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900*, Ohio, Infantry, 43rd Regiment, Company I, Sterling Riggs, filed for pension 2 Apr. 1878, application no. 251744, certificate 156234, widow's application 441153, law J, certificate 332663, enlisted Feb. 1862, discharged 13 July 1865, "died Dec 25, 1880"; *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Ohio*, r. 90, 43rd Infantry, Sterling Riggs, Company I, enlisted as private, discharged as private.

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In 1870 Sterling Riggs, 26, born in Ohio, resided in Uniontown, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with Sarah, 21, born in Pennsylvania, and with William, 1, born in Ohio.<sup>[1226]</sup>

In 1880 Sterling Riggs, 28 [sic], a day laborer born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, with wife, Sarah, 24 [sic], born in Virginia of Virginia natives, and with son, William W., 12, daughters, Mary, 10, Cora, 8, and Maggie, 5, and son, Charles H., 3, all born in Ohio.<sup>[1227]</sup>

Sterling's obituary:

Sterling Riggs like many other men, had his faults, but during the latter part of his life, (the last few months) he had expressed to various persons his determination to lead a better life than he had in the past years. He was generally peaceable and kindly disposed unless interfered with. He would take his own part when assailed.

He was a soldier in the 3 months servic [sic], a member of Capt. Peter Tallman's Company, 17th Regiment, was wounded in the service and drew a pension up to the time of his death. He leaves a well respected family, consisted of a wife and five little children, the eldest being 13 and the youngest 4. Mr Riggs was 39 years old, Mrs. Riggs whose maiden name was Quigleg [sic], came from Cameron W. Va. Where her parents reside and are very worthy people. The parents of Riggs are both living, but are separated, the father living in Jacobsburg and the mother in this place. The bereaved wife is nearly heart-broken over the sad accurence [sic]. She informs us that they were getting along very pleasantly together and her husband was doing much better than formerly that his sudden taking off was a doubly and bereavement to her [sic]. She states that the evening before his death Sterling brought home with him Christmas presents for the children and a turkey for their Christmas dinner. They had just partaken of there [sic] dinner on Saturday when he told his wife and Miss Tillie Fink, who was present, that he intended to take them sleigh riding that afternoon. He then started up the street, telling them to get ready and he would be back with the sleigh in a few minutes. It was but a few minutes

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1226. U.S. census, 1870, Uniontown PO, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 1174, p. 288, dw. 455, fam. 461.

1227. U.S. census, 1880, St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 30, r. 995, p. 336B, dw. 22, fam. 22.

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until word was conveyed to the poor woman that her husband had been shot and probably killed. Before she reached his side, Sterling Riggs was dead.

George Weir, the cold-blooded assassin [sic], had long been a desperado [image of transcription cropped here].<sup>[1228]</sup>

In 1900 Sarah J. Riggs, 41, a widow boarding house keeper born July 1858 in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in McMechen, Marshall Co., W.Va., with her daughter, Cora C., 24, born Feb. 1876 in Ohio of a father born in Ohio, her brother, Patterson M. Quigley, 39, a single brakeman born Dec. 1860 in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, her son, "Chas" H., 20, a conductor, born June 1879 in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and one boarder.<sup>[1229]</sup>

In 1910 Sarah J. Riggs, 59, a widow born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in McMechen, Marshall Co., W.Va., in the household of her son-in-law, Edward Morris (q.v.).<sup>[1230]</sup>

Children:

- + 493 i **WILLIAM R.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 10 Aug. 1869, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, married **MARY A. NEAL**, and had two children.
- + 494 ii **MARY ELIZABETH**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 25 Feb. 1871, Belmont Co., Ohio, married **ROLLA/ROLLEY E. STIMMEL**, and had three children.
- 495 iii **CORA C.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 1872 or Feb. 1876 (1900 census), Ohio, died of consumption 7 Aug. 1906, Marion Co., W.Va., a single seamstress, age 31, and was buried there.<sup>[1231]</sup>
- 496 iv **MAGGIE**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 1875, Ohio. Must have died young (see Margaret below).

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1228. Posted on <Ancestry.com> with the note, "typed from newspaper by don riggs," with the newspaper unnamed and undated, but near Christmas from the content. The relationship of Don Riggs to Sterling, if any, is unspecified.

1229. U.S. census, 1900, McMechen, Union Dist., Marshall Co., W.Va., ED 74, r. 1765, p. 124, sh. 2A, dw. 23, fam. 27.

1230. U.S. census, 1910, McMechen, Union Dist., Marshall Co., W.Va., ED 90, r. 1688, p. 136, sh. 5B, dw. 82, fam. 106.

1231. *W.Va. Deaths, 1804–1999*, Cora C. Riggs, 31, died of consumption 7 Aug. 1906, Marion Co., W.Va., a single seamstress, age 31, buried Marion Co.



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- 497 v **CHARLES H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 15 June 1877, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio.<sup>[1232]</sup> In 1900 he resided in McMechen, Marshall Co., W.Va., with his mother.
- + 498 vi **MARGARET FRANCES<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Jan. 1877 or 11 Jan. 1879, St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, married **EDWARD MORRIS**, and had four children.

**245. SARAH J.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>168</sub>*Sylvester*<sup>7</sup>, *Zophar*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Zophar*<sup>5</sup>, ?*James*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born Jan. 1844 (1900 census), Ohio.<sup>[1233]</sup> She married 3 July 1862, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1234]</sup> **JAMES W. HOLLAND**, who was born Apr. 1834, [West] Virginia.

In 1870 James W. Holland, 36, a carpenter born in Virginia with \$650 real and \$100 personal estates, resided in Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, with Sarah J., 26, born in Ohio, and Mary M., 6, born in Ohio.<sup>[1235]</sup>

In 1900 James W. Holland, 66, a carpenter born Apr. [overwriting Jan.] 1834 in West Virginia of Virginia natives, resided in Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, with his wife of 38 years, Sarah J., 56, born Jan. 1844 in Ohio of Scotland [sic] natives. She had had six children, with three surviving.<sup>[1236]</sup>

Known children of six:

- 499 i **MARY M.<sup>9</sup> HOLLAND**, born about 1864, Ohio.
- 500 ii **CHARLES W.<sup>9</sup> HOLLAND**, born 14 Oct. 1874, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio.<sup>[1237]</sup>

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1232. *Ohio County Births, 1841–2003*, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Charles H. Riggs, born 15 June 1877, father Sterling Riggs, mother S. J. “Quafley.”

1233. Helen Riggs Johnson’s unsourced 1978 family group sh. has her buried Greenwood Cem., Bellaire, Ohio.

1234. Marriage license and certificate, image online at *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–1994*, Belmont Co., Ohio, Marriages, 1858–1866, 10:331, James W. Holland to Sarah J. Riggs, license 3 July 1862, married 3 July 1862, Belmont Co., Mr. John Riggs to Miss Margaret L. Berry, by J. B. Johnson MG.

1235. U.S. census, 1870, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 1173, p. 227A, dw. 762, fam. 759.

1236. U.S. census, 1900, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 15, r. 1241, p. 13, sh. 13B, dw. 235, fam. 266.

1237. Birth record, image online at *Ohio, County Births, 1841–2003*, Belmont Co. Births, 1875–1884, 2:97, Charles W. Holland, born 14 Oct. 1874, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, father James W. Holland, mother Sarah Riggs, residents of Bellaire.

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501 iii MAUD E.<sup>9</sup> HOLLAND, born 28 Apr.1879, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio.<sup>[1238]</sup>

246. JOHN W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>168</sub>Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 14 May 1846 (death certificate), near St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, died 20 May 1915, Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D.,<sup>[1239]</sup> and was buried in St. Clairsville next to his first wife (according to his biography, q.v.). He married (1) 10 Dec. 1868, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1240]</sup> MARGARET L. BERRY, who was born about 1847, Ohio, and died in 1890, probably in Steele, Kidder Co., N.D. (North Dakota was admitted as a state in 1889.) He married (2) on or about 28 June 1895,<sup>[1241]</sup> probably in Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., FRANCIS/FANNIE BEATRICE BACON, who was born 1867 (1870 census) or Sept. 1869 (1900 census), Pennsylvania, daughter of Rufus F. and Mary L. (–) Bacon.<sup>[1242]</sup> Fannie married a second time, before the 1930 census, to Daniel Martin.

A biography of John Riggs from a Steele (N.D.) diamond jubilee publication of about 1956 follows (with a few errors). Steele was founded in 1881 and was 75 years old in 1956:

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1238. Birth record, image online at *Ohio, County Births, 1841–2003*, Belmont Co. Births, 1875–1884, 2:97, Maud E. Holland, born 28 Apr. 1879, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio, father James W. Holland, mother Sarah Riggs, residents of Bellaire.

1239. Death certificate, State of N.D., Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 6394, John Riggs, died 20 May 1915, Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., aged 69 yrs. 0 mos. 6 dys., born 14 May 1846, Ohio, [condition?] “Buck naked”(!), male, white, married, father Sylvester Riggs, birthplace unknown, mother “Margret Ritte,” birthplace unknown, informant John A. Riggs, of [?], Canada, removal to St. Clairsville, Ohio, on 23 May 1915, digitized photocopy courtesy of Teresa Craig.

1240. Marriage license and certificate, image online at *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–1994*, Belmont Co., Ohio, Marriages, 1867–1873, 11:181, John Riggs to Margaret L. Berry, license 10 Dec. 1868, married 10 Dec. 1868, Belmont Co., Mr. John Riggs to Miss Margaret L. Berry, by William Grimes MG.

1241. Image online at <Ancestry.com> (downloaded 8 Mar. 2014), from an unnamed (almost) newspaper, said to be dated “6.28.1895”: “The Tribune is requested to announce the recent wedding of Mr. John Riggs and Miss Bacon, both of Bismarck, at Mr. Riggs’ home, by Rev. J. E. Warner of the Baptist church.”

1242. U.S. census, 1870, Oil City PO, Cornplanter Twp., Vanango Co., Pa., r. 1459, pp. 217B–218A, dw. 1825, fam. 1882, lists Rufus F. Bacon, 32, oil producer, b. Mass., Mary L., 30, b. Mass., and three children including Fannie B., 3, born in Pa., enumerated 7 Sept. 1870.

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John Riggs was born near St. Clairsville, Ohio, in 1846. He was the son of Wesley [sic] Riggs and was a brick layer by trade, and was marshall of St. Clairsville for several years while residing there. He married Margaret Berry in 1868, and of this union were born ten children, five of whom are still living. Anna, residing in Mexico, New York; Ella, in Fullerton, California; Benjamin, Glendale, California; Roy, Salem, Oregon; and Grover, Bismarck, North Dakota. He was twice married, his first wife died in St. Clairsville in 1890.

Mr. Riggs moved to Steele, Dakota Territory, in 1883, and homesteaded one and one quarter miles west of Steele. He was town marshall of Steele and County constable for many years and did much towards curbing the lawless element which was prevalent in those days. Shortly after he had the buildings erected on the claim a prairie fire destroyed every building on the place, the family bible being all that was saved.

While at Steele he engaged in the manufacture of brick, and also the erection of brick buildings. Besides operating a brick yard at Steele, he also operated a brick yard at Jamestown and at Bismarck, being in charge of the penitentiary [sic] brick yard, and many of the brick buildings in Steele, Jamestown, and Bismarck were [sic] constructed of the brick made by him, among them being the old state capitol building, sections of the penitentiary, and many of the buildings in the down town section of Bismarck.

He moved to Bismarck in 1894 and in 1895 married Francis Baker, and of this union were born three [sic] children. In 1908 he moved his family to Livermore, Iowa, but he continued to hold his position at the penitentiary, operating the brickyard in the summer months and working in the capacity of guard in the winter time.

He died in 1915 and the remains were taken back to St. Clairsville and buried beside his first wife in Union Cemetery.<sup>[1243]</sup>

In 1870 John Riggs, 24, a farm laborer born in Ohio with \$100 in personal estate, resided in Uniontown, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with Margaret, 23, born in Ohio, and Laura, 8/12, born Sept. in Ohio.<sup>[1244]</sup>

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1243. Image online of *Steele Diamond Jubilee*, 92, c1956, on <Ancestry.com> (downloaded 19 Mar. 2013), with note "1881-1956" penciled above the title.

1244. U.S. census, 1870, Uniontown PO, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 1174, p. 272, dw. 219, fam. 216.

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In 1880 John Riggs, 34, a brick maker born in Ohio, resided in St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, with his wife, Margaret L., 32, born in Ohio of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Pennsylvania, and with daughters, Laura B., 10, and Mary I., 8, son, John A., 7, daughters, Sarah E., 5, and Anna A., 3, and a son, “no name,” 4/12, born in Jan., all born in Ohio.<sup>[1245]</sup>

On 29 Apr. 1892, *The Bismarck Tribune* reported that John Riggs escaped from the Kidder Co. jail at Steele. “Riggs was held on bastardly [sic] proceedings.”<sup>[1246]</sup>

In 1900 John Riggs, 52, a brick maker born May 1848 in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Woodlawn Twp., Kidder Co., N.D., with his wife of five years, Fanny B., 30, born Sept. 1869 in Pennsylvania of Massachusetts natives, and with his sons, “Ray” R., 14, born Mar. 1886 of mother born in Ohio, and Howard L., 2 or 3 [both numbers written], born July 1897, and daughter, Helen B., 7/12, born Oct. 1899, all three born in North Dakota, Howard and Helen of a mother born in Pennsylvania. Ray’s mother was born in Ohio, Howard and Helen’s mother was born in Pennsylvania. Fanny had had two children, both living.<sup>[1247]</sup>

In 1910 Fannie B. Riggs, 40, born in Pennsylvania of Massachusetts natives, resided in Livermore, Humboldt Co., Iowa. She had been married [first marriage] for 14 years, and had had six children, five of whom survived and resided in the household with her: son, Howard L., 12, born in North Dakota, daughter, “Hellen” B., 10, born in North Dakota, sons, Philip A., 7, and Donald A., 2, both born in Iowa, and daughter, Dorothy “G.,” 1, born in Iowa.<sup>[1248]</sup>

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1245. U.S. census, 1880, St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 29, r. 995, p. 310B, dw. 51, fam. 64.

1246. Item transcribed by Teresa Craig, email 2 May 2013, “The Bismarck Tribune | April 29, 1898 | John Riggs and J. L. Taylor escaped from the Kidder county jail at Steele. Riggs was held on bastardly proceedings and the other man for violation of the prohibition law.”

1247. U.S. census, 1900, Woodlawn, Kidder Co., N.D., ED 80, r. 1229, p. 310, sh. 3B, dw. 51, fam. 51.

1248. U.S. census, 1910, ward 1, Livermore town, Humboldt Twp., Humboldt Co., Iowa, ED 144, r. 406, book 1, p. 230A, dw. 123, fam. 123.

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The 1915 Iowa state census lists Fannie B. Riggs, 45, a housewife born in Pennsylvania of Massachusetts natives, residing in Livermore, Humboldt Co., Iowa.<sup>[1249]</sup>

In 1920 Daniel “Martans,” 61, a factory blacksmith born in Iowa of Michigan natives, resided in Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, with his wife, Fanny, 50, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in North Dakota and a mother in Michigan, with his sons [sic], “Philiph Briggs,” 17, and “Donold Briggs,” 13, and his stepdaughter, Dorothy “Briggs,” 12, all three born in Iowa of a father born in Iowa.<sup>[1250]</sup>

In 1930 Francis B. Martin, 60, born in Pennsylvania of Massachusetts natives, resided in Des Moines Twp., Boone Co., Iowa, in the household of her son-in-law, Roy E. Tooley, 25 (q.v.). Francis was 25 at first marriage.<sup>[1251]</sup>

A newspaper notice of “final account and distribution,” dated 30 Nov. 1915, alerted the named individuals to settlement of John Riggs’s estate on 16 Jan. 1916, County Court, Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., R. L. Best, executioner of the estate. This is therefore a good summary of living descendants at that time, in birth order:

In the Matter of the Estate of John Riggs, Deceased.  
R. L. Best, Petitioner.

vs.

Fanny D. [sic] Riggs, Laura Robinson, Mary Peterson, John Riggs, Ella Bell, Anna Stevens, Ida Coon, Benjamin F. Riggs, Grover Riggs, Roy Riggs, and Howard Lee Riggs, Helen Belle Riggs, Philip Ireland [sic] Riggs, Donald Allen [sic] Riggs and Dorothy Jean Riggs, minors, Respondents.<sup>[1252]</sup>

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1249. Iowa state census, 1915, Livermore PO, Humboldt Co., Iowa, r. 238, card 499.

1250. U.S. census, 1920, Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, ED 17, r. 478, p. 295, sh. 11B, dw. 230, fam. 232.

1251. U.S. census, 1930, Des Moines Twp., Boone Co., Iowa, ED 16, r. 643, p. 172, sh. 3A, dw. 53, fam. 53.

1252. Image online on <Ancestry.com> (downloaded 17 May. 2013), unnamed, undated newspaper clipping. At least two versions exist, presumably printed on different dates, the other has the list as “Fanny D. Riggs, Laura Robinson, Mary Peterson, John Riggs, Ella Eell, Anna Stevens, Ida Coon, Benjamin F. Riggs, and Howard Lee Riggs, Helen Belle Riggs, Philip Ireland Riggs, Donald Allen Riggs and Dorothy Jean Riggs, Minors, Respondents.”

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An obituary for son, John Albert, in 1950 (see full version in his sketch) gives valuable family information:

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Anna Riggs . . . ; three sisters, Mrs. F. Robinson, Newport; Mrs. Anna Hogoboon, New York, and Mrs. Ella Brown, in California, and three brothers, Ben and Grover Riggs, both in North Dakota, and Roy Riggs, Salem.<sup>[1253]</sup>

Children of the first marriage, to Margaret:

- + 502 i **LAURA BELLE**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born as Clara D. Riggs, 23 Nov. 1869, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, married **FRANCES/FRANK E. ROBINSON**, and had three children.
- + 503 ii **MARY IOLA**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 15 Sept. 1871, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, married **ANDREW P. PETERSON**, and had two children.
- + 504 iii **JOHN ALBERT**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 27 Dec. 1872, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, married (1) **PEARL HARKER**, and had one child, divorced, married (2) **HELEN ANNA BOOK**, and had three children.
- 505 iv **SARAH ELLA**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 8 Sept. 1874, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1254]</sup> died 18 Dec. 1959, Orange Co., Calif.<sup>[1255]</sup> She married (1) **20 Apr. 1892 HARRY F. BELL** (from the estate settlement announcement of 1916, Ella Bell), married (2) **about 1950 – BROWN** (from John Albert's 1950 obituary, a surviving sister, Mrs. Ella Brown, in California.)
- + 506 v **ANNA A.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 5 Oct. 1877, Ohio, married (1) **STANLEY A. STEVENS**, and had three children, married (2) **CHARLES L. HOGOBOOM**.
- 507 vi **[DAUGHTER]**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 11 Aug. 1878, St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1256]</sup> died 12 Aug. 1878, St. Clairsville.<sup>[1257]</sup>

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1253. Image online on <Ancestry.com> (downloaded 25 Apr. 2013), unnamed, undated newspaper clipping.

1254. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, Sarah E. Riggs, born 8 Sept. 1874, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, father John Riggs, mother Margaret Berry, residents of St. Clairsville; also image online at *Ohio, County Births, 1841–2003*, Belmont Co. Births, 1867–1875, 1:338.

1255. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Sarah E. Brown, born 7 [sic] Sept. 1874, Ohio, died 18 Dec. 1959, Orange Co.

1256. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, female Riggs, born 11 Aug. 1878, St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, father “Jno” Riggs, mother “Margt” L. Berry, residents of St. Clairsville; also

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- 508 vii [DAUGHTER]<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 20 Jan. 1879, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio.<sup>[1258]</sup> This birth is only five months after the preceding one. It's possible that Margaret quickly became pregnant again and miscarried this daughter after a couple of months.
- + 509 viii BENJAMIN FRANKLIN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 31 Jan. 1880, Ohio, married GERTRUDE V. —, and had three children.
- + 510 ix IDA MAY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 5 Sept. 1882, married WILLARD BRITNELL COON, and had one child.
- + 511 x GROVER CLEVELAND<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 4 Nov. 1884, Dakota Terr., married MABEL WHEELER, and had two children.
- + 512 xi ROY RUSSELL<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 17 Mar. 1886, Steele, Kidder Co., Dakota Terr., married ALMEDA PEARL HINTON, and had four children.

Children of the second marriage, to Fannie:

- + 513 xii HOWARD LEE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 26 July 1897, Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., married HARRIET ANNETTA GIBSON, and had three children.
- + 514 xiii HELEN BELLE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 20 Oct. 1899, North Dakota, married HJALMAR H. JOHNSON, and had at least three children.
- + 515 xiv PHILIP A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 19 July 1902, Livermore, Humboldt Co., Iowa, married VIOLA J. GRIFFIN, and had at least three children.
- + 516 xv DONALD ALAN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 7 Mar. 1908, North Dakota, married HELEN E. JENKS, and had at least one child.
- + 517 xvi DOROTHY JEAN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 13 Mar. 1909, Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., married ROY/LEROY EDWARD TOOLEY, and had three children.

249. MARGARET A.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>168</sub>Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born Mar. 1852 (1900 census), Ohio,<sup>[1259]</sup>

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image online at *Ohio, County Births, 1841–2003*, Belmont Co. Births, 1875–1884, 2:95.

1257. *Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854–1997*, female Riggs, died 12 Aug. 1878, St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, father “Jno” Riggs, mother “Margt” Riggs.

1258. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, female Riggs, born 20 Jan. 1879, Belmont Co., Ohio, father John Riggs, mother Margaret Berry, of Richland Twp.; also image online at *Ohio, County Births, 1841–2003*, Belmont Co. Births, 1875–1884, 2:118.

1259. Leo Riggs has “born in St Clairsville, Belmont Co, Oh 1852. She died in St Clairsville, Bel-

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and died 13 Nov. 1921,<sup>[1260]</sup> fatally burned in an explosion and fire in her home.<sup>[1261]</sup> She married 18 Nov. 1891, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1262]</sup> **GEORGE T. BRYANT**, who was born Sept. 1846 (1900 census), Ohio, and died 8 Jan. 1921.<sup>[1263]</sup>

In 1900 George T. Bryant, 53, a day laborer born Sept. 1846 in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in St. Clairsville, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with his wife of nine years, Margaret A., 48, a washwoman born Mar. 1852 in Ohio of Ohio natives. She had had no children.<sup>[1264]</sup>

**250. ALFRED<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>170?</sub>William<sup>7</sup>, Reuben<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1804, Tennessee. **I believe this is where Alfred might go, so I'll just assume it, the first child after his putative parents' marriage in 1803. It's a placeholder for Alfred, at the very least. Note that this would make his daughter Minerva Josephine<sup>9</sup> the cousin who married Alfred Washington<sup>9</sup> Riggs according to the Great Aunt's Story (see William<sup>7</sup>'s sketch).** He married (1) **HANNAH** —, who was born about 1810, Kentucky, and apparently died before the 1860 census. He married (2) 31 Aug. 1863, Pope Co., Ark.,<sup>[1265]</sup> **MARY [MANERVIA or MARRINIA] SCOTT**,<sup>[1266]</sup> who was born about 1843 (!), South Carolina.

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mont Co, Oh 1921 at 69 years of age. She married George Bryant. Killed accidentally.” but no sources. Helen Riggs Johnson’s unsourced 1978 family group sh. has her born 1852, Belmont Co., died 1921 “fatally burned in an explosion and fire in her home,” buried Old Methodist Cem., St. Clairsville, married George Bryant.

1260. *U.S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907–1933*, Army widow of George T. Bryant, Margaret A. Bryant, died 13 Nov. 1921, certificate 902206 for service as “Pr. E. 88<sup>th</sup> O. Inf.”

1261. See excerpt in sketch of Helen Belle<sup>9</sup> Riggs (*John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>*).

1262. *Ohio Marriages, 1803–1900*, George T. Bryant to Margaret A. Riggs, 18 Nov. 1891, Belmont Co., Ohio.

1263. *U.S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907–1933*, George T. Bryant died 8 Jan. 1921, widow Margaret A. Bryant, certificate 773143 for service as “Pr. E. 88<sup>th</sup> O. I.”

1264. U.S. census, 1900, St. Clairsville, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 22, r. 1241, p. 139, sh. 5A, dw. 95, fam. 99.

1265. Pope Co., Ark., Marriages, D:91, image 334/790 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 1034012, DGS 4331429, “Riggs & Scott } I C. Buttell an and duly commissioned Justice of the peace in and for the county of Pope in the State of Arkansas do certify that on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1863 at the county of Pope in the State of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage Alfred Riggs of Pope county State of Arkansas aged 59 years and Mary Scott of the county aforesaid aged 20 years and there then declared them to be husband and wife. Given under my hand this 31 day



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On 22 Nov. 1828, 200 acres of land were surveyed for **Alfred Riggs** “in Giles county, Range 2, & section 1, on Little Shoal Creek.” One of the chain carriers was “**Jos.**” **Riggs**.<sup>[1267]</sup>

Repeated for convenience: On 25 Jan. 1828 **William Riggs** sold (mortgaged) to Wiley Davis, both of Giles Co., Tenn., for \$110, “one Grey Horse one Brown Mare one yoke of work steers two cows and calves one yearlin five head of Hogs three featherbeds & furniture five beestands one chest and twenty barrels of corn,” on the condition that if Riggs repaid Davis, with \$110 plus interest, by 1 Feb. 1829, then the sale would be void and the property revert to Riggs. One of the witnesses was **Alfred Riggs**. The transaction was acknowledged in Giles County Court February Term 1828 on 7 Mar. 1828 and registered 27 Mar. 1828.<sup>[1268]</sup>

In 1830 Alfred Riggs, 20–30 [born 1800–1810], resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with a woman 20–30, and one boy and one girl under 5.<sup>[1269]</sup>

In 1850 Alfred Riggs, 46 [born c1804], a farmer born in Tennessee with \$250 real estate, resided in Hardeman Co., Tenn., with Hannah, 40, born in Kentucky, and with Mary, 23, Rubin, 20, a farmer, John, 17, Mildred, 12, Elizabeth, 9, Lucinda, 6, and Catherine, 3, all seven born in Tennessee.<sup>[1270]</sup>

From 22 Sept. 1857 to 12 Feb. 1858, Alfred Riggs served as postmaster for Piney Grove, Hardeman Co., Tenn.<sup>[1271]</sup>

In 1860 Alfred Riggs, 56, a farmer with \$150 real and \$275 personal estates, resided in Glass Village, Griffin Twp., Pope Co., Ark., with “Mil-lie” J. Gourd, 21, “Aineth” Riggs, 18, a female, Lucinda T., 15, Martha

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of August 1863 | C. Britell JP | Filed and Recorded August 31<sup>st</sup> 1863 | A. J. Bayliss clerk and official Recorder.”

1266. Might this be a corruption of “Marianna”?

1267. Giles Co., Tenn., Land Surveys, p. 47, image 54/568 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968958, DGS 8151348, no. 484, Alfred Riggs, 200 acres, 22 Nov. 1828.

1268. Giles Co., Tenn., Deeds, G:391–393, images 449–450/519 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 968855, DGS 8151349, “William Riggs Mortgage to Wiley Davis } Registered the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1828.”

1269. U.S. census, 1830, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 176, p. 189, FHL 24534.

1270. U.S. census, 1850, Hardeman Co., Tenn., r. 881, p. 118A, dw. 717, fam. 717.

1271. *U.S. Appointments of U.S. Postmasters, 1832–1971*, Tennessee, Hardeman Co., image 111/718 online, “Dis<sup>d</sup> Piney Grove Alfred Riggs 22 Sep '57 Discontinued 12 feb '58.”

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C., 13, **Minerva J.**, 10, and Elizabeth Gourd, 3, all seven born in Tennessee.<sup>[1272]</sup>

On 31 Aug. 1863, as part of their marriage agreement for the marriage that occurred that very day, Alfred Riggs and Mary Scott entered into a prenuptial agreement in Pope Co., Ark., “to endow said Mary Scott of one child's part of all the real estate that I now possess . . . at my death and the said Alfred Riggs also gives at my death one third part of all the stack [?stock] of which I may die possessed and also at my death that she the said Mary Scott is to have an equal share of all proceeds? with the children that may then be living with us.”<sup>[1273]</sup>

In 1870 Alfred Riggs, 66, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$263 personal estate, resided in Lewisburg, Welborn Twp., Conway Co., Ark., with “Manervia” or “Marrinia,” 29, born in South Carolina, “**Josephene**,” 18, born in Tennessee, and Thomas, 15, “Ambros,” 8, William, 2, and Mary, 7/12, born in Jan., all four born in Arkansas, and one servant.<sup>[1274]</sup>

Children of first marriage, to Hannah:

- 518 i **MARY**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1827, Tennessee.
- 519 ii **RUBIN**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1830, Tennessee.
- 520 iii **JOHN**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1833, Tennessee.
- 521 iv **MILDRED J.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1838, Tennessee, married — **GOURD**, and had at least one child: (1) Elizabeth<sup>10</sup> Gourd, born about 1857, Tennessee.
- 522 v **ELIZABETH**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1841, Tennessee.
- 523 vi **LUCINDA TAYLOR**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1844, Tennessee, married 23 Dec. 1864, Pope Co., Ark.,<sup>[1275]</sup> **JOSEPH D. STAGGS**, born about 1840, Tennessee, and had at least seven children.

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1272. U.S. census, 1860, Glass Village PO, Griffin Twp., Pope Co., Ark., r. 48, p. 844, dw. 952, fam. 942, FHL 803048.

1273. Pope Co., Ark., Deeds, 1861–1867, H:396–397, image 539/673 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 1026724/item 2, DGS 8565192, prenuptial agreement between Alfred Riggs and Mary Scott, 31 Aug. 1863, acknowledged the same day, recorded 2 Sept. 1863.

1274. U.S. census, 1870, Lewisburg PO, Welborn Twp., Pope Co., Ark., r. 50, p. 105A, dw. 163, fam. 163, FHL 545549.

1275. *Ark. County Marriages Index, 1837–1957*, Lucinda Riggs, female, 20, born about 1844, to Joseph Stags [sic], male, 23, both residents of Wilson, Pope Co., Ark., married 23 Dec. 1864, Pope

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In 1870 Joseph Staggs, 30, a farm worker born in Tennessee with \$200 personal estate, resided in Dover, Griffin Twp., Pope Co., Ark., with Taylor, 27, born in Tennessee, and with Caroline, 10, George, 4, and William J., 1, all three born in Arkansas, and with Tobe Gourd, 16, female, born in Arkansas.<sup>[1276]</sup>

In 1880 Joseph D. "Stags," 44, a farmer born in Tennessee of a mother born in North Carolina, resided in Gum Log Twp., Pope Co., Ark., with his wife, Lucinda T., 36, born in Tennessee of "(Tenn)" natives, and with daughter, Clarrisa C., 15, son, George W., 12, daughter, Josephine, 7, sons, Thomas T., 5, and Sidney S., 3, and daughter, Mary J., 1, all born in Arkansas.<sup>[1277]</sup>

- 524 vii **MARTHA CATHERINE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1847, Tennessee.  
+ 525 viii **MINERVA JOSEPHINE<sup>9</sup> (RIGGS) HILLIS**, born 1 Nov. 1851, Tennessee, married (1) **BENJAMIN H. HILLIS**, married (2) her putative cousin, **ALFRED WASHINGTON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>253?</sub>*William R.<sup>8</sup>, ?William<sup>7</sup>, Reuben<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*), and had 11 children. See his line for continuation.  
526 ix **THOMAS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1855, Arkansas. But he is not listed in the 1860 census.

Children of second marriage, to Mary:

- 527 x **AMBROSE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1862, Arkansas. But this birth precedes the marriage to Mary in 1863.  
528 xi **WILLIAM<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1868, Arkansas.  
529 xii **MARY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Jan. 1870, Arkansas. **Another Mary?**

**252. REUBEN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>170</sub>*William<sup>7</sup>, Reuben<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born 3 Sept. 1811 (gravestone), Tennessee, died 10 Apr. 1893, and was buried in Poolville Cem., Poolville, Parker Co., Tex.<sup>[1278]</sup> He married (1) **SARAH M.** —, who was born about 1813, Ten-

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Co., Ark., FHL 1034012.

1276. U.S. census, 1870, Dover PO, Griffin Twp., Pope Co., Ark., r. 61, p. 365A, dw. 1100, fam. 1118, FHL 545560.

1277. U.S. census, 1880, Gum Log Twp., Pope Co., Ark., ED 138, r. 54, p. 112A, dw. 66, fam. 80.

1278. *Find a Grave*, no. 61459148, gravestone photograph, by Bernie Ray, Poolville Cem., Poolville, Parker Co., Tex., "Reubin | Riggs | born | Sept. 3, 1811 | died | Apr. 10, 1893."

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nessee. He married (2) 20 June 1857, Limestone Co., Ala.,<sup>[1279]</sup> ELIZABETH BURRUS, who was born about 1821, Tennessee or North Carolina.

On 10 Apr. 1833, 110 acres of land were surveyed for **Reuben Riggs** “in Giles county, on the waters of Jenkins Creek [sic] in Range one & section one.”<sup>[1280]</sup>

In 1840 Reuben Riggs, 20–30, resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with a woman 20–30, one boy and one girl under 5, and one boy and one girl 5–10.<sup>[1281]</sup> The oldest four children of the next census fit these four children, except that the youngest daughter must have been born in Tennessee, not Alabama.

N.B. Limestone Co., Ala., is adjacent to Giles Co., Tenn.

N.B. Palo Pinto Co., Tex., is adjacent to Parker Co., Tex.

In 1850 Reuben Riggs, 39, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$500 real estate, resided in Limestone Co., Ala., with Sarah M., 37, born in Tennessee, and with Francis M., 17, male, Mary J., 15, and James W., 13, all born in Tennessee, and Martha Ann, 11, William G., 9, Sarah P., 6, Lewis H., 4, and Robert Taylor Riggs, 2, all born in Alabama.<sup>[1282]</sup>

In 1870 Reuben Riggs, 59, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$1,000 real estate, resided in Cassville, Kings Prairie Twp., Barry Co., Mo., with “Betsy,” 49, born in Tennessee, and with John, 17, born in Alabama, and Lydia, 12, and Rosa, 10, both born in Arkansas.<sup>[1283]</sup> So Lydia and Rosa were children of the second wife. The Arkansas birthplace is a puzzle, but is backed up in the 1880 for Rosa.

In 1880 Reuben Riggs, 68, a farmer born in Tennessee of a mother born in Tennessee, resided in Kings Prairie Twp., Barry Co., Mo., with

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1279. *Ala. Marriage Index, 1800-1969*, Reuben Riggs to Elizabeth Burrus, 20 June 1857, Limestone Co., Ala., source: Hunting for Bears.

1280. Giles Co., Tenn., Land Surveys, p. 90, image 76/568 online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, FHL 968958, DGS 8151348, no. 548, Reuben Riggs, 100 acres, 10 Apr. 1833.

1281. U.S. census, 1840, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 523, p. 96. John is on p. 152.

1282. U.S. census, 1850, Dist. 4, Limestone Co., Ala., r. 8, p. 24A, dw. 332, fam. 332.

1283. U.S. census, 1870, Cassville PO, Kings Prairie Twp., Barry Co., Mo., r. 757, p. 689A, dw. 5.

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his wife, Elizabeth, 59, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. Next door was John R. Riggs, 27.<sup>[1284]</sup>

Children of the first marriage, to Sarah:

- 530 i FRANCIS M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1833, Tennessee.
- 531 ii MARY J.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1835, Tennessee.
- 532 iii JAMES W.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1837, Tennessee.
- 533 iv MARTHA ANN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 31 Aug. 1837 (gravestone), probably Tennessee but perhaps Alabama, died 4 Apr. 1919, buried Poolville Cem., Poolville, Parker Co., Tex.,<sup>[1285]</sup> married 20 Jan. 1857, Limestone Co., Ala.,<sup>[1286]</sup> DAVID N. RAY.
- 534 v WILLIAM G.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1841, Alabama.
- 535 vi SARAH P.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1844, Alabama.
- 536 vii LEWIS H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1846, Alabama, married 18 Oct. 1866, Dade Co., Mo.,<sup>[1287]</sup> MELVINA L. MCMILLEN.
- 537 viii ROBERT TAYLOR<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 14 Oct. 184[?] (gravestone), Alabama, died 16 Apr. 1908, buried Elmwood Cem., Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto Co., Tex.,<sup>[1288]</sup> married M. J. —.
- + 538 ix JOHN R.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 12 Apr. 1853 (gravestone), Alabama, married SARAH A. DINKINS [DENKINS], and had six children.

Known children of the second marriage, to Elizabeth:

- 539 x LYDIA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1858, Arkansas.
- 540 xi ROSA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1860, Arkansas, married GEORGE J. RAGLE, born about 1859, Alabama.

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1284. U.S. census, 1880, Kings Prairie Twp., Barry Co., Mo., ED 2, r. 672, p. 235B, dw. 118, fam. 122.

1285. *Find a Grave*, no. 61458417, gravestone photograph, by Bernie Ray, Poolville Cem., Poolville, Parker Co., Tex., “Martha A. | wife of | David N. Ray | Aug. 31, 1837 | Apr. 4, 1919 | . . .”

1286. *Ala. Marriage Index, 1800–1969*, Martha Ann Riggs to David N. Ray, 20 Jan. 1857, Limestone Co., Ala., source: Hunting for Bears.

1287. *Mo. Compiled Marriage Index, 1766–1983*, Lewis H. Riggs to Melvina L. McMillen, 18 Oct. 1866, Dade Co., Mo.; see also *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, image online, Dade Co., Mo., 79–80.

1288. *Find a Grave*, no. 18004139, gravestone photograph, by May Ashby Royer, Elmwood Cem., Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto Co., Tex., “R. T. Riggs Hus | of M. J. Riggs | B. Oct. 14, 184[?] | D. Apr. 16, 1908 | . . .”

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In 1880 George J. Ragle, 21, a farmer born in Alabama of Alabama natives, resided in Kings Prairie Twp., Barry Co., Mo., with his wife, Rosa, 20, born in Arkansas of a father born in Alabama and a mother in Kentucky. Two doors away were Reuben and Elizabeth Riggs.<sup>[1289]</sup>

253. **WILLIAM R.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>170</sub>?William<sup>7</sup>, Reuben<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1819, Tennessee. He married **ELIZA** —, who was born about 1824, Tennessee. **By the Great Aunt's Story** (see sketch of William<sup>7</sup>), William and Eliza were murdered after son Alfred Washington's birth in about 1852 and before the 1860 census. N.B. The son's name is Alfred, not Albert.

In 1850 William R. Riggs, 31 [born c1819], a farmer born in Tennessee, resided in Pope Co., Ark., with Eliza, 26, born in Tennessee, Reuben, 4, Martha E., 3, and John A., 1, all born in Tennessee. Next door was Albert W. Riggs (q.v.), probably his brother.<sup>[1290]</sup>

In 1860 Washington Riggs, 8, born in Arkansas, and Reuben Riggs, 15, born in Tennessee, both laborers, resided in Clinton, Hartzoggs Twp., Van Buren Co., Ark., in the household of Page Hatchett, 49, his wife, Thankful, and their family.<sup>[1291]</sup> **This supports the Great Aunt's Story and to that extent establishes Washington Riggs, born about 1852, as brother of Reuben Riggs, born about 1846, by the 1850 census just above.**

Known children and **probable fourth child by the Great Aunt's Story:**

- 541 i **REUBEN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1846, Tennessee.
- 542 ii **MARTHA E.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1847, Tennessee, **married (1) — WHITEHEAD**, married (2) Jan. 1868, Van Buren Co., Ark.,<sup>[1292]</sup>  
**ANDREW JACKSON POWELL**, born about 1848, Arkansas, son of

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1289. U.S. census, 1880, Kings Prairie Twp., Barry Co., Mo., ED 2, r. 672, p. 235B, dw. 120, fam. 124.

1290. U.S. census, 1850, Pope Co., Ark., r. 29, p. 265A, dw. 353, fam. 353.

1291. U.S. census, 1860, Clinton PO, Hartzoggs Twp., Van Buren Co., Ark., r. 51, p. 360, dw. 141, fam. 144, FHL 803051.

1292. *Ark. County Marriages Index, 1837–1957*, Martha Riggs to Jackson Powell, both of Van Buren Co., Ark., married Jan. 1868, Van Buren Co., Ark., FHL 1031200; *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Martha E. Riggs, spouse Andrew J. Powell, child Frances A. Wilson.

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Ambrose and Nancy (–) Powell,<sup>[1293]</sup> and had at least six children, including: (1) Drew A.<sup>10</sup> Powell, born 20 Aug. 1884, Arkansas, died 27 June 1964, Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex.<sup>[1294]</sup>

In 1900 Drew Powell, 14, born Aug. 1885 in Arkansas, resided with his uncle, Alfred Washington Riggs (q.v.).

In 1870 “And<sup>w</sup>” J. Powell, 23, a farmer born in Arkansas with \$100 real estate, resided in Clinton, Craig Twp., Van Buren Co., Ark., with Martha E., 1, and Tom. H. Powell, 1, both born in Arkansas.<sup>[1295]</sup>

In 1880 A. J. Powell, 32, a farmer born in Arkansas of Tennessee natives, resided in Lick Mountain, Conway Co., Ark., with his wife, Martha, 33, born in Tennessee, and with his sons, John A., 6, and Lewis J., 4, and daughter, Nancy J., 2, all born in Arkansas.<sup>[1296]</sup>

- 543 iii JOHN A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1849, Tennessee.  
+ 544 iv ?ALFRED WASHINGTON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 7 Jan. 1852, Tennessee, married MINERVA JOSEPHINE<sup>9</sup> (RIGGS) HILLIS (<sup>253</sup>Alfred<sup>8</sup>, ?William<sup>7</sup>, Reuben<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>), and had 11 children. He’s from the Great Aunt’s Story and the 1850 census.

**255. MINERVA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sup>170</sup>William<sup>7</sup>, Reuben<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1818, Tennessee. She married 27 Apr. 1839, Marshall Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1297]</sup> JOHN HUGHES, who was born about 1821, Tennessee.

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1293. U.S. census, 1850, Independence Twp., Van Buren Co., Ark., r. 31, p. 319B, dw. 319, fam. 319, lists Ambrose Powell, 45, born N.C., Nancy, 40, born Ky., and nine children, including Andrew J., 2, born Ark.

1294. *Tex. Death Certificates, 1903–1982*, image online, no. 44479, Drew A. Powell, resident of Wolfe City, Hunt Co., died 27 June 1964, Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex., aged 79 yrs., male, white, married, farmer, born 20 Aug. 1884, Ark., father Jack Powell, mother Martha Whitehead, informant Mrs. D. A. Powell, SSN 461-36-1898, buried 29 June 1964, Mt. Carmel Cem., Wolfe City, Tex.

1295. U.S. census, 1870, Clinton PO, Craig Twp., Van Buren Co., Ark., r. 66, p. 10B, dw. 31, fam. 31, FHL 545565.

1296. U.S. census, 1880, Lick Mountain, Conway Co., Ark., ED 41, r. 41, p. 353A, dw. 229, fam. 233.

1297. *All Tenn. Marriages to 1825*, Henry “Margian” to Mary Riggs, 25 Jan. 1808, Grainger Co.

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In 1850 John “Hughs,” 29, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$50 real estate, resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with Minerva, 32, born in Tennessee, and Mary, 8, James, 7, William, 6, Elizabeth, 4, and Margaret, 2, all born in Tennessee.<sup>[1298]</sup>

In 1860 “Manerva” Hughes, 42, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$3,168 real and \$962 personal estates, resided in Bethel, Giles Co., Tenn., with Mary P., 18, James W., 17, William R., 16, Elizabeth J., 14, Margaret, 12, Joseph M., 10, and Rose E., 6, all born in Tennessee. William Riggs, 77, with E. “Milly,” 74, both born in Tennessee, both illiterate, shared the dwelling.<sup>[1299]</sup>

In 1870 “Mary” Hughes, 51, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$1,500 real and \$290 personal estates, resided in Bethel, Giles Co., Tenn., with Elizabeth, 24, and Rose A., 16, both born in Tennessee.<sup>[1300]</sup>

Children:

- 545 i **MARY P.<sup>9</sup> HUGHES**, born about 1842, Tennessee.
- 546 ii **JAMES W.<sup>9</sup> HUGHES**, born about 1843, Tennessee.
- 547 iii **WILLIAM R.<sup>9</sup> HUGHES**, born about 1844, Tennessee.
- 548 iv **ELIZABETH J.<sup>9</sup> HUGHES**, born about 1846, Tennessee.
- 549 v **MARGARET<sup>9</sup> HUGHES**, born about 1848, Tennessee.
- 550 vi **JOSEPH M.<sup>9</sup> HUGHES**, born about 1850, Tennessee.
- 551 vii **ROSE/ROSA ELLA<sup>9</sup> HUGHES**, born 23 Apr. 1853, Tennessee, died 11 Apr. 1939, Texarkana, Bowie Co., Tex.,<sup>[1301]</sup> buried 13 Apr. 1939, Hillcrest Cem., Texarkana, Tex., married 22 Sept. 1871, Giles Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1302]</sup> **WILLIAM STURGEON**.

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1298. U.S. census, 1850, District 3, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 879, p. 324B, dw. 105, fam. 105.

1299. U.S. census, 1860, Bethel PO, Southern Subdivision, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 1251, p. 180, dw. 1140, fam. 1122. William was fam. 1123 in the same dwelling.

1300. U.S. census, 1870, Bethel PO, Dist. 3, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 1529, p. 46B, dw. 66, fam. 66, FHL 553028.

1301. *Tex. Death Certificates, 1903–1982*, image online, Bowie Co., 1939, no. 16935, Mrs. Rosa Sturgeon, died 11 Apr. 1939, in her residence in Texarkana, Bowie Co., Tex., aged 85 yrs. 11 mos. 18 dys., female, white, widowed, housewife, born 23 Apr. 1853, Tenn., father John Hughes, born Tenn., mother Minerva Riggs, born Tenn., informant Mrs. M. E. Selvidge, of Shreveport, La., buried 13 Apr. 1939, Hillcrest Cem.

1302. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780–2002*, image online, Giles Co., 1865–1881, “Sturgeon William To Rosa Ella Hughes | [licensed] 21 Sept. 1871 | I solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between the within named parties on the 22 day of Sept 1871 John L. Brownlow JP.”



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257. JINSEY/JENCY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>170</sub>William<sup>7</sup>, Reuben<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1824, Tennessee. She married 28 Oct. 1841, Giles Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1303]</sup> HENRY D. ARTHUR, who was born about 1815, Georgia.

In 1850 Henry “Arther,” 35, a farmer born in Georgia with \$300 real estate, resided in Giles Co., Tenn., with Jinsey, 26, born in Tennessee, and Mahala, 7, Elizabeth, 5, William, 4, and Rebecca, 6/12, all four born in Tennessee. Also in the household were (her parents) William Riggs, 66, and “Milley,” 63 (q.v.).<sup>[1304]</sup>

Known children:

- 552 i MAHALA<sup>9</sup> ARTHUR, born about 1843, Tennessee.
- 553 ii ELIZABETH<sup>9</sup> ARTHUR, born about 1845, Tennessee.
- 554 iii WILLIAM<sup>9</sup> ARTHUR, born about 1846, Tennessee.
- 555 iv REBECCA<sup>9</sup> ARTHUR, born about 1849, Tennessee.

258. ALBERT W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>170</sub>?William<sup>7</sup>, Reuben<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1826, Tennessee. He apparently died before the 1860 census, but conceived his son, Albert W.<sup>9</sup>, who was born in May 1858. He married (1) 16 Oct. 1845, Lawrence Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1305]</sup> JANE ADALINE PERRYMAN, who was born about 1825, Tennessee. He married (2) 18 May 1854, Pope Co., Ark.,<sup>[1306]</sup> AMERICA BYRD [BIRD], who was born May 1833 (1900 census), Tennessee, daughter of Liberty and Caroline (–) Byrd. He was probably a son of William<sup>7</sup> if William R.<sup>8</sup> Riggs was a son. N.B. His name is Albert, not Alfred.

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1303. Giles Co., Tenn., *Bride Listing*, “[bride] Riggs, Geney (Jency) [groom] Arthur, Henry D. [license] 10/27/1841 [married] 10/28/1841 [provided security] John Hughes [married by] Warren W. Calhoun, J.P.”

1304. U.S. census, 1850, Giles Co., Tenn., r. 879, p. 318, dw. 27, fam. 27.

1305. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780–2002*, image online, Lawrence Co., Tenn., “Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 1845 | N<sup>o</sup> 175 Albert W. Riggs To Jane Adaline Perryman | Solemnized the day Issued G. H. Kennedy JP.”

1306. *Ark. Compiled Marriages, 1851–1900*, Albert W. Riggs to “Armerica” Bird, 18 May 1854, Pope Co., Ark.; *Ark. County Marriages Index, 1837–1957*, Albert W. Riggs, male, 30, born about 1824, to America Bird, female, 20, both of Pope Co., Ark., 18 May 1854, Pope Co., FHL 1034012.

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In 1850 Albert W. Riggs, 24, a farmer born in Tennessee, resided in Pope Co., Ark., with Jane A., 25, born in Tennessee, and Mary C., 3, born in Tennessee, and Milly, 1, born in Arkansas. Next door was William R. Riggs (q.v.), probably his brother.<sup>[1307]</sup>

In 1860 America "Briggs," 27, born in Tennessee, resided in Dover, Dover Twp., Pope Co., Ark., with Eliza J., 5, and Albert W., 2, both born in Arkansas, in the household of [her parents] Liberty Byrd, 47, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$500 real and \$500 personal estates, with Caroline, 43, born in Tennessee, and with five Byrd children, ages 16 to 4, and with "W<sup>m</sup>" R. Perryman, 26, born in Arkansas (a kinsman perhaps of Albert's first wife).<sup>[1308]</sup>

In 1870 America Riggs, 37, born in Tennessee, resided in Dover, Dover Twp., Pope Co., Ark., with Eliza Jane, 15, and Albert W., 12, both born in Arkansas, in the household of [her parents] Liberty Byrd, 57, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$300 real and \$200 personal estates, with Caroline, 51, born in Tennessee, and with three Byrd children, ages 24 to 15.<sup>[1309]</sup>

In 1900 America Riggs, 67, a widow born May 1833 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Johnson Co., Tex., with Eliza Jane, 15, and Albert W., 12, both born in Arkansas, in the household of her brother, Nicodemus Byrd, 59, a farmer born Dec. 1840 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives and his family.<sup>[1310]</sup>

Known children of the first marriage, to Jane:

- 556 i MARY C.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1847, Tennessee.
- 557 ii MILLY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1849, Tennessee.

Children of the second marriage, to America:

- 558 iii ELIZA J.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1855, Arkansas.

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1307. U.S. census, 1850, Pope Co., Ark., r. 29, p. 265A, dw. 354, fam. 354.

1308. U.S. census, 1860, Dover, Dover Twp., Pope Co., Ark., r. 48, p. 780, dw. 526, fam. 525, FHL 803048.

1309. U.S. census, 1870, Dover, Dover Twp., Pope Co., Ark., r. 61, p. 343A, dw. 119, fam. 119, FHL 545560.

1310. U.S. census, 1900, Dist. 4, Johnson Co., Tex., ED 61, r. ?, p. 217, sh. 7B, dw. 135, fam. 136, FHL 1241649.

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+ 559 iv ALBERT W.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born May 1858, Arkansas married NANCY J. WILSON, and had three children.

263. HENDERSON EVANS<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>179</sub>Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Jesse<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 6 July 1830, Lawrence Co., Ala.,<sup>[1311]</sup> died 23 Feb. 1921, Marion Co., Ala.,<sup>[1312]</sup> and is buried in Thompson Cemetery, presumably Marion Co.<sup>[1313]</sup> He married about 1849 SARAH A. LINDSEY, who was born Aug. 1829 (1900 census), Tennessee, daughter of Jesse and Jane (–) Lindsey,<sup>[1314]</sup> and died before the 1920 census.

In 1850 Henderson Riggs, 20, a farmer born in Alabama, resided in Marion Co., Ala., with Sarah A., 20, born in Tennessee, and with Rebecca I., 1/12, born in Alabama. Next door was Jesse Riggs, 48, born in Tennessee, with Rebecca Riggs, 48, born in Georgia, and two children, and next door the other direction was William “Rigs,” 32, born in Alabama, with Ann Riggs, 29, born in Tennessee, and 10 children. Two dwellings removed was Jesse Lindsay, 62, with Jane, 53, and three children. Three dwellings removed was James Riggs, 43, born in Tennessee, with Sarah Riggs, 39, born in Tennessee, and three children.<sup>[1315]</sup>

On 1 Mar. 1858 Henderson Riggs purchased 119.62 acres of government land in Marion Co., Ala. Other purchasers there were Jesse and Augustus Riggs.<sup>[1316]</sup>

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1311. *Ala. Census of Confederate Soldiers, 1907–1921*, Henderson E. Riggs, resided 1907, Detroit, Marion Co., Ala., born 6 July 1830, Lawrence Co., Ala., private, entered service 13 May 1862, Jones Cross Road, Ala., 42 Ala. Inf. Co. K., continued until end of war, paroled at Vicksburg, Miss.

1312. *Alabama Deaths, 1908–59*, Henderson “Evane” Riggs, death 23 Feb. 1921, Marion Co., vol. 7, r. 2, page no. 3081.

1313. *Marion Co. Ala., Archives Military Records*, “Riggs, Henderson E. born 1830, died 1921, member of the 42nd Alabama Infantry Company K, buried Thompson Cemetery.”

1314. U.S. census, 1850, Marion Co., Ala., r. 10, p. 144, dw. 245, fam. 252, lists Jesse Lindey, 62, born N.C., Jane, 53, born N.C., and three children, a boarder Lidia M. Downs, and a widow, Mary Stolw[?], 93, born in Va., who might have been Jane’s mother. Two dwellings away were Henderson and Sarah A. (Lindsey) Riggs.

1315. U.S. census, 1850, District 14, Marion Co., Ala., r. 10, p. 144, dw. 243, fam. 250. See also dw. 242, 244–46.

1316. *Alabama Land Patents Database: Marion County–Surnames Beginning P–S*, Henderson Riggs, S23 T11S R15W, Huntsville, Ala. Land office, 199.62, 1 Mar. 1858.

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In 1860 H. E. Riggs, 30, a farmer born in Alabama with \$200 real estate, resided in Redland PO, Antoine, Pike Co., Ala., with Sarah, 31, born in Alabama, and with J. J., 6, M. J., 3, and W. E., 11/12, all three born in Alabama.<sup>[1317]</sup>

Henderson E. Riggs served in the Confederate Army in the Civil War as a corporal in Company K, 42nd Alabama Infantry.<sup>[1318]</sup> A muster roll for Company K under Capt. C. F. Condrey lists 4th Sgt. H. E. Riggs.<sup>[1319]</sup>

In 1880 Henderson E. Riggs, 49, a farmer born in Alabama of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Georgia, resided in Marion Co., Ala., with his wife, Sarah A., 50, born in Tennessee of North Carolina natives, and with his son, William, 20, daughter, Sarah E., 17, son, Henderson R., 17, and daughter, Martha A., 12, all four born in Alabama. Also in the household were his mother, Rebecca Riggs, 77, born in Georgia of a father born in Georgia and a mother in Pennsylvania, and his father-in-law, Jesse Lindsey, 88, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. "Jessee" D. Riggs, 25, born in Alabama of Alabama natives, and his wife, Sarah, 27, born in Alabama of Georgia natives, resided nearby.<sup>[1320]</sup>

In 1900 Henderson E. Riggs, 69, a merchant born July 1830 in Alabama of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Georgia, resided in Camp, Marion Co., Ala., with his wife of 51 years, Sarah A., 70, born Aug. 1829 in Alabama of North Carolina natives. She had had 11 children, with four surviving.<sup>[1321]</sup>

In 1910 Henderson E. Riggs, 79, born in Alabama of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Georgia, resided in "Ryes," Marion Co., Ala., with his wife of 61 years, Sarah A., 80, born in Alabama of North Caro-

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1317. U.S. census, 1860, Redland PO, Antoin, Pike Co., Ala., r. 47, p. 505, dw. 501, fam. 501.

1318. *Civil War Service Records*, Henderson E. Riggs.

1319. *42nd Alabama Infantry*, also lists 2nd Lt. Andrew Jackson Northington and Pvt. T. J. Riggs, muster roll of 16 May 1862, stationed at Columbus, Miss.

1320. U.S. census, 1880, Marion Co., Ala., ED 243, r. 23, p. 76B, dw. 136, fam. 136. Jesse resided in dw. 134[?].

1321. U.S. census, 1900, Camp, Pct. 3, Marion Co., Ala., ED 59, r. 30, p. 142, sh. 9A, dw. 142, fam. 142.

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lina natives. She had had 11 children, with three surviving. Nearby was Henderson R. Riggs.<sup>[1322]</sup>

In 1920 Henderson Riggs “Sr.,” 89, a widower born in Alabama, resided in Rye, Marion Co., Ala., in the home of his son Henderson R. Riggs.<sup>[1323]</sup>

Known children, of 11:

- 560 i **REBECCA I.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Oct. 1850, Marion Co., Alabama. She does not appear in the 1860 census.
- 561 ii **J. J.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, male, born about 1854, Alabama.
- 562 iii **M. J.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, female, born about 1857, Alabama.
- + 563 iv **WILLIAM ELY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1860, Marion Co., Ala., married **MARTHA NORTHINGTON**, and had 13 children.
- 564 v **SARAH E.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (twin), born Nov. 1862, Alabama.
- + 565 vi **HENDERSON R.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (twin), born Nov. 1862, Alabama, married **SARAH S. HAMILTON**, and had five children.
- 566 vii **MARTHA A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1868, Alabama.

**264. MARTHA S.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>179</sub>Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Jesse<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1841, Alabama. She married **HENRY LUSTER**, who was born about 1826, Georgia.

In 1860 Henry Luster, 24, a wagon wright born in Georgia with real and personal estates valued respectively at \$150 and \$200, resided in Pikeville, Marion Co., Ala., with Martha S. “E.,” 19, born in Alabama, and with “Jas.” J., 1, born in Alabama. Next door was Jesse “Rigs.”<sup>[1324]</sup>

Child:

- 567 i **JAMES J.<sup>9</sup> LUSTER**, born about 1859, Alabama.

**277. JASPER N.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>190</sub>Edward<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1838, Tennessee, and died intestate before 2 Nov. 1885 when his wife, Sarah, was made executor of his estate in

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1322. U.S. census, 1910, Ryes, Pct. 2, Marion Co., Ala., ED 77, r. 25, p. 33, sh. 10A, dw. 162, fam. 162. Henderson R. resided in dw. 164.

1323. U.S. census, 1920, Rye, Pct. 2, Marion Co., Ala., ED 58, r. 33, p. 30, sh. 2B, dw. 37, fam. 43.

1324. U.S. census, 1860, Pikeville PO, Western District, Marion Co., Ala., r. 16, p. 496, dw. 98, fam. 98. Martha S. resided in dw. 99.

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Hamblen Co., Tenn.<sup>[1325]</sup> He married<sup>[1326]</sup> **SARAH A.** —, who was born Feb. 1842 (1900 census), Tennessee.

On 26 Sept. 1863 Jasper Riggs, private, was listed as a prisoner of war at Pt. Lookout, Md. He was in Company A of Tennessee Regiment 60. He was captured at Big Black on 17 May 1863. He was exchanged 1 Nov. 1864.<sup>[1327]</sup> There is a record of Confederate Private Jasper N. Riggs in Company H of the 60th Regiment, Tennessee Mounted Infantry (Crawford's) (79th Infantry).<sup>[1328]</sup>

In 1870 Jasper N. Riggs, 31, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$500 real and \$346 personal estates, resided in Witts Foundry, Jefferson Co., Tenn., with his wife, Sarah, 27, born in Tennessee, and his sons, "Charley" N., 4, and William E., 2, both born in Tennessee.<sup>[1329]</sup>

In 1880 Jasper Riggs, 41, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., with his wife, Sarah, 38, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and his sons, Charles, 13, William E., 11, and his daughter, Jennie L., 9/12, all three born in Tennessee.<sup>[1330]</sup>

Children:

- + 568 i **CHARLES NEWTON**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 27 May 1866, Bristol, Sullivan Co., Tenn., married **DALE WOOD**, and had two children.
- 569 ii **WILLIAM E.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born Nov. 1868, Tennessee.
- 570 iii **JENNIE L.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born Aug. 1879, Tennessee.

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1325. *Tenn. Wills and Probate Records, 1779–2008*, image online, Executors' Bonds and Letters, 1880–1947; Administrators' Bonds and Letters, 1880–1912, Hamblen Co., Tenn., Sarah A. Riggs, John P. Riggs and "Charley" Riggs were bonded for \$50 on 2 Nov. 1885 for Sarah A. Riggs as administratrix for the estate of Jasper N. Riggs, deceased, letters of administration were issued for her on the same date.

1326. *Va. Select Marriages, 1785–1940*, J. N. Riggs and S. A. Riggs had child Charles N. Riggs.

1327. *U.S. Civil War Prisoner of War Records, 1861–1865*, image online.

1328. *U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861–1865*, Jasper N. Riggs, Confederate, Tennessee, "60th Regiment, Tennessee Mounted Infantry (Crawford's) (79th Infantry)," Company H., rank in Private, rank out Private, film no. M231, r. 37.

1329. U.S. census, 1870, Witts Foundry, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1540, p. 489B, dw. 205, fam. 205.

1330. U.S. census, 1880, Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., ED 71, r. 1258, p. 352B, dw. 82, fam. 82.

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280. PORTER JARNAGIN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>190</sub>Edward<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 12 Nov. 1846 (death certificate, 1900 census) or 1848 (gravestone), Tennessee, died 19 Nov. 1917, Hamblen Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1331]</sup> and was buried 22 Nov. 1917, Mt. Airy United Methodist Church Cem., Hamblen Co., Tenn.<sup>[1332]</sup> He married 18 Apr. 1878, Greene Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1333]</sup> **HATTIE M. MORELOCK**, who was born Jan. 1856 (1900 census) or 17 Jan. 1857 (gravestone, death certificate), Green Co., Tenn., daughter of Thomas and Rebacca (Bales) Morelock, and died 20 Sept. 1929, Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1334]</sup> and was buried with her husband.

In 1880 “John” P. Riggs, 33, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Hamblen Co., Tenn., with his wife, Hattie “H.,” 23, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his daughter, Loulia R., 16/12, born in Tennessee, and his mother Jennet, 67, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives.<sup>[1335]</sup>

In 1900 Porter “Riggis,” 53, a farmer born Nov. 1846 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Hamblen Co., Tenn., with his wife of 22 years, Hattie M., 44, born Jan. 1856 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his daughters, Mattie A., 18, born Nov. 1881, Mollie M., 17, born Feb. 1883, Nellie L., 14, born Dec. 1885, “Maudie” G., 11, born

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1331. *Tenn. Death Records, 1908–1958*, image online, Tenn. death certificate, no. 204, “Potter” Jarnagin Riggs, died 19 Nov. 1917, Hamblen Co., Tenn., male, white, single [sic], farmer, aged 71 yrs. 8 dys., born 12 Nov. 1846, Tenn., father Edward Riggs, born Tenn., mother Jenet Marsh, born Tenn., informant J. E. Hall, of Morristown, buried 22 Nov. 1917, Mt. “Arie.”

1332. *Find a Grave*, no. 66531433, gravestone photograph, by Jean Clark, Mt. Airy United Methodist Church Cem., Hamblen Co., Tenn., “P. J. Riggs | Nov. 12, 1846–Nov. 20, 1917 | His wife | Hattie M. Riggs | Jan. 17, 1857–Sept. 20, 1929.”

1333. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, image online, Greene Co., Tenn., Marriages, June 1856–Dec. 1888, 447, “[no.] 2275 [parties] P. J. Riggs To Mattie [sic] M. Moreloch [sic] [license] April 9<sup>th</sup> 1878, [remarks] Returned 23<sup>d</sup> day of April 1878. Endorsed. I Solemnized the rites of Matrimony between the within named Parties the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1878. E. M. Moore, J.P.G.C.”

1334. *Tenn. Death Records, 1908–1958*, image online, Tenn. death certificate, no. 22074, Hattie Riggs, died 20 Sept. 1929, Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., female, white, widow, housewife, aged 72 yrs. 8 mos. 3 dys., born 17 Jan. 1858, Greene Co., Tenn., father Thomas Morelock, born Greene Co., Tenn., mother Rebacca Bales, born Greene Co., Tenn., informant R. V. Carson, of Morristown, Tenn., buried 22 Sept. 1929, Mt. Airy Cem.

1335. U.S. census, 1880, Hamblen Co., Tenn., ED 71, r. 1258, p. 353D, dw. 100, fam. 100.

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July 1888, and Hattie E., 9, born Aug. 1890, and his sons, Grover C., 7, born Oct. 1892, and "Charlie" E., 4, born Apr. 1896, all born in Tennessee. Hattie M. had had eight children, with eight surviving.<sup>[1336]</sup>

In 1910 Porter Riggs, 63, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Hamblen Co., Tenn., with his wife of 32 years, Hattie M., 52, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his daughters, Nellie L., 24, a dress maker, Maude G., 21, a school teacher, and Hattie E., 19, a telephone operator, and his sons, Grover C., 17, and "Charlie" E., 13, all born in Tennessee. Hattie M. had had eight children, with eight surviving.<sup>[1337]</sup>

Known children:

- 571 i LOULIA R.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1879, Tennessee.
- 572 ii MATTIE A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born Nov. 1881, Tennessee.
- 573 iii MOLLIE M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born Feb. 1883, Tennessee.
- 574 iv NELLIE L.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born Dec. 1885, Tennessee.
- 575 v MAUDE G.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born July 1888, Tennessee.
- 576 vi HATTIE E.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born Aug. 1890, Tennessee.
- 577 vii GROVER CLEVELAND<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 23 Oct. 1892, Tennessee, died 19 Dec. 1935, buried Mt. Airy United Methodist Church Cem., Hamblen Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1338]</sup> married MINNIE GREGORY, born 19 May 1888, died 29 Oct. 1941, and buried with her husband.
- 578 viii CHARLES ELMER<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 28 Apr. 1896 Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1339]</sup> died 13 Oct. 1940, buried Mt. Airy United Methodist Church Cem., Hamblen Co., Tenn.<sup>[1340]</sup>

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1336. U.S. census, 1900, Hamblen Co., Tenn., ED 57, r. 1575, p. 48, sh. 12A, dw. 209, fam. 211.

1337. U.S. census, 1910, Hamblen Co., Tenn., ED 60, r. 1501, p. 102, sh. 11A, dw. 215, fam. 216.

1338. *Find a Grave*, no. 66531498, gravestone photograph, by Jean Clark, Mt. Airy United Methodist Church Cem., Hamblen Co., Tenn., "Riggs | Minnie Gregory | May 19, 1888 | Oct. 29, 1941 | | Grover Cleveland | Oct. 23, 1892 | Dec. 19, 1935."

1339. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Charles Elmer Riggs, 21, of Kingsport, Tenn., born 28 Apr. 1896, Morristown, Tenn., single, clerk, supports his mother and father, registered 6 June 1917, Sullivan Co., Tenn.

1340. *Find a Grave*, no. 66531417, gravestone photograph, by Jean Clark, Mt. Airy United Methodist Church Cem., Hamblen Co., Tenn., "Charles | Elmer | Riggs | Tennessee | Cpl. 3 Co | 56 Depot Brigade | World War I | April 28 1896 | October 13 1940."



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287. **CLISBE<sup>8</sup> AUSTIN** (<sub>191</sub>Clisbe<sup>7</sup> Austin, ?Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 22 Dec. 1846 (death certificate) or 21 Dec. 1847 (gravestone), Tennessee, died 16 Feb. 1919, Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1341]</sup> and was buried 17 Feb. 1919, Oak Grove Cem., Greeneville.<sup>[1342]</sup> He married about 1872 **MARTHA A. (“MATTIE”) SMITH**, who was born 31 July 1853 (gravestone) in Tennessee, daughter of Peter Smith, and died 23 Dec. 1923, and was buried near her husband.<sup>[1343]</sup>

In 1900 Clisbe Austin, 52, a tobacco buyer born Dec. 1847 in Tennessee of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Tennessee, resided in Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., with his wife of 29 years, Mattie, 46, born July 1853 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his sons, Thomas G., 19, born July 1880, Frederick H., 13, born June 1886, and Clyde, 10, born Jan. 1890, all three born in Tennessee, and with his father-in-law, Peter Smith, 73, a widower born Nov. 1826 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with one boarder and one servant. Mattie had had nine children, with four surviving.<sup>[1344]</sup>

In 1920 Mattie Austin, 66, a widow resided with her son Clyde (q.v.).

Known children of nine:

- 579 i **THOMAS G.<sup>9</sup> AUSTIN**, born July 1880, Tennessee.
- 580 ii **FREDERICK H.<sup>9</sup> AUSTIN**, born June 1886, Tennessee.
- + 581 iii **CLYDE BERNARD<sup>9</sup> AUSTIN**, born 20 Jan. 1891, Tennessee, married **FELICE MARIE NOELL**, and had four children.

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1341. *Tenn. Death Records, 1908–1965*, death certificate, image 97/451 online, no. 93, Clisbe Austin, died 16 Feb. 1919, Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., aged 72 yrs. 1 mo. 25 dys., male, white, married, leaf tobacco dealer, born 22 Dec. 1846, Tenn., father Clisbe Austin, born Va., mother Jane Hammond, born Tenn., informant Clyde B. Austin, of Greeneville, buried Oak Grove, 17 Feb. 1919. Calculated birthdate is 22 Dec. 1846.

1342. *Find a Grave*, no. 59211511, gravestone photograph, Oak Grove Cem., Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., plot A32-31, “Clisbe Austin | Dec. 21, 1847 | Feb. 16, 1919.”

1343. *Find a Grave*, no. 59211585, gravestone photograph, Oak Grove Cem., Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., plot A32-30, “Mattie A. Austin | July 31, 1853 | Dec. 23, 1923.”

1344. U.S. census, 1900, Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., ED 38, r. 2, p. 181A, sh. 9B, fam. 175, dw. 186, FHL 1241573.

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289. **ELLIS<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>192</sub>Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1825, Tennessee. He married (1) 17 Mar. 1846, Jefferson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1345]</sup> **EVE J. COUNTS [COUNTZ]**, who was born about 1828, Tennessee, and died 3 Dec. 1877, Monroe Co., Ky.<sup>[1346]</sup> Ellis married (2) before the 1880 census **ANN F.** —, who was born about 1840, Kentucky. The case for Ellis being a son of Samuel is circumstantial but strong. He lived near and moved with the known children of Samuel.

In 1850 Ellis Riggs, 25, a laborer born in Tennessee, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with Eve J., 22, born in Tennessee, and James C., 3, born in Tennessee.<sup>[1347]</sup>

In 1860 “Elias” Riggs, 34, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$1,000 real and \$400 personal estates, resided in Tompkinsville, Monroe Co., Ky., with E. J., 33, female, born in Tennessee, and J. C., 13, male, M. E., 9, female, both born in Tennessee, and S. “M.,” 2, male, born in Kentucky, and with Mary Allen, 27, born in Tennessee.<sup>[1348]</sup>

In 1870 Ellis “Ruggs,” 44, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$1,000 real and \$500 personal estates, resided in Tompkinsville, Monroe Co., Ky., with Eva J., 41, born in Tennessee, Mary E., 19, a schoolteacher, Samuel W., 11, and Lucy A., 7, all three born in Kentucky, and also Mary Allen, 34, born in Tennessee. Next door was Caswell Riggs, 31, born in Tennessee, and nearby was William Riggs, 32, born in Tennessee.<sup>[1349]</sup>

In 1880 Ellis Riggs, 55, a farmer born in Tennessee of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Virginia, resided in Turner Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., with his wife, Ann F., 40, born in Kentucky of Virginia natives, and with his son, “W<sup>m</sup>” S., 22, disabled, born in Kentucky of a mother born in Tennessee. There were also two boarders in the household, Clif-

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1345. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, Jefferson Co., Mar. 1846, image, “Ellis Riggs | To | Eve J. Countz || 17<sup>th</sup> | March | 1846 || [return is empty].”

1346. *Ky. Death Records, 1852–1953*, Monroe Co., 1877, image, “Evy J. Riggs W 49 F Married House Keeper [date of death] 3<sup>d</sup> Decr 1877 [cause] Chronic Disease [place of birth] Tenn [residence] Ky [place of death] Ky [names of parents] Counts & Cambel [birthplaces of parents] Tenn Tenn.”

1347. U.S. census, 1850, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 885, p. 333B, dw. 65, fam. 65.

1348. U.S. census, 1860, Tompkinsville PO, Monroe Co., Ky., r. 388, p. 85, dw. 589, fam. 593.

1349. U.S. census, 1870, Tompkinsville PO, Monroe Co., Ky., r. 489, p. 123B, dw. 38, fam. 38. Caswell resided in dw. 37 and William in dw. 35.

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ton Tinsley, 13, and Virginia W. Tinsley, 11, both born in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, and also the family of M. G. Arterburn, 29, born in Kentucky and Nany A., 28, born in Kentucky of Tennessee natives. Next door was Lucy A. Riggs, 17, born in Kentucky of Tennessee natives, and next to that household was “W<sup>m</sup>” Riggs, 43, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives.<sup>[1350]</sup>

Children:

- 582 i **JAMES C.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1847, Tennessee.  
583 ii **MARY E.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1851, Tennessee, married **SAMUEL J. EVERETT**, and had at least two children: (1) Evelin<sup>10</sup> Everett, born about 1877, Kentucky; and (2) William E.<sup>10</sup> Everett, born about 1878, Kentucky.  
In 1880 “Samul” J. Everett, 43, a farmer born in Kentucky of Virginia natives, resided in Turner Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., with his wife, “May” E., 29, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with Evelin, 3, and “W<sup>m</sup>” E., 2, both born in Kentucky and with Luca A. Riggs, 17, born in Kentucky of Tennessee natives. Next door was Ellis Rigg, 55, born in Tennessee.<sup>[1351]</sup>  
584 iii **SAMUEL WILLIAM<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1858, Kentucky.  
585 iv **LUCY A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1863, Kentucky. In 1880 she resided in the household of Mary E. (Riggs) Everett.

**294. CLISBE D.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>192</sub>*Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 9 June 1832, Tennessee, died 30 July 1899, Grainger Co., Tenn., and was buried in Liberty Hill Methodist Church Cem., Hamblen Co., Tenn.<sup>[1352]</sup> He married (1) 1 Mar. 1857, Jefferson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1353]</sup> **MARTHA E. THOMPSON**, who was born about 1840,

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1350. U.S. census, 1880, Turner Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., ED 199, r. 434, p. 272B, dw. 125, fam. 126. Lucy resided in dw. 124, and William in dw. 123.

1351. U.S. census, 1880, Turner Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., ED 199, r. 434, p. 272B, dw. 124, fam. 125. Ellis resided in dw. 125.

1352. *Find a Grave*, no. 68433183, gravestone photograph, by Lynda (Colbaugh) Raitala, Liberty Hill Methodist Church Cem., Hamblen Co., Tenn., “Dr. C. D. Riggs, | born | June 9, 1832, | died | July 30, 1899.”

1353. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780–2002*, Jefferson Co., image online, “C. D. Riggs To M. E. Thompson | Isd [Issued?] 28<sup>th</sup> March [sic] 1857 | March 1<sup>st</sup> 1857. This day the above couple were

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Tennessee. He married (bonded) (2) 26 Nov. 1888, Grainger Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1354]</sup> **ISABELLA J. LONG**, who was born 12 Feb. 1834, died 12 May 1904, and was buried in Bethesda Cem., Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn.<sup>[1355]</sup>

In 1860 C. D. Riggs, 28, a teacher born in Tennessee with \$750 real and \$2,000 personal estates, resided in Morristown, Jefferson Co., Tenn., with M. E., 28, born in Tennessee, and with A. M., 2, a female, born in Tennessee.<sup>[1356]</sup>

In 1870 Clisby D. Riggs, 34, a physician born in Tennessee with \$800 real and \$800 personal estates, resided in Witts Foundry, Jefferson Co., Tenn., with Martha E., 30, born in Tennessee, and with Julia R., 9, Samuel J., 5, Allen M., 4, Joseph H., 1, all born in Tennessee.<sup>[1357]</sup>

In 1880 Clisby D. Riggs, 47, a physician born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Hamblen Co., Tenn., with his wife, Martha E., 41, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his daughter, Juliet R., 19, sons, Samuel J., 15, Allen M., 14, and Joseph H., 11, daughters, Martha E., 8, and Jessie R., 5, and son, "Ernhest," 3, all born in Tennessee.<sup>[1358]</sup>

Appearing in the *Morristown Gazette* newspaper, Wed., 2 Aug. 1899:

Dr. C. D. Riggs, an aged and respected citizen, died at his late home in Grainger County, July 30, of paralysis, and was buried Monday at Liberty Hill with Masonic honors.<sup>[1359]</sup>

Children:

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joined to Gether as husband and wife By Me. William Thomson Minister."

1354. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780–2002*, Grainger Co., Marriage Bonds, image online, C. D. Riggs and J. P. Long bondsmen for the marriage of C. D. Riggs Isabella J. Long, goned 26 Nov. 1888.

1355. *Find a Grave*, no. 91831844, gravestone photograph, by Lynda (Colbaugh) Raitala, Bethesda Cem., Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., "Isabella Long | Wife of | C. D. Riggs, | born | Feb. 12, 1834, | died | May 12, 1904."

1356. U.S. census, 1860, Morristown PO, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1258, p. 390, dw. 855, fam. 892.

1357. U.S. census, 1870, Witts Foundry PO, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1540, p. 520A, dw. 168, fam. 169.

1358. U.S. census, 1880, Hamblen Co., Tenn., ED 72, r. 1258, p. 384B, dw. 224, fam. 232.

1359. *Find a Grave*, no. 68433183, obit. transcription. Also this unsourced information: "Clisby Riggs was a physician in Russellville, TN. He first married Martha Emaline Thompson on March 1, 1857. They had 10 children. After his first wife's death, he married Isabella Long on Nov. 26, 1888.

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- 586 i **A. M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, a daughter, born about 1858, Tennessee. She was not listed in the 1870 census.
- 587 ii **JULIA/JULIETT R.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1861, Tennessee.
- 588 iii **SAMUEL JUSTIS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 7 Jan. 1865, Tennessee, died 9 June 1920, Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1360]</sup> buried 10 June 1920, Kiberly Hill Cem., Morristown.
- 589 iv **ALLEN M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1866, Tennessee.
- 590 v **JOSEPH H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1869, Tennessee.
- 591 vi **MARTHA E.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1872, Tennessee.
- 592 vii **JESSIE R.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, a daughter, born about 1875, Tennessee.
- 593 viii **ERNEST<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1877, Tennessee.

**296. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>192</sub>Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1838, Jefferson Co., Tenn. He married 12 May 1859, Monroe Co., Ky.,<sup>[1361]</sup> **SARAH MARGARET COUNTS**, who was born about 1842, Jefferson Co., Tenn.

In 1870 William Riggs, 32, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$700 real and \$400 personal estates, resided in Tompkinsville, Monroe Co., Ky., with Sarah M., 29, born in Tennessee, and Samuel H., 8, born in Kentucky. Nearby resided Ellis Riggs and Caswell Riggs.<sup>[1362]</sup>

In 1880 “W<sup>m</sup>” Riggs, 43, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Turner Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., with his wife, Sarah M., 38, born in Tennessee of a father born in Tennessee and a mother born in Virginia, and “Samul” H., 17, born in Kentucky. Nearby resided Ellis Riggs.<sup>[1363]</sup>

Child:

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1360. *Tenn. Death Records, 1908–1958*, death certificate, image online, no. 114, Samuel Justis Riggs, died 9 June 1920, Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., male, white, married, farmer, aged 55 yrs. 5 mos. 3 dys., born 7 Jan. 1865, Tenn., father C. D. Riggs, born Tenn., mother Thompson, born Tenn., informant A. C. Bassett, of Morristown, buried 10 June 1920, Kiberly Hill, Morristown.

1361. *Ky. Marriage Records, 1852–1914*, Monroe Co., image, “[date] [1859] May 12 [groom] William Riggs [residence] Monroe Ky [age] 22 [condition] S [birthplace] Jefferson Tenn [bride] Sarah Margaret Counts [residence] Monroe [age] 17 [condition] S [birthplace] Jefferson Tenn.”

1362. U.S. census, 1870, Tompkinsville PO, Monroe Co., Ky., r. 489, p. 123A, dw. 35, fam. 35. Caswell resided in dw. 37 and Ellis in dw. 38.

1363. U.S. census, 1880, Turner Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., ED 199, r. 434, p. 272B, dw. 123, fam. 124. Ellis resided in dw. 125.

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+ 594 i SAMUEL H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born June 1862, Kentucky, married FANNIE —, and had at least six children.

297. CASWELL C.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>192</sub>Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 13 Jan. 1839 (full date from death certificate), Morristown, [now] Hamblen Co., Tenn., and died 10 July 1920, Gamaliel, Monroe Co., Ky.,<sup>[1364]</sup> and was buried 11 July 1920, Gamaliel Cem., Gamaliel.<sup>[1365]</sup> He married 21 May about 1884 SARAH LYNE JONES, who was born 18 July 1860, Macon Co., Tenn., daughter of Thomas and Mary (Meadow) Jones, and died 3 Oct. 1918, Monroe Co., Ky.,<sup>[1366]</sup> and was buried 4 Oct. 1918 next to her husband.

In 1870 Caswell Riggs, 31, a practicing physician born in Tennessee, resided alone in Tompkinsville, Monroe Co., Ky. Next door was Ellis Riggs, 44, born in Tennessee, and nearby was William Riggs, 32, born in Tennessee.<sup>[1367]</sup>

In 1880 “Casvell” C. Riggs, 41, single, a doctor born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Tompkinsville District, Monroe Co., Ky., with servants, Mary M. Allen, 46, single and illiterate, born in Tennes-

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1364. *Directory of Deceased American Physicians, 1804–1929*, Caswell C. Riggs, born 1841, died 10 July 1920, Gamaliel, Ky., allopath, practice specialties Gamaliel, Ky., 1875, licenses Ky., 1893, medical school University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville; Hosp. Med. Coll. Of Louisville, 1875; death certificate, Commonwealth of Ky., State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 19050, primary reg. dist. no. 7038, reg. no. 11, Dr. C. C. Riggs, died 10 July 1920, Monroe Co., male, white, widowed, physician, born 13 Jan. 1839, Tenn., aged 81 yrs. 5 mos., 27 dys., father Samuel Riggs, born Tenn., mother Elisabeth Chaney, born N.C., informant T. T. Riggs of Gamaliel, Ky., buried 11 July 1920, Gamaliel, Ky., cause “Falling off of Bluff 35 feet hurt internally,” image online at *Ky. Death Records, 1852–1953*.

1365. *Find a Grave*, no. 46844866, gravestone photograph, Gamaliel Cem., Gamaliel, Monroe Co., Ky., plat 1, row 13, no. 38, “Mother | Sarah Lyne | Riggs | July 18, 1860 | Oct. 3, 1918 || Father | C. C. Riggs | Jan. 13, 1839 | July 10, 1920 || Riggs.”

1366. Death certificate, Commonwealth of Ky., State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 35943, primary reg. dist. no. 7038, reg. no. 11, Sarah Lyne Riggs, died 3 Oct. 1918, Monroe Co., female, white, married, housekeeper, born 18 July 1860, Macon Co., Tenn., aged 58 yrs. 2 mos., 15 dys., father “Thos” Jones, born Smith Co., Tenn., mother Mary Meadow, born Macon Co., Tenn., informant C. C. Riggs of Gamaliel, Ky., buried 4 Oct. 1918, Gamaliel, Ky., cause Hodgkin’s disease, image online at *Ky. Death Records, 1852–1953*.

1367. U.S. census, 1870, Tompkinsville PO, Monroe Co., Ky., r. 489, p. 123B, dw. 37, fam. 37. William resided in dw. 35 and Ellis in dw. 38.

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see, and Ella B. Allen, 8, born in Kentucky of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Kentucky.<sup>[1368]</sup>

This biography was published in 1886:

Dr. Caswell C. Riggs was born January 13, 1839, at Morristown, Hamblen County, Tenn., where he was reared to manhood, and in 1860 removed to Monroe County, Ky., where he has since resided. His father, Samuel Riggs, also a native of Hamblen County, died there August 4, 1859, at the age of fifty-six years. He was the son of Clisbe Riggs, who was born in North Carolina; located in pioneer times in east Tennessee, where he was a large land owner and slave holder; and he died 1845. Samuel Riggs married Elizabeth, daughter of William and Tabitha Cheney, of Morristown (died in 1862, aged fifty-six years), and from their union sprang Ellis, Phebe, Newton and Owen, Adeline (deceased), Clisbe, Jane (Felknor), William, Dr. C. C., James, John W., and Samuel H. Dr. Riggs received his early education at the common schools of the vicinity in which he lived, after which he attended the academy in Morristown, since which time he has always been a close student. He married, May 21, 1884, Sarah L., daughter of Thomas and Mary (Meador) Jones, of Macon County, Tenn. (born July 18, 1860); and to them has been born one son, Julius Magnus. In 1861 he commenced the study of medicine, at Flippin, Ky., with Drs. Brockett & Clements, with whom he remained four years. In 1865 he began to practice at that place, and in 1871 he located at Gamaliel. In 1874 he attended lectures at the University of Louisville, from which he graduated in 1875; since which time he has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. Dr. Riggs has ever been compelled to rely upon his own efforts for success in life. He is not connected with any Christian denomination, but is partial to the Baptist Church. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.<sup>[1369]</sup>

In 1900 "Casil" C. Riggs, 61, a physician born Jan. 1839 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Gamaliel Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., with his wife of 16 years, Sarah L., 29, born July 1860 in Tennessee of

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1368. U.S. census, 1880, Tompkinsville District, Monroe Co., Ky., ED 203, r. 434, p. 328D, dw. 230, fam. 241.

1369. *Find a Grave*, no. 46844866, biography provided, cited: "The following info is from: *Kentucky: A History of the State*, Battle, Perrin, & Kniffin, 3rd ed., 1886. Monroe County." [I added the italics.]

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Tennessee natives, and with his sons, "Magnas," 15, born Feb. 1885, and Thomas T., 14, born May 1886, both born in Kentucky. Sarah had had six children, with two surviving. There were also two lodgers and one hired hand in the household.<sup>[1370]</sup>

In 1910 C. C. Riggs, 71, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Gamaliel Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., with his wife of 25 years, S. L., 50, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his son, J. M., 25, single, a farmer born in Kentucky. Sarah had had two children, with two surviving. Next door was Thomas T. Riggs, 23, born in Kentucky of Tennessee natives, with his wife of zero years, Loren M., 21, born in Kentucky of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Kentucky. There was also one servant in the household.<sup>[1371]</sup>

In 1920 C. C. Riggs, 80, unmarried, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Gamaliel Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., in the household of his son, T. T. [looks like F. F.] Riggs, 33, a farmer born in Kentucky of Tennessee natives, with his (T. T.'s) wife, Lora May, 30, born in Kentucky of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Kentucky, and daughters, Pauline, 9, Anna Lee, 7, and Myrtle Bessie, 5 6/12, all three born in Kentucky, and with his (T. T.'s) brother, Julius M., 34, born in Kentucky of Tennessee natives.<sup>[1372]</sup>

Children:

- 595 i JULIUS MAGNUS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born Feb. 1885, Kentucky.
- 596 ii THOMAS TALMAGE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born May 1886, Kentucky, married about 1910 LOREN/LORA MAY —, born about 1889, Kentucky, and had three children.

299. JOHN W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>192</sub>Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born Sept. 1845 (1900 census), Tennessee. He mar-

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1370. U.S. census, 1900, Gamaliel Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., ED 87, r. 544, p. 232, sh. 7A, dw. 118, fam. 120.

1371. U.S. census, 1910, Gamaliel Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., ED 163, r. 496, p. 148, sh. 13B, dw. 246, fam. 271.

1372. U.S. census, 1920, Gamaliel Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., ED 197, r. 592, p. 136, sh. 3A, dw. 38, fam. 38.



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ried about 1870 **REBECCA J.** —, who was born Sept. 1845 (1900 census), Tennessee.

In 1870 John W. Riggs, 24, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$2,500 real and \$1,085 personal estates, resided in Witts Foundry, Jefferson Co., Tenn., with Rebecca J., 24, born in Tennessee, and with [his brother] Samuel H., 22, a school teacher born in Tennessee with \$200 real and \$75 personal estates. There was also a laborer in the household.<sup>[1373]</sup>

In 1880 John W. Riggs, 34, a schoolteacher born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Hamblen Co., Tenn., with his wife, Rebecca, 34, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his daughter, Mary E., 9, sons, Caswell F., 7, Horace L., 5, and Arthur S., 3, and daughter, Loulia M., 1, all five born in Tennessee.<sup>[1374]</sup>

In 1900 John W. Riggs, 54, a farmer born Sept. 1845 in Tennessee of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Virginia, resided in Freeport, Silver Creek Twp., Harper Co., Kans., with his wife of 30 years, Rebecca, 54, born Sept. 1845 in Tennessee of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Virginia, and with his sons, Frank, 27, born Feb. 1873, and Arthur S., 23, born May 1877, daughter, Myrtle, 21, born Mar. 1879, and sons, Roscoe, 19, born May 1881, and Raymond, 16, born Mar. 1884, all five born in Tennessee. Rebecca had had seven children, with seven surviving.<sup>[1375]</sup>

In 1910 John W. Riggs, 64, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Randall Co., Tex., with his wife of 42 years, Rebecca J., 64, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives a, and with his son, Hubert R., 28, born in Tennessee, and his daughter-in-law, Emma M., 29, born in Ohio of Ohio natives. Rebecca had had seven children, with six surviving. Hubert and Emma had been married one year, and had had no children.<sup>[1376]</sup>

Children:

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1373. U.S. census, 1870, Witts Foundry, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1540, p. 514A, dw. 78, fam. 79.

1374. U.S. census, 1880, Hamblen Co., Tenn., ED 71, r. 1258, p. 352A, dw. 78, fam. 78.

1375. U.S. census, 1900, Freeport, Silver Creek Twp., Harper Co., Kans., ED 63, r. 482, p. 238, sh. 1B, dw. 18, fam. 18.

1376. U.S. census, 1910, Randall Co., Tex., ED 206, r. 1584, p. 238, sh. 3B, dw. 47, fam. 47.

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- 597 i **MARY E.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1871, Tennessee.
- 598 ii **CASWELL FRANK<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Feb. 1873, Tennessee.
- + 599 iii **HORACE LESTER<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born May 1874 or 11 May 1876, Tennessee, married **M. BESSIE MCEACHERN [MCEADRIN]**, and had no children, married (2) **MARY ELVA** —, and had at least four children.
- 600 iv **ARTHUR S.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born May 1877, Tennessee.
- 601 v **LOULIA MYRTLE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Mar. 1879, Tennessee.
- 602 vi **HUBERT ROSCOE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born May 1881, Tennessee, married about 1909 **EMMA M.** —, born about 1881, Ohio.
- 603 vii **RAYMOND<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Mar. 1884, Tennessee.

**304. WILLIAM N.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>194</sub>*Jesse W.*<sup>7</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1829, Tennessee. He married before the 1850 census where “Susanah” is listed next to William, **SUSAN/SUSANNAH M.** —, who was born about 1830, Virginia.

In 1860 “W<sup>m</sup>” N. Riggs, 29, a laborer born in Tennessee with \$50 personal estate, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with S., 26, born in Virginia, and with J. W. H., male, 9, E. C., male, 6, C. E., female, 4, and J. A., male, 2, all four born in Tennessee.<sup>[1377]</sup>

In 1870 William N. Riggs, 41, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$1,000 real and \$535 personal estates, resided in Witts Foundry, Jefferson Co., Tenn., with Susan M., 39, born in Virginia, and with Edward C., 16, Elizabeth, 14, John A., 11, Nelson V., 9, “Jessee” M., 7, Emma D., 5, and Andrew C., 2, all seven born in Tennessee.<sup>[1378]</sup>

In 1880 “Wiliam” Riggs, 56, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with his wife, Susan, 50, born in Virginia of Virginia natives, and with his sons, John, 2, Nelson, 18, and Jessie M., 16, daughter, “Emmie,” 14, and sons, Andrew, 11, Ellis, 9, and George, 6, all seven born in Tennessee. Next door was Edward Riggs, 26.<sup>[1379]</sup>

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1377. U.S. census, 1860, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1258, p. 391, dw. 881, fam. 918.

1378. U.S. census, 1870, Witts Foundry, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1540, p. 486B, dw. 152, fam. 152.

1379. U.S. census, 1880, Jefferson Co., Tenn., ED 175, r. 1264, p. 477B, dw. 160, fam. 161. Edward resided in dw. 159.

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Children:

- 604 i J. W. H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, male, born about 1851, Tennessee.
- + 605 ii EDWARD C.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1854, Tennessee, married SARAH/SALLY M. WHILE, and had at least one child.
- 606 iii ELIZABETH<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1856, Tennessee.
- 607 iv JOHN A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1859, Tennessee.
- 608 v NELSON V.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1861, Tennessee.
- 609 vi JESSE M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1863, Tennessee.
- 610 vii EMMA D.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1865, Tennessee.
- 611 viii ANDREW C.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1868, Tennessee.
- + 612 ix ELLIS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 8 June 1868 or June 1871, Tennessee, married (1) IDA A BELL, and had five children, married (2) MATTIE LOWE, married (3) MARTHA DODSON.
- 613 x GEORGE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1874, Tennessee.

307. EDWARD C.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>194</sub>Jesse W,<sup>7</sup> Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1835, Tennessee. He married ELIZABETH M. —, who was born about 1830, Tennessee.

In 1870 Edward C. Riggs, 35, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$595 personal estate, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with Elizabeth M., 40, born in Tennessee, and with Robert Davis, 21, and Eliza A. Hobby, 17, both born in Tennessee. Next door was Jesse Riggs, 64.<sup>[1380]</sup>

311. JESSE E.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>194</sub>Jesse W,<sup>7</sup> Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born Jan. 1846 (1900 census), Tennessee. He married (1) 15 Nov. 1866, Jefferson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1381]</sup> DARTHULA J. BETTIS, who was born about 1840, Tennessee. He married (2) 1 Jan. 1887 (license), Cocke Co., Tenn. (next to Jefferson Co.),<sup>[1382]</sup> EMMA FRY, who was born May 1867, North Carolina.

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1380. U.S. census, 1870, Jefferson Co., Tenn., r. 1258, p. 356, dw. 6, fam. 6. Jesse resided in dw. 5.

1381. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, image online, “E. J. [sic] Riggs to Darthula J. Bettis | 1<sup>st</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1866 | I solemnized the rites of matrimony between the above named parties on 15<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> A.D. 1866—S. B. Hammer J.P.”

1382. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, image online, license for E. J. Riggs and Emma Fry issued 1 Jan. 1887, Cocke Co., with E. J. Riggs and R. J. Tind[le? er?] bondsmen, but no return.

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In 1880 “Jessie” E. Riggs. 35, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Witts Foundry, Hamblen Co., Tenn., with his wife, Darthula J., 40, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his daughters, Mary L., 13, S. Emma, 11, Nora L., 9, and Louella M., 7, son W. Henry, 4, and daughter, Mattie C., 9/12, born Aug., all six born in Tennessee. Next door was “Jessee” Riggs, 74.<sup>[1383]</sup>

In 1900 “Jessie A.” Riggs. 54, born Jan. 1846 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in White Pine, Jefferson Co., Tenn., with his wife of 34 years [the following person does not make sense:], Emma, 33 [but married 34 years!], born May 1867 in North Carolina of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in South Carolina, and with his son, Thomas W., 17, born Apr. 1883 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives. Emma had had one child, and it survived. Next door was Walter E. Alexander and his wife Emma S., 30, born June 1869 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives (q.v.). In that household was “in law” Mattie C. Riggs, 20, born Aug. 1879 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives. The Riggs from her name is bracketed with Jessie on the next line to specify his name as Riggs.<sup>[1384]</sup> I take this to mean that Emma S. Alexander was Jesse’s daughter, as was Mattie C., that wife Emma was Jesse’s second wife, and that Thomas was a son by her. Jesse had been married 34 years, but not to Emma, who might have been married say 17 years.

Also in 1900 there is an Ellis J. Riggs, 54, a saw mill engineer born Jan. 1846 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, residing in Unicoi Co., Tenn. (two or three counties east of Jefferson), with his wife of 14 years, Emma, 35, born May 1865 in North Carolina of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in South Carolina, and with his son, Thomas W., 18, born Apr. 1882 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives. There is a boarder Robert Britt, 26, born Oct. 1873, in Tennessee of Tennessee natives also in the household. Emma has had no children.<sup>[1385]</sup> This family maps so strongly to the one in the preceding paragraph, it is hard not to be-

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1383. U.S. census, 1880, Witts Foundry, Hamblen Co., Tenn., ED 70, r. 1258, p. 331D-332A, dw. 45, fam. 46. Jesse (Sr.) resided in dw. 46.

1384. U.S. census, 1900, White Pine, Jefferson Co., Tenn., ED 53, r. 1580, p. 166, sh. 14A, dw. 259, fam. 259. Emma S. resided in dw. 258.

1385. U.S. census, 1900, Unicoi Co., Tenn., ED 173, r. 1602, p. 78, sh. 7A, dw. 115, fam. 116.

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lieve them to be the same family. Leo Riggs does identify them (p. 406). This might be Emma Fry, but Leo names her Emma Britt.

E. J. Riggs is listed in an 1891 tax list for Jefferson Co., Tenn.<sup>[1386]</sup>  
Children of the first marriage, to Darthula:

- 614 i MARY L.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1867, Tennessee.
- 615 ii EMMA S.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born June 1869, Tennessee, married 24 Sept. 1890, Jefferson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1387]</sup> WALTER E. ALEXANDER, and had at least three children.

In 1900 Walter E. Alexander, 30, a farmer born Aug. 1869 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in White Pine, Jefferson Co., Tenn., and his wife of 10 years, Emma S., 30, born June 1869 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his son, Ross E., 8, born July 1891, and his daughter, Ruth, 6, born May 1894, both born in Tennessee, and his son, Waire E., 1, born July 1899, Georgia. Emma had had three children, with three surviving. Also in the household was “in law” Mattie C. Riggs, 20, born Aug. 1879 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and next door was “Jessie A.” Riggs, 54.<sup>[1388]</sup>

- 616 iii NORA L.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1871, Tennessee.
- 617 iv LOUELLA M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1873, Tennessee.
- 618 v W. HENRY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1876, Tennessee.
- 619 vi MATTIE C.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born Aug. 1879, Tennessee.

Child possibly of the second marriage, to Emma:

- 620 vii THOMAS W.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born Apr. 1883, Tennessee.

314. DANIEL M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>196</sub>Zadok<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 1800, Surry Co., N.C., and died 1859 or 1860, Selma, Ala. (see biography below).<sup>[1389]</sup> He married, near Cahaba,

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1386. Tenn. Census, 1810-91.

1387. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780-2002*, image online, “[no.] 150 [date] 24 Sept. 1890 [marriage] W E Alexander to Emma Riggs [by] J W Glomley M.G. ”

1388. U.S. census, 1900, White Pine, Jefferson Co., Tenn., ED 53, r. 1580, p. 166, sh. 14A, dw. 258, fam. 258. Jesse resided in dw. 259.

1389. *Northern Alabama: Historical and Biographical*, 681, “Benjamin Hogan Riggs, M.D., was born in Mobile, August 19, 1838, and died at Selma, on the 11th day of January, 1888. His father was

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Ala., **MARY ANN HOGAN**, who was born about 1811, South Carolina (or Georgia), daughter of Elizabeth (—) Hogan.

From the *Dictionary of Alabama Biography*:

Riggs, Daniel M., banker, for a number of years a resident of Alabama, was born in 1800, in Surry County, North Carolina, and died at Selma, in 1860; son of Zadock and Nancy (Fleming) Riggs, of North Carolina, and brother of Joel Riggs, (q.v.) and of the wife of Dr. A. G. Mabry, (q.v.). He removed with his parents at an early age to Tennessee, later to Alabama, residing in Cahaba about 1819 where he was in the land office. Upon the removal of the capital to Tuscaloosa, he also made the change and became connected with the banking interests of the State. After its removal to Montgomery he accepted the position of cashier in the Merchants and planters bank, of Mobile, about 1883, and took up his residence there. He purchased a plantation in Dallas County, 1844, and resided there until a few years after the financial crash of 1847, in which he lost heavily, when he removed to Selma. Married: near Cahaba, to Ann Hogan, sister of Dr. Benjamin Rush Hogan (q. v.). Children: 1. Daniel; 2. Annie, m. Bacchus W. Huntington; 3. Dr. Benjamin Hogan, m. Fannie Gray Robertson (q. v.); 4. Jane, m. brother of Judge Price Williams; 5. Victoria, m. Col. A. W. Speight; 6. Joel; 7. Gertrude, m. Dr. Frank Tipton; 8. John Zadock. Last residence: Selma.<sup>[1390]</sup>

In 1840 Daniel M. Riggs, 30-40, resided in Mobile, Montgomery Co., Ala., with two boys under 5, two girls 5-10, one girl 10-15, one female 20-30, and one female 40-50.<sup>[1391]</sup>

In 1850 D. M. Riggs, 48, a bookkeeper born in Virginia with \$6,900 in real estate, resided in Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., with M. A., 39, born in North Carolina, and with female, V. M., 16, males, D. M., 14, B. H., 12, and Joel, 9, and female, G. F., 2, all five born in Alabama, and with Elizabeth Hogan, 78, born in South Carolina.<sup>[1392]</sup>

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Daniel M. Riggs, a native of Surry County, N.C. The senior Riggs . . . died in 1859, at the age of fifty-nine years."

1390. Owen, *Dictionary of Alabama Biography*, 4:1439-40. The "(q. v.)"s refer to *Dictionary* items.

1391. U.S. census, 1840, Mobile, Montgomery Co., Ala., r. 10, p. 111.

1392. U.S. census, 1850, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., r. 4, p. 295, dw. 957, fam. 957.

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In 1860 Daniel M. Riggs, 59, a retired banker born in North Carolina with \$6,000 real and \$16,500 personal estates, resided in Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., with M. A., 50, born in South Carolina, and with “Dan<sup>1b</sup>” M., 23, Joel, 16, Gertrude T., 12, and a male, “J. C.,” 8, all four born in Alabama, and with Elizabeth Hogan, 78, born in South Carolina.<sup>[1393]</sup>

Children:

- 621 i ANNIE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1827, Alabama, married<sup>[1394]</sup> BACCHUS W. HUNTINGTON, born about 1819, New Jersey,<sup>[1395]</sup> and had at least two children.

In 1850 “Bachus” W. Huntington, 31, an attorney at law born in New Jersey with \$2,500 real estate, resided in Livingston, Sumter Co., Ala., with Ann, 23, born in Alabama, Mary, 4, and John, 2, both born in Alabama.<sup>[1396]</sup> Bacchus W. Huntington of Livingston had four slaves.<sup>[1397]</sup>

- 622 ii VICTORIA M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, a daughter born about 1834, Alabama, married Col. A. W. SPEIGHT,<sup>[1398]</sup> born about 1823, Alabama.<sup>[1399]</sup>
- 623 iii ?JANE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, married the brother of Judge Price Williams.<sup>[1400]</sup>

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1393. U.S. census, 1860, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., r. 8, p. 832, dw. 499, fam. 497.

1394. Brewer, *Alabama, Her History*, 530, “He [Bacchus W. Huntington] married a daughter of Mr. Daniel M. Riggs of Dallas”; Tyson, *William Spark Mabry*, 23; Garrett, *Reminiscences of Public Men in Alabama*, 364, “Bakus [sic] W. Huntington, of Tuscaloosa, was from one of the New England States, and settled in Alabama as a young lawyer, about 1838. He . . . married a daughter of Daniel M. Riggs, Esq., formerly Cashier of the State Bank,” and 365, “After occupying the bench a few years, he resigned, and returned to the North, settling in the city of New York, for the practice of his profession. From last accounts, between 1854 and 1858, he was indulging a little too freely in the use of wines and other *comforting* beverages. Since then, I have no very precise information about him. He had merit enough to command success anywhere, if his personal address could be a little more subdued, and less tinged with self-complacency.”

1395. Brewer, *Alabama, Her History*, 530, “He [Bacchus W. Huntington] first removed to South Carolina, about 1839, and shortly afterwards opened a law office in Tuscaloosa. He arose to distinction very rapidly at the bar, and in 1843 represented that county in the legislature. In 1846 he came to Sumter [Co.], and was a very successful practitioner here. Elected to the bench of the circuit court in 1852 over Judge Reavis, he resigned the position the year after, and removed to the city of New York to practice.”

1396. U.S. census, 1850, Livingston, Sumter Co., Ala., r. 15, p. 259A, dw. 25, fam. 25.

1397. U.S. census, 1850, Slave Schedule, Livingston, Sumter Co., Ala.

1398. Tyson, *William Spark Mabry*, 23.

1399. U.S. census, 1850, Cahawba Beat, Dallas Co., Ala., r. 4, p. 275A, dw. 632, fam. 632, lists A. W. Speight, 27, a lawyer born in Ala. with \$300 real estate, in the household of Charles Fraser.

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- 624 iv **DANIEL M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1836, Alabama.
- + 625 v **BENJAMIN HOGAN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 18 or 19 Aug. 1838, Mobile, Ala., married **FANNIE GRAY ROBERTSON**, and had four children.
- 626 vi **JOEL<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1841, Dallas Co., Ala.  
Joel Riggs, 19, served as a private in Capt. Samuel Jennings Murphy's Company, Alabama Mounted Volunteers (Confederate 3rd Alabama Cavalry), having enlisted 6 Dec. 1861, Mobile, Dallas Co., Ala., for 12 months. He was discharged for disability due to "weak lungs which threatens to result in pulmonary consumption."<sup>[1401]</sup>
- 627 vii **GERTRUDE T./F.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1848, Alabama, married<sup>[1402]</sup> Dr. **FRANK TIPTON**, born 11 Nov. 1848, Dallas Co., Ala.,<sup>[1403]</sup> son of John Green and Elizabeth (Turner) Tipton
- 628 viii **JOHN ZADOCK<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, a son born about 1852, Alabama.

**316. ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>196</sub>*Zadok*<sup>7</sup>, *David*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1804, North Carolina. She married 8 May 1823, Maury Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1404]</sup> **WILLIAM CRUTCHER**, who was born about 1793, Virginia.

In 1850 William Crutcher, 57, a farmer born in Virginia with \$1,820 in real estate, resided in Williamson Co., Tenn., with Elizabeth, 44, born in North Carolina, and with Bethemia B., 24, Nicholas A., 22, Price P., 20, Leonard W., 18, Mary A., 16, Myra M., 14, Anne E., 12, Frances M., 10, Daniel R., 8, "W<sup>m</sup>." L., 6, and Willis D., 4, all 11 born in Tennessee.<sup>[1405]</sup>

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1400. Tyson, *William Spark Mabry*, 23.

1401. Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Alabama, NARA M311, Joel Riggs, 3rd Cavalry, 1861. His birthplace comes from this file.

1402. *Memorial Record of Alabama*, 1:921, "He [Dr. Frank Tipton] has been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Gertrude Riggs, daughter of Daniel M. Riggs, and sister of the late Dr. B. H. Riggs, of Selma, Ala. His second wife, whom he married in 1884, was Miss Lewis, daughter of the late Ivey Lewis, of Hale county, Ala."

1403. *Memorial Record of Alabama*, 1:920, sketch of "Frank Tipton, M.D."

1404. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780-2002*, Maury, "William Crutcher | to | Elizabeth Riggs || [license] May 2 1823 || [solemnized] May 8 1823 | D. Brown M.G."

1405. U.S. census, 1850, Williamson Co., Tenn., r. 900, p. 272, dw. 448, fam. 448.



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In 1860 William Crutcher, 67, a farmer born in Virginia with \$3,360 real and \$18,000 personal estates, resided in Franklin, Williamson Co., Tenn., with Elizabeth, 56, born in North Carolina, and with Nicholas, 30, "Lenord," 27, Ann, 20, Daniel, 19, "Dee," 17, and Laura, 8, all 11 born in Tennessee.<sup>[1406]</sup>

In 1880 Elizabeth Crutcher, 74, a widow born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Williamson Co., Tenn., with her sons, Daniel R., 38, and "W<sup>m</sup>" D., 33, both born in Tennessee of a father born in Tennessee, and her grandson, Wash Boyd, 20, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives.<sup>[1407]</sup>

Children:<sup>[1408]</sup>

- 629 i **BETHEMIA/BARTHENIA B.<sup>9</sup> CRUTCHER**, born about 1826, Tennessee, married – **DOUGLAS**.
- 630 ii **NICHOLAS A.<sup>9</sup> CRUTCHER**, born about 1828, Tennessee.
- 631 iii **PRICE P.<sup>9</sup> CRUTCHER**, born about 1830, Tennessee.
- 632 iv **LEONARD W.<sup>9</sup> CRUTCHER**, born about 1832, Tennessee.
- 633 v **MARY A.<sup>9</sup> CRUTCHER**, born about 1834, Tennessee, married **MARION N. HERREN**.
- 634 vi **MYRA MARZEE<sup>9</sup> CRUTCHER**, born about 1836, Tennessee, married **THOMAS N. BOYD**.
- 635 vii **ANNE E.<sup>9</sup> CRUTCHER**, born about 1838, Tennessee.
- 636 viii **FRANCES M.<sup>9</sup> CRUTCHER**, born about 1840, Tennessee, married **W. C. WADDEY**.
- 637 ix **DANIEL R./W.<sup>9</sup> CRUTCHER**, born about 1842, Tennessee.
- 638 x **WILLIAM L.<sup>9</sup> CRUTCHER**, born about 1844, Tennessee.
- 639 xi **WILLIS D.<sup>9</sup> CRUTCHER**, born about 1846, Tennessee.
- 640 xii **LAURA ALLICE<sup>9</sup> CRUTCHER**, born about 1852, Tennessee.

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1406. U.S. census, 1860, Franklin PO, Williamson Co., Tenn., r. 1279, p. 170, dw. 1005, fam. 960.

1407. U.S. census, 1880, District 12, Williamson Co., Tenn., ED 239, r. 1286, p. 191B, dw. 128, fam. 137.

1408. *Tenn. Divorce and Other Records, 1800–1965*, Williamson, probate packet, William Crutcher, 1882, lists his children and includes his will of 18 Aug. 1863: "Crutcher, William 1882 | Wife-Elizabeth Crutcher | Children: Mary (Mrs. Marion N.) Herren, Frances M. (Mrs. W. C.) Waddey, Barthenia Douglas, Joel W. Crutcher, Daniel W. Crutcher, Laura Allice Crutcher, Leonard W. Crutcher, Marzee (Mira) (Mrs. Thomas N.) Boyd, Price P. Crutcher, D. Crutcher, William L. Crutcher | Will-1882 Inventory & sale-1882 Settlement-1885 Summons to file settlement-1882.

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641 xiii JOEL W.<sup>9</sup> CRUTCHER, listed in the probate packet.

318. MIRIAM<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>196</sub>Zadok<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1810, North Carolina. She married 18 Oct. 1827, Maury Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1409]</sup> WILLIAM D. GILLESPIE, who was son of Joseph Gillespie.

From a Madison Co., Tenn., deed book (abstracted):

Joseph Gillespie, Duplin Co., N.C. for “natural love and affection” for his grandchildren, Joseph, Catharine, James, Zardock [sic], Riggs, children of Win. [sic] D. Gillespie of Henderson Co., Tenn. negroes Junius, Clary, Anthony and Sam. Oct. 17, 1836. Reg Nov. 13, 1838. Wit James Carroll.<sup>[1410]</sup>

Children, all born before 17 Oct. 1836 (deed book item):

- 642 i JOSEPH<sup>9</sup> GILLESPIE.
- 643 ii CATHARINE<sup>9</sup> GILLESPIE.
- 644 iii JAMES<sup>9</sup> GILLESPIE.
- 645 iv ZADOK<sup>9</sup> GILLESPIE.
- 646 v RIGGS<sup>9</sup> GILLESPIE.

319. JOEL<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>196</sub>Zadok<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 30 Apr. 1812, near Stone Mountain, N.C.,<sup>[1411]</sup> and died 13 Nov. 1865, Montgomery, Ala. (see biography below). He married (1) 28 Apr. 1842, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.,<sup>[1412]</sup> GEORGENA REBECCA MOORE, who was born about 1824, North Carolina, daughter of Junius Alexander and Eliza Inglis (Clitherall) Moore. He married (2) MARTHA JONES.

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1409. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, Maury, “William Gillespie | to | Miriam Riggs || [license] Oct. 16 1827 || [solemnized] Oct. 18 1827 | M. L. Andrews | M.G.”

1410. Madison Co., Tenn., Deeds, 6:235.

1411. Moore, *History of Alabama and Her People*, 149: “. . . Zadock Riggs, who came from North Carolina. Zadock Riggs married Nancy Fleming. Their son, Joel Riggs, was born near Stone Mountain, North Carolina, April 30, 1812, and as a youth moved to Alabama.”

1412. *Ala. Marriage Collection, 1800–1969*, Joel Riggs to “Georgina” Rebecca Moore, 28 Apr. 1842, Tuscaloosa Co.

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Riggs, Joel, banker and comptroller of public accounts, for a number of years a resident of Alabama, was born April 30, 1812, near Stone Mountain, N. C., and died in Montgomery, November 13, 1865; son of Zaddock and Nancy (Fleming) Riggs, of North Carolina, and brother of Daniel M. Riggs (q.v.) and of the wife of Dr. A. G. Mabry (q.v.). Mr. Riggs came to Alabama when young, and was sent to the Military academy at West Point, where he received his education. For several years he was teller in the State bank, and was noted for the accuracy with which he kept his accounts. As comptroller he managed the affairs of this office with great regularity, bringing order out of confusion and introducing system, of which very little had been practiced for years. He opened an entirely new set of books, and digested the tax returns with little or no help. As the head of his department, he stood at his desk from morn till night rendering to the State honest services for the compensation he received. His official reports showed the results in the information they furnished as a basis for estimating the public revenue from taxation, and other sources, to replenish the treasury. He later became one of the editors of the "Mail." Married: (1) at Tuscaloosa, to Georgena Rebecca, daughter of Junius Alexander and Eliza Inglis (Clitherall) Moore, and niece of Judge Alexander Clitherall; (2) Martha Jones, of Tuscaloosa. Children: 1. Eliza Moore, m. Benjamin Tarver; 2. William Crutcher; 3. Junius Alexander; 4. James; 5. Annie Fleming, m. Edward Pegram Galt; 6. Junius Moore, m. Elizabeth Harris Green (q.v.). Last residence: Montgomery.<sup>[1413]</sup>

In 1850 Joel Riggs, 36, state comptroller born in Massachusetts [sic] with \$5,000 in real estate, resided in Montgomery Co., Ala., with "George Ann," 26, born in North Carolina, and with Eliza, 6, and Ann, 2, both born in Alabama, and (his mother-in-law) Eliza Moore, 42, born in South Carolina.<sup>[1414]</sup>

In 1860 Joel Riggs, 48, a cashier in a bank born in North Carolina with \$10,000 in personal estate, resided alone in Montgomery, Montgomery Co., Ala.<sup>[1415]</sup>

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1413. Owen, *Dictionary of Alabama Biography*, 4:1440. The "(q.v.)"s refer to *Dictionary* items.

1414. U.S. census, 1850, Montgomery Co., Ala., r. 12, p. 115, dw. 730, fam. 743.

1415. U.S. census, 1860, Montgomery PO, Montgomery Co., Ala., r. 19, p. 168, dw. 382, fam. 374.

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On 25 Feb. 1861 A. G. Mabry of Selma, Ala., wrote a letter in Joel's behalf:

My Brother-in-law, M<sup>r</sup>. Joel Riggs of Montgomery, desires the appointment of Brigadier General in the Army of the Confederate States, soon to be formed. M<sup>r</sup>. Riggs is a graduate of the West Point Military Academy. . . . His feelings have long been enlisted in the Southern Cause, and he is thoroughly identified with us in all the recent movements which have so happily resulted in the Confederation of the Seven Independent Southern States, and his appointment as Brigadier General, in the Army of the Confederate States of America would be gratifying to many citizens in the different sections of our state.<sup>[1416]</sup>

The letter was not successful. On 1 Sept. 1862 Joel Riggs wrote to the Hon. W. P. Chilton, from McMaths, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.:

My services are now at the Command of the Government in any Civil or Military Capacity, for which I am qualified and which will yeild a decent support to my family.

This recommendation elicited a further letter, from W. P. Chilton of the House of Representatives of the Confederate Congress in Richmond, 17 Sept. 1862, to the Hon. T. W. Randolph, Secretary of War:

I enclose you a letter written to me by Mr Joel Riggs of Montg<sup>y</sup> Ala, a very modest unassuming gentleman, who seems to have been over looked in selecting military officers. He has lived in the state many years, & has been connected mainly with the state in her fiscal matters—was for a number of years Comptroller of the state—afterwards, one of the editors of the Montgomery Mail, and since, cashier of one of the Montgomery Banking establishments—

I know him to be one of the truest & bravest of men—He graduated with honor at West Point, and is a fine looking, highly accomplished gentleman.

I simply desire to bring his claims & capacity to your notice—He is able to fill almost any position—is incorruptible, temperate & faithful in all his relations—

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1416. This letter, and the next two, from Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms, 1861-65, NARA M346, citizen, Joel Riggs, Ala.

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Such a man should not remain idle—

Children of the first marriage, to Georgena (the order after the first three is uncertain):

- 647 i ELIZA MOORE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 17 or 27 July 1844,<sup>[1417]</sup> Alabama, married BENJAMIN TARVER.
- 648 ii ANNIE FLEMING<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 3 Apr. 1849,<sup>[1418]</sup> Alabama, married EDWARD PEGRAM GALT.
- + 649 iii JUNIUS MOORE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 12 or 29 Nov. 1851, Montgomery, Montgomery Co., Ala., married ELIZABETH HARRIS GREEN.
- 650 iv WILLIAM CRUTCHER<sup>9</sup> RIGGS.
- 651 v JUNIUS ALEXANDER<sup>9</sup> RIGGS.
- 652 vi JAMES<sup>9</sup> RIGGS.

320. MARTHA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>196</sub>Zadok<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 24 Nov. 1815, Maury Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1419]</sup> or Surry Co., N.C. (see biography below), died 25 Aug. 1898, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala.,<sup>[1420]</sup> and was buried in Live Oak Cemetery there. She married (1) 20 June 1840, Mobile, Mobile Co., Ala.,<sup>[1421]</sup> THOMAS ELNATHON TARTT, who died 6 May 1842, Mobile.<sup>[1422]</sup> Martha married (2) 2 July 1845, near Selma,<sup>[1423]</sup> Dr. ALBERT GALLATIN MABRY, who was born 7 Sept. 1810, Southampton Co., Va.,<sup>[1424]</sup> son of Richard and Polly Braxton (Mabry) Mabry,<sup>[1425]</sup> and died 23 Feb. 1874, Selma.

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1417. William S. Mabry's Account Book, 9, "Eliza Riggs - first child of Joel + Gena Riggs Born in 17 17 [sic] July 1844 (Second '1' overstruck a '2')."

1418. William S. Mabry's Account Book, 9, "Anna F. Riggs - 2<sup>n</sup> child of Joel + Gena Riggs Born in April 3<sup>n</sup> 1849."

1419. William S. Mabry's Account Book, 7

1420. William S. Mabry's Account Book, 7

1421. William S. Mabry's Account Book, 7

1422. William S. Mabry's Account Book, 7

1423. William S. Mabry's Account Book, 7

1424. William S. Mabry's Account Book, 7

1425. *The Albert Gallatin Mabry Home*, <[homepages.rootsweb.com/~meriweth/agm-home.html](http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~meriweth/agm-home.html)> (accessed 28 June 2004).

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Mabry, Albert Gallatin, physician, was born September 7, 1816, near Jerusalem, now Courtland, Southampton County, Va., and died February 23, 1874, in Selma; son of Richard and Polly Braxton (Mabry) Mabry, distant relatives, the former a farmer in Southampton County, who died when his son was a child; grandson of Nathaniel Mabry, who died in Greensville County, Va., and left a will which is on record in the county providing that as each of his slaves attained the age of twenty-five years, they were to be free and at their liberty, and setting aside tracts of lands for homes for some of them; uncle of Robert Mabry, first lieutenant in Capt. James Massie's company of the Fifteenth Virginia regiment, which marched to Dumfries, Va., 1777, then to Philadelphia, and on to New Jersey where it joined Gen. Washington's Army, who was commissioned captain lieutenant in 1779, served as sheriff of Southampton County, Va., in 1799, and was one of the gentleman justices of the county, 1802-1806. His ancestors were of English origin, and were among the early settlers of Surry, Brunswick, Greensville and Southampton Counties, Va., and were slave owners and land owners. Dr. Mabry left the home farm when he was sixteen years old, and went to Jerusalem, then moved to Whitesville, Harris County, Ga., where his half sister, Mrs. James Lundy, and his brother, Robert B. Mabry, lived. He practiced there for several years, and early in the year 1843, moved to Selma, where he entered a partnership with Dr. Drewry Fair, which lasted for many years, until Dr. Fair left Selma. He became associated with Dr. James Kent in 1855, and because of his failing health, gradually turned his practice over to Dr. Kent, until in 1857, he retired from the active practice of his profession. After the surrender of the C. S. Army, Dr. Mabry resumed the practice of medicine and was so engaged at the time of his death. He was a member of the State legislature from Dallas County, 1857-1858, 1859-1860, 1861, 1862, and 1866-1867.

Soon after he came to the state, Dr. Mabry interested himself in the establishment of the Alabama insane asylum, and because of his marked interest in the subject, was instructed by the Selma medical association in 1847, to make the proper investigation respecting the fitness of the old state house at Tuscaloosa, for a lunatic asylum, and the probable amount it would cost to fit it up for that purpose. That was the beginning of the movement which resulted in the establishment of the Alabama insane hospital, and after the completion, Dr. Mabry was among the first seven trustees appointed by the governor, and, excepting for a brief intermission,

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held that office until the day of his death. He was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Alabama State medical association, in 1847, served as vice-president that year, presided at the Wetumpka session of 1849, and at the Selma session of 1852; was active in the reorganization of the association after the war, and was president at the sessions of 1868 and 1869. He also held offices in the Selma medical society. He is author of "Report on the diseases of Selma and vicinity," 1852; "The Medical Profession," 1859; "Miasmatic fever," 1869; "Observations on the medical properties of the sulphate of quinine," 1870; "A case of hemorrhagic malarial fever," 1872; all of which were contributed to the proceedings of the State medical association. At one time he was vice-president of the Selma, Rome and Dalton railroad, and was a director in the Salem and Meridian railroad. He was a Democrat, and an Episcopalian. Married: July 2, 1845, to Mrs. Martha (Riggs) Tartt, widow of Thomas E. Tartt, of the firm of Tartt, Stewart and company of Mobile, and sister of Daniel M. Riggs and Joel Riggs. Mrs. Mabry was born in Surry County, N. C., and died August 25, 1898, in Selma. By her marriage with Mr. Tartt, she had one child, Gertrude T., who married Catesby ap Roger Jones (q. v.). Children: 1. Albert Gallatin, lawyer, d. in December, 1873, Selma; 2. Daniel Riggs, d. in infancy; 3. William Spark, civil engineer, Selma; 4. John Winston (q. v.) 5. Virginia, Selma; 6. Richard Henry, president of the Mabry securities company, Selma. Last residence: Selma.<sup>[1426]</sup>

From a description of Dr. Mabry's home in Selma:

The Mabry Home with its fluted columns was built in 1850 by Dr. Albert Gallatin<sup>5</sup> Mabry, who was born September 7, 1810 in Southampton County, Virginia. He was the son of Richard<sup>4</sup> Mabry (Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Hinchia, Francis) and his second wife, Polly Braxton. Dr. Mabry received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1837 and moved to Harris County, Georgia in 1840 where he practiced three years prior to moving to Selma in 1843. In 1845 he married Martha Riggs Tartt, widow of Thomas E. Tartt. Dr. Mabry was a member of the Alabama Legislature where he helped pass legislation to establish the State's first hospital for the insane. He also helped to found the Alabama State Medical Association.

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1426. Owen, *Dictionary of Alabama Biography*, 4:1142-43. The "(q. v.)"s refer to *Dictionary* items.

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Following Dr. Mabry's death in 1874, his children, William Spark and Virginia Mabry continued to live in the home along with Dr. Mabry's stepdaughter, Gertrude Tartt, who married Captain Catesby ap Roger Jones. Captain Jones was the commander of the C.S.S. Virginia (Merrimac) which fought the U.S.S. Monitor. When William Spark Mabry, last surviving child of Dr. A. G. Mabry, died in January 1941 he left the house to his nieces and nephews. The house was then occupied by the oldest nephew, Roger ap Catesby Jones, whose grandson, Roger ap C. Jones continues to live in it today.<sup>[1427]</sup>

In 1880 Martha R. Mabry, 65, a widow born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., with son, John W., 28, a lawyer, daughter, Virginia, 25,, and son, Richard, 23, a bookkeeper, all born in Alabama of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Tennessee. Also in the household were three black domestic servants. In the same dwelling were Gertrude T. Jones and her family (q.v.).<sup>[1428]</sup>

Child of Martha's first marriage, to Thomas:<sup>[1429]</sup>

- + 653 i **GERTRUDE THOMAS ["MUDDIE"]<sup>9</sup> TARTT**, born 28 Feb. 1842, Alabama, married Capt. **CATESBY AP ROGER JONES**, and had six children.

Children of Martha's second marriage, to Albert:<sup>[1430]</sup>

- 654 ii **ALBERT GALLATIN<sup>9</sup> MABRY**, born 10 July 1846, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala.,<sup>[1431]</sup> admitted to the bar Jan. 1869, and died 5 Dec. 1872 or 1873, Selma, of typhus.<sup>[1432]</sup>
- 655 iii **DANIEL RIGGS<sup>9</sup> MABRY**, born 11 July 1848, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., and died in infancy in Selma.

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1427. *The Albert Gallatin Mabry Home*, <homepages.rootsweb.com/~meriweth/agm-home.html> (accessed 28 June 2004).

1428. U.S. census, 1880, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., ED 71, r. 11, p. 454B, dw. 105, fam. 123, address Tremont. Gertrude Jones is family 124.

1429. William S. Mabry's Account Book, 7.

1430. William S. Mabry's Account Book, 8.

1431. *William S. Mabry's Account Book*, 7, "Albert Galaten Mabry - first child of Dr A. G. +M. R. Mabry born Selma Ala July 10" 1846.

1432. William S. Mabry's Account Book, 10.



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- 656 iv **WILLIAM SPARK<sup>9</sup> MABRY**, born 30 Dec. 1849, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala. He was the author of the account book.
- 657 v **JOHN WINSTON<sup>9</sup> MABRY**, born 22 June 1852, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., died 1 Jan. 1916, married 19 Dec. 1895<sup>[1433]</sup> **EUNICE L. WHITE**, and had one child: (1) John Winston<sup>10</sup> Mabry Jr.
- 658 vi **VIRGINIA<sup>9</sup> MABRY**, born 7 June 1854, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala. Never married.
- 659 vii **RICHARD HENRY<sup>9</sup> MABRY**, born 26 Feb. 1857, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., died 29 June 1918. He was in business with Roger ap Catesby Jones as president of Mabry Securities Company.<sup>[1434]</sup>

**330. ELIZABETH C.<sup>8</sup> FIELDER** (<sub>198</sub>*Elizabeth*<sup>7</sup>, *David*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1808, Tennessee, and died 12 Sept. 1903. She married 10 July 1834 (license), Huntsville, Madison Co., Ala.,<sup>[1435]</sup> **THOMAS BIBB**, who was born about 1794, Virginia. Thomas had previously married Miriam Fielder, probably Catherine's sister.

In 1850 Thomas Bibb, 56, born in Virginia, resided in Huntsville, Madison Co., Ala., and Elizabeth, 42, born in Tennessee, and with Nimrod, 33, "idoetek" [idiotic], born in Tennessee, and Thomas H., 11, Almira, 13, James, 9, Amelia, 6, Andrew J., 4, and Lucinda, 3, all six born in Alabama. Also in the household were Nimrod Fielder, 80, and Elizabeth Fielder, 73, both born in North Carolina.<sup>[1436]</sup> Nimrod, born about 1817, Alabama, was perhaps a son by Thomas's first wife, Miriam.

From a Bibb family genealogy:<sup>[1437]</sup>

From the Pension Records of the War of 1812 in the Veteran's Administration Building, Washington, D.C., has this record: W.O. 31982; W. O. 24985 has this report:

Thomas Bibb, private, Captain Donaldson's Company Tennessee Militia; enlisted at Huntsville, September 2, 1814, at the age of twenty years; married 1<sup>st</sup>—Mariam [sic] Fielder who died in 1829; married 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10<sup>th</sup>,

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1433. Owen, *Dictionary of Alabama Biography*, 4:1143, entry for John Winston Mabry.

1434. Tyson, *William Spark Mabry*, 20.

1435. Madison Co., Ala., Marriages, 4:199, Thomas Bibb to Elizabeth Fielder, licensed 10 July 1834.

1436. U.S. census, 1850, Huntsville, Madison Co., Ala., r. 9, p. 464, dw. 484, fam. 484.

1437. Bibb, *The Bibb Family in America, 1640-1940*, 119.

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1831 [sic], Elizabeth Fielder at Huntsville, Ala. She was born in 1808 and died September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1903.

Children:

- 660 i ALMIRA<sup>9</sup> BIBB, born about 1837, Alabama.
- 661 ii THOMAS H.<sup>9</sup> BIBB, born about 1839, Alabama.
- 662 iii JAMES<sup>9</sup> BIBB, born about 1841, Alabama.
- 663 iv AMELIA<sup>9</sup> BIBB, born about 1844, Alabama.
- 664 v ANDREW J.<sup>9</sup> BIBB, born about 1846, Alabama.
- 665 vi LUCINDA<sup>9</sup> BIBB, born about 1847, Alabama.

335. CATHERINE/KATE F.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>204</sub>Gideon<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 18 Nov. 1841,<sup>[1438]</sup> Tennessee, died 10 Aug. 1870,<sup>[1439]</sup> and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[1440]</sup> She married (1) 4 June 1857, Arkansas,<sup>[1441]</sup> JOHN B. H. TYLER, who died 14 Nov. 1864.<sup>[1442]</sup> She married (2) 17 Sept. 1867<sup>[1443]</sup> THOMAS CHESLEY BRITTAIN, who was born about 1846, Tennessee.

In 1870 T. C. "Brittitan," 24, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$300 personal estate, resided in Jordans Store, Williamson Co., Tenn., with female, C., 26, born in Tennessee, male, O. R., 1, and also three domestic servants. The same census page lists Gideon Riggs Sr., 80.<sup>[1444]</sup>

Child of the first marriage, to John:<sup>[1445]</sup>

- 666 i FRANCES G.<sup>9</sup> TYLER, born 25 Oct. —, died 18 Nov. 1858.

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1438. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Kate F. (Catherine) Riggs was born November 18, 1841."

1439. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, handwritten: "Catherine W. [sic] Brittain Departed this life Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, 1870" and typescript: "Catherine F. Brittain died August 10, 1870."

1440. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051147, no photograph, name given as Catherine W. Riggs Brittan [sic].

1441. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "(Catherine F. Riggs married John Tyler in Arkansas on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1857 - after John Tylers death she returned to Tennessee with her father; was married to Thomas Chesley Brittain Septmenber 17, 1867. They had one son, Oliver.)"

1442. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "John B. H. Tyler died November 14, 1864."

1443. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible.

1444. U.S. census, 1870, Jordans Store PO, Williamson Co., Tenn., r. 1571, p. 333, dw. 61, fam. 67. Gideon resided in dw. 65.

1445. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Frances G. Tyler, son of John and Kate Tyler, born October 25, - and died November 18, 1858."

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Child of the second marriage, to Thomas:<sup>[1446]</sup>

- 667 ii OLIVER RIGGS<sup>9</sup> BRITTAIN, born June 1869 (1900 census), Tennessee, married about 1891 MINNIE —, born May 1871, Tennessee, and had two children: (1) Leonard<sup>10</sup> Brittain, born June 1894, Tennessee; and (2) Clare<sup>10</sup> Brittain, born Dec. 1895, Tennessee.

In 1900 Oliver “Brittian,” 30, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Williamson Co., Tenn., with his wife of nine years, Minnie, 29, born May 1871 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his son, “Lenard,” 5, born June 1894, and daughter, Clare, 4, born Dec. 1895, both born in Tennessee. There was also a servant in the household, and next door resided “Nannie” Riggs.<sup>[1447]</sup>

**336. GIDEON WRIGHT<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>204</sub>Gideon<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 17 Oct. 1845,<sup>[1448]</sup> Tennessee, died 19 May 1879,<sup>[1449]</sup> Riggs Crossroads, Williamson Co., Tenn., and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[1450]</sup> He married 6 July or 30 Dec. 1866, Williamson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1451]</sup> **NANCY ALLEN JORDAN**, who was born 28 Dec. 1842,<sup>[1452]</sup> Tennessee, daughter of New-

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1446. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible.

1447. U.S. census, 1900, Williamson Co., Tenn., ED 121, r. 1606, p. 181, sh. 13A, dw. 202 fam. 202. Nannie resided in dw. 201.

1448. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Gideon Wright Riggs was born October 17th, 1845”; his widow’s pension application (q.v.) states: “Bortn in the year 1845 in Williamson County Tenn his name was Gideon W. Riggs married in Williamson County R D Tatum JP.”

1449. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, handwritten: “G. W. Riggs Departed this life May 19<sup>th</sup> 1879” and typescript: “Gideon W. Riggs departed this life May 19th, 1879 fifteen minutes after one Monday evening”; his widow’s application (q.v.) states: “[he died] Riggs x Roads Williamson Co Tenn in 1879.”

1450. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051294, no photograph, dates given: 17 Dec. 1845, 19 May 1879.

1451. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Gideon W. Riggs and Nancy Allen Jordan were married July 6, 1866”; *Tenn. Marriages, 1851–1900*, Gideon W. Riggs to “Nance A. Jourdan,” 30 Dec. 1866, Williamson Co.; his widow’s pension application (q.v.) states: “[they were married] On the 30 day De<sup>f</sup> 1866 by R D Tatum JP.”

1452. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Nancy A. Jordan Riggs was born December 28th, 1842”; her widow’s pension application (q.v.) states, “I was born in 1842 My maiden name Nancey Allen Jordan.”

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ton C. and Mary E. (Gun) Jordan,<sup>[1453]</sup> and who died 12 May 1924,<sup>[1454]</sup> and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem.<sup>[1455]</sup>

In 1870 G. W. Riggs, 24, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$200 personal estate, resided in Jordans Store, Williamson Co., Tenn., with Nancy, 26, born in Tennessee, male, "Gidd," 3, females, C., 2, and L., 2/12, born in March, all three born in Tennessee, and also one domestic servant. The same census page lists Gideon Riggs Sr., 80.<sup>[1456]</sup>

In 1880 Nancy A. Riggs, 37, a widow born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Williamson Co., Tenn., with her son, Gideon, 13, daughters, Catharine, 11, and Lillie M., 10, and sons, Robert E., 8, Jordan, 6, "Ollie" A., 4, and Earl H., 2, all seven born in Tennessee of a father born in Tennessee, and with her father, Newton C. Jordan, 76, mother, Mary E. Jordan, 74, and brother, "Clem" L., 39, all three born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives.<sup>[1457]</sup>

In 1900 "Nannie" Riggs, 57, a widow born Dec. 1842 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Williamson Co., Tenn., with her sons, "Olliver," 24, born Mar. [sic] 1876, and Earl, 22, born Sept. [sic] 1877, and daughter, Lillie "Dougan," 29, born Mar. 1871 [sic], married four [sic] years, having had no children, all three of Nannie's children born in Tennessee. Nearby resided "W<sup>m</sup>" A. Fuller and his wife, Katie.<sup>[1458]</sup>

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1453. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Newton Jordan, Sr. was born October 1st, 1803. | Mary Gun Jordan was born December 22, 1805," and in the transcription of the Newton Jordan Bible: "Newton Jordan and Mary Gun Jordan were married October the 28th, 1824. | Their Children: | . . . | Nancy A. Jordan was born Decr. The 28th, 1842."

1454. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Mrs. Nancy Allen Riggs died May 12, 1924, Monday evening at eight o'clock."

1455. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051331, no photograph, dates given: 28 Dec. 1842, 12 May 1924.

1456. U.S. census, 1870, Jordans Store PO, Williamson Co., Tenn., r. 1571, p. 333, dw. 61, fam. 67. Gideon resided in dw. 65.

1457. U.S. census, 1880, Williamson Co., Tenn., ED 239, r. 1286, p. 181D, dw. 54, fam. 61; Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, in the transcription of the Newton Jordan Bible: "Clement L. Jordan was born April the 31st, 1841."

1458. U.S. census, 1900, Williamson Co., Tenn., ED 121, r. 1606, p. 181, sh. 13A, dw. 201, fam. 201. The Fullers resided in dw. 204.

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In 1910 Nannie Riggs, 67, a widow born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Williamson Co., Tenn., with her son, "Erle" H., 32 (q.v.). She had had seven children, with all seven surviving.<sup>[1459]</sup>

On 16 Jan. 1911 a widow's application for a Tennessee Civil War Confederate pension was made by the widow "Nannie" A. Riggs for the service of the soldier Gideon W. Riggs, application made from Marshall, Tenn.<sup>[1460]</sup>

Gideon served in Company B, 11th Regiment Tennessee Cavalry. The application is marked "rejected."<sup>[1461]</sup>

Children:<sup>[1462]</sup>

- + 668 i **GIDEON WRIGHT<sup>9</sup> RIGGS JR.**, born 18 Mar. 1867, Tennessee, married **AGNES JONES**, and had at least seven children.
- + 669 ii **MARY CATHERINE/KATE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 2 Dec. 1868, Tennessee, married **WILLIAM ADOLPHUS FULLER**, and had five children.
- + 670 iii **LILLIE MAY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 20 Mar. 1870, Tennessee, married **J. M. DUGGAN**, and had two children.
- 671 iv **ROBERT EMMETT<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 20 Dec. 1871,<sup>[1463]</sup> died 16 June 1957,<sup>[1464]</sup> buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1465]</sup> married 13 June 1900<sup>[1466]</sup> **MINNIE VAUGHN**, who was born 25 June 1878, died 3 Oct. 1943,<sup>[1467]</sup> buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem.<sup>[1468]</sup>

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1459. U.S. census, 1910, Williamson Co., Tenn., ED 151, r. 1526, p. 126, sh. 10B, dw. 54, fam. 61.

1460. Tenn., *Civil War Confederate Pension Applications Index*, Nannie A. Riggs. "A photocopy of this pension application may be obtained from the Tennessee State Library and Archives"; *Confederate Pension Applications: Soldiers and Widows, 1891-ca1965*, widow applicant, Nannie A. Riggs, name of soldier G. W. Riggs, Maurys Tenn. Cav., filing date 16 Jan. 1911, her age 68, Riggs Cross Roads, Marshall Co., pension no. 3446, book 1, p. 115 [image 2666/5460 online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, FHL 1000998, DGS 8520769].

1461. *Widows Pension Applications*, no. 3259-3455, FHL 969831, DGS 8478203, images 1131-1135/1190.

1462. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible.

1463. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Emmett Riggs was born December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1871."

1464. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Emmett Riggs died June 16, 1957."

1465. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051027, no photograph, dates recorded: 20 Dec. 1871, 16 June 1957.

1466. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Emmett Riggs and Minnie Vaughn were married June 13, 1900."

1467. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Minnie Vaughn Riggs born June 25, 1878 and died October 3,

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- + 672 v JORDAN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 2 Nov. 1873, Tennessee, married ADA LEE JONES, and had two children.
- + 673 vi OLIVER ARCHIBALD<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 1 Feb. 1876, married MINNIE TUCKER, and had one child, married (2) CALLIE L. —, and married (3) OLIVIA/OLLIE MAE CORKER, and had three children.
- + 674 vii EARL HOLDEN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 24 Nov. 1877, Tennessee, married NANNIE GAMBILL, and had five children.

339. WILLIAM HURT<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>205</sub>*Adam Springs*<sup>7</sup>, *David*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 12 Dec. 1855, Tennessee, and died 23 Sept. 1898.<sup>[1469]</sup> He married (1) 14 Dec. 1881 (license), Bedford Co., Tenn.,<sup>[1470]</sup> MINNIE M. CURTIS, who was born 7 May 1858, Bedford Co., Tenn., and died 4 Jan. 1888.<sup>[1471]</sup> He married (2) 2 Dec. 1892 RUTH SMITH.

Child of the first marriage, to Minnie:

- + 675 i ADAM SPRINGS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 20 Nov. 1882, Tennessee, married ADDIE BELLE SMITH, and had two children.

Children of the second marriage, to Ruth:

- + 676 ii WILLIAM KILBY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 20 Mar. 1894, Rockvale, Rutherford Co., Tenn., married LILLIAN —, and had at least five children.
- 677 iii JESSIE RUTH<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 3 Aug 1895, Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn.

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1943.”

1468. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051030, no photograph, dates recorded: 25 June 1878, 13 Oct. 1943.

1469. *Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, The Nashville Christian Advocate 1897–1899*, 1 Dec. 1898, “William Hurt Riggs son of Rev. Adam S. and Sarah M. Riggs, born Dec. 12, 1855; died Sept. 23, 1898; married (1) Minnie Curtis, Dec. 14, 1881, one son; (2) Ruth Smith, Dec. 2, 1892, 4 children.”

1470. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, “Wm” H. Riggs to Minnie M. Curtiss, 14 Dec. 1881, Bedford Co., image of record, bondsmen “Wm” H. Riggs and E. Blakemore, bonded and licensed 14 Dec. 1881, return illegible (if completed, which is unclear).

1471. *Genealogical Abstracts from Reported Deaths, The Nashville Christian Advocate 1887–1899*, 24 Mar. 1888, “Minnie Riggs, nee Curtis, born Bedford Co., Tenn., May 7, 1858; married W. H. Riggs, Dec. 14, 1881; died Jan. 4, 1888.”

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- + 678 iv ALBERT DEERY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 10 Mar. 1897, Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn., married KATHERINE L. KERR, and had at least two children.
- 679 v SUSAN GILL<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 4 Oct. 1898, Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn.

343. WILLIAM M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>21</sub>John<sup>7</sup>, ?Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 Nov. 1826, near Dobson, Surry Co., N.C. (see biography below). He married (1) 21 May 1870 MARY E. GLAZEBROOK, who was born about 1843, Kentucky, daughter of Joseph and Lucinda S. (Pace) Glazebrook. He married (2) 21 July 1874 JOSEPHINE SANDERS, who was born Mar. 1846 (1900 census), Kentucky, daughter of John S. and Rebecca (Freeman) Sanders.

From an 1886 history of Metcalfe Co., Ky.:

William M. Riggs was born November 25, 1826, in Surry County, N.C., near the town of Dobson. In 1852 he removed to Clinton County, Ky.; after six years' residence there he went to Cumberland and Monroe, in each of which counties he remained a short time, and in 1870 removed to Metcalfe County where he now resides. He served over a year with the Thirteenth Kentucky Cavalry, without being mustered into the service or getting pay. His father, John Riggs, was also a native of Surry County, N.C., . . . [see his father's sketch]. William M.'s early advantages for obtaining an education were limited, but by study he procured a good English education and is a man well posted in the current literature of the day. His prosperity is the result of his own industry. He has been twice married; first, May 21, 1870, to Mary E., daughter of Joseph and Lucinda S. (Pace) Glazebrook. Joseph Glazebrook was one of the first Abolitionists in all this section, and was one of the first electors ever nominated by the Abolitionists. Mrs. Mary Riggs had no children. His second marriage took place July 21, 1874, with Josephine, daughter of John S. and Rebecca (Freeman) Sanders, of Barren County. To them four children - John H., William M., Joseph B. and Annie - have been born. Mr. Riggs and wife are members of the Christian Church. He began life as a farmer and school teacher, which latter profession he followed for fifteen years; was afterward elected county surveyor of Monroe County. After finishing his term of office he removed to Metcalfe County, where he

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bought a farm and commenced merchandising in Summer Shade, where he has met with more than usual success. He has been notary public and postmaster; politically is a Republican, and is now a member of the Legislature from Metcalfe and Monroe Counties.<sup>[1472]</sup>

In 1870 William M. Riggs, 43, a county surveyor born in North Carolina with \$400 real and \$1,200 personal estates, resided in Tomkinsville, Monroe Co., Ky., with Mary E., 27, with \$400 personal estate born in Kentucky, in the household of Joseph Glazebrooks, 60. William and Mary had married in April [sic].<sup>[1473]</sup>

In 1880 William M. Riggs, 53, a dry goods merchant born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Summer Shade, Metcalfe Co., Ky., with his wife, Josephine, 34, born in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, and with his sons, John H., 4, William M., 3, and Joseph B., 1, all three born in Kentucky. There were also two servants and a schoolteacher in the household.<sup>[1474]</sup>

In 1900 William M. Riggs, 73, a farmer born Nov. 1826 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Elk Springs, Warren Co., Ky., with his wife of 25 years, Josephine, 54, born Mar. 1846 in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, and with his daughter, Virgie Riggs, 24, a widow born 1876 in Kentucky, and his grandson, "Duglas" W., 3, born May 1897 in Kentucky of Kentucky natives. Josephine had had four children, with three surviving. Virgie had had one child, and it survived.<sup>[1475]</sup> Presumably Virgie had married one of William's three sons, so was really a daughter-in-law, **but I don't know which son.**

Children:

- 680 i **JOHN H.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1876, Kentucky.
- 681 ii **WILLIAM M.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1877, Kentucky.
- 682 iii **JOSEPH B.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1879, Kentucky.

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1472. Battle, Perrin, and Kniffin, *Ky.: History of the State*. 3rd ed.

1473. U.S. census, 1870, Tomkinsville PO, Tomkinsville, Monroe Co., Ky., r. 489, p. 210A, dw. 1, fam. 1.

1474. U.S. census, 1880, Summer Shade, Metcalfe Co., Ky., ED 196, r. 434, p. 240B, dw. 311, fam. 326.

1475. U.S. census, 1900, Elk Springs, Warren Co., Ky., ED 95, r. 553, p. 46, sh. 17A, dw. 334, fam. 335, line 25.



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683 iv ANNIE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS.

**361. WILEY/WILSON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>213</sub>Jesse<sup>7</sup>, ?Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 28 July 1833 (obituary, but July 1832 by 1900 census), Surry Co.,<sup>[1476]</sup> N.C., and died 25 Apr. 1904, aged 70 years 8 months 28 days.<sup>[1477]</sup> He married 26 Jan. 1859, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[1478]</sup> **JULIA ANN HAYMORE**, who was born Feb. 1836 (1900 census), Surry Co., N.C., and died sometime after the 1910 census in which she resided with her son, Pleasant (q.v.).

In 1860 “Wily” Riggs, 27, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$300 real and \$227 personal estates, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., with his wife, “July” A., 24, born in North Carolina, and with “Brittan,” 4/12, male, born in North Carolina.<sup>[1479]</sup> Note that Wilson, 25, is also listed in 1860 in the household of his father Jesse (q.v.). **Could Wilson and Wiley be distinct persons?**

**Placeholder: There is a William Riggs, 25, a pauper born in North Carolina, in the poorhouse in Rockford, Surry Co., N.C., in 1860.**<sup>[1480]</sup>

On 2 Mar. 1862 “Wilie” Riggs witnessed the signing of Elijah Gillaspie’s will in Surry Co., N.C., executor Wilson Laffoon.<sup>[1481]</sup>

In 1870 Wiley Riggs, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$1,150 real and \$400 personal estates, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., with Julia, 33, born in North Carolina, and with Brittan, 10, Jesse M., 7, Da-

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1476. Surry Co. (for both Wiley and Julia) comes from son Britton’s death certificate (q.v.).

1477. Obit., Deacon Wiley Riggs, “Taken from the Fisher’s River Primitive Baptist Association 73rd Annual Session Convened with the Church at Tom’s Creek, Surry Co., NC October 20, 1905,” <[www.ls.net/~newriver/obit/fish1905.html](http://www.ls.net/~newriver/obit/fish1905.html)> (accessed 28 June 2004), “Was born July 28, 1833 and died Apr. 25, 1904 making his stay on earth 70 years, 8 months, and 27 days.” The last number actually computes to 28 days.

1478. Holcomb, *Marriages of Surry Co.*, 174, “Riggs, Wiley & Julia Ann Haymore, 26 Jan 1859; Joseph S. Gordon, bm.”

1479. U.S. census, 1860, Dobson PO, Dobson District, Surry Co., N.C., r. 914, p. 190, dw. 67, fam. 67.

1480. U.S. census, 1860, Rockford PO, Rockford District, Surry Co., N.C., r. 914, p. 300, dw. 1020 (marked “Poor House”), fam. 1012. Several persons, but not William, are marked “pauper & insane.”

1481. Surry Co., N.C., Wills, 5:55, will of Elijah Gillaspie, as transcribed in Snow, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, Vols. 5 & 6, 1853–1901*, 17.

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vid, 4, “W<sup>m</sup>” Daniel, 1, all males born in North Carolina. Next door was James Riggs, 24, a farmer, Mary, 20, and Joel, 26, a farmer, all born in North Carolina.<sup>[1482]</sup>

In 1880 Wiley Riggs, 47, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with his wife, Julia A., 44, born in North Carolina of Virginia natives, and with sons, Britton, 20, Jesse M., 18, Daniel S., 14, William D., 11, and Pleasant W., 8, all born in North Carolina, and daughters, Mary L., 3, and Lydia K., 1, both born in North Carolina.<sup>[1483]</sup>

Wiley joined the Primitive Baptist church at Fisher’s River meeting house and was baptized by M. G. Harbour on 11 Oct. 1891. Shortly afterwards he was ordained a deacon, an office he filled until his death.<sup>[1484]</sup>

In 1900 “Wily” Riggs, 67, a farmer born July 1832 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with his wife of 42 years, Julia A., 64, born Feb. 1836 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. She had had seven children, with seven surviving. Residing with them were son, Pleasant W., 28, divorced, born May 1872 in North Carolina, and daughter, “Lyddia,” 21, divorced, born May 1879 in North Carolina. Nearby were the families of Britton Riggs, 40, and Jesse Riggs, 37.<sup>[1485]</sup>

Julia’s sister Mary Jane (Haymore) Riggs, signed her will on 26 Sept. 1885, and it was proved 19 Oct. 1885, in Surry Co., N.C.:

After my death my beloved sister Julia Riggs gets all my property for her lifetime if she shall be the longest liver. After her death, all the personal property is to be divided equally among her children—Britton Riggs, Jesse M Riggs, Daniel C [sic] Riggs, William D Riggs, Pleasant W Riggs, Mary L Riggs, and Lydia K Riggs. Jesse M Riggs shall have the home tract of

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<sup>1482</sup>. US census, 1870, Dobson PO, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., r. 772, p. 274, dw. 247, fam. 247. James resided in dw. 248.

<sup>1483</sup>. U.S. census, 1880, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 169, r. 982, p. 8C, dw. 147, fam. 147.

<sup>1484</sup>. Obit., Deacon Wiley Riggs, <[www.ls.net/~newriver/obit/fish1905.html](http://www.ls.net/~newriver/obit/fish1905.html)> (accessed 28 June 2004).

<sup>1485</sup>. U.S. census, 1900, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 105, r. 1219, p. 41, sh. 18B, dw. 351, fam. 351. Jesse resided in dw. 348, and Britton in dw. 349.

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land which is in Surry County, Dobson Township, on the waters of Big Fish River adjoining the lands of Leah Bingman, Sally Laffoon, J M Gordon, and others. Julia Riggs is to have my land in Westfield Township her lifetime and at her death to be equally divided between her children as above named. Julia Riggs shall have full possession of my personal property in Westfield Township after my death, and she shall be the lawful owner of all my personal property and all my land for her lifetime. After her death Jesse M Riggs is to have the home tract of land as above stated in his own right; all the other property both real and personal at the death of my sister Julia shall be divided equally among all Julia's children as above named. The personal property in Westfield at my brother William's is one cupboard, one bureau, one table, one looking glass, one rocking chair, and one dresser which I will that my sister Julia shall have. After my death my body is to be buried in a decent manner in a nice and decent manner at the old man Jesse Riggs' graveyard. All such expenses are to be paid out of my property and all just debts. Executor: Thomas J Riggs. Witnesses: J M Gordon and William Key. Proved by J M Gordon and William Key. Probate 19 Oct 1885.<sup>[1486]</sup>

On 11 June 1901 Wiley Riggs, 68, of Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., applied for a state pension for his Confederate service in Company F, 23rd Regiment North Carolina State Troops. He had enlisted Sept. 1862, served in Pennsylvania near D.C. in 1864, and suffered a wound. James Riggs (presumably Wiley's brother) of Dobson signed an affidavit in support. The pension was granted. His widow, Julia A. Riggs, 68, of Dobson, applied for a similar pension on 28 June 1904, citing Wiley's death on 25 Apr. 1904. Her pension was granted.<sup>[1487]</sup>

In 1910 Julia A. Riggs, 74, a widow born in North Carolina of Pennsylvania natives resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., in the household of her son Pleasant W., 38, single, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. William D. Riggs, 41, resided nearby.<sup>[1488]</sup>

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1486. Surry Co., N.C., Wills, 6:227, will of Mary J. Riggs, as transcribed in Snow, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, Vols. 5 & 6, 1853-1901*, 77-78.

1487. Confederate pension applications, North Carolina State Archives, roll S.13.114, Wiley Riggs.

1488. U.S. census, 1910, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 128, r. 1133, p. 32, sh. 12B, dw. 228, fam. 229. William D. resided in dw. 226.

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### Children:

- + 684 i **BRITTON/BRITAIN**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born Jan. 1860, North Carolina, married (1) **PATIENCE COPELAND**, married (2) **SUSAN D. FREEMAN**.
- + 685 ii **JESSE M.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born Dec. 1862, North Carolina, married **NANCY E. SIMPSON**, and had one child.
- 686 iii **DANIEL S.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1866, North Carolina.
- + 687 iv **WILLIAM DREW**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 2 Jan. 1869, Surry Co., N.C., married **MAHALA ELIZABETH GILLESPIE**, and had five children.
- 688 v **PLEASANT WADE**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 20 Jan. 1872, Surry Co., N.C., died 11 Feb. 1953, Elkin, Surry Co., aged 81 years 21 days, buried 13 Feb. 1953, Little Vine Cem., Dobson, Surry Co., married an unknown person.<sup>[1489]</sup> See the 1910 census above.
- 689 vi **MARY LOU**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 1 Sept. 1876, Surry Co., N.C., died 8 Apr. 1962, Mocksville, Davie Co., N.C., buried 10 Apr. 1962, Collins Family Cem., Dobson, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[1490]</sup> married (1) – **COLLINS**, married (2) **JASPER BRINDLE**.
- 690 vii **LYDIA K.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born May 1879, North Carolina.

**365. JOEL**<sup>8</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>21</sub><sup>3</sup>*Jesse*<sup>7</sup>, ?*Lott*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born Apr. 1845 (1900 census), North Carolina, died 3 Mar. 1912, Sebastian Co., Ark.<sup>[1491]</sup> He married 14 May 1876, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[1492]</sup> **SARAH JANE WRIGHT**, who was born about 1855 (1880

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1489. Death certificate, Pleasant Wade Riggs, N.C. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 4867, reg. dist. no. 86-60, cert. no. 54, resident of Mt. Airy, Surry Co., died 11 Feb. 1953, Elkin, Surry Co., aged 81 years 0 months 21 days, born 20 Jan. 1872, Surry Co., N.C., male, white, married, father Wiley Riggs, mother Julie Haymore, informant Dan Riggs, of Mt. Airy, buried 13 Feb. 1953, Little Vine Cem., Dobson, image available on <Ancestry.com>.

1490. Death certificate, Mary Lou Collins Brindle, N.C. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 10950, reg. dist. no. 30-00, cert. no. 33, resident of Dobson, Surry Co., died 8 Apr. 1962, Mocksville, Davie Co., aged 85, born 1 Sept. 1876, Surry Co., N.C., female, white, twice widowed, father Wiley Riggs, mother Julie Haymore, informant Dick Collins, of Dobson, buried 10 Apr. 1962, Collins Family Cem., Dobson, image available on <Ancestry.com>.

1491. *Ark. Confederate Pension Records, 1891-1935*, Joel Riggs, spouse S. J. Riggs, residence Sebastian Co., Ark., state served Va., division Cavalry, company D, regiment Sebastian, veteran's application date 1902, death date 3 Mar. 1912, widow applied 1912.

1492. *N.C. Marriage Collection, 1741-2004*, image, Surry Co., "[man] Riggs Joel [residence] Surry Co., N.C. [woman] Wright Sarah Jane [residence] Surry Co., N.C. [his age and race] 31 W [her age

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census) or Sept. 1852 (1900 census), North Carolina, daughter of Daniel and Lydia (–) Wright.

In 1880 Joel Riggs, 35, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with his wife, Sarah J., 25, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with daughter, Cora J., 2, born in North Carolina, and son, John W., 6/12, born in Nov. in North Carolina. Sarah was illiterate.<sup>[1493]</sup>

In 1900 Joel Riggs, 55, a farmer born Apr. 1845 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Center Twp., Sebastian Co., Ark., with his wife of 24 years, Jane., 47, born Sept. 1852 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with daughter, Cora, 22, born July 1877, sons, John W., 20, born Nov. 1879, Richard L., 17, born July 1882, and Rufus, 15, born Feb. 1885, and daughter, Minnie, 12, born Mar. 1888, all five born in North Carolina, and daughter, “Bessie,” 8 [sic], born July 1892 in Arkansas. Jane had had seven children, with six surviving.<sup>[1494]</sup>

In 1910 Joel Riggs, 65, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Ft. Smith, Sebastian Co., Ark., with his wife of 32 years, Sarah J., 56, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with daughter, Cora I., 32, a schoolteacher, son, Richard L., 26, a dry goods packer, and daughter, Minnie E., 22, all five born in North Carolina, and daughter, Mary E., 19, born in Arkansas. Jane had had seven children, with five surviving.<sup>[1495]</sup>

Known children, of seven:

691 i CORA J./I.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born July 1877, North Carolina.

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and race] 22 W [license] 5 13 1876 [marriage] 5 14 1876 [by whom] James Minish Min. [where] Hotel Imp [list of three witnesses]”; *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Surry Co., Marriage Licenses, 1867–1961, no. 3135, Joel Riggs, 31, of Surry Co., N.C., white, son of Jesse Riggs and Lydia Riggs (both alive in residing in Surry Co.), to Sarah Jane Wright, 22, of Surry Co., white, daughter of Daniel Wright and Lydia Wright (both alive in residing in Surry Co.), licensed 13 May 1876, by C. C. Riggs, register of Deeds, married 14 May 1876, at Daniel Wright’s in Hotell Twp., by James Minish MG.

1493. U.S. census, 1880, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 169, r. 982, p. 2D, dw. 36, fam. 36.

1494. U.S. census, 1900, Center Twp., Sebastian Co., Ark., ED 109, r. 76, pp. 42–43, sh. 6B–7A, dw. 125, fam. 125.

1495. U.S. census, 1910, Ft. Smith, Upper Twp., Sebastian Co., Ark., ED 168, r. 65, p. 270, sh. 2A, dw. 35, fam. 35.

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- 692 ii **JOHN W.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Nov. 1879, North Carolina.  
693 iii **RICHARD L.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born July 1882, North Carolina, probably he who died 1970 and was buried in Oak Cem., Ft. Smith, Sebastian Co., Ark.<sup>[1496]</sup>  
694 iv **RUFUS ALBERT<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 25 Feb. 1885, North Carolina,<sup>[1497]</sup> married 28 June 1906, Ft. Smith, Sebastian Co., Ark.,<sup>[1498]</sup> **ORA BASTIN**, born about 1881.  
695 v **MINNIE E.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Mar. 1888, North Carolina.  
696 vi **MARY ELIZABETH<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born July 1892, Arkansas.

**366. JAMES<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>21</sub>Jesse<sup>7</sup>, ?Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1848, North Carolina. He married (1) 10 Dec. 1868, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[1499]</sup> **MIDIAM MARION**, who was born about 1850, North Carolina, daughter of William and Patience (–) Marion. He married (2) 30 Jan. 1890, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[1500]</sup> **MARY WRIGHT**, born about 1858.

In 1880 James Riggs, 32, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with his wife, “Midia,” 30, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with son, “Geo.” W., 10, daughter, “Patince” E., 8, son, William Y., 6, daughter, Eliza Jane, 4, who has scurvy, and son, Jesse F., 2, all born in North Carolina. Next door were James’s parents, Jesse and Lydia Riggs.<sup>[1501]</sup>

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1496. *Find a Grave*, no. 148355905, gravestone photograph, by Katie Hubler, Oak Cem., Ft. Smith, Sebastian Co., Ark., “Richard L. Riggs | 1882–1970.”

1497. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Rufus Albert Riggs, 33, of Ft. Smith, Ark., born 25 Feb. 1885, salesman, nearest relative wife Ora B. Riggs, of same address, registered 10 Sept. 1918, Ft. Smith, Sebastian Co., Ark.

1498. *Ark. County Marriages Index, 1837–1957*, Rufus A. Riggs, 21, of Ft. Smith, Ark., to Ora Bastin, 25, of Ft. Smith, Sebastian Co., Ark., 28 June 1906, Sebastian Co., FHL 1034045.

1499. Holcomb, *Marriages of Surry Co.*, 174, “Riggs, James, son of Jesse and Lydia Riggs, and Midiam Marion, daughter of William and Patience Marion, m 10 Dec 1868 by M. G. Harbour, JP”

1500. *N.C. Marriage Collection, 1741–2004*, image, Surry Co., “[man] Riggs James [residence] Surry Co., N.C. [woman] Wright Mary [residence] Surry Co., N.C. [his age and race] 42 W [her age and race] 32 W [license] 1 29 1890 [marriage] 1 30 1890 [by whom] J. M. Gordon, J.P. [where] Haston Wright’s [list of three witnesses]”.

1501. U.S. census, 1880, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 169, r. 982, p. 4C, dw. 70, fam. 70. Jesse Riggs resided in dw. 69.

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In 1901 James Riggs, of Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., served as witness for Wiley Riggs of Dobson in the latter's pension application for Confederate service (q.v.). It was probably this James, Wiley's brother, who so witnessed.

Children of the first marriage:

- 697 i **GEORGE W.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1870, North Carolina.
- 698 ii **PATIENCE E.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born Nov. 1872, North Carolina.
- 699 iii **WILLIAM Y.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born Nov. 1874, North Carolina.
- 700 iv **ELIZA JANE**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1876, North Carolina.
- 701 v **JESSE F.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1878, North Carolina.

Child of the second marriage, to Mary:

- 702 vi **LAURA ELLEN**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 5 Aug. 1895, Surry Co., N.C.<sup>[1502]</sup>

**371. THOMAS J.**<sup>8</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>214</sub>*Daniel*<sup>7</sup>, *Lott*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 11 July 1845, North Carolina, died 3 Dec. 1889, and was buried in Dobson Town Cem., Surry Co., N.C.<sup>[1503]</sup> He married 21 Sept. 1886, Dobson, Surry Co.,<sup>[1504]</sup> **MATTIE CATHERINE NORMAN**, who was born 14 Oct. 1867, Surry Co., N.C., daughter of Lacy J. and Peggy (Holyfield) Norman, and died 19 June 1942, Dobson.<sup>[1505]</sup>

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1502. N.C. Birth Index, 1800–2000, image online, “1895 8 5 Riggs Laura Ellen F W Surry Co. N.C. James Riggs Mary Wright 10:351.”

1503. *Find a Grave*, no. 40047113, gravestone photograph, by George Seitz, Dobson Town Cem., Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., “[Masonic symbol] | Thos. J. Riggs | July 11, 1845 | Dec. 3, 1889 | at rest | Riggs.”

1504. N.C. Marriage Collection, 1741–2004, image, Surry Co., “[man] Riggs Thos. J. [residence] Surry Co., N.C. [woman] Norman Mattie C. [residence] Surry Co., N.C. [his age and race] 40 W [her age and race] 19 W [license] 9 21 1886 [marriage] 9 21 1886 [by whom] J. H. McGuffin, J.P. [where] Dobson, N.C. [list of one witness].”

1505. Death certificate, Mattie Catherine Norman Riggs, N.C. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 337, reg. dist. no. 86-01, cert. no. 23, life resident of Dobson, Surry Co., died 19 June 1942, Dobson, of stomach cancer, aged 74 years 8 months 5 days, born 17 Oct. 1867, female, white, widow of Thos. J. Riggs, father Lacy J. Norman, born N.C., mother Peggy Holyfield, born N.C., informant [W. H.?] Jackson, of Dobson, buried 21 June 1942, Dobson Cem., Dobson., image available on <Ancestry.com>.

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In 1880 T. [or F.] J. Riggs, 34, a merchant born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., as a boarder in the household of Richard Snow, 33, a dry goods dealer, and his family, including his parents.<sup>[1506]</sup>

T. J. Riggs witnessed the signing of Matilda Hodges's will on 2 May 1883 in Surry Co., N.C. It was proved 10 June 1885, with his affidavit.<sup>[1507]</sup>

Thomas J. Riggs was executor of the will of Mary J. Riggs, signed 26 Sept. 1885, proved 19 Oct. 1885.<sup>[1508]</sup>

On 8 Aug. 1899 Martha Norman signed her will in Surry Co., N.C. It mentions her stepdaughter, Letitia V. Harkrader, stepgranddaughters, Maggie Harkrader and Lillian Harkrader, stepgrandson, Lacy L. Harkrader, stepson, J. H. C. Norman, and stepdaughter, Mattie C. Riggs.<sup>[1509]</sup>

In 1900 Mattie Riggs, 32, a widow born Oct. 1867 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., with her son, "De Witt" H., 12, born July 1887, and daughter, "Magdalaine," 10, born Aug. 1889, both born in North Carolina of a father born in North Carolina. Mattie had had two children, both surviving.<sup>[1510]</sup>

In 1910 Mattie C. Riggs, 41, a widow seamstress born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., with her son, "Dewitt" H., 22, a teacher, born in North Carolina of a father born in North Carolina, in the household of her son-in-law, Winston M. Jackson, 34, a lawyer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and his wife, Magdalaine, 20, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and his son, Thomas J., 11/12, born in North Carolina. Mattie had had two children, with two surviving. Magdalaine had had only the

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1506. U.S. census, 1880, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 169, r. 982, p. 1A, dw. 2, fam. 2. Richard's father's name appears to be Ice Snow.

1507. Surry Co., N.C., Wills, 6:223, will of Matilda Hodges, as transcribed in Snow, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, Vols. 5 & 6, 1853-1901*, 77.

1508. Surry Co., N.C., Wills, 6:227, will of Mary J. Riggs, as transcribed in Snow, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, Vols. 5 & 6, 1853-1901*, 77-78.

1509. Surry Co., N.C., Wills, 6:521, will of Mary J. Riggs, as transcribed in Snow, *Surry Co., N.C., Will Abstracts, Vols. 5 & 6, 1853-1901*, 144-45.

1510. U.S. census, 1900, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 105, r. 1219, p. 49, sh. 26B, dw. 497, fam. 498.



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one child. Ida L. Riggs, 51, who is shown here to be Mattie's sister-in-law, resided nearby.<sup>[1511]</sup>

In 1930 Mattie C. Riggs, 62, a widow born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., in the household of her son-in-law, Winston M. Jackson, 53, a lawyer born in North Carolina of a father born in Virginia and a mother in North Carolina, and his wife, Magdaline, 40, a postmaster born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and his son, Wade M., 19, and Culmer, 17, both born in North Carolina. Nearby resided Ida Riggs, 71.<sup>[1512]</sup>

Children:

- 703 i DEWITT H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born July 1887, North Carolina.
- 704 ii MAGDALINE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 8 Aug. 1889, Surry Co., N.C., died 17 Mar. 1961, Dobson, Surry Co., buried 19 Mar. 1961, Dobson City Cem.,<sup>[1513]</sup> married WINSTON M. JACKSON, and had at least three children: (1) Thomas J.<sup>10</sup> Jackson, born about 1909, North Carolina; (2) Wade M.<sup>10</sup> Jackson, born about 1911, North Carolina; and (3) Culmer<sup>10</sup> Jackson, born about 1913, North Carolina.

372. JESSE BARNETT<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>214</sub>*Daniel*<sup>7</sup>, *Lott*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born June 1850 (1900 census), North Carolina, and died before the 1910 census. He married 8 Mar. 1883, Dobson, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[1514]</sup> IDA LAURA FOLGER, who was born 7 Oct. 1858, Surry Co., N.C., daughter of Milton Y. and Elizabeth (Gray) Folger, and

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1511. U.S. census, 1910, Dobson, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 129, r. 113, p. 41, sh. 3A, dw. 45, fam. 45. Ida resided in dw. 39.

1512. U.S. census, 1930, Dobson, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 2, r. 1722, p. 208, sh. 3A-B, dw. 43, fam. 44. Ida resided in dw. 46.

1513. Death certificate, N.C. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 8903, reg. dist. no. 86-00, reg. cert. no. 83, Magdaline Riggs Jackson, of Dobson, Surry Co., died 17 Mar. 1961, Dobson, aged 71, born 8 Aug. 1889, Surry Co., N.C., white, female, married W. M. Jackson, father Thomas Riggs, mother Mattie Norman, informant W. M. Jackson, of Dobson, burial 19 Mar. 1961, Dobson City Cem.

1514. N.C. Marriage Collection, 1741–2004, image, Surry Co., “[man] Riggs J. B. [residence] Surry Co., N.C. [woman] Folger Ida L. [residence] Surry Co., N.C. [his age and race] 32 W [her age and race] 24 W [license] 3 8 1883 [marriage] 3 8 1883 [by whom] J. M. Gordon, J.P. [where] Dobson, N.C. [list of one witness]”.

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died 30 Dec. 1945, aged 87 years 2 months 23 days, Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., and was buried 1 Jan. 1946, Dobson Methodist Cem., Surry Co.<sup>[1515]</sup>

In 1900 "Jessie" B. Riggs, 49, a farmer born June 1850 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with his wife of 17 years, "Laura I.," 41, born Oct. 1858 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his sons, Henry E., 16, born June 1883, and Thomas M., 15, born Dec. 1884, daughter, Lena, 12, born Oct. 1887, and sons, Daniel R., 10, born Jan. 1890, Frank F., 7, born Jan. 1893, and Robert H., 5, born Dec. 1894, all six born in North Carolina. Laura had had six children, all surviving.<sup>[1516]</sup>

In 1910 Ida L. Riggs, 51, a widow born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., with her sons, Henry E., 26, a teacher, and "Milton T.," 25, a hotel clerk, daughter, Lena G., 22, a teacher, and sons, Daniel R., 20, a farmer, Frank F., 17, and Robert H., 15, all six born in North Carolina. Ida had had six children, with six surviving. Some Folger families resided nearby. Mattie C. Riggs, shown here to be Ida's sister-in-law, resided nearby.<sup>[1517]</sup>

In 1920 Ida L. Riggs, 61, a widow born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., with her sons, Thomas M., 35, and Frank F., 27, a stenographer, both single and born in North Carolina.<sup>[1518]</sup>

In 1930 Ida Riggs, 71, a widow born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., with her sons, Thomas M., 45, and Frank F., 37, a filling station salesman, both single and born in North Carolina. Mattie C. Riggs, 61, a widow born in

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1515. Death certificate, N.C. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 26775, reg. dist. no. 86-01, reg. cert. no. 15, Ida Folger Riggs, of Dobson, Surry Co., died 30 Dec. 1845, Dobson, aged 87 yrs. 2 mos. 23 ds, born 7 Oct. 1858, Surry Co., N.C., white, female, widowed, spouse Barnett Riggs, father Dr. Milton Y. Folger, born Surry Co., mother Elizabeth Gray, born Wilkes Co., N.C., informant Frank Riggs, of Dobson, burial 1 Jan. 1946, Dobson Methodist Cem.

1516. U.S. census, 1900, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 105, r. 1219, p. 47, sh. 24B, dw. 466, fam. 467.

1517. U.S. census, 1910, Dobson, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 129, r. 113, p. 41, sh. 3A, dw. 39, fam. 39. Mattie Riggs resided in dw. 45.

1518. U.S. census, 1920, Dobson, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 248, r. 1316, p. 217, sh. 14B, dw. 33, fam. 34.

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North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided nearby, a mother-in-law in the household of Winston M. and Magdalene (Riggs) Jackson.<sup>[1519]</sup>

Children:

- 705 i **HENRY E.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born June 1883, North Carolina.
- 706 ii **THOMAS MELTON/MILTON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 30 Dec. 1884,<sup>[1520]</sup> Surry Co., N.C., died 21 July 1967, aged 81 [sic], Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., buried 24 July 1967, Dobson City Cem., Surry Co., and never married.<sup>[1521]</sup>
- 707 iii **LENA G.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Oct. 1887, North Carolina.
- + 708 iv **DANIEL RUSH<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 17 Jan. 1890, Dobson, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[1522]</sup> married **CATHERINE L. —**, and had at least three children.
- 709 v **FRANKLIN FOLGER<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 26 Jan. 1893, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[1523]</sup> died 23 Oct. 1971, aged 78, Winston-Salem, Forsyth Co., N.C., buried 23 Oct. 1967, Dobson City Cem., Surry Co., and married<sup>[1524]</sup> **NANNIE GORDON**, born 27 Sept. 1900, died 26 Aug. 1996, last residence Pilot Mountain, Surry Co., N.C.<sup>[1525]</sup>
- 710 vi **ROBERT H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Dec. 1894, North Carolina.

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1519. U.S. census, 1930, Dobson, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 2, r. 1722, p. 208, sh. 3B, dw. 46, fam. 47. Mattie resided in dw. 43.

1520. SSDI, Thomas Riggs, SSN 240-84-6820, born 30 Dec. 1884, died July 1967, last residence 27017 Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., issued N.C. (1966).

1521. Death certificate, N.C. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 27673, reg. dist. no. 86-00, reg. cert. no. 277, Thomas Melton Riggs, of Dobson, Surry Co., died 21 July 1967, Dobson, aged 81, born unknown date, Surry Co., N.C., white, male, never married, father J. B. Riggs, mother Ida Folger, informant niece, Mrs. Viola Ried, of Dobson, burial 24 July 1967, Dobson City Cem.

1522. N.C. *Birth Index, 1800-2000*, image online, "1890 1 17 Riggs Daniel Rush M W Dobson Jesse B. Riggs Ida L. Folger 8:414"; *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Daniel Rush Riggs, born 17 Jan. 1890, Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., registered 6 June 1917, Dobson, married.

1523. N.C. *Birth Index, 1800-2000*, image online, "1893 1 26 Riggs Franklin Folger M W Dobson Jesse B. Riggs Ida Laura Folger 1:536"; SSDI, Frank Riggs, SSN 232-30-7292, born 26 Jan. 1893, died Oct. 1971, last residence 27017 Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., issued N.C. or W.Va. (before 1951).

1524. Death certificate, N.C. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 34757, reg. dist. no. 34-95, reg. cert. no. 1724, Frank Folger Riggs, of Dobson, Surry Co., died 23 Oct. 1971, Winston-Salem, Forsyth Co., aged 78, born 26 Jan. 1893, N.C., white, male, married, spouse Nannie Gordon, father J. B. Riggs, mother Ida Folger, informant Mrs. Nannie Gordon Riggs, of Dobson, removal 23 Oct. 1971, Dobson City Cem.

1525. SSDI, Nannie G. Riggs, SSN 238-58-3839, born 27 Sept. 1900, died 26 Aug. 1996, last residence 27041 Pilot Mountain, Surry Co., N.C., issued N.C. (1955).

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373. **JAMES BERRY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>215</sub>Scott Adams<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 Mar. 1802 (calculated), Kentucky, died 15 Aug. 1870, aged 68 years 4 months 21 days, and was buried in Salt Creek Cem., Dallas, Polk Co., Ore.<sup>[1526]</sup> He married (1) 26 Apr. 1824, Lawrence Co., Ill.,<sup>[1527]</sup> **NANCY C. ANDERSON**, who was born 20 July 1803 (gravestone), South Carolina, died 11 Mar. 1859, and was buried in Salt Creek Cem.<sup>[1528]</sup> He married (2), between the 1860 and 1870 censuses, **MARGRET (—) TAYLOR**, who was born about 1812, Michigan or New York.

James went to Oregon, settling in Polk Co. in 1845, as described in a 1903 history of the Willamette Valley (see sketch of brother Zadok T. Riggs).<sup>[1529]</sup>

From a history of the Oregon Trail, in a chapter about the 1845 migration:

As they pressed on, the Oregon travelers divided into smaller and more manageable units under captains such as Samuel Parker, Alexander Ligget, Levin English, Alexander McNary, John Stewart, Solomon Tetherow, James B. Riggs, and Abner Hackleman.<sup>[1530]</sup>

In 1830 James B. Riggs, 20–30, resided in Morgan Co., Ill., with a woman 20–30, another male 20–30, two boys under 5, one boy and one girl 5–10.<sup>[1531]</sup>

In 1840 James B. Riggs, 30–40, resided in Platte Co., Mo., with a woman 30–40, one boy and one girl under 5, two boys 5–10, one male 10–15, and one male and one female 15–20.<sup>[1532]</sup>

In 1845 James B. Riggs resided in Polk Co., Ore. Terr.<sup>[1533]</sup>

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1526. *Find a Grave*, no. 42800577, gravestone photograph, by Bev Thomen, “James B. Riggs | died | Aug. 15, 1870 | aged | 68 y’s 4 m’s 21 d’s.”

1527. *Ill. Marriages to 1850*, James B. Riggs to Nancy C. Anderson.

1528. *Find a Grave*, no. 42800452, gravestone photograph, by Bev Thomen, “Nancy C. | Wife of | James B. Riggs | Born | July 20, 1803 | died | Mar. 11, 1859.”

1529. *Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley*, sketch for Roswell L. Conner.

1530. Bagley, *So Rugged and Mountainous*, 232.

1531. U.S. census, 1830, Morgan Co., Ill., r. 24, p. 106?

1532. U.S. census, 1830, Morgan Co., Ill., r. 24, p. 106?

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In 1850 James B. Riggs, 48, a farmer born in Kentucky, resided in Polk Co., Ore. Terr., with Nancy C., 47, born in South Carolina, and with Rufus “W.,” 22, born in Illinois, Silas “F.,” 14, and Louisa M., 11, both born in Missouri, and Sylva, 8, and James B., 2, born in Oregon Terr.<sup>[1534]</sup>

In 1860 J. B. Riggs, 58, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$8,000 real and \$18,005 personal estates, resided in the Dalles Pct., Polk Co., Ore., with Ann, 17, born in Illinois, and “Green” B., 13, born in Oregon.<sup>[1535]</sup>

Also in 1860 J. B. Riggs, 58, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$8,000 real and \$18,005 personal estates, resided in the Dallas, Polk Co., Ore., with S. A., 18, a female born in Missouri, and J. B., 11, a male born in Oregon.<sup>[1536]</sup>

In 1870 James Riggs, 68, a farmer born in New York [sic], resided in Dallas, Polk Co., Ore., with Margret, 58, born in Michigan, and with John Taylor, 28, a farmer born in Michigan.<sup>[1537]</sup> John was Margret’s son from her previous marriage.<sup>[1538]</sup>

Known children:

- 711 i **RUFUS ANDERSON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 27 Nov. 1827, Morgan Co., Ill. (gravestone), died 3 Apr. 1898, Salem, Ore., buried in Salt Creek Cem., “Dallas,” Polk Co., Ore.,<sup>[1539]</sup> married **EVALINE HAMEN NICKLIN**, born 1 Sept. 1830 Tyler Co., [West] Va., daughter of John H. and Sarah (Ingram) Nicklin, died 1 Feb. 1903, Salem, Ore., and buried in Salt Creek Cem.<sup>[1540]</sup>

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1533. *Ore. Census, 1841–90*, James B. Riggs, Polk Co., 1845.

1534. U.S. census, 1840, Platte Co., Mo., r. 99, p. 228.

1535. U.S. census, 1860, Dalles Pct., Polk Co., Ore., r. 1056, p. 532, dw. 127, fam. 111.

1536. U.S. census, 1860, Dallas PO, Polk Co., Ore., r. 1056, p. 529, dw. 45, fam. 45.

1537. U.S. census, 1870, Dallas PO, Polk Co., Ore., r. 1287, p. 280B, dw. 44, fam. 43.

1538. U.S. census, 1860, Luckamute PO, Polk Co., Ore., r. 1056, p. 560, dw. 790, fam. 707, lists “Marg” Taylor, 47, born N.Y., with A., 22, “Jno”, 18, and “Ja<sup>s</sup>”, 16, all born Mich.

1539. *Find a Grave*, no. 42643244, gravestone photograph, by Bev Thomen, “Rufus Anderson | Riggs | born Morgan Co., Ill. | died Salem, Ore. | April 3, 1898 | son of James Berry & | Nancy Anderson Riggs | who arrived from | Missouri in 1845 | Salt Creek Pioneers | erected 1961 R. R. C. .” This is apparently a relatively new monument, there being a photograph also of a much older stone which is unreadable. The newer stone is shared with Evaline.

1540. *Find a Grave*, no. 42643780, gravestone photograph, by Bev Thomen, “Evaline Hamen | Riggs | born Tyler Co., Va. | died Salem, Ore. | Feb. 1, 1903 | arrived from Iowa | in 1850 with

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- 712 ii **SILAS THOMPSON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 17 Apr. 1836 (gravestone), Missouri, died 23 Nov. 1863, buried in Salt Creek Cem.<sup>[1541]</sup>
- 713 iii **LOUISA M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1839, Missouri.
- 714 iv **SYLVA ANN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1842, Oregon Terr.
- + 715 v **JAMES BERRY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS JR.**, born 15 May 1848, Oregon Terr., married **SARAH P.** —, and had six children.

377. **ZADOK T.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>215</sub>*Scott Adams<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1811, Tennessee, and died “on road to Oregon,” 5 July 1851, aged 40 years. He married 27 Dec. 1832, Morgan Co., Ill.,<sup>[1542]</sup> **GINNEY/JANE LEIB [LIEB]**, who was born 21 Aug. 1814, Tennessee, daughter of John Leib, and died 1 Mar. 1874, and was buried in Salt Creek Cem., Polk Co., Ore., with a monument to her husband and herself.<sup>[1543]</sup>

On 30 Apr. 1832 “Zadoc” Riggs of Morgan Co., Ill., enrolled in Capt. William Gillham’s Company of Mounted Volunteers, which fought in the Black Hawk War 1831–1832. He is listed as a corporal in the company in a mustering out roll of 1 Aug. 1832, which also lists Henry L. Riggs of Morgan Co., a private enrolled at the same time.<sup>[1544]</sup> I believe the “L.” in Henry’s name should be an “S.” See my Riggs, Vol. 8, for more about Henry.

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parents | John H. & | Sarah Ingram Nicklin.”

1541. *Find a Grave*, no. 42643970, gravestone photograph, by Bev Thomen, “Silas Thompson Riggs | Born April 17, 1836 | Died Nov. 23, 1863.”

1542. *Ill. Marriages to 1850*, Zadoc “Y.” Riggs to Jane Leib.

1543. Gravestone photograph, by D. B. Thomen, on <Ancestry.com>, Salt Creek Cem., Polk Co., Ore., “Z. T. Riggs | died | on road to | Oregon | July 5, 1851 | Aged 40 yrs.” on one face and on another: “Jane | Wife of | Z. T. Riggs | born | Aug. 21, 1814, | died | Mar. 1, 1874.”

1544. *Record of the Services of Illinois Soldiers in the Black Hawk War, 1831–32*, “Captain William Gillham’s Company of Mounted Volunteers, called and mustered into the service of the United States, by order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Militia of the State of Illinois, attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the 3d Brigade, under the command of Brig.-Gen. James D. Henry, from April 30, 1832. Mustered out at Fort Wilbourn August 1, 1832,” “[Name and Rank] [Corporals] Zadoc Riggs [Residence] Morgan Co. [Enrolled] April 30, 1832,” and “[Name and Rank] [Privates] Riggs, Henry L. [Residence] Morgan Co. [Enrolled] April 30, 1832.”

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In 1840 Zadok T. Riggs, 20–30, resided in Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., with a woman 20–30, a male 20–30, one girl under 5, and one girl 5–10.<sup>[1545]</sup>

In 1850 Zadock Riggs, 39, a farmer born in Tennessee, resided in Scott Co., Ill., with Jane, 36, born in Tennessee, and with Polly, 16, Cynthia J., 14, Silas L., 10, John [L.], 7, and Scott A., 5, all born in Illinois.<sup>[1546]</sup>

From a 1903 history, in a sketch of Roswell L. Conner:

Robert Conner was born in New York and became a farmer of Ohio, whence in 1847 he started with his family across the plains with an ox-team and eventually reached Oregon. His wife had died in the east and his death occurred in Polk county, this states in 1865. All of his children came with him to the northwest, namely: . . . ; Job, the father of our subject . . .

Job Conner was born in Ohio, December 3, 1827, and when twenty years of age came with the family to Oregon. For two years he engaged in lumbering in Oregon City, and in 1849, he went over the mountains to California, where he spent one year in placer mining. Upon his return he settled in Polk county, where he purchased the right of a party to a section of land, but could hold only three hundred and twenty acres. This he improved and farmed, living there until his death in 1886. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a Republican in his political belief. In early manhood he had married Polly Ann Riggs, who was born in Scott county, Ill., April 13, 1834, the daughter of Zadoc Riggs and a granddaughter of Scott Adams Riggs who settled near Exeter, Ill., where he followed farming until his death. Zadoc Riggs was a farmer of Illinois until 1850, when he started with his wife and five children for Oregon, but he died while on the way, near the last crossing of the Sweetwater and was there buried. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Lieb, was born in eastern Tennessee and with her father John Lieb, went to Scott county, Ill., where she became the wife of Mr. Riggs. After her husband's death she continued the journey to Oregon, where she spent her remaining days. Her brother-in-law, James B. Riggs, had settled in Polk county in 1845, and to that locality she went. She secured a donation land claim eight miles north of Dallas and there reared her family, her death occur-

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1545. U.S. census, 1840, Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., r. 69, p. 147.

1546. U.S. census, 1850, Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., r. 128, p. 26, dw. 340, fam. 351.

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ring in 1872. It was on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, 1855, that Polly Ann Riggs became the wife of Job Conner, and she died April 13, 1871, when our subject was four years old. She had seven children: Robert S., of San Jose, Cal.; Thomas E., a farmer of Yamhill county ; Mrs. Jane Baxter, of Polk County; Leander, a farmer of that county; Roswell L. ; Mrs. Louisa Morrison, of Redlands, Cal., and Mrs. Nancy Berdan, of Spokane, Wash.<sup>[1547]</sup>

Children:

- + 716 i POLLY ANN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 13 Apr. 1834, Scott Co., Ill., married JOB CONNER, and had seven children.
- 717 ii CYNTHIA J.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 1836, Illinois.
- 718 iii SILAS L.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 1840, Illinois.
- 719 iv JOHN [L.?<sup>9</sup>] RIGGS, born 1843, Illinois.
- + 720 v SCOTT A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 1845, Illinois, married ADELIA C. —, and had two children.

378. JOHN A.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>215</sub>Scott<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 1810–1820, died about 1843, Scott Co., Ill. (from biography of son James M.<sup>9</sup> Riggs (q.v.)). He married 27 Nov. 1834, Morgan Co., Ill.,<sup>[1548]</sup> ORPHA CAMPBELL, who was born about 1814, Tennessee. She married, second, before the 1860 census, Daniel Lieb.

In 1840 John A. Riggs, 20–30, resided in Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., with a woman 20–30, and one boy and one girl under 5. Scott Riggs was nearby.<sup>[1549]</sup>

In 1850 “Orvey” Riggs, 36, born in Tennessee with \$1,600 in real estate, resided in Scott Co., Ill., with Louisa, 13, James, 11, and Martha A., 8, all three born in Illinois, and with Hannah Hawk, 31, born in Illinois, and Frances A. Hawk, 5, born in Illinois.<sup>[1550]</sup>

In 1860 Daniel Lieb, 49, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$5,600 in real and \$700 in personal estates, resided in Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., with “Orphia” Lieb, 45, born in Tennessee, J. M. Riggs, 21, a farmer born in Illinois with \$6,400 real and \$700 personal estates, Martha A.

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1547. Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley, sketch for Roswell L. Conner.

1548. *Ill. Marriages to 1850*, John A. Riggs to Orpha Campbell.

1549. U.S. census, 1840, Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., r. 69, p. 149.

1550. U.S. census, 1850, Scott Co., Ill., r. 128, p. 29, dw. 378, fam. 383.



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Riggs, 18, born in Illinois, Dewitt C. Lieb, 12, born in Illinois, and Philip Waters, 22, a student born in Indiana.<sup>[1551]</sup>

Known children:

- 721 i LOUISA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1837, Illinois.
- + 722 ii JAMES M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 17 Apr. 1839, Scott Co., Ill., married LILLIE E. BERRY, and had eight children.
- 723 iii MARTHA A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1842, Illinois.

**380. MILTON W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>215</sub>Scott<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1820, Illinois. He married 13 Mar. 1844, Scott Co., Ill.,<sup>[1552]</sup> **ELIZA G. BEACH [BACH]**, who died before the 1880 census.

In 1880 M. W. Riggs, 60, a farmer born in Illinois of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Scott Co., Ill., with his son, Henry, 27, a farmer born in Illinois of a mother born in Ohio, his (Henry's) wife, Love, 28, born in Illinois of Illinois natives, and their child, Henry S., 10/12, born in August in Illinois, and with T. N. Stuart, 38, an M.D., born in Illinois of father born in Virginia and a mother in Kentucky, with his (T. N.'s) wife, Mary H., 34, born in Illinois of a father born in Illinois and a mother in Ohio. T. N. Stuart is probably Milton's son-in-law, and Mary H., Milton's daughter. There were also six employees in the household.<sup>[1553]</sup>

Known children (from biography of James M.<sup>9</sup> Riggs (q.v.)):

- 724 i MARY H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1846, Illinois, married T. N. STEWART [STUART], born about 1842, Illinois.
- 725 ii HENRY B.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1853, Illinois, married LOVE —, born about 1852, Illinois, and had at least one child: (1) Henry S.<sup>10</sup> Riggs, born Aug. 1879, Illinois.

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1551. U.S. census, 1860, Winchester PO, Scott Co., Ill., r. 227, "Page No. 104," dw. 756, fam. 761.

1552. *Ill. Marriages to 1850*, Milton W. Riggs to Eliza G. Bach.

1553. U.S. census, 1880, Scott Co., Ill., ED 239, r. 250, p. 576A, dw. 149, fam. 149.

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384. SAMUEL M.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>217</sub>?Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 16 Nov. 1811, Tennessee, died 6 Nov. 1873, and was buried in Red Top Cem., Hallsville, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[1554]</sup> He married 28 Mar. 1838, Boone Co., Mo.,<sup>[1555]</sup> MARGARET RIDGWAY, who was born about 1823, Kentucky.

In 1840 Samuel Riggs, 20–30, resided in Boone Co., Mo., with a girl under 5, and one female 15–20. Zadok Riggs (Jr.) is listed two items away.<sup>[1556]</sup>

In 1850 Samuel M. Riggs, 38, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$1,000 real estate, resided in Boone Co., Mo., with “Margarett,” 27, born in Kentucky, and with Sarah S., 10, Zacariah, 9, John T., 6, and Polly M., 2, all four born in Missouri. Absalom H. Riggs, 29, born in Missouri, is listed on the same page.<sup>[1557]</sup>

In 1860 Samuel M. Riggs, 48, a farmer born in Tennessee with \$340 real and \$700 personal estates, resided in Rocheport, Sturgeon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with Margaret, 38, born in Kentucky, and with Sarah S., 20, Harrison, 19, John T., 16, Mary M., 12, Hannah E., 9, and “Zadock” S., 5, all six born in Missouri.<sup>[1558]</sup>

Children:

- 726 i SARAH S.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1840, Missouri.
- 727 ii ZACARIAH HARRISON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1841, Missouri.
- 728 iii JOHN T.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1844, Missouri.
- 729 iv MARY/POLLY M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1848, Missouri.
- 730 v HANNAH E.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1851, Missouri.
- 731 vi ZADOK S.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1855, Missouri.

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1554. *Red Top Cem., Hallsville, Mo.*, “Riggs Samuel M 16 Nov 1811 06 Nov 1873 s/o Zadok & Elizabeth.” Surely the comment is wrong since Zadok did not marry Elizabeth until 1840.

1555. *Boone Co., Mo., Marriages*, A:159, “159 Riggs Samuel Ridgway Margaret 28 Mar 1838.”

1556. U.S. census, 1840, Boone Co., Ky., r. 220, p. 122.

1557. U.S. census, 1850, Boone Co., Ky., r. 392, pp. 360A–B, dw. 467, fam. 467. Absalom resided in dw. 462.

1558. U.S. census, 1860, Rocheport PO, Sturgeon Twp., Boone Co., Ky., r. 608, p. 488, dw. 670, fam. 738.

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398. ZADOK ASHLEY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>218</sub>Zadok<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 10 Mar. 1826, Boone Co., Mo. (see biography below). He married 10 Mar. 1864, Santa Clara Co., Calif.,<sup>[1559]</sup> PHEBE CAIRNES, who was born about 1837 in Ireland.

The following is from an 1881 history of Santa Clara Co., Calif., for “Zadoc” A. Riggs of Almaden Twp.:

Born in Boone County, Missouri, March 10, 1826, where he received his education and worked on a farm until 1850. In that year, on May 1st, in company with thirteen others, he started across the plains with ox-teams for California, arriving at Nevada City, September 12th of the same year. Remaining there only a short time, he went to Deer creek and followed mining until February 1851; he then proceeded to the Cosumne river and mined there till November 1852 when he came to Almaden township, Santa Clara county, and purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres. Married, March 10, 1864, Phoebe Cairns [sic], by whom there have been a family of five children, three having died when infants. The names and births of those now living are: William A., born December 5, 1864; Zadoc S., born March 10, 1874.<sup>[1560]</sup>

Zadok Ashley Riggs is listed in California voter records in Santa Clara Co., in 1866, 1867, 1871, 1875, and 1880.<sup>[1561]</sup>

In 1860 Z. A. Riggs, 34, a farmer born in Missouri with \$3,000 real estate, resided alone in McCartysville, Redwood Twp., Santa Clara Co., Calif.<sup>[1562]</sup>

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1559. *Calif. Marriages, 1850–1877*, “Zadock” A. Riggs to Phebe Cairnes, 10 Mar. 1864, Santa Clara Co., Calif., cites Marriage, Santa Clara Co., Calif., 1: 82; *Calif. County Marriages, 1850–1952*, same info [FHL 1468527].

1560. *History of Santa Clara County, Calif.*, 559, courtesy of Marilou Morris. This history also states, “The next to arrive [in Almaden Twp.] was Zadok A. Riggs, who coming to the State in September, 1850, mined a little, and on November 30, 1852, came to Almaden township and located where he now resides, which he afterwards purchased when the survey was completed, and some five thousand acres discovered to belong to the Government instead of being the property of two Spanish grants,” 241.

1561. *Calif. Voter Register, 1866–1898*, Zadok Ashley Riggs.

1562. U.S. census, 1860, McCartysville PO, Redwood Twp., Santa Clara Co., Calif., r. 65, p. 459, dw. 1935, fam. 129.

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In 1880 “Zedoc” A. Riggs, 53, a farmer born in Missouri of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Almaden Twp., Santa Clara Co., Calif., with his wife, “Phoebe,” 43, born in Ireland of Irish natives, and his sons, William A., 15, and “Zedoc,” 6, both born in California.<sup>[1563]</sup>

Known children of five:

- 732 i WILLIAM A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 5 Dec. 1864, California.
- 733 ii ZADOK S.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 10 Mar. 1874, California.

**408. JAMES S.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>220</sub>Silas<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born **19 Nov. 1819**, Missouri. He married 6 Feb. 1840, Boone Co., Mo.,<sup>[1564]</sup> **PAULINA BAKER**, who was born about 1826, Kentucky.

In 1840 James S. Riggs, 20–30, resided in Boone Co., Mo., with a female 15–20.<sup>[1565]</sup> Zadok Riggs (Jr.) is listed five items away.

In 1850 “Jaames” S. “Rigs,” 28, a farmer born in Missouri with \$600 real estate, resided in Boone Co., Mo., with Paulina, 24, born in Kentucky, Lurinda S., 9, Silas, 5, Martha C., 3, and Sarah E., 1, all four born in Missouri.<sup>[1566]</sup> James S. Riggs had one black male slave, 12, in 1850.<sup>[1567]</sup>

Children:

- 734 i LURINDA S.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1841, Missouri.
- 735 ii SILAS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1845, Missouri.
- 736 iii MARTHA C.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1847, Missouri.
- 737 iv SARAH E.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1849, Missouri.

**409. ABSALOM H.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>220</sub>Silas<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about **1 Feb.** 1821, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[1568]</sup> He

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1563. U.S. census, 1880, Almaden Twp., Santa Clara Co., Calif., ED 255, r. 82, p. 365C, dw. 441, fam. 441.

1564. Boone Co., Mo., Marriages, A:188, “188 Riggs James S Baker Paulina 06 Feb 1840.”

1565. U.S. census, 1840, Boone Co., Ky., r. 220, p. 122.

1566. U.S. census, 1850, Boone Co., Mo., r. 392, p. 359A, dw. 445, fam. 445.

1567. U.S. census, 1850 slave schedule, Boone Co., Mo.

1568. Boone Co. derived from the death certificate of son, Bennett (q.v.)

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married 24 Apr. 1845, Boone Co., Mo.,<sup>[1569]</sup> **CAROLINE M. ROWLAND**, who was born about 1830, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[1570]</sup>

In 1860 Absalom Riggs, 39, a farmer born in Missouri with \$1,140 real and \$3,006 personal estates, resided in Maysville, DeKalb Co., Mo., with Caroline M., 30, born in Missouri, and with Silas A., 14, "Bennet" C., 10, Paul, 7, and Nannie, 6, all four born in Missouri, and also with John Jones, 25, a schoolteacher born in Missouri. Nearby was William W. Riggs, 37.<sup>[1571]</sup> William was Absalom's brother. Absalom H. Riggs had two black slaves in 1860, one female, 20, and one male, 5.<sup>[1572]</sup>

In 1870 Absalom Riggs, 49, a farmer born in Missouri with \$4,500 real and \$2,200 personal estates, resided in Stewartsville, DeKalb Co., Mo., with Caroline, 39, born in Missouri, and with Silas A., 24, Bennett, 19, Paul, 17, and Nannie, 16, all four born in Missouri. Nearby was William Riggs, 46.<sup>[1573]</sup> William was Absalom's brother

Children:

- + 738 i **SILAS A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 7 Mar. 1846, Boone Co., Mo., married **ELLA TULL**, and had four children.
- 739 ii **BENNETT C.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 24 Apr. 1850 DeKalb Co., Mo., died 12 June 1917, Weatherby, DeKalb Co., and buried 14 June 1917 in Walnut Grove Cem., Weatherby.<sup>[1574]</sup>
- 740 iii **PAUL<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1853, Missouri.
- 741 iv **NANNIE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1854, Missouri.

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1569. *Mo. Marriages to 1850*, Absalom Riggs to Caroline Rowland, 24 Apr. 1845, Boone Co.

1570. Boone Co. derived from the death certificate of son, Bennett (q.v.)

1571. U.S. census, 1860, Maysville PO, Dallas Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., r. 618, p. 591, dw. 214, fam. 214. William resided in dw. 212.

1572. U.S. census, 1860 slave schedule, DeKalb Co., Mo.

1573. U.S. census, 1870, Stewartsville PO, Adams Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., r. 774, p. 428B, dw. 124, fam. 124. William resided in dw. 119.

1574. *Find a Grave*, no. 38290915, gravestone photograph, by Letha Smith, Walnut Grove Cem., Weatherby, DeKalb Co., Mo., "Bennett Riggs | 1850 - 1917"; death certificate, Mo. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 21702, reg. dist. no. 263, primary reg. dist. no. 4162, Bennett Riggs, died 12 June 1917, Weatherby, DeKalb Co., Mo., aged 67 yrs. 1 mos. 18 dys., male, caucasian, married, retired farmer, born 24 Apr. 1850, DeKalb Co., Mo., father Absalom H. Riggs, born "Boon" Co., Mo., mother Caroline M. Rowland, born "Boon" Co., Mo., informant Paul Riggs of Weatherby, wife unnamed, burial 14 June 1917, Walnut Grove Cem.

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**410. WILLIAM WARREN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>220</sub>*Silas*<sup>7</sup>, *Zadok*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 15 Oct. 1822, Boone Co., Mo. (obituary, q.v.), and died 20 or 21 June 1899 (granddaughter Ethel's note and obituary, q.v.), and was buried in the Riggs Cem., DeKalb Co. (obituary). He married in 1849, probably in Platte Co., Mo. (granddaughter Ethel's note and obituary), **CAROLINE FITZGERALD**, who was born about 1829, Kentucky, probably daughter of Theodrick and Margaret (–) Fitzgerald.

In 1850 Caroline Riggs, 21, born in Kentucky with \$4,090 real estate, resided in Preston Twp., Platte Co., Mo., with William, 28, born in Missouri, and with William, 6/12, born in Missouri. Next door were Theodrick Fitzgerald, 48, and Margaret, 40, probably Caroline's parents (their children of birth order both before and after Caroline's were born in Kentucky).<sup>[1575]</sup>

In 1860 William W. Riggs, 37, a farmer born in Missouri with \$4,090 real and \$1,646 personal estates, resided in Maysville, DeKalb Co., Mo., with Caroline, 30, born in Kentucky, and with William H., 10, Absalom H., 7, James M., 2, and Laura B., 16, and also with Fanny C. Fitzgerald, 13, all five born in Missouri. Nearby was Absalom H. Riggs, 39.<sup>[1576]</sup> Laura was William's sister, and Absalom his brother.

In 1870 "Williams" Riggs, 46, a farmer born in Missouri with \$6,600 real and \$2,400 personal estates, resided in Stewartsville, DeKalb Co., Mo., with Caroline, 40, born in Kentucky, and with William H., 20, Absalom, 18, Madison, 12, "Isam," 10, "Zadoc," 7, Silas, 6, and John, 4, all seven born in Missouri. Nearby was Absalom Riggs, 49.<sup>[1577]</sup> Absalom was Williams's brother.

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1575. U.S. census, 1850, Preston Twp., Platte Co., Mo., r. 410, p. 388B, dw. 7, fam. 7. Theodrick resided in dw. 6.

1576. U.S. census, 1860, Maysville PO, Dallas Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., r. 618, p. 591, dw. 212, fam. 212. Absalom resided in dw. 214.

1577. U.S. census, 1870, Stewartsville PO, Adams Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., r. 774, p. 428B, dw. 119, fam. 119. Absalom resided in dw. 124.

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Two notes from the DeKalb Co., Mo., Historical Society files from Ethel Warren Riggs, granddaughter of William via his son Silas, shed light on his family:<sup>[1578]</sup>

William Warren b. Oct. 22, 1822 and came to DeKalb county where he engaged in teaching school and in 1849 married Caroline Fitzgerald. He served in the State Legislature and was a Judge for some time—he was my grandfather—he died June 20 1899.

My grandfather and grandmother had eight sons—no daughters—and they named them after my grandfather's brothers—William Warren [sic], Absolom [sic], Zadok Tompkins, Isham—he died when I was quite small and I never had occassion [sic] to spell the word—James Madison, Silas—my father—John Wesley and Samuel Adams.

From an obituary of 29 June 1899:

Judge Wm. W. Riggs was born in Boone county, Mo., October 15, 1822, and died at his home in this county June 21, 1899, aged 76 years, 8 months and 6 days.

Mr. Riggs lived in Boone county until 1848, at which time he went to Platte county and engaged in teaching school. About a year later he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Fitzgerald of that county. To this union were born eight boys, seven of whom are still living and reside in this county, as follows: Jas. M., A. H. and Isham F. are farmers near Weatherby; Zadock T. and Samuel A. are engaged in the mercantile business in this city; J. W. is in the mercantile business at Weatherby, and Silas is our present county clerk.

In 1850 Mr. Riggs moved to DeKalb county and bought the farm in the east part of the county and resided there until his death.

He had always been a potent factor in the progress and development of the county, and in his death the people lose one of the men who helped to make DeKalb county history. In 1866 he was elected to represent this county in the state legislature and in 1876 he was called upon by his friends to leave his work to assume the duties of county judge.

While we never had the honor of his acquaintance, we are told that no man ever stood higher in the county than he. By industry and frugality he

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1578. As cited in *Leo Riggs His Book*, 380, the first dated 1 Mar. 1964, the second 28 May 1964.

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had accumulated a comfortable competency and in his later days he had retired from active work and was enjoying the fruits of a well spent life.

The funeral took place from the residence last Thursday afternoon and interment was made in the Riggs cemetery.<sup>[1579]</sup>

Children:

- 742 i **WILLIAM H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1850, Missouri.
- 743 ii **ABSALOM H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1853, Missouri.
- 744 iii **JAMES MADISON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 1858 (gravestone), Missouri, died 1926, and buried in Walnut Grove Cem., Weatherby, DeKalb Co., Mo.<sup>[1580]</sup> As a widower, he resided with his brother, Isham, in 1900 (q.v.).
- + 745 iv **ISHAM FITZGERALD<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 14 Nov. 1860, Adams Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., married **MARY CATHERINE WELKER**, and had at least four children.
- 746 v **ZADOK TOMPKINS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 29 Sept. 1862, DeKalb Co., Mo., died 17 Dec. 1937, Maysville, DeKalb Co., Mo., buried 20 Dec. 1937, Memorial Park, St. Joseph, Mo.,<sup>[1581]</sup> married **JENNIE WINTER**, born 2 Apr. 1870, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, daughter of George and Amanda (Nimoy) Winter, died 22 Oct. 1959, Savannah, Andrew Co., Mo., buried 24 Oct. 1959, Memorial Park, St. Joseph, Mo.<sup>[1582]</sup>

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1579. Obit., unnamed newspaper, Maysville, Mo., 29 June 1899, "Obituary," digital photocopy of newspaper item courtesy of Christine<sup>12</sup> Riggs.

1580. *Find a Grave*, no. 38241681, gravestone photograph, by Letha Smith, Walnut Grove Cem., Weatherby, DeKalb Co., Mo., "J. M. 'Matt' | Riggs | 1858 - 1926."

1581. Death certificate, Mo. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 45219, reg. dist. no. 259, primary reg. dist. no. 4158, Zadok Tompkins Riggs, died 17 Dec. 1937, Maysville, Camden Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., aged 75 yrs. 2 mos. 18 dys., male, white, married, retired merchant, born 29 Sept. 1862, DeKalb Co., Mo., father Wm W. Riggs, born Boone Co., Mo., mother Caroline Fitzgerald, born Ky., informant Jennie W. Riggs of Maysville, wife Jennie W. Riggs, burial 20 Dec. 1937, Memorial Park, St. Joseph, Mo.

1582. Death certificate, Mo. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 59-035058, reg. dist. no. 002, primary reg. dist. no. 5017, reg. no. 61, Jennie Riggs, of Maysville, DeKalb Co., Mo., died 22 Oct. 1959, Savannah, Andrew Co., Mo., aged 89 yrs., female, white, widowed, housewife, born 2 Apr. 1870, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, father George Winter, mother Amanda Nimoy, informant Gertrude Winter of Maysville, husband Z. T. Riggs, burial 24 Oct. 1959, Memorial Park, St. Joseph, Mo.



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- + 747 vi **SILAS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 17 or 27 Aug. 1864, Weatherby, DeKalb Co., Mo., married **JENNIE ALICE WEBSTER**, and had three children.
- 748 vii **JOHN WESLEY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 28 Aug. 1866, DeKalb Co., Mo., died 28 May 1945, St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., Mo., buried 31 May 1945, Maysville, Mo.,<sup>[1583]</sup> married **MAUDE C. —**.
- 749 viii **SAMUEL ADAMS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 2 Oct., 1873, DeKalb Co., Mo., died 25 Apr. 1935, Amity, DeKalb Co., Mo., buried 27 Apr. 1935, Amity Cem., DeKalb Co.,<sup>[1584]</sup> married **SYLVIA RATLIFF**, born 20 Nov. 1892, Grundy Co., Mo., daughter of Ed and Lora F. (Wilson) Ratliff, and died 1 Nov. 1944, Trenton, Grundy Co., Mo., buried 5 Nov. 1944, Amity, DeKalb Co., Mo.<sup>[1585]</sup>

**411. ZADOK T.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>220</sub>Silas<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 29 Jan. 1824, Missouri, died 12 Jan. 1901, Boone Co., Mo., aged 78,<sup>[1586]</sup> and was buried in Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co.<sup>[1587]</sup> He married **SUSAN A.**

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1583. Death certificate, Mo. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 16404, reg. dist. no. 1000, primary reg. dist. no. 615, John Wesley Riggs, died 28 May 1945, at his residence at 3110 Penn St., St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., Mo., aged 78 yrs. 9 mos. 0 dys., male, white, married, shoe salesman, born 28 Aug. 1866, DeKalb Co., Mo., father William Riggs, born unknown place, mother Caroline Fitzgerald, born unknown place, informant Maude C. Riggs of St. Joseph, wife Maude C. Riggs, burial 31 May 1945, Maysville, Mo.

1584. Death certificate, Mo. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 12395, reg. dist. no. 259, primary reg. dist. no. 4156, Samuel A. Riggs, died 25 Apr. 1935, Amity, Camden Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., aged 61 yrs. 6 mos. 23 dys., male, white, married, retail merchant, born 2 Oct. 1873, DeKalb Co., Mo., father Wm W. Riggs, born Boone Co., Mo., mother Caroline Fitzgerald, born Ky., informant Z. T. Riggs of Maysville, wife Sylvia Riggs, burial 27 Apr. 1935, Amity Cem.

1585. Death certificate, Mo. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 37837, reg. dist. no. 3021, primary reg. dist. no. 325, Sylvia Riggs, of Amity, DeKalb Co., Mo., died 1 Nov. 1944, Trenton, Grundy Co., Mo., aged 51 yrs. 11 mos. 11 dys., female, white, widow, county director Social Security, born 20 Nov. 1892, Grundy Co., Mo., father Ed Ratliff, born Va., mother Lora F. Wilson, born Trenton, Mo., informant Mary F. Riggs of Trenton, burial 5 Nov. 1944, Amity, Mo.

1586. Boone Co., Mo., *Obits, 1892–1901*, “Zadock” Riggs, aged about 78, died 12 Jan. 1901.

1587. *Find a Grave*, no. 9048131, Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co., Mo., no photograph, presumably from a gravestone: “Zadok T. Riggs | born Feb. 29, 1824 | died Jan. 12, 1901.”

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—, who was born 9 June 1830, Missouri, died 18 Mar. 1909, and buried near her husband.<sup>[1588]</sup>

In 1860 “Zaddoc” Riggs, 36, a farmer born in Missouri with \$6,400 real and \$730 personal estates, resided in Rocheport, Boone Co., Mo., with Susan A., 30, born in Missouri, and with Brutus, 10, Emma, 6, and Joseph, 3, all three born in Missouri.<sup>[1589]</sup>

The Civil War impacted Zadok T. Riggs family directly:

The Riggs family was supportive of the southern cause during the Civil War because of their strong belief in state’s rights. As a result, a skirmish occurred just north of the cemetery on Zadok Riggs’ property. According to Switzler, “On the night of December 20, 1861, detachments of the companies of Captains James Watson, J. J. Searcy, M. G. Corlew, Francis Petty, W. F. Robards (and perhaps of F. Carson), all of the Confederate service, amounting to about 250 men, under command of Capt. Watson, raided the North Missouri Railroad and destroyed a considerable portion of the track of that thoroughfare in order to prevent the passage of Federal troops . . . The next morning after the night’s operations, the greater portion of the Confederates encamped on Z. T. Riggs’s farm, near the center of the east half of the northeast quarter of section 24, township 51, range 12, or about four miles southwest of Centralia. The stoppage was made to get breakfast. While they were eating they were suddenly attacked by a force of Federals commanded by Major David McKee . . . number[ing] 110 men. The attack was a complete surprise, and being made with great impetuosity, and the Federals being well armed and mounted, the Confederates were soon routed and driven in great confusion from the field. . . . All of the wounded were at first taken into Mr. Riggs’s house, ‘and they made it pretty bloody,’ says Mr. R[iggs].” Switzler goes on to name the prisoners taken and to describe where they were taken after being captured.

The cemetery is on land belonging to Sarah Riggs in 1875, as shown on the Boone County atlas. A residence is shown fairly close to the cemetery location.

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1588. *Find a Grave*, no. 9048140, Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co., Mo., no photograph, presumably from a gravestone: “Susan A. Riggs | wife of Zadok | born June 9, 1830 | died Mar. 18, 1909.”

1589. U.S. census, 1860, Rocheport PO, Sturgeon Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., r. 608, “Page No. 101,” dw. 735, fam. 806.

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On September 28, 1998, I (David Sapp) was shown the location of this cemetery by Mr. V.B. Jennings, who farms the land on which it is located. The land is owned by the heirs of Arthur McComas. The cemetery is in a fenced, square plot that is about 100 ft. on a side. It is in moderate woods and is quite overgrown, not having been tended for many years.<sup>[1590]</sup>

In 1870 Zadok Riggs, 46, a farmer born in Missouri with \$12,000 real and \$1,500 personal estates, resided in Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo., with Susan, 39, born in Missouri, and with “Breets,” 19, Emma, 15, Joseph, 13, and John, 3, all four born in Missouri. Young Riggs resided next door.<sup>[1591]</sup>

In 1880 “Zadoc” T. Riggs, 56, a farmer born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, resided in Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with his wife, Susan A., 50, born in Missouri of Tennessee natives, and with his daughter, Emma, 25, and sons, Joseph, 23, and John, 23, all three born in Missouri, and with his niece, Mary Seymour, 20, a schoolteacher born in Missouri of Missouri natives. Nearby resided George Seymour and his wife, probably Zadok’s sister, Susan E.<sup>[1592]</sup>

Children:

- 750 i **BRUTUS**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1850, Missouri. He does not appear in the 1870 census so probably died young.
- 751 ii **SILAS**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 9 Apr. 1852, died 2 Sept. 1857, buried in Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[1593]</sup>

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1590. “This information is from the GSCM Reporter Volume 17 Number 6 - November/December 1998 by David P. Sapp,” according to and courtesy of my correspondent Marilou Morris.

1591. U.S. census, 1870, Sturgeon PO, Boone Co., Mo., r. 760, p. 240, dw. 1, fam. 1. All dwellings and families are 1 on this page.

1592. U.S. census, 1880, Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., ED 10, r. 676, p. 19A, dw. 340, fam. 357. The Seymours resided in dw. 342.

1593. *Find a Grave*, no. 9046007, Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co., Mo., no photograph, presumably from a gravestone: “Silas | son | born Apr. 11, 1852 | died Sep. 2, 1857.” An unsourced note states: “The Riggs family was prominent in the early history of the northern part of Boone County. Silas Riggs was a justice of the peace for twenty years, and one of the most prominent citizens.’ [sic, no corresponding open quote mark] The Riggs family was supportive of the southern cause during the Civil War because of their strong belief in state’s rights. The cemetery is on land belonging to Sarah Riggs.”

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- 752 iii **EMMA**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1854, Missouri.
- 753 iv **JOSEPH**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1857, Missouri, married **MARY H.** —, born 25 Aug. 1855 (calculated), died 12 Feb. 1890, aged 34 years 5 months 18 days, buried in Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[1594]</sup>
- 754 v **JOHN**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 20 July 1866 (calculated), Missouri, died 2 Oct. 1885, aged 19 years 2 months 12 days, buried in Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[1595]</sup>

**417. YOUNG E. H.**<sup>8</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>220</sub>*Silas*<sup>7</sup>, *Zadok*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born **10 Nov. 1834** 2 Nov. 1834 (calculated), Missouri, died 2 Mar. 1883, aged 48 years 3 months 28 days, and was buried in Locust Grove Baptist Church Cem., Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[1596]</sup> He married 18 Oct. 1857, Boone Co., Mo.,<sup>[1597]</sup> **SARAH ANN DAVENPORT**, who was born 15 June 1841, Missouri, daughter of James and Telitha (–) Davenport, and who died 4 Apr. 1914, and was buried in Locust Grove Baptist Church Cem.<sup>[1598]</sup>

In 1860 Young E. Riggs, 24, a farmer born in Missouri with \$2,400 real and \$550 personal estates, resided in Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with Sarah A., 18, born in Missouri, and with George, 2, and “Elenora,” 6/12, both born in Missouri. William Riggs, 10/12, born in

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1594. *Find a Grave*, no. 9048103, Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co., Mo., no photograph, presumably from a gravestone: “Mary H. Riggs | wife of Joseph Riggs | died Feb. 12, 1890 | age 34 yrs., 5 mos., 18 days.”

1595. *Find a Grave*, no. 9048054, Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co., Mo., no photograph, presumably from a gravestone: “John Riggs | son of Z. T. & Susan A. Riggs | died Oct. 2, 1885 | age 19 yrs., 2 mos., 12 days.”

1596. *Find a Grave*, no. 13432163, Locust Grove Baptist Church Cem., Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo., gravestone photograph, “Young E. Riggs | died | Mar. 2, 1883 | aged | 48Y.3M.28D.”

1597. *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Boone Co., Mo., Marriages (image), “State of Missouri County of Boone I Barnabas T. Woods, a minister of the Gospel, joined in matrimony M<sup>e</sup> Young E. Riggs to Miss Sarah Ann Davenport on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 1857. R. T. Woods. Recorded October 23, 1857. R. D. Todd. Clerk & Recorder.”

1598. *Find a Grave*, no. 33472737, Locust Grove Baptist Church Cem., Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo., no photograph, presumably from a gravestone: “Births: Jun. 15, 1841 Missouri, USA Death: Apr. 4, 1914 Boone County Missouri, USA.” Unsourced data: “Daughter of James W. Davenport & Tellitha Turner, both born in KY.”

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Missouri, resided next door in the household of Augustus [N?]ice, 46, a tinner born in Germany. **I do not know who William was.**<sup>[1599]</sup> Young E. Riggs, 23, a farmer born in Missouri with \$200 personal estate, is listed again in Rocheport, Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with George, 2, and “Ellenor,” 3/12, both born in Missouri. Next door was James “Debinport,” 42, a farmer born in Kentuck with \$2,400 real and \$700 personal estates, with Telitha, 36, born in Missouri, and Milton F., 20, born in Missouri, Sarah A. Riggs, 17, born in Missouri, and five more Davenport children, incorrectly surnamed Riggs (with ditto marks), aged 5–15.<sup>[1600]</sup>

In 1870 Young Riggs, 34, a farmer born in Missouri with \$1,800 real and \$1,000 personal estates, resided in Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo., with Sarah A., 27, born in Missouri, and with Eleanora, 10, Silas, 8, Elizabeth, 6, Peter, 4, Rufus, 2/12, and “Odues,” 2/12, twins born in Apr. 1870, all six born in Missouri. Zadok Riggs resided next door.<sup>[1601]</sup>

In 1880 Young E. Riggs, 45, a farmer born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, resided in Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., with his wife, Sarah A., 38, born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and with his daughter, “Nora,” 20, son, Silas, 18, daughter, Elizabeth E., 16, sons, Rufus, 10, and Otis, 10, twins, daughter, Eliza, 8, sons, William, 6, and Milton, 4, and daughters, Bertha, 2, and Zora, 1, all 10 born in Missouri.<sup>[1602]</sup>

Children:

- 755 i **GEORGE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1858, Missouri. He does not appear in the 1870 census so probably died young.
- 756 ii **ELEANORA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1860, Missouri.
- 757 iii **SILAS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1862, Missouri.
- 758 iv **ELIZABETH<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1864, Missouri.

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1599. U.S. census, 1860, Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., r. 608, “Page No. 102,” dw. 668, fam. 817. William resided in dw. 667.

1600. U.S. census, 1860, Rocheport PO, Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., r. 608, “Page No. 80,” dw. 582, fam. 644. Sarah resided in dw. 581.

1601. U.S. census, 1870, Sturgeon PO, Boone Co., Mo., r. 760, p. 240, dw. 1, fam. 1. All dwellings and families are 1 on this page.

1602. U.S. census, 1880, Bourbon Twp., Boone Co., Mo., ED 10, r. 676, p. 14D, dw. 256, fam. 272.

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- 759 v **PETER<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1866, Missouri. He does not appear in the 1880 census so probably died young.
- 760 vi **RUFUS M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (twin), born 24 Apr. 1870, Missouri, died 23 May 1933, Boone Co., Mo., buried in Locust Grove Cem., Sturgeon, Boone Co.,<sup>[1603]</sup> married **NORA E.** —, born 20 Aug. 1876, died 17 May, 1977, buried next to Rufus.
- 761 vii **OTIS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (twin), born 24 Apr. 1870, Missouri, married **JOSIE** —, born 20 June 1873 (calculated), died 25 Mar. 1896, aged 22 years 9 months 5 days, buried Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[1604]</sup>
- 762 viii **ELIZA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 15 Mar. 1872, Missouri, died 17 or 18 Aug. 1897, Boone Co., Mo., buried in Locust Grove Cem.<sup>[1605]</sup>
- 763 ix **WILLIAM H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 25 Apr. 1874, Missouri, died 25 Nov. 1919, buried in Locust Grove Baptist Church Cem., Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[1606]</sup>
- 764 x **MILTON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1876, Missouri.
- 765 xi **BERTHA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 28 Oct. 1877, Missouri, died 15 Apr. 1911, Boone Co., Mo., buried in Locust Grove Cem.<sup>[1607]</sup>
- 766 xii **ZORA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1879, Missouri, died 22 July 1899, Boone Co., Mo.<sup>[1608]</sup>

**425. LEVISA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>222?</sub>*Moses<sup>7</sup>*, *?Iram<sup>6</sup>*, *Samuel<sup>5</sup>*, *?Samuel<sup>4</sup>*, *?Edward<sup>3</sup>*, *Edward<sup>2</sup>*, *Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born 26 July 1812 (calculated), Kentucky, died 8 Oct.

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1603. Boone Co., Mo., Cem. Records, Rufus M. Riggs, born 24 Apr. 1870 died 23 May 1933, Locust Grove Cem., located one mile east of Riggs, Mo.; *Find a Grave*, no. 13432159, Locust Grove Baptist Church Cem., Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo., gravestone photograph, “Riggs | Rufus M. | Apr. 24, 1870 | May 23, 1933 | Father | | Nora E. | Aug. 20, 1876 | May 17, 1977 | Mother.”

1604. *Find a Grave*, no. 9048065, Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Riggs, Boone Co., Mo., no photograph, presumably from a gravestone: “Josie Riggs | wife of Odus [sic] | born June 20, 1873 | died Mar. 25, 1896 | age 22 yrs., 9 mos., 5 days”; Boone Co., Mo., *Obits., 1892–1901*, Mrs. “Odus” Riggs, aged about 23, died 25 Mar. 1896.

1605. Boone Co., Mo., Cem. Records, Eliza Riggs, born 15 Mar. 1872, died 17 Aug. 1897, daughter of Y. E. and Sarah A., Locust Grove Cem., located one mile east of Riggs, Mo.; Boone Co., Mo., *Obits., 1892–1901*, Miss “Lizzie” Riggs, died 18 Aug. 1897.

1606. *Find a Grave*, no. 33468931, Locust Grove Baptist Church Cem., Sturgeon, Boone Co., Mo., gravestone photograph, “W. H. Riggs | Apr. 25, 1874 | Nov. 25, 1919.”

1607. Boone Co., Mo., Cem. Records, Bertha Riggs, born 28 Oct. 1877, died 15 Apr. 1911, daughter of Y. E. and Sarah A., Locust Grove Cem., located one mile east of Riggs, Mo.

1608. Boone Co., Mo., *Obits., 1892–1901*, Miss Zora Riggs, died 22 July 1899.

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1881, aged 69 years 2 months 12 days, and was buried in Green Hill Cem., Orleans, Orange Co., Ind.<sup>[1609]</sup> She married 14 Feb. 1839, Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[1610]</sup> **AMBROSE SHIELDS**, who was born 28 (calculated) May 1809, Kentucky, died 24 Feb. 1903, aged 93 years 8 months 27 days, Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[1611]</sup> and was buried in Green Hill Cem.

In 1850 Ambrose Shields, 41, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$1,000 real property, resided in Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with “Louisa,” 37, born in Kentucky, and Nancy A., 9, John B., 7, Mary J., 5, and Sarah E., 1, all four born in Indiana.<sup>[1612]</sup>

In 1860 “Ambroze” Shields, 51, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$3,100 real and \$2,000 personal estates, resided in Orleans PO, Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with “Lavisia,” 48, born in Kentucky, and with John B., 18, Mary J., 15, and Sarah E., 12, all three born in Indiana.<sup>[1613]</sup>

In 1870 Ambrose Shields, 61, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$4,400 real and \$4,100 personal estates, resided in Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with “Louisa,” 58.<sup>[1614]</sup>

In 1880 Ambrose Shields, 71, a farmer born in Kentucky of a father born in Ireland and a mother in Virginia, resided in Orleans, Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with his wife, Levisa, 67, born in Kentucky of North Carolina natives, and with his daughter, Nancy A. Cloud, 39, divorced, born in Indiana, and his grandsons, James A. Cloud, 13, and Ben F. Cloud, 9, both born in Indiana of a father born in Indiana.<sup>[1615]</sup>

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1609. Hugo, *Green Hill Cem.*, Orleans Twp., Orange Co., “Shields, Ambrose; d. 24 Feb 1903, age 93y/8m/27d. | Shields, Levisa; d. 8 Oct 1881, age 69y/2m/12d.”

1610. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1826–1849, 2:92, “[license] [1839] [Feb.] 13<sup>th</sup> Ambrose Shields of age | and | Levisa Riggs consent in writing || This is to certify that Ambrose Shields and Levisa Riggs were joined together as husband and wife according to law by me February the 14<sup>th</sup> 1839 John Blackwell C C.”

1611. *Orange Co., Ind. Index to Death Records, 1882–1920*, “Shields Ambrose M W 93 Feb 24 1903 Orleans H-19 44.”

1612. U.S. census, 1850, Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 163, p. 436A, dw. 270, fam. 271.

1613. U.S. census, 1860, Orleans PO, Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 286, p. 660, dw. 97, fam. 97.

1614. U.S. census, 1870, Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 348, p. 109B, dw. 97, fam. 97.

1615. U.S. census, 1880, Orleans, Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., ED 21, r. 302, p. 187C, dw. 159, fam. 162.

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In 1900 Ambrose Shields, 91, a capitalist born May 1809 in Kentucky of a father born in Ireland and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Orleans, Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., in the household of his daughter, Nancy A. Cloud, 59, a widow born Aug. 1840 in Indiana of Kentucky natives. She had had four children, with two surviving.<sup>[1616]</sup>

Children:

- 767 i **NANCY ANN**<sup>9</sup> **SHIELDS**, born Aug. 1840, Indiana, married **WILLIAM T. CLOUD**, and had three children: (1) James Ambrose<sup>10</sup> Cloud, born 16 Jan. 1867, Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., died 19 Nov. 1929, married 19 Jan. 1893, Sally May Wellman, and had three children (see obituary below); (2) John Burton<sup>10</sup> Cloud; and (3) Ben F.<sup>10</sup> Cloud, born about 1871, Indiana.

From an obituary for James A. Cloud:

James Ambrose Cloud was born in Orleans, Indiana, Jan. 16, 1867, and passed away Nov. 19, 1929. He was the eldest son of Wm. T. and Nancy Ann Shields Cloud. Three boys were the result of this union, the subject of this sketch, John Burton, who died at the age of three years and Frank S. [sic] of Warner, N.H. . . . Mr. Cloud was united in marriage to Sally May Wellman, Jan. 19, 1893, by the Rev. U. G. Sutherlin; three sons were born to them, Henry R., Roy L. and John Beryl, deceased.<sup>[1617]</sup>

- 768 ii **JOHN B.**<sup>9</sup> **SHIELDS**, born about 1843, Indiana.  
769 iii **MARY J.**<sup>9</sup> **SHIELDS**, born about 1845, Indiana.  
770 iv **SARAH E.**<sup>9</sup> **SHIELDS**, born about 1849, Indiana.

**426. NANCY**<sup>8</sup> **RIGGS** (<sup>222?</sup>*Moses*<sup>7</sup>, *Iram*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1815, Kentucky, died **Nov. 1897**, and was buried in **Bonds Chapel Cem., West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Ind.**<sup>[1618]</sup> She married 20 Nov. 1832 [license], Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[1619]</sup> **ROBERT**

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1616. U.S. census, 1900, Orleans, Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., ED 100, r. 396, p. 90, sh. 1B, dw. 20, fam. 22.

1617. *Orange Co. Obituaries*, James A. Cloud.

1618. *Find a Grave*, no. 62462907, no photograph, Bonds Chapel Cem., West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Ind., unsourced data: Nancy Ann Riggs Wadsworth, died Nov. 1897, Orange Co., Ind. N.B. the listing of Lane, *Bonds Chapel Cem.* has no entry for Wadsworth.

1619. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811-1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind.,



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WADSWORTH, who was born about 13 Mar. 1807, Green Co., Kentucky, died 1897, and was buried in Bonds Chapel Cem., West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Ind.<sup>[1620]</sup>

In 1850 Robert Wadsworth, 47, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$1,200 real property, resided in Northwest Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with Nancy, 35, born in Kentucky, and Moses, 16, Margaret, 14, and Thomas, 10, all three born in Indiana. On the next page was listed Moses Riggs, 61.<sup>[1621]</sup>

In 1860 Robert Wadsworth, 52, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$4,000 real and \$1,000 personal estates, resided in Orangeville, Orangeville Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with Nancy, 45, born in Kentucky, and Moses, 26, Margaret, 24, Thomas, 20, and Nancy A., 7, all four born in Indiana.<sup>[1622]</sup>

In 1870 Robert Wadsworth, 63, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$6,300 real and \$1,600 personal estates, resided in Orangeville, Orangeville Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with Nancy, 56, born in Kentucky, and Nancy A., 17, Moses, 35, a farmer with \$1,000 real and \$400 personal estates, and Elizabeth, 30, all three born in Indiana. There were also three young people of three surnames in the household, including Simon Sanders, 9, born in Indiana. Two doors away resided Thomas Wadsworth, 28, a farmer born in Indiana, with Sarah, 24, born in Indiana, and Vanishia, 1, born in Indiana.<sup>[1623]</sup>

In 1880 Robert Wadsworth, 73, a farmer born in Kentucky of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Virginia, resided in Orange-

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Marriages, 1826-1849, 2:46, "[license] [1832] [Nov.] 20<sup>th</sup> Robert Wadsworth of age | to | Nancy Riggs Parents written consent, with no return recorded.

1620. *Find a Grave*, no. 62462732, no photograph, Bonds Chapel Cem., West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Ind., unsourced data: Robert Wadsworth, born 13 Mar. 1807, Green Co., Ky., died 1897, Orange Co., Ind.

1621. U.S. census, 1850, Northwest Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 163, p. 492A, dw. 1176, fam. 1180.

1622. U.S. census, 1860, Orangeville PO, Orangeville Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 286, p. 778, dw. 1049, fam. 1049.

1623. U.S. census, 1870, Orangeville PO, Orangeville Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 348, p. 81B, dw. 41, fam. 41.

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ville Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with his wife, Nancy, 66, born in Kentucky of North Carolina natives, and with a servant girl.<sup>[1624]</sup>

Children:

- 771 i **MOSES**<sup>9</sup> **WADSWORTH**, born about 1834, Indiana, married **ELIZABETH** —, born about 1840, Indiana.
- 772 ii **MARGARET**<sup>9</sup> **WADSWORTH**, born about 1836, Indiana.
- 773 iii **THOMAS**<sup>9</sup> **WADSWORTH**, born about 1840, Indiana, married **SARAH** —, born about 1846, Indiana, and had at least one child: (1) Vanishia<sup>10</sup> Wadsworth, born about 1869, Indiana.
- 774 iv **NANCY A**<sup>9</sup> **WADSWORTH**, born about 1853, Indiana.

**427. JOEL**<sup>8</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>222?</sub>*Moses*<sup>7</sup>, *?Iram*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 Feb. 1816, Kentucky or Indiana, died 14 Feb. 1897, and was buried in Mt. Horeb Baptist Cem., Orleans, Orange Co., Ind.<sup>[1625]</sup> He married 30 Mar. 1836, Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[1626]</sup> **HESTER ANN ELROD**, who was born 2 Mar. 1819, Indiana, died 16 Oct., 1913, and was buried next to her husband.

In 1840 Joel “Rigs,” 20–30, resided in North West Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with a woman 15–20, and with one girl under 5. Listed next to him (alphabetically) was Moses “Rigs.”<sup>[1627]</sup>

In 1850 Joel Riggs, 34, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$350 real property, resided in Northwest Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with Hester A., 31, born in Indiana, Mahala J., 12, and Moses, 2, both born in Indiana, and with Isaac Chastain, 13, born in Indiana.<sup>[1628]</sup>

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1624. U.S. census, 1880, Orangeville Twp., Orange Co., Ind., ED 20, r. 302, p. 168C, dw. 150, fam. 150.

1625. *Find a Grave*, no. 50975210, gravestone photograph, by Barbara Lynn, Mt Horeb Baptist Cem., Orleans, Orleans Co., Ind., a monument with “Joel Riggs | born | Feb.25.1816, | died | Feb.14.1897.” on side and “Hester Ann | his wife | born | Mar.2.1818. | died | Oct.16.1913.” on another.

1626. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1826–1849, 2:69, “[license presumably] [1836] [Mar.] 28<sup>th</sup> Joel Riggs - of age | and | Hester Ann Elrod - father’s consent,” by John Blackwell on 30 Mar.

1627. U.S. census, 1840, North West Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 89, p. 54.

1628. U.S. census, 1850, Northwest Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 163, p. 492B, dw. 1185, fam. 1189.

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In 1860 Joel Riggs, 44, a farmer born in Indiana with \$1,300 real and \$400 personal estates, resided in Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., with “Hesther” A., 42, born in Indiana, and with “Flavius” J., 8, born in Indiana, Simon Sanders, 20, a farmer born in Indiana with \$200 personal estate, Mahala J. Sanders, 22, born in Indiana, and Benton C. Sanders, 6/12, born in Indiana.<sup>[1629]</sup>

In 1870 Joel Riggs, 54, a farmer born in Indiana with \$1,500 real and \$1,600 personal estates, resided in Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., with Hester A., 52, born in Indiana, and a farm laborer. Next door was Aaron Riggs, 43.<sup>[1630]</sup>

In 1880 Joel Riggs, 64, a farmer born in Kentucky of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., with his wife, “Heester” A., 61, born in Indiana of North Carolina natives, and one farm hand, Willie Duncan, 20, born in Indiana of Indiana natives.<sup>[1631]</sup>

In 1900 “Ester” A. Riggs, 81, a widow born Mar. 1819 in Indiana of North Carolina natives, resided in Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., in the household of her son, Jesse Riggs, 48 (q.v.). Ester had had five children, with two surviving.<sup>[1632]</sup>

Known children, of five:

- 775 i **MAHALA J.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1838, Indiana, married 15 Apr. 1858, Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[1633]</sup> **SIMON M. SANDERS**, born about 1840, Indiana, and had at least one child: (1) Benton C.<sup>10</sup> Sanders, born about 1859, Indiana.
- 776 ii **MOSES<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1848, Indiana. He is not listed in the 1860 census so perhaps had died young.

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1629. U.S. census, 1860, Orangeville PO, Orangeville Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 286, p. 780, dw. 1066, fam. 1066.

1630. U.S. census, 1870, Orangeville PO, Orangeville Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 348, p. 81a, dw. 30, fam. 30.

1631. U.S. census, 1880, Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., ED 20, r. 302, p. 166D, dw. 120, fam. 120.

1632. U.S. census, 1900, Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., ED 100, r. 396, p. 90, sh. 1A, dw. 8, fam. 9.

1633. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1854–1861, 4:220, Simon M. Sanders to Mahala J. Riggs, licensed 13 Apr. 1858, Orange Co., Ind., married there 15 Apr. 1858, by Heardin Burton MG.

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+ 777 iii FLAVIUS JESSE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 8 Feb. 1852, Orange Co., Ind., married NANCY ANN HALL, and had no children, but raised one.

428. LINNA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (222Moses<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1820, Indiana. She married 26 Sept. 1839, Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[1634]</sup> JOHN BURTON, who was born 16 Mar. 1821, Ashe Co., N.C.

From a history of Orange Co., Ind.:

Dr. John Burton, of Georgia [Spice Valley Twp., Lawrence Co.], Ind., . . . was born in Ashe County, N.C., March 16, 1821, . . . He was united in marriage with Miss Linna Riggs, October [sic] 26, 1839. She is the daughter of Moses and Mahala (Laswell) Riggs. To this union have been born the following children: Mahala J., Jackson, Levisa A., Nancy S., Hardin R., Mary E., and Moses.<sup>[1635]</sup>

In 1850 John Burton, 29, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$600 real estate, resided in Spice Valley Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., with Linna, 40 [sic], born in Indiana, and with Mahala, 9, Jackson, 8, "Visa" A., 6, Nancy S., 4, Hardin R., 2, and Mary E., 0, all six born in Indiana, and two young farmers.<sup>[1636]</sup>

In 1870 John Burton, 49, a farmer and physician born in North Carolina with \$3,800 real and \$1,000 personal estates, resided in Spice Valley Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., with Linna, 50, born in Indiana, and with Levisa A., 26, Mary E., 20, and Moses, 17, all three born in Indiana.<sup>[1637]</sup>

In 1880 John Burton, 59, a physician born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Spice Valley Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., with his wife, Linna, 60, born in Indiana of North Carolina natives, and with his son, Moses, 27, born in Indiana, his daughter-in-law,

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1634. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811-1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1826-1849, 2:96, "[license presumably] [1839] [Sept.] 24<sup>th</sup> John Burton - consent verbally given | and | Linna Riggs - of age," by Joseph Odell MG, on 26 Sept.

1635. *History of Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, Ind.*, 280, online at Google Books.

1636. U.S. census, 1850, Spice Valley Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., r. 158, p. 369B, dw. 636, fam. 636.

1637. U.S. census, 1870, Spice Valley Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., r. 335, p. 540A, dw. 212, fam. 212.

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Martha E., 25, born in Indiana of North Carolina natives, his grandson, John Gibson, 19, and granddaughter, Linna, 15, both born in Indiana of a father born in Canada and a mother in Indiana, and with a farm worker.<sup>[1638]</sup>

Children:

- 778 i MAHALA J.<sup>9</sup> BURTON, born about 1841, Indiana.
- 779 ii JACKSON<sup>9</sup> BURTON, born about 1842, Indiana.
- 780 iii LEVISA A.<sup>9</sup> BURTON, born about 1844, Indiana.
- 781 iv NANCY S.<sup>9</sup> BURTON, born about 1846, Indiana.
- 782 v HARDIN R.<sup>9</sup> BURTON, born about 1848, Indiana.
- 783 vi MARY E.<sup>9</sup> BURTON, born about 1850, Indiana.
- 784 vii MOSES<sup>9</sup> BURTON, born about 1853, Indiana, married MARTHA E. —, born about 1855, Indiana.

429. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>222</sub>Moses<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1823, Orange Co., Ind. He married (1) 2 Dec. 1841, Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[1639]</sup> ELIZABETH B. CHISHAM, who was born about 1822, Indiana. He married (2) 29 Nov. 1888, Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[1640]</sup> THERZA (BURTON) SANDERS, who was born about 1831, Lawrence Co., Ind., daughter of Sally (—) Edwards. She married, first, 25 Feb. 1855, Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[1641]</sup> Jesse M. Sanders.

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1638. U.S. census, 1880, Spice Valley Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., ED 7, r. 292, p. 449B, dw. 54, fam. 54.

1639. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1826–1849, 2:111, “[license] [1841] [Nov.] 30<sup>th</sup> William Riggs consents in writing | and | Elizabeth Chisham consents of age per Jas. E. Chisham (bro.) || I certify that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1841, William Riggs and Elizabeth Chisham were lawfully joined together as husband and wife by me Joseph Odell MG.”

1640. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1882–1897, [null]:136, line 50, “Wm.” Riggs, 67, white, of Orange Co., Ind., born Orange Co., Ind., farmer, his second marriage, father Moses, mother Mahala, to “Thursey” Sanders, widow, maiden name Burton, of Orange Co., Ind., 57, white, born Lawrence Co., Ind., mother’s name Sally Edwards, her second marriage, married 29 Nov. 1888, by Wright Sanders.

1641. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1854–1861, 4:48, Jesse M. Sanders to Therza Burton, license 22 Feb. 1855, Orange Co., Ind., married 25 Feb. 1855, Orange Co., by T. N. Robertson MG.

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In 1850 William Riggs, 25, a farmer born in Indiana with \$250 real estate, resided in Northwest Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with Elizabeth, 28, born in Kentucky, and with Anderson, 7, Martha A., 5, Noah, 2, and John, 1, all four born in Indiana.<sup>[1642]</sup>

In 1860 William Riggs, 38, a farmer born in Indiana with \$1,500 real and \$800 personal estates, resided in Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., with Elizabeth, 40, born in Kentucky, and with Anderson, 17, Martha A., 15, Noah, 14, John, 11, and Mahala C., 7, all five born in Indiana.<sup>[1643]</sup>

In 1870 William Riggs, 47, a farmer born in Indiana with \$2,000 real and \$1,600 personal estates, resided in Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., with “Elisabeth,” 48, born in Kentucky, and a laborer.<sup>[1644]</sup>

In 1880 William Riggs, 57, a farmer born in Indiana of North Carolina natives, resided in Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., with his wife, Elizabeth B., 58, born in Kentucky of Kentucky natives.<sup>[1645]</sup>

Children of the first marriage, to Elizabeth:

- 785 i ANDERSON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1843, Indiana. During June and July 1863, Anderson Riggs, 20, born in Indiana, resident of Orangeville Twp., Orange Co., Ind., an unmarried farmer, was listed in Civil War draft registration records as having served in the 67th Indiana Infantry [but see next], and died (presumably in that service).<sup>[1646]</sup> He died 10 May 1863, at Fort Adams, Memphis, Tenn., as a private in Co. K of the 53rd Indiana Volunteers, of diarrhea.<sup>[1647]</sup>

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1642. U.S. census, 1850, Northwest Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 163, p. 493B, dw. 1193, fam. 1197.

1643. U.S. census, 1860, Orangeville PO, Orangeville Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 286, p. 776, dw. 1036, fam. 1036.

1644. U.S. census, 1870, Orangeville PO, Orangeville Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 348, p. 20, dw. 21, fam. 21.

1645. U.S. census, 1880, Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., ED 20, r. 302, p. 167A, dw. 128, fam. 128.

1646. *U.S. Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863–1865*, 266, “[residence] [Orange Co., Ind.] Orangeville Tp [name] 16 Riggs, Anderson [age 1 July 1863] 20 [white?] white [occupation] Farmer [married?] unmarried [birthplace] Indiana [military service] 67<sup>th</sup> Ind Infy [remarks] Died.”

1647. *U.S. Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861–1865*, 172, “[name] Riggs Anderson [rank] Priv. [Co.] K [Regiment] 53 Ind. V. [date of death] [1863] May 10 [place of death] Adams Memphis, Tenn. [cause] lebrnon. Diarrh. [remarks] J.G.Keenon S.V.”

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- 786 ii **MARTHA A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1845, Indiana.  
787 iii **NOAH<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1848, Indiana.  
788 iv **JOHN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1849, Indiana.  
789 v **MAHALA C.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1853, Indiana, married 12 May 1881, Orange Co, Ind.,<sup>[1648]</sup> **ADDISON O. ANDERSON**.

**430. AARON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>222</sub>Moses<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born Sept. 1826 (1900 census), Indiana, and died after the 1910 census. He married 9 Dec. 1850, Lawrence Co., Ind.,<sup>[1649]</sup> **MARY CONNELLY**, who was born Mar. 1830 (1900 census), Indiana, probably daughter of Joseph and Margaret (–) Connelly of Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind.,<sup>[1650]</sup> and died before the 1910 census, probably she who was born 1830, died 1904, and was buried in Moscow Cem., Woodward Co., Okla.<sup>[1651]</sup>

In 1860 Aaron Riggs, 33, a merchant born in North Carolina with \$1,640 real and \$1,600 personal estates, resided in Bryantsville, Spice Valley Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., with Mary, 30, born in Indiana, and Moses C., 7, Samuel, 5, Greer M., 3, and Ambrose, 2, all four born in Indiana. Next door resided Moses Riggs, 71.<sup>[1652]</sup>

In 1870 Aaron Riggs, 43, a farmer born in Indiana with \$2,200 real and \$1,500 personal estates, resided in Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., with Mary, 40, born in Indiana, and with Samuel, 15, “Grear,” 14, Ambrose, 12, Josiah, 9, Mahala, 5, William, 3, and Margaret, 10/12, born Aug., all seven born in Indiana, and Moses Riggs, 81, a farmer born in

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1648. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1878–1886, 7:219, “Adison” O. Anderson to Mahala Riggs, licensed 11 May 1881, married 12 May 1881, Orange Co., Ind., by Wright Sanders MG.

1649. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, citing Lawrence Co., Ind., Marriages, 1845–1860, C:262, Aaron Riggs to Mary Connelly, licensed 4 Dec. 1850, married 9 Dec. 1850, Lawrence Co., Ind., by Joseph Odell MG.

1650. U.S. census, 1850, Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., r. 158, p. 357B, dw. 464, fam. 464, lists Joseph Connelly, 48, farmer, born N.C., Margaret, 49, born N.C., and eight children, including Mary, 18, born Ind.

1651. *Find a Grave*, no. 28492512, no gravestone photograph, unsourced, Moscow Cem., Woodward, Woodward Co., Okla.

1652. U.S. census, 1860, Bryantsville PO, Spice Valley Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., r. 276, p. 913, dw. 1297, fam. 1297.

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north Carolina with \$500 real and \$1,200 personal estates. Next door was Joel Riggs, 54.<sup>[1653]</sup>

In 1880 Aaron Riggs, 53, a farmer born in Indiana of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., with his wife, Mary, 50, born in Indiana of North Carolina natives, and with his sons, Josiah, 19, and Ambrose S., 21, daughter-in-law, "Addie," 17, daughter, Mahala, 15, son, William, 13, daughter Margaret, 10, and sons, Aaron, 8, and John, 5, all eight born in Indiana of Indiana natives. Next door were Samuel Riggs and Joel Riggs. On the next page of census can be found F. J. Riggs and William Riggs. Nearby in the other direction, "Eunice" Lasswell, 62, single, a visitor, born in Tennessee of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Virginia.<sup>[1654]</sup>

In 1885 Aaron Riggs, 58, a blacksmith, resided in Osage City, Osage Co., Kans., with his wife, Mary, 55, William, 18, Aaron, 13, John, 11, and "Maggie," 16.<sup>[1655]</sup>

In 1900 Aaron Riggs, 73, a farmer born Sept. 1826 in Indiana of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Webster Twp., Woodward Co., Okla., with his wife of 49 years, Mary, 70, born in Indiana of North Carolina natives, and with his son, John, 26, born in Indiana. Mary had had 12 children, with six surviving. Samuel Riggs, 45, resided next door.<sup>[1656]</sup>

In 1910 "Arron" Riggs, 83, a widower born in Indiana of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Webster Twp., Woodward Co., Okla., in the household of his son, Sam, 55 (q.v.).<sup>[1657]</sup>

Known children, of 12:

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1653. U.S. census, 1870, Orangeville PO, Orangeville Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 348, p. 81a, dw. 30, fam. 30.

1654. U.S. census, 1880, Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., ED 20, r. 302, p. 166D, dw. 118, fam. 118. Eunice resided in dw. 116.

1655. Kans. census, 1885, Osage City, Osage Co., Kans., r. 99, dw. 328, fam. 371.

1656. U.S. census, 1900, Webster Twp., Woodward Co., Okla., ED 251, r. 1344, p. 220, dw. 68, fam. 68.

1657. U.S. census, 1910, Webster Twp., Woodward Co., Okla., ED 291, r. 1276, p. 210, sh. 12B, dw. 210, fam. 212.



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- + 790 i **MOSES C.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 1853, Indiana, married **SALLIE F. SANDERS**, and had one child.
- + 791 ii **SAMUEL<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Apr. 1855, Indiana, married **SARAH E. WALDRIP**, and had eight children.
- + 792 iii **GREER M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 1856, Indiana, married (1) **LUCINDA JENNIE F. SANDERS**, and had no children, married (2) **MARIA EDWARDS**, and had at least three children.
- + 793 iv **AMBROSE S.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Aug. 1858, Indiana, married **ADALINE EDWARDS**, and had five children.
- + 794 v **JOSIAH<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1861, Indiana, married **MATTIE SMITH**, and had at least three children.
- 795 vi **MAHALA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1865, Indiana, married 12 May 1881, Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[1658]</sup> **ADISON O. ANDERSON**.
- + 796 vii **WILLIAM<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Sept. 1866, Indiana, married **JANE —**, and had at least one child.
- 797 viii **MARGARET<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Aug. 1869 (1870 census), Indiana.
- 798 ix **AARON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1872, Indiana.
- 799 x **JOHN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1875, Indiana.

**431. ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>222</sub>Moses<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born Sept. 1830 (1900 census), Orange Co., Ind., and died sometime after she applied for a widow's pension in 1903, Indiana. She married (1) 19 Feb. 1849 [licensed], Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[1659]</sup> **THOMAS G. MAIDEN**, who was born about 1822, Indiana, son of Mary (–) Maiden. She married (2) 28 June 1892, Bedford, Lawrence Co., Ind.,<sup>[1660]</sup> **JOSEPH H. MILLER** (his second marriage) who was born June

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1658. Marriage record, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1878–1886, 7:219, Adison O. Anderson to Mahala Riggs, licensed 11 May 1881, married 12 May 1881, Orange Co., Ind., by Wright Sanders MG.

1659. Marriage record, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1826–1849, 2:187, “no. 19. | 19<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1849 || Thos. G. Maden [sic] | and | Elizabeth Riggs || of age | | affi filed || [no return recorded].”

1660. Marriage record, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, citing Lawrence Co., Ind., Marriages, 1887–1892, 1:15, line 5, “[groom] Miller Joseph H [residence] Mitchell Ind [age at next birthday] 65 [color] wh [birthplace] Mitchell Ind. [father's name] Miller Henry [mother's maiden] Edwards Sarah [no. of groom's marriage] 2 [bride] Maiden Elizabeth | Riggs Elizabeth [residence] Mitchel [Ind.] [age at next birthday] [62] [color] wh [birthplace] Orange Co Ind [father's name] Riggs Moses [mother's maiden] Laswell Mahala [no. of bride's marriage] 2 [place of marriage] Bedford Ind

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1827 (1900 census), Mitchell, Lawrence Co., Ind., son of Henry and Sarah (Edwards) Miller.

In 1850 Thomas G. Maiden, 28, a farmer born in Indiana with \$600 real estate, resided in Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., with Elizabeth, 19, born in Indiana.<sup>[1661]</sup>

In 1860 T. G. Maiden, 38, a farmer born in Indiana with \$3,900 real and \$1,240 personal estates, resided in Ladoga, Clark Twp., Montgomery Co., Ind., with Elizabeth, 29, born in Indiana, and with Mary, 74, born in Pennsylvania with \$500 real estate, and Marthy, 48, born in Ohio, James Nideser, 14, and Mary E. Nideser, 11, both born in Indiana, and John Campbell, 28, a bricklayer, born in Indiana.<sup>[1662]</sup>

In 1870 Thomas G. Maiden, 48, a farmer born in Indiana with \$6,750 real and \$650 personal estates, resided in Ladoga, Clark Twp., Montgomery Co., Ind., with Elizabeth, 39, born in Indiana, and with Mary, 84, born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1663]</sup>

In 1880 "Thos" G. Maiden, 58, a restaurant keeper born in Indiana of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Thorntown, Sugar Creek Twp., Boone Co., Ind., with Elizabeth, 48, born in Indiana of Kentucky natives, and a servant.<sup>[1664]</sup>

In 1900 Joseph H. Miller, 72, a farmer born June 1827 in Indiana of North Carolina natives, resided in Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., with his wife of eight years, Elizabeth, 48, born Sept. 1830 in Indiana of North Carolina natives. She had had no children.<sup>[1665]</sup>

On 23 Sept. 1903 Elizabeth M. Miller applied for a widow's pension from Indiana for Civil War service of her husband, Joseph H. Miller in Company H, 67th Indiana Infantry and Company I, 24th Indiana Infan-

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[by whom] Stalker J. M. [date] June 28 1892."

1661. U.S. census, 1850, Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., r. 158, p. 340A, dw. 232, fam. 232.

1662. U.S. census, 1860, Ladoga PO, Clark Twp., Montgomery Co., Ind., r. 283, p. 421, dw. 239, fam. 233.

1663. U.S. census, 1870, Ladoga PO, Clark Twp., Montgomery Co., Ind., r. 345, p. 42A, dw. 230, fam. 230.

1664. U.S. census, 1880, Thorntown, Sugar Creek Twp., Boone Co., Ind., ED 114, r. 266, p. 58A, dw. 49, fam. 50.

1665. U.S. census, 1900, Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., ED 100, r. 396, p. 92, sh. 3A, dw. 57, fam. 65.

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try. He had applied 19 Dec. 1879 and it had been granted. The widow's application apparently wasn't granted.<sup>[1666]</sup>

**433. LUCY ANN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>224</sub>Aaron<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born say 1827. She married 25 Mar. 1847, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1667]</sup> **THOMAS HOLDEN**, who was born about 1825, Kentucky. Thomas married, second, 22 Mar. 1868, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1668]</sup> Sarah F. Graham, born about 1828, Ohio.

In 1870 Thomas Holden, 45, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$2,000 real and \$200 personal estates, resided in Dundas, Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with Sarah, 42, born in Ohio, and Aaron, 19, Henry, 15, John, 13, Alfred, 11, and Anderson, 9, all born in Illinois, and Katy Irwin, 15, born New York, James Graham, 14, and Mary A. Graham, 12, both born in Illinois and James Holden, 26, a day laborer born in Kentucky.<sup>[1669]</sup>

In 1880 Sarah F. Holden, 52, a widow born in Ohio of Kentucky natives, resided in Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with her stepsons, James, 26, John H., 22, Alfred K., 18, and Anderson, 16, all born in Illinois of Kentucky natives.<sup>[1670]</sup>

Known children:

- 800 i **AARON<sup>9</sup> HOLDEN**, born about 1851, Illinois.
- 801 ii **JAMES HENRY<sup>9</sup> HOLDEN**, born about 1855, Illinois. **Might be two different sons.**

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1666. *U.S. Civil War Pension Index, 1861–1934*, soldier Joseph H. Miller, widow Elizabeth M. Miller, service H67 & I24 Ind Inf., invalid's application 19 Dec. 1879 no. 329717, certificate 231044, widow's application 23 Sept. 1903 no. 791754 from Ind., no certificate no.

1667. *Ill. Compiled Marriages, 1790–1860*, Lucy Ann Riggs to Thomas Holden, 25 Mar. 1847, Richland Co., Ill., source "County Court Records at Olney, IL."

1668. *Ill. County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, Sarah Graham to Thomas Holden, 22 Mar. 1868, Richland Co., Ill., FHL 1221093.

1669. U.S. census, 1870, Dundas PO, Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill., r. 272, p. 634A, dw. 59, fam. 59.

1670. U.S. census, 1880, Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill., ED 179, r. 245, p. 175C, dw. 184, fam. 192.

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- 802 iii **JOHN H.<sup>9</sup> HOLDEN**, born about 1857, Illinois, married 4 Jan. 1886, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1671]</sup> **MELVINA WALTERS**, born about 1868, daughter of Jacob and Mary A. (Boatman) Walters.
- 803 iv **ALFRED K.<sup>9</sup> HOLDEN**, born about 1859, Illinois, married 7 Dec. 1883, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1672]</sup> **IDA WALTERS**, born about 1864, daughter of Jacob and Mary A. (Boatman) Walters. Ida is sister of Melvina, wife of John H. Holden.
- 804 v **ANDERSON<sup>9</sup> HOLDEN**, born about 1861, Illinois.

**434. URIAH REDDIN/REDDEN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>224</sub>Aaron<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1828, Kentucky, died 19 Sept. 1857 (probate file)<sup>[1673]</sup> or 10 Sept. 18[58?], aged 3[0?] years 3 months 29 days, and was buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1674]</sup> He married (1) 22 or 29 June 1847, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1675]</sup> **PURLINA (BRADLEY) BROTHERS**, who was born about 1820, Indiana. He married (2) 2 Sept. 1852, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1676]</sup> **MALINDA/MELINDA M. GADDY**, who was born 20 Feb. 1827 (gravestone), Indiana, died 20 Mar. 1909, and was buried in Haven Hill Cem., Olney, Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1677]</sup> She married, second, 16 Mar. 1862, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1678]</sup> **William**

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1671. Ill. *County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, John H. Holden, 27, to Melvina “Walter,” 17, 4 Jan. 1885, Richland Co., Ill., his parents Thomas Holden and Lucy A. Riggs, her parents Jacob Walters and Mary A. Boatman, FHL 1221093.

1672. Ill. *County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, “Alferd” K. Holden, 24, to Ida “Watters,” 19, 7 Dec. 1883, Richland Co., Ill., his parents Thomas Holden and Lucy A. Riggs, her parents Jacob “Watters” and Mary A. Boatman, FHL 1221093.

1673. Ill. *Wills and Probate Records, 1772–1999*, Richland Co., image online, D:35, Melinda Riggs and Thomas Loback were bonded 29 Sept. 1857 as administrators of Redden Riggs who died intestate 19 Sept. 1857, with John Gaddy as fellowbondsmen.

1674. *Find a Grave*, no. 81982408, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., “Reddin Riggs | Died | Sep. 10, 18[58?] | Aged | 3[6?] Ys. 3 Ms. | 29 ds.”

1675. Ill. *County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, “Redden” Riggs to Purlina Brothers, 22 June 1847, Richland Co., Ill., FHL 1221093; Ill. *Compiled Marriages, 1791–1850*, Purlina Bradley to Redden Riggs, 22 June 1847

1676. Ill. *County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, Reddin Riggs to Melinda Gaddy, 2 Sept. 1852, Richland Co., Ill., FHL 1221093.

1677. *Find a Grave*, no. 335323578, gravestone photograph, by Jim Michels, Haven Hill Cem., Olney, Richland Co., Ill., “Wheeler | William | Feb. 27, 1824 | Feb. 6, 1905 | Malinda M. | Feb. 20, 1827 | Mar. 20, 1909.”

1678. Ill. *County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, Malinda M. Riggs to William Wheeler, 16 Mar.

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Wheeler, who was born 27 Feb. 1824, Maryland, died 6 Feb. 1905, and was buried with his wife.

In 1850 “Reden” Riggs, 22, a farmer born in Kentucky, resided in Richland Co., Ill., with “Palina,” 30, born in Indiana, four Brothers children ranging in age from 5 to 12, and Jerusha A. Riggs, 2, born in Illinois.<sup>[1679]</sup>

Repeated for convenience: On 9 Apr. 1858 Uriah R. Riggs and Malinda M. Riggs his wife of Richland Co., Ill., sold to Aaron Riggs of the same place, for \$50, a tract of land in Richland Co. of 20 acres.<sup>[1680]</sup>

In 1860 Malinda Riggs, 32, born in Indiana with \$400 real and \$280 personal estates, resided in Noble Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with “W<sup>m</sup>” A. Riggs, 1, born in Illinois.<sup>[1681]</sup>

In 1870 William Wheeler, 46, a farmer born in Maryland with \$2,500 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Boot, Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with Malinda, 43, born in Illinois, Anderson, 11, born in Illinois, John W., 7, and George W., 2, both born in Illinois.<sup>[1682]</sup> Anderson is surely William Anderson Riggs, perhaps adopted by William Wheeler.

See also the deed of 29 Aug. 1871 in the sketch of brother Aaron W.<sup>8</sup> Riggs It mentions Aaron’s one fourth interest in the land set apart as dower to Malinda Riggs widow of Redan [sic] Riggs deceased in the Richland Circuit Court at the May and October Terms thereof A.D. 1858.<sup>[1683]</sup>

Child of the first marriage, to Purlina:

805 i **JERUSHA ANN**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 28 May 1848, Olney, Richland Co, Ill., died 25 Jan. 1936, Sullivan, Moultrie Co., Ill.,<sup>[1684]</sup> buried 27

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1862, Richland Co., Ill., FHL 1221093.

1679. U.S. census, 1850, Richland Co., Ill., r. 125, p. 140B, dw. 806, fam. 811.

1680. Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, K:417, images online at <www.FamilySearch.org>.

1681. U.S. census, 1860, Noble and Olney PO, Noble Twp., Richland Co., Ill., r. 222, p. 143, dw. 1013, fam. 1015.

1682. U.S. census, 1870, Boot PO, Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., r. 272, p. 516B, dw. 29, fam. 29.

1683. Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, I:352, image online at <www.familysearch.org>, image 874 of 938, film 8423038.

1684. Ill. *Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947*, Jerusha Ann Baker aka Jerusha Ann Riggs, born 28 May 1848, Olney, Ill., died 25 Jan. 1936, Sullivan, Moultrie Co., Ill., buried 27 Jan. 1936,

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Jan. 1936, Greenhill Cem., Sullivan,<sup>[1685]</sup> married 19 Apr. 1866, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1686]</sup> **GILBERT BAKER**.

Child of the second marriage, to Malinda:

+ 806 ii **WILLIAM ANDERSON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1859, Illinois, married **ADALINE HOLTZ**, and had at least two children.

**435. SAMUEL GREEN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>224</sub>*Aaron<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1832, Kentucky. He married (1) 23 Mar. 1854, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1687]</sup> **HANNAH WHEELER**, who was born 28 June 1834 (gravestone), Maryland, died 25 Nov. 1872, probably as a result of childbirth complications, and was buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1688]</sup> He married (2) 24 July 1873, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1689]</sup> **LURANA NEWELL**, born 13 Feb. 1844 (gravestone), Illinois, died 10 Apr. 1886, and was buried in Houser Cem.<sup>[1690]</sup> He married (3) 23 Dec. 1886, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1691]</sup> **MARGIE A. VARNER**.

In 1860 S. G. Riggs, 26, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$600 real and \$360 personal estates, resided in Wilsonburgh, Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with Hannah, 20, born in Maryland, and with Alex, 6, Sarah J., 5, and Mason, 11/12, all born in Illinois, and Mary A. Moody,

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Greenhill Cem., Sullivan, age 87, housewife, white, widow, father "Harvey" Riggs, born Olney, mother "Paulina" Barker, born Olney, spouse Gilbert Baker, FHL 1765827.

1685. *Find a Grave*, no. 130412794, gravestone photograph, Greenhill Cem., Sullivan, Moultrie Co., Ill., "Jerusha A. Baker | 1848-1936."

1686. *Ill. County Marriage Records, 1800-1940*, "Jemsia" A. Riggs to Gilbert Baker, 19 Apr. 1866, Richland Co., Ill., FHL 1221093.

1687. *Ill. Statewide Marriage Index*, "[groom] Riggs, Samuel G. [bride] Wheeler, Hannah [date] 1854-03-23 [vol.] 001 [county] Richland." (See Bibliography for details.)

1688. *Find a Grave*, no. 81982490, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "Hannah | wife of | S. G. Riggs. | Born | June 28, 1834. | Died | Nov. 25, 1872. | [text]."

1689. *Ill. Statewide Marriage Index*, "[groom] Riggs, Samuel G. [bride] Newell, Lurana [date] 1873-07-24 [vol.] 002 [license] 00000624 [county] Richland."

1690. *Find a Grave*, no. 84278726, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "Lurana | Wife of | S. G. Riggs. | Born | Feb. 13, 1844 | Died | Apr. 10, 1886."

1691. *Ill. Statewide Marriage Index*, "[groom] Riggs, Samuel G. [bride] Varner, Margie A. [date] 1886-12-23 [vol.] 003 [page] 0125 [license] 00000158 [county] Richland."

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14, born in Indiana. Mahala Houser, 22, born Indiana, resided next door.<sup>[1692]</sup>

In 1870 Green Riggs, 37, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$2,000 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with Hannah, 34, born in Maryland, and with Alexander, 15, Aaron M., 13, and John H., 4, all born in Illinois.<sup>[1693]</sup>

In 1880 "Green S." Riggs, 46, a farmer born in Kentucky of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with his wife, Lurana, 36, born in Illinois of a father born in Ohio and a mother of unknown nativity, and with his sons, Aaron M., 23, married, a farmer born in Illinois of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Indiana, John H., 14, of the same nativities as Aaron, and James S., 3, born in Illinois of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Illinois, and his daughter-in-law, Malinda, 19, married, born in Illinois of parents of unknown nativities. Next door were the families of Aaron Riggs, 75, born in Kentucky, and Harvey Riggs, 40, born in Indiana.<sup>[1694]</sup>

Children of the first marriage, to Hannah:

- 807 i ALEXANDER<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1854, Illinois.
- 808 ii SARAH J.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 25 Oct. about 1855, Illinois, died 21 Aug. 1865, buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1695]</sup>
- 809 iii AARON MASON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1859, Illinois, married 16 Oct. 18— (see newspaper item) MALINDA DAVIS, born 19 Nov. 1859 (newspaper item below), Illinois, died 28 Apr. 1909, Claremont Twp., Ill., and was buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1696]</sup>  
They had five children.

Newspaper item:

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1692. U.S. census, 1860, Wilsonburgh PO, Richland Co., Ill., r. 223, p. 146, dw. 1033, fam. 1034.

1693. U.S. census, 1870, Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., r. 272, p. 515A, dw. 1, fam. 1.

1694. U.S. census, 1880, Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., ED 171, r. 245, p. 53B, dw. ?, fam. 104.

1695. *Find a Grave*, no. 81983112, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill, "Sarah J. | Dau. of | S. G. & H. Riggs | Died | Aug 21, 1865 | [broken]." Unsourced birth: 25 Oct. 1855, Illinois.

1696. *Find a Grave*, no. 116439402, newspaper item, source cited: "Gleanings From Old Newspapers, Clay & Richland Counties, Illinois' by Taylor."

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Malinda Davis was born November 19, 1859 and died in Claremont Township April 28, 1909, aged 49 years, 5 months and 9 days.

She was married to Aaron Riggs October 16, 18—. Five children were born. Those remaining with the father are Mrs. Anna Trotter, Minnie and Norman Riggs and one brother.

Burial was in Houser Cemetery.

- 810 iv **JOHN H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 11 May 1866 (gravestone), Illinois, died 2 Oct. 1897, and buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1697]</sup>
- 811 v **[INFANT]<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 29 Sept. 1871, died 2 Oct. 1871, and buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1698]</sup>
- 812 vi **[INFANT]<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, died 29 Oct. 1872, and buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1699]</sup> Its mother Hannah died 25 Nov. 1872.

Children of the second marriage, to Lurana:

- 813 vii **LUELLA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 23 Aug. 1874 (gravestone), Illinois, died 29 Aug. 1875, and buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1700]</sup>
- 814 viii **JAMES S.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 3 Aug. 1876 (gravestone), Illinois, died 1 June 1891, and buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1701]</sup>

**436. MAHALA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>224</sub>Aaron<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 28 Apr. 1836 (calculated), Indiana, died 13 Mar. 1865, aged 28 years 10 months 13 days, and was buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1702]</sup> She married 24 Nov. 1853, Richland Co.,

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1697. *Find a Grave*, no. 81983168, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "John H. | Riggs | Born | May 11, 1866 | Died | Oct. 2, 1897."

1698. *Find a Grave*, no. 84279566, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "Infant Son | of | S. G. & H. Riggs. | born Sep. 29, 1871 | died | Oct. 2, 1871."

1699. *Find a Grave*, no. 84278892, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "Infant Son | of | S. G. & H. Riggs. | died | Oct. 29, 1872."

1700. *Find a Grave*, no. 81983568, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "Luella | Dau. of | S. G. & L. | Riggs | Born | Aug. 23, 1874 | Died | Aug. 29, 1875."

1701. *Find a Grave*, no. 81983605, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "James S. | Son of | S. G. & L. | Riggs | Born | Aug. 3, 1876 | Died June 1, 1891."

1702. *Find a Grave*, no. 83831371, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "Mahaly. | wife of | M. T. Houser | died | Mar. 13, 1865 | Aged | 28 Ys. 10 Ms. | 13 Ds."



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Ill.,<sup>[1703]</sup> **MANASSA T. HOUSER**, who was born about 1832, North Carolina.

In 1860 M. Houser, 28, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$1,200 real and \$385 personal estates, resided in Wilsonburgh, Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with Mahala, 22, born in Indiana, and with Charity, 5, Ovila, 3, “Jef,” 2, and Emma, 1, all born in Illinois, and “Jno” Moody, 12, born in Illinois.<sup>[1704]</sup>

Known children:

- 815 i **CHARITY<sup>9</sup> HOUSER**, born about 1855, Illinois. She resided with her grandfather Aaron<sup>7</sup> Riggs in the 1870 census (q.v.).
- 816 ii **OVILA<sup>9</sup> HOUSER**, born about 1857, Illinois.
- 817 iii **JEFF<sup>9</sup> HOUSER**, born about 1858, Illinois.
- 818 iv **EMMA<sup>9</sup> HOUSER**, born about 1859, Illinois.

**437. HARVEY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>224</sub>Aaron<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 4 May 1840 (gravestone), Indiana, died 13 Nov. 1905, and was buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., with his son George.<sup>[1705]</sup> He married (1) Dec. 1869 (1870 census) **FANNIE M. COURTRIGHT**,<sup>[1706]</sup> who was born 29 June 1848 (gravestone), Illinois, died 12 Aug. 1898, and was buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., with her daughter Emma.<sup>[1707]</sup> He married (2) 7 Mar. 1900, Richland Co., Ill., **CORNELIA A. (WILLIAMSON) RIGGS**, widow of his brother John H. Riggs, whose sketch see for further details about her. Harvey married (3) 24 Mar. 1904, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1708]</sup> **LIZZIE (TUSCHHAUSER)**

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1703. Ill. *Statewide Marriage Index*, “[groom] Hauser, Manassa [bride] Riggs, Mahala [date] 1853–11–24 [vol.] 001 [county] Richland.” (See Bibliography for details.)

1704. U.S. census, 1860, Wilsonburgh PO, Richland Co., Ill., r. 223, p. 146, dw. 1033, fam. 1034.

1705. *Find a Grave*, no. 81982623, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., “Harvey | May 4, 1840 | Nov. 13 1905 | George E. | Dec. 3, 1874 | June 9, 1875.”

1706. Her surname from her son Samuel’s marriage record (q.v.): Ill. *County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, Samuel H. Riggs, 29, to Annie Kettning, 21, 24 Feb. 1899, Richland Co., Ill., his parents “Hary” Riggs and Fanny Courtright, her parents Henry Kettning and Mary Arnold, FHL 1221094.

1707. *Find a Grave*, no. 81982691, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., “Fanny M. | June 29, 1848 | Aug. 12, 1898 | Emma J. | Aug. 6, 1877 | Mar. 9, 1894.”

1708. Ill. *County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, “Harvy” Riggs, 63, to Lizzie Tuschhauser

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(KOCCHAUSER) MEURLLOT, who was born about 1848, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Aliech) Tuschhauser.

In 1870 Harvey Riggs, 30, a farmer born in Indiana with \$1,600 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with Fannie M., 23, born in Illinois. They were married within the year, in December 1869.<sup>[1709]</sup>

In 1880 Harvey Riggs, 40, a farmer born in Indiana of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with his wife, Fannie M., 31, born in Illinois of Pennsylvania natives, and with his sons, Samuel H., 10, and Charlie F., 8, and daughter, Emma J., 3, all born in Illinois. Next door were the families of Aaron Riggs, 75, born in Kentucky, and Green S. Riggs, 46, born in Indiana.<sup>[1710]</sup>

In 1900 Harvey Riggs, 60, a farmer born May 1840 in Indiana of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Olney, Richland Co., Ill., with his wife of one year, Catharine A., 49, born Oct. 1850 in Ohio of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Ohio.<sup>[1711]</sup>

Children of the first marriage, to Fannie:

- 819 i SAMUEL H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1870, Illinois.
- 820 ii CHARLIE F.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1872, Illinois.
- 821 iii GEORGE E.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 3 Dec. 1874 (gravestone), died 9 June 1875, and was buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., with his father (q.v.).<sup>[1712]</sup>
- 822 iv EMMA J.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 5 Aug. 1877 (gravestone), Illinois, died 9 Mar. 1894, aged 6 months 6 days (second gravestone), and buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., with her mother (q.v.).

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Kochhauser Meurlot, 56, 24 Mar. 1904, Richland Co., Ill., his parents Aaron Riggs and Jerusha Sutton, her parents Jacob Tuschhauser and Catherine Aliech, FHL 1221094.

1709. U.S. census, 1870, Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., r. 272, p. 515A, dw. 3, fam. 3.

1710. U.S. census, 1880, Denver Twp., Richland Co., Ill., ED 171, r. 245, p. 53B, dw. ?, fam. 105.

1711. U.S. census, 1900, Olney, Richland Co., Ill., ED 126, r. ?, p. 128, sh. 15A, dw. 320, fam. 347.

1712. *Find a Grave*, no. 81983222, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "George E. | Son of | H & F. M. Riggs | Died | June 9, 1875 | Aged | 6 Mos. 6 Ds."

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**438. JOHN HENRY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>224</sub>Aaron<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>)<sup>[1713]</sup> was born 6 Jan. 1842 (gravestone), Indiana, died 22 Mar. 1895, aged 52 years 2 months 16 days, and was buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1714]</sup> He married (1) before deed of 19 Sept. 1863 **MARY F.** —. He married (2) before deed of 23 Jan. 1866 **MARTHA JANE** —, who was born 24 [Apr.?] 1843 (calculated), died 16 Oct. 1868, aged 25 years 5 months 22 days, and was buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1715]</sup> He married (3) 3 Aug. 1869, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1716]</sup> **CORNELIA A. WILLIAMSON**, who was born Oct. 1850 (1900 census) or 2 Oct. 1851 (gravestone), Ohio, daughter of Mahlon and Lucy (Burgess) Williamson, and died 1 Jan. 1916, Dundas, Richland Co., Ill., and was buried 3 Jan. 1916 in Houser Cem.<sup>[1717]</sup>

On 19 Sept. 1863, John H. Riggs and Mary F. Riggs his wife sold to Ann Cope, for \$400, a lot In the A. Kitchell second addition of Olney, Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1718]</sup>

On 23 Jan. 1866, John H. Riggs and Martha J. Riggs his wife sold to Harvey Riggs, for \$600, 40 acres in Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1719]</sup>

On 15 May 1866, John H. Riggs and Martha J. Riggs his wife, of Richland Co., Ill., sold to Robert Brown, of the same place, for \$800, 40 acres in Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1720]</sup>

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1713. His middle name from the deed between him and his father of 8 Mar. 1861. See his father's sketch.

1714. *Find a Grave*, no. 81982813, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "John H. | Riggs | Born | Jan. 6, 1842 | Died | Mar. 22, 1895 | Aged | 53 Yr. 2 mo. & 16 ds. | [text]."

1715. *Find a Grave*, no. 81982879, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "Martha J. | wife of | John H. Riggs | died | Oct. 16, 1868 | aged | 25 Yrs | [5?] mos. 22 [dys]." **Un-sourced** birth: 4 Feb. 1843.

1716. *Ill. County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, John H. Riggs to Cornelia A. Williamson, 3 Aug. 1869, Richland Co., Ill., FHL 1221093.

1717. *Find a Grave*, no. 81982759, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "Cornelia | Riggs | Born | Oct. 2, 1851 | Died | Jan. 1, 1916."

1718. Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, R:120, image online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, image 56 of 1290, film 8397322.

1719. Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, S:421, image online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, image 553 of 1290, film 8397322.

1720. Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, S:620, image online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, image 656 of 1290, film 8397322.

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On 22 Mar. 1867, John H. Riggs and Martha Jane Riggs his wife sold to Jane Crosby, for \$800, 67.93 acres in Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1721]</sup>

In 1870 John Riggs, 28, a farmer born in Indiana with \$1,200 real and \$250 personal estates, resided in Noble, Noble Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with Cornelia A., 18, born in Ohio.<sup>[1722]</sup>

On 9 Nov. 1871, John H. Riggs and Cornelia A. Riggs his wife sold to John Bower, for \$830, 40 acres in Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1723]</sup>

The following deeds I could not see from home, but were listed in the grantor index for Richland Co., Ill.:

19 Sept. 1863, John H. Riggs and wife to Machtel, for \$200 [P:391].

11 Dec. 1871 John H. Riggs to Mahlon Williamson, 10 acres for \$170 [1:537].

15 Nov. 1875 John H. Riggs to Orlando A. Thompson, for \$180 [6:201].

15 Dec. 1875 John H. Riggs to Samuel McGuire, 30 acres for \$200 [H?: 521].

In 1880 John H. Riggs, 39, a farmer born in Indiana of Kentucky natives, resided in Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with his wife, Cornelia A., 28, born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Indiana, and with his son, Zina, 8, and daughter, Ida F., 3, both born in Illinois.<sup>[1724]</sup>

On 15 Apr. 1882, John H. Riggs filed for a Civil War invalid's pension from Ill., and it was granted. On 8 Apr. 1895, Cornelia A. Riggs, his widow, applied for a widow's pension from Illinois, and it was granted. On 2 Aug. 1900, she, as guardian, filed for a minor's pension from Illinois, and it was granted.<sup>[1725]</sup>

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1721. Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, V:394, image online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, image 687 of 1244, film 8397291.

1722. U.S. census, 1870, Noble PO, Noble Twp., Richland Co., Ill., r. 272, p. 569A, dw. 192, fam. 192.

1723. Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, 1:466, image online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, image 931 of 938, film 8423038.

1724. U.S. census, 1880, Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill., ED 179, r. 245, p. 174B, dw. 171, fam. 179.

1725. *U.S. Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861–1934*, soldier John H. Riggs,

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In 1910 Cornelia Riggs, 58, a widow born in Ohio of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Ohio, resided alone in Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill. She had had two [sic] children, with two surviving.<sup>[1726]</sup>

Children:

- 823 i LEVINIA B.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 7 June 1869, died 4 Dec. 1872, aged 3 years 5 months 27 days and buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1727]</sup>
- 824 ii ?OSCAR<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 15 Dec. 1871, Illinois, died 16 June 1879, buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1728]</sup>
- + 825 iii ZINA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 3 Aug. 1871, Olney, Richland Co., Ill., married CYNTHIA BENNETT, and had at least six children.
- 826 iv IDA F.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1877, Illinois, married 27 Jan. 1897, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1729]</sup> WILMER W. BENNETT, born about 1877, son of Oliver P. and Hannah (Close) Bennett.
- 827 v RAYMOND<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 1 Feb. 1886 (gravestone), died 29 Dec. 1942, buried in Arthur Cem., Arthur, Douglas Co., Ill.,<sup>[1730]</sup> married 9 Apr. 1905, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1731]</sup> GRACE MAY WILLHITE, born 31 May 1886 (gravestone), daughter of Thomas

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widow, Cornelia A. Riggs, minor, Cornelia A. Riggs, Guardian, service "G 98 Ill. Inf," invalid pension application 446556, filed 15 Apr. 1882, Ill., certificate 270783, widow pension application 613175, filed 8 Apr. 1895, Ill., certificate 431428, minor pension application 724384, filed 2 Aug. 1900, Ill., certificate 514194.

1726. U.S. census, 1910, Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill., ED 169, r. 318, p. 315, sh. 13A, dw. 184, fam. 185.

1727. *Find a Grave*, no. 81983324, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "Levinia B. | Dau. of | J. H. & C. A. Riggs | Died | Dec. 4, 1872 | Aged | 3 Ys. 5ms. 27 Ds."

1728. *Find a Grave*, no. 81983410, no gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., unsourced information: born 15 Dec. 1871, Ill., died 16 June 1879, Richland Co., Ill., buried Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill. "no tombstone found."

1729. *Ill. County Marriage Records, 1800-1940*, Ida F. Riggs, 20, to Wilmer W. Bennett, 20, 27 Jan. 1897, Richland Co., Ill., her parents John H. Riggs and Cornelia Williamson, his parents Oliver Bennett and "Hanah" Close, FHL 1221094.

1730. *Find a Grave*, no. 79452906, gravestone photograph, by Janice (Teel) Crites, Arthur Cem., Arthur, Douglas Co., Ill., "Riggs | Grace M. | May 31, 1886 | Sept. 3, 1969 | Mother || Raymond | Feb. 1, 1886 | Dec. 29, 1942 | Father."

1731. *Ill. County Marriage Records, 1800-1940*, Raymond Riggs, 20, to Grace May Willhite, 20, 9 Apr. 1905, Richland Co., Ill., his parents John H. Riggs and "Remelia Milliman," her parents Thomas Willhite and Elizabeth Goss, FHL 1221094.

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and Elizabeth (Goss) Willhite, died 3 Sept. 1969, buried with her husband, and had at least one child.

**440. AARON W.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sup>224</sup>Aaron<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1851, Illinois, probably died before the 1880 census but not before fathering a child about 1874. He married 13 July 1871, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1732]</sup> **CATHARINE HOLTZ**, who was born about 1856, Illinois, daughter of Joseph and Susan Elmira (Spurling) Holtz. Note that Catharine's mother was the second wife of Aaron<sup>7</sup> Riggs, Aaron W.<sup>8</sup>'s father. Catharine, as "Katie Leness," died 28 Aug. 1920, Clear Lake, Sangamon Co., Ill., age 67.<sup>[1733]</sup>

On 4 Nov. 1867, Aaron W. Riggs enlisted for three years in the U.S. Army at Vincennes, Ind., under Capt. McCleary. He was 21, a farmer born in Richland Co., Ill. He served in Company D of the 11th Infantry and Company B of the 2nd Infantry. He was discharged, as a private, on 1 Nov. 1870, at the expiration of his term of service, in Huntsville, Ala.<sup>[1734]</sup>

On 29 Aug. 1871, Aaron W. Riggs and Catharine Riggs his wife sold to Francis Marion Joseph, for \$85, 60 acres of land in Richland Co., Ill., described as follows:

All of my undivided one fourth interest in the following described land, to wit: fifty (50) acres off of the South end of the West half of the North East quarter of section fourteen (14) Town four (4) North Range Nine (9) East, and Also ten (10) acres off of the West side of the North West quarter of the South West quarter of section Nineteen (19) Township

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1732. Ill. *County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, Aaron Riggs to Catharine Holtz, 13 July 1871, Richland Co., Ill., FHL 1221093.

1733. Ill. *Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916–1947*, Katie "Leness" (probably a misreading of Lanier) aka Katie Holtz, born about 1853, Ill., died 28 Aug. 1920, Clear Lake, Sangamon Co., Ill., buried 31 Aug., 1920, [?], Ill., age 67, housewife, widow, residence St. John Sanitorium, father "Eli" Holtz, born Ill., mother "Elmire Riggo," born Ill., comment "May b Leneas," FHL 1570226.

1734. U.S. *Army Register of Enlistments, 1798–1914*, "[name] Riggs, Aaron W. [enlisted] 1867 November 4 Vincennes, Ind. Capt. McCleary, [term] 3 Years [where born] Richland Co. Ill. [age] 21 [occupation] Farmer [eyes] Brown [hair] Auburn [complexion] Light [height Feet Inches] 5 5 [service] [Regiment Company] 11 Inf. 2 Inf. D B [Remarks] Discharged November 4, 1870, Expiration of service, at Huntsville, Ala., a Pvt."

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four (4) North Range ten (10) East. It being the one fourth interest of the land set apart as dower to Malinda Riggs widow of Redan [sic] Riggs deceased in the Richland Circuit Court at the May and October Terms thereof A.D. 1858.<sup>[1735]</sup>

Catharine apparently married, second, before the 1880 census (and after she had Sarah Ann Riggs in about 1874), John W. Blain. However, the name Blain does not appear in the next marriage record for Catharine (see below).

On 21 June 1883 Catharine “Blaine,” widow of Aaron W. Riggs, applied for a Civil War widow’s pension, from Illinois, for his service in Company B, 2 U.S. Infantry.<sup>[1736]</sup>

Catharine (Holtz) Riggs married, third, 11 July 1892, Richland Co., Ill., Lewis W. Lanier.<sup>[1737]</sup>

Child:

- 828 i SARAH ANN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1874, Illinois, died 1947, buried Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[1738]</sup> married 6 Mar. 1890, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[1739]</sup> WALTER J. MYERS, born 1868, son of George and Ester (Gibson) Myers, died 1960, and buried with his wife. **This is my correspondent Forrest (Seaton) Deimel’s line.**

**442. JAMES J.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>225?</sub>Reddin<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1818, Kentucky. He married PRISCILLA —, who was born about 1822, Indiana.

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1735. Richland Co., Ill., Deeds, 1:352, image online at <www.familysearch.org>, image 874 of 938, film 8423038.

1736. *U.S. Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861–1934*, image online, soldier Aaron W. Riggs, widow Catharine “Blaine,” service “B 2 U.S. Inf.,” widow pension application 305865 filed 21 June 1883, Ill., but no certificate no. given, so perhaps was not granted.

1737. *Ill. County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, Catharine Holtz Riggs, 38, married 11 July 1892, Richland Co., Ill., Lewis W. Lanier, 34, her parents Joseph Holtz and Elmyra Spunig, his parents Robert Lanier and Isabella Nelson, FHL 1221094.

1738. *Find a Grave*, no. 100468091, gravestone photograph, by B. Pipher, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., “Myers | Walter | 1868–1960 || Sarah A. | 1874–1947.”

1739. *Ill. County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, Sarah Ann Riggs, 17, born about 1873, married 6 Mar. 1890, Richland Co., Ill., Walter J. Myers, her parents Aaron Riggs and Catharine Holts, his parent George Myers and Ester Gibson, FHL 1221093.

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In 1850 James J. Riggs, 32, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$200 real estate, resided in Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., with Priscilla, 28, born in Indiana, and with Malinda, 9, Nancy, 7, and Hannah, 3, all three born in Indiana. Next door was Reddin Riggs, 50, born in North Carolina.<sup>[1740]</sup>

Known children:

829 i MALINDA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1841, Indiana.

830 ii NANCY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1843, Indiana.

831 iii HANNAH<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1847, Indiana.

**444. HIRAM WHITLEY<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>225</sub>?Reddin<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1824, Indiana or Kentucky. He married 25 Nov. 1841, Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[1741]</sup> **HANNAH SHERIDAN**, who was born about 1826, North Carolina.

In 1850 Whitley Riggs, 26, a farmer born in Indiana, resided in Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., with Hannah, 24, born in North Carolina, and with Sarah, 9, William, 7, Melinda, 5, John, 3, and Reddin, 1, all five born in Indiana.<sup>[1742]</sup>

In 1860 Hiram W. Riggs, 37, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$4,000 real and \$1,000 personal estates, resided in Mitchell, Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., with Hannah, 37, born in North Carolina, and with “W<sup>m</sup>” H., 17, Malinda, 15, Redding, 11, Anna, 9, and Mary A., 3, all five born in Indiana, and a laborer.<sup>[1743]</sup>

In 1870 Hannah Riggs, 45, a widow born in North Carolina with \$1,200 real and \$800 personal estates, resided in Orleans, Orleans Twp.,

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1740. U.S. census, 1850, Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., r. 158, p. 351B, dw. 385, fam. 385.

1741. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811-1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1826-1849, 2:111, “[license] [1841] [Nov.] 23<sup>rd</sup> Hiram W. Riggs consent in writing | and | Hannah Sheridan consent in person | | I certify that on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 1841, Hiram W. Riggs and Hannah Sheridan were lawfully joined together as husband and wife by me Joseph Odell MG.”

1742. U.S. census, 1850, Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., r. 158, p. 354B, dw. 422, fam. 422.

1743. U.S. census, 1860, Mitchell PO, Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., r. 276, p. 870, dw. 1010, fam. 1010.



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Orange Co., Ind., with Redden, 21, Mary A., 13, James, 11, and Hiram, 6, all four born in Indiana.<sup>[1744]</sup>

Children:

- + 832 i SARAH<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1841, Indiana, married JOSEPH SANDERS, and had at least six children.
- 833 ii WILLIAM H.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1843, Indiana.
- 834 iii MELINDA/MALINDA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1845, Indiana, married 10 Nov. 1844, Lawrence Co., Ind.,<sup>[1745]</sup> JESSE GOSS.
- 835 iv JOHN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1847, Indiana.
- 836 v REDDEN/REDDING<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1849, Indiana.
- 837 vi ANNA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1851, Indiana.
- 838 vii MARY A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1857, Indiana.
- 839 viii JAMES<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1859, Indiana.
- + 840 ix HIRAM WHITLEY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born May 1864, Vincennes, Knox Co., Ind., married SUSAN[NA] MILLER, and had at least six children.

**447. AMOS<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>226</sub>Silas<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1810, New Jersey. He married 1 Sept. 1838, Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1746]</sup> MALINDA BROWN, born about 1812, New Jersey.

**Placeholder:** Mary Ann Riggs marrige 4 Mar. 1837, Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1747]</sup> William Perago.

In 1840 Amos Riggs, 30-40, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with a woman 30-40.<sup>[1748]</sup>

In 1850 Amos Riggs, 40, a laborer born in New Jersey, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with "Marinda," 38, and Mary, 10, both

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1744. U.S. census, 1870, Orleans PO, Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., r. 348, p. 93A, dw. 36, fam. 36.

1745. *Ind. Marriages, 1780-1992*, "Jessee" Goss to Melinda Riggs, 0 Nov. 1844, Lawrence, Ind.

1746. Love, Bristow, Reynolds, and Meeker, *History of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, Sussex, N.J.*, 38, "[Rev. Isaac Moore] Sept. 1, 1838 Amos Riggs to Miss Malinda Brown"; *N.J. Marriages, 1684-1895*, Amos Riggs to Malinda Brown, 1 Sept. 1838, Sussex Co.

1747. Love, Bristow, Reynolds, and Meeker, *History of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, Sussex, N.J.*, 38, "[Rev. Isaac Moore] [1837] March 4, William Perago to Miss Mary Ann Riggs."

1748. U.S. census, 1840, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 260, p. 125.

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born in New Jersey, and Ann Barnes, 60, black, born in New Jersey, all in the household of Mary Riggs, 60, born in New Jersey.<sup>[1749]</sup>

Child:

841 i MARY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1840, New Jersey.

**448. JOHN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>226</sub>Silas<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born **6 June** about 1823, New Jersey, and died **6 Mar. 1888**. He married **MARIA LOZAW [LOSAW]**, who was born about 1825, New Jersey, and died **25 Dec. 1890**.

In 1850 John Riggs, 27, a laborer born in New Jersey, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with Maria, 25, born in New Jersey, and with David, 5, Lydia, 3, and John, 1, all three born in New Jersey.<sup>[1750]</sup>

In 1860 John Riggs, 38, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$500 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Dickertown, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with Maria, 36, born in New Jersey, and with David, 14, John A., 11, Hannah, 10, Martha J., 7, Smith, 2, and William G., 1, all six born in New Jersey.<sup>[1751]</sup>

In 1870 John Riggs, 47, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$360 real and \$385 personal estates, resided in Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., with Maria, 46, born in New Jersey, and with Smith, 13, "W<sup>m</sup>" G., 11, Mark, 9, Evaline, 5, and Mary, 2, all five born in New Jersey.<sup>[1752]</sup>

In 1880 John Riggs, 58, a farmer born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., with his wife, Maria, 54, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and with his daughter, Lydia A., 33, son, John, 30, daughters, Hannah, 28, and Martha, 26, sons, William, 21, and Mark, 18, and daughters, Eva, 14, and Mary A., 12, all eight born in New Jersey.<sup>[1753]</sup>

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1749. U.S. census, 1850, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 464, p. 69B, dw. 274, fam. 284.

1750. U.S. census, 1850, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 464, p. 400, dw. 415.

1751. U.S. census, 1860, Dickerton PO, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 709, p. 542, dw. 261, fam. 261.

1752. U.S. census, 1870, Vernon PO, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 889, pp. 235-36, dw. 206, fam. 215.

1753. U.S. census, 1880, Vernon PO, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., ED 186, r. 799, p. 207B, dw. 247, fam. 261.

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### Children:

- 842 i DAVID<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1845, New Jersey.  
843 ii LYDIA A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1847, New Jersey.  
+ 844 iii JOHN ANDERSON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 17 Feb. 1849, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., married CARRIE —, and had seven children.  
845 iv HANNAH<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1850, New Jersey.  
846 v EMILY F.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 15 May 1851, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1754]</sup>  
847 vi MARTHA G./J.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 5 June 1853, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1755]</sup> married 31 Jan. 1881, Vernon, Sussex Co.,<sup>[1756]</sup> WILLIAM H. CARD, born about 1860.  
848 vii SMITH<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 25 Jan. 1857, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1757]</sup>  
849 viii WILLIAM G.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 15 Feb. 1859, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1758]</sup>  
850 ix MARK<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1861, New Jersey.

In 1910 Mark E. Riggs, 45, a day laborer born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Warwick Twp., Orange Co., N.Y., with his wife of 10 years, Lillie E. M., 35, born in Germany of German natives, and with his son, John H., 8, born in New York, daughter, Abbie P., 6, born in New Jersey, and sons, Edward M., 4, and Andrew H., 1/12, both born in New York.<sup>[1759]</sup>

In 1920 “Martin” Riggs, 57, a farm laborer born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Warwick Twp., Orange Co., N.Y., with his wife, Lillie M., 44, born in Germany of German natives, and with his son, John H., 18, born in New York, daughter, Abbie

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1754. *N.J. Births and Christenings, 1660–1980*, Emily F. Riggs, born 15 May 1851, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., father John Riggs, mother Maria [FHL unknown].

1755. *N.J. Births and Christenings, 1660–1980*, Martha G. [var. J.] Riggs, born 5 June 1853, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., father John Riggs, mother Mariah [FHL 584582].

1756. *N.J. Marriages, 1678–1985*, Martha J. Riggs, 25, to Wm. H. Card, 21, 31 Jan. 1881, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., [FHL 495697].

1757. *N.J. Births and Christenings, 1660–1980*, Smith Riggs, born 25 Jan. 1857, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., father John Riggs, mother Mary [FHL 584582].

1758. *N.J. Births and Christenings, 1660–1980*, William G. Riggs, born 15 Feb. 1859, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., father John Riggs, mother Mariah [FHL unknown].

1759. U.S. census, 1910, Warwick Twp., Orange Co., N.Y., ED 87, r. 1061, p. 67, sh. 16A, dw. 95, fam. 97.

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P., 16, and sons, 'Eddie' M., 13, and Andrew H., 9, both born in New York.<sup>[1760]</sup>

In 1930 Mark Riggs, 68, a fruit farm laborer born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Warwick Twp., Orange Co., N.Y., with his son, Andrew, 19, a fruit farm laborer born in New York. Mark was first married at age 62 [sic].<sup>[1761]</sup>

851 x EVALINE/EVA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1865, New Jersey.

852 xi MARY A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 29 Feb. 1868, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1762]</sup>

**449. THOMPSON DER<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>228</sub>Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>)<sup>[1763]</sup> was born 21 July 1811,<sup>[1764]</sup> New Jersey, died 4 Nov. 1889, aged 79, Glen Cove, Long Island, Nassau Co., N.Y.,<sup>[1765]</sup> and was buried in Deckerton-Union Cem., Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1766]</sup> He married 28 Sept. 1837, Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1767]</sup> **MARIBAH COX**,<sup>[1768]</sup> who was born 1820 (gravestone), New Jersey,

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1760. U.S. census, 1920, Warwick Twp., Orange Co., N.Y., ED 183, r. 1253, p. 50, sh. 4A, dw. 36, fam. 36.

1761. U.S. census, 1930, Warwick Twp., Orange Co., N.Y., ED 106, r. 1634, p. 226, sh. 7A, dw. 142, fam. 153.

1762. *N.J. Births and Christenings, 1660–1980*, Mary Riggs, born 29 Feb. 1868, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., father John Riggs, mother Mariah [FHL 494163].

1763. The middle name is from his gravestone.

1764. Samuel Riggs Genealogy; Francis Edward Stoll Sketch.

1765. Death notice, unknown and undated newspaper item, "Mr. Thompson Riggs, formerly of this town, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Aaron Ackerson, on Long Island, on the 4th inst.," photocopy of newspaper item courtesy of Terry Hann.

1766. Transit permit, State of N.Y., 5 Nov. 1889, "to remove the remains of Thompson D Riggs age 79, who died at Glen Cove, L.I. on the 4 day of November 1889; . . . Transit Permit being asked for burial at Hamburg the State of New Jersey," photocopy of permit courtesy of Terry Hann.; gravestone photograph, by Jeff Cox, Find a Grave no. 5961669, Deckertown-Union Cem., Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J., "Riggs | Thompson Der | 1811 - 1889 | Meribah Cox | 1820 - 1894 | Maria Samantha 1845 - 1914 | Meribah Cornelia | 1848 - 1918."

1767. Love, Bristow, Reynolds, and Meeker, *History of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, Sussex, N.J.*, 38, "[Rev. Isaac Moore] [1837] "Sept. 28-Thompson Riggs to Miss Maraby [sic] Cox"; *N.J. Marriages, 1684–1895*, Thomas [sic] Riggs to Maraby [sic] Cox, 28 Sept. 1837, Sussex Co.

1768. Death notice, unknown and undated newspaper item, "Mrs. Thompson Riggs died last week. She was the mother of Mrs. Nicholas Mabie, of Beaver Run, and sister of William Cox, of Deckertown, and James and Nicholas Cox, of Wantage," photocopy of newspaper item courtesy of

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daughter of **Nicholas I. and Meribah M. (McCoy) Cox**, and who died 1894, and was buried next to her husband and twin daughters in Deckertown-Union Cem.

In 1840 Thompson D. Riggs, 20–30, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with a female 15–20, and two girls under 5. Next to Thompson is listed “Sam” Riggs, 50–60.<sup>[1769]</sup>

In 1850 Thompson D. Riggs, 38, a farmer born in New Jersey with real estate worth \$5,500, resided in Hardyston Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with “Mariber,” 29, born in New Jersey, and with Susan, 12, Eliza, 10, Nicholas, 8, “Sibble,” 6, twins Maria and “Meriber,” 2, all born in New Jersey, and with Levi Huffman, 12, Mary Havens, 15, and James Lewis, 17, all born in New Jersey. Next door was Mary Riggs, 63, a widow [**I don’t know who she is**] born in New Jersey in the household of Samuel and Elizabeth (–) Smith. Moses Stoll, 24, (who would marry Thompson’s sister, Cornelia) is on the same census page.<sup>[1770]</sup>

In 1860 Thompson D. Riggs, 49, a farmer born in New Jersey, resided in Hamburg, Hardyston Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with “Maribe,” 40, born in New Jersey, and with “Liza,” 20, Nicholas, 16, “Sibble,” 14, twins “Mariah” S. and “Mariel,” 12, and Emma J., 5, all born in New Jersey.<sup>[1771]</sup>

In 1870 Thompson Riggs, 56, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$12,000 real and \$2,000 personal estates, resided in Sparta, Hardyston Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with “Mary,” 42 [sic], born in New Jersey, and with twins Maria and “Maribee,” 21, and Emma, 14, all born in New Jersey, and also Charles Moshser, 12, born in New Jersey. Next door was Nicholas Riggs, 25.<sup>[1772]</sup>

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1769. U.S. census, 1840, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 260, p. 118.

1770. U.S. census, 1850, “Hardiston” Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 464, pp. 159–60, dw. 213, fam. 217.

1771. U.S. census, 1860, Hamburg PO, Hardyston Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 709, p. 478, dw. 109, fam. 118.

1772. U.S. census, 1870, Sparta PO, Hardyston Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 889, p. 102, dw. 318, fam. 322. Nicholas resided in dw. 319.

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In 1880 Thompson D. Riggs, 66, a stone mason born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Hardyston Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with his wife, Meribah, 59, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives.<sup>[1773]</sup>

Children:

- 853 i SUSAN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1838, New Jersey.
- 854 ii ELIZA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1840, New Jersey.
- + 855 iii NICHOLAS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1842, New Jersey, married BERNICE —, and had four children.
- 856 iv SIBYL<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1844, New Jersey.
- 857 v MARIA SAMANTHA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS (twin), born 1848, New Jersey, died 1914, and buried in Deckertown-Union Cem., Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J., next to her parents (see her father's gravestone).
- 858 vi MERIBAH CORNELIA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS (twin), born about 1848, New Jersey died 1918, and buried in Deckertown-Union Cem., Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J., next to her parents (see her father's gravestone).
- 859 vii EMMA J.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1855, New Jersey.

**452. ZENAS DAYTON<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>228</sub>Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>)<sup>[1774]</sup> was born 9 May 1817,<sup>[1775]</sup> New Jersey, died 19 Dec. 1891, near Denton, Goshen Twp., Orange Co., N.Y.,<sup>[1776]</sup> and was buried in Glenwood Cem., Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1777]</sup> He

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1773. U.S. census, 1880, Hardyston Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., ED 178, r. 798, p. 8B, dw. 445, fam. 517.

1774. We now his middle name only from Samuel Riggs Genealogy.

1775. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, births, "Zenas D. Riggs was born May 9<sup>th</sup> 1817."

1776. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Zenas D. Riggs died December 19<sup>th</sup> 1891 | Aged 74 years"; obit., Zenas Riggs, digitized photocopy of (unidentified) newspaper clipping courtesy of Terry Hann, "Zenas Riggs died last Saturday morning at 8 o'clock at his home in Goshen township, just across the Wallkill from Denton. . . . He is survived by his wife and five daughters, three of whom are married. Interment in Glenwood"; obit., "Zenas D. Riggs," *Warwick Advertiser*, N.Y., 24 Dec. 1891, digitized photocopy of newspaper page, identified and dated in handwriting, courtesy of Terry Hann, "Zenas D. Riggs died at his home near Denton Saturday at 8 a.m., aged 74. . . . Mr. Riggs is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Thomas Robbins [sic] and Mrs. Daniel Bailey of Glenwood, N.J., Mrs. Maggie Clark, and Miss Susie, at home, and Miss Delia of New York. Herman Riggs, a brother lives at Coleville, N.J." Mrs. Daniel Bailey appears to be an error for Mrs. John Morehouse, and Herman Riggs was not a brother.

1777. *Glenwood Cem., Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.*, "Riggs, Zenas D. 09 May 1817 19 Dec 1891."

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married [25] Jan. 1845<sup>[1778]</sup> SUSAN BAILEY, who was born 31 July 1824,<sup>[1779]</sup> New Jersey, died 16 Dec. 1896, New Hampton, Orange Co., N.Y.,<sup>[1780]</sup> and was buried in Glenwood Cem.<sup>[1781]</sup>

In 1850 Zenas D. Riggs, 33, a laborer born in New Jersey, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with Susan, 25, born in New Jersey, and with Matthew, 5, and Ann, 2, both born in New Jersey. In the same dwelling was Samuel Riggs, 64.<sup>[1782]</sup>

In 1860 Zenas D. Riggs, 43, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$8,000 worth of personal estate, resided in Hamburg, Hardyston Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with Susan, 36, Matthew B., 15, Anna "A.," 13, Matilda B., 10, Frank "A.," 6, and Susan J., 1, all born in New Jersey. In the same dwelling was Samuel Riggs, 73.<sup>[1783]</sup>

In 1870 Zenas Riggs, 54, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$10,000 real and \$9,425 personal estates, resided in Glenwood, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with Susan, 45, Matthew, 24, Anna, 22, Matilda, 19, Susan J., 11, Delia, 8, and Maggie, 2, all born in New Jersey, and with Ann, 60, born in New Jersey with \$750 personal estate, and with "W<sup>m</sup>" Kane, 18, a farm laborer born in New Jersey.<sup>[1784]</sup>

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1778. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, marriages, "Zenas D. Riggs was married [sic] to Susan Baley [sic] Ja<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> [the 1 overwritten with 25 and noted above and below the confusing overwriting as '25']."

1779. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, births, "Susan Baley [sic] Riggs was born July 31<sup>st</sup> 1824."

1780. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Susan Bailey Riggs Died Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1896. Aged 72 years"; obit., "Mrs. Susan Riggs," photocopy of (unidentified) Warwick newspaper item courtesy of Terry Hann, "Died, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, at New Hampton, Orange county, N.Y., Mrs. Susan Riggs, widow of the late Zenas Riggs, aged about 75 years. Besides a large circle of more remote relatives, she leaves to mourn her loss five daughters—Anna Mary, wife of Mr. John Morehouse; Matilda, wife of Mr. Thomas Rodman; Susan, wife of Mr. Stephen Holland, of Blossburg, Pa.; Delia, of New York city, and Mrs. Maggie Clark at home. . . . Her remains were laid to rest in the Glenwood cemetery by the side of her husband and two sons." (There is a note by Terry at the top of the photocopy but it is cut off so as to be unreadable.)

1781. *Glenwood Cem., Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.*, "Riggs, Susan (Bailey) 31 Jul 1824 16 Dec 1896."

1782. U.S. census, 1850, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 464, p. 45, dw. 69, fam. 71.

1783. U.S. census, 1860, Hamburg PO, Hardyston Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 709, p. 463, dw. 5, families 6 and 7.

1784. U.S. census, 1870, Glenwood PO, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 889, p. 227B, dw. 91, fam. 95.

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In 1880 Zenas Riggs, 62, a farmer born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Goshen, Orange Co., N.Y., with his wife, Susan, 56, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and with his daughters, Susan J., 21, "Dealia," 19, and "Margret," 12, all three born in New Jersey.<sup>[1785]</sup>

Children:

- 860 i **MATTHEW B.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 25 Nov. 1845,<sup>[1786]</sup> New Jersey, died 26 Sept. 1870,<sup>[1787]</sup> buried Glenwood Cem.<sup>[1788]</sup>
- 861 ii **ANNA MARY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 8 Apr. 1848,<sup>[1789]</sup> New Jersey, died 14 May 1935,<sup>[1790]</sup> married 8 Feb. 1871<sup>[1791]</sup> **JOHN MOREHOUSE**, who died before the 1930 census.
- In 1930 "Mary A." Morehouse, 82, a widow born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Hamburg, Sussex Co., N.J., with her sister, Delia Riggs, 68 (q.v.).<sup>[1792]</sup>
- + 862 iii **MATILDA/TILLIE B.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 29 June 1851, New Jersey, married **THOMAS RODMAN**, and had two children.
- 863 iv **FRANCIS/FRANK M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 12 July 1854,<sup>[1793]</sup> New Jersey, died 22 July 1863,<sup>[1794]</sup> buried Glenwood Cem.<sup>[1795]</sup>
- 864 v **SUSAN JANE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 9 Feb. 1859,<sup>[1796]</sup> New Jersey, died 29 Jan. 1927,<sup>[1797]</sup> married 8 Feb. 1893<sup>[1798]</sup> **STEPHEN H. HOLLAND**. She was "Miss Susie" in an 1891 obituary for her father (q.v.).

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1785. U.S. census, 1880, Goshen, Orange Co., N.Y., ED 15, r. 910, p. 273B, dw. 611, fam. 687.

1786. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, births, "Matthew B. Riggs was born November 25<sup>th</sup> 1845."

1787. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Matthew B. Riggs Died September 26<sup>th</sup> 1870."

1788. *Glenwood Cem., Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.*, "(Riggs?), Matthew 25 Nov 1845 26 Sep 1870."

1789. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, births, "Anamary [sic] Riggs was born Ap<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1848."

1790. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Anna Mary Morehouse Died May 14<sup>th</sup> 1935."

1791. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, marriages, "Anamary [sic] Riggs was Married [sic] to John Morehouse Febuary [sic] 8<sup>th</sup> 1871."

1792. U.S. census, 1930, Hamburg, Sussex Co., N.J., ED 12, r. 1384, p. 96, sh. 8A, dw. 167, fam. 193.

1793. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, births, "Francis M. Riggs was born July 12<sup>th</sup> 1854."

1794. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Francis M. Riggs Died July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1863."

1795. *Glenwood Cem., Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.*, "Riggs, Francis M 12 Jul 1854 22 Jul 1865 [sic]."

1796. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, births, "Susan Jane Riggs was born Febuary [sic] 9<sup>th</sup> 1859."

1797. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Susan Jane Riggs Died Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1927."

1798. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, marriages, "Susie J. Riggs was married to Stephen H Holland Febuary 8<sup>th</sup> 1893."



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865 vi **DELIA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 11 Dec. 1861,<sup>[1799]</sup> New Jersey. She was “Dalia of New York city” in an 1896 obituary for her mother (q.v.). She was “Dr. Delia Riggs of Hamburg, N.J.” in a 1935 obituary for her sister, Matilda (q.v.).

In 1910 Delia Riggs, 48, single, a dentist born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., with four lodgers.<sup>[1800]</sup>

In 1920 Delia Riggs, 58, single, a dentist born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., with five other lodgers.<sup>[1801]</sup>

In 1930 Delia Riggs, 68, single, a doctor of dentistry born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Hamburg, Sussex Co., N.J., in the household of her sister, “Mary A.” Morehouse, 82, a widow born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives.<sup>[1802]</sup>

866 vii **MARGARET/MAGGIE L.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 2 Apr. 1868,<sup>[1803]</sup> died 17 June 1905,<sup>[1804]</sup> married [10?] May 1888<sup>[1805]</sup> **NIVEN H. CLARK**.

**456. CORNELIA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>228</sub>Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>)<sup>[1806]</sup> was born 14 Sept. 1827, New Jersey, died 24 Jan. 1919, and was buried in Deckerton Union Cem., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1807]</sup> She married 10 Oct. 1850, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1808]</sup> **MOSES**

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1799. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, births, “Delia Riggs was Born December 11<sup>th</sup> 1861.”

1800. U.S. census, 1910, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., ED 104, r. 1389, p. 187, sh. 2B, dw. 32, fam. 32.

1801. U.S. census, 1920, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., ED 194, r. 1615, p. 267, sh. 5B, dw. 82, fam. [empty].

1802. U.S. census, 1930, Hamburg, Sussex Co., N.J., ED 12, r. 1384, p. 96, sh. 8A, dw. 167, fam. 193.

1803. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, births, “Margaret [L.] Riggs was born April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1868.”

1804. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, “Margaret L Clark Died June 17 1905.”

1805. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, marriages, “Maggie L. Riggs was married to Niven H Clark May [10]<sup>th</sup> 1888.”

1806. We now his middle name only from Samuel Riggs Genealogy.

1807. *Deckerton Union Cem., Sussex Co., N.J.*, “Cornelia Riggs h/w [his wife] 9-14-1827 - 1 24 1919.” This is also called the Papakating Cem., Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J.

1808. Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., Marriages, AF:345b, “10-10-1850 - Moses Stoll, 33 m. Cornelia Riggs, 23, d.o. Samuel & Susan Riggs. M. by James H., Hope, Herdiston Baptist Clergy”; *Index to Marriage Records, 1848-1878*, “Stoll, Moses Riggs, Cornelia [location] Vernon [place of registration] Sussex Co.: Vernon [date] 10 Oct 1850 [reference] Bk AF: Pg. 345b.”

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**STOLL**, who was born 23 Mar. 1817, near Wallpack, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1809]</sup> son of Jacob and Phebe (Case) Stoll, and died 31 Dec. 1888 (or 1883, see bio below), and was buried in Deckerton Union Cem.<sup>[1810]</sup>

Here is a continuation of the excerpt from the sketch of Francis Edward Stoll:

Moses Stoll, son of Jacob and Phebe (Case) Stoll, was born March 23, 1817, near Wallpack, and became one of the outstanding men of his day in Sussex County. Having obtained an excellent education he taught school at Deckertown, now known as Sussex, for twelve years, until he was elected county superintendent of schools, an office he filled for several years. He then entered the shoe business at Sussex and later opened a store at Mount Salem, which he conducted for some years. Finally, Mr. Stoll purchased the old Vail farm of 129 acres of land in Wantage Township and operated it until his death, December 31, 1883. He was buried at Papakating Cemetery.<sup>[1811]</sup> Mr. Stoll was very prominent in county affairs and had a wide political influence as a man of high intelligence, good education, and fine eloquence. Moses Stoll married Cornelia Riggs, of Wallpack, born September 14, 1827, and they had children: 1. Cecelia, born June 14, 1851, married Floyd E. Dunn, and resides at Unionville, New York. 2. Samuel Cass, born October 18, 1853, now deceased, married Mary B. Farley, of Unionville, New York, and had a daughter Cecelia Stoll, now the wife of James Toner, of Unionville. 3. Walter R., born February 13, 1857, graduate of West Point, who became one of the most celebrated criminal lawyers of the West, and resides at Cheyenne, Wyoming. 4. Phebe Ann, born May 14, 1864, who married Jacob Nearpass, of Montague Township, Sussex County, New Jersey. 5. Francis Edward, of whom further.<sup>[1812]</sup>

And here is a further continuation, devoted to Francis Edward Stoll himself:

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1809. Francis Edward Stoll Sketch.

1810. *Papakating Cem.*, "Stoll, Moses, b. 23 Mar 1817, d. 31 Dec 1883; wife Cornelia Riggs, b. 14 Sep 1827, d. 24 Jan 1919."

1811. Same as Deckerton Union Cem.

1812. Francis Edward Stoll Sketch.

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Francis Edward Stoll, son of Moses and Cornelia (Riggs) Stoll, was born December 16, 1865, in Sussex County, New Jersey. He lived on his father's farm in Wantage Township, which he later purchased and turned into a widely known dairy farm. There he prospered until his death, March 1, 1925, after which he was buried at Papakating Cemetery. He was for several years a member of the Wantage Board of Education and actively enrolled in the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

On June 16, 1892, Francis Edward Stoll married Jennie Macomber, daughter of Moses and Mary E. (Snell) Macomber, the former a native of Rhode Island, the latter of Massachusetts, both descendants of old New England families. Mrs. Stoll conducts the farm inherited from her husband, and is assisted by her son, Francis. Children: 1. Roland, who married Cora Clark, and lives at Sussex. 2. Mary C., director of physical education in the city of Bayonne. 3. Francis, at home assisting his mother, and giving particular attention, with her, to the raising of chickens. 4. A daughter, who died in infancy.<sup>[1813]</sup>

In 1870 Moses Stoll, 45, a merchant born in New Jersey with \$2,000 real and \$3,000 personal estates, resided in Salem, Sussex Co., N.J., with Cornelia, 42, born in New Jersey, and with "Celesta," 28, Samuel, 15, Walter, 13, "Phoebe," 6, and son, Francis, 4, all five born in New Jersey.<sup>[1814]</sup>

In 1880 Moses Stoll, 63, a farmer born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J., with his wife, Cornelia, 53, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and with his daughter, Cecelia, 29, son, Samuel C., 26, daughter, Phebe A., 16, and son, Francis E., 14, all four born in New Jersey.<sup>[1815]</sup>

From an obituary for Cornelia:

Widow of the late Moses Stoll and daughter of the late Samuel and Susannah (VanCampen) Riggs, died at the home of her son, F. E. Stoll, at [blurred] January 24th, 1919, aged [blurred]. She is survived by the son

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1813. Francis Edward Stoll Sketch.

1814. U.S. census, 1870, Salem PO, Wantage Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 889, p. 293A, dw. 547, fam. 581.

1815. U.S. census, 1880, Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J., ED 187, r. 799, p. 222C, dw. 262, fam. 272.

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above named and one daughter, Cecelia, wife of Floyd Dunn, of Unionville, N.Y. [blurred] interment in Deckertown Union cemetery.<sup>[1816]</sup>

Children:<sup>[1817]</sup>

- 867 i CECELIA<sup>9</sup> STOLL, born 14 June 1851, married FLOYD E. DUNN.
- 868 ii SAMUEL CASS<sup>9</sup> STOLL, born 18 Oct. 1853, died by 1927 (publication date of biography above), married MARY B. FARLEY, and had a daughter: (1) Cecelia<sup>10</sup> Stoll, married James Toner.
- 869 iii WALTER R.<sup>9</sup> STOLL, born 13 Feb. 1857, graduate of West Point, lived in Wyoming.
- 870 iv PHEBE ANN<sup>9</sup> STOLL, born 14 May 1864, married JACOB NEARPASS.
- 871 v FRANCIS EDWARD<sup>9</sup> STOLL, born 16 Dec. 1865, Sussex Co., N.J., died 1 Mar. 1925, buried at Papakating Cem.,<sup>[1818]</sup> married 16 June 1892 JENNIE MACOMBER, born 1869, daughter of Moses and Mary E. (Snell) Macomber, and had four children: (1) Roland<sup>10</sup> Stoll, married Cora Clark; (2) Mary C.<sup>10</sup> Stoll; (3) Francis<sup>10</sup> Stoll; and (4) Jennie<sup>10</sup> Stoll, died 1909 in infancy.

457. SQUIRE L.<sup>8</sup> RIGGS (<sub>229</sub>John<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1812, New Jersey. He married ARMENIA/ARMINDA —, who was born about 1819, New York.

In 1840 Squire L. Riggs, 20–30, resided in Canton Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with a woman 20–30, and one boy under 5 [Samuel].<sup>[1819]</sup>

**Placeholder:** In 1840 Oliver Riggs, 40–50, resided in Pike Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with a woman 40–50, one female 5–10, and one female 15–20.<sup>[1820]</sup> **I do not know how or if he is related.**

In 1850 S. L. Riggs, 38, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$800 real estate, resided in Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Armenia, 31, born

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1816. Obit., “Mrs. Cornelia Stoll,” unnamed and undated newspaper clipping, digitized photocopy of the item courtesy of Terry Hann.

1817. Francis Edward Stoll Sketch.

1818. *Papakating Cem.*, “Stoll, F. Edward, b. 1865, d. 1925; wife Jennie M., b. 1869, (no death date); daughter Jennie, b. 1909, d. 1909.”

1819. U.S. census, 1840, Canton Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 443, p. 278.

1820. U.S. census, 1840, Pike Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 443, p. 397.

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in New York, and Samuel, 10, born in New York, George, 8, Chauncey, 6, and Charles, 3, all three born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1821]</sup>

In 1860 S. L. Riggs, 42, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$1,500 real and \$670 personal estates, resided in Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with "Aminda," 41, born in New York, and Samuel, 20, born in New York, Chauncey, 16, Charles, 12, Emily, 8, and Mary, 4, all five born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1822]</sup>

In 1870 Arminda Riggs, 50, born in New York with \$200 personal estate, resided in East Canton, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Fanny Owen, 7, born in Pennsylvania. Next door was (her son) Samuel Riggs, 28.<sup>[1823]</sup>

Children:

872 i **SAMUEL<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1840, New York.

In 1870 Samuel Riggs, 28, born in Pennsylvania with \$2,000 real and \$560 personal estates, resided in East Canton, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Anna, 25, born in Pennsylvania, and George, 3, Minnie, 2, and Floyd, 1, all three born in Pennsylvania. Next door was (his mother) Arminda Riggs, 50.<sup>[1824]</sup>

873 ii **GEORGE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1842, Pennsylvania. He is not mentioned in the 1860 census so probably had died.

874 iii **CHAUNCEY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1844, Pennsylvania.

875 iv **CHARLES E.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1847, Pennsylvania, married (see sons' marriage records) **MARY E.** —, and had at least two children: (1) William H.<sup>10</sup> Riggs, born about 1872, married 9 Jan. 1897, Bradford Co., Pa.,<sup>[1825]</sup> Mabel Kenyon, born about 1877, daughter of Charles and Susan (—) Kenyon; and (2) Fred M.<sup>10</sup> Riggs, born

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1821. U.S. census, 1850, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 756, p. 68A, dw. 65, fam. 65.

1822. U.S. census, 1860, Leroy PO, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1080, p. 375, dw. 943, fam. 872.

1823. U.S. census, 1870, East Canton PO, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1311, p. 223B, dw. 43, fam. 43. Samuel resided in dw. 42

1824. U.S. census, 1870, East Canton PO, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1311, p. 223B, dw. 42, fam. 42. Arminda resided in dw. 43

1825. *Bradford Co. Marriages, Books 7-12*, "Riggs [man] William H. Riggs [woman] Mabel Kenyon [ages] 25 20 [residences] Canton Granville [parents] Chas. E. & Mary Riggs Chas. & Susan Kenyon [marriage] 1/9/1897 [volume page] 11 154."

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about 1873, married 16 Sept. 1896, Bradford Co., Pa.,<sup>[1826]</sup> Florence I. Ayres, born about 1877, daughter of A. M. and Lydia (–) Kenyon.

In 1870 C. E. Riggs, 23, born in Pennsylvania with \$1,000 real and \$600 personal estates, resided in East Canton, Bradford Co., Pa., in the household of E. C. Van Dyke, 29.<sup>[1827]</sup>

876 v **EMILY**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1852, Pennsylvania.

877 vi **MARY**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1856, Pennsylvania.

460. **LEWIS T.**<sup>8</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>229</sub>*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Zenas*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 28 Feb. 1820, Connecticut, and died 9 Apr. 1900. He married 1 Jan. 1841, Bradford Co., Pa.,<sup>[1828]</sup> **ANGELINE S. WILCOX**, who was born 19 Aug. 1823, Minisink, Orange Co., N.Y., daughter of Benjamin and Charity (Everitt) Wilcox, and who died 26 May 1888.<sup>[1829]</sup>

In 1850 L. T. Riggs, 30, a farmer born in New York with \$700 real estate, resided in Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Angeline, 28, born in Pennsylvania, and Susan, 7, Emma, 4, and Jane, 1, all three born in Pennsylvania, and with (his mother) “Susanna,” 54, born in New York. J. V. Riggs, 24, resided nearby. Samuel Van Fleet resided next door, probably Susannah’s brother.<sup>[1830]</sup>

In 1860 Lewis “S.” Riggs, 40, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$1,400 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Angeline, 40, born in Pennsylvania, and Susan, 17, Elenora, 14, Jane, 10, Mandalina, 8, Theadore B., 5, and Clara, 2, all seven born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1831]</sup>

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1826. *Bradford Co. Marriages, Books 7–12*, “Riggs [man] Fred M. Riggs [woman] Florence I. Ayres [ages] 23 19 [residences] Canton Canton [parents] Charles & Mary E. Riggs A. M. & Lydia Ayres [marriage] 9/16/1896 [volume page] 11 13.”

1827. U.S. census, 1870, East Canton PO, Canton Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1311, p. 136B, dw. 192, fam. 186.

1828. *Pioneer & Patriot Families of Bradford Co., Pa.*, “[1841] January 1, by Justice Aaron Knapp, Lewis T. Riggs and Angeline S. Wilcox, all of LeRoy.”

1829. *Families and Individual of the Tri-County Area, Crofut–Chapin Family*, has photograph of Lewis T. and Angeline.

1830. U.S. census, 1850, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 756, p. 67A, dw. 48, fam. 48. J. V. resided in dw. 50. Samuel resided in dw. 47.

1831. U.S. census, 1860, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1080, p. 376, dw. 946, fam. 875.

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In 1870 Lewis T. Riggs, 50, a farmer born in New York with \$2,800 real and \$600 personal estates, resided in Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Angeline, 48, born in New York, and Susan, 28, Emma E., 22, "Lillis," 12, "Clarrie," 10, and Willis, 8, all five born in Pennsylvania. J. B. Riggs, 43, resided next door.<sup>[1832]</sup> **Something is amiss here: Lillis is not mentioned in the 1860 census.**

In 1880 L. T. Riggs, 60, a farmer born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Leroy, Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife, Angeline, 57, born in New York of New York natives, and with his daughter, Emma E., 33, and son, W. Lee, 18, both born in Pennsylvania. J. V. Riggs, 53, resided next door.<sup>[1833]</sup>

Children:

- 878 i **EMMA ELENORA**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1846, Pennsylvania.
- 879 ii **JANE**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1849, Pennsylvania.
- 880 iii **MANDALINA**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1852, Pennsylvania.
- 881 iv **THEADORE B.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1855, Pennsylvania. He is not mentioned in the 1870 census, so probably had died.
- 882 v **LILLIE E.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born 18 Mar. 1857, died 13 Feb. 1931, and married **WILLIAM HORANCE CHAPIN**, born 22 July 1855, Le Roy, Bradford Co., Pa., son of William and Susan (Griswold) Chapin, and who died on 21 Feb. 1931.<sup>[1834]</sup>
- 883 vi **CLARA**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1860, Pennsylvania.
- 884 vii **WILLIS LEE**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1862, Pennsylvania.

**461. JOHN V.**<sup>8</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>229</sub>*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Zenas*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1826, New Jersey. He married **CYNTHIA** —, who was born about 1827, Pennsylvania.

In 1850 J. V. Riggs, 24, a carpenter born in New Jersey with \$50 real estate, resided in Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Cynthia, 23, born

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1832. U.S. census, 1870, East Canton PO, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1311, p. 221B, dw. 8, fam. 8. J. B. resided in dw. 7.

1833. U.S. census, 1880, Leroy, Bradford Co., Pa., ED 10, r. 1104, p. 197B, dw. 186, fam. 200. J. V. resided in dw. 187.

1834. *Families and Individual of the Tri-County Area*, Crofut-Chapin Family, has photographs of William and Lillis.

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in Pennsylvania, and Sidney, 3, and “Mary,” 6/12, both born in Pennsylvania. L. T. Riggs, 30, resided nearby.<sup>[1835]</sup>

In 1860 John Riggs, 35, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$300 real and \$50 personal estates, resided in Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Cynthia, 34, born in Pennsylvania, and Sidney, 12, Marinda, 10, Ellis, 8, Delila, 6, Mary, 4, Lola, 2, and James, 4/12, all seven born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1836]</sup>

In 1870 J. “B.” Riggs, 43, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$300 real and \$50 personal estates, resided in Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Cynthia, 43, born in Pennsylvania, and Mary, 13, Lacy, 12, Thomas, 10, Ida, 8, Susan, 6, Leland, 3, and Nettie, 10/12, born July, all seven born in Pennsylvania. Lewis T. Riggs, 50, resided next door.<sup>[1837]</sup>

In 1880 J. V. Riggs, 53, a carpenter born in New York of New Jersey natives, resided in Leroy, Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife, “Syntha,” 53, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Vermont and a mother in New York, and with his daughter, Susan, 15, son, “Lealeon,” 13, and daughter, Rosella, 9, all three born in Pennsylvania. L. T. Riggs, 60, resided next door.<sup>[1838]</sup>

Children:

- 885 i SIDNEY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1847, Pennsylvania.
- 886 ii MARINDA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1849, Pennsylvania.
- 887 iii ELLIS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1852, Pennsylvania.
- 888 iv DELILA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1854, Pennsylvania.
- 889 v MARY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1856, Pennsylvania.
- 890 vi LOLA/LACY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1858, Pennsylvania.
- 891 vii JAMES THOMAS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1860, Pennsylvania.
- 892 viii IDA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1862, Pennsylvania.
- 893 ix SUSAN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1864, Pennsylvania.

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1835. U.S. census, 1850, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 756, p. 67A, dw. 50, fam. 50. L. T. resided in dw. 48.

1836. U.S. census, 1860, Leroy PO, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1080, p. 381, dw. 991, fam. 913.

1837. U.S. census, 1870, East Canton PO, Leroy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1311, p. 221A, dw. 7, fam. 7. Lewis resided in dw. 8.

1838. U.S. census, 1880, Leroy, Bradford Co., Pa., ED 10, r. 1104, p. 197B, dw. 187, fam. 201. L. T. resided in dw. 186.



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- 894 x LELAND<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born about 1867, Pennsylvania.  
895 xi NETTIE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born July 1869, Pennsylvania. She is not mentioned in the 1880 census, so probably had died.  
896 xii ROSELLA [ZELDA?] <sup>9</sup>RIGGS, born about 1871, Pennsylvania. She is probably the Zelda Riggs, daughter of John V. Riggs, born about 1872, who married 1 Mar. 1893, Bradford Co., Pa.,<sup>[1839]</sup> ZED HOLCOMB, born about 1874, son of LeRoy and Rose (–) Holcomb.

**463. HORACE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>230</sub>William<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 16 July 1817 (calculated), died 18 July 1882,<sup>[1840]</sup> aged 65 years 2 days, and was buried 19 July 1882 in Hamburg Baptist Cem., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1841]</sup> He married 9 Jan. 1841, Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J., N.J.,<sup>[1842]</sup> **SUSAN J. GREEN**, who was born 19 Jan. 1823 (calculated), Vernon Twp., Sussex Co.,<sup>[1843]</sup> daughter of William and Elizabeth (–) Green, and died 10 Oct. 1896, aged 73 years 8 months 24 days, near McAfee, Sussex Co.,<sup>[1844]</sup> and was buried in Hamburg Baptist Cem.<sup>[1845]</sup>

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1839. *Bradford Co. Marriages, Books 7–12*, “Riggs [man] Zed Holcomb [woman] Zelda Riggs [ages] 19 21 [residences] LeRoy LeRoy [parents] LeRoy & Rose Holcomb John V. Riggs [marriage] 3/1/1893 [volume page] 9 58.”

1840. Obit., unnamed newspaper clipping, 22 July 1882, digitized photocopy courtesy Terry Hann, “Mr. Horace, Riggs, an aged and respected citizen of this town, died at his residence on Tuesday evening last in his 66th year. Funeral services were held Wednesday.”

1841. *Hamburg Baptist Cem. Headstones, Sussex Co., N.J.*, “Horace Riggs died July 18, 1882 AE 65y 2d | Susan J his wife died Oct 13, 1896 AE 73y 8m 24d | William C died July (18), 1836 [sic] AE 1y 2m 21d | George B died Aug 14, 1863 AE 4m 17d | Ann Amelia died Mar 6, 1872 AE 14y 21d | Wm, Geo, Ann children of Horace & Susan J Riggs ‘thou art gone but (not forgotten),’; “Gravestone Inscriptions, Baptist Church, Hamburg, Sussex County, N.J.,” *Record* 56(1925):47, “[Riggs] Horace, d. Jul. 18, 1882, aged 65 yrs., 2 ds.; wife, Susan J. —, d. Oct. 13, 1896, aged 73-8-24.”

1842. Love, Bristow, Reynolds, and Meeker, *History of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, Sussex, N.J.*, 40, “[By Rev. William H. Spencer] Jany 9, 1841 Horace Riggs & Susan Green”; *N.J. Marriages, 1684–1895*, Horace Riggs to Susan Green, 9 Jan. 1841, Sussex Co.

1843. From an obit. for Susan (q.v.).

1844. *N.J. Deaths and Burials, 1720–1988*, Sarah J. Riggs, widow, 10 Oct. 1896, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., age 73, born U.S. [FHL 589806]; from an obit. for Susan (q.v.), 10 Oct. 1896; gravestone (q.v.) gives 13 Oct. 1896.

1845. *Hamburg Baptist Cem. Headstones, Sussex Co., N.J.*

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In 1860 Horace Riggs, 42, born in New Jersey, Susan J., 37, and “Anamelia,” 2, both born in New Jersey, resided in Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., in the household of William Riggs, 68, and Julia, 68, born in New Jersey (q.v.). Next door was Elias H. Riggs, 38.<sup>[1846]</sup>

In 1870 Horace Riggs, 53, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$2,704 personal estate, Susan J., 48, and Amelia, 12, both born in New Jersey, resided in Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., in the household of “W<sup>m</sup>” Riggs, 78, and Julia, 77, born in New Jersey (q.v.).<sup>[1847]</sup>

In 1880 Horace Riggs, 62, a farmer born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., with his wife, Susan J., 56, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and with his granddaughter [sic], Elizabeth V., 11, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and his father, William, 88, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives. Next door was “L.” Homediere Riggs, 58.<sup>[1848]</sup>

From an obituary for Susan:

Mrs. Susan Riggs, widow of the late Horace Riggs, died ner [sic] McAfee, Saturday, Oct. 10, after an illness of about five months. She was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Green, and was born in Vernon township. She was in her 74th year.

Her husband died in 1882. They had a son and daughter, but both died prior to his death. She took a young girl, now Mrs. Lizzie Osborne, to bring up at the age of four years. Mr. and Mrs. George Osborne have lived in the house with Mrs. Riggs for the past six years.<sup>[1849]</sup>

Children:<sup>[1850]</sup>

897 i ANN AMELIA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 14 Feb. 1858 (calculated), died 6 Mar. 1872, buried Hamburg Baptist Cem., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1851]</sup>

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1846. U.S. census, 1860, Deckertown PO, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 709, p. 524, dw. 136, fam. 136. Elias resided in dw. 137.

1847. U.S. census, 1870, Vernon PO, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 889, p. 237B, dw. 229, fam. 238.

1848. U.S. census, 1880, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., ED, 186, r. 799, p. 199A, dw. 187, fam. 190. Homediere resided in dw. 188.

1849. Obit., “Mrs. Susan Riggs,” unnamed newspaper clipping, dated 1896 in handwriting, digitized photocopy courtesy Terry Hann.

1850. *Hamburg Baptist Cem. Headstones, Sussex Co., N.J.* Differs in several places from next source.

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- 898 ii **WILLIAM G.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 21 Apr. 1862 (calculated), died 18 July 1863 (presumably), buried Hamburg Baptist Cem.<sup>[1852]</sup>
- 899 iii **GEORGE B.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 6 Apr. 1863 (calculated), died 14 Aug. 1863, buried Hamburg Baptist Cem.<sup>[1853]</sup>

**464. ELIAS HOMEDIERE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>230</sub>*William<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born Dec. 1821 (1900 census). He married 10 Mar. 1845, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1854]</sup> **SARAH JANE SIDMAN**, who was born about 1822, New Jersey (1850 census)

In 1860 Elias H. Riggs, 38, born in New Jersey with \$1,000 personal estate, resided in Deckertown, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with Sarah "N.," 40, born in New Jersey, and with William B., 5, and Adoniram J., 2, both born in New Jersey. Also in the household were Emeline Osborn, 13, and George Osborn, 16, both born in New Jersey. Next door was William Riggs, 68, and Horace Riggs, 42.<sup>[1855]</sup> George Osborn was perhaps the George Osborne who married the child, Elizabeth/Lizzie, raised by Horace Riggs.

In 1870 Elias Riggs, 47, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$6,000 real and \$1,387 personal estates, resided in Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., with Sarah, 48, born in New Jersey, and with William, 15, Judson, 13, and Julietta, 8, all three born in New Jersey.<sup>[1856]</sup>

In 1880 "L." Homediere Riggs, 58, a farmer born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., with his wife, Sarah, 59, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and with his son,

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1851. "Gravestone Inscriptions, Baptist Church, Hamburg, Sussex County, N.J.," *Record* 56(1925):47, "Riggs, Ann, dau. Horace & Susan J., d. Mar. 6, 1872, aged 14-0-21."

1852. "Gravestone Inscriptions, Baptist Church, Hamburg, Sussex County, N.J.," *Record* 56(1925):47, "[Riggs] William G., s. Horace & Susan J., d. Jul. 18, 1836 [sic], aged 1-2-27."

1853. "Gravestone Inscriptions, Baptist Church, Hamburg, Sussex County, N.J.," *Record* 56(1925):47, "[Riggs] George B., s. Horace and Susan J., d. Aug. 14, 1863, aged 4 mos., 7 dys."

1854. *N.J. Marriages, 1684-1895*, Elias Riggs to Sarah Jane Sidman, 10 Mar. 1845, Sussex Co.

1855. U.S. census, 1860, Deckertown PO, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 709, p. 524, dw. 137, fam. 137. William and Horace resided in dw. 136.

1856. U.S. census, 1870, Vernon PO, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 889, p. 237A, dw. 226, fam. 235.

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William, 24, and his wife, Anna, 25, and Judson, 23. Next door were [his brother] Horace Riggs, 62, and [his father] William Riggs, 88.<sup>[1857]</sup>

In 1900 Elias H. Riggs, 78, widowed, a sawmill superintendent born Dec. 1821 in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided alone in Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1858]</sup>

Children:

- 900 i **MARY C.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1847, died 4 Mar. 1851, aged 4, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1859]</sup>
- 901 ii **WILLIAM D./B.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 18 Apr. 1855, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1860]</sup> married about 1880 **ANNA** —, born Nov. 1855, New Jersey, and had one child: (1) Lewis<sup>10</sup> Riggs, born Dec. 1880, New Jersey.

In 1900 William Riggs, 55 [sic], a teamster born Apr. 1855 in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Newton, Sussex Co., N.J., with his wife of 20 years, Anna, 44, born Nov. 1855 in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and with his son, Lewis, 19, a shoemaker born Dec. 1880, New Jersey. Anna had had the one child, and it survived.<sup>[1861]</sup>

- 902 iii **ADONIRAM JUDSON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 10 June 1857, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1862]</sup>
- 903 iv **JULIA/JULIETTA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 10 Feb. 1862, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[1863]</sup>

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1857. U.S. census, 1880, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., ED, 186, r. 799, p. 199A, dw. 188, fam. 191. Horace resided in dw. 187.

1858. U.S. census, 1900, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., ED, 176, r. 995, p. 219, sh. 9B, dw. 170, fam. 171.

1859. Deaths, Vernon Twp., compiled by Jennie Sweetman, [need primary reference], "3-4-1851 - Mary C. Riggs, 4, d.o. Elias H. & Sarah Riggs, measles."

1860. Births, Vernon Twp., compiled by Jennie Sweetman, [need primary reference], "4-18-1855 - William D. Riggs, s.o. Elias & Sarah Riggs."

1861. U.S. census, 1900, Newton, Sussex Co., N.J., ED, 172, r. 995, p. 13A, dw. 274, fam. 305.

1862. Births, Vernon Twp., compiled by Jennie Sweetman, [need primary reference], "6-10-1857 - Judson. Riggs, s.o. Elias H. & Sarah Riggs."

1863. Births, Vernon Twp., compiled by Jennie Sweetman, [need primary reference], "2-10-1862 - Julia Riggs, s.o. Elias H. & Sarah H. [sic] Riggs."

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**465. JOEL<sup>8</sup> MCAFEE** (<sub>231</sub>*Hannah<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1821, New Jersey. He married **SIBYL** —, who was born about 1827, Pennsylvania.

In 1860 Joel “McAfee,” 39, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$10,000 real and \$2,500 personal estates, resided in Athens, Bradford Co., Pa., with Sibyl, 33, born in Pennsylvania, and with Jane, 11, Berton, 7, Duncan, 6, Ida, 3, and Anna, 1, all five born in Pennsylvania. Also in the household was Adaline Parks, 19, born in Pennsylvania. Samuel “McAfee,” 64, resided nearby.<sup>[1864]</sup>

Children:

- 904 i **JANE<sup>9</sup> MCAFEE**, born about 1849, Pennsylvania.
- 905 ii **BERTON<sup>9</sup> MCAFEE**, born about 1853, Pennsylvania.
- 906 iii **DUNCAN<sup>9</sup> MCAFEE**, born about 1854, Pennsylvania.
- 907 iv **IDA<sup>9</sup> MCAFEE**, born about 1857, Pennsylvania.
- 908 v **ANNA<sup>9</sup> MCAFEE**, born about 1859, Pennsylvania.

**467. GEORGE<sup>8</sup> MCAFEE** (<sub>231</sub>*Hannah<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1828, New Jersey. He married **URSULA** —, who was born ab out 1829, Pennsylvania.

In 1860 George McAfee, 32, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$1,600 real and \$500 personal estates, resided in Athens, Bradford Co., Pa., with Ursula, 31, born in Pennsylvania, and with Ellen, 3, born in Pennsylvania. Samuel “McAfee,” 64, resided nearby.<sup>[1865]</sup>

Child:

- 909 i **ELLEN<sup>9</sup> MCAFEE**, born about 1857, Pennsylvania.

**472. CHARLES BROWN<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>232</sub>*Ebenezer Bradford<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born 5 Mar. 1820 (gravestone), New Jersey, died 6 May 1903, and was buried in Union Cem., East Smith-

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1864. U.S. census, 1860, Athens PO, Athens Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1080, pp. 84–85, dw. 328, fam. 314. Samuel resided in dw. 326.

1865. U.S. census, 1860, Athens PO, Athens Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1080, p. 83, dw. 319, fam. 306. Samuel resided in dw. 326.

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field, Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>[1866]</sup> He married (1) 28 Nov. 1848, Bradford Co., Pa.,<sup>[1867]</sup> **HANNAH MARIA/MARIE TOMPKINS**, who was born 15 Feb. 1824 (gravestone), Pennsylvania, daughter of **perhaps** Margaret (–) Tompkins, and died (the same day as her infant son) 5 Jan. 1851, Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa.,<sup>[1868]</sup> and was buried in Union Cem.<sup>[1869]</sup> He married (2) 3 Apr. 1854, Walpack, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[1870]</sup> **TABITHA ANN VAN SCOTEN**, who was born 21 Mar. 1833, New Jersey, died 9 June 1907, and was buried in Union Cem.<sup>[1871]</sup>

In 1850 “Cha<sup>s</sup> P.” Riggs, 30, a farmer born in New Jersey, resided in Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Hannah, 27, born in Pennsylvania, and with Margaret Tomkins, 68, with \$2,000 in real estate and born in Rhode Island, and David E. Walker, 27, a laborer born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1872]</sup>

In 1860 C. B. Riggs, 40, a merchant born in New Jersey, resided in Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with “Eliza” Ann, 27, born in New Jersey, and with Augustus, 3, born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1873]</sup>

In 1870 C. B. Riggs, 50, a merchant born in New Jersey with \$3,000 real and \$400 personal estates, resided in East Smithfield, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Talitha A., 37, born in New Jersey, and with Augustus B., 13, and “Susie” M., 5, both born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1874]</sup>

In 1880 “Chas” B. Riggs, 60, a dry goods merchant born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa., with

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1866. *Union Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.*, “Riggs Charles B. Mar. 5, 1820 May 6, 1903.”

1867. *Pioneer & Patriot Families of Bradford Co., Pa.*, “[1848] November 28, by Rev. C. C. Corss, Charles B. Riggs and Miss Hannah Maria Tompkins, both of Smithfield.”

1868. *Bradford Co. Deaths, 1840–1869*, “Riggs Hannah Maria w/o Chas. B. [died] 5 Jan 1851 [age] 27 [place of death] Sf [Smithfield].”

1869. *Union Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.*, “Riggs Hannah Marie Feb. 15, 1824 Jan. 5, 1851 wf of Charles B.”

1870. *Index to Marriage Records, 1848–1878*, “Riggs, Charles B. (Widower) VanScoten, Tabitha A. [location] Walpack [place of registration] Sussex Co.: Walpack [date] 3 Apr 1854 [reference] Bk AF: Pg. 385.”

1871. *Union Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.*, “Riggs Talithe A. Mar. 21, 1833 June 9, 1907.”

1872. U.S. census, 1850, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 756, p. 359, dw. 282, fam. 284.

1873. U.S. census, 1860, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1081, p. 668, dw. 1695, fam. 1689.

1874. U.S. census, 1870, East Smithfield PO, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1312, pp. 392–93, dw. 113, fam. 113.

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his wife, Talitha A., 47, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and his daughter, Susan M., 15, born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1875]</sup>

Child of the first marriage, to Hannah:

- 910 i [INFANT SON]<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, died 5 Jan. 1851, and was buried in Union Cem., East Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>[1876]</sup>

Children of the second marriage, to Talitha:

- + 911 ii AUGUSTUS B.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born Jan. 1857, Pennsylvania, married LOIS P. —, and had six children.
- 912 iii SUSAN/SUSIE M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born 11 June 1865 (gravestone), Pennsylvania, died 26 Oct. 1883, buried 29 Oct. 1883, Union Cem., East Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>[1877]</sup>

**473. ALFRED MAGEE<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>232</sub>*Ebenezer Bradford*<sup>7</sup>, *Zenas*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 10 July 1821 (gravestone), New Jersey, died 11 Nov. 1898, and was buried in Union Cem., East Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>[1878]</sup> He married **SARAH JANE MILLER**, who was born 18 Feb. 1828, Pennsylvania, daughter of Sally (—) Miller, and died 14 Jan. 1901, and was buried in Union Cem.<sup>[1879]</sup>

In 1850 Alfred Riggs, 28, a millwright born in New Jersey, resided in Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Sarah, 22, born in Pennsylvania, and with Lavina Miller, 27, born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1880]</sup> Lavina was probably Sarah's sister. **[I am encouraged to this conclusion by the un-sourced claim that Alfred Magee Riggs married Jane Miller. So Sarah J.**

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1875. U.S. census, 1880, Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa., ED 20, r. 1104, p. 343C, dw. 183, fam. 188.

1876. *Union Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.*, "Riggs Infant son [died] Jan. 5, 1851 s/o Charles & Hannah."

1877. *Union Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.*, "Riggs Susie M. June 11, 1865 Oct. 26, 1883 d/o Charles & Talithe"; obit., unknown newspaper (but probably Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa.), clipping dated "1883" in handwriting, "on Friday night, October 26th, Susie M., only daughter of Mr. C. B. and Mrs. T. A. Riggs, aged 18 years. . . . The funeral services wer[e] held from the house of her father on Monday afternoon, Oct. 29th, digitized photocopy of clipping courtesy of Terry Hann.

1878. *Union Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.*, "Riggs Alfred July 10, 1821 Nov. 11, 1898."

1879. *Union Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.*, "Riggs S. Jane Feb. 18, 1828 Jan. 14, 1901 wf of Alfred."

1880. U.S. census, 1850, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 756, p. 360, dw. 300, fam. 302.

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(see 1870 census) would be Sarah Jane Miller, with sister Lavina Miller and mother Sally Miller (see 1860 census).]

In 1860 Alfred Riggs, 39, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$4,000 real and \$1,200 personal estates, resided in Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa., with Sarah, 32, born in Pennsylvania, and William, 9, Stanly, 4, both born in Pennsylvania, and with Sally Miller, 73, born in New Jersey.<sup>[1881]</sup> Sally Miller was probably Sarah's mother.

In 1870 Alfred Riggs, 49, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$4,000 real and \$1,200 personal estates, resided in Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with Sarah J., 43, born in Pennsylvania, and "W<sup>m</sup>" L., 19, Delbert A., 9, Nettie J., 7, and Minnie L., 4, all four born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1882]</sup>

In 1880 Alfred Riggs, 58, a farmer born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife, Sarah J., 52, born in Pennsylvania of New York natives, and his son, Adelbert, 19, and daughters, Nettie J., 17, and Minnie L., 14, all three born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1883]</sup>

In 1900 S. Jane Riggs, 72, resided in the home of her son, William L., 48 (q.v.).<sup>[1884]</sup>

Children:

- + 913 i **WILLIAM LEE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Aug. 1851, Pennsylvania, married **CORA L. WOOD**, and had five children.
- 914 ii **STANLY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1856, Pennsylvania. Not mentioned in the 1870 census so probably died young.
- 915 iii **ADELBERT/DELBERT A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Dec. 1860 (1900 census and gravestone), Pennsylvania, died 1926, buried in Union Cem.<sup>[1885]</sup> In the 1900, 1910, and 1920 censuses he resided, a single blind man, with his brother William L. Riggs (q.v.).

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1881. U.S. census, 1860, Smithfield PO, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1081, p. 678, dw. 1775, fam. 1765.

1882. U.S. census, 1870, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1312, p. 404, dw. 311, fam. 312.

1883. U.S. census, 1880, Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa., ED 20, r. 1104, p. 351C, dw. 326, fam. 370.

1884. U.S. census, 1900, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 36, r. 1383, p. 65, sh. 7B, dw. 121, fam. 132.

1885. *Union Cem., Bradford Co., Pa., "Riggs Delbert A. 1860 1926."*



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916 iv **NETTIE J.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1863, Pennsylvania.

917 v **MINNIE L.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1866, Pennsylvania.

**474. MARILDA<sup>8</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>232</sub>*Ebenezer Bradford<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1824 **11 Nov. 1823**, New Jersey, and died 2 Sept. 1888 (1891 history of Bradford Co., Pa., q.v.). She married 8 Nov. 1842 **DANVERS BOURNE**, who was born 15 Feb. 1817, Richmond, Cheshire Co., N.H., son of Hosea and Amy (Martin) Bourne (1891 history of Bradford Co., Pa., q.v.), and died 1 Sept. 1901, West Burlington, Bradford Co., Pa., and was buried 3 Sept. 1901, Smithfield, Bradford Co.<sup>[1886]</sup>

From an 1891 history of Bradford Co., Pa.:

Danvers Bourne, lumberman and farmer, P.O. Burlington, was born in Richmond, Cheshire Co., N.H., February 15, 1817, a son of Hosea and Amy (Martin) Bourne . . . Danvers Bourne came to Bradford county in 1837, and engaged in teaching school, at which he continued twelve years. In 1849 he purchased a large tract of land in West Burlington township, where he has since been extensively engaged in the lumbering business and farming; he manufactures lumber, shingles and lath, and has a fine planing and grist mill and a farm of over two hundred and thirty acres of prime land. Mr. Bourne was married November 8, 1842, to Marilda Riggs, of New Jersey, who died September 2, 1888, and he has three children living, as follows: Hester B., widow of C. W. Smith; Ophelia M., wife of Clarence E. Brigham, and Ellery L., married to Sophia Spencer; he is a partner in his father's business, and is in reality manager.<sup>[1887]</sup>

In 1850 D. "Boone," 32, male, a farmer born in New Hampshire with \$3,500 real estate, resided in Burlington Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with M., 26, female, born in New Jersey, and G. D., 5, male, and H. A., 4, female, both born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1888]</sup>

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1886. *Bradford Co., Pa., Death Records 1901-1905*, "[recorded] 11/20/1901 [name] Bourne Danvers W M 84 [status] W [born] Chester Co., N.H. [occupation] Lumberman [died] 9/1/1901 W. Burlington [cause] Apoplexy [sic] 18 hr [buried] Smithfield 9/3/1901."

1887. Bradsby, *History of Bradford Co., Pa.*, 655.

1888. U.S. census, 1850, Burlington Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 756, p. 37B, dw. 105, fam. 105.

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In 1860 Danvers "Bouen," 43, a farmer born in New Hampshire with \$10,000 real and \$600 personal estates, resided in West Burlington, Bradford Co., Pa., with Marilda, 37, born in New Jersey, and George D., 16, "Hesteram" [possibly "Hesterann"], 14, Ophelia, 6, and "George" L., 1, all four born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1889]</sup>

In 1870 Danvers Bourne, 53, a farmer born in New Hampshire with \$15,000 real and \$3,200 personal estates, resided in Burlington, Bradford Co., Pa., with Marilda, 46, born in New Jersey, and Ophelia, 15, and "Elery" L., 10, both born in Pennsylvania, and Mary Riggs, 69, born in New Jersey with \$1,400 personal estate. Next door was George D. Bourne, 25, born Pennsylvania.<sup>[1890]</sup>

In 1880 Danvers Bourne, 63, a mill worker born in New Hampshire of New Hampshire natives, resided in West Burlington, Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife, Marilda, 57, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and son, and E. Lee, 20, born in Pennsylvania, and his mother-in-law, Polly Riggs, 79, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives. Next door was George D. Bourne, 35, and beyond him William L. Riggs, 28.<sup>[1891]</sup> William Riggs was son of Alfred Riggs, Marilda's brother.

In 1900 Danvers "Bouren," 83, widower, born Feb. 1817 in New Hampshire of New Hampshire natives, resided in West Burlington Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., in the household of his son, Lee E., 40 (q.v.).<sup>[1892]</sup>

Known children:

- 918 i **GEORGE D.<sup>9</sup> BOURNE**, born about 1844, Pennsylvania, died before 1891.
- 919 ii **HESTER ANN<sup>9</sup> BOURNE**, born about 1846, Pennsylvania, living in 1891, married **C. W. SMITH**, who died before 1891.

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1889. U.S. census, 1860, West Burlington PO, West Burlington Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1080, p. 164, dw. 2252, fam. 2220.

1890. U.S. census, 1870, Burlington PO, West Burlington Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1312, p. 622B, dw. 177, fam. 177. George resided in dw. 176.

1891. U.S. census, 1880, West Burlington, Bradford Co., Pa., ED 33, r. 1105, p. 555B, dw. 70, fam. 77. George resided in dw. 71. William resided in dw. 72.

1892. U.S. census, 1900, West Burlington Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 53, r. 1383, p. 258, sh. 6A, dw. 116, fam. 118.

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- 920 iii **OPHELIA M.**<sup>9</sup> **BOURNE**, born about 1854, Pennsylvania, living in 1891, married **CLARENCE E. BRIGHAM**.
- 921 iv **ELLERY LEE**<sup>9</sup> **BOURNE**, born July 1859, Pennsylvania, living in 1891, married **SOPHIA SPENCER**, born Nov. 1862, Pennsylvania, and had six children.

In 1900 "Lee E. Bouren," 40, a farmer born July 1859 in New Hampshire of a father born in New Hampshire and a mother in New Jersey, resided in West Burlington Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife of 14 years, Sophia, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in New York and a mother in Connecticut, and with his son, Danvers, 12, born Feb. 1888, daughters, Marey M., 10, born Aug. 1889, Ethel, 9, born Dec. 1890, Laura, 6, born Aug. 1893, Lela, 4, born Mar. 1896, son Allen, 1, born Oct. 1898, and his father Danvers, 83 (q.v.).<sup>[1893]</sup>

**476. SAMUEL THOMPSON**<sup>8</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>232</sub>*Ebenezer Bradford*<sup>7</sup>, *Zenas*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 17 Aug. 1832 (gravestone and 1900 census), New Jersey or New York or Pennsylvania, and died 22 (possibly 15) Apr. 1902, Bradford Co., Pa., and was buried in Windfall Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>[1894]</sup> He married (1) **12 Nov. 1857 LAURA BEACH**, who was born 17 June 1837 (calculated), daughter of T. M. and Ruth (–) Beach, and died 17 Aug. 1859, aged 22 years 2 months, and was buried in Turnpike Cem., Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>[1895]</sup> He married (2) about 1855 (1900 census) **about 1859 MATILDA PERKINS**,<sup>[1896]</sup> who was born May 1836 (gravestone and 1900

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1893. U.S. census, 1900, West Burlington Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 53, r. 1383, p. 258, sh. 6A, dw. 116, fam. 118.

1894. *Windfall Cem., Grenville Twp., Bradford Co., Pa.*, "Riggs S. T. 8-17-1832 4/22/1902"; *Windfall Cem. Obits.*, "S.T. Riggs, an old and respected citizen, died at his home of pneumonia on Tuesday of last 5 [sic] week. The funeral was held on Thursday and was attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives. Rev. Harry Allen officiated. TGR 4-22-1902." If I read this obit. correctly, it was published in a newspaper abbreviated TGR on 22 Apr. 1902, making the death date 15 Apr. 1902.

1895. *Turnpike Cem., Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa.*, "Riggs Laura [died] Aug. 17, 1859 22 yrs 2 mo d/o T. M. & Ruth Beach w/o Samuel T."

1896. Her surname is deduced from the "P." of the 1900 census, and the "aunt" Maria R. Perkins in the 1910 census with the same nativities as Matilda. I am seeking a stronger argument.

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census), Pennsylvania, died 1919, and was buried in Windfall Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>[1897]</sup>

In 1860 S. [T?]. Riggs, 27, a farmer born in New York with \$6,000 real and \$1,200 personal estates, resided in Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa., with Matilda, 25, born in Pennsylvania, and (his mother) Mary, 60, born in New York.<sup>[1898]</sup>

In 1870 S. T. Riggs, 37, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$5,000 real and \$1,200 personal estates, resided in Troy, Bradford Co., Pa., with Matilda, 34, born in Pennsylvania, and Laura, 9, Cora, 4, and Martha, 2, all three born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1899]</sup>

In 1880 Samuel T. Riggs, 47, a dry goods merchant born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Granville Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife, Matilda, 44, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Connecticut and a mother in Pennsylvania, and with his daughters, Cora, 14, and Mattie, 12, both born in Pennsylvania. Also in the household was William E. Porter, 31, a store clerk born in New York.<sup>[1900]</sup>

In 1900 Samuel T. Riggs, 67, a farmer born Aug. 1832 in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Granville Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife of 45 [sic] years, Matilda P., 64, born May 1836 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. She had had four children, with three surviving.<sup>[1901]</sup>

In 1910 Matilda Riggs, 73, a widow [sic], born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Connecticut and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Granville Summit, Bradford Co., Pa., in the household of her son-in-law, Francis E. Shoemaker, 50, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in New York, with his second wife Cora A., 44, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in New Jersey and a

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1897. Windfall Cem., Grenville Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., "Riggs Matilda P. 1836 1919."

1898. U.S. census, 1860, Smithfield PO, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 443, p. 241, dw. 1778, fam. 1768.

1899. U.S. census, 1870, Troy PO, Troy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., r. 1312, p. 521A, dw. 136, fam. 139.

1900. U.S. census, 1880, Granville Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 11, r. 1104, p. 209A, dw. 181, fam. 185.

1901. U.S. census, 1900, Granville Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 21, r. 1382, p. 242, sh. 2B, dw. 41, fam. 41.

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mother in Pennsylvania, and his aunt Maria R. Perkins, 67, single, with the same naticities as Matilda and her own income.<sup>[1902]</sup>

Children:

- 922 i **LAURA P.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Sept. 1860, Pennsylvania, married 15 Jan. 1879, Bradford Co., Pa.,<sup>[1903]</sup> **EMERY L. VAN HORN**, born Mar. 1855, Pennsylvania, and had two children.

In 1880 Emery Van Horn, 25, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of a father born in New York and a mother in Massachusetts, resided in Troy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife, Laura, 20, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Pennsylvania. There was also a servant in the household.<sup>[1904]</sup>

In 1900 “Emry” L. Van Horn, 45, a farmer born Mar. 1855 in Pennsylvania of a father born in Connecticut and a mother in Massachusetts, resided in Canton Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife of 21 years, Laura P., 39, born Sept. 1860 in Pennsylvania of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Pennsylvania, and with his sons, Charles A., 15, born Sept. 1884, and Leon E., 13, born Nov. 1886, both born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1905]</sup>

- 923 ii **GEORGE BRADFORD<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 4 Apr. 1863 (calculated), died 22 Nov. 1864, aged 1 year 7 months 18 days, buried in Turnpike Cem., Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>[1906]</sup>
- 924 iii **CORA ARABELLE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born **25 Dec. 1865** about 1866, Pennsylvania, died 24 Feb. 19—, probably in Granville Summit, Bradford Co., Pa. (see obituary below), married 3 Sept. 1903, Bradford Co., Pa.,<sup>[1907]</sup> **FRANCIS/FRANK E. SHOEMAKER**, born

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1902. U.S. census, 1910, Granville Summit, Granville Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 14, r. 1318, p. 102, sh. 2B, dw. 44, fam. 45.

1903. 1879 *Diary of George D. Bourne of Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa.*, “[1879] Jan. 15 - Miss Laura Riggs & Elmer [sic] Vanhorn [sic] married.”

1904. U.S. census, 1880, Troy Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 29, r. 1105, p. 493D, dw. 81, fam. 85.

1905. U.S. census, 1900, Canton Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 16, r. 1382, pp. 183-84, sh. 11B-12A, dw. 270, fam. 279.

1906. *Turnpike Cem., Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa.*, “Riggs George [died] Nov. 22, 1864 1 yr 7 mo 18 days.”

1907. *Bradford Co. Marriages, Books 13-16*, “Riggs [man] Francis E. Shoemaker [woman] Cora Arabelle Riggs [ages] 43 37 [residences] Granville Granville [parents] A. F. & Sophia Shoemaker S. T. & Matilda Riggs [marriage] 9/3/1903 [volume page] 143 15.”

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about 1860, Pennsylvania, as his second wife. He was son of A. F. and Sophia (–) Shoemaker.

In 1910 Cora's mother, Matilda, resided with them in Granville Summit, Bradford Co., Pa. (q.v.)<sup>[1908]</sup>

In 1920 Frank E. "Shoemaker," 59, a farmer and feed store manager born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Granville Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife, Cora A., 54, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his aunt, Marie Perkins, 77, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Connecticut and a mother in Pennsylvania.<sup>[1909]</sup>

In 1930 "Frank" Shoemaker, 70, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in New York, resided in Granville Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife, Cora A., 64, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. He was first married at 48 [sic], and she at 37.<sup>[1910]</sup>

An obituary for Cora:

Cora A (Mrs. Francis) Shoemaker - Troy, Feb 25- 85 of Granville Summit, died Saturday evening, Feb 24. Mrs. Shoemaker was a retired schoolteacher, having taught in the vicinity of Granville for several years. She married Francis Shoemaker in 1902 [sic]. She was a devout member of the Windfall Methodist Church, being very active in all of its departments until recent years. Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Mattie J Porter of Granville Summit; and two nephews, Leon VanHorn of Athens and Herbert F Porter of Williston Park, L I. The body was at Soper and Vickery Funeral Home in Troy where funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Owen Barrett will officiate and interment will be in Windfall Cemetery.<sup>[1911]</sup>

925 iv **MARTHA/MATTIE J.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born **16 June** about 1868, Pennsylvania, married 12 Aug. 1896, Bradford Co., Pa.,<sup>[1912]</sup> **FRED**

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1908. U.S. census, 1910, Granville Summit, Granville Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 14, r. 1318, p. 102, sh. 2B, dw. 44, fam. 45.

1909. U.S. census, 1920, Granville Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 17, r. 1541, p. 185, sh. 1B, dw. 16, fam. 16.

1910. U.S. census, 1930, Granville Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 18, r. 2006, p. 160, sh. 5A, dw. 123, fam. 123.

1911. *Windfall Cem. Obits.*, Cora A (Mrs. Francis) Shoemaker, unnamed and undated newspaper.

1912. *Bradford Co. Marriages, Books 7-12*, "Riggs [man] Fred T. Porter [woman] Mattie J. Riggs [ages]"

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**T. PORTER**, born about 1871, son of Burton A. and Adelia (→) Porter, and had at least one child: Herbert F.<sup>10</sup> Porter.

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25 28 [residences] Granville Granville [parents] Burton A. & Adelia Porter S. T. Martha [sic] Riggs [marriage] 8/12/1896 [volume page] 10 532.”

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### NINTH GENERATION

#### NEW JERSEY BRANCH

**477. ALICE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>237</sub>Jefferson<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1872 or Sept. 1873 (1900 census, but this clashes with her next sibling's birth), Ohio. She married 9 Dec. 1894, Knightsville, Clay Co., Ind.,<sup>[1913]</sup> **WILLIAM HARMON**, who was born Mar. 1870 (1900 census), Indiana, son of Samuel and Mary (Lowdermilk) Harmon.

In 1900 William Harmon, 30, a saloon keeper born Mar. 1870 in Indiana of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Indiana, resided in Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., with his wife of five years, Alice, 26, born Sept. 1873 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his sons, "Ray," 4, born Oct. 1894, and "Willie," 1, born Sept. 1898, both born in Indiana. Alice had had two children, with both surviving.<sup>[1914]</sup>

In 1910 William Harmon, 41, a saloon keeper born in Indiana of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Indiana, resided in Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., with his wife of 16 years, Alice, 38, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his sons, Raymond, 14, William, 11, and Paul, 9, and twin daughter Ada, 9, all four born in Indiana. Alice had had four children, with four surviving.<sup>[1915]</sup>

In 1920 William Harmon, 49, axle company foreman born in Indiana of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Indiana, resided in Detroit, Wayne, Mich., with his wife, Alice, 47, born in Ohio of Ohio

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1913. *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, "Wm" Harmon to female, 9 Dec. 1894, Knightsville, Ind., reg. Clay Co., Ind., bride's parents Jefferson Riggs and "Della Mare," by H. Eckles, p. 13, no. 21, FHL 1404545; *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, "Wm" Harmon, 25, born about 1869, married Sept. [sic] 1894, Clay Co., Ind., father Samuel, mother Mary Lowdermilk; also William Harmon to Alice Riggs, Sept. 1894, Clay Co.; also Alice Riggs, 22, born about 1872, married Sept. 1894, Clay Co., father Jefferson, mother "Della Mare."

1914. U.S. census, 1900, Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., ED 4, r. 363, p. 62, sh. 6A, dw. 112, fam. 115.

1915. U.S. census, 1910, Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., ED 5, r. 343, p. 71, sh. 2A, dw. 29, fam. 30.



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natives, and his sons, William, 21, and Paul, 19, and twin daughter Ada, 19, all three born in Indiana.<sup>[1916]</sup>

Children:

- 926 i RAYMOND<sup>10</sup> HARMON, born Oct. 1894, Indiana.
- 927 ii WILLIAM<sup>10</sup> HARMON, born Sept. 1898, Indiana.
- 928 iii PAUL<sup>10</sup> HARMON (twin), born about 1901, Indiana.
- 929 iv ADA<sup>10</sup> HARMON (twin), born about 1901, Indiana.

**479. CHARLES W.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>237</sub>Jefferson<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 29 Aug. 1875 or 18 Aug. 1879 or 18 Aug. 1884, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio.<sup>[1917]</sup> He married 15 June 1912, Guernsey Co., Ohio,<sup>[1918]</sup> **ETTA MAY WARD**, who was born Sept. 1893 (1900 census), West Virginia, daughter of John W. and Sophia (Corbin) Ward,<sup>[1919]</sup> and died 1 Dec. 1918, Guernsey Co., Ohio,<sup>[1920]</sup> or Wood Co., W.Va.<sup>[1921]</sup>

Children:

- 930 i NELLIE BELL<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 14 Dec. 1913, Ohio, died 8 Sept. 1914, Cambridge, Guernsey Co., Ohio,<sup>[1922]</sup> buried 10 Sept. 1914, Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio.

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1916. U.S. census, 1920, Detroit, Wayne, Mich., ED 639, r. 819, p. 19, sh. 9A, dw. 98, fam. 187.

1917. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, ref. 2:16, “Charley” Riggs, born 29 Aug. 1875, Bellaire, Ohio, father Jefferson “Reed,” mother “Dellia” Mariner or Marnier; *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Charles Riggs, 39, of Cambridge, Guernsey Co., Ohio, born 18 Aug. 1879, nearest relative Etta May Riggs, of Cambridge, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Cambridge.

1918. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–1994*, ref. 286, no. 573, Mr. Charles Riggs, 27 on 18 Aug. 1911, born Bellaire, Ohio, to Miss Etta Ward, 19 on 4 Sept. 1911, born W.Va., 15 June 1912, Guernsey Co., Ohio, by C. C. Slater MG, both residents of Cambridge, Ohio, groom’s parents Jefferson Riggs and Elizabeth Drugan, bride’s parents John Ward and Sophia Corbin.

1919. U.S. census, 1900, Union District, Wood Co., W.Va., ED 145, r. 1776, p. 295, sh. 5A–B, dw. 101, fam. 101, lists John W. Ward, 30, born May 1870, W.Va., with his wife of nine yrs., Sophia, 27, born July 1870 [sic], with five of six children, including daughter, Etta M., 6, born Sept. 1893, W.Va.

1920. *Ohio, Deaths, 1908–1932, 1937–2007*, Etta M. Riggs, died 1 Dec. 1918, Guernsey Co., Ohio.

1921. *W.Va., Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Etta May Riggs, died 12 Dec. 1918, Wood Co., W.Va., FHL 580532 and 1952762.

1922. Death certificate, image online at *Ohio, Deaths, 1908–1953*, State of Ohio, Dept. of Health,

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+ 931 ii JOHN WILLIAM<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 21 June 1917, Williamstown, Wood Co., W.Va., married DOROTHY IRENE WILLIAMSON.

**480. MARY/MAMIE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>237</sub>Jefferson<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 3 Dec. 1877, Bellaire, Belmont Co., Ohio.<sup>[1923]</sup> She married 11 Dec. 1899, Brazil, Clay Co., Ind.,<sup>[1924]</sup> **EDWARD REED STONEBRAKER**, who was born 6 May 1879,<sup>[1925]</sup> Indiana, son of William H. and Riza Jane (Hanes) Stonebraker.<sup>[1926]</sup>

In 1920 Edward Stonebraker, 40, an auto factory assembler born in Indiana of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Indiana, resided in Detroit, Wayne Co., Mich., with his wife, "May," 40, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, his daughter, Mamie, 19, and son, Charles, 17, both born in Indiana.<sup>[1927]</sup>

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no. 50106, Nellie Bell Riggs, died 8 Sept. 1914, Cambridge, Guernsey Co., Ohio, aged 0 yrs. 9 mos. 24 dys., female, white, single, born 14 Dec. 1913, Ohio, father "Chas" Riggs, born Ohio, mother Etta Ward, born W.Va., informant "Chas" Riggs, of Cambridge, buried 10 Sept. 1914, Marietta, Ohio.

1923. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, ref. 2:53, Mary Riggs, born 3 Dec. 1877, Bellaire, Ohio, father Jefferson Riggs, mother "Dellia" "Morinor."

1924. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, marriages 1897–1901, 10:407 [marked "Unofficial Record"], license 11 Dec. 1899, marriage 11 Dec. 1899, Clay Co. Ind., Edward R. Stonebraker to Mamie Riggs, by George E. Law JP [FHL 1404539], also (another record) E. S. Stonebrake to "Nannie" Riggs, of Brazil, 11 Dec. 1899, Brazil, reg. Clay Co., Ind., groom or bride previously married, her parents Jefferson Riggs and "Della," his father W. H. "Stonebrak," his mother R. J. "Hain," by Geo. C. Law, p. 17, no. 5, FHL 1404545; *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, E. S. Stonebrake, married Nov. [sic] 1899, Clay Co., Ind., father W. H., mother R. J. "Hain," also Mamie Riggs to Edward Stonebraker, Nov. 1899, Clay Co.

1925. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Edward Reed Stonebraker, 39, of 259 Hart Ave., Detroit, Wayne Co., Mich., born 6 May 1879, transmission assistant repairman, Maxwell Motor Co., nearest relative "Mrs. Mamie Stonebraker (Wife)," registered 12 Sept. 1918.

1926. U.S. census, 1880, Nevins, Vigo Co., Ind., ED 195, r. 318, p. 143C, dw. 253, fam. 308, lists William "Stonebraker," 27, a carpenter born in Ohio, his wife Risley J., 23, born in Ind., and his son, Edward, 1, born in Ind.; *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, Clay Co., 1905–1906, 13:441, marriage certificate of Lelia Stonebraker to Frank E. Hudson, her father "Wm." H. Stonebraker, of Brazil, Ind., her mother Riza Jane Hanes, of Brazil, Ind.

1927. U.S. census, 1920, Detroit, Wayne Co., Mich., ED 643, r. 819, p. 68, sh. 12A, dw. 156, fam. 241.

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In 1930 Edward “Stonebreaker,” 50, an auto factory assembler born in Indiana of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Indiana, resided in Detroit, Wayne Co., Mich., with his wife, “Mame,” 50, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his son, Charles, 28, daughter, Mamie Myers, 29, both born in Indiana, and grandson, Edward A. Myers, 6/12, born in Michigan.<sup>[1928]</sup>

Children:

- 932 i MAMIE<sup>10</sup> STONEBRAKER, born about 1901, Indiana, married – MYERS, and had at least one child (1) Edward A.<sup>11</sup> Myers, born about 1929, Michigan.
- 933 ii CHARLES<sup>10</sup> STONEBRAKER, born about 1903, Indiana.

**493. WILLIAM R.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>244</sub>Sterling<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 10 Aug. 1869, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1929]</sup> died 24 Feb. 1915, Fairmont, Marion Co, W.Va., aged 47 years 7 months 8 days [calculated birthdate: 16 July 1867],<sup>[1930]</sup> and was buried in Woodlawn Cem., Fairmont, Marion Co., W.Va.<sup>[1931]</sup> He married about 1894 MARY A. NEAL,<sup>[1932]</sup> who was born June 1874, Pennsylvania.

In 1900 William R. Riggs, 29, a railroad yard master born July 1870 in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Fairmont, Marion Co., W.Va., with his wife of six years, Mary A., 25, born June 1874 in Pennsylvania of

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1928. U.S. census, 1930, Detroit, Wayne Co., Mich., ED 757, r. 1062, p. 177, sh. 10B, dw. 111, fam. 20.

1929. Birth record, image online at *Ohio, County Births, 1841–2003*, Belmont Co. Births, 1867–1875, 1:68, “Wm” B. Riggs, born 10 Aug. 1869, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, father “Herling” Riggs, mother Sarah Quigley, residents of Richland Twp.

1930. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, W. R. Riggs, died 24 Feb. 1915, Fairmont, Marion Co, W.Va., aged 47 years 7 months 8 days, FHL 834817.

1931. *Find a Grave*, no. 42878562, gravestone photograph, by Gia Hays, Woodlawn Cem., Fairmont, Marion Co., W.Va., “William R. Riggs | 1869–1915.” Unsourced: “Constable killed during a Coal Strike ronically his father had been killed 1880 while serving as a law Officer St. Clairsville ohio,” and died 24 Feb., Marion Co, W.Va.

1932. Her surname is from their son Sterling’s second marriage record.

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Pennsylvania natives, and his son, Sterling R., 4, born July 1895 in West Virginia. Mary had had only the one child.<sup>[1933]</sup>

In 1910 William R. Riggs, 41, a railroad yard master born in Ohio of West Virginia natives, resided in Fairmont, Marion Co., W.Va., with his wife of 16 years, Mary A., 34, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and his son, Sterling R., 14, born in West Virginia. Mary had had only the one child.<sup>[1934]</sup>

In 1920 Mrs. Mary A. Riggs, 45, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., in the household of her son, Sterling, 24, single, a merchants company broker, and her daughter, Mary W., 7, born in West Virginia.<sup>[1935]</sup>

In 1930 Mary A. Riggs, 55, a widow born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Fairmont, Marion Co., W.Va., with her daughter, Mary Wilma, 17, single, born in West Virginia, as the housekeeper in the residence of Frank C. Haymond.<sup>[1936]</sup>

Children:

- + 934 i **STERLING RICHARD**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 22 July 1895, Fairmont, Marion Co., W.Va., married (1) **HELEN SHRINER**, divorced, married (2) **ALICE/ALTHEA KATHERINE PEPIN**, and had two children.
- 935 ii **MARY WILMA**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1913, West Virginia.

**494. MARY ELIZABETH**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>244</sub>*Sterling*<sup>8</sup>, *Sylvester*<sup>7</sup>, *Zophar*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Zophar*<sup>5</sup>, ?*James*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 Feb. 1871, Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1937]</sup> and died 9 July 1942, Marshall Co., W.Va.<sup>[1938]</sup> She married

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1933. U.S. census, 1900, Fairmont, Marion Co., W.Va., ED 52, r. 1764, p. 55, sh. 12A, dw. 209, fam. 240.

1934. U.S. census, 1910, Fairmont, Marion Co., W.Va., ED 56, r. 1687, p. 131, sh. 25A, dw. 416, fam. 442.

1935. U.S. census, 1920, Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 402, r. 1520, p. 279, sh. 2A, dw. 31, fam. 35.

1936. U.S. census, 1930, Fairmont, Marion Co., W.Va., ED 12, r. 2542, p. 224, sh. 9B, dw. 225, fam. 252.

1937. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Mary Elizabeth Riggs, born 25 Feb. 1871, Belmont Co., Ohio, father Sterling Riggs, mother Sarah Quigley [FHL 902137, 902140].

1938. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Mary Elizabeth Stimmel, died 9 July 1942, Marshall Co., W.Va., married to R. E. Stimmel, father Sterling R. Riggs, mother Sarah Quigley [FHL 1983636].

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1890, Marshall Co., W.Va.,<sup>[1939]</sup> **ROLLA/ROLLEY E. STIMMEL**, who was born Feb. 1865 (1900 census), West Virginia, son of Henry and Anna (Quigley) Stimmel, and died 14 Nov. 1934, Marshall Co., W.Va.<sup>[1940]</sup> His mother Anna Quigley is **possibly** the sister (or other relation) of Mary's mother Sarah Quigley.

In 1900 Rolley Stimmel, 35, a railway laborer born Feb. 1863 in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Cameron Dist., Marshall Co., W.Va., with his wife of 10 years, Mary E., 28, born Feb. 1872 in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in West Virginia, and his daughters, Minnie M., 9, born Feb. 1891, and Avalenia, 6, born Aug. 1893, both born in West Virginia. Mary had had only the two children.<sup>[1941]</sup>

In 1930 "Raul Stimel," 57, a tool shop worker born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Cameron, Marshall Co., W.Va., with his wife, "Maggie," 54, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, and his daughters, Minnie, 21, Lula, 18, and Hilda, 10, all three born in West Virginia.<sup>[1942]</sup> An unreliable census item.

In 1930 Rolley E. Stimmel, 66, a steel mill machinist born in West Virginia of Maryland natives, resided in Cameron, Marshall Co., W.Va., with his wife, Mary E., 56, born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in West Virginia, and his daughter, Janet, 20, born in West Virginia, and his uncle Patrick Quigley, 75, single, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives. Rolley first married at 25, and Mary at 15.<sup>[1943]</sup>

Children:

936 i **MINNIE M.**<sup>10</sup> **STIMMEL**, born Feb. 1891, West Virginia.

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1939. *W.Va. Marriages Index, 1785-1971*, Mary E. Riggs, to Rolla E. Stimmel, 1890, Marshall Co., W.Va.

1940. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853-1973*, "Rolley" E. Stimmel, died 14 Nov. 1934, Marshall Co., W.Va., married to Mary Riggs Stimmel, father Henry Stimmel, mother Anna Quigley [FHL 1953837].

1941. U.S. census, 1900, Cameron Dist., Marshall Co., W.Va., ED 67, r. 1765, p. 17, sh. 17A, dw. 333, fam. 338.

1942. U.S. census, 1920, Cameron, Marshall Co., W.Va., ED 46, r. 1952, p. 258, sh. 23A, dw. 533, fam. 548.

1943. U.S. census, 1930, Cameron, Marshall Co., W.Va., ED 1, r. 2543, p. 15, sh. 15B, dw. 382, fam. 399.

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- 937 ii AVALENIA/LULA<sup>10</sup> STIMMEL, born Aug. 1893, West Virginia.  
938 iii JANET/HILDA<sup>10</sup> STIMMEL, born about 1910, West Virginia.

**498. MARGARET FRANCES<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>244</sub>*Sterling<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born Jan. 1877 (1900 census) or 11 Jan. 1879, St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, died 27 Apr. 1961, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va.,<sup>[1944]</sup> and was buried 1 May 1961, Greenwood Cem., Wheeling, W.Va. She married about 1897 **EDWARD MORRIS**, who was born Oct. 1872 (1900 census), West Virginia.

In 1900 Edward Morris, 27, a steel mill laborer born Oct. 1872 in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in McMechen, Marshall Co., W.Va., with his wife of three years, Margaret F., 23, born Jan. 1877 in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in West Virginia. Margaret had had one child, and none surviving.<sup>[1945]</sup>

In 1910 Edward Morris, 38, a steel mill laborer born in West Virginia of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in McMechen, Marshall Co., W.Va., with his wife of 13 years, “Margarite” F., 30, born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in West Virginia, and with his two daughters, Thelma C., 8, and Corelli M., 2, both born in West Virginia, and with his mother-in-law, Sarah J. Riggs, 59, a widow, and with his uncle, Patrick Quigley, 55, single, both born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives. Margarite had had four children, with two surviving.<sup>[1946]</sup>

Known children of four:

- 939 i **THELMA C.<sup>10</sup> MORRIS**, born about 1902, West Virginia.  
940 ii **CORELLI M.<sup>10</sup> MORRIS**, born about 1914, West Virginia.

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1944. Death certificate, image online at *W.Va. Deaths, 1853–1970*, W.Va. State Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, dist no. 350, serial no. 362, Margaret Frances Riggs Morris, of 10 Richmond Ave., Mozat, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., died 27 Apr. 1961, Ohio Valley Gen. Hosp., Wheeling, aged 82 yrs. 3 mos. 16 dys., female, white, widowed, born 11 Jan. 1879, St. Clairsville, Ohio, father Sterling Riggs, mother Sarah Quigley, informant Mrs. Arthur Wasemann, buried 1 May 1961, Greenwood Cem., Wheeling, W.Va.

1945. U.S. census, 1900, McMechen, Union Dist., Marshall Co., W.Va., ED 74, r. 1765, p. 136, sh. 14B, dw. 267, fam. 291.

1946. U.S. census, 1910, McMechen, Union Dist., Marshall Co., W.Va., ED 90, r. 1688, p. 136, sh. 5B, dw. 82, fam. 106.

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502. LAURA BELLE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS (<sub>246</sub>John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born as Clara D. Riggs, 23 Nov. 1869, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1947]</sup> died 28 May 1951, Klamath Falls, Klamath Co., Ore.<sup>[1948]</sup> She married about 1892 FRANCES/FRANK E. ROBINSON, who was born May 1859 (1900 census), Connecticut, died 29 Sept. 1945, Lincoln Co., Ore.<sup>[1949]</sup>

In 1900 Frank Robinson, 41, a carpenter born May 1859 in Connecticut of Connecticut natives, resided in Steele, Woodlawn Twp., Kidder Co., N.D., with his wife of eight years, Laura B., 30, born Nov. 1869 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his son, Edward S., 1, born Feb. 1899 in North Dakota, and his sister-in-law, Ida M. Riggs, 17, born Sept. 1882 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and a boarder. Laura had had the one child.<sup>[1950]</sup>

In 1910 Frances E. Robinson, 51, a house carpenter born in Connecticut of Connecticut natives, resided in Salem, Marion Co., Ore., with his wife of 17 years, Laura, 40, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his sons, Edward, 11, and Claud, 9, and daughter, Ruth, 7, all three born in North Dakota. Laura had had three children, with three surviving.<sup>[1951]</sup>

In 1920 Francis E. Robinson, 60, a house carpenter born in Connecticut of Connecticut natives, resided in Pringle Pct., Marion Co., Ore., with his wife of 17 years, Laura "V.," 50, born in Ohio of Ohio natives,

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1947. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, Clara D. Riggs, born 23 Nov. 1869, Belmont Co., Ohio, father John Riggs, mother Margaret Berry; also image online at *Ohio, County Births, 1841–2003*, Belmont Co. Births, 1867–1875, 1:68.

1948. *Ore. Death Index, 1898–2008*, Laura B. Robinson, died 28 May 1951, Klamath Co., spouse Frank, certificate 5403; death certificate, State of Oregon, Board of Health–Portland, no. 5403, Laura Belle Robinson, resident of 718 High St., Newport, Lincoln Co., Ore., died 28 May 1951, Hillside Hospital, Klamath Falls, Klamath Co., Ore., aged 81 yrs., female, white, widow of Frank E., [she] born 22 Nov. 1869, St. Clairsville, Ohio, father John Riggs, mother Margaret L. Berry, informant E. S. Robinson, removed 29 May 1951 to Eureka Cem., Newport, Ore.

1949. *Ore. Death Index, 1898–2008*, Francis E. Robinson, died 29 Sept. 1945, Lincoln Co., certificate 6492.

1950. U.S. census, 1900, Steele, Woodlawn Twp., Kidder Co., N.D., ED 80, r. 1229, p. 4, sh. 4B, dw. 72, fam. 72.

1951. U.S. census, 1910, Salem, Marion Co., Ore., ED 227, r. 1284, p. 121, sh. 13B, dw. 304, fam. 306.

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and his son, Claude F., 18, and daughter, Ruth R., 16, both born in North Dakota. Laura had had three children, with three surviving.<sup>[1952]</sup>

Children:

- 941 i EDWARD S.<sup>10</sup> ROBINSON, born Feb. 1899, North Dakota.
- 942 ii CLAUDE F.<sup>10</sup> ROBINSON, born about 1901, North Dakota.
- 943 iii RUTH R.<sup>10</sup> ROBINSON, born about 1903, North Dakota.

**503. MARY IOLA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>246</sub>*John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born 15 Sept. 1871, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1953]</sup> died 1931, and was buried in St. Marys Cem., Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D.<sup>[1954]</sup> She married about 1893 **ANDREW P. PETERSON**, who was born 1870, Illinois, died 1945, and was buried near his wife.<sup>[1955]</sup>

In 1900 Andrew P. Peterson, 29, a farmer born Aug. 1870 in Illinois of a Danish father and a German mother, resided in Apple Creek Twp., Burleigh Co., N.D., with his wife of seven years, Mary, 30, born Aug. 1869 in Ohio of Pennsylvania natives, and his daughters, Ida, 5, born Jan. 1895, and Elsie, 3, born Feb. 1897, both born in North Dakota. Maria had had two children, both surviving.<sup>[1956]</sup>

In 1910 “Andy” Peterson, 40, a farmer born in Illinois of Danish natives, resided in Morton Co., N.D., with his wife of 17 years, “Maria,” 39, born in Iowa of U.S. natives, and his daughters, Ida, 15, and Elsie, 14, both born in North Dakota of a mother born in Ohio, and his son,

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1952. U.S. census, 1920, Pringle Pct., Marion Co., Ore., ED 334, r. 1497, p. 213, sh. 1A, dw. 11, fam. 11.

1953. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, Mary Iola Riggs, born 15 Sept. 1871, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, father J. Riggs, mother Margaret Berry, residents of Richland Twp.; also image online at *Ohio, County Births, 1841–2003*, Belmont Co. Births, 1867–1875, 1:168.

1954. *Find a Grave*, no. 75698921, gravestone photograph, Brian Backes, St. Marys Cem., Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., “Mother | Mary I. | Peterson | 1871–1931.”

1955. *Find a Grave*, no. 75698934, gravestone photograph, Brian Backes, St. Marys Cem., Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., “Father | Andrew P. | Peterson | 1870–1945.”

1956. U.S. census, 1900, Apple Creek Twp., Burleigh Co., N.D., ED 227, r. 1226, p. 108, sh. 9B, dw. 96, fam. 98.



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“Verna,” 3, born in North Dakota of a Danish mother. Maria had had two children, both surviving.<sup>[1957]</sup>

In 1920 Andrew Peterson, 49, a farmer born in Illinois of Danish natives, resided in Janesburg Twp., Grant Co., N.D., with his wife, Mary I., 48, born in Iowa of U.S. natives, and his son, Vernie, 13, born in North Dakota.<sup>[1958]</sup>

Children:

- 944 i IDA<sup>10</sup> PETERSON, born Jan. 189, North Dakota.
- 945 ii ELSIE<sup>10</sup> PETERSON, born Feb. 1897, North Dakota.
- 946 iii VERNIE A.<sup>10\*</sup> PETERSON, born 20 Sept. 1906, North Dakota, died 29 Mar. 1998, buried in St. Marys Cem., Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D.,<sup>[1959]</sup> married 15 June 1931 (gravestone) ELIZABETH M. —, born 26 June 1908, died 17 Apr. 2000, buried next to her husband. Vernie was apparently born out of wedlock of a Danish woman, according to the 1910 census.

**504. JOHN ALBERT<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>246</sub>John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 27 Dec. 1872, St. Clairsville, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio,<sup>[1960]</sup> died 1950, and was buried in Mountain View Cem., Oregon City, Ore.<sup>[1961]</sup> He married (1) 1894 (from biography below) PEARL HARKER, daughter of J. D. Harker. They divorced and he married (2) 20 Sept. 1901, Roseau, Roseau Co., Minn. (1938 naturalization record), HELEN ANNA BOOK, who was born 30 Aug. 1881, Drayton, Pembina Co., N.D., daughter of George and Milessia

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1957. U.S. census, 1910, Morton Co., N.D., ED 125, r. 1144, p. 144, sh. 5B, dw. 82, fam. 82.

1958. U.S. census, 1920, Janesburg Twp., Grant Co., N.D., ED 74, r. 1334, p. 234, sh. 5A, dw. 82, fam. 82.

1959. *Find a Grave*, no. 71519375, gravestone photograph, Brian Backes, St. Marys Cem., Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., “Peterson | Vernie A. | Sept. 20, 1906 | Mar. 29, 1998 || Married | June 15 | 1931 || Elizabeth M. | June 26, 1908 | April 17, 2000.”

1960. Birth record, image online at *Ohio, County Births, 1841–2003*, Belmont Co. Births, 1867–1875, 1:216, John Albert Riggs, born 27 Dec. 1872, Richland Twp., Belmont Co., father John Riggs, mother Margaret L. Berry, residents of Richland Twp.

1961. *Find a Grave*, no. 39757870, gravestone photograph, by Lyn Little, Mountain View Cem., Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., “Riggs | John A. | 1872–1950 || Helen A. | 1881–1965.”

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(-) Book,<sup>[1962]</sup> and died 18 Aug. 1965, Clackamas Co., Ore.,<sup>[1963]</sup> and was buried next to her husband.

A biography of John Albert Riggs from a Steele (N.D.) diamond jubilee publication of 1956 follows (with a few errors). Steele was founded in 1881 and was 75 years old in 1956:

John Albert Riggs was born at St. Clairsville, Ohio December 27th, 1873 [sic]. He was the son of John and Margaret Riggs and came to Dakota Territory with his parents in 1883. At the age of fourteen he hired out to the Northern Pacific Railway Company and worked intermittently as a flunkie at the depot in Steele, and one of the section crew at Geneva, finally becoming section boss at Steele, which position he held until 1895 when he moved to Tappen where he became interested in operating the Troy farm with his father in law, J. D. Harker, he having married Pearl Harker in 1894. They had one child, John D. Riggs, who now lives in Eugene, Oregon.

In 1898 he moved to Warroad, Minnesota, where he lived for several years and where he married the second time, he and his first wife having parted. In 1905 he moved to Strongfield, Saskatchewan, where he homesteaded, and engaged in farming until 1920 when he moved to Oregon City, Oregon, and operated a stationary steam engine in a paper mill at Oregon City until his death in 1945.

In 1896 [sic, **this paragraph conflicts with the one above and I distrust it**] he moved with his foster parents to Cass County, North Dakota, where they farmed until 1916. During that time, as soon as the fall's work was done he would take a carload of the farm horses to the lumber woods about fifty miles north of Deer River, Minnesota, and work for the Itaska Lumber Company until the camps broke up in the spring. His chief diversion was baseball and basketball in his younger days.

He had three sons by his second wife, and they, and including his widow all live at Oregon City.<sup>[1964]</sup>

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1962. *Minn. Census*, 1895, Roseau Co., Minn., lists George Book, 72, born Canada, Milessia, 55, born Canada, with three children, including Helen, 14, born N.D.; U.S. census, 1900, Spruce, Roseau Co., Minn., ED 337, r. 788, p. 58, sh. 5A, dw. 78, fam. 81, lists "Malissee" Book, 60, with three children, including single daughter, "Hellen," 18, born Aug. 1881, N.D., of Canadian natives.

1963. *Ore. Death Index*, 1898-2008, Helen A. Riggs, 83, died 18 Aug. 1965, Clackamas Co., spouse Albert, certificate 11975.

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In 1900 John A. Riggs, 26, a mechanical engineer born Dec. 1873 in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in Warroad, Roseau Co., Minn., as a boarder in the household of the Cronkhite family.<sup>[1965]</sup>

In 1911 John A. Riggs, 38, a farmer born Oct. 1872 in the U.S., resided in Hawarden, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, with his wife, Helen A., 39, born Aug. 1871 in the U.S., and with his sons, William E., 6, born Jan. 1905 in the U.S., Grover, 3, born Sept. 1908, and Albert, 1, born Oct. 1909, both born in Saskatchewan. The older three had moved to Canada in 1906 and naturalized in 1909.<sup>[1966]</sup>

In 1916 John Riggs, 41, a farmer born in the U.S., resided in Last Mountain, Saskatchewan, Canada, with his wife, Helen, 32, born in the U.S., and with his sons, William, 11, born in the U.S., Grover, 9, and Albert, 7, both born in Saskatchewan. The older three had moved to Canada in 1905 and naturalized in 1909.<sup>[1967]</sup>

On 26 Apr. 1926 John Albert Riggs, 52, of Strongfield, Saskatchewan, Canada, entered the U.S. at Eastport, Idaho. He was born at St. Clairsville, Ohio, and his destination was Oregon City, Ore. From birth to 1906, he had resided in Ohio to Minnesota. He intended to become a citizen, and was headed to see his son, Grover Riggs, of Oregon City, Ore. His nearest relative was his wife, "Anna Helen" Riggs, of Strongfield.<sup>[1968]</sup>

In 1930 John A. Riggs, 56, a paper mill steam engineer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., with his wife, Helen A., 46, born in North Dakota of Canadian natives, and with his son, Albert, 20, born in Canada.<sup>[1969]</sup>

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1964. Image online of *Steele Diamond Jubilee*, 123, 1956, on <Ancestry.com> (downloaded 25 Apr. 2013).

1965. U.S. census, 1900, Warroad, Roseau Co., Minn., ED 339, r. 788, p. 81, sh. 5B, dw. 89, fam. 89.

1966. Canadian census, 1911, Hawarden, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, p. 18, dw. 224, fam. 224.

1967. Canadian census, 1916, Last Mountain, Saskatchewan, r. 21937, p. 26, dw. 265, fam. 274.

1968. *Border Crossings from Canada to U.S., 1895-1954*, John Albert Riggs, 11 Apr. 1926, Eastport, Idaho.

1969. U.S. census, 1930, Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., ED 80, r. 1940, p. 111, sh. 3A, dw. 66, fam. 66.

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On 15 June 1938 Annie Helen Riggs petitioned the U.S. District Court of Oregon, in Portland, for naturalization. She stated that she was born 30 Aug. 1881, Drayton, N.D., of German [sic] race, and that her husband was naturalized in Canada. She further stated that she had married John on 20 Sept. 1901, Roseau, Minn., and that he was born 27 Dec. 1872, St. "Clarevill," Ohio. And that she had entered the U.S. in Apr. 1926 at Eastport, Idaho, and that she had three children all residing in Oregon City, Ore., as was she: William, born 28 June, 1905, Warroad, Minn.; Grover, born 13 Sept. 1908, Elbow, Canada; and Albert, born 3 Oct. 1910, Elbow, Canada.<sup>[1970]</sup>

In 1940 John A. Riggs, 65, a paper mill engineer born in Ohio, resided in Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., with his wife, Annie H., 58, born in North Dakota, and with his sister-in-law Florence L. Book, 74, a widow, born in Minnesota. Grover C. "ab" Riggs, 32, born in Canada, resided nearby with his wife, Viviane M.<sup>[1971]</sup>

An obituary for John:

John Albert Riggs , 77, Oregon resident since 1926, died Saturday in his home at Oregon City. Born at Clairsvile [sic], Ohio, in 1873, he resided in Canada before moving to Oregon. He was a retired steam engineer. . . .

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Anna Riggs; three sons, John Riggs, Eugene; W. E. and Albert Riggs, Oregon City, and Grover Riggs, with the US army in Iran; three sisters, Mrs. F. Robinson, Newport; Mrs. Anna Hogoboon, New York, and Mrs. Ella Brown, in California, and three brothers, Ben and Grover Riggs, both in North Dakota, and Roy Riggs, Salem.

The funeral will be at 2 pm Wednesday in the Oregon City Funeral home. Burial will be in Mountain View cemetery.<sup>[1972]</sup>

Child of the first marriage, to Pearl:

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1970. *Selected US Naturalization Records, 1790-1974*, Annie Helen Riggs, no. 12662.

1971. U.S. census, 1940, Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., ED 3-60, r. 3355, p. 612, sh. 5B, dw. 111. Grover C. Riggs resided in dw. 118.

1972. Image online on <Ancestry.com> (downloaded 25 Apr. 2013), unnamed, undated newspaper clipping.

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- + 947 i **JOHN DAVID**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 31 May 1896, Tappen, Kidder Co., N.D., married **MYRTLE ADALINE GRINER**, and had no children.

Children of the second marriage, to Helen Anna:

- + 948 ii **WILLIAM E.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 28 Jan. 1905, Warroad, Roseau Co., Minn., married **MARY GREGGERSEN**, and had one child.
- + 949 iii **GROVER CLEVELAND**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 13 Sept. 1907, Elbow, Saskatchewan, Canada, married (1) **VIVIAN V. BRETTELL**, and had three children, married (2) **ESTHER IRENE (GOODWIN) SUMPTION**, and had one child.
- 950 iv **ALBERT**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 3 Oct. 1910, Elbow, Saskatchewan, Canada.

**506. ANNA A.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>246</sub>*John W.*<sup>8</sup>, *Sylvester*<sup>7</sup>, *Zophar*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Zophar*<sup>5</sup>, ?*James*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 5 Oct. 1877, Ohio, and died Dec. 1965, last residence New York.<sup>[1973]</sup> She married (1) about 1896 **STANLEY A. STEVENS**,<sup>[1974]</sup> who was born about 1868, New York, and died before the 1915 New York state census. She married (2) before the 1920 census **CHARLES L. HOGOBOOM**, who was born about 1873, New York.

In 1910 Stanley “Stephens,” 42, a railroad carpenter born in New York of U.S. natives, resided in Mexico, Oswego Co., N.Y., with his wife of 14 years, Anna, 32, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his son, Ralph, 14, and daughter, Florence, 7, both born in New York. Anna had had two children, both surviving.<sup>[1975]</sup>

In 1915 Anna Stevens, 37, houseworker, resided on Wayne St. in Mexico, Oswego Co., N.Y., with her son, Ralph R., 18, daughters, “Flo-

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1973. SSDI, SSN 059-22-0765, Anna Hogoboom, born 5 Oct. 1877, died Dec. 1965, last residence N.Y., issued N.Y. (before 1951).

1974. His name from his son's marriage record: *N.Y. County Marriages, 1908-1935*, Ralph Riggs Stevens, 21, born about 1898, to Lena Catherine Zehuder, 22, born about 1897, on 8 Nov. 1919, N.Y., groom's parents Stanley A. Stevens and Anna Riggs, bride's parents Jacob Zehuder and Magee.

1975. U.S. census, 1910, Mexico, Oswego Co., N.Y., ED 124, r. 1732, p. 52, sh. 7A, dw. checkmark, fam. checkmark.

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ranc” M., [empty], but lived in U.S. 12 years, and “Isabell,” 4, all four born in the U.S.<sup>[1976]</sup>

In 1920 Charles L. Hogoboom, 47, a cattle broker born in New York of New York natives, resided in Mexico, Oswego Co., N.Y., with his wife, Anna A., 42, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his stepdaughters, Florence M., 17, and Helen I., 8, born in New York of a father born in New York. Charles had first married at 34, and Anna at 18.<sup>[1977]</sup>

In 1930 Charles L. “Hogsboom,” 57, a retail grocery merchant born in New York of New York natives, resided in Mexico, Oswego Co., N.Y., with his wife, Anna S., 52, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his stepdaughter, Isabel, 18, born in New York of a father born in New York. Charles had first married at 34, and Anna at 18.<sup>[1978]</sup>

Children:

- 951 i **RALPH RIGGS**<sup>10</sup> **STEVENS**, born about 1896, New York, married 8 Nov. 1919, New York,<sup>[1979]</sup> **LENA CATHERINE ZEHUDER**, born about 1897, daughter of Jacob and Magee (–) Zehuder.
- 952 ii **FLORENCE M.**<sup>10</sup> **STEVENS**, born just 25 Oct. 1902, probably Mannsville, Jefferson Co., N.Y., died 11 Apr. 1947, Mexico, Oswego Co., N.Y., married **ROY DELONG**, and had seven children (see obituary below).

The *Jefferson County Journal*, Adams, N.Y., of Tuesday, 28 Oct. 1902, had this item from Mannsville:

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stevens are entertaining a guest who has evidently come to stay. It's a girl!<sup>[1980]</sup>

An obituary for Florence:

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1976. *N.Y. State Census, 1915*, Mexico, Oswego Co.

1977. U.S. census, 1920, Mexico, Oswego Co., N.Y., ED 158, r. 1254, p. 87, sh. 7A, dw. 173, fam. 197.

1978. U.S. census, 1930, Mexico, Oswego Co., N.Y., ED 24, r. 1635, p. 3, sh. 3A, dw. 68, fam. 77.

1979. *N.Y. County Marriages, 1908–1935*, Ralph Riggs Stevens, 21, born about 1898, to Lena Catherine Zehuder, 22, born about 1897, on 8 Nov. 1919, N.Y., groom's parents Stanley A. Stevens and Anna Riggs, bride's parents Jacob Zehuder and Magee.

1980. Image of newspaper posted on <Ancestry.com>.

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Mrs. Florence Stevens DeLong, 45, wife of Roy DeLong, died Sunday evening, April 11, at 11:30 o'clock in her home at Dewey's Corners, town of Mexico, after a long illness.

Mrs. DeLong was born at Dansville [sic] October 25, 1902, the daughter of Mrs. Anna Stevens Hogoboom and the late Stanley Stevens. Mrs. DeLong passed most of her life in the town and village of Mexico . . .

Surviving besides her husband are seven daughters: Mrs. Myron Johnson, Mrs. Frank Shepherd, Mrs. Lester Gardner, Mary, Carol, Doris and Judith DeLong; seven grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Anna Hogoboom; one brother, Ralph Stevens, one sister, Mrs. Isabel Sternberg, of Baldwinsville, and several nephews. . . .<sup>[1981]</sup>

953 iii HELEN ISABEL<sup>10</sup> STEVENS, born about 1911, New York, married (see sister's obit.) — STERNBERG.

509. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS (<sub>246</sub>John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 31 Jan. 1880, Ohio,<sup>[1982]</sup> and died 17 June 1962, Ramsey Co., Minn.<sup>[1983]</sup> He married about 1905 GERTRUDE V. —, who was born about 1883, Iowa. He was deduced from the estate settlement announcement.

There was a marriage of B. F. Riggs, 25, born about 1880, St. Clairsville, Ohio, to Gertrude Groat, 25, born about 1880, Irwin, Shelby Co., Iowa, on 15 Jan. 1905, Shelby Co., Iowa, groom's parents John Albert Riggs and Mary Waltkins (!), bride's parents A. J. Groat and Nansy Irwin.<sup>[1984]</sup>

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1981. Image of newspaper posted on <Ancestry.com>. Name and date of newspaper not given.

1982. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Benjamin Franklin Riggs, 39, of 515 6th Ave. N., Jamestown, Stutsman Co., N.D., born 31 Jan. 1880, railway freight conductor, nearest relative "Mrs. B. F. Riggs," of same address, registered Stutsman Co., N.D.

1983. *Minn. Death Index, 1908–2002*, Benjamin Franklin Riggs, born 31 Jan. 1880, died 17 June 1962, Ramsey Co., Minn., mother's maiden name Wilson, state file no. 30045, record no. 1503698.

1984. *Iowa, Marriages, 1809–1992*, B. F. Riggs, born St. Clairsville, Ohio, to Gertrude Groat, 25, born about 1880, Irwin, Shelby Co., Iowa, on 15 Jan. 1905, Shelby Co., Iowa, groom's parents John Albert Riggs and Mary Waltkins, bride's parents A. J. Groat and Nansy Irwin; *Iowa, County Marriages, 1838–1934*, added his age and birth year.

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In 1900 Benjamin Riggs, 20, a hotel clerk born Jan. 1880 in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Sibley Twp., Kidder Co., N.D., as a servant.<sup>[1985]</sup>

In 1920 Benjamin F., 39, a railway conductor born in Ohio of U.S. natives, resided in Jamestown, Stutsman Co., N.D., with his wife, Gertrude, 37, born in Iowa of U.S. natives, and his sons, Richard, 13 [overwrites 11], and Harold, 5, and daughter, Arlene, 3, all three born in North Dakota.<sup>[1986]</sup>

In 1930 "Ben." F., 50, a steam railway conductor born in Ohio of U.S. natives, resided in Jamestown, Stutsman Co., N.D., with his wife, Gertrude V., 45, born in Iowa of U.S. natives, and his son, Harold L., 16, and daughter, Arlene M., 13, both born in North Dakota. Ben had first married at 25, and Gertrude at 20.<sup>[1987]</sup>

Children:

- 954 i RICHARD<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1907, North Dakota.
- 955 ii HAROLD L.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1915, North Dakota.
- 956 iii ARLENE M.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1917, North Dakota.

**510. IDA MAY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>246</sub>John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 5 Sept. 1882 (obituary), Ohio,<sup>[1988]</sup> died 22 Feb. 1945, Portland Co., Ore.,<sup>[1989]</sup> and was buried in Forest View Cem., Forest Grove, Washington Co., Ore.<sup>[1990]</sup> She married about 1904 **WILLARD BRITNELL COON**, who was born 15 Aug. 1879,<sup>[1991]</sup> died

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1985. U.S. census, 1900, Sibley Twp., Kidder Co., N.D., ED 81, r. 1229, p. 20, sh. 7A, dw. 88, fam. 91.

1986. U.S. census, 1920, Jamestown, Stutsman Co., N.D., ED 238, r. 1341, p. 223, sh. 5B, dw. 91, fam. 116.

1987. U.S. census, 1930, Jamestown, Stutsman Co., N.D., ED 31, r. 1743, p. 115, sh. 2A, dw. 25, fam. 28.

1988. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821-1962*, female Riggs, born 20 Jan. 1879, Belmont Co., Ohio, father John Riggs, mother Margaret Berry, of Richland Twp.; also image online at *Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003*, Belmont Co. Births, 1875-1884, 2:118.

1989. *Ore. Death Index, 1898-2008*, Ida M. Coon, died 22 Feb. 1945, Portland Co., Ore., certificate 737.

1990. *Find a Grave*, no. 89334461, gravestone photograph, by Tracy Turner, Forest View Cem., Forest Grove, Washington Co., Ore., plot: lot 183, grave 8, "Ida M. Coon | 1882-1945."

1991. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Willard Britnell Coon, 39, of 1st St., Forest Grove, Washington Co., Ore., born 15 Aug. 1879, veterinary surgeon, nearest relative wife Ida May



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18 Nov. 1942, Washington Co., Ore.,<sup>[1992]</sup> and was buried near her husband.<sup>[1993]</sup>

In 1910 Willard Coon, 30, a veterinarian born in South Dakota of a father born in Wisconsin and a mother in Iowa, resided in Steele, Woodlawn Twp., Kidder Co., N.D., with his wife of six years, Ida, 26, born in North Dakota of Ohio natives, and his son, unnamed, 4, born in North Dakota, and with two young lodgers, Fred Padgett, 5, and Irwin Padgett, 3, both born in Canada of a father born in New York and a mother in Iowa.<sup>[1994]</sup>

In 1920 W. B. Coon, 40, a veterinary surgeon born in South Dakota of a father born in Wisconsin and a mother in Iowa, resided in Forest Grove, Washington Co., Ore., with his wife, Ida, 37, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his son, "Elroyar," 13, born in North Dakota.<sup>[1995]</sup>

In 1930 Willard B. Coon, 50, a veterinary doctor born in South Dakota of a father born in Wisconsin and a mother in Iowa, resided in Forest Grove, Washington Co., Ore., with his wife, Ida M., 47, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his son, Elwyn W., 23, born in North Dakota. Willard was first married at 25, and Ida at 22.<sup>[1996]</sup>

From an obituary for Ida:

Mrs. Ida May Coon, 62, of Forest Grove, died in a Portland hospital February 22. Funeral services were held Monday . . . Interment was in Forest View cemetery.

Born in St. Clairsville, Ohio, September 5, 1882, she came to Oregon in 1912. Deceased is survived by a son, Dr. Elwyn Coon, of Forest Grove; three sisters, Laura Robinson of Newport, Ella Brown of Fullerton, Cal., Anna Hogobloom [sic] of Baldwinsville, N.Y.; four brothers, John Riggs of

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Coon, of the same address, registered 12 Sept. 19[18].

1992. *Ore. Death Index, 1898–2008*, Willard B. Coon, died 18 Nov. 1942, Washington Co., Ore.

1993. *Find a Grave*, no. 89334462, gravestone photograph, by Tracy Turner, Forest View Cem., Forest Grove, Washington Co., Ore., plot: lot 183, grave 9, "Willard B. Coon | 1879–1942."

1994. U.S. census, 1910, Steele, Woodlawn Twp., Kidder Co., N.D., ED 53, r. 1142, p. 238, sh. 5B, dw. 107, fam. 107.

1995. U.S. census, 1920, Forest Grove, Washington Co., Ore., ED 430, r. 1505, p. 237, sh. 1A, dw. 14, fam. 15.

1996. U.S. census, 1930, Forest Grove, Washington Co., Ore., ED 25, r. 1957, p. 284, sh. 4B, dw. 196, fam. 196.

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Oregon City, Roy Riggs of Salem, Grover and Ben Riggs of North Dakota.<sup>[1997]</sup>

Child:

957 i **ELWYN WILLARD**<sup>10</sup> **COON**, born 1906, Steele, N.D., died 26 Apr. 1988, Forest Grove, Washington Co., Ore., and was buried (inurned) in Forest View Cem., Forest Grove.<sup>[1998]</sup> He married **LEONA MINOR**, born 5 Oct. 1909, Manilla, Iowa, died 15 Jan. 2005, buried next her husband. They had two children: (1) Richard E.<sup>11</sup> Coon; and (2) Carol<sup>11</sup> Coon, married – Doidge.

Obit. for Elwyn: “He died Tuesday in his home. He was 81”; “He was born in Steele, N.D., and he moved with his family moved [sic] to Forest Grove when he was 6”; “Surviving are his wife, Leona; a son, Richard of Forest Groe; a daughter, Carol Doidge of Salem.”<sup>[1999]</sup>

Obit. for Leona: “Leona M. Coon, who died Jan. 15”; “Leona Minor was born Oct. 5, 1909, in Manilla, Iowa . . . In 1934, she married Dr. Elwyn W.; he died in 1988”; “Survivors include her son, Dr. Richard E.; daughter, Carol J. Doidge.”<sup>[2000]</sup>

**511. GROVER CLEVELAND**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>24</sub>*John W.*<sup>8</sup>, *Sylvester*<sup>7</sup>, *Zophar*<sup>6</sup>, *?Zophar*<sup>5</sup>, *?James*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 4 Nov. 1884 (the day Grover Cleveland was elected President), Dakota Terr., died 27 Nov. 1972, Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D.,<sup>[2001]</sup> and was buried 30 Nov. 1972,

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1997. Obit., *Hillsboro* [Washington Co., Ore.] *Argus*, 1 Mar. 1945, as transcribed on *Find a Grave*.

1998. *Find a Grave*, no. 54158850, gravestone photograph, by Tracy Turner, Forest View Cem., Forest Grove, Washington Co., Ore., plot: lot 466A, grave 4, “Coon | Elwyn W. | 1906-1988 || Leona M. | 1909-2005.”

1999. *Find a Grave*, no. 54158850, obit. transcribed, Elwyn Willard Coon, *The Oregonian* (Portland, Ore.), 29 Apr. 1988.

2000. *Find a Grave*, no. 42505228, obit. transcribed, Leona M. Coon, *The Oregonian* (Portland, Ore.), 21 Jan. 2005.

2001. Death certificate, image online at <Ancestry.com>, North Dakota, State Dept. of Health (no number, “Funeral Director’s Copy), Grover C. Riggs, resident of 414 Ave. F East, Bismarck, died 27 Nov. 1972, Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D. aged 88 yrs., male, white, married, to Mabel Wheeler, railway postal clerk, born 4 Nov. 1884, N.D., father John Riggs, mother Margaret Berry, informant Mrs. Mable Riggs, of same address, buried 30 Nov. 1972, Fairview Cem., Bismarck.

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Fairview Cem., Bismarck.<sup>[2002]</sup> He married in 1919 (from biography below) **MABEL WHEELER**, who was born in 1895, North Dakota, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (–) Wheeler , and died in 1979, and was buried next to her husband.<sup>[2003]</sup>

A biography of Grover Cleveland Riggs from a Steele (N.D.) diamond jubilee publication of about 1956 follows (with a few errors). Steele was founded in 1881 and was 75 years old in 1956:

Grover Cleveland Riggs was born November 4th 1884. That was the day Grover Cleveland was elected President the first time, and he says his dad had big expectations for him but he was inclined to think he did not live up to them. He was the son of John and Margaret Riggs who homesteaded near Steele in 1883. Among his earliest recollections were the daily trips which he and his brother Roy and sister Ida made over the prairie picking up dried buffalo chips for fuel, and among the most pleasant memories was the annual banquet at the court house where the Civil War Veterans were honored and the menu consisted of bacon and beans, hard tack and black coffee.

When he was seven years old he was taken to raise by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fridley [sic], having lost his mother at the age of four.

In 1896 he moved with his foster parents to Cass County, North Dakota, where they farmed until 1916. During that time, as soon as the fall's work was done he would take a carload of the farm horses to the lumber woods about fifty miles north of Deer River, Minnesota, and work for the Itaska Lumber Company until the camps broke up in the spring. His chief diversion was baseball and basketball in his younger days.

In 1916 he started carrying rural mail at Hunter, North Dakota, and in 1917 he entered the Railway Mail Service and received permanent appointment to the line, running from Bismarck to Drake, North Dakota, in 1918 residing at Drake until 1921 when he moved to Bismarck where he now resides.

He married Mabel Wheeler from Wheatland, North Dakota in 1919, and to this union were born two daughters, Lois, now Mrs. Robert Watts,

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2002. *Find a Grave*, no. 59068561, gravestone photographs, by Brian Backes, Fairview Cem., Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., "Riggs" (headstone), "Grover C. | 1884-1972" (flat stone).

2003. *Find a Grave*, no. 59068541, gravestone photographs, by Brian Backes, Fairview Cem., Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., "Riggs" (headstone), "Mabel W. | 1895-1979" (flat stone).

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who is instructor in Home Economics at the Bismarck High School and is also Mother Advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls at Bismarck; and Jane, now Mrs. Lloyd McCurchy, now living at Davenport, Iowa, and she is instructor in band and music at one of the Davenport schools. Mr. Riggs was retired from the Railway Mail Service in 1954, having reached the age limit after a little more than thirty eight years in the mail service, and he resides in Bismarck.<sup>[2004]</sup>

In 1910 Grover C. Riggs, 25, born in North Dakota of Ohio natives, resided in Gunkel Twp., Cass Co., N.D., in the residence of his adopted father, William A. Findley, 55, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, his wife of 25 years, Lucy J., 54, born in Illinois of a father born in New York and a mother in Ohio, with his adopted daughter, Carrie Plumly, 17, born in Minnesota of Ohio natives, and with four hired men.<sup>[2005]</sup>

On 7 Sept. 1918 Grover Cleveland Riggs, 33, a postal clerk of Moorhead, Minn., born 4 Nov. 1884, registered for the WWI draft in Fargo, Cass Co., N.D., listing his nearest relative as Roy Russell Riggs, of Bismarck, N.D.<sup>[2006]</sup>

In 1920 Grover C. "Rigg," 35, a railway postal clerk born in North Dakota of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Drake, Spring Grove Twp., McHenry Co., N.D., with his wife, Mabel R., 24, born in North Dakota of a Irish father and a mother born in Ohio.<sup>[2007]</sup>

In 1930 Grover C. Riggs, 46, a railway mail clerk born in North Dakota of Virginia natives, resided in Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., with his wife, Mabel, 35, born in North Dakota of a Canadian father and an English mother, and with his daughters, Lois, 9 10/12, and Jane, 4/12, both born in North Dakota, his father-in-law, Benjamin Wheeler, 78, born in Canada of Canadian natives, his mother-in-law, Sarah Wheeler, 76, born in Canada of a Canadian father and an Irish mother, and with

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2004. Image online of *Steele Diamond Jubilee*, 130, c1956, on <Ancestry.com> (downloaded 25 Apr. 2013).

2005. U.S. census, 1910, Gunkel Twp., Cass Co., N.D., ED 28, r. 1140, p. 29, sh. 12B, dw. 169, fam. 169.

2006. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Grover Cleveland Riggs, with info as given.

2007. U.S. census, 1920, Drake, Spring Grove Twp., McHenry Co., N.D., ED 172, r. 1336, p. 94, sh. 8B, dw. [empty], fam. 121.

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a roomer. Grover was first married at 34, and Mabel at 24. Benjamin was first married at 28, and Sarah at 26.<sup>[2008]</sup>

Children:

- 958 i LOIS<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1920, North Dakota, married ROBERT WATTS.
- 959 ii JANE<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1930, North Dakota, married LLOYD MCCURCHY.

512. ROY RUSSELL<sup>9</sup> RIGGS (<sub>246</sub>John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 17 Mar. 1886, Steele, Kidder Co., Dakota Terr.,<sup>[2009]</sup> and died 16 Oct. 1960, Marion Co., Ore.<sup>[2010]</sup> He married 1907 ALMEDA PEARL HINTON, who was born 11 Aug. 1888,<sup>[2011]</sup> Nebraska, daughter of Daniel C. and Annie E. (—) Hinton,<sup>[2012]</sup> and died 22 May 1975, Marion Co., Ore.<sup>[2013]</sup>

In 1910 Roy Riggs, 23, a penitentiary guard born in North Dakota of U.S. natives, resided in Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., with his wife of two years, Almeda, 21, born in Nebraska of Illinois natives.<sup>[2014]</sup>

In 1930 Roy Riggs, 44, foreman of a twine plant born in North Dakota of North Dakota natives, resided in Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., with his wife, Almeda, 41, born in Nebraska of Nebraska natives, and with his son, Russell, 19, a shepherd, daughters, Ruth, 16, and

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2008. U.S. census, 1930, Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., ED 2, r. 1732, p. 77, sh. 4A, dw. 55, fam. 58.

2009. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Roy Russell Riggs, 32, of 427 16<sup>th</sup>, Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., born 17 Mar. 1886, foreman twine plant, nearest relative “Mrs. Almeda Pearl Riggs,” of same address, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Burleigh Co.

2010. *Ore. Death Index, 1898–2008*, Roy R. Riggs, 16 Oct. 1960, Marion Co., Ore., spouse Almeda.

2011. SSDI, Almeda Riggs, SSN 544-14-0326, born 11 Aug. 1888, died May 1975, last residence 97302 Salem, Marion Co., Ore., issued Ore. (before 1951).

2012. U.S. census, 1900, Logan, Greeley Co., Nebr., ED 109, r. 928, p. 146, sh. 2B, dw. 33, fam. 33, lists Daniel C. Hinton, 38, b. Nov. 1862, Ill., wife Annie E., 38, born Mar. 1861, Ill., with four children (of the four she had had), including daughter, Almeda P., 11, born Aug. 1888, Nebr.

2013. *Ore. Death Index, 1898–2008*, Almeda “Pea” Riggs, 22 May 1975, Marion Co., Ore., born Aug. 1888, spouse Roy.

2014. U.S. census, 1910, Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., ED 33, r. 1140, p. 119, sh. 10B, dw. 212, fam. 234.

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Elaine, 14, and son, Ellison, 12, all four born in North Dakota. Roy was first married at 24, and Almeda at 21.<sup>[2015]</sup>

In 1940 Roy Riggs, 53, a state penitentiary guard born in North Dakota, resided in Salem, Marion Co., Ore., with his wife, Almeda, 51, born in Nebraska. They had resided in 1935 in Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D.<sup>[2016]</sup>

Children:

- 960 i RUSSELL<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1911, North Dakota.
- 961 ii RUTH<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1914, North Dakota.
- 962 iii ELAINE<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1916, North Dakota.
- 963 iv ELLISON<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1918, North Dakota.

**513. HOWARD LEE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>246</sub>John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 26 July 1897, Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., died 23 Aug. 1973,<sup>[2017]</sup> and was buried in Linwood Park Cem., Boone, Boone Co., Iowa.<sup>[2018]</sup> He married 20 Apr. 1924, Madrid, Boone Co., Iowa,<sup>[2019]</sup> **HARRIETT ANNETTA GIBSON**,<sup>[2020]</sup> who was born 1904, Iowa, daughter of George Albert and Emma (Mellinger) Gibson, and died 1988, and was buried next to her husband.

The 1915 Iowa state census lists Howard L. Riggs, 18, a laborer born in North Dakota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, residing in Livermore, Humboldt Co., Iowa.<sup>[2021]</sup>

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2015. U.S. census, 1930, Bismarck, Burleigh Co., N.D., ED 4, r. 1732, p. 142, sh. 24B, dw. 457, fam. 541.

2016. U.S. census, 1940, Salem, Marion Co., Ore., ED 24-59, r. 3374, p. 595, sh. 4B, dw. 144.

2017. SSDI, Howard L. Riggs, SSN 480-01-0786, birth 26 July 1897, death 23 August 1973, issued Iowa (before 1951).

2018. *Find a Grave*, no. 95432390, gravestone photograph, Linwood Park Cem., Boone, Boone Co., Iowa, "Riggs | Howard L. | 1897-1973 || Harriett A. | 1904-1988."

2019. *Iowa Marriages, 1809-1992*, Howard Lee Riggs, 26, born Bismarck, N.D., to Harriett Annetta Gibson, 19, Boone, Iowa, 20 Apr. 1924, Madrid, Boone Co., Iowa, groom's parents John Riggs and Fanny Bacon, bride's parents George Albert Gibson and Emma Mellinger.

2020. My correspondent, Teresa Craig, niece of Howard Lee Riggs, gives her name as Annettia Harriett Gibson.

2021. Iowa state census, 1915, Livermore PO, Humboldt Co., Iowa, r. 238, card 500.

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In 1920 Howard Riggs, 22, an automotive electrician born in North Dakota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Nevada, Story Co., Iowa, as a lodger in the household of Walter J. Isar, 38, his wife and child, and four other lodgers.<sup>[2022]</sup>

In 1930 Howard L. Riggs, 32, a steam railway electrician born in North Dakota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Boone, Boone Co., Iowa, with his wife, “Harriet,” 25, born in Iowa of Iowa natives, and with son, Lee G., 4, and daughters, Laura P., 2, and Helen “E.,” 6/12, all three born in Iowa. Howard was 26 at first marriage, and Harriet 19.<sup>[2023]</sup>

Children:

- 964 i LEE GIBSON<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 31 July 1925, Boone, Boone Co., Iowa.<sup>[2024]</sup>
- 965 ii LAURA PATRICIA<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 2 May 1927, Boone, Boone Co., Iowa.<sup>[2025]</sup>
- 966 iii HELEN ALVARETTA<sup>10</sup> RIGGS,<sup>[2026]</sup> born 16 Sept. 1929, Boone, Boone Co., Iowa,<sup>[2027]</sup> married – CARLSON.

**514. HELEN BELLE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>246</sub>John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 20 Oct. 1899, North Dakota, and died Sept. 1992, last residence Evansdale, Black Hawk Co., Iowa.<sup>[2028]</sup> She married about 1920 HJALMAR H. JOHNSON, who was

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2022. U.S. census, 1920, ward 2, Nevada city, Nevada Twp., Story Co., Iowa, ED 197, r. 515, p. 115, sh. 9B, dw. 11, fam. 23, address Locust Street.

2023. U.S. census, 1930, ward 2, Boone City, Des Moines Twp., Boone Co., Iowa, ED 10, r. 643, p. 69, sh. 10B, dw. 282, fam. 282, address 1541 Smith.

2024. *Iowa County Births, 1880–1935*, Lee Gibson Riggs, born 31 July 1925, Boone, Boone Co., Iowa, father Howard Lee Riggs, mother Harriett “Annette” Gibson.

2025. *Iowa County Births, 1880–1935*, Laura Patricia Riggs, born 2 May 1927, Boone, Boone Co., Iowa, father Riggs, mother Harriett Gibson, certificate 225.

2026. Her middle name is from her nephew, James Alan Riggs, in an email of 30 Apr. 2013, “I’ve been corresponding with Howard’s daughter and her name is Helen Alvaretta Riggs, sometimes family called her Rhetta.” In an email of 1 May 2013, Jim also supplied her husband’s surname.

2027. *Iowa County Births, 1880–1935*, Helen “Alveretta” Riggs, born 16 Sept. 1929, Boone, Boone Co., Iowa, father Howard L. Riggs, mother Harriett Gibson.

2028. SSDI, Helen B. Johnson, SSN 478-24-3997, birth 20 October 1899, death September 1992, last residence: 50707 [ZIP] Evansdale, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, issued Iowa (before 1951).

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born about 1897, Iowa, son of Nels and Hannah (–) Johnson. [Leo has her death at 15 Jan 1920, Bode, Humboldt Co., Iowa. This is clearly wrong. Perhaps he meant this to be her marriage date. If so, proof!]

Helen is compiler or author of several family genealogical tidbits I've used as inspiration here. Following is a transcription of some of her work, showing its genealogical quality, despite its lack of sources:

Eleanor Riggs is buried in East Richland Cemetery, about 5 miles south west of St. Clairsville. Next to her grave are the graves for the two boys, Ross and Charles, ages 7 and 9, who were killed by lightning in August 1857. In the 1920's a relative visited this cemetery and at that time Sylvester's stone was there, but we could not find it in 1965. There were Riggs buried there whose bodies later were moved to Old Methodist Cemetery in St. Clairsville, but Sylvester's body was not moved.

Sylvester's family endured many tragic events. The two boys, Ross and Charles were killed by lightning. My father was with them. I remember hearing that story when I was a young girl. During the hard feeling in that area over the Civil War, William was killed by a man who hit him in the head with a rock. Sterling was murdered in the street of St. Clairsville on Christmas Day 1880, by a man named Weir. Sterling had testified against the man in a burglary trial. In 1921, Margaret, the youngest of Sylvester's family, was fatally burned in an explosion and fire in her home.<sup>[2029]</sup>

The 1915 Iowa state census lists "Hellen" A. Riggs, 15, a pupil born in North Dakota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, residing in Livermore, Humboldt Co., Iowa.<sup>[2030]</sup>

In 1920 Helen B. Riggs, 20, a bookkeeper born in North Dakota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Bode, Humboldt Co., Iowa, as a boarder in the household of Nels Johnson, 52, and Hannah Johnson, 57, both Norwegian immigrants in 1882, and daughter, Amanda A., 27, sons, Hjalmar H., 23, Melvin, 20, and Roy E. Johnson, 16, all born in Iowa.<sup>[2031]</sup> This was the family of her husband to be, Hjalmar.

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2029. From a one-page document downloaded from <Ancestry.com>, "This information was compiled by Helen Riggs Johnson (Mrs. Hjalmar) I live at 134 Lawrence Ave., Evansdale, Iowa 50707."

2030. Iowa state census, 1915, Livermore PO, Humboldt Co., Iowa, r. 238, card 501.

2031. U.S. census, 1920, ward 8, Bode town, Humboldt Co., Iowa, ED 156, r. 494, p. 198, sh. 1B,



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In 1930 Hjalmar H. Johnson, 33, a farmer born in Iowa of Norwegian natives, resided in Delana Twp., Humboldt Co., Iowa, with his wife, Helen B., 30, born in North Dakota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, and with son, Harold H., 9, born in Iowa, daughter, Ruth H., 7, born in Iowa, and daughter, Lila J., 5, born in Minnesota. Hjalmar first married at 23 and Helen at 20. Also in the household was his brother-in-law, Donald A. Riggs, 22, a farm laborer born in North Dakota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania.<sup>[2032]</sup>

Children:

- 967 i HAROLD.<sup>10</sup> JOHNSON, born about 1921, Iowa.
- 968 ii RUTH H.<sup>10</sup> JOHNSON, born about 1923, Iowa.
- 969 iii LILA J.<sup>10</sup> JOHNSON, born about 1925, Minnesota.

**515. PHILIP A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>246</sub>*John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>[2033]</sup> was born 19 July 1902, Livermore, Humboldt Co., Iowa, died Dec. 1972, last residence Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa,<sup>[2034]</sup> and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cem., Black Hawk Co.<sup>[2035]</sup> He married 30 June 1925, Blessing, Black Hawk Co., Iowa,<sup>[2036]</sup> **VIOLA J. GRIFFIN**, who was born 1903, Eagle Center, Iowa, daughter of James

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dw. 84, fam. 84.

2032. U.S. census, 1930, Delana Twp., Humboldt Co., Iowa, ED 8, r. 659, p. 188, sh. 3A, dw. 39, fam. 39.

2033. The middle name consistently in the records is A., except for the estate settlement announcement which gives it as Ireland. Ireland might be a corruption of whatever A. stands for, or it might have crept into the record somehow as a result of Viola's parents being Irish.

2034. SSDI, "Phillip" Riggs, SSN 479-05-1368, birth 19 July 1902, death December 1972, last residence: 50703 [ZIP] Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, issued Iowa (before 1951).

2035. *Iowa Gravestone Photo Project*, gravestone photograph, Mt. Olivet Cem., Black Hawk Co., Iowa, "Riggs | Philip A. | 1902-1972 || Viola J. | 1903-1969."

2036. *Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934*, Philip A. Riggs, 22, to Viola Griggin, 22, on 30 June 1925, Blessing, Black Hawk, Iowa, groom's parents John Riggs and Fannie Bacon, bride's parents James Griffin and Mary Boyle, certificate 20605; *Iowa, Marriages, 1809-1992*, Philip A. Riggs, born Livermore, Iowa, to Viola Griffin, 22, born Eagle Center, on 30 June 1925, Blessing, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, groom's parents John Riggs and Fannie Bacon, bride's parents James Griffin and Mary Boyle.

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and Mary (Boyle) Griffin, and died 1969, and was buried next to her husband.

The 1915 Iowa state census lists “Phillip” A. Riggs, 13, a pupil born in Iowa of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, residing in Livermore, Humboldt Co., Iowa.<sup>[2037]</sup>

In 1930 Philip A. Riggs, 27, a restaurant cook born in Iowa of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Massachusetts, resided in Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, with Viola J., 26, a waitress, born in Iowa of Irish natives, as lodgers. Philip was first married at 22, and Viola at 21.<sup>[2038]</sup>

In 1940 Philip A. Riggs, 38, a truckdriver born in Iowa, resided in Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, with his wife, Viola, 37, born in Iowa, and with his sons, Philip Jr., 14, John, 12, and Paul, 8/12, all three born in Iowa.<sup>[2039]</sup>

Children:

- 970 i PHILIP<sup>10</sup> RIGGS JR., born about 1926, Iowa. He was not listed in the 1930 census.
- 971 ii JOHN<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1928, Iowa. He was not listed in the 1930 census.
- 972 iii PAUL<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1939, Iowa.

**516. DONALD ALAN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>246</sub>John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>)<sup>[2040]</sup> was born 7 Mar. 1908, North Dakota, and died 27 July 1984,<sup>[2041]</sup> last residence Eldora, Hardin Co., Iowa,<sup>[2042]</sup> and was buried in Elmwood Cem., Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa.<sup>[2043]</sup> He married after the 1930 census<sup>[2044]</sup> **HELEN E. JENKS**, who

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2037. Iowa state census, 1915, Livermore PO, Humboldt Co., Iowa, r. 238, card 502.

2038. U.S. census, 1930, Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, ED 18, r. 643, p. 105, sh. 41 B, dw. 840, fam. 1023.

2039. U.S. census, 1940, Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, ED 7-42, r. 1140, sh. 12A, fam. 275.

2040. The spelling of his middle name comes from his son, Jim, as personal information (Jim's middle name is the same). Donald's father's estate settlement announcement spells it “Allen.”

2041. *US Dept. of Veteran Affairs, 1850-2010*, Donald Riggs, born 7 Mar. 1908, died 27 July 1984, SSN 479-05-4659, enlisted 30 Mar. 1927, released 5 Mar. 1930.

2042. SSDI, Donald Riggs, SSN 479-05-4659, birth 7 March 1908, death July 1984, last residence: 50627 [ZIP] Eldora, Hardin Co., Iowa, issued Iowa (before 1951).

2043. *Find a Grave*, no. 76391644, gravestone photograph, Elmwood Cem., Waterloo, Black Hawk

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was born 11 Aug. 1909, Iowa, daughter of Frank Willis and Lydia C. (–) Jenks,<sup>[2045]</sup> and died Nov. 1982, last residence Eldora, Hardin Co., Iowa,<sup>[2046]</sup> and was buried next to her husband.

The 1915 Iowa state census lists Donald A. Riggs, 7, a pupil born in North Dakota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, residing in Livermore, Humboldt Co., Iowa.<sup>[2047]</sup>

In 1930 Donald A. Riggs, 22, a farm laborer born in North Dakota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Delana Twp., Humboldt Co., Iowa, in the household of his brother-in-law, Hjalmar H. Johnson, 33 (q.v.).<sup>[2048]</sup>

In 1940 Donald Riggs, 32, a refrigerator service man born in South Dakota, resided in Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, with his wife, Helen, 30, born in Iowa, and his son, James A., 2, born in Iowa.<sup>[2049]</sup>

Known child:

+ 973 i JAMES ALAN<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1938, Iowa. Jim is my correspondent on this family and is a contributor to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group.

**517. DOROTHY JEAN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>246</sub>John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 13 Mar. 1909, Bismarck,

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Co., Iowa, “Riggs | Donald A. | 1908-1984 || Helen E. | 1909-1982.”

2044. U.S. census, 1930, Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, ED 20, r. 643, p. 188, sh. 31B, dw. 793, fam. 806, lists F. Willis Jenks, 53, born Minn., wife of 1 yr., Helen L., 38, born Iowa, with two children, including daughter, Helen E., 20, born Iowa of a mother born in Ind.

2045. U.S. census, 1910, Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, ED 17, r. 392, p. 162, sh. 14A, dw. 308, fam. 363, lists F. Willis Jenks, 33, born Minn., wife, Lydia C., 34, born Ind., married 10 yrs., 3 children, 3 surviving, including daughter, Helen E., 9/12, born Iowa; U.S. census, 1910, Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, ED 20, r. 478, p. 32, sh. 2B, dw. 46, fam. 48, lists Frank W. Jenks, 43, born Minn., wife, Lydia C., 47, born Ind., with four children, including daughter, Helen E., 10, born Iowa.

2046. SSDI, Helen Riggs, SSN 479-70-1988, birth 11 August 1909, death November 1982, last residence: 50627 [ZIP] Eldora, Hardin Co., Iowa, issued Iowa (1967).

2047. Iowa state census, 1915, Livermore PO, Humboldt Co., Iowa, r. 238, card 503.

2048. U.S. census, 1930, Delana Twp., Humboldt Co., Iowa, ED 8, r. 659, p. 188, sh. 3A, dw. 39, fam. 39.

2049. U.S. census, 1940, Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, ED 7-39, r. 1140, sh. 64A, dw. 427.

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Burleigh Co., N.D., and died 30 Aug. 1996, San Diego Co., Calif.<sup>[2050]</sup> She married 17 Mar. 1928, Boone, Boone Co., Iowa,<sup>[2051]</sup> **ROY/LEROY EDWARD TOOLEY**, who was born 13 Apr. 1904, Binford, Griggs Co., N.D., son of Henry Stanley and Gertrude Amanda (Chapman) Tooley,<sup>[2052]</sup> and died 17 Oct. 1974, San Diego Co., Calif.<sup>[2053]</sup>

The 1915 Iowa state census lists “Dortha” J. Riggs, 6, a pupil born in North Dakota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, residing in Livermore, Humboldt Co., Iowa.<sup>[2054]</sup>

In 1930 Roy E. Tooley, 25, a railway worker born in North Dakota of U.S. natives, resided in Des Moines Twp., Boone Co., Iowa, with his wife, Dorothy J., 21, born in North Dakota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, and with son, LeRoy D., 1 3/12, born in Iowa. Also in the household was mother-in-law, Francis B. Martin, 60, born in Pennsylvania of Massachusetts natives. Roy was 23 at first marriage, Dorothy was 19, and Francis was 25.<sup>[2055]</sup>

In 1940 Roy E. Tooley, 36, a railroad carman helper born in North Dakota, resided in Des Moines Twp., Boone Co., Iowa, with his wife, Dorothy J., 31, born in North Dakota, and with his sons, LeRoy D., 11, and Carlos I., 4, and daughter, Helen Kathleen, 1, all three born in Iowa.<sup>[2056]</sup>

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2050. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Dorothy Jean Tooley, SSN 482-40-0541, born 13 Mar. 1909, N.D., died 30 Aug. 1996, San Diego Co., Calif., mother’s maiden name Bacon, father’s surname Riggs.

2051. *Iowa Marriages, 1809–1992*, Ray Edward Tooley, 23, born 1905, Binford, N.D., to Dorothy Jean Riggs, 19, born 1909, “Bismark,” N.D., on 17 Mar. 1928, Boone, Boone Co., Iowa, groom’s parents Henry Stanley Tooley and Gertrude Amanda Chapman, bride’s parents John Riggs and Fannie Beatrice Bacon, ref. p. 327, certificate 12372.

2052. U.S. census, 1910, Arcadia, Iron Co., Mo., ED 19, r. 783, p. 224, sh. 9B, dw. 136, fam. 136, lists Henry Tooley, 33, born Ill., wife of 10 yrs., Gertrude A., 31, born Iowa, six children with six surviving, including son, Edward “LeR.,” 6, born N.D.

2053. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Roy E. Tooley, SSN 708-07-5776, born 13 Apr. 1904, N.D., died 17 Oct. 1974, San Diego Co., Calif.

2054. Iowa state census, 1915, Livermore PO, Humboldt Co., Iowa, r. 238, card 504.

2055. U.S. census, 1930, Des Moines Twp., Boone Co., Iowa, ED 16, r. 643, p. 172, sh. 3A, dw. 53, fam. 53.

2056. U.S. census, 1940, Des Moines Twp., Boone Co., Iowa, ED 8-16, r. 1141, p. 243, sh. 13A, fam. 274.

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In 1954 Roy E. and Dorothy J. Tooley resided in Boone Co, Iowa.<sup>[2057]</sup>

In 1959 Roy E. and Dorothy J. Tooley resided in Clinton Co, Iowa, in the same residence as Kathleen H. Tooley.<sup>[2058]</sup>

Children:

- 974 i **LEROY DONALD**<sup>10</sup> **TOOLEY**, born 2 Jan. 1929, Boone, Boone Co., Iowa.<sup>[2059]</sup> According to his sister, Kathleen, “He disappeared in the Texas desert in about the 1970s.”<sup>[2060]</sup>
- 975 ii **CARLOS I.**<sup>10</sup> **TOOLEY**, born 4 July 1935, Iowa.<sup>[2061]</sup>
- 976 iii **HELEN KATHLEEN**<sup>10</sup> **TOOLEY**, born 2 Sept. 1938, Iowa.<sup>[2062]</sup>

**538. JOHN R.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>252</sub>*Reuben*<sup>8</sup>, *William*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 12 Apr. 1853 (gravestone), Alabama, died 26 May 1918, and was buried in Arnhart Cem., Purdy, Barry Co., Mo.<sup>[2063]</sup> He married 17 Aug. 1871, Barry Co., Mo.,<sup>[2064]</sup> **SARAH AGNES DINKINS [DENKINS]**,<sup>[2065]</sup> who was born 4 Apr. 1851 (gravestone), Kentucky, died 6 June 1927, and was buried with her husband.

In 1880 John R. Riggs, 27, a farmer born in Alabama of Tennessee natives, resided in Kings Prairie Twp., Barry Co., Mo., with his wife, Sarah A., 27, born in Kentucky of a father born in Alabama and a mother in Tennessee, and with his sons, Elvis E., 7, and Sidney R., 6, daughter,

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2057. *U.S. City Directories, 1821–1989*, Polk’s Boone, Iowa, City Directory, 1954, 150, “Tooley Roy E (Dorothy J) insp C&NW h1603 6th.”

2058. *U.S. City Directories, 1821–1989*, Polk’s Clinton County, Iowa, City Directory, 1959, 538, “Tooley Kathleen H ofc sec r526 18th av S | – Roy E (Dorothy J) carmn C&NW h526 18th av S.”

2059. *Iowa County Births, 1880–1935*, “Leroy” Donald Tooley, born 2 Jan. 1929, Boone, Boone Co., Iowa, father Ray E.Tooley, mother Dorothy Jean Riggs.

2060. From sister Kathleen Riggs via my correspondent, Jim Riggs, email 3 May 2013.

2061. Full birth date from sister Kathleen Riggs via my correspondent, Jim Riggs, 3 May 2013. Also known as Carl.

2062. Full birth date from Kathleen Riggs via my correspondent, Jim Riggs, 3 May 2013.

2063. *Find a Grave*, no. 26815401, gravestone photograph, by Kristy Schultz, Arnhart Cem., Purdy, Barry Co., Mo., “Riggs | John R. | Apr. 12, 1853 | May 26, 1918 || Sarah A. | Apr. 4, 1851 | June 6, 1927.”

2064. *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, image online, John R. Riggs to Miss Sarah A. Dinkins, 17 Aug. 1871, Barry Co., Mo., by John Hudson MG.

2065. Her middle name from her son Sidney’s death certificate (q.v.).

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Sarah E., 4, and son, Ray D., 1, all born in Missouri. Next door was (his sister) Rosa Ragle, 20, born Arkansas.<sup>[2066]</sup>

In 1900 John R. Riggs, 47, a farmer born Apr. 1853 in Alabama of a father born in Tennessee, resided in McDonald Twp., Barry Co., Mo., with his wife of 28 years, Sarah A., 49, born Apr. 1851 in Kentucky of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Kentucky, and with his son, Lewis E., 15, born Nov. 1884 in Missouri. Sarah had had six children, with five surviving.<sup>[2067]</sup>

Known children, of six:

- 977 i **ELVIS E.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1873, Missouri.
- 978 ii **SIDNEY R.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 11 Feb. 1874, Purdy, Barry Co., Mo., died 2 Mar. 1937, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.,<sup>[2068]</sup> buried 3 Mar. 1937, Purdy, married **AMANDA** —.
- 979 iii **SARAH ELLEN**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 8 Nov. 1875, Purdy, Barry Co., Mo.,<sup>[2069]</sup>
- 980 iv **RAY DEE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**,<sup>[2070]</sup> born 26 Jan. 1879, Purdy, Barry Co., Mo.,<sup>[2071]</sup> died 18 Nov. 1952, Purdy, Barry Co., Mo.,<sup>[2072]</sup> buried 21 Nov. 1952, Arnhart Cem., east of Purdy, married **MARY** —.

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2066. U.S. census, 1880, Kings Prairie Twp., Barry Co., Mo., ED 2, r. 672, p. 235B, dw. 119, fam. 123.

2067. U.S. census, 1900, McDonald Twp., Barry Co., Mo., ED 9, r. ?, p. 135, sh. 3A, dw. 46, fam. 47.

2068. *Tex. Death Certificates, 1903–1982*, image online, no. 14148, Sidney R. Riggs, died 2 Mar. 1937, St. Paul Hospital, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex., a resident of Dallas, aged 63 yrs. 0 mos. 21 ds., white, male, married (to Mrs. Amanda Riggs), retired farmer, born 11 Feb. 1874, Purdy, Barry Co., Mo., father John R. Riggs, born unknown, mother Sarah Agnes Denkins, born Ky., informant M. J. Baize, of same address, buried 3 Mar. 1937, Purdy.

2069. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Sarah Ellen Riggs Bennett, born 8 Nov. 1875, Purdy, Barry Co., Mo., father John R. Riggs, mother Sarah A. “Dinkins,” SSN 499-07-8756.

2070. In most records he is Ray D. Riggs. His death certificate has it Ray Dee Riggs.

2071. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Ray D. Riggs, born 26 Jan. 1879, Purdy, Mo., father John Riggs, mother “Sarra A. Dinkins,” SSN 493-14-0848.

2072. *Mo. Death Certificates, 1903–1982*, image online, no. 37590, Ray Dee Riggs, died 18 Nov. 1952, Purdy, Barry Co., Mo., aged 73 yrs. 9 mos. 22 ds., white, male, married (to Mrs. Mary Riggs), retired farmer, born 26 Jan. 1879, Purdy, Barry Co., Mo., father John R. Riggs, mother Sarah “Dinkens,” informant Mrs. Mary Riggs, of Purdy, buried 21 Nov. 1952, Arnhart Cem., east of Purdy.

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981 v LEWIS E.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Nov. 1884, Missouri.

**544. ALFRED WASHINGTON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>253</sub>?William R.<sup>8</sup>, ?William<sup>7</sup>, Reuben<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 7 Jan. 1852 (gravestone), Tennessee, died 30 July 1921, Conway Co., Ark.,<sup>[2073]</sup> and was buried in Riggs Cem., Morrilton, Conway Co., Ark.<sup>[2074]</sup> N.B. His name is Alfred, not Albert. He married (1) 2 Feb. 1871, “at the residence of Minerva Riggs,” Welborn Twp., Conway Co., Ark.,<sup>[2075]</sup> **MINERVA JOSEPHINE<sup>9</sup> (RIGGS) HILLIS** (<sub>250</sub>Alfred<sup>8</sup>, ?William<sup>7</sup>, Reuben<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>), who was born 1 Nov. 1851 (gravestone), Tennessee, and died 22 or 23 Jan. 1935, Conway Co., Ark.,<sup>[2076]</sup> and was buried with Alfred. She married, first, 24 Jan. 1869, Pope Co., Ark.,<sup>[2077]</sup> **BENJAMIN H. HILLIS**. This marriage must not have worked since Benjamin is living again with his parents in the 1870 census.<sup>[2078]</sup>

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2073. *Ark. Death Index, 1914–1950*, image online, A. W. Riggs, died 30 July 1921, Conway Co., vol. 35, r. 1914–1923, vol. 35, cert. 211.

2074. *Find a Grave*, no. 188897481, gravestone photograph, by Sondra Johnson, Riggs Cem., Morrilton, Conway Co., Ark., “M. J. Riggs | Nov. 1, 1851 | Jan. 22, 1935 || A. W. Riggs | Jan. 7, 1852 | July 30, 1921 || . . . | Riggs.”

2075. *Ark. County Marriages Index, 1837–1957*, Alfred “M.” Riggs, 20, to Josephine “E.” Hillis, 19, both of Conway Co., Ark., married 2 Feb. 1871, Conway Co., Ark., FHL 1025330; Conway Co., Ark., Marriages, bride index, image 37/628 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 1025329/item 1, DGS 4325963, “Hillis Josephine E. Alf. M. Riggs C. C. Reid J.P. [ages] 20 19 [date] Feb. 2, 1871 [book page] 3 37,” also on 3:37, image 471/628, FHL 1025329/item 4, DGS 4325963, “Alfred M [sic] Riggs and Josephine E Hillis | Township of Welborn County of Conway | Be it remembered that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February AD 1871 at the residence of Minerva Riggs in said County did duly join in marriage Alfred W. Riggs of Conway County aged twenty years to Josephine E Hillis of Conway County aged nineteen years, and then and there by authority vested in me did pronounce them husband and wife. | Given under my hand and date above | Cha<sup>s</sup> C. Reid Jr. J.P.”

2076. *Ark. Death Index, 1914–1950*, image online, Minerva J. Riggs, died 23 Jan. 1935, Conway Co., Ark., r. 1934–1940, p. 2923.

2077. *Ark. County Marriages Index, 1837–1957*, Benjamin H. Hillis, 17, to “Nervie” J. Riggs, 17, both of Pope Co., Ark., married 24 Jan. 1869, Pope Co., Ark., FHL 1034012; Pope Co., Ark., Marriages, 1860–1875, D:200, image 393/790 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 1034012/item 4, DGS 4331429, “Hillis & Riggs | I an acting duly commissioed Justice of the peace in and for the County of Pope in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1869 at the County of Pope in the State of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage Benjamin H. Hillis of Pope County State of Ark aged 17 years and Nervie J Riggs of Pope County State of Arkansas age 17 years, and there then declared them to be husband and wife. Given under my hand this Jan 24<sup>th</sup>

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In 1880 Alfred Riggs, 28 [born c1852], a farmer born in Arkansas of Tennessee natives, resided in Welborn, Conway Co., Ark., with his wife, Josephine, 28, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his sons, John, 7, and George, 4, and his daughter, Ellen, 2, all born in Arkansas, and one laborer. Enumerated 16 June 1880.<sup>[2079]</sup>

In 1900 “Wash” Riggs, 48, a farmer born Jan. 1852 in Arkansas of Tennessee natives, resided in Welborn, Conway Co., Ark., with his wife of 29 years, Josephine, 48, born Nov. 1851 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his sons, Joseph, 17, born Jan. 1883, Allen, 21, born Jan. 1878, and “Clarncce,” 12, born Mar. 1888, daughters, Nettie, 8, born Nov. 1891, and Etta, 5, born Mar. 1895, all born in Arkansas, and nephew, Drew Powell, 14, born Aug. 1885 in Arkansas of a father born in Arkansas and a mother in Tennessee. Josephine had had five [sic] children, with five surviving. Next door was John Riggs, 26, born Aug. 1873, with his wife of six years, Maggie, 24, and their family. Enumerated 5 June 1900.<sup>[2080]</sup>

In 1910 “Allen” W. Riggs, 58, a farmer born in Arkansas of Tennessee natives, resided in Welborn Twp., Conway Co., Ark., with his wife of 39 years, Josephine, 58, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his son, Clarence, 22, and daughters, Nettie, 18, and Etta, 15, all born in Arkansas. Josephine had had 11 children, with seven surviving. Next door resided John H. Riggs, 36, and Joseph T., 27.<sup>[2081]</sup>

In 1920 A. W. Riggs, 67, a farmer born in Arkansas of Tennessee natives, resided in Welborn Twp., Conway Co., Ark., with his wife, M. J.,

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1869 | James J. Churchill J.P. | Filed and Recorded March 8 1869 | Wallace H. Hickal clerk.”

2078. U.S. census, 1870, Batesville PO, Gainsboro Twp., Independence Co., Ark., r. 55, p. 88B, dw. 81, fam. 87, FHL 545554, lists Wiley G. Hillis, 45, teacher, born Ind., Louisa, 35, born Mo., with Benjamin, 18, born Ark., and four other children; cf. U.S. census, 1860, Moreland PO, Moreland Twp., Pope Co., Ark., r. 48, p. 847, dw. 970, fam. 960, FHL 803048, lists “Willie” G. Hillis, 36, born Ala., Louisa, 26, born Mo., with Ben h., 8, born Ark., and three other children.

2079. U.S. census, 1880, Welborn Twp., Conway Co., Ark., ED 38, r. 41, p. 288A, dw. 5, fam. 5.

2080. U.S. census, 1900, Welborn (“Wilburn”) Twp., Conway Co., Ark., ED 15, r. ?, p. 180, sh. 3B, dw. 59, fam. 59, FHL 1240055.

2081. U.S. census, 1910, Welborn (“Welborne”) Twp., Conway Co., Ark., ED 15, r. 47, p. 216, sh. 9A, dw. 1, fam. 1, FHL 1374060.



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68, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives. Nearby resided J. H. Riggs, 46.<sup>[2082]</sup>

In 1930 “Jocie” Riggs, 78, a widow born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Welborn Twp., Conway Co., Ark., in the household of her grandson, “Lenard” Riggs, 24, a laborer, and his wife, Lilly, 22, both born in Arkansas of Arkansas natives. Lenard first married at 21, Lilly at 19, and Jocie at 19.<sup>[2083]</sup>

**Placeholder:** LEONARD THOMAS RIGGS SR., was born 8 Jan. 1906 (gravestone), died 17 Sept. 1969, buried in Riggs Cem., Conway Co., Ark., married about 1927 LILLIE MARY —, born 4 Mar. 1908 (gravestone), died 7 Oct. 1974, buried with her husband.<sup>[2084]</sup>

Known children of 11:

982 i JOHN HENRY<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 30 Aug. 1873, Morrilton, Conway Co., Ark.,<sup>[2085]</sup> died 23 Feb. 1956, buried in Riggs Cem., Conway Co., Ark.,<sup>[2086]</sup> married about 1893 MAGGIE —, born about 1877, Arkansas, and had at least five children.

In 1910 John H. Riggs, 36, a farmer born in Arkansas of a father born in Arkansas and a mother in Tennessee, resided in Welborn Twp., Conway Co., Ark., with his wife of 17 years, Maggie, 36, born in Arkansas of Illinois natives, and with his son, W. Floyd, 15, Ernest H., 13, Earl, 7, and Henry C., 1, all born in Arkansas. Maggie had had five children, with four surviving. Next door resided “Allen” W. Riggs, 58, and Joseph T., 27.<sup>[2087]</sup>

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2082. U.S. census, 1920, Welborn Twp., Conway Co., Ark., ED 17, r. 58, p. 73, sh. 1B, dw. 13, fam. 13.

2083. U.S. census, 1930, Welborn (“Wilburn”) Twp., Conway Co., Ark., ED 28, r. ?, p. 219, sh. 2A, dw. 4, fam. 5, FHL 2339804.

2084. *Ark. Gravestones*, <[arkansasgravestones.org/view.php?id=84541](http://arkansasgravestones.org/view.php?id=84541)>, accessed 20 Jan. 2019, gravestone photograph, “Lillie Mary | Mar. 4, 1908 | Oct. 7, 1974 || Leonard Thomas Sr. | Jan. 8, 1906 | Sept. 17, 1969 || Riggs.”

2085. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, John Henry Riggs, male, white, born 30 Aug. 1873, Morrilton, Ark., father “Alford” W. Riggs, mother “Josephene” Riggs, SSN 431-16-5644.

2086. *Ark. Gravestones*, <[arkansasgravestones.org/view.php?id=84532](http://arkansasgravestones.org/view.php?id=84532)>, accessed 20 Jan. 2019, gravestone photograph, “John Henry | Riggs | Aug. 30, 1873 | Feb. 23, 1956.”

2087. U.S. census, 1910, Welborn (“Welborne”) Twp., Conway Co., Ark., ED 15, r. 47, p. 216, sh. 9A, dw. 2, fam. 2, FHL 1374060.

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In 1920 J. H. Riggs, 46, a farmer born in Arkansas of a father born in Arkansas and a mother in Tennessee, resided in Welborn Twp., Conway Co., Ark., with his wife, Maggie, 45, born in Arkansas of Arkansas natives, and with his sons, Clovis, 11, and J. H., 5, both born in Arkansas.<sup>[2088]</sup>

- 983 ii ALLEN<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Jan. 1878, Arkansas. He's a daughter, "Ellen," 2, in the 1880 census.
- 984 iii LINDSEY TAYLOR<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 4 Sept. 1880 or 4 Sept. 1881 (gravestone), Morrilton, Conway Co., Ark., died 7 Jan. 1956, Jacinto City, Harris Co., Tex.,<sup>[2089]</sup> buried Riggs Cem., Conway Co., Ark.,<sup>[2090]</sup> married 26 Feb. 1899, Conway Co., Ark.,<sup>[2091]</sup> MARY JANE JONES, born 26 Mar. 1883 (gravestone), died 3 Aug. 1938, Conway Co., Ark.,<sup>[2092]</sup> and buried with her husband.

Daughter: Imogene<sup>11</sup> Riggs, born 8 May 1912, Morrilton, Conway Co., Ark., died 11 June 1962, Houston, Harris Co., Tex.,<sup>[2093]</sup> buried 13 June 1962, South Park Cem., Pearland, Brazoria Co., Tex.,<sup>[2094]</sup> married Delta W. Savage, born 2 Mar. 1911 (gravestone), died 7 Dec. 1980, and buried with his wife.

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2088. U.S. census, 1920, Welborn Twp., Conway Co., Ark., ED 17, r. 58, p. 73, sh. 1A, dw. 12, fam. 12.

2089. *Tex. Death Certificates, 1903–1982*, image online, no. 2820, Lindsay Taylor Riggs, died 7 Jan. 1956, Jacinto City, Harris Co., Tex., aged 75 yrs. 4 mos. 3 dys., male, white, widowed, farmer, born 4 Sept. 1880, Morrilton, Ark., father Washington Riggs, born Tenn., mother "No Record," born Tenn., informant Charles O. Riggs, removed 8 Jan. 1956, Riggs Cem., Conway Co., Ark.

2090. *Ark. Gravestones*, <[arkansasgravestones.org/view.php?id=84538](http://arkansasgravestones.org/view.php?id=84538)>, accessed 20 Jan. 2019, gravestone photograph, "Mary Jones | Mar. 26, 1883 | Aug. 3, 1938 || Lindsey Taylor | Sept. 4, 1881 | Jan. 7, 1956 || Riggs."

2091. *Ark. County Marriages Index, 1837–1957*, Lindsey Riggs, male, 18, born about 1881, to Mary Jones, female, 16, both of Morrilton, Conway Co., Ark., licensed 25 Feb. 1899, married 26 Feb. 1899, Conway Co., Ark., FHL 1025335.

2092. *Ark. Death Index, 1914–1950*, Mary Jan [sic] Riggs, died 3 Aug. 1938, Conway Co., r. 1934–1940, p. 2923.

2093. *Tex. Death Certificates, 1903–1982*, image online, no. 36420, Imogene NMN [No Middle Name] Savage, resident of Galena Park, Harris Co., Tex., died 11 June 1962, Houston, Harris Co., Tex., aged 50 yrs., female, white, married, housewife, born 8 May 1912, Morrilton, Ark., father Lindsey Thomas [sic] Riggs, mother Mary Jane Jones, SSN 431–22–7627, informant D. W. Savage, buried 13 June 1962, South Park Cem., Pearland, Tex.

2094. *Find a Grave*, no. 127796927, gravestone photograph, South Park Cem., Pearland, Brazoria Co., Tex., "Mother | Imogene Savage | 1912–1962," also "Savage | Delta W. | Mar. 2, 1911 | Dec. 7, 1980 || Imogene R. | May 8, 1912 | June 11, 1962."

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- 985 iv **JOSEPH T.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Jan. 1883, Arkansas, married about 1905 **MARIE** —, born about 1888, Tennessee, and had at least two children.

In 1910 Joseph T. Riggs, 27, a farmer born in Arkansas of a father born in Arkansas and a mother in Tennessee, resided in Welborn Twp., Conway Co., Ark., with his wife of five years, Marie, 22, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his son, Allen W., 4, and daughter, Nannie M., 2, both born in Arkansas. Marie had had two children, with two surviving. Next door resided John H. Riggs, 36.<sup>[2095]</sup>

- 986 v **CLARENCE DAVID**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 4 Mar. 1888 (gravestone), Arkansas, died 12 Mar. 1916, buried in Riggs Cem., Conway Co., Ark.<sup>[2096]</sup>

- 987 vi **NETTIE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Nov. 1891, Arkansas.

- 988 vii **ETTA EVERETTE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, 8 Mar. 1895, Arkansas, died 14 July 1980, Houston, Harris Co., Tex.,<sup>[2097]</sup> buried Riggs Cem., Conway Co., Ark.,<sup>[2098]</sup> married **DOTCH LEROY EVANS**, born 4 Mar. 1894 (gravestone), died 24 Jan. 1973, and buried with his wife.

**559. ALBERT W.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>258</sub>*Albert W.*<sup>8</sup>, ?*William*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born May 1858, Arkansas. He married 8 Nov. 1877, Pope Co., Ark.,<sup>[2099]</sup> **NANCY J. WILSON**, who was born June 1857, Arkansas.

On 4 Dec. 1880 Albert W. Riggs and Nancy J. Riggs his wife, of Pope Co., Ark., sold, in the town of Dover, to W. A. Barker, for \$126, 40

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2095. U.S. census, 1910, Welborn ("Welborne") Twp., Conway Co., Ark., ED 15, r. 47, p. 216, sh. 9A, dw. 2, fam. 2, FHL 1374060.

2096. *Ark. Gravestones*, <arkansasgravestones.org/view.php?id=84457>, accessed 20 Jan. 2019, gravestone photograph, "Clarence David | Riggs | Mar. 4, 1888 Mar. 12, 1916."

2097. *Tex. Death Certificates, 1903–1982*, image online, no. 63050, Etta Everette Evans, died 14 July 1980, Houston, Harris Co., Tex., age 85 yrs., female, white, widowed, housewife, born 8 Mar. 1895, Ark., father Alfred Riggs, mother Minerva J. Riggs, informant Marjorie Smith, daughter, removed 15 July 1980, Riggs Cem., Morrilton [sic, Morrilton, Conway Co.], Ark.

2098. *Ark. Gravestones*, <arkansasgravestones.org/view.php?id=84441>, accessed 20 Jan. 2019, gravestone photograph, "Evans | Dotch Leroy | Mar. 4, 1894 | Jan. 24, 1973 || Etta Riggs | Mar. 8, 1895 | July 14, 1980 || In God We Trust."

2099. *Ark. Compiled Marriages, 1851–1900*, Albert W. Riggs to Nancy J. Wilson, 8 Nov. 1877, Pope Co., Ark.

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acres being the tract NWSW, Section 24, Twp. 9N, Range 20W. Nancy relinquished all right to dower in the property. The transaction was acknowledged and recorded the same day.<sup>[2100]</sup>

On 25 Dec. 1880 W. A. Barker, administrator of the estate of Liberty Byrd, deceased, sold to the highest bidder (bid made 21 Feb. 1880), for \$126, 40 acres belonging to the estate and being the tract (the same as in the preceding deed) NWSW, Section 24, Twp. 9N, Range 20W. That bidder was Albert W. Riggs.<sup>[2101]</sup> Liberty Byrd was father of America Byrd, second wife of Albert's father. There must have been some legal encumbrance that was cleared by this pair of transactions.

In 1900 Albert W. Riggs, 42, a farmer born May 1858 in Arkansas of Tennessee natives, resided in Center, Pope Co., Ark., with his wife of 22 years, Nancy J., 42, born June 1857 in Arkansas of Tennessee natives, and with his sons, William L., 12, born Sept. 1887, and "Merrian" A., 10, born Apr. 1890, both born in Arkansas. Nancy had had three children, with two surviving.<sup>[2102]</sup>

Known children of three:

- 989 i **WILLIAM L.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Sept. 1887, Arkansas.
- 990 ii **MARION ANDREW**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Apr. 1890 or 23 May 1890, Arkansas, died 26 May 1981, Big Spring, Howard Co., Tex.,<sup>[2103]</sup> buried 29 May 1981, Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland, Tex., married.

**563. WILLIAM ELY**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>263</sub>*Henderson Evans*<sup>8</sup>, *Jesse*<sup>7</sup>, *Jesse*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 28 Sept. 1859 (gravestone),

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2100. Pope Co., Ark., Deeds, 1880-1882, P:34, image 40/759 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 1026728, DGS 8197713, "Albert W. Riggs To W A Barker } Deed."

2101. Pope Co., Ark., Deeds, 1880-1882, P:35, image 40/759 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 1026728, DGS 8197713, "W A Barker Adm' To Albert W. Riggs } Deed."

2102. U.S. census, 1900, Center Twp., Pope Co., Ark., ED 170, r. ?, p. 29, sh. 2B, dw. 34, fam. 36, FHL 1240072.

2103. *Tex. Death Certificates, 1903-1982*, image online, Howard Co., no. 46952, Marion Andrew Riggs, died 26 May 1981, Malone-Hogan Hospital, Big Spring, Howard Co., Tex., aged 91 yrs., male, white, married, minister, born 23 Apr. 1890, Ark., father Albert Riggs, mother Nancy J. Wilson, informant Elton A. Riggs, SSN 462-05-4589, buried 29 May 1981, Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland, Tex.

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Detroit, Marion [now Lamar]<sup>[2104]</sup> Co., Ala., died 25 Feb. 1950, Little Mound Community, Big Sandy, Upshur Co., Tex Upshur Co., Tex.,<sup>[2105]</sup> and was buried 26 Feb. 1950 in Little Mount Cem.<sup>[2106]</sup> He married about 1881<sup>[2107]</sup> **MARTHA NORTHINGTON**, who was born 15 Dec. 1859, Detroit, Marion Co., Ala., daughter of John and Zilpha (Thompson) Worthington, and died 14 Feb. 1948, Gilmer, Upshur Co., Tex.,<sup>[2108]</sup> and was buried 16 Feb. 1948, Little Mound Cem., Gilmer, Upshur Co., Tex.<sup>[2109]</sup>

In 1900 William E. Riggs, 40, a farmer born Sept. 1859 in Alabama of a father born in Alabama and a mother in Tennessee, resided in Rye, Marion Co., Ala., with his wife of 19 years, "Marthia," 40, born Dec. 1859 in Alabama of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Alabama. She had had 12 children, with nine surviving and residing in the household: son, William O., 15, born Apr. 1885 in Tennessee, and daughter, Aqualia[?], 12, born Apr. 1888, sons, Roy B., 9, born Jan. 1891, "Emit" C., 7, born Sept. 1892, and Gustus [T?], 6, born Jan. 1894, daughter, "Ruthe" P., 3, born Sept. 1896, son, Toxy C., 2, born

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2104. Sanford Co. formed 1868 from part of Marion Co., Sanford renamed Lamar Co. in 1877.

2105. *Tex. Death Certificates, 1903–1982*, image online, no. 8921, W. E. Riggs, died 25 Feb. 1950, Little Mound Community, Big Sandy, Upshur Co., Tex., a resident of Big Sandy, aged 90 yrs. 4 mos. 27 ds., born 28 Sept. 1859, Detroit, Ala., father H. E. Riggs, born Ala., mother Sarah Lindsey, born Tenn., informant R. B. Riggs, buried 26 Feb. 1950, Little Mound Cem, near Gilmer, Tex.

2106. *Find a Grave*, no. 29875316, gravestone photograph, Little Mound Cem., Gilmer, Upshur Co., Tex., plot new-18 "Father | William E. | Sept. 28 1859 | Feb. 25, 1950."

2107. *42nd Alabama Infantry*, "Rebecca Lucas wrote about two ancestors: 'I would like to be linked to two relatives in Co K: 4th Sgt. H.E. Riggs (Henderson Eli) and Levi Northington. There are both maternal and paternal relatives. Martha Northington and William Eli Riggs married, had 10 children, one of whom was my grandmother. Thanks.'" U.S. census, 1880, Marion Co., Ala., r. 23, p. 67A, dw. 44, fam. 44, lists John A. Northington, 56, born N.C., wife Zilpha, 44, born Ala., and nine children, including daughter, Martha, 19, born Ala.

2108. *Tex. Death Certificates, 1903–1982*, image online, no. 81268, Martha Riggs, died 14 Feb. 1948, Gilmer, Upshur Co., Tex., a resident of Upshur Co. for 42 yrs., aged 88 yrs. 2 mos., born 15 Dec. 1859, Ala., father John Northington, born N.C., mother Thompson, born "D.K" [presumably Don't Know], informant J. H. Riggs, of Winnsboro, buried 16 Feb. 1948, Little Mound, Tex.

2109. *Find a Grave*, no. 29875312, gravestone photograph, Little Mound Cem., Gilmer, Upshur Co., Tex., "Mother | Martha | Dec. 15, 1859 | Feb. 14, 1948."

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Dec. 1897, and daughters, Flosy G., 6/12, born Nov. 1899, the last seven all born in Alabama.<sup>[2110]</sup>

In 1910 William E. Riggs, 50, a farmer born in Alabama of Tennessee natives, resided in Upshur Co., Texas, with his wife of 28 years, Martha, 50, born in Alabama of Alabama natives. She had had 13 children, with 10 surviving, and with seven residing in the household: son, Roy B., 21, Emil C., 17, and Gus T., 16, daughter, Ruth P., 13, son, "Toxie" C., 12, and daughters, "Flocie" G., 10, and "Coren," 6, all seven born in Alabama.<sup>[2111]</sup>

In 1920 William E. Riggs, 60, a farmer born in Alabama of a father born in Alabama and a mother in Tennessee, resided in Upshur Co., Tex., with his wife, Martha, 60, born in Alabama of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Alabama, and with his daughter, Coryne, 16, born in Alabama.<sup>[2112]</sup>

In 1930 William E. Riggs, 70, a farmer born in Alabama of Alabama natives, resided in Little Mound, Upshur Co., Tex., with his wife, Martha, 70, born in Alabama of Alabama natives. They were both 21 at first marriage.<sup>[2113]</sup>

From an obituary for William:

W. E. Riggs, 90, died at his home in Little Mound community, Saturday morning, February 25, 1950 at 8:30 o'clock, after a long illness. Born September 28, 1859, in Detroit, Alabama, Mr. Riggs and his wife, Martha Northington, also of Detroit, moved to Upshur County, December 15, 1904, and settled on the place where he died. Mr. Riggs was a retired farmer. He was the son of H. E. Riggs of Alabama and Sarah Lindsey Riggs of Texas. His wife preceded him in death two years ago.

Surviving Mr. Riggs were six sons: Arthur Riggs, Winnsboro, W. O. Riggs, Big Sandy, R. B. Riggs, Dallas, E. C. Riggs, Weatherford, G. T.

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2110. U.S. census, 1900, Rye, Pct. 2, Marion Co., Ala., ED 59, r. 30, p. 140, sh. 7B, dw. 128, fam. 128.

2111. U.S. census, 1910, Pct. 4, Upshur Co., Tex., ED 98, r. 1596, p. 122, sh. 16B, dw. 310, fam. 310.

2112. U.S. census, 1920, Pct. 4, Upshur Co., Tex., ED 114, r. 1853, p. 152, sh. 6A, dw. 107, fam. 107.

2113. U.S. census, 1930, Little Mound, Pct. 4, Upshur Co., Tex., ED 12, r. 2403, p. 143, sh. 7B, dw. 165, fam. 166.

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Riggs, Detroit, Michigan and T. C. Riggs, Seattle, Washington. Four daughters, Mrs. Quilla Cone and Mrs. Pearl Finney, both of Big Sandy, Miss Flossie Riggs, Los Angeles, California and Miss Corinne Riggs, Tyler. 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, February 26 . . .

Burial was in the Little Mound Cemetery under direction of Croley Funeral Home.<sup>[2114]</sup>

Children:

- 991 i **ARTHUR**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, listed as first son in the obituary for William, alive in the obit. of 2 Mar. 1950.
- 992 ii **ISORA L.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 4 Mar. 1884, died 23 Jan. 1885, buried in Riggs Graves Cem., Marion Cem., Ala.<sup>[2115]</sup>
- + 993 iii **WILLIAM OSCAR**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 1 Apr. 1885, Marion Co., Ala., married **EDNA** —, and had seven children.
- 994 iv **QUILLA/AQUILLA**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Apr. 1888, Alabama, married — **CONE**. Alive in obit. of 2 Mar. 1950 for her father.
- + 995 v **ROY BURDINE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 23 June 1888, Alabama, married **STELLA M.** —, and had at least four children.
- 996 vi **AUSY A.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 19 Nov. 1889, died 9 Nov. 1890, buried in Riggs Graves Cem., Marion Cem., Ala.<sup>[2116]</sup>
- 997 vii **EMIL C.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Sept. 1892, Alabama. . Alive in obit. of 2 Mar. 1950 for his father.
- 998 viii **AUGUSTUS [GUS] TARVIS**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 23 Jan. 1894 or about 1897, **Detroit, Marion Co., Ala.**,<sup>[2117]</sup> alive in obit. of 2 Mar. 1950 for his father (but Ruth listed as a widow in 1930), married **RUTH JUANITA HOOD**, born 22 Apr. 1896, Leesburg, Camp Co., Tex.,

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2114. *The Mirror*, Gilmer, Tex., Thurs., 2 Mar. 1950, transcribed online at <Ancestry.com>, by Joyce Rye Kasberg.

2115. *Find a Grave*, no. 77691696, gravestone photograph, by Joyce Rye Kasberg, Riggs Graves Cem., Marion Cem., Ala., “Ausy A. | Born | Nov. 19, 1889, | Died | Nov. 9, 1890. || I. L. | Born | Mar. 4, 1884, | Died | Jan. 23, 1885 || . . . | Children of | W. E. & Martha Riggs.”

2116. *Find a Grave*, no. 77691618, gravestone photograph, by Joyce Rye Kasberg, Riggs Graves Cem., Marion Cem., Ala., “Ausy A. | Born | Nov. 19, 1889, | Died | Nov. 9, 1890. || I. L. | Born | Mar. 4, 1884, | Died | Jan. 23, 1885 || . . . | Children of | W. E. & Martha Riggs.”

2117. Email from Jimmie Lou Clendennen, 12 Aug. 2010, “I have a great uncle, Augustus Tarvis Riggs, born January 23, 1897 in Detroit, Marion Co, Alabama. He married Ruth Hood, born about 1898 in Texas. They had two children. one of which was Conrad Riggs, born about 1918.”

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daughter of Charles Edward and Leola (Newsome) Hood, and died 31 Mar. 1974, New Boston, Bowie Co., Tex.,<sup>[2118]</sup> buried 1 Apr. 1974, Maples Springs Cem., Newsome, Camp Co., Tex., and had two children: (1) Nathaniel<sup>7</sup> Riggs, born about 1915, Texas; and (2) Conrad W.<sup>7</sup> Riggs, born about 1918, Texas.

In 1920 Gus Riggs, 23, a railroad foreman born in Alabama of Alabama natives, resided in Marshall, Harrison Co., Texas, with his wife, Ruth, 22, born in Texas of a father born in Georgia and a mother in Texas, and with his sons, Nathaniel, 5, and Conrad, 1 10/12, both born in Texas.<sup>[2119]</sup>

In 1930 Ruth H. Riggs, 32, a widow and deputy court clerk born in Texas of a father born in Georgia and a mother in Alabama, resided in Okmulgee, Okmulgee Co., Okla., with her sons, Nathaniel, 11 [sic], and Conrad W., 15 [sic], both born in Texas of a father born in Texas.<sup>[2120]</sup>

- 999 ix **LUCIOUS E.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS**, born 31 July 1895, died 17 May 1896, buried in Rudicell Cem., Marion Cem., Ala.<sup>[2121]</sup>
- 1000 x **RUTH PEARL<sup>10</sup> RIGGS**, born Sept. 1896, Alabama, married — **FINNEY**. Alive in obit. of 2 Mar. 1950 for her father.
- 1001 xi **TOXY C.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS**, a son born Dec. 1897, Alabama. Alive in obit. of 2 Mar. 1950 for his father.
- 1002 xii **FLOSSY G.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS**, born Nov. 1899, Alabama. Unmarried in obit. of 2 Mar. 1950 for her father.
- 1003 xiii **CORYNE/CORRINE<sup>10</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1904, Alabama. Unmarried in obit. of 2 Mar. 1950 for her father.

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2118. *Tex. Death Certificates, 1903–1982*, image online, no. 23401, Ruth Juanita Riggs, died 31 Mar. 1974, McGee Nursing Home, New Boston, Bowie Co., Tex., aged 77 yrs., born 22 Apr. 1896, Leesburg, Tex., father Charley Edward Hood, mother Leola Newsome, informant Miss Virginia Riggs, SSN 454-01-4988, buried 1 Apr. 1974, Maples Springs Cem., Newsome, Tex.

2119. U.S. census, 1920, Marshall, Harrison Co., Tex., ED 60, r. 1815, p. 233, sh. 11B, dw. 231, fam. 252.

2120. U.S. census, 1930, Okmulgee, Okmulgee Co., Okla., ED 27, r. 1922, p. 62, sh. 10B, dw. 221, fam. 243.

2121. *Find a Grave*, no. 78413143, gravestone photograph, by Joyce Rye Kasberg, Rudicell Cem., Marion Cem., Ala., “Lucious | Son of | W. E. & Martha | Riggs | Born | July 31, 1895 | Died | May 17, 1896 | . . .”



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565. **HENDERSON R.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>263</sub>*Henderson Evans*<sup>8</sup>, *Jesse*<sup>7</sup>, *Jesse*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) (twin) was born Nov. 1862 (1900 census), Alabama, and died Nov. 1939, Marion Co., Ala.<sup>[2122]</sup> He married about 1885 **SARAH S. HAMILTON**, who was born Sept. 1861 (1900 census), Mississippi, daughter of Mary (–) Hamilton.

In 1900 Henderson R. Riggs, 37, occupation milling, born Nov. 1862 in Alabama of Tennessee natives, resided in Rye, Marion Co., Ala., with his wife of 15 years, Sarah S., 38, born Sept. 1861 in Mississippi of Alabama natives. She had had four children, with three surviving and residing in the household: daughter, Fleater C., 14, born Oct. 1885, and sons, William D., 13, born Sept. 1866, and Eldon B., 3, born July 1896, all three born in Alabama. Also in the household were his mother-in-law, Mary Hamilton, 69, a widow born Oct. 1830 in Alabama of Georgia natives, and a boarder, Suza Sowdy, 75, single, born January 1825 in Alabama of Alabama natives. Mary had had one child, and it survived.<sup>[2123]</sup>

In 1910 Henderson R. Riggs, 48, a farmer born in Alabama of Alabama natives, resided in Ryes, Marion Co., Ala., with his wife of 25 years, Sarah S., 49, born in Mississippi of Alabama natives. She had had five children, with four surviving, and two sons in the household: Eldon, 14, and Eldridge, 6, both born in Alabama. Next door was William D. Riggs.<sup>[2124]</sup>

In 1920 Henderson R. Riggs “Jr.,” 57, a farmer born in Alabama of Alabama natives, resided in Rye, Marion Co., Ala., with his son, Eldridge, 14, born in Alabama, and his father, Henderson “Sr.,” 89, born in Alabama. Nearby was William D. Riggs. There was also a person of “no relation” in the household, Melton Millican, 23, born in Alabama of Alabama natives.<sup>[2125]</sup>

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2122. *Alabama Deaths, 1908–59*, Henderson R. Riggs, death Nov. 1939, Marion Co., vol. 55, r. 3, certificate 27213.

2123. U.S. census, 1900, Rye, Pct. 2, Marion Co., Ala., ED 59, r. 30, p. 137, sh. 4B, dw. 69, fam. 69.

2124. U.S. census, 1910, Ryes [sic], Pct. 2, Marion Co., Ala., ED 77, r. 25, p. 33, sh. 10A, dw. 162, fam. 162. Henderson R. resided in dw. 164.

2125. U.S. census, 1920, Rye, Pct. 2, Marion Co., Ala., ED 58, r. 33, p. 30, sh. 2B, dw. 37, fam. 43. William D. resided in dw. 34.

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In 1930 Henderson R. Riggs, 67, a widower born in Alabama of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Rye, Marion Co., Ala., next door to Dimmus Riggs, 42, born in Alabama, and his family.<sup>[2126]</sup>

Known children, of five:

- 1004 i FLEATER C.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Oct. 1885, Alabama.
- +1005 ii WILLIAM DIMMUS<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Sept. 1866, Alabama, married ETNA C. —, and had five children.
- 1006 iii ELDON B.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born July 1896, Alabama.
- 1007 iv ELDRIDGE<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1904, Alabama.

**568. CHARLES NEWTON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sup>277</sup>Jasper N.<sup>8</sup>, Edward<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 27 May 1866, Bristol, Sullivan Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2127]</sup> died 6 Oct. 1956, Bristol, Tenn., and was buried 8 Oct. 1956, Glenwood Cem., Bristol. He married 7 Oct. 1888, Hamblen Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2128]</sup> **DALE WOOD**, who was born in New York.

In 1900 Charles N. Riggs, 34, widower, a railroad fireman born May 1866 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Bristol City, Va., with his sons, Charles W., 9, born Mar. 1891 in Tennessee, and Larry E., 6, born Apr. 1894, born in Virginia, both born of a mother born in New York, and with his mother, Sarah A. Riggs, 58, a widow born Feb. 1842 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, his brother William E., 31, a house carpenter born Nov. 1868, and his sister, Jennie L., 20, born Aug. 1879, both born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives. Sarah had had three children, with three surviving.<sup>[2129]</sup>

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2126. U.S. census, 1930, Rye, Pct. 2, Marion Co., Ala., ED 4, r. 39, p. 40, sh. 7A, dw. 132, fam. 134. Dimmus resided in dw. 131.

2127. *Tenn. Death Records, 1908–1958*, image online, Tenn. Death Certificate, no. 56-24441, Charles Newton Riggs, of Bristol, Sullivan Co., Tenn., died 6 Oct. 1956, Bristol, white, male, widowed, carpenter, born 27 May 1866, Bristol Co., Tenn., father Jasper Riggs, mother Sarah Riggs, informant Mrs. Elmer Stophel, of Bristol, Tenn., buried 8 Oct. 1956, Glenwood Cem., Bristol, Tenn.

2128. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, image online, Hamblen Co., Tenn., Marriages, May 1882–Aug. 1892, vols. 5–6, 63, Charles Riggs to Dale Wood, licensed 7 Oct. 1888, married 7 Oct. 1888, by George F. Robertson MG.

2129. U.S. census, 1900, Bristol City, Va., ED 143, r. 1733, p. 163, sh. 14A, dw. 168, fam. 172.

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Children:

- +1008 i CHARLES WILSON<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 5 Mar. 1891 or 1892, Bristol, Sullivan Co., Tenn., married (1) KATHERN CASNER, married (2) ALICE MAE SMITH, and had two children.
- 1009 ii LARRY E.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Apr. 1894, Virginia.

581. CLYDE BERNARD<sup>9</sup> AUSTIN (<sub>287</sub>Clisbe<sup>8</sup> Austin, Clisbe<sup>7</sup> Austin, ?Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 20 Jan. 1891 (gravestone), Tennessee, died 28 May 1966, buried Oak Grove Cem., Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn.<sup>[2130]</sup> He married 21 May 1913, Greene Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2131]</sup> FELICE MARIE NOELL, who was born 21 Nov. 1891, died 9 Sept. 1980, and was buried with her husband. Clyde B. Austin was informant on Clisbe<sup>8</sup> Austin's death certificate.

In 1920 Clyde Austin, 28, a tobacco leaf dealer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., with his wife, Felice, 27, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his sons, Clyde Jr., 5, Tom "N.," 3, and Bob C., 9/12, all born in Tennessee, and his mother, Mattie Austin, 66, a widow born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and two servants.<sup>[2132]</sup>

In 1930 Clyde Austin, 39, a tobacconist (redrying) born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., with his wife, Felice, 38, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his sons, Clyde Jr., 15, Thomas A., 13, Robert, 11, and Frank, 6, all born in Tennessee, and one servant. Clyde was 22 at first marriage, and Felice was 21.<sup>[2133]</sup>

For reference:

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2130. *Find a Grave*, no. 59211516, Oak Grove Cem., Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., plot D4-5, "Clyde Bernard Austin | Jan. 20, 1891-May 28, 1966 | wife | Felice Noell Austin | Nov. 21, 1891-Sept. 9, 1980."

2131. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780-2002*, image 714/743 online, no. 855, Clyde B. Austin to Felice Marie Noell, licensed 20 May 1913, Greene Co., Tenn., bondsman Leighton Armitage, married 21 May 1913, by John C. Orr MG.

2132. U.S. census, 1920, Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., ED 78, r. 1741, p. 124, sh. 9B, dw. 189, fam. 200.

2133. U.S. census, 1930, Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., ED 23, r. 7, p. 8, sh. 8B, dw. 174, fam. 194, FHL 2341983.

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Robert Carter<sup>11</sup> Austin Jr. (*Robert Carter*<sup>10</sup>, *Clyde Bernard*<sup>9</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>8</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>7</sup>, *?Archibald*<sup>6</sup> Austin):

IxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLll kiophjjhki luwpjllohlwtmlkmmkkl

Clyde Bernard<sup>11</sup> Austin III (*Clyde Bernard*<sup>10</sup>, *Clyde Bernard*<sup>9</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>8</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>7</sup>, *?Archibald*<sup>6</sup> Austin):

IxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLll kiophjjhki luwpjllohlwtmlkmmkkl

Children:

- 1010 i **CLYDE BERNARD**<sup>10</sup> **AUSTIN**, born 9 Sept. 1914, Tennessee, married 1 Aug. 1941, Cocke Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2134]</sup> **MARY LETTY MINES**, born 26 June 1918.

They had at least one child, Clyde Bernard<sup>11</sup> Austin III in my Riggs DNA Study Group (see genetic signature in sketch above).

- 1011 ii **THOMAS A.**<sup>10</sup> **AUSTIN**, born about 1917, Tennessee.

- 1012 iii **ROBERT CARTER**<sup>10</sup> **AUSTIN**, born 12 Mar. 1919, Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., died 14 Aug. 1990.<sup>[2135]</sup>

He had at least one child, Robert Carter<sup>11</sup> Austin Jr. in my Riggs DNA Study Group (see genetic signature in sketch above).

- +1013 iv **FRANK SMITH**<sup>10</sup> **AUSTIN**, born 7 Apr. 1922, Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., married **ANNE MCKEEHAN EASTERLY**.and had at least one child.

**594. SAMUEL H.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>296</sub>*William*<sup>8</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 11 June 1862 (gravestone), Kentucky, died 9 May 1918, and was buried in Graham Cem., Winfield, Cowley Co., Kans.<sup>[2136]</sup> He married about 1884 **FANNIE PEDEN**, who was

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2134. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780–2002*, image 242/649 online, Cocke Co., Tenn., no. 2321, Clyde B. Austin, Greeneville, Tenn., 26, born 9 Sept. 1914, to Mary Letty Mines, Newport [Tenn.], 23, born 26 June 1918, licensed 30 July 1941, married 1 Aug. 1941, by D. C. [Arnick?] MG.

2135. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Robert Carter Austin, male, white, born 12 Mar. 1919, Greeneville, Tenn., died 14 Aug. 1990, father Clyde B. Austin, mother Felice Noell, SSN 410–16–6319.

2136. *Find a Grave*, no. 15537669, gravestone photograph, by Judy Mayfield, Graham Cem., Winfield, Cowley Co., Kans., “Samuel H. Riggs | June 11, 1862 | May 9, 1918 | [on side] Father.”

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born July 1863 (1900 census) or 21 July 1864 (gravestone), Kentucky, died 26 May 1930, and was buried in Graham Cem., Winfield.<sup>[2137]</sup>

In 1900 Samuel H. Riggs, 37, a farmer born June 1862 in Kentucky of Tennessee natives, resided in Gamaliel Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., with his wife of 16 years, Fannie, 36, born July 1863 in Kentucky of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Kentucky. She had had six children, with six surviving and residing in the household: daughter, Lexie, 15, born Oct. 1884, son, Arloe C., 14, born Jan. 1886, daughter, Nellie, 12, born Apr. 1888, twin sons, Clay H. and Divie R., 6, born Apr. 1894, and daughter, Essie, 2, born June 1897, all six born in Kentucky.<sup>[2138]</sup>

In 1910 S. H. Riggs, 47, a farmer born in Kentucky of Tennessee natives, resided in Walnut Twp., Cowley Co., Kans., with his wife of 26 years, Fannie, 46, born in Kentucky of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Kentucky. She had had six children, with six surviving and three residing in the household: twin sons, Clay H. and Divie R., 16, and daughter, Essie, 12, all three born in Kentucky.<sup>[2139]</sup>

In 1915 S. H. Riggs, 53, a farmer born in Kentucky, moved from Kentucky, resided in Walnut Twp., Cowley Co., Kans., with 60 books and "Anna," 52, and males, Orlo, 29, a railroader, and twins, C. H. and D. R., 20, and female, Essie, 17, all five born in Kentucky and moved from Kentucky.<sup>[2140]</sup>

Children:

1014 i **LEXIE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Oct. 1884, Kentucky.

1015 ii **ARLOE C.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Jan. 1886, Kentucky.

1016 iii **NELLIE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Apr. 1888, Kentucky.

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2137. *Find a Grave*, no. 15537676, gravestone photograph, by Judy Mayfield, Graham Cem., Winfield, Cowley Co., Kans., block 7 lot 70 space 3 "Fannie Riggs | July 21, 1864 | May 26, 1930 | [on side] Mother."

2138. U.S. census, 1900, Gamaliel Pct., Monroe Co., Ky., ED 87, r. 544, p. 233, sh. 8A, dw. 133, fam. 135.

2139. U.S. census, 1910, Walnut Twp., Cowley Co., Kans., ED 66, r. 436, p. 101, sh. 7B, dw. 160, fam. 160.

2140. Kans. state census, 1915, Walnut Twp., Cowley Co., Kans., r. 436, pp. 20-21, dw. 160, fam. 160.

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- 1017 iv **CLAY HARRISON**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS** (twin), born 3 Apr. 1894, Gamaliel, Monroe Co., Ky.,<sup>[2141]</sup> died 27 Sept. 1928, buried Graham Cem., Winfield, Cowley Co., Kans.,<sup>[2142]</sup> married **CLARA** —, born 27 July 1896 (gravestone), died 20 Mar. 1977, buried Graham Cem.
- 1018 v **DIVIE R.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS** (twin), born 3 Apr. 1894 (gravestone), Kentucky, died 17 Oct. 1918, buried Graham Cem., Winfield, Cowley Co., Kans.,<sup>[2143]</sup> and had at least one child: (1) Carmen Jean<sup>11</sup> Riggs, born 18 Dec. 1915, died 4 Dec. 1918, and buried with Divie.
- 1019 vi **ESSIE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born June 1897, Kentucky.

**599. HORACE LESTER**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sup>299</sup>*John W.*<sup>8</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born May 1874 (1900 census) or 11 May 1876 (draft registration),<sup>[2144]</sup> Tennessee, and died before the 1930 census where Mary E. is listed as a widow. He married (1) 20 or 22 Dec. 1898, Polk Co., Fla.,<sup>[2145]</sup> **M. BESSIE MCEACHERN [MCEADRIN]**, who was born May 1877 (1900 census), Mississippi. He married (2) **MARY ELVA PORTER**, who was born 10 Apr. 1886 Talmo, Republic Co., Kans.,<sup>[2146]</sup> daughter of John Wesly and Sarah Ann (League) Porter.

In 1900 Horace L. Riggs, 26, a wood turner born May 1874 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Knoxville, Knox Co., Tenn., with

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2141. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Clay Harrison Riggs, 23, of Winfield, Kans., born 3 Apr. 1894, Gamaliel, Ky., farmer, wife and child, registered 5 June 1917, Walnut Pct., Cowley Co., Kans.

2142. *Find a Grave*, no. 15545811, gravestone photograph, by Judy Mayfield, Graham Cem., Winfield, Cowley Co., Kans., block 6 lot 1 space 4, “Riggs | Clay | Apr. 3, 1894 | Sept. 27, 1928 | | Clara | July 27, 1896 | Mar. 20, 1977.”

2143. *Find a Grave*, no. 15501681, gravestone photograph, by Judy Mayfield, Graham Cem., Winfield, Cowley Co., Kans., block 8 lot 21 space 7, “Riggs | Divie R. Riggs | Apr. 3, 1894 | Oct. 17, 1918 | Carmen Jean | Dec. 18, 1915 | Dec. 4, 1918.”

2144. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Horace Lester Riggs, 41, of West Tampa, Hillsborough Co., Fla., born 11 May 1876, nearest relative El[s?]a Riggs of same address, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Tampa, “a finger gone of his right hand.”

2145. *Fla. Marriages, 1837–1974*, Horace L. Riggs to M. Bessie Mceachern, 22 Dec. 1898, Polk Co., Fla. [FHL 978082], and Horace L. Riggs to M. B. Mceadrin, 20 Dec. 1898, Polk Co., Fla. [FHL 977945].

2146. *Fla. Births and Christenings, 1880–1935*, Mary Elva Porter, born 10 Apr. 1886, Talmo, Kans., Hillsborough Co., Fla., delayed birth certificate, father John Wesly Porter, born Minn., mother Sarah Ann League, born Iowa [FHL 978724].

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his wife of two years, Bessie, 23, born May 1877 in Mississippi of Mississippi natives. She had had no children. They resided as boarders in the household of Charles P. Galigon, 29.<sup>[2147]</sup>

In 1920 Horace Riggs, 40 [sic], a wood turner born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in West Tampa, Hillsborough Co., Fla., with his wife, Elva, 31, born in Kansas of Kansas natives, and with his daughters, Florence, 14, born in Oklahoma, and Kathryn, 6, born in Texas, both of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Kansas, and son, Horace, 2, born in Florida of a father born in Kansas [sic] and a mother in Kansas, and his nephew, Earle Imes, 15, born in Oklahoma of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Kansas.<sup>[2148]</sup>

In 1930 Mary E. Riggs, 45, a widow born in Kansas of a father born in Minnesota and a mother in Iowa, resided in Mango, Hillsborough Co., Fla., with her daughters, Catherine, 16, born in Texas, and Hattie 12, born in Florida, and her son, "Horis," 12, born in Florida. The mothers of the youngest two are listed as born in Tennessee, surely an error. Mary was 17 at first marriage.<sup>[2149]</sup>

In 1935 Mary E. Riggs, 49, a widow born in Kansas, resided in Hillsborough Co., Fla., with her daughters, Hattie 15, born in Florida, and "Kathrin," 21, born in Texas, and her son, Horace, 17, born in Florida.<sup>[2150]</sup>

In 1945 Mary Riggs, 58, a barber born in Kansas, resided in Hillsborough Co., Fla. Next door was Laurence Barnett, 31, born in Florida, with Katherine, 31, born in Texas, and Katherine, 6, born in Florida. Next to them resided W. I. Whitman, 44, born in Massachusetts, Florence, 40, born in Okla., and Walton Jr., 19, born in Florida.<sup>[2151]</sup>

Children of his second marriage, to Elva:

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2147. U.S. census, 1900, Knoxville, Knox Co., Tenn., ED 61, r. 1581, p. 110, sh. 19A, dw. 266, fam. 309.

2148. U.S. census, 1920, West Tampa, Hillsborough Co., Fla., ED 65, r. 222, p. 62, sh. 7A, dw. 109, fam. 111.

2149. U.S. census, 1930, Mango, Hillsborough Co., Fla., ED 150, r. 321, p. 150, sh. 4B, dw. 97, fam. 98.

2150. Fla. state census, 1935, Hillsborough Co., Fla., r. 15, p. 5, line 27, online at <Ancestry.com>.

2151. Fla. state census, 1945, Hillsborough Co., Fla., r. 23, p. 32, line 30, online at <Ancestry.com>.

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- 1020 i FLORENCE EUNICE<sup>10\*</sup> HOWARD [went by RIGGS], born 1 June 1905, Caddo Co., Okla.,<sup>[2152]</sup> died 22 Nov. 1988, Hillsborough Co., Fla.,<sup>[2153]</sup> last residence Tampa, Hillsborough Co.,<sup>[2154]</sup> married 26 Dec. 1923, Hillsborough Co., Fla.,<sup>[2155]</sup> WALTON IRVING WHITMAN, born 17 Jan. 1901, Massachusetts, died 17 Nov. 1982, Hillsborough Co., Fla.,<sup>[2156]</sup> last residence Mango, Hillsborough Co.,<sup>[2157]</sup> and had one child: (1) Walton Irving<sup>11</sup> Whitman Jr., born about 1925, Florida. Florence was probably Mary's daughter by a former marriage, who may or may not have been officially adopted by Horace Riggs.
- In 1930 Walton I. Whitman, 28, a house carpenter born in Massachusetts of Massachusetts natives, resided in Tampa, Hillsborough Co., Fla., with his wife, Florence E., 25, born in Oklahoma of a father born in Oklahoma and a mother in Kansas, and his son, Walton I., Jr., 5, born in Florida.<sup>[2158]</sup>
- 1021 ii CATHERINE/KATHRYN<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 27 Aug. 1913, Texas, died 23 Sept. 1973, Hillsborough Co., Fla.,<sup>[2159]</sup> married LAURENCE E. BARNETT, born 15 July 1913, Florida, died 28 Dec. 1986, Hillsborough Co., Fla.,<sup>[2160]</sup> last residence Tampa, Hillsborough

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2152. *Fla. Births and Christenings, 1880-1935*, Florence Eunice Howard, born 1 June 1905, Caddo Co., Okla., aka Florence E. Whitman, father Howard, mother Mary Elva Porter, born Kans. [FHL 978728]. This is apparently a delayed birth certificate.

2153. *Fla. Death Index, 1877-1998*, Florence Eunice Whitman, died 22 Nov. 1988, Hillsborough Co., Fla., age 83, born 1 June 1905.

2154. SSDI, Florence Whitman, SSN 262-54-6786, born 1 June 1905, died 22 Nov. 1988, last residence 33617 Tampa, Hillsborough Co., Fla., issued Fla. (1954).

2155. *Fla. Marriages, 1837-1974*, Florence Riggs to W. I. Whitman, 26 Dec. 1923, Hillsborough Co., Fla. [FHL 978265].

2156. *Fla. Death Index, 1877-1998*, Walton Irving Whitman, died 17 Nov. 1982, Hillsborough Co., Fla., age 81, born 17 Jan. 1901.

2157. SSDI, W. Whitman, SSN 262-07-5368, born 17 Jan. 1901, died Nov. 1982, last residence 33550 Mango, Hillsborough Co., Fla., issued Fla. (before 1951).

2158. U.S. census, 1930, Mango, Hillsborough Co., Fla., ED 97, r. 321, p. 276, sh. 4A, dw. 70, fam. 73.

2159. *Fla. Death Index, 1877-1998*, Catherine R. Barnett, died 23 Sept. 1973, Hillsborough Co., Fla., age 60, born 27 Aug. 1913.

2160. *Fla. Death Index, 1877-1998*, Laurence E. Barnett, died 28 Dec. 1986, Hillsborough Co., Fla., age 73, born 15 July 1913.



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Co.,<sup>[2161]</sup> and had one child: (1) Katherine<sup>11</sup> Barnett, born about 1939, Florida.

+1022 iii **HORACE LESTER**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 11 Aug. 1917, Florida, married **STELLA ELIZABETH SHEPARDSON**, and had one child.

1023 iv **HATTIE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1921, Florida

**605. EDWARD C.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>304</sub>*William N.*<sup>8</sup>, *Jesse W.*<sup>7</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1854, Tennessee. He married 18 Sept. 1877, Jefferson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2162]</sup> **SARAH/SALLY M. WHILE**, who was born about 1855, Tennessee.

In 1880 Edward Riggs, 26, a farm laborer born in Tennessee of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Virginia, resided in Jefferson Co., Tenn., with his wife, Sally M., 25, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his son, Edward C., 1, born in Tennessee. Next door was William Riggs, 56.<sup>[2163]</sup>

Child:

1024 i **EDWARD C.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1879, Iowa.

**612. ELLIS**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>304</sub>*William N.*<sup>8</sup>, *Jesse W.*<sup>7</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 9 June 1868 (gravestone) or June 1871 (1900 census), Tennessee, died 27 July 1919, and was buried in Gilliam Cem., Spring City, Rhea Co., Tenn.<sup>[2164]</sup> He married (1) 25 Dec. 1892, Rhea Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2165]</sup> **IDA A BELL**, who was born Feb. 1875 (1900 census), Tennessee. He married (2) 25 Nov. 1907, Rhea Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2166]</sup>

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2161. SSDI, "Lawrence" Barnett, SSN 265-05-3064, born 15 July 1913, died Dec. 1986, last residence 33629 Tampa, Hillsborough Co., Fla., issued Fla. (before 1951).

2162. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780-2002*, image online, "[1877] Sept 18 E. C. Riggs Sarah M. While." Her surname is definitely not White, as recorded here.

2163. U.S. census, 1880, Jefferson Co., Tenn., ED 175, r. 1264, p. 477B, dw. 159, fam. 160. William resided in dw. 160.

2164. Find a Grave, no. 28809973, gravestone photograph by Judy Smith, "[Woodmen of the World seal] | Ellis Riggs | June 9, 1868 | July 27, 1919 | At rest. | Riggs."

2165. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780-2002*, image online, Rhea Co., 1893, "Dec 25 1892 Ellis Riggs To Ida Bell [by] W. H. Parkinson J. P."

2166. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780-2002*, image online, Rhea Co., Nov. 1907, marriage bond 25 Nov. 1907 with bondsmen Ellis Riggs and W. A. Smith, license no. 904, Ellis Riggs to Mattie Lowe,

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**MATTIE LOWE.** He married (3) 24 Dec. 1908, Rhea Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2167]</sup>  
**MARTHA DODSON**, who was born about 1879, Tennessee.

In 1900 Ellis Riggs, 27, a coal miner born June 1871 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Spring City, Rhea Co., Tenn., with his wife of nine years, Ida A., 25, born Feb. 1875 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his daughter, "Altie," 2, born Feb. 1898. Ida had had three children with one surviving. Next door was Minnie Riggs, 11, born Apr. 1889 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, residing as a boarder in the household of John C. and Sarah (–) Dodson, 33 and 25, respectively.<sup>[2168]</sup> I don't know who Minnie Riggs was.

In 1910 Ellis Riggs, 38, a lumber mill laborer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Spring City, Rhea Co., Tenn., with his (second [sic]) wife of one year, Martha, 31, born Feb. 1875 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his daughter, Alta, 12, son, Clyde, 10, daughter, Roxie, 8, all three born in Tennessee of a mother born in Tennessee, and with his stepdaughter, Pearl Dodson, 4, born in Tennessee of a father born in Tennessee. Martha had had two children with one surviving.<sup>[2169]</sup>

Known children of the first marriage, to Ida:

- 1025 i ALTA<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Feb. 1898, Tennessee.
- +1026 ii CLYDE ALVIN<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1900, Tennessee, married  
ETHEL MAE –, and had at least four children.
- 1027 iii ROXIE<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1902, Tennessee.

**625. BENJAMIN HOGAN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>314</sub>Daniel M.<sup>8</sup>, Zadok<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 18 or 19 Aug. 1838,

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25 Nov. 1907, "I solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between the within named parties on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Nov., 1907 M. S. Holloway J.P."

2167. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, image online, Rhea Co., Dec. 1908, marriage bond 24 Dec. 1908 with bondsmen Ellis Riggs and J. C. Dodson, license no. 1134, Ellis Riggs to Martha Dodson, 24 Dec. 1908, "I solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between the within named parties on the 24 day of Dec, 1908 M. S. Holloway J.P."

2168. U.S. census, 1900, Spring City, Rhea Co., Tenn., ED 82, r. 1593, p. 217, sh. 5B, dw. 100, fam. 109. Minnie resided in dw. 99.

2169. U.S. census, 1910, Spring City, Rhea Co., Tenn., ED 101, r. 1516, p. 60, sh. 4A, dw. 60, fam. 61.

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Mobile, Ala. (see biography below), and died 11 Jan. 1888, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala.<sup>[2170]</sup> He married June 1867<sup>[2171]</sup> **FANNIE GRAY ROBERTSON**, who was born about 1849, Alabama, daughter of Henry C. Robertson, and had four children.

From the *Dictionary of Alabama Biography*:

Riggs, Benjamin Hogan, physician, was born August 18, 1838, at Mobile, and died January 11, 1888, in Selma; son of Daniel M. and Ann (Hogan) Riggs (q. v.). Dr. Riggs was educated at Barton academy; studied medicine in the office of Drs. Mabry and Kent, Selma, 1855; attended lectures in the medical department of the University of Louisiana, 1856; spent two years, 1857-58, at the Marine hospital, Mobile, and was graduated from the Medical department, University of Pennsylvania, 1859. He began the practice of his profession at Prairie Bluff but soon gave this up to enter the confederate service; enlisted as private in Captain Robbins, "Wilcox Rangers," rose rapidly to the rank of senior surgeon and served under Generals Bragg, Johnston and Hood, until the end of the war. At the close of the war he returned to Selma there to continue the practice of medicine until his death. He was president of the Alabama state medical association, 1884, and a member of the State board of censors and committee of public health; an Episcopalian; and a Mason. He was a contributor of many important articles to the Medical monthly and the Medical and surgical journal. Married: June, 1867, to Fannie Gray, daughter of Henry C. Robertson. To this union three [sic] sons and one daughter were born. Last residence: Selma.<sup>[2172]</sup>

In 1870 Benjamin Riggs, 31, a physician born in Alabama with \$14,500 real and \$800 personal estates, resided in Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., with "Annie," 21, born in Alabama, and with Gertrude, 21, born in Alabama, and with "Robinson," 2, Hogan, 3/12, born March, both

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2170. *Northern Alabama: Historical and Biographical*, 681, "Benjamin Hogan Riggs, M.D., was born in Mobile, August 19, 1838, and died at Selma, on the 11th day of January, 1888. His father was Daniel M. Riggs, a native of Surry County, N.C. The senior Riggs . . . died in 1859, at the age of fifty-nine years."

2171. *Northern Alabama: Historical and Biographical*, 682, "The Doctor was married in June, 1867, to Miss Fannie Gray Robertson, daughter of Henry C. Robertson, Esq., and has had born to him three [sic] sons and one daughter."

2172. Owen, *Dictionary of Alabama Biography*, 4:1439. The "(q. v.)"s refer to *Dictionary* items.

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born in Alabama. There were also two black servants in the household.<sup>[2173]</sup>

In 1880 "D" B. H. Riggs, 41, a physician born in Alabama of North Carolina natives, resided in Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., with his wife, Fannie R., 32, born in Alabama of Virginia natives, and with his sons, Robertson, 12, Hogan, 10, and "Chs." F., 8, and "Dan" M., 6, and daughter, Julia R., 1, both five born in Alabama.<sup>[2174]</sup>

Children:

- +1028 i ROBERTSON<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Mar. 1868, Alabama, married about 1894 EULALEE —, and had at least two children.
- 1029 ii HOGAN<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Mar. 1870, Alabama.
- 1030 iii CHARLES F.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Aug. 1872, Alabama.
- 1031 iv DANIEL M.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1874, Alabama.
- 1032 v JULIA R.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1879, Alabama.

**649. JUNIUS MOORE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>319</sub>Joel<sup>8</sup>, Zadok<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 12 or 29 Nov. 1851,<sup>[2175]</sup> Montgomery, Montgomery Co., Ala. (see biography below). He married 11 Apr. 1888, Selma, Ala., **ELIZABETH HARRIS GREEN**, daughter of John Templeton and Elizabeth (Harris) Green.

From the *Dictionary of Alabama Biography*:

Riggs, Junius Moore, librarian of the supreme court, was born November 29, 1851, at Montgomery; son of Joel and Georgena Rebecca (Moore) Riggs (q.v.). He received a common school education. He has been marshal and librarian of the supreme court since 1874. He is a Knight of Pythias; Knight of Honor, and a member of the National fraternal union; a Democrat; and Episcopalian. He is the compiler of the catalogues of the supreme court library and the state library. Married: April 11, 1888, at Selma, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Templeton and Elizabeth

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2173. U.S. census, 1870, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., r. 14, p. 631B, dw. 132, fam. 159.

2174. U.S. census, 1880, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., ED 72, r. 11, p. 471A, dw. 135, fam. 158.

2175. *William S. Mabry's Account Book*, 9, "Juniur [sic] M Riggs - 3' child of Joel + Gena Riggs Born in November 29' 1851."

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(Harris) Green, of Vicksburg, Miss., granddaughter of Thomas M. and Mary (Templeton) Green. Residence: Montgomery.<sup>[2176]</sup>

653. GERTRUDE THOMAS [“MUDDIE”]<sup>9</sup> TARTT (<sub>320</sub>Martha<sup>8</sup>, Zaddock<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 28 Feb. 1842, Mobile, Alabama, and married 23 Mar. 1865, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala.,<sup>[2177]</sup> Capt. CATESBY AP ROGER JONES, commander of the famous *Merrimac*.

In 1880 Gertrude T. Jones, 33 [sic], born in Alabama of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Tennessee, resided in Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., in the same dwelling with her mother, Martha R. Mabry, 65, and with son, Roger, 13, born in Virginia, son, Catesby, 10, born in New Jersey, daughter, Gertrude, 7, born in Georgia, and daughters, Page, 5, and Mattie M., 2, both born in Alabama. Her mother, Martha R. Mabry, 65, and siblings share the dwelling.<sup>[2178]</sup>

In 1900 Gertrude T. Jones, 42 [sic], a widow born Feb. 1858 [sic] in Alabama of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Tennessee, resided in the household of her son-in-law, E. Carlisle Melvin, 29, a bookkeeper born Dec. 1870 in Alabama of Alabama natives, her daughter, Gertrude J. Melvin, 25, born July 1874 in Alabama of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Alabama, her granddaughter, Gertrude, 3, born May 1897 in Alabama, and with her daughters, Mary Page, 23, born Aug. 1876 in Alabama, and Mattie M., 21, born Dec. 1878 in Alabama. Gertrude Jones has had five children, all living, and Gertrude Melvin, has had one, who survives. Gertrude and E. Carlisle Melvin have been married for four years.<sup>[2179]</sup>

Children:

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2176. Owen, *Dictionary of Alabama Biography*, 4:1440. The “(q.v.)”s refer to *Dictionary* items.

2177. William S. Mabry’s *Account Book*, 9

2178. U.S. census, 1880, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., ED 71, r. 11, p. 454B, dw. 105, fam. 123, address Tremont. Martha R. Mabry is family 123.

2179. U.S. census, 1900, precinct 36, ward 2, Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., ED 43, r. 14, book 1, p. 253, sh. 14A, dw. 259, fam. 297, address 1210 First St.

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- 1033 i ROGER AP CATESBY<sup>10</sup> JONES, born about 1867, Virginia, married CARRIE CAWTHON.
- 1034 ii CATESBY AP CATESBY<sup>10</sup> JONES, born about 1870, New Jersey.
- 1035 iii TARTT AP CATESBY<sup>10</sup> JONES, died young.
- 1036 iv GERTRUDE LETITIA<sup>10</sup> JONES, born July 1874, Georgia, married about 1896, E. CARLISLE MELVIN, and had one child: Gertrude<sup>11</sup>, born May 1897, Alabama.
- 1037 v MARY PAGE<sup>10</sup> JONES, born Aug. 1876, Alabama.
- 1038 vi MATTIE MORAN<sup>10</sup> JONES, born Dec. 1878, Alabama, married<sup>[2180]</sup> — HARALSON.

**668. GIDEON WRIGHT<sup>9</sup> RIGGS JR.** (<sub>336</sub>Gideon Wright<sup>8</sup>, Gideon<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 18 Mar. 1867,<sup>[2181]</sup> Tennessee, and died 8 Mar. 1952, aged 84, Los Angeles Co., Calif.<sup>[2182]</sup> He married 11 Aug. 1903,<sup>[2183]</sup> Antioch, Davidson Co., Tenn., AGNES JONES, who was born 10 Feb. 1882, Tennessee, and died 15 July 1966, last residence Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif.<sup>[2184]</sup>

In 1910 Gideon W. Riggs, 43, a Church of Disciples minister born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif., with his wife of seven years, Agnes, 28, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and his sons, Gideon, 5, born in California, and David G., 4, born in Tennessee, and daughter, Mary “D.,” 1 9/12, born in California.<sup>[2185]</sup>

In 1920 Gideon W. Riggs, 52, a minister born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif., with his wife, Agnes, 37, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and his sons,

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2180. Tyson, *William Spark Mabry*, 19.

2181. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Gideon Wright Riggs, Jun. was born March 18, 1867.”

2182. *Calif. Death Records*, “Riggs Gideon Wright [born] 03/18/1867 [mother’s maiden name] Jordan [father’s last name] Riggs [sex] M [birthplace] Tennessee [death place] Los Angeles [county] [death date] 03/08/1952 [age] 84 yrs.”

2183. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Gideon W. Riggs, Jr. and Agnes Jones were married August 11, 1903.”

2184. SSDI, Agnes Riggs, SSN 559-78-7572, born 10 Feb. 1882, died 15 July 1966, last residence 90041 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif., issued Calif. (1965).

2185. U.S. census, 1910, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif., ED 57, r. 83, p. 201, sh. 14B, dw. 336, fam. 339.

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G. Saunders, 15, born in California, and David, 14, born in Tennessee, daughter, Mary Lee, 11, and sons, John Newton, 10, Luke F., 9, Frank Oliver, 3 8/12, and Robert L., 1 11/12, born in California.<sup>[2186]</sup>

In 1930 Gideon W. Riggs, 63, a Church of Christ pastor born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif., with his wife, Agnes, 48, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and his son, David G., 24, born in Tennessee, daughter, Mary L., 21, and sons, John "W.," 19, Luke F., 18, and Robert L., 12, all four born in California. Gideon was first married at 36, and Agnes at 21.<sup>[2187]</sup>

In 1932 Mrs. Agnes Riggs resided at 2843 N. Sichel St., Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif., with (in alphabetical order), David G., John N., Luke F., and Miss Mary Lee.<sup>[2188]</sup> Agnes, John N., Luke F., and Mary Lee Riggs resided in the same location in 1934.<sup>[2189]</sup>

Children:

- 1039 i **GIDEON SAUNDERS/SANDERS**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 11 Aug. 1904, California, died 12 June 1985, Los Angeles Co., Calif.,<sup>[2190]</sup> last residence Gardena, Los Angeles Co., Calif.,<sup>[2191]</sup> **married ETHEL WILSON, and had one son and two daughters.**
- 1040 ii **DAVID GILLESPIE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 28 Dec. 1905, Tennessee, died Sept. 1989, last residence Coronado, San Diego Co., Calif.<sup>[2192]</sup>
- 1041 iii **MARY LEE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1909, California.
- 1042 iv **JOHN NEWTON**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 6 June 1910, California, died 24 Oct. 2000, last residence Chula Vista, San Diego Co., Calif.<sup>[2193]</sup>

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2186. U.S. census, 1920, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif., ED 274, r. 107, p. 201, sh. 15B, dw. 319, fam. 407.

2187. U.S. census, 1930, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif., ED 696, r. 134, p. 201, sh. 3A, dw. 9, fam. 48.

2188. *Calif. Voter Registrations, 1900-1968*, Los Angeles Co., 1932, r. 31, pct. no. 1539.

2189. *Calif. Voter Registrations, 1900-1968*, Los Angeles Co., 1934, r. 35, pct. no. 1539.

2190. *Calif. Death Index, 1940-1997*, Gideon Sanders Riggs, SSN 559-14-9868, male, born 11 Aug. 1904, Calif., died 12 June 1985, Los Angeles.

2191. SSDI, Gideon Riggs, SSN 559-14-9868, born 11 Aug. 1904, died June 1985, last residence 90247 Gardena, Los Angeles Co., Calif., issued Calif. (before 1951).

2192. SSDI, David G. Riggs, SSN 414-40-3145, born 28 Dec. 1905, died Sept. 1989, last residence 92118 Coronado, San Diego Co., Calif., issued Tenn. (before 1951).

2193. SSDI, John N. Riggs, SSN 550-09-2700, born 6 June 1910, died 24 Oct. 2000, last residence 91910 Chula Vista, San Diego Co., Calif., issued Calif. (before 1951).

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1043 v LUKE FULTON<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 12 July 1911, Los Angeles, Calif., died 28 Sept. 1996, last residence Palm Springs, Riverside Co., Calif.,<sup>[2194]</sup> married 14 July 1939 MADGE EXTEN, born 11 Aug. 1911, Liester, England, and had one daughter.

In 1940 Luke Riggs, salesman, resided at 25 Westmont Dr., Alhambra, Los Angeles Co., Calif., with Mrs. Madge Riggs, stenographer.<sup>[2195]</sup>

In 1942, 1944, 1946, 1950, and 1954 Luke F. Riggs, salesman, resided at 867 E. Leslie Dr., San Gabriel, Los Angeles Co., Calif. Mrs. Madge E. Riggs was with him in 1946 and 1954.<sup>[2196]</sup>

In 1970 Luke F. Riggs resided at 705 N. Monterey #302, Alhambra, Los Angeles Co., Calif.<sup>[2197]</sup>

1044 vi FRANK OLIVER<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1916, California.

1045 vii ROBERT LARIMORE<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1918, California. This was perhaps Robert L. Riggs, born 25 Feb. 1918, died 25 Oct. 1995, last residence Encinitas, San Diego Co., Calif.<sup>[2198]</sup> He married (1) 9 Dec. 1939, Chicago, Ill., CATHERINE FISCHER, and had two sons, married (2) Sept. 1952 – WHEELAN, and had three sons and one daughter.

669. MARY CATHERINE/KATE<sup>9</sup> RIGGS (<sub>336</sub>Gideon Wright<sup>8</sup>, Gideon<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 2 Dec. 1868,<sup>[2199]</sup> Tennessee, died 25 Aug. 1960,<sup>[2200]</sup> and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2201]</sup> She married 14 June 1888<sup>[2202]</sup> WILLIAM ADOLPHUS FULLER, born Dec. 1854 (1900 cen-

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2194. SSDI, Luke F. Riggs, SSN 565-16-2344, born 12 July 1911, died 28 Sept. 1996, last residence 92264 Palm Springs, Riverside Co., Calif., issued Calif. (before 1951).

2195. *Calif. Voter Registrations, 1900-1968*, Los Angeles Co., 1940, r. 46, pct. 62.

2196. *Calif. Voter Registrations, 1900-1968*, Los Angeles Co., 1942, r. 54, pct. 3, and 1944, r. 60, pct. 3, and 1946, r. 66, pct. 3, and 1950, r. 79, pct. 3, and 1954, r. 93, pct. 3.

2197. *U.S. Public Records Index*, Luke F. Riggs, phone 284-9835, 705 N. Monterey #302, Alhambra, Calif. 91801-0901 (1970).

2198. SSDI, Robert L. Riggs, SSN 263-56-1726, born 25 Feb. 1918, died 25 Oct. 1995, last residence 92024 Encinitas, San Diego Co., Calif., issued Fla. (1955).

2199. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "M. C. (Mary Catherine) Riggs was born December 2nd, 1868."

2200. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Mary Catherine (Kate) Riggs died August 25, 1960."

2201. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051186, no photograph, dates recorded: 1868, 1960.

2202. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Adolphus Fuller and Mary Catherine (Kate) Riggs married June



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sus), Tennessee, died 1929, and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2203]</sup>

In 1900 “W<sup>m</sup>” A. Fuller, 45, a farmer born Dec. 1854 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Williamson Co., Tenn., with his wife of 12 years, Katie, 32, born Dec. 1867 [sic] in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and his son, Vernon, 11, born Mar. 1889, daughter, Annie M., 9, born Mar. 1891, and sons, Harold, 7, born Sept. [sic] 1892, Robert, 5, born Sept. 1894 [cf. Bible record], and “Gidder,” 3, born May [sic] 1897, all five born in Tennessee. Katie had had five children, all surviving. Nearby was “Nannie” Riggs, 57.<sup>[2204]</sup>

Children:

- 1046 i VERNON<sup>10</sup> FULLER, born 5 Mar. 1889,<sup>[2205]</sup> Tennessee, died 22 Dec. 1952, buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2206]</sup>
- 1047 ii ANNIE MAY<sup>10</sup> FULLER, born 10 Mar. 1891,<sup>[2207]</sup> Tennessee, and died 27 Dec. 1969, married – ARNOLD.
- 1048 iii HAROLD<sup>10</sup> FULLER, born 12 Aug. 1892,<sup>[2208]</sup> Tennessee, died 1 July 1960, buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2209]</sup>
- 1049 iv ROBERT EMMETT<sup>10</sup> FULLER, born Sept. 1894 (1900 census, but the Bible record gives his birth as 28 July 1897—cf., Adolph below),<sup>[2210]</sup> Tennessee, died 12 Feb. 1972, buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2211]</sup>

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14, 1888.”

2203. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051208, no photograph, dates recorded: 1855, 1929.

2204. U.S. census, 1900, Williamson Co., Tenn., ED 121, r. 1606, p. 181, sh. 13A, dw. 204, fam. 204. Nannie resided in dw. 201.

2205. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Vernon Fuller born March 5, 1889 and died December 22, 1952.”

2206. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051205, no photograph, dates recorded: 1889, 1952, refers to the person as “Miss Vernon Fuller,” “daughter of Wm A & Mary C Fuller.”

2207. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Annie May Fuller Arnold was born March 10, 1891 and died December 27, 1969.”

2208. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Harold Fuller born August 12, 1892 and died July 1, 1960.”

2209. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051175, no photograph, dates recorded: 1892, 1960.

2210. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Robert Emmett Fuller born March 28, 1897 and died February 12, 1972.”

2211. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051204, no photograph, dates recorded: 1894, 1972.

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- 1050 v ADOLPH<sup>10</sup> FULLER, born 28 Mar. 1897,<sup>[2212]</sup> Tennessee. This was probably the “Gidder” of the 1900 census.
- 1051 vi RALPH<sup>10</sup> FULLER, born 28 July 1900.<sup>[2213]</sup>
- 1052 vii AGNES JOSEPHINE<sup>10</sup> FULLER, born 4 Oct. 1904.<sup>[2214]</sup>
- 1053 viii NANCY KATHERINE/CATHERINE<sup>10</sup> FULLER, born 27 June 1907,<sup>[2215]</sup> died 17 Nov. 1956, buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2216]</sup>

**670. LILLIE MAY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>336</sub>*Gideon Wright*<sup>8</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>7</sup>, *David*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 20 Mar. 1870,<sup>[2217]</sup> Tennessee, died 13 Aug. 1912,<sup>[2218]</sup> and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2219]</sup> She married 17 Oct. 1899<sup>[2220]</sup> **JAMES MCCROSKY DUGGAN**, born 3 Mar. 1868, died 29 Feb. 1948, and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2221]</sup>

Children:

- 1054 i CLARA NICHOLS<sup>10</sup> DUGGAN, born 23 July 1900.<sup>[2222]</sup>
- 1055 ii HELEN KATHERINE<sup>10</sup> DUGGAN, born 6 Feb. 1902.<sup>[2223]</sup>

**672. JORDAN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>336</sub>*Gideon Wright*<sup>8</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>7</sup>, *David*<sup>6</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 2 Nov. 1873,<sup>[2224]</sup> Tennessee, died 27 Jan. 1938,<sup>[2225]</sup> and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Wil-

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2212. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Adolph Fuller was born March 28, 1897.”

2213. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Ralph Fuller was born July 28, 1900.”

2214. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Agnes Josephine Fuller was born October 4, 1904.”

2215. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Nancy Katherine Fuller was born June 27, 1907 and died November 17, 1956.”

2216. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051190, no photograph, dates recorded: .22 June 1907, 17 Nov. 1956.

2217. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “L. M. (Lillie May) Riggs was born March 20th, 1870.”

2218. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Lillie Mae [sic] Riggs Duggan departed this life August 13, 1912.”

2219. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051167, no photograph, dates recorded: 20 Mar. 1870, 13 Aug. 1912.

2220. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Lillie May Riggs and J. M. Duggan were married October 17th, 1899.”

2221. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051162, no photograph, dates recorded: 3 Mar. 1868, 29 Feb. 1948.

2222. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Clara Nichols Duggan was born July 23, 1900.”

2223. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Helen Katherine Duggan was born February 6, 1902.”

2224. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Jordan Riggs was born November 2, 1873.”

2225. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Jordan Riggs died January 27, 1938.”

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Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2226]</sup> He married 20 Dec. 1903<sup>[2227]</sup> **ADA LEE JONES**, who was born 1877, Tennessee, died 1963, and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem.<sup>[2228]</sup>

In 1930 Jordan Riggs, 56, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Williamson Co., Tenn., with his wife, Ada L., 52, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his sons, Robert, 22, and Edward, 15, both born in Tennessee. Jordan was first married at 30, and Ada at 26. Next door was Earl Riggs.<sup>[2229]</sup>

Children:

1056 i **ROBERT**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1908, Tennessee.

1057 ii **EDWARD**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1915, Tennessee.

**673. OLIVER ARCHIBALD**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>336</sub>*Gideon Wright*<sup>8</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>7</sup>, *David*<sup>6</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1 Feb. 1876,<sup>[2230]</sup> died 6 Feb. 1961, and was buried in Burnet, Tex.<sup>[2231]</sup> He married **MINNIE TUCKER**, who died 27 Jan. 1901,<sup>[2232]</sup> and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2233]</sup> He married (2) about 1903 **CALLIE L.** —, who was born about 1872, Tennessee, and died 9 Jan. 1914, Burnet Co., Tex.<sup>[2234]</sup> He married (3) **OLIVIA/OLLIE MAE**

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2226. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051308, no photograph, dates recorded: 1874, 1938.

2227. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Jordan Riggs and Ada Lee Jones were married December 20, 1903."

2228. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051251, no photograph, dates recorded: 1877, 1963.

2229. U.S. census, 1930, Williamson Co., Tenn., ED 28, r. 2285, p. 243, sh. 1A, dw. 9, fam. 9. Earl resided in dw. 10.

2230. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Oliver A. Riggs was born February 1st, 1876"; *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Oliver Archibald Riggs, 42, of Burnet, Burnet Co., Tex., born 1 Feb. 1876, barber, nearest relative "Mrs. Ollie Riggs (wife)," registered 12 Sept. 1918.

2231. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Oliver A. Riggs died February 5 [sic], 1961 (buried Burnet, Texas)"; *Tex. Death Index, 1903-2000*, "Riggs Oliver Archibald [co.] Burnet [date] Feb 6 [1961] [certificate] 7066."

2232. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Minnie T. Riggs died January 27, 1901 (1st wife of Oliver A. Riggs)."

2233. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051321, gravestone photograph by Kim Shockey, "Minnie | Tucker | wife of | O. A. Riggs | died | Jan. 27, 1901 | Kareen | Riggs | Jan. 15, 1901 | June 25, 1901."

2234. *Tex. Death Index, 1903-2000*, "[Riggs] Callie [co.] Burnet [date] 1-9-14 [certificate] 321."

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**CORKER**, who was born about 1887, Texas, daughter of Lucinda (–) Corker, and died 18 Sept. 1944, Burnet Co.<sup>[2235]</sup>

In 1910 Oliver A. Riggs, 34, a barber born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Burnet, Burnet Co., Tex., with his wife of seven years, Callie L., 38, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives. She had had no children. Also in the household were his stepfather-in-law, George I. Gordon, 61, a widower carpenter born in Mississippi of U.S. natives, and his brother-in-law, Leslie Gordon, 17, born in Texas of a mother born in Tennessee.<sup>[2236]</sup>

In 1920 Oliver A. Riggs, 43, a barber born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Burnet, Burnet Co., Tex., with his wife, Ollie M., 33, born in Texas of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Texas, and his daughter, Nanna Lou, 2 4/12, born in Texas. Also in the household were his stepdaughter, Leona B. Rogers, 14, born in Texas of a father born in Alabama and a mother in Texas, and his father-in-law, George I. Gordon, 72, a widower carpenter born in Mississippi of Tennessee natives.<sup>[2237]</sup>

In 1930 Oliver A. Riggs, 54, a barber shop proprietor born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Burnet, Burnet Co., Tex., with his wife, Ollie M., 43, born in Texas of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Texas, and his daughters, Nancy, 12, Helen K., 5, and Patsy A., 3 1/12, all three born in Texas. Also in the household were his mother-in-law, Lucinda Corker, 70, a widow born in Texas of a father born in Illinois and a mother in Texas, his brother-in-law, Robert F. Corker, 27, born in Texas of a father born in Missouri, and his father-in-law, George I. Gordon, 83, a widower born in Mississippi of Mississippi natives. Oliver was first married at 27, Ollie at 17, Lucinda at 23, and George at 30.<sup>[2238]</sup>

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2235. *Tex. Death Index, 1903–2000*, “[Riggs] Olivia Mae [co.] Burnet [date] 9–18–44 [certificate] 41565.”

2236. U.S. census, 1910, Burnet, Burnet Co., Tex., ED 111, r. 1526, pp. 208–9, sh. 6B–7A, dw. 129, fam. 131.

2237. U.S. census, 1920, Burnet, Burnet Co., Tex., ED 20, r. 1782, p. 197, sh. 6B, dw. 122, fam. 132.

2238. U.S. census, 1930, Burnet, Burnet Co., Tex., ED 1, r. 2303, p. 6, sh. 6B, dw. 107, fam. 134.

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Child of the first marriage, to Minnie:

- 1058 i **KAREEN**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 15 Jan. 1901, died 25 June 1901, buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn., with his mother, who probably died from childbirth complications with this child.<sup>[2239]</sup>

Children of the third marriage, to Olivia:

- 1059 ii **NANCY LOU**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1918, Texas.  
1060 iii **HELEN K.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1925, Texas.  
1061 iv **PATSY ANN**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 12 Feb. 1927, Burnet Co., Tex.<sup>[2240]</sup>

**674. EARL HOLDEN**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>336</sub>*Gideon Wright*<sup>8</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>7</sup>, *David*<sup>6</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 24 Nov. 1877,<sup>[2241]</sup> Tennessee, died 7 Dec. 1951,<sup>[2242]</sup> and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2243]</sup> He married 9 Dec. 1900<sup>[2244]</sup> **NANNIE GAMBILL**, who was born 15 Feb. 1882, Tennessee, died 29 May 1952,<sup>[2245]</sup> and was buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem.<sup>[2246]</sup>

In 1910 “Erle” H. Riggs, 32, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Williamson Co., Tenn., with his wife of 10 years, Nannie, 28, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his daughter, “Rubia,” 8, and daughter [sic], “Jessie,” 6, his sons, Gideon, 4, and Aaron, 2, all four born in Tennessee, and his mother-in-law, “Nannie,” 67, a widow born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives. Nannie (the younger) had had four children, with all four surviving, and Nannie (senior) had had seven children, with all seven surviving.<sup>[2247]</sup>

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2239. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051321.

2240. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, “Riggs, Patsy Ann [co.] 027 [Burnet] [date] Feb 12 [1927] [mother] Carker [sic], Allie [sic] Mae [father] Riggs, Oliver A.”

2241. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Earl Holden Riggs was born November 24th, 1877.”

2242. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Earl Holden Riggs died December 7, 1951.”

2243. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051259, no photograph, dates given: 24 Nov. 1877, 7 Dec. 1951.

2244. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Earl H. Riggs and Ninnie Gambill were married December 9, 1900.”

2245. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Nannie Gambill Riggs died May 29, 1952.”

2246. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051332, no photograph, dates given: 15 Feb. 1882, 29 May 1952.

2247. U.S. census, 1910, Williamson Co., Tenn., ED 151, r. 1526, p. 126, sh. 10B, dw. 177, fam.

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In 1920 Earl H. Riggs, 43, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Franklin, Williamson Co., Tenn., with his wife, Nannie, 37, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his daughters, Ruby, 18, and sons, "Jessie," 15, Gideon, 13, Aaron, 11, and Leslie, 9, all five born in Tennessee, and his mother[-in-law], Nannie A., 77, a widow born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives.<sup>[2248]</sup>

In 1930 Earl H. Riggs, 52, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Williamson Co., Tenn., with his wife, "Nanie," 48, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his sons, Aaron, 21, and Leslie, 19, both born in Tennessee. Earl was first married at 23, and Nannie at 18. Next door was Jordan Riggs.<sup>[2249]</sup>

Children:

- 1062 i RUBY EARL<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 20 Oct. 1901,<sup>[2250]</sup> Tennessee.
- 1063 ii JESSE HOLDEN<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 23 Apr. 1904,<sup>[2251]</sup> Tennessee.
- 1064 iii GIDEON EMMETT<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 12 Feb. 1906,<sup>[2252]</sup> Tennessee, died 9 Apr. 1971, buried in Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2253]</sup>
  - In the 1930 census of merchant seamen, Gideon E. Riggs, 24, single, an oiler born in Tennessee, was at port in Bayonne, Hudson Co., N.J., with next of kin in College Grove, Tenn.<sup>[2254]</sup>
- 1065 iv AARON GAMBILL<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 23 June 1908,<sup>[2255]</sup> Tennessee, died Sept. 1954, buried Riggs Crossroads Cem., Williamson Co.,

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2248. U.S. census, 1920, Franklin, Williamson Co., Tenn., ED 173, r. 1769, p. 278, sh. 1A, dw. 2, fam. 2.

2249. U.S. census, 1930, Williamson Co., Tenn., ED 28, r. 2285, p. 243, sh. 1A, dw. 10, fam. 10. Jordan resided in dw. 9.

2250. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Ruby Earl Riggs born October 20, 1901."

2251. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Jesse Holden Riggs was born April 23, 1904."

2252. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Gideon Emmett Riggs was born February 12, 1906 and died April 9, 1971."

2253. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051261, no photograph, dates recorded: 1906, 1971.

2254. U.S. census of merchant seamen, 1930, Bayonne, Hudson Co., N.J., line 19, vessel S. S. Joseph M. Cudahy, ED 9-232, r. 2, p. 44A.

2255. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, "Aaron Gambill Riggs was born June 23, 1908 and died September 1954."

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Tenn.,<sup>[2256]</sup> married 18 Apr. 1931, Williamson Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2257]</sup>  
OLLIE CATHEY. They had at least one child: (1) Betty Ann<sup>11</sup> Riggs,  
who was born 1933, died 1933, and was buried in Riggs Crossroads  
Cem., Williamson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2258]</sup>

1066 v LESLIE GORDON<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born 25 Sept. 1910,<sup>[2259]</sup> Tennessee.

**675. ADAM SPRINGS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>339</sub>*William Hurt*<sup>8</sup>, *Adam Springs*<sup>7</sup>, *David*<sup>6</sup>,  
*?Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 20 Nov. 1882,<sup>[2260]</sup>  
Tennessee. He married about 1908 **15 May 1914 ADDIE BELLE  
SMITH**, who was born **19 Nov. 1889**.

In 1900 “Adams” Riggs, 17, born Nov. 1882 in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Bedford Co., Tenn., with his grandmother, Mrs. A. S. Riggs, 77, widow, Apr. 1823 in Tennessee of Virginia natives.<sup>[2261]</sup>

In 1910 Adam S. Riggs, 27, a rice farm laborer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Hickory Ridge Twp., Cross Co., Ark., a boarder in the household of Wamon L. Sutton, 47, born in Virginia.<sup>[2262]</sup>

In 1920 Adam S. Riggs, 37, a grocery store merchant born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Rutherford Co., Tenn., with his wife, Addie B., 30, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and his daughter Emma B., 4 3/12, born in Tennessee.<sup>[2263]</sup>

In 1930 “Albert” S. Riggs, 47, a coal company bookkeeper born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn., with his wife, Addie B., 47 [sic], a clerk in a dry goods store

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2256. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051249, no photograph, dates recorded: 1908, 1954.

2257. *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, Aaron G. Riggs to Miss Ollie [perhaps Allie] Cathey, 18 Apr. 1931, Williamson Co., has image of license and marriage record, 13:245.

2258. *Find a Grave*, no. 8051255, no photograph, dates recorded: 1933, 1933, unsourced note added: “Daughter of Aaron & Ollie C. Riggs.”

2259. Gideon Wright Riggs Bible, “Leslie Gordon Riggs was born September 25, 1910.”

2260. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Adam Springs Riggs, 36, resident of Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn., born 20 Nov. 1882, nearest relative Addie Belle Riggs of the same residence, registered for the draft 12 Sept. 1918, Murfreesboro.

2261. U.S. census, 1900, Bedford Co., Tenn., ED 16, r. 1558, p. 182, sh. 4B, dw. 73, fam. 77.

2262. U.S. census, 1910, Hickory Ridge Twp., Cross Co., Ark., ED 42, r. 48, p. 11, sh. 4B, dw. 69, fam. 72.

2263. U.S. census, 1920, Rutherford Co., Tenn., ED 124, r. 1760, p. 78, sh. 9B, dw. 191, fam. 204.

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born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and his daughter Emma B., 15, and his son, Curtis, 5, both born in Tennessee. Both Adam and Addie were 25 at first marriage.<sup>[2264]</sup>

Children:

- 1067 i **EMMA BUTLER**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 6 Apr. about 1915, Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tennessee, married **BAXTER L. COOK**, and had children.
- 1068 ii **CURTIS**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1925, Tennessee, married — **DICKSON**, and had at least one child. He is perhaps Curtis A. Riggs, born 28 Nov. 1924, died 8 June 1982.<sup>[2265]</sup>

**676. WILLIAM KILBY**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>339</sub>*William Hurt*<sup>8</sup>, *Adam Springs*<sup>7</sup>, *David*<sup>6</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 20 Mar. 1894, Rockvale, Rutherford Co., Tenn.<sup>[2266]</sup> He married about 1917 **LILLIAN** —, who was born 20 Apr. 1895, Tennessee, and died Aug. 1983, last residence Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co.<sup>[2267]</sup>

In 1920 William K. Riggs, 25, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Rutherford Co., Tenn., with his wife, Lillian, 23, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his daughter, “Su” G., 1 6/12, born in Tennessee.<sup>[2268]</sup>

In 1930 William Riggs, 36, a farmer born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Rutherford Co., Tenn., with his wife, “Lilian,” 35, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his daughter, Sue G., 12, son, “Billie,” 10, daughter, Lillian, 7, son, John H., 4 5/12, and

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2264. U.S. census, 1930, Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn., ED 15, r. 1760, p. 135, sh. 4A, dw. 90, fam. 95.

2265. SSDI, Curtis A. Riggs, SSN 413-22-5888, born 28 Nov. 1924, died 8 June 1982, issued Tenn. (before 1951).

2266. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, William Kilby [could be Killey] Riggs, 23, of Jacksonville, Fla., born 20 Mar. 1894, Rockvale, Tenn., employed as a farmer in Murfreesboro, single, registered 5 June 19[17], Rutherford Co., Tenn.

2267. SSDI, Lillian Riggs, SSN 409-08-8806, born 20 Apr. 1895, died Aug. 1895, last residence 37130 Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn., issued Tenn. (1973).

2268. U.S. census, 1920, Rutherford Co., Tenn., ED 125, r. 1760, p. 93, sh. 11B, dw. 222, fam. 226.



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daughter Margory, 2 3/12, all five born in Tennessee. William was first married at age 23, and Lillian at 22.<sup>[2269]</sup>

Children:

- 1069 i **SUE G.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1918, Tennessee.
- 1070 ii **WILLIAM KILBY**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS JR.**, born 25 June 1920, Tennessee, died 5 Aug. 2008, last residence Murfreesboro.<sup>[2270]</sup> There was a William K. Riggs residing in Murfreesboro 1993–1995, and a William K. Riggs Jr. residing there 1996–2002<sup>[2271]</sup>
- 1071 iii **LILLIAN**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1923, Tennessee.
- 1072 iv **JOHN H.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1926, Tennessee. John H. Riggs, single, born 1925, Tenn., resident of Rutherford Co., Tenn., enlisted for World War II service on 1 Apr. 1944 at Camp Shelby, Miss., as a private, for the duration plus six months.<sup>[2272]</sup>
- 1073 v **MARGORY**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1928, Tennessee.

**678. ALBERT DEERY**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>339</sub>*William Hurt*<sup>8</sup>, *Adam Springs*<sup>7</sup>, *David*<sup>6</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 10 Mar. 1897, Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2273]</sup> and died Aug. 1985, last residence Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn.<sup>[2274]</sup> He married about 1924 **KATHERINE L. KERR**, who was born 19 Oct. 1900, Tennessee, daughter of Elizabeth (–) Kerr, and died 22 July 1997, last residence Murfreesboro.<sup>[2275]</sup>

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2269. U.S. census, 1930, Rutherford Co., Tenn., ED 14, r. 2270, pp. 128–29, sh. 9B–10A, dw. 185, fam. 187.

2270. SSDI, William K. Riggs, SSN 411–24–5674, born 25 June 1920, died 5 Aug. 2008, last residence 37130 Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn., issued Tenn. (before 1951).

2271. *U.S. Phone and Address Directories, 1993–2002*, William K. Riggs, Murfreesboro, Tenn., ZIP 37129–5409, phone 615–893–1165, 1993–1995, William K. Riggs Jr., Murfreesboro, ZIP 37129–5409, phone 615–893–1165, 1996–1997, William K. Riggs Jr., Murfreesboro, ZIP 37128–5409, phone 615–893–1165, 1998–2002.

2272. U.S. WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938–1946, John H. Riggs.

2273. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Albert Deery Riggs, 21, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., born 10 Mar. 1897, Shelbyville, Tenn., nearest relative “Mrs. Rufe S. Riggs,” registered 5 June 1918, Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn.

2274. SSDI, Albert Riggs, SSN 408–07–9695, born 10 Mar. 1897, died Aug. 1985, last residence 37130 Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn., issued Tenn. (before 1951).

2275. SSDI, Kathrin [sic] K. Riggs, SSN 411–08–4842, born 19 Oct. 1900, died 22 July 1997, last

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In 1930 Deery Riggs, 33, an assistant manager for United Freight Lines born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn., with his wife, Katherine L., 28, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and with his son, Albert W., 3 2/12, and daughter, Maude B., 4/12, both born in Tennessee, in the household of his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Kerr, 65, a widow born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives, and her daughter Elizabeth, 34, born in Tennessee of Tennessee natives. Deery was first married at age 27, and Katherine at 22.<sup>[2276]</sup>

Children:

- 1074 i ALBERT W.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1927, Tennessee.
- 1075 ii MAUDE B.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1930, Tennessee.

**684. BRITTON/BRITTAIN<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>361</sub>Wiley<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, ?Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 8 Jan. 1860 (calculated), Surry Co., N.C., died 23 Dec. 1929, Stewarts Creek Twp., Surry Co., aged 69 years 11 months 15 days, and was buried 24 Dec. 1929 in the Fish River Cem., Surry Co.<sup>[2277]</sup> He married (1) 4 Nov. 1886, Surry Co.,<sup>[2278]</sup> **PATIENCE COPELAND**, who was born about 1854, North Carolina. He married (2) 16 Apr. 1899, Surry Co.,<sup>[2279]</sup> **SUSAN D. FREEMAN**, who

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residence 37130 Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn., issued Tenn. (1973).

2276. U.S. census, 1930, Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn., ED 17, r. 2270, p. 162, sh. 5A, dw. 100, fam. 121.

2277. Death certificate, N.C. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 278, reg. dist. no. 867068, reg. no. 29, Britton Riggs, of Round Peak, Surry Co., died 23 Dec. 1929, Stewarts Creek Twp., Surry Co., of heart failure, aged 69 yrs. 11 mos. 15 ds, born 8 Jan 1869 [sic], Surry Co., male, white, married, spouse, "Sallie (Susan)" [sic] Riggs, farmer, father Wiley Riggs, born Surry Co., mother Julia Haymore, born Surry Co., informant Sam Patterson of Mt. Airy, N.C., buried 24 Dec. 1929, Fish River Cem. The calculated birth year of 1860 matches the 1900 census, but disagrees with the actual stated birthyear of 1869. Image online at <Ancestry.com>.

2278. N.C. *Marriage Collection, 1741-2004*, image, Surry Co., "[man] Riggs Brittain [residence] Surry Co., N.C. [woman] Copeland Patience [residence] Surry Co., N.C. [his age and race] 26 W [her age and race] 32 W [license] 11 2 1886 [marriage] 11 4 1886 [by whom] J. M. Gordon, J.P.. [where] Mary Copeland [witnesses] D. C. Riggs | Isaac Copeland | Thos. Copeland".

2279. N.C. *Marriage Collection, 1741-2004*, image, Surry Co., "[man] Riggs Britton [residence] Surry Co., [woman] Freeman S. D. [residence] Surry Co. [his age and race] 39 W [her age and race] 44 W [license] 4 13 1899 [marriage] 4 16 1899 [by whom] J. M. Bennett, J.P. [where] Stewarts Creek Twp.

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was born 26 or 27 Apr. 1851, Surry Co., daughter of Samuel and Sallie (Norman) Freeman, died 22 Aug. 1934, Mt. Airy Twp., Surry Co., and was buried 23 Aug. 1934, Pine Ridge Cem., Surry Co.<sup>[2280]</sup>

In 1900 Britton Riggs, 40, a farmer born Jan. 1860 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with his wife of one year, Susan D., 46, born Apr. 1854 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. Residing with them were daughters, Nancy E., 12, born Sept. 1887, and Minnie P., 10, born Apr. 1890, and sons, John P., 8, born Apr. 1892, and Jesse C., 4, born May 1896, all four born in North Carolina.<sup>[2281]</sup>

Children:

- 1076 i **NANCY E.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Sept. 1887, North Carolina.
- 1077 ii **MINNIE P.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Apr. 1890, North Carolina, married **SAM CHAMBERLAIN PATTERSON**, born 18 Mar. 1884, North Carolina, son of Joe and Francis (Wall) Patterson, and died 3 Sept. 1971, aged 87, Mt. Airy, Surry Co., N.C., buried 5 Sept. 1971, White Plains Church Cem., Mt. Airy.<sup>[2282]</sup>
- 1078 iii **JOHN P.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Apr. 1892, North Carolina.
- 1079 iv **JESSE CORNELIUS**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 11 May 1896, Surry Co., N.C.<sup>[2283]</sup>

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[list of three witnesses]”.

2280. Death certificate, N.C. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 135, reg. dist. no. 86-06, reg. no. 62, Susan (Mrs. Britton) Riggs, of Mt. Airy Twp., Surry Co., died 22 Aug. 1934, Mt. Airy Twp., Surry Co., aged 83 yrs. 3 mos. 26 ds, born 26 Apr. 1851, Surry Co., female, white, widowed, spouse, Britton Riggs, farmer, father Samuel Freeman, born Surry Co., mother Sallie Norman, born Surry Co., informant Mrs. Neal Riggs of Mt. Airy, N.C., buried 23 Aug. 1934, Pine Ridge Cem. The calculated birth date is 27 Apr. 1851. Image online at <Ancestry.com>.

2281. U.S. census, 1900, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 105, r. 1219, p. 41, sh. 18 A-B, dw. 349, fam. 349.

2282. Death certificate, N.C. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 32894, reg. dist. no. 86-70, reg. no. 296, Sam Chamberlain Patterson, of Mt. Airy, Surry Co., died 3 Sept. 1971, Mt. Airy, Surry Co., aged 87, born 18 Mar. 1884, N.C., male, white, married, spouse, Minnie Riggs, father Joe Patterson, mother Francis Wall, buried 5 Sept. 1971, White Plains Church Cem., Mt. Airy. Image online at <Ancestry.com>.

2283. *N.C. Birth Index, 1800–2000*, image online, “1896 5 11 Riggs Jesse Cornelius M W Surry Co. N.C. Britton Riggs Patience Copeland 10:380.”

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**685. JESSE M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>361</sub>Wiley<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, ?Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born Dec. 1862 (1900 census), North Carolina. He married 19 Jan. 1888 Curry Co., N.C.,<sup>[2284]</sup> **NANCY E. SIMPSON**, who was born Nov. 1892 (1900 census), North Carolina.

In 1900 Jesse Riggs, 37, a farmer born Dec. 1862 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with his wife of 12 years, Nancy E., 29, born Nov. 1892 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. She had had one child, and it survived. Residing with them was daughter, Lula F., 10, born Apr. 1890 in North Carolina.<sup>[2285]</sup>

Child:

1080 i **LULA F.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS**, born Apr. 1890, North Carolina.

**687. WILLIAM DREW<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>361</sub>Wiley<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, ?Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 2 Jan. 1869, Surry Co., N.C., died 21 Aug. 1933, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[2286]</sup> and was buried 22 Aug. 1933, Old Fisher River Church Cem., Dobson, Surry Co., N.C.<sup>[2287]</sup> He married 2 Apr. 1891, Surry Co., N.C.,<sup>[2288]</sup> **MAHALA ELIZABETH**

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2284. N.C. Marriage Collection, 1741–2004, image, Surry Co., “[man] Riggs Jesse M. [residence] Surry Co., N.C. [woman] Simpson Nancy E. [residence] Surry Co., N.C. [his age and race] 26 W [her age and race] 18 W [license] 1 13 1888 [marriage] 1 19 1888 [by whom] Jas. Flippin. [where] District School House [list of three witnesses]”.

2285. U.S. census, 1900, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 105, r. 1219, p. 41, sh. 18 A, dw. 348, fam. 348.

2286. N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1956, Surry Co., Aug. 1933, image online, no. 282, W. Drew Riggs, life resident of Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., died 21 Aug. 1933, Dobson Twp., aged 64 yrs. 6 mos. 19 dys., male, white married (spouse “Betty” Riggs), farmer, born 2 Jan. 1859, Surry Co., N.C., father Wiley Riggs, born Surry Co., N.C., mother “Julie” A. Haymore, born Surry Co., N.C., informant Frank Riggs, of Dobson, N.C. burial 22 Aug. 1933, Fish River Cem.

2287. *Find a Grave*, no. 54111980, gravestone photograph, by D. Watson, Old Fisher River Church Cem., Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., “Riggs | William D. | 1870-1933.”

2288. N.C. Marriage Index, 1741–2004, Surry Co., image online, “[groom and residence] Riggs Wm D. | Surry Co. N.C. [bride and residence] Gillispie [sic] M. E. | Surry Co., N.C. [ages and races, groom first] 22 W | 18 W [licensed and married] 3 31 1891 | 4 2 1891 [by whom and place] J. M. Gordon, J.P. | J. M. Godon’s [witnesses] B. Riggs | P. W. Riggs | R. Gordon.”

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GILLESPIE, who was born 28 Nov. 1873 (gravestone), North Carolina, died 14 Mar. 1955, and buried near her husband.<sup>[2289]</sup>

In 1900 William D. Riggs, 31, a miller born Jan. 1869 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives resided in Mt. Airy Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with his wife of nine years, Mahala E., 26, born Nov. 1873 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and his sons, Wiley S., 7, born Sept. 1892, and David L., 5, born June 1894, both born in North Carolina. Mahala had had three children, with two surviving. Sarah Laffoon resided next door.<sup>[2290]</sup>

In 1910 William D. Riggs, 41, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives resided in Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., with his wife of 19 years, "Mahailey M.," 36, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and his sons, Wiley "C.," 17, David L., 15, and Brady F., 6, all born in North Carolina. Mahailey had had five children, with three surviving. Pleasant W. Riggs, 38, resided nearby.<sup>[2291]</sup>

Known children, of five:

- 1081 i WILEY S.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Sept. 1892, North Carolina.
- 1082 ii DAVID L.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born June 1894, North Carolina.
- 1083 iii BRADY F.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1904, North Carolina.

**708. DANIEL RUSH<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>372</sub>Jesse Barnett<sup>8</sup>, Daniel<sup>7</sup>, Lott<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 17 Jan. 1890, Dobson, Surry Co., N.C.<sup>[2292]</sup> married CATHERINE L. —, who was born about 1893, North Carolina.

In 1930 Daniel R. Riggs, 40, a steam railroad clerk born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Richmond, Va., with his

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2289. *Find a Grave*, no. 89778367, gravestone photograph, by D. Watson, Old Fisher River Church Cem., Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., "Riggs | Betty E. | wife of W. D. Riggs | Nov. 28, 1873 | Mar. 14, 1955."

2290. U.S. census, 1900, Mt. Airy Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 111, r. 1219, p. 129, sh. 16A, dw. 282, fam. 286.

2291. U.S. census, 1910, Dobson Twp., Surry Co., N.C., ED 128, r. 1133, p. 32, sh. 12B, dw. 226, fam. 227. Pleasant resided in dw. 228.

2292. N.C. *Birth Index, 1800–2000*, image online, "1890 1 17 Riggs Daniel Rush M W Dobson Jesse B. Riggs Ida L. Folger 8:414"; *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Daniel Rush Riggs, born 17 Jan. 1890, Dobson, Surry Co., N.C., registered 6 June 1917, Dobson, married.

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wife, Catherine L., 37, a bookkeeper born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his sons, Daniel R., 13, and Harry L., 10, both born in North Carolina, and daughter, Miriam F., 5, born in Virginia.<sup>[2293]</sup>

Children:

- 1084 i DANIEL R.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1917, North Carolina.
- 1085 ii HARRY L.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1920, North Carolina.
- 1086 iii MIRIAM F.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1925, Virginia.

**715. JAMES BERRY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS JR.** (<sub>377</sub>James Berry<sup>8</sup>, Scott Adams<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 15 May 1848 (calculated), Oregon Terr., died 8 June 1884, aged 36 years 23 days, and was buried in Salt Creek Cem., Dallas, Polk Co., Ore.<sup>[2294]</sup> He married **SARAH P.** —, who was born 24 Apr. 1849, Warren Co., Mo. (gravestone), died 14 Apr. 1936, and was buried in Salt Creek Cem.<sup>[2295]</sup>

In 1870 James B. Riggs “Jnr,” 22, a farmer born in Oregon with \$640 personal estate, resided in Bridgeport, Polk Co., Ore., with Sarah P., 21, born in Missouri, and “Libby,” 10/12, born in July in Oregon.<sup>[2296]</sup>

In 1880 James B. Riggs, 32, a druggist born in Oregon of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in North Carolina, resided in Dallas, Polk Co., Ore., with Sarah P., 31, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and with his daughter, Silba A., 10, born in Oregon, son, Theodore A., 3, born in Washington, and daughter, Sarah O., 1, born in Oregon.<sup>[2297]</sup>

In 1900 Sarah P. Riggs, 51, a widow born Apr. 1849 in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Dallas, Polk Co., Ore., with her son, Theo-

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2293. U.S. census, 1930, Richmond, Va., ED 4, r. 2475, p. 26, sh. 26A, dw. 131, fam. 150.

2294. *Find a Grave*, no. 43302054, gravestone photograph, by Bev Thomen, “J. B. Riggs | died | June 8, 1884 | aged | 36 Y’s 23 D’s.”

2295. *Find a Grave*, no. 43302506, gravestone photograph, by Bev Thomen, “Sarah P. | wife of | J. B. Riggs | born | Warren Co. Mo. | Apr. 24, 1849 | died | Apr. 14, 1936 [same monument as James].”

2296. U.S. census, 1870, Bridgeport PO, Polk Co., Ore., r. 1287, p. 313A, dw. 504, fam. 492.

2297. U.S. census, 1880, Dallas, Polk Co., Ore., ED 105, r. 1083, p. 472A, dw. 110, fam. 111.

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dore A., 23, a groceries dealer born Oct. 1876 in Washington of a father born in Oregon. Sarah had had six children, with two surviving.<sup>[2298]</sup>

Children:

- 1087 i **SILBA ANN**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 23 July 1869 (gravestone), Oregon, buried in Salt Creek Cem., Dallas, Polk Co., Ore.<sup>[2299]</sup>
- 1088 ii **DAVID S.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 9 Mar. 1871 (calculated), died 14 Aug. 1873, aged 2 years 5 months 5 days, buried in Salt Creek Cem.<sup>[2300]</sup>
- 1089 iii **WILLIE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born say 1874, died 5 June 1874, perhaps as an infant (no age given on gravestone), buried in Salt Creek Cem.
- 1090 iv **THEODORE ARMAND**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 18 Oct. 1876, Washington, died 4 Apr. 1971, Portland, Ore., buried in Salt Creek Cem., married about 1903 **FLORENCE A.** —, born about 1879, Missouri. She had been previously married.

In 1920 Theodore A. Riggs, 42, manager of a wholesale grains company born in Washington of a father born in Oregon and a mother in Missouri, resided in Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., with his wife, Florence A., 41, born in Missouri of a father born in Michigan and a mother in Pennsylvania.<sup>[2301]</sup>

In 1930 Theodore A. Riggs, 53, a salesman of stock information born in Washington of a father born in Oregon and a mother in Missouri, resided in Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., with his wife, Florence A., 52, born in Missouri of a father born in Michigan and a mother in Pennsylvania. Theodore was first married at 26, and Florence at 16.<sup>[2302]</sup>

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2298. U.S. census, 1900, Dallas, Polk Co., Ore., ED 173, r. 1351, p. 35, sh. 1A, dw. 12, fam. 12.

2299. *Find a Grave*, no. 43302858 and 43303125, gravestone photograph, by Bev Thomen, "Silbey Annie | born | 23 July 1869 | Theodore A. | born | Oct. 18, 1876 | children of | J. B. & S. P. Riggs [on same monument as parents]." Note: "Note the gravestone monument lists the entire family - parents on two sides, a list of children who died young on another side, then this side with Theodore and sister Sibley Annie." Unsourced notes give Theodore's middle name as Armand and "died 4 April 1971 in Portland, Oregon per Oregon death index. Married with Florence."

2300. *Find a Grave*, no. 43302733 and 43303389, gravestone photograph, by Bev Thomen, "David S. | Died Aug. 14, 1873 | aged | 2 ys 5 ms 5 ds | James B. | Died Oct. 2[3?], 1878 | aged | 2 m's 17 d's | Willie | Died June 5, 1874 | aged | [empty] | Sarah O. | Died Mar. 16, 1880 | aged | 1 y'r 7 m's 11 d's | Children of | J. B. & S. P. Riggs [on same monument as parents]."

2301. U.S. census, 1920, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 116, r. 1501, p. 142, sh. 12A, dw. 162, fam. 284.

2302. U.S. census, 1930, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 324, r. 1501, p. 142, sh. 5B, dw.

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- 1091 v **JAMES B.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born [6?] Aug. 1878 (calculated), died 2[3?] Oct. 1878, aged 2 months 17 days, buried in Salt Creek Cem.
- 1092 vi **SARAH O.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 4 Aug. 1878 (calculated), Oregon, died 15 Mar. 1881,<sup>[2303]</sup> aged 1 year 7 months 11 days, buried in Salt Creek Cem. She is listed in the 1880 census, which was enumerated 11–12 June 1880.

**716. POLLY ANN**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>377</sub>Zadok T.<sup>8</sup>, Scott Adams<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 13 Apr. 1834, Scott Co., Ill., died 13 Apr. 1871, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Pioneer Cem., near Ballston, Ore.<sup>[2304]</sup> She married 29 Mar. 1855 **JOB CONNER**, born 3 Dec. 1827, son of Robert Conner, and died 10 Nov. 1887. Job married a second time and had further children, as detailed in a 1903 history.<sup>[2305]</sup>

From a 1903 history, in a sketch of Job Conner:

For many years a highly esteemed resident of Ballston, the late Job Conner was well known throughout this section of Polk county as an industrious and enterprising farmer, a good citizen, a kind neighbor, a loving husband and father; and his death, which occurred November 10, 1888 [sic] on the home farm, was a cause of general regret.

A native of Ohio, Job Conner removed in boyhood to Iowa with his parents, and resided in that state until 1847. Following the tide of civilization westward in that year, he, with three of his brothers, William, Nathan and Robert, came to Oregon to take up land in this newer country, hoping thereby to speedily improve their financial condition. All settled in the Willamette valley, where they engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1871, Job Conner purchased the farm now owned and occupied by Mrs. Conner and her family. Laboring earnestly and industriously, he placed a large part of it in a good state of cultivation, and added substantial improvements,

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160, fam. 185.

2303. There is an older gravestone, also photographed by Bev Thomen, for Sarah O., clearly giving 1881 as her death year, so the family monument has her death date wrong.

2304. Gravestone photograph, by D. B. Thomen, on <Ancestry.com>, Pleasant Hill Pioneer Cem., near Ballston, Ore., "Job Conner | born | Dec. 3, 1827 | died | Nov. 10, 1887 | Polly A. Conner | born | Apr. 14, 1834 | died | Apr. 13, 1871."

2305. Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley, sketch for Job Conner.



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making his estate one of the most valuable and attractive of any in the vicinity, residing on it until his death.

In 1855 Mr. Conner married to Polly Ann Riggs, who died April 13, 1871, leaving several children. Those living are: Robert S., of Colorado; Thomas Edgar; Jane Baxter, Roswell, Yamhill county; Louisa Morrison, of California; Nancy Ann Berdau, of Idaho; and one who died in infancy.<sup>[2306]</sup>

Known children, of seven (from biography above):

- 1093 i ROBERT S.<sup>10</sup> CONNER.
- 1094 ii THOMAS EDGAR<sup>10</sup> CONNER.
- 1095 iii JANE<sup>10</sup> CONNER, married – BAXTER.
- 1096 iv LOUISA<sup>10</sup> CONNER, married – MORRISON.
- 1097 v NANCY ANN<sup>10</sup> CONNER, married – BERDAN/BERDAU.

**720. SCOTT A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>377</sub>Zadok T.<sup>8</sup>, Scott Adams<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 1845, Illinois. He married **ADELIA C.** —, who was born about 1852, Iowa.

In 1880 Scott A. Riggs, 35, a farmer born in Illinois of a father born in Illinois and a mother in Tennessee, resided in Jackson, Polk Co., Ore., with his wife, Adelia C. Riggs, 28, born in Iowa of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Illinois, and with his daughter, Fannie Z. M., 7, and son, “Zadoc” J., 3, both born in Oregon, and with a hired man.<sup>[2307]</sup>

Children:

- 1098 i FANNIE Z. M.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1873, Oregon.
- 1099 ii ZADOK J.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1877, Oregon.

**722. JAMES M.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>449</sub>John A.<sup>8</sup>, Scott Adams<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 17 Apr. 1839, Scott Co., Ill. (see biography below), died 18 Nov. 1933, Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., and was buried 21 Nov. 1933 in Winchester Cem.<sup>[2308]</sup> He married 31 Dec. 1868

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2306. *Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley*, sketch for Job Conner.

2307. U.S. census, 1880, Jackson, Polk Co., Ore., ED 103, r. 1083, p. 449D, dw. 42, fam. 43.

2308. Ill., *Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916–1947*, James M. Riggs, died 18 Nov. 1933, Winchester, Scott

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(see biography below) **LILLIE/LILLY E. BERRY**, who was born 11 Feb. 1840, Morgan Co., Ill., daughter of Lucian and Emma Lecia (Kelley) Berry, and died 11 Apr. 1928, Winchester, and was buried 13 Apr. 1928 in Winchester Cem.<sup>[2309]</sup> See figure 5.

From the *Standard Atlas of Scott County, Illinois 1903*:

James M. Riggs, son of John A. and Orpha (Campbell) Riggs, and grandson of Scott and Hannah Riggs, was born in Scott county, Illinois, four and one-half miles north and one mile west of Winchester, April 17, 1839. Having been bereft of his father when a little over four years old he was reared by his mother, a conscientious, christian woman, to whom he owes whatever there has been in his character good and worthy. He was reared to farming and followed that business till the autumn of 1864, when having been elected sheriff, he removed to Winchester, where he has resided ever since. During the two years he was sheriff and the two years following, while he was teaching school at the Seminary and at Point Pleasant, he studied law, and was admitted to the bar the last of December, 1868. May 1, 1869, he opened a law office in Winchester and from that day to this he has devoted the best energies of his life to the practice of his profession. In November, 1870, he was elected to the twenty-seventh general assembly of Illinois, and served one two-year term as a member of the house of that body. In November, 1872, he was elected state's attorney of Scott county and served one term of four years. At the election of 1882 he was elected to the forty-eighth congress and was re-elected in 1884. In August, 1867, he was elected a member of the Winchester school board and by repeated re-elections was continued in that office sixteen consecutive years, during all of which time he was the secretary of the board, kept the records and accounts of the board, drew all the warrants, and received no pay whatever therefor.

December 31, 1868, he married Lillie E. Berry, daughter of Dr. Lucian and Emma L. Berry. To this union have been born the following named

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Co., Ill., born 17 Apr. 1839, Scott Co., father John A. Riggs, born Tenn., mother Orpha Campbell, born S.C., spouse Lillie Riggs, buried 21 Nov. 1933, Winchester Cem., Winchester, Scott Co., certificate no. 42432 [FHL 1675057].

2309. Ill., *Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947*, Lilly B. Riggs, died 11 Apr. 1928, Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., born 11 Feb. 1840, Morgan Co., father Lucian Berry, born Pa., mother Lecia Kelley, buried 13 Apr. 1928, Winchester Cem., Winchester, Scott Co., certificate no. 16413 [FHL 1614421].

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children: Lecie I. Riggs; Ralph M. Riggs; Roy W. Riggs; Lucian B. Riggs; Cecil O. Riggs; James K. Riggs; Lillie Belle Riggs and John Max Riggs, all of whom are living except Lillie Belle, who died when four months old.

The subject of this brief biography is the author of the History of Scott county published in this volume.<sup>[2310]</sup>

In 1880 James M. Riggs, 41, a lawyer born in Illinois of a father unknown nativity and a mother born in Tennessee, resided in Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., with his wife, "Lilley" E., 39, born in Illinois of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in North Carolina, and with his daughter, Lecie I., 10, sons, Ralph, 9, Roy, 7, daughter, Cecil, 3, and son, Kent, 2, all six born in Illinois. There was also a servant in the household.<sup>[2311]</sup>

In 1900 James M. Riggs, 61, a lawyer born Apr. 1839 in Illinois of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Tennessee, resided in Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., with his wife of 31 years, "Lilly" B., 59, born Feb. 1841 in Illinois of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in North Carolina, and with his daughter, Lecie I., 30, born Sept. 1869, son, Roy W., 27, born Mar. 1873, daughter, Cecil O., 23, born July 1876, and sons, James K., 22, born Dec. 1877, and Max J., 18, born July 1881, all five born in Illinois. Lilly had had eight children, with seven surviving.<sup>[2312]</sup>

Children (from biography above):

- 1100 i **LECIE I.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Sept. 1869, Illinois.
- 1101 ii **RALPH M.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1871, Illinois.
- 1102 iii **ROY W.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Mar. 1873, Illinois.
- 1103 iv **LUCIAN BERRY**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1875, Illinois.
- 1104 v **CECIL O.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, a daughter, born July 1876, Illinois.
- 1105 vi **JAMES KENT**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Dec. 1877, Illinois.
- 1106 vii **LILLIE BELLE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, died at age four months (see biography above).

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2310. *Standard Atlas of Scott County, Illinois 1903* (Chicago, 1903), 117, as transcribed on <[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilmaga/scott/1903bios/riggs\\_s.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilmaga/scott/1903bios/riggs_s.html)> (saved 14 Mar. 2009).

2311. U.S. census, 1880, Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., ED 237, r. 250, p. 540D, dw. 305, fam. 339.

2312. U.S. census, 1900, Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., ED 138, r. 344, p. 254, sh. 2B, dw. 44, fam. 47.

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1107 viii JOHN MAX<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born July 1881, Illinois.

**738. SILAS A.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>409</sub>Absalom H.<sup>8</sup>, Silas<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 7 Mar. 1846, Boone Co., Mo., died 8 Nov. 1914, Adams Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., and was buried 10 Nov. 1914, Walnut Grove Cem.<sup>[2313]</sup> He married about 1885 **ELLA TULL**, who was born 20 Oct. 1860, Missouri, daughter of Henry and Lucy (Clark) Tull, and died 3 May 1956, and was buried 5 May 1956 in Riggs Cem., Weatherby, DeKalb Co., Mo.<sup>[2314]</sup>

In 1900 Silas A. Riggs, 54, a farmer born Mar. 1846 in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Adams Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., with his wife of 15 years, Ella, 39, born Oct. 1860 in Missouri of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Missouri, and with his son, "Verna" T., 14, born May 1886, and daughters, "X. Erna" L., 11, born May 1889, Lucy C., 9, born Sept. 1890, and Lillian K., 4, born Jan. 1896, all four born in Missouri. Ella had had four children, with four surviving. Next door was Isham F. Riggs, 39, born in Missouri.<sup>[2315]</sup>

Children:

1108 i **VERNER TULL<sup>10</sup> RIGGS**, born 28 May 1886, DeKalb Co., Mo., died unmarried 5 Nov. 1941, St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., Mo.<sup>[2316]</sup>

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2313. Death certificate, Mo. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 35051, reg. dist. no. 263, primary reg. dist. no. 5365, Silas A. Riggs, died 8 Nov. 1914, Adams Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., aged 68 yrs. 8 mos. 1 dys., male, white, married, farmer, born 7 Mar. 1846, Boone Co., Mo., father Absalom Riggs, born Ky., mother Caroline M. Rowland, born Ky., informant Ella T. Riggs of Weatherby, spouse unnamed, burial 10 Nov. 1914, Walnut Grove Cem.

2314. Death certificate, Mo. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 15933, reg. dist. no. 99, primary reg. dist. no. 4166, Ella Tull Riggs, died 3 May 1956, Weatherby, DeKalb Co., Mo., aged 95 yrs., female, white, widowed, housewife, born 20 Oct. 1860, Mo., father Henry Tull, mother Lucy Clark, informant John Mathies of Weatherby, husband unnamed, burial 5 May 1956, Riggs Cem., Weatherby, Mo.

2315. U.S. census, 1900, Adams Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., ED 64, r. 852, p. 156, sh. 11A, dw. 218, fam. 221. Isham resided in dw. 219.

2316. Death certificate, Mo. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 34371, reg. dist. no. 33, primary reg. dist. no. 1001, reg. no. 1059, Verner Tull Riggs, died 5 Nov. 1941, St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., Mo., aged 55 yrs. 5 mos. 7 dys., male, white, single, rural mail carrier, born 28 May 1886, DeKalb Co., Mo., father Silas A. Riggs, born Mo., mother Ella Tull, born Mo., informant Lillian Mathias of WaKeeney, Kans., burial 8 Nov. 1941, Weatherby, Mo.

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- 1109 ii **X. ERNA L.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born May 1889, Missouri.  
1110 iii **LUCY C.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Sept. 1890, Missouri.  
1111 iv **LILLIAN K.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Jan. 1896, Missouri.

**745. ISHAM FITZGERALD**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>410</sub>*William Warren*<sup>8</sup>, *Silas*<sup>7</sup>, *Zadok*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 14 Nov. 1860, Adams Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., died 22 May 1920, Adams Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., and was buried 26 May 1920, Walnut Grove Cem., DeKalb Co., Mo.<sup>[2317]</sup> He married about 1892, **MARY CATHERINE WELKER**, who was born 10 July 1863, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Isabelle (Dalzell) Welker, and died 23 July 1939, and was buried 26 July 1939 in Riggs Cem., DeKalb Co., Mo.<sup>[2318]</sup>

In 1900 Isham F. Riggs, 39, a farmer born Nov. 1860 in Missouri of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Adams Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., with his wife of eight years, Mary C., 35, born July 1864 in Pennsylvania of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, and with his son, William C., 6, born Aug. 1893, daughter, Mary C., 5, born Apr. 1895, son Zadok W., 3, born May 1897, daughter, Lorretta B., 3/12, born Mar. 1900, all four born in Missouri, and his brother James "N.," 57, a widower born Apr. 1858 in Missouri. Mary had had four children, with four surviving. Next door was Silas A. Riggs, 54, born in Missouri.<sup>[2319]</sup>

Children:

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2317. Death certificate, Mo. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 19111-B, reg. dist. no. 263, primary reg. dist. no. 5365, file no. 2, reg. no. 2, Isham Fitzgerald Riggs, died 22 May 1920, Alamo Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., aged 59 yrs. 6 mos. 8 dys., male, white, married, farmer, born 14 Nov. 1860, Adams Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., father William W. Riggs, born Ky., mother Caroline Fitzgerald, born Ky., informant Cate Riggs of Weatherly, Mo., wife Cate Riggs, burial 26 May 1920, Walnut Grove.

2318. Death certificate, Mo. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 25490, reg. dist. no. 263, primary reg. dist. no. 5365, Mary Catherine Riggs, died 23 July 1939, Alamo Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., aged 76 yrs. 0 mos. 13 dys., female, white, widowed, housewife, born 10 July 1863, Pa., father William Welker, born Pa., mother Isabelle Dalzell, born Ireland, informant Zed Riggs of Weatherby, Mo., husband I. F. Riggs, burial 26 July 1939, Riggs Cem.

2319. U.S. census, 1900, Adams Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., ED 64, r. 852, p. 156, sh. 11A, dw. 219, fam. 222. Silas resided in dw. 218.

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- 1112 i WILLIAM C.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Aug. 1893, Missouri.
- 1113 ii MARY C.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Apr. 1895, Missouri.
- 1114 iii ZADOK W.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born May 1897, Missouri.
- 1115 iv LORRETTA B.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Mar. 1900, Missouri.

747. **SILAS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>410</sub>*William Warren<sup>8</sup>, Silas<sup>7</sup>, Zadok<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born 17 (death certificate) or 27 (grave-stone) Aug. 1864, Weatherby, DeKalb Co., Mo., died 24 Dec. 1932, Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2320]</sup> and was buried 25 Dec. 1932 in Forest Hill Cem., Memphis.<sup>[2321]</sup> He married about 1889 **JENNIE ALICE WEBSTER**, who was born 17 Mar. 1871, DeKalb Co., Mo., daughter of Hiram F. and Nancy (Hargis) Webster, and died 13 Apr. 1954, Fredericktown, Madison Co., Mo., and was also buried in Forest Hill Cem.,<sup>[2322]</sup> apparently also called Elmwood Cem.<sup>[2323]</sup>

From an 1899 newspaper item, DeKalb Co., Mo., which begins with a photograph labeled “Silas Riggs”:

The subject of this sketch is the clerk of the county court of DeKalb county. Mr. Riggs is a native Missourian, his birth having occurred in the northeastern part of the county, on August 27thh, 1864. His father, W.

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2320. Death certificate [stamped “Copy”], State of Tenn., State Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, file no. 3498, reg. no. 4[5?]42, Silas Riggs, residence 252 N. Willett Ward [no city or county given], male, white, married, died 24 Dec. 1932 at 252 N. Willett Ward, aged 68 yrs 4 mos. 8 days, born 17 Aug. 1864 [calculated date is 16 Aug. 1864], Mo., retired, father W. H. [sic] Riggs, born Mo., mother unknown, informant Dr. Webster Riggs of 252 N. Willett, buried 25 Dec. 1932, Forest Hill, digital photocopy courtesy of descendant Christine<sup>12</sup> Riggs.

2321. *Find a Grave*, no. 15830192, gravestone photograph, Forest Hill Cem. Midtown, Memphis, Shelby Co, Tenn., plot: section 22, “Father | Silas Riggs | Aug. 27, 1864 | Dec. 24, 1932.”

2322. *Find a Grave*, no. 15830232, gravestone photograph, Forest Hill Cem. Midtown, Memphis, Shelby Co, Tenn., plot: section 22, “Mother | Jennie Webster Riggs | Mar. 17, 1871 | Apr. 13, 1954.”

2323. Death certificate, Mo. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 12670, reg. dist. no. 206, primary reg. dist. no. 3042, reg. no. 23, birth no. 124, Jennie W. Riggs, died 13 Apr. 1954, at her residence at 606 W. Main St., Fredericktown, Madison Co., Mo., aged 83 yrs. 0 mos. 26 dys., female, white, widowed, housewife, born 17 Mar. 1871, DeKalb Co., Mo., father Hiram F. Webster, mother Nancy Hargis, spouse Silas Riggs, informant Webster Riggs of Memphis, Tenn., burial 14 Apr. 1954, Elmswood Cem., Memphis, Tenn.

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W. Riggs, settled in Adams township in 1849, and there the son was reared, his earlier life being spent on his father's farm. . . .<sup>[2324]</sup>

In 1900 Silas Riggs, 35, county clerk, born Aug. 1864 in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Maysville, DeKalb Co., Mo., with his wife of 11 years, Jennie A., 29, born Mar. 1871 in Missouri of a father born in Illinois and a mother in Kentucky, and with his daughter, Ethel, 10, born Apr. 1890, and son, Webster, 4, born Nov. 1895, both born in Missouri. Jennie had had three children, with two surviving.<sup>[2325]</sup>

In 1910 Silas Riggs, 45, manager of a chemical manufacturing company, born in Missouri of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn., with his wife of 20 years, Jennie Alice, 39, born in Missouri of a father born in Illinois and a mother in Kentucky, and with his daughter, Ethel Warren, 20, and son, William Webster, 14, both born in Missouri. Jennie had had three children, with two surviving. There was also a servant in the household.<sup>[2326]</sup>

In 1920 Silas Riggs, 55, a chemical manufacturer born in Missouri of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn., with his wife of 20 years, Jennie, 48, born in Missouri of a father born in Illinois and a mother in Kentucky, and with his daughter, Ethel W., 29, and son, William W., 24, both born in Missouri. Jennie had had three children, with two surviving. There was also a servant in the household.<sup>[2327]</sup>

Known children:

- 1116 i **ETHEL WARREN<sup>10</sup> RIGGS**, born Apr. 1890, Missouri. She wrote the notes in the DeKalb Co., Mo., Historical Society about this family.

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2324. Newspaper article, *DeKalb County Herald*, Maysville, DeKalb Co., Mo., Thurs., 16 Nov. 1899, digital photocopy of newspaper item courtesy of Christine<sup>12</sup> Riggs.

2325. U.S. census, 1900, Maysville, Camden Twp., DeKalb Co., Mo., ED 66, r. 852, p. 176, sh. 1B, dw. 137, fam. 140.

2326. U.S. census, 1910, Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn., ED 204, r. 1520, p. 100, sh. 4A, dw. 62, fam. 63.

2327. U.S. census, 1920, Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn., ED 156, r. 1764, p. 151, sh. 8B, dw. 121, fam. 161.

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+1117 ii **WILLIAM WEBSTER**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 26 Nov. 1895, Maysville, DeKalb Co., Mo., married **MARY ALICE NORMAN**, and had three children.

**777. FLAVIUS JESSE**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>427</sub>*Joel*<sup>8</sup>, *?Moses*<sup>7</sup>, *?Iram*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>[2328]</sup> was born 8 Feb. 1852, Orange Co., Ind., died 16 Sept. 1933, and was buried 18 Sept. 1933 in Mt. Horeb Baptist Cem., Orleans, Orange Co., Ind.<sup>[2329]</sup> He married 1 Feb. 1872, Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[2330]</sup> **NANCY ANN HALL**, who was born 1849 (gravestone) or July 1850 (1900 census), Indiana, daughter of Cynthia (–) Hall, and died 19 Mar. 1927, and was buried next to her husband. They had no children, but raised Charles Hall, a nephew.

In 1880 F. J. Riggs, 28, a farmer born in Indiana of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Indiana, resided in Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., with his wife, Nancy A., 30, born in Indiana of Indiana natives, and his nephew, Charley Hall, 6, born Indiana of Indiana natives, his mother-in-law, “Cyntha” Hall, 48, widow, born in Indiana of North Carolina natives, and his sister-in-law, Laura Hall, 11, born in Indiana of Indiana natives, and a farm hand.<sup>[2331]</sup>

In 1900 Jesse Riggs, 48, a day laborer born Feb. 1852 in Indiana of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Indiana, resided in Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., with his wife of 28 years, Nancy A., 49, born July 1850 in Indiana of Indiana natives, and his mother, “Ester” A. Riggs, 81, a widow born Mar. 1819 in Indiana of North Carolina natives. Nancy had had no children. Ester had had five children, with two surviving. Next door (actually in the same dwelling) resided Cynthia Hall, 68, a widow

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2328. There is the strong possibility that his middle name was Josephus (see the 1920 census). It's consistent with “Flavius,” but his family knew him as Jesse. Flavius Josephus was the famous early Jewish historian of Rome, usually known as Josephus.

2329. *Find a Grave*, no. 50975211, gravestone photograph, by Barbara Lynn, Mt Horeb Baptist Cem., Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., “Riggs | Flavius J. | 1852–1933 | Nancy A. | 1849–1927.”

2330. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1870–1878, 6:118, Flavius J. Riggs to Nancy A. Hall, licensed 6 Jan. 1872, married 1 Feb. 1872, Orange Co., Ind., by Volnay T. Baker MG.

2331. U.S. census, 1880, Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., ED 20, r. 302, p. 167A, dw. 121, fam. 121.



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born Dec. 1831 in Indiana of North Carolina natives, who had had four children, with two surviving. Cynthia resided in the household of her daughter, Laura.<sup>[2332]</sup>

In 1920 “Josephus” Riggs, 67, a day laborer born in Indiana of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Indiana, resided in Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., with his wife, Nancy, 70, born in Indiana of Indiana natives.<sup>[2333]</sup>

From an obituary for Flavius J. Riggs:

Flavius J. Riggs, son of Joel and Hester Ann Riggs, was born in Orange County, Indiana, Feb. 8, 1852. He departed this life on September 16, 1933, at the age of 81 years, 7 months and 8 days. . . . He was united in marriage to Nancy Ann Hall, Feb. 1, 1872, who preceded him in death March 19, 1927. They had no children but a nephew, Charles Hall, was taken into their home at the age of two years and reared and cared for as their own. He also preceded him in death on September 1, 1932. Jesse, as he was familiarly known, was a good citizen and a good man, loved and respected by a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at Mt. Horeb church on Monday afternoon, Sept. 18, . . . . Interment followed in the Mt. Horeb cemetery. Card of thanks: To all those who assisted so kindly in any way in the sickness, death, and burial of Uncle Jesse Riggs, we extend our thanks. Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hughes.<sup>[2334]</sup>

**806. WILLIAM ANDERSON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>434</sub>*Uriah Reddin<sup>8</sup>, Aaron<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>[2335]</sup> was born about 1859, Illinois. He married 25 Aug. 1878, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[2336]</sup> **ADALINE HOLTZ**, who was born about 1855, daughter of Joseph and Susan Elmira

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2332. U.S. census, 1900, Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., ED 100, r. 396, p. 90, sh. 1A, dw. 8, fam. 9.

2333. U.S. census, 1920, Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., ED 146, r. 3, p. 121, sh. 2B, dw. 53, fam. 56.

2334. *Orange Co. Obituaries*, Flavius J. Riggs.

2335. His middle name from his daughter Aurora's Social Security claim (q.v.)

2336. *Ill. County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, “Wm” A. Riggs to Adaline Holtz, 25 Aug. 1878, Richland Co., Ill., his parents “J.” R. Riggs and Malinda M. Riggs, her parents Joseph Holtz and Susan “L. Sparling,” FHL 1221093.

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(Spurling [Spunig]) Holtz. Note that Adaline was sister of Catharine Holtz who married (uncle) Aaron W.<sup>8</sup> Riggs.

Known children:

- 1118 i **ALPHA**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 9 June 1879, Illinois, died 4 Dec. 1959, Alameda Co., Calif.,<sup>[2337]</sup> married 20 June 1906, Spencer Co., Nebr.,<sup>[2338]</sup> **MARTHA L. DRICKEY**, born about 1885, Nebraska, daughter of H. F. and Minnie (–) Drickey.
- 1119 ii **AURORA**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 16 June 1882, Olney, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[2339]</sup> died 15 May 1967, married – **CANNON**.

**825. ZINA**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>438</sub>*John Henry*<sup>8</sup>, *Aaron*<sup>7</sup>, *Iram*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 3 Aug. 1871, Olney, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[2340]</sup> died 1950, and was buried in Haven Hill Cem., Olney, Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[2341]</sup> He married 31 Aug. 1892, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[2342]</sup> **CYNTHIA BENNETT**, who was born Mar. 1871 (1900 census), Illinois, daughter of Oliver P. and Hannah (Close) Bennett, and died 1952, and was buried with her husband. Cynthia was brother of Wilmer W. Bennett who married Zina's sister Ida.

In 1900 Zina Riggs, 28, a farmer born Aug. 1871 in Illinois of Illinois natives, resided in Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with his wife of seven years, Cynthia, 29, born Mar. 1871 in Illinois of a father born in

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2337. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Alpha Riggs, SSN 553–30–9947, male, born 9 June 1879, Ill., died 4 Dec. 1959, Alameda Co., mother's maiden name Holtz.

2338. *Nebr. Marriage Records, 1855–1908*, Alpha Riggs, 27, male, white, to Martha L. Drickey, 21, 20 June 1906, Spencer Co., Nebr., his parents A. Riggs and Adalme Riggs, her parents H. F. Drickey and Minnie Drickey.

2339. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Aurora “Rig” Cannon aka Aurora Cannon aka Aurora “Rig” Riggs, born 16 June 1882, Olney, Ill., died 15 May 1967, claim made 23 Oct. 1965, father Anderson Riggs, mother Adeline Holtz, SSN 507–66–7772.

2340. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Zina Riggs, female, white, born 3 Aug. 1871, Olney, Richland Co., Ill., father John H. Riggs, mother Cornelia A. Williamson, SSN 344–24–3396.

2341. *Find a Grave*, no. 34843528, gravestone photograph, Haven Hill Cem., Olney, Richland Co., Ill., “Riggs | Cynthia | 1871–1952 || Zina | 1871–1950.”

2342. *Ill. County Marriage Records, 1800–1940*, Zina Riggs, 22, to Cynthia Bennett, 22, 31 Aug. 1892, Richland Co., Ill., his parents John H. Riggs and Cornelia Williamson, her parents Oliver Bennett and Hannah Close, FHL 1221094.

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Kentucky and a mother in Indiana, and with his daughter, “Lollie” (perhaps Lottie), 3, born Nov. 1897, and son, “Glen,” 1, born July 1898, both born in Illinois, and with one servant. Cynthia had had four children, with two surviving.<sup>[2343]</sup>

In 1920 Zina Riggs, 48, a laborer in tile kilns born in Illinois of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in the U.S., resided in Arthur, Bourbon Twp., Douglas Co., Ill., with his wife, Cynthia, 48, born in Illinois of Indiana natives, and with his daughter, Cleo, 11, born in Illinois.<sup>[2344]</sup>

In 1930 Zina Riggs, 58, a country school teacher born in Illinois of U.S. natives, resided in Olney, Olney Twp., Richland Co., Ill., with his wife, Cynthia, 59, born in Illinois of Indiana natives, and with his son-in-law, Lowell Seely, 26, a farm laborer born in Illinois of U.S. natives, his daughter, Alma Seely, 26, born in Illinois, and his grandsons, Dale Seely,<sup>10</sup> and Wayne, 8, both born in Illinois. Zina and Cynthia were both first married at 31. Lowell and Alma were both first married at 17.<sup>[2345]</sup>

Known children:

- 1120 i **RALPH RAYMOND<sup>10</sup> RIGGS**, born **14 July 1893, died 30 Aug. 1893**, buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[2346]</sup>
- 1121 ii **LOLA G.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS**, born 29 Oct. 1896 (calculated) or Nov. 1897 (1900 census), Illinois, died 21 Jan. 1911, aged 14 years 2 months 23 days, buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[2347]</sup>

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2343. U.S. census, 1900, Preston Twp., Richland Co., Ill., ED 128, r. ?, p. 159, sh. 2B, dw. 39, fam. 39.

2344. U.S. census, 1920, Arthur, Bourbon Twp., Douglas Co., Ill., ED 109, r. 305, p. 9, sh. 9B, dw. 197, fam. 198.

2345. U.S. census, 1930, Olney, Olney Twp., Richland Co., Ill., ED 15, r. ?, p. 117, sh. 16B, dw. 373, fam. 452.

2346. *Find a Grave*, no. 100484149, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., illegible stone, remark: “On stone that says children of Zina and Cynthia Riggs.” **Un sourced**: born 15 July 1893, Richland Co., Ill., died 30 Aug. 1893 (aged 1 month), Richland Co., Ill., buried Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.

2347. *Find a Grave*, no. 81983706, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., “Lola G. Dau. of | Z. & C. Riggs | died Jan. 21, 1911 | aged 14 Y, 2 M, 23 D.”

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- 1122 iii **GLENN G.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 12 July 1898 (gravestone), died 14 Mar. 1915, buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[2348]</sup>
- 1123 iv **ALMA**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1904, Illinois, married about 1911 **LOWELL SEELY**, and had two children: (1) Dale<sup>11</sup> Seely, born about 1920, Illinois; and (2) Wayne<sup>11</sup> Seely, born about 1922, Illinois.
- 1124 v **CECIL D.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 25 Feb. 1907 (calculated), died 4 May 1909, aged 2 years 2 months 9 days, buried in Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill.<sup>[2349]</sup>
- 1125 vi **CLEO M.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1909, Illinois, married 14 May 1927, Richland Co., Ill.,<sup>[2350]</sup> **WALTER E. BARNES**, born about 1907, son of Harvey and Cora (Radcliffe) Barnes.

**832. SARAH**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>444</sub>Hiram Whitley<sup>8</sup>, ?Reddin<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1841, Indiana. She married 28 Jan. 1858, Lawrence Co., Ind.,<sup>[2351]</sup> **JOSEPH SANDERS**, who was born about 1838, Indiana.

In 1880 Joseph Sanders, 42, a farmer born in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with his wife, Sarah, 38, born in Indiana of Indiana natives, and with his sons, Hiram W., 21, John W., 18, Benton M., 14, and Chrlie [sic] M., 12, daughters, Hannah A., 10, and Nancy A., 8, all six born in Indiana, and brother [sic], Hiram Riggs, 16, born Indiana of Indiana natives.<sup>[2352]</sup>

Known children:

- 1126 i **HIRAM W.**<sup>9</sup> **SANDERS**, born about 1859, Indiana.
- 1127 ii **JOHN W.**<sup>9</sup> **SANDERS**, born about 1862, Indiana.

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2348. *Find a Grave*, no. 81983769, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "At rest | Glenn G. | son of | Z. & C. Riggs | July 12, 1898 | Mar. 14, 1915."

2349. *Find a Grave*, no. 81983769, gravestone photograph, Houser Cem., Richland Co., Ill., "Cecil D. | son of | Z. & C. Riggs | died May 4, 1909 | aged 2Y, 2M, 9D."

2350. *Ill. County Marriage Records, 1800-1940*, Cleo M. Riggs, 19, to Walter E. Barnes, 20, 14 May 1927, Richland Co., Ill., her parents Zina Riggs and "Cynetria" Bennett, his parents Harvey Barnes and Cora Radcliffe, FHL 1221094.

2351. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811-1959*, citing Lawrence Co., Ind., Marriages, 1857-1860, 603, Sarah Riggs to Joseph Sanders, licensed 25 Jan. 1858, Lawrence Co., Ind., married 28 Jan. 1858, Lawrence Co., by William Duncan MG.

2352. U.S. census, 1880, Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., ED 21, r. 302, p. 187D, dw. 172, fam. 175.

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- 1128 iii BENTON M.<sup>9</sup> SANDERS, born about 1866, Indiana.
- 1129 iv CHARLIE M.<sup>9</sup> SANDERS, born about 1868, Indiana.
- 1130 v HANNAH A.<sup>9</sup> SANDERS, born about 1870, Indiana.
- 1131 vi NANCY A.<sup>9</sup> SANDERS, born about 1874, Indiana.

**840. HIRAM WHITLEY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>444</sub>Hiram Whitley<sup>8</sup>, ?Reddin<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>)<sup>[2353]</sup> was born May 1864, Vincennes, Knox Co., Ind. He married 10 Feb. 1886, Lawrence Co., Ind.,<sup>[2354]</sup> SUSAN[NA] MILLER, who was born Apr. 1868, Lawrence Co., Ind.

In 1880 Hiram Riggs, 16, born in Indiana, resided in Orleans Twp., Orange Co., Ind., with his sister, Sarah (q.v.).

In 1900 Hiram W. Riggs, 36, a farmer born May 1864 in Indiana of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in North Carolina, resided in Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., with his wife of 14 years, Susan, 32, born Apr. 1868 in Indiana of Indiana natives, and with his son, Elmer, 13, born Sept. 1886, daughter, Emma, 12, born Oct. 1887, sons, Ralph, 9, born Feb. 1891, "Kirsie," 3, born July 1896, and male infant, 3/12, born May 1900, all five born in Indiana. Susan had had six children, with five surviving.<sup>[2355]</sup>

Known children:

- 1132 i ELMER<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born Sept. 1886, Indiana.
- 1133 ii EMMA<sup>9</sup> RIGGS, born Oct. 1887, Indiana, married 27 Nov. 1904, Lawrence Co., Ind.,<sup>[2356]</sup> W. SHEPP MURRY [MERRY], born about 1882, Lawrence Co., Ind., son of Miles and Sarah (Dorsett) Murry.

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2353. His middle name from son Amos's marriage record, but spelled "Whittley." I've made the spelling match his father's presumed spelling. The birthplaces for Hiram and Susan come from the same record.

2354. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811-1959*, citing Lawrence Co., Ind., Marriages, 1880-1866, G:534, Hiram W. Riggs to Susanna Miller, licensed 8 Feb. 1886, Lawrence Co., Ind., married 10 Feb. 1886, Lawrence Co., by John M. Stalker MG.

2355. U.S. census, 1900, Marion Twp., Lawrence Co., Ind., ED 68, r. 385, p. 157, sh. 18A, dw. 355, fam. 370.

2356. *Ind. Marriages, 1811-2007*, Lawrence Co., 5:26, 1902-1905, image online, marriage record, W. S. Murry, 22, born Lawrence Co., father Miles Murry, mother Sarah Durett, to Emma Riggs, 18, born Lawrence Co., father Hiram W. Riggs, mother "Susana" Miller, first marriage for both, mar-

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- 1134 iii **RALPH<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born Feb. 1891, Indiana.
- 1135 iv **KERSEY<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born July 1896 (1900 census) or 27 July 1897 (marriage license), Lawrence Co., Ind., married 23 Aug. 1918 (license application), Lawrence Co., Ind.,<sup>[2357]</sup> **MARGARET NEAL**, born 7 Mar. 1896, Lawrence Co., Ind., daughter of James and Nancy (Rariden) Neal.
- 1136 v **AMOS<sup>9</sup> RIGGS**, born 3 May 1900, Lawrence Co., Ind., married 13 Sept. 1923, Lawrence Co., Ind.,<sup>[2358]</sup> **FRANCES MANN**, born 5 Apr. 1905, Lawrence Co., Ind., daughter of James Lewis and Ida (Tirey) Mann.

**790. MOSES C.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>430</sub>Aaron<sup>8</sup>, Moses<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 1853, Indiana, died 19 Sept. 1892, Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., Ind.,<sup>[2359]</sup> aged 38, and was buried in Mt Horeb Baptist Cem., Orleans, Orleans Co., Ind.<sup>[2360]</sup> He married 4 Feb. 1875,

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ried 27 Nov. 1904, by W. A. Sanders; but in L:488, 1901–1905, image online, W. Shepp Merry married Emma Riggs, 27 Nov. 1904, by W. A. Sanders MG, licensed 26 Nov. 1904, Bedford, Lawrence Co., recorded 28 Nov. 1904; but in 1:511, 1900–1905, image online, W. “Ship Morry [possibly Marry]” married Emma Riggs, age 17, in an affidavit signed by Hiram Riggs.

2357. *Ind. Marriages, 1811–2007*, Lawrence Co., 7:60, 1918–1920, image online, application for marriage license, Kersey Riggs to Margaret Neal, with male Kersey Riggs, of Lawrence Co., born 27 July 1892, Lawrence Co., Ind., farmer, son of Hiram Riggs, born Ind., and Susanna Miller, born Ind., both residents of Lawrence Co., and with female Margaret Neal, of Lawrence Co., born 7 Mar. 1896, Lawrence Co., Ind., school teacher, daughter of James Neal, born Ind., and Nancy Rariden, born Lawrence Co., both residents of Lawrence Co., first marriage for both, signed by both on 23 Aug. 1918.

2358. *Ind. Marriages, 1811–2007*, Lawrence Co., 9:533, 1922–1923, image online, application for marriage license, Amos Riggs to Frances Mann, with male Amos Riggs, of Lawrence Co., born 3 May 1900, Lawrence Co., Ind., teacher, son of Hiram “Whittle” Riggs, born Vincennes, Ind., and Susan Miller, born Lawrence Co., Ind., both residents of Lawrence Co., and with female Frances Mann, of Lawrence Co., born 3 Apr. 1905, Lawrence Co., Ind., housekeeper, daughter of James Lewis Mann, born Lawrence Co., Ind., and Ida Tirey, born Lawrence Co., he resident of Lawrence Co., she deceased, first marriage for both, signed by both on 13 Sept. 1923; but also Q:443, 1921–1924, Amos Riggs married Frances Mann on 13 Sept. 1923, by S. S. Lapin MG, licensed 13 Sept. 1923.

2359. *Ind. Deaths, 1882–1920*, Moses Riggs, died 19 Sept. 1892, Evansville, 38 yrs.

2360. *Find a Grave*, no. 50975214, gravestone photograph, by Linda Thomas, Mt Horeb Baptist Cem., Orleans, Orleans Co., Ind., “Moses C. Riggs | 1853–1892.”

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Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[2361]</sup> **SALLIE F. SANDERS**, who was born about 1857, Indiana.

In 1880 Moses C. Riggs, 25, a saw mill worker born in Indiana, resided in Spice Valley, Lawrence Co., Ind., with his wife, Sarah F., 23, born in Indiana of a father born in Indiana, and his daughter, Rosa E., 5, born in Indiana.<sup>[2362]</sup>

Child:

- 1137 i **ROSA E.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1875, Orange Co., Ind., married 14 Apr. 1898, Bedford, Lawrence Co., Ind.,<sup>[2363]</sup> **IRA J. GEORGE**, born about 1873, Lawrence Co., Ind., son of J. C. and Malinda (Hays) George.

**791. SAMUEL**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>430</sub>**Aaron**<sup>8</sup>, **Moses**<sup>7</sup>, **?Iram**<sup>6</sup>, **Samuel**<sup>5</sup>, **?Samuel**<sup>4</sup>, **?Edward**<sup>3</sup>, **Edward**<sup>2</sup>, **Edward**<sup>1</sup>) was born Apr. 1855 (1900 census), Indiana. He married 27 Sept. 1877, Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[2364]</sup> **SARAH E. WALDRIP**, who was born Mar. 1859 (1900 census), Indiana.

In 1880 Samuel Riggs, 24, a farmer born in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., with his wife, Sarah E., 20, born in Indiana of Kentucky natives, and with his adopted son, Claud B. Fielders, 5/12, born Feb. in Indiana of Indiana natives, and his

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2361. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811-1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1870-1878, 6:327, Moses C. Riggs to Sallie F. Sanders, licensed 3 Feb. 1875, married 4 Feb. 1875, Orange Co., Ind., by Volney T. Baker MG.

2362. U.S. census, 1880, Spice Valley, Lawrence Co., Ind., ED 7, r. 292, p. 450D, dw. 121, fam. 121.

2363. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811-1959*, citing Lawrence Co., Ind., Marriages, 1898-1899, 3:2, line 20, “[groom] George Ira [residence] Bedford Ind [age at next birthday] 25 [color] W [profession] Laborer [birthplace] Law Co Ind [father’s name] J C George [mother’s maiden] Malinda Hays [no. of groom’s marriage] 1 [bride] Rosa Riggs [residence] Harrodsburg Ind [age at next birthday] 23 [color] W [birthplace] Orange Co Ind [father’s name] M C Riggs [mother’s maiden] Sallie Sanders [no. of bride’s marriage] 1 [place of marriage] Bedford Ind [by whom] C W Chadwick [date] Apr 14 1898”; also K:113, Ira J. George to Rosa Riggs, license 14 Apr. 1898, Lawrence Co., Ind., married 14 Apr. 1898, Lawrence Co., by C. W. Chadwick MG.

2364. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811-1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1870-1878, 6:505, Samuel Riggs to Sarah E. Waldrip, licensed 25 Sept. 1877, married 27 Sept. 1877, Orange Co., Ind., by Volney T. Baker MG.

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widowed grandmother, “Margaret” Connelly, 77, born in North Carolina, of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Ireland.<sup>[2365]</sup>

In 1900 Samuel Riggs, 45, a farmer born Apr. 1855 in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Webster Twp., Woodward Co., Okla., with his wife of 23 years, “Sara,” 50, born Mar. 1859 in Indiana of Kentucky natives, nd with his son, Andrew P., 17, born Oct. 1882, daughter, Mary R. E., 14, born July 1885, son, William, 12, born Apr. 1888, daughters, Lucy A., 10, born Aug. 1889, and Ellen S., 6, born Nov. 1893, all five born in Kansas, and sons, Edgar, 4, born Mar. 1896, and Hamilton, 6/12, born Nov. 1899, both born in Oklahoma. Sara had had eight children, with eight surviving. Aaron Riggs, 73, resided next door.<sup>[2366]</sup>

In 1910 “Sam” Riggs, 55, a farmer born in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Webster Twp., Woodward Co., Okla., with his wife of 33 years, “Sara” E., 50, born in Indiana of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Kentucky, and with his daughters, Lucy M., 19, and Ellen S., 16, both born in Kansas, and sons, Edward, 14, and Hamilton, 10, both born in Oklahoma. Sara had had eight children, with seven surviving. “Arron” Riggs, 83, a widower born in Indiana of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Kentucky, resided next door.<sup>[2367]</sup>

In 1920 Samuel Riggs, 64, a church janitor born in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Hutchinson, Reno Co., Kans., with his wife, Sarah E., 60, born in Indiana of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Kentucky, and with his “daughter,” Hamilton V., 19, born in Oklahoma.<sup>[2368]</sup>

Children, of eight [presumably not counting Claud]:

- 1138 i **CLAUD B.**<sup>10\*</sup> **FIELDERS**, born Feb. 1880, Indiana, an adopted son according to the 1880 census.

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2365. U.S. census, 1880, Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., ED 20, r. 302, p. 166D, dw. 119, fam. 119.

2366. U.S. census, 1900, Webster Twp., Woodward Co., Okla., ED 251, r. 1344, p. 220, sh. 16B and 17B(!), dw. 368, fam. 369, enumerated 23 June 1900.

2367. U.S. census, 1910, Webster Twp., Woodward Co., Okla., ED 291, r. 1276, p. 210, sh. 12B, dw. 210, fam. 212.

2368. U.S. census, 1920, Hutchinson, Reno Co., Kans., ED 183, r. 546, p. 228, sh. 16B, dw. 388, fam. 401.



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- 1139 ii **ANDREW P.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Oct. 1882, Kansas.
- 1140 iii **MARY R. E.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born July 1885, Kansas.
- 1141 iv **WILLIAM**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Apr. 1888, Kansas.
- 1142 v **LUCY A./M.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS**, born Aug. 1889, Kansas.
- 1143 vi **ELLEN S.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Nov. 1893, Kansas.
- 1144 vii **EDGAR/EDWARD**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Mar. 1896, Oklahoma.
- 1145 viii **HAMILTON V.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Nov. 1899, Oklahoma.

**792. GREER M.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>430</sub>Aaron<sup>8</sup>, Moses<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 1856, Indiana, died 1892, and was buried in Mitchell City Cem., Mitchell, Lawrence Co., Ind.<sup>[2369]</sup> He married (1) 3 Mar. 1881, Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[2370]</sup> **LUCINDA JENNIE F. SANDERS**, who was born 1 Sept. 1857, daughter of Wright and C. E. (–) Sanders, and died Mar. 13, 1883, and was buried in Mt Horeb Baptist Cem., Orleans, Orleans Co., Ind.<sup>[2371]</sup> He married (2) **MARIA EDWARDS**, who was born 1849, died 1920, and was buried near Greer.<sup>[2372]</sup>

In 1880 Greer Riggs, 23, a single farmer born in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Richland Twp., Cowley Co., Kans., in the household of E. P. Sawtell, 33, born in Tennessee, and his wife and children.<sup>[2373]</sup>

Known children, of the second marriage, to Maria:

- 1146 i **FRED**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 9 Nov. 1884, Mitchell, Lawrence Co., Ind., died 15 Nov. 1918, buried Mitchell City Cem., Mitchell, Lawrence Co., Ind.,<sup>[2374]</sup> married [license application, 4 Jan. 1906], Lawrence

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2369. *Find a Grave*, no. 76517185, gravestone photograph, by Jon Rice, Mitchell City Cem., Mitchell, Lawrence Co., Ind., plot: section 2B, lot 42, “Greer [sic] M. Riggs | 1856–1892.”

2370. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1878–1886, 7:202, Greer M. Riggs to Lucinda J. F. Sanders, licensed 2 Mar. 1881, married 3 Mar. 1881, Orange Co., Ind., by Wright Sanders MG.

2371. *Find a Grave*, no. 50975213, gravestone photograph, by Linda Thomas, Mt Horeb Baptist Cem., Orleans, Orleans Co., Ind., “L. Jennie R. | wife of | G. M. Riggs | and daughter of | W. & C. E. | Sanders | born | Sept. 1.1852 | died Mar. 13, 1883 | Aged | 25 ys. 6mo. 12 ds.”

2372. *Find a Grave*, no. 76517185, gravestone photograph, by Jon Rice, Mitchell City Cem., Mitchell, Lawrence Co., Ind., plot: section 2B, lot 42, “Greer [sic] M. Riggs | 1856–1892.”

2373. U.S. census, 1880, Richland Twp., Cowley Co., Kans., ED 178, r. 377, p. 565A, dw. 126, fam. 128.

2374. *Find a Grave*, no. 69474668, gravestone photograph, Mitchell City Cem., Mitchell, Lawrence Co., Ind., plot: Moore-Edwards 4 Northeast, lot 258, “Fred Riggs | Nov. 9, 1884. Nov. 15, 1918. |

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- Co., Ind.,<sup>[2375]</sup> **IDA MAY WININGER**, born 12 May 1883, French Lick, Orange Co., Ind., daughter of Wesley and Martha M. (Ellis) Wininger, and died 28 Feb. 1956, and buried with her husband.
- 1147 ii **JOHN A.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 1885 (gravestone), died 1904, buried Mitchell City Cem., Mitchell, Lawrence Co., Ind.<sup>[2376]</sup>
- 1148 iii **CORA**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 2 Aug. 1890, Mitchell, Lawrence Co., Ind., married [license application, 29 May 1924], Lawrence Co., Ind.,<sup>[2377]</sup> **VICTOR HOLMAN**, born 22 Sept. 1891, Versailles, Ripley Co., Ind., daughter of Jesse L. and Anna Belle (Cox) Holman.

**793. AMBROSE S.**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>430</sub>*Aaron*<sup>8</sup>, *Moses*<sup>7</sup>, *?Iram*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born Aug. 1858 (1900 census), Indiana, and died before the 1930 census about **1926, Indiana**. He married 1879, Clay Co., Ill.,<sup>[2378]</sup> **ADALINE EDWARDS**, who was born Sept. 1861 (1900 census), or about 1864 (1870 census), Indiana, daughter of Francis M. and Clementine (Cox) Edwards,<sup>[2379]</sup> and died after 1936, when she is still listed, as a widow, in a Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., directory.

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Ida M. his wife | May 12, 1883. Feb. 28, 1956.”

2375. *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, image online, Lawrence, 1905–1907 Vol. 3, p. 206, Fred Riggs to Ida May Wininger, Fred: born 9 Nov. 1884, Mitchell, Ind., father Greer M. Riggs, born Orange Co., Ind., mother Maria Edwards, born Mitchell, Ind., Ida: born 12 May 1883, French Lick, Ind., father Wesley Wininger, born Orange Co., Ind., mother Martha M. Ellis, born Paoli, Ind., application 4 Jan. 1906.

2376. *Find a Grave*, no. 74773525, gravestone photograph, by Jon Rice, Mitchell City Cem., Mitchell, Lawrence Co., Ind., plot: section 2B, lot 42, “John A. Riggs | 1885–1904.”

2377. *Ind. Marriages, 1811–1959*, image online, Lawrence, 1923–1925 Vol. 10, p. 133, Cora Riggs to Victor Holman, Cora: born 2 Aug. 1890, Mitchell, Ind., father Greer Riggs, born Ind., mother Maria Edwards, born Mitchell, Ind., Victor: born 22 Sept. 1891, Versailles, Ind., father Jesse L. Holman, born Marion, Ind., mother Anna Belle Cox, born Holton, Ind., application 4 Jan. 1906.

2378. *Ill. Co. Marriages, 1810–1934*, Ambrose S. Riggs, 22, married 1879, Clay Co., Ill., to “Adelia” Edwards, 18, his father Aaron Riggs, his mother Mary “Conley,” her father “Frances” M. Edwards, her mother “Clemintine” Cox.

2379. *Find a Grave*, no. 15413963, gravestone photograph, by Bill Meyers, Huron Cem., Huron, Lawrence Co., Ind., “Edwards | Mother | Clementine | His wife | Mar. 8, 1839 | July 7, 1897 | | Father | F. M. Edwards | Nov. 10, 1837 | July 8, 1922”; U.S. census, 1870, Mitchell PO, Marion Twp., Clay Co., Ill., r. 335, p. 443A, dw. 363, fam. 363, lists F. M. Edwards, 30, born Ind., “Clemantine,” 30, born Ind., and five children, including “Ada,” 6, born Ind.; U.S. census, 1880, Harter Twp., Clay Co., Ill., ED 153, r. 182, p. 369A, dw. 77, fam. 77, lists Francis Edwards, 41, born Ind., wife, Clementine, 42, born Ind., and four children.

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In 1880 Ambrose S. Riggs, 21, and his wife, "Addie," 17, both born in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., in the household of his father, Aaron Riggs, 53 (q.v.).<sup>[2380]</sup>

In 1885 A. Riggs, 27, a farmer born Indiana, resided in Peterton, Superior Twp., Osage Co., Kans., with Addie, 22, born in Indiana, and Fred, 7 months, born in Kans.<sup>[2381]</sup>

In 1900 "Abrose" S. Riggs, 41, a farmer born Aug. 1858 in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Stella Twp., Woods Co., Okla., with his wife, "Addiline," 38, born in Indiana of Indiana natives, and with his sons, Freddie, 15, and Victor W., 12, both born in Kansas, daughters, Bertha E., 9, born in Kansas, and Nellie C., 5, and son, "Jessie" C., 2, both born in Oklahoma. Addiline had had five children, with five surviving.<sup>[2382]</sup>

In 1910 Ambrose S. Riggs, 52, a farmer born in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Caldwell Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., with his wife, Adaline, 47, born in Indiana of Indiana natives, and with his son, Victor, 22, born in Kansas, daughter, Nellie C., 15, and son, Chester, 12, both born in Oklahoma. Addiline had had five children, with five surviving.<sup>[2383]</sup>

In 1920 Ambrose S. Riggs, 61, a house painter born in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with his wife, Adaline, 57, born in Indiana of Indiana natives, and with his daughter, Nellie, 24, and son, "Jessie" C., 22, both born in Oklahoma.<sup>[2384]</sup>

In 1930 "Adeline" Riggs, 67, a widow born in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with her daughter, Nellie C., 34, single, born in Oklahoma, and grandsons, Donald Dinning, 20, and Wade Dinning, 15, both born in Oklahoma.<sup>[2385]</sup>

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2380. U.S. census, 1880, Orangeville, Orange Co., Ind., ED 20, r. 302, p. 166D, dw. 118, fam. 118. Eunice resided in dw. 116.

2381. Kans. census, 1885, Peterton, Superior Twp., Osage Co., Kans., r. 102, lines 4-6.

2382. U.S. census, 1900, Stella Twp., Woods Co., Okla., ED 237, r. 1344, p. 74, sh. 6A, dw. 114, fam. 114.

2383. U.S. census, 1910, Caldwell Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., ED 151, r. 458, p. 57, sh. 11A, dw. 127, fam. 127.

2384. U.S. census, 1920, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., ED 151, r. 550, p. 203, sh. 10B, dw. 218, fam. 244.

2385. U.S. census, 1930, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., ED 72, r. 721, p. 33, sh. 33B, dw. 728,

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In 1936 “Adeline” Riggs, widow of “Abrose” S., resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with Nellie C.<sup>[2386]</sup>

Children:

- +1149 i **FRED EDGAR**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 7 Sept. 1884, Kansas, married **ABIGAIL BENNETT**, and had seven children.
- +1150 ii **VICTOR WILLIAM**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 16 Apr. 1888, Osage Co., Kans., married **LIZZIE**—, and had at least three children.
- +1151 iii **BERTHA ETHEL**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Dec. 1890, Kansas, married **JOHN BOYD DINNING**, and had nine children.
- +1152 iv **NELLIE/NELLE C.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 7 Dec. 1894, Okla. Terr., married **EDWARD NICHOLAS STEFFEN**, and had no children.
- +1153 v **JESS CHESTER**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 17 July 1897, Manchester, Grant Co., Okla. Terr., married **GRACE WISLER**, and had at least one child

**794. JOSIAH**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>430</sub>*Aaron*<sup>8</sup>, *Moses*<sup>7</sup>, *?Iram*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1861, Indiana, He married 14 Oct. 1880, Orange Co., Ind.,<sup>[2387]</sup> **MATTIE SMITH**, who was born about 1860, Indiana.

In 1885 Josiah Riggs, 24, a farmer born in Indiana resided in Superior Twp., Osage Co., Kans., with his wife, Mattie, 25, born in Indiana, and with Harry E., 1, born in Indiana.<sup>[2388]</sup>

In 1895 Josiah Riggs, 34, a farmer born in Indiana resided in Osage, Osage Co., Kans., with his wife, Mattie, 36, born in Indiana, and with Harry, 11, born in Indiana, Maud, 6, and Robert, 1, both born in Kansas.<sup>[2389]</sup>

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2386. U.S. City Directories, 121-1989, 1936, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., 568, “[Riggs] Adeline (wid Abrose S) h418 S Sycamore av” and “[Riggs] Nellie C clk Regional Argl Credit Corp r418 S Sycamore av.”

2387. Marriage record, image online at *Ind. Marriages, 1811-1959*, citing Orange Co., Ind., Marriages, 1878-1886, 7:170, Josiah Riggs to Mattie Smith, licensed 13 Oct. 1880, married 14 Oct. 1880, Orange Co., Ind., by Volney T. Baker MG.

2388. Kans. census, 1885, Superior Twp., Osage Co., Kans., r. 102, p. 40, line 27, date 1 Mar. 1885, all three moved to Kans. from Ind.

2389. Kans. census, 1895, Osage, Osage Co., Kans., r. 109, p. 40, line 13, dw. 132, fam. 132, date 1 Mar. 1895, a miner, with three moving to Kans. from Ind.

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Children:

- 1154 i HARRY E.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1884, Indiana.
- 1155 ii MAUD<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1889, Kansas.
- 1156 iii ROBERT<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born about 1894, Kansas.

796. WILLIAM<sup>9</sup> RIGGS (<sub>430</sub>Aaron<sup>8</sup>, Moses<sup>7</sup>, . . . , ?Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born Sept. 1866, Indiana. He married about 1888 JANE —, who was born Feb. 1867, England.

In 1900 William Riggs, 33, a coal minor born Sept. 1866 in Indiana resided in Osage, Osage Co., Kans., with his wife of 12 years, Jane, 33, born Feb. 1867 in England, and with his son, Roy, 9, born May 1890 in Kansas.<sup>[2390]</sup>

Known child:

- 1157 i ROY<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born May 1890, Kansas.

844. JOHN ANDERSON<sup>9</sup> RIGGS (<sub>448</sub>John<sup>8</sup>, Silas<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 17 Feb. 1849, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J.<sup>[2391]</sup> He married about 1885 CARRIE —, who was born June 1866 (1900 census), New Jersey.

In 1900 John Riggs, 51, born Feb. 1849 in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with his wife of 15 years, Carrie, 34, born June 1866 in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and with his daughters, Hattie, 14, born Sept. 1885, and Minnie, 12, born July 1887, sons, Horace, 10, born Jan. 1890, Jesse, 9, born Mar. 1891, and John, 7, born Aug. 1892, daughter Nettie, 5, born Sept. 1894, and son, Melvin, 2, born Dec. 1897, all seven born in New Jersey. Carrie had had seven children, with all seven surviving.<sup>[2392]</sup>

Children:

- 1158 i HATTIE<sup>10</sup> RIGGS, born Sept. 1885, New Jersey.

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2390. U.S. census, 1900, Osage, Osage Co., Kans., ED 124, r. 494, p. 168, sh. 1B, dw. 19, fam. 19.  
2391. *N.J. Births and Christenings, 1660-1980*, John Anderson Riggs, born 17 Feb. 1849, Vernon, Sussex Co., N.J., father John Riggs, mother Maria [FHL unknown].  
2392. U.S. census, 1900, Vernon PO, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., ED 176, r. 995, p. 229, sh. 19B, dw. 360, fam. 363.

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- 1159 ii **MINNIE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born July 1887, New Jersey.
- 1160 iii **HORACE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Jan. 1890, New Jersey.
- 1161 iv **JESSE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Mar. 1891, New Jersey.
- 1162 v **JOHN**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Aug. 1892, New Jersey.
- 1163 vi **NETTIE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Sept. 1894, New Jersey.
- 1164 vii **MELVIN**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Dec. 1897, New Jersey.

**855. NICHOLAS**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>449</sub>*Thompson D.*<sup>8</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Zenas*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1842, New Jersey. He married **BERNICE** —, who was born about 1833, New Jersey.

In 1870 Nicholas Riggs, 25, a farmer born in New Jersey, resided in Sparta, Hardyston Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., with Bernice, 37, born in New Jersey, and with Thompson, 5, Bradner, 3, and Mary, 1, all born in New Jersey. Next door was Thompson Riggs, 56.<sup>[2393]</sup>

In 1880 Nicholas Riggs, 37, a farmer born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J., with his wife, Bernice, 48, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and with his sons, Thompson, 14, Bradner P., 13, and Victor, 7, all born in New Jersey. Next door was Hiram Riggs, 65.<sup>[2394]</sup> **I do not know the relationship, if any, of Hiram Riggs to Nicholas Riggs.**

Children:

- +1165 i **THOMPSON D.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Aug. 1865, Hamburg, Sussex Co., N.J., married **ALICE A. WEEDEN**, and had six children.
- +1166 ii **BRADNER P.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1867, New Jersey, married (1) an unknown woman, married (2) **JOSEPHINE** —, and had at least two children.
- 1167 iii **MARY**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1869, New Jersey. She is not listed in the 1880 census so perhaps had died.
- +1168 iv **VICTOR HERMON**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 26 Oct. 1872, New Jersey, married **MARY M. HERMON**, and had three children.

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2393. U.S. census, 1870, Sparta PO, Hardyston Twp., Sussex Co., N.J., r. 889, p. 102, dw. 319, fam. 323. Thompson resided in dw. 318.

2394. U.S. census, 1880, Wantage, Sussex Co., N.J., ED 187, r. 799, p. 230D, dw. 319, fam. 323. Hiram resided in dw. 450.

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862. **MATILDA/TILLIE B.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>452</sub>Zenas Dayton<sup>8</sup>, Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 29 June 1851,<sup>[2395]</sup> Hamburg, Sussex Co., N.J.,<sup>[2396]</sup> and died 3 Mar. 1935.<sup>[2397]</sup> She married 24 Oct. 1878 in her father's home, probably Goshen, N.Y.,<sup>[2398]</sup> **THOMAS RODMAN**, who was born 1844,<sup>[2399]</sup> and died 11 June 1905.<sup>[2400]</sup>

Children (in order of deaths):

- 1169 i **MARIA<sup>10</sup> RODMAN**, born 15 May 1885 (calculated), died 1 July 1887, aged 2 years 1 month 16 days, Red Bank, N.J.<sup>[2401]</sup>  
+1170 ii **ROBERT WILLIAM<sup>10</sup> RODMAN**, married **EMELYNE ALFORD**, and had three children.

911. **AUGUSTUS B.<sup>9</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>472</sub>Charles B.<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer Bradford<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 9 Jan. 1857 (grave-stone and 1900 census), Pennsylvania, died 15 Sept. 1913, and was buried

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2395. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, births, "Matilda Riggs was born June 29<sup>th</sup> 1851."

2396. Obit., "Mrs. Rodman Died Sunday," digitized photocopy of newspaper clipping, from unidentified newspaper, courtesy Terry Hann, [cropped at right side], "Mrs. Matilda Riggs Rodman, ag[ ] Goshen resident, died Sunday at h[ ] home, 107 Murray avenue, after [ ] week's illness following a paraly[ ] stroke. She was 88 years, eig[ ] months and two days of age, and w[ ] born June 29, 1851, in Hamburg, N.[ ] a daughter of Zenas D. Riggs a[ ] Susan Bailey. She was marri[ ] October 24, 1878 to Thomas Rodm[ ] of Washingtonville, who died Ju[ ] 11, 1905. She had been a resident [ ] Goshen for the past 20 years . . . Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Jo[ ] Morehouse and Dr. Delia Riggs [ ] Hamburg, N.J., and three grandso[ ] Thomas A. Rodman of Goshen, Rob[ ] W. Rodman of Bloomfield, N.J., a[ ] Samuel W. Rodman of Burlingt[ ] N.J."

2397. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Matilda Rodman Died March 3d 1935."

2398. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, marriages, "Matilda Riggs was Married [sic] to Thomas Rodman October [2?]4<sup>th</sup> 187[8?];" marriage notice, clipping from unidentified newspaper, digitized photocopy courtesy Terry Hann, "At the residence of the bride's father, Oct. 24, by Rev. T. M. Greuell . . . Mr. Thomas Rodman of Washingtonville to Tillie Riggs of [Goshen?], N.Y."

2399. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, births, "Thomas Rodman born in 1844 Married to Matilda Riggs in 1875."

2400. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Thomas Rodman Died June 11<sup>th</sup> 1905."

2401. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Maria Rodman Grand daughter of Z. D. Riggs Died July 1<sup>st</sup> 1887. Aged 2 yrs [illegible];" death notice, clipping from unidentified newspaper, handwritten date "1887," digitized photocopy courtesy Terry Hann, "Rodman—July 1st, at Red Bank, N.J., Maria daughter of Thomas and Tillie Rodman, aged 2 years, 1 month and 16 days."

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in Union Cem., East Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>[2402]</sup> He married about 1876 **LOIS P.** —, who was born Feb. 1857 (1900 census), Pennsylvania.

In 1880 Augustus B. Riggs, 23, a laborer born in Pennsylvania of New Jersey natives, resided in Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife, Lois P., 23, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Connecticut and a mother in Pennsylvania, and his daughter, Lena A., 3, born in Pennsylvania.<sup>[2403]</sup>

In 1900 Augustus B. Riggs, 43, a machinist born Jan. 1857 in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in New Jersey, resided in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Mich., with his wife of 24 years, Lois P., 43, born Feb. 1857 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and his sons, D. Burton, 16, born June 1883, and Arthur B., 14, born Aug. 1885, and daughters, Mable H., 12, born Apr. 1888, and Ethel C., 8, born Oct. 1891, all four born in North Dakota. Lois had had six children, five surviving.<sup>[2404]</sup>

Known children of six:

1171 i **LENA A.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Oct. 1877, Pennsylvania, married about 1897 **SAMUEL WARNER YONTZ**, and had four children. She wrote one of the letters to the pension office included in Zenas and Sarah Riggs's pension file for the Revolutionary War.

In 1900 Samuel W. Yontz, 26, a tin smith born Feb. 1874 in Pennsylvania of a father born in New York and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Mich., with his wife of 3 years, Lena A., 23, born Oct. 1876 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and his son, Roger W., 2, born Sept. 1897 in Michigan. Lena had had the one child only.<sup>[2405]</sup>

In 1910 Warner Yontz, 35, a tinner born in Pennsylvania of U.S. natives, resided in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Mich., with his wife of 14 years, Lena, 32, born in Michigan of U.S. natives, and

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2402. *Union Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.*, "Riggs, Augustus B. Jan. 9, 1857 Sept. 15, 1913."

2403. U.S. census, 1880, Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa., ED 20, r. 1104, p. 341C, dw. 139, fam. 147.

2404. U.S. census, 1900, Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Mich., ED 32, r. 704, p. 134, sh. 17A, dw. 388, fam. 421.

2405. U.S. census, 1900, Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Mich., ED 32, r. 704, p. 126, sh. 9B, dw. 201, fam. 227.



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with his son, Roger, daughter, Helen, 9, and sons, Carl, 7, and Robert, 3, all four born in Michigan, and his brother-in-law, Arthur, 26 (q.v.). Lena had had only the four children.<sup>[2406]</sup>

- 1172 ii **DERWOOD BURTON**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 30 June 1883, North Dakota,<sup>[2407]</sup> married about 1910 **ETHEL H.** —, born about 1889, Pennsylvania, and had no children.

In 1920 D. Burton Riggs, 36, a machinist born in North Dakota of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Bath, Steuben Co., N.Y., with his wife, Ethel, 31, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives.<sup>[2408]</sup>

In 1930 Burton Riggs, 46, a janitor born in North Dakota of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Binghamton, Broome Co., N.Y., with his wife, Ethel, 41, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. Burton was 30 at first marriage, and Ethel 26.<sup>[2409]</sup>

- 1173 iii **ARTHUR B.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Aug. 1885, North Dakota.

In 1910 Arthur Riggs, 23, a tinner born in Michigan of U.S. natives, resided in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Mich., in the household of his brother-in-law and sister, Warner and Lena Yontz (q.v.).<sup>[2410]</sup>

- 1174 iv **MABLE H.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Apr. 1888, North Dakota.

- 1175 v **ETHEL C.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born Oct. 1891, North Dakota.

**913. WILLIAM LEE**<sup>9</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>473</sub>*Alfred Magee*<sup>8</sup>, *Ebenezer Bradford*<sup>7</sup>, *Zenas*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born Aug. 1851 (1900 census and gravestone), Pennsylvania, died 1945, and was buried in Union Cem., East Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>[2411]</sup> He married 29 Oct.

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2406. U.S. census, 1910, Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Mich., ED 40, r. 640, p. 140, sh. 10A, dw. 212, fam. 226.

2407. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Derwood Burton Riggs, of Elmira, Chemung Co., N.Y., 35, born 30 June 1883, machinist helper, nearest relative wife, Ethel H. Riggs of Elmira, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Elmira.

2408. U.S. census, 1920, Bath, Steuben Co., N.Y., ED 85, r. 1266, p. 108, sh. 19A, dw. 495, fam. 538.

2409. U.S. census, 1930, Binghamton, Broome Co., N.Y., ED 34, r. 1407, p. 292, sh. 21B, dw. 241, fam. 471.

2410. U.S. census, 1910, Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Mich., ED 40, r. 640, p. 140, sh. 10A, dw. 212, fam. 226.

2411. *Union Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.*, “Riggs William Lee 1851 1945.”

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1879, Bradford Co.,<sup>[2412]</sup> **CORA L. WOOD**, who was born Mar. 1856 (1900 census and gravestone), Pennsylvania, died 1928, and was buried in Union Cem.<sup>[2413]</sup>

In 1880 William L. Riggs, 28, resided near (his brother-in-law) Danvers Bourne (q.v.).<sup>[2414]</sup>

In 1900 William L. Riggs, 48, a farmer born Aug. 1851 in Pennsylvania of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife of 20 years, Cora L., 44, born Mar. 1856 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughter, Helen E., 15, born May 1885, son, George E., 10, born Sept. 1889, and daughter, Laura J., 8, born May 1892, all three born in Pennsylvania, and with his mother, S. Jane Riggs, 72, a widow born Feb. 1828 in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother born in New York, and his brother, Delbert A., 39, single, blind, a broom maker born Dec. 1860 in Pennsylvania of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Pennsylvania. Cora had had five children, with three surviving. S. Jane had had five children, with four surviving.<sup>[2415]</sup>

In 1910 William L. Riggs, 58, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife of 30 years, Cora L., 64, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughter, Helen E., 24, son, George E., 30, and daughter, Laura J., 17, all three born in Pennsylvania, and with his brother, Delbert A., 49, single, blind, a broom maker born in Pennsylvania of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Pennsylvania. Cora had had five children, with three surviving.<sup>[2416]</sup>

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2412. 1879 *Diary of George D. Bourne of Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa.*, “[1879] Oct. 29 – Wm. L. Riggs & Miss Cora Wood married.”

2413. *Union Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.*, “Riggs Cora L. 1856 1928.”

2414. U.S. census, 1880, West Burlington, Bradford Co., Pa., ED 33, r. 1105, p. 555B, dw. 70, fam. 77. George resided in dw. 71. William resided in dw. 72.

2415. U.S. census, 1900, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 36, r. 1383, p. 65, sh. 7B, dw. 121, fam. 132.

2416. U.S. census, 1910, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 34, r. 1319, p. 33, sh. 4B, dw. 93, fam. 93.

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In 1920 William "E." Riggs, 68, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife, Cora "E.," 63, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughter, Laura J., 27, son, George E., 30, both born in Pennsylvania, and daughter-in-law, Gertrude F., 25, born in Virginia of Virginia natives, and with his brother, Delbert A., 59, single, a broom maker born in Pennsylvania of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Pennsylvania.<sup>[2417]</sup>

In 1930 William Riggs, 78, resided in the household of his son-in-law, Phelps "Wakley" (q.v.).

Known children. of five:

- 1176 i **HELEN E.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born May 1885, Pennsylvania, died 1918, buried in Union Cem., East Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>[2418]</sup>
- 1177 ii **GEORGE ERNEST**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born 4 Sept. 1889, East Smithfield, Bradford Co., Pa.,<sup>[2419]</sup> died 1967, buried in Union Cem.,<sup>[2420]</sup> married before the 1920 census **GERTRUDE F.** —, born about 1895, Virginia.
- 1178 iii **LAURA J.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS**, born May 1892, Pennsylvania, married about 1922<sup>[2421]</sup> **PHELPS WAKELY**,

In 1930 Phelps "Wakley," 37, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., with his wife, Laura, 37, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughters, Lucile L., 7, and Mary L., 5 4/12, and son, Harold P., 3 5/12, all three born in Pennsylvania, and with his father-in-law, William Riggs, 78, a widower born in

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2417. U.S. census, 1920, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 36, r. 1541, p. 274, sh. 2B, dw. 47, fam. 51.

2418. *Union Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.*, "Riggs Helen E. 1885 1918."

2419. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, George Ernest Riggs, 27, of Towanda, Pa., born 4 Sept. 1889, East Smithfield, Pa., lampman on Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., single, registered 5 June 1917, Towanda, Bradford Co.

2420. *Union Cem., Bradford Co., Pa.*, "Riggs George E. 1889 1967."

2421. *Century Farms in Bradford Co., Pa.*, "Alfred Riggs bought a farm in Smithfield Township in 1852. His son William Lee Riggs received it when he died and the daughter of William, Laura Riggs Wakely inherited it upon the death of her father."

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Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. Phelps first married at 29,  
and so did Cora.<sup>[2422]</sup>

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2422. U.S. census, 1930, Smithfield Twp., Bradford Co., Pa., ED 39, r. 2006, p. 279, sh. 10A, dw. 229, fam. 239.

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TENTH GENERATION

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931. JOHN WILLIAM<sup>10</sup> RIGGS (<sub>479</sub>Charles W.<sup>9</sup>, Jefferson<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 21 June 1917, Williamstown, Wood Co., W.Va., died 1 Jan. 1989, Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio,<sup>[2423]</sup> and was buried in Riverview Cem., Williamstown, Wood Co., W.Va.<sup>[2424]</sup> He married 12 Aug. 1941, Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio,<sup>[2425]</sup> DOROTHY IRENE WILLIAMSON, who was born 13 May 1920, Newark, Wirt Co., W.Va., daughter of Brooks and Velma (Mason) Williamson. She was probably the Dorothy Irene Riggs Meggitt who was born 13 May 1920, died 14 Apr. 2013, Marietta, aged 92, Marietta, and was a resident of Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio, in 1984 (presumably before marrying Meggitt) and a resident of Woodsfield, Monroe Co., Ohio, in 2009.<sup>[2426]</sup>

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2423. *Ohio, Deaths, 1908–1932, 1938–2007*, John William Riggs, born 21 June 1917, died 1 Jan. 1989, Marietta, Washington Co., married, construction roofer; SSDI, SSN 280-10-7059, John W. Riggs, born 21 June 1917, died 1 Jan. 1989, last residence 45750 Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio, issued Ohio (before 1951).

2424. *Find a Grave*, no. 29547607, gravestone photograph, Riverview Cem., Williamstown, Wood Co., W.Va., “John W. Riggs Sr. | June 21, | 1917 || In God’s | care || Jan. 1, | 1989.”

2425. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–1994*, marriages 1939–1946, 27:587, no. 7336, Mr. John William Riggs, 24 on 21 June 1941, born Williamstown, W.Va., to Miss Dorothy Irene Williamson, 21 on 13 May 1941, born Newark, W.Va., 12 Aug. 1941, Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio, by C. T. O’Neill JP, both residents of Marietta, Ohio, groom’s parents Charles W. Riggs and Etta M. Ward, bride’s parents Brooks Williamson and Velma Mason. Neither had been previously married. License issued 8 Aug. 1941.

2426. *The Marietta Times*, Ohio, 17 Apr. 2013, “Dorothy I. Riggs Meggitt, 92, formerly of Sandusky, passed away Sunday (April, 14 2013) at the Arbors of Marietta,” online at <[www.mariettatimes.com/page/content.detail/id/551259/Dorothy-I-Riggs-Meggitt.html?nav=5009](http://www.mariettatimes.com/page/content.detail/id/551259/Dorothy-I-Riggs-Meggitt.html?nav=5009)> (downloaded 10 June 2013); *U.S. Public Records Index, Vol. 1*, Dorothy Irene Meggitt, born 13 May 1920, “808 W Market St, Sandusky, OH, 44870-2320 (1984)”; *Dorothy Irene Meggitt Voting Record*, online at <[ohio-voters.findthedata.org/1/5497197/Dorothy-Meggitt-Woodsfield-OH](http://ohio-voters.findthedata.org/1/5497197/Dorothy-Meggitt-Woodsfield-OH)> (downloaded 10 June 2013), born 1920.

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In 1940 Dorothy I. Williamson, 19, single, born in West Virginia, resided in Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio, in the home of her parents, Brook, 61, and Velma, 46, and several siblings.<sup>[2427]</sup>

In 1943 and 1952 John W. and Dorothy I. Riggs resided in Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio.<sup>[2428]</sup>

Possible child (since gravestone of father is John W. Riggs Sr.):

- 1179 i **JOHN W.** [probably **WILLIAM**, maybe **WAYNE**]<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS JR.**, perhaps the physician born 8 or 18 Oct. 1946 who resided in Marietta in 1994,<sup>[2429]</sup> and also 3 Nov. 2004,<sup>[2430]</sup> and also 2 Jan. 2008 to 20 Aug. 2008,<sup>[2431]</sup> possibly he who married, age 34 [so born about 1940], (1) 31 May 1974, Washington Co., Ohio,<sup>[2432]</sup> **DORIS J. HOWELL**, born about 1951, and divorced 18 Aug. 1976, Washington Co., Ohio, both of Marietta,<sup>[2433]</sup> perhaps married (2) after 1980 (birth of Jane Greene's second child) **JANE ANN (ELCHERT) GREENE**, born 5 Apr. 1949.<sup>[2434]</sup> Jane married, first, 31

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2427. U.S. census, 1940, Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio, ED 84-27, r. 3166, p. 349, sh. 15A, dw. 345.

2428. *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Marietta, Ohio, 1943, 225, "Riggs John W (Dorothy I) yd wkr Interstate Pipe & Sup Co h119 S 4th"; *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Marietta, Ohio, 1952, 300, "Riggs John W (Dorothy I) mach opr h211 Ohio."

2429. *U.S. Public Records Index, Vol. 1*, Dr. John W. Riggs, born 8 or 18 Oct. 1946, "406 4th St, Marietta, OH, 45750-2003 (1994)" and "400 Matthew St Ste 101, Marietta, OH, 45750-1656 (1994)." <licensedirect.com/dr-john-w-riggs/17198938> lists Dr. John W. Riggs, Doctor of Medicine, license 35.066753, inactive, granted 12 May 1994, expired 1 Apr. 2006, address Marietta, OH 45750.

2430. *U.S. Public Records Index, 1970-2009*, John W. Riggs, resident 3 Nov. 2004, Marietta, Ohio, 406 4th St., Marietta OH 45750, possible relative Jane A. Riggs.

2431. *U.S. Public Records Index, 1970-2009*, John W. Riggs, resident 2 Jan. 2008 to 20 Aug. 2008, Marietta, Ohio, 400 Matthew St., Ste. 200, Marietta OH 45750, phone (740) 350-5246, possible relative Jane E. Greene Riggs.

2432. *Ohio Marriage Index, 1970, 1972-2007*, John W. Riggs, 34, to Doris J. Howell, 23, 31 May 1974, Washington Co., Ohio, no. 31234, vol. 7726.

2433. *Ohio Divorce Index, 1962-1963, 1967-1971, 1973-2007*, John W. Riggs, of Marietta, from Doris J. Riggs, of Marietta, after 2 yrs. of marriage, decree 18 Aug. 1976, Washington Co., certificate 38318, vol. 3410.

2434. *U.S. Public Records Index, Vol. 1*, Jane "Greeneriggs," born 5 Apr. 1949, "406 4th St, Marietta, OH, 45750-2003 (1994)"; also Jane E. Riggs, Jane Elchert Greene, born 5 Apr. 1949 or 1 Jan. 1949, resided in 1993 in Fresno, Calif.; also Jane Ann Greene, born 5 Apr. 1949, resided 406 4th St., Marietta, 1994.

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Aug. 1974, Cuyhoga Co., Ohio,<sup>[2435]</sup> James S. Greene, born 31 Dec. 1947, son of Stephen and Ethel L. (Burok) Greene, and had two children: Amanda Jane Greene (married – Chacon), born 2 Nov. 1976, and Dennis Stephen Greene, born 22 Mar. 1980. Jane Ann Elchert was born 5 Apr. 1949, Fostoria, (where Hancock, Seneca, and Wood Counties come together, Ohio, daughter of Bernard Joseph and Alice Jane (Goetz) Elchert.<sup>[2436]</sup> She also married John Wayne [sic] Riggs. <[www.gase.nl/InternettreeUSA/b426.htm#-P27815](http://www.gase.nl/InternettreeUSA/b426.htm#-P27815)>.

**934. STERLING RICHARD<sup>10</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>493</sub>William R.<sup>9</sup>, Sterling<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 22 July 1895, Fairmont District, Marion Co., W.Va.<sup>[2437]</sup> He married (1) 30 Dec. 1916, Wellsburg, Brooke Co., W.Va.,<sup>[2438]</sup> **HELEN SHRINER**, who was born about 1895. They divorced. He married (2) 8 Sept. 1920, Boston, Mass.,<sup>[2439]</sup> **ALICE/ALTHEA KATHERINE PEPIN**, born about 1898,

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2435. *Ohio Marriage Index, 1970, 1972–2007*, Jane A. Elchert, 25, to James S. Greene, 26, both of Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, 31 Aug. 1974, Cutahoga Co., Ohio, no. 56134, vol. 7826.

2436. Obit., transcribed online, Ancestry.com, for Bernard Joseph Elchert, died 21 Aug. 2006, Tiffin, Seneca Co., Ohio, married 28 June 1948 Alice Goetz, who died 19 Oct. 1998. Survivors included daughter “Jane (John) Riggs of Eugene, Oregon; obit., newspaper clipping online, Ancestry.com, for Alice Jane Goetz, *Tiffin Advertiser-Tribune*, p. 51, c. 1, Alice J. Elchert, born 1 Jan. 1928, Tiffin, died 19 Oct. 1998, Toledo, survivors included daughter, “Mrs. John (Jane) Riggs of Marietta.

2437. *W.Va. Births, 1853–1930*, image online, Sterling R. Riggs, 22 July 1895, Fairmont District, Marion Co., W.Va., father W. R. Riggs, mother Mary A. Riggs; *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Sterling R. Riggs, 21, of Blairsville, Pa., born 22 July 1895, Fairmont, Marion Co., W.Va., mother, wife, and sister to support, registered 5 June 1917; *US WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Sterling Richard Riggs, 46, of Pittsburth, Allegheny Co., Pa., born 22 July 1895, Fairmont, Marion Co., W.Va., person who will know your address Alice Katherine Riggs, employer Armour and Co., Pittsburgh.

2438. *W.Va. Marriages Index, 1785–1971*, Sterling Richard Riggs, 22, to Helen Shriner, 21, 30 Dec. 1916, Wellsburg, Brooke Co., W.Va.; *W.Va. Marriages, 1780–1970*, image online, Sterling Richard Riggs, 22, of Pittsburgh, born Fairmont, W.Va., to Helen Shriner, 21, of Pittsburth, born Mason, W.Va., 30 Dec., 1916, Wellsburg, Brooke Co., W.Va., by Charles G. Coyley MG.

2439. *Mass. State VRs, 1841–1920*, image online, Boston, 1920, “[no.] 5560 [date] Sep 8 [names] Sterling R Riggs | Althea K Pepin [ages] 25 | 22 [status] 2ndDiv | First [residences] 30 Hemenway St | 55 Hemenway St [occupatons] manager | bookkeeper [birthplaces] Fairmont W Va | Brandon, Vt [fathers] William R Riggs | Walter J Pepin [mothers] Mary A Neal | Nettie M Thayer [by] Isaac Ward Cl. | 9 Braemore Road | Boston, Mass.”

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Brandon, Rutland Co., Vt., daughter of Walter J. and Nettie M. (Thayer) Pepin.

In 1930 Sterling R. Riggs, 34, a meat salesman born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in New Brighton, Beaver Co., Pa., with his wife, Althea, 32, born in Vermont of Vermont natives, and with his daughter, Betty Jane, 8, and son, Sterling Jr., 7, both born in Pennsylvania. Sterling was first married at 25, and Althea at 22.<sup>[2440]</sup>

In 1940 Sterling R. Riggs, 44, a meat company department head born in West Virginia, resided in Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., with his wife, Alice K., 42, born in Vermont, and with his daughter, Betty Jane, 18, and son, Sterling Jr., 17, both born in Pennsylvania. They all resided in the same place in 1935.<sup>[2441]</sup>

Children:

- 1180 i **BETTY JANE**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1921, Pennsylvania.
- 1181 ii **STERLING RICHARD**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS JR. [III on gravestone]**, born 23 July 1922, Charleroi, Washington Co., Pa., died single on 25 Mar. 1944, Bougainville, Solomon Islands,<sup>[2442]</sup> gravestone in Woodlawn Cem., Fairmont, Marion Co., W.Va.<sup>[2443]</sup>

**947. JOHN DAVID**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>504</sub>*John Albert*<sup>9</sup>, *John W.*<sup>8</sup>, *Sylvester*<sup>7</sup>, *Zophar*<sup>6</sup>, *?Zophar*<sup>5</sup>, *?James*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 31 May 1896, Tappan, Kidder Co., N.D., died 24 Feb. 1962, Lane Co., Ore.,<sup>[2444]</sup> and was

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2440. U.S. census, 1930, New Brighton, Beaver Co., Pa., ED 12, r. 2542, p. 256, sh. 29A, dw. 571, fam. 526.

2441. U.S. census, 1940, Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 69-260, r. 3659, p. 2383, sh. 9A, dw. 174.

2442. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Sterling R. Riggs, born 23 July “1925,” “Charlersi,” Pa., died 25 Mar. “1949,” “Boganville,” Solomon Is., bur. Woodlawn Cem., Fairmont Co., W.Va., single, white, male, father S. R. Riggs, born Fairmont, W.Va., mother Alice “Catherine Peppin,” born Brandon, Vt., FHL 834819. The Americal Division was the American New Caledonia Division in full (formally the Army’s 23rd Infantry Division). It campaigned on Bougainville Island 7 Mar. to 30 Nov. 1944.

2443. *Find a Grave*, no. 88647747, gravestone photograph, by Gia Hays, Woodlawn Cem., Fairmont, Marion Co., W.Va., “Sterling R. Riggs III | Pennsylvania | 2d Lieut 182 Inf Americal Div | World War II | July 23 1922 March 25 1944.”

2444. *Ore. Death Index, 1898–2008*, John D. Riggs, 65, died 24 Feb. 1962, Lane Co., spouse Myrtle, certificate 1835.



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buried in Mountain View Cem., Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore.<sup>[2445]</sup> He married about 1915 **MYRTLE ADALINE GRINER**, who was born about 1895, Codington Co., S.D., daughter of Henry and Bessie Matilda (Olson) Griner, and died 6 Dec. 1961, Lane Co., Ore.,<sup>[2446]</sup> and was buried in Mountain View Cem.<sup>[2447]</sup>

In 1930 John D. Riggs, 34, a railroad switchman born in North Dakota of a father born in Wisconsin and a mother in Iowa, resided in Corvallis, Benton Co., Ore., with his wife, "Mirtle" A., 35, born in South Dakota of a father born in South Dakota and a mother in Wisconsin, and with his brother-in-law, Howard Griner, 36, with the same nativities as Myrtle. John was 19 at first marriage, and Myrtle was 20.<sup>[2448]</sup>

In 1940 John D. Riggs, 43, a railroad switchman born in North Dakota, resided in West Moreland, Lane Co., Ore., with his wife, Myrtle A., 44, born in South Dakota. They had resided in Benton Co., Ore., in 1935.<sup>[2449]</sup>

**948. WILLIAM E.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>504</sub>John Albert<sup>9</sup>, John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 28 Jan. 1905, Warroad, Roseau Co., Minn., died Dec. 1962,<sup>[2450]</sup> and was buried in Mountain View Cem., Clackamas Co., Oregon City, Ore.<sup>[2451]</sup> He married about 1929 **MARY GREGGERSEN**, who was born 27 Sept. 1911, Grant Twp., O'Brien Co., Iowa,<sup>[2452]</sup> daughter of John and Mary (Riene) Greggerson,

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2445. *Find a Grave*, no. 93268481, no gravestone photograph, Mountain View Cem., Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., plot section D, block 13, lot 6, grave A.

2446. *Ore. Death Index, 1898–2008*, Myrtle A. Riggs, 66, died 6 Dec. 1961, Lane Co., spouse John, certificate 15599.

2447. *Find a Grave*, no. 93268485, no gravestone photograph, Mountain View Cem., Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., plot section D, block 13, lot 6, grave B.

2448. U.S. census, 1930, Corvallis, Benton Co., Ore., ED 5, r. 1939, p. 25, sh. 3B, dw. 77, fam. 86.

2449. U.S. census, 1940, West Moreland, Lane Co., Ore., ED 20-119, r. 3369, p. 25, sh. 4A, dw. 77, fam. 86.

2450. SSDI, William Riggs, SSN 540-01-9261, born 29 [sic] Jan. 1905, died Dec. 1962, issued Ore. (before 1951).

2451. *Find a Grave*, no. 92930326, no gravestone photograph, Mountain View Cem., Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., plot section D, block 14, lot 6, grave D, born 1905, died 1 Dec. 1962.

2452. *Iowa Births and Christenings Index, 1857–1947*, Mary Greggerson, born 27 Sept. 1911, Grant Twp., O'Brien Co., Iowa, father John Greggerson, born Germany, mother Mary Riene, born Ger-

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and died 2 Mar. 1982, Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., and was buried next to her husband.<sup>[2453]</sup>

In 1930 William E. Riggs, 25, a paper mill fireman born in Minnesota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in North Dakota, resided in Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., with his wife, Mary, 18, born in Iowa of German natives, and with his son, William A., 7/12, born in Oregon. William was 20 at first marriage, and Edna was 17.<sup>[2454]</sup>

In 1940 William E. Riggs, 35, a paper mill steam engine oiler born in Minnesota, resided in Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., with his wife, Mary, 18, born in Iowa, and with his son, William A., 10, born in Oregon.<sup>[2455]</sup>

Child:

1182 i **WILLIAM ALBERT<sup>11</sup> RIGGS**, born 23 Aug. 1929, Oregon, died 21 Feb. 1993, Clackamas Co., Ore.,<sup>[2456]</sup> last residence Oregon City, Clackamas, Ore.,<sup>[2457]</sup> married **LUCILLE** —. His nickname was “Gregg.”

**949. GROVER CLEVELAND<sup>10</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>504</sub>*John Albert<sup>9</sup>, John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born 13 Sept. 1907, Elbow, Saskatchewan, Canada, died 3 Sept. 1979, Multnomah

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many, FHL 1436255.

2453. Gravestone photograph, online at <Ancestry.com>, Mountain View Cem., Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., “Riggs | Mary | 1911–1982 || William E. | 1905–1962”; *Find a Grave*, no. 92930385, no gravestone photograph, Mountain View Cem., Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., plot section D, block 14, lot 6, grave E.; obit., *The Oregonian*, Portland, Ore., 4 Mar. 1982, 75, “Riggs–Mary, late of Oregon City, Mar. 2, age 70; beloved mother of William A. (Greg) Riggs, Oregon City; sister of Emma Gronestad, Red Deer, Alta, Canada; Kay Wyman, Port Angeles, Wa.; 4 grandchikldren. Friends invited to services at the Hillside Chapel, Oregon City, Friday, May 5, 3 p.m. Private internment Mt. View Cemetery.”

2454. U.S. census, 1930, Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., ED 80, r. 1940, p. 110, sh. 2B, dw. 51, fam. 51.

2455. U.S. census, 1940, Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., ED 3–60, r. 3355, p. 1024, sh. 4A, dw. 78.

2456. *Ore. Death Index, 18989–2008*, William Albert Riggs, 63, born 23 Aug. 1929, died 21 Feb. 1993, Clackamas Co., Ore., spouse “Lucill,” certificate 93–04165.

2457. SSDI, William A. Riggs, SSN 264–40–0364, born 23 Aug. 1929, died 21 Feb. 1993, last residence 97045 Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., issued Fla. (before 1951).

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Co., Ore.,<sup>[2458]</sup> last residence Reno, Washoe Co., Nev.,<sup>[2459]</sup> and was buried 7 Sept. 1979, Willamette National Cem., Portland, Ore.<sup>[2460]</sup> He married (1) 11 July 1927, Benton Co., Ore.,<sup>[2461]</sup> **VIVIAN V. BRETTELL**, who was born about 1909, Oregon, daughter of Walter C. and Alice V. (Johnson) Brettell.<sup>[2462]</sup> He married (2) 2 May 1942, Washoe Co., Nev.,<sup>[2463]</sup> (and apparently remarried 7 May 1977, Reno, Washoe Co., Nev.,<sup>[2464]</sup>) **ESTHER IRENE (GOODWIN) SUMPTION**, who was born about 1909 or 8 Sept. 1911, North Dakota, and died 20 June 1992, last residence Hubbard, Marion Co., Ore.<sup>[2465]</sup> Esther had married, first, 9 Dec. 1929, King Co., Wash.,<sup>[2466]</sup> George E. Sumption, born about 1913, England, and who was reported as a widower [*sic*] in the 1930 census.

In 1930 George E. "Sumpton," 27, a widower, a laborer in a shrimp factory born in England of England natives, resided in Wrangell, Alaska

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2458. Ore. *Death Index, 1898–2008*, Grover C. Riggs, born 13 Sept. 1907, died 3 Sept. 1979, Multnomah Co., Ore., spouse Esther, certificate 79-14811.

2459. SSDI, Grover Riggs, SSN 544-10-9649, born 13 Sept. 1907, died Sept. 1979, last residence 89505 Reno, Washoe Co., Nev., last benefit 97045 Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., issued Ore. (before 1951).

2460. *US Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775–2006*, Grover C. Riggs, Lt. Col. Reconstruction Aide World War II, Korea, born 13 Sept. 1907, died 3 Sept. 1979, service start date 18 Jan. 1943, interment 7 Sept. 1979, Willamette National Cem., 11800 SE MT, Scott Blvd., Portland, OR 97266, section O, stie 3344.

2461. Benton Co., Ore., Marriages, 9:402a, Grover C. Riggs to Vivian V. Brettell, 11 July 1927, online at <rootsweb.com>, accessed via <Ancestry.com>.

2462. U.S. census, 1910, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 195, r. 1286, p. 211, sh. 3B, dw. 58, fam. 59, lists Walter C. Brettell, 33, born Ohio, wife of 12 yrs., "Allice" V., 32, born Calif., daughter, Vivian V., 1 5/12, born Ore., and father-in-law, Andrew Johnson, 72, widower born in Norway.

2463. Marriage certificate, Washoe Co., Nev., no. 134917, Grover Riggs, of Seattle, to Esther Sumption, of Seattle, 2 May 1942, by Wm McKnight, District Judge, digital photocopy courtesy of Keith Douglas<sup>11</sup> Riggs, email of 10 Aug. 2016.

2464. *Nev. Marriage Index, 1956–2005*, Grover Cleveland Riggs, of Ore., to Esther Irene Sumption, of Ore., 7 May 1977, Reno, recorded 7 June 1977, book 638, page "174."

2465. SSDI, Esther I. Riggs, SSN 541-16-8982, born 8 Sept. 1911, died 20 June 1992, last residence 97032 Hubbard, Marion Co., Ore., issued Ore. (before 1951).

2466. Marriage certificate, image online at *Wash. Marriage Records, 1865–2004*, King Co., no. 12487, licensed 9 Dec. 1929, married 9 Dec. 1929, George E. Sumption, of Wrangell, Alaska, to Esther I Goodwin of King Co., Wash., by William Hoar JP.

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Terr., in the household of his father. He had immigrated in 1908 and was naturalized.<sup>[2467]</sup>

Wesley I. Sumption, born 11 Dec. 1931, Wrangell, Alaska, son of George Sumption and Esther Irene Goodwin, died 14 Sept. 1960, Seattle, King Co., Wash.<sup>[2468]</sup>

In 1940 Grover C. Riggs, 32, an auto mechanic born in Canada, resided in Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., with his wife Vivian "M.," 31, born in Oregon, and his daughter, Patricia I., 11, and sons, Grover E., 10, and Walter V., 8, all three born in Oregon, and with his mother-in-law, "Alace" V. Brettell, 68, a widow born in California who had resided in Oakland, Contra Costa Co., Calif., in 1935.<sup>[2469]</sup>

In 1940 Esther Sumption, 31, a single restaurant waitress born in North Dakota, resided in Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., as a lodger. She had resided in 1935 in Marion Co., Ore.<sup>[2470]</sup>

In 1940 George Sumption, 37, divorced, a shrimp cannery fisherman born in England, resided in Wrangell, Alaska, with his daughters, Edrie E., 12, and Margaret P., 10, both born in Alaska. He had resided in 1935 in Marion Co., Ore.<sup>[2471]</sup>

Children of the first marriage, to Vivian:

- 1183 i **PATRICIA IRENE**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**,<sup>[2472]</sup> born about 1929, Oregon, married **ARTHUR RALPH**, brother of Harriet Joyce (Ralph) Riggs, wife of Patricia's brother Grover. They had a baby who died. They separated.
- +1184 ii **GROVER ELDRED**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born 9 Oct. 1929, Oregon, married **HARRIET JOYCE RALPH**, and had four children.

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2467. U.S. census, 1930, Wrangell, Alaska Terr., ED 18, r. 2626, p. 197, sh. 17A, dw. 322, fam. 322.

2468. *Wash. Death Certificates, 1907-1960*, Wesley I. Sumption, no. 18547.

2469. U.S. census, 1940, Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., ED 3-60, r. 3355, p. 612, sh. 5B, dw. 118. John Riggs resided in dw. 111.

2470. U.S. census, 1940, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 37-3, r. 3385, p. 24, sh. 4B, dw. 124.

2471. U.S. census, 1940, Wrangell, Alaska, ED 1-17, r. 4578, p. 633, sh. 4A, dw. 62.

2472. Her middle name provided by her niece, Teresa Craig, email 30 Apr. 2013, who also supplied the other details in email 2 May 2013.

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- +1185 iii **WALTER VIRGIL<sup>11</sup> RIGGS**, born 5 July 1931, Oakland, Alameda Co., Calif., married (1) **GRACE** —, and had at least one child, married (2) **PAM** —.

Child of the second marriage, to Esther:

- 1186 iv **KEITH DOUGLAS<sup>11</sup> RIGGS**, born 15 July 1950, Eugene, Lane Co., Ore.<sup>[2473]</sup> Keith is a correspondent of mine.

**973. JAMES ALAN<sup>10</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>516</sub>*Donald Alan<sup>9</sup>, John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1938, Iowa. Jim is my correspondent on this family and is a contributor to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group.

James Alan<sup>10</sup> Riggs (*Donald Allen<sup>9</sup>, John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>*) matches 65/67 a descendant of Donald Alan<sup>9</sup>'s half brother, John Albert<sup>9</sup>. **Important: Neither of them is an Edwardian Riggs, bringing doubt that Zophar<sup>6</sup>'s branch is Edwardian, and certainly on the John W.<sup>8</sup> subbranch. James's genetic signature is mxnkknllmmCrijkkyosDooqqijs-wooqqJMII (first 37 STRs). For comparison lxknplllmmCsijkkyosCooqqkjswooqrKLII is the Edwardian modal signature which off by 12 on 37. See Robert Bruce<sup>13</sup> [Riggs] Wilson.<sup>[2474]</sup>**

**993. WILLIAM OSCAR<sup>10</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>563</sub>*William Ely<sup>9</sup>, Henderson Evans<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Jesse<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1 Apr.

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2473. Birth registration card, Oregon State Board of Health, no. 136-50-021066, Keith Douglas Riggs, born 15 July 1950, Eugene, Lane Co., white, male, filed 28 Aug. 1950, abstract issued 21 Sept. 1950, digital photocopy courtesy of Keith Douglas<sup>11</sup> Riggs, email of 10 Aug. 2016; email from Keith<sup>11</sup> Riggs, 9 Aug. 2016, "While I was conceived in Tehran where my father was stationed as the supply officer to the US Military Mission with the Iranian army, my mother returned to Eugene, Oregon where I was born in 1950." Details of Keith's sketch corroborated and corrected in a series of emails from Teresa Craig, 25 Apr., 30 Apr., and 1 May 2013. Teresa informed me that Keith is her father Grover Eldred's half brother and the same age as her older sister (who was born in 1950). She also stated, "I looked through the copies of Grover C.'s army paper work that I have and they listed his wife in 1946 as Ester (Goodwin) Riggs. . . . Grover was stationed in Iran from March 1949 to September of 1951."

2474. The other 30 markers are **jiophjihjllwppjllohlvtlnlkmklI**, off by another 7 from Edwardian.

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1885, Marion Co., Ala.<sup>[2475]</sup> He was live in obit. of 2 Mar. 1950 for his father. He married about 1906 **EDNA** —, who was born about 1884, Texas.

In 1910 Oscar Riggs, 25, a farmer born in Alabama of Alabama natives, resided in Upshur Co., Tex., with his wife of four years, Edna, 26, born in Texas of Alabama natives, and with his sons, Cecil, 2, and [Orel?], 6/12, both born in Texas.<sup>[2476]</sup>

In 1920 “Osco” Riggs, 34, a farmer born in Alabama of Alabama natives, resided in Upshur Co., Tex., with his wife, Edna, 34, born in Texas of Alabama natives, and with his son, Cecil, 12, daughter, Lola Mae, 9, and son Hartrell, 4 11/12, all three born in Texas.<sup>[2477]</sup>

In 1930 W. O. Riggs, 45, a sawmill laborer born in Texas of Texas natives, resided in Upshur Co., Tex., with his wife, Edna, 44, born in Texas of Texas natives, and with his daughter, Lola Mae, 18, sons, Hartsall, 14, Wiley, 8, and Wayne, 5, and daughter, Martha G., 2, all five born in Texas. William was 21 at first marriage, and Edna was 20.<sup>[2478]</sup>

Children:

- +1187 i **CECIL CARL**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born 26 Oct. 1907, married **TINA** —, and had one child.
- 1188 ii **[OREL]**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1909, Texas. He does not appear in the 1920 census so probably died young.
- 1189 iii **LOLA MAE**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1911, Texas.
- 1190 iv **HARTRELL [HARTSALL]**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1915, Texas.
- 1191 v **WILEY**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1922, Texas.
- 1192 vi **WAYNE**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1925, Texas.
- 1193 vii **MARTHA G.**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1928, Texas.

**995. ROY BURDINE**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>563</sub>*William Ely*<sup>9</sup>, *Henderson Evans*<sup>8</sup>, *Jesse*<sup>7</sup>, *Jesse*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, ?*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, ?*Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 23 June

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2475. Email from Jimmie Lou<sup>8</sup> (Riggs) Clendennen, granddaughter of William Oscar<sup>6</sup> Riggs, 10 Nov. 2005, “My father was Cecil Carl Riggs, born 10/26/1907. His father was William Oscar Riggs, born 4/1/1885 in Marion Co., Alabama.”

2476. U.S. census, 1910, Pct. 4, Upshur Co., Tex., ED 98, r. 1596, p. 120, sh. 14A, dw. 258, fam. 258.

2477. U.S. census, 1920, Pct. 4, Upshur Co., Tex., ED 114, r. 1853, p. 158, sh. 12A, dw. 231, fam. 231.

2478. U.S. census, 1930, Pct. 7, Upshur Co., Tex., ED 19, r. 2403, p. 208, sh. 8A, dw. 22, fam. 84.

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1888, Alabama, died July 1970, last residence Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.<sup>[2479]</sup>  
He married about 1913 **STELLA M.** —, who was born about 1887, Texas.

In 1930 Roy B. Riggs, 42, a street railway motorman born in Alabama of Alabama natives, resided in Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex., with his wife, Stella M., 43, born in Texas of Texas natives, and with his sons, Emmett D., 16, and James P., 11, daughter, Martha E., 8, and son, Roy B., 5, all four born in Texas. Roy was 25 at first marriage, and Stella was 26.<sup>[2480]</sup>

In 1940 Roy B. Riggs, 51, a street railway motorman born in Alabama, resided in Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex., with his wife, Stella, 53, born in Texas, and with his sons, Emmett D., 26, and James P., 21, daughter, Martha E., 18, and son, Roy B. Jr., 15, all four born in Texas. They all resided in the same house in 1935.<sup>[2481]</sup>

Children:

- 1194 i **EMMETT DEAN**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**,<sup>[2482]</sup> born 30 Dec. 1913, Texas, died 17 Oct. 2000, last residence Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.<sup>[2483]</sup>
- 1195 ii **JAMES PERSHING**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born 27 Sept. 1918 (gravestone), Texas, died 9 July 2003, buried in Greenwood Cem., Fredericksburg, Gillespie Co., Tex.,<sup>[2484]</sup> married **MADIA MAURECE KING**, born 23 Nov. 1921 (gravestone), died 30 Dec. 1988, buried next to her husband.
- 1196 iii **MARTHA E.**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1922, Texas.
- +1197 iv **ROY BURDINE**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS JR.**, born 12 Nov. 1924, Dallas Co., Tex., married **MARY JOYCE PARK**, and had at least two children.

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2479. SSDI, SSN 452-05-1217, Roy Riggs, born 23 June 1888, died July 1970, last residence 75208 Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex., issued Tex. (before 1951).

2480. U.S. census, 1930, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex., ED 93, r. 2320, p. 139, sh. 32B, dw. 722, fam. 526.

2481. U.S. census, 1940, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex., ED 255-244, r. 4180, p. 3801, sh. 6B, dw. 913.

2482. *U.S. School Yearbooks, 1880-2012*, Dean Riggs, born about 1913, Sunset High School, Dallas, Tex., 1929.

2483. SSDI, SSN 433-03-2543, Emmett D. Riggs, born 30 Dec. 1913, died 17 Oct. 2000, last residence 75225 Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex., issued La. (before 1951).

2484. *Find a Grave*, no. 70554754 and 70554191, gravestone photographs, by Pat Weber, Greenwood Cem., Fredericksburg, Gillespie Co., Tex., “Riggs | Madia Maurece | nee King—aka “Litlun” | Nov. 23, 1921 | Dec. 30, 1988 || James P. | Sept. 27, 1918 | July 9, 2003.”

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1005. WILLIAM DIMMUS<sup>10</sup> RIGGS (<sup>565</sup>Henderson R.<sup>9</sup>, Henderson Evans<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Jesse<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born Sept. 1866, Alabama. He married about 1908 ETNA C. —, who was born about 1887, Alabama.

In 1910 William D. Riggs, 22, a farmer born in Alabama of a father born in Alabama and a mother in Mississippi, resided in Ryes, Marion Co., Ala., with his wife of two years, Etna C., 23, born in Alabama of a father born in South Carolina and a mother in Alabama. She had had one child, and it survived and resided in the household: daughter, Mattie L., 1 3/12, born in Alabama. Next door was Henderson R. Riggs.<sup>[2485]</sup>

In 1920 “Wm.” D. Riggs, 32, a farmer born in Alabama of a father born in Alabama and a mother in Mississippi, resided in Rye, Marion Co., Ala., with his wife, Etna C., 33, born in Alabama of a father born in South Carolina and a mother in Alabama, and with his daughters, Mattie Lou, 10, Annie Mae, 9, and Cora Lee, 6, and son, Felix B., 4 3/12, all four born in Alabama. Nearby was Henderson R. Riggs.<sup>[2486]</sup>

In 1930 Dimmus Riggs, 42, a farmer born in Alabama of a father born in Alabama and a mother in Mississippi, resided in Rye, Marion Co., Ala., with his wife, Etna C., 43, born in Alabama of a father born in South Carolina and a mother in Alabama, and with his daughters, Annie M., 19, and Cora Lee, 16, and sons, Felix B., 15, and William E., 7, all four born in Alabama. A family of three also resided in the household. Dimmus was 21 at first marriage, and Etna was 22. Next door was Henderson R. Riggs.<sup>[2487]</sup>

Children:

- 1198 i MATTIE LOU<sup>11</sup> RIGGS, born about 1909, Alabama.
- 1199 ii ANNIE MAE<sup>11</sup> RIGGS, born about 1911, Alabama.
- 1200 iii CORA LEE<sup>11</sup> RIGGS, born about 1914, Alabama.

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2485. U.S. census, 1910, Ryes [sic], Pct. 2, Marion Co., Ala., ED 77, r. 25, p. 33, sh. 10A, dw. 165, fam. 165. Henderson R. resided in dw. 164.

2486. U.S. census, 1920, Rye, Pct. 2, Marion Co., Ala., ED 58, r. 33, p. 30, sh. 2B, dw. 34, fam. 39. Henderson R. resided in dw. 37.

2487. U.S. census, 1930, Rye, Pct. 2, Marion Co., Ala., ED 4, r. 39, p. 40, sh. 7A, dw. 131, fam. 133. Henderson R. resided in dw. 132.



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1201 iv **FELIX B.**<sup>11</sup> RIGGS, born about 1916, Alabama.

1202 v **WILLIAM E.**<sup>11</sup> RIGGS, born about 1923, Alabama.

**1008. CHARLES WILSON**<sup>10</sup> RIGGS (<sub>568</sub>Charles Newton<sup>9</sup>, Jasper N.<sup>8</sup>, Edward<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 5 Mar. 1891 or 1892, Bristol, Sullivan Co., Tenn. (twin city of Bristol, Va., which abuts it),<sup>[2488]</sup> died 8 Dec. 1978, Orange, Orange Co., Tex.,<sup>[2489]</sup> and was buried 9 Dec. 1978, Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cem., Orange Co., Tex. He married (1) 6 Oct. 1913, Polk, Co., Iowa,<sup>[2490]</sup> **KATHERN CASNER**, who was born about 1897, Rising Sun, Iowa, daughter of Lorenzo and Minnie (Sebastian) Casner. He married (2) 17 Jan. 1917, Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa,<sup>[2491]</sup> **ALICE MAE SMITH**, who was born about 1898, Houston, Tex., daughter of John Smith.

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2488. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Charles Wilson Riggs, born 5 Mar. 1891, Bristol Co., Tenn., father Charles N. Riggs, mother Dale Wood; *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Charles Wilson Riggs, 25, of Des Moines, Iowa, born 5 Mar. 1892, Bristol, Tenn., printer, married, registered 5 June 1917, Des Moines, Iowa.

2489. *Tex. Death Certificates, 1903–1982*, image online, no. 105328, Charles E. Riggs Sr., of Orange, Orange Co., Tex., died 8 Dec. 1978, Orange, Orange Co., Tex., age 58 yrs., born 22 Mar. 1920, Marshalltown, Iowa, male, white, boilermaker at Bethlehem Steel, married to Nora Riggs, father Charles Wilson Riggs, mother Alice Mae Smith, in Navy in WWII, SSN 466–03–1535, informant Mrs. Nora Riggs, wife, buried 9 Dec. 1978, Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cem., Orange Co., Tex.

2490. *Iowa Marriage Records, 1880–1937*, image online, “[license no. |date] 30147 | 10-6-13 [sworn by and consent by] S. S. Casner | Minnie B. Casner [groom name | residence | occupation] Riggs, Charles | Des Moines, Iowa | Post Office Clerk [age at next birthday | color | race | no. of marriage] 23 | White | Cau. | First [birthplace | father | mother] Bristol, Tenn. | Charles Riggs | Dale Wood [bride name | residence] Casner, Kathern | Des Moines, Ia. [age | color | race | no. of marriage] 17 | White | Cau. | First [birthplace | father | mother] Rising Sun, Iowa | Lorenzo Casner | Minnie Sebastian [marriage | witnesses | by] Des Moines, Ia. October 6, 1913 | Lorenzo Casner, Mrs Minnie Casner | E. C. Fintel – Pastor.”

2491. *Iowa Marriage Records, 1880–1937*, image online, “[license no. |date] 36531 | 1-17-17 [sworn by] M. A. Emerich [groom name | residence | occupation] Riggs, C. W. | Des Moines, Ia. | Printer [age at next birthday | color | race | no. of marriage] 24 | White | Amer. | Second [birthplace | father | mother] Bristol, Tenn. | Charles Riggs | Dale Wood [bride name | residence] Smith, Alice | Boone, Iowa [age | color | race | no. of marriage] 20 | White | Amer. | First [birthplace | father] Houston, Texas | John Smith [marriage | witnesses | by] Des Moines, Ia. Jan. 17, 1917 | Mary N. Schumacher, Katherine Bowen | Lester P. Fagen – Min.”

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In 1920 Charles “H.” Riggs, 27, an electrician born in Virginia of Virginia natives, resided in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., Iowa, with his wife, Alice, 22, born in Texas of Texas natives, and with his son [sic], Dale, 2 6/12, born in Iowa.<sup>[2492]</sup>

In 1930 Alice M. Riggs, 31, divorced, first married at 19, a vegetable packer at a cannery born in Texas of Texas natives, resided in Orange, Orange Co., Tex., with her daughter, Alice D., 12, and son, Charles E., 10, both born in Iowa of a father born in Virginia.<sup>[2493]</sup>

In 1940 Alice Riggs, 40, widow, a packer at a cannery born in Texas, resided in Orange, Orange Co., Tex., with her son, Charles, 20, a shipward painter born in Iowa. They had resided in the same place in 1935.<sup>[2494]</sup>

Children of the second marriage, to Alice:

- 1203 i ALICE DALE<sup>11</sup> RIGGS, born about 1917, Iowa.
- +1204 ii CHARLES ELMER<sup>11</sup> RIGGS, born 22 Mar. 1920, Marshalltown, Marshall Co., Iowa, married NORA EVELYN MCDONALD, and had at least one child.

**1013. FRANK SMITH<sup>10</sup> AUSTIN** (<sup>599</sup>*Clyde Bernard<sup>9</sup> Austin, Clisbe<sup>8</sup> Austin, Clisbe<sup>7</sup> Austin, ?Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born 7 Apr. 1922 or 1923, Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2495]</sup> and died 19 Oct. 2000, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach Co., Fla.<sup>[2496]</sup> He married 24

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2492. U.S. census, 1920, Marshalltown, Marshall Co., Iowa, ED 164, r. 502, p. 22, sh. 22B, dw. 542, fam. 568.

2493. U.S. census, 1930, Orange, Orange Co., Tex., ED 3, r. 2380, p. 178, sh. 2B, dw. 34, fam. 39.

2494. U.S. census, 1940, Orange, Orange Co., Tex., ED 181-4, r. 4118, p. 82, sh. 14B, dw. 1205.

2495. From a PowerPoint presentation sent me by John Clinard, 10 May 2020, slide 20 of Lil Austin Clinard (salt lake FFT 2017-.pptx: “Frank Smith Austin Married to Anne McKeehan Easterly | [Frank] Born 07 Apr 1923 Place Greeneville, TN | [Frank] Married 24 Jun 1944 Place Keesler Field, Biloxi, MS | [Frank] Died 19 Oct 2000 Place N. Palm Beach, FL | [Frank] Child of Felice Marie Noell Married to Clyde Bernard Austin, Sr.,” with “Proof 2-3 1930 & 1940 census records (Frank to Felice).”

2496. U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, Frank Smith Austin, male, white, born 7 Apr. 1922, Greeneville, Tenn., died 19 Oct. 2000, father Clyde B. Austin, mother Felice Noell, SSN 410-28-7003.

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June 1944, Keesler Field, Biloxi, Harrison Co., Miss., ANNE MCKEEHAN EASTERLY.

Known children:

- 1205 i LILLIAN ANNE<sup>11</sup> AUSTIN, born 29 Mar. 1947, Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2497]</sup> married 31 Aug. 1968, Greeneville,<sup>[2498]</sup> JOHN ALAN CLINARD, born about 1946, son of Turner Norman and Dorothy Ann (Smith) Clinard.<sup>[2499]</sup> *John is my correspondent for this family.*

They had at least one child: (1) Christian Anne<sup>12</sup> Clinard, married Nicholas Natale, and had at least one child: (i) Taylor<sup>13</sup> Natale. See brother Jim's obituary and this obituary for John's mother Dorothy:

Dorothy Smith Clinard was born 22 Dec 1925 and died 12 Aug 2016 at The Neighborhood of Tellico Village, Loudon Co. TN which had been her residence for the last two years. She had been in hospice care for several weeks prior to her peaceful passing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Turner Clinard and by her three brothers, Dudley, Dean and Daniel Smith of Rome and Dalton GA.

She is survived by her two sons: Norman Clinard (wife Brenda Bowers) of Knoxville and John Clinard (wife Lillian Austin) of Tellico Village. She is also survived by both of her granddaughters: Michelle (husband Joseph Baldwin) and Christian (husband Nicholas Natale), with families residing in Knoxville.

She was most proud of her three grandchildren: Clayton and Susanne Baldwin and Taylor Natale.

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2497. From a PowerPoint presentation sent me by John Clinard, 10 May 2020, slide 20 of Lil Austin Clinard (salt lake FFT 2017-.pptx: "Lillian Anne Austin Married to John A. Clinard | [Lil] Born 29 Mar 1947 Place Greeneville, TN | [Lil] Married 31 Aug 1968 Place Greeneville, TN, [Lil] Child of Frank Smith Austin," with "Proof 1-2 Birth certificate (Lil to Frank)."

2498. *Tenn. Marriage Records, 1780-2002*, Greene Co., 1965-1969, image 321/483 online, no. 7351, John Alan Clinard, 22, to Lillian Anne Austin, 21, both of Greeneville, Tenn., licensed 23 Aug. 1968, married 31 Aug. 1968, by Turner Clinard MG.

2499. *Find a Grave*, no. 168118930, gravestone photographs, Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Tusculum, Greene Co., Tenn., "Dorothy Smith | Clinard | Dec. 22, 1925 | Aug. 12, 2016;" *Find a Grave*, no. 50092095, gravestone photographs, Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cem., Tusculum, Greene Co., Tenn., "Dr. Turner Norman | Clinard | Mar. 5, 1917 | Oct. 30, 1980." Turner shares upright gravesite marker with Dorothy, marked "Clinard."

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Dorothy grew up in Rome GA and began her married life at age 17. Husband Turner Clinard was both a teacher and a church minister. Dot and Turner moved from Rome GA to Nashville and then to Greeneville TN where Turner was Minister of the Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church (1952-1965).

Dot received her BA from Tusculum College and taught in the Greeneville school system until 1965 when she and Turner moved to Emory VA. While teaching in the elementary schools of Marion VA, Dot used her spare time to earn an MS degree from the University of Virginia. In 1980, while Head of the English Dept. at Emory & Henry College, Dr. Turner Clinard died.

Fulfilling a life-long dream, Dot then moved to Talbott TN, living in her self-designed log cabin on Cherokee Lake for the next 30+ years. . . .

Family will receive friends at Kiser-Rose-Hill Mortuary in Greeneville from 5-7 pm, Monday Aug. 15. Funeral services will follow, Rev. James Lively officiating. Burial will be at Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Tusculum, where Turner is buried. Graveside services will be at 10:00 am of Tuesday Aug. 16 . . . .<sup>[2500]</sup>

- 1206 ii **JAMES EASTERLY<sup>11</sup> AUSTIN**, born 30 June 1949, Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn. (obit.), died 9 Feb. 2010, Jupiter, Palm Beach Co., Fla.

Obituary for "Jim":

James "Jim" Easterly Austin, 50, of Jupiter, FL died suddenly as the result of a fall on Febraury 9, 2010. He will be remembered for his colorful life and interesting stories about his work, travel and adventures around the world. Mr. Austin was a professional diver and underwater welder for the last 35 years. He enjoyed working in his yard and raising exotic bamboos as a hobby.

Mr. Austin was born in Greeneville, TN on June 30, 1949 and moved to North Palm Beach, FL with his family in 1963. He graduated from Riviera Beach High School in 1967 and went on to the University of Tennessee 1967-1971 where he studied business. He attended the University of Florida 1971-1973 where he studied horticulture and developed his love for growing plants. . . . Before

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2500. *Find a Grave*, no. 168118930, obit., **unnamed undated** newspaper.

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he began his diving career, he worked for the family tobacco business in Brazil and learned to speak fluent Portuguese.

His parents, Anne Easterly Austin and Frank Smith Austin both of Greeneville TN, preceded Mr. Austin in death. Two sisters, Frances Susan Austin Hopkins and husband, Steve Hopkins of Port Charlotte, FL and Lillian Anne Austin Clinard and husband, John Clinard of Tellico Village, TN survive him.

He is also survived by two nieces, Christian Anne Clinard Natale and husband, Nick Natale of Knoxville TN and Melody Anne Hopkins of Naples FL; a nephew Joseph William Hopkins of Atlanta, GA and great-niece, Taylor Natale of Knoxville, Tn.

A celebration of Jim's life will be on June 19 in Jupiter, FL followed by the placement of his ashes in an artificial reef off the coast. . . .<sup>[2501]</sup>

- 1207 iii **FRANCES SUSAN<sup>11</sup> AUSTIN**, married **STEVE HOPKINS**. They had at least two children: (1) Melody<sup>12</sup> Hopkins; and (2) Joseph William<sup>12</sup> Hopkins. See brother Jim's obituary.

**1022. HORACE LESTER<sup>10</sup> RIGGS** (<sup>599</sup>*Horace Lester*<sup>9</sup>, *John W.*<sup>8</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 11 Aug. 1917, Florida, and died 31 Dec. 1995, Polk Co., Fla.,<sup>[2502]</sup> last residence Mulberry, Polk Co., Fla.,<sup>[2503]</sup> He married 1938, Hillsboro Co., Fla.,<sup>[2504]</sup> **STELLA ELIZABETH SHEPARDSON**, who was born 9 Sept. 1917, and died 17 July 2006, last residence Bartow, Polk Co., Fla.<sup>[2505]</sup>

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2501. *The Palm Beach Post*, West Palm Beach, Fla., 17 Feb. 2010, Wed., p. B004, online at <newspaper.com>.

2502. *Fla. Death Index, 1877-1998*, Horace L. Riggs, died 31 Dec. 1995, age 78, Polk Co., Fla., born 11 Aug. 1917.

2503. SSDI, Horace L. Riggs, SSN 262-09-2258, born 11 Aug. 1917, died 31 Dec. 1995, last residence 33860 Mulberry, Polk Co., Fla., issued Fla. (before 1951).

2504. *Fla. Marriage Collection, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001*, "Riggs, Horace Lester [place] Hillsboro [vol. no.] 459 19542 [year] 1938," matching certificate no. gives her name as Stella Elizabeth Shepardson.

2505. SSDI, Stella S. Riggs, SSN 266-07-5984, born 9 Sept. 1917, died 17 July 2006, last residence 33860 Bartow, Polk Co., Fla., issued Fla. (before 1951).

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In 1945 H. L. Riggs, 28, a mechanic born in Florida, resided in Polk Co., Fla., with Stella, 28, born Florida, and H[orace?] Jr., 5, born in Florida.<sup>[2506]</sup>

Child:

- 1208 i **HORACE LESTER<sup>11</sup> RIGGS JR.**, born about 1940, Florida, married (1) Sept. 1962, Polk Co., Fla.,<sup>[2507]</sup> **SHERRY LYNN HOLLAND**, divorced 2 July 1984, Polk Co.,<sup>[2508]</sup> married (2) 16 July 1984, Polk Co.,<sup>[2509]</sup> **LINDA (PERRY) SCOTT**, divorced 2 Dec. 1991, Polk Co.<sup>[2510]</sup> Horace<sup>11</sup> is a contributor to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group. He matches the Edwardian Modal Signature at 66 of 67 markers. He matches exactly his cousin (fourth cousin, once removed) Charles Elmer<sup>12</sup> Riggs Jr.

**1026. CLYDE ALVIN<sup>10</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>612</sub>Ellis<sup>9</sup>, William N.<sup>8</sup>, Jesse W,<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>)<sup>[2511]</sup> was born 10 Aug. 1900, Tennessee.<sup>[2512]</sup> He married about 1921 **ETHEL MAE** —, who was born about 1904, Georgia.

In 1920 Clyde A. Riggs, 22, single, does “boarding” in a hosiery mill, resided as a boarder in Dayton, Rhea Co., Tenn.<sup>[2513]</sup>

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2506. Fla. State census, 1945, Polk Co., Fla., r. 37, p. 12, line 13, online at <Ancestry.com>.

2507. Fla. Marriage Collection, 1822–1875 and 1927–2001, “Riggs Jr. Horace Lester [vol. cert. p.] 2080 30500 63 [date] 9 62,” matching certificate no. gives her name as “Sherrie” Lynn Holland.

2508. Fla. Divorce Index, 1927–2001, Horace Lester Riggs from Sherry, 2 July 1984, Polk Co.

2509. Fla. Marriage Collection, 1822–1875 and 1927–2001, Linda Scott to Horace Lester Riggs Jr., 16 July 1984, Polk Co., vol. 5656, certificate 68795, maiden name Perry.

2510. Fla. Divorce Index, 1927–2001, Horace L. Riggs Jr. from Linda, 2 Dec. 1991, Polk Co.

2511. Email 18 Mar. 2010, from Wesley Brandon<sup>13</sup> Riggs, gives the middle name and this: “Birth dates are as follows: | Clyde Alvin Riggs Sr. unknown | Clyde Alvin Riggs 11-30-1923 [sic] died 10-20-2005 [sic] | Stanley Christopher Riggs 9-5-1947 | Wesley Brandon Riggs 8-18-1971 | Preston Scott Riggs 10-6-2004,” and “my grandfather [Clyde Jr.] had 5 sisters and he is the only Riggs to carry on the name. My dad, Chris, has me, and I have a son . . . my Dad has a brother named Mark Alvin Riggs of Mabank, Texas, and he has a son Riley.”

2512. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Clyde Riggs, 18, of Spring City, Rhea Co., Tenn., born 10 Aug. 1900, machinist in hosiery mill, nearest relative Ellis Riggs of Spring City, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Rhea Co.

2513. U.S. census, 1920, Dayton, Rhea Co., Tenn., ED 99, r. 1758, p. 223, sh. 6A, dw. 120, fam. 134.

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In 1930 Clyde A. Riggs, 29, a foreman in a hosiery mill born Tennessee of Tennessee natives, resided in Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., Tenn., with his wife, Ethel, 26, born in Georgia of Georgia natives, and with his daughters, Margaret V., 8, and Sarah E., 6, both born in Georgia, and his son, Clyde, 4, and daughter, Barbara A., 1 11/12, both born in Tennessee. Clyde was 19 at first marriage, and Ethel was 17. There was also a boarder in the household.<sup>[2514]</sup>

Known children (one daughter is missing):

- 1209 i **MARGARET V.<sup>11</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1922, Georgia, married — **LOWE**.
- 1210 ii **SARAH E.<sup>11</sup> RIGGS**, born 14 Nov. 1923, Georgia, died 11 July 1997, last residence Ft. Lauderdale, Broward Co., Fla.,<sup>[2515]</sup> married **SEYMOUR GLADSTONE**, born 15 Apr. 1922, died 3 June 2004, last residence Ft. Lauderdale.<sup>[2516]</sup>
- +1211 iii **CLYDE ALVIN<sup>11</sup> RIGGS JR.**, born 30 Nov. 1925, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., Tenn., married **DOROTHY ELIZABETH THOMAS**, and had four children.
- 1212 iv **BARBARA A.<sup>11</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1928, Tennessee, married — **WILSON**.

**1028. ROBERTSON<sup>10</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>85</sub>*Benjamin Hogan<sup>9</sup>, Daniel M.<sup>8</sup>, Zadok<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born Mar. 1868 (1900 census), Alabama, and died before the 1910 census, perhaps in 1904. He married about 1894 **EULALEE** —, who was born Aug. 1870 (1900 census), Tennessee.

In 1900 Robertson Riggs, 32, “U.S.R.U.S.” born Mar. 1868 in Alabama of Alabama natives, resided in Hamilton Co., Tenn., with his wife of six years, Eulalee, 29, born Aug. 1870 in Tennessee of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in New York, and with his son, Robertson

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2514. U.S. census, 1930, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., Tenn., ED 34, r. 2251, p. 52, sh. 10A, dw. 182, fam. 192.

2515. SSDI, Sarah E. Gladstone, SSN 408-26-4572, born 14 Nov. 1923, died 11 July 1997, last residence 33328 Ft. Lauderdale, Broward Co., Fla., issued Tenn. (before 1951).

2516. SSDI, Seymour Gladstone, SSN 410-18-3205, born 15 Apr. 1922, died 3 June 2004, last residence 33328 Ft. Lauderdale, Broward Co., Fla., issued Tenn. (before 1951).

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Jr., 3, born Dec. 1896, and daughter, Mary "L.," 6/12, born Nov. 1899, both born in Tennessee, and his brother, Charles T., 27, born Aug. 1872 in Alabama of Alabama natives. Eulalee had had two children, with two surviving.<sup>[2517]</sup>

In 1910 Eulalie Riggs, 40, a widow born in Tennessee of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in New York, resided in Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., Tenn., with her son, Robertson, 13, and daughter, Eulalie, 10, both born in Tennessee. Eulalee had had two children, with two surviving. The head of the household had been married 10 years, and had had two children, with two surviving.<sup>[2518]</sup>

Children:

1213 i **ROBERTSON**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS JR.**, born Dec. 1896, Tennessee.

1214 ii **MARY EULALIE**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born Nov. 1899, Tennessee.

**1117. WILLIAM WEBSTER**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>855</sub>*Silas*<sup>9</sup>, *William Warren*<sup>8</sup>, *Silas*<sup>7</sup>, *Zadok*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 26 Nov. 1895 (gravestone), Maysville, DeKalb Co., Mo., died 28 Mar. 1962, Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn., and was buried there in the Forest Hill Cem.<sup>[2519]</sup> He married **MARY ALICE NORMAN**, who was born 9 Oct. 1906 (gravestone), died 5 Nov. 2005, and was buried next to her husband.

From an obituary for Dr. Riggs in a Memphis newspaper:

Dr. W. Webster Riggs of 1850 Overton Park, first physician to employ the use of painless childbirth in Memphis, died at 11:30 yesterday morning at St. Joseph Hospital, where he had been a patient since November. He was 66. . . .

Born in Maysville, Mo., Dr. Riggs came to Memphis as a child and was graduated from Central High School. He studied at Vanderbilt University, after which he was graduated from the New York University School of

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2517. U.S. census, 1900, Hamilton Co., Tenn., ED 44, r. 1574, p. 98, sh. 8A, dw. 150, fam. 152.

2518. U.S. census, 1910, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., Tenn., ED 72, r. 1503, p. 98, sh. 10B, dw. 207, fam. 217.

2519. *Find a Grave*, no. 15793647, gravestone photograph, Forest Hill Cem. Midtown, Memphis, Shelby Co, Tenn., plot: section 22, "Riggs | Mary Norman | Oct. 9 1906 | Nov. 5 2005 || William Webster M.D. | Nov. 26 1895 | Mar. 28 1962."



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Medicine. He interned and served his residency in obstetrics at Bellevue Hospital in New York.

He return to Memphis in 1928 to practice his specialty, obstetrics. . . .

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mary Alice Riggs of the Overton Park address; two sons, Dr. W. Webster Riggs Jr. of 1678 Peach, and Warren Riggs of 120 St. Agnes Drive; a daughter, Mrs. Stanley Joseph Smith of 3778 Rosedale Drive; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Riggs of Fredericktown, Mo., and six grandchildren.<sup>[2520]</sup>

Children:

- 1215 i **ROY WARREN<sup>11</sup> RIGGS**, born 1 Feb. 1938, Memphis, Tenn. He is a contributor to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group. My correspondent for this family is Warren's daughter, Christine<sup>12</sup> Riggs, born 28 Jan. 1963, Memphis.<sup>[2521]</sup> His DNA matches the Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs Modal Signature, as expected.
- 1216 ii **WILLIAM WEBSTER<sup>11</sup> RIGGS JR.**
- 1217 iii **MARY ALICE<sup>11</sup> RIGGS**,<sup>[2522]</sup> married **STANLEY JOSEPH SMITH**.

**1149. FRED EDGAR<sup>10</sup> RIGGS** (<sup>793</sup>Ambrose S.<sup>9</sup>, Aaron<sup>8</sup>, Moses<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 7 Sept. 1884,<sup>[2523]</sup> Kansas, died 1943, and was buried in Harper Cem., Harper, Harper Co., Kans.<sup>[2524]</sup> He married about **27 Mar. 1905, Oklahoma, ABIGAIL BENNETT**, who was born **26 Sept. 1881, Sullivan Co., Mo.**, daughter of

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2520. Obit., "Dr. Riggs' Rites To Be Tomorrow," unnamed Memphis newspaper, deduced date 29 Mar. 1962, digital photocopy of newspaper item courtesy of Christine<sup>12</sup> Riggs.

2521. Email from Christine<sup>12</sup> Riggs, 23 July 2010.

2522. Her first names courtesy of Christine<sup>12</sup> Riggs, email 3 Aug. 2010.

2523. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Fred Edgar Riggs, 34, of Harper, Kans., born 7 Sept. 1884, nearest relative "Abby" Riggs of Harper, Kans., registered 12 Sept. 1918, Anthony, Harper Co., Kans.

2524. *Find a Grave*, no. 14308840, grave marker photograph, by Shirley Hause, Harper Cem., Harper, Harper Co., Kans., "Fred Edgar Riggs | 1884-1943."

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James J. and Mary (Hays) Bennett,<sup>[2525]</sup> and died 12 June 1946, Kans., and was buried in Harper Cem., Harper, Harper Co., Kans.<sup>[2526]</sup>

In 1910 Fred E. Riggs, 25, a farmer born in Kansas of Indiana natives, resided in Parsons, Alfalfa Co., Okla., with his wife of five years, "Abby," 27, born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and with his daughters, Ruby, 4, and Lillian, 2, son, Clifford, 2/12, all three born in Oklahoma. Abby had had three children, with three surviving.<sup>[2527]</sup>

In 1920 Fred E. Riggs, 35, a railroad agent born in Kansas of Indiana natives, resided in Harper, Harper Co., Kans., with his wife, "Abby," 38, born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and with his daughters, Ruby F., 14, and Lillian B., 12, son Clifford J., 10, and daughter, Vivian I., 8, all four born in Oklahoma, and son, Harry E., 4, born in Kansas.<sup>[2528]</sup>

In 1930 Fred E. Riggs, 45, a steam railroad cashier born in Kansas of Indiana natives, resided in Anthony, Harper Co., Kans., with his wife, "Abby," 48, born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and with his daughter, Vivian I., 18, born in Oklahoma, son, Harry E., 4, and daughter, Myrtle M., 6 10/12, both born in Kansas. Fred was first married at 20, and Abby at 23.<sup>[2529]</sup>

In 1940 Fred E. Riggs, 55, a Santa Fe railroad cashier born in Kansas of Indiana natives, resided in Fairview, Major Co., Okla., with his wife, "Abby," 58, born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and with his daughter, Myrtle M., 16, born in Kansas. They resided in 1935 in Altus, Jackson Co., Okla.<sup>[2530]</sup>

Children:

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2525. U.S. census, 1900, Jackson, Sullivan Co., Mo., ED 152, r. 905, p. 80, sh. 9A, dw. 169, fam. 169, lists James J. "Benett," 48, born Mar. 1852, Ky., wife of 28 yrs., Mary H., 46, born Dec. 1883, Ky., 10 of 13 children surviving, including "Abba," 18, born Sept. 1881, Mo., and with father-in-law, Jesse P. Hays, 68, in the household.

2526. *Find a Grave*, no. 14308838, unsourced information.

2527. U.S. census, 1910, Parsons, Alfalfa Co., Okla., ED 2, r. 1242, p. 246, sh. 7B, dw. 31, fam. [empty].

2528. U.S. census, 1920, Harper, Harper Co., Kans., ED 85, r. 534, p. 27, sh. 17B, dw. [empty], fam. 391.

2529. U.S. census, 1930, Anthony, Harper Co., Kans., ED 1, r. 704, p. 43, sh. 6A, dw. 141, fam. 141.

2530. U.S. census, 1940, Fairview, Major Co., Okla., ED 47-10, r. 3310, p. 72, sh. 4A, dw. 78.

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- 1218 i **RUBY F.**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1906, Oklahoma.
- 1219 ii **LILLIAN B.**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1908, Oklahoma, **married FOUDRAY.**
- 1220 iii **CLIFFORD JESSE**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born 21 Feb. 1910, Oklahoma, died 7 Mar. 1988, San Bernardino Co., Calif.,<sup>[2531]</sup> buried Desert Lawn Memorial Park, Calimesa, Riverside Co., Calif.<sup>[2532]</sup> He married **3 Mar. 1939 VIRGINIA MAE WATTS**, born about 1917, Kansas, **and had two children:** (1) Kenneth Lee<sup>12</sup> Riggs; and (2) Curtis Allan<sup>12</sup> Riggs.  
In 1940 Clifford J. Riggs, 30, a county forestry warden born in Oklahoma, resided in Topanga, Los Angeles Co., Calif., with his wife, Virginia M., 23, born in Kansas. He resided in 1935 in Bakersfield, Kern Co., Calif.<sup>[2533]</sup>
- 1221 iv **VIVIAN IRENE**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1912, Oklahoma, **married WEED.**
- 1222 v **HARRY E.**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1916, Kansas.
- 1223 vi **FRANK CHESTER**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born 1920, died 1921, buried in Harper Cem., Harper, Harper Co., Kans.<sup>[2534]</sup>
- 1224 vii **MYRTLE M.**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1923, Kansas.

**1150. VICTOR WILLIAM**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>793</sub>Ambrose S.<sup>9</sup>, Aaron<sup>8</sup>, Moses<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 16 Apr. 1888, Osage Co., Kans.,<sup>[2535]</sup> died 31 May 1954, and was buried in Maple Park Cem., Aurora, Lawrence Co., Mo.<sup>[2536]</sup> He married **ELIZABETH** —,

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2531. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Clifford Jesse Riggs, born 21 Feb. 1910, Okla., mother Bennett, died 7 Mar. 1988, San Bernardino Co., Calif.

2532. *Find a Grave*, no. 51966171, gravestone photograph, by Earl R. Giddings, Desert Lawn Memorial Park, Calimesa, Riverside Co., Calif., “Clifford J. Riggs | Feb. 21, 1910 Mar. 7, 1988.” There is much information here but mostly unsourced.

2533. U.S. census, 1940, Topanga, Los Angeles Co., Calif., ED 19–69B, r. 223, p. 1372, sh. 7A, dw. 176.

2534. *Find a Grave*, no. 14308845, grave marker photograph, by Shirley Hause, Harper Cem., Harper, Harper Co., Kans., “Frank Chester Riggs | 1920–1921.”

2535. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Victor William Riggs, 19, of Caldwell, Kans., born 16 Apr. 1888, Osage, Kans., farmer employed in Caldwell Twp., wife and two children, registered 5 June 1917, Caldwell Twp., Kans.

2536. *Find a Grave*, no. 31875075, gravestone photograph, by Connie Stockton Schmidt, Maple Park Cem., Aurora, Lawrence Co., Mo., “Riggs | Elizabeth | Aug. 19, 1891 | June 12, 1981 ||

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who was born 19 Aug. 1891, Kansas, died 12 June 1981, and was buried next to her husband.

In 1920 Victor W. Riggs, 31, a farm manager born in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Parsons Twp., Alfalfa Co., Okla., with his wife, "Lizzie," 28, born in Kansas of Pennsylvania natives, and with his sons, Ralph E., 7, and Carl E., 2, and daughter, Dorothy I., 10/12, all three born in Kansas.<sup>[2537]</sup>

Children:

- 1225 i **RALPH E.**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born 24 Nov. 1912, Kansas, died 2 Mar. 1998, and buried next to his parents.<sup>[2538]</sup>
- 1226 ii **CARL E.**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1918, Kansas.
- 1227 iii **DORTHY I.**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born about 1919, Kansas.

**1151. BERTHA ETHEL**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>793</sub>Ambrose S.<sup>9</sup>, Aaron<sup>8</sup>, Moses<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born Dec. 1890, Kansas, died 1965, and was buried in Orlinda Cem., Orlinda, Robertson Co., Tenn.<sup>[2539]</sup> She married 17 Mar. 1909, bride's home, Alfalfa Co., Okla.,<sup>[2540]</sup> **JOHN BOYD DINNING**, who was born 17 Dec. 1886, Kansas, son of John B. and Ella (–) Dinning,<sup>[2541]</sup> and died Aug. 1962,<sup>[2542]</sup> and was buried next to his wife.

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Victor W. | Apr. 16, 1888 | May 31, 1954."

2537. U.S. census, 1920, Parsons Twp., Alfalfa Co., Okla., ED 14, r. 1452, p. 157, sh. 5A, dw. 90, fam. 90.

2538. *Find a Grave*, no. 95473460, gravestone photograph, by Connie Stockton Schmidt, Maple Park Cem., Aurora, Lawrence Co., Mo., "Ralph E. | Riggs | Nov. 24, | 1912 | | Mar. 2, | 1998."

2539. *Find a Grave*, no. 75919485, gravestone photograph, by Carole McCaig, Orlinda Cem., Orlinda, Robertson Co., Tenn., "Dinning | Bertha E. | 1891-1965 | | J. B. | 1887-1962." There is much information here but mostly unsourced.

2540. Marriage certificate, image online at *Okla. Co. Marriages, 1891-1959*, p. 163, J. Boyd Dinning, 23, white, born Ky., to Bertha Riggs, 18, white, born Kans., both residents of Manchester, Okla., licensed 10 Mar. 1909, Cherokee, Alfalfa Co., Okla., married 17 Mar. 1909, Bride's home, Alfalfa Co., Okla., by Frank Ellmore MG, filed 22 Mar. 1909.

2541. U.S. census, 1900, Simpson Co., Ky., ED 78, r. 551, p. 300, sh. 16A, dw. 291, fam. 291, lists John B. Dinning, 44, born Feb. 1856, Ky., wife of 19 yrs., Ella, 37, born May 1863, Ky., seven children of eight surviving, including son, John B., 13, born Dec. 1886, Kans.

2542. SSDI, John Dinning, SSN 444-05-7980, born 17 Dec. 1886, died Aug. 1962, last residence Tenn., issued Okla. (before 1951).

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In 1910 Boyd “Denning,” 23, a farmer born in Kansas of Kentucky natives, resided in Parsons, Alfalfa Co., Okla., with his wife of one year, Bertha, 19, born in Kansas of Indiana natives, and with his son, Donald, 4/12, born in Oklahoma. Bertha had had one child, and it survived.<sup>[2543]</sup>

In 1920 Boyd Dinning, 32, a farmer born in Kansas of Kentucky natives, resided in Auburn, Logan Co., Ky., with his wife, “Berthia,” 29, born in Kansas of Indiana natives, and with his sons, Donald, 10, Vernon, 8, Wade, 5, all three born in Oklahoma, and daughter, Marves, 2 1/12, born in Kentucky.<sup>[2544]</sup>

In 1930 Boyd Dinning, 43, a dry goods store salesman born in Kansas of Kentucky natives, resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with his wife, Bertha, 39, born in Kansas of Indiana natives, and with his son, Vernon, 18, born Oklahoma, and daughters, Marves, 12, and Lucille, 9, both born in Kentucky, Eugenia, 6, Virginia, 6, and Dolores, 1 6/12, all three born in Oklahoma. Boyd was first married at 22, and Bertha at 18.<sup>[2545]</sup>

In 1940 John B. Dinning, 53, a department store salesman born in Kansas, resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with his wife, Bertha E., 49, born in Kansas, and with his son, Vernon P., 28, born in Oklahoma, and daughters, “Marvia” J., 22, born in Kentucky, and Dolores M., 11, born in Kansas, and son, Max E., 6, born in Kansas. Boyd was first married at 22, and Bertha at 18. In 1935 they had resided in Kay Co., Okla.<sup>[2546]</sup>

From an online biography of Dolores Dinning Edgin:

Dolores was born in Oklahoma to a large musical family. All nine children are, or were, singers and musicians. Three of her sisters, Jean, Ginger and Lou went to Chicago at a very young age with their older brother Wade as

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2543. U.S. census, 1910, Parsons, Alfalfa Co., Okla., ED 2, r. 1242, p. 246, sh. 7A, dw. 27, fam. [empty].

2544. U.S. census, 1920, Auburn, Logan Co., Ky., ED 67, r. 588, p. 164, sh. 6A, dw. 133, fam. 145.

2545. U.S. census, 1930, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., ED 45, r. 720, p. 105, sh. 4B, dw. 99, fam. 104.

2546. U.S. census, 1940, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., ED 107-84, r. 1274, p. 1190, sh. 5A, dw. 129.

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their manager. “The Dinning Sisters” landed a five-year contract with N.B.C., a contract with Capitol Records and went on to movie success. When Lou retired, Dolores was called in to replace her. This gave her a solid background in close harmony singing that would prove invaluable in the years to come. . . .

In 1960, her brother Mark Dinning recorded a song called “Teen Angel” written for him by his sister Jean. Dolores sang the harmony on the record and it became such a tremendous hit that it made Mark a star. The song became a classic itself, being used in the movie “American Graffiti” . . .

In 1962, Dolores took time out to marry Bill Edgin, who also sings and plays guitar as a hobby. They have two children, a son Tracy, a daughter Lee Ann, plus two grandchildren. . . .<sup>[2547]</sup>

Children:

- 1228 i DONALD<sup>11</sup> DINNING, born 18 Dec. 1909, Kentucky, died Feb. 1978, Sedgwick Co., Kans.<sup>[2548]</sup>
- 1229 ii VERNON P.<sup>11</sup> DINNING, born about 1912, Oklahoma.
- 1230 iii WADE<sup>11</sup> DINNING, born about 1915, Oklahoma. He managed the Dinning Sisters—Lou, Jean, and Ginger (and later Tootsie).
- 1231 iv MARVES/MARVIA J.<sup>11</sup> DINNING, born about 1918, Kentucky.
- 1232 v ELLA LUCILLE/LOU<sup>11</sup> DINNING, born about 1921, Kentucky, died 2001, Nashville, Tenn., married 18 July 1946, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif.<sup>[2549]</sup> DONALD IRWIN ROBERTSON, born about 1923, China, son of Donald Hope and Ruth (Allen) Robertson.
- 1233 vi EUGENIA/JEAN DOY<sup>11</sup> DINNING (twin), born 29 Mar. 1924, Enid, Grant Co., Okla., died 22 Feb. 2011, Garden Grove, Calif., married

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2547. *Biography of Dolores Dinning Edgin*, online at <[www.thenashvilleedition.com/Dolores%20Dinning%20Edgin.htm](http://www.thenashvilleedition.com/Dolores%20Dinning%20Edgin.htm)> (downloaded 12 Aug. 2013).

2548. SSDI, Donald Dinning, SSN 555-05-7961, born 18 Dec. 1909, dead Feb. 1978, last residence 67208 Sedgwick Co., Kans., issued Kans.

2549. Marriage certificate, image online at *Calif. Co. Marriages, 1850-1952*, 2643:12, Donald Irwin Robertson, 23, born China, to Ella Lucille Dinning, 25, white, born Ky., both residents of Hollywood, licensed 17 July 1946, Los Angeles Co., Calif., married 18 July 1946, 730 N. San Vicente Blvd., Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif., by Cecil D. Holland JP, filed 24 July 1946, witness Alberta Perkins.

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- (1) HOWARD MACK, married (2) ALEX “RED” SURREY, married (3) 29 Jan. 1983, Hickman Co., Tenn.,<sup>[2550]</sup> JOEL OTIS BEASLEY.
- 1234 vii VIRGINIA/GINGER<sup>11</sup> DINNING (twin), born 29 Mar. 1924, Enid, Grant Co., Okla., married HARRY LUTKE, and had at least one child: (1) Steve<sup>12</sup> Lutke.
- 1235 viii DOLORES/TOOTSIE M.<sup>11</sup> DINNING, born about 1928, Oklahoma, married 1962 BILL EDGIN, and had two children: (1) Tracy<sup>12</sup> Edgin; and (2) Lee Ann<sup>12</sup> Edgin.
- 1236 ix MAX/MARK EDWARD<sup>11</sup> DINNING, born 17 Aug. 1933, Kansas or Oklahoma, died 22 Mar. 1986, Jefferson City, Mo. He sang the hit *Teen Angel*, written by his sister, Jean.

1152. NELLIE/NELLE C.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS (<sub>793</sub>Ambrose S.<sup>9</sup>, Aaron<sup>8</sup>, Moses<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 7 Dec. 1894, Okla. Terr., died July 1964,<sup>[2551]</sup> and was buried in Maple Grove Cem., Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans.<sup>[2552]</sup> She married after 1936, when she resided in Wichita with her mother, and before the 1940 census, EDWARD NICHOLAS STEFFEN, who was born 6 Aug. 1895, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans.,<sup>[2553]</sup> died Aug. 1977,<sup>[2554]</sup> and was buried in Maple Grove Cem., Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans.<sup>[2555]</sup>

In 1940 Edward N. Steffen, 44, a private schoolteacher born in Kansas, resided in Kansas City, Jackson Co., Mo., with his wife Nelle, 44,

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2550. *Tenn. State Marriage Index, 1780–2002*, Jean Doy Dinning to Joel Otis Beasley, 29 Jan. 1983, Hickman Co., Tenn.

2551. SSDI, Nelle Steffen, SSN 492–38–4692, born 7 Dec. 1894, died July 1964, last residence Kans., issued Mo. (1952–1953).

2552. *Find a Grave*, no. 32303972, gravestone photograph, by Judy Mayfield, Maple Grove Cem., Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., “Nelle C. | 1894–1964,” presumably near a headstone, “Steffen,” section F, lot 197, grave 8.

2553. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Edward Nicholas Steffen, 21, of Dayton, Ohio, born 6 Aug. 1895, Wichita, Kans., student at Purdue, single, registered 5 June 1917, Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio.

2554. SSDI, Edward Steffen, SSN 493–26–4611, born 6 Aug. 1895, died Aug. 1977, last residence 66205 Shawnee Mission, Johnson Co., Kans., last benefit 67208 Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., issued Mo. (before 1951).

2555. *Find a Grave*, no. 32303948, gravestone photograph, by Judy Mayfield, Maple Grove Cem., Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., “Edward N. Steffen | 1895–1977,” presumably near a headstone, “Steffen,” section F, lot 197, grave 9, stone in same style as that for Nelle in the next grave.

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born in Oklahoma. In 1935 both resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans.<sup>[2556]</sup>

In 1962 and 1963 Edward N. Steffen and Nelle C., his wife, resided in Mission, Kans.<sup>[2557]</sup>

**1153. JESS CHESTER<sup>10</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>793</sub>Ambrose S.<sup>9</sup>, Aaron<sup>8</sup>, Moses<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 17 July 1897, Manchester, Grant Co., Okla. Terr. [became a state in 1907],<sup>[2558]</sup> died May 1983,<sup>[2559]</sup> and was buried in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans.<sup>[2560]</sup> He married about 1928 **GRACE M. WISLER**, who was born 1906, Kansas, daughter of Curtis E. and Getta L. (–) Wisler,<sup>[2561]</sup> and who died 2008, and was buried next to her husband.

In 1930 J. Chester Riggs, 32, a sales manager of a pump company born in Oklahoma of Indiana natives, resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with his wife, Grace M., 23, born in Kansas of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Iowa. Chester was first married at 31, and Grace at 21.<sup>[2562]</sup>

In 1940 J. Chester Riggs, 42, a sales manager of wholesale equipment born in Oklahoma, resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with his wife, Grace, 33, born in Kansas, and with his son, Galen, 8, born in

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2556. U.S. census, 1940, Kansas City, Jackson Co., Mo., ED 116-160, r. 2172, p. 7542, sh. 12A, dw. 297.

2557. *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, 1962, Mission, Kans., p. 534, "Steffen Edw N (Nelle C) tchr Pembroke Country Day school h5612 Fairway rd (F)," also p. 601 of 1963 directory.

2558. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Jess Chester Riggs, 21, of 418 S. Sycamore, Wichita, Kan., born 17 July 1897, Manchester, Okla., father born Ind., employer Iron Foundry Co., Wichita, nearest relative Adaline Riggs, mother, of same address, registered 24 Aug. 1918, Wichita, Kan.

2559. SSDI, Jess Riggs, SSN 511-07-9507. Bprm 18 July 1897, died May 1983, last residence 67203 Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., issued Kans. (before 1951).

2560. *Find a Grave*, no. 53712066, gravestone photograph, by Joe Gibbens, White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., plot Masonic Garden, "Grace M. | 1906 2008 || J. Chester | 1897 1983 || Riggs."

2561. U.S. census, 1920, Harper Twp., Harper Co., Kans., ED 86, r. 534, p. 32, sh. 3A, dw. 54, fam. 55, lists Curtis E. Wisler, 44, born Ind., farmer, with his wife Getta L., 41, born Iowa, and seven children, including daughters, Grace M., 13, and Nina P., 8, both born in Kans.

2562. U.S. census, 1930, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., ED 76, r. 721, p. 203, sh. 25B, dw. 616, fam. 742.



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Kansas of a father born Oklahoma and a mother in Kansas, and his sister-in-law, Nina Wisler, 28, single, born in Kansas. His family resided in the same place in 1935.<sup>[2563]</sup>

Known child:

+1237 i GALEN L.<sup>11</sup> RIGGS, born 25 Feb. 1932, Kansas, married OMA LOUISE LANCE, and had at least two children.

**1165. THOMPSON D.<sup>10</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>855</sub>Nicholas<sup>9</sup>, Thompson D.<sup>8</sup>, Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born Aug. 1865 (1900 census), Hamburg, Sussex Co., N.J., and died a few days after 10 Feb. 1911, Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn., when he fell and fractured his skull, aged 45.<sup>[2564]</sup> He married about 1883 **ALICE A. WEEDEN**, who was born Sept. 1865 (1900 census), New Jersey.

In 1900 Thompson D. Riggs, 34, a day laborer born Aug. 1865 in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Warwick Twp., Orange Co., N.Y., with his wife of 17 years, Alice A., 34, born Sept. 1865 in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and with his daughters, Ethel, 13, born July 1886 in New York, Bernice P., 5, born Feb. 1895 in New Jersey, and Lula E., 3, born Aug. 1896 in New Jersey. Alice had had six children, with three surviving.<sup>[2565]</sup>

In 1910 "Thomas" Riggs, 46, a railroad conductor born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn., with his wife of 28 years, Alice, 45, born in New York of New York natives, and with his daughter, "Leila," 13, born in New York. Alice had had two [sic] children, with two surviving. In the same dwelling was John Linster, 26, a fireman born in Connecticut of Connecticut natives, his wife of six years, Ethel, 24, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and with his

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2563. U.S. census, 1940, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., ED 107-26, r. 1271, p. 378, sh. 9B, dw. 210.

2564. Obit., Thompson D. Riggs, *Warwick Valley Dispatch*, Warwick Twp., Orange Co., N.Y., 22 Feb. 1911, digitized photocopy courtesy of Terry Hann.

2565. U.S. census, 1900, Warwick Twp., Orange Co., N.Y., ED 52, r. 1142, p. 182, sh. 10B, dw. 191, fam. 204.

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daughter, Mildred, 5, and son, John Jr., 3, both born in Connecticut. Ethel had had two children, with both surviving.<sup>[2566]</sup>

From an obituary of 22 Feb. 1911 for Thompson D. Riggs in the *Warwick Valley Dispatch*:

Mr. Riggs was 45 years of age and was born at Hamburgh, marrying Miss Alice Weeden of Hamburgh, twenty-eight years ago, who survives him, and who has been an invalid for some time. He also leaves two children: Mrs. John Linster and Miss Lelia [sic] Riggs of Danbury; two brothers, Branden [sic] P. Riggs of Jersey City, Victor Riggs and his aged mother Mrs. Bernice Riggs of Port Jervis.

Known children, of six:

- 1238 i **ETHEL**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born July 1886, New York, married about 1904 **JOHN LINSTER**, and had two children: (1) Mildred<sup>12</sup> Linster, born about 1905, Connecticut; and (2) John<sup>12</sup> Linster Jr., born about 1907, Connecticut.
- 1239 ii **BERNICE P.**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born Feb. 1895, New Jersey. She is not mentioned in the 1910 census, so probably had died.
- 1240 iii **LULA E.**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS**, born Aug. 1896, New Jersey.

**1166. BRADNER P.**<sup>10</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>855</sub>*Nicholas*<sup>9</sup>, *Thompson D.*<sup>8</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Zenas*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1867, New Jersey. He married (1) about 1884 an unknown woman. He married (2) about 1890 **JOSEPHINE** —, who was born about 1871, New York.

In 1920 Bradner Riggs, 51, a railroad conductor born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Jersey City, Hudson Co., N.Y., with his wife, Josephine, 49, born in New York of a father born in New York and a mother in Ireland, and with his son, Bradner Jr., 17, a chauffeur born in New York.<sup>[2567]</sup>

In 1930 Bradner Riggs, 62, a steam railroad conductor born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Jersey City, Hudson Co., N.Y.,

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2566. U.S. census, 1910, Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn., ED 68, r. 129, p. 167, sh. 5A, dw. 96, fam. 111.

2567. U.S. census, 1920, Jersey City, Hudson Co., N.Y., ED 126, r. 1043, p. 93, sh. 12A, dw. 90, fam. 253.

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with his wife, Josephine, 59, born in New York of a father born in New York and a mother in Ireland, and with his granddaughter, Josephine Aitken, 14, born in Connecticut of a father born in Connecticut and a mother in New York. Bradner was first married at 16, and Josephine at 19. Evelyn Aitken, she 39, born in New York of a New Jersey father and a New York mother, resided nearby.<sup>[2568]</sup>

Known children:

- +1241 i EVELYN<sup>11</sup> RIGGS, born about 1891, New York, married JOHN AITKEN, and had at least five children.
- +1242 ii BRADNER<sup>11</sup> RIGGS, born 22 June 1902, New York, died Apr. 1975, last residence Rockford, Winnebago Co., Ill.,<sup>[2569]</sup> married about 1924 ELIZABETH—, and had at least two children.

**1168. VICTOR HERMON<sup>10</sup> RIGGS** (<sup>855</sup>Nicholas<sup>9</sup>, Thompson D.<sup>8</sup>, Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 26 Oct. 1872,<sup>[2570]</sup> New Jersey. He married about 1896 **MARY M. HERMON**, who was born about 1880, New York, daughter of Mary (—) Hermon.

In 1910 Victor H. Riggs, 36, a farmer born in New Jersey of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in New York, resided in Port Jervis, Orange Co., N.Y., with his wife of 14 years, Mary M., 30, born in New York of a father born in Germany and a mother in New Jersey, and with his daughters, Edith C., 12, and Mary, 10, both born in New York. A line has been drawn through row holding Mary's information, with "Dead" written in its margin. Also in the household was Victor's mother-in-law, Mary Hermon, 70, a widow born in New Jersey of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in New York. Mary Riggs had had two children, with one surviving.<sup>[2571]</sup>

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2568. U.S. census, 1930, Jersey City, Hudson Co., N.Y., ED 24, r. 1350, p. 52, sh. 12A, dw. 77, fam. 225. Evelyn resided in dw. 77, fam. 227.

2569. SSDI, Bradner Riggs, SSN 137-03-5514, born 22 June 1902, died Apr. 1975, last residence 61103 Rockford, Winnebago Co., Ill., issued N.J. (before 1951).

2570. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Victor Hermon Riggs, 45, of [Perkins?], Orange Co., N.Y., born 26 Oct. 1872, conductor Erie Railroad, wife Mary Riggs, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Orange Co.

2571. U.S. census, 1910, Port Jervis, Deerpark Twp., Orange Co., N.Y., ED 79, r. 1060, p. 224, sh. 5A-B, dw. 112, fam. 126.

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In 1930 Victor Riggs, 58, a steam railroad conductor born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Port Jervis, Orange Co., N.Y., with his wife, Mary, 58, born in New York of a father born in Germany and a mother in New Jersey, and with his daughter, Marion, 13, born in New York. Victor was first married at 35 [sic], and so was Mary.<sup>[2572]</sup> The first marriage age should probably be 25 for both.

Children:

- 1243 i EDITH C.<sup>11</sup> RIGGS, born about 1898, New York.
- 1244 ii MARY<sup>11</sup> RIGGS, born about 1900, New York, died before the 1910 census.
- 1245 iii MARION<sup>11</sup> RIGGS, born about 1917, New York.

1170. ROBERT WILLIAM<sup>10</sup> RODMAN (<sub>862</sub>Matilda B.<sup>9</sup>, Zenas Dayton<sup>8</sup>, Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Zenas<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) died 4 Aug. 1928.<sup>[2573]</sup> He married 3 Dec. 1902<sup>[2574]</sup> EMELYNE ALFORD.

Children (in obituary order):<sup>[2575]</sup>

- 1246 i THOMAS A.<sup>11</sup> RODMAN.
- 1247 ii ROBERT WILLIAM<sup>11</sup> RODMAN, born about 1900, New York, died before the 1910 census. born 4 Jan. 1907,<sup>[2576]</sup> married 30 June 1930<sup>[2577]</sup> ANA HOLMES CRANKSHAW, and had two children: (i) Janet Holmes<sup>12</sup> Rodman, born 23 Mar. 1938;<sup>[2578]</sup> and (ii) Robert William<sup>12</sup> Rodman III, born 16 Dec. 1941.<sup>[2579]</sup>
- 1248 iii STEPHEN W.<sup>11</sup> RODMAN.

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2572. U.S. census, 1930, Port Jervis, Deerpark Twp., Orange Co., N.Y., ED 95, r. 1634, p. 99, sh. 1A, dw. 10, fam. 13.

2573. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, deaths, "Robert William Rodman Son of Thomas & Matilda Riggs died Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1928."

2574. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, marriages, "Robert William Rodman was married to Emelyne Alford on Dec. 3, 1902."

2575. From an obituary for his mother, Matilda Riggs Rodman (q.v.).

2576. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, births, "Robert William Rodman (Jr.) born Jan. 4, 1907."

2577. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, marriages, "Robert William Rodman Jr. was married to Ana Holmes Crankshaw June 30, 1930."

2578. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, births, "Janet Holman Rodman born March 23, 1938."

2579. Zenas D. Riggs Bible, births, "Robert William Rodman III born Dec. 10, 1941."

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### ELEVENTH GENERATION

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**1184. GROVER ELDRED<sup>11</sup> RIGGS** (<sup>993</sup>Grover Cleveland<sup>10</sup>, John Albert<sup>9</sup>, John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 9 Oct. 1929,<sup>[2580]</sup> Oregon, died 29 May 1996, Clackamas Co., Ore.,<sup>[2581]</sup> last residence Maupin, Wasco Co., Ore.,<sup>[2582]</sup> and was buried in El Camino Cem., San Diego, Calif.<sup>[2583]</sup> He married 10 Dec. 1949, Algona, King Co., Wash.,<sup>[2584]</sup> **HARRIET JOYCE RALPH**, who was born 9 July 1933, Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore.,<sup>[2585]</sup> daughter of Charles W./A. and Ida Pauline (Bottemiller) Ralph,<sup>[2586]</sup> and died 19 Oct. 1992, and was buried in El Camino Cem., San Diego, Calif.<sup>[2587]</sup>

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2580. *US Dept. of Veteran Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850–2010*, Grover Riggs, born 9 Oct. 1929, died 29 May 1996, SSN 542-28-7502, Army, enlisted 18 Nov. 1946, released 8 Nov. 1950.

2581. *Ore. Death Index, 1898–2008*, Grover Eldred Riggs, 66, born 9 Oct. 1929, died 29 May 1996, Clackamas Co., Ore., spouse “Harrie,” certificate 96-12113.

2582. SSDI, Grover E. Riggs, SSN 542-28-7502, born 9 Oct. 1929, died 29 May 1996, last residence 97037 Maupin, Wasco Co., Ore., issued Ore. (before 1951).

2583. Gravestone photograph, online at <Ancestry.com> (accessed 1 May 2013), El Camino Cem., San Diego, Calif., “Beloved Husband and Father | Grover “Bud” Riggs | Oct. 9, 1929 – May 29, 1996.”

2584. Newspaper clippings, images online at <Ancestry.com>, unnamed and undated items, “Marriage Licenses | The following applications for marriage licenses had been received Monday in Pierce county Auditor Jack W. Sonntag’s office from: . . . Grover E. Riggs, Oregon City, Ore., and Harriet J. Ralph, Algona”; and another item, “Miss Harriet Joyce Ralph, daughter of Mrs. W. A. Breedlove, Seattle Blvd., became the bride of Mr. Grover Riggs, Oregon City, Ore., in an evening ceremony performed Saturday December 10, by the Rev. Andrew Warner, in the Algona Community Church. . . . The couple will live near Fort Lewis where Mr. Riggs is stationed.”

2585. Birth certificate, image online at <Ancestry.com> (accessed 1 May 2013), Circuit Court, Clackamas Co., Ore., Decree for Registration of Birth, no. 1612, Harriet Joyce Ralph, born 9 July 1933, Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore., father Charles W. Ralph of Salem, Ore., born Okla., mother Ida Pauline Ralph of Oregon City, Ore., maiden name Ida Pauline Bottemiller, born Clarks, Ore., 10 July 1896, petition signed 11 July 1949.

2586. US census, 1920, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 82, r. 1500, p. 195, sh. 13A, dw. 309, fam. 311, lists Charles Ralph, 31, born Okla., wife, Ida, 27, born Ore., son, Arthur, 3 6/12, and daughter, Vivian, 1 3/12, both born in Ore.; US census, 1930, Clarks, Clackamas Co., Ore., ED 24, r. 1940, p. 142, sh. 1B, dw. 12, fam. 12, lists in the household of Lilly Jane Bottemiller, son-in-law, “Chas” Ralph, 40, born Okla., daughter, Ida, 38, born Ore., grandson, Arthur, 13, born Ore.,

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Children:<sup>[2588]</sup>

- 1249 i JOYCE AMY<sup>12</sup> RIGGS, born 22 Nov. 1950, Tacoma, Pierce Co., Wash.
- +1250 ii RONALD GROVER<sup>12</sup> RIGGS, born 4 Aug. 1952, Washington, and had a son.<sup>[2589]</sup>
- 1251 iii TERESA RENE'E<sup>12</sup> RIGGS, born 10 Mar. 1961, married — CRAIG. Teresa Craig is my correspondent on this family.
- 1252 iv WENDY DENISE<sup>12</sup> RIGGS, born 25 July 1964.

**1185. WALTER VIRGIL<sup>11</sup> RIGGS** (<sup>993</sup>Grover Cleveland<sup>10</sup>, John Albert<sup>9</sup>, John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 5 July 1931, Oakland, Alameda Co., Calif.,<sup>[2590]</sup> and died 21 June 2015,<sup>[2591]</sup> Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Ore. (see obit.). He married (1) **GRACE** —, and had at least one child: (1) Pamela Ann<sup>12</sup> Riggs, born 1 June 1955.<sup>[2592]</sup> He married (2) **PAM** —.

An obituary for Walter (“Jerry”):

On June 21, 2015 Walter (Jerry) Riggs slipped away peacefully from congestive heart failure at his long time home in Oregon City, Oregon.

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granddaughters, Vivienne, 11, Lois, 7, Virginia, 6, all born in Ore., grandson, Donald, 4, and granddaughter, Meda, both born in Wash.; US census, 1940, Algona, King Co., Wash., ED 17-2, r. 4343, p. 14, sh. 2B, fam. 43, lists Ida Schultz, 46, housekeeper in the Wesley Breedlove residence, born in Ore., residing in Portland in 1935, with her daughters, Maida Ralph, 11, born Wash., and Harriet Ralph, 6, born Ore. My correspondent Teresa Craig, email of 2 May 2013 suggests that W. A. Breedlove was Ida’s husband, but with no record (other than letters signed “Mrs. W. A. Breedlove”); Teresa has marriage certificates for Ida’s marriages to Charles A. Ralph in 1913, Frank Schultz in 1934, and James Ray Atkins in 1957.

2587. Gravestone photograph, online at <Ancestry.com> (accessed 1 May 2013), El Camino Cem., San Diego, Calif., “Beloved Wife and Mother | Harriet Joyce Riggs | July 9, 1933 - Oct. 19, 1992.”

2588. Teresa Craig supplied these names and dates of birth, email 2 May 2013.

2589. Teresa Craig supplied Robert’s details, email 10 Mar. 2014.

2590. *Calif. Birth Index, 1905–1995*, Walter Virgil Riggs, born 5 July 1931, Alameda Co., Calif., mother’s name Brettell.

2591. Email from Keith<sup>11</sup> Riggs (half-brother), 1 Sept. 2016, “re the entry: Walter Virgil Riggs. | He died 21 June 2015.”

2592. Unless otherwise specified information here was provided by Teresa Craig, email 2 May 2013. She informed me that Walter is also known as “Jerry.”

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Jerry was born in Oakland, California on July 5, 1931 to his parents Grover and Vivian Riggs. His family eventually moved to Oregon City, Oregon where Jerry planted deep roots in the community. Jerry attended the Oregon City schools where he participated on the baseball and basketball teams and played in the band.

Jerry was able to combine the love of his country and his passion for working with motors when he joined the Navy to be an airplane mechanic.

After the service, Jerry went to work for Crown Zellerbach, later known as James River Corporation in West Linn where he worked for 34 years. The first part of his career was as a millwright and then later as a mechanical inspector. Education was important to Jerry so he attended classes at Clackamas Community College to broaden his skills. With these skills he later became an independent contractor who worked on elevators in his retirement years.

Jerry had many interests over the 83 years of his life. Besides tinkering on anything with an engine, he loved to travel, dance, play cards, work in the yard, and spend time with family and friends. If you were to ask him what his hobby was, he would have replied, "People!"

Jerry Riggs loved people and this love was woven throughout the chapters of his life. He was an amazing son, brother, husband, father, cousin, uncle, grandfather, and friend. He was never too busy for his family or his friends. He was the first one there at important events and the last to leave. He would stop whatever he was doing to lend a hand. He offered words of encouragement and would be the first to tell you that he was proud of you. He understood sacrificial love and was a loving and faithful caregiver to Grace, his first wife.

Although Jerry was devoted to his family and friends, he would still find time to give back to his community because he understood the value of people. Over the course of his life he participated in PTA at his daughter's schools, he served on the Board of Directors of the Crown Zellerbach Credit Union, volunteered through his church, helped tutor students in his daughter's classroom, volunteered in the printing department for the Oregon City School District, served in various roles with his square dance club and was there whenever a neighbor needed a lawn mowed or flowers watered. Jerry lived his life with integrity and a passion for people. He nev-



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er met a stranger and his greatest hope was to leave those he met with a smile.

He will be deeply missed by Betty, his wife, Pam, his daughter, and Keith, his brother. In addition he leaves behind many loving grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family. He joins Grace, his first wife, Bud, his brother, Pat, his sister, Grover, his dad, Vivian, his mother, Bev, his stepdaughter, Jerry, his stepson and best friend, and Ann, his granddaughter, who left before him.<sup>[2593]</sup>

**1187. CECIL CARL<sup>11</sup> RIGGS** (<sup>993</sup>*William Oscar<sup>10</sup>, William Ely<sup>9</sup>, Henderson Evans<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Jesse<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) was born 26 Oct. 1907, Big Sandy, Upshur Co., Tex., and died 22 April 1936, Sugarland, Fort Bend Co., Tex.<sup>[2594]</sup> He married 8 Aug. 1926, Upshur Co., Tex., **TINA DAVIS**, who was born 3 Apr. 1906, Sulphur Springs, Hopkins Co., Tex., and died 10 Dec. 1989, Houston, Harris Co., Tex.

In 1930 Cecil C. Riggs, 22, a truck driver born in Texas of a father born in Alabama and a mother in Texas, resided in Upshur Co., Tex., with his wife, Tina, 24, born in Texas of father born in Tennessee and a mother in the U.S., and with his daughter, Jimmie L., 2 10/12, born in Texas. Cecil was 19 at first marriage, and Tina was 21. They resided in the same dwelling as Cecil's and Tina's brother-in-law, Vester Buck, 32, born in Texas, and Vester's wife, Ilma, 29, born in Texas, and their four daughters.<sup>[2595]</sup>

Child:

1253 i **JIMMIE LOU<sup>12</sup> RIGGS**, born about 1927, Texas, married **BARNEY CLENDENNEN**. Jimmie Lou is one of my correspondents on this family.

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2593. *Crown Memorial Services*, <[www.anewtradition.com/obituaries/obituary/11600\\_Walter\\_Virgil\\_Riggs](http://www.anewtradition.com/obituaries/obituary/11600_Walter_Virgil_Riggs)>, accessed 1 Sept. 2016.

2594. All names, dates, and places, in this paragraph, unless otherwise stated, from daughter Jimmie Lou<sup>8</sup> (Riggs) Clendennen, provided 29 Nov. 2005 to me in a Family Tree Maker file, *JesseRiggs1802.ftw*.

2595. U.S. census, 1930, Pct. 3, Upshur Co., Tex., ED 10, r. 2403, p. 126, sh. 5B, dw. 107, fam. 107.

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**1197. ROY BURDINE<sup>11</sup> RIGGS JR.** (<sub>995</sub>Roy Burdine<sup>10</sup>, William Ely<sup>9</sup>, Henderson Evans<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Jesse<sup>6</sup>, ?Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born about 12 Nov. 1924, Dallas Co., Tex.<sup>[2596]</sup> He married **MARY JOYCE PARK**. Joyce is one of my correspondents on this family. Roy contributed his YDNA to my Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group. It matches the Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs Modal Signature on 65 of 67 markers indicating that, with high probability, Roy descended from Edward<sup>1</sup> Riggs, immigrant to Roxbury, Mass., in 1633.

Known children:

- 1254 i **MARK WILLIAM<sup>12</sup> RIGGS**, born 15 Mar. 1953, Smith Co., Tex.<sup>[2597]</sup>
- 1255 ii **[SON]<sup>12</sup> RIGGS**, born 21 July 1957, Harris Co., Tex.<sup>[2598]</sup>
- 1256 iii **BRUCE DEAN<sup>12</sup> RIGGS**, born 6 Apr. 1961, Dallas Co., Tex.<sup>[2599]</sup>

**1204. CHARLES ELMER<sup>11</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>1008</sub>Charles Wilson<sup>10</sup>, Charles Newton<sup>9</sup>, Jasper N.<sup>8</sup>, Edward<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 22 Mar. 1920, Marshalltown, Marshall Co., Iowa,<sup>[2600]</sup> died 8 Dec. 1978, Orange, Orange Co., Tex.,<sup>[2601]</sup> and was buried 9 Dec. 1978, Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cem., Orange Co., Tex. He married **NORA EVELYN MCDONALD**, who was born 11 Nov. 1924, Orange Co.,

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2596. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, “Riggs Roy Berdine [sic], Jr. [county] Dallas [date] 11–12 [certificate] 73050.”

2597. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, “[1953] Riggs, Mark William [county] 212 [date] Mar 15 [sex] M [mother] Park, Mary Joyce [father] Riggs, Roy Burdine Jr.”

2598. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, “[1957] Riggs, Roy Berdine[sic] Jr In [infant of] [county] 101 [date] Jul 21 [sex] M [mother] Park, Mary Joyce [father] Riggs, Roy Berdine Jr.”

2599. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, “[1961] Riggs, Roy Berdine[sic] Jr In [infant of] [county] 057 [date] Jul 21 [sex] M [mother] Park, Mary Joyce [father] Riggs, Roy Berdine Jr.”

2600. *Iowa Delayed Birth Records, 1856–1940*, image online, no. 362694, Charles Elmer Riggs, born 22 Mar. 1920, Marshalltown, Marshall Co., Iowa, father Charles Wilson Riggs, born Va., mother Alice Mae Smith, born Tex.

2601. *Tex. Death Certificates, 1903–1982*, image online, no. 105328, Charles E. Riggs Sr., of Orange, Orange Co., Tex., died 8 Dec. 1978, Orange, Orange Co., Tex., age 58 yrs., born 22 Mar. 1920, Marshalltown, Iowa, male, white, boilermaker at Bethlehem Steel, married to Nora Riggs, father Charles Wilson Riggs, mother Alice Mae Smith, in Navy in WWII, SSN 466–03–1535, informant Mrs. Nora Riggs, wife, buried 9 Dec. 1978, Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cem., Orange Co., Tex.

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Tex.,<sup>[2602]</sup> daughter of Forrest and Myra M. (McGill) McDonald,<sup>[2603]</sup> and died 15 Jan. 2000.<sup>[2604]</sup>

Known children:

- +1257 i CHARLES ELMER<sup>12</sup> RIGGS JR., born 20 Jan. 1946, Orange, Co., Tex., married SUSAN TIMM.
- 1258 ii [DAUGHTER]<sup>12</sup> RIGGS, married JAMES CREWS. See wedding announcement of her brother Charles.

**1211. CLYDE ALVIN<sup>11</sup> RIGGS JR.** (<sub>1026</sub>Clyde Alvin<sup>10</sup>, Ellis<sup>9</sup>, William N.<sup>8</sup>, Jesse W.<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 30 Nov. 1925, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., Tenn., and died 20 Oct. 2006, last residence Houston, Harris Co., Tex.,<sup>[2605]</sup> and was buried in Forest Park East Cem., Webster, Harris Co., Tex.<sup>[2606]</sup> He married **DOROTHY ELIZABETH THOMAS**, who was born 28 May 1926, Calhoun, Ga., daughter of Bunyan and Eula (–) Thomas, and died 5 Apr. 2001.<sup>[2607]</sup>

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2602. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, Nora Evelyn McDonald, born 11 Nov. 1924, Orange Co., certificate 76931, r. 1924–0010; *Tex. Birth Certificates, 1903–1932*, image online, Nora Evelyn McDonald, born 11 Nov. 1924, Orange, Orange Co., Tex., father “Forest” McDonald, 37, mail clerk, born Texarkana, Ark., mother Myra McGill, 22, born Jewett, Tex., mother’s residence Orange Co., Tex., the second of two children born to this mother.

2603. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Nora Evelyn McDonald, Nora Riggs, SSN 455–28–1203, female, white, born 11 Nov. 1924, Orange, Orange Co., Tex., died 15 Jan. 2000, father Forrest McDonald, mother Myra M. McGill; SSDI, Nora Riggs, SSN 455–28–1203, born 11 Nov. 1924, died 15 Jan. 2000, last residence 77631 Orange, Orange Co., Tex., last benefit 77630 Orange, Orange Co., Tex., issued Tex. (before 1951).

2604. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, Nora Evelyn McDonald, born 11 Nov. 1924, Orange Co., certificate 76931, r. 1924–0010; *Tex. Birth Certificates, 1903–1932*, image online, Nora Evelyn McDonald, born 11 Nov. 1924, Orange, Orange Co., Tex., father “Forest” McDonald, 37, mail clerk, born Texarkana, Ark., mother Myra McGill, 22, born Jewett, Tex., mother’s residence Orange Co., Tex., the second of two children born to this mother

2605. SSDI, Clyde A. Riggs, SSN 413–30–0332, born 30 Nov. 1925, died 20 Oct. 2006, last residence 77089 Houston, Harris Co., Tex., issued Tenn. (before 1951).

2606. *Find a Grave*, no. 16306708, small photograph of Clyde.

2607. *Chron: Houston Chronicle Archives*, <[www.chron.com/CDA/archives/archive.mpl/obits\\_337-0133/dorothy-elizabeth-riggs.html](http://www.chron.com/CDA/archives/archive.mpl/obits_337-0133/dorothy-elizabeth-riggs.html)> (saved 2 Apr. 2010), obit., Dorothy Elizabeth Riggs, Sat., 7 Apr. 2001, *Houston Chronicle*, “Dorothy Elizabeth Riggs, passed away April 5, 2001, after a courageous battle with cancer. Dorothy was born May 28, 1926, to Bunyan and Eula Thomas in Calhoun, GA, as one of sixteen children. “Dot” was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt. She was an accomplished seamstress and won many awards for her detailed quilting and other works. She is

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This memorial is recorded online at *Find a Grave*.<sup>[2608]</sup>

Clyde was born to Clyde Alvin Riggs Sr. and Ethel Mae Riggs in Chattanooga Tennessee. He is preceded in death by his wife of 54 years Dorothy Elizabeth Riggs, sisters Margaret Lowe and Sara Gladstone. He is survived by children Chris and wife Celia Riggs of Arlington, Jennifer and husband Lyle Nelson of Livingston, Janice and husband Richard Elliott of Houston, Mark and wife Cindy Riggs of Kemp. Grandchildren, Brandon Riggs, Lisa Robinson, Ryan Elliott, Samantha Sowder, Luke Nelson, Riley Riggs; great grandchildren Maddie, Hannah, Ella, Preston, Teddy and Hayden; sister Barbara Wilson of Florida. Clyde served in the Army Air Corps as a pilot, was an ordained Baptist Minister and a draftsman. Clyde had a bachelors of Arts degree from the University of Corpus Christi and a degree in Theology from the Southwestern Baptist Seminary. He loved his family, cars and airplanes, especially WWII vintage planes.

Children:<sup>[2609]</sup>

- +1259 i **STANLEY CHRISTOPHER<sup>12</sup> RIGGS**, born 5 Sept. 1947, married (1) **PATSY JEAN WILLIAMS**, and had one child, married (2) **SUSAN LAVERNE MARTIN**, and had one child, married (3) **CELIA BARLOW**.
- 1260 ii **JENNIFER LYNN<sup>12</sup> RIGGS**, born 27 June 1952, Nueces Co., Tex.,<sup>[2610]</sup> married (1) **AUBREY MARK WRIGHT**, born 21 Nov. 1948, died 22 Mar. 2003,<sup>[2611]</sup> and had at least one child: (1) **Lisa Michele<sup>13</sup> Wright**, born 24 Mar. 1977, Harris Co., Tex.,<sup>[2612]</sup> married [Timothy?] Robinson, and had two children: **Hannah<sup>14</sup> Robinson**

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survived by her husband of 54 years, Clyde Alvin Riggs of Friendswood.” The other names in the obit. are the same as those in her husband’s obit, reproduced in the sketch, except granddaughter Maddie is identified as Maddie Riggs.

2608. *Find a Grave*, no. 16306708.

2609. Emails 18 Mar. 2010 and 6 Apr. 2010, from Wesley Brandon<sup>13</sup> Riggs.

2610. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, Jennifer Lynn Riggs, born 27 June 1952, female, Nueces Co., father Clyde Alvin Riggs Jr., mother Dorothy Elizabeth Thomas, r. 1952\_0012.

2611. SSDI, Aubrey M. Wright, SSN 449-86-5073, born 21 Nov. 1948, died 22 Mar. 2003, issued Tex. (1965).

2612. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, Lisa Michele Wright, born 24 Mar. 1977, female, Harris Co., father Aubrey Mark Wright, mother Jennifer Lynn Riggs, r. 1977\_0017.

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and Teddy<sup>14</sup> Robinson. Jennifer married (2) **LYLE MARC NELSON**, and had at least one child: (2) Lucas Marc<sup>13</sup> Nelson, born 13 Aug. 1985, Harris Co., Tex.<sup>[2613]</sup>

- 1261 iii **JANICE ELIZABETH<sup>12</sup> RIGGS**, born 16 Apr. 1955, Nueces Co., Tex.,<sup>[2614]</sup> married (1) **RANDY** —, and had ame Elliott], born 1 Jan. 1978, Harris Co., Tex.,<sup>[2615]</sup> married Kim —, and had two children: Ella<sup>14</sup> Elliott and Elizabeth<sup>14</sup> Elliott. Janice married (2) **RICHARD ALLEN ELLIOTT**, who adopted Ryan.<sup>[2616]</sup>
- 1262 iv **MARK ALVIN<sup>12</sup> RIGGS**, born 19 July 1958, Nueces Co., Tex.,<sup>[2617]</sup> died 3 Nov. 2015,<sup>[2618]</sup> married (1) **NANCY ANNETTE WALDRUP**, and had one child: (1) Riley Mace<sup>13</sup> Riggs. born 6 May 1986, Tarrant Co., Tex.,<sup>[2619]</sup> and had had no children as of 1 Oct. 2018. Mark married (2) **CINDY** —.

**1237. GALEN L.<sup>11</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>1153</sub>Jess Chester<sup>10</sup>, Ambrose S.<sup>9</sup>, Aaron<sup>8</sup>, Moses<sup>7</sup>, ?Iram<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 Feb. 1932,<sup>[2620]</sup> Kansas. He married slightly before 3 Sept. 1953, probably in

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2613. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, Lucas Marc Nelson, born 13 Aug. 1985, male, Harris Co., father Lyle Marc Nelson, mother Jennifer Lynn Riggs, r. 1985\_0014.

2614. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, Janice Elizabeth Riggs, born 16 Apr. 1955, female, Nueces Co., father Clyde Alvin Riggs Jr., mother Dorothy Elizabeth Thomas, r. 1955\_0013.

2615. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, Ryan Patrick Elliott, born 1 Jan. 1978, male, Harris Co., father Richard Allen Elliott, mother Janice Elizabeth Riggs, r. 1978\_0005.

2616. Email 6 Apr. 2010 from Wesley Brandon<sup>13</sup> Riggs, “Janice had one son, Ryan from a marriage to a guy named Randy. Janice divorced Randy and then married Richard Elliot and Ryan was adopted by him.” So his birth certificate must have been changed.

2617. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, Janice Elizabeth Riggs, born 19 July 1958, male, Nueces Co., father Clyde Alvin Riggs Jr., mother Dorothy Elizabeth Thomas, r. 1958\_0013.

2618. Email 1 Oct. 2018 from Wesley Brandon<sup>13</sup> Riggs, “my uncle, Mark Alvin Riggs, passed away on November 3, 2015. His son Riley still has no kids.”

2619. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, Riley Mace Riggs, born 6 May 1986, male, Tarrant Co., father Mark Alvin Riggs, mother Nancy Annette Waldrup, r. 1986\_0017.

2620. *U.S. Public Records Index, Vol. 1*, Galen L. Riggs, born 25 Feb. 1932, three addresses all in York, Pa, the third dated 1993.

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Ada, Okla.,<sup>[2621]</sup> **OMA LOUISE LANCE**, who was born about 1933, daughter of Leon R. and Sara (–) Lance.<sup>[2622]</sup>

Galen L. Riggs is listed in York, York Co., Pa., 1993–2002.<sup>[2623]</sup>

Rojean J./M. Riggs is listed at the same address in York, Pa., with Galen L. Riggs.<sup>[2624]</sup>

Known children:

- 1263 i **REGINA LYNN**<sup>12</sup> **RIGGS**, born 26 Aug. 1954, Coggon, Linn Co., Iowa.<sup>[2625]</sup>
- 1264 ii **JASON LANCE**<sup>12</sup> **RIGGS**, born after 5 Jan. 1956 (last mention of his mother with only one child in the Ada newspaper), my correspondent. His genetic signature matches the Edwardian modal signature on 35 of 37 markers.

**1241. EVELYN**<sup>11</sup> **RIGGS** (<sub>1166</sub>*Bradner P.*<sup>10</sup>, *Nicholas*<sup>9</sup>, *Thompson D.*<sup>8</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Zenas*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1891, New York. She married about 1913 **JOHN AITKEN**, who was born about 1888, Connecticut.

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2621. Marriage announcement, *The Ada* [Okla.] *Weekly News*, Thurs., 3 Sept. 1953, p. 7, col. 6, under “Marriages,” “Galen L. Riggs, 21, Wichita, Kan. To Oma Louise Lance, 20, Ada.” Image online at <Ancestry.com>.

2622. *The Ada* [Okla.] *Weekly News*, Thurs., 14 June 1956, p. 2, col. 4, under “Ahloso News,” “Mrs. George Warren Campbell and daughter of Perry and Mrs. Galen Riggs and daughter of Wichita, Kan., arrived Wednesday for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lance,” image online at <Ancestry.com>; U.S. census, 1940, Chickasaw, Pontotoc Co., Okla., ED 62-17, r. 3326, p. 307, sh. 6A, dw. 93, lists L. R. Lance, 45, with wife, Sara, 34, and three children, including daughter Oma Louise, 7, all born Okla.

2623. *U.S. Phone and Address Directories, 1993–2002*, Galen L. Riggs, York, Pa., Zip 17404-1116, phone 717-764-6806, 1993–2002, record no. 25827810.

2624. <[www.whitepages.com/name/Galen-L-Riggs/York-PA/](http://www.whitepages.com/name/Galen-L-Riggs/York-PA/)> (downloaded 6 Oct. 2013), Galen L. Riggs, York, Pa., Zip 17404-1116, phone 717-764-6806, with Rojean J. Riggs at same address; *U.S. Public Records Index, Vol. 1*, Rojean M. Riggs, 17404-1116 (1993). N.B. Rojean M. Silar was listed in Lower Windsor, York Co., Pa., born about 1938, Pa., daughter of Freeman, in the 1940 U.S. census.

2625. *The Ada* [Okla.] *Weekly News*, Thurs., 30 Sept. 1954, p. 5, col. 7, under “Two Granddaughters,” “Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lance announce the birth of two granddaughters. The first one arrived August 26. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Galen Riggs of Coggon, Iowa. Regina Lynn was the name chosen for the young lady. Mrs. Riggs is the former Oma Louise Lance.” Image online at <Ancestry.com>.

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In 1930 John Aitken, 42, an oil refinery manager born in Connecticut of Scotland natives, resided in Jersey City, Hudson Co., N.Y., with his wife, Evelyn, 39, born in New York of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in New York, and with his daughter, Mary, 13, and son, John, 11, both born in Connecticut, and his daughters, Virginia, 7, born in Massachusetts, and Harriet, 11/12, born in New Jersey. A probable daughter, Josephine Aitken, 14, born in Connecticut of a father born in Connecticut and a mother in New York, resided nearby in the home of Bradner Riggs, 62. John had first married at 25, and Evelyn at 22.<sup>[2626]</sup>

Known children:

- 1265 i JOSEPHINE<sup>12</sup> AITKEN, born about 1916, Connecticut.
- 1266 ii MARY<sup>12</sup> AITKEN, born about 1917, Connecticut.
- 1267 iii JOHN<sup>12</sup> AITKEN, born about 1919, Connecticut.
- 1268 iv VIRGINIA<sup>12</sup> AITKEN, born about 1923, Massachusetts.
- 1269 v HARRIET<sup>12</sup> AITKEN, born about 1929, New Jersey.

**1242. BRADNER<sup>11</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>1166</sub>*Bradner P.*<sup>10</sup>, *Nicholas*<sup>9</sup>, *Thompson D.*<sup>8</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Zenas*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 22 June 1902, New York, and died Apr. 1975, last residence Rockford, Winnebago Co., Ill.<sup>[2627]</sup> He married about 1924 **ELIZABETH** —, who was born about 1904, New York.

In 1930 Bradner Riggs, 27, a commercial trader born in New York of New York natives, resided in Jersey City, Hudson Co., N.Y., with his wife, Elizabeth, 26, born in New York of a father born in Denmark and a mother in Belgium, and with his sons, Bradner, 5, and Victor, 3 3/12, both born in New Jersey. Bradner first married at 21, and Elizabeth at 20.<sup>[2628]</sup>

Children:

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2626. U.S. census, 1930, Jersey City, Hudson Co., N.Y., ED 24, r. 1350, p. 52, sh. 12A, dw. 77, fam. 227. Bradner resided in dw. 77, fam. 225.

2627. SSDI, Bradner Riggs, SSN 137-03-5514, born 22 June 1902, died Apr. 1975, last residence 61103 Rockford, Winnebago Co., Ill., issued N.J. (before 1951).

2628. U.S. census, 1930, Jersey City, Hudson Co., N.Y., ED 159, r. 1355, p. 222, sh. 17A, dw. 112, fam. 314.

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- 1270 i **BRADNER JAMES CHARLES<sup>12</sup> RIGGS**, born 2 May 1924, New Jersey, died 23 Oct. 2008, last residence Rockford, Winnebago Co., Ill.<sup>[2629]</sup> Bradner C. Riggs, of Bergen Co., N.J., born 1924, N.J., enlisted 28 Nov. 1942, Newark, N.J.<sup>[2630]</sup> He married **LOIS CHRISTINE SCHROERS**, born in Rocelle [Rochele?] Park, N.J., daughter of Charles John and Otilia (Yunker) Schroers.<sup>[2631]</sup>

In the minutes of the City Council meeting, Rockford, Ill, 14 Oct. 2008, the following event is recorded:

Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of October 2008 to be “Bradner James Charles Riggs Month” in Rockford, Illinois and personally thanked Bradner Riggs for all that he has done for the Rockford community.<sup>[2632]</sup>

From the Illinois State Bar Association “Bar News” of Nov. 2008:

Bradner Riggs, Rockford judge

Retired 17th Circuit judge Bradner James Charles Riggs of Rockford died Oct. 23 at age 84 of cancer. The city’s mayor had proclaimed Bradner Riggs Month on Oct. 14 “for all that he has done for the Rockford community.”

A 1952 graduate of the George Washington University Law School who has served in the Army during World War II in Eu-

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2629. SSDI, Bradner C. Riggs, SSN 145-18-0587, born 2 May 1924, died 23 Oct. 2008, last residence 61107 Rockford, Winnebago Co., Ill., issued N.J. (before 1951).

2630. *U.S. WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946*, Bradner C. Riggs, of Bergen Co., N.J., born 1924, N.J., enlisted 28 Nov. 1942, Newark, N.J.

2631. Posting by “Lois Christine (Mrs. Bradner) Riggs, nee Schroers,” of Rockford, Ill., 14 May 2007, on <[www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)>, “Grandpa John Schroers arrived from Germany in the 1860s and settled in Paterson, NJ. He married Francesca Kaufman in Paterson. She was born c. 1854 & died c. 1935. They had three children, my father, Charles John and my uncles, George and Daniel Schroers. They lived on Slater Street. Grandpa Philip Yunker came from Germany at about the same time and also settled in Paterson. He was a butcher and owned his own shop. He married Christine Reber, born c. 1862, died c. 1923. They had three children, my mother, Otilia, my aunt, Rose and my uncle, Philip. All were members of St Boniface Catholic Church, Main & Slater Sts. My parents lived in Rocelle Park, NJ when I was born and lived there until their deats [sic] in the 1960s.”

2632. “City Council, City of Rockford, Journal of Proceedings, October 14, 2008, Council Convened at 6:14 p.m.,” item 27, online at <[www.cityofrockford.net/uploadedFiles/government/City-Council/Agendas/Archives/2008/cc10.14.08.pdf](http://www.cityofrockford.net/uploadedFiles/government/City-Council/Agendas/Archives/2008/cc10.14.08.pdf)> (saved 16 Feb. 2009).



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rope and Africa, Mr. Riggs was a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Baltimore, New York City, Chicago and Rockford until 1974.

That year, he was admitted to the Illinois bar and became an assistant Winnebago County state's attorney. Appointed an associate judge in 1978, he presided in Juvenile Court for most of his 10 years on the bench. After his 1988 retirement, he was recalled twice.

Mr. Riggs served on the ISBA Committee on Juvenile Justice from 1987 to 1995, chairing it in 1993-94, and he was a member of the Task Force on Children in 1991-92. He was a founder of the 17th Circuit court-appointed special advocate program.

A past president of the Illinois Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, he helped draft the Illinois Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

The Winnebago County Bar Association honored him with both the Edward Potter Lathrop Award and the Seeley B. Forbes Memorial Award.<sup>[2633]</sup>

1271 ii VICTOR<sup>12</sup> RIGGS, born about 1927, New Jersey.

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2633. *ISBA Bar News*, Nov. 2008, <[www.illinoisbar.org/publications/barnews/2008/11/epilogue.html](http://www.illinoisbar.org/publications/barnews/2008/11/epilogue.html)> (saved 16 Feb. 2009).

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TWELFTH GENERATION

NEW JERSEY BRANCH

**1250. RONALD GROVER<sup>12</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>1184</sub>Grover Eldred<sup>11</sup>, Grover Cleveland<sup>10</sup>, John Albert<sup>9</sup>, John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>, ?Zophar<sup>5</sup>, ?James<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 4 Aug. 1952, Washington.

Known child:<sup>[2634]</sup>

1272 i **ROBERT BRUCE<sup>13</sup> RIGGS** [adopted name **WILSON**], adopted by – Wilson. Robert Bruce Wilson is a contributor to the Riggs DNA Study Group project.

Important: Robert Bruce<sup>13</sup> [Riggs] Wilson is not an Edwardian Riggs. This casts doubt on the entire Zophar<sup>6</sup> branch as Edwardian, certainly on the John W.<sup>9</sup> subbranch. Robert Bruce<sup>13</sup> [Riggs] Wilson (Ronald Grover<sup>12</sup>, Grover Eldred<sup>11</sup>, Grover Cleveland<sup>10</sup>, John Albert<sup>9</sup>, John W.<sup>8</sup>, Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Zophar<sup>6</sup>) matches 65/67 a son of John Albert<sup>9</sup>'s half brother, Donald Alan<sup>9</sup>. Robert's genetic signature is **myknknllmmCrijkkyosDooqqijswoorqJMIl**. For comparison, **lxknknllmmCsijkkyosCooqqkjswoorKLIl** is the Edwardian modal signature, which is off by 14 on these 37 markers. See James Alan<sup>10</sup> Riggs.<sup>[2635]</sup>

**1257. CHARLES ELMER<sup>12</sup> RIGGS JR.** (<sub>1204</sub>Charles Elmer<sup>11</sup>, Charles Wilson<sup>10</sup>, Charles Newton<sup>9</sup>, Jasper N.<sup>8</sup>, Edward<sup>7</sup>, Clisbe<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, ?Samuel<sup>4</sup>, ?Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was born 20 Jan. 1946, Orange Co., Tex.<sup>[2636]</sup> He married 8 June 1968, Brazos Co., Tex.,<sup>[2637]</sup> **SUSAN TIMM**, who was born

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2634. Teresa Craig supplied Robert's details, email 10 Mar. 2014.

2635. The other 30 markers are **jiophjhjllwwpjllohlvtnlkmlkl**, off by another 7 from Edwardian.

2636. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, Charles Elmer Riggs, born 20 Jan. 1946, male, Orange Co., father Charles Elmer Riggs, mother Nora Evelyn McDonald, r. 1946–0010.

2637. *Tex. Marriage Index, 1824–2014*, Charles Elmer Riggs Jr., 22, to Susan Timm, 22, 8 June 1968, Brazos Co., Tex.

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22 Mar. 1946, Brazos Co., Tex.,<sup>[2638]</sup> daughter of Dr. Tyrus R. and Frances Valerie (Padgett) Timm.<sup>[2639]</sup>

Susan Timm Riggs is my correspondent for Dr. Charles Elmer Riggs Jr., who matches 67/67 Horace Lester<sup>11</sup> Riggs Jr., his cousin (fourth cousin, once removed).

Their wedding announcement:

Miss Susan Timm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tyrus R. Timm of 882 Park Place, College Station, and Charles E Riggs Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Riggs of Orange were married June 8 at the A&M Methodist Church, . . . Given in marriage by her father, . . . Miss Carolyn Estes of Baton Rouge, La. was maid of honor and Mrs Eldon Haglor of Dallas was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Harriet Sue Hierth. Mrs James Crews, sister of the groom, of Orange and Mrs James Sagebiel of San Antonio. . . .<sup>[2640]</sup>

From an alumni magazine:

Charles E. Riggs Jr., BS '69, Life Member, Fayetteville, is chairman of the campus faculty at the University of Arkansas. Riggs is a professor in the Department of Health Sciences, Kinesiology, Recreation, and Dance. He is married to Susan (Timm), B '68, Life Member, who is an instructor at the University of Arkansas.<sup>[2641]</sup>

**1259. STANLEY CHRISTOPHER<sup>12</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>1211</sub>*Clyde Alvin Jr.*<sup>11</sup>, *Clyde Alvin*<sup>10</sup>, *Ellis*<sup>9</sup>, *William N.*<sup>8</sup>, *Jesse W.*<sup>7</sup>, *Clisbe*<sup>6</sup>, *Edward*<sup>5</sup>, *?Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *?Edward*<sup>3</sup>, *Edward*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) was born 5 Sept. 1947. He married (1) **PATSY JEAN WILLIAMS**, daughter of Curtis Theron William and granddaughter of

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2638. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, Susan Timm, born 22 Mar. 1946, female, Brazos Co., father Tyrus R. Timm, mother Frances “Valeri” Padgett, r. 1946–0012.

2639. *Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry*, Texas A&M University, <[tyrustimmregistry.org/?q=content/drtym-timm](http://tyrustimmregistry.org/?q=content/drtym-timm)>, accessed 2 Aug. 2017; *The Alcalde*, Mar.–Apr. 1988, 47, “Valerie Padgett Timm, BA '38, College Station, is survived by her daughter, Susan Riggs, BSA '68, and son-in-law, Dr. C. E. Riggs, B '69, of Fayetteville, Ark.”

2640. “Susan Timm Weds In Methodist Rite,” *The Bryan Daily Eagle* Bryan-College Station [Brazos Co.], Tex., Sunday, June 16, 1968, 12 [from <[www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)>, accessed 2 Aug. 2017].

2641. *The Alcalde*, Mar.–Apr. 2006, 94. This is a publication of the University of Texas Ex-Students Association, online at Google Books.

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Joseph Oscar Williams. Chris married (2) **SUSAN LAVERNE MARTIN**, who subsequently married James Ray Sowder.<sup>[2642]</sup> Chris married (3) **CELIA BARLOW**.<sup>[2643]</sup>

Child of the first marriage, to Patsy:<sup>[2644]</sup>

- 1273 i **WESLEY BRANDON**<sup>13</sup> **RIGGS**, born 18 Aug. 1971, Tarrant Co., Tex.,<sup>[2645]</sup> married **JULIE ANNE DEADMAN**, and had two children: (1) Lara Madeline<sup>14</sup> Riggs, born 27 Mar. 2001; and (2) Preston Scott<sup>14</sup> Riggs, born 6 Oct. 2004. Brandon is my correspondent for this family branch and is a contributor to my Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group. His genetic signature matches the Edward Riggs Modal Signature, as it should (on 65 of 67 markers).

Child of the second marriage, to Susan:

- 1274 ii **SAMANTHA LAVERNE**<sup>13</sup> **RIGGS** [adopted name **SOWDER**], born 9 Mar. 1984, Tarrant Co., Tex.,<sup>[2646]</sup> married **JAY HESTER**,<sup>[2647]</sup> and one child: (1) Hayden<sup>14</sup> Hester.<sup>[2648]</sup>

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2642. Email 1 Oct. 2018 from Wesley Brandon<sup>13</sup> Riggs, "She [Susan Laverne Martin] had MANY husbands . . . and the only two I know of are my dad, Chris Riggs and James Sowder."

2643. Emails 18 Mar. 2010 and 6 Apr. 2010, from Wesley Brandon<sup>13</sup> Riggs.

2644. Email 18 Mar. 2010 from Wesley Brandon<sup>13</sup> Riggs.

2645. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, Wesley Brandon Riggs, born 18 Aug. 1971, male, Tarrant Co., father Stanley Christopher Riggs, mother Patsy Jean Williams, r. 1971\_0013.

2646. *Tex. Birth Index, 1903–1997*, Samantha Laverne Sowder [sic], born 9 Mar. 1984, female, Tarrant Co., father James Ray Sowder, mother Susan Laverne Martin, r. 1984\_0018; email 6 Apr. 2010, from Wesley Brandon<sup>13</sup> Riggs, "Susan Laverne Martin was my Dad's second wife. They bore Samantha Laverne Riggs . . . Samantha was adopted (in name) by James Sowder about when she was 12 or so." Apparently her birth certificate was changed.

2647. Email 1 Oct. 2018 from Wesley Brandon<sup>13</sup> Riggs, "you need the name of my half sister's first husband. It is Jay Hester."

2648. Email 6 Apr. 2010 from Wesley Brandon<sup>13</sup> Riggs, "Samantha now has a boy and his name is Haden [sic] Hester . . . Haden is a biological grandson of my Dad."

## APPENDIXES

### A. Edward Riggs's Will of 1670

See Appendix A of my Riggs Vol. 3, Part I, for a careful transcription of this will.

### B. Rev. Joseph Riggs's Letter

#### Transcription

My dear friends I hope you are Now met with hearts sinsearly Engaged to Cry and plead with God for : the out powering of his Blessed Spirit with out which : religion will never flourish in your own souls : nor in the souls of others there fore my dear friends : pray fervantly pray much seek the Lord while he may be found Call upon him while he may be near : there is Great Encourage[ment?] in the [*six or seven words torn*]ious pleasd to be Dispencing his blesings here and there around us – and my wish and prayer for you all is that God may grant you his Grase that in this : hapy day ye may all be Clothed with the Garment of salvation that thou [*sheep? siners?*] who are asleep may be awakened the weak among you strenthned and the built up [*sic*] : that faith and Love and Zeal and Charrity may Come and dwell abundently in all our hearts that before this hapy day be over we may may [*sic*] all be made new Creatuers : finily my friends fare well : when you get near the throne of Grase pray for me who am at present by lame ness deprived from [*torn*]ing with you this from your friend

Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Riggs

if you thing this worth your while you may read it at yr next metam

[NJHS, Manuscript Group 291, Baldwin–Brown–Coe Family (Newark, New Jersey), folder 3, Brown Family correspondence, addressed on reverse “To Mr Daniel Brown at his home.” Most of these papers were contributed to NJHS by Emma L. Tompkins in 1944. Orthography and spelling of original letter preserved.]



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