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EDWARDIAN RIGGSES OF AMERICA I:

ELDER BETHUEL RIGGS (1757–1835)  
OF MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AND  
HIS FAMILY THROUGH FIVE GENERATIONS

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## ADDITIONS

The page, sketch, line, footnote, and person numbers refer to those in the published version of the book (*Elder Bethuel Riggs*, 2006). Footnotes in these additions are to be inserted among the published footnotes, in the appropriate order.

Oct. 2006: Sketch 206. **MARY JANE<sup>4</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>39</sub>*Franklin B.*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Bethuel*<sup>1</sup>), 439–441:

In paragraph 1, p. 439, change Elizabeth M. O’Neill’s maiden surname to “Dandley” and insert this footnote.<sup>[1]</sup> I could not change the page positions in the manuscript at this late date. I was able to enter the surname in the sketch and in the index under O’Neill but could not insert a footnote justifying it, nor insert an index item under Elizabeth’s maiden name.

6 Jan. 2007: Sketch 160. **JAMES SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> SITTON** (<sub>28</sub>*Nancy*<sup>3</sup> *Shaw*, *Mary*<sup>2</sup>, *Bethuel*<sup>1</sup>), 393–395:

On p. 393, line 4, “married” should be “married (1)<sup>[2]</sup>”.

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1. *Find a Grave*, no. 13357682, gravestone photograph, Evergreen Cem., Prairie du Chien, Crawford Co., Wis., “Jesse Dandley | Died | July 20, 1844: | Aged 50 Years. | Mary | Wife of Jesse Dandley | Died | Feb. 12, 1851: | Aged 51 Years. | Emily A. | Daughter of J. & M. Dandley | Died Sept. 20, 1839: | Aged 17 Years”; *Find a Grave*, no. 31215047, gravestone photograph, by Ken Wright, Evergreen Cem., Prairie du Chien, Crawford Co., Wis., “Elizabeth M. | Wife of | Alexander O Neill | Died | Apr. 19, 1868: | Aged | Aged 51 Years”; U.S. census, 1850, Burlington, Des Moines Co., Iowa, r. 183, p. 503, dw. 1723, fam. 1823, lists Alexander “ONeal,” 42, lumberman, born N.Y., Elizabeth, 32, born Pa., with three children including Augustus, 4, born Iowa, and with Mary “Danbey,” 50, born N.Y.; U.S. census, 1860, Prairie du Chien, Crawford Co., Wis., r. 1402, p. 834, dw. 94, fam. 94, lists Elizabeth “O.Neil,” 43, born Pa., with six children including Augustus, 14, born Iowa.

2. Email from Betty Wooten, 5 Jan. 2007, “As a child growing up, Dad and Mom told me that James Samuel Sitton did marry a second time. Leora Sitton George said that she and her sister, Mayme, broke them up.”

23 Jan. 2008: Sketch 67. **WILLIAM HENRY<sup>3</sup> WEBB** (<sup>6</sup>*Sarah Bell<sup>2</sup>, Bethuel<sup>1</sup>*), 267–271:

On p. 268, paragraph 3 (the one enclosed in parentheses), replace the last sentence with this one: “She is not related.<sup>[3]</sup>”

14 Aug. 2009: Sketch 348. **COLEMAN BRYAN<sup>4</sup> BOREN** (<sup>79</sup>*Nancy Jane<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Bethuel<sup>1</sup>*), 534–538:

On p. 536, child **1075, IOLA<sup>5</sup> BOREN**: Add “She married Thomas William Lumsden Jr., born 31 Jan. 1910, Virginia, son of Thomas William and Lillian/Lella (Layden) Lumsden, died 18 Mar. 1984, San Diego, Calif., last residence Bullhead City, Mohave Co., Ariz.,<sup>[4]</sup> and had one child: (1) Thomas William<sup>6</sup> Lumsden III, born 28 May 1944, Los Angeles Co., Calif.,<sup>[5]</sup> married (1) 22 Oct. 1966, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.,<sup>[6]</sup> Lynne D. Heacock, born about 1947, divorced June 1972, Los Angeles Co.,<sup>[7]</sup> and had one child: (i) Timothy William<sup>7</sup> [Lumsden] Heacock, born 8 Sept. 1970. Thomas William<sup>6</sup> Lumsden married (2) 25 Jan. 1975, Forest Park, Ga., Deanna Kay Bordeaux, born 28 Aug. 1950, Baltimore, Md., daughter of Joseph Wilson and Esther (Pait) Bordeaux, and had one child: (ii) Kyle

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3. Email from Anne Webb Nelson, 22 Jan. 2008, “She’s [Cordelia Webb] the wife of William Henry Webb (1829–1894) not the one related to Statia . . . that William Henry Webb came to Grayson Co, TX c1878 from Newberry Co, SC where they had lived since the Civil War. Before that, they were in Muscogee and Harris Co, GA. DNA has been done and my Wm Henry of Grayson Co, TX and yours are not related.”

4. *California Death Index, 1940–1997*, <Ancestry.com>, Thomas William Lumsden, SSN 526–01–7475, male, born 31 Jan. 1910, Va., died 18 Mar. 1984, San Diego, mother’s maiden name Layden; SSDI, Thomas Lumsden, born 31 Jan. 1910, died Mar. 1984, last residence and last benefit 86442 Bullhead City, Mohave Co., Ariz., issued Ariz. (before 1951); email from Deanna Lumsden, 14 Aug. 2009, “Iola’s mother-in-law was Lillian ‘Lella’ (Layden) Lumsden.”

5. *California Birth Index, 1905–1995*, <Ancestry.com>, Thomas William Lumsden, 28 May 1944, male, mother’s maiden name Boren, birth county Los Angeles.

6. *California Marriage Index, 1960–1985*, <Ancestry.com>, Thomas W. Lumsden, 22, to Lynne D. Heacock, 19, 22 Oct. 1966, Los Angeles City, registration no. 44438, state file no. 110829.

7. *California Divorce Index, 1966–1984*, <Ancestry.com>, Thomas W. Lumsden, born 1944, from Lynne D. Heacock, born 1947, June 1972, Los Angeles Co., case no. SW 39474, state file no. 65666.

Garrett<sup>7</sup> Lumsden, born 16 Mar. 1982, Auburn, Wash.<sup>[8]</sup> Thomas William Lumsden Jr. married (2) 23 Feb. 1972, Las Vegas, Clark Co., Nev., Elizabeth P. Wetsel.<sup>[9]</sup>”

15 Sept. 2009: Sketch 348. **COLEMAN BRYAN<sup>4</sup> BOREN** (<sub>79</sub>*Nancy Jane<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Bethuel<sup>1</sup>*), 534–538:

On p. 536, child **1075, IOLA<sup>5</sup> BOREN**, in the preceding addition for 14 Aug. 2009: change “She married Thomas William Lumsden Jr.” to “She married 21 Jan. 1939, Lordsburg, Hidalgo Co., N.M.,<sup>[10]</sup> Thomas William Lumsden Jr.”

14 Dec. 2009: Sketch 50. **HANNAH ANN<sup>3</sup> ARMSTRONG** (<sub>7</sub>*Rebecca<sup>2</sup>, Bethuel<sup>1</sup>*), 231–233:

On p. 232, child **234, REBECCA URELLA<sup>4</sup> WEBB**: change “about 1850” to “about 1850, Ohio,” and change “probably married – Ellis” to “married<sup>[11]</sup> Peter A. Ellis, born about 1833, Kentucky, and had at least five children.” Also add this paragraph:

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8. Email from Deanna Lumsden, 29 July 2009, “My husband, Thomas W. Lumsden III, is descended from Bethuel and Nancy Riggs as follows: Nathaniel Riggs/Anna Reynolds; Coleman Bryant Boren/Nancy Jane Riggs; Coleman Bryant Boren/Sarah Mae Taylor; Thomas W. Lumsden Jr./Iola Boren (Tom’s parents). We have a son, Kyle Garrett Lumsden,” and 14 Aug. 2009, “Tom is an only child—his birth certificate states that Thomas William Lumsden and Iola Boren (‘maiden name of mother’) are his parents.”

9. *Nevada Marriage Index, 1956–2005*, <Ancestry.com>, Thomas W. Lumsden to Elizabeth P. Wetsel, both of California, 23 Feb. 1972, Las Vegas, Clark Co.; all other information in this paragraph from email from Deanna Lumsden, 14 Aug. 2009, re Lynne “Dee” Heacock and son Timothy, re herself, Deanna Kay Bordeaux, dates and parentage, re her son Kyle, and re Tom Jr.’s second marriage after Iola died.

10. Marriage certificate, Hidalgo Co., N.M., marriage record book 12:7375, Thomas W. Lumsden of Phoenix, Ariz., to Iola Boren of Phoenix, on 21 Jan. 1939, at Lordsburg, by Bryan Hall, MG., digital image of certificate courtesy of Deanna Lumsden.

11. Email from descendant Yvonne Ellis (who contributed the Webb Bible), 13 Dec. 2009. She adds that Peter was son of Elijah Ellis, and died in Spencer Co., Ind., but I have not verified this.

In 1880 Peter A. Ellis, 47, a farmer born in Kentucky, resided in Luce Twp., Spencer Co., Ind., with his wife “Urilla,” 30, born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio, and with his sons, Anthony, 22, Enoch, 19, Peter A., 9, (probably) daughter, Minta U. [“son” appears to be partially erased and “M” appears to be overwritten “F” for sex], 2, and son “W<sup>m</sup>”; F., 2/12, born in Mar., all five born in Indiana, and with “rel[ative]’s, Mary Webb, 17, and Andrew Webb, 19, both born in Indiana of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Kentucky.<sup>[12]</sup>

Also, on p. 233, child 237, **MAJOR A. L. WEBB**: change “A.” in his name to “Andrew.”

2 Sept. 2012: Sketch 8. **SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>1</sub>*Bethuel*<sup>1</sup>), 118–122:

Append to the end of the sketch, p. 122:

I received an email on 2 Sept. 2012 from Barbara (Helm) Smith alerting me to the putative existence of three children for Samuel and Elizabeth Riggs: Mary “Polly,” Rachel, and William

who resided with Samuel and Elizabeth in San Felipe de Austin County [sic], Texas when Samuel went to New Orleans and died there in 1836. After Samuel’s death, Elizabeth married Thomas Bertron (listed as “Burtrong” on the marriage record).

Indeed, an Elizabeth Riggs married 1 Oct. 1837, Austin Co., Tex., Thomas Burtrong.<sup>[13]</sup> There is a tax assessment against Thomas Burtrong in 1846 for 177 acres in Burleson Co., Tex., for property originally granted to James Shaw. Also one for Thos. Burtrong in 1849 in the same county.

In 1850 Thomas “Burtron,” 40, a farmer born in Louisiana with \$4,622 real estate, resided in Burleson and Brazos District, Burleson Co., Tex., with Elizabeth, 49, born in Kentucky, William, 14, Mary, 12,

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12. U.S. census, 1880, Luce Twp., Spencer Co., Ind., ED 50, r. 312, p. 170A, dw. 176, fam. 176.

13. *Tex. County Marriage Index, 1837–1977*, Austin Co., Republic of Texas, 36, image 213 of 781 online at <[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)>, accessed 24 Oct. 2022, DGS 4539477, FHL 1019273, Thomas “Burtrong” to Elizabeth Riggs, licensed 4 Sept. 1837, in Austin town, married 1 Oct. 1837, by William Medford JP.

Elizabeth, 10, and Susannah, 7, all four born in Texas.<sup>[14]</sup> Nearby was James Shaw, 42, born in Ohio, and his wife, Nancy, 39, born in Missouri, with three children, Franklin, 12, Sophronia, 10, and Travis, 8, all born in Texas, and his uncle, James, 69, born in Pennsylvania. Next door to James was Joseph Shaw, 25, probably James's brother, and Joseph's wife, Elizabeth, 19, both born in Missouri.

If Samuel died in 1836, then he could barely have been William's father perhaps, but definitely not father to any other of Elizabeth's children listed in the 1850 census. Since Thomas married Elizabeth in 1837, then William would, if his son, have been born out of wedlock.

In 1860 "Th<sup>s</sup>" Burtrong, 48, a farmer born in Louisiana with \$15,850 real and \$4,050 personal estates, resided in Leonville, Coryell Creek Beat, Coryell Co., Tex., with Mary J., 36, born in Iowa. If this is the same Thomas, then Elizabeth died between the 1850 and 1860 censuses.

11 Mar. 2013: Sketch 344. **JOHN CLARENCE<sup>4</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>78</sub>*Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Bethuel<sup>1</sup>*), pp. 529–531:

Addition dated 24 Oct. 2022: Append to the end of the first paragraph of the sketch, p. 530:

"Maggie Bazil was the granddaughter of Sacajawea."<sup>[15]</sup>

19 July 2013: Sketch 83. **CLAYTON W.<sup>4</sup> EBERSOLE** (<sub>11</sub>*Theodocia<sup>3</sup> Webb, Jane<sup>2</sup>, Bethuel<sup>1</sup>*), pp. 306–307:

On p. 307, child 366, **EUGENE L.<sup>5</sup> EBERSOLE**: change his wife's full name to **SUSANNA L. AMMERMAN**.

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14. U.S. census, 1850, Burleson and Brazos District, Burleson Co., Tex, r. 908, p. 447B, dw. 215, fam. 215. James Shaw resided in dw. 211, details in sketch 33 of this book. Joseph Shaw resided in dw. 212.

15. *Find a Grave*, no. 20605336, gravestone photograph, by Jaime Crandell-Stapleton, Sacajawea Cem., Ft. Washakie, Fremont Co., Wyo., "Maggie Bazil Large | grand daughter of | Sacajawea | daughter of Bazil | 1856–1923."

24 Oct. 2022: Sketch 8. **SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> RIGGS** (<sub>1</sub>*Bethuel*<sup>1</sup>), 118–122:

Append to the end of sketch 8, as appended above on 2 Sept. 2012:

I received a letter on 10 Oct. 2022 from Barbara (Helm) Smith, the same correspondent who inspired the previous addition a decade earlier. She clarified some of the issues raised above:

Samuel Riggs, son of Bethuel, and his wife Elizabeth Weldon, along with their two daughters, Mary Ann and Rachel came to the Republic of Texas [sic, the Republic was created in 1836], San Felipe de Austin,<sup>[16]</sup> Austin County, Texas in 1833 from Missouri. In 1836 (Republic of Texas record as 1835) Samuel went to New Orleans where he died in the Charity Hospital. A few days later, Elizabeth bore their son, William, in San Felipe de Austin.

Elizabeth Weldon Riggs married Thomas Bertrong in San Felipe de Austin. In 1850, they were in Burleson County near Samuel Riggs, son of Jonathan. Later, they were awarded land for Samuel Riggs and Thomas Bertrong in the new Coryell County. Elizabeth Bertrong died in Corywell County.

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16. “San Felipe de Austin History,” *Texas Historical Commission*, <[www.thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/san-felipe-de-austin-state-historic-site/san-felipe-de-austin-history](http://www.thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/san-felipe-de-austin-state-historic-site/san-felipe-de-austin-history)>, accessed 24 Oct. 2022, “San Felipe de Austin was founded in 1824 by Stephen F. Austin as the unofficial capital of his colony. . . . On March 30, 1836, the small garrison remaining . . . evacuated and then burned it to the ground.” So the marriage of Elizabeth to Thomas Bertrong in 1837 occurred in Austin Co., Republic of Texas, not San Felipe de Austin, which no longer existed. By the same argument, son William was probably not born in San Felipe.