

EDWARD RIGGS (c1764–1863) AND HIS DESCENT TO GEORGE WELDON RIGGS

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First Generation

[Items in red are unproved or questionable or otherwise denote a problem.]

The received genealogy of George Weldon Riggs is this:

My father, also George Weldon Riggs, was born 23 Mar. 1888 in Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.

His father was Bolton Goucher Riggs of Library, Pa., his mother Effa J. Mackey of Washington, Pa.

My father was one of a large number of children with eight, I believe, living to adulthood: one girl and the rest boys. My aunt, Greta, the only girl, had a son named Travis. I have no idea why she named him Travis, but I notice in some of your geneological charts, the name Travis showed up. So perhaps, and perhaps not, there is some connection because she named one of her daughters Effa, the same as her mother. So perhaps she used existing family names.^[1]

There is a 37-marker DNA perfect match for George Weldon Riggs to Edward¹ Riggs of Roxbury, Mass. (immigrant from England in 1633), so it is known that there probably exists a descent of George from Edward. The problem is to discover the actual path.^[2]

I deduce below this descent: George Weldon⁶ Riggs (*George Weldon⁵, Bolton Goucher⁴, Louis³, John², Edward¹*). But I do not solve the descent of Edward¹ Riggs of Allegheny Co., Pa., in the 19th century from Edward¹ Riggs of Roxbury in the 17th.^[3]

1. EDWARD¹ RIGGS was born about 1764 21 May 1764, Hightstown, N.J., died 4 Oct. 1843, aged 79, and was buried in the Peters Creek Bapt-

1. Emails from George Weldon⁶ Riggs, 20 July 2006 and 12 Sept. 2006.

2. The author's Riggs Y-DNA Study Group has successfully established the Y-DNA haplotype (or signature) of Edward of Roxbury on 37 markers on the Y chromosome. Roy's Y-DNA matches Edward's on 35 of 37 markers. This is considered a match in genetic genealogy.

3. My estimate, but not firmly established, is this: Edward¹⁻⁷ Riggs (*Joseph⁶, ?David⁵, ?Edward⁴, Edward³, Edward², Edward¹*). See my vol. 3, part II.

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ist Church Cem., South Park Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.^[4] He married **MARY** —, who was born about 1764, New Jersey, died 5 Nov. 1853, aged 89, and was buried next to her husband.^[5]

In 1790 “Edw^d” Riggs, over 16, resided in “that part of Alleghany [sic] County taken from Washington [Co.]” (in 1789), with two females.^[6]

In 1800 Edward Riggs, 26–45, resided in Peters Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 26–45, two boys and less than 10, and two girls 10–16.^[7] It is probable that this Edward was the same as he listed above (1790) or below (1810). He was the only Edward Rigg[s] listed in Pennsylvania in 1800, and his age is in the right range. Peters Twp. is located along the north edge of Washington Co., abutting the part that was taken by Allegheny Co. in 1789. He was possibly assigned the wrong county in this potentially ambiguous area, not actually moving between 1790 and 1810.

In 1810 “Edw^d” Riggs, over 45, resided in Mifflin Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with a woman over 45, two boys and two girls under 10, and one boy 10–16.^[8]

In 1820 Edward Riggs, over 45, resided in Mifflin Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with a woman over 45, one girl under 10, one female 10–16, and three males and one female 18–26.^[9]

In 1830 Edward Riggs Sr., 60–70, resided in Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with a woman 60–70, and one female 15–20. Listed next was Edward “Rigg,” 20–30. Next was John “Rigg,” 30–40. Joseph Riggs,

4. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, <ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/allegheny/tsphotos/peterscreek-baptist.txt>. All tombstone transcriptions contributed to the site by Lynn Beatty: “Riggs, Edward, Sr., 04 Oct 1843, aged 79Y.”

5. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, <ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/allegheny/tsphotos/peterscreek-baptist.txt>. All tombstone transcriptions contributed to the site by Lynn Beatty: “Riggs, Mary, w/o Edward, Sr., 05 Nov 1853, aged 89Y.”

6. U.S. census, 1790, “Portion Taken From Washington,” Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 9, p. 18.

7. U.S. census, 1800, Peters Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 44, p. 149.

8. U.S. census, 1810, Mifflin Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 44, p. 149.

9. U.S. census, 1820, Mifflin Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 97, p. 129.

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30-40, resided in the same township.^[10] This suggests that Edward Riggs Sr. was probably father of Edward (Jr.), John, and Joseph Riggs.

In 1840 Edward Riggs, 70-80, resided in Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with a woman, 70-80. Listed next to him was John Riggs, 40-50, and in the same township was Joseph Riggs, 40-50.^[11]

In 1850 Mary Riggs, 86, born in New Jersey, resided in Peters Twp., Washington Co., Pa., in the household of "Eliza" (male) Townsend (q.v.).^[12]

Known children:

- + 2 i **NANCY² RIGGS**, born 20 June 1787, Pennsylvania, married **ELIJAH TOWNSEND**, and had 12 children.
- + 3 ii **JOSEPH² RIGGS**, born about 1795, Pennsylvania, married **SARAH —**, and had at least five children.
- + 4 iii **JOHN² RIGGS**, born about 1800 **6 Mar. 1800, Peters Creek (Library), Allegheny Co., Pa.**, married **MARY PHILIPS**, and nine children.
- + 5 iv **EDWARD² RIGGS**, born about about 1803, Pennsylvania, married **HESTER —**, and had at least nine children.

Second Generation

2. NANCY² RIGGS (¹*Edward*¹) was born 20 June 1787, Pennsylvania, and died 11 June 1861, and was buried in Peters Creek Baptist Church Cem., South Park Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.^[13] She married 30 Apr. 1807, presumably Washington Co., Pa. (see Crumrine excerpt below), **ELIJAH TOWNSEND**, who was born 8 May 1784, Peters Twp., Washington Co.,

10. U.S. census, 1830, Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 144, p. 251. Joseph appears on p. 252.

11. U.S. census, 1840, Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 439, p. 132. Joseph appears on p. 134.

12. U.S. census, 1850, Peters Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 833, p. 48, dw. 71, fam. 71.

13. *Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery*, <ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/allegheny/tsphotos/peterscreek-baptist.txt>. All tombstone transcriptions contributed to the site by Lynn Beatty: "Townsend, Nancy, w/o Elijah, 11 Jun 1861, aged 77Y."

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Pa., son of Daniel and Lydia (–) Townsend, and died 18 May 1871, and was buried in Peters Creek Baptist Church Cem.^[14]

From Crumrine's history of Washington Co., Pa.:

Elijah Townsend was born in Peters township, Washington Co., Pa., May 8, 1784, the eldest son of Daniel and Lydia Townsend. His father was among the first settlers of Peters township. He emigrated from England with his brothers John and Isaiah. His children were Judith, Rebecca, Catharine, Elijah, Oma, Charity, Lydia, Margaret, and Joseph. All were married and raised families; all are deceased (1882) except Margaret.

Daniel Townsend was a well-to-do farmer, owning at the time of his death about four hundred acres of land in Peters township, which was divided between his sons Elijah and Joseph, and is still owned by his descendants. He was born Aug. 13, 1747; died July 31, 1833. His wife, Lydia, was born Dec. 5, 1751; died Sept. 5, 1819. Elijah Townsend always lived in Peters township. He was a prosperous farmer, owning at the time of his death a number of farms in addition to the homestead farm. He was a great reader, and was emphatically a self-educated man. In politics he was first a Democrat, but in later years of his life became identified with the Republican party. At an early age he united with the Baptist Church at Library, and was an active member and a liberal supporter of that church for many years. The last years of his life and at the time of his death he was a member of the Maple Creek Church.

He was an officer in the war of 1812, and was justice of the peace in Peters twenty-one years. No successful appeal was ever made from his decisions. No stronger evidence could be furnished of his sterling good sense and excellent judgment. His advice and counsel were often sought in settlement of questions of difference among neighbors. The poor always found in him a steadfast friend.

He was united in marriage April 30, 1807, to Nancy, daughter of Edward and Mary Riggs. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. David Phillips.

14. *Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, "Townsend, Elijah, 08 May 1784 – 18 May 1871."*

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Mrs. Townsend was born June 20, 1787. Their children were Mary, born Feb. 28, 1808, married to Robert Phillips; six children living; she is deceased. Lydia, born Jan. 16, 1810, wife of F. K. Cooper, a farmer at Ginger Hill; two children. John, born Jan. 30, 1812, a merchant at White Mill Station, married Catharine McLaughlan; four children. Eleanor, born Jan. 25, 1814, wife of Dr. John Gousher, a physician residing in Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Gousher is deceased; four children. Rebecca, born Jan. 22, 1816, wife of John Hill; four children. Daniel, born March 22, 1818, twice married; first wife, Nancy Larimer, by whom he had three children; second wife, Rosanna Tenant, one child. Edward R., born June 22, 1820, married Jane Larimer; three children living. Elizabeth, born June 22, 1820, owning and residing at the homestead. Joseph, born Dec. 25, 1824; died in infancy. Enoch Wright, born Oct. 12, 1825, a physician living in Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., married Sarah Garner. Margaret Ann, born Nov. 16, 1827, living at the homestead. William, born Jan. 15, 1831, married Mary A. Devore, one son.

Mr. Townsend died May 18, 1871; his wife June 11, 1861.^[15]

In 1850 "Eliza" Townsend, 66, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with real estate valued at \$3,960, resided in Peters Twp., Washington Co., Pa., and with Nancy, 63, Elizabeth, 23, Margaret Ann, 21, and William, 19, all born in Pennsylvania. Mary Riggs, 86, was also in the household.^[16]

Children (according to Crumrine^[17]):

- 6 i **MARY³ TOWNSEND**, born 28 Feb. 1808, died before 1882, married **ROBERT PHILLIPS**, and had at least six children.
- 7 ii **LYDIA³ TOWNSEND**, born 16 Jan. 1810, married **F. K. COOPER**, and had two children.

15. Boyd Crumrine, *History of Washington County, Pennsylvania with Biographical Sketches of Many of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men* (Philadelphia: L. H. Leverts & Co., 1882), 887-99, this excerpt online at <www.chartiers.com/crumrine/twp-peters.html>.

16. U.S. census, 1850, Peters Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 833, p. 48, dw. 71, fam. 71.

17. Boyd Crumrine, *History of Washington County, Pennsylvania with Biographical Sketches of Many of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men* (Philadelphia: L. H. Leverts & Co., 1882), 887-99, this excerpt online at <www.chartiers.com/crumrine/twp-peters.html>.

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- 8 iii **JOHN**³ **TOWNSEND**, born 30 Jan. 1812, died 1903, buried Peters Creek Baptist Church Cem., South Park Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.,^[18] married **CATHARINE McLAUGHLAN**, born 14 June 1825 (calculated), died 4 Aug. 1873, buried Peters Creek Baptist Church Cem.,^[19] and had four children.
- 9 iv **ELENOR**³ **TOWNSEND**, born 25 Jan. 1814, died 21 July 1862, buried Peters Creek Baptist Church Cem., South Park Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.,^[20] married **JOHN GOUGHER [GOUSHER]**, and had four children.
- 10 v **REBECCA**³ **TOWNSEND**, born 22 Jan. 1816, married **JOHN HILL**, and had four children.
- 11 vi **DANIEL**³ **TOWNSEND**, born 22 Mar. 1818, married (1) **NANCY LARIMER**, and had three children, married (2) **ROSANNA TENANT**, and had one child.
- 12 vii **EDWARD R.**³ **TOWNSEND**, born 22 June 1820, died 14 Feb. 1913, buried Peters Creek Baptist Church Cem., South Park Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.,^[21] married **JANE LARIMER**, born 21 Nov. 1838, died 25 Sept. 1915, buried Peters Creek Baptist Church Cem.,^[22] and had at least three children.
- 13 viii **ELIZABETH**³ **TOWNSEND**, born 22 June 1822, Pennsylvania, died 13 Nov. 1856, buried in Peters Creek Baptist Church Cem., South Park Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.^[23]

18. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, "Townsend, John, 1812-1903."

19. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, "Townsend, Catharine, w/o John, 04 Aug 1873, aged 48Y 1M 21D."

20. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, "Gougher, Eleanor, w/o Dr. J., 25 Jan 1814-21 Jul 1862."

21. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, "Townsend, Edward R., 22 Jun 1820 - 14 Feb 1913, Father."

22. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, "Townsend, Jane L., 21 Nov 1838 - 25 Sep 1915, Mother."

23. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, "Townsend, Elizabeth, 22 Jun 1822 - 13 Nov 1856."

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- 14 ix **JOSEPH³ TOWNSEND**, born 25 Dec. 1824, died in infancy, buried in Peters Creek Baptist Church Cem., South Park Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.^[24]
- 15 x **ENOCH WRIGHT³ TOWNSEND**, born 12 Oct. 1825, married **SARAH GARNER**.
- 16 xi **MARGARET ANN³ TOWNSEND**, born 16 Nov. 1827, Pennsylvania.
- 17 xii **WILLIAM S.³ TOWNSEND**, born 15 Jan. 1831, died 1901, buried in Peters Creek Baptist Church Cem., South Park Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.,^[25] married **MARY A. DEVORE**, born 1840, died 1908, buried in Peters Creek Baptist Church Cem.,^[26] and had one son.

3. JOSEPH² RIGGS (*Edward¹*) was born about 1795, Pennsylvania, and probably died before the 1870 census. He married **SARAH** —, who was born about 1804, Pennsylvania.

In 1830 Joseph Riggs, 30–40, resided in Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with a woman 20–30, two boys less than 5, two girls 5–10, and one male 15–20.^[27]

In 1840 Joseph Riggs, 40–50, resided in Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with a woman 30–40, one boy less than 5, one boy and one girl 5–10, one boy and one girl 10–15, and one female 15–20. John and Edward Riggs were in the same township.^[28]

In 1850 Joseph Riggs, 55, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with real estate worth \$4,000, resided in Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with

24. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, "Townsend, Joseph, s/o E. & N., ????, aged 15D."

25. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, "Townsend, William S., 1830 - 1901."

26. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, "Townsend, Mary A., 1840–1908."

27. U.S. census, 1830, Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 144, p. 252.

28. U.S. census, 1840, Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 439, p. 134. John and Edward appear on p. 132.

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Sarah, 46, Edward, 23, a farmer, Frederick, 19, a farmer, Sarah Ann, 16, Joseph, 12, and Leander, 5, all born in Pennsylvania.^[29]

In 1860 Joseph Riggs, 65, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with real estate worth \$2,000 and a personal estate worth \$1,100, resided in Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with Sarah, 55, Edward, 30, a farmer, Frederick, 27, a farmer, Joseph, 21, a teacher, and Leander, 13, all born in Pennsylvania.^[30]

In 1870 Sarah Riggs, 66, born in Pennsylvania with real estate worth \$12,000, resided in Green Tree, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with Edward, 40, a farmer with a personal estate valued at \$2,000 born in Pennsylvania. Next door was Frederick Riggs, 35.^[31]

In 1880 Sarah Riggs, 76, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with her son, Edward, 55, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. There was also a laborer in the household.^[32]

Known children:

- 18 i **EDWARD³ RIGGS**, born Jan. 1826 (1900 census), Pennsylvania.

In 1900 Edward Riggs, 74, single, a farmer born Jan. 1826 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with his brother, "Fredrick" C., 70, single, a farmer born Sept. 1829 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives.^[33]

- 19 ii **FREDERICK C.³ RIGGS**, born Sept. 1829 (1900 census), Pennsylvania, married **OSCILLA** —, born about 1850, Pennsylvania.

In 1870 Frederick Riggs, 35 [sic], a farmer born in Pennsylvania, resided in Green Tree, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with

29. U.S. census, 1850, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 748, p. 243, dw. 84, fam. 85.

30. U.S. census, 1860, Library PO, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 1064, p. 677, dw. 112, fam. 109.

31. U.S. census, 1870, Green Tree PO, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 1064, p. 445, dw. 174, fam. 156. Frederick resided in dw. 175.

32. U.S. census, 1880, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 87, r. 1091, p. 298D, dw. 218, fam. 227.

33. U.S. census, 1900, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 499, r. 1731, p. 445, sh. 2B, dw. 37, fam. 37.

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Oscilla, 20, born in Pennsylvania, and a laborer, James Akens, 13, born in Pennsylvania. Next door was Sarah Riggs, 66.^[34]

20 iii SARAH ANN³ RIGGS, born about 1834, Pennsylvania.

21 iv JOSEPH³ RIGGS, born about 1838, Pennsylvania.

22 v LEANDER³ RIGGS, born about 1845, Pennsylvania.

4. JOHN² RIGGS (¹Edward¹) was born about 1800 6 Mar. 1800, Peters Creek (Library), Allegheny Co., Pa.,^[35] died 22 Feb. 1848, aged 48, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pa.,^[36] and was buried in Peters Creek Baptist Church Cem., South Park Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.^[37] He married 3 Jan. 1821^[38] MARY PHILIPS, who was born about 1800, Pennsylvania, died 25 Jan. 1882, aged 82, and was buried next to her husband.^[39]

In 1830 John "Rigg," 30-40, resided in Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with a woman 30-40, two boys and one girl less than 5, and one boy 5-10. Edward "Rigg" and Edward Riggs Sr. are listed just above John in the census.^[40]

In 1840 John Riggs, 40-50, resided in Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with a woman (Mary) 40-50, two boys (John and Robert) less than 5, two boys (Louis and Joseph) 5-10, two boys (including Josiah) 10-15, and one boy (David) and one girl 15-20. Listed above John was Edward Riggs, and in the same township was Joseph Riggs.^[41]

34. U.S. census, 1870, Green Tree PO, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 1064, p. 445, dw. 175, fam. 157. Sarah resided in dw. 174.

35. Posting, Lynn Riggs, 11 Dec. 1998, RIGGS-L Archives, <archiver.rootsweb.com/th/read/-RIGGS/1998-12/0913426008>.

36. Posting, Lynn Riggs, 11 Dec. 1998, RIGGS-L Archive.

37. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, <ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/allegheny/tsphotos/peterscreek-baptist.txt>. All tombstone transcriptions contributed to the site by Lynn Beatty: "Riggs, John, 22 Feb 1848, aged 48Y."

38. Posting, Lynn Riggs, 11 Dec. 1998, RIGGS-L Archive.

39. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, <ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/allegheny/tsphotos/peterscreek-baptist.txt>. All tombstone transcriptions contributed to the site by Lynn Beatty: "Riggs, Mary, w/o John, 25 Jan 1882, aged 82Y."

40. U.S. census, 1830, Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 144, p. 251.

41. U.S. census, 1840, Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 439, p. 132. Joseph's household ap-

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In 1850 Mary Riggs, 50, born in Pennsylvania, with real estate worth \$9,000, resided in Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with David, 28, a farmer, Josiah, 21, Louis, 19, a carpenter, Joseph, 16, a farmer, John, 14, Robert, 12, William, 9, Obadiah, 7, and Isaac, 4, all born in Pennsylvania.^[42]

In 1860 Mary Riggs, 60, born in Pennsylvania, resided in Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with David, 38, born in Pennsylvania, and his family (q.v.), and with Josiah, 30, a farmer, Obadiah, 16, and Isaac, 14, both born in Pennsylvania. Next door was Lewis Riggs.^[43]

In 1870 Mary Riggs, 70, born in Pennsylvania with real estate worth \$5,000, resided in Green Tree, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., in the household of (her son) David Riggs (q.v.). Louis Riggs was next door.^[44]

In 1880 Mary Riggs, 80, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in New Jersey, resided in Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., in the household of David Riggs (q.v.).^[45]

Children:^[46]

- + 23 i **DAVID³ RIGGS**, born about 1822 **3 May 1822, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.**, Pennsylvania, married **ELIZABETH BATES**, and had 10 children.
- 24 ii **SARAH³ RIGGS**, born **31 July 1824, Library**, married **SAMUEL MURRAY**.
- 25 iii **EDWARD R.³ RIGGS**, born **28 Sept. 1826, Library**, died **Rockford, Winnebago Co., Ill.**

pears on p. 134.

42. U.S. census, 1850, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 748, p. 250, dw. 180, fam. 181.

43. U.S. census, 1860, Library PO, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 1064, p. 684, dw. 159, fam. 152. "Lewis" resided in dw. 158.

44. U.S. census, 1870, Green Tree PO, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 1299, p. 443, dw. 148, fam. 131. Louis resided in dw. 147.

45. U.S. census, 1880, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 87, r. 1091, p. 443, dw. 205, fam. 214.

46. The children red from posting, Lynn Riggs, 11 Dec. 1998, *RIGGS-L Archive*.

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- 26 iv JOSIAH³ RIGGS, born about 1829 17 Jan. 1829, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny, Pa., Pennsylvania, died Colorado Springs, Colo.
- + 27 v LOUIS [LEWIS] T.³ RIGGS, born about 1831 14 Aug 1831, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny, Pa., Pennsylvania, married CATHERINE A. E. MAITS, and had six children.
- 28 vi JOSEPH B.³ RIGGS, born about 1834 10 Feb. 1834, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny, Pa., Pennsylvania, died Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 29 vii JOHN PHILIP³ RIGGS, born about 1836 2 Mar. 1836, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny, Pa., Pennsylvania.
- 30 viii ROBERT L.³ RIGGS, born about 1838 26 Aug. 1838, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny, Pa., Pennsylvania.
- 31 ix WILLIAM J.³ RIGGS, born about 1841 21 Dec. 1840, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny, Pa., Pennsylvania.
- + 32 x OBADIAH HIGBEE³ RIGGS, born 6 July 1843, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny, Pa., married (1) EMMA LOUISA ROBBINS, and had probably six children, married (2) ANNIE WILSON, married (3) ELMIRA A. WILSON.
- 33 xi ISAAC W.³ RIGGS, born about 1846 1 May 1846, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny, Pa., Pennsylvania, died Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa.

5. EDWARD² RIGGS (¹Edward¹) was born about 1803, Pennsylvania. He married HESTER —, who was born about 1807, Pennsylvania.

The following (not yet vetted by me) copied from an unsourced on-line tree at Ancestry.com [it is copied from Wallace, p. 61]:

Edward Riggs 8 (son of Edward, 7 Joseph, 6 David, 5 Edward, 4 Edward, 3 Edward, 2 Edward 1) was born near what is now Library, Pa., July 22, 1802, and now resides, if still living, at California in Washington County, Pa., January 1, 1827. He married Hester Newmeyer, born in Brownsville, Pa., and descended from a family in Heidelberg, Germany. She died June 17, 1875. He settled on a farm in 1831, near Findlayville, Pa., where he remained till 1858, when he removed to his last residence. He joined the Baptist Church of Peters Creek, 1820, and continued a mem-

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ber till 1832, when he espoused the theological views of Alexander Campbell, and became an active and successful preacher of that denomination. He organized and built up a flourishing society in the neighborhood of his farm, and when he removed to the village of California, he commenced a new organization, which has greatly prospered. Without the advantages of collegiate training, he has, for fifty years, been a leader in the religious and educational affairs of his neighborhood. He was a man of clear convictions, and could always be trusted for standing by what he believed to be the truth. His children were as follows:

Joseph, b. December 4, 1828, d. September 30, 1830 Susan, b. May 20, 1830, m. Josiah Philips, May 23, 1850 John, b. June 30, 1832, m. Jane Stowe, 1853, at Fairmount, Neb. Dr. David, b. January 28, 1834, m. Mary Boggs, 1862 Mary E., b. June 3, 1835, m. William Philips, August 18, 1853 Jesse E., b. March 4, 1837, d. September 18, 1866 Harriet N., b. June 14, 1839, m. William H. Philips, June 27, 1871 Sarah J., b. November 4, 1841, m. Washington Jarvis, January 7, 1869 Amanda, b. June 27, 1844, unmarried Dr. Edward N., b. September 22, 1846, m. Luella Abrams, 1873 Dr. Wm. Judson, b. Aug. 11, 1848, m. Brilla Dawson, Oct 16, 1877

In 1830 Edward “Rigg,” 20–30, resided in Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with a woman 20–30, one boy and one girl less than 5, one boy 5–10, and one female 15–20. John “Rigg” and Edward Riggs Sr. are listed next to Edward in the census.^[47]

In 1840 “Edw^d” Riggs, 30–40, resided in Peters Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 30–40, two boys and one girl less than 5, one boy and one girl 5–10, and one female 10–15. John “Rigg” and Edward Riggs Sr. are listed next to Edward in the census.^[48]

Edward Riggs figures prominently in the following excerpt from Crumrine’s history of Washington Co., Pa. (I have emboldened each mention of his name):

47. U.S. census, 1830, Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 144, p. 251.

48. U.S. census, 1830, Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 144, p. 251.

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Peters Creek Christian Church [By Rev. W. L. Hayden]—The Christian Church in Peters township, near Library, Pa., was the offspring of the agitation in the Baptist Churches of Western Pennsylvania about the year 1830. In 1829 the Baptist Church at Library had a great many accessions under the labors of William Shadrach, then pastor of the church. These converts were not committed to the doctrines of the Philadelphia Confession of Faith, and were disposed to allow greater freedom in the exercise of that “soul liberty” which had reflected glory upon the Baptist denomination. Among these accessions was Henry Bennett, who, not agreeing with the Baptists in doctrine, was accused of heresy, and in 1833 was excommunicated because he believed in baptism for the remission of sins, as taught in Acts ii 38, and that in conversion the Holy Spirit operates only through the word of God. About this time William Shadrach stated in the monthly church meeting that there was a report in circulation that some of the members of the church had embraced the heresies taught by Alexander Campbell, and moved that a committee of five be appointed to draft articles of faith expressive of the views of the church in contradistinction to these heresies. This motion prevailed, and the committee was composed of William Shadrach, Enoch Wright, Esq., Daniel Van Voorhis, Samuel Boyer, and **Edward Riggs**. At the instance of the committee the chairman, William Shadrach, wrote five articles setting forth the Baptist faith on the points in question. Four member of the committee signed these articles, but **Edward Riggs** refused to sign the paper for two reasons, viz.: First, he did not believe the articles were in contradistinction to the teaching of A. Campbell; and, second, if he did so believe, he would not sign them, for they, as Baptists, had no more right to proscribe Mr. Campbell in the articles of faith than they had to proscribe any other man with whom they might disagree. He believed in “soul liberty.” At the next meeting of the church William Shadrach read the articles to the church, and moved that they be annexed to the church covenant, and that all the members be required to sign their names to the amended covenant, or be dealt with accordingly. A small minority of the members complied with this requirement, but a large majority declined to commit themselves. The minority then passed a resolution that all the members who did not sign the newly-amended covenant should be suspended from the fellowship of

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the church until they did so. Soon after this action this same minority removed the lock from the door of the meeting-house, and put a new one in its place, and thus retained possession. While these events were transpiring, David Newmyre preached occasionally at the house of **Edward Riggs**, who was yet a deacon in the Baptist Church. This aroused suspicion, and an ineffectual attempt was made to get him out of his position. At length in 1835 he was called a heretic and a disturber of the church and disowned. After his exclusion the most of the discontented members went back, and were reconciled to the church, the obnoxious articles having been previously expunged from the covenant.

The prominent members who were left out, under the leading of David Newmyre, planted a congregation of Disciples of Christ at **Edward Riggs'** house in 1836, consisting at first of six members, to wit: **Edward Riggs**, James Boyer, Samuel Blackmore, Henry Bennett, Sarah Moore, and Sarah Philips. These persons united themselves together to maintain public worship on every Lord's day according to the order of the primitive church, and were governed by the New Testament alone.

The infant church continued to meet in the dwelling-house of **Mr. Riggs** for about three years, and slowly increased in numbers, some coming from the Baptists, and others from the world by conversion. The preachers during this time were Robert Forrester, Warrick Martin, Richard Ward, James Darsie, and John T. Smith. Those added by immersion were Mary Tidball, Josiah Philips, Obadiah Higbee, David Higbee, Davis Hammond, Benjamin Abbott, and Margaret Philips.

In the autumn of 1839 a brick meeting-house was completed on a lot a little east of the site of the present house. In the spring of 1840 Thomas Campbell visited the congregation and set in order the things that were wanting by setting apart **Edward Riggs** as elder, and James Boyer, Obadiah Higbee, and William Morrison as deacons. On March 7, 1840, John Boyer gave a deed to James Boyer, John Philips, and **Edward Riggs**, trustees of the Disciple or Christian Church, of a lot containing three thousand square feet, for the consideration of one dollar. The congregation met in the brick house which had been erected on this lot for nineteen years, when, by reason of some fault in construction, it was declared unsafe for meetings.

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On the 22nd of March, 1856, John Philips and **Edward Riggs**, trustees of the property belonging to the church gave a deed to James Boyer of the lot above described, for the consideration of one dollar. On the 23d of the preceding January, James Boyer and wife gave a deed to John Philips and **Edward Riggs**, trustees, etc., for the lot now owned by the church. The present frame house was built on this lot in 1858. In the same year **Edward Riggs** moved to California, Pa., and the oversight of the church devolved chiefly upon David Higbee, who was chosen as elder, and was ordained to the office on Jan. 10, 1859, by his brother, Jesse Higbee, assisted by Thomas Strathem and Henry Bennett, on the occasion of the formal opening of the new house. At the same time John Philips was set apart as deacon. Here the church has met ever since.^[49]

In 1850 Edward Riggs, 47, a farmer born in Pennsylvania, with real estate worth \$6,300, resided in Union Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Hester, 43, John, 18, a farmer, David, 16, a farmer, Mary, 14, Jesse, 12, Harriet, 10, Sarah J., 8, Amanda, 5, Edward M., 4, and "Wiliam" J., 1, all born in Pennsylvania.^[50]

In 1860 Edward Riggs, 57, a farmer born in Pennsylvania, with real estate worth \$4,000 and personal estate worth \$350, resided in Greenfield, California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with Hester, 54, Jesse, 22, Harriet, 20, Sarah J., 17, Amanda, 15, Edward M., 13, and William J., 11, all born in Pennsylvania.^[51]

Crumrine's history continues with the following excerpt about Edward's life after he moved to California Borough (emboldened as before):

The Christian Church [By Rev. W. L. Hayden]—In the early days of Christianity, when the disciples were scattered abroad, they went everywhere

49. Boyd Crumrine, *History of Washington County, Pennsylvania with Biographical Sketches of Many of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men* (Philadelphia: L. H. Leverts & Co., 1882), 887-99, this excerpt online at <www.chartiers.com/crumrine/twp-peters.html>.

50. U.S. census, 1850, Union Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 834, p. 258, dw. 23, fam. 23.

51. U.S. census, 1860, Greenfield, California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., r. 1191, p. 117, dw. 32, fam. 32.

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preaching the word. So when **Edward Riggs** moved his family to California, Pa., in 1858, he began to declare the gospel to his neighbors, and became a centre of religious influence in the community. Five members of his household were disciples of Christ, and they found two others, David Thomas and his wife, who were of "like precious faith."

Judson D. Benedict, of Tonawanda, N. Y., a man of great intellectual power, and an exceptionally forcible and convincing speaker, was invited to hold a series of meetings in this new and growing village. He came in March, 1859, and preached in the old school-house to deeply interested audiences. Much inquiry was awakened, and many people, like the noble Bereans, "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily whether these things were so; *therefore* many of them believed."

On March 24, 1859, several persons having been immersed upon a public confession of their faith in Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Christian Church in California, Pa., was organized in the house of **Edward Riggs**, on Second Street, the second church of the living God that was planted in his private dwelling. Twenty-two persons on that day associated themselves together in church order on the principles of the gospel of Christ as set forth by the apostles in the New Testament Scriptures. Their names are as follows, viz.: **Edward Riggs, Hester Riggs, Jesse E. Riggs, Hattie N. Riggs, Amanda Riggs, Sarah J. Riggs**, David Thomas, Harriet Thomas, Joseph Pyle, Albena Pyle, Emeline Pyle, Phebe Margarette Pyle, A. A. Devore, James Marshall, Josiah W. Phillips, Susan Phillips, Sarah Smith, Laura E. Smith, Mary Miller, Rebecca Miller, Henry Hornbake, and Sidney J. Rothwell. Of these **Edward Riggs**, David Thomas, and A. A. Devore were appointed elders. Owing to the peculiar views of J. D. Benedict with regard to the church organization, no deacons were chosen at that time.

Soon after the organization **Mr. Riggs** moved to his present residence on Fifth Street, where the church assembled regularly for worship and edification for nearly seven years. On occasion, when favored with the labors of an evangelist in meetings of days, they met in the old school building. By their fidelity and silent influence, and the occasional assistance of able proclaimers of the gospel with the blessing of God, the word of God in-

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creased, the number of disciples multiplied, and “the Lord added to them those that were being saved.”

On Jan. 7, 1866, the church began to meet in the old school-house, according to previous arrangement, for the usual Lord’s day worship, and continued so to meet until the completion of the present plain but comfortable and sufficiently commodious house of worship.

The first step toward a meeting-house was taken about the beginning of the year 1863, when a meeting was called to consider the propriety of building a house for public worship. It was then resolved that a board of trustees be chosen to take charge of all the church property, to receive any and all money or moneys or other valuables, and select a site for a building, if deemed advisable to build. Joseph Pyle, David Shallenberger, and Albert Wilson were chosen said board of trustees.

Prudently considering the financial ability of the membership, and desiring to avoid the embarrassment of a depressing debt, they moved slowly in obtaining subscriptions and collecting the necessary funds. On Jan. 4, 1866, it was resolved that the trustees, who were appointed at a previous meeting, be instructed to purchase a lot known as the Wilkins lot for one hundred and seventy-five dollars, on which to build a meeting-house. This resolution was carried into effect the same month, Jan. 18, 1866, when the lot was purchased according to instructions, and a deed was given by William Phillips and Mary, his wife, to Albert Wilson, Joseph Pyle, and David Shallenberger, trustees for the use of the Disciple Church meeting in California, Pa.

On May 26th, of the same year, a building committee was appointed consisting of Josiah W. Phillips, **Edward Riggs**, Joseph Pyle, and David Shallenberger. They proceeded to procure funds and materials, but did not build until 1870, when the present frame house was erected and completed early in 1871. The formal opening of the house for public worship was on Feb. 15, 1871. On that day John F. Rowe preached and began a series of meetings, continuing over three Lord’[s] days, and resulting in several accessions to the church. The elders of this church have been selected with special reference to the scriptural qualification of aptness to teach. The general policy has been to rely upon local talent, chiefly the eldership, for the public instruction of the congregation and guidance into all good

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works, and to call in preachers to aid in special efforts to reach the world with the offers of salvation.

The present eldership consists of **Edward Riggs**, G. G. Hertzog, and Robert Wilson; the first of whom has been an office-bearer in the church of God almost continuously for more than forty-five years. With him Josiah W. Phillips and David Shallenberger were also associated a part of the time. The deaconate is composed of Joseph Wilkins, James Luellen, D. H. Jacobs, and James Stevenson.^[52]

In the same section, Crumrine mentions Edward Riggs several times: as an early resident of California Borough, as “cultivator and dealer in fruits, shrubbery, and ornamental trees” in 1861 there, and as a borough officer in 1860, 1864, and 1872–1874.

In 1870 Edward Riggs, 68, a “Gentlema” born in Pennsylvania, with real estate worth \$8,000 and personal estate worth \$1,050, resided in Bentleysville, California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with Hester, 64, “Hattie,” 25, a school teacher, Amanda, 22, and W. “G.,” 21, all born in Pennsylvania. Also in the household is Annie Jarvis, 15, born in Pennsylvania.^[53]

Known children:

- 34 i **JOHN³ RIGGS**, born about 1832, Pennsylvania.
- 35 ii **DAVID³ RIGGS**, born about 1834, Pennsylvania.
- 36 iii **MARY³ RIGGS**, born about 1836, Pennsylvania.
- 37 iv **JESSE E.³ RIGGS**, born about 1838, Pennsylvania.
- 38 v **HARRIET³ RIGGS**, born about 1840, Pennsylvania.
- 39 vi **SARAH J.³ RIGGS**, born about 1842, Pennsylvania.
- 40 vii **AMANDA³ RIGGS**, born about 1845, Pennsylvania.
- 41 viii **EDWARD M.³ RIGGS**, born about 1846, Pennsylvania.
- 42 ix **WILLIAM J.³ RIGGS**, born about 1849, Pennsylvania.

52. Boyd Crumrine, *History of Washington County, Pennsylvania with Biographical Sketches of Many of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men* (Philadelphia: L. H. Leverts & Co., 1882), 628, this excerpt online at <www.chartiers.com/crumrine/twp-b-california.html>.

53. U.S. census, 1870, Bentleysville, California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., r. 1463, p. 67, dw. 104, fam. 104.

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23. **DAVID³ RIGGS** (*John², Edward¹*) was born about 1822 **3 May 1822, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.,^[54]** Pennsylvania. He married **15 Oct. 1850, Guernsey Co., Ohio,^[55] ELIZABETH BATES**, who was born about 1833, Ohio.

In 1860 David Riggs, 38, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with real and personal estates of \$6,000 and \$1,425, respectively, resided in Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with Elizabeth, 27, born in Ohio, and John, 8, William, 6, Mary, 4, Sarah, 3, and Emma, 5/12, all born in Pennsylvania. Also in the household were (his mother) Mary, 60, and (his brothers) Josiah, Obadiah, and Isaac. Next door was (his brother) “Lewis” Riggs.^[56]

In 1870 David Riggs, 48, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with real and personal estates worth \$9,000 and \$1,800, respectively, resided in Green Tree, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with Elizabeth, 38, born in Ohio, and John, 18, William, 16, Mary, 14, Sarah, 12, Emma, 10, David E., 8, Edmonia, 5, Elizabeth, 3, Ida Bell, 1, and Mary, 70, with real estate worth \$5,000, all born in Pennsylvania. Louis Riggs was next door.^[57]

In 1880 David Riggs, 58, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with his wife, Elizabeth, 48, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughters, Jennie S., 22, and Emma, 20, son, Elmer, 17, and daughters, Edmonia, 15, Rolena, 13, Ida Bell, 10, and Alta, 4, and mother, Mary, 80, all born in Pennsylvania.^[58]

54. Posting, Lynn Riggs, 11 Dec. 1998, *RIGGS-L Archive*.

55. Posting, Lynn Riggs, 11 Dec. 1998, *RIGGS-L Archive*.

56. U.S. census, 1860, Library PO, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 1064, p. 684, dw. 159, fam. 152. “Lewis” resided in dw. 158.

57. U.S. census, 1870, Green Tree PO, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 1299, p. 443, dw. 148, fam. 131. Louis resided in dw. 147.

58. U.S. census, 1880, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 87, r. 1091, p. 443, dw. 205, fam.

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Children:^[59]

- 43 i JOHN STEWART⁴ RIGGS, born about 1852 18 Nov. 1851, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., Pennsylvania.
- 44 ii WILLIAM BATES⁴ RIGGS, born about 1854 17 Aug. 1853, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., Pennsylvania, married MARY P. NELSON.
- + 45 iii MARY ELLEN⁴ RIGGS, born Oct. 1855 12 Oct. 1855, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., Pennsylvania, married JAMES F. DOUGLASS TAYLOR DOUGLAS, and had three children.
- 46 iv JENNIE SARAH⁴ RIGGS, born about 1857 17 Nov. 1857, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., Pennsylvania.
- 47 v EMMA CATHERINE⁴ RIGGS, born about 1860 9 Jan. 1860, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., Pennsylvania.
- 48 vi DAVID ELMER⁴ RIGGS, born about 1862 2 Aug. 1862, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., Pennsylvania, died 29 Apr. 1887, aged 25, and his funeral was held 2 May 1887 at his parents' residence, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.^[60]
- 49 vii EDMONIA FLORA⁴ RIGGS, born about 1865 13 Dec. 1864, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., Pennsylvania.
- 50 viii ELIZABETH ROLENA [ROLLIE]⁴ RIGGS, born about 1867 12 May 1867, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., Pennsylvania.
- 51 ix IDA BELL [BALL]⁴ RIGGS, born Nov. 1869 (1900 census) 14 Nov. 1869, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., Pennsylvania. She resided with her sister, Mary E. Douglass, in the 1900 and 1920 censuses (the latter in the household of "Ella" Douglass's son-in-law (q.v.)).
- 52 x ALTA MAY⁴ RIGGS, born about 1876 28 Nov. 1875, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., Pennsylvania.

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59. Parts in red from posting, Lynn Riggs, 11 Dec. 1998, RIGGS-L Archive.

60. Obit., David Elmer Riggs, *Pittsburgh Post*, 2 May 1887, online at Allegheny County PA Archives Obituaries, <ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/allegheny/obits/riggs-david1887.txt>, "Riggs—On Friday evening, April 29, 1887, at 7:45 o'clock, David Elmer Riggs, in the twenty-fifth year of his age. Funeral from his parents' residence, Snowden township, Monday, May 2, at 11 o'clock." Additional comment: "Son of David B. & Elizabeth (Bates) Riggs."

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27. LOUIS [LEWIS] T.³ RIGGS (^{John², Edward¹}) was born about 1831 **14 Aug 1831, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny, Pa.,^[61]** Pennsylvania. He married CATHERINE A. E. MAITS, who was born 1836, Pennsylvania, died 1919, and was buried in Peters Creek Baptist Church Cem., South Park Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.^[62]

In 1860 Lewis Riggs, 28, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with real and personal estates worth \$2,700 and \$1,000, respectively, resided in Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with "Catharin," 23, born in Pennsylvania, and with John, 5, Joseph, 3, and "L," ½ [sic], all three children born in Pennsylvania. Also in the household were John Icelander, 17, a farm laborer, Alexander Eggars, 12, and Sarah Phillip, 21, all three born in Pennsylvania. Next door was Mary Riggs.^[63]

In 1870 Louis Riggs, 39, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with real and personal estates worth \$6,000 and \$1,000, respectively, resided in Green Tree, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with "Catharine," 33, born in Pennsylvania, and with John, 15, Joseph, 12, "Boulton," 10, Mary, 6, and Weldon, 2, all five children born in Pennsylvania. Next door was David Riggs, 48, with Mary, 70.^[64]

In 1880 Catherine Riggs, 43, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with her mother, Elizabeth Maits, 70, a widow born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with her daughter Mary E. Riggs, 16, son, Weldon, 13, and daughter, Nora Kate, 7, all three born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania. Catherine is not marked a widow.^[65]

61. Posting, Lynn Riggs, 11 Dec. 1998, RIGGS-L Archive.

62. Allegheny County PA Archives Photo Tombstone, Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, <ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/allegheny/tsphotos/peterscreek-baptist.txt>. All tombstone transcriptions contributed to the site by Lynn Beatty: "Riggs, Catherine A. E., 1836-1919."

63. U.S. census, 1860, Library PO, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 1064, p. 684, dw. 158, fam. 151. Mary's household resided in dw. 159.

64. U.S. census, 1870, Green Tree PO, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., r. 1299, p. 443, dw. 147, fam. 130. David and Mary resided in dw. 148.

65. U.S. census, 1880, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 87, r. 1091, p. 296C, dw. 181, fam.

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Children:

- + 53 i **JOHN E.⁴ RIGGS**, born Oct. 1855, Pennsylvania, married **IDA B. —**, and had five children.
- 54 ii **JOSEPH⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1857, Pennsylvania.
- + 55 iii **BOLTON GOUCHER⁴ RIGGS**, born 28 Apr. 1858 or Apr. 1860, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., married **EFFA [EFFIE] J. MACKEY**, and had nine children.
- 56 iv **MARY E.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1864, Pennsylvania.
- + 57 v **WELDON⁴ RIGGS**, born Dec. 1867, Pennsylvania, married **MINNIE V. —**, and had four children.
- 58 vi **NORA KATE⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1873, Pennsylvania.

32. OBADIAH HIGBEE³ RIGGS (*John², Edward¹*) was born 6 July 1843, Library, Snowden Twp., Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pa.,^[66] and died 11 Sept. 1907, Utah. He married (1) **EMMA LOUISA ROBBINS**, who was born 27 May 1850, San Francisco, San Francisco Co., Calif.,^[67] daughter of John R. and Phebe Ann (—) Robbins. Obadiah married (2) **ANNIE WILSON**. He married (3) **ELMIRA A. WILSON**.

In 1880 Obadiah Riggs, 36, a “Machine Agt.” born in Pennsylvania of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., Utah Terr., with his wife, Emma L., 30, born in California of New Jersey natives, and with his sons, Edgar R., 12, and Lester R., 8, daughter, Ray E., 3, and son, Laurence, 1, all four born in Utah Terr., and his “Mother,” “Phoebe” Robbins, 68, in real

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66. Patriarchal Blessings [transcription], Obadiah H. Riggs, FHL 392681, born 6 July 1843, Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., father John Riggs, mother Mary, date of blessing 2 Oct. 1868, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., Utah Terr., lineage Joseph, patriarch John Smith, cites Patriarchal Blessings, 42:762.

67. Patriarchal Blessings [transcription], Emma Louisa Robbins Riggs, FHL 392681, born 27 May 1850, San Francisco, San Francisco Co., Calif., father John R. Robbins, mother Phebe Ann, date of blessing 19 May 1878, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., Utah Terr., lineage Ephraim, patriarch John Smith, cites Patriarchal Blessings, 50:321.

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estate, born in New Jersey. Also in the household was a servant and two boarders.^[68]

Dr. Obadiah Riggs was [Utah] Territorial Superintendant of Common Schools in the 1870s:

Through the 1860s, a major theme of the Territorial Superintendent of Common Schools, Robert L. Campbell, was that the “greatest lack . . . is that of qualified teachers.” Partly as a result of Campbell’s efforts, within a few years of the re-establishment of the University of Deseret in 1870, provision was made for the organization of a Normal School designed to prepare teachers for the territory’s school districts. In typical fashion, however, rhetoric exceeded reality and the Normal School was given no financial aid. Campbell and his successor, **Dr. Obadiah Riggs**, made repeated requests for support, but not until 1876 was there an appropriation of five thousand dollars given to the university for the preparation of teachers. This aid was given on condition that forty potential teachers annually would be instructed free of charge in the normal department of the university. Students assisted in this way were required to teach one year in the district schools for each year of free tuition received.^[69]

Another excerpt from the same book introduces David O. McKay who married Obadiah’s daughter, Emma Ray, and later became the ninth president of the LDS church:

David O. McKay and others once strategized to infiltrate and take over the schools [of Utah]. But once they succeeded, they were unable—or perhaps unwilling—to make them into a theocratic “bulwark against the world” as originally conceived. The temptation to control the classroom remains, and it is occasionally sought not only by Mormons but by others as well.^[70]

68. U.S. census, 1880, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., Utah Terr., ED 47, r. 1337, p. 125A, dw. 145, fam. 172.

69. Frederick S. Buchanan, *Culture Clash and Accommodation: Public Schooling in Salt Lake City, 1890–1994*, chapter 1 excerpt at <www.signaturebooks.com/excerpts/culture.htm>, cites John C. Moffitt, *The History of Public Education in Utah* (n.p., 1946, 280–86).

70. Frederick S. Buchanan, *Culture Clash and Accommodation: Public Schooling in Salt Lake City*,

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Children:

- 59 i EDGAR R. [or K.] [OBADIAH EDGAR]⁴ RIGGS, born 12 Feb. 1868, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., Utah Terr., died 20 Dec. 1889, Salt Lake City, buried 20 Dec. 1889, Salt Lake City Cem.^[71]
- 60 ii WALTER R. [or K.]⁴ RIGGS, born 25 Dec. 1870, Salt Lake City, Utah Terr., died 28 July 1871, Salt Lake City,^[72] buried 28 July 1871, Salt Lake City Cem.^[73]
- 61 iii LESTER ROBBINS⁴ RIGGS, born 10 June about 1872, Utah Terr., died 3 Sept. 1917, married CLARA MAY PHELPS.
- 62 iv HAROLD R.⁴ RIGGS, born 10 June 1872 (twin of Lester), Salt Lake City, Utah Terr.,^[74] buried 30 July 1872, Salt Lake City Cem.^[75]
- + 63 v EMMA RAY⁴ RIGGS, born 23 June 1877, Utah Terr., married DAVID OMAN MCKAY, and had seven children.
- 64 vi LAURENCE [LAWRENCE] KEENE⁴ RIGGS, born 10 Mar. about 1879, Utah Terr., died 22 Nov. 1901, Salt Lake City, buried 22 Nov. 1901, Salt Lake City Cem.^[76]

1890–1994, excerpt at <www.signaturebooks.com/excerpts/culture.htm>, cites John C. Moffitt, *The History of Public Education in Utah* (n.p., 1946, 280–86.

71. *Cemetery Burials Database*, <history.utah.gov/apps/burials/execute/searchburials>, Edgar K. Riggs, born “2/0/1868,” died 20 Dec. 1889, buried 20 Dec. 1889, birth place Salt Lake City, Utah, death place Salt Lake City, Utah, grave location Salt Lake City Cem., UK15580.

72. *Deseret News Weekly*, Salt Lake City, 2 Aug. 1871, FHL 26592, item 2, “Died, Salt Lake City, 28 Jul 1871, Walter K son of O H & Emma L Riggs, 7 months 3 days,” as transcribed at <www.rootsweb.com/%7Eutsaltla/obit_DeseretNews_1870s.html#1870>.

73. *Cemetery Burials Database*, Walter R. Riggs, born 25 Dec. 1870, died 28 July 1871, buried 28 July 1871, birth place Salt Lake City, Utah, death place Salt Lake City, Utah, grave location Salt Lake City Cem., UK12225.

74. *Deseret News Weekly*, Salt Lake City, 2 Aug. 1872, FHL 26593, “Died, Salt Lake City, 30 Jul 1872, Harold R son of O H & Emma L Riggs, 7 weeks,” as transcribed at <www.rootsweb.com/%7Eutsaltla/obit_DeseretNews_1870s.html#1870>.

75. *Cemetery Burials Database*, Harold R. Riggs, born 6/10/1872, died “0/0/0,” buried 30 July 1872, birth place Salt Lake City, Utah, death place Salt Lake City, Utah, grave location Salt Lake City Cem., UK12385.

76. *Cemetery Burials Database*, Harold R. Riggs, born “0/0/1879,” died 22 Nov. 1901, buried 22 Nov. 1901, birth place unknown, death place “44 No. 2nd West S.L.C.Ut,” grave location Salt Lake City Cem., G-5-9-5-West, source sexton records.

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45. MARY ELLEN⁴ RIGGS (₂₃*David*³, *John*², *Edward*¹)^[77] was born Oct. 1855 (1900 census), Pennsylvania. She married about 1877 **JAMES F. DOUGLASS**, who was born Feb. 1855 (1900 census), India.

In 1900 James F. Douglass, 45, a traveling salesman for a cask company, born Feb. 1855 in India of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., with his wife of 23 years, Mary E., 44, born Oct. 1855 in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio. She has had three children, with two surviving and in the household: son, Walter P., 19, born May 1880, and daughter, Alda B., 15, born Jan. 1885, both born in Pennsylvania. Also in the household was James's sister-in-law, Ida B. Riggs, 30, single, born Nov. 1869 in Pennsylvania (her parents' nativities are incorrectly recorded).^[78]

In 1920 "Ella" Douglass, 64, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in Dormont Borough, Allegheny Co., Pa., with her sister, Ida B. Riggs, 50, single, with the same nativities, both in the household of Ella's son-in-law, William Salaziner, 38, a treasurer at a brick company born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his wife, Alda, 35, who was born in Pennsylvania of a father born in India and a mother in Pennsylvania, and with his son, Taylor, 12, born in Pennsylvania.^[79]

Known children, of three:

- 65 i **WALTER P.⁵ DOUGLASS**, born May 1880, Pennsylvania.
- 66 ii **ALDA B.⁵ DOUGLASS**, born Jan. 1885, Pennsylvania, married **WILLIAM SALAZINER**, and had one child: Taylor⁶ Salagiver.

77. Grandson George Weldon⁶ Riggs gives his middle name as Goucher, and his grandmother's first name as Effa.

78. U.S. census, 1900, ward 21, Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 253, r. 1362, p. 149, sh. 3A, dw. 44, fam. 51.

79. U.S. census, 1920, Dormont Borough, Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 882, r. 1511, p. 136, sh. 6B, dw. 129, fam. 146.

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53. JOHN E.⁴ RIGGS (₂₇*Louis*³, *John*², *Edward*¹)^[80] was born Oct. 1855 (1900 census), Pennsylvania, and died before the 1920 census. He married about 1878 **IDA B. —**, who was born Mar. 1858 (1900 census), Pennsylvania.

In 1900 John E. Riggs, 44, a physician born Oct. 1855 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Wilkinsburg Borough, Allegheny Co., Pa., with his wife of 22 years, Ida B., 42, born Mar. 1858 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. She had had five children, with all five surviving and residing in her household: daughter, Lida C., 19, born Aug. 1880, son, Carl H., 16, Mar. 1884, and daughters, Laura B., 12, born Aug. 1887, Edna W., 8, born June 1891, and Margaret S., 6, born May 1894, all five born in Pennsylvania. There was also a boarder in the household, William S. Dixon, 28, born Aug 1871 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives.^[81]

In 1920 Ida [B?]. Riggs, 62, a widow born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Wilkinsburg Borough., Allegheny Co., Pa., with her son, Carl H., 35, an electrical production clerk, and daughter, "Margret" S., 25, both born in Pennsylvania.^[82]

Children:

- 67 i **LIDA C.⁵ RIGGS**, born Aug. 1880, Pennsylvania.
- 68 ii **CARL H.⁵ RIGGS**, born Mar. 1884, Pennsylvania.
- 69 iii **LAURA B.⁵ RIGGS**, born Aug. 1887, Pennsylvania.
- 70 iv **EDNA W.⁵ RIGGS**, born June 1891, Pennsylvania.
- 71 v **MARGARET S.⁵ RIGGS**, born May 1894, Pennsylvania.

80. Grandson George Weldon⁶ Riggs gives his middle name as Goucher, and his grandmother's first name as Effa, citing a letter written by his father George W.⁵ Riggs. Note that Gousher, or Gougher, Gaucher, etc. appears to be a family name (see Elenor (Townsend) Gousher, who died about thie time Bolton was born).

81. U.S. census, 1900, Wilkinsburg Borough, Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 529, r. 1372, p. 128, sh. 5A, dw. 84, fam. 93.

82. U.S. census, 1920, Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 864, r. 1530, p. 140, sh. 1A, dw. 2, fam. 2.

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55. BOLTON GOUCHER⁴ RIGGS (₂₇*Louis*³, *John*², *Edward*¹) was born 28 Apr. 1858 (calculated) or Apr. 1860 (1900 census), Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.,^[83] died 29 Dec. 1906, last residence Snowden Twp., and was buried in Library Cem., Snowden Twp.^[84] He married^[85] **EFFA [EFFIE] J. MACKEY**, who was born about 1857, Washington Co., Pa.

In 1880 “Boley” G. Riggs, 20, a farm worker born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in the household of John Fife in Upper Saint Clair, Allegheny Co., Pa.^[86]

Obituary for Bolton G. Riggs from the *Pittsburgh Gazette*, 31 Dec. 1906:

Riggs—Suddenly on Saturday, Dec. 29, 1906 at 9:15 p.m. Bolton G. Riggs, husband of Effie J. Riggs (nee Mackey) aged 48 years, 8 months, 1 day. Funeral services Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock at his late residence near Wilson School, Snowden Township, Pennsylvania. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Library cemetery. Carriages will depart from Semmerock Brothers' (Funeral directors) office 1720 Carson Street at 8:00 a.m.^[87]

In 1900 Bolton G. “Biggs,” 40, a farm laborer born Apr. 1860 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with his wife of 19 years, “Effy” J., 53, born Apr. 1847 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. She had had eight children, with seven surviving and residing in the household: daughter, Gatta R., 18,

83. Handwritten biography of Bolton's son, George Weldon⁵ Riggs, 25 Feb. 1928, photocopy courtesy of his grandson, George Weldon⁶ Riggs, “My father Bolton Goucher Riggs Library Pa[,] My mother Effa J. Mackey, Washington Pa.” Note that Gousher, or Gougher, Gaucher, etc. appears to be a family name (see Elenor (Townsend) Gousher, who died about thie time Bolton was born).

84. Obit., Bolton G. Riggs, *Pittsburgh Gazette*, 31 Dec. 1906, online at *Allegheny County PA Archives Obituaries*, <ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/allegheny/obits/riggs-boulton1906.txt>.

85. Obit., Bolton G. Riggs, *Pittsburgh Gazette*, 31 Dec. 1906.

86. U.S. census, 1880, Upper Saint Clair, Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 92, r. 1091, p. 384D, dw. 34, fam. 37.

87. Obit., Bolton G. Riggs, *Pittsburgh Gazette*, 31 Dec. 1906.

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born Nov. 1881, and sons, Andrew L., 15, born Dec. 1884, Glenn B., 14, born Mar. 1886, George W., 12, born Mar. 1888, Murray J., 10, born Mar. 1890, Elmer E., 5, born Mar. 1895, and Mack T., 2, born July 1897, all seven born in Pennsylvania.^[88]

In 1910 Effie Riggs, 53, a widow born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with her sons, George, 22, a clerk, Jean, 15, and "Mac," 12, all born in Pennsylvania. She had had nine children, with eight surviving.^[89]

Known children, of nine:

- 72 i **GRETA [GATTA] R.⁵ RIGGS**, daughter, born Nov. 1881, Pennsylvania. Her existence and name established by my informant, George Weldon⁶ Riggs, her nephew. She married and had at least a son, Travis⁶, and a daughter, Effa⁶.
- + 73 ii **ANDREW L.⁵ RIGGS**, born 29 Dec. 1883 or Dec. 1884, Pennsylvania, married **ELLA** —, and had five children.
- + 74 iii **GLENN BOLTON⁵ RIGGS**, born Mar. 1886 or 29 Apr. 1886 or 24 Mar. 1887, Broughton, Allegheny Co., Pa., married **ANNA B.** —, and had two children.
- + 75 iv **GEORGE WELDON⁵ RIGGS**, born 23 Mar. 1888, Snowden Twp. Allegheny Co., Pa., married (1) **LENA R. BARBER**, and had perhaps one child and adopted another, married (2) **OSTA PEARL STOLLAR**, and had five children.
- + 76 v **MURRAY J.⁵ RIGGS**, born 7 Mar. 1890, Broughton, Allegheny Co., Pa., married **SUE** —, and had one child.
- 77 vi **ELMER EUGENE [GENE]⁵ RIGGS**, born 15 Mar. 1895, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.^[90] Elmer E. Riggs, 35, single, a coal mine

88. U.S. census, 1900, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 499, r. 1371, p. 263, sh. 6B, dw. 116, fam. 116.

89. U.S. census, 1910, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 230, r. 1297, p. 264, sh. 6B, dw. 97, fam. 115.

90. *World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Elmer Riggs, FHL 1852292, 22, of East Haven, Pa., born 15 Mar. 1895, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., married, laborer around a coal mine, registered 3 June 1917, Allegheny Co., Pa.; email from George Weldon⁶ Riggs, 12 Sept. 2006, calls him Uncle Gene.

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brick layer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided with his brother, Andrew Riggs, in the 1930 census (q.v.). According to his draft registration, Elmer was married when he registered in 1917.

- + 78 vii **MACK TAYLOR⁵ RIGGS**, born 3 July 1897, Finleyville, Washington Co., Pa., married **THERESA** —, and had four children.

57. WELDON⁴ RIGGS (₂₇*Louis³, John², Edward¹*) was born Dec. 1867 (1900 census), Pennsylvania. He married about 1890 **MINNIE V. —**, who was born June 1872 (1900 census), Pennsylvania.

In 1900 “Welldin” Riggs, 32, born Dec. 1867 in Pennsylvania, resided in Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with his wife of 10 years, Minnie V., 27, born June 1872. She has had four children, with all four surviving and in the household: son, “Leister” W., 9, born Mar. 1891, daughters, Ora F., 6, born Dec. 1893, and Liddie M., 3, born Aug. 1896, and son, Clell C., 2, born Dec. 1897, all four born in Pennsylvania.^[91]

Known children:

- 79 i **LESTER WELDON⁵ RIGGS**, born 13 Mar. 1891, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., registered 5 June 1917 for the draft, aged 26, resident of Castle Shannon, Pa., a car barn foreman for a railway company in Washington, Pa., married with two children.^[92]
- + 80 ii **ORA FERN⁵ RIGGS**, born 22 Dec. 1893, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., married **CLARENCE LOVE**, and had at least two children.
- 81 iii **LIDDIE M.⁵ RIGGS**, born Aug. 1896, Pennsylvania.
- 82 iv **CLELL C.⁵ RIGGS**, born Dec. 1897, Pennsylvania.

91. U.S. census, 1900, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 499, r. 1371, p. 263, sh. 6A, dw. 111, fam. 111.

92. *World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Lester Weldon Riggs, FHL 1852290.

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1. Gravestones of Emma Ray⁴ (Riggs) and Davis Oman McKay, Salt Lake City

63. EMMA RAY⁴ RIGGS (₃₂Obadiah Higbee³, John², Edward¹)^[93] was born 23 June 1877 (gravestone), Utah Terr., and died 14 Nov. 1970, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., Utah, and was buried 18 Nov. 1970 in the Salt Lake City Cem.^[94] She married 2 Jan. 1901, LDS Temple, Salt Lake City (see biography below), **DAVID OMAN MCKAY**, who was born 8 Sept. 1873 (gravestone), Huntsville, Weber Co., Utah Terr., son of David and Jennette (Evans) McKay, died 18 Jan. 1970, and was buried 22 Jan. 1970 in Salt Lake City Cem.^[95]

In 1906 David O. McKay was made a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, the top governing body of the LDS church under the president (see biography below).

In 1910 David O. McKay, 36, a minister born in Utah Terr. of a father born in Scotland and a mother in Wales, resided in Ogden, Weber Co., Utah, with his wife of nine years, Ray, 39, born in Utah Terr. of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in California, and with his

93. Grandson George Weldon⁶ Riggs gives his middle name as Goucher, and his grandmother's first name as Effa, citing a letter written by his father George W.⁵ Riggs. Note that Gousher, or Gougher, Gaucher, etc. appears to be a family name (see Elenor (Townsend) Gousher, who died about this time Bolton was born).

94. *Cemetery Burials Database*, <history.utah.gov/apps/burials/execute/searchburials>, Emma Ray Riggs McKay, born 23 June 1879, died 14 Nov. 1970, buried 18 Nov. 1970, birth place Utah, death place Salt Lake City, Utah, grave location Salt Lake City Cem., West-3-79-2-W, source sexton records.

95. *Cemetery Burials Database*, David Oman McKay, born 8 Sept. 1873, died 18 Jan. 1970, buried 22 Jan. 1970, birth place Utah, death place Utah, grave location Salt Lake City Cem., West-3-79-1-W, source sexton records.

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sons, D. Laurence, 8, and Llewelyn, 5, daughter, Louise, 3, and son, Royal, 6/12, all four born in Utah.^[96]

In 1920 David McKay, 46, an educator and “Church-man” born in Utah Terr. of a father born in Scotland and a mother in Wales, resided in Ogden, Weber Co., Utah, with his wife, Emma R., 42, born in Utah Terr. of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in California, and with his sons, Laurence, 18, and Llewelyn, 15, daughters, Louise, 13, and Emma, 6, and son, Edward, 4, all five born in Utah.^[97]

This biography is typical of several that can be found on the internet:

David O. McKay (1873–1970), sustained as the ninth President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 9, 1951, served as a General Authority for nearly sixty-four years, longer than any other person in Church history. During that time he served as a counselor in the First Presidency for seventeen years and was President for nearly nineteen years. He is remembered for his contributions to education, his exemplary family life, his emphasis on missionary work, his humanitarianism, his practical advice on achieving a happy life, and his participation in civic affairs, and for leading the Church toward increased internationalism.

The third child of David and Jennette Evans McKay, David Oman McKay was born in Huntsville, Utah, on September 8, 1873. While growing up on his father’s farm, he faced tragedy and privation much earlier than many children. When he was six, his two older sisters died, and just a year later, his father was called on a two-year mission to his native Scotland. Young David matured quickly when he was left to help his mother care for the farm and the family, which included a younger brother and two younger sisters, one a two-year-old and the other a baby girl born ten days after his father left. The enterprising family, with the help of neighbors, had realized enough profit to surprise their father and husband with a much-needed addition to the house when he returned from his mission.

96. U.S. census, 1910, Ogden, Weber Co., Utah, ED 229, r. 1611, p. 52, sh. 9B, dw. 182, fam. 192.

97. U.S. census, 1920, Ogden, Weber Co., Utah, ED 161, r. 1869, p. 116, sh. 7B, dw. 155, fam. 176.

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Young David continued to attend school, work on the farm, and, during the summer, deliver the Ogden Standard Examiner to a nearby mining town. He had an insatiable hunger for learning, and during his round trips on horseback, he spent much of the time reading and memorizing passages from the world's great literature that were later to permeate his sermons and writings. He also loved riding horses, swimming, and other sports; dramatics; debate; singing; and playing the piano with the Huntsville town orchestra.

After completing the eighth grade, David enrolled in the Church's Weber Stake Academy in Ogden, Utah. Two years later, he was back in Huntsville as principal of the community school, but after a year he decided that he needed more schooling for a career in teaching and enrolled at the University of Utah. He graduated in June 1897 as class president and valedictorian. The theme of his valedictory address, "An Unsatisfied Appetite for Knowledge Means Progress and Is the State of a Normal Mind," characterized his life.

After graduation Elder McKay accepted a mission call to Great Britain. He arrived in Liverpool on August 25, 1897, and, like his father before him, was soon appointed to preside over the Scottish conference (later known as district). During a special priesthood meeting, he received a powerful spiritual manifestation confirming the truthfulness of the gospel. He had been seeking that confirmation since childhood, and it remained with him throughout his life. In Liverpool in 1899, he discovered a saying that became a lifetime motto. Homesick and discouraged, he noticed over the doorway of an unfinished house an unusual stone arch bearing the inscription "What-E'er Thou Art, Act Well Thy Part." His attitude changed, and that perspective exemplified his life.

He returned home in the fall of 1899 and accepted a teaching position at Weber Stake Academy. On January 2, 1901, he married Emma Ray Riggs in the Salt Lake Temple; they had seven children.

As a teacher, McKay was popular, effective, and deeply concerned that his students absorb more than facts. He believed that teachers must lead students to stretch their minds into the world of ideas. "If you will give your class a thought, even one new thought during your recitation period," he later told other educators, "you will find that they will go away

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satisfied. But it is your obligation to be prepared to give that new thought” (1953, p. 439). He also believed that teachers must develop in students the moral and ethical values that lead to responsible citizenship. “Teaching is the noblest profession in the world,” he proclaimed, for “upon the proper education of youth depend the permanency and purity of the home, the safety and perpetuity of the nation” (1953, p. 436). “True education,” he said, “seeks . . . to make men and women not only good mathematicians, proficient linguists, profound scientists, or brilliant literary lights, but also honest men, combined with virtue, temperance, and brotherly love—men and women who prize truth, justice, wisdom, benevolence, and self-control as the choicest acquisitions of a successful life” (1953, p. 441). Teachers must be the exemplars, and he scolded the nation for not recognizing the need to pay for outstanding teachers in the classroom.

In 1902 McKay became the principal of Weber Stake Academy, and he soon instituted a number of progressive and innovative program changes. His Church assignments during these years also centered on education, as he served on the Weber Stake Sunday School board and then as a member of the superintendency (see Sunday School). He was fully satisfied with what he believed would be a lifelong career in education when in 1906 everything changed: three members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles died, and David O. McKay, at age thirty-two, was called to that quorum.

In addition to his new responsibilities, Elder McKay remained active in educational administration. He stayed on as head of Weber Academy until 1908 and then served on its board of trustees until 1922. He was a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Utah in 1921–1922, and in 1940–1941 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Utah State Agricultural College (later Utah State University). As a General Authority of the Church he became a member of the superintendency of the Church’s Sunday School, and from 1918 to 1934 was the superintendent. In 1919 he became the Church’s first Commissioner of Education, and in this assignment he had some difficult decisions to make. In 1920 he advised the closing of most Church-owned academies and the establishment of seminaries adjacent to all high schools with sufficient LDS population. Religious instruction would still be given to high school students, but without the expense of full high school programs. A seminary adjacent to

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Granite High in Salt Lake City had already proved successful, and the new recommendation was quickly put into effect. He also recommended that Brigham Young University adopt a full college curriculum and that the other five Church colleges (four in Utah and one in Idaho) develop just two-year programs, primarily for training teachers. Within the next ten years, all the Utah colleges except Brigham Young University were transferred to the state.

Elder McKay became the most widely traveled Church leader of his day, an emissary to the growing worldwide Church. In 1920–1921 he toured the missions of the world, stopping at many places never before visited by a General Authority. From 1922 to 1924, he was back in Europe, this time as president of the European Mission (see Europe). His success there became legendary, as he did much to improve the public image of the Church. He also revitalized missionary work by urging every Latter-day Saint to make a commitment to bring one new member into the Church each year. In later years he became famous for his motto "Every member a missionary," an emphasis that began in Europe in 1923. In addition, he urged the Saints to remain in Europe rather than to emigrate to America, promising them that one day the full program of the Church, including sacred temples, would be made available in their homelands.

In 1934 President Heber J. Grant chose David O. McKay to be his Second Counselor in the First Presidency of the Church. In 1951, the same year that he and Emma Ray celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, he became President of the Church. Tall, still robust despite his seventy-seven years, possessing a full head of wavy white hair, and with eyes that one man characterized as "fiercely tender," David O. McKay looked every bit the prophet his followers revered him to be.

President McKay's administration covered an important period of transition. As he guided the Church into the last half of the twentieth century, he faced critical new challenges connected with numerical growth, international expansion, and a variety of political and social problems related to the rapidly changing world. Church membership nearly tripled, from 1.1 million to 2.8 million; the number of stakes grew from 184 to 500; the number of missions more than doubled; the missionary force expanded six times; temples were erected in Switzerland, New Zealand, and

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Great Britain, as well as California; and the Church was established in several new countries. As an experienced leader with both a firm hand and a humanitarian nature, President McKay was admirably suited for the task of moving the Church toward the new internationalism that would characterize the later twentieth century.

In the summer of 1952 he visited nine European countries on what may have been the most significant tour of his career. His announcement that a site had been selected for the erection of a temple just outside Bern, Switzerland, ushered in a new era, symbolizing the establishment of the full program of the Church in nations outside North America. Having temples within traveling distance strengthened the Saints spiritually and encouraged them to remain in their homelands to build up the Church. President McKay dedicated the Swiss Temple in 1955, and soon temples began to dot the world. Smaller and less expensive than previous temples, the new temples introduced design changes and technological innovations (including special films) that made the temple ceremonies available in many languages.

Another step in the maturation of the Church outside North America was the organization of stakes. Having local stakes indicated that the local leaders were experienced enough to assume leadership in place of American mission presidents and that local members, rather than missionaries, could direct Church activities. The first stakes outside North America were organized in Hawaii (1935 and 1955) before President McKay's administration, and the second, in New Zealand (1958). These were followed, during his time as President, by stakes in Australia, England, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, Samoa, Scotland, Brazil, Argentina, Guatemala, Uruguay, Tonga, Peru, and Japan.

President McKay's humanitarian impulse, even in controversial areas of Church policy, was demonstrated during a mission tour of South Africa in 1954. There he was reminded of the difficulties involved with the Church's policy of not allowing blacks or people with black ancestry to hold the priesthood. At that time, to be ordained, members in South Africa had to trace their ancestral lines beyond the continent of Africa because of the high possibility of black ancestry. President McKay listened with great empathy to those whose inability to trace their genealogy kept them

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from bearing the priesthood, and he felt inspired to modify the policy so that the genealogical test would not apply. It remained for one of his successors, President Spencer W. Kimball, to be given the revelation on priesthood in 1978.

Other controversial questions confronted President McKay, one concerning education. In 1954 the continued state support of Utah's junior colleges became a heated political issue. At the urging of Governor J. Bracken Lee and as a money-saving device for the state, the legislature authorized the transfer of Snow, Weber, and Dixie colleges back to the Church. Citizens placed the issue on the ballot as a referendum measure, and President McKay, concerned that the colleges would deteriorate if the state continued to operate them without adequate financing, announced that the Church was willing to take the schools back and operate them on a sound financial basis. In the referendum, however, the people of the state voted against the move.

President McKay made a myriad of far-reaching administrative decisions. As an avid missionary, he approved a new proselytizing plan, A Systematic Program for Teaching the Gospel, and in 1961 he presided over the first world seminar for mission presidents, where the plan was introduced. He promoted the continuing expansion of seminaries, institutes of religion, and Church schools in areas where public educational opportunities were limited. Other administrative decisions demonstrated his willingness to innovate as needs arose. In 1961 he authorized ordaining members of the First Council of the Seventy to the office of high priest, which gave them the right to preside at stake conferences and thus eased the growing administrative burdens of the Quorum of the Twelve, and in 1967 he inaugurated the position of Regional Representative of the Twelve. In 1965 he also took the unusual step of expanding the number of counselors in the First Presidency, as his own ability to function effectively became impaired with age.

President David O. McKay believed that Church leadership also implied civic responsibility. Throughout his career he remained active in public affairs and was frequently asked to head important civic committees. During most of his presidential administration, he held weekly breakfast meetings with the head of the Salt Lake area Chamber of Commerce

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and the publisher of the Salt Lake Tribune, which gave him an opportunity to share concerns with these civic leaders and reach agreements on many areas of mutual interest. Politically, he made every effort to keep the Church nonpartisan and constantly encouraged Church members in the United States to be active in both major political parties. At times, however, he took clear stands on controversial political issues when it was apparent to him that they were also moral issues. His denunciation of communism, for example, was uncompromising, on the grounds of its atheistic nature and its threat to the democratic institutions he valued. In 1969, amid the tense civil rights struggles that were dividing Americans as they had seldom been divided since the Civil War, he authorized the issuing of a strong official statement calling upon Church members everywhere to do their part to see that civil rights for all races were held inviolate.

President McKay kept up a steady pace of travel and administrative work until, in his nineties, his age required him to slow down. On January 18, 1970, at age ninety-six, he died in Salt Lake City.^[98]

Known children, of seven:

- 83 i **DAVID LAWRENCE [LAURENCE]⁵ MCKAY**, born 30 Sept. 1901, Ogden, Weber Co., Utah, died 27 Oct. 1993, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., Utah, and buried 30 Oct. 1993, Salt Lake City Cem.^[99]
- 84 ii **LLEWELYN RIGGS⁵ MCKAY**, born **5 June 1904** about 1905 (1880 census) or 4 June 1907 (burial record), **Ogden, Weber Co.**, Utah, died 2 Jan. 1975, Salt Lake City, buried 4 Jan. 1975 Salt Lake City Cem.^[100]

98. *David O. McKay*, by James B. Allen, <www.lightplanet.com/mormons/people/david_o_mckay.html>, cites in its bibliography sources by David Lawrence McKay, Llewelyn R. McKay, and Jeanette McKay Morrell, his children. The Wikipedia entry for David O. McKay states that Fawn McKay Brodie, author of *No Man Knows My History* (for which she was excommunicated from the LDS church), was David's niece, and that Alan Ashton, cofounder of software company WordPerfect, was his grandson.

99. *Cemetery Burials Database*, David Lawrence McKay, born 30 Sept. 1901, died 27 Oct. 1993, buried 30 Oct. 1993, birth place Ogden, Utah, death place Salt Lake City, Utah, grave location Salt Lake City Cem., West-3-80-1E.

100. *Cemetery Burials Database*, "Llewelyn" R. McKay, born 4 June 1907, died 2 Jan. 1975, buried 4 Jan. 1975, birth place Utah, death place Salt Lake City, Utah, grave location Salt Lake City Cem.,

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- 85 iii LOUISE JEANETTE⁵ MCKAY, born about 1907, Utah, married — MORRELL.
- 86 iv ROYAL RIGGS⁵ MCKAY, born 21 Oct. about 1909, Ogden, Weber Co., Utah, died 21 Oct. 1909, buried (reinterment probably) 16 Mar. 1949, Salt Lake City Cem.^[101]
- 87 v EMMA RAE⁵ MCKAY, born about 1914, Utah.
- 88 vi EDWARD⁵ MCKAY, born about 1916, Utah.

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73. ANDREW L.⁵ RIGGS (⁵⁵Bolton Goucher⁴, Louis³, John², Edward¹) was born 29 Dec. 1883 (SSDI) or Dec. 1884 (1900 census), Pennsylvania, and died June 1974, last residence Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa.^[102] He married ELLA —, who was born about 1892, Pennsylvania.

In 1920 Andrew Riggs, 46, a truck driver for a coal mine born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with his wife, Ella, 28, born in Pennsylvania of English natives, and with his daughter, “Ester,” 6, son, Ralph, 2 6/12, and daughter, Marie, 0/12, all three born in Pennsylvania.^[103]

In 1930 Andrew Riggs, 36, a county park laborer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with his wife, Ella, 36, born in Pennsylvania of English natives, and with his daughter, Esther, 16, son, Ralph, 12, and daughters, Lillie, 8, and Bercedes, 3, all four born in Pennsylvania, and with his brother, Elmer E., 35 (q.v.).^[104]

West-3-79-1E.

101. *Cemetery Burials Database*, Royal Riggs McKay, born “0/0/1947,” died 21 Oct. 1909, buried 16 Mar. 1949, birth place Ogden, Utah, death place unknown, grave location Salt Lake City Cem., West-3-79-3E.

102. SSDI, Andrew Riggs, SSN 208-03-7908, born 29 Dec. 1883, died June 1974, last residence 15236 Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

103. U.S. census, 1920, Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 161, r. 1513, p. 48, sh. 9A, dw. 26, fam. 27.

104. U.S. census, 1930, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 799, r. 1990, p. 269, sh. 19B, dw.

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Children:

- 89 i **ESTHER**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1914, Pennsylvania.
- 90 ii **RALPH**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1917, Pennsylvania.
- 91 iii **MARIE**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1920, Pennsylvania. She was not listed in the 1930 census so perhaps died young.
- 92 iv **LILLIE**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1922, Pennsylvania.
- 93 v **BERCEDES**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1927, Pennsylvania. Perhaps her names was Mercedes?

74. GLENN BOLTON⁵ **RIGGS** (₅₅*Bolton Goucher*⁴, *Louis*³, *John*², *Edward*¹) was born Mar. 1886 (1900 census) or 29 Apr. 1886 (SSDI) or 24 Mar. 1887, Broughton, Allegheny Co., Pa.,^[105] and died Nov 1962, last residence Pennsylvania.^[106] He married **ANNA B. —**, who was born about 1889, Pennsylvania.

Glenn Bolton Riggs, of Broughton, Allegheny Co., Pa., registered for the draft 5 June 1917, Snowden, Allegheny Co. He was born 24 Mar. 1887, Broughton, had a wife and three children, was a fire boss at a coal company in Broughton.^[107]

In 1920 Glenn B. Riggs, 32, a fire boss at a coal company born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Bethel Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with his wife, Anna B., 31, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughters, Virginia, 8, and June, 5, both born in Pennsylvania.^[108]

Children:

- 94 i **VIRGINIA**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1912, Pennsylvania.
- 95 ii **JUNE**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1915, Pennsylvania.

324, fam. 359.

105. *World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Glenn Bolton Riggs, FHL 1852292.

106. SSDI, Glenn Riggs, SSN 195–24–2270, born 29 Dec. 1883, died June 1974, last residence 15236 Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

107. *World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Glenn Bolton Riggs, FHL 1852292.

108. U.S. census, 1920, Bethel Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 20, r. 1509, p. 215, sh. 12A, dw. 218, fam. 222.

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75. GEORGE WELDON⁵ RIGGS (₅₅*Bolton Goucher⁴, Louis³, John², Edward¹*) was born 23 Mar. 1888, “on Catfish run,” Snowden Twp. Allegheny Co., Pa.^[109] He married (1) about 1916, Tonopah, Nye Co., Nev.,^[110] **LENA R. BARBER**, who was born about 1896 in Missouri. They divorced, and he married (2) about 1924^[111] **OSTA PEARL STOLLAR**,^[112] who was born 2 Mar. 1896, near Burnsville, West Finley Twp., Washington Co., Pa.,^[113] daughter of Anna M. Stollar, and died Jan. 1975, last residence Uniontown, Fayette Co., Pa.^[114]

109. Handwritten biography of George Weldon⁵ Riggs, 25 Feb. 1928, photocopy courtesy of his son, George Weldon⁶ Riggs, “George Weldin [sic] Harry Patrick Milton Moore Kiddoo Cochrane David Riggs was born March 23, 1888, on Catfish run Snowden Township Allegheny Co Pennsylvania, 12 miles south of Pittsburth Pa. on the W. J. Kiddoo farm tenant house.” Son George attached a note, “That opening long name was a joke of my father’s and not actual. He claimed he was named for every neighbor and so I’ve often claimed that to be my name also.” In 1880 William J. “Kiddo” resided in Snowden Twp. [U.S. census, 1880, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 87, r. 1091, p. 297A, dw. 199, fam. 208.] In 1900 William J. “Kidao” still resided there [U.S. census, 1900, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 499, r. 1371, p. 258, sh. 1B, dw. 30, fam. 20.]

110. Emails from George Weldon⁶ Riggs, 12 Sept. 2006, “My father married, in Tonopah, Nevada, in 1916 or around there,” and, “my Dad’s first wife, Lena Barber,” email from George Weldon⁶ Riggs, 13 Sept. 2006, “I have a copy of a small itme from a newspaper in Tonopah, Nevada, with no date and no exact name for the newspaper, that tells of George W. Riggs marrying Miss Lena R. Barber of Missouri. It’s a very odd little item with the headline ‘Safety First in the Bonds of Hy-men.’”

111. Email from George Weldon⁶ Riggs, 12 Sept. 2006, “They then divorced and he later met and married my mother in, in 1924, I believe.”

112. Email from George Weldon⁶ Riggs, 12 Sept. 2006, “My mother’s name, as I know it, was Osta Pearl Stollar.”

113. U.S. census, 1900, West Finley Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 178, r. 1495, pp. 332–33, sh. 7B–8A, dw. 147, fam. 149, lists Andrew Stollar, 55, born July 1844 in Pa., wife of 31 years, Sina, 51, born May 1849 in Pa. with 10 children, 9 surviving, including daughter Pearl O., 4, born Mar. 1896 in Pa.; email from George Weldon⁶ Riggs, 11 Sept. 2006, states however that Andrew and Sina were not Pearl’s parents, that Pearl’s mother was Anna Stollar, who later married a Mr. Johnson, and that Pearl was born near Burnsville; U.S. census, 1880, East Finley Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 244, r. 1201, p. 183D, dw. 181, fam. 186, lists Andrew Stollar, 35, born Pa., wife, Sina, 30, born Pa., and six children, including daughter, Annie M., 6, born Pa. Apparently, Andrew and Sina raised Pearl as their daughter. George Weldon⁶ Riggs states in an email of 17 Sept. 2006 that Sina’s name was

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An autobiography by George “Weldin” Riggs, dated 25 Feb. 1928 gives details of his early life:

George Weldin [sic] Harry Patrick Milton Moore Kiddoo Cochran David Riggs was born March 23, 1888, on Catfish run Snowden Township Allegheny Co Pennsylvania, 12 miles south of Pittsburgh Pa. on the W. J. Kiddoo farm tenant house, an up & down board house with weather strips[.] This farm & House is now a part of the South Park of Allegheny Co.

My father Bolton Goucher Riggs[,] Library Pa[.] My mother Effa J. Mackey, Washington Pa[.]

When I was 2 years old [1890] my father & mother purchased two acres of wooded land from the McCorkle farm one mile north of where I was born and we still own same, on the ridge above Catfish run to the north. . . .

At the age of nine [1897] I went to live with W. J. Kiddoo and lived there on the farm for 3 years [1900] then at Cochran’s for 3 years [1903], then as mail clerk for Pittsburg [sic] Coal Co. then to pay roll clerk for same Company then to work as clerk in store[,] Clerk Butcher and Manager of stores[,] then to the mines at Moon Run Pa then to Experimental Mine at Bruceton Pa in 1911 then to Rescue & First Aid trainer for the U.S. Bureau of Mines in 1912.

On 2 June 1917 “Geo” W. Riggs, 29, of Tonopah, Nye Co., Nev., born 23 Mar. 1888, Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., registered for the draft in Tonopah. His occupation was safety engineer for a mine in Tonopah. His dependents were his wife and mother.^[115]

An email from his son George gives this further interesting information:

In 1917, my father was with the Bureau of Mines, traveling in the Western part of the US and would have been 29. In 1918, he returned East,

really Sinai.

114. SSDI, Pearl Riggs, SSN 209-24-1414, born 2 Mar. 1896, died Jan. 1975, last residence 15401 Uniontown, Fayette Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

115. *World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, George W. Riggs, FHL 1711537.

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hired by Mine Safety Appliance Co. of Pittsburgh but actually working in Marlboro (New Jersey, I believe) and then Orange, NJ, working with Thomas Edison on gas masks and other equipment licensed to MSA to sell.^[116]

In 1920 George W. Riggs, 32, a salesman of mine safety supplies, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in a rooming house in Denver, Denver Co., Colo., with "Mrs. George," 24, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, with Cheerful G., 6/12, and Robert, 2 4/12, both born in Pennsylvania. The mother of Cheerful was born in Missouri, the mother of Robert in Pennsylvania.^[117]

In 1930 George W. Riggs, 42, a salesman of mine safety appliances, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, first married at age 31, resided in Uniontown, Fayette Co., Pa., with his wife, Pearl S., 32, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, first married at age 21, with with daughters, Cheerful "S.," 10, Lois A., 5, Audrey D., 3 8/12, and Vaida B., 2 3/12, all four born in Pennsylvania.^[118] The stated ages at first marriage would place both their first marriages at about 1919.

The 5th Annual Riggs Reunion, 16 Aug. 1931, held in Wheeling Park, Wheeling, WV, had 247 registrants, including, "George W. Riggs, Pearl Stollar Riggs, Cheerful G. Riggs, Lois Ann Riggs, Vaida Bell Riggs, Audrey Dell Riggs, George W. Riggs, Jr., of Uniontown, PA." Various members of this family attended the conferences held 1927-1932. From an introduction to the ledger of the first six reunions:

It is believed that the attendees were all descendants of James Riggs (b. 1787) and Roseanna Whitlatch (born abt. 1790), of Virginia. At least

116. Email from George Weldon⁶ Riggs, 11 Sept. 2006.

117. U.S. census, 1920, Denver, Denver Co., Colo., ED 158, r. 160, p. 97, sh. 9B, dw. 29, fam. 29, address 78th St.

118. U.S. census, 1930, Uniontown, Fayette Co., Pa., ED 98, r. 2041, p. 96, sh. 17A, dw. 390, fam. 404.

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four of their eleven children migrated to Greene County, PA in the early 1830s. The families spread throughout PA, WV, OH, and beyond.^[119]

This belief does not fit with what I have determined about George's ancestry, which has him descending from Edward born about 1764 and his wife, Mary, born about 1764 in New Jersey, via their son, John, born about 1800.

Children of the first marriage, to Lena:

- 96 i **ROBERT⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1918, Pennsylvania. He does not appear with George in later censuses so perhaps went with his mother after the divorce, or died young. He might have been adopted as was Cheerful (see next).
- 97 ii **CHEERFUL G.^{6*}** — [adopted name **RIGGS**], born about 1920, Pennsylvania. (The asterisk indicates a non-genetic connection.) Cheerful became part of the second family.^[120]

Children of the second marriage, to Pearl:

- 98 iii **LOIS ANNA⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1925, Pennsylvania.
- 99 iv **AUDREY DELL⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1926, Pennsylvania.
- 100 v **VAIDA BELL⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1928, Pennsylvania.
- 101 vi **GEORGE WELDON⁶ RIGGS**, my informant on this family, born 1930.^[121] George was a contributor to my Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group. His genetic signature matched the Edwardian Modal Signature at 37 of 37 markers, strongly supporting his descent from Edward Riggs, immigrant to Roxbury, Mass. in 1633.
- + 102 vii **JOHN TAYLOR⁶ RIGGS**, born 12 July 1934, Uniontown, Fayette Co., Pa., married **KATHLEEN ANN STROUP**, and had three children.

119. *Riggs Family Reunion Ledger*, <www.rootsweb.com/~wvmarsha/riggsledger.htm>.

120. Email from George Weldon⁶ Riggs, 12 Sept. 2006, "He [my father] and his wife adopted Cheerful. His wife chose that name. . . . Cheerful came and lived with us and, to me, was just my oldest sister."

121. Cited in *Who's Who in the Media and Communications*(R) (Marquis(TM)). 1st edition, 1998–1999. New Providence, N.J.: Marquis Who's Who, 1997. (WhoMedi), as online at *Biography & Genealogy Master Index* (BGMI), <Ancestry.com>.

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76. MURRAY J.⁵ RIGGS (⁵⁵*Bolton Goucher*⁴, *Louis*³, *John*², *Edward*¹) was born 7 Mar. 1890, Broughton, Allegheny Co., Pa.,^[122] and died in a mine explosion in Broughton before the 1930 census.^[123] He married **SUE** —, born about 1894, Germany, and had one child.

In 1910 Murray Riggs, 20, a farm laborer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in the household of Harry L. Wilson, 24, born in Pennsylvania, and Harry's wife and child.^[124]

In 1920 "Murry" Riggs, 28, a coal miner born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with his wife, Sue, 26, born in Germany of German natives. She immigrated in 1904 and was naturalized.^[125]

In 1930 Sue Riggs, 35, a widow born in Berlin, Germany, of German natives, resided in Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., with her daughter, Gene, 4, born in Pennsylvania. Sue immigrated in 1910 according to this census (cf., 1920 census).^[126]

Child:

103 i **GENE⁶ RIGGS**, a daughter, born about 1926, Pennsylvania.

78. MACK TAYLOR⁵ RIGGS (⁵⁵*Bolton Goucher*⁴, *Louis*³, *John*², *Edward*¹) was born 3 July 1897, Finleyville, Washington Co., Pa.,^[127] died Oct.

122. *World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Murray Riggs, FHL 1852292, 27, of "Bucton," Pa., born 7 Mar. 1890, "Bucton," Pa., a miner working at the U.S. Bureau of Mines, Experimental Mine, "Bructon," Pa. married, registered 56 June 1917, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa.; email from George Weldon⁶ Riggs, 18 Sept. 2006, gives the mine's location as Broughton, Pa., and states that Murray left a widow and one daughter.

123. Email from George Weldon⁶ Riggs, 12 Sept. 2006, calls him Uncle Gene.

124. U.S. census, 1910, Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 230, r. 1297, pp. 268–69, sh. 10B–11A, dw. 91, fam. 101.

125. U.S. census, 1920, Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 161, r. 1513, p. 46, sh. 7A, dw. 91, fam. 101.

126. U.S. census, 1930, Jefferson Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 640, r. 1965, p. 211, sh. 2B, dw. 41, fam. 41.

127. *World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Mack Taylor Riggs, FHL 1852292, 21, of Fair Haven, Pa., born 3 July 1897, Finleyville, Pa., father's birthplace Library, Pa., wife Mrs. Theresa

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1981, last residence Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa.^[128], married about 1918 **THERESA** —, born about 1900, Pennsylvania, and had four children.

In 1920 “Mac” T. Riggs, 22, a laborer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Overbrook Borough, Allegheny Co., Pa., with his wife, “Thersa,” 20, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Germany and a mother in Pennsylvania, and with his son, Wilson, 1, born in Pennsylvania.^[129]

In 1930 Mack T. Riggs, 22, a coal mine foreman born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., with his wife, Theresa, 30, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Germany and a mother in Pennsylvania, and with his son, Wair W., 11, daughters, Dolores R., 10, and Betty V., 8, and son, James C., 6, all four born in Pennsylvania.^[130]

Children:

- 104 i **WAIR WILSON⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1919, Pennsylvania.
- 105 ii **DELORES R.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1920, Pennsylvania.
- 106 iii **BETTY V.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1922, Pennsylvania.
- 107 iv **JAMES C.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1924, Pennsylvania.

80. ORA FERN⁵ RIGGS (₅₇*Weldon⁴, Louis³, John², Edward¹*) was born 22 Dec. 1893, Library, Snowden Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., died 11 Nov. 1998, aged 104, Dunedin, Pinellas Co., Fla.,^[131] last residence Dune-

Riggs, registered 24 Aug. 1918, Allegheny Co., Pa.

128. SSDI, Mack Riggs, SSN 193-03-9346, born 3 July 1897, died Oct. 1981, last residence 15234 Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

129. U.S. census, 1920, Overbrook Borough, Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 8, r. 1509, p. 106, sh. 8A, dw. 120, fam. 151.

130. U.S. census, 1930, Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 750, r. 1989, p. 252, sh. 4A, dw. 55, fam. 71.

131. Obit., Ora Fern Riggs Love, *unknown newspaper*, 11 Nov. 1998, online at *Allegheny County PA Archives Obituaries*, <ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/allegheny/obits/love-ora1998.txt>. The Moss-Feaster Funeral Home is in Clearwater, Pinellas Co., Fla.

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din.^[132] She married about 1915^[133] **CLARENCE LOVE**, who died in 1975.

Obituary for Ora Fern (Riggs) Love, 11 Nov. 1998:

Love, Ora F. 'Lovey', 104, of Dunedin, died Wednesday (Nov. 11, 1998) at Mease Continuing Care, Dunedin. She was the oldest member of First Baptist Church of Dunedin, where in December of 1993 she celebrated her centennial birthday with more than 50 of her friends and relatives. She was a member of the Dunedin church for 38 years and, until just before she reached 100, she was a member of the Joy Singers senior adult choir and traveled with them to Hawaii and several times to Ridgecrest, N.C. She was born Dec. 22, 1893, in Library, Pa., and came here in 1957 from Bellevue, Pa., where she worked 23 years as a youth department superintendent for Bellevue Baptist Church. She and her husband, Clarence, had been married 60 years when he died in 1975. Survivors include a son, Raymond S., Dunedin; a daughter Lois M. Tindall, Lake Havasu City, Arizona; 6 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren. Moss-Feaster Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Dunedin Chapel.^[134]

Known children:^[135]

- 108 i **RAYMOND S.⁶ LOVE.**
- 109 ii **LOIS M.⁶ LOVE**, married — **TINDALL.**

Sixth Generation

80. JOHN TAYLOR⁶ RIGGS (₇₅*George Weldon⁵, Bolton Goucher⁴, Louis³, John², Edward¹*) was born 12 July 1934, Uniontown, Fayette Co., Pa., and

132. SSDI, Ora F. Love, SSN 265-41-0065, born 22 Dec. 1893, died 11 Nov. 1998, last residence 34698 Dunedin, Pinellas Co., Fla., issued Fla. (1973).

133. Obit., Ora Fern Riggs Love, *unknown newspaper*, 11 Nov. 1998.

134. Obit., Ora Fern Riggs Love, *unknown newspaper*, 11 Nov. 1998.

135. Obit., Ora Fern Riggs Love, *unknown newspaper*, 11 Nov. 1998.

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died 8 May 2006.^[136] He married 9 Feb. 1957^[137] **KATHLEEN ANN STROUP**, who was born 14 Mar. 1935.^[138]

From his son Brian:

He was a wonderful man who met my mother while they were both attending Penn State University in the [19]50's, went on to become a pilot in the Air Force, and later had a long and distinguished career as an attorney and judge in both Colorado and Hawaii.^[139]

Children:

- 110 i **BRUCE KEVIN⁷ RIGGS**, born 16 Sept. 1957.
- 111 ii **JOHN TAYLOR⁷ RIGGS JR.**, born 18 Apr. 1960.
- 112 iii **BRIAN KEITH⁷ RIGGS**, born 9 Sept. 1964.

136. Email from Brian Keith⁷ Riggs, 23 Mar. 2010, "uncle George had a brother John Taylor Riggs, born 7/12/34 in Uniontown; that is my father who passed away this last 5/8/06."

137. Email from Brian Keith⁷ Riggs, 23 Mar. 2010, "He married Kathleen Ann Stroup of Bedford PA (3/14/35 - present) on 2/9/57, they had a long (49 years) marriage until my father's death."

138. Email from Brian Keith⁷ Riggs, 23 Mar. 2010, "They had three sons, Bruce Kevin Riggs (9/16/57 - present), John Taylor Riggs Jr. (4/18/60 - present), and myself, Brian Keith Riggs (9/9/64 - present)."

139. Email from Brian Keith⁷ Riggs, 23 Mar. 2010.

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