

THE
VAWTER FAMILY
IN AMERICA

WITH THE ALLIED FAMILIES OF

BRANHAM CRAWFORD
WISE LEWIS
STRIBLING GLOVER
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A PERSONAL WORD

My father had some old records in his possession which came to him from his father. These were yellow with age and falling to pieces. In another generation they would probably have been lost. In looking these records over the thought came to me: "How can these be saved?" It was then that the present history was begun, with no hope or prospect of pecuniary reward, but with the desire of preserving to our children the records of their fathers.

In a work of this character must necessarily occur many omissions and inaccuracies, for which indulgence is asked. It will be observed that more space and fuller details are given in regard to certain persons than to others. This is due chiefly to a desire to bring into prominence some of those strong men whose characteristics have given direction and distinctiveness to succeeding generations of the family. It is due in part also to the fact that some of the pioneers took pleasure in writing their experiences in diaries or in publishing reminiscences in the local newspapers of their day, and these records have been in part preserved and freely drawn upon in this history. These diaries and recollections are doubly valuable because they not only reveal the character of the men who wrote them, but they also convey a vivid picture of the manner of life and customs and hardships of the people among whom they lived.

Of those now living, some wrote freely in answer to inquiries, taking great interest in the progress of the history; others sent the briefest facts. Where lines have not been followed out it is because knowledge concerning them could not be obtained, but all branches have been given as fully as the available information made possible. Five years have been spent in correspondence with the representatives of the various branches wherever a trace of them could be obtained. Visits have been made to the older members of the family, national and state archives have been searched, and information has been gathered from every possible source.

The first impetus to this work, aside from the papers left by my father, was given me by Edwin J. Vawter, of Ocean Park, California, who had been carefully gathering and preserving information for years. The discovery of the coat of arms in that branch of the Valletort family from which we are directly descended is due to Miss Emma Vawter, of Santa Monica, California. The first trace of the family of Richard Vawter, son of Philemon, was found after great effort by Charles P. Vawter, of Lexington, Kentucky. Milton Vawter, of North Madison, Indiana, who is an authority on the family history, has given much valuable information.

So many others have been actively helpful in the collection of this great body of material from every part of the country that I despair of expressing to them individually my gratitude and appreciation. But I am consoled in this omission by the certainty that every one of them will feel amply repaid by the knowledge that he or she has contributed to the completeness and accuracy of this record.

The Vawter family of the early days was of a deeply religious nature. The members in Virginia were Episcopalians. Jesse and Philemon united with the Baptist Church. Jesse himself and a number of his descendants have been Baptist ministers. Philemon was also a Baptist minister. Beverly, a son of Philemon, became a Christian minister and in his line are many ministers of the same denomination. David, the father of Jesse and Philemon, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Jesse also enlisted and served a few months. Some reports, not fully authenticated, state that Philemon enlisted, but his extreme youth at that time lends color to doubt upon this point. Many of the descendants of Jesse and Philemon served in the Civil War, the descendants of Jesse being entirely on the Union side, and of those of Philemon some were in the Union and some members of the Confederate Army. The family was generally strongly opposed to slavery, but a few were slaveholders.

The Vawters have not, as a rule, been prominent in public life, though several of them have been influential members of the Indiana legislature.

The descendants of Jesse Vawter number one thousand five hundred and twenty-seven direct and five hundred and thirty-five related by marriage into the direct line. The descendants of Philemon number one thousand sixty-six direct and three hundred and fifty related by marriage into the direct line. The number of children of Jesse and Philemon were eighteen; grandchildren, one hundred and forty-three; great-grandchildren, five hundred and sixty-nine; great-great-grandchildren, one thousand one hundred and sixty-three; great-great-great-grandchildren to this date, six hundred and ninety-three. The total number named in this record, including the families of Edward and Russell Vawter, which are not at all complete, are two thousand seven hundred and eight-two direct and nine hundred and forty by marriage into the direct line, making three thousand seven hundred and twenty-two in all.

Fresh from a close and extended study of the history of this family, the conviction is strong within me that

it tells the simple story of sturdy courage, honest living, citizenship unpretentious, yet shrinking not from the citizen's responsibilities; the story of very human endurance, not without faults, but measuring up fully to the hope expressed by one of the living members of the family, who, with the wisdom of almost four-score years, wrote:

"You are putting great labor on that tree. It must be large, with many branches heavy with fruitage. But how about the fruit? Would all pass inspection as first or second, or even third class? In so large a tree, so old and of such wide-spreading branches, there must be some knotty, some bad at core, some worm-eaten. Let us be glad if in the main it is marketable."

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ABBREVIATIONS

b. = born
d. = dead
d.s = died single
m. = married

Name in parenthesis indicates maiden name, except in index, where it indicates name of father.

NAME

In the seventeenth century, about the year 1685, three brothers came from England, probably from near Plymouth, to Virginia. These men were John, Bartholomew, and Angus Vawter. Some members of the family think that the name has come from the French name Vautier or Vautie. While this name sounds or rather looks more like Vawter, it is probable that our name has come from the French name Valletort, which is pronounced Va-ye-tor.

In the "Virginia Cousins ", by C. Brown Goode, p.460, we find the following:

"The barony of Harberton, granted to the family of de Valletort in the time of King Henry I, became extinct about 1307. The name has since become known as Vaulter." (It is also given in English records as Vawter.)

From 1100-1300, the line of descent in the Valletort family, as given in the "Virginia Cousins", is as follows:

1. Reginald de Valletort, Lord of Harberton.
2. Roger de Valletort, living in 1108.
3. Ralphe de Valletort, living in 1168.
4. Joel de Valletort, of Tawton, married Emma, daughter of Sir William Botreaux.
5. Sir Philip de Valletort, living in 1230.
6. Sir John de Valletort, living in 1250.

Lord Harberton, the first Valletort of whom we have a record, lived in England in the time of Henry I. The name began to change in spelling about 1300 and, in 1637, we have a record in Plymouth, England, which gives the name as Vawter and shows that the name had been Valletort. It seems that at that time the name was sometimes written Vawter and sometimes Vaulter.

When the Vawter brothers first came to Virginia, the name was usually written Vawtler or Vaulter (see reminiscences of Col. John Vawter, p. 24) The l was afterwards dropped and the name was variously written as Vauter, Vauters (see revolutionary war record of David Vauters, p 8), Vaughter (see marriage license granted Jesse Vawter, foot note, p.11) and Vawter. The descendants of John, Bartholomew and Angus Vawter now, we believe, uniformly spell the name V-a-w-t-e-r.

In a book, entitled "The Plymouth Armada Heroes", by Mary W. S. Hawkins, is this account:

"In 1544, William Hawkins purchased the Manor of Sutton Valletort or *Vawter* of Sir Hugh Pollard for (1000) one thousand marks."

In the genealogical table of the Hawkins family, same book, the above William Hawkins is designated as the Lord of the Manor of Valletort. It appears, p. 162, that the manor was sold in the year 1637-8 by the grandson of Sir John to the city of Plymouth. In the records (Received Accounts), there appears this : "Item: for a present given Mr. Risdon to procure out of his hands such writings as concerned Vauter's Fee, lately bought by the town of Mr. John Hawkyns, and a man and two horses two journeys to fetch said writings."

"It is easy to see," said General Hawkins of Indianapolis, Indiana, "how Valletort could be corrupted into Vauter or Vawter. The double l being mouille and the final t not pronounced. As it required two horses two journeys to carry the load of records pertaining to the property, it is probable that they go back very far and contain valuable Valletort (Vawter) history."

The coat of arms which belonged to this branch of the Valletort or Vawter family is described in the "Virginia Cousins" as follows:

"Arms: Gules three bends, argent, on a border sable, ten plates, or : or three bends gules within a border sable, bezanty."

In an article in the Encyclopedia Britannica on "Plymouth" we find the following paragraph: "In Domesday, Sutton Manor occurs as Sutone and afterwards, it was divided into the town of Sutton Prior, the hamlet of Sutton Valletort and the tithing of Sutton Ralphe - a part of it having been granted to the

Norman family of Valletort, while the greater part belonged to the priory of Plymouth."
Judging from the evidence before us, our ancestors were of Norman origin and came to this country from near Plymouth, England about the year 1685.

EARLY VAWTERS IN AMERICA

- (1665) 1. *John*, Bartholomew, Angus.
- (1691) 2. *John*, son of John (1) , married a Beverly (probably).
Children: Bartholomew, Angus, Richard, *Beverly*, *David*, Margaret, Winfred.
- (1718) 3. *Beverly*, son of John, (2), married _____.
Children: Beverly, a daughter, Alpha , Nancy , *Anne*.
- (1720) 3. *David* , son of John, (2), married *Mary Rucker*.
Children: Jesse, *Philemon*, William, Winifred, Margaret, Mary.
- (1755) 4. Jesse, son of David (3), married Ellizabeth Watts, daughter of John and Sarah (Barnett) Watts
Children: John, William, James, Frances, Mary, Sarah, Julia, Achilles, Ann.
- (1762) 4. *Philemon*, son of David (3), married *Anne Vawter*, daughter of Beverly.
Children: Richard, Elliott, Frances, Nancy, Jesse, Beverly, Lucy, Elizabeth, David.
2. Edward, son of John, Bartholomew, or Angus (it is not certain which).
Children: William and others.
3. William, son of Edward (2) married Anne Ballard.
Children: William and others.
- (1765) 4. William, son of William (3) married Margaret Henderson.
Children: Elizabeth, John Henderson, Anne, Jean, Mary, Elliott, James.

- (1800) 5. John Henderson, son of William (4), married Clara S. Peck:
Children: John William, Elizabeth Mary, Margaret Anne, Louis Addison, James Elliott,
Charles E. , Allen Henderson, Matilda Ellen, Sarah Josephine, Joseph Snyder,
Clara Virginia, Henry Alexander, George W.

* The dates of birth of John (1), John (2) and Beverly (3) Vawter, given above, are approximate dates only.

THE EARLY VAWTERS

This record begins with John, * Bartholomew and Angus Vawter, who came to Virginia from England (probably from near Plymouth) about the year 1685. We are descended from John.

Nothing is known of the first John, except that he had children and one of them was named John. Of this second John, we find in an old Virginia record (a copy of which is in the William and Mary Quarterly, vol. 5, p.90) that, in 1737, John Vawter was appointed administrator of the estate of James Jamieson of Essex county, Virginia. There was also an Edward in the second generation, but is it not certain whether he was the son of John, Bartholomew or Angus.

John, the second, was married, probably to a Beverly. The Beverlys were famous in the early times in Virginia. Robert Beverly wrote a history of Virginia in 1705, which was published in England in 1722. It is a very rare and valuable work now, one of the original copies in the Newberry Library at Chicago being valued at many hundreds of dollars. Robert Beverly lived in Essex county, Virginia. There are also other noted Beverlys who are mentioned in histories of Virginia. There are sketches of the Beverly family in the book "Lee of Virginia", by Edmund Jennings Lee, and in the bound volumes of the William and Mary Quarterly of Virginia.

The probability of the wife of the second John having been a Beverly comes from the fact that one of her sons was named Beverly, and it was then as now, a common thing for a son to be given the family name of his mother. The name Beverly runs through all branches of the family and this seems to have been its first appearance.

* In the Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 7, p 300, is a copy of an old Virginia record which gives the date of inventory or probate of will of Bartholomew Vawter in Essex county, in 1717, which shows that Bartholomew, the first died in 1717. In a list of things appraised is a "parcel of old books at 15s"

The children of John, the second, were: Bartholomew, Angus, Richard, Beverly, David (born in 1720), Margaret and Winifred.

Beverly, son of John second, married _____

Children:

1. Beverly, killed in the Revolutionary War.

2. _____, who married Mr Hill.

*3 Alpha, who married Robert Shelton. Their children were: Smedley, who married his cousin, Melinda White.

4. Nancy, who married a Wilhite. Children were: Nancy, Melinda, Ely, Elliott, Anne. Nancy married, second, a Mr Hawkins.

5. Anne, who married her cousin Philemon Vawter.

David, son of John, the second, was married to Mary Rucker in Culpeper county, Virginia. It is believed by some of the family that the wife of David Vawter was Mary Beverly and not Mary Rucker. Our authority for believing the name to be Rucker is that John Vawter, a grandson of David and Mary, in an account of his life, said that the maiden name of his grandmother was Mary Rucker and that, after the death of David Vawter, she married a Rentfrow (see p. 25). The name of Beverly seems to have come into the family back of David, as one of David's brothers was named Beverly.

Little is known of David Vawter, except that he was born in 1720; was an Episcopalian served in the Revolutionary War; lived in Culpeper county, Virginia, and had six children. That David Vawter was in the Revolutionary War is shown by the following, which was copied from the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography (1893 - 1894).

"A Muster Roll of Captain Ambrose Madison's Company of Foot in the Regiment of Volunteer Guards at the Barracks in Albemarle county, where Francis Taylor, Esq., is Commander to June 1, 1779.

* In Culpeper county records the date of this marriage is given as 1790.

"Privates"

"David Vawter, enlisted January 17, 1779. Discharged June 1, 1779."

David Vawter lived in Culpeper county and enlisted in Albemarle county, which is the adjoining county. Culpeper county at that time included what is now known as Madison and Orange counties. It was in the part now called Orange county that David Vawter lived.

A communication received from the Military Secretary of the War Department at Washington says: "The name David Vawter, nor the name Jesse Vawter has been found on the rolls in this office. It is shown by the records, however, that one David *Vauters* served as a private in Captain John Camp's Company in the First Virginia State Regiment, commanded by Colonel George Gibson. He enlisted March 1, 1777, to serve three years, and his name last appears on the company muster roll for February, 1778. The date of his separation from the service is not stated."

There is no doubt but this is the same David Vawter, as many of the Vawters at that time spelled the name Vauter. Even if the name had been given as V-a-w-t-e-r, it might have easily been written down as V-a-u-t-e-r-s. The name is often called Vauters to this day, by those who do not know the spelling.

The time of the second enlistment (which was mentioned first) does not at all overlap the time of the first, and both together do not quite fill out the time for which the first enlistment was made.

The children of David and Mary (Rucker) Vawter were: Jesse, Philemon, William, Winifred, Margaret and Mary.

The descendants of Jesse and Philemon will be given later.

William Vawter, son of David, was married and had a son, Lewis who lived in North Carolina. It is not known where William Vawter lived. It may have been that he came to Kentucky later than Jesse and Philemon. In the records of Fayette county are found these items:

"1st. William Vawter and Mary, his wife, sold a tract (169 acres) of land in Jessamine county, Kentucky, in 1803.

"2d. William Vawter and his wife, Mary, sold five hundred acres in Campbell county, Kentucky, in 1805.

* W. G. Stanard, the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian of the Virginia Historical Society of Richmond, Virginia, will, for a consideration, give a certified statement of the record of David Vawter.

"3d. William Vawter and his wife, Mary, sold 1000 acres in Gallatin county, Kentucky, in 1809. They lived at that time in Woodford county, Kentucky."

Philemon Vawter lived in Woodford county, Kentucky, and Elliott Vawter, son of Philemon, lived at one time in Gallatin county, Kentucky. This William Vawter, if not a brother of Jesse and Philemon, must have been closely related.

A daughter of David Vawter married Achilles Stapp. Their children were Ely, Milton, Nancy and Mary, all of who married Branhams. Achilles Stapp and family lived near Lexington, Kentucky.

JESSE VAWTER
children and grandchildren

	{ I. John m.	{ Smith
	{ Polly Smith	{ Emily
	{ Jane Smith	{ Marion
	{ Ruth Minton	{ Mary
	{ Martha Pearce	{ Allan
		{ Emma
	{ II William m.	{ Maria
	{ Frances Vawter	{ Elizabeth
	{	{ John Taylor
	{	{ Williamson D.
	{	{ Jesse
	{	{ James
	{	{ Frances
	{	{ Achilles
	{	{ Mary L
	{	{ Philemon
	{ III James m.	{ John Watts
	{ Sarah Watts	{ Jesse Holman
	{	{ Frances
	{	{ Johnson
	{	{ William C.
	{	{ Milton S.
	{	{ James
	{	{ Newton W.
	{	{ Fanny S
	{	{ Susan E.
	{	{ Thomas S.
	{ IV. Frances m.	{ Jesse V.
	{ John Branham	{ Uriah
	{	{ Polly
	{	{ Danville
	{	{ Elizabeth
	{	{ George W.
	{	{ James
	{	{ John T.
	{	{ Jane V.
John (1)	{ V. Mary m	{ Granville
John (2)	{ Linsfield Branham	{ Julia Ann
David (3)	{	{ Benjamin
Jesse Vawter (4)	{	{ David C.
(1755 - 1838)	{	{ Wm. Hickman
m	{	{ Elizabeth
Elizabeth Watts	{	{ McClure
(1762 - 1830)	{	{ Mary Louisa
	{	{ Nancy
	{	{ Joseph Warren

Jesse Vawter, continued

{ VI. Sarah m.	{ Frances
{ Thomas Stribling	{ Elizabeth
{	{ Pleasant
{	{ William
{	{ Ann
{	{ Newton W.
{	{ Amanda
{	{ Milton S.
{	{ Silas S.
{	{ Uriah B.
{	{ Sarah
{	{ infant
{	{ Artemecia
{ VII. Julia m.	{ Copeland
{ Matthew Wise	{ Elizabeth
{	{ Mary
{	{ Prudence
{	{ Patsy
{ VIII. Achilles m.	{ Julia
{ Martha Smith	{ Jennings
{	{ Polly
{	{ David
{	{ Henry L.
{	{ James
{	{ Catherine
{	{ Jane
{ IX. Ann m.	{ Elizabeth
{ Abner Moncrief	{ Jesse V.
{	{ Julia
{	{ William
{	{ Nancy Richie
{	{ Sarah
{	{ Agnes Wilbur
{	{ Mary Frances
{	{ Ann Maria

JESSE VAWTER

Jesse Vawter was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, December 1, 1755. His parents were Episcopalians and he was sprinkled in infancy and his name enrolled on the church record. He was married to Elizabeth Watts, the daughter of John and Sallie (Barnett) Watts, on March 29, 1781. Elizabeth Watts was born December 30, 1762. Nine children were born to them: John, William, James, Frances, Mary, Sarah, Julia, Achilles and Ann.

Jesse Vawter was, in his early manhood, apprenticed by his father to a mechanic; was a soldier in the Revolutionary War for a short period; was baptized in a Baptist Church (Rapidan) in Culpeper county, Virginia, October , 1774.

About the year 1782 Jesse Vawter, with his wife and infant son John, moved from Virginia to the Holston river country, which is near where the three states, Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, now join. Their twin sons, William and James, were born there. In 1785 Jesse, with his wife and four children, returned to Virginia for a visit. They left William, one of the twins, there with his maternal grandparents. In 1787 Jesse visited Kentucky and decided to move there. He and his wife, with the infant Sarah, went for a farewell visit to Virginia in 1789, and in 1790 the family removed to Kentucky. On the way they passed the Crab Orchard country, old Milford Court House, stopping over night with Joseph Delaney, where Richmond, Kentucky, now is, crossing the Kentucky river, passing through Lexington, Kentucky, and arriving at Achilles Stapp's September 22, 1790. Jesse Vawter leased a farm from Hugh Shannon for five years from the fall of 1790. In 1795 he moved to Scott county, Kentucky, and settled on his own farm on the north side of the North Elkhorn river, three or four miles from the forks of the

(Note - In Culpeper county records is the following: "Jesse Vawter married to Elizabeth Watts, March 29, 1781.")

two Elkhorns and seven miles from Frankfort. In 1796 Franklin county was formed, and his house was then in Franklin county. (A fuller account of this part of Jesse Vawter's life will be found in the "Reminiscences" of his son John.)

In 1806 Jesse Vawter lost his land through a defective title. That same year he moved to Indiana and located on a hill overlooking Madison, on what is now known as the Michigan Hill Road. He called his home and farm Mount Glad, because he was glad there to rest from his wanderings and hoped to spend his days in peace. Madison was a very small settlement at that time. The Vawter family is inseparably connected with its early history and with the history of the Baptist denomination in Indiana.

Jesse Vawter began to preach in about the year 1800. He was ordained in 1805. In 1807 he assisted in the organization of the First Baptist Church in Jefferson county, which, at that time, was called the Coffee Creek Baptist Church. This church was organized at Mount Glad. At its constitution there were but fifteen members, and these were all of them connected with the four families who had come together from Kentucky in the fall of the year before. These four families were the Vawters, the Underwoods, the Edwards and the Jacksons. In 1808 these members built a meeting house of logs on the hill east of the Michigan road near the present site of Fairmount Cemetery. When Jesse Vawter learned of a new settlement being formed, he visited it and held religious meetings. As the country developed his preaching tours were enlarged, covering great portions of the counties of Jefferson, Ripley, Switzerland, Jennings and Clark. In some cases these settlements were reached by traveling from twenty to forty miles through the wilderness, much of the way being marked only by blazed trees and broken down underbrush.

In 1812 the Coffee Creek Church built a new frame meeting house on the North Madison hill, now west of the railroad, and with that change of location, also changed its name, afterwards being called the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. This church was again moved and became the First Baptist Church of Madison. From its first formation until 1831 Jesse Vawter was almost its only pastor,

Jacob Cox and William Vawter and Reuben Morey serving some of the time during the later years. In the minutes of the Madison Association for 1838, we read: "Jesse Vawter was preeminently useful in the ministry and did much to advance the Messiah's kingdom here on earth, especially among the Baptist churches from their first organization in Indiana, but more particularly in the bounds of what was and is known as the Silver Creek, Coffee Creek, Loughery, Flat Rock and Madison Associations. He was without doubt one of the most pious men of his day, and, as a doctrinal, practical and experimental preacher, his qualifications and ability for evangelical preaching was far above mediocrity, and as a peace-maker he was, perhaps, without his equal in the congregations of which he was a member."

Elizabeth, wife of Jesse, died September 10, 1830. Afterwards Jesse lived with his daughter, Polly Branham, for a while, and with another daughter, Ann Moncrief, for a part of the time. He died, March 20, 1838, in his eighty-third year.

Jesse Vawter was a quiet, thrifty, brown-eyed, peace-loving man. His granddaughter, Mrs Frances (Vawter) King, of North Vernon, Indiana, in speaking of him said: "Grandfather was of a gentle nature. Every one loved him. He used to ride down horseback from Madison to see us. We would run to meet him, and he would say, 'There come my chickens.' He had lost the sight of one eye in an accident. We used to slip up on his blind side and kiss him, and he would always jump as though we had surprised him greatly. He never was impatient with us."

Mrs Nancy (Moncrief) Amsden, of Madison, Indiana, another granddaughter, said: "I can remember grandfather well and I love his very name. He lived at my father's for some time before he died."

Elizabeth, wife of Jesse, was a woman of strong character, and her grandchildren stood somewhat in awe of her. She was an excellent housekeeper. Her great cleanliness was a matter for joking among her neighbors. They said that she never could endure flies - that she chased them out of her house and down to the Ohio river. In speaking of her fondness for scrubbing, they declared that they believed she scrubbed even the stumps in her yard.

Jesse Vawter's story, as told by himself

I, Jesse Vawter, being in my eightieth year, do this day begin to write a journal of my life. I was born December , the first day, 1755, in Culpeper county, Virginia. I was sent to school in my eighth year. About this time my father moved into Orange county, and I worked on a farm for about ten years. I was the oldest child of six, and had by nature a mechanical turn of mind. I did some coopering, and made me a lathe and did some turning; I also made some wheels with a millwright. In 1774 my father hired me to a house carpenter and joiner. In 1775 my father set me at liberty to act for myself. At this time there was a great call for flax wheels. I joined my Uncle Oppill. We prepared our timber, built us a shop with two rooms, chimney in one and stove in the other. Each of us had a lathe made and mended wheels until November, 1777, when I drove a team and moved a family out to Holston, three hundred miles, where I attended a farm with two negro men for Joseph Early.

In December, 1778, I went back to Virginia, and followed house carpenter's and joiner's work until November, 1779, when I drove a team for Uncle I. Coper, when I had three uncles and a brother all in a company moving to Holston. We unloaded our wagons the second day of December, 1779. I had bought of Joseph Early four hundred acres of land, on which my brother Philemon and Jonathan Underwood settled at that time. In the next year, 1780, I labored on a saw and grist mill for old Mr Keywood. In December I went back to Virginia, and in 1781 was married, March twenty-ninth day, and in June was drafted for two months' tour. I got back to my wife's father's late in August and was three months sick. My wife has told me that they sat up with me forty nights and thought every one might be the last.

The next winter and spring I made myself a light wagon and had it ironed nicely. In January, 1782, our son John was born .

In the latter part of April I geared three horses and loaded my property and set out for Holston, three hundred miles, and unloaded the 17th of May on my own premises, and raised a tolerable crop of corn that year.

In the fall of 1783, I went to old Virginia with my wagon and moved Aunt Underwood to Holston. In 1785 I, with my wife and children, went again to Virginia on a visit, and was gone from the 13th day of September to the 24 of November. I had built me a shop, and followed making and mending wagons, and other work, as also attending to my farm until 1790. In December, 1787, I went to Kentucky on a visit to see my friends, and in 1790 I sold my land and moved to Kentucky, and landed there in September, 1790. In 1789 my wife and myself, with Sally our baby, went on horseback to old Virginia on a visit to bid our friends a final farewell, as we expected to move to Kentucky the next year. We unloaded our horses at Brother Stapp's, September 22d. I took a lease on Mr. Shannon's land for five years, put up a log cabin and moved into it in November, 1790. August 13, 1791 I left home and went to Holston to aid my Brother Philemon to move to Kentucky, and got home again September 20.

August 7, 1793, I left my home and went to Virginia to aid father Watts in moving to Kentucky, and got home again the 18th day of November, 1793. In 1795 I moved to the north fork of Elkhorn, three miles above the forks, and we lived there until September 6, 1806, when we moved over the Ohio to Indiana. During our residence in Kentucky I made looms, made and mended wagons, made and mended wheels, reels, and did other mechanical work, but never neglected my farm. And also, while I kept house in Indiana, I had a shop and did do almost all kinds of mechanical work, yet never neglected my farm. I have observed on a minute-book that I had earned in my shop \$344, and that I had received for marriages \$151. In 1830 we broke up housekeeping, and on September tenth my wife died, and I have made my home with Polly Branham, but am a great deal of my time absent. Since the death of my wife, I have not confined myself to labor, but have done some little jobs, and have

received about forty dollars for marriages. Julia Wise died May 10, 1834.

September, 1835, I attended at Loughery Association, and came home sick, and am yet quite feeble this first of December.

A LATER STATEMENT BY JESSE VAWTER

At the request of one of my friends I now sit down to record some of the occurrences of my past life.

I, Jesse Vawter, was born December 1, 1755. My parents were David and Mary Vawter, members of the Episcopalian Church. I was sprinkled in infancy and received as a member of that church, and could read my Bible in my eighth year, and was brought up to farming, but had by nature a mechanical turn of mind. At ten years of age I had serious thoughts of religion and heard a parson preach from these words: "Who among us shall dwell with devouring fire, who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" Isaiah xxxiii:14. That subject made a deep impression on my mind, although I understood nothing more than a local fire. About this time I committed the Lord's Prayer, which I would repeat when I would lie down at night and in the morning, in order to get religion, but finally concluded that I would live moral and sober until I married and then I would get religion, concluding that religion did not suit young people and when I was settled in the world it would be easy to obtain it.

As stated above, my mind inclined to mechanical labor. In 1774, in my nineteenth year, my father consented to hire me to a house carpenter and joiner. In the course of that year our work led us twenty miles from my father's, and in the bounds of Baptist preaching. Perhaps in the month of May I went to the first meeting. The preacher was Thomas Ammons; his text was Job x:15: "If I be wicked woe unto me, but if I be righteous yet will I not lift up my head." These words came home to my heart with such light and power that they made me tremble.

I had never felt the like before. I strove to be composed and not let any person know I was affected, but all in vain, the tears would run. I did not think I was as wicked as some, but thought I was not altogether right - that there was some little wrong about me, and now I thought the Lord had called on me to repent and seek Him, which I was determined to do. I thought by praying, reading and reforming that I should soon atone for past sins and bring God under obligations to me (alas ! poor blind man).

Instead of that, I discovered the corruption of my nature and the deceit of my heart, and that all my efforts had been selfish and, of course, sinful, and that God says, "Son, give me thy heart," which I had not done. I now did believe that God had called me, and if I had sought Him through Jesus Christ, I might have obtained mercy; but now it appeared to me as if all hope was gone forever. I yet would try to pray, but thought my prayers only added to my guilt. I concluded God was angry with me, that his law condemned me, and it was in vain to ask His mercy, for I thought my case was finally fixed forever. Yet my heart would pray for mercy if it could be bestowed according to the divine government, for I did believe God was right and His law was right, and if I was condemned forever it would be right, too. I concluded justice would not suffer me to live on the earth when right appeared. I thought I should be in eternity before morning, and in the morning that justice would terminate my life before night.

One clear morning in July, 1774, I thought I would retire and try to pray once more before I died. When I got to the place I thought I dare not ask for mercy, yet my heart seemed to crave mercy, but I could not see how God could have mercy on me consistent with His divine perfection. Finally I concluded my fate was fixed to go down to ruin forever, and I rose up to go to my work. As I arose a reconciliation took place in my mind - the will of the Lord be done. With this reconciliation I had a view of Jesus and His righteousness. I thought all nature shone with His glory. I could now see how God could have mercy upon poor sinners and be just and justify him that

believed in Jesus. I did believe He had lived and died for sinners and rose again for their justification, and that I was one of those poor sinners that He came to seek and save. My soul was filled with love. I thought I could tell to my companions how good God was, and they would feel as I did, but they understood not what I told them. In the month of October our work led us into the bounds of another Baptist church, to which I offered myself and was received and baptized. The first Saturday meeting I ever attended I thought was the prettiest sight I ever saw. The church was called Rapidan, in Culpeper county, Virginia, but now Madison county.

I thought I would work as much as would keep myself in clothes and spend my time in going to meeting and be with the preachers; which I did for some years. I would sing and pray and close meetings for the preachers. In 1780 I began to think it was best for young persons to marry, and on the 29th day of March 1781, I was married to Elizabeth, daughter of John and Sarah Watts, of Culpeper county, Virginia. In January, 1782, the 8th day, our first son, John, was born, and in May we moved to Holston, where we lived eight years, and had two sons and three daughters born, and joined a Baptist church, whose monthly meetings were twenty miles off. The preacher would come to my house and have meeting in our neighborhood. Having lost all hope of a Baptist church near us, we moved to Kentucky in 1790, where we joined the Great Crossing Church in Scott county, and lived there five years. While there I appeared to be a silent member. In 1795 we moved down on the north fork of the Elkhorn and moved our membership to Melonal's Run, where I was more active.

In 1799 a revival of religion broke out on the Ohio, and in 1800 it appeared to spread over the whole state. A number of my neighbors and four of my children had obtained hope in Jesus, which led us to form ourselves into a church and build us a house. About this time my mind got exercised about preaching, which soon led to my ordination.

Here we lived five or six years in great harmony, until I lost my place. In 1806 we moved to Indiana.

It may be proper here for me to state the difference in my mind as respects preaching. I thought that preachers were a grade higher than common members and that it would be wicked in me to think of preaching, but to sing, and to pray, and to exhort was the privilege of every member, and also to tell how good the Lord was, which I did do for many years, with delight to myself and some others. When my mind took a turn for preaching it was the greatest trial I had ever met with, for I thought no man ought to preach but such as the Lord called to that work, and I could not believe that I was called to preach, and to run before I was sent would be wicked, and to refuse to do what the Lord enjoined on me would be wicked. It appeared like death to go forward and death to be silent.

About this time I heard two brethren preach; the first was from the words of Jephtha: "I have opened my mouth to the Lord and I can not go back." The other was: "Woe to him that striveth with his Maker." I had opened my mouth to the Lord and was unwilling to go back; and I thought I would rather die to strive against the Lord. Finally, I concluded to submit my case to my brethren, for they all appeared to encourage me to go forward; and to this day I am made to wonder how it is that my brethren do invite me onward. But I do believe the best evidence that a man can have that it is his duty to preach is the voice of his brethren, for no man is a proper judge of himself; he will judge too high or too low of his own performances.

I have this day entered my eightieth year. I have been a citizen of four states, was born in Virginia, lived there twenty-five years; then moved into the edge of North Carolina, and lived there ten years; and then moved into Kentucky and lived there sixteen years, and in 1806 moved into Indiana. I have been a member of eight churches, and have in general sat under the same doctrine that I first believed, which was the total depravity of human nature; the divine character and sonship of Jesus Christ; salvation alone by free and sovereign grace, effectual calling, justification by the righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed, and the final perseverance of the saints; and that the atonement made by Jesus Christ is general in its nature,

but special in its application, and that the change that takes place in the sinner is by the spirit of God illuminating the eyes of the understanding so as to discover the purity of God's laws and the nature of sin, and the way of life and salvation by Jesus Christ, and where this faith is found it will produce a corresponding conversation and deportment. I believe also in the overruling grace of God and the freedom of the will, and that God will judge the world by that man who He hath ordained, and that there will be a resurrection of all in that day.

I have been at the constitution of twelve churches, and have aided at the ordination of eight ministers; have baptized persons in eighteen churches; the highest number at any one time was 18, and the greatest number in any one church was 127. I have been at the formation of three associations, and have served as moderator twenty-three years in succession; and have solemnized perhaps little short of two hundred marriages. In the year 1834 I attended three associations. In the year 1835 I attended three associations and have baptized three persons this year. In 1836 I was at Coffee Creek Association, but was very feeble. In 1837 I was at Madison Association, and was very feeble.

Jesse Vawter died March 20, 1838, eighty-three years old.

JESSE VAWTER'S WILL

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Jesse Vawter, of Jefferson county and state of Indiana, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

Item: My will and desire is that whatever may remain of mine at my death shall be equally divided among my children, to wit: John, William, James, Fanny, Polly, Sally, Julia, Achilles and Ann.

Item: I appoint and ordain my two sons, John and William to be the executors of this my last will and testament.

Written with my own hand this 13th day of April, 1832.

Acknowledged in presence of Thos. T. Stribling, M. M. Burns, and Elias Stapp.

Codicil to what I have already written.

1. My will is there shall be no court to prove my will.
2. That M. Wise shall receive the same as if his wife were still living
3. My will is that those indebted to me shall not be pressed for money under one year, and that without interest.
4. My wish is that my executors shall make ample satisfaction to those of my friends who shall wait on me in my last hour.

Written under an impression that I shall die soon, this 27th day of December, 1837.

Jesse Vawter

Thomas T. Stribling

M. M. Burns

Elias Stapp

Codicil attested before assigned.

Old People's Meeting

"On Wednesday, April 2, 1862, all the living children of Jesse Vawter, deceased (it being the birthday of William and James Vawter, each being that day seventy-nine years old), by invitation of these two brothers, met at the house of Williamson D. Vawter, in the town of Vernon, and partook of an excellent dinner prepared by W. D. Vawter and wife. On this occasion the children were John Vawter, in the eighty-first year of his age; Wm. Vawter and Francis, his wife; James Vawter and Sally, his wife; the widow, Sally V. Stribling; Abner Moncrief and Ann V., his wife; the widow, Patsy Vawter, wife of Achilles Vawter, who died after the meeting was agreed to be holden in his own town. The only one of the living adopted children absent was Matthew Wise, who was unable by disease and age to attend. All of these people were among the first white inhabitants in and near where the city of Madison now is, while it was yet a heavy forest. The entire number present now are, and nearly all were at that early day, members of the Baptist denomination.

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"On coming together, John Vawter, after an exchange of salutations and inquiries about absent friends, and recounting old times and hard times, old age and its infirmities, proposed, as a sentiment and as a rule of action for each, this language of the poet: 'Come, let us anew our journey pursue,' etc. All seemed to harmonize in the sentiment and, after singing the hymn twice, we were invited to the diner-table, and after dinner were invited by Smith Vawter to take tea with him. All parties agreeing to do so, we repaired to his residence and partook of an excellent supper. After this social interview the company separated, perhaps never all to meet in time again. A list of the age of each was made out by W. D. Vawter and the number of children and grandchildren of each. Wm. Vawter and wife have of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, sixty or seventy."

The above was written for the *Vernon Banner*, April 4, 1862, by John Vawter, who was then living at Morgantown, Ind.

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JOHN VAWTER

John Vawter, the son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Watts) Vawter, was born in Orange (now Madison) county, Virginia, January 8, 1782. He was married four times, the first time to Polly Smith on December 17, 1805. Polly Smith was born December 30, 1781; died July 19, 1825. Their children were Smith, Jane, and Emily. After the death of Polly S. Vawter, John Vawter married Jane Smith, a sister of Polly. She died October 4, 1826 leaving no children. Then John Vawter married Ruth Minton, who was born in January, 1817, and had three children, Marion, Mary and Allan. Ruth (Minton) Vawter died September 2, 1850, and John Vawter married, October 17, 1850, Mrs Martha Pearce, by whom he had one child, Emma, who was born May 11, 1854, and killed by falling lumber November 13, 1859. Mrs Martha (McGannon) Pearce Vawter was born March 8, 1822; died January 21, 1892. "John Vawter was licensed as a Baptist preacher in 1804, and removed from Kentucky to Madison, Indiana, in 1807. He was the first magistrate of Madison, and was soon afterwards elected sheriff of Jefferson and Clark counties, and in 1810 was appointed U. S. Marshal for the state. He served as frontier ranger during the Indian campaign of 1811-13; was elected colonel of militia of Jennings county in 1817; founded Vernon, the county seat of Jennings county; laid out Vernon and gave every third lot to the town.. He was pastor of the Baptist church in Vernon from 1821-48, a member of the legislature from 1831-5, and in 1836 of the senate, where he was instrumental in securing the adoption of a policy of internal improvement by the state. He removed to Morgan county in 1848, founded Morgantown and

presented a brick church to the Baptist congregation of that place. He died August 17, 1862."

The following is an account of the early life of John Vawter, written by himself. He says:

"I now am an old man in the eighty-first year of my age. I was born January 8, 1782. My father was Elder Jesse Vawter. My mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Watts. My parents, poor, frugal, honest and industrious, were both born in Culpeper or Orange county, Virginia; Jesse on the first day of December 1755; Elizabeth, his wife, on the 30th of December, 1762. They were married on the 29th of March, 1781, and lived to see all of their children, nine in number, grown and married. The eldest was myself, John. The others were: William and James (twins), Fanny, Mary, Sally, Julia, Achilles and Ann. I was born in Culpeper or Orange county, Virginia. It is now Madison county. William, James, Fanny, Sally and Mary were born in North Carolina, now Sullivan county Tennessee, called the state of Franklin at that time. Julia, Achilles and Ann were born in Kentucky.

"On my father's side we are descended from Saxon families. Toward the close to the sixteenth century three brothers, John, Bartholomew and Angus, came from England to the colony of Virginia. The three brothers originally spelled their name V-a-w-l-t-e-r, but for some unknown reason dropped the "l" after coming to Virginia, and to this day the entire family of the three brothers and their numerous descendants all spell their name V-a-w-t-e-r.

"My great, great grandfather's name was John, and that was also the name of my great grandfather, who had four sons, Bartholomew, Angus, Richard and David,* and two daughters, whose names were Winifred and Margaret. David was my grandfather. David had three sons, Jesse, Philemon and William, and three daughters, Winifred, Margaret and Mary. Jesse was my father.

"Jesse in his youthful days was naturally a mechanic, and his

* Mr. Vawter has evidently forgotten to mention Beverly here, who was one of the children of John. (2)

father, David, consented to his learning a trade. While working as an apprentice in 1774 or '75, and during the Revolutionary War (of which he was afterwards a soldier), he heard of certain traveling preachers in Virginia. He attended one of the appointments at which Thomas Ammons was the preacher. His text was in the book of Job, tenth chapter and fifteenth verse: 'If I be wicked, woe unto me,' etc. This sermon, under the influence of God's Holy Spirit, opened the door of hope in the sure mercies of God's dear Son. He was soon afterwards united with the Baptist church in Culpeper or Orange county, Virginia, and continued a useful and exemplary member of the Baptist order to the day of his death in the eight-third year of his age. Jesse was the first-born of six children. The others all died before he did. His wife, Elizabeth, died nearly eight years before him.

"I do not remember my father's mother. Her maiden name was Rucker. After the death of her husband, David Vawter, she married a Rentfrow and died in Kentucky.

"Elizabeth Vawter, wife of Jesse and my mother, was a daughter of John and Sarah Watts of Orange county, Virginia. John Watts was a small man, of English stock. His wife was a Barnett, of fine figure, rather portly and of English descent. I remember these grandparents well. They came to Kentucky to live in the year 1793. They both lived to a good old age and both died in Kentucky. Grandmother outlived grandfather several years.

"I can remember as far back as the year 1785, when my father and mother, with four of their children, went on a visit to Virginia and left my brother William with mother's parents, John and Sarah Watts. I have a distinct recollection of the closing scenes, of the weeping, of my feelings on the return to Holston, of crossing New river, etc.

"I remember my father's visit to Kentucky in 1787, when the new country was called by the name of Levisa Country. In the year 1788 or 1789 my father went to Keywood Mills and put me on a sack of grain on the back of a rough-riding horse. Going down a steep descent, off I went with the sack on top of me. I carried bruises for many days made by the sharp, hard stones.

"I remember when my father and mother went to Virginia in the year 1789 on horseback with Sally, the infant babe. They brought brother William back with them. William would say, "Your Daddie" and "Your Mamma". He would not own his father and mother until compelled to do so.

"I remember being sent by my mother in company with my brother William to bring home the cows. We got lost and traveled many miles and crossed to Keywood Mills, and then we knew the way home. We abandoned the cows, thinking that they didn't intend to go home, and yet they went directly there.

"I have a distinct recollection of the winding up of matters in the Holston country and of the family moving to Kentucky in 1790. My father was thrown from his horse with his rifle into Beaver creek on the first day's travel. We waited at Bean's Station for additional immigrants to meet and increase the safety of the company in their march through the wilderness. They did not come. While at the station we were greatly alarmed one night by some cow-drivers throwing a bundle of cane on the fire. It made a great noise while burning. We decided to move on though few in number. I remember that a raven for several days advanced ahead of us, alighting on the trees and keeping up a continual squawking; of crossing the Clinch river; the turning out of the horses to graze; the men going across the river to fish; that I was swamped in attempting to go to them and came near being drowned; of father's horse, with a leather sack of shop tools on his back, trying a near way to get up a steep bank and falling back with the sack of tools into the valley below.

"I remember well seeing many bones of individuals who had been killed by the Indians and their bodies buried so close to the surface that the wolves had dragged them out; of the Indian blinds, behind which they concealed themselves. These were made of bushes stuck in the ground. At the time we saw them the bushes were dry. I remember riding on one of the pack horses and carrying a large basket of provisions for many days to accommodate those who were hungry between meals; also of sister Fanny falling off of the animal on which mother rode; of the

horse treading on her leg and bending it so much that, at first, it was thought to be broken, but it proved otherwise.

"On the day's travel before reaching Crab Orchard, Uncle Achilles Stapp was so exhausted that he sat down at the root of a tree, determined to remain there alone, saying that if the Indians came, come they must, he could not and would not go any farther. Presently, along came Molly Jackson, a cousin to my father, and gave the tired man a bottle of whisky. He drank, and it so revived him that he traveled on with the rest. That night the most of the company reached Crab Orchard. All except mother lay down as if all danger was over. She armed herself with a small ax and kept watch, but in the morning all were safe. The next day we passed the old Milford Court House. At night we reached Joseph Delaney's, where Richmond now is, in Madison county, Kentucky. The next day was rainy. We crossed the Kentucky river. One of the pack horses lay down in the river with mother's feather beds. We passed through Lexington that same day and arrived, all tired out, at Achilles Stapp's about sundown on the 22d of September, 1790.

"In the fall of 1790 father took a lease of Mr. Shannon for five years. I remember the cabin and other buildings put up on the place; of making ten pounds of sugar there on New year's day in 1791; of four polecats finding their way to father's meat barrel in a rail pen; of father's determining to make them leave the barrel, and how they punished him for driving them out by spoiling his meat. I also remember when a weasel let go the hen and buried its teeth in William's thumb.

"The first school I was sent to was kept by a man named Henry Jenkins. No books were then used in the school except Delworth's spelling-book, a common primer and the New Testamant. At that time it was customary to turn the teacher out a little before Christmas until after New Year's. It was a time of great frolic and fun among the scholars. It was all right, too, with the parents. The school was continued about six months. The second school teacher in the same place was Benjamin Quinn. Father sent William and James to Benjamin Quinn and sent me to make

up their lost time. Although I was not a regular scholar Quinn called me up and whipped me until he drew blood for cutting off his hogs' tails, as he said. The charge was wholly untrue, and I determined that when I became a man I would punish Quinn by whipping him, but on arriving at manhood I thought better of it.

"I have a lively recollection of the first money I ever owned. A traveling man came to the school while I was there and inquired the way to a neighbor's. It being play time, I went with the man and showed him the way, for which he gave me six and one-fourth cents. The older boys got around me and gave me an old written copy-book, a few sheets of paper and a ball for my money. On going home, elated with my treasures and good fortune, father threw away the ball, and the paper was worthless. The next money I received was for a hand-rake I made for Mr. Joshua Stapp. He gave me six and one-fourth cents for the rake. I took care not to purchase old copy-books, paper and balls with the money, but laid it away until friend Stapp employed me to do a second job of work, for which he gave me twelve and one-half cents, called nine pence. The next piece of money owned by me I found in the hay loft of an old horse mill. It was customary in those days to cut up the money and make, if possible, nine nine-pence pieces out of a dollar, or five quarters. Nearly all the silver change was thus cut up for many years.

"About that time my father sent me to help a man in taking corn on horseback to a merchant in Georgetown. The man thought that he must treat all the boys to what they could drink for their services. The weather was cold and the argument was 'Drink and get warm'. I yielded and felt myself quite a man. I lost all fear and shame and could talk with any one and every one.

"The next summer my father set me to plowing with Grandfather Watts's black horse. The flies were bad, and the horse would sweep his tail continually over the lines to drive off the flies. In order to remedy the evil I cut all the hair off the horse's tail and then denied it. This is the first time I recollect doing wrong and denying it. This was is the year 1794.

"In the year 1795 father moved from his Shannon lease in

Scott county on to the land he had purchased on the north side of the North Elkhorn, some three or four miles from his first settlement, three miles from the two forks of the Elkhorns and seven miles from Frankfort. This was the second settlement made in the woods by father after coming to Kentucky, and each time the commencement was in Woodford county. In the winter of 1790-1791, Scott county was formed out of a part of Woodford county, and that time father was in Scott county. In like manner, in 1795-96, Franklin county was formed from Woodford county, and father's new residence was in the county of Franklin. The Indians did considerable mischief near these settlements in stealing horses and in killing several people.

" In the year 1795-1796 peace was made on our northern frontier.

" In the year 1796 seven of father's family were all taken down with the genuine shaking ague and fever. I was attacked in the month of August and did not recover for about sixteen months. For one month I had two shakes a day. Father and sister Mary were the only ones who escaped the disease".

At this point the story was cut short by the death of the writer, who was then eighty. An article was found, however, at North Madison, Indiana, in an old scrap-book belonging to Mrs. Sarah Stribling, which was written by Col. Vawter and published in the *Madison Courier* in the year 1850. This article, which follows, carries on the story with a break of only a few years.

"Father, with six or eight other Kentuckians from Franklin and Scott counties, visited what was then called the new purchase at a very early date. A part journeyed by land and a part by water. The land party crossed the Ohio river at Port William, the others descending the Kentucky and Ohio rivers in a pirogue to a point opposite Milton. The pirogue answered the double purpose of carrying forward the provisions of the company and enabling the men to pass from one bank to the other, swimming their horses alongside. The company made their headquarters in the river bottom in the eastern extremity of the city limits of Madison. In the day the company divided into two parties, exploring the adjacent highlands to the head of Crooked

creek and the neighboring lands of Clifty. They met at night and reported their discoveries. To Crooked creek they gave the name of Mill creek; to Clifty, Hard Scabble; but subsequently, on learning the name of each stream, the red man's name prevailed with the settlers.

"At that time, December, 1805, Elder Jesse Vawter selected for his residence the spot where Judge S. C. Stevens now resides on the hill. He returned home and made every arrangement for taking possession of his new home early in the spring of 1806. He, with others, made the first settlement in and about Madison. Nearly all the settlements made in that year and the two or three succeeding years were made on the highlands. Among the first settlers in the county were Elder Jesse Vawter, James Underwood, Joshua Jackson, Colby Underwood and James Edwards, all of the Baptist denomination. East of Crooked creek were Col. John Ryker, Paul Froman, Ralph Griffin, Joseph Lane and others, the last two families being Baptists. West and southwest were Col. Samuel Smock, James Arbuckle, Michael and Felix Monroe, Isiah Blankinship, Amos Chitwood and others. The first corn was raised in Jefferson county in the year 1806, most of it being planted as late as June. The first preaching in the early settlements within the bounds of Jefferson and Switzerland counties was by Baptist ministers. Elder Jesse Vawter, John Taylor, Philemon Vawter and John Reese were early settlers and the only resident ministers at that time in the vicinity of what is now the city of Madison. From the year 1805, their first visit, until 1810, the Baptist was the only organized church in the limits of what is now Jefferson and Switzerland counties. In March, 1807, at the home of Jesse Vawter, a Baptist church was organized called Crooked Creek Church, afterwards Mount Pleasant Church.

"The first settlement made in the river bottom near Madison was by William and John Hall in 1806 or 1807, a little above Isom Ross's tanyard (purchased by Johnathan Lyon in 1808). The second was made by John H. Wagoner on the high bank a little west of Main street, in Madison. Wagoner unloaded his boat on the 10th day of May, 1808, and immediately commenced building a house to live in. The third person who settled in the

limits of the present city was Robert M. Trotter, afterwards a justice of the peace; the fourth was Joshua Wilkinson, a single man; the fifth was Joseph Strickland, afterwards justice of the peace, and with Strickland came a man by the name of Schofield and perhaps others not recollected. Next came John Booth, the first innkeeper; then John Sering, Samuel Burnet (second innkeeper); then Charles Easton with a number of others, which brings us down to the time of the first sale of lots in Madison in February, 1811. During all the above time, all the preaching for twenty to thirty-five miles up and down the river and through the county was of the Baptist order. The first sermon ever delivered within the chartered limits of Madison was by Elder Jesse Vawter, among the cottonwoods on the river beach, a little above the stone mill. The text was the first verse, first chapter of John's Gospel. It was a funeral occasion, the death of widow Slack. Mrs Jonathan Lyon, mother of Philemon Vawter, closed the service. This was the first death and funeral preached within the vicinity of Madison.

"After the land sales in May, 1808, and the sale of lots in Madison in 1811, the town and the country commenced filling up pretty rapidly with settlers. The first man who preached in Madison, other than Baptist, was of the name of Hawkins, a hell reductioner, who afterwards became a convert to Baptist belief. Some time after the establishment of courts in Madison, and during the sitting of the court, Elijah Sparks, an attorney-at-law and Methodist minister, and Jesse L. Holman, a Baptist exhorter, both of Dearborn county, during the court week, preached for the people at the house of Philemon Vawter, near the Crooked creek graveyard. This was the first Methodist preaching in the immediate vicinity of Madison. After public buildings were erected in Madison, Col. Brown, a Methodist preacher, preached in Madison and another by the name of Frame; and so did old Dr. Fiske. About this time, if I mistake not, Dr. Oglesby commenced preaching in Madison, also a man by the name of Strange, also Squire Strother (of Kentucky) and Amos Chitwood. In the year of 1812 or 1813, not earlier, a Methodist meeting-house was built in Madison, and from that time

Methodism began to take root and grow in the country. About this time Elder William Robinson, a Presbyterian preacher, moved into Madison and commenced preaching, and soon organized a church of his order. He was succeeded by a man by the name of Searl. So much for the early religious denominations about and in Madison.

"I was the first justice of the peace within the vicinity of Madison while it was in Clark county. My commission bears the date the 16th of July, 1808. The first judges for Jefferson county were Gen. William McFarland, president of the Court of Common Pleas, and Samuel Smock and William Colton, his associates. The first clerk and recorder was Col. John Paul; second clerk Richard C. Talbot. First sheriff, John Vawter, commissioned such the 14th of December, 1810, retired from the office by virtue of a commission dated 29th of July, 1813, as United States marshal for Indiana Territory. The second sheriff was James Vawter (I am not certain but Basil Bentley was second sheriff in Jefferson county, but very soon retired from office). The third sheriff, Thomas T. Stribling. The first court ever held in Jefferson county was held in a log cabin owned by John H. Wagoner, in February, 1811. The sale of the first lots in Madison (old town) was in the same month; the first proprietors, Col. John Paul, Lewis Davis and Jonathan Lyon; the first addition west, surveyed by me for Col. John Paul. The first court house, called the Buckeye House, was built in 1811. It was built by myself for the proprietors. The first jail was a square log house, builder's name not now recollected; first public house was kept by John Booth; second, by Samuel Burnet; third by Major Henry Ristine. The first store was owned by John Sering & Co.; a drug store was started about the same time by Dr. Drake & Co.; the third store was opened by S. C. Stevens; fourth by myself; fifth by J. & N. Hunt; sixth by McCabe & Co.; seventh by Mr. Clarkston; eighth by John McIntire. The first physician was of the name of Fiske; second James Hicks; third John Howes; fourth David H. Maxwell. The first attorney-general, Alex. A. Meek; the second, a man by the name of Oulds; third, Gen. William Hendricks. The

first dray ever used in Madison was owned by Simeon Reynolds, and managed by his most excellent son, William L. Reynolds.

"I was personally acquainted with the first proprietors of the town. A more excellent or upright good man than Col. Paul was hard to be found. He was one of Gen. Roger Clark's bold, adventurous soldiers, who aided in the capture of Kaskaskia and Vincennes. He was elected one of the representatives from Clark county in the year 1810. This was previous to the formation of Jefferson county, and Col. Paul then resided at Madison. He was also one of the members for Jefferson county who formed the present constitution of Indiana. I was crier of the first sale of lots in Madison, but had nothing to do with the surveying or laying of the same. Laid out the first addition west of Broadway for Col. Paul in the winter of 1814 and 1815. Had nothing to do with any addition to the town.

"My second visit to Indiana was in May, 1806. I came in a pirogue and landed a little above the stone mill opposite Milton, visited the highlands east and west of Crooked creek, continued at my father's half-faced shanty until near the middle of June in order to assist him in getting his corn planted; returned in the same craft with my mother and other relatives to Frankfort, Kentucky. In September, 1806, my father moved his family from Kentucky to Mount Glad, the place where Judge S. C. Stevens now resides. In December, 1806, I made my third visit to Indiana in company with John Branham, a brother-in-law, and James Vawter. We aided in driving my father's cattle and fattened and stock hogs from his Kentucky residence to his new home in what was then a wilderness. At this time I made a selection of a place to move myself and family to in the coming spring. In was the identical spot where the depot and machine shops of the railroad company are now upon the hill. In March, 1807, I arrived with my family, wife, and one child, at my original selected site in the woods. In 1808 I built a house nearly opposite Godman's porkhouse on the hill and resided there until 1812. In this year I purchased property in Madison and moved to it. The property purchased by me was two lots on Main Cross street, east of Polley and Butler's iron store and west of Mulberry street. In 1814, I

sold both lots to Mr. David McClure. In the winter of 1815 I purchased of Col. John Paul the corner now owned by George M. Phelps, and built a large frame house (large for the size of the houses in Madison). Had the water conveyed by pipes, in connection with Col. Paul, from the hill at Hite's tanyard to the same, expecting to live and end my days there. In the same year I sold it also to David McClure, moved to Vernon in November, 1815, and continued to reside there until November, 1849, with my family. Since November, 1849, have resided in Morgantown, Morgan county, Indiana.

John Vawter "April 13, 1850

Perhaps the personality of John Vawter can best be realized by giving some stories that are told of him by his neighbors and friends and by giving something of his life in Vernon. He had a wide acquaintance, traveled around a great deal for those days and kept in touch with all his relatives. A number of these stories were taken from an article by Caroline Pabody Frost, which was published in the *Vernon Journal* and the rest were told by other friends.

"Col. John Vawter was United States surveyor for a portion of the Northwest Territory. He came to the place where Vernon now stands in 1813. He was greatly struck with the beauty of the country and determined to made it his future home. He platted the town in 1815 and moved there the same year. At this time there was but one white family in Jennings county. In this wilderness Col. Vawter left his young wife and little children while he went upon his surveying tours, giving strict injunctions that no Indians be allowed to enter the house or get any liquor. One day soon after Col. Vawter left home two Indians came to the door, and pushing in without leave, demanded 'fire-water'. Mrs. Vawter told them that she had none for them, and to appease their anger brought out some ribbon. They were delighted with the gift of a yard or two apiece of orange colored ribbon. Smith Vawter, the small son of Col. Vawter, was sitting in the chimney corner watching the savages with absorbing interest, when one of them suddenly sprang to his feet with a blood curdling

war-whoop and, swinging his tomahawk high in the air, stood with it poised over the boy's head for what seemed an age to the boy, who thought his time had come, but who looked the savage calmly in the eye. The Indian dropped the tomahawk and sat down, saying that he was a brave boy and would make a 'heap good Indian.' The Indians then ransacked the cabin for liquor and, finding a treasured bottle of peach brandy, each took a drink and generously leaving the bottle, departed."

"In the year 1816 three houses were built in Vernon, and little clearings with cabins in the center began to dot the surrounding wilderness. The first school house was built by Col. Vawter on the 'Commons' near where the railroad bridge now stands. In its one room Mrs. Lard (Vernon's first teacher) cooked, slept and taught. The older pupils read in the English Reader, the younger ones in the spelling-book, which they were required to spell nearly through, both off and on the book, before beginning on 'In Adam's fall, We sinned all' and 'Young Obidias, David and Josias, All were pious.' Each one did sums on his slate. The Murray Grammer and parsing finished the list."

"The first church (the Baptist) was organized in Vernon in 1816, and John Vawter was one of its seven members.

"The first board of commissioners met in Vernon, March 5, 1817. John Vawter was appointed clerk and also 'to act as agent for the transaction of all such duties as are required by an act of the late territorial legislature for fixing the seats of justice in all new counties that may be set off.' Ordered at the same meeting 'that John Vawter have the use of the public grounds to sow a crop of oats, he to sow the same with timothy or blue grass.'

"On April 1, 1817, the board ordered the report of the commissioner for fixing the county seat be recorded as soon as the recorder's office be established, John Vawter and David McClure having offered to the commissioners various lots of land and sums of money 'on condition of the seat of justice being established on the public grounds in the town of Vernon.' The land consisted of seventy town lots, besides the public ground; two acres of land for a burying-ground; three lots of an acre each for places of religious worship, school-houses, etc., all in suitable

places; a donation of land on the north and south of town. The land east of said town, and west of the creek, was ever to remain 'open and common to the inhabitants of said town and county'.

"In the year 1818, John Vawter, treasurer of the county, produced his vouchers showing he had received and paid out \$265.50.

"At the meeting of the board December, 1822, appears the first mention of the 'Jennings County Seminary.'

"Col. Vawter, trustee, reports a long list of fines paid to him by justices of the peace. The following fines were imposed on divers persons by sundry justices: Profane swearing, \$4.00; assault, \$0.01; fighting, \$0.50; Sabbath breaking; \$1.00; profane swearing, \$1.00; assault, \$0.50; selling liquor without license, \$2.00."

"The first newspaper, *The Vernon Visitor*, was owned and edited by John Vawter and printed by Richard Randall. The outfit of this paper consisted of a meager supply of type and one of the old-fashioned Washington hand-presses, it being necessary, in order to print the paper, for a boy to roll the type with a large brayer at every impression. The first account of payments and receipts in this printing office is dated March 1, 1840.

ACCOUNT

Paid For:	Fire wood	\$ 1.50
	Two reams paper.....	20.00
	Paper25
	Door lock.....	1.50
	Ball of twine.....	.38
	Books, this kind.....	.93
	Postage.....	.16
	Four quires paper.....	20.00
	Candles.....	.75
	Freight on paper.....	.37
	For blanks.....	1.00

Received from:

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Noah Noble, for paper.....	\$1.50
Wm. Browning, for paper.....	1.50
David Heller, for paper.....	1.50
Benj. Hobbs, for paper.....	1.50
Benj. Hobbs, horse bills.....	2.50
T. L. House, horse bills.....	2.00
Samuel Wilder, paper.....	.75
Wm. Cory, bills.....	2.00
Cash, McMernard, blanks.....	2.00
Wm. Griffith, news.....	1.50
Granville Griffith, news.....	1.50
Wm. D. Vawter, paper.....	.75
E. P. Smalley.....	.75
D. T. Whitney, hand bills.....	1.50
Alex Adams, three papers.....	1.50
John Walker, Wm. R. Walker, H. Tripp and Baxter Butler, subscriptions paid in rent.....	3.00
Amos Knapp, paid in potatoes.....	1.50
Lewis P. Grinstead, paper.....	1.50

Here the account ends without saying how long a period of time it covers. The paper was sold early in the forties to Amos Frost.

"Col. Vawter and Dr. Pabody were among the early legislators for the new state of Indiana. They both served for several consecutive terms, the former in the senate, the latter in the house. They made the journey to the capital on horseback, carrying their wardrobes in their saddle-bags. These two legislators were Whigs and advocates of 'internal improvement,' which was the 'bone of contention' between the two parties.

"Col Vawter was a zealous advocate and untiring worker for the construction of the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad, much to the disgust of some of his neighbors, who saw in the building of that road only ruin to the country. Steam cars, they said, would do away entirely with hauling, deprive the working

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man of work and wages, horses would lose their value, frightful accidents would occur from the frightening of cattle and horses by the locomotive, and lastly, there would not be enough produce between Madison and Indianapolis to load one train of cars. The wordy war was long and loud. When the surveyors appeared in Vernon and proceeded to run their line through Col. Vawter's front hall, the rejoicing of his opponents was great; but he, stanch to his principles, told them to go ahead, he would get his house out of the way, and so he did. He moved it across the street (where it now forms part of the house near the railroad bridge) and he saw his garden and orchard covered by the embankment without a murmur.

"During the building of the road occurred the 'Irish riot,' the most exciting episode in Vernon history excepting perhaps the 'Morgan raid.' The Irish laborers belong to two clans, the Corkonians and the Fardowns, which were constantly on the warpath. The latter outnumbered the former and made an effort to have the Corkonians discharged by the contractors."

There are many anecdotes told of John Vawter while he lived in Vernon and in Morgantown. He was a minister, but in those days a minister was compelled to make a living in other ways than by preaching, as he did not receive compensation for his services. As a minister Col. Vawter was able to indulge his love for match-making and, as Taylor Vawter said, "He just loved to marry people for fun."

Caroline Pabody Frost said that it was expected that matrimony was the impending fate of any one who worked for Col. John Vawter. "In one instance a bashful young man employed in his printing office was invited over to take Christmas dinner with him. He was duly admonished on his arrival to clean his feet on the door mat, and at the table to eat all that he took on his plate. When dinner was over he was taken into the parlor. Col. Vawter left the room, but presently returned, bringing with him the buxom lass who

had cooked the dinner. A chair was drawn up beside the young man and she was seated upon it. 'There,' said Col. Vawter, as he left the room, 'I have done my part, now you do yours.' What followed did not then transpire, but this time it was not a wedding."

It was said that Col. Vawter had a great deal to do with the marriage of Williamson D. Vawter and his first wife, Mary Tighlman Crowder. Neither one of the young people was of age, and the father of Williamson was very much opposed to the marriage on that account. Col. Vawter persuaded the young woman to go on a visit to a friend in an adjoining county and stay there a sufficient time until the license could be procured. Then he furnished Williamson, who was working for him at that time, with a horse and money to go to the place where she was and get married.

"When Col. John Vawter was a widower for the second time his son Smith was going to see a girl by the name of Minton. His father said to him: 'Now, Smith, I want you to stop going to the Minton house.' Smith, like the good son he was, stopped going, thinking his father had some objection to the family. The first thing Smith knew his father was about to be married to Ruth Minton himself. The day the wedding took place Smith climbed one of the tallest trees in his father's front yard, and as the wedding procession was returning from the church and Col. Vawter and his bride were passing under the tree where Smith was concealed, Smith sang out, 'O, good Lord, what have I done, I've married the father instead of the son!'"

"Col. Vawter was married four times himself and his son Smith five times. It is told that at the funeral of Smith Vawter's third wife there were a number of ministers who talked in an affecting manner, and then Col. Vawter arose. He said; 'My son, we all sympathize deeply with you in your affliction. You are just burying your third beloved companion while I am living with my third. When my second wife was dying I said to her: "Oh, my dear, what shall I do?" She replied: "John, the Lord will provide." I say the same to you, my dear son Smith. The Lord will provide for you.'

"When Col. John Vawter was in search of a fourth wife he went one day to the door of the house where Mrs. Martha Pearce lived. She asked him to come in. 'No, no, Sister Pearce,' said

he, 'I am just on a little matter of business. I am going to Madison to-day and will be back to-morrow. I want to know if you will marry me. I will stop for your reply when I return. Good day, Sister Pearce.' *

"When Smith Vawter, the son of John Vawter, wished to join the church and was being questioned by the ministers in regard to his belief, he said: 'I believe in Christ, but further than that I can not go.' One of the ministers said: 'Then, my son, I can not baptize you.' Col. John Vawter said: 'Well, I will then, my son,' and he did.

"Col. Vawter was very particular about what he ate and the manner in which it was prepared. While out on a preaching tour he and a number of others went to a house for dinner. As soon as they were invited out to dinner, he said to the hostess: 'Have you any corn bread?' 'No,' replied she, 'no corn bread to-day.' 'Well, friends, we will go back into the parlor and wait until Sister Jones *makes* her corn bread.' She made it.

Another thing of which Col. Vawter was very fond was coffee. He always carried his favorite kind around with him and would ask the lady of the house to make him a cup. The one who made the coffee exactly right stood very high in his favor.

Col. Vawter was also very particular about his person. He had a clean shave every morning and bathed his feet every night before going to bed.

"Chief among the peculiarities of Col. Vawter was an intense antipathy to dogs and to tobacco. If a friend called at his home, who had unfortunately allowed his dog to follow him, he was left standing at the door with outstretched hand while his host gave chase to the dog and securely fastened it without the gate. He sometimes descended from the lofty pulpit in the old Baptist Church, in the midst of his sermon, in pursuit of an unlucky canine that had chanced to wander in. He would chase it around

* This fourth marriage took place soon after the death of the third wife. When John T. Vawter, a grandson, was written to for the purpose of finding whether the dates were correct or not, he replied: "There is no mistake. I went with the Colonel, my grandfather, when he asked Mrs Pearce to marry him, and they were married in five or six days thereafter.

and out the door, then would mount the steps and go on preaching as if that were part of his program. "At the Association once in Vernon, Col. Vawter, who was very hospitable, said: 'Now I have a new house out here and I want you all to come to my house for dinner. I will entertain you every one and you are welcome, but I don't want any one to bring dogs or to spit on my clean floors.'"

Wm H. McCoy, of Franklin, used to live in Vernon and knew Col. Vawter there. He told this anecdote: "Col. Vawter was opposed to collections for missions. He didn't believe in missions. At the Association, which met in Vernon, there was present Mr. Crabb, who was the state collector for missions. On Saturday before the Sunday service some of the ministers wanted to vote that a collection for missions should be taken up. 'No, no,' said Col. Vawter, 'I will leave if you do.' The matter was dropped. The next day there were a number of ministers on the platform to speak. Col. Vawter was always the man to take a nap just whenever and wherever he wanted to. While one of the ministers was speaking Col. Vawter dropped off behind the platform, lay down on a log and went to sleep. Mr. Crabb observed this. He spoke next, cut his remarks short and asked that a collection be taken for missions, and it was. When the minutes of the Association were read, the secretary said: 'and a collection for the missions was taken.' 'Hold on,' said Col. Vawter, 'no such thing!' 'Yes, said the others, the collection was taken while you were asleep.' 'What next?' said Col. Vawter."

General Breckinridge of Minnesota, talking to Williamson Vawter, told this anecdote about Col. John Vawter, whom he knew. He said: "Vernon was famous in the early history of the country for its courts. There was at North Vernon at that time a well-known Irish lawyer. Col. Vawter was subpoenaed on two cases being tried by this lawyer. He was a witness on the side the lawyer wished to win in one case and a witness on the side the lawyer did not wish to win in the other case. The lawyer, in summing up the first case, said: 'And who is this Col. John Vawter? He is the marshal of the Territory of Indiana, founder of Vernon and defender of the oppressed.' In summing up the

second case, he said: 'Who is this old John Vawter? He is the hireling of the United States Government, the nabob of Vernon and a secrater of nagers.'"

"A Hoosier was traveling in Michigan, and, while stopping at a hotel, incidentally revealed the fact that he originally lived in southern Indiana. The landlord quickly inquired of his guest whether or not he knew Col. John Vawter, of Vernon, to which question the boarder replied in the affirmative. 'Then I must tell you my first impression of Col. Vawter,' said the landlord. 'In an early day, before the railroad was built, I was traveling from Madison to Vernon, and, nearing the town of Vernon, I saw a surveyor and his chain carrier, working near the road. I inquired for a place in Vernon where I could stop for the night and have my horse stabled and fed. The surveyor at once kindly told me where the boarding-house was located, and said that a man there would take care of my horse. At supper time the surveyor and his gang came in and I soon learned that the man with the compass was the proprietor of the hotel. After supper I asked directions to a store. The landlord said that he would walk up town with me. Upon arriving at the store I found a general stock of goods, and then learned that my escort was owner and proprietor of the establishment. While I was puzzling my brain as to how one man could attend to so many different vocations, Colonel Vawter asked me if I would like to go to church. I went, and you may imagine my utter astonishment on reaching the church to see the man I had already thought overburdened with business walk into the pulpit and preach a most able sermon. That night I walked home with a surveyor, landlord, merchant and minister, but Col. John Vawter was the only man with me.'"

A copy of the inscription on the tombstone of John Vawter at Morgantown, Ind., follows. It was composed by John Vawter himself:

With all his Titles.
Here lies the remains of
ELDER JOHN VAWTER.
Born in old Virginia --
Jan. 8 -- 1782;
Died Aug. 17, 1862;

The effort of his long life as a
Christian was to nourish and build up
The true Christian Church on the
Original Apostolic foundation.

As a statesman he was a progressive
Conservative, believing The state
Legislature held the great material
Interest of the body politic in its
Hands; that the prosperity of the State
In education, agriculture, internal
Improvements, mechanical arts, finance
And commerce could be advanced by
Judicious, or retarded and crypted
By unwise Legislation.--

LETTERS WRITTEN BY JOHN VAWTER TO HIS BROTHER, WILLIAM VAWTER.

Vernon, 25 October, 1828

Brother William - I send you by your son \$2.56 cts. , the amount of your hauling (by Taylor Vawter). I heard news when in that was to me unexpected and unpleasant. It was that you were disposed to absent yourself from meeting and had done so in one case; that you had said that some of your friends were your enemies. If this be true, you are in a state of mind that is far from enviable; you are, in short, childish and wrong

and do not know it. My dear brother, it is too hard, Let me pray you not to reproach your friends by thinking or saying they are enemies, and above all, not to lessen that favorable station you hold in the good opinions of your brethren wherever you are known. It is much easier to lose a good name than to gain it. You have been laboring for your's upwards of twenty-five years, and now do not destroy it by any improper course, such as you may rest assured you will do by absenting yourself from meeting.

I would advise you to ever lie at the feet of your brethren as the proper place. I have done so for years, otherwise I would have been expelled from society long ago, for many only wished me so to act that they might have wherewith to charge me. I now enjoy much comfort with my brethren, and so may you should you not want to be chief. You must not ask others to look through your eyes, and you must remember that the Redeemer did not refuse to eat with publicans and sinners, yea, with one who denied Him, yes, with one who betrayed Him. All this is a lesson to proud you and me to do likewise. We are not to judge hearts, and be assured we have nothing to boast of ourselves. I have never seen the time when I could not meet with such as could meet with me, poor me, and could always partake of the supper with all who could with me.

Let me pray you now, as a brother who truly loves and has admired your prudent, Christian conduct heretofore, to stop, pause and think what injury you are doing yourself, how you are detracting from your own good name and sinking your family connections by neglecting your solemn church covenant. My brother, you must fall at the feet of your brethren and there remain. I speak freely, because I believe you delight in honesty and plain dealing, and let no word I say break in on that good understanding that has so long subsisted between us.

Respectfully, your brother , John Vawter

Morgantown, Indiana, 3d October, 1858

Brother William Vawter - On Saturday morning I left home for the purpose of coming to see you and

family . On arriving at Vernon heard you had been able to go about, then went on to Madison, intending to visit you on Monday. On reaching Vernon again found you had been able to visit your daughter, Frances, and finding I could save a day, took the freight train and went on to Indianapolis. Returned home last evening. While about, visited Hickman Branham, Newton Vawter, Brother Jenkins, his mother being there, and Brother James (who sends you this minute), Brother Abner Moncrief and Brother Wise.

Attended meeting on Sunday at Harbert's Creek in company with Brother James Vawter and our only two living sisters. Four out of the six of us now living were together at one time, and that where father, mother and one sister were buried -- a thing I never expect to occur again in my lifetime.

I heard Brother Henderson preach a sermon which affected my whole internal man. Oh! it was a soul-stirring sermon, worthy of being admired by all God's dear children. I do not suppose I ever will forget it. Brother Thomas Hill was there. We dined together at Moncrief's , suppered, lodged and breakfasted together at Matthew Wise's.

We are all well, and so are my children, who are here. Jane Storey and her Emma are here for to-day, by whom I send you this letter and minute.

Affectionately yours, John Vawter

Morgantown, Indiana, 2d February, 1859

Brother William Vawter -- Your letter of the 31st January, 1859, came to hand to-day, for which accept my thanks. I only got home on Monday evening from my visit and meetings. I have been for four days and five nights off with a bad cold, mostly located in my head. It did seem as if my eyes and nose had the consumption and would waste my whole life away by constant running. Cold brought on by walking from Shelbyville, some twelve or fourteen miles, after 2 o'clock, to Brother Hurst's by 7 o'clock. I had to walk, as the Rushville railroad cars failed that day to make a trip. I went to see my cousin, Sally Hurst. She is suffering very much with a cough and cold; looks

very poor. I very much doubt whether I will ever see her again. Old Brother Hurst is as well as when I saw him in May last to all appearances.

I do not recollect whether I wrote you that I did receive a letter from Jephtha Vawter. He wrote me fully about himself, family and children, brothers, sisters and father. We do commonly write each other about twice a year. It does me good to hear from his and his friends. They were all in common good health when he wrote me.

I am sorry you did not write me about Brother Allen Park's daughter. I am anxious to here from her. Hope she will do well. We are generally well here. Hope these lines will find you and all the friends well or improving at least.

Believe us as ever your friends, yours.

John Vawter

Morgantown, Indiana, 12th June, 1862

Elder William Vawter: Dear Brother -- Yours of the 8th instant at hand to-day, for which you have my sincere thanks. We are glad that you have it in contemplation to visit us, and hope that health and everything else will favor your effort to come at the time named in your letter, say the 20th of this month. I do expect to leave here to-morrow in order to attend meeting at Amity on Saturday and Sunday next, it being their regular meeting days. From Amity I will go to Indianapolis, if my health permits, so as to be at the convention on Wednesday, the 18th of the month. I may leave Indianapolis for home on Thursday the 19th of this month, but my every movement depends on my health.

Since I saw you I have visited Franklin, Indianapolis, Sharpsville (saw your granddaughter), Vernon, Columbus andd Rush county. Saw my old cousin, Sally Hurst. She is greatly afflicted with rheumatism. Old Brother Hurst is suffering, as I am, with continual pain in the head. Emmons, his son, is afflicted with a bad disease of the throat, bronchitis I do suppose. Daniel Webster Pearce came home from Franklin two or three days since,

down with chills and fever. Our last news from Thomas Allen Pearce he was well and near Corinth in Mississippi. He says all our boys that went from here with him are well. I do not know where the Story boys are now. The last accounts they were in Missouri. It is said that our boys that went from here and wintered on the Potomac (a part of them) failed to stand up to the work at Winchester in the late retreat under Banks. Banks deserves great credit for having managed his retreat so well.

Will you write us if anything intervenes to prevent your coming? Friends here all well.

I am, as ever, your friend and brother.

John Vawter

I
 JOHN VAWTER⁵
 {Jesse⁴, David³, John², John¹}
 {1782 - 1862}
 m. 1st
 POLLY SMITH
 {1781 - 1825}

CHILDREN ⁶ GRANDCHILDREN ⁹	GRANDCHILDREN ⁷	G. GRANDCHILDREN ⁸	G.G.
1. Smith Vawter m. 1st Jane Terrell	{ 1. John T. Vawter { m. Jane V. Storey 2. Hickman N., d.s.	{ Clara (adopted) { m. Lafayette Pence	{ Lafayette Vawter
m. 2d Elizabeth Smith	{ 3. Samuel { m. Maria Bright { { { { 4. Mary Jane, d.s.	{ Irene { m. George Banta { { Mary J. { m. Isaac N. Smith { Chester B. { m. Mrs. Lella Hunter	{ Maria, d. { Clara, d. { Frank { Milton V. { No children
m. 3d Spicy Carroll	{ 5. Edwin, d.s. { 6. Emily { m. Dr. Beechly { { 7. Sarah { m. Elijah Read { { { 8. Ezra, d.s 9. George, d.s	{ Jennie { m. John Jenkins { { Virginia { m. Wm. Reamer { Alice, d.s. { Smith H. m { Daisy Belle { m. Pearly Sprague { Bert { m. Alice Richcrick	{ Carrie { Virginia { Vawter, d { Roscoe { Virginia
m. 4th Huldah Kendricks	{ 10. Smith K. { m. Mary Brown { 11. Hattie Lily, d.s.	{ Edna { John { Louise	
m. 5th Mrs Sarah G Maynard	{ 12. Carrie { m. George Rowan	{ Vawter	

		{	{ Cora Edith
		{ Martha Jane	{ m. __ Shaw
		{ m. J. L. Smith	{ Walter
		{	{ Alma
		{	{ Elmer
		{	{ Roy
		{	{ Emma
	{ (1) John V. Storey	{ Wm. David, D.s.	
	{ m. 1st	{ Ezra	
	{ Mary J. Storey	{ Cora V.	
	{	{ Frank, d.s.	
	{	{ Charles	
	{ m. 2d		
	{ Mrs. A. Moore	{ No children	
	{ (2) Emily, d.s.		
	{ (3) Mary	{ Clara (adopted)	
	{ m. John T. Vawter	{ m. Lafayette Pence	{
Lafayette Vawter			
	{ (4) Smith Wm.	{ Kate	{ Esther Claire
	{ m. 1st	{ m. Lincoln Dixon	{ Donald Storey
	{ Martha Wise	{	{ Dorothy
	{ m. 2d	{ Blanche	
	{ Lena Carlisle	{ Smith Wm. Jr.	
	{ (5) David, d.s.		
	{ (6) Thomas Henry		
	{ m. Titia Sharp	{ No children	
2. Jane Vawter (1809 - 1864)	{ (7) James Marshall	{ Guy	
Thos. J. Storey (1796- 1878)	{ m. Lucia Barnum	{ Grace	{ Storey
	{	{ m. Thos. Larkins	
	{	{ John T.	{ Elizabeth
	{	{ m. Meta Mella	
	{	{ Oscar Sears	
	{	{ Infant, d.	
	{ (8) Riley Clark	{ Thos. Andrew	{ Margaret H.
	{ m. Rose Schaefer	{ m. Olive Hamilton	
	{ (9) George W.		
	{ m. 1st Hepsie Johnson	{ Smith William	
	{		
	{ m. 2d Alice Stonebrook	{ John V.	
	{	{ Ralph G., d.	
	{	{ Mabel Emma	
	{	{ Frances C.	
	{ 10. Emma Julia	{ Mabel V., (adopted)	
	{ m. Daniel Lattimore	{ m. Willis Bradley Spear	

	{ 1. Mary, d.s.		
	{ 2. Smith Vawter	{ John	{ Mary
	{ m.	{ m. Margaret Coan	
	{ Carrie S. Davis	{ Emily D.	
	{	{ m. Edward F. Wolfert	
	{	{ James Burt, s.	
	{	{ Sarah Scott	
	{	{ m. Geo. B. Baker	{ Carrie Margaret
	{	{	
	{	{ Vernon Otterman	
	{	{ m. Janice Findus	
3. Emily Vawter	{ 3. Solon B.	{ Hazel	
(1814-1877)	{ m	{ Joseph Allan	
m	{ Carolyn Otterman	{ Garnette Carolyn	
Allan Campbell	{	{ Glenn Solon	
(1808-1881)	{	{ Kemper Bramwell	
	{	{ Gladys	
	{		
	{ 4. John D. m	{ Several children	

JOHN VAWTER
 m 2ND
 JANE SMITH
 (no children)

JOHN VAWTER
 m. 3rd
 RUTH MINTON
 (1817-1850)

	{ 1. Charles Minton	{ Fred Allan	{ Charles Desmond
	{ m. 1st Carrie Timmons	{ m. Stella Crichlow	{ Jesse
	{		
	{ m. 2nd Alice Campbell	{ Eva May, d.	
	{	{ Maud	
4. Marion Vawter	{ 2. Wm. Riley		
(1830-1880)	{ m. Emma Ketcham	{ No children	
m	{		
Rebecca Mahafy	{ 3. Mary E.	{ Carrie, d	
(1832 - - -)	{ m. Richard Dunning	{ Earl Raymond	
	{	{ Tillie Allan	
	{	{ Luella, d.	
	{		
	{ 4. Jesse Segal	{ George	
	{ m. Ella Brown	{ Grace	

5. Mary A. Vawter (1836-1897) m George Obershain	{ 1. Martha Jane	{ Carrie A.	
	{ m. Joseph L. Fesler	{ m. Emerson Wood	
	{	{ Timothy C.	{ James Leon
	{	{ m. Lulu Coleman	{ Esther, d.
	{	{ Susie C.	
	{	{ Jennie S., d.d.	
	{ 2. John W., d.s.		
	{ 3. Smith, d.s.		
	{ 4. Emma V.		
	{ m. John W. Hilton	{ Fred E.	
{ 5. Carrie, d.s.			
{ 6. Frank Allan			
{ m. Berda M. Ream			
{ 7. Ruth			
{ m. Spencer H. Wood	{ Harold H.		
		{ Clarence Allan m. Jennie Moore	
		{ John Elmer	
		{ Francis Bertram	
{ 1. Frank Day		{ Willie Belle	
{ m		{ Ella Mae	
{ Laura Smart		{ Horace Raymond	
{		{ Nellie Bly	
{		{ Catherine	
{		{ Alice Pearl	
{ 2. Ida Ruth, d.s.			
{		{ Ralph Emerson	
{ 3. Elmer		{ Raymond	
{ m		{ Mary Ruth	
{ Margaret Sawyer		{ Frank	
{		{ Dewey	
{		{ Martha Clarice	
{		{ Paul Leon	
{ 4. Lillian Lincoln			
{ m. Thos. Lafayette Smith	{ Thomas Allan		
{			
{ 5. Cora			
{ m. Whitfield Yeager	{ No children		

JOHN VAWTER
m. 4TH
MRS MARTHA PEARCE
(1822-1892)

7. Emma, d.s

I
SMITH VAWTER

Smith Vawter, the son of John and Polly (Smith) Vawter, was born in Scott county, Kentucky, November 3, 1806. His father was born in Orange county, Virginia, and his mother was born in Pennsylvania. His father's family moved to Indiana Territory in 1807, making the first encampment near where the railroad roundhouse now stands in North Madison. Smith Vawter lived in Madison for eight years and then moved with his father to Vernon. He rose from ensign to the command of the Twenty-first Regiment Indiana Militia; was elected sheriff in 1834; county commissioner in 1848, and again in 1856; was a representative in the lower house of the Indiana legislature from Jennings county in the sessions of 1848 and 1856; was the joint representative from Jennings and Scott counties in the session of 1878-9; was the joint representative from Jefferson and Jennings counties in the session of 1879-80. He was one of the trustees of the Agriculture Fund (Purdue University) for five years; was a merchant and a farmer for more than forty years, and for the last years of his life was credited with occupying his time principally with paying security debts for his friends. He also gave much to charity. (Almost all of the above was taken from Biographical Sketches of Members of the Indiana State Government of 1879-80.)

Col. Smith Vawter was a peculiar character, as was his father before him, but all the more interesting on that account. Lewis Wagner, of Vernon, who knew Smith Vawter well and married one of his cousins, said: "The older Vawters were all peculiar people and very stubborn, but good, honest people --people one could depend on."

"Smith Vawter was a pork packer, a dry goods merchant, had a woolen mill and also a flouring mill. He used to slaughter hogs which ran wild in the woods about Vernon, put them on a flatboat and take them to New Orleans and trade for molasses and other groceries. It took weeks and weeks to go to New Orleans

then. Afterwards Colonel Vawter owned a steamboat. He was exceedingly fond of corn bread, and on one trip to New Orleans the bread gave out. Smith Vawter stopped the boat and went off in the woods to see if he couldn't find some corn bread at a near-by house. He was gone so long that the men grew uneasy and went to look for him. They found him sitting in front of a cabin waiting for a darky to bake some bread. It was said that when he went to the legislature at Indianapolis he always took his corn bread with him." Smith Vawter was very independent. He did not like to be under obligations to any one. He never would accept a railroad pass. He never sought office for himself, but liked to be consulted about plans for others. During the Civil War he spent much of his money and time in helping the wives and children of those who went to the front.

When Col. Smith Vawter lived on the farm across the creek from Vernon he was at one time sick. He wanted some medicine. He asked some one to go and get it for him. The creek was very high and the one asked said it wouldn't be safe to try to cross it. That made Colonel Vawter angry, and he got up, went to the barn, mounted his old mouse-colored horse, swam the creek and got his own medicine.

When Richard Stott had a tannery not far from the farm of Smith Vawter his hogs kept coming over on Mr. Vawter's farm and annoying him. His darky said: "W'at you-all gwyin' do wid dose hogs?" "Shoot 'em, shoot 'em, shoot 'em!" said Colonel Vawter, "I'll pay for them." The darky did shoot them, and Smith Vawter paid for them without a word.

"When Colonel Vawter was in Indianapolis attending the sessions of the legislature he was walking along near the Circle late at night. A man stepped up very close to him and said: 'Could you tell me the time?' Colonel Vawter thought the man intended to steal his watch. He stepped back toward the lamppost, raised his cane, which was very heavy, and said: "Yes, sir;

it is time both you and I were in bed.' The man seemed to agree with him, for he was not slow about moving on."

Smith Vawter was married five times and had twelve children. He was married first, April 21, 1829, to Jane Terrell. Their children were John Terrell Vawter and Hickman N. Vawter. Jane (Terrell) Vawter was born January 15, 1811; died September 29, 1834.

(1) John Terrell Vawter, son of Smith and Jane (Terrell) Vawter, was born January 15, 1830, in Vernon, Indiana. At the age of seventeen he was employed as a salesman in his father's store of general merchandise at \$16 per month, he to board himself. When nineteen years old his salary was raised to \$20 per month. He remained in his father's employ until August, 1851, when, with S. W. Storey (his wife's) brother, he opened a drug store in Franklin. Mr. Storey only remained until the following February, John T. Vawter continuing the business for about sixteen years, then selling a part interest to Mr. Ephraim Jeffry. In 1869 John T. Vawter sold his interest in the drug store to Mr. McCoy, and with George F. Harriott built and operated a large pork-house in Franklin. After two years they took Messrs. Branagan and Featheringill into the firm. In 1876 the business was discontinued, John T. Vawter going to his farm at Vawter Park, in Northern Indiana. From the year 1859 he was in the Indiana Farmer's Bank for some time, and afterwards, for twenty years, in the Second National Bank of Franklin. On the expiration of the charter he, with others, organized the Franklin Bank. In 1884 he was elected president of the Franklin Bank and accepted the position for three years only and on condition that he be given the privilege of converting it into a national bank, which was done in May, 1885. He is the largest stockholder in said Franklin National Bank and also one of the directors.

John T. Vawter once kept seven sets of books at the same time in Franklin. He was a good penman, quick in figures and not given to making mistakes. His father was the same, and the Terrells, on his mother's side, were experts, Gen. W. H. H. Terrell perhaps the best.

John T. Vawter was married in 1850 to his cousin Mary Story,

who was born April 21, 1831. They had no children of their own, but in the year 1862 they took a little girl whose mother was dead, and later on adopted her. Smith Vawter, the father of John, thought a great deal of the father and mother of the child and wished his son to take her. The child was known as Clara Vawter. She attended Franklin High School, then Butler College, at Irvington, and finally, in 1880, the Female College at Oxford, Ohio. She was married December 22, 1881, to Lafayette Pence, and died in Denver, Colorado, December 17, 1885. Her husband, who was born and reared in Columbus, Indiana, was at the time of her death a member of the state legislature of Colorado, and since her death has been a member of congress. Clara Vawter Pence left only one living child, Lafayette Vawter Pence, who was born March 14, 1884, and who is now pursuing his studies in Ilion, New York.

John T. Vawter has been a member of the Church of Christ in Vernon, and now in Franklin for about sixty years. His wife died March 4, 1900. If living she would have been a member for about the same length of time. His daughter, Clara, united with the Church of Christ when fourteen years of age.

(2) Hickman N., son of Smith and Jane (Terrell) Vawter, was born July 9, 1832. He was graduated at Hanover at about sixteen or seventeen years of age. He was of a very daring disposition and something of a rover. His father was remonstrating with him one day because he did not stay in the same place, and said: "My son, you know the rolling stone gathers no moss." "No," replied the son, "nor does the setting hen grow fat."

Lewis Wagner, of Vernon, who knew Hickman well, said that he was very brilliant and also very proud. He wrote a paper called the "Man About Town" and printed it. Once a month it was tacked up on the trees and public buildings. The people were very curious about it, but for many months were unable to find out who did it.

One evening Hickman asked a young woman of Vernon to allow him to take her home from church. She refused. He was very much astonished and said over and over to Lewis Wagner; "Well, now, what do you think of that?" A harnessmaker's

daughter refuses to walk home with Col. Smith Vawter's son." Hickman Vawter died at the age of twenty-two years.

Smith Vawter's second wife was his cousin, Elizabeth Smith. They were married January 8, 1835. Elizabeth S. Vawter was born in 1806 and died February 2, 1839. Their children were Samuel and Mary Jane.

(3) Samuel Logan, son of Smith and Elizabeth Vawter, was born January 20, 1836, at Vernon, Indiana. When quite a boy he clerked in the drug store of his brother, John T. Vawter, in Franklin, Indiana. A few years later, he bought a drug store at Martinsville, Indiana. In the year 1859 he went to St. Anthony, Minnesota, where he owned a drug store. In a few years he and his partner moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they started the first wholesale drug house in the northwest. Samuel Vawter was married December 16, 1856, at Franklin, Indiana, to Maria L. Bright, who was born at Franklin, March 18, 1837. Their children were Irene, Mary and Charles. Samuel Vawter died January 15, 1868.

a. Irene E. Vawter, daughter of Samuel and Maria B. Vawter, was born in Martinsville, Indiana, September 24, 1857. She was married October 17, 1878, at Franklin, Indiana, to George Caldwell Banta. Mr. Banta was born at Hopewell, Indiana, and has lived there all of his life, except ten years which were spent in Franklin in the drug business. The children of George and Irene Banta were:

(a) Maria, born February 8, 1880; died July 11, 1880, at Franklin, Indiana.

(b) Clara Vawter, born September 13, 1881; died February 23, 1903, at Hopewell, Indiana.

(c) Frank Caldwell, born December 8, 1883, at Franklin, Indiana. Is attending Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs George Banta are living at Hopewell, Indiana. Their postoffice is Franklin, Indiana.

b. Mary J., second daughter of Samuel and Maria Bright Vawter, was born in Martinsville, Indiana, April 25, 1859, married June 29, 1897, to Isaac Newton Smith. They have one son,

Milton Vawter Smith, who was born in Springville, Utah, January 30, 1899.

"Mr. Smith, who was born in Lewistown, Indiana, January 16, 1859, is principal of the New Jersey Academy, Logan, Utah. The school is under the direction of the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church.

c. Charles Bright Vawter, son of Samuel and Maria B. Vawter, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 29, 1862. He was married April 18, 1888, to Mrs Lella Hunter Holman, who was born October 20, 1855. No children. Lella H. Vawter died June 7, 1901.

Charles Bright Vawter is a member of the firm of Duncan & Vawter, hardware dealers of Franklin, Indiana.

(4) Mary Jane, daughter of Smith and Elizabeth Vawter, was born August 14, 1837, and died February 6, 1861.

Smith Vawter's third wife was Spicy Carroll, to whom he was married January 28, 1840. Their children were Edwin, Emily, Sarah, Ezra and George. Spicy (Carroll) Vawter was born February 25, 1817, and died July 30, 1848.

(5) Edwin, son of Smith and Spicy (Carroll) Vawter, was born January 19, 1841; died in 1854.

(6) Emily, daughter of Smith and Spicy (Carroll) Vawter, was born March 24, 1842. She was married to Dr. Beechly of Bridgeport, Indiana. Their children were Jennie and an infant who died at birth. Jennie was married to John Jenkins of Lincoln, Nebraska, and lived at Danville, Illinois.

There were three children born to John and Jennie Jenkins: Carrie, born in 1889, Virginia, born in 1892 and a boy, Vawter, who died at about two years of age. John and Jennie Jenkins are both dead. The two children are living at Danville, Illinois.

(7) Sarah, daughter of Smith and Spicy (Carroll) Vawter, was born September 18, 1843; married May 31, 1864, to Elijah T. Read, who was born in Vernon, Indiana, December 24, 1841. They live in Oswego, Kansas, where Mr. Read has been until recently engaged in the hardware business. Children:

a. Virginia, born April 26, 1865; married November 11, 1885, in Oswego, Kansas, to William Stewart Reamer, who was born

March 4, 1860. They live in Oswego, Kansas. Their children are Roscoe Read, born August 10, 1891, and Virginia Katherine, born May 30, 1894.

b. Alice, born December 28, 1867; died October 23, 1869.

c. Smith H., born September 23, 1869, and married in Lacon, Illinois, June 6, 1900, to Mabel Adams. Lives at 3046 Walnut street, Kansas City, Missouri.

d. Daisy Belle, born April 23, 1872; married October 11, 1896, in Oswego, Kansas, to Pearly J. Sprague. No children. They live in Gashland, Missouri.

c. Bert, born December 9, 1874; married September 24, 1902, to Alice Richcrick. Lives in Sparks, Oklahoma.

(8) Ezra, son of Smith and Spicy (Carroll) Vawter, was born July 9, 1845, and died in 1846.

(9) George, the son of Smith and Spicy (Carroll) Vawter, was born July 18, 1847, and died in 1848.

Smith Vawter married, fourth, December 24, 1848, Huldah Kendricks, who was born November 13, 1826; died March 31, 1859. Their children were Smith K. and Hattie Lilly.

(10) Smith K., son of Smith and Huldah (Kendricks) Vawter, was born October 11, 1849; married to Mary A. Brown in 1873. Their children were: a. Edna, born July 20, 1876; b. John T., born September 20, 1878; c. Louise, born April 5, 1883.

Smith K. Vawter lived in Vernon, Indiana, but for some years before his death lived at Vawter Park, Indiana, where he died in his fifty-second year. Mrs. Smith Vawter and her children live at Vernon in the winter and at Vawter Park in the summer. Edna, the elder daughter, has been teaching in Vernon. John T. is preparing himself at Champaign, Illinois, to be an architect. He also studied at Purdue.

(11) Hattie Lilly, daughter of Smith and Huldah (Kendricks) Vawter, died in childhood.

Huldah (Kendricks) Vawter was born November 13, 1826, and died March 31, 1859.

Smith Vawter married fifth, December 1859, Mrs Sarah Griffith Maynard, who was born at Steubenville, Ohio, December 29, 1817; died September 7, 1892. They had one child, Carrie, who

married George Rowan and has one son, Vawter Rowan. Mrs Rowan lives with her half-sister, Mrs Maggie Hutchings, of Kokomo, Indiana.

Smith Vawter died in Vernon, April 10, 1882.

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Jane (Vawter) Storey

Jane, daughter of John and Polly (Smith) Vawter, was born July 17, 1809, in Kentucky, and was married June 25, 1825, to Thomas J. Storey, the son of John Storey. John Storey was of Irish parentage. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and also in the War of 1812. He had a large family of children, many of them sons, and all of these were soldiers at one time or another. Thomas J. Storey, his son, was in the War of 1812. He enlisted at Georgetown, Kentucky, in a volunteer company commanded by Captain Metcalf, and at once went into active military service. He was in the battle fought near the foot of the rapids of the Maumee river, in which Colonel Dudley, commanding, was overpowered by the combined British and Indian forces under Procter and Tecumseh. Out of a regiment of nearly one thousand as brave men as ever marched from Kentucky less than one hundred and fifty made good their retreat to a place of safety by a column charge through the lines of the enemy. All the rest were scalped, tomahawked, butchered and burned by the Indians. Subsequent to this Mr. Storey was in the battles and sorties incident to the siege of Fort Meigs and at the close of the war in the Northwest he was honorably discharged.

After the return of Thomas Storey from the War of 1812, he was married to Miss Span, who lived only a year, dying at the birth of a daughter, who lived to be three years old. Thomas Storey then settled in Vernon, Indiana, about the year 1820, as a house builder. There he met Jane Vawter, with whom he fell in love. It was soon after the death of her mother, and the proposal of the young widower was met with a decided refusal, as the loving daughter was "going to stay with father and care for

and comfort him forever." It was not long, however, until the father sought comfort elsewhere, and Jane, meeting her quondam lover after the announcement of her father's coming marriage, whispered rather sadly: "Mr. Storey, if you have not changed your mind, I - I have mine." Her extreme modesty and shy reserve made these words seem so out of keeping with her character that they have been remembered. Their marriage was a happy one, and their lives, looked back upon, seem uneventful. They lived for their children and tried to teach them to love God and their country. Three of the boys were in the army of the North, and any soldier in need of a home was always made welcome at Thomas Storey's. The mother's dying words were a prayer for country and children. Jane (Vawter) Storey died March 8, 1864. Thomas Storey was married, third, to Miss Louisa Hall of Madison, Indiana, in 1867. She is now living in Vernon. Mr. Storey died July 16, 1878, at the age of eighty-two years, an old man, still full of interest in all current events.

Thomas J. and Jane (Vawter) Storey had ten children: John, Emily, Mary, Smith William, David, Thomas Henry, James Marshall, Riley Clark, George W. and Emma Julia.

(1) John Vawter Storey, son of Thomas J. and Jane (Vawter) Storey, was born December 17, 1826, and was married March 15, 1846, in Vernon, at the home of Col. John Vawter, his grandfather, to his cousin Mary Jane Storey, of Warsaw, Kentucky. Mary Jane Storey, his wife, was born in Mount Sterling, Kentucky, December 29, 1824, and died September 27, 1891. They had six children; Martha Jane, William David, Ezra, Cora V., Frank and Charles.

a. Martha Jane, daughter of John V. and Mary Jane Storey was born August 31, 1847, and was married to J. L. Smith, of Richmond, Indiana, December 13, 1870. Children: Cora Edith, born September 10, 1871; married to Mr. Shaw of Richmond, Indiana, June 26, 1894; Walter G., born December 26, 1872; died January 8, 1893; Alma, born October 7, 1874; Elmer, born June 22, 1880; Roy, born June 21, 1882; Emma, born February 11, 1880.

b. William David, son of John V. and Mary Storey, was born June 31, 1849, and died February 27, 1900.

c. Ezra, son of John V. and Mary Storey, was born October 8, 1853.

d. Cora V., daughter of John V. and Mary Storey, born August 15, 1855.

e. Frank, son of John V. and Mary Storey, was born December 13, 1856, and died January 11, 1896.

f. Charles, son of John V. and Mary Storey, was born October 16, 1859.

John V. Storey was married, second, to Mrs Addie Moore of Bartholomew, Indiana, November 28, 1874. Mr. Storey began his business career as a druggist. Is now retired. He and his wife live at Columbus, Indiana.

(2) Emily Vawter Storey, daughter of Thomas J. and Jane (Vawter) Storey, was born December 12, 1828, and died July 20, 1842.

(3) Mary Vawter Storey, daughter of Thomas J. and Jane (Vawter) Storey, was born April 21, 1831; married in 1850 to John T. Vawter; died March 21, 1900. No children.

(4) Smith William, son of Thomas J. and Jane (Vawter) Storey, was born in Vernon, Indiana, December 23, 1833. While a mere youth, he made the overland trip to the Pacific, driving an ox wagon, and for several years endured the hardships and dangers of a frontiersman and miner in California and Oregon. Returning to Vernon, he engaged in the drug business, in which he continued until his death. S. William Storey was an elder in the Vernon Presbyterian Church; was superintendent of the Sunday-school for twenty-five years; was an organizer and promoter of the first bank in Vernon; was a director, and from 1895 until his death was president of the First National Bank. He was married May 17, 1860, to Martha E. Wise, who was the daughter of Copeland, the son of Matthew and Julia (Vawter) Wise. There was one daughter, Kate, who was born October 8, 1861, and married October 16, 1884, to Lincoln Dixon. Mr. Dixon was born February 9, 1860, and is an attorney-at-law of North Vernon, Indiana, and has recently been elected to congress.

Children of Lincoln and Kate (Storey) Dixon: Esther Claire, born December 16, 1887; Donald Storey, born October 6, 1890; Dorothy, born April 3, 1900.

Martha W. Storey, the wife of S. William Storey, died August 28, 1889. She was a woman of great loveliness of character, and is remembered with the sincerest affection by her many friends.

S. William Storey was married, second, to Lena Carlisle, December 11, 1890. Lena Carlisle was born June 10, 1864. Children: Blanche, born September 14, 1891, and S. William, Jr., born December 27, 1893.

S. William Storey died October 7, 1903.

(5) David, son of Thomas J. and Jane (Vawter) Storey was born June 27, 1836, and died December 5, 1842.

(6) Thomas Henry Storey, son of Thomas J. and Jane (Vawter) Storey, was born July 18, 1838, and was married to Titia Sharp in Kansas in 1881. No children. Thomas H. Storey had a stroke of paralysis during the last year of the Civil War and was discharged on account of it, never entirely recovering from the effects. He was totally blind for eight years before his death, which occurred January 23, 1890. His widow is living.

(7) James Marshall, son of Thomas J. and Jane (Vawter) Storey, was born in Vernon, Indiana, October 17, 1840. During the Civil War he was mustered into service as a private of Company H, Twenty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, August 3, 1861; was made sergeant of company June 27, 1862; lieutenant, July 20, 1863; captain, June 19, 1865. He was aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Vandiver from July 25, 1863 to October 14, 1863; served under Gen. Fremont, in his campaign in Missouri in 1862, after the rebel Gen. Price was wounded in the forehead at the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, December 7, 1862; was in the siege of Vicksburg; the taking of Brownsville, Texas, in the latter part of 1863; the siege of Spanish Fort from investment to capitulation April 9, 1865; the taking of Montgomery, Alabama, April 25, 1865. He was mustered out of service at Vicksburg, Mississippi, January 15, 1866. After the war J. M. Storey went into the hardware business in Indianapolis, afterwards going to Franklin, Indiana, where he owns the "Up-Town House."

J. Marshall Storey was married April 21, 1864, to Lucia Barnum, who was born April 23, 1843.

Children:

- a. Guy, born February 12, 1867.
- b. Grace, born September 22, 1869; married April 29, 1896, to Thomas Larkins, of Indianapolis, Indiana. One child, Storey, born April 29, 1897.
- c. John T., born September 22, 1872; married March 13, 1902, to Meta Mella, born 1879. One child, Elizabeth, born November 23, 1903.
- d. Oscar Sears, born February 12, 1880.
- e. Infant, born and died in 1886.

(8) Riley Clark Storey, son of Thomas J. and Jane (Vawter) Storey, was born December 18, 1842, in Vernon, Indiana. As a lad he was a book-lover and of a studious disposition. It is said that he left home at one time to follow a favorite teacher to Indianapolis, where he sold papers in order to pay his tuition and other expenses. He was in college at Franklin, Indiana, when the war broke out. He enlisted in the Eighteenth Indiana Volunteers. The forced marches, exposure to rain and snow and sleeping on the wet ground were too severe for him. He was honorably discharged January 17, 1863, a sick man, and suffered during the rest of his life from rheumatism and kindred troubles. After his discharge he entered the University of Michigan and graduated from that institution with the famous class of '69. While in the university he, with others, organized the local chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. After graduating, he entered a law school in Indianapolis, from which he received the degree of LL.B. later.

Riley C. Storey was married March 30, 1874, to Rose Margaret Schaefer, who was born August 8, 1857, in Patriot, Indiana. At the time of his marriage Riley Storey was in the United States revenue service and had some serious experiences with various offenders of the law. Afterwards he was for six years superintendent of schools of Cowley county, Kansas. After a number of changes, he was principal of the public schools of Golden Hill, Nevada, for eight years. He was then principal of schools in

Gilroy, California, for two years. His health failing, he joined his son in 1899, who was a teacher in Stanford University. He died on the seventeenth of September, 1902.

a. Thomas Andrew Storey, son of Riley Clark and Rose (Shaefer) Storey, was born January 29, 1875; married June 26, 1899, to Parnie Olive Hamilton, who was born in the San Joaquin Valley, California, August 21, 1874.

Thomas Andrew Storey is a teacher in Leland Stanford University. He is now on leave of absence and will spend a year in Boston, completing the work required for the degree of M. D., in the Harvard Medical School. He will then return to Stanford University.

(a) Margaret Hamilton Storey, daughter of Thomas Andrew and Parnie (Hamilton) Storey, was born July 31, 1900.

(9) George W. Storey, son of Thomas J. and Jane (Vawter) Storey, was born July 6, 1845; married in 1867 to Hepsie Johnson. A son, Smith William Storey, was born in 1869, and is now living in Kansas. George W. Storey married, second, Alice Stonebrook, August 30, 1893. Alice Stonebrook was born March 9, 1863.

Children:

- a. John V., born July 31, 1894.
- b. Ralph G., born March 23, 1897; died May 12, 1898.
- c. Mabel Emma, born October 14, 1898.
- d. Frances C., born May 2, 1903.

George W. Storey began life as a druggist, then went south as a planter, and is now a farmer living at Jelloway, Ohio.

(10) Emma Julia, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Vawter) Storey, was born May 2, 1848, in Vernon, Indiana; married March 19, 1867, to Daniel Lattimore. One child, Mabel Vawter Lattimore, was born April 25, 1876, at Washington, D.C.; married March 28, 1904, to Willis Bradley Speare.

Daniel E. Lattimore was born in Vernon, Indiana, February 23, 1846. He was the son of a Presbyterian minister. Has been a clerk in the surgeon general's office in the War Department for thirty-four years. Lives at 1529 Corcoran street, Washington, D.C.

EMILY (VAWTER) CAMPBELL

Emily Vawter, daughter of John and Polly Smith Vawter, was born May 16, 1814; married to Allan Campbell in 1829; died July 8, 1877.

Allan Campbell was born in Scott county, Kentucky, a few miles from Frankfort, January 31, 1808, and in the winter of 1816-17, with his father, moved to Jennings county, Indiana. Allan Campbell was a farmer and lived for many years on his farm near Vernon, Indiana. He died in Maryville, Missouri, May 15, 1881. There were four children: Mary, Smith Vawter, Solon B. and John D.

(1) Mary, died in youth.

(2) Smith Vawter Campbell, son of Allan and Emily Vawter Campbell, was born on the farm near Vernon, Jennings county, Indiana, August 26, 1832. He attended school at Ann Arbor, Michigan, graduating in medicine in the early fifties, and settled for the practice of his profession in Lebanon, Indiana. Here he was married to Carrie Steele Davis, daughter of Dr. William P. Davis, in 1854. Soon afterward he moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where he entered into active practice. When the war broke out he offered his services; was commissioned assistant surgeon of the Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry and served four years and six months. After the close of the war he moved to Adel, Iowa, and, in 1878, to Maryville, Missouri, and practiced medicine. He died in 1902.

Carrie Davis Campbell was born May 13, 1836, in Boone county, Indiana; died July 2, 1895.

The children of Smith Vawter and Carrie Davis Campbell were; John, Emily, James Burt and Sarah Scott.

a. John S., son of Smith V. and Carrie D. Campbell, was born March 17, 1863, and was married in May, 1886, to Margaret Coan, who was born in Westport (now Kansas City), Missouri, in May, 1863. They have one child, Mary, who was born August, 1888.

John Campbell is general solicitor for the Smith-McChord-Townsend Wholesale Dry Goods Company and lives in Kansas City, Missouri.

b. Emily D., daughter of Smith V. and Carrie D. Campbell, was born in Adel, Iowa, February 20, 1866, and was married to Edward F. Wolfert, October 30, 1890. Edward F. Wolfert was born in Burlington, Iowa, March 21, 1860. He is a carriage manufacturer of Maryville, Missouri.

c. James Burt, son of Smith V. and Carrie D. Campbell, was born November 17, 1867, in Adel, Iowa. He is unmarried and living in Maryville, Missouri. Has business interests in Alaska and in the west.

d. Sarah Scott, daughter of Smith V. and Carrie D. Campbell, was born in Adel, Iowa, October 25, 1872, and was married on October 12, 1892, to George B. Baker, who was born in Maryville, Missouri, February 19, 1870. They have one child, Carrie Margaret, born June 21, 1896. George B. Baker is engaged in the banking business in Maryville, Missouri.

(3) Solon B. Campbell, son of Allan and Emily Vawter Campbell, was born in Vernon, Indiana, November 29, 1839; married in DeSoto, Iowa, February 25, 1874, to Carolyn Otterman, who was born in Thorntown, Indiana.

Solon B. Campbell was a druggist and a physician, practicing for twenty-five years in Adel, Iowa. He enlisted during the Civil War in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-second Regiment. Was discharged on account of ill health. Died in Adel, Iowa, July 31, 1893.

Children of Solon B. and Carolyn Otterman Campbell:

a. Vernon Campbell, born March 30, 1875; married to Janice Findus, January 24, 1903, in San Francisco. They live in Los Angeles, California. Vernon Campbell is in the olive business. He is secretary, manager and treasurer of a large olive canning factory located in Los Angeles. The company cans ripe olives and makes olive oil, having made twenty-five thousand gallons of oil last year.

b. Hazel Campbell, born October 4, 1876.

c. Joseph Allan Campbell, born January 14, 1878.

d. Garnette Carolyn, born July 1, 1879.

e. Glenn Solon, born July 1, 1879; died in February, 1880.

f. Kemper Bramwell Campbell, born July 5, 1881.

g. Gladys Campbell, born July 11, 1886.

Joseph and Kemper Campbell are operating a vegetable cannery in Moneta, California.

Mrs. Campbell and all of the children except Vernon, live in Moneta, California, ten miles from Los Angeles.

(4) John D., son of Allan and Emily Vawter Campbell, was born in Vernon, Indiana; died in Georgia, where he had gone for his health. He left a wife and a number of children.

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MARION VAWTER

Marion Vawter, son of John and Ruth (Minton) Vawter, was born November 30, 1830, at Vernon, Indiana. When about eighteen or twenty years of age he, with his father, his brother and sister, moved to Morgantown, Indiana. His early employment was as roadmaster of the Franklin and Martinsville Railroad. He moved, with his family, to Indianapolis in 1860, and was employed in the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad machine shops for four or five years, having charge of the shops the last two years. In 1865 the road was consolidated with the Jeffersonville Railroad, and Marion Vawter then secured a position in the Eagle machine shops for a short time, then with D. Root & Co., foundry and machine shops, where he was employed several years. He resigned from this position, and with Benjamin J. Smith, former master mechanic of the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad, started a machine and repair shop at Spencer, Indiana. This venture did not prove a success, and he returned to D. Root & Co., and afterwards to the Sinker, Davis & Co. machine shops, where he was employed until his death in 1880.

Marion Vawter was married January 28, 1851, at Morgantown, Indiana, to Rebecca Mahafy, who was born March 6, 1832, in Maryville, Ohio, and is now living at Lafayette, Indiana. Their

children were: (1) Charles Minton; (2) William Riley; (3) Mary Emily, and (4) Jesse Segal.

(1) Charles Minton Vawter, son of Marion and Rebecca (Mahafy) Vawter, was born at Morgantown, Indiana, February 28, 1853. Charles Vawter probably is acquainted with more of the Vawter relatives than any other one in the whole connection. He has been greatly interested in the history of the Vawter family, and to him is due the preservation of much of the history of his grandfather which has been given in this account.

A short sketch of Charles M. Vawter, taken from a letter written by himself, is here reproduced.

"I, Charles Minton Vawter, moved from Morgantown, Indiana, with my father, to Indianapolis, in 1860, and attended the public schools there until 1865 or 1866. I then secured employment with my uncle, John Allan Vawter, on his huckster wagon, which ran between Indianapolis and Morgantown. While with my uncle I formed the acquaintance of one Mr. Bently, a tin pedler, who secured me the job of running a wagon for J. J. Smith & Co., 108 South Delaware street, Indianapolis. The company was running twenty wagons. This was the first good job for me, and paid \$26.00 a month and expenses.

"On October 2 I started out with my tin wagon and ran it until 1872. On June 9 of 1872 I went to Lafayette and ran a wagon for Robert Manning & Co. until November 22 of the same year. On this date I secured a position as brakeman on the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railway, making my first trip to Bloomington, Indiana. In 1874 I was promoted to train baggage-master. In December, 1876, I was promoted to a freight conductor. In 1879 I had an accident which caused me to lose my position. I then started a restaurant in Michigan City and ran it until I lost what little money I had. I then went back on the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago road. Soon after, my wife's health failing, I resigned and took care of her until her death. In March of that year I secured a position as freight conductor on the Wabash Railroad, between Moberly, Missouri, and St. Louis. My mother and son Fred, aged six, were with me while there. I left the Wabash January 1, 1884, and returned to the

Louisville, New Albany and Chicago as local freight conductor. In March, 1886, I lost my position, owing to a change of officers. From March to August I was in the produce business at Bloomington, Indiana, having moved there from Lafayette. In July I called on Mr. Bent at Cincinnati, who employed me as local freight conductor, running between Seymour, Indiana, and Cincinnati. I then moved from Bloomington to Seymour. In 1888 I was promoted to extra passenger conductor, and in September, 1889, to a regular passenger train between Louisville and North Vernon. I then moved to New Albany. In 1897 I began running between Louisville and Cincinnati, moving to Home City, Ohio. At present I am running between Cincinnati and St. Louis."

Charles M. Vawter was married September 23, 1875, to Carrie J. Timmons, a daughter of Allan Timmons. She was born in Hamburg, Germany. They had one son, Fred Allan.

Carrie Timmons Vawter died January 5, 1883.

Charles M. Vawter was married at Gosport, Indiana, August 11, 1884, to Alice Campbell, who was born July 29, 1859, in Mt. Tabor, Indiana. Children: Eva May, still-born, August 21, 1885, and Maud, born June 1, 1888, at Seymour, Indiana.

Charles M. Vawter's address is Home City, Ohio.

a. Frederick Allan Vawter, son of Charles M. and Carrie (Timmons) Vawter, was born February 16, 1878; married February 16, 1898, to Stella Crichlow, who was born in 1881. They have two children, Charles Desmond, born November 9, 1897, and Jesse, born August, 1899.

Frederick Allan Vawter is manager of the Vawter Hay and Grain Co., Indianapolis. Lives at 2709 Bellefontaine street.

(2) William Riley, son of Marion and Rebecca (Mahafy) Vawter, was born September 9, 1855, and was married in August, 1879, to Emma Ketcham, in Glenwood, Missouri. There were no children. William Vawter was employed on the railroad as brakeman and freight conductor, and was killed at Parsons, Kansas, March 18, 1881. His widow, now Mrs. Emma Case, is living at Glenwood, Missouri.

(3) Mary E., daughter of Marion and Rebecca (Mahafy) Vawter, was born October 23, 1857, and was married to Richard Dunning in Michigan City, Indiana, May 29, 1878.

Richard Dunning was born March 29, 1848, in Covington, Ohio.

Children: Carrie, still-born, June 18, 1879, in Indianapolis.

Earl Raymond, born June 22, 1880, in Indianapolis.

Tillie Allan, born July 6, 1886, in Chicago.

Luella, born September 1, 1896, in Chicago; died November 5, 1897.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunning and children live at 6342 Champlain avenue, Chicago.

(4) Jesse, son of Marion and Rebecca (Mahafy) Vawter, was born August 27, 1859, at Morgantown, Indiana. He was married in June, 1886, to Ella Brown in Stinesville, Indiana. Ella Brown was born September 12, 1862. Their children were George, born January 14, 1887, and Grace, born February 18, 1889.

Jesse was freight conductor and was killed while running on the Belt Line in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Jesse Vawter's widow married Albert Nail and lives at Midland, Indiana.

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MARY (VAWTER) OBENSHAIN

Mary Ann Vawter, the daughter of John and Ruth (Minton) Vawter, was born March 6, 1836, in Vernon, Indiana. She moved to Morgantown with her father at the age of about twelve or thirteen years. Here she was married to George Obenshain January 28, 1851. She united with the Missionary Baptist Church of Morgantown February 1, 1856; died April 24, 1897.

George Obenshain was born April 4, 1822, in Botetourt county, Virginia. He was one of the leading grocery merchants of Morgantown, Indiana, for many years. He has now sold out his business and retired to private life.

The children of George and Mary (Vawter) Obenshain were

Martha Jane, John W., Smith, Emma V., Carrie M., Frank A. and Ruth M.

(1) Martha Jane, daughter of George and Mary (Vawter) Obenshain, was born May 19, 1852, at Morgantown, Indiana, and was married August 9, 1871, to Joseph L. Fesler, who was born April 23, 1850, in Morgantown. Mr. Fesler is a farmer living near Morgantown. Their children:

a. Carrie A., born October 23, 1872, at Morgantown, Indiana; married May 19, 1897, to Emerson M. Wood, who was born January 10, 1877, in Bedford, Kentucky. Mr. Wood is editor and proprietor of the Morgantown *Truth*.

b. Timothy C., born March 28, 1875, in Morgantown; married there on December 27, 1899, to Lulu Coleman, born May 21, 1882. Children: James Leon, born June 28, 1900, and Esther, born January 10, 1902; died May 30, 1903. Timothy C. Fesler is postmaster in Morgantown, Indiana.

c. Susie C. Fesler was born August 16, 1880, in Morgantown.

d. Jennie A. was born July 2, 1884, in Morgantown; died April 22, 1891.

(2) John W., son of George and Mary (Vawter) Obenshain, died when a child.

(3) Smith, son of George and Mary Obenshain, died when a child.

(4) Emma V., daughter of George and Mary (Vawter) Obenshain, was born July 10, 1860; married April 2, 1880, at Morgantown to John W. Hilton, who was born March 27, 1860, at Morgantown, and died December 17, 1899, at Sullivan, Indiana. One child, Fred E., was born November 9, 1883 at Martinsville. He lives at Paris, Illinois, with his mother. He is now taking a course in electric engineering at Champaign, Illinois.

(5) Carrie M., daughter of George and Mary (Vawter) Obenshain, died when a child.

(6) Frank Allan, son of George and Mary (Vawter) Obenshain, was born December 13, 1868, at Morgantown, and was married November 4, 1895, at Louisville, Kentucky, to Berda M. Ream, who was born August 31, 1874, at Nieveh, Indiana.

Frank Obenshain is a carpenter by trade, but at present is rural mail carrier. Lives at Morgantown, Indiana.

(7) Ruth M. Obenshain, daughter of George and Mary (Vawter) Obenshain, was born August 18, 1873, at Morgantown; married July 6, 1902, to Spencer H. Wood, who was born November 7, 1880, at Sligo, Kentucky. Their child, Harold H., was born July 1, 1903.

Spencer H. Wood is a brother to Emerson Wood. He is a printer by trade, but at present is collector for the Metropolitan Insurance Company. Lives in Franklin, Indiana.

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ALLAN VAWTER

Allan Vawter, son of John and Ruth (Minton) Vawter, was born May 9, 1833, at Vernon, Indiana. He was married November 20, 1853, at Morgantown, Indiana, to Catherine Hickey of Morgantown who was born at Elizabethtown, Carter county, Tennessee, near Knoxville, October 10, 1837.

Allan Vawter was a merchant and a trader. He drove from Indianapolis to Morgantown, Indiana, and bought poultry, eggs, butter, tallow, etc., and gave in exchange merchandise. He was well known all along the route, and was familiarly called "Al" Vawter. He had a branch store at Smith's Valley, Indiana, and a general store at Glenn's Valley, Indiana. He was of a genial and social disposition and had a host of friends. Charles M. Vawter and two brothers and one sister made their home with him for some time. John Allan Vawter died May 30, 1874, at Glenn's Valley, Indiana, and was buried at Morgantown.

Catherine Hickey Vawter, wife of Allan, was left a widow with five children dependent upon her for support, the youngest being but six months old at the time of the father's death. Mrs. Vawter had charge of the general store and the postoffice at Glenn's Valley, Indiana. She died at her father's home in Morgantown, Indiana, May 28, 1895, from injuries received in a runaway accident.

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The children of Allan and Catherine (Hickey) Vawter were Frank Day, Ida Ruth, Elmer Mayo, Lillian Lincoln, Grace Minton and Cora Allan.

(1) Frank Day Vawter, son of Allan and Catherine Hickey Vawter, was born at Morgantown, Indiana, February 6, 1856; married April 19, 1877, to Laura E. Smart, who was born December 3, 1860.

Their children:

a. Clarence Allan, born March 28, 1878; married August 5, 1901, at Vincennes, Indiana, to Jennie Moore. His wife died June 20, 1902, at the age of eighteen years.

b. John Elmer, born June 20, 1879.

c. Frances Bertram, born February 19, 1881.

d. Willie Belle, born November 8, 1882.

e. Ella Mae, born October 1, 1884.

f. Horace Raymond, born March 15, 1886.

g. Nellie Bly, born January 23, 1888.

h. Catherine, born December 8, 1890.

i. Alice Pearl, born November 27, 1892.

Frank Day Vawter died near Vincennes, Indiana, January 17, 1900, aged forty-four years. The family lives at Valley Mills, Indiana, R.R. No. 1.

(2) Ida Ruth Vawter, daughter of Allan and Catherine (Hickey) Vawter, was born at Morgantown, Indiana, May 1, 1858, and died at Glenn's Valley, August 25, 1897.

(3) Elmer Mayo Vawter, son of Allan and Catherine (Hickey) Vawter, was born at Morgantown, August 25, 1861; married at Smith's Valley, Indiana, February 24, 1889, to Margaret Alice Sawyer, born in 1869.

Children:

a. Ralph Emerson, born December 12, 1889.

b. Raymond, born July 15, 1891.

c. Mary Ruth, born December 5, 1892.

d. Frank, born April 8, 1895

e. Dewey, born April 23, 1898.

f. Martha Clarice, born December 28, 1899.

g. Paul Leon, born March 6, 1903.

Elmer Mayo Vawter lives near M. Pleasant cemetery in Johnson county, Indiana, and is sexton of same. His postoffice address is Greenwood, Indiana, R. R. No. 17.

(4) Lillian Lincoln Vawter, daughter of Allan and Catherine (Hickey) Vawter, was born at Indianapolis, Indiana, April 10, 1866; married at Indianapolis, July 24, 1899, to Thomas Lafayette Smith. They have one son, Thomas Allan Smith, who was born near Farmington, Kentucky, January 24, 1902.

Thomas Lafayette Smith is a farmer and stock raiser living near Mayfield, Kentucky, R.F.D. No 1.

(5) Cora Allan Vawter, daughter of Allan and Catherine (Hickey) Vawter, was born October 11, 1873, and was married at Glenn's Valley, Indiana, November 18, 1891, to Whitfield Yeager. They have no children. Live at 1204 Pleasant street, Indiannapolis, Indiana.

II WILLIAM VAWTER

William Vawter, the son of Jesse, was born April 2, 1783, in the Holston country, near where North Carolina, East Tennessee and Virginia now join. Because of the hardships to be endured in the new country, and because he was a twin, the parents of William Vawter left him in Virginia with his maternal grandparents when they were there on a visit. He was about two years old at the time and he remained with his grandfather and grandmother Watts until seven years of age.

William Vawter himself, in writing of this period of his life says:

"In the fall of 1790 my father and mother moved to Kentucky and there I was brought up. In the eighteenth year of my age I was struck under conviction for my sins, and I labored very hard in my own way to bring God under obligation to save me for my works, but, instead of getting any nearer heaven, I seemed to get farther off, and I continued so for months. At last I concluded that there was no mercy for me, that I was a reprobate, and it increased my trouble. I could not see any way that God could save such a sinner as I was unless He changed, and I did not wish Him to change to save me. His law said: 'The soul that sins, it shall die.' I looked for death from day to day, so you see my trouble was great.

"Late in November, 1800, I retired to condole over my lost condition, for I had concluded that there was no mercy for me, as I had tried every way I could think of to humble myself so as to bring God under obligation to save me from a burning hell, and He seemed to be angry with me all the time. I could not see how He could save such a sinner as I was, and yet I wanted to be saved if it could be done on the principles of justice. Then,

all of a sudden, it came into my mind: 'The will of the Lord be done,' and as soon as I gave myself up the trouble was all gone, and all creation seemed to be praising God. I felt like I had been asleep all my life before. This happiness did not last long. I had not gotten what I was in search of. I could not get it. I know there was a great change in my feelings about that time, but that was not religion.

"In about a month after I went to the church to see if they could tell me how to get religion, and to my great surprise they received me as a fit subject for baptism. I could not receive myself, but I studied on it for a month and then yielded to the judgment of the church and was baptized by old Father Hickman in North Elkhorn. He was the pastor of the church called McConnel's Run in Scott county, Kentucky. After this there was a church constitution in father's house called North Fork. I remained in that church for about five years until father lost his land because of a defective title. We built us a frame meeting house.

"My father now made up his mind to locate in Indiana Territory, and I agreed to assist him in making a settlement. We moved to Mount Glad, near Madison, Indiana, in 1806. In 1807 there was a Baptist Church constitution in father's house called Crooked Creek, afterwards changed to Mount Pleasant. On the first day of January, 1809, I married Frances Vawter, the daughter of Philemon, (the brother of Jesse) and Anna Vawter, and in 1829 we moved to Jennings county and joined the Vernon Church. In 1835 there was a new constitution called Zoar, where my membership is at this time. I have been in three constitutions and belonged to five Baptist churches. In the last named church I was set apart by fasting, prayer and the imposition of hands to administer the ordinances of the Gospel."

William Vawter was of a retiring nature. Although firm in his notions of men and public policy, he never engaged actively in politics and was no office seeker. In Jefferson county, on some few occasions, he accepted office in the civil department, and during the Indian troubles of 1811 and 1812 he was a captain of the militia, but on the return of peace he resigned the office. From

his ordination William Vawter devoted all the time he could spare from domestic affairs and farm duties to preaching and the building up of the churches. He never received money as compensation for his labors, and his house was ever open to the entertainment of strangers, friends and brethren.

For six years before his death William Vawter lived with his daughter, Frances V. King, and his wife, Frances, lived there for one year longer. William died on Friday morning, July 17, 1868, aged eighty-five years, three months and fifteen days. The funeral sermon was preached on the Saturday following his death to a large congregation of friends and relatives by Elder Thomas Hill from these words: "And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me: Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13.)

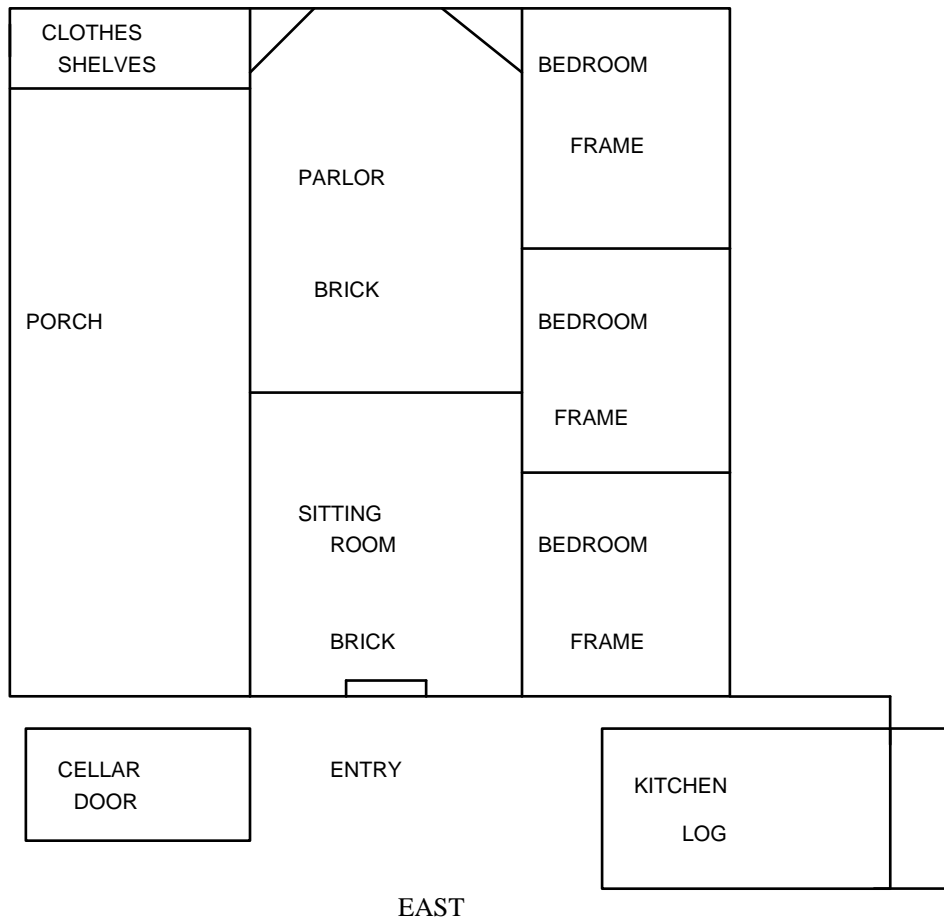
Frances Vawter, wife of William, was born August 11, 1787, and died October 26, 1869. They were both buried at the Vawter cemetery, three and a half miles from North Vernon, Indiana. Philemon and Anna, the father and mother of Frances, were also buried there. Jesse and Elizabeth, the father and mother of William Vawter, were buried at Harbert's Creek, near Madison.

William Vawter left six sons and three daughters, one daughter, Marie Burns, having died many years before.

Frances V. King, the daughter of William Vawter, gave in substance the following:

"When father first came to Indiana he tended his father's farm, living in a log house on the hill. He first went to housekeeping in the bottom near Madison, Indiana, afterwards owning a farm at Mt. Pleasant. He had two places in Madison, and wished to move there, but mother was opposed to living in town with her boys, and so they continued to live at Mt. Pleasant until they moved to Jennings county in 1829, where Uncle John and Uncle Achilles Vawter had already gone. Father traded his farm at Mt. Pleasant to a man by the name of George for land near Vernon. Here our family lived for many years. The old house is still standing. It is situated on the bank of the Muscatatack, about three and a half miles out from North Vernon. The house

was a good one for the time. The following drawing, though not exactly accurate in dimensions, perhaps, will yet serve to give a general idea of the plan of the house;



"Father afterwards entered two hundred or more acres near the home place. He preached many years, receiving no compensation therefor, but depending on the farm for the living. He was much interested in education, and gave money to the founding of Franklin College. Mother was a great reader. She liked to read novels, and when she grew so deaf that she could not understand the conversation of those around her, her reading was a great comfort to her. She always took a numbers of papers." Harrison Burns, a grandson of William and Frances Vawter, lived

In addition to what Maria received in her lifetime, and what the children have had since her death, I have left the children one hundred dollars, to be divided as set out in my will made March the 24th, 1852.

William Vawter

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Elizabeth and John Stott have received in sundries to aid them to keep house one hundred and two dollars. March 25, 1835, gave John and Elizabeth as above eight dollars more.

November 22, 1847, gave John and Elizabeth Stott sixty dollars in landed property.

February 8, 1851, gave John and Elizabeth Stott forty acres of land at \$200.00 (two hundred dollars). As an interest on the same they are to pay twelve dollars per year as long as my wife and I live and no longer.

April, 1858, I have stopped the interest.

William Vawter

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John T. Vawter married Pamela Dwyer May 10, 1835. They set out for Iowa Territory September 3, 1839.

Received in a horse and saddle, \$40.00.

April, 1835, gave \$55.00.

August 18, 1835, gave \$15.00.

William Vawter

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Williamson D., by consent, left his parents three and a half years before he was twenty-one and is charged with his time, forty dollars per year, \$140.00. He married Mary Crowder July 15, 1834.

William Vawter

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Jesse R. Vawter was married to Sarah Parks May 4, 1837.

Received in time and horse, \$110.00.

Wife joined the church and was baptized December 24, 1838.

December 7, 1846, gave Jesse Vawter in land sixty dollars.

March 25, 1852, I set off to Jesse R. Vawter his portion of my estate out of the land I sold to him.

William Vawter

James received from me one hundred and ten dollars.
June 29, 1847, received sixty dollars.

William Vawter

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Frances was married to George King May 14, 1840.
Frances has received of her parents one bed, one bedstead, one flax wheel, one saddle and twenty acres of land, \$110.00.
George and Frances King have received sixty dollars in the way of land this November 22, 1847.

William Vawter

Achilles united with the Baptist Church at Zoar, Jennings county, the fourth Saturday in August, 1842, and was baptized the following Lord's Day.
September 23, 1844, Achilles entered Franklin College as a student.
Achilles has received of me since that time \$184.35.
Achilles, my son, constitutes one of the faculty in Franklin College this October 30, 1848.

William Vawter

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Ida, the daughter of A. J. and M. E. Vawter, was born February 3, 1856, and the mother departed this life on the 6th, and on the 8th was buried by the side of her father. She died at Lafayette, Indiana. Ida died _____.

William Vawter

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Philemon went to college October 6, 1847. He was married to Rebecca Hunter November 25, 1858.

William Vawter

Polly L. was married to Ormond Frederick Feagler September 24, 1843, and commenced housekeeping November 29, and has, in bed and other articles, to the amount of \$85.00.
September 31, 1846, to one horse, \$25.00.
October the 9th, 1848, I gave Ormond and Polly a cupboard and a bureau, price \$20.00

July 3, 1850, one cow and a note on M. Page, \$13.00.
March 24, 1852, I deeded to Polly L., my daughter, forty acres of land, which will be her full portion of my estate.
The above named deed is in my hands and in lieu thereof she is to have two hundred dollars at my death of pleasure.

William Vawter

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Polly has received the amount as above.

William Vawter

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The following is a memorandum of the money received from and paid out for the Vernon church by William Vawter :
In 1832 received \$1.07. Paid for minutes and superintending the printing, 82 cents, and for wine 25 cents.
August meeting, 1833, received \$2.28. September 16, paid for printing association minutes, \$1.00;
April 19, 1834, paid for one quart of wine, 75 cents; September 15, paid for the printing of association minutes and the superintending of the minutes, 93 cents; paid for wine 37 1/2 cents. Received of Deacon Stott \$1.25 handed to him by the Vernon Church at their August meeting in 1834.
May 16 paid for wine 43 3/4 cents. Total amount of money received, \$4.60. Total expended, \$4.56 1/4.
Balance due the church, 3 3/4 cents.

Zoar Church, Jennings County, Indiana

To all Whom it may Concern:

Know ye that we, the undersigned, being called by the aforesaid church, together with the sister churches, to examine into the propriety of setting apart Brother William Vawter to the administration of ordinances, unanimously agreed that he be set apart by fasting and prayer and the laying on of hands and the right hand of fellowship, to the administration of ordinances in the House of God wherever God, in His providence, may cast his lot.

Done at Zoar Church at the business meeting on the fourth Saturday in July, 1839.

John Bush,
William Stott
Caleb Moncrief
Elders.

Attested by
John Stott, Clerk

William Vawter made three wills. The first of these was made March 16, 1835, and is as follows:
In the name of Almighty God, Amen.

I, William Vawter, the writer of the foregoing, being in my proper mind and in good health and yet knowing not when I may die, as all life is uncertain, wish that my children should have an equal part in the distribution of my property. I think proper, therefore, to set forth under each name the amount each one has received and what remains to be divided as they become of age.

When all my debts are paid there will be on hand after my death \$300.00 (three hundred dollars) in cash and the remainder of lot No. 41 west, in first addition to Madison, Jefferson county, Indiana; also thirty acres of land in the south end of the west half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-six of town seven north, and range eight east, of the lands sold at Jeffersonville and lying on the south side of the north fork of the Muscatatack river; also ten acres adjoining and lying in the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of section twenty-six of town seven north, range eight east, of the land sold at Jeffersonville.

It is my will and desire that the remainder of my estate be for the benefit of my widow for her comfort and support during her lifeteime and that of the children who are under age and remain with her. After her death, and when the youngest child becomes of age, I wish an equal distribution of what remains of my property to be made among my ten children.

My estate left for the use of my widow and the children under age consists of the following property, viz; The tract of land I now live on, consisting of two hundred and eighty acres of land with the farm, dwelling-house, outhouses, household and kitchen

furniture, barn, grain, horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, farming tools and all tools of every description indoors and outdoors, and all my books, etc.

I do hereby ordain my wife, Frances, to be my sole executrix of this my will and to transact all business am amply and as fully as I myself, if living, could do, without bond or security.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, March the sixteenth.

William Vawter [Seal.]

(Will No. 2.)

In the name of Almighty God, Amen.

I, William Vawter, of Jennings county, Indiana, do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament. It is my will and desire that my wife, Frances Vawter, enjoy and possess all and every part of my estate, both personal and real, during her natural life. The whole is hereby placed in her hands to manage and control as fully and as perfectly in every respect as I myself, if living, could do; and that without being under any obligation to give bond or security for the faithful management of the same, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is my will and desire that should any of my estate remain undisposed of and unused at the death of my wife that the same be equally divided amongst all my legal heirs, so as to make each and every heir equal, taking into consideration the advances already made to most or all of them, as will appear in my memorandum book. Should my son, John T. Vawter, and his children remain as now with a combination or community of individuals in the west, on the death of my wife, then and in that case I give and bequeath his portion to the Franklin Baptist College in Indiana.

Although I am now in my sixty-seventh year, sick and very weak, yet my mind is as clear and perfect as usual.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of March, 1849.
In the presence of William Vawter [Seal.]
John Vawter.
Rachel C. Crawford

This will is null and void. William Vawter

LAST WILL OF WILLIAM VAWTER

Be it remembered that on the 12th day of October, 1869, in vacation of the Jennings Court of Commont Pleas, the last will and testament of William Vawter was duly proven and admitted to probate in the clerk's office of said court, which will and the proof thereof is in the words and figures following, to wit:

"I, William Vawter, now in my sixty-ninth year since the second of April last, and knowing, according to nature, that I must soon go to the spirit world, and being desirous of disposing of my estate which the Lord has blessed me with, make my last will, revoking all others.

"1st. I recommend my spirit to God who gave it and my body to be interred in mother earth in a manner corresponding with my estate.

"2d. I direct that all my just debts be paid as soon as there is money to pay them.

"3d. I bequeath to Maria Burns' children one hundred dollars; the four boys five dollars each; the two oldest girls, fifteen dollars each, and Sara Jane fifty dollars.

"4th. I will and bequeath to my wife, Frances Vawter, all my real and personal estate during her natural life, and further, I do not design that the one hundred dollars bequeathed to Maria's children shall be paid until after the death of my wife, unless she is disposed to pay it or any part thereof.

"5th. I have given to Elizabeth Stott, Jesse R. Vawter and Polly Feagler their shares heretofore. After the death of my wife I bequeath and will all my real and personal estate after

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the payment of the above legacies unto John T. Vawter, Williamson D. Vawter, James Vawter, Achilles Vawter, Frances King and Philemon Vawter, to be equally divided.

"6th. I appoint Williamson and James Vawter my executors.

"In testimony whereof, I have set my hand and seal this 24th day of March, A.D. , 1852.

William Vawter

"Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of those who have signed their names as witnesses and by the testator's request and in his presence.

James H. Vawter
"Achilles Vawter
" H. T. Vawter

"By request of the testator I certify that this is still his will this June 25, 1859. W. T. Stott, Jr."

CODICIL TO MY LAST WILL

This is the closing up of my earthly matters, that is to say, at the death of myself and wife. I give to my oldest sons, John T. and Williamson D., four hundred dollars in government bonds, two hundred to each. The one hundred dollars set apart in my will for Maria Burns' children, I wish carried out. The remainder of my estate, after the death of myself and wife and the payment of all debts, is to be equally divided between my three youngest sons, James, Achilles and Philemon, and my daughter, Frances Ann King.

This can be done without going to the expense of proving and recording my will.

April 27, 1868

William Vawter

State of Indiana,

Jennings County, ss:

Court of Common Pleas, February Term, 1871.

Matters of the Estate of Elder William Vawter, deceased.

The undersigned, executor of said estate of William Vawter,

deceased, begs leave to report to the court aforesaid, the following final settlement of account with said estate:

I am chargeable with the following assists of the said estate:

July 17, 1868. To bonds	\$500.00
November 16, 1868. Cash of James Hill on judgment against Chronister and Eckstein.	537.85
July 17, 1868. Personal effects of said estate	95.00
January 8, 1869. Interest on bonds.	20.00
April 8, 1869. Interest of Cook, Stott & Co.	7.25
June 21, 1869. Cash on judgment.	200.00
June 26, 1869. Cash on judgment.	100.00
July 3, 1869. Interest on bond	20.25
January 5, 1870. Interest on bond.	17.25
January 15, 1870. Cash on judgment	150.00
May 26, 1870. Premium on bonds	39.00
June 25, 1870. Cash on judgment	114.10
Total	<u>\$1,800.70</u>

I claim credit for the following, as per vouchers filed herewith:

By attorney fees for collections, Voucher 1	\$ 26.85
Account of Cook, Stott & Co., Voucher 2	21.90
Funeral expenses, Voucher 3	30.00
Physician's services, Voucher 4	24.00
Board and attendance, Voucher 5	188.00
Board and attendance for wife, Voucher 6	98.00
Taxes, Voucher 7	13.87
Account Cook, Stott & Co., Voucher 8	7.18
Account W. D. Vawter & Co., Voucher 9	5.62
Account Frances A. King, Voucher 10	130.25
Funeral expenses of Frances Vawter, Voucher 11	25.00
Physicians's services, Voucher 12	14.00
Legacy to Sarah Burns, Voucher 13	50.00
Legacy to Lizzie A. Bailey, Voucher 14	15.00
Legacy to Mary Burns, Voucher 15	15.00
Legacy to James Burns, Voucher 16	5.00

Legacies to David, Harrison and William Burns, Voucher 17	\$ 15.00
Internal revenue tax, Voucher 18	11.26
Distributive share to P. C. Vawter, Voucher 19	153.15
Distributive share to A. J. Vawter, Voucher 20	153.15
Distributive share to James Vawter, Voucher 21	153.15
Distributive share to John T. Vawter, Voucher 22	153.15
Distributive share to Frances A. King, Voucher 23	153.15
Distributive share to W. D. Vawter, Voucher 24	153.15
Attorney's fees for collections, Voucher 25	28.00
Monuments for dead, Voucher 26	125.00
Taxes, Voucher 27	10.98
Clerk's fees, Voucher 28	6.25
Expense of stamps and of distribution, making reports, etc	15.64
Total	<u>\$ 1,800.70</u>

All of which contains a full statement of all of the estate of the decedent for which I am chargeable with the credits to which I am entitled.

Williamson D. Vawter, Executor

Frances Vawter, the wife of William, was a daughter of Philemon Vawter, who was the brother of William's father, Jesse.

For an account of Philemon and Anne see page 256.

Children of William and Frances Vawter were Maria, Elizabeth, John Taylor, Williamson D., Jesse, James, Frances Ann, Achilles, Mary L. and Philemon.

	{ (1) Vawter, d.s.		
	{ (2) Martha E.	{ Jennie, d.s.	
	{ m. Maxa Moncrief	{ Caleb, d.s.	
	{	{ Emma	
	{	{ m. Robert D. Trick	{ No children
2. Elizabeth	{ (3) William T.	{ Wilfred T.	
Vawter	{ m. Arabella R. Tracy	{ Grace E.	
m	{	{ m. Clark R. Parker	{ Cyril Rodney
John Stott	{	{ Edith R.	
	{	{ m. Fred G. Kenny	
	{	{ Cyril H., d.	
	{	{ Roscoe G.	
	{ (4) Mary F.		
	{ (5) Jennie M.	{ Bertha Elizabeth, d.	
	{ m. James N. Chaille		
	{ (1) Edward	{ George Adam	{ Edgar Frederick
	{ m. 1st Barbara Kroher	{ m. Kate A. Luty	{ Frank Edward
	{	{	{ Wilbur Luty
	{	{	{ Bertha May
	{ m. 2d	{	{ Clifford George
	{ Catherine Gunnerman	{ Frank Wesley	
	{	{ m. Emma Graupner	{ Freda Mildred
	{	{	{ Edna Catherine
	{	{ William	
	{	{ m. Mary V. Straughter	
	{ (2) William	{ Colonel	
	{ m. Mathilda F. McKinnon	{ m. Ida Rahe	{ Emil
	{	{ William S.	
	{	{ Pamela, d.	
3. John T. Vawter	{ (3) Frances	{ Sarah Ann	
m	{ m. Jno. G. Burckhardt	{ m. Henry W. Boeckley	{ Enid Beth
1st	{	{ John Frederick	
Pamelia Dwyer	{	{ m. Minnie Baker	
	{	{ Lulu Christman, d.	
	{	{ Margaret Pamela	
	{	{ Mary Elizabeth	
	{	{ George	
	{	{ Mamie	
	{ (4) Katherine	{ Mary Catherine	{ Artemus
	{ m. Geo. Vanosdol	{ m. Joseph Brooks	{ Gerald
	{	{	{ Aurora
	{	{ Emeline	{ Pearl
	{	{ m. Geo. W. Baltzer	{ Harry
	{	{ James Monroe	
	{	{ m. Mollie Pence	
	{	{ Frances Ann	
	{	{ m. Albert C. Staggs	
	{	{ Scott	
	{	{ m. Elizabeth Gibbs	
	{	{ Sarah Hotchkiss	{ Floyd
	{	{ m. W. R. Perrigo	{ Bertha Winifred
	{	{	
	{	{ Mattie Belle	{ Wm. Gilbert
	{	{ m. W. W. Wilcox	{ Laurence
	{	{ Wm. Weaver	
	{	{ Cora Lee	
	{	{ Lulu Ludica	
	{	{ Isaac Morton	

	{ (5) Mary, d.s.		
	{ (6) Michael		
	{ m. Rebecca ____		
John Taylor	{ (7) Louisa	{ Charles Vawter	
Vawter	{ m. Thomas Tanksley	{ Samuel, d.	
	{	{ Minnie, d.	
(continued)	{	{ Albert	
	{	{ m. Christena Wesaw	
	{	{ Thomas Oliver	
	{	{ James Mitton	
	{	{ Henry Franklin	
	{		
	{ (8) John T.	{ Charles William	
	{ m. Ida Springsteen	{ m. Daisy Tolle	
m. 2d			
Mrs N.S. Philliper	{ (9) Albert C.	{ Vernon Day	
	{ m. Frances Churchwell	{ Arthur Lee	
	{	{ Annie Gladys	
	{	{ Mary Ruth	
	{ (1) Mary Ellen	{ Charles Dunn, d.	
	{ m. Ward Leavitt	{ Florence Mary	
	{		
	{ (2) May	{ No children	
	{ m. S. S. Harwood		
	{ (3) Jane Cravens		
4. Williamson D	{ (4) Aramantha	{ Williamson Dunn	
Vawter	{ m. Septimius Vater	{ m. Grace Barker	
m 1st	{	{ Thos. Eugene, d.	
Mary T. Crowder	{	{ Agnes Eugenie	
	{		
	{ (5) William S.	{ Mary Charlotte	
	{ m. Sarah McClaskey	{ m. John R. Moore	
	{		
	{ (6) Edwin J.	{ Edwin J., Jr.	{ Marjorie Dixon
	{ m 1st Laura Dixon	{ m. Bessie Channel	
	{ m 2d Mrs Isabelle Nelson		
m 2d	{ (7) Emma Knowlton		
Charlotte A.	{		
Knowlton	{ (8) Charles Knowlton, d.		

{ (1) Margaret B.	{ Jesse R., d.	
{ m. Lewis Wagner	{ Ethel	{ Ralph
{	{ m. Martin A. Shepherd	
	{ Albert V	
{	{ Clara Belle	
{	{ m. William Pool	
{	{ Emma Alice	
{	{ m Willard Whitcomb	
{ (2) Elizabeth S.	{ Elvin Grant	
{ m. Thos. Clarkson	{ Thos. Osborn	
{	{ Jesse F.	
{	{ Edith Idella, m	
{	{ Bertha May, m	
	{	{ Annie J
	{ Amelia Frances	{ Lelia May
{	{ m. H. L. Holton	{ Clyde E.
{	{	{ Adda
{	{	{ Meta
{	{	{ Elizabeth
{ (3) Wm. Allan	{	
{ m. Angeline E. Cheever	{ Clara Adaline	{ William A.
{	{ m Bowen C. Heath	{ Sarah A.
{	{	{ Ray
{	{	{ James H.
{	{	{ Ruth
{	{	{ Fern
{	{	{ Bowen C.
5. Jesse R.	{ Sarah Rebecca	
Vawter	{ Cora Luvinia	{ Wilbur Fee
m	{ (4) Smith W.	
Sarah Parks	{ m. Lucinda Johnson	
	{ James Oscar	
	{ Wilbert Carl]	
	{ Albert Jesse] twins	
	{ Otis Estis	
		{ Otto, d.
		{ Orville L.
		{ Oral Floyd
	{ Margaret J.	{ Ira Grace, d.
	{ m. Wm. F. Philliber	{ Clara B., d.
		{ Perry H., d.
		{ Raymond L.
		{ Mary E.
		{ Ira E., d.
	{ Everett E.	{ John I.
	{ m. Mahala Sanders	{ Alma B.
{ (5) John S.	{	{ Homer W., d.
{ m. Elizabeth Grinstead	{ Clyde Elmer, d.s.	
{		
{	{ Maud Ellen	{ Ira M., d.
{	{ m. Wm. F. Moody	{ Velma E.
{	{	{ Mabel, d.
{	{	{ Silvia V.
	{ Pearl E. d.s.	
	{ Nona Elma	
	{ Benjamin Irvin	
	{ m. Hattie J. Woodruff	{ Emery B.

	{	{ Olive May	
	{	{ m. J. W. Snell, d.	
	{	{ Fanny Bell, d.s.	
	{	{ Lew Emmerson	
	{	{ m. Dana Norris	{ Esther
	{	{	
	{	{	{ Frank
	{	{	{ Myrtle
	{	{ Ella Grace	{ Olive
	{	{ m. A. J. Taylor	{ Charles
	{	{	{ Mabel
	{	{	{ Deny
	{	{	{ Harold
	{ (6) Sarah Frances	{	
	{ m. Thos. F. Grinstead	{ Claud Ellsworth, d.s.	
	{	{ Bertha Edith	
	{	{ Ada Jane	
	{	{ m. T. F. VanHorn	
	{	{ Ora Idella	
	{	{ m. C. H. Hockmuth	
	{	{ Jesse Edward	
	{	{ Myrtle Blanche, d.s.	
	{	{ Carl James, d.s.	
	{	{ Vila Gail	
	{	{ Emma Ethel	
	{	{	
Jesse R. Vawter	{	{ Edward J., d.s	
(continued)	{	{ Alvaretta	
	{	{ m. John S. Shinold	{ Arthur E.
	{	{	{ Matilda A.
	{ (7) James G.	{ Indiana R.	
	{ m. Margaret Ross	{ m. Moses M. Miller	{ Vance
	{	{	{ Irvin
	{	{ Mary Jane	
	{	{ m. Irvin R. Crum	{ Flora M.
	{	{	{ James A.
	{	{ Omer Walton	
	{	{ Lucy A.	
	{	{ Lewis Clyde	
	{	{ Grace G.	
	{	{ Sarah Frances, d.	
	{	{ Ruth	
	{ (8) Elvira Ann	{ Lila, d.	
	{ m. Charles H. Carey	{ Augusta	
	{	{ Vivian	
	{	{ Bertha A.	
	{	{ m. Joseph W. Gray	{ Ezra William
	{	{ Ernest T., d.s.	
	{ (9) Jesse Philemon	{ Clarence M.	
	{ m. Minerva A. Ross	{ Benjamin F.	
	{	{ Jesse Pearl	{ Minerva May
	{	{ m. Corydon Laswell	{ Millie Myree
	{	{ Velma I.	
	{	{ Flossie Myrtle	
	{ (10) Armantha M.	{ Nellie M.	{ Opal
	{ m. James West	{ m. Otho G. Wright	{ Robert
W.	{	{ Sarah Ethel	
	{	{ Charles William	

6. James Vawter	{	{ Edward W., d.	
m	{	{ Minerva E., d.	
Minerva L.	{ (1) Sherman	{ Everett F.	
Bromley	{ m. Emma May, d	{ Nellie	
	{	{ Henry J.	
	{		{ Jessie
	{	{ Ezra	{ Alma
	{	{ m. Mattie Deer	{ Smith
	{		{ Blanche Vernon
	{		
	{	{ Eva Jennie	{ Hazel Lavone
	{	{ m. Edwin Carson	{ Ethel Grace
	{		{ Lizzie, d.
	{		{ Edwinnie
	{		
	{ (1) Almira	{ Fannie A.	{ Almira Corinne
7. Frances Vawter	{ m. Wm. Holsclaw	{ m. Smith V. Williams	{ Lois Mildred
m	{		{ Virgil Elvin
George King	{		{ Helene
	{		
	{	{ William E.	{ Ruth
	{	{ m. Zella Wagner	{ Hubert
	{		{ Gladys
	{		
	{	{ Sarah Grace	{ Wilbur Elvin
	{	{ m. Oscar Beeman	{ Clyde
	{	{ Mary Belle, d.	
	{	{ Jacob Harrison	
	{	{ m. Bertha Alice	
	{ (2) Ezra, d.s.		
	{ (3) William V.		
	{ m. Caroline Vandever	{ No children	
	{ (4) George Elvin	{ Lulu Ellis	
	{ m. Minnie Tate	{ Edna Hazel	
	{ (5) Alzora, d.s		
	{		
8. Achilles Vawter	{ (1) Ida Maria, d.s.		
m. 1st	{		
Maria Dunham	{		
	{ (2) William Arthur	{ Cora Catherine	
	{ m. Alice R. Hadley	{ William Arthur	
	{	{ George Hadley	
	{		
m. 2d	{		
Mrs. Elizabeth	{ (3) Frank M.	{ Harry Miller	
A. Baker	{ m. Clara Miller	{ Jessie Mae	
	{	{ Helen Miller	
	{		
	{ (4) Grace	{ Ernestine, d.	
	{ m. Ernest P. Bicknell	{ Charlotte, d.	
	{	{ Grace Constance	
	{	{ Alberta	
	{		
m. 3rd	{		
Charlotte S.	{		
Hobart	{		

	{ (1) Maria Cordelia, d		
	{ (2) James William	{ Fannie Fern, d.	
	{ m. Mary King	{ Rose Bonnell	
	{	{ Grace Cordelia	{ Mildred Rose
	{	{ m. Robert King	{ Robert Feagler
	{	{	{ Russell Aubrey
	{	{	{ Helen Grace
	{ (3) Bessie	{ Charles Alfred	
	{ (4) Philemon Edwin, d.		
9. Mary L. Vawter	{ (5) Vawter John	{ Fred Willard, d	
m	{ m. Helen Gardner	{ Florence Edith, d.	
Ormand Feagler	{	{ Merlin Duncan, d.	
	{	{ Marie	
	{ (6) Charles Alfred		
	{		
	{ (7) Emma May	{ Everett Marion	
	{ m. McArthur Smartz	{ Wilhelmina Harriet, d.	
	{	{ Mary Elizabeth	
	{	{ Margaret Fay	
	{	{ Katie Frances	
	{	{ Robert George	
	{	{ Bessie Ruth	
	{ (8) Roena Kate, d.s.		
10. Philemon	{ (1) Everett Bates	{ Wallace Read	
Vawter	{ m Helen E. Read		
m	{		
Sylvia Hunter	{ (2) William Hunter		

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MARIA (VAWTER) BURNS

Maria Vawter, daughter of William and Frances Vawter, was born in Jefferson county, near Madison, Indiana, December 16, 1809. She lived there on the farm until December 16, 1826, when she was married to Maxa M. Burns. They lived in Vernon for a year or two, then her mother-in-law died and they went to Wirt to keep house for her father-in-law's family. Maria (Vawter) Burns was a devoted Christian, a member of the Baptist church from early womanhood, and was respected and loved by both relatives and friends. She died December 7, 1846, at the age of thirty-seven years.

Maxa Moncrief Burns was the son of James Burns, one of the

early settlers of Jefferson county, and was the brother of Miles and Taulman Burns. He was born April 27, 1808; died March 17, 1890. James Burns, the father of Maxa, was born in Louden county, Virginia, September 28, 1786; died December 29, 1876. (More of the Burns family will be found in the chapter on "Customs.")

David Burns, one of the children of Maxa and Maria Burns, give his remembrance of the breaking up of the family after the death of his mother, as follows:

"My mother died at Wirt, Indiana, where we then lived. Sallie, together with Harry, had been living at grandfather's for about two months. My mother's remains were taken to the old farm for burial. It was my first ride so far as I have any recollection. I think we must have left Mary and Lizzie out there at the time, as I do not remember their being at the old home after the funeral. Mary went to live with Aunt Frank, and Lizzie with Aunt Lizzie. My father, James, Will, and myself returned home. We kept house until sometime during the next summer. Will did the housework; James worked in the sawmill which my father owned, running the engine, young as he was. The next summer we visited at grandfather's again and Aunt Polly asked for me and I was left with her. My father afterwards sold the mill at Wirt and bought another one at Dupont. Will then made his home with Dr. Butler of Dupont, looking after his horses, doing chores and attending school. After about two years my father married and we were all taken home to Dupont, except Sallie, who remained with grandfather and grandmother until nearly the time of their death. My brother James did not live with us at Dupont. I think he must have remained with the old sawmill at Wirt, which was then owned by an uncle of ours. James stuck to sawmills all his life, and never seemed happy when away from one. In 1855 we moved to Sharpsville."

Of the move to Sharpsville, Harrison Burns, another son, said: "Some friends from Dupont had gone to Sharpsville to live, and my father and I concluded to go and see the country. We rode to Martinsville, walked to Mooresville then to Plainfield and on to Indianapolis, which had then, in the year 1854, about

twelve thousand inhabitants. We went on from there to Sharpsville and then returned to Dupont. When we moved to Sharpsville in the spring of 1855 I rode through on horseback. There wasn't a sign of a road within fifteen miles of Sharpsville. I sometimes went in the woods, which were very swampy, and sometimes on the railroad. All that spring two horses couldn't haul the wagons through the streets because of the mud. Nearly every one in the town had chills and fever. There were two doctors. Both were sick and lay in bed and dosed out quinine to those who were able to come for it."

The children of Maxa and Maria (Vawter) Burns were Jesse V., James, William V., Harrison, Livingston S., David V., Mary F., Elizabeth and Sarah J.

(1) Jesse V., son of Maxa and Maria (Vawter) Burns, was born June 9, 1830; died March 12, 1831.

(2) James, son of Maxa and Maria (Vawter) Burns, was born November 15, 1831; married October 18, 1859, to Nancy Smith, who was born August 17, 1843.

James Burns was an engineer. He always seemed infatuated with sawmills, and roved around the country from one sawmill to another. He died near Little Rock, Arkansas in March, 1903.

The children of James and Nancy (Smith) Burns:

a. Anna Gertrude, born August 18, 1864.

b. Joseph Lee, born July 21, 1870.

c. Charles F., born March 7, 1883.

Mrs James Burns and family live at Greenwood, Indiana.

(3) William V. Burns, son of Maxa and Maria (Vawter) Burns, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, December 19, 1833; married at Mooresville, Indiana, March 28, 1854, to Sarah W. Black; died August 11, 1885.

William V. Burns was said to have possessed a most remarkable memory. He could recite the whole New Testament through and could repeat the contents of a law book from beginning to end. His profession was that of a lawyer. He went into the army in 1862, serving in the Seventy-Ninth Indiana Regiment as judge advocate, and when mustered out he held the rank of captain.

Sarah (Black) Burns, the daughter of W. M. and Frances

Black, was born November 13, 1836. Lives at 340 West Henry street, West Indianapolis, Indiana. The children of William V. and Sarah (Black) Burns were William Conduit, Charles W. and Maggie Myrtle.

a. William Conduit Burns was born March 23, 1855; married to Mary M. Coleman March 21, 1878. Lives in Indianapolis, Indiana. No children.

b. Charles W. Burns was born January 6, 1857; died in 1858.

c. Maggie Myrtle Burns was born August 29, 1859; married to Marsh R. Whitson December 18, 1883. No children. Lives at 908 Elizabeth street, Ft. Worth, Texas.

(4) Harrison Burns, son of Maxa and Maria (Vawter) Burns, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, December 11, 1836; married March 22, 1870, to Mary Constance Smydth, the daughter of William C. and Constance Smydth, who was born July 18, 1847, in Bloomfield, Indiana, and died September 24, 1882.

Children of Harrison and Mary (Smydth) Burns, who was born and died March 14, 1871, and Lee Burns, who was born April 19, 1872. in Bloomfield, Indiana.

Harrison Burns was married, second, to Julia E. Tomlinson. One child, Byron Elliot, died in infancy.

Harrison Burns was married, third, to Mrs Georgia S. Minnick, July 3, 1891.

Harrison Burns went to live at his grandfather's near North Vernon, Indiana, shortly before the death of his mother, and remained there until his father married again. He then went home to Dupont, Indiana in 1849. He and his father built four houses in Dupont in year 1853, and then went down by boat into Louisiana, where they built a house for a planter, which took them five or six months, as the lumber was all prepared by hand. In 1855 his father moved to Sharpsville, and soon after that Harrison Burns went to Martinsville as a carpenter. The next year he was a cabin-boy on a river boat running from Cincinnati to New Orleans. In 1857 he went into his brother William's law office in Martinsville. He practiced law in Bloomfield, Indiana, for fourteen years. He was elected judge of the Common Pleas Court of Indiana, Ninth District, for two terms, beginning his

first term of office in 1868. In 1876 he was appointed by Gov. Hendricks as judge of the Marion Superior Court. He is the author of a number of law books, of which Burns' Indiana Digest and Burns' Indiana Statutes are the most widely known. Lives in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Lee Burns, the son of Harrison Burns, attended the Indianapolis High School and did some special work at Butler University. He has been associated with the Bobbs-Merrill Company of Indianapolis in various capacities since 1885. During the earlier years of his employment he attended school a portion of his time. He was a member of Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-Eighth Regiment of Indiana Infantry during the Spanish-American War. Is now employed in the publication department of the Bobbs-Merrill Company.

(5) Livingston S. Burns, son of Maxa and Maria (Vawter) burns, was born July 30, 1839; died March 3, 1843.

(6) David Vawter Burns, son of Maxa and Maria (Vawter) Burns, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, June 18, 1841; married November 29, 1869, to Eudora Danforth (the daughter of Albert Joseph and Matilda Haven Sewell Danforth), who was born March 16, 1849, in Newtown, Indiana.

David Burns received his early education in the common schools. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted as a private in the Twenty-Sixth Regiment Indiana Volunteers. He served during the war, being twice wounded and at one time a captive. After the close of the war he entered the Indiana State University. In 1866 he began the study of law and was graduated two years later from the Indianapolis Law School, and practiced his profession in Indianapolis. In 1870 he was elected district attorney, and in 1878 was elected judge of the Superior Court of Marion county, Indiana. In 1887, on account of failing health, he went to Denver, Colorado, to live. In the fall of 1891 he was elected judge of the district court, and remained on the bench until 1894. He received the degree of L.L. D. from Franklin College in 1897, and the appointment of referee of bankruptcy in 1902. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and has given

largely both of effort and money for its support. Lives at 2247 Marion street, Denver, Colorado.

The children of David V. and Eudora (Danforth) Burns:

a. Ida Burns, born in Indianapolis October 25, 1870; married June 27, 1893 to Oswald Alfred Patzold, who was born August 2, 1870, in Covington, Kentucky. Mr. Patzold is now superintendent of the Glenrock Coal Company and lives in Glenrock, Wyoming.

b. Grace Burns was born January 8, 1872; died July 25, 1872.

c. Danforth Burns was born August 19, 1873; died September 6, 1878.

d. Nellie Burns was born February 28, 1875; died June 28, 1875.

e. Edith Burns was born July 8, 1877, in Indianapolis. Is living with her parents in Denver, Colorado.

f. Edna Burns was born August 29, 1881, in Indianapolis; married to William McElvaine Sites, September 17, 1903, in Denver, Colorado. William Sites was born in Columbus, Ohio, November 16, 1877. Lives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and is superintendent of the gas department of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company.

(7) Mary F. Burns, daughter of Maxa M. and Maria (Vawter) Burns, was born at Wirt, Indiana, April 2, 1843; married April 27, 1872, to Dallas Newland, who was born January 13, 1844.

Mary F. Burns was about three years of age when her mother died. She went to her grandfather Vawter's for a while and then stayed with her Aunt Frances King for some time. When her father was married again she went with him to Dupont, Indiana. She was living in Indianapolis at the time of her marriage to Dallas Newland.

Dallas Newland's parents lived in Cumberland, Indiana. He was a teacher of music in the Institution for the Blind at Indianapolis at the time of his marriage. He died November 21, 1889.

Children of Dallas and Mary F. Newland:

a. George Ballard, born January 26, 1873, disappeared while working in Chicago.

b. James Edwin, born May 10, 1875; married May 28, 1897, to Elsie Cox, who was born November 21, 1878. Their children are Robert Nelson, born January 14, 1898, and Ralph Guy, born January 13, 1902.

c. Jesse Guy, born March 29, 1880; died January 19, 1902.

Mrs. Newland and son Edwin and family live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

(8) Elizabeth A., daughter of Maxa M. and Maria (Vawter) Burns, was born in Wirt, Indiana, September 27, 1844; married March 22, 1868, to Henry L. Bayley, who was born July 21, 1828; died January 22, 1896.

Elizabeth (Burns) Bayley lived at Wirt, Indiana, until the death of her mother, then lived with her aunt, Lizzie Stott, until her father married again. She was married at Sharpsville to Mr. Bayley. They moved from Sharpsville to Metamora, Michigan, and from there to Battle Creek. Mrs Bayley and her children are all living in Battle Creek, Michigan, except the oldest son, Henry W. Bayley, who lives in Metamora. Children of Henry L. and Elizabeth (Burns) Bayley:

a. Jennie May Bayley, born November 13, 1868, in Sharpsville, Indiana; married August 30, 1885, to Jesse L. Rossman.

Children: Cora Alice, born May 8, 1888; Elvie Elizabeth, born September 10, 1889; Arnold Jay, born December 15, 1891; Eva Grace, born May 6, 1894; Nellie Viola, born June 29, 1902.

b. Henry Ward Bayley, born April 30, 1870, in Kokomo, Indiana; married February 28, 1895, to Clara Summers. Children: Gladys, born March 27, 1897, and Gerald, born August 17, 1898.

c. Arthur Loring Bayley, born June 21, 1872, in Sharpsville, Indiana; married August 28, 1900, to Melinda G. Lamson.

d. Frank Wade Bayley, born November 16, 1874, in Sharpsville, Indiana.

e. Bertha Alice Bayley, born September 26, 1876; died July 31, 1877.

- f. Edith de Fluria Bayley, born December 6, 1879, in Sharpsville, Indiana.
 - g. Minnie Agnes Bayley, born September 26, 1882, in Sharpsville, Indiana.
 - h. Howard Glenn Bayley, born June 11, 1885, in Metamora, Michigan.
 - i. Willard Marion Bayley, born July 25, 1887, in Metamora, Michigan.
- (9) Sarah Jane Burns, daughter of Maxa and Maria (Vawter) Burns, was born in Wirt, Indiana, June 19, 1846. She was taken to her grandfather and grandmother Vawter when but four months old, her mother being very ill at the time, and dying two months later. She lived with her grandparents until eighteen years of age. When thirteen years old she had brain fever. When fourteen years of age she had rheumatism, not being able to walk a step for six months, and then using crutches for three years. She then had cerebro-spinal meningitis, which resulted in total loss of sight, but in almost a cure of the rheumatism. She entered the Institution for the Blind, taking up her studies where she left off, and graduating from there in three years, teaching reading, arithmetic and geography for one year in one of the grades. After all this time she still held to a cheerful confidence that she would see again. It was some time after the paralysis of the eyelids was overcome and the eyeballs (which were turned backward) had been turned into their natural position by a skillful doctor before she began to see, but gradually the sight was restored.

About 1871 Sallie Burns was employed as governess and teacher in an orphanage on Capital avenue, Indianapolis. She was there for five years and while there took charge of a boy, Frank G. George, and supported and educated him. He attended the public schools and then Franklin College for one year. Is now married and lives in Detroit. In 1876 Sallie Burns became matron of the Colored Orphans' Home, served there five years, and was then appointed church missionary for the First Baptist Church of Indianapolis. She was engaged in this work for two years and was then married, on December 31, 1883, to George B. Loomis.

Mr. Loomis, by a former marriage, had two children, Fred and Mary. Fred was afterwards married to Louise Wegmann and lives in Indianapolis. Mary was married to Henry Rogers and died, leaving two children. Mr. Loomis died November 27, 1887. Five years after his death Sallie (Burns) Loomis again took up church missionary work and has been engaged in some sort of regular church work ever since. She and her daughter Grace live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

George B. Loomis, the son of George and Esther Brace Loomis, was born in Bennington, New York, May 10, 1833. He early showed musical ability and was sent to New York City to be instructed by Lowell Mason. He taught music in Providence, Rhode Island, then came to Worcester, Ohio, and in 1864 was appointed superintendent of music in the public schools of Indianapolis, which position he held for seventeen years. During this time he published a series of music books which were used in the Indianapolis schools for years and are still in use in many cities of the United States. Mr. Loomis was a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Indianapolis.

Children of George and Sallie B. Loomis: Grace B., born March 25, 1885, in Indianapolis, and George D., born August 8, 1886; died July 17, 1887.

Grace B. Loomis is now attending Franklin College.

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Elizabeth (Vawter) Stott

Elizabeth Vawter, daughter of William and Frances Vawter, was born September 17, 1811, in Jefferson county, Indiana, near Madison, and while she was yet a young girl united with the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Her father moved to Jennings county, Indiana, when she was about sixteen years of age. She was married to John Stott about four years later. She was of a quiet, unassuming nature, but yet decided in her opinions. One of her children, in talking of her, said: "When mother spoke we always knew she meant what she said and we did what she

required. Father was a preacher, and in those days preachers received no remuneration for their services, but gave time and effort freely, making their living on their farms or in other business. The time given to traveling about preaching was just so much time taken away from the work by which the family lived; so the wives of preachers had more to contend with than other women. My mother was often worried in the early years of father's preaching because of the time spent away from the farm, but later grew reconciled and became the most patient person I ever saw. Every one was attracted by her sweet, lovable disposition. Her Christian influence on her own family was most marked. She and father labored and prayed for the conversion of their children, and lived to see them all, except Vawter, who died in infancy, members of the Zoar Baptist Church. Mother was confined to her bed for a year before her death. She died in Franklin, Johnson county, Indiana, November 17, 1893, aged eighty-two years."

John Stott was born March 14, 1811, in Woodford county, Kentucky. His parents moved to Jennings county, Indiana, in 1816. He worked on a farm until he was seventeen or eighteen years old, when he went to Vernon to learn the tanner's trade with his uncle. He was married to Elizabeth Vawter April 7, 1831, and they went to housekeeping in Vernon. In a short time they moved out on a farm near William Vawter's, the father of Elizabeth. Here John Stott divided his time between farming and tanning. He began preaching about 1848. Most of his time was given to local churches, and he did great good in strengthening weak churches. He united with the Vernon Church in 1828. John Stott and his wife lived on the same farm for fifty years. They celebrated their golden wedding there in 1881. Four years afterward they moved to the Hopewell neighborhood near Franklin, Indiana, in order to be near their son. Here John Stott died December 27, 1887, aged seventy-seven years.

Children of John and Elizabeth (Vawter) Stott were Vawter, Martha E., William T., Mary F. and Maria Jane.

(1) Vawter Stott, son of John and Elizabeth (Vawter) Stott, was born May 7, 1832; died March 12, 1835.

(2) Martha E. Stott, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Vawter) Stott, was born April 18, 1834, on the old farm near Vernon, Indiana. She united with the Zoar Baptist Church in 1850, and was baptized by the Rev. James B. Swincher. She lived at home until nineteen years of age, when she was married, November 3, 1853, to Maxa Moncrief, near Vernon, Indiana.

Maxa Moncrief was born July 11, 1832, in Jennings county, Indiana. His occupation was farming. He united with the Concord Baptist Church in 1850. Has lived in Franklin, Indiana, since 1879.

Children of Maxa and Martha (Stott) Moncrief:

- a. Jennie Moncrief, born April 19, 1855; died March 1, 1870.
- b. Caleb Moncrief, born April 2, 1858; died October 17, 1859.
- c. Emma Moncrief was born July 31, 1860, near Vernon, Indiana. She united with the North Vernon Baptist Church in 1874; was married July 24, 1895, to Robert D. Trick, who was born November 28, 1860, in South Wales. Emma Moncrief Trick died in Franklin, Indiana, March 31, 1902.

(3) William T. Stott, son of John and Elizabeth (Vawter) Stott, was born near Vernon, Indiana, May 22, 1836. He went to the district schools, and in 1854 attended an academy in Decatur county, Indiana. He united with the Zoar Baptist Church in his seventeenth year; began attending Franklin College in the winter of 1856-57, and was graduated in 1861. In July, 1861, he enlisted in the Eighteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was in the service until the close of 1864. Was for two years a private and for the remainder of the time captain of Company "I". He was in fifteen battles, being commander of the regiment in the last battle, which was at Cedar Creek, Virginia. In September, 1865, William T. Stott began a course of study in the Rochester Theological Seminary, New York, and graduated there in May, 1868. He was married to Arabella R. Tracy May 21, 1868; was pastor in Columbus, Indiana, 1868 to 1869; in 1869 was called to the acting presidency of Franklin College; was acting president a year and a half and professor of sciences for about a year and a half. He was elected president of the college in 1872, and has been president for thirty-two years. W. T. Stott has been

honored with several offices, such as president of the Indiana Baptist Convention, member of the board of visitors for the Home for Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans, member of the state board of education, member of the board of the Indiana Soldiers' Home, and has been associate editor of the Baptist Outlook for some time. In 1894 he visited Europe and Palestine. Lives in Franklin, Indiana.

Arabella (Tracy) Stott, the daughter of Isaac Storrs Tracy and Mary (Pierce) Tracy, was born in Tunbridge, Vermont, February 12, 1843. Her father moved to Rochester, New York, when she was a child, and she was educated there.

Children of William T. and Arabella (Tracy) Stott: Wilfred T., Grace E., Edith R., Cyril H. and Roscoe G.

a. Wilfred T. Stott, son of William T. and Arabella (Tracy) Stott, was born in Columbus, Indiana, March 5, 1869, and graduated at Franklin College in 1891. He was employed as a reporter by the Indianapolis papers for some time, then owned a paper in Columbus, Indiana. While there, he raised a volunteer company of which he was the captain. This company was in Governor Durbin's regiment in the Spanish War. Wilfred T. Stott was for a number of years on the staff of the Chicago Tribune. He is now assistant editor of Service, a Baptist Union magazine published in Chicago.

b. Grace E. Stott, daughter of William T. and Arabella (Tracy) Stott, was born November 29, 1871, in Franklin, Indiana. She graduated at Franklin College in 1894. She was college librarian until 1899. Was married June 15, 1899, to Rev. Clark R. Parker.

Clark R. Parker was born November 29, 1873, in East Trumbull, Ohio. He graduated at Franklin College in the class of 1898 and then went to the Boston Conservatory for instruction in music. He taught music in Franklin College for one year, then taught school in the Muncie high school for two years, then returned to Franklin as principal of the high school. In October, 1904, he became pastor of the La Porte Baptist Church.

Clark R. and Grace (Stott) Parker have one child, Cyril Rodney, who was born in Muncie, Indiana, May 4, 1901.

c. Edith R. Stott, daughter of William T. and Arabella (Tracy) Stott, was born in Franklin, Indiana, January 1, 1875. She attended Franklin College. She was married to Rev. Fred Glendower Kenny, October 29, 1903.

Fred Glendower Kenny was born in 1868 at Le Roy, New York. Is pastor of the Tipton, Indiana, Baptist Church.

d. Cyril H. Stott, son of William T. and Arabella (Tracy) Stott, was born November 8, 1877; died October 23, 1884.

e. Roscoe G. Stott, son of William T. and Arabella (Tracy) Stott, was born in Franklin, Indiana, October 29, 1880. He graduated at Franklin College in 1904, and is now in the University of Chicago.

(4) Mary F. Stott, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Vawter) Stott, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, May 17, 1840. She, like her mother, is of a retiring nature. She was much afflicted as a child, so seldom left home. When she was fifteen years of age her mother fell from a horse breaking her wrist and bruising herself. After that the care of the house fell on Mary. Jennie and Mary were both teachers in the Sunday-school for years while they lived in the old home. They united with the church in 1854, and were baptized by their father in the creek down by their grandfather's place. Mary came to Franklin in September, 1885 and is living there now with her sister, Mrs. Moncrief.

(5) Jennie M. Stott was born in Jennings county, Indiana, March 9, 1842. She was always of a cheerful disposition and a good student. She began teaching when seventeen years old and taught for several years. She was in college one year, but owing to sickness at home was compelled to return there. Afterwards she taught a private school in Franklin, Indiana. She was married to James N. Chaille June 23, 1881. In August, 1882, a daughter Bertha Elizabeth, was born, who lived for four years. Her husband died in fifteen weeks after the death of the little girl. Jennie S. Chaille then came back home to Franklin, where she remained until her death, June 7, 1894.

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John Taylor Vawter

John Taylor Vawter, son of William and Frances Vawter, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, August 20, 1813, and was married to Pamela Dwyer May 10, 1835. He and his wife and child, Edward, went to Iowa in the general land rush in 1839, when the government opened the land of that territory to the public. The land was then in the hands of rangers -- men who pastured their stock upon the lands but who did not own them. These rangers naturally objected to the incoming settlers, and even after these settlers had entered their claims and were living upon them the rangers tried to drive them away by persecution. John T. Vawter was arrested once for arson and four times for perjury upon statements sworn to by the rangers. Although he proved himself innocent every time he spent all he had in defending himself. About this time there came to Iowa a German preacher, who preached in both the German and English languages and who interested Mr. Vawter more than any one he had ever heard. The minister was one of a German community in Ohio. Later, John T. Vawter went sixty miles to hear another one of these preachers. This second minister told him of a German colony which was being organized in Shelby county, Missouri, and said that Mr. Vawter could become a member if he so desired. Mr. Vawter was very much pleased with the idea and went with his family to Missouri and united with the colony. At that time he had four children. These children learned to speak German long before their father did, and he said they would often come to him and ask questions that he could not make out. Their first education was entirely in German. There were only two American families in the colony. Mr. Vawter lived in the colony for about eighteen years, and says he remembers it as one of the happiest periods of his life. When the colony was first organized at Bethel, Missouri, the members lived in tents, and there were many more in the town

then, in 1845, than there are at the present time. Each family lived in its own house as soon as the houses could be built. Such improvements were made about the place as were deemed necessary by the elders and Mr. Kyle, who was the head. One of the directors came around each morning and said: "You go here, you work there, you plant, you plow," and so on. The women did the lighter kinds of work in the field, the girls and women also working in the glove factory and the woolen mill. The men worked on the farms, in the tannery, the distillery and at herding. There was a superintendent for each department - the farm, the factory, and so on. These superintendents were under the direction of the elders. The people were allowed provisions and clothing according to the number in the family, and the supply was abundant. Whisky was furnished also, but there was no drunkenness in the colony. No money was allowed to the members.

At first the colony was very poor, but it grew prosperous as the years passed, and the people lived better and had more time for amusements. At Elim, a short distance from Bethel, was the residence of Mr. Kyle, the leader. At this place was a great pavillion and concert hall. Here the people had two great festivals a year -- the May Festival and the Harvest Festival. At both of these they had an abundance of good things to eat and music and dancing. At Hebrun, one mile northwest of Bethel, was the colony cemetery.

Mr. Kyle, who was a minister and also the head of the colony, was a very remarkable man. He possessed a powerful personality and a wonderful control over the people. He ruled the colony in a manner which seemed to be for the best good of all. The people no more thought of questioning his authority than they would that of their Creator. Even the young people had to ask his consent when they thought of getting married.

John T. Vawter, while a member of the colony, at first lived in the town. He was a herder, and after a while moved out in the country, as it became necessary for him to attend to his herding at a greater distance from the town. He took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres, and the colony improved it. The first house they built for him was by the side of the creek. While

in this house the family constantly had the chills and fever. The colony then built a house for them on the hill, and after living there a while the chills left them. Mr. Vawter's father and mother visited him while in the colony.

Before the colony was disbanded a number of the members went to Oregon, among them Edward Vawter, the son of John T. Vawter. Mr. Kyle, the head of the colony, afterwards went to Oregon to bury his son who had died there, and as the members were not doing well he remained to take charge of the Oregon branch. He retained control of the Missouri branch, but appointed Andrew Giese as manager. Andrew Giese was in turn followed by Jacob Miller. Under these changes in leadership the colonists became dissatisfied.

About this time John T. Vawter went for a visit to his relatives in Indiana, and when he returned to Missouri decided to sever his connection with the colony. Although he had nothing when he went into the colony, when he left it he had his farm, which he had pre-empted, his house and barn and the stock upon the farm, and had in the meantime brought up a large family; so that his experience had not been a bad thing for him financially. On this farm were born his other three children by his first wife. Here his first wife died December 16, 1861. Here he was married second, to Mrs. N. S. Phillipper, July 12, 1866 and here his youngest child, Albert, was born. Soon after Mr. Vawter withdrew the colony was disbanded.

John T. Vawter and his wife are now living in Bethel, Missouri. He is ninety-two years old.

Children of John T. and Pamela (Dwyer) Vawter were Edward, Frances, Katherine, Michael, Louisa and John T., Jr.,

(1) Edward Vawter, son of John T. and Pamela (Dwyer) Vawter, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, November 21, 1838; married in Portland, Oregon, February 12, 1865, to Barbara Kroher, who was born September 30, 1838, in Bavaria, Germany, and died July 3, 1866.

Edward Vawter's first education was in German in the colony. Both his children and grandchildren speak the German language

as well as the English. In 1863 he, with a number of others from the colony, went to Oregon. He drove an ox-team across the plains, landing at Portland, Oregon, October 6, 1863, and was engaged in cutting cord-wood, making rails, etc., until he married the first time, when he went to farming, and has followed that occupation since.

Edward Vawter was married the second time to Catherine Gunnerman, December 7, 1871. She was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, February 8, 1842. They are now living in Bates City, Missouri.

Children of Edward and Barbara (Kroher) Vawter:

a. George Adam Vawter was born in Aurora, Marion county, Oregon, June 10, 1866; married in Bethel, Shelby county, Missouri, September 30, 1888, to Katy A. Luty, who was born in Bethel, Missouri, May 18, 1864. Children:

Edgar Frederick Vawter, born in Bethel, Missouri, March 10, 1890.

Frank Edward Vawter, born January 7, 1892; died February 18, 1892.

Wilbur Luty Vawter, born May 19, 1893.

Bertha May Vawter, still-born, January 9, 1896.

Clifford George Vawter, born January 6, 1900.

George A. Vawter went from Bethel, Missouri, to Newport Washington, in 1901. He is in the real estate business and is also a dealer in wood.

Childred of Edward and Catherine (Gunnerman) Vawter:

a. Frank Wesley Vawter was born June 13, 1873; married April 27, 1898, to Emma Graupner, who was born December 7, 1876. Children: Freda Mildred, born July 27, 1899, and Edna Catherine, born September 18, 1901.

Frank W. Vawter is living in Newport, Washington.

b. William Alfred Vawter, son of Edward and Catherine (Gunnerman) Vawter, was born February 13, 1876; married June 12, 1901, to Mary Virginia Straughter, who was born December 5, 1875. No children. They live in San Dimas, California.

(2) William Vawter, son of John Taylor and Pamela (Dwyer)

Vawter, was born near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, September 20, 1840. He enlisted from Shelby county, Missouri, in April, 1863, to serve three years or during the war. He was mustered into the United States service at St. Louis, Missouri, as a private of Captain James M. Collier's Company "G", Eleventh Regiment Cavalry, Missouri Volunteers, Colonel William D. Wood commanding. This regiment took part in the action at Spring Town, from where it marched to Jacksonport and participated in that fight, April 26, 1864. In May the regiment was ordered to Duvall's Bluff, Arkansas, and during its stay there took part in the engagements at Ashley's and Jones' Stations, Augusta, Searcy, Dardanelle and Morristown, and marched over ten thousand miles in expeditions, raids and scouts. In November, 1864, the regiment was ordered to Brownsville, Arkansas, and attached to the Second Brigade, Cavalry Division, Seventh Army Corps; in February, 1865, was ordered to Little Rock, Arkansas, remaining there until May; thence to New Orleans, en route for the Rio Grande. On arriving at New Orleans in July the order was countermanded and the regiment ordered to Benton Barracks, Missouri. It was mustered out of service July 27, 1865, at Greenville, Louisiana, thence moved to Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, and received final pay and discharge August 11, 1865.

William Vawter, in the spring of 1865, was confined in the hospital at Little Rock, Arkansas, owing to illness, and when he returned to St. Louis found that his company had been disbanded. He received an honorable discharge at St. Louis on the 11th of August, 1865, by reason of the close of war. He was married April 5, 1866, at Shelbyville, Missouri, to Matilda F. McKinnon Christman, who was born November 14, 1843, in St. Louis county, Missouri. She was married first to William Christman, who was one of the Union soldiers massacred by the Quantrell band of outlaws in the battle of Centralia, Missouri.

William Vawter's eyes were injured during the war and he was mustered out almost blind. Several years after the war he engaged in the mercantile business in Ivanhoe, Missouri; sold out his business there in 1885, and with his family moved to Meade county, Kansas, where he took a homestead of one

hundred and sixty acres of land, but the hot winds and grasshoppers in the summer and the blizzards in the winter soon drove the family away. They moved to Polk county, Missouri, where William bought a farm. Selling this farm, he moved to Bullion, Adair county, Missouri. Shortly after this, in 1893, he eyes began to grow worse, and in a short time he became blind and has been so ever since. He lives with his son William in Brashear, Missouri.

Children:

a. Colonel Vawter, son of William and Matilda Vawter, was born January 26, 1867. He was married June 7, 1896, to Ida Rahe at Bullion, Adair county, Missouri, and has one son, Emil, who was born October 14, 1898. Colonel Vawter is a blacksmith and wagon-maker, living at Brashear, Missouri.

b. William Scott Vawter, son of William and Matilda Vawter, was born March 28, 1873, in Shelby county, Missouri. He came to Brashear, Missouri, in 1893, and is an attorney of that place and a member of board of trustees of the town. He was elected for four consecutive times Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge. He is an Odd Fellow, and has held the highest offices in that lodge. He recently received his commission as district deputy grand master of the Odd Fellows for District No. 59. William S. Vawter takes an active interest in politics. He is, moreover, a great student of ancient history, and it is said that there are few men in Missouri so well informed as he on that subject.

c. Pamela, daughter of William and Matilda Vawter, died in infancy.

Matilda Vawter, wife of William, died April 16, 1899.

(3) Frances Vawter, daughter of John T. and Pamela (Dwyer) Vawter, was born January 3, 1843, in Iowa, near Cedar Rapids, and was two years of age when her father united with the German colony in Missouri. She lived in Bethel, Missouri, for ten years when her father moved his family out on a farm near there. She was sixteen years old when her mother died, and she then took charge of the house until her father married again; then went to Shelbyville, Missouri, and lived with a family by

the name of Carley until she was married. Was married December 18, 1870, to John George Burckhardt. John G. Burckhardt was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, September 24, 1842. When twelve years of age he came to this country with his parents and settled in Glen Cove, Rhode Island. In May, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company G, Fourth New York Volunteer Infantry; was discharged May, 1863 as sergeant; shipped November, 1864, in the United States Navy; discharged October, 1865, from the United States ship Anemone at the New York navy yard. After that he lived with his parents at Allentown, Pennsylvania, and worked in a rolling mill. In 1869 he came to Shelbyville, Missouri, and there was married to Frances Vawter. Mr. Burckhardt has a large farm near Bethel, Missouri. He makes a specialty of raising fine stock, particularly thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and draft horses and sheep. He is an Odd Fellow, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, a school director, a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, and is one of the prominent farmers who has been chosen by the government to send in regular monthly reports of the weather conditions and the crops. Ivanhoe Stock Farm, Bethel, Missouri.

Children of John G. and Frances (Vawter) Burckhardt:

- a. Sarah Ann Burckhardt, born February 28, 1873; married October 17, 1896, to Henry W. Boeckley. They live near Bethel, Missouri, and have one child, Enid Beth, who was born May 12, 1902.
- b. John Frederick Burckhardt was born February 14, 1875; married April 19, 1903, to Minnie Baker, who was born October 3, 1880, in Ohio. They live near Bethel, Missouri.
- c. Lulu Christina Burckhardt was born June 1, 1876; died February 1, 1898.
- d. Margaret Pamela Burckhardt, born May 27, 1878.
- e. Mary Elizabeth Burckhardt was born September 27, 1879.
- f. George Burckhardt was born January 12, 1882.
- g. Mamie Burckhardt was born May 4, 1884.

(4) Katherine Vawter, daughter of John Taylor and Pamela (Dwyer) Vawter, was born near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 1, 1845; moved with her parents when still an infant to the German

colony at Bethel, Missouri, remaining in the town until ten years of age. Her father then moved out on a farm near Bethel. Here she lived, with the exception of three years spent in the town, until she was married, March 29, 1866, to George Vanosdol.

George Vanosdol was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, October 13, 1840. In 1856 he moved to Shelby county, Missouri, assisting his father there in farming. He served in the army, returning to Shelby county, Missouri, in 1865. He has been engaged in farming for the most of his life. Is now living near Plevna, Missouri.

Children of George and Katherine Vanosdol:

- a. Mary Catherine, born October 13, 1866; married April 9, 1891, to Joseph Brooks, who is a lumber manufacturer living at Bonner's Ferry, Idaho. Children: Artemus, born December 30, 1893; Gerald, born August 25, 1894, and Aurora, born September 2, 1896.
- b. Emiline Vanosdol was born August 1, 1868; married March 7, 1889, to George W. Baltzer, who is a farmer and trader living at Epworth, Missouri. Children: Pearl, born January 17, 1890, and Harry, born October 26, 1891.
- c. James Monroe Vanosdol was born March 9, 1870; married October 20, 1894, to Mollie Pence. James M. Vanosdol is a farmer and trader living near Epworth, Missouri. No Children.
- d. Frances Ann Vanosdol was born February 28, 1872; married February 1, 1893, to Albert Campbell Staggs; died April 16, 1893.
- e. Scott Vanosdol was born February 10, 1874; married April 23, 1892, to Elizabeth Gibbs. He is a farmer and trader living near Epworth, Missouri. No children.
- f. Sarah Hotchkiss Vanosdol was born Mary 4, 1876; married July 19, 1897, to W. R. Perrigo. They live in Naples, Idaho. They have two children, Floyd and Bertha Winifred.
- g. Mattie Belle Vanosdol was born November 23, 1878; married November 3, 1895, to W. W. Wilcox, who is a farmer and trader living near Shelbyville, Missouri. Children: William Gilbert, born November 26, 1896, and Laurence, born October 30, 1900.

- h. William Weaver Vanosdol was born December, 11, 1880. Lives in Rush Center, Kansas.
- i. Cora Lee Vanosdol was born April 11, 1883.
- j. Lulu Ludica Vanosdol was born July 9, 1886
- k. Isaac Morton Vanosdol was born February 7, 1889.
- (5) Mary Vawter, daughter of John Taylor and Pamela (Dwyer) Vawter, was born October 9, 1847; died April 21, 1858.
- (6) Michael Vawter, son of John Taylor and Pamela (Dwyer) Vawter, was born April 6, 1851; married Rebecca ___ in Lexington, Missouri. No children.
- (7) Louisa Vawter, daughter of John Taylor and Pamela (Dwyer) Vawter, was born November 17, 1853, in Shelby county, Missouri; married in Knox county, Missouri, June 15, 1874, to Thomas Tanksley, who was born in Hancock county, Illinois, March 1, 1855. They live at Fern Hill, Washington. Children of Thomas and Louise (Vawter) Tanksley:
 - a. Charles Wesley Tanksley, born September 11, 1875, in Shelby county, Missouri.
 - b. Samuel Tanksley, born in Schuyler county, Illinois, June 18, 1877; died September 11, 1878.
 - c. Minnie Tanksley, born in Illinois January 22, 1879; died March 22, 1884.
 - d. Albert Tanksley, born in Illinois March 11, 1881; married August 23, 1900, to Christena S. Wesaw, of Lake View, Washington.
 - e. Thomas Oliver Tanksley, born in Illinois April 19, 1883.
 - f. James Mitton Tanksley, born in Lafayette county, Missouri, September 21, 1888.
 - g. Henry Franklin Tanksley, born in Lafayette county, Missouri, August 25, 1891.
- (8) John T. Vawter, Jr. son of John Taylor and Pamela (Dwyer) Vawter, was born near Bethel, Missouri, December 11, 1855, married at Kirby, Missouri, December 12, 1875, to Ida E. Springsteen, who was born August 22, 1858, in New York City. Children: Charles William Vawter, who was born near Kirby, Missouri, February 2, 1877; married December 7, 1900, to

- Daisy Tolle, who was born near Bethel, Missouri, in 1877. Charles William Vawter died November 27, 1891.
- John T. Vawter, Jr., has worked at teaming and farming for the most of his life. Lives now in Bethel, Missouri.
- (9) Albert C. Vawter, son of John T. Vawter and his second wife, was born near Bethel, Missouri, July 7, 1869; married, near Shelbyville, Missouri, July 26, 1891, to Frances Josephine Churchwell, who was born near Emden, Missouri, July 27, 1870. Children:
 - a. Francis Marion, born April 2, 1893.
 - b. Vernon Day, born August 4, 1894.
 - c. Arthur Lee, born September 20, 1895.
 - d. Annie Gladys, born May 9, 1897.
 - e. Mary Ruth, born July 14, 1900.
- Albert C. Vawter is a lumber grader living at Newport, Washington.

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Williamson Dunn Vawter

Williamson Dunn Vawter, son of William and Frances Vawter, was born August 28, 1815, at Mt. Glad, near Madison, Indiana. His father moved to Jennings county, Indiana, when he was about twelve years of age. He attended the country schools, his first text books being a spelling book and the New Testament, then the American First Class Book. Among his teachers was Mrs. Lard, a noted teacher in the early days of Indiana. Williamson's father proposed to make a farmer of his son, but the boy had no liking for that vocation and left his father's home soon after reaching the age of twelve years. He went to Kentucky to a cousin by the name of Stapp, with whom he stayed for a time. Afterwards he went to live with his uncle, Colonel John Vawter, for whom he had a great affection. John Vawter wanted to make a business man of Williamson. The first work of the boy was driving an ox-team between Vernon and Madison, carrying merchandise for his uncle's store, which was located in Vernon and was the great emporium for a vast region

of country. This work, which was full of adventure and danger, the roads being bad and the woods affording lurking places for occasional savages, just suited the daring spirit of the boy. Later he became a clerk in the mercantile house of his uncle, and then a partner in the same store with his cousin, Smith Vawter. Williamson and Smith Vawter carried on business together in the same brick building at the old Vawter corner in Vernon for forty years. Williamson Vawter was the junior partner. He was also postmaster of Vernon for a number of years, a leader in temperance work and treasurer and custodian of the American Bible Society from its organization until he moved to California. He did not despise the day of small things, but was ever ready to assist in any measure for the good of the community. He took a lively interest in municipal politics; was a whig during the life of that party and a member of the republican party from its birth; was an abolitionist in principle; voted for General William Henry Harrison for president of the United States and also voted for Benjamin Harrison in 1888.

Williamson D. Vawter and family went from Vernon, Indiana, to Los Angeles county, California, in 1875, W. D. Vawter being one of the original members of the "Indiana Colony." This colony bought land where Pasadena now stands. The climate of Santa Monica, however, seemed to offer superior attractions, and there Williamson Vawter and sons bought property and engaged in business, partaking actively in every measure for the good of the town. W. D. Vawter was one of the founders of the first church organized and built in Santa Monica -- the Presbyterian Church. The first street railway in Santa Monica was built, owned and operated by Williamson Vawter and his two sons, W. S. and E. J. Vawter. The First National Bank of Santa Monica was organized by himself and sons, and the largest brick block there was built by same. W. D. Vawter was president of the bank at one time, and at the time of his death was still engaged in that business.

Williamson D. Vawter was married July 15, 1834, to Mary Charlotte Tilghman Crowder, who was born May 12, 1817, and

died September 22, 1851, and was buried in the Vernon cemetery. The children of Williamson D. and Mary Charlotte Tilghman (Crowder) Vawter were Mary Ellen, May, Jane Cravens, Aramantha Charlotte, William Smith and Edwin James.

Williamson D. Vawter was married, second, November 10, 1852, to Charlotte Augusta Knowlton, who was born in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, July 31, 1819 and died in Santa Monica, California, December 27, 1893. Children of Williamson and Charlotte (Knowlton) Vawter were Emma Knowlton and Charles Knowlton.

Williamson D. Vawter died in Santa Monica, California, July 10, 1894.

Children:

(1) Mary Ellen Vawter, daughter of Williamson D. and Mary (Crowder) Vawter, was born in Vernon, Indiana, October 23, 1836. At the age of eighteen she began teaching, but after teaching two years at May Hill and Deer Creek her eyesight failed and she was compelled to remain a year in a dark room. When twenty-three years of age she was married to Ward Leavitt, of Chautauqua, New York. Children: Charles Dunn, born February 16, 1862; died October 2, 1862; Florence May, born August 3, 1865. In the spring of 1875 Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt and daughter went to Los Angeles county, California, with the family of E. J. Vawter. They were stockholders in the Indiana Colony. After a few months' sojourn at Pasadena and Los Angeles, they came to Santa Monica. In 1880 they went back to Pasadena, and after seven years of orange ranch life there they returned to Santa Monica, where Mr. Leavitt died, October 23, 1896.

(2) May Vawter, daughter of Williamson D. and Mary (Crowder) Vawter, was born in Vernon, Jennings county, Indiana, March 4, 1838. She was educated in the Vernon schools. She stood well in her classes and had a fair musical education; taught school in Lafayette, Indiana, with her uncle, A. J. Vawter, who was at that time superintendent of the Lafayette schools; traveled through the southern and eastern states and Canada and came to the Pacific coast with her father's family in 1875. She was

married in the spring of 1876 by Rev. Dr. Condit, to Switzer Soutter Harwood, M. D., at her father's home in Santa Monica, California. Mr. and Mrs. Harwood lived in San Pablo, California, then in San Francisco, going afterwards to Yreka, Siskiyou county, the extreme northern portion of California. They then went to Sydney, Australia, to live, May V. Harwood making the voyage to and from there several times. She died in Sydney, Australia, March 1, 1884. May (Vawter) Harwood was self-reliant, active, daring and adventurous from her childhood. She united with the Vernon Presbyterian Church and was one of the charter members of the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica, California.

Dr. Switzer Soutter Harwood was born in London, England. He went with his parents to Sydney, Australia, where he remained for a short time, returning to England to complete his education. He came to San Francisco in 1875, and in that same year to southern California. In Santa Monica he met and married May Vawter. There were no children.

(3) Jane Cravens Vawter, daughter of Williamson D. and Mary (Crowder) Vawter, was born in Vernon, Indiana, April 17, 1840. The name Cravens was given in honor of a political friend of her father. She was interested in political and national questions from childhood and became a staunch abolitionist at ten years of age. She received her education, for the most part, in the private and public schools of Vernon, and afterwards continued her studies under the direction of the family physician, Dr. J. C. Burt, following the course of study laid out in the catalogue of Hanover College. She then took special courses of reading for several years. At twenty years of age she taught for several months in the public schools of Indianapolis, and again at twenty-two. She was a teacher of the higher English and algebra, besides other branches. She united with the Vernon Presbyterian Church April 17, 1864; was the projector and one of the founders of the first Sunday-school in Santa Monica, California. The school was organized and carried on for some weeks in the W. D. Vawter homestead. Jennie Vawter was a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica; served for a time as Sunday-

school superintendent, and later took charge of a class of boys and girls, thirty in number, taking them from ten years of age until they were men and women. She was one of two solicitors who collected funds for the erection of the beautiful building of the Presbyterian Church now in use in Santa Monica, California, a building made possible by the generosity and sympathy of her father and mother, with their family. She and her sister Emma live together in the old homestead in Santa Monica.

(4) Aramantha Charlotte Vawter, daughter of Williamson D and Mary (Crowder) Vawter, was born in Vernon, Indiana, September 25, 1841. She was educated in the Jennings Academy in Vernon and in the Female College at Oxford, Ohio. She commenced to teach school when not quite seventeen years old in Scipio, Indiana, afterward taking a school in the country at a place called the "Forks of Graham." After this she resumed her studies, and later taught for a time in Lafayette, Columbus and Vernon, Indiana. She was married October 16, 1866, at her father's home in Vernon, to Septimius Vater of Lafayette, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Vater are members of the oldest literary society in Lafayette (the Parlor Club), and are the members of the longest standing in it. Mrs. Vater is also a member of the Monday Club -- a woman's organization. She is a Presbyterian in religious belief and was for many years president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the church and also held the office of president of the Missionary Society of the Crawfordsville Presbytery for several years. During the last year she was ordained a deaconess in her own church. Is a member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association, and was the first president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Lafayette.

Septimius Vater was born August 20, 1844, in Cincinnati, Ohio. His father, Thomas Vater, was from the vicinity of Liverpool, England. He married Eleanor Palmer of London, and they came to America with their two children. Mrs. Vater, then a widow came to Indianapolis with her family in 1852.

Septimuis Vater received his education there and learned the printers' trade and also telegraphy.

In the fall of 1863 he returned to Cincinnati

and worked in the office of the Times for more than a year. In October, 1864, he went to Lafayette, Indiana, and became business manager of the Courier. In January, 1869, Mr. Vater bought the Lafayette Journal in partnership with Benjamin B. Barron, who died about a year and a half afterward. Mr. Vater then conducted the paper alone until 1882, when he sold it and spent a year or more in California with his family. In March, 1885, Mr. Vater purchased the Evening Call. This paper he published for over ten years, when he sold out. In 1898 he bought stock and went into Perrin's National Bank as an officer. When that bank consolidated with the Merchant National he became treasurer of the Lafayette Loan and Trust Company.

Children of Septimius and Aramantha (Vawter) Vater:

a. Williamson Dunn Vater was born May 17, 1868. He was educated at Princeton Seminary. He was married November 29, 1899, to Grace Barker of Logansport, Indiana, who was born April 16, 1873. Williamson Vater is a Presbyterian minister, preaching in Oxford, Indiana.

b. Thomas Eugene Vater was born April 5, 1871; died July 15, 1871.

c. Agnes Eugenie Vater was born June 29, 1872. She is an active member of the young ladies' literary society of Lafayette, Indiana; is a member of the Presbyterian Church and superintendent of the primary department of the Sabbath-school; has traveled abroad and in her own country.

(5) William Smith Vawter, son Williamson and Mary (Crowder) Vawter, was born near Vernon, Jennings county, Indiana, April 1, 1845. He passed through the various grades of the school in Vernon and graduated in a commercial college in Cincinnati, Ohio. Returning to Vernon, was deputy county clerk for about a year, when he became editor and proprietor of the Vernon Banner, which he continued to run successfully for two years. In 1875 he, with his father and brother, moved to California, and they were among those who helped in the first building up of the town of Santa Monica, on the shores of the Pacific ocean, twenty miles from Los Angeles. Here William Vawter took part in the affairs of the community. When the

public school was started he became one of the trustees, serving three years. When the village became a city he was elected a trustee and served in that capacity for four years. He, together with his father and brother, organized the First National Bank of Santa Monica and built the street-car line from Santa Monica to the Soldiers' Home. William S. Vawter has always been a republican in politics and an earnest worker in his party. When Benjamin Harrison was the chief executive of the nation W. S. Vawter was appointed to the position of postmaster of Santa Monica, which position he held until the election of Mr. Cleveland, when he tendered his resignation.

William S. Vawter was married in 1868 to Sarah McClaskey, daughter of Judge Isaac McClaskey of Jackson county, Indiana. Sarah (McClaskey) Vawter was born August 20, 1852, at Salem, Indiana. Children:

a. A son, born January 15, 1875; died at birth.

b. Mary Charlotte Vawter was born July 29, 1871. She attended school at the Western College, Oxford, Ohio, and afterwards graduated in Hanna College in Los Angeles, California. She was married June 2, 1891, to John Rigdon Moore, who was born in Washington, D. C., October 2, 1863. John R. Moore is the son of John Francis and Bettie (Rigdon) Moore, and the grandson of William Moore, one of the oldest residents of Washington City. He was educated at the public schools in Washington and at Emerson Institute. Is connected with a bank in Los Angeles, California.

(6) Edwin James Vawter, son of Williamson D. and Mary (Crowder) Vawter, was born in Vernon, Jennings county, Indiana, November 26, 1848. He was educated in the public and private schools of Vernon. He early showed a decided tendency for business and made his first venture as a newspaper man on the Vernon Banner. He was soon taken into partnership with his father, W. D. Vawter, in general merchandise, at the old "Vawter Corner" in Vernon. The firm name was W. D. and E. J. Vawter. On the removal of the W. D. Vawter family to California in 1875 the partnership between father and son continued.

E. J. Vawter was a stockholder and pioneer in the "Indiana Colony," which located where Pasadena, California, is now. The Vawter families afterwards settled in Santa Monica, Los Angeles county, California, and, the business expanding by the addition of lumber yards, barley and planing mills, W. S. Vawter also became a partner.

E. J. Vawter then organized a company to carry on real estate transactions, banking, railroading, etc. He, with his father and brother, organized the First National Bank of Santa Monica in 1888, and he was elected cashier. During this time they incorporated, built and operated the first street railway in Santa Monica, afterwards selling their road to the Los Angeles and Pacific Electric Railway Company. The First National Bank of Santa Monica was sold in 1893 to Senator Jones of Nevada, and was soon after disorganized, a state institution taking its place.

Together with his father and brother E. J. Vawter then organized a commercial company and also a state bank, called "The Commercial Bank of Santa Monica," W. S. Vawter being elected president. W. D. Vawter dying in the summer of 1894, W. S. Vawter withdrew from the company, and E. J. Vawter succeeded to the presidency of the bank and was the controller of the commercial company's affairs. Having brought the interests of the Vawter families to a condition where he could close out the banking business without too great a sacrifice, he took that step in 1899. He remains the president and manager of the commercial company, which represents the properties left himself and four sisters by the will of their father. He is now president of the First National Bank of Ocean Park, California.

E. J. Vawter is also engaged in floriculture, making a specialty of the cultivation of the carnation and the violet for the market. His carnation field is said to be the largest flower garden in the world. From twelve to twenty thousand blooms are cut from it daily. The Vawter carnation fields are considered one of the wonders of California, and are visited by people from all parts of the world.

In politics E. J. Vawter is a republican. He cast his first presidential vote for Grant in 1872; was a member of the town council

of Vernon, Indiana, for two years; was twice a delegate to state, once to congressional, and many times to county conventions while in Indiana. In California he was three times state delegate and often was delegate to county conventions; was for six years a member of the city council of Santa Monica, and for six years a member of the school board. He united with the Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica, California, March 8, 1896.

Edwin J. Vawter was married at Vernon, Indiana, May 25, 1870, to Laura Dixon by Rev. Washington Malick. Laura (Dixon) Vawter, the daughter of Samuel M. and Belinda (Foster) Dixon, of Vernon, was born May 20, 1851; died March 1, 1886. There was one child, Edwin J. Vawter, Jr.

Edwin J. Vawter was married, second, September 18, 1888, to Mrs. Isabell L. Nelson, daughter of William and Rose (Ward) Cummings, who was born November 7, 1857. There are no children of the second marriage, but Mr. Vawter and wife are rearing two little girls, Charlotte and Ida Belle Baird, whose parents are both dead.

a. Edwin James Vawter, Jr., son of Edwin J. and Laura (Dixon) Vawter, was born in Vernon, Jennings county, Indiana, June 10, 1871. He was taken by his father and mother to California in 1875. After the death of his mother in 1886 he went to his grandfather's to live. At sixteen years of age he entered Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana, where he remained one year. In 1888 he entered the University of California at Berkeley. He was taken with an attack of typhoid fever during the Christmas holidays and was unable to return to school that year. In 1889 he accepted a clerkship in the First National Bank of Santa Monica, California. After this bank was sold to Senator Jones he remained with the new bank which was soon organized until it was in complete running order; was paying teller during the panic of 1893. On the organization of the Commercial Bank of Santa Monica in 1894 he accepted a place in that bank, and within a year was advanced to the position of cashier. Politically he is a republican. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and organized a company of the "Uniform Rank" at Santa Monica, which he served as captain for two years, resigning to accept a

position as adjutant of First Battalion, Third Regiment; is also a Mason. He united with the Presbyterian Church in boyhood and has served as a trustee for several years. In 1898 he went on a voyage to Honolulu, where he remained four months. On his return, he became cashier in the Main Street Savings Bank of Los Angeles, California, and now is cashier in the United States National Bank of Los Angeles.

Edwin J. Vawter, Jr. , was married March 8, 1899, to Bessie M. Channell, daughter of Sewell and Ellen Channell, who was born in Arkansas City, Kansas, January 29, 1874. Her father moved to Piedmont, a suburb of San Francisco, and later to Los Angeles, California. She received her education in Kansas and in Canada, completing her course at Snell Seminary, Oakland, California, in 1892.

Children:

- a. A son, born and died July 4, 1901.
 - b. Marjorie Dixon Vawter, daughter of Edwin J. and Bessie (Channell) Vawter, was born in Los Angeles, California, March 12, 1903.
- (7) Emma Knowlton Vawter, daughter of Williamson D. and Charlotte (Knowlton) Vawter, was born in Vernon, Indiana, August 21, 1853. She received her education in the public schools of Vernon, Indiana, and in the Western Seminary and College at Oxford, Ohio, where she graduated in 1873. She came to California in 1875 with her father's family. She is an excellent musician, has taught the piano to some extent, and has been organist in the church during her life in Santa Monica. She lives with her sister Jennie in the old home place in Santa Monica.
- (8) Charles Knowlton Vawter, son of Williamson D. and Charlotte (Knowlton) Vawter, was born in Vernon, Indiana, September 7, 1855. He was delicate from birth, having a spinal difficulty. He was fond of music and books, especially of poetry. When still a lad he would listen for hours to the reading of Shakespeare and Dante. He came with his father's family to California in 1875. His spinal trouble increased, causing loss of sight, which became complete two years before his death. He

died September 29, 1879, and was buried in the Santa Monica cemetery.

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Jesse R. Vawter

Jesse R. Vawter, son of William and Frances Vawter, was born July 11, 1817, in Jefferson county, near Madison, Indiana. He gives the following account of his life in a record book in which he kept very carefully the dates of births, marriages and deaths in the families of his children:

"I was married May 4, 1837, to Sarah Parks, who was born August 31, 1822. We first went to housekeeping on my father-in-law's place on Gray's Branch, Jennings county, Indiana, where we lived about three years. Then I built a double cabin on my own land on Fish creek, where I lived nearly two years, and then moved on father's place. After I sold my land on Fish creek father gave me five acres of land and I bought forty acres of him at another place, where I lived for five years. I then traded with father and got a small farm on the creek one mile below his home. I stayed there sixteen years, when I lost my health, traded my farm for town property, and moved to North Vernon in the spring of 1867. I lived there one year and then gave my town property to my son, William A. Vawter, for the support of myself and wife. This property he put into a farm in Campbell township, Jennings county, Indiana. In the spring of 1868 I moved with him on the farm and lived in the same house with him until I built a small hewed log house on the same farm, where I now live, this 23d day of November, 1875."

William A. Vawter (the son) afterwards moved to Kansas, and as Jesse Vawter and wife did not wish to go so far away, they went to live with their daughter, Mrs. Mattie West, who cared for her father for ten years before his death, and with whom the mother is now living. Jesse Vawter was a member of the Baptist Church for sixty-six years. He died at Vernon, Indiana, May 13, 1900.

The children of Jesse R. and Sarah (Parks) Vawter were:

Margaret B., Elizabeth S., William A., Smith W., John S., Sarah Frances, James George, Elvira Ann, Jesse Philemon, Aramantha Maria and Ida Olive.

(1) Margaret B. Vawter, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Parks) Vawter, was born October 21, 1838; married August 16, 1866, to Lewis Wagner, a farmer of Vernon, Indiana, who was born June 18, 1832, and who died January 29, 1904.

Children:

- a. Jesse R. Wagner, born June 21, 1867; died June 21, 1867.
- b. Ethel Wagner,, born January 1, 1871; married June 18, 1890, to Martin A. Shepherd. They have one child, Ralph, who was born September 16, 1895.

Martin A. Shepherd was born January 12, 1863. He is a bookkeeper for the Union Selling Company, in the Majestic Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

(2) Elizabeth S. Vawter, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Parks) Vawter, was born November 30, 1840; married March 6, 1856, to Thomas Clarkson, who was born September 29, 1832.

Children:

- a. Albert V. Clarkson, born April 25, 1860; died May 31, 1860.
- b. Clara Belle Clarkson, born July 30, 1861; married April 8, 1884, to William Pool.
- c. Emma Alice Clarkson, born November 17, 1862; married June 17, 1881, to Williard Whitcomb. Elwood, Indiana.
- d. Elvin Grant Clarkson, born July 16, 1864; died May 26, 1865.
- e. Thomas Osborn Clarkson, born December 2, 1866. Lives in Butlerville, Indiana.
- f. Jesse F. Clarkson, born August 15, 1870. Lives in Vernon, Indiana.
- g. Edith Idella Clarkson, born February 4, 1874; married_____. Lives in Elwood, Indiana.

Bertha May Clarkson, born December 31, 1878; married_____. Elwood, Indiana.

(3) William Allan Vawter, son of Jesse and Sarah (Parks) Vawter, was born July 13, 1842; married at Brewersville,

Indiana, March 28, 1861, to Angeline E. Cheever, who was born in Brewersville, Indiana, July 24, 1842. William A. Vawter enlisted during the Civil War in Company E, Eighty-second Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, August 13, 1862, and served until the close of the war. Was never wounded or sick, although he took part in many battles, among them were those at Perryville, Kentucky; Stone River, Tennessee; Tullahoma, Tennessee; Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Kennesaw Mountain, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, and many other minor engagements. William Vawter is a farmer living in Edna, Kansas.

Children:

a. Amelia Frances Vawter was born near North Vernon, Jennings county, Indiana, March 19, 1862; married to H. L. Holton, who was born in Bethel, Ripley county, Indiana, April 22, 1858. He is a farmer, and, with his family, lives in Canada township, Labette county, Kansas.

Children:

- (a) Annie J. Holton, born March 15, 1882.
 - (b) Lelia May Holton, born August 23, 1883.
 - (c) Clyde E. Holton, born July 26, 1886; died August 21, 1902.
 - (d) Adda Holton, born March 29, 1888.
 - (e) Meta A. Holton, born March 11, 1890; died May 20, 1890.
 - (f) Elizabeth Holton, born June 2, 1892.
- b. Clara Adaline Vawter was born near North Vernon, Jennings county, Indiana, August 19, 1865; married to Bowen C. Heath, who was born at Butlerville, Jennings county, Indiana, September 22, 1864. He is a farmer. They live near Edna, Labette county, Kansas.

Children:

- (a) William A. Heath, born July 28, 1889.
- (b) Sarah A. Heath, born August 10, 1891.
- (c) Ray Heath, born May 12, 1894.
- (d) James H. Heath, born February 27, 1896; died April 12, 1896.

- (e) Ruth Heath, born March 30, 1897.
- (f) Fern Heath, born October 9, 1899.
- (g) Bowen C. Heath, born November 26, 1901.
- (4) Smith W. Vawter, son of Jesse and Sarah (Parks) Vawter, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, March 27, 1844; married near Greenburg, Indiana, March 26, 1871, to Lucinda Johnson, who was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, February 18, 1845.
Smith W. Vawter is engaged in agriculture and horticulture. He is a Baptist and a republican of long standing. He offered his services three times during the Civil War, but was refused because he did not meet the physical requirements. He lives in Springdale, Arkansas. Children:
 - a. Sarah Rebecca Vawter, born January 21, 1872.
 - b. Cora Luvinia Vawter, born June 20, 1874; married March 20, 1895, to William Henry Brown, who was born September 14, 1847, in Union county, Indiana. They have one child, Wilbur Fee Brown. Live at Lowell, Benton county, Arkansas.
 - c. James Oscar, born June 1, 1881; died August 16, 1881.
 - { d. Wilbert Carl, born November 11, 1883; died December 5, 1883.
 - Twins { e Albert Jesse, born November 11, 1883. Is a partner in the firm of Hammond & Vawter,
 - { Tailoring, Cherryvale, Kansas.
 - f. Otis Estis, born November 16, 1889.
- (5) John S. Vawter, son of Jesse and Sarah (Parks) Vawter, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, April 2, 1847; married at North Vernon, Indiana, May 3, 1868, to Elizabeth Grinstead, the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Grinstead, who was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, October 7, 1843.
John S. Vawter is a farmer. Lives at Keota, Missouri.
Children of John S. and Elizabeth (Grinstead) Vawter:
 - a. Margaret J. Vawter, born at North Vernon, Indiana, April 7, 1869; married February 24, 1889, to William F. Philliber. They live in Neosho, Newton county, Missouri.

Children of William and Margaret (Vawter) Philliber:

- (a) Otto Philliber, born November 20, 1889; died December 2, 1889.
- (b) Orvill L. Philliber, born May 3, 1891.
- (c) Oral Floyd Philliber, born January 27, 1894.
- (d) Ira Grace Philliber, born April 4, 1895; died August 19, 1899.
- (e) Clara B. Philliber, born July 3, 1897; died July 17, 1898.
- (f) Perry H. Philliber, born November 3, 1898; died November 5, 1899.
- (g) Raymond L. Philliber, born June 10, 1901.
- (h) Mary E. Philliber, born October 12, 1902.
- b. Everett E. Vawter was born in Queensville, Indiana, May 17, 1872; married to Mahala A. Sanders, October 31, 1895. They live in Keota, Macon county, Missouri.
Children of Everett E. and Mahala (Sanders) Vawter:
 - (a) Ira E. Vawter, who was born March 17, 1897, and died August 13, 1897.
 - (b) John I. Vawter, born January 10, 1898.
 - (c) Alma B. Vawter, born February 7, 1900.
 - (d) Homer W. Vawter, born August 22, 1902; died March 16, 1903.
- c. Clyde Elmer Vawter, born at Floris, Davis county, Iowa, March 18, 1874; died February 27, 1875.
- d. Maud Ellen Vawter was born at Floris, Davis county, Iowa, November 20, 1875; married September 15, 1895, to William F. Moodey. They live at Clarence, Shelby county, Missouri.
Children of William F. and Maud (Vawter) Moodey:
 - (a) Ira M. Moodey, born May 27, 1896; died July 27, 1896.
 - (b) Velma E. Moodey was born October 11, 1897.
 - (c) Mabel Moodey was born May 10, 1902; died March 17, 1903.
 - (d) Silvia V. Moodey, born June 22, 1904.
 - e. Pearl E. Vawter was born October 13, 1877, in Floris, Iowa; died July 31, 1879.
 - f. Nona Elma Vawter was born January 22, 1880.
 - g. Benjamin Irvin Vawter was born at Holmes' Station,

Boone county, Indiana, October 17, 1882; married November 18, 1902, to Harttie J. Woodruff. One child, Emery B. Vawter, was born December 22, 1903. They live in Keota, Missouri.

h. John Blaine Vawter, born October, 1884. Lives in Keota, Missouri.

i. Alva Elroy, born May 31, 1889. Lives in Keota, Missouri.

(6) Sarah Frances Vawter, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Parks) Vawter, was born May 25, 1849, near North Vernon, Indiana; married February 7, 1867, to Thomas F. Grinstead, who was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, November 25, 1839, and died February 15, 1900, in Bloomfield, Iowa. Was a mail carrier.

Children:

a. Olive May Grinstead, born January 21, 1868; married August 21, 1885, to J. W. Snell; died March 15, 1888.

b. Fanny Bell Grinstead, born May 16, 1869; died February 9, 1870.

c. Lew Emmerson Grinstead, born March 9, 1871; married September 30, 1901, to Dana Norris. Is a painter and paper hanger. Lives in Huron, South Dakota. One child, Esther, was born July 11, 1902.

d. Ella Grace Grinstead, born September 13, 1872; married August 25, 1889, to A. J. Taylor. They live in Ottumwa, Iowa. Their children are Frank, Myrtle, Olive, Charles, Mabel, Deny and Harold.

e. Claud Ellsworth Grinstead, born September 18, 1874; died September 26, 1875.

f. Bertha Edith Grinstead, born January 28, 1877.

g. Ada Jane Grinstead, born September 24, 1878; married December 28, 1898, to T. F. VanHorn. They live in Bloomfield, Iowa.

h. Ora Idella Grinstead, born April 14, 1880; married July 23, 1904, to C. H. Hockmuth, who is engaged in the printing business. They live at 417 East Sixth street, Des Moines, Iowa.

i. Jesse Edward Grinstead, born November 18, 1881. Is a farmer, living in Mechanicsville, Iowa.

j. Myrtle Blanche Grinstead, born February 18, 1883; died October 1, 1884.

k. Carl James Grinstead, born November 27, 1885; died March 5, 1888.

l. Vila Gail Grinstead, born January 29, 1888.

m. Emma Ethel Grinstead, born April 25, 1890.

Mrs. Sarah (Vawter) Grinstead lives at 845 West Seventh street, Des Moines, Iowa.

(7) James G. Vawter, son of Jesse and Sarah (Parks) Vawter, was born September 4, 1851, in Jennings county, Indiana; married May 19, 1870, to Margaret Ross, who was born July 16, 1851. They live in Queensville, Indiana.

Children:

a. Edward J. Vawter, born June 12, 1871; died February 6, 1875.

b. Alvaretta Bernice Vawter, born September 9, 1873; married February 7, 1895, to John A. Shinold. Their children are Arthur E., born March 21, 1896, and Matilda A., born April 12, 1898.

c. Indiana Rose Vawter, born April 13, 1877; married February 14, 1897, to Moses M. Miller. Their children are Vance, born November 8, 1898, and Irvin C., born February 15, 1900.

d. Mary Jane Vawter, born July 23, 1879; married August 20, 1899, to Irvin R. Crum. Their children are Flora M., born June 23, 1900, and Jamie A., born May 29, 1902.

e. Omer Walton, born June 28, 1881.

f. Lucy A., born September 1, 1883.

g. Lewis Clyde, born May 6, 1886.

h. Grace G., born July 12, 1888.

i. Sarah Frances, born May 28, 1890; died September 14, 1891.

j. Ruth, born April 6, 1893.

(8) Elvira Ann Vawter, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Parks) Vawter, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, December 19, 1853; married February 1, 1883, to Charles H. Carey, who was born July 29, 1850. Children: Lila, who died in childhood, August and Vivian. Live at (Riverside) 3351 Mississippi avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

(9) Jesse Philemon Vawter, son of Jesse and Sarah (Parks)

Vawter, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, August 1, 1855; married at Vernon, Indiana, October 31, 1874, to Minerva A. Ross, who was born in Jennings county, Indiana, July 14, 1846.

J. Philemon Vawter is a farmer living near Milam, Indiana.

Children:

- a. Bertha A. Vawter was born in Jennings county, Indiana, August 30, 1875; married in Vernon, Indiana, August 6, 1898, to Joseph W. Gray, who was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, October 27, 1874. They have one son, Ezra William, who was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, July 12, 1899. They now live in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- b. Ernest T. Vawter was born in Jennings county, Indiana, July 27, 1877; died September 14, 1879.
- c. Clarence M. Vawter was born in Davis county, Iowa, March 2, 1879. He is preparing to be a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Is a student at Moore's Hill College, Moore's Hill, Indiana.
- d. Benjamin F. Vawter was born in Jennings county, Indiana, July 26, 1880. Lives at Milam, Indiana.
- e. Jesse Pearl Vawter was born in Jennings county, Indiana, May 4, 1882; married at Versailles, Indiana, June 20, 1901, to Corydon Laswell, who was born in Ripley county, Indiana, March 28, 1868, and is a farmer living near Versailles, Indiana.

Children: Minerva May, born in Ripley county, Indiana, April 3, 1902, and Millie Myree, born June 23, 1904.

- f. Velma I. Vawter was born in Jennings county, Indiana, June 28, 1884.
- g. Flossie Myrtle Vawter was born in Jennings county, Indiana, January 24, 1888.
- (10) Aramantha M. Vawter, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Parks) Vawter, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, June 9, 1858; married February 1, 1876, to James West, who was born March 23, 1853; died February 7, 1891.

Children:

- a. Nellie May West, born December 6, 1876; married January 8, 1898, to Otho G. Wright, who was born November 16, 1867. They have two children: Opal, born in 1898, and Robert W.,

born in 1902. They live in Lafayette, Indiana, where O. G. Wright is superintendent of bridge erection of the Lafayette Engineering Company.

- b. Sarah Ethel West, born January 18, 1882.
- c. Charles William, born July 23, 1887.

Mrs. Mattie West lives in Vernon, Indiana. She has supported her children since the death of her husband in 1891, and took care of her father for ten years before his death. Her mother still lives with her.

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James Vawter

James Vawter, son of William and Frances Vawter, was born October 5, 1819, in Jefferson county, Indiana, near Madison. His father moved to Jennings county when James was ten years of age, and his youth and early manhood were spent in the old home on the Muscatatack. He was never very strong, therefore he was not expected to do much manual labor. He attended the best schools there were at that time until he met with an accident which deprived him of school privileges. After he had regained his health he went to Morgantown, Indiana, and clerked in a store for his uncle, John Vawter, for two or three years. From there he went to Lafayette and was a clerk in a dry goods store for several years. Afterwards he went into business for himself in Oxford, Indiana, accumulating a small fortune in merchandise and land speculation. He was married at Oxford to Minerva L. Bromley, who was born September 26, 1837. Was a member of the Baptist Church from early manhood. Was troubled with heart disease, and spent the winter of 1870 in Holly Springs, Mississippi, on account of his health. He died February 14, 1872, of pneumonia. His wife died October 24, 1872.

(1) Sherman Vawter, the only child of James and Minerva Bromley Vawter, was born January 9, 1865, in Oxford, Benton county, Indiana. After the death of his father and mother his mother's brother, John E. Morgan, was appointed his guardian.

The child lived in Oxford for about a year after his father's death, and then went to live with his aunt, Sarah Pearce, in Warren county, Indiana. In the winter months he attended the country school, and in the spring and fall the town schools. He worked after he was grown for about eight years on the farm and then engaged in the mercantile business in Pine Village. He was married July 3, 1888, to Emma J. May, who was born December 1, 1871. They lived in Pine Village for awhile after his marriage and then moved on a farm. In 1893 he, with his family, went to California, locating in Bakersfield. His wife died of typhoid fever December 13, 1901, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery at Santa Monica, California. Sherman Vawter now lives in Santa Monica.

Children of Sherman and Emma (May) Vawter:

- a. Edward W. Vawter, born October 12, 1890; died December 26, 1890.
- b. Minerva E. Vawter, born June 17, 1892; died October 8, 1892.
- c. Everett F. Vawter, born September 8, 1893. Lives with his father in Santa Monica, California.
- d. Nellie Vawter, born July 1, 1896. Lives with her cousin, Mrs. Leavitt, of Santa Monica.
- e. Henry J. Vawter, born October 19, 1898. Lives with W. S. Vawter and wife, of Santa Monica, California.

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Frances (Vawter) King

Frances Vawter, daughter of William and Frances Vawter, was born July 7, 1821; married May 14, 1840, to George King, who was born May 10, 1814, and died September 3, 1858.

Something of the life of Frances (Vawter) King is best given in a copy of a letter written by her to her niece:

"My life has been a very uneventful one. I was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, near Madison. Father moved his family to Jennings county in October, 1827, and settled on the banks

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of the Muscatatack, three miles north of the town of Vernon. My childhood and young womanhood were spent on the farm. I was married to George King in 1840, and in 1841 we settled on the hill in sight of my old home. Here the sweetest and saddest scenes of my life have been passed. Here my children were born, and from here two of them have gone to a better land. The other three are living earnest, faithful Christian lives. My husband was born in Ohio. He came to Jennings county when quite young to build a mill. He was a carpenter as well as a farmer. He passed into the better land in 1858, and I have had a long and lonely road to travel ever since, and yet I am not alone. My children are kind, and I have a host of friends, but I miss the companionship of a dear husband, and long to meet the dear ones on the other shore.

"I joined the Baptist Church in my eighteenth year. After studying the Bible and the principles of the Christian Church I became convinced that that teaching was according to what Christ and the Apostles taught, and changed my membership to that church, and I hope through Christ to pass from that into the everlasting Kingdom."

For six years before the death of Anna Vawter, Frances Vawter, her granddaughter, cared for her, and after the marriage of Frances she took care of her father and mother for about six years before their death. When her sister Maria died she cared for one of her children some time, and when the wife of her brother Achilles died she took his baby and kept her for a year. She is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Holsclaw, in the house where she went to housekeeping when she was first married.

Children of George and Frances (Vawter) King were Almira, Ezra, William V., George Elvin and Alzora.

(1) Almira King, daughter of George and Frances (Vawter) King, was born April 10, 1842; married to William T. Holsclaw January 2, 1862. William T. Holsclaw was born in Kentucky December 3, 1835. Is a farmer, living near North Vernon, Indiana.

Children of William T. and Almira (King) Holsclaw:

- a. Ezra Benjamin Holsclaw, born November 6, 1863;

married December 31, 1885, to Mattie Deer, who died August 27, 1895.

Children of Ezra and Mattie (Deer) Holsclaw: Jessie, born October 12, 1886; Alma, born July 21, 1888; Smith V., born October 1, 1892, and Blanche Vernon, born March 22, 1894.

Ezra Holsclaw is a farmer living near North Vernon, Indiana.

b. Eva Jennie Holsclaw, born March 11, 1866; married November 26, 1891, to Edwin Carson, who was born July 30, 1864.

Children: Hazel Lavone, born September 21, 1892; Ethel Grace, born September 20, 1894; Lizzie, born December 27, 1898; died February 8, 1899, and Edwinnie, born June 13, 1903.

Edwin Carson and family live on the Greensburg road west of North Vernon, Indiana.

c. Fannie A. Holsclaw, born February 22, 1869; married May, 1891, to Smith V. Williams, who was born December 10, 1863.

Children: Almira Corinne, born June 21, 1892; Lois Mildred, born June 4, 1894; Virgil Elvin, born September 3, 1897, and Helene, born March 22, 1900.

Smith V. Williams is a florist of Bedford, Indiana.

d. William E. Holsclaw, born March 29, 1871; married to Zella Wagner in 1894.

Children: Ruth, born August 5, 1895, Hubert, born December 3, 1897, and Gladys, born November 15, 1900.

William E. Holsclaw is in the grocery business in Franklin, Indiana.

e. Sarah Grace Holsclaw, born January 31, 1875; married December 20, 1899, to Oscar Beeman, who was born in Jennings county March 17, 1869.

Children: Wilbur Elvin, born December 4, 1901, and Clyde, born July 5, 1904.

Oscar Beeman is a farmer living near North Vernon, Indiana.

f. Mary Belle Holsclaw, born November 13, 1876; died May, 1877.

g. Jacob Harrison Holsclaw, born August 5, 1878; married June 22, 1904, to _____. Lives on the home farm near North Vernon, Indiana.

h. Bertha Alice Holsclaw, born December 13, 1882. Lives with her parents on the old home place.

(2) Ezra D. King, son of George and Frances (Vawter) King, born September 29, 1845; died May 16, 1854.

(3) William Vawter King, son of George and Frances (Vawter) King, was born September 28, 1848; married June 19, 1879, to Caroline Vandever, who was born July 5, 1850.

William V. King was born near North Vernon, Indiana. He taught school in Jennings county for four or five years. Was married at Franklin, Indiana, where he is now engaged in the grain and coal business.

(4) George Elvin King, son of George and Frances (Vawter) King, was born May 29, 1855, near North Vernon, Indiana; married September 7, 1881, to Minnie Tate. Elvin King attended school in the country and graduated from the North Vernon High School in 1879. He clerked in Vernon for a while and then went to Seymour, Indiana, where he was in the wall-paper business. He went from Seymour to Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1890, and engaged in the same business, traveling most of the time. Lives at 1500 Q street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Minnie (Tate) King, the daughter of James and Minerva (Jayne) Tate, of North Vernon, Indiana, was born October 28, 1856. After moving to Lincoln, Nebraska, she became a member of the Women's Club and of the Art Association of Lincoln. She was a woman of wide reading and fine culture. Was a member of the Christian Church. She died September 25, 1904.

Children of George Elvin and Minnie (Tate) King:

a. Lula Ellis King was born June 25, 1882. She is a graduate of the Lincoln High School in the class of 1899, and graduated from the University of Nebraska June, 1904, and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa.

b. Edna Hazel King was born February 18, 1884. She graduated from the Lincoln High School in the class of 1901. Is attending the University of Nebraska and is a kindergarten teacher in the Lincoln public schools.

(5) Alzora King, son of George and Frances (Vawter) King, was born December 22, 1858; died January 7, 1859.

Achilles J. Vawter

Achilles J. Vawter, son of William and Frances Vawter, was born near Madison Indiana, September 12, 1823. When he was about six years of age his father moved to Jennings county Indiana, and settled on the north fork of the Muscatatack, three and a half miles from Vernon, Indiana. After coming there the children were deprived to a great extent of the benefit of schools, and the parents of Achilles taught him to read at home. When the schools were established they were limited to three or four months in the winter. Achilles Vawter had in some way become possessed of a desire for a better education, and in September of the year 1844 he left home with ten dollars in his pocket to attend school at Franklin College, which was then called "The Indiana Baptist Manual Labor Institute." The cars were running only as far as Columbus, and from there he went on foot to Franklin. He boarded with Elder J. Reece (who was at that time a student in the college) for seventy-five cents a week and spent all the time he could spare from his studies in chopping wood at twenty-five cents a cord for Professor Brand. By this means he was enabled to continue in school for one session. He then returned home and spent his vacation in labor, earning enough, together with \$17.00 given him by his father, to carry him through another session, which made one year of study. He then had to leave school for a while in order to raise enough means to continue. He spent two and a half months as a clerk in the store of his uncle in Morgantown, Indiana, after which he taught one quarter's school in the same place. He then returned to Franklin and spent one session, then taught another quarter's school and then went back to Franklin, and so on.

President Chandler and wife became warm friends of Achilles Vawter, and through the recommendation of the president he was appointed in the summer of 1849 principal of the preparatory department of the college. He held this position for one year, then entered school again. In 1850 he went to Shelbyville to

take charge of the schools there. He was married July 25, 1850, to Maria Dunham, who was born April 20, 1827. They had one child, Ida, who was born February 4, 1856; died October 9, 1856. Maria Dunham Vawter died February 6, 1856.

In 1855 Achilles Vawter was traveling for a School Book Company, and in that business he touched Lafayette and came in contact with the trustees of the public schools. He found them in need of a superintendent, and he was engaged. Both he and his brother Philemon went to Lafayette in 1855, and both remained in connection with the schools until 1858. It was in Lafayette that Achilles Vawter was married, November 16, 1856, to Elizabeth (Richardson) Baker, who had been before married to William Baker, and who had two sons, Edgar and Albert Baker, at the time of her second marriage. In 1858 Achilles Vawter engaged to take charge of an academy to be opened three miles south of Ladoga, Montgomery county, Indiana. Just before the beginning of the school the building burned. The next year he was back in Lafayette in charge of a girl's school, which did not run more than two years. He was then chosen superintendent of the public schools again, which position he held until he was elected county surveyor in 1862. He was re-elected in 1864. Elizabeth, his wife, died October 14, 1864, and in the spring of 1865 he resigned the office of county surveyor.

In 1866 Achilles Vawter went to Indianapolis and was there married, on May 1, to Charlotte S. Hobart. He opened a law office in partnership with a nephew of his who was a lawyer. The business failed, and in 1867 Achilles Vawter and his wife moved to Ladoga, Indiana, and took charge of the Baptist Seminary. He was at the head of that school for five years. In 1873 he returned to Indianapolis, where he engaged for a time in teaching; was on the editorial staff of the *Indiana Farmer* for a while, and was assistant secretary of the board of agriculture for several years. In 1877, his health failing, he went to Kentucky. He and his wife had charge of an academy at Pleasant Grove, near Springfield, Kentucky, for three years. Then he taught one year in the village of Texas and two years in Springfield,

where he was in charge of the Covington Institute. At this place he was stricken while in the school room with paralysis. After this he was never able for further duty. When he had recovered sufficiently he returned to Indianapolis, where he spent the most of his time until his death, which occurred January 13, 1886.

Achilles Vawter united with the Baptist Church in 1842, and at one time expected to be a minister, as his father and grandfather had been before him, but he gave this up and devoted his life principally to teaching.

Elijah Sherrill, a well-known man in Indiana, was a pupil of Achilles Vawter, and in writing of him said: "The years during which Professor Vawter was at the head of the Baptist Seminary in Ladoga, Indiana, where I was a pupil, were fraught with unceasing care and toil, with meagre compensation, but the result of the work done can never be estimated. Much of what the writer is to-day he owes to this man. Very many others can say the same. The old days at Ladoga can never be forgotten by many dear boys and girls (men and women now) who received their first training and inspiration from him. To us all he was far more than a teacher. He was father, friend and benefactor. He was an educator of ability. He was instrumental in organizing the Indiana State Teachers' Association, and his influence was felt in more ways than one in educational work."

Achilles Vawter was a student all his life. He treasured his books as he did his friends, and they were to him constant companions. He was possessed of knowledge on a great variety of subjects, and because of his wide reading he seemed as familiar with other countries and their histories as though he had traveled extensively. He was a quiet, unassuming man, a man who, with his love of study and research, could have accomplished far more in the world if he had not been ground down by force of circumstances.

Elizabeth Baker Vawter was born August 11, 1829, in New Carlisle, Clark county, Ohio. Her maiden name was Elizabeth A. Richardson (or Richeson, as it was called by some of the family). She was the daughter of Andrew and Lavina (Corey)

Richardson and had two sisters and one brother. The sisters were Julia Richardson Larkin, who lived in Arlington, Illinois, and Elenor Richardson Armstrong, who lived in Lafayette, Indiana. Her brother Daniel lived in Rhodes, Iowa. Her father and mother died in Ohio of cholera. Elizabeth Richardson was living with her sister, Mrs. Armstrong, in Lafayette, Indiana, when she was married to William Baker, a painter and chairmaker. Mr. Baker died, and Elizabeth Baker was married, second, to Achilles J. Vawter. She died in Lafayette, Indiana, October 14, 1864.

Charlotte (Hobert) Vawter, the third wife of Achilles Vawter, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 26, 1825. She was the daughter of John Hobart and Naomi (Thompson) Hobart. Charlotte Hobart was related to Abraham Lincoln. During the Civil War a discussion was started and direct charges made that Thomas Lincoln, the father of Abraham Lincoln, and Nancy Hanks were never legally married, and this report was successfully proved false by Charlotte Vawter, and her labors in this matter have been fully appreciated by such modern students of Lincoln's life as Ida M. Tarbell and Carolyn Hanks Hitchcock. Charlotte Vawter was a teacher for many years before her marriage with Achilles Vawter, and after her marriage she assisted her husband in the work of the schools wherever he was engaged. She now lives on the old place where she was born seventy-nine years ago, near Indianapolis, Indiana.

The children of Achilles and Elizabeth (Richardson) Vawter were William Arthur, Frank May and Grace.

(1) William A. Vawter, son of Achilles and Elizabeth (Richardson) Vawter, was born in Lafayette, Indiana, May 22, 1858. He left school at fourteen years of age and became an apprentice in the composing-room of the printing house of Wright, Baker & Co., of Indianapolis, the Baker of the company being a half-brother of William Vawter. In 1880 and 1881 he was the foreman of the composing-room. He was married September 24, 1881, to Alice R. Hadley. Late in 1881 he went into the general merchandising business, first at Plainfield, Indiana, and afterwards at Danville, Indiana.

At the end of five years he

sold out his business, and joining with his half-brothers, Edgar and Albert Baker, and his brother, Frank Vawter, embarked in the general printing business in Chicago, Illinois, under the firm name of Baker & Vawter Co. In 1888 the company was reorganized and incorporated under the name of Baker-Vawter Co., and the character of the business changed from general printing to the devising, manufacturing and introducing of improved business systems. William Vawter withdrew from the Baker-Vawter Company in about 1890 and organized a company called the Hadley-Vawter Company. The old Baker-Vawter Company then took the name of the Baker Office Supply Company. The Hadley-Vawter Company proved a success, but after the death of Albert Baker in 1892, it was consolidated with the Baker Office Supply Company taking the old firm name of the Baker-Vawter Company. From a small beginning in 1888 the business has grown to be the largest company of the kind in the world. From one small manufacturing plant and one salesman in 1888 the company now has four large manufacturing plants in different section of the country and a corps of about one hundred salesmen and professional accountants.

William Vawter originated and patented, and his company introduced, the now generally used loose-leaf ledgers. The Baker-Vawter Company has been the cause of a wonderful change in the business world through the introduction of improved methods of accounting and handling business along loose-leaf lines. The general offices of the company are in the *Tribune* Building, Chicago. The eastern offices are at 350 Broadway, New York City. Of the Baker brothers who were in the company, Albert died in 1892, and Edgar sold his interest in 1895. William Vawter is the president and general manager of the company and its largest stockholder. Lives in Evanston, Illinois.

Alice R. (Hadley) Vawter, the daughter of Harlan and Rebecca (Oursler) Hadley, was born near Plainfield, Indiana, July 5, 1858.

Children of William A. and Alice (Hadley) Vawter;

a. Cora Catherine Vawter was born in Plainfield, Indiana, December 25, 1882. She graduated at Kemper Hall, Kenosha,

Wisconsin. After a year at home studying music and German, she spent a year in Germany and other countries of Europe in study and travel. The following year she took a trip around the world.

b. William Arthur Vawter, Jr., was born in Danville, Indiana, May 5, 1884. He completed the college preparatory course at the Northwestern University preparatory school at Evanston, Illinois. He then entered Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, where he graduated in June, 1905. He expects to engage in business with his father.

c. George Hadley Vawter was born in Danville, Indiana, February 25, 1886. Is now attending the Northwestern University Preparatory School at Evanston, Illinois.

(2) Frank M. Vawter, son of Achilles and Elizabeth (Richardson) Vawter, was born in Lafayette, Indiana, August 22, 1860. He went to work when about fourteen years of age in the printing house of Wright, Baker & Co., in Indianapolis, Indiana. When he was seventeen years old he spent a year in study in Kentucky at Pleasant Grove, where his father was at that time teaching school. He then returned to Indiana and again worked for the Baker-Randolph Company (as it was then), the Baker of the company being his half-brother. Frank Vawter afterwards spent three years working on a paper in Kokomo, Indiana, and then returned to Indianapolis. He went to Chicago in 1886 and became a member of the Baker & Vawter Co., which was organized at that time. There were four members of the company, the other three being Edgar and Albert Baker, his half-brothers, and his brother, William Vawter. Frank Vawter remained in Chicago for about two years, then sold out his interest and returned to Indianapolis, where he remained until January, 1889. He was married October 10, 1888, to Clara Smith Miller. He was engaged in the printing business in Kokomo, Indiana, for a short time in the year 1889, moved to Chicago and was employed one year by the Baker & Vawter Company; was engaged in the newspaper business at Big Rapids, Michigan, for about one year, returning to Chicago July, 1892, and entering the employ of the Hadley-Vawter Company, which was afterwards

consolidated with the Baker Office Supply Company as the Baker-Vawter Co. He has remained with the Baker-Vawter Company ever since, acting, at the present time, in the capacity of secretary of the company and general superintendent of its various manufacturing plants. He lived in Kokomo from 1897 to 1902, in Morgan Park, a suburb of Chicago until 1905, and now resides in Benton harbor, Michigan, where the company has its largest factory.

Clara (Miller) Vawter, the daughter of Henry and Margaret (Nelson) Miller, of Ladoga, was born near Ladoga November 5, 1861.

Children of Frank M. and Clara (Miller) Vawter:

a. Harry Miller Vawter, born in Ladoga, Indiana, September 4, 1889. Is attending school in the preparatory department of the Chicago University at Morgan Park, Illinois.

b. Jessie Mae Vawter, born in Ladoga, Indiana, September 25, 1891.

c. Helen Miller Vawter, born in Ladoga, Indiana, September 9, 1894.

(3) Grace, daughter of Achilles and Elizabeth (Richardson) Vawter, was born in Lafayette, Indiana, April 20, 1864. She graduated at the Indianapolis High School and at the Normal School and taught in Indianapolis for one and one-half years. She was then elected secretary of the superintendent of the Indianapolis public schools, which position she held for two years, until her marriage to Ernest P. Bicknell.

Ernest P. Bicknell was born near Bicknell, Knox county, Indiana, February 23, 1862. He graduated at the University of Indiana in 1887, that same year taking a position as reporter on the Indianapolis *News*. He remained with the *News* until 1893, when he bought the *Gas City Journal*. Six months later he was elected secretary of the board of state charities of Indiana. In five years he resigned to accept the position of general superintendent of the Bureau of Charities of Chicago, which place he still occupies, 644 Unity Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Ernest P. Bicknell was married, first, December 25, 1886, to Cora Scott, of Freelandville, Indiana, who was born November

17, 1864, and died January 1, 1888, leaving a child, Clarence Scott, who was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 27, 1887.

Ernest P. Bicknell was married, second, January 2, 1891, to Grace Vawter.

Children of Ernest P. and Grace (Vawter) Bicknell:

a. Ernestine, born in Indianapolis October 29, 1893; died March 26, 1894.

b. Charlotte, born in Indianapolis December 29, 1895; died in Chicago, November 15, 1904.

c. Grace Constance, born May 17, 1897, in Indianapolis.

d. Alberta, born March 29, 1899, in Chicago.

Mary (Vawter) Feagler

Mary Litchfield Vawter, daughter of William and Frances Vawter, was born near Madison, Indiana, December 7, 1825. Her father moved to Jennings county, Indiana, when she was four years of age, and the most of her life was spent in Jennings county. She united with the Zoar Baptist Church in early life and was a teacher in the Sunday-school of the North Vernon Baptist Church for many years. She was married to Ormand Frederick Feagler September 24, 1843. She died in North Vernon, Indiana, September 1, 1897.

Ormand Frederick Feagler was born May 4, 1819, in Butler county, Ohio, and died August 27, 1876. He was a farmer. The children of Ormand and Mary (Polly) Feagler were Marie Cordelia, James William, Bessie, Philemon Edwin, Vawter John, Charles Alfred, Emma May and Roena Kate.

(1) Marie Cordelia Feagler, born June 30, 1844; died March 7, 1851.

(2) James William Feagler was born March 22, 1846; married March 30, 1871, to Mary Frances King, who was born September 26, 1853, and died March 29, 1879.

Children of James, William and Mary (King) Feagler:

- a. Fannie Fern Feagler, born February 20, 1872; died March 3, 1872.
- b. Rose Bonnell, born February 19, 1873.
- c. Grace Cordelia Feagler, daughter of James William and Mary (King) Feagler, was born October 21, 1874; married July 20, 1891, to Robert W. King, who was born January 27, 1853. Grace (Feagler) King died at Dyersburg, Tennessee, February 24, 1901. Children: Mildred Rose, born October 17, 1892; Robert Feagler, born June 25, 1894; Russell Aubrey, born June 25, 1895, and Helen Grace, born December 20, 1897.

d. Charles Alfred Feagler, born February 24, 1877.
 (3) Bessie Feagler was born October 31, 1848. She was engaged in the millinery business in North Vernon for many years. Is now living with her sister, Mrs. Smartz, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

(4) Philemon Edwin Feagler was born July 24, 1850; died September 29, 1851.

(5) Vawter John Feagler was born July 22, 1852; married May 5, 1880, to Helen Roseberry Gardner, who was born August 7, 1860, and died January 20, 1897. Vawter Feagler lives near North Vernon, Indiana.

Children of Vawter John and Helen (Gardner) Feagler:

- a. Fred Willard Feagler, born February 8, 1881; died May 22, 1904.
- b. Florence Edith Feagler, born January 7, 1885; died September 13, 1885.
- c. Merlin Duncan Feagler, born November 2, 1891; died January 20, 1892.
- d. Marie Feagler, born October 27, 1895.

(6) Charles Alfred Feagler was born June 19, 1854; died July 3, 1858.

(7) Emma May Feagler was born July 12, 1863, near North Vernon, Indiana; married August 13, 1889, to MacArthur Smartz.

MacArthur Smartz was born February 18, 1868, in Chilicothe, Ohio. He is engaged in the railroad business and lives with his family in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Children of MacArthur and May (Feagler) Smartz:

- a. Everett Marion Smartz, born January 27, 1892.
 - b. Wilhelmina Harriet Smartz, born April 12, 1893; died June 20, 1894.
 - c. Mary Elizabeth Smartz, born August 4, 1894.
 - d. Margaret Fay Smartz, born March 9, 1896.
 - e. Katie Frances Smartz, born May 31, 1897.
 - f. Robert George Smartz, born June 27, 1900.
 - g. Bessie Ruth Smartz, born May 22, 1904.
- (8) Roena Kate Feagler, born August 25, 1865, died February 5, 1876.

Philemon Vawter, youngest child of William and Frances Vawter, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, November 7, 1830.

A short sketch of his life, as given in a letter, is here reproduced:

"I was born in Jennings county, Indiana, November 7, 1830, and lived there for the first twenty-five years of my life. My first schooling was in the primitive log houses of the times, located in the woods at some point to best accommodate the sparsely settled district. The first of these which I attended was lighted by horizontally long windows or openings, closed part of the time with greased paper. The heating apparatus was a broad back wall built of stone with a smoke stack through the roof built of sticks and mud. The fuel was such as could be gathered from the surrounding timber -- logs ten to fifteen feet long piled against the back wall with limbs and chunks. These school facilities not being considered quite sufficient, when I was between seventeen and twenty-five years of age I attended school for four or five years at Franklin College. While at Franklin I worked at anything I could get to do -- cleaned stables, milked cows, worked on the road, chopped and sawed wood, acted as janitor at church, was morning bellringer to awaken the students in college, dressed poorly and boarded myself a good

share of the time, living on mush and molasses with a little butter and bread. Later on, Professor Hougham took a friendly interest in me, gave me lessons in land surveying and made me his deputy, so that the last two years of my college life I did not have to follow the vocations specified above.

"I came to Lafayette and was engaged in the public schools here for a few years. Then I went back to the home farm for two or three years. While there I married, November 25, 1858, to Sylvia Hunter. After that I spent a year teaching at Sardinia, Decatur county, Indiana, then a year in a store at Scipio, Jennings county, Indiana, where my health failed and I had to give up business for awhile and get out of doors. This brought me back to Lafayette in the autumn of 1862, and in the spring of 1863 we located here, and have lived here continuously ever since. Of these years I have been connected with the county surveyor's office about twenty-five -- eighteen as surveyor and seven as deputy surveyor. For five years I was city engineer of Lafayette, and now an town engineer of West Lafayette. I think within those years I have surveyed more lands and lots, laid out more highways and free gravel roads, run more tile drains and ditch lines, than any man living or who has lived in this county."

Sylvia (Hunter) Vawter was born in Jennings county, Indiana, May 1, 1839. She was the daughter of Joseph and Rhoda S. (Conger) Hunter.

Philemon Vawter and wife have been members of the Baptist Church in West Lafayette for many years, and are now connected with the Lafayette Church. They have two children, Everett and William, and have reared a child, Belle Godman.

(1) Everett Bates Vawter, son of Philemon and Sylvia (Hunter) Vawter, was born at the home of his grandfather in Jennings county, Indiana, August 23, 1859. With his parents he moved to Lafayette, Indiana, May 1, 1863. He was educated in the common schools, attending the same during the winter until eighteen years of age. He assisted his father in the practice of surveying and civil engineering when not otherwise engaged. During the summers of 1874, 5, 6, and 7 he worked

on a farm, and farmed on his own account during the summer of 1879. In the fall of 1879 he entered the employ of Murphy & Comstock, whoesale boot and shoe manufacturers, where he remained until the summer of 1882, then joined his father in his engineering work. During the greater part of 1882 and 1884 he was engaged in the building of county gravel roads as contractor. In the fall of 1884 he was elected surveyor of Tippecanoe county on the republican ticket, holding the office for three successive terms of two years each, having charge of large drainage systems and the building of the Main Street bridge, Lafayette, Indiana, during the last term. In the spring of 1891 he assisted in the organization of the Lafayette Bridge Company, being actively engaged with said company in the manufacture and sale of railway and highway bridges until the plant and good will of the concern were sold and merged into the American Bridge Company, May 1, 1900.

Everett Vawter was married May 3, 1893, to Helen Read, of West Lafayette, Indiana. During the years 1893 to 1900 he held the position of secretary and treasurer of the bridge company. Has been active in the management of the West Lafayette Water Company since its organization in 1894. In the fall of 1900 he went to Denver, Colorado, to join his wife, who had gone there for her health. From 1900 until the fall of 1903 he lived in Denver and traveled through South Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and old Mexico as sales agent for the American Bridge Company. In the fall of 1903 he, with his family, returned to Lafayette. There he joined his old business associated in the management of the Lafayette Engineering Company, engaged in the building of concrete and steel structures, and at the present time he is serving the company as president.

Helen Eugenie (Read) Vawter was born in Willmington, Delaware. Her father was James Suggett Read, and her mother's maiden name was Frances M. Reed.

Everett B. and Helen (Read) Vawter have one child, Wallace Read, who was born in Denver, Colorado, October 19, 1902.

(2) William Hunter Vawter, the second son of Philemon and Sylvia Hunter Vawter, was born June 18, 1868, in Lafayette,

Indiana. He attended the public schools and took the pharmacy course in Purdue University. He entered the employ of Eli Lilly & Co., Indianapolis, Indiana, in June, 1888, as analytical chemist and remained there until July, 1891, when he went into the drug business in Lafayette on his own account. He sold out his drug business in 1903, and is at present interested in the Lafayette Stove Foundry Company, holding the office of secretary and treasurer.

Belle Godman (known as Belle Vawter) was born at Lafayette, September 21, 1874; married October 3, 1900, to Jesse Judson Billingsly. They live in Benton, Wisconsin.

Children:

Philemon Vawter, born July 14, 1902, died 1902.

Nelie Hymer, born August 5, 1903.

III
JAMES VAWTER

CHILDREN ⁶	GRANDCHILDREN ⁷	G. GRANDCHILDREN ⁸
{	{ (1) Emma S.	{ Mary Louesa, d.
{	{ m. Judson Williams	{ Maud, d.
{	{	{
{	{ (2) Charles D.	{ Howell
{	{ m. 1st	{ Elizabeth
{	{ Emma Thomas	{ Charles Hart
{	{	{ Minnie
{	{ m. 2nd Julia Davidson	
{	{	
{	{ (3) John S.	{ One child
{	{ m. Mary Singer	
{ 1. John Watts	{ (4) Elizabeth L.	{ Emma A.
{ m.	{ m. Charles Sheets	{ Narcissa F.
{ Louesa Bachman	{	
{	{ (5) James A.	{ Alfred Buell
{	{ m.	{ Vernon Monroe
{	{ Clara Monroe	{ Bessie Alice
{	{	{ Frank Raymond
{	{	{ James Alois
{	{	
{	{	{ Jesse Beryl, d.
{	{ (6) Alfred T.	{ May, d.
{	{ m.	{ Chester Ernest
{	{ Minnie Vawter	{ Robert Alfred
{	{	{ Walter Bachman
{	{	{ Ruth Leotia
{	{ (7) Frances Helen, d.s	
{	{ (1) Edgar (1844-47)	
{	{ (2) Mary F.	{ George Holman
{	{ m. Wm. Benefiel	
{	{ (3) Ella	
{	{ (4) John C. (1850--67)	
{	{ (5) James R.	
{	{ m. Angeline Brace	
{	{ (6) Newton O. (1854--81)	
{	{ (7) Henry C.	{ Ray
{	{ m. Ida Britton	{ Mabel
{ 2. Jesse Holman	{ (8) Wm. E. s.	
{ m.	{ (9) Elmer H. (1862-63)	
{ Martha E. Pyle	{ (10) Thomas	
{	{ m. Frances Patton	
{	{ (11) Roe	{ Edna
{	{ m	{ Elmer
{	{ Tillie Nix	{ Naomi
{	{	
{	{	{ Jesse Beryl, d.
{	{ (12) Minnie	{ May, d.
{	{ m.	{ Chester Ernest
{	{ Alfred Vawter	{ Robert Alfred
{	{	{ Walter Bachman
{	{	{ Ruth Leotia
{	{	
{ 3. Frances (1822-23)		

<p>{ 4. Johnson S. { (1824-79) { m. Diana Moncrief { (1826-92) { { { { { { { {</p>	<p>{ (1) Sarah, d. { (2) James, d. { (1) James Hiram (1852-74) { (2) Sarah Elton { m. James Hardy { { (3) Willis Isiah { m. { Mary McIntyre {</p>	<p>{ Olive S. { Bessie M. { Wilbur Willis { James Hardy { George Williams</p>
<p>{ { 5. Wm. C. { (1827-82) { m. { Sidney Olive Willis { (1829-96) { { { { {</p>	<p>{ (4) Spencer Coin (1857-72) { (5) Johnson Smith (1858-66) { (6) Alice Eupheme { m. Theo H. Rokobrant { (7) Robert, d. { (8) Theodosia Ernest { m. Geo. L. Williams { (9) Wm. Cornett (1866-1903) { (10) Colfax, d. {</p>	<p>{ Myrtle Olive { George Carl</p>
<p>James Vawter⁵ (continued)</p> <p>{ 6. Milton S. { m. 1st { Aureana Vawter { { 2d Sue G. Sebree { { 7. James S. { m. 1st Mary Cowell { m. 2d { Pheba Almeida Rollins { { { { {</p>	<p>{ (1) Frank C. { m. Lillian Lepper { (2) Jennie F. { (3) Bert Watts, d. { (1) Ada V. { (2) Effie A. { m. Geo. S. Kerr { { (1) Henry J. { m. Josie Willin</p>	<p>{ Rhyoden { Nadyne</p> <p>{ Stanley { Arleigh Robert { Rees Vawter</p> <p>{ Harry { m. Lillie M. Hibbs</p>
<p>{ { 8. Newton Wilbur { m. 1st Lucretia Branham { m. 2d Maria Foster { { { { m. 3d Armilda Hollister { { 9. Fannie S. (1835-76) { 10. Susan E. (1838-57) { { {</p>	<p>{ (2) Wm. Campbell, un m. { (3) Fanny Alice { m. 1st John W. Deupree { m. 2d Howard Lee { (4) Robert Newton { m. Josie Quinn</p>	<p>{ (Dorothy Louise)⁹ { Emma</p> <p>{ Alva Wm. { Fanny Jane</p> <p>{ Florence May { Hazel { Edwin { Macie Marie { Annie Laurie</p>
<p>{ { 11. Thomas S. { m. Annie LeGill</p>	<p>{ (2) Edward, d. { (3) Brainard</p>	

III

JAMES VAWTER

James Vawter, the son of Jesse and Elizabeth Vawter, was born April 2, 1783, near the Holston river in North Carolina, now East Tennessee. He was the twin brother of William. In 1806 the family came to the territory of Indiana and settled at Fairmount, clearing the farm where Mrs. J. S. Weyer afterwards resided, near the tanyard, and which Jesse Vawter call Mt. Glad. James Vawter afterwards settled at Mount Pleasant, now North Madison, and then at his farm at Pressburg, one mile out from North Madison. In 1816 he was married to his cousin, Sarah B., the daughter of Judge Watts. Sarah Watts was born October 26, 1796.

James Vawter was not an active politician, but always voted, and was a zealous supporter of the laws of the land. He was candid and frank in his expression of his conviction of right and wrong, faithful and earnest as a Christian and prompt and liberal as a church member. He was a warm advocate of Franklin College and liberal contributor to its funds. He died January 12, 1872, in his ninety-first year, surviving his twin brother five years. Sarah (Watts) Vawter died at the residence of her son Milton in the eighty-third year of her age.

James Vawter had his eccentricities, as had all of the older Vawters, and as have many of their descendants to-day. It is told of him that whenever he brought anything home and didn't know where to put it that he built a shed for it -- that he finally had about five acres on his place covered with sheds. James Vawter lived on the top of the Hill. William Rice had a mill a short distance above and off the road which ran at the foot of the hill. He wanted the road to come by his mill and not by William Stribling's, so he built a fence across the road to force people to go around by his mill. At that time Pressburg consisted of only a few houses and, in its best days, perhaps a mill or two. The houses were not very close together and were all farm houses.

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James Vawter's house was right in Pressburg, and yet was in the country. William Brazelton, a poet of Jefferson county, wrote these verses:

"Of all the spots here in the world
For honor and renown
I own in Pressburg is unfurled
The beauty of a town.
"If much you travel through that town
Take care your feet and head
Or you will find you'll be crushed down
Beneath some tottering shed.
"Sheds, yes, propped and potted up,
Without the form of walls,
Tottering, reeling to and fro,
Hit one prop and fifty falls.
"The king of sheds lives on a hill
As happy as a toad,
The king of trouble owns a mill,
And stops the public road.

It is also told of James Vawter that he could not resist the temptation to hang a gate wherever he saw two trees located conveniently for the purpose, and that one would often see gates out in a field with no fence near. The truth of this can not be vouched for.

One thing is certain, however, and that is, that "Uncle Jimmy," as he was called, had a den. It was something after the style of the dens men affect these days, only not so luxurious. It was a very small room, built on to one end of the porch. Whenever "Uncle Jimmy" couldn't be found he was nearly sure to be in that den.. The room is left just as it was when it was the comfort of "Uncle Jimmy." In it is a small bed or cot of some kind. Around two sides are shelves with jars or bottles containing many different kinds of seeds. Across one end is a row of nails. On the nails are hung strips of wood which were cut just the right size to hold a column of newspaper clippings. In the end of each piece of wood was a hole so the strip might hang on one of the nails. This was the way "Uncle Jimmy" kept his scrap

book, and to his den he often came to be quiet and read when the house was full of company.

"Uncle Jimmy" wore a white fur plug hat summer and winter, so one of his nephews said, and he presented a striking appearance in that hat and his great long coat.

This anecdote is also told of James Vawter: There was a woman in the church who was very aggressive. She got up in meeting and, after talking a long time, urged every one to get up and do likewise. When she sat down "Uncle Jimmy" got up and said: "Some need urgin' for'ard and some need holdin' back."

Then he sat down without another word.

"Uncle Jimmy" once brought home a wagon-load of brick to be used for some building purpose. He went into town again, and when he returned the second time he found the bricks all tumbled down and half of them broken in pieces. "Boys," said he, "what does this mean?" His grandchildren said: "Why, grandpa, you see it was this way. We were playing war and we put a lot of bricks on one side for Union soldiers and a lot of bricks on the other side for Rebels, and the Union men whipped the Rebels all to pieces, and that is how the bricks got broken." "All right, boys," said "Uncle Jimmy," if the Rebels got whipped that is all right."

James and Sarah (Watts) Vawter had eleven children: John Watts, Jesse Holman, Frances, Johnson S., William C., Milton S., James S., Newton W., Fanny S., Susan E., and Thomas S.

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John Watts Vawter

John Watts Vawter, the son of James and Sarah (Watts) Vawter, was born November 15, 1817, and was married by Rev. E. Holt, February 13, 1851, to Louesa Bachman, who was born in Madison, Indiana, December 16, 1829, and died July 4, 1887. John Watts Vawter was engaged in the lumber and milling business, and at one time had plank-road contracts on the Michigan Road. He was also merchant at Scipio and Columbus, Indiana.

He followed boating for a few years, first with flatboats loaded with provisions for the lower country, then was connected with the steamboat trade. In 1847 he bought the "John Drennen," which ran between Madison and Cincinnati as a packet. During the Civil War he purchased an interest in the "Clara Dunning," which ran between Louisville and Cincinnati. Then he became owner of the steamer "David White," running between Louisville, St. Louis and New Orleans, and for a time was captain. He had sold one-fourth interest before the boat exploded on the lower Mississippi, but he suffered a heavy loss. John Watts Vawter afterwards engaged in agricultural pursuits. For two years before his death he was near Baton Rouge, Louisiana, managing a large cotton plantation and sawmill. His wife was the daughter of Alois Bachman. John Watts Vawter died September 25, 1875, in the fifty-eighth year of his age. The children of John Watts and Louesa (Bachman) Vawter were Emma S., Charles D., John S., Elizabeth L., James A., Alfred and Frances Helen.

(1) Emma S. Vawter, daughter of John and Louesa (Bachman) Vawter, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, February 23, 1852; married March 30, 1881, at North Madison, Indiana, to Judson Williams, who was born in Ripley county, Indiana, September 27, 1842. Judson Williams is a horticulturist, 1331 Palmer street, Los Angeles, California.

Children:

a. Mary Louesa Williams, born in Ottawa, Kansas, February 21, 1883; died in Fallbrook, San Diego county, California, October 13, 1890.

b. Maud Williams, born in Ottawa, Kansas, January 24, 1886; died in Fallbrook, San Diego, county California, October 15, 1890.

(2) Charles D. Vawter, son of John Watts and Louesa (Bachman) Vawter, was born May 24, 1854; married in Laurel Hill, Louisiana, June 4, 1877, to Emma K. Thomas, who was born in Winnsborough, Louisiana, January 21, 1858; died in North Madison, Indiana, April 30, 1893. Children:

a. Clarence Howell Vawter, born December 3, 1878.

- b. Elizabeth Louise Vawter, born October 7, 1884.
- c. Charles Hart Vawter, born June 13, 1886.
- d. Minnie E. Vawter, born August 27, 1891.

Charles D. Vawter married, second, November 5, 1893, Julia Davidson, who was born in North Madison, Indiana, July 1, 1859. No children. 812 South Eight street, Tacoma, Washington.

(3) John S. Vawter, son of John Watts and Louesa (Bachman) Vawter, was born November 9, 1856; married Mary Singer and had one child. Lives in Soldiers' Home in Indiana.

(4) Elizabeth L. Vawter, daughter of John Watts and Louesa (Bachman) Vawter, was born June 12, 1859; married, March 20, 1889, in Jefferson county, Indiana, to Charles F. Sheets. Lives at 455 East Third street, Los Angeles, California.

Children:

- a. Emma A. Sheets, born June 19, 1890, in Jefferson county, Indiana.
- b. Narcissa F. P. Sheets, born February 28, 1896, in Jefferson county, Indiana.

(5) James Alois Bachman Vawter, son of John Watts and Louesa (Bachman) Vawter, was born March 16, 1862, near North Madison, Indiana; married March 19, 1891, at Sedan, Kansas, to Clara Catherine Monroe, who was born August 25, 1873, near Peru, Kansas.

James Alois Vawter is telegraph operator and railway station agent at Heron, Montana.

Children of James A. and Clara (Monroe) Vawter:

- a. Alfred Buell Vawter, born June 30, 1892, at Arlington, Washington.
- b. Vernon Monroe Vawter, born July 13, 1895, at Heppner Junction, Oregon.
- c. Bessie Alice Vawter, born January 30, 1897, at Heppner Junction, Oregon.
- d. Frank Raymond Vawter, born January 13, 1899, near North Yakima, Washington.
- e. James Alois Vawter, born November 3, 1901, near North Yakima, Washington.

(6) Alfred T. Vawter, son of John Watts and Louesa (Bachman) Vawter, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, October 1, 1864; married May 9, 1889, to Minnie L. Vawter, the daughter of Jesse Holman Vawter. Minnie Vawter was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, February 19, 1867.

Alfred T. Vawter is in the life insurance business, 2216 Bird street, Boyle Heights, Los Angeles, California.

Children:

- a. Jesse Beryl Watts Vawter, born in Jefferson county, Indiana, August 28, 1890; died January 10, 1891.
 - b. May Vawter, born in Jefferson county, Indiana, May 10, 1892; died July 27, 1892.
 - c. Chester Ernest Vawter, born in Vanderburgh county, Indiana, May 7, 1895.
 - d. Robert Alfred Vawter, born in Vanderburgh county, Indiana, October 19, 1897.
 - e. Walter Bachman Vawter, born in Vanderburgh county, Indiana, July 2, 1900.
 - f. Ruth Leotia Vawter, born in Carmi, Illinois, December 12, 1902.
- (7) Frances Helen Vawter, daughter of John Watts and Louesa (Bachman) Vawter, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, August 20, 1867; died July 3, 1877.

Jesse Holman Vawter, son of James and Sarah (Watts) Vawter, was born at North Madison, Indiana, March 6, 1820. He was married, February 25, 1843, to Martha E. Pyle, who was born in Philadelphia, August 9, 1826; died at North Madison, Indiana, March 7, 1878. Holman Vawter was a merchant, also a steamboat and stationary engineer. He lived in Indiana all of his life except a short time in Illinois. He was a member of the Home Guards during the Civil War. Was a member of the Baptist

Church. For many years before his death he was afflicted with cancer. He died August 30, 1898.

The children of Jesse Holman and Martha (Pyle) Vawter were Edgar, Mary, John, Ella, Newton, James, William, Elmore and Henry.

(1) Edgar, son of Jesse Holman and Martha (Pyle) Vawter, was born May 25, 1844; died April 23, 1847.

(2) Mary F., daughter of Jesse Holman and Martha (Pyle) Vawter, was born November 9, 1846; married November 4, 1868, to William H. Benefiel; died September 21, 1898.

Children of William and Mary (Vawter) Benefiel: George Holman, who was born in Ripley county, Indiana, and two others who died in infancy.

(3) Ella, daughter of Jesse Holman and Martha (Pyle) Vawter, was born September 9, 1848. Lives in Los Angeles, California, with her sister, Mrs. Alfred Vawter.

(4) John C., son of Jesse Holman and Martha (Pyle) Vawter, was born August 27, 1850; died April 28, 1867.

(5) James R., son of Jesse Holman and Martha (Pyle) Vawter, was born October 9, 1852; married Angeline Brace. Is a farmer, living in Beverly, Lincoln county, Kansas.

(6) Newton O., son of Jesse Holman and Martha (Pyle) Vawter, was born August 7, 1854; died November 11, 1881.

(7) Henry C., son of Jesse Holman and Martha (Pyle) Vawter, was born in Rexville, Indiana, May 11, 1857; married June 2, 1883, to Ida Britton. They have two children, Ray and Mabel. Henry C. Vawter is a farmer, living near Waldron, Shelby county, Indiana.

(8) William E., son of Jesse Holman and Martha (Pyle) Vawter, was born in North Madison, Indiana, October 5, 1860. Is unmarried. Lives in Dixon, Illinois.

(9) Elmer H., son of Jesse Holman and Martha (Pyle) Vawter, was born April 22, 1862, died March 13, 1863.

(10) Thomas, son of Jesse Holman and Martha (Pyle) Vawter, was born in Rexville, Indiana, May 22, 1864; married Frances Patton September 17, 1889. They have no children.

Thomas Vawter is a railroad fireman and engineer, living at 529 South Workman street, Los Angeles, California.

(11) Roe M., son of Jesse Holman and Martha (Pyle) Vawter, was born in Rexville, Indiana; married Tillie Nix April 3, 1896. They have had three children: Edna, born April 3, 1898; died March 18, 1899. Elmer, born June 9, 1900, and Naomi, born August 19, 1902.

Roe Vawter is in the employ of the railroad and lives in New Albany, Indiana.

(12) Minnie, daughter of Jesse Holman and Martha (Pyle) Vawter, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, February 19, 1867; married her cousin Alfred, the son of John Watts Vawter, in 1899. (See record of Alfred Vawter.)

3

Frances Vawter

Frances, daughter of James and Sarah (Watts) Vawter, born February 1, 1822; died July 23, 1823.

4

Johnson S. Vawter

Johnson S., son of James and Sarah (Watts) Vawter, was born May 25, 1824. He was married to Diana Moncrief in 1854; died December 6, 1879.

Johnson S. Vawter was a farmer. He was also a carpenter and had a sawmill before he began farming.

Diana (Moncrief) Vawter was born January 23, 1826; died August 13, 1892.

The children of Johnson S. and Diana (Moncrief) Vawter were Sarah, who died when a child, and James C., who died when about grown.

Johnson S. Vawter and his wife lived at Rexville, Indiana.

William C. Vawter

William C., son of James and Sarah (Watts) Vawter, was born in the old homestead near North Madison, Indiana, February 28, 1827. When fourteen years of age he was apprenticed to a tailor, and, at the end of his time, began business for himself in North Madison. There he continued in business until 1851, when he moved to Jennings county. Here he was married, November 11, 1851, to Sydney Olive Willis, who was born November 24, 1829, in Maryland, and died September 5, 1896.

William Vawter was engaged in the mercantile business until 1866, when he removed to Madison and was with Cobb, Stribling & Company. He was also in the woolen mill business at Ellettsville and afterwards at Madison. In 1868 he began traveling for Schofield & Sons, and was with them the most of the time until his death of apoplexy on April 23, 1882. One of the proprietors of Schofield & Sons said after his death: "We have no hope of filling his place satisfactorily. He was so true, so honest and so successful."

William C. and Sydney Olive Vawter had ten children: James Hiram, Sarah Elton, Willis Isiah, Spencer Coin, Johnson Smith, Alice Eupheme, Robert, Theodosia Ernest, William Cornett and Colfax.

(1) James Hiram, son of William C. and Sydney (Willis) Vawter, was born September 18, 1852, at Scipio, Indiana, and died July 11, 1874, in Laconia, Arkansas. He was a merchant and was unmarried.

(2) Sarah Elton, daughter of William C. and Sydney (Willis) Vawter, was born October 5, 1854, at Scipio, Indiana, and was married, at North Vernon, Indiana, October 5, 1891, to Captain James H. Hardy. They have no children.

Captain Hardy was born in Canada February 22, 1832. He lived in Covington, Indiana, for a number of years and was engaged in the mercantile business. Has been retired for the last fifteen years and is living on a farm near North Vernon, Indiana.

(3) Willis Isiah, son of William C. and Sydney (Willis) Vawter, was born at Scipio, Indiana, October 5, 1854, and was married May 18, 1884, to Mary McIntyre, who was born in Madison, Indiana, July 16, 1860. Their children are:

- a. Olive S., born December 2, 1885, in North Madison, Indiana.
- b. Bessie M., born January 16, 1888, in North Madison, Indiana.
- c. Wilbur Willis, born November 16, 1889, in North Madison, Indiana.
- d. James Hardy, born August 12, 1892, near North Madison, Indiana.
- e. George Williams, born May 22, 1895, near North Madison, Indiana.

Willis Vawter and family live on a farm near Mooresville, Morgan county, Indiana.

(4) Spencer Coin, son of William C. and Sydney (Willis) Vawter, was born at Scipio, Indiana, January 12, 1857, and died at North Madison, Indiana, March 6, 1872.

(5) Johnson Smith, son of William C. and Sydney (Willis) Vawter, was born in Scipio, Indiana, December 31, 1858, and died there April 13, 1866.

(6) Alice Eupheme, daughter of William C. and Sydney (Willis) Vawter, was born in Scipio, Indiana, March 14, 1861, and was married October 13, 1881, to Theodore Henry Rokobrant, who was born in Madison, Indiana, July 31, 1859. They have two children: Myrtle Olive, born November 27, 1882, in Madison, Indiana, and George Carl, who was born November 27, 1889, in Madison, Indiana.

T. H. Rokobrant is traveling agent for Central Electric Supply Company, Chicago. Lives at 703 Main street, Coshocton, Ohio.

(7) Robert, son of William C. and Sydney (Willis) Vawter, died at birth.

(8) Theodosia Ernest, daughter of William C. and Sydney (Willis) Vawter, was born at Scipio, Indiana, June 25, 1863, and was married September 17, 1884, to George L. Williams, who

was born in Dupont, Indiana, September 4, 1861. They have no children.

George L. Williams is the agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Jeffersonville, Indiana.

(9) William Cornett, son of William C. and Sydney (Willis) Vawter, was born at Madison, Indiana, December 5, 1866, and died in Whatcom, Washington, February 4, 1903. He was in the lumber business and was unmarried.

(10) Colfax, son of William C. and Sydney (Willis) Vawter, was born and died December 13, 1868.

6

Milton S. Vawter

Milton S. Vawter, the son of James and Sarah (Watts) Vawter, was born February 17, 1829, near North Madison, Indiana. An account of the early part of his life is best given in his own words. He says:

"I worked on a farm until I was sixteen years old, then at plastering until my twenty-first year. I then clerked in a store in Bartholomew county, Indiana. At the end of a year I took full charge of the stock and continued the business at Taylorville for one-half the net profit. The country was new, and chills and fever so prevalent that in the fall of 1850 I sold out and returned to Jefferson county, where I was engaged on the plank road which was being built by my brother John. In the spring of 1851 I located at Elizabethtown and engaged in the mercantile business, and in 1852 also attended to the railroad station in connection with my business. In February, 1855, I sold out to G. W. Branham and went south and engaged with my brother, John W. Vawter, in building plank roads in Louisiana. In the fall of 1856 I was engaged by the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad Company to attend to the business at Amity, which I did in connection with a stock of dry goods and groceries. In the fall of 1858 I went to Martinsville and continued there until spring, receiving and shipping grain until the old road was abandoned; then I

engaged to superintend a merchant mill until the fall of 1859. In the spring of 1860 I opened a dry goods and notion store at Madison, Indiana. When the war came on I offered my services in Captain James Bachman's company and was refused. From the years 1855 to 1859 I spent three months of each year away from my other business in buying hogs for Madison pork houses. In the year 1863 I began to work on the river, filling various positions from watchman to captain, having an interest in the boats on which I was employed. I sometimes filled the place of watchman and clerk at the same time while running up the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. At the close of the war, in 1865, I was on the steamer "David White" in the Louisville and New Orleans trade. In 1867 I left the river to look after my affairs on land, and have ever since been engaged in merchandising and farming. I am living on the land which my father entered in 1825, and which I purchased of my brother in 1867."

Milton Vawter is now seventy-five years of age and is living in the house where he was born. The house is still in very good condition. Besides the old home place, there are a number of small dwellings on the farm which are rented. In a little shed near his home Milton Vawter has a small store, with groceries and notions. Here flour, bacon, sugar and the small necessities which may be needed by the farm people are kept, and the tenants are supplied with what they wish, paying a little at a time as they choose. Mr. Vawter is not confined at home at all by this little store. He is always ready to take friends or relatives around to see the country or other relatives. The store is more in the order of a supply house, and people probably only come in the evenings or mornings.

Milton Vawter is known, too, far and near for his interest in and knowledge of the family. He has furnished many people with copies of old times records, and has been a very great help in the collection of material for this history.

Milton Vawter was married to Aureana L. Vawter, the daughter of Pascal Vawter, December 28, 1865. Aureana L. Vawter was born January 1, 1843, in Jefferson county, Indiana. Her

parents moved to Roman county, Kentucky, in 1856 and to Adair county, Ohio, in 1863. The children of Milton and Aureana Vawter were Frank C., Jennie and Bert Watts.

(1) Frank C., son of Milton and Aureana Vawter, was born September 4, 1867, and was married May 2, 1894, to Lillian Lepper, who was born March 14, 1867. Their children are Rhoeyden, born January 16, 1895, and Nadyne, born November 7, 1897. Frank C. Vawter is clerk of a boat which runs between Madison and Cincinnati, and lives in Madison, Indiana.

(2) Jennie, daughter of Milton and Aureana Vawter, was born April 8, 1870, and is living with her father.

(3) Bert Watts, son of Milton and Aureana Vawter, was born July 25, 1872, and died September 4, 1872.

Aureana, wife of Milton Vawter, died October 31, 1872.

Milton S. Vawter was married November 16, 1876, to Sue G. Sebree, of Rising Sun, Indiana, who was born February 13, 1843, in Gallatin county, Kentucky.

7

James S. Vawter

James S. Vawter, son of James and Sarah (Watts) Vawter, born May 9, 1831; married, by Elder John Stott, June 19, 1856, to Mary Cowell, who died in 1857, leaving no children.

James S. Vawter married, second, Pheba Almeida Rollins in January, 1864, and had two children.

James S. Vawter lived most of his life in Jefferson and Johnson counties, Indiana. He was engaged in the grocery business for many years, and was postmaster for several years. He was an ordained Baptist minister, but did not preach regularly. He was always a great worker in the church and Sunday-school, of which, at the time of his death, he had been superintendent for twelve years. He wrote a great deal for the papers. He died August 5, 1881. Pheba Almeida Vawter died July 13, 1887.

The children of James S. and Pheba Almeida Vawter were:

(1) Ada V., born December 23, 1864, in Amity, Indiana; died May 30, 1901. Unmarried.

(2) Effie A., born August 10, 1872, in North Madison, Indiana; married September 5, 1893, to George S. Kerr, who was born in Owen county, Indiana, October 14, 1852. Their children are Stanley I. L., born January 10, 1895; Arleigh Robert, born February 16, 1897, and Rees Vawter, born August 5, 1899.

George Kerr is a dealer in real estate, living at Bozeman, Montana.

8

Newton W. Vawter

Newton Wilbur Vawter, son of James and Sarah (Watts) Vawter, was born April 13, 1833, near North Madison, Indiana. He was married in 1853 to Lucretia Branham, a granddaughter of Frances (Vawter) Branham. Lucretia (Branham) Vawter died in 1854, leaving no children.

Newton Vawter was married the second time on October 26, 1856, to Maria B. Foster, another granddaughter of Frances (Vawter) Branham. They had four children. Maria (Foster) Vawter died August 2, 1896.

Newton Wilbur Vawter was married, third, to Armilda A. Holister, January 13, 1901.

Newton W. Vawter has lived in Indiana all of his life with the exception of one year spent in Missouri superintending a plank road running from Iron Mountain to St. Genevieve. Has lived all of his life in Jefferson county, except nine years. He has been engaged in merchandising, steamboating five years, and was a locomotive engineer for twenty-five years. He enlisted in the Union army May, 1862. He was orderly sergeant in Company D, Fifty-Fourth Regiment, Volunteer Infantry. Was promoted to sergeant-major of said regiment and was mustered out when the time expired at Indianapolis. Has been a member of the Christian Church for forty-five years. Lives at North Madison, Indiana.

The children of Newton W. Vawter and Maria (Foster) Vawter

were Henry J., Will Campbell, Fanny Alice and Robert Newton.

(1) Henry J., son of Newton and Maria (Foster) Vawter, was born September 19, 1857; married September 16, 1880, to Josie Willin. They have two children, Harry, born June 6, 1881, and Emma, born June 28, 1883.

Henry Vawter was a railroad conductor until he met with an accident and lost part of his foot. He is now a rural route mail carrier. Lives at Rockport, Indiana. His son Harry was married September 20, 1903, to Lillie M. Hibbs. They live in Clifton Heights, Cincinnati. Their child, Dorothy Louise, was born May 30, 1904.

(2) Will Campbell, son of Newton W. and Maria (Foster) Vawter, was born September 7, 1860. He is unmarried and lives in Evansville, Indiana. Lawyer.

(3) Fanny Alice, daughter of Newton W. and Maria (Foster) Vawter, was born July 14, 1866; married September 19, 1889, to John W. Deupree. They had one child, Alva Will, born February 20, 1891. John W. Deupree died April 15, 1895.

Fanny Alice Deupree married, second, Howard Lee on April 25, 1901. They have one child, Fanny Jane, born October 5, 1902.

Howard Lee is a contractor living in Columbus, Indiana.

(4) Robert Newton, son of Newton Wilbur and Maria (Foster) Vawter, was born July 23, 1877; married August 23, 1900, to Josie Quinn; died May 1, 1901.

9

Fanny S. Vawter

Fanny S., daughter of James and Sarah (Watts) Vawter, was born September 27, 1835; died April 20, 1876. Unmarried.

10

Susan E. Vawter

Susan E., daughter of James and Sarah (Watts) Vawter, was born March 3, 1838; died February 11, 1857. Unmarried.

11

Thomas S. Vawter

Thomas S., son of James and Sarah (Watts) Vawter, was born May 3, 1840; married November 6, 1866, at Madison, Indiana, to Annie LeGill, who was born in Ireland but came to this country when a small child.

Thomas S. Vawter was born near North Madison, Indiana. He has lived in Rexville, Indiana, for thirty-seven years. Is a pension attorney. Served in the War of the Rebellion, the first time in the Fifty-Fourth Indiana, second time in the Sixty-Seventh Indiana, and also in the Twenty-Fourth Indiana.

Children of Thomas S. and Annie (LeGill) Vawter: Milton M., Edward and Brainard.

(1) Milton, son of Thomas S. and Annie (LeGill) Vawter, was born September 5, 1868; married September 11, 1892, to Laura Shaddy. They have five children:

- a. Florence May, born January 12, 1893.
- b. Hazel, born November 16, 1896.
- c. Edwin, born November 5, 1898.
- d. Macie Marie, born January 1, 1901.
- e. Annie Laurie, born October 26, 1903.

Milton Vawter is a barber, living at Rexville, Indiana.

(2) Edward, the son of Thomas S. and Annie (LeGill) Vawter was born May 22, 1872, and died at the age of twenty-six months.

(3) Brainard Le Vawter, the son of Thomas S. and Annie (LeGill) Vawter, was born September 29, 1874. He attended school and graduated at the Terre Haute Normal. Is now principal of the High School at Osgood, Indiana.

IV
FRANCES VAWTER⁵
(Jesse⁴, David³, John², John¹)
(1785 - 1853)
m.

JOHN BRANHAM
(1777 - 1834)

CHILDREN ⁶	GRANDCHILDREN ⁷	G.GRANDCHILDREN ⁸	G.G.GRANDCHILDREN ⁹
	{ (1) Zerelda, d.		{ Nellie m., two ch.
	{ (2) J. Foster, d.		{ Edith m., one ch.
	{	{ Scott	{ Jennie
	{	{ m.	{ Etta
	{	{ Julia McDowell	{ Stella
	{	{	{ Flora
	{	{	{ Hazel
	{	{	{ Grace
	{	{	{
	{	{	{ Edward
	{	{ John	{ Ida
	{	{ m.	{ Lillian
	{	{ Mary Kareger	{ Sadie
	{	{	{ William
	{	{	{ George
	{ (3) William	{	
	{ m.	{	
	{ Martha LaMasters	{ Mary	{ Mary
	{	{ m. Joseph Gordon	
	{	{	
	{	{ William	{ Seven children
	{	{ m. Mary Davis	
	{	{	
	{	{ Edward	{ Jesse
	{	{ m. Kate Faulkner	{ Robert
	{	{	
	{	{	{ William
	{	{	{ George
	{	{ Ida	{ Saphronia
	{	{ m.	{ Claude
	{	{ Wilbur Grindell	{ Three others
	{	{	
	{	{ Alice, d.	
	{	{ Wm. Fitch	{ William Lou
	{ (4) Louisa	{ m. Josephine Campbell	
	{ m.	{	
	{ Monroe Gullet	{ Mary L.	{ Arthur Monroe
	{	{ m. Joseph Whittemore	
	{	{	
	{	{ Edward	{ Elberta Louise
	{	{ m. Grace Sherman	
	{	{	

1. Jesse V.
m.
Mary Butler

	{	{ Hiram S.	{ Charles Greenleaf
	{	{ m. Jessie Greenleaf	{ Harold Delaney
	{	{	
	{	{ Alice	{ Hiram D.
1. Jesse V.	{	{ m. Wm. R. Burns	{ William Douglas
(continued)	{	{	
	{ m	{	{ Alice Irene
	{ Mary L. Stark	{ Delaney E.	{ Donald
	{	{ m.	{ Thomas Leon
	{	{ Nellie I. Hand	{ Cecil Hunter
	{	{	
	{	{ Louisa	{ Marguerite Louise
	{	{ m. Peter Rodange	
	{	{	
	{	{ Thos. F.	{ Roger Vawter
	{	{ m. May Galvin	
	{		
	{ (1) Geo. W.	{ Uriah	
	{ m.	{ Maria	
	{ Sarah Huckleberry	{ Several others	
	{		
	{	{ Solan B.	{ Oral Ami, d.
	{	{ m.	{ Jesse Branham
	{	{ Elsie J. Davis	{ Orlando Parks, d.
	{	{	{ Lenora Etha
	{	{	
	{	{	{ Oscar
	{	{	{ Etta N.
	{	{ Clara Alice	{ Norma E.
	{	{ m.	{ Wilber E.
	{	{ Benjamin McNew	{ Zuma F.
	{ (2) Elizabeth Jane	{	
	{ m.	{ Mary Frances	{ No children
	{ Florence O'conner	{ m. Wm. Fleming	
	{	{ Chester C., d.	
	{	{ Hickman D., unm.	
	{	{ Wilber S., unm.	
	{	{ Florence Jane, d.	
	{	{	
	{	{	{ Bertha
	{	{ Nora Ellen	{ Omer
	{	{ m.	{ Leslie C
	{	{ Clarence Wilson	{ Christel
	{	{	{ Mabel
	{	{ William A., unm.	
	{		
	{ (3) Matilda	{ Orlando Parks	{ Daisy m., one ch.
	{ m. John Brooks	{ m. Carruthers	
	{		
	{	{ Alcey	{ Frank, d.
	{	{ m. Scott Branham	
	{	{	
	{ (4) Davis	{	{ Elmer C.
	{ m.	{	{ m. Ira E. Downey
	{ Louisiana Compton	{ Joseph	{ (Edna Marie)
	{	{ m.	{ Lester Ee.
	{	{ Elizabeth Brumit	{ Ira E.
	{	{	{ Russell
	{	{	{ Roscoe R.
	{		

	{	{ Elizabeth J., d.	
	{	{ Ida P., d.	
	{	{	{ Spencer Vance
	{	{	{ Alta Irene
	{	{	{ Bertha Lulu
	{	{ Davis S.	{ James Ernest
	{	{ m.	{ Ethel Pearl
	{	{ Ida Belle Cooper	{ Mabel Clare
	{	{	{ Davis Bishop
	{	{	{ John Albert
	{	{ Florence E., d.	
	{	{ Annie Laurie	{ Dunward
	{	{ m.	{ Arley
	{	{ Wm. Waters	{ Virgil
	{ (4) Davis Branham	{	
	{ (continued)	{ Addie Belle	{ Hazel
	{	{ m. Sam'l H. Pickett	{ Glen
	{	{	
	{	{ Mattie C.	
	{	{ m. David N. Pickett	
	{	{ Eva May	{ Inez
	{	{ m. Henry D. Neel	
	{	{	
	{	{ Jud J.	{ Estel
	{	{ m. Jessie M. Bruce	
	{	{	
	{	{ Maud F.	
	{	{ m. Allen Williams	
	{	{	
2. Uriah Branham	{	{ Ida	
(continued)	{	{ Morton	
	{	{ m. Araminta McElroy, d.	
	{	{	
	{	{ Emma A.	
	{	{ m. Waldo Robinson	
	{ (5) Mary A.	{	
	{ m	{ Jennie	{ Ethel
	{ Samuel Brown	{ m. Geo. Stellhorn	
	{	{	
	{	{ Cora	{ Lenore
	{	{ m. Jesse Everson	{ Howard
	{	{	
	{	{ William H.	{ Mary Freda
	{	{ m. Rose E. Walrick	
	{	{	
	{	{ Ezra Foster	{ Clarence
	{	{ m.	{ John Harry
	{	{ Viola Smith	{ Harry
	{	{	
	{	{	{ Ada, m.
	{	{	{ Bertha m. Seaman
	{ (6) Frances	{ Charles Fremont	{ Noble
	{ m.	{ m.	{ Bonnie
	{ James A. Walden	{ Emma Harper	{ Homer
	{	{	{ Carl
	{	{	{ Mauree
	{	{	{ Lillian

	{	{ Wm. Oral, unnm.	
	{	{	{ Lulie May
	{	{ Annie Ellen	{ m. Everett R. Bohall
	{	{ m.	{ Fanny, d.
	{	{ Wm. A. Jenkns	{ Hazel Etta
	{	{	{ Georgia A.
	{	{ Uriah Branham, d.	
	{	{	{ Susie
	{	{	{ Alice
	{	{ James Richey	{ William
	{	{ m.	{ Leslie, d.
	{	{ Elizabeth Baker	{ Dorothy
	{	{	
	{	{	{ James, d.
	{ (6) Frances Waldon	{ Elizabeth Etta	{ Carrie
	{ (continued)	{ m. Rev. W. G. McColley	{ William
	{	{	{ Walter
	{	{	
	{	{	{ Lillian, d.
	{	{	{ Maggie
	{	{ Mary Alice	{ Jessie
	{	{ m.	{ Edgar
	{	{ Leslie Good	{ Donnel
	{	{	{ Nora
	{	{ Jessie Lulie	
	{	{ m. Frank Marshall	
	{	{ Ida May	{ Arthur
	{	{ m. James K. Atwood	{ Walden
	{	{ Otis Morton, unnm.	
	{	{ Orion Nobel, d.	
	{	{	
	{ (7) James N.	{ ____ m.	
	{ m.	{ McKnight	
	{ Carrie ____	{ Vera	
	{ (8) Danville, d.		
	{		
	{	{ Radie	{ Jennie
	{	{ m.	{ Harry
	{	{ Mandeville Bain	{ Mary
	{		
	{	{ Mary M.	{ Olive
	{	{ m. 1st Ansley F. Jones	
	{ (1) Johathan	{ m. 2d Rev. C. L. Smith	{ Grayce
	{ m.	{	
	{ Isabel Green	{ Wm. J.	{ Radie
	{	{ m.	{ Audrey
	{	{ Sadie Brock	{ Harold
	{	{	{ Leland
	{	{	
	{	{	{ Melnotte B.
	{	{	{ M. Pearle
	{ (1) Mary	{ Mattie M.	{ N. Augusta
	{ m.	{ m.	{ Royal C.
	{ Jared Foster	{ A. C. Jones	{ Isabelle A.
	{	{	{ A. Foster
	{	{	{ Gladys O.
	{	{	{ Gayle A.
	{	{	

	{	{ John A.	{ Raymond
	{	{ m.	{ Arthur
	{	{ Annie Powell	{ Leslie
	{	{	{ Gayle
	{ (1) Jonathan Foster	{	
	{ (continued)	{ Lucy B.	{ Gladys
	{	{ m.	{ Ross
	{	{ Alfred Soward	{ Winnie
	{	{	
	{	{ Gladys	
	{	{ m. O. A. Cook	
	{		
	{ (2) Jane S.		
	{ m. Granville P. Campbell		
	{ (both dead)		
	{ (3) Watts, d		
	{	{ Henry J.	{ Harry
	{	{ m.	{ m. Lillie M. Hibbs
	{	{ Josie Willin	{ (Dorothy L.)
	{ (4) Maria B.	{	{ Emma
	{ m.	{ Wm. Campbell, unm.	
	{ Newton W. Vawter	{ Fanny Alice	{ Alva William
	{	{ m. 1st John Deupree	
	{	{ m. 2d. Howard Lee	{ Fanny Jane
	{	{	
	{	{ Robert Newton m.	
	{	{ Josie Quinn, d.	
	{		
4, Danville, m.	{ No children		
	{ (1) John		
	{ (2) Daniel		
5. Elizabeth	{ (3) James		
m.	{ (4) Edward		
Daniel Davis	{ (5) Several others		
	{ (1) Lucretia A.	{ No children	
	{ m. Newton W. Vawter		
	{		
	{ (2) Henry Clay	{ Ardys, d.	
	{ m.	{ Mary	
	{ Caroline Bateman	{ Hal Howard	
	{	{ Harrye Boynton	
	{		
	{	{ John Warner	
	{	{ Bromley E.	{ Donald
	{ (3) John Clark	{ m. Elenor Wilton	
	{ m.	{	
	{ Kate Bromley	{ Edith Kate	{ John Stanley
	{	{ m. John M. Covert	
	{	{ Jessie, d.	
	{	{ Ruby Alice	
	{	{ m. Gordon R. Atwood	

	{ (4) David Hickman, d.		
	{	{ Gilbert C.	
6. Geo. W. Branham	{ (5) Wm. Cummings	{ Elizabeth H.	{ Mary Elizabeth
	{ m. Mary E. Gilbert	{ m. John H. Wagner	
	{		
	{	{ David C.	
	{	{ m. Vera Miller	
	{	{ Fred Rol	
	{	{ Perita	
	{ (6) Emma C.	{ Brown	
	{ m.	{ Thor Warren	
	{ Joseph W. Sanborn	{ Isaac Basil	
	{	{ Joseph Warren	
2d. Mrs. Mary A. Wilson	{ (7) Geo. Chandler		
	{ m. 1st. Margaret Comer	{ Stella	
	{		
	{ m. 2d. Dicy A. Green	{ Joseph Cary	
	{ (1) David Owens, d.		
	{ (2) Martha Jane m.		
	{ _____Daly, d.		
7. James	{ (3) Marietta		
m. 1st Nancy Owens	{ m. George Bickford, d.		
	{ (4) James Harvey, d. unnm.		
	{ (5) John Edward, d. unnm.		
m. 2d Eveline Adams	{	{	{ Thatcher Howe
	{	{ Nelle B.	{ Josephine
	{	{ m. Byron H. Coffey	{ Cecil Louise
	{ (6) Larose	{	{ Jule Hubert
	{ m. Susan A. Halbert	{ James H.	
	{	{ m. Rose Strother, d.	
	{	{ Arthur E.	
	{	{ Eva May, d.	
	{	{ Edward L.	
	{	{ Bertha B.	
	{ (7) Ida		
	{ (8) C. A.		
	{ (9) Smith Vawter, d.		

8. John T., d.	{ (1) Frances, d.		
	{ (2) Sarah	{ Jacob	
	{ m. 1st Geo. Baldwin		
	{ m. 2d. Davidson Rea	{ Kennedy F.	
	{		
		{ Harry B.	{ Ernest
		{ m___	{ Marjorie
		{	
		{ Lillian Augusta	
	{ (3) Lucy	{ m. A. L. Brougher, d.	
9. Jane V.	{ m.		{ Clarence
m	{ Henry Cornelius	{ Maud Mary	{ Grace
Jared Foster	{	{ m. Chas. Ham	{ Lora
	{		{ Eugene
		{ Grace Alice	
		{ Rade and Royal	
		{ (Royal, d.)	
		{ Ernest, d.	
	{ (4) Geo. R. , d.		
	{	{ Sarah	
	{ (5) Mariema	{ Lettie m.	
	{ m.	{ Orr	
	{ Lucebra W. Marsh	{ Rade m. Nelson	

IV

FRANCES (VAWTER) BRANHAM

Frances, daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Watts) Vawter, was born February 26, 1785; married to John Branham, the brother of Linsfield Branham, who married her sister Mary. John Branham was born February 27, 1777, and died March 20, 1834. Frances (Vawter) Branham died at Elizabethtown, Indiana, September 8, 1853.

John and Frances (Vawter) Branham had nine children: Jesse, Uriah, Mary, Danville, Elizabeth, George W., James, John T. and Jane V.

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Jesse V. Branham

Jesse V. Branham, son of John and Frances (Vawter) Branham, was born in Kentucky in 1803; married to Mary Butler in

Jennings county, Indiana, in 1822; died in 1893, at Litchfield, Minnesota. Was a farmer.

Mary (Butler) Branham was born in Kentucky in 1805; died in July, 1885, in Litchfield, Minnesota.

Children of Jesse V. and Mary (Butler) Branham were Zerelda, J. Foster, William, Louise, Jesse, Mary, Sarah and Ezra.

(1) Zerelda, daughter of Jesse V. and Mary Branham, was born in 1824; died in 1850.

(2) J. Foster, son of Jesse V. and Mary Branham, was born in 1826; died in 1840.

(3) William, son of Jesse V. and Mary Branham, was born in 1828; married Martha LaMasters at Franklin, Indiana, in 1850. Is a retired farmer, living in Litchfield, Minnesota.

Martha (LaMasters) Branham was born in 1827; died in 1893.

Children of William and Martha Branham: Scott, John, Mary, William, Edward and Ida.

a. Scott, son of William and Martha Branham, was born in 1851; married Julia McDowell in 1879. Is a farmer, living at Hector, Minnesota.

Children are Nellie, born in 1880, who is married and has two children. Lives at Warehouse, Minnesota; Edith, born in 1882; married and has one child. Lives at Hector, Minnesota; Jennie, born in 1884; Etta, born in 1886; Stella, born in 1888; Flora, born in 1890; Hazel, born in 1893, and Grace, born in 1896.

b. John, son of William and Martha Branham, was born in 1853; married Mary Kareger in 1875. Is a farmer, living near Hubbard, Minnesota. Children are Edward, Ida, Lillian Sadie, William and George.

c. Mary, daughter of William and Martha Branham, was born in 1855; married to Joseph Gordon in 1877; died in 1899, leaving one child, Mary.

d. William, son of William and Martha Branham, was born in 1859, married Mary Davis. Is a farmer, living near Wrenshall, Minnesota. Has seven children.

e. Edward, son of William and Martha Branham, was born

in 1857; married Kate Faulkner in 1882. Is a farmer, living near Hubbard, Minnesota. Has two children, Jesse and Robert.

f. Ida, daughter of William and Martha Branham, was born in 1864; married Wilbur Grindall, who is a farmer living near Corvusco, Meeker county, Minnesota. They have seven children, William, George, Sophronia, Claude and three others.

(4) Louisa, daughter of Jesse V. and Mary (Butler) Branham, was born in Vernon, Indiana, November 4, 1831; married May 2, 1850, in Franklin, Indiana, to Monroe Gullett, who was born October 15, 1824, in Kentucky, and died July 15, 1887.

Mrs. Louisa Gullett lives in Clearwater, Minnesota, with her daughter, Mrs. Whittemore.

Children of Monroe and Louisa (Branham) Gullett:

a. Alice Gullett, born July 21, 1852, in Franklin, Indiana, died August 11, 1852.

b. William Fitch Gullett, born April 24, 1854, in Franklin, Indiana; married December 26, 1894, to Josephine Campbell.

Children: William Lou.

Fitch Gullett is a motorman, living in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

c. Mary L. Gullett was born October 30, 1860, in Franklin, Indiana; married January 8, 1895, to Joseph Whittemore, a banker of Clearwater, Minnesota. One child, Arthur Monroe, was born February 16, 1899.

d. Edward B. Gullett was born in Clearwater, Minnesota, July 23, 1869; married January 8, 1895, to Grace Sherman. Is the proprietor of a hotel in Hutchinson, Minnesota. One child, Elberta Louise, was born October 8, 1897.

(5) Jesse V., son of Jesse V. and Mary (Butler) Branham, was born in Vernon, Indiana, July 8, 1834; married February 6, 1855, at Henryville, Indiana, to Mary L. Stark, who was born May 14, 1833, at Charlestown, Indiana.

Jesse V. Branham is now manager of the Keeley Institute in Fargo, North Dakota.

Children of Jesse V. and Mary (Stark) Branham:

a. Hiram S. Branham, born in Franklin, Indiana, January 30, 1856; married December 27, 1882, to Jessie Greenleaf of Litchfield, Minnesota; died in 1891.

Children: Charles Greenleaf Branham and Harold Delaney Branham.

b. Alice Branham, daughter of Jesse Vawter and Mary (Stark) Branham, was born in Meeker county, Minnesota, November 4, 1858; married to William R. Burns, of Toronto, Canada, March 11, 1885. William R. Burns is manager of the Keeley Institute in Omaha, Nebraska.

Children: Hiram D. Burns, born March 20, 1889, and William Douglas Burns, born May 18, 1893.

c. Delaney E. Branham, son of Jesse Vawter and Mary (Stark) Branham, was born May 13, 1861, in Meeker county, Minnesota; married September 25, 1884, to Nettle I. Hand, of Potsdam, New York. Is in the mercantile business in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Children: Alice Irene, Donald, Thomas Leon and Cecil Hunter.

d. Louisa Branham, daughter of Jesse Vawter and Mary (Stark) Branham, was born at Forest City, Minnesota, August 5, 1866; married June 26, 1893, at Litchfield, Minnesota, to Peter Rodange, of Litchfield. Peter Rodange was born at Cascade, Iowa, February 1, 1868. They have one child, Marguerite Louise Rodange, born June 22, 1894.

Peter Rodange is assistant cashier of bank at Litchfield, Minnesota.

e. Thomas F. Branham, son of Jesse Vawter and Mary (Stark) Branham, was born August 8, 1869, in Meeker county, Minnesota; married June, 1898, to May Galvin, of West Liberty, Iowa. Is in the mercantile business in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They have one child, Roger Vawter Branham.

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Uriah Branham

Uriah Branham, son of John and Frances (Vawter) Branham, was born February 1, 1805; married December 28, 1826, to Alcey Davis, who was born September 22, 1807, and died September 7, 1865.

Uriah Branham was a contractor and builder, and at times was engaged in the running of a sawmill. He lived near Vernon, Indiana. He and his brother James had taken a contract to build a plank road from Genevieve, Missouri, to the Iron Mountains. Uriah Branham went west and had been from home less than a week when he was taken sick with cholera, and died on the Mississippi river August 22, 1851.

Children of Uriah and Alcey (Davis) Branham: George W., Elizabeth J., Matilda, Davis, Mary A., Frances, James N. and Danville.

(1) George W., son of Uriah and Alcey (Davis) Branham, was born December 21, 1827; married to Sarah Huckleberry at Vernon, Indiana. He afterwards moved to St. Genevieve, Missouri. Both he and his wife have been dead many years. Their children were Uriah, Maria and several others. Their location is not known.

(2) Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Uriah and Alcey (Davis) Branham, was born August 25, 1829; married February 18, 1851 at Franklin, Indiana, to Florence O'Conner; died December 5, 1891.

Florence O'Conner was born February 24, 1825, in Ohio, and died September 3, 1899.

Children of Florence and Elizabeth (Branham) O'Conner:

a. Solon B. O'Conner, son of Florence and Elizabeth (Branham) O'Conner, was born at Zenus, Jennings county, Indiana, December 8, 1852; married near Zenus December 19, 1876, to Elsie Jane Davis, who was born in Elizabethtown, Indiana, April 6, 1853, and died June 21, 1890.

Children of Solon B. and Elsie (Davis) O'Conner: Oral Ami, born October 1, 1877, died November 22, 1887; Jesse Branham, born October 4, 1879; Orlando Parks, born January 22, 1883, died November 22, 1887, and Lenora Etha, born April 22, 1884.

Solon B. O'Conner lives near Holton, Indiana.

b. Clara Alice, daughter of Florence and Elizabeth O'Conner, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, July 29, 1854; married in Jennings county, Indiana, May 6, 1875, to Benjamin McNew, who was born in Ripley county, Indiana, December 14, 1850.

Children: Oscar was born February 19, 1876; Etta N. was born March 3, 1879; Norma E. was born August 25, 1887; Wilber E., born March 18, 1893, and Zuma F., born December 4, 1894.

c. Mary Frances, daughter of Florence and Elizabeth (Branham) O'Conner, was born near Zenus, Indiana, March 9, 1856; married to William Fleming, who was born near Hopewell, Indiana, May 31, 1858. No children. William Fleming is a real estate agent, living at Greensburg, Indiana.

d. Chester C., son of Florence and Elizabeth (Branham) O'Conner, was born January 3, 1858; died February 25, 1873.

e. Hickman D., son of Florence and Elizabeth O'Conner, was born November 24, 1859. Is unmarried. Lives at 2603 Brookside avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

f. Wilber S., son of Florence and Elizabeth O'Conner, was born February 2, 1862. Lives in Indianapolis. Unmarried.

g. Florence Jane, daughter of Florence and Elizabeth O'Conner, was born April 15, 1864; died December 15, 1866.

h. Norah Ellen, daughter of Florence and Elizabeth O'Conner, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, July 29, 1867; married February 2, 1887, to Clarence Wilson, who was born in Ohio county, Indiana, October 3, 1866. Clarence Wilson is engaged in farming and runs a dairy. Lives at Holton, Indiana.

Children: Bertha, born February 13, 1888; Omer, born November 23, 1889; Leslie C., born May 15, 1893; Christel, born June 14, 1897, and Mabel, born August 4, 1899.

i. William A., son of Florence and Elizabeth O'Conner, was born May 18, 1872. Lives in Indianapolis. Unmarried.

(3) Matilda, daughter of Uriah and Alcey (Davis) Branham, was born December 14, 1831; married to John Brooks; died November 28, 1852. They lived in Elizabethtown, Indiana. They had one child, Orlando Parks Brooks.

Orlando Parks Brooks married a Carruthers and had one child, Daisy, who was married and has a child.

(4) Davis, the son of Uriah and Alcey (Davis) Branham, was born August 22, 1833, at Vernon, Indiana; married January 4, 1855, at Elizabethtown, Indiana, to Louisiana Compton,

who was born August 30, 1837, at Paris, Jennings county, Indiana, and died February 5, 1899.

Davis and Louisiana C. Branham had twelve children: Alcey, Joseph, Elizabeth J., Ida P., Davis S., Florence E., Annie Laurie, Addie Bell, Mattie C., Eva May, Jud J., and Maud F.

a. Alcey Branham was born October 9, 1855; married to Scott Branham July 4, 1873. Alcey Branham died May 4, 1876, leaving one child, Frank, who has since died.

b. Joseph Branham was born February 4, 1858; married to Elizabeth Brumit December 1, 1881. Elizabeth Brumit was born July 20, 1859.

Joseph Branham died April 19, 1895.

Children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Brumit) Brahman:

(a) Elmer C. Branham, born November 23, 1882; married May 8, 1901, to Ira E. Downey, who was born October 9, 1881. They have one child, Edna Marie, born January 22, 1902.

(b) Lester E. Branham, born May 17, 1884.

(c) Ira E. Branham, born June 11, 1886.

(d) Russell C. Branham, born December 16, 1888.

(e) Roscoe R. Branham, born March 5, 1891.

The widow of Joseph Branham is now Mrs. Jennie Eads. She lives at Osgood, Indiana.

c. Elizabeth J. Branham was born April 24, 1859, died April 2, 1873.

d. Ida P. Branham was born October 11, 1860; died February 15, 1861.

e. Davis S. Branham was born June 24, 1862; married October 22, 1884, to Ida Belle Cooper, who was born October 24, 1868. They live at Gillett, Arkansas.

Children: Spencer Vance, born April 24, 1886; Alta Irene, born April 23, 1888; Bertha Lulu, born April 6, 1890; James Ernest, born May 10, 1892; Ethel Pearl, born November 13, 1894; Mabel Clare, born October 19, 1896; Davis Bishop, born July 14, 1899 and John Albert, born January 12, 1902.

f. Florence E. Branham was born July 3, 1867; died March 29, 1868.

g. Annie Laurie Branham was born March 10, 1869; married

to William Waters on August 28, 1892. They live in Dupont, Indiana. Have three children living, Dunward, Arley and Virgil, and one child dead.

h. Addie Bell Branham was born December 21, 1870; married Samuel H. Pickett June 18, 1890. They live near Holton, Indiana, R. R. No. 2. They have two children: Hazel, born July 20, 1891, and Glen, born July 20, 1895.

i. Mattie C. Branham was born March 26, 1872; married David N. Pickett September 3, 1890; died January 11, 1892.

j. Eva May Branham, born March 10, 1875; married January 1, 1899, to Henry D. Neel, who was born July 16, 1874. They live in Gas City, Indiana. Have one child, Inez May, born December 8, 1899.

k. Jud J. Branham was born June 26, 1876; married Jessie M. Bruce May 5, 1901. They live at Greensburg, Indiana. Have one child, Estel.

l. Maud F. Branham was born June 1, 1879; married to Allen Williams February 25, 1901. They live near Shelbyville, Indiana, R. R. No. 2.

(5) Mary A., daughter of Uriah and Alcey (Davis) Branham, was born in 1835; married in 1854 to Samuel Brown, who was born in 1830. Mary A. Brown lives at 919 North East street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Children:

a. Ida, born December 14, 1854. Lives in Indianapolis.

b. Morton, born May 17, 1859; married Araminta McElroy.

Lived in Kansas, but is now dead. No children.

c. Emma A., born November 28, 1860; married Waldo Robinson in 1895. Waldo Robinson is dead. His wife lives in Indianapolis, Indiana.

d. Jennie, born August 9, 1862; married George Stellhorn in 1887. They have one child, Ethel. Live at 306 North Noble street, Indianapolis.

e. Cora, born October 28, 1867; married Jesse Everson in 1890. They have two children, Lenore, born in 1892, and Howard, born in 1896.

f. William H., born August 25, 1871; married Rose F. Walrick

in Indianapolis about 1897. They have one child, Mary Freda, born in 1899.

(6) Frances, daughter of Uriah and Alcey (Davis) Branham, was born May 8, 1837; married to James A. Walden, April 4, 1854; died February 22, 1899.

Jams A. Walden was born near LaGrange, Oldham county, Kentucky, July 15, 1830; died February 8, 1899. He was a carpenter and lived in Franklin, Indiana. There were twelve children, ten of whom are living. They are: Ezra Foster, Charles Freemont, William Orval, Jennie Ellen, Uriah, James R., Elizabeth Etta, Mary Alice, Jessie Lulie, Ida May, Otis Morton and Orion Noble.

a. Ezra Foster Walden was born January 2, 1855; married to Viola Smith, of Illinois, March, 1879. Children: Clarence, John and Harry. Ezra Walden is a carpenter. Lives in Franklin, Indiana.

b. Charles Fremont Walden was born August 18, 1856; married to Emma Harper, of Illinois, in 1877. they have eight children: Ada, who is married and lives in Illinois; Bertha, who married a Seaman and lives in Lafayette, Indiana; Noble, who is a telegraph operator in Indianapolis at the Vandalia yards; Bonnie, Homer, Carl, Mauree and Lillian, who live with their parents at Indianapolis, Indiana.

c. William Orval Walden was born October 19, 1858. Is living at 1201 Pratt street, Indianapolis.

d. Annie Ellen Walden was born October 26, 1860; married to William A. Jenkins October 16, 1879. Children: Lulie May, who married Everett R. Bohall, of Franklin, Indiana; Fanny, who died at the age of two years; Hazel, Etta and Georgia A., who live in Franklin, Indiana.

e. Uriah Branham Walden was born January 9, 1862; died July 4, 1894.

f. James Richey Walden was born December 27, 1864; married to Elizabeth Baker in 1888. Children: Susie, Alice, William, Leslie, who died in infancy, and Dorothy. They live at 718 North Holmes avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

g. Elizabeth Etta Walden was born November 2, 1867; married to Rev. W. G. McColley in 1888. Children: James, who died at the age of two years, Carrie, William and Walter. They live in Pontiac, Illinois.

h. Mary Alice Walden was born October 22, 1869; married to Leslie Good in 1886. Children: Lillian (dead), Maggie, Jessie, Edgar, Donnel and Nora. Live near Sheridan, Indiana.

i. Jessie Lulie Walden was born December 31, 1871, and was married to Frank Marshall, November, 1899. They live at 1103 Eugene street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

j. Ida May Walden was born February 28, 1874; married to James K. Atwood November 1, 1896. Children: One who died, Arthur and Walden. Live at 1201 Pratt street, Indianapolis.

k. Otis Morton Walden was born February 12, 1877. Lives at Indianapolis.

l. Orion Noble Walden, twin brother of Otis, was born February 12, 1877; died August 23, 1894.

(7) James N., son of Uriah and Alcey (Davis) Branham, was born September 17, 1839. He was killed in 1896 in a railroad wreck. He left a wife, Carrie, and two daughters. One of the daughters is Mrs. McKnight, who lives at 1523 Deloss street, Indianapolis, and the other, Vera Branham, lives with her mother at 507 Madison avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

(8) Danville, son of Uriah and Alcey (Davis) Branham, was born July 9, 1845, died November 7, 1863.

Mary (Branham) Foster

Mary, daughter of John and Frances (Vawter) Branham, was born October 31, 1806; married at Vernon, Indiana, in 1824, to Jared Foster; died December 24, 1835.

Mary B. Foster was a tall, slender woman, fair, blue-eyed, very mild and pleasant in disposition, an earnest Christian and a most devoted mother. She died of consumption.

Jared Foster was born in Genesee county, New York, January 25, 1805. Came from there to Indiana with his widowed

mother when a boy and, as was the custom at that time, was bound to J. B. New, cabinetmaker at Vernon, Indiana. He served J. B. New until nineteen years of age, then bought the remaining two years of his time and went into business for himself. He was a cabinetmaker for ten years, then went into the millwright business. He moved from Indiana to Jefferson county, Illinois, in 1861, where he spent the remainder of his life. He figured some in politics during the later years of his life, and for four years held the office of county judge in Jefferson county, Illinois. He was for many years a preacher in the Christian Church. Died in Jefferson county, Illinois, in 1892.

Jared and Mary (Branham) Foster had seven children, only one of whom, Jonathan Foster, is now living. Others of the children were Jane S., Watts and Maria B.

(1) Jonathan, son of Jared and Mary (Branham) Foster, was born in 1826; married March, 1846, to Isabell Green, who died in August, 1899.

Jonathan Foster lives at Aurora, Hamilton county, Nebraska. Carpenter.

The children of Jonathan and Isabelle Foster were Radie, Mary M., William J., Mattie M., John A., Lucy B. and Gladys.

a. Radie Foster, daughter of Jonathan and Isabelle (Green) Foster, was born in 1846; married in May, 1867, to Mandeville Bain. Their children: Jennie, born in 1868; Harry, born in 1871, and Mary, born in 1874. Mrs. Radie (Foster) Bain lives at 2517 Gale street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

b. Mary M., daughter of Jonathan and Isabelle (Green) Foster, was born May 2, 1849; married, first, to Ansley F. Jones in April, 1871, and had one child, Olive, who was born in 1874. Mary (Foster) Jones was married, second, to Rev. C. L. Smith, and had one child, Grayce, who was born in 1881. Lives at Aurora, Nebraska.

c. William J., son of Jonathan and Isabelle (Green) Foster, was born August 20, 1852; married in the fall of 1880 to Sadie Brock. Their children are: Radie, born in 1881; Audrey, born in 1886; Harold, born in 1891, and Leland, born in 1899. Live at Giltner, Nebraska.

d. Mattie M., daughter of Jonathan and Isabelle (Green) Foster, was born September 8, 1854; married January 14, 1876, to A. C. Jones, who was born January 10, 1844. Mr. Jones is in the saddlery, harness and machinery business in Opdyke, Illinois.

The children of A. C. and Mattie (Foster) Jones are Melnotte B., born November 28, 1876; M. Pearle, born May 29, 1878; N. Augusta, born July 9, 1880; Royal C., born October 19, 1881; Isabelle A., born September 23, 1887; A. Foster, born November 23, 1892; Gladys O., and Gayle A., born February 8, 1894.

e. John A. Foster, the son of Jonathan and Isabelle (Green) Foster, was born July 6, 1857; married in the fall of 1882 to Annie Powell. Their children are: Raymond, born in 1883; Arthur, born in 1885; Leslie, born in 1887, and Gayle, born in 1895. Live in Glenville, Nebraska.

f. Lucy B. Foster, daughter of Jonathan and Isabelle (Green) Foster, was born June 8, 1862; married in December, 1882, to Alfred Soward. Their children are: Gladys, born in 1883; Ross, born in 1885, and Winnie, born in 1887. Alfred Soward is a miner, living in Placerville, Idaho.

g. Gladys Foster, daughter of Jonathan and Isabelle (Green) Foster, was born February 12, 1867; married in the spring of 1897 to O. A. Cook, a contractor and builder, living in Giltner, Nebraska.

(2) Jane S. Foster, daughter of Jared and Mary (Branham) Foster, was married to Granville P. Campbell. They had no children and both are now dead.

(3) Watts, the son of Jared and Mary Foster, died at the age of eighteen years.

(4) Maria B. Foster, daughter of Jared and Mary Foster, was married to Newton W. Vawter. (See record of Newton Vawter.)

Danville, son of John and Frances (Vawter) Branham, was born March 18, 1809. He lived in North Madison, Indiana. He

was a millwright, but during the later years of his life was a railroad contractor. He had no children of his own, but reared Maria Foster, the daughter of Jared and Mary Foster, who afterwards married Newton Vawter.

5

Elizabeth (Branham) Davis

Elizabeth, daughter of John and Frances (Vawter) Branham, was born March 4, 1811; married Daniel Davis. Children: John, Daniel, James, Edward and several daughters, none of whom are now living. A niece, Amanda Sanders, is living in West Shoals, Indiana. Daniel and Elizabeth Davis, during the thirties, joined the Mormons at Nauvoo, Illinois. Some years later they returned to Indiana. Elizabeth died at the home of her son, Edward, in Missouri. Daniel Davis died in Jennings county, Indiana.

6

George W. Branham

George W., son of John and Frances (Vawter) Branham, was born December 8, 1812, in Scott county, Kentucky.

A portion of a sketch of his life given in a Kansas City paper is here reproduced.

"Major George W. Branham was always an energetic and enterprising man and always took part in the public movements of the community in which he lived. He was a contractor in 1846 and 1847 on the Madison and Indianapolis railroad, the first railroad constructed west of the Alleghany Mountains. He was at the same time a contractor on the Wabash Canal in Indiana. Both of these undertakings were being completed by the state, which, owing to the panic of 1847, failed to carry out its agreements. This caused Major Branham great loss. With that sterling honesty for which he was always distinguished Mr. Branham refused to take advantage of the facilities then existing for

effecting settlements with his creditors. He went to work and raised the money and paid his creditors in full.

"The outbreak of the Civil War found him engaged in the management of a large woolen mill at Franklin, Indiana, of which he was the owner. This mill was mysteriously burned, the fire being believed to have been in incendiary origin, because of his intense loyalty. By this fire he lost about \$85,000. At that time he was also engaged in the banking business at Franklin and Jeffersonville, being president of the branch located at Franklin, while Hon. Hugh McCulloch was president of the Ft. Wayne branch. This made them both directors of the state bank and brought them into such association that a warm personal attachment ensued and lasted through life. Several times during the administration of Mr. McCulloch as secretary of the treasury, Major Branham was invited to Washington to consider with him intricate financial problems. He organized the National Bank of Franklin soon after the passage of the national bank law, and that was the second bank organized under it.

"In 1865 Major Branham went to Memphis with the idea of organizing a national bank there, but finding it an unpromising place at that time, went up the river and, after looking over the Missouri towns, he located in Kansas City, predicting that it would become a great commercial center. Here he organized a First National Bank in 1866, which in after years became a great factor in the development of Kansas City. He was afterwards a miller, a grain merchant, and for a number of years a prominent and influential member of the Board of Trade and a member of the first board of directors.

"In 1875 Major Branham disposed of his interests in Kansas City and removed to a farm in Linn county, where he died August 1, 1885. He left behind him written instructions concerning his funeral, in which he desired that there should be no religious ceremony; therefore a paper written by himself, and bearing date of the day of his death, was read at the grave by Major Warner, a friend of Major Branham and his family."

George E. Branham was married the first time to his cousin, Elizabeth Branham, May 16, 1832. Elizabeth Branham was born

May 2, 1814, and died May 16, 1846. Their children were Lucretia A., Henry Clay, John Clark, David Hickman and Will Cummings.

(1) Lucretia A. Branham, daughter of George W. and Elizabeth Branham, was born May 28, 1834; married in 1853 to Newton Vawter, son of James Vawter; died July 21, 1854. No children.

(2) Henry Clay Branham, son of George W. and Elizabeth Branham, was born June 1, 1836; married November 12, 1859, to Caroline A. Bateman; died December 18, 1880. Wife was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 30, 1840. Mrs. Henry C. Branham lives at 1194 Upper Third street, Evansville, Indiana.

Children:

- a. Ardys, born October 15, 1860; died July 3, 1884.
- b. Mary, born October 18, 1862. Is a bookkeeper in Evansville.
- c. Hal Harwood, born November 29, 1871. Is a broker, living in San Antonio, Texas.
- d. Harrye Boynton, born January 23, 1880.

Henry C. Branham was engaged the greater part of his life in railroad work. He was superintendent at the time of his death of the unfinished Air Line railroad between Louisville and Evansville, with offices in Evansville.

(3) John Clark Branham, son of George W. and Elizabeth Branham, was born at Franklin, Indiana, August 3, 1839; married at Kansas City, Missouri, January 17, 1872, to Kate Bromley, who was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, January 31, 1854. He died July 18, 1897, at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, where he had been foreman of the Louisville & Nashville railway for a number of years.

Children of John Clark and Kate (Bromley) Branham:

- a. John Warner, born at Kansas City October 27, 1872.
- b. Bromley E., born at Fountain Grove, Missouri, May 31, 1875; married at New Albany, Indiana, August 6, 1899, to Elenor Wilton. Their son, Donald, was born July 12, 1900.
- c. Edith Kate was born in Kansas City, Missouri, March 19,

1879; married at Howell, Indiana, September 12, 1899, to John M. Covert. Their son, John Stanley, was born February 6, 1902.

- d. Jessie, born at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, October 14, 1882; died November 18, 1882.
- e. Ruby Alice was born at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, July 27, 1884; married May 23, 1904, at Evansville, Indiana, to Gordon B. Atwood.

(4) David Hickman, son of George W. and Elizabeth Branham, was born April 4, 1841; died July 28, 1843.

(5) Will Cummings, son of George W. and Elizabeth Branham, was born at Elizabethtown, Indiana, March 30, 1843; married December 25, 1866, to Mary Elizabeth Gilbert, who was born at Columbus, Indiana, October 7, 1844.

William C. Branham lived the greater part of his life in Kansas City. He died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 29, 1894.

Children of William C. and Mary (Gilbert) Branham:

- a. Gilbert C. Branham was born in Kansas City, July 14, 1868. Lives in Kansas City.
- b. Elizabeth Hoolbrook Branham was born in Kansas City, February 17, 1873; married August 15, 1901, to John H. Wagner. One child, Mary Elizabeth, was born October 13, 1902.
- c. David C. Branham was born in Kansas City, Missouri, November 10, 1877; married September 24, 1902, to Vera Miller. Lives in Kansas City.

George W. Branham was married, second, December 28, 1847, to Mrs. Mary Adams Wilson, who was born in Boston Corners, Erie county, New York, October 5, 1818.

Their children were:

(1) Emmy Cary Branham, born August 29, 1852, at Franklin, Indiana; married November 16, 1871, to Joseph Warren Sanborn at Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Sanborn is engaged in the lumber business. They had five children, Fred Roi, Perita Brown, Thor Warren, Issac Basil and Joseph Warren, Jr. They live at 3010 East Tenth street, Kansas City, Missouri.

(2) George Chandler Branham was born February 14, 1860, at Franklin, Indiana; married to Margaret Susan Comer at

Meadville, Missouri, October 5, 1880. They had one child, Stella, born September 22, 1881, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Margaret (Comer) Branham died April 2, 1882.

George Chandler Branham was married, second, to Dicy A. Green, June 20, 1889, at Chillicothe, Missouri. They had one child, Joseph Cary, born December 19, 1890, at Merriam, Kansas.

George Chandler Branham died May 3, 1895, at Kansas City, Missouri. His two children are living with his mother, Mrs. Mary Branham, at Merriam, Johnson county, Kansas.

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James Branham

James Branham, son of John and Frances (Vawter) Branham, was born July 14, 1815; married to Nancy Owens, January 30, 1834.

James Branham was a contractor on the Iron Mountain Plank Road in 1852. He was in the milling business in the early fifties in Greensburg, Indiana. From there he moved to Vernon about 1858, and took contracts there for a few years, building the court-house about 1860. After that he went with D. C. Branham into railroad construction, he being master bridge carpenter. He was on the Martinsville and Fairland road, the Rushville and Connersville road, and, up to within two years of his death, with the Indianapolis and Vincennes road. He moved from Vernon to Spencer in 1869. Died December 25, 1872.

Nancy (Owens) Branham was born December 26, 1812; died August 23, 1847.

Children of James and Nancy (Owens) Branham;

- (1) David Owens Branham was born November 11, 1834; died March 12, 1841.
- (2) Martha Jane, daughter of James and Nancy (Owens) Branham, was born October 1, 1836; married _____ Daly; died December 31, 1863.
- (3) Marietta Branham was born October 15, 1839; married George Bickford; died January 21, 1867.

(4) James Harvey Branham was born May 10, 1843; died November 3, 1875. Unmarried.

(5) John Edward Branham was born March 9, 1846; killed in battle August 30, 1862.

James Branham was married, second, to Eveline Adams, December 4, 1847. Eveline Adams, daughter of Alexander and Hannah Adams, was born December 11, 1825; died September 24, 1867.

Children of James and Eveline (Adams) Branham:

(1) Larose Branham, born August 18, 1852; married to Susan A. Halbert, December 15, 1872. Susan A. Halbert was born in Spencer, Indiana, September 19, 1854.

Children of Larose and Susan (Halbert) Branham:

a. Nelle B. Branham, born September 26, 1873; married January 10, 1894, to Bryon Howe Coffey, who was born at Spencer, Indiana, January 29, 1866. Mr. Coffey is a grocer, living at 901 Eugene street, North Indianapolis, Indiana.

Children; Thatcher Howe Coffey, born February 7, 1895; Josephine, born March 22, 1896; Cecil Louise, born November 25, 1897; Jule Hubert, born December 25, 1899. All born at Spencer, Indiana.

b. James H. Branham, born September 29, 1875; married to Rose Strother; died October 17, 1898. No children.

c. Arthur E. Branham, born October 24, 1877. Is a stenographer and bookkeeper, living at 501 East Fourteenth street, Kansas City, Missouri.

d. Eva May Branham was born December 17, 1883; died November 6, 1884.

e. Edward L. Branham was born November 13, 1885. Lives with his parents in Spencer.

(2) Ida Branham, daughter of James and Eveline Branham was born May 3, 1854.

(3) C. A. Branham, son of James and Eveline Branham, was born April 20, 1857. Lives at 838 Thirteenth street, Denver, Colorado.

(4) Smith Vawter Branham, son of James and Eveline Branham, was born March 25, 1859. Died.

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John T. Branham

John T., son of John and Frances (Vawter) Branham, was born August 16, 1819; died in childhood.

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Jane (Branham) Foster

Jane V. Branham, daughter of John and Frances (Vawter) Branham, was born May 16, 1820. She was married to Jared Foster in 1837. She was tall and slender, with dark eyes and hair. She died March 10, 1845, at the age of twenty-five years.

The children of Jared and Jane V. Foster were Frances, Sarah, Lucy, George Riley and Mariema.

(1) Frances Foster, daughter of Jared and Jane V. Foster, was born in 1838, and died in infancy.

(2) Sarah Foster, daughter of Jared and Jane V. Foster, was born January 10, 1839; married April 5, 1855, to George Baldwin, who died March 11, 1860.

Jacob Baldwin, son of George and Sarah (Foster) Baldwin, was born January 15, 1856.

Sarah (Foster) Baldwin married Davidson Rea, March 11, 1864. They had one child, Kennedy F. Rea, born December 10, 1868. Sarah F. Baldwin Rea died February 14, 1880. Kennedy F. Rea lives in Washington, D. C.

(3) Lucy Foster, daughter of Jared and Jane (Branham) Foster, was born January 13, 1841; married to Henry Cornelius, September, 1860, in Jefferson county, Illinois. Henry Cornelius was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, July 26, 1838.

Children:

a. Harry B., born July 19, 1863; married August 26, 1886, and removed to Nebraska, where he is engaged in the real estate business. He has two children, Ernest and Marjorie.

b. Lillian Augusta, born September 6, 1864; married April 12, 1885, to A. L. Brougher, died April 30, 1886.

c. Maud Mary, born October 1, 1866; married November 16, 1884, to Charles Ham, a farmer, near Opdyke, Illinois. They have four children, Clarence, Grace, Lora and Eugene.

d. Grace Alice, born July 9, 1873.

e. Rade and Royal (twins), born March 19, 1875. Royal died.

f. Ernest, born February 8, 1877; died in May, 1877.

(4) George R. Foster, son of Jared and Jane V. Foster, was born January 7, 1844; died in infancy.

(5) Mariema Foster, daughter of Jared and Jane V. Foster, was born March 7, 1845; married March 18, 1868, to Lucebra W. Marsh, who was born in Reddington, Indiana, February 15, 1846, and was shot by a burglar who entered the house on New Year's night, 1892.

Children of Lucebra W. and Mariema Marsh:

a. Sarah Marsh, born April 12, 1869, at Reddington, Indiana. Is a teacher, living in Seymour, Indiana.

b. Lettie Marsh-Orr, born April 29, 1872, at Reddington, Indiana. Is a nurse, living at Seymour, Indiana.

c. Rade Marsh Nelson, born December 24, 1875, at Reddington, Indiana. Is a stenographer, living at Columbus, Indiana.

Mrs. Mariema (Foster) Marsh lives at Seymour, Indiana.

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