



**DOUGLAS COUNTY
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Name: Andrews, John

Birthdate: Dec. 16, 1838

Birthplace: Alsare

Married: Eliza N. Green

Married at: Clark County Indiana

Occupation: Farmer School Teacher

Military History: Co. D 4th IN Cavalry Quarter Master Sgt.

Children: Maggie B. – Nellie B. - Clarence

Death Date: February 27, 1914

Death Place: Bowdre Twp. Union Cem.
Coles County

John Andrews' parents were John Sr. and Margaret (Leonhart) Andrews. When John Sr. Was about sixteen months old, in April 1840, he came to America with his parents who located in New Albany, IN. He remained there until 1868 when they came to Douglas Co. John Sr. died July 13, 1881, 77 years old.

John Andrews Jr. was the oldest in a family of eleven children. He spent his early years helping in maintaining the family. His early education was limited, but when twenty-one, he attended the Charleston Indiana Academy. He graduated in three years on August 4, 1863, and enlisted in Co. D 4th IN Cavalry. He was made Quarter Master Sergeant and served until the end of the war. After the war, he taught school for four years in Clark Co. IN. He married in 1869 and came to Douglas County, Bowdre Twp. just one year after his parents moved here. He taught school three years in Bowdre Twp., then moved to the farm he bought a quarter mile south of Hindsboro. He retired from teaching and started farming. He had been Town Clerk, Assessor and Collector. He contributed to building the Christian Church in Hindsboro. John Jr. married Eliza Green in Clark Co. IN.

Name: Bane, Harvey

Birthdate: 1839

Birthplace: Washington Co. Pennsylvania

Married: Margaret Fox

Married at: Coles Co.

Occupation: Hardware Merchant

Military History: Co. H 79th IL Vol. Inf.

Children: George – Mary L.

Death Date: August 1, 1918

Death Place: Newman

Harvey Bane was a native of Washington County Pennsylvania, was reared on a farm, attending school during the winter. He followed farming until the war broke out. He enlisted in Co. H 79th IL Vol. Inf. serving two years and nine months. He was wounded at Franklin Tennessee on November 30, 1864, which caused his discharge. Not being able to farm because of physical disability from his wound, he opened a hardware store in Kansas, Illinois, until 1870, when he came back to Newman. He sold the store in Kansas and bought a brick building in Newman, which he stocked with a full line of hardware. He married Margaret Fox in Coles County, just west of Kansas, Illinois. She was the daughter of Jessie Fox, a farmer in Coles County. Mr. Bane had served as Justice of the Peace and City Collector. He was Quarter Master of G.A.R. Post in Newman. They had two children - George and Mary L.

Name: Bailey, David Jr.

Birthdate: December 24, 1845

Birthplace: Bloomfield, Edgar County

Married: Mary E. Calhoun

Married at: Westfield, Illinois

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. B 27th IL Vol. Inf. 100 days - Co. B 135th IL Inf. Fall of 1865

Children: Hannah G. – Edward C.

Death Date: March 5, 1916

Death Place: Tuscola, IL, buried Tuscola cemetery

David Bailey Jr. was born in Bloomfield, Edgar County, in 1845, a son of David and Hannah H. (Finly) Bailey. He was third in a family of five children, and is of English and Irish extraction. The father of David Sr. was born near Salem, New Hampshire in 1815. His mother was born in Hardinsburg, Indiana in 1821. The mother of David Jr. died at St. Joe, Missouri, December 25, 1880. His father moved to relatives in New York City.

David Jr. was employed by his father, who was a life long merchant. In May 1863 David enlisted in Co. B 27th IL Inf. for 100 days. Then he re-enlisted in Co. B 135th IL Inf. serving until 1865. He was discharged at Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois. After returning home, he spent two years at Westfield Academy and while there met his wife Mary E. Calhoun. They married March 10, 1869. A daughter of Dr. Robert Calhoun, Mary E. was born in Daviess County Indiana. They went to Murdock Township in 1870 buying a farm. They stayed there until 1883 when they moved to Camargo Village. He then owned a 320 acre farm in Murdock Township. Mary, wife of David Jr., was born 1849 - died 1933 in Tuscola.

Name: Barrum, John W.

Birthdate: 1843

Birthplace: Shelby County Illinois

Married: Mary A. Hoover

Married at: Bourbon Township

Occupation: Deputy Sheriff 2 years - Drug Store Merchant - Farmer and School Teacher

Military History: Co. D 21st IL Vol. Inf.

Children: Four sons

Death Date:

Death Place:

At Four years of age, John W. came to Douglas County with his parents from Shelby County Illinois. They lived on a farm in Bourbon Township. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. D 21st IL Inf. serving three years and six months. He participated in six major battles; was captured at Chickamauga. He was confined in Richmond, Danville, Andersonville, and Charleston, S.C. - fifteen months in all. After returning to Douglas County, he was appointed Deputy Sheriff for two years. Then he engaged in farming and teaching school in the winter. In 1874 he moved to Arthur and established a drug store. His was one of the first drug stores in Arthur. In 1872 he married Miss Mary A. Hoover, who was born in Indiana. They had four sons.

Name: Brown, William R.

Birthdate: Dec. 4, 1845

Birthplace: Camargo Township

Married: Nancy Murphy

Married at: Sargent Township

Occupation: Farmer, Supervisor Newman Township, Douglas County Clerk

Military History: Co. E 79th IL Vol. Inf.

Children: Arratus – Everett – Cecil

Death Date: October 1, 1920

Death Place: Rensselaer Indiana, Jasper
County

William R. attended school (three miles from home) at Camargo for several years. Due to his father's influence, a school was built on his home farm, which William attended until seventeen years old. He went to school in the winter and worked on his father's farm in the summer. He enlisted in the army in his eighteenth year - Co. E 79th. He participated in several engagements, was captured at the battle of Franklin. He was imprisoned in Andersonville for five months. He was released on exchange of prisoners. After returning from the army, he gave his attention to farming. He married Nancy Murphy of Sargent Township on January 16, 1869. Nancy's father is William Murphy. He owned twelve hundred acres of farmland. William R. Brown and Nancy farmed northwest of Newman about two and one-half miles.

Parents of William R. Brown were Judge John Brown and Sally Ann (Barnett) Brown. John was born in Ross County Ohio on May 7, 1822. He died June 14, 1911 in Camargo Township. Sally Ann was the daughter of William Barnett of Bowdre Township. She was born November 5, 1828, and died February 2, 1853. They had one son, William R. John married (double cousin of Sally Ann) Mary J. Barnett, daughter of John Barnett of Bowdre Township. John and Mary J. had six children, of which four lived: Bright Brown of Bowdre Township, a farmer - Charles F., a farmer in Camargo Township - Ella at home - Kate, wife of W. S. Burgett, a farmer in Camargo Township. Mary J. was born December 14, 1837 and died July 1, 1914.

John Brown was active in getting Douglas County separated from Coles County. John was elected Associate Judge of Douglas County for two terms in 1860's. John eventually owned several hundred acres of farmland in Camargo and Bowdre Townships. He gave each of his children a farm when they married.

John Brown was the son of Nimrod Brown, a native of August County Virginia. Nimrod served in the war of 1812. The wife of Nimrod was Elizabeth Eigelbright, a native of Monroe County Virginia. She lived in Ross County Ohio, where Nimrod met and married her. They lived on a farm in Ross County Ohio on Point Creek, about two miles

from Chillicothe Ohio. They had five children: Washington - John - and three daughters. John was born May 7, 1822. Nimrod died in 1829. His wife Elizabeth and children continued to live on the farm in Ross County until 1838 when she brought the children to Sargent Township Douglas County. It was Coles County, New Albany precinct in 1838. They rented a small farm in Sargent Township for the first few years. John and Washington worked for farmers in the area. They knew the Guinns, Redcoms, and Sargents from Ohio before they came to Douglas (Coles) County.

Nimrod Brown's father was Washington Brown of August County Virginia. He was born and died in Virginia.

Name: Barr, James

Birthdate: April 7, 1839

Birthplace: Clermont County Ohio

Married: 1st: Eliza E. Harmon
2nd: May W. Curd

Married at: 1st: Charleston (Coles County)
1864

2nd: Newman 1881

Occupation: Merchant - Tinner – Undertaker

Military History: Co. C 8th IL Vol. Inf.

Children: 1st: George H. and Stella

2nd: Clayton C.

Death Date: June 29, 1913

Death Place: Newman, Douglas County

James Barr was born in Clermont County Ohio on April 7, 1839. In 1852 his parents moved to Charleston, Coles County, Illinois where James was reared and schooled. At age sixteen, he learned the Tinner's trade, which he mastered and continued through his life. His father died when he was a young boy. He enlisted in the first call for troops in the Civil War. He was in the 8th Illinois voluntary infantry. After he was mustered out, he returned to Charleston. In 1864 he married Eliza E. Harmon, a native of Clermont County Ohio. In 1865 he started a hardware store and tinner's trade in Oakland Illinois, and continued until 1877 when he moved to Kansas Illinois, Edgar County, and formed a partnership with his brother W. W. Barr in the hardware business. His first wife, Eliza, died in 1878. In 1879 he started a business in Newman, Douglas County, and sold his half interest in the Kansas store to his brother. In 1881 he married May W. Curd of Newman, a native of Kentucky. In 1890 Mr. Barr sold his half interest to W. F. Summers under the name Barr and Summers. In 1893 he bought out the half interest of Mr. Summers.

In October 1895, son George H. died at 21 years, 4 months and 14 days old. In 1896 Mr. Barr sold half interest to I. M. Mulliken from Charleston under the name Barr and Mulliken. They had two of the largest stores in Newman: 1) hardware, stoves, tinware, and 2) furniture and undertaking. James Barr had been elected Mayor of Newman three times.

James is the son of Samuel Barr, who was born in Steubenville Ohio, and Sarah (Wise) Barr who was born in Pennsylvania in 1803 and died in 1880. Samuel was born in 1800 and died in 1856.

Mr. James Barr's 2nd wife, Mary W. Curd, was the daughter of Daniel and Evaline Curd, who was born near Frankfort Kentucky. Daniel was born in 1808 and Evaline was born in 1801.

Name: Bassett, William H. – Captain

Birthdate: January 12, 1832

Birthplace: Harrison County Kentucky

Married: Helen M. Gruelle

Married at: Arcola - August 21, 1861

Occupation: Farmer – Douglas County Judge - Mercantile Business - Owner, Editor of newspapers.

Military History: Co. K 79th IL Vol. Inf. – Captain

Children: Jonathon H., Manager Printing Dept. of the State Prison at Pontiac - Martin H., managing editor of Tulsa Oklahoma Evening News

Death Date: August 14, 1911

Death Place: Tuscola, buried in Arcola cemetery

William H. Bassett's parents, Jonathan and Elizabeth (Disher) Bassett, were from Harrison County Kentucky, where they spent their entire lives. William worked on his father's farm until 1857 when he came to Arcola, Coles (Douglas) County. He taught school at Fuller's Point for the first winter. He then rented a farm until July 19, 1862, when he went into the Army. He was promoted all the way up the ranks to Captain. He was captured at the Battle of Chickamauga and was held prisoner until 1865 when he was paroled. Mr. Bassett was discharged and came back to Arcola. He was in the mercantile business. He also owned Arcola Record Newspaper for a short time. He was elected County Judge in the fall of 1882. He was re-elected four times. He served twenty years all together. After his election, he started to study law. At the age of 57 years, he was admitted to the bar. He sold interest in the Arcola Record in 1899. He moved to Tuscola and was part owner of Tuscola Journal, and was editor for two years. Then he went to Kankakee Republican Daily as an Advertising Manager for three years. He also bought Charleston Plain Dealer Paper for two years.

Name: Bierfeldt, Samuel

Birthdate: January 27, 1833

Birthplace: Schleswig Germany

Married: Louisa Velt

Married at: Tuscola, Douglas County

Occupation: Restaurant and Confectionery Business

Military History: Co. H 25th IL Vol. Inf. 1861 to 1864

Children: Carrie – Horace

Death Date: March 13, 1903

Death Place: Tuscola, Illinois

Mr. Bierfeldt started work on a farm in Germany when he was sixteen years old. He worked there until 1851 when he came to the United States. He went to Chicago until 1859, then he came to Bourbon Township Douglas County. He worked on a farm by month until 1861 when he enlisted in the Army 25th Regiment Illinois Infantry. He was mustered out in 1864. He came back to Tuscola, working for E. T. Barrett for two years. In 1866 he started the restaurant and confectionery business. He married Louisa Velt in 1869. She was a native of Clay County Indiana. She assisted in the business. In 1884, they had two children: Carrie and Horace. They had a thriving business. Samuel Bierfeldt was a member of Frank Reed Post G.A.R. Tuscola.

Name: Berkley, John L.

Birthdate: January 24, 1842

Birthplace: Marietta, Washington County
Ohio

Married: Mary Jane Brown

Married at: Marietta, Ohio, 1865

Occupation: Merchant and Tailor – Miller

Military History: Co. C 8th IL Vol. Inf.

Children: Anburt, L. - Samuel - Lottie - Grace, Mrs. Young – Mildred

Death Date: May 12, 1908

Death Place: Newman, Illinois

John L. Berkley was the son of Charles F. and C. M. Berkley. His parents came to Charleston, IL at an early date. There John L. received schooling and grew to manhood. On April 25, 1861, he enlisted in Co. C 8th IL Inf. He mustered out July 25, 1861, 3 months later. He went back to Marietta, Ohio, where the Berkley's lived before coming to Illinois. On November 7, 1865, he married Mary Jane Brown, a daughter of Dr. Benjamin Brown of Macksburg, Ohio. Returning to Illinois with his wife, he settled in Homer, Champaign County. They stayed there seven years, then moved to Missouri. In December 1875, they came back to Newman, Douglas County, settling there permanently. Mrs. Berkley died in Newman January 31, 1908. Mr. Berkley was a member of Lowe Post G.A.R. Newman.

Mary Jane Berkley was born in Macksville, Ohio on September 18, 1845. She lived in that place until marriage. When she died in Newman in 1908, she was the last survivor of her father's family.

Mr. John L. Berkley ran a mill when he first came to Newman, then he went into the merchant and tailor business until he died.

Name: Black, Robert M.

Birthdate: December 13, 1845

Birthplace: Mr. Sterling, Kentucky

Married: 1st Mary Hutchings
2nd Laura Moore

Married at: 1st Indiana
2nd Sargent Township in 1889

Occupation: Farming and Stock Raising

Military History: 78th Indiana Inf.

Children: Four children: Robert O., born August 1890 - George W., born July 1892 - Lois F., born October 1893 - Andrew C., born May 1898

Death Date: June 11, 1899

Death Place: Sargent Township

Robert M. Black's grandfather, George Black, was born July 8, 1767. George Black, with his family, moved from Virginia to Kentucky before 1812. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 in reg. of mounted riflemen under Gen. Harrison. George Black's father came from Scotland to Virginia sometime before the Revolutionary War, and was a soldier under Lafayette and Gen. Wayne when they turned and drove back Lord Cornwallis.

George Black's father was Andrew Black; his mother was Margaret (Lockport) Black. They had thirteen children. Robert was the ninth, born December 13, 1845 in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. Andrew and family moved from Kentucky to Greencastle Indiana in 1850. Andrew and Margaret farmed near Greencastle, Indiana, and both died there.

At the age of sixteen, Robert Black volunteered in the 78th Indiana infantry. At the battle of Union City, Kentucky, he was wounded in the knee and eventually discharged. In 1873, he married Mary Hutchings of Greencastle. She lived two years and died. In 1889, he married Laura Moore of Indiana. They had four children. Four years before Robert Black died they moved to a farm four miles north of Oakland in Sargent Township, Douglas County. He was a farmer and in the stock business all of his life. He died June 11, 1899.

Laura, wife of Robert M., must have moved into Arcola, selling the farm, in Sargent Township. Listed in the 1900 census. Four children, three in school: Robert O., born August 1890; George W., born July 1892; Lois F., born October 1893; and Andrew C., born May 1898.

Name: Bradley, Traverse

Birthdate: July 8, 1839

Birthplace: Vigo County Indiana

Married: Lucinda T. Bell

Married at: Vermillion County Illinois
April 29, 1863

Occupation: Barber (Farmer, ran saw mill, merchant)

Military History: Cpl. Co. C 11th Indiana Vol. Inf.

Children: Estella – Louella

Death Date:

Death Place:

The father of Traverse was Benjamin Bradley from Carter County Tennessee. He moved to Indiana in 1837. Traverse's mother's maiden name was Nancy Randolph from Carter County Tennessee. His father died in 1872 - mother in 1868. Thirteen children were born to them. All but five died. Traverse was the fifth born. His father was a farmer.

When Traverse was twenty years old, he left the farm and was a salesman in a store in Sanford Indiana for two years. He went back home for one year. Then he volunteered in Co. C 11th Indiana Infantry on July 8, 1861. At the close of the war, he farmed one year in Indiana, then he went to Iowa. He got in the mercantile business. While in Iowa he learned the barbering trade. He was in Iowa four years, then came to Illinois where he farmed and ran a sawmill. He then opened a barber shop in Montezuma, Indiana, then moved his shop to Terra Haute, Indiana, then to Paris, Illinois, then to Tuscola, where he had a thriving business.

Name: Burtnett, Dr. W. H.

Birthdate: January 6, 1843

Birthplace: Gallia County Ohio

Married: Harriet Erwin

Married at: Camargo, January 31, 1879

Occupation: Doctor and Druggist

Military History: Co. C 18th Indiana Vol. Inf.

Children: Nellie (died Aug 13, 1888, 7 yrs. 2mo. 5 day) - Letta R. (died January 10, 1887, 8 mo. 18 days)

Death Date: 1915

Death Place: Camargo, Illinois

W. H. was the son of John Burtnett, a native of Virginia. His mother was Mary Gillmore, daughter of Matthew Gillmore. W. H. Burtnett was born and raised in Gallia County Ohio. At the age of 18 he volunteered in the Army. After getting out of the Army, where he spent four years and two months, he went to medical school. He graduated from Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio. He took a special course at Indianapolis, Indiana.

In 1868 Dr. Burtnett located in Douglas County practicing medicine. In 1872, he came to Camargo where he resided until he died in 1915. He practiced medicine until 1894 when he opened a drug store in Camargo. His business was so good that he wasn't active as a doctor. He married Miss Harriet Erwin, daughter of John Erwin, in Camargo in 1879. They only had two daughters, both died.

Name: Busbey, George Washington

Birthdate: June 1, 1838

Birthplace: Clarke County Ohio

Married: Louisa Osborn

Married at: Bowdre Township in 1863

Occupation: Farming - Veterinary Surgeon

Military History: Co. A 17th IL. Vol. Inf. 3 mo. - Co. F 149th IL Inf. 1862 to 1866

Children: William E. - Abraham - Harmon - Lottie - Mary - Georgia - Guy - Clayton - Wesley - Fred - Virginia - Infant died

Death Date: 1915

Death Place: Hindsboro, Van Voorhis Cemetery

Children of G. W. and Louisa Busbey: William E. of Niantic, Illinois; Abraham and Harman of Arcola; Lottie - wife of Howard S. Naught of Arcola; Mary of Arcola; Georgia - wife of Louis Harlan of Tuscola; Guy, Clayton, Wesley and Fred all of Arcola; Virginia - died at 15 months; and un-named infant.

Parents of George Washington: Father - Hamilton Busby of Clark County Ohio. Mother - Sophia (Lewis) Busbey of Clark County Ohio. They had fourteen children. George W. was the thirteenth. Only two were surviving in 1910 - George W. and his sister Mrs. Ann Alvina (Busbey) Blue of Arcola. G. W.'s parents came to Bowdre Township Coles County (Douglas) in 1839. His father, Hamilton, had visited Bowdre Township in 1838 and bought a 240 farm partly improved from Elija Osborn. It was located on the Embarras River - part timbered and part prairie. Both parents died in 1853 when George Washington was fifteen years old.

George W. started working on farms around the area by the month. He finally rented a farm for one year, then enlisted in the Army. When he came back from the Army in 1866, he rented a farm until 1904 when he bought a house in Hindsboro, going into business full time as a veterinary surgeon. He had started doing veterinary surgeon work along with farming since 1868.

When he was a small boy, he was interested in doctoring horses. He taught himself by studying books on veterinary work. George Washington Busbey died in 1915 and is buried in the Van Voorhis Cemetery which was close to his parent's farm.

Name: Caraway, John Addison

Birthdate: August 17, 1832

Birthplace: Greenbrier County Virginia

Married: Clara A. Wittenmore

Married at: Camargo - April 21, 1862

Occupation: Farmer and merchandizing business

Military History: 62nd Illinois Vol. Inf., Hospital Stewart

Children: John H. (died 5 1/2 years) - Kate (died 19 months)

Death Date: September 1912

Death Place: Tuscola, Camargo Cemetery

John A. was the son of Joshua Caraway of Greenbrier County Virginia (now West Virginia); born in that county in 1790, and died in Vermillion County, Illinois in 1852. His mother was Elizabeth Henderson, born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, in 1794 and died in Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois in 1860. She moved to her daughters' in Mattoon after Joshua died. Three daughters and two sons were born to Joshua and Elizabeth in Virginia: 1) Martha, wife of Thomas Jenkins - died in Nebraska; 2) Mary, wife of Martin Rice - died in 1910; 3) Ann - died in Vermillion County at 22 years; 4) Henry T. - died in Tuscola; and 5) John Addison.

The family came to Vermillion County in 1833. Joshua bought 450 acres, mostly in timber. This was where Kellyville was located later.

John Addison came to Camargo in 1852, after his father's death. He engaged in general merchandizing with his brother, Henry T., Col. J. B. McCown and William H. Lamb, until April 10, 1862 when he joined the Army. He was discharged May 1, 1865. Coming home, he engaged in the implement business in Charleston for two years and manufactured barrel staves for one year in Charleston. He returned to Camargo Township, went on his brother's farm until 1887. John A. went to Normal, McLean County until 1906 when his wife died. He then returned to Tuscola, staying with his brother's widow.

John A. married Clara J. Whittenmore, daughter of Samuel Whittenmore, who was a farmer and stone mason. Clara was born in New Hampshire in January 16, 1835. John A. was a member of G.A.R. Post, Camargo. He was Township Collector for one term, Township Assessor for five terms and school treasurer several years - all in Camargo Township.

Name: Covert, I. N.

Birthdate: December 2, 1832

Birthplace: Butler County Pennsylvania

Married: S. L. Webster

Married at: Newman, Illinois

Occupation: Farmer, School Teacher, President Newman Bank

Military History: 79th Illinois Vol. Inf.

Children:

Death Date: June 5, 1901

Death Place: Newman

Mr. Covert's ancestors came to America from Holland in 1685. They settled in eastern Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, about 1790. Morris Covert, his grandfather, settled in western Pennsylvania, Butler County. He became a large land owner and gave each of his children a farm. John Covert, father of I. N. Covert, spent his life on the farm in Butler County. I. N. Covert spent his childhood on his father's farm. He attended common schools in Butler County, then received some higher education at North Sedgwick Academy in Beaver County Pennsylvania. In the fall of 1859, he came to Illinois and settled at Newman, Douglas County. He taught school at Hopkins School, one mile south of Newman, for three consecutive winters, and one term after the Civil War. He was married in 1860 by Rev. Peter Wallace in the Methodist Church in Newman. They were the first couple married in the new church.

In 1862, Mr. Covert enlisted in the 79th Illinois Infantry and served until the end of the war. He bought improved farm land three and one half miles south of Newman and farmed it until 1882 when he rented his farm and moved into Newman. In the spring of 1884 he formed a partnership with Scott Burgett in the banking business. Mr. Covert was the first president of Newman Bank. Mrs. Covert died August 17, 1887. In 1888 Mr. Covert gave up presidency of the bank due to his health and Stroder M. Long took over. I. N. Covert lived the rest of his life retired in Newman. His wife was Louisa Webster, born February 9, 1837 and died August 18, 1887.

Name: Conover, Daniel

Birthdate: August 9, 1832

Birthplace: Adams County Pennsylvania

Married: Miss Bradshaw N. Elkin

Married at: Bowling Green, Indiana,
January 24, 1854

Occupation: Salesman, Douglas County Circuit Clerk and Recorder

Military History: 6th Indiana Cavalry Commissioned Major; Co. D 71st IN Inf. 1st

Children: Walter and McKenzie (twins) - Steele (died) - Harry - Dick (died)

Death Date: February 2, 1893

Death Place: Tuscola, Illinois

Daniel's parents were Garrett Conover, whose parents came to Pennsylvania from Holland. Garrett married Susan Monteith from Scotland. They settled in Pennsylvania in 1840. They came to Owen County Indiana where Daniel A. got his education as a youngster. He then attended State University at Bloomington Indiana. At age twenty, Daniel and his brother ran the drug store in Bowling Green, Indiana, in Clay County.

In 1862 Daniel organized Co. D 71st IN Infantry. At the Battle of Richmond Kentucky, Daniel was wounded and taken prisoner. With some others, he managed to escape in the night. The 71st had such heavy losses that re-organization was abandoned. The remaining members returned to Terra Haute, Indiana, and organized the 6th Indiana Cavalry. Daniel Conover was commissioned Major. He was discharged in a few weeks because of problems with a wound he received at Richmond, Kentucky. A short time after returning home, he was appointed Provost Marshal of the Seventh Indiana District at Terra Haute headquarters. He was next appointed Inspector of Internal Revenue. In 1869, the Internal Revenue office was abolished and he came to Tuscola, Douglas County Illinois. He traveled for Cincinnati Hat House out of Tuscola for eleven years. In 1880, he was elected Circuit Clerk and Recorder of Douglas County. He resided in Tuscola until he died in 1893.

In 1854, Daniel married Miss Bradshaw N. Eikin of Bowling Green Indiana. They had five children: Walter and McKenzie (twins), Harry, Steele (died) and Dick (died).

Daniel's mother was Susan Monteith of Scotland. She was the granddaughter of Sir Hiram Monteith, an associate of William Wallace. Hiram and his brother John Monteith were both beheaded in Scotland. This was when her father managed to get out of Scotland and come to America.

Name: Cox, James A.

Birthdate: 1838

Birthplace: Parke County Indiana

Married: Hannah K.

Married at: Park County Indiana

Occupation: Tinner

Military History: Co. C 78th Indiana Vol. Inf.

Children: Charles Edward

Death Date: 1905

Death Place: Tuscola

James A. Cox was a native of Indiana, born 1838 in Parke County. James A. learned the tinner's trade when a young man. He worked at this trade until the Civil War when he enlisted in 78th IN Inf. and served until he was severely wounded in his leg, elbow and head by Morgan's guerillas. He was brought back to his home in Rockville, Indiana where for many weeks he lay between life and death, but eventually recovered. In 1872 he moved to Terra Haute, Indiana in the tinner's trade. After one year, 1873, he came to Tuscola in Douglas County Illinois. He was employed as a tinner by the hardware firm of M. M. Lawson and Brother in Tuscola. He spent the rest of his active life with this firm. At the time of retirement, he owned a nice home in Tuscola where he lived until 1905 when he died. His son bought the Lawson Hardware store in the 1890's and was doing the biggest hardware business in the County. He started with Irwin Brothers Hardware, then bought Irwins out and took Mr. Wortham as a partner. Later he bought the half interest out and operated it as Cox Hardware.

Name: Cambridge, Joshua

Birthdate: July 21, 1848

Birthplace: Hancock County Indiana

Married: Sarah Romine

Married at: Garrett Township, Douglas
County, March 13, 1873

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. B 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery

Children: Thomas E. - Louis A. - John V. - Daughter who died in infancy

Death Date:

Death Place:

Children of Joshua and Sarah: Thomas E. in charge of benefit department of International Harvester and Wisconsin Steel Company Chicago; Louis A. an attorney connected with U.S. Weather Bureau, Chicago; John V. owned land in Adams County North Dakota and was appointed County Surveyor by Governor of North Dakota - was elected, later, surveyor of Adams County - the first surveyor elected in that county.

Joshua Cambridge's parents were John H. and Matilda (Malson) Cambridge. William Cambridge, Joshua's grandfather, came with his brothers from Wales. The family was Welch-Irish descent, and served during the Revolutionary War. Joshua's father, John H., was born September 20, 1800, and his mother, Matilda, in 1815. After marriage they were early settlers in Cincinnati Ohio. From there to Hancock County Ohio. John H. was a brick mason and farmer. He met his death through an accident on May 10, 1859. Out of thirteen children, Joshua and his brother Edwin H. of Hindsboro, Douglas County, were the only survivors in 1910.

Joshua Cambridge was raised and educated in Hancock County Indiana. After his father's death, he stayed with his mother on the farm until October 7, 1864 when he enlisted in the Civil War. He was discharged October 7, 1865. He returned to his mother's farm. During that year she sold the farm and came to Effingham County Illinois. They purchased a farm there on which Joshua worked until 1869. They then located in Tuscola Township, Douglas County. He worked on the farm for William Brian for five years. He then rented land from the Brian family until 1900. In 1899 Joshua was appointed superintendent of Douglas County Infirmary, assuming those duties in January 1900. The County farm was 160 acres. The infirmary (old Folk's Home) had an average of about fifteen inmates the year round. With exception of improvements, the farm under Mr. Cambridge's management had become self supporting. Joshua Cambridge was a member of G.A.R. Post in Tuscola and at one time was commander. He was Road Commissioner of Tuscola Township for six years and School Director in the Brian neighborhood for nine years.

Name: Collins, Seth B.

Birthdate: November 2, 1838

Birthplace: Fairfield County Ohio

Married: Parthene Achey

Married at: Fairfield County Ohio, June 3,
1866

Occupation: Farmer and Stock-Raiser

Military History: Co. K 17th Ohio Inf. (Captain) - 14th Army Corps – Veteran

Children: Orlando G. - William H. - Roscoe A.

Death Date:

Death Place:

Seth B. Collins' parents were James Collins (died 1847) and mother, Margaret Collins (died 1882). Both were born in Ohio, where they lived out their lives. His father was 45 years old when he died, and his mother was 75 years old at time of death.

Seth B. Collins began learning carriage making at the age of 15 years, and continued in carriage making until he joined the Army on April 19, 1861. He enlisted in Co. K 17th Ohio Infantry. He reinvested for three years in Co. K 17th Inf. on August 19, 1861. After three years, he re-enlisted again as veteran in the 17th Ohio Veterans Infantry until the close of the war. He went from Private to Lieutenant, and three months later to Captain. This regiment was part of the 14th U.S. Army Corps. Seth B. Collins was wounded four times, but not serious enough to leave his regiment. He had his jaw broken the fifth time from a bullet, and was out of the Regiment for one week. He was in 13 leading battles and 100 lively skirmishes. He was discharged August 19, 1865. On his way home at Kirkeysville the entire train derailed and rolled down an embankment killing thirty-five instantly. Large numbers were seriously wounded. About twelve of Captain Collins' men were in the 35 that were killed.

After returning home, Seth B. worked at carriage making for one year at New Salem, Ohio. Then he moved to Cumberland County, Illinois. He bought 185 acres. He farmed three years, then sold his farm for \$5 per acre more than he gave. He then moved to Douglas County and bought 200 acres north of Arcola. He ran 1600 rods of tile on his farm land. He built a good house and barns. His corn made 63 bushels an acre the first year he did some tiling. He put in some more tile and it made 70 bushels. He lived and farmed this farm the rest of his life.

Seth B. Collins married Parthene Achey in Fairfield, Ohio in 1866. He was a member of G.A.R. Post in Ohio.

Name: Cox, Robert

Birthdate: April 19, 1837

Birthplace: Madison County Kentucky

Married: Mary E. Moherly

Married at: Madison County Kentucky

Occupation: Farmer and Dealer in Livestock

Military History: Co. B 6th KY Vol. Cavalry

Children: William S., Deputy County Clerk (1884) – Nettie, wife of William C. Kenner
Flora IL - Waller C.

Death Date: December 13, 1919

Death Place: Tuscola, IL

Robert Cox was the son of David and Pauline (Adams) Cox, natives of Kentucky. Robert was fourteen years old when his father died and the conduct of the farm and the support of his mother fell on him. He continued to work on the home farm until his marriage on January 25, 1859. He farmed until 1861, then joined the Cavalry. His term of enlistment was January 1865. He returned to Kentucky, but soon after came to Livingston County, Illinois. He was there six months, then went to Bloomington, IL. He farmed there until 1868 when he came to Douglas County. In 1869 he moved to Champaign County and farmed four years. In 1872, he opened a store in Pesotum, Champaign County. In 1877 he sold out and bought 160 acres adjoining Tuscola. In 1884 he owned a square block in a valuable part of Tuscola. He also built a fine mansion. His main business in 1884 was dealing in livestock. He lived in this location until he died.

Robert Cox's wife, Mary E., was born November 4, 1840 and died January 21, 1893.

Name: Davis, William W.

Birthdate: June, 1837

Birthplace: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Married: Ida M. Dolson

Married at: Arcola – 1864

Occupation: Farmer - Dredge Ditching

Military History: 1st IL Cav. - 1st Lt. Co. E 13th IL Cav. - Capt. Co. K 79th IL Inf.

Children: Lillie G. - Charles M. - Ida M. - Hattie Pearl - Bertie W.

Death Date: August 4, 1896

Death Place: Arcola, Illinois

William W. came to Clermont County Ohio in 1857. In 1859 he went through Mississippi, Louisiana and settled in Arkansas, where he stayed until 1860. The political atmosphere not being healthy for a Northerner, he left and came to Douglas County, Illinois in 1860, and engaged in general farm work until July 1861. He enlisted in the 1st IL Voluntary Cavalry. Two battalions were captured in the battle of Lexington Missouri. William W. was one of the captured, but was paroled. The regiment was mustered out because of being paroled. Returning to Arcola, he assisted in raising a company and went to Camp Douglas where he was elected 1st Lt. of Co. E 13th IL Voluntary Cavalry. He remained seven months, returned and recruited Co. K 79th IL Voluntary Infantry. In this short time, he was promoted to Captain. In 1864 he resigned because of his eyes which were diseased in 1862 during his stay in the Army. He lost sight in one eye since coming home and the other was diseased (1884 history). He served in the 79th in Battles of Chickamauga, Lexington, and Mission Ridge. Then he was put in Pioneer Brigade and built forts in Nashville and Gallatin, then had charge of the work of putting up sawmills at Stone River for the Army. His discharge dates March 1864. He came back to Arcola Douglas County and engaged in railroad grade and ditching contracting. He broke the first ground ever broken for the Midland Railroad in Douglas County. During the season of 1883, he cut 9 miles of ditch in Arcola Township. He cut the first ditch in Arcola Township in the 1870's - 8 1/2 miles long. He did an immense amount of ditching in Piatt, Dewitt, McLean, Tazewell, Coles and Douglas Counties. He did more miles of ditching than any man in east central Illinois. He owned twenty acres of very valuable land on east Arcola Corporation. He served several terms on the City Council. In 1864, he married Ida M. Dolson, daughter of Jacob and Harriet Dolson of Clark County Illinois. Mr. Jacob Dolson was in the Black Hawk War as a First Lieutenant.

Name: Davis, John B.

Birthdate: December 3, 1831

Birthplace: Brown County Ohio

Married: Lydia Davis

Married at: Hugo Boudre Township, April
1866

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. I 25th IL Vol. Inf. June 1, 1861

Children: Frank (died at 18 months) - Nine E. (married S. F. Kerns) - Ernest B. (Minnie Millsap)

Death Date: October 30, 1909

Death Place: Hugo

John B.'s wife was Lydia Davis, his cousin. She died September 24, 1887 at Hugo.

John B. was a member of G.A.R. Post Camargo. His farm was 200 acres one mile north of Hugo.

His father, Issacher Davis, was born in Brown County Ohio on January 1, 1800. He died in Brown County on August 1, 1849.

John's mother, Lydia Parker, was born June 24, 1803 and died March 16, 1867 in Brown County Ohio.

John B. came to Hugo in 1850. He went back to Ohio in 1851. His mother was in bad health and stayed in Ohio. He came back to Hugo in 1853, and farmed until 1856. He then went to Dallas, Vermillion County, and was Deputy Sheriff under his Uncle John W. Parker for two years. He came back to Hugo 1858, farmed until he went into the Army. He had his farm rented out. After the war, he farmed until he died. His son, Ernest B., took over the farm when John B. died. Ernest was the father of Orville Davis who bought a farm south of Villa Grove, northeast of Camargo in 1930's or 40's. He lived there until he died.

Name: Denny, Thomas J.

Birthdate: December 8, 1842

Birthplace: Lawrence County Indiana

Married: Mary E. Burgess

Married at: Arcola, February 22, 1893

Occupation: Farmer – Greenhouse and Gardening

Military History: CI 2nd IN Cav. 13 mo's. - Co. M 2nd U.S. Cav.

Children: Mary A lived at home 1910, born 1895

Death Date:

Death Place:

Thomas J. Denny enlisted in December 25, 1861 in Indiana Cavalry. After 13 months, he was transferred to Company M U.S. Cavalry. He had minor wounds several times. His horse fell on him, which was the injury that caused him to be discharged disability on January 27, 1865. He also had a brother in the war, Jackson Denny. Jackson was in Company F 17th Indiana Mounted Infantry. He was killed in the Battle of Chattanooga. Thomas also had two half brothers in the Army. After the war, Thomas J. Denny traveled to several parts of the United States, finally locating in Douglas County Arcola Township. He first settled in St. Clair County Illinois in 1876 for fourteen years. He moved to Lebanon in 1878 where he worked on the estate of Judge H. H. Horner. In 1893 he moved to Arcola and bought four acres and carried on a general greenhouse and gardening business. Thomas J. Denny married Mary E. Burgess at Arcola on February 22, 1893. Mary was the daughter of Dawson and Martha A. Burgess. They moved from Orange County Indiana to Coles County south of Arcola in 1867.

Thomas J. Denny's parents were William and Mary (Adams) Denny. William was a native of Virginia, and Mary from Kentucky. They married in Kentucky and soon afterwards moved to Indiana. William was a basket-maker. They had seven children: Martin - Hester - Francis - Marion - William Jr. - Hatton - Thomas J. Three other children, Andrew, Jackson and a daughter, died in their teens. Mrs. Denny died in early life. William, from a former marriage, had five sons: John - Christopher - Columbus - Simone - George.

Thomas J. lived with different families after his mother died. He was thirteen and was bound out to Alfred Bruner. He remained three years with him, when his father heard how hard a taskmaster Alfred was, he got the boys released. Thomas was next employed by William Braxton of Orange County Indiana, and carried the U.S. mail for three years. Thomas then enlisted in the Army.

Thomas J. was a member of Arcola G.A.R.

Name: Easley, Robert B.

Birthdate: October 9, 1838

Birthplace: Robinson County Tennessee

Married: Rachel Carle

Married at: Macoupin County Illinois

Occupation: Doctor, Arcola, Illinois

Military History: Co. E 21st IL Inf.

Children: Minnie A. - Walter E. - Carrie E. - Effie J. (Walter E. died at age 14 months)

Death Date:

Death Place:

Robert B. Easley came with his parents from Tennessee to Macoupin County Illinois in 1846. He remained there until 1852, when he moved to Christian County. His father was a farmer, and died in 1870 at age 72 years. Robert's mother died in 1864 at age 58 years. Their children were ten boys and one girl. The girl and two boys died in infancy. Five of the eight boys were in the Union Army. One was killed on the battle field. Two of the boys were practicing physicians. Robert B. worked on the farm until eighteen. He then learned the trade of carpenter. He did this until he was 21 years old. He then studied medicine for one year, then enlisted in Company E 21st Illinois Infantry in August 1861. He was in several battles. On September 20, 1863, at the Battle of Chickamauga, he was captured. He was in Andersonville for six months, making fourteen months in all. He was released on sick list, exchanged at Savannah, Georgia. He was then sent to the hospital at Annapolis where he spent three months recovering sufficiently to go to his brother's in Carlinville, Illinois. He was discharged at Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois. In 1865 and 1866 he attended Eclectic Medical Institute in Cincinnati Ohio. He graduated in the class of 1866. He began practice of medicine in 1867. He practiced in Macoupin County Illinois for eight years, and in 1875 he moved to Arcola Illinois. Robert B. married Rachel Carle on September 27, 1867.

Name: Entler, Harrison

Birthdate: September 18, 1844

Birthplace: Clark County Ohio

Married: Louisa B. Nelson

Married at: Arcola Township

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. E 79th IL Vol. Inf. from 1862 to 1865

Children: Morris (Bowdre Township) - Mary (died – wife E. F. Fry) - Albert K. (Bowdre Township) - Clara F. (died)

Death Date: August 27, 1927

Death Place: Bowdre Township

Harrison Entler was the son of Noah and Sarah (Bennett) Entler. They came to Bowdre Township in 1853.

After the war, Harrison returned to his father's farm. In 1867, he married Louisa B. Nelson from Arcola Township. She was born in Putnam County Indiana in 1847 the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Runyan) Nelson. They both died. Louisa was reared by a lady named Johnson in Greencastle. In 1865 Mrs. Johnson died and Louisa came to Arcola Township to live with Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Rhinerson. Mr. Entler bought out the other heirs when his mother died, and had eighty acres of land. Harrison and Louisa had four children. Harrison Entler and his wife are buried in Broadus Cemetery.

Noah Entler was born in Shephardstown, Virginia, now West Virginia, in 1796. He died in 1865 on his farm in Sec. 10 Bowdre Township Douglas County Illinois. His father's name was Phillip Entler, born in New York State. Noah Entler left his home in Virginia and moved to Champaign County Ohio. He worked there at his trade of Blacksmith. It was there that he married Sarah Bennett who was born in Clark County Ohio in 1806. They married in 1838. Their children: Joseph (died) - John (Bowdre Township) - Mary Jane (died, Bowdre Township) - Adam M. (Bowdre Township) - Frances (1st John Coslet, 2nd Alexander Fullerton) - Sarah Ann (died, wife of Richard Morris) - Harrison (Bowdre Township) - Eliza (died, wife of William Ward). List from 1910 history Douglas County. Noah sold his farm in Ohio in 1853 and bought 120 acres next to his son John who came 185_. They had a small one room round-log cabin. The family was too large for the small cabin. The boys all helped build a larger one of hewed logs. Noah lived there until he died. His wife went on living with their son Harrison in the same house until she died in 1889. Noah and wife are buried in Broadus Cemetery.

Name: Entler, John

Birthdate: August 1, 1829

Birthplace: Champaign County Ohio

Married: Albatean Smith

Married at: Clermont County Ohio,
August 24, 1849

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. E 10th IL Vol. Inf.

Children: William J., married (1st) Laura Marler (2nd) Cora Campbell, (3rd) Lydia Lines - Thomas, married Mary Mooman

Death Date:

Death Place: Boudre Twp.

John Entler and Albatean Smith were married August 24, 1849 in Clermont County Ohio. In 1852, they came to Illinois, stopping in Pike County for two years. Then they came to Douglas County Bowdre Township. He bought forty acres of railroad land at \$10 per acre. Later he added another forty acres at the same price. Several years later, he bought 30 acres at \$30 per acre. Most of the first land was covered with timber. It was north of Scattering Fork and east of Ambraw Rivers. John built a log house and started clearing timber, getting it farmable. He retired in 1908 and divided the land between William J. and Thomas, his sons, having built two frame houses on this land several years before.

John's wife, Albatean, was born in 1830, a daughter of Thomas Smith, a native of Ohio (in Clermont County 30 miles east of Cincinnati, Ohio). Albatean died December 25, 1907. Since then, John made his home with his sons.

John Entler and his wife are buried in Broadus Cemetery. No date of death is on the stone.

In the Noah Entler family history, see Harrison Entler.

John's sons:

Thomas Entler and Mary (Mooman) Entler had the following children: Charles - Alfred B. - Bert - Nora - Harry - Albertine - Gertrude.

William J. Entler married three times. His first wife, Laura Mayler, died shortly after their marriage. His second wife, Cora Campbell, died after their marriage. His third wife was Lydia Lines (the wife in the 1910 History of Douglas County).

Name: Ewing, William H.

Birthdate: November 27, 1821

Birthplace: August County Virginia

Married: Elizabeth Wishard

Married at: Murdock Township, March 19, 1870

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. E 57th IL Vol. Inf.

Children: Infant daughter born and died 1873 – William, Jr. - twin sons born and died 1877 – James Milton - Lydia May - Frank Townsend

Death Date: October 25, 1915

Death Place: Murdock Township

Children: William Jr. born September 30, 1875, died July 9, 1876 - James Milton born November 14, 1878, lived on his father's second 80 acres, married Vera Goode - Lydia May born September 7, 1880, married Frank Wiger, lived 10 miles of Vandalia - Frank Townsend born October 1, 1887, lived at home (1910).

William H. Ewing's parents: his father, Elijah Ewing, was born in Augusta County Virginia April 8, 1798, and died in Douglas County September 23, 1870. His mother, Amanda (Hunter) Ewing was born in Augusta County Virginia, and died in Coles County Illinois on August 6, 1844. They married in Virginia on November 11, 1830. In the fall of 1839, they left Virginia for Ohio. They went to Xenia Ohio where a cousin of Elijah's lived. He helped his cousin make shingles by hand for their new house. They spent the first winter in Ohio. In the spring of 1840, the parents of William H., with five children (one was born in Ohio) left for Coles County Illinois. After reaching Coles County, Elijah rented a farm for several years in Coles County, and later rented in Edgar and Clark Counties. In 1859, Elijah moved to Camargo Township (now Murdock Township) Douglas County, where he resided as long as he was active. After giving up farming, he lived with his children until his death. This journey to Douglas County was not his last. In 1860 he loaded up his wagon and took his children and wife and headed west. He went to Colorado State line, looking for a new location. Not finding any better prospects than were offered in Douglas County, he returned without unloading the wagon.

Elijah Ewing was constable of Camargo Township for several years. His family consisted of six children: William H. - John D. born October 27, 1833 and died July 1907 in Murdock Township - Eliza Jane born September 11, 1835 and lived in Murdock Township - James A., born April 16, 1837 and lived in Richland County - Lewis A. born January 14, 1839 and died in Murdock Township - George A. born June 8, 1841 and lived in Arkansas.

William H. Ewing was limited to subscription schools of Coles County and Ohio. He stayed with his father, hoeing and running the walking plow, helping clear land on the farm until he was twenty-one years old. Then he started working out by the month until 1854 when he came to Douglas County. He worked for William and James Hammett for six months until 1861 when he enlisted in the Army. He was in 14 major battles and served as Scout at times. He was never seriously wounded. He was struck three times by spent balls. He was mustered out in 1864. He returned to Douglas County, rented a farm until 1879 when he bought 80 acres in Sec. 7. In 1891 he bought 80 acres in Sec. 6, and in 1901 he bought another 80 acres in Sec. 6.

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EWING, William H.

Among the substantial and representative farmers of Douglas County, Illinois is William H. Ewin, who came first to this section, sixty-nine years ago. He was born in Augusta County, Virginia on November 27, 1831.

His father, **Elijah Ewin** was born in the same place on April 8, 1798 and died in Douglas County Illinois September 23, 1870. His mother, Amanda (Hunter) Ewin was born also in August County and died in Coles County, Illinois, August 3, 1844. They were married in Virginia on November 11, 1830 and continued to live in their native state until the fall of 1839, when they stated with their four children for Ohio. They made the trip in a covered wagon and as the journey was of several weeks duration, camped at night on the road. They finally reached Xenia, Ohio where a cousin of Elijah Ewin lived, and during the succeeding winter, the father was employed there in making shingles for the cousin's new home, the work being done by hand. In the spring of 1840, the parents of William H. Ewin, with their five children, one having been born in Ohio, resumed their travels in the covered wagon and headed for Coles County, Illinois. After reaching their destination the father rented land for several years and later rented land in Edgar and Clark Counties. About 1859 he came to what is now Camargo Township, Douglas County on which he resided as long as he was actively employed. After giving up farming he lived with his children until his death. This journey was not the last, however, that he undertook. In 1860, with his children, he started in a covered wagon towards the West, and went as far as the Colorado line looking for a new location, but finding no better prospects than were offered in Douglas county, the party returned to the old home without even unpacking their goods. Elijah Ewin lived a widower for many years, never supplanting his first wife, who was an estimable woman in every way and a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Early in his political life, Elijah Ewin was a Whig and later was a Republican. For several years he served as Constable in Camargo Township. The family contained six children, the first born being William H. of this sketch. The others were: John D. born October 27, 1833, died in Murdock Township, in July 1907. Eliza Jane, born September 11, 1835 and still lives in Murdock township;

James A., born April 16, 1837 lives in Richland county; Lewis A., born January 14, 1839 died in Murdock township and George A., born June 8, 1841, lives in Arkansas.

William H. Ewin was educated in the subscription schools of Douglas County, these being the only ones yet started in the wild region where the Ewing's first found a home. He can easily recall the heavily timbered country and the plentitude of wild game. His school advantages were not many, for from the time he could handle a hoe or direct the plow along a furrow he was in the fields at work. He remained with his father until he was twenty-one years old and then worked by the month until 1854. In that year he came to what is now Murdock Township, then in Coles County. For the first six months he worked for William and James Hammett and afterwards for other farmers until October 25, 1861, when he entered the Federal Army, enlisting in Camargo Township in Company E. 57th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was sent on to Chicago and there was enrolled under Captain Adams and Colonel Baldwin. Mr. Ewin saw hard service, participating in the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, the repulse of the Confederates at Corinth, Tuscumbia, Marietta, Reseca, Kingston, Dalton, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, the great march to the Sea and the siege of Savannah. The object of the Tuscumbia fight was to give Col. Straight an opportunity to make his raid on Rome Ga. He served, also, at times in the dangerous capacity of scout. Although never seriously wounded, he was struck on three occasions by spent balls. In the spring of 1864 he was transferred to the 1st Alabama Cavalry, U.S. which became General Sherman's bodyguard. He was attached to this unit from Atlanta to the sea. He was mustered out and honorably discharged at Savannah, Ga. December 25, 1864. Mr. Ewin then returned to Illinois and rented land in what is now Murdock township, Douglas county, and in 1870, purchased eighty acres of improved land in section 7 paying for this at the rate of \$25.00 per acre and in 1901 he bought eighty acres in section 6 for which he was obliged to pay \$75.00 per acre. Mr. Ewin has greatly improved his property, building attractive and substantial farm buildings of all kinds, setting out orchards and groves and providing a comfortable home for himself and family. The tiling of his land was a large expense but the increase in productiveness has many times doubled.

On March 19, 1870, Mr. Ewin was married to Miss Elizabeth Wishard, who was born in Vermillion county Indiana on January 24, 1849, a daughter of James and Mary Wishard, who came to Douglas County in 1854. James Wishard owned the eighty acres which Mr. Ewin purchased in 1901 and had developed a farm from its wild state. He died on September 1, 1866. His widow still survives, now being eighty years old and makes her home with her children. Mr. and Mrs. Ewin have had the following children: Mary Amanda, born in 1871, an infant daughter born and died on April 4, 1873, William H. Jr. born September 30, 1875 and died July 9, 1876, twin sons born and died October 22, 1877, James Milton, born November 14, 1878, lives on his father's second eighty acres and is married to Vera Good; Lydia May, born Sept. 7, 1880, married Frank Weger, and resides ten miles from Vandalia; and Frank Townsend, born October 1, 1887, who lives at home. Mrs. Ewin is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In Politics, Mr. Ewin is a Republican. He has served as School Director and as Drainage Commissioner. His recollection of interesting events in history of this section makes Mr. Ewin an entertaining conversationalist. On several occasions he met Abraham Lincoln

and was present and listened to the great debate between Lincoln and Douglas at Charleston, Illinois.

Children of William H. and Elizabeth Wishard Ewing:

Mary Amanda, born in 1871 married Allen Zachary

Children, Mae Zachary, Iva Goodson, Dr. Floyd Zachary

James Milton, born November 14, 1878 married Vera Goode

Children, Fern Elizabeth Ewing, married Paul Francis Knox, 9/3/1932

Children Charles Milton Knox, married Caryl Ann Lossman, 6/26/60

Children of Charles and Caryl Knox

Ann Elizabeth Knox, married Paul Kevin Kendzior

Children of Ann and Paul Kendzior

Matthew Charles Kendzior

Alexander Paul Kendzior

Grace Elizabeth Kendzior

Jeffrey Charles Knox, married Jennifer Dodds

Children of Jeffrey and Jennifer Knox

Sarah Elizabeth Knox

Kathryn Anne Knox

John Andrew Knox

James Milton Ewing Jr. married Jane Edwards.

Child; Judith Marie, married John Mattucci

Children of Judith and John Mattuci

Mark

Michael

Frank Ervin Ewing, married Katherine Wells

Children of Ervin and Katherine Ewing

Susan

Julie

Kathy

Lydia May, born Sept. 7, 1880 married Frank Weger

Children of May and Frank Weger,

Russell

Robert

Frances

Vera

Faye

Mary

Frank Townsend, born October 1, 1887, married Della Murray

Children of Frank and Della Ewing

Martha Grace Ewing

James Franklin Ewing, married Betty Jones

Children of James and Betty Ewing

Dale

Roger

Milt

Name: Hackett, Legran

Birthdate: September 20, 1842

Birthplace: S.E. Charleston Coles County

Married: Ellen Fickle

Married at: Tuscola Township, died
February 19, 1901

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. B 154th IL Vol. Inf.

Children: Cora Ellen, Mattie Elizabeth, Robert Levi, George Lee, James Edward, Arthur H., Frank H., Alice Josephine

Death Date: August 27, 1918

Death Place: Tuscola

Legran and Ellen Hackett's children: Cora Ellen (wife of Charles Stevenson) died in Nebraska in 1895; Mattie E. married William Stevenson and lives near Tuscola; Robert Levi was a farmer in Tuscola Township; George L. died January 15, 1892; James Edward lives on his own farm northeast of Tuscola; Arthur H. lives on his father's farm; Frank H. lives in Indiana; Alice Josephine lived at home (1910).

Ellen (Fickle) Hackett's parents were Robert and Cynthia (Van Schoyck) Fickle. They came from Ohio to Douglas County in 1876 and owned a farm in Tuscola Township. Cynthia had Ellen, George, Eliza, then died. Robert married second time to Perthenia Van Schoyck, sister of Ellen. They had six children.

Ellen (Fickle) Hackett was born June 13, 1848, and married October 18, 1868. She died February 19, 1901. Legran Hackett went to subscription schools in Coles County Illinois. He worked on his father's farm until he joined the Army in 1865. After getting discharged, he went back to his father's and worked out in surrounding farms – one year renting a farm. In 1870 he bought twenty acres of improved land in Tuscola Township. At various times he increased the acres until he owned 300 acres all in one section one and one-half miles northeast of Tuscola. In 1904 Legran retired and built a house on East Sale Street in Tuscola.

Legran's parents were Levi and Sarah Ann (Adkins) Hackett. Levi was born in Scott County Kentucky on November 14, 1812, and died in Tuscola Township on May 2, 1886. In 1832 he came to Coles County Illinois. He bought land on the East side of the river between Charleston and Cumberland and Coles County Lines. This was heavy timbered land. He built a log house and started clearing and planting crops. Levi was a blacksmith, which he worked along with farming. He lived straight east of Abe Lincoln's parents just across the river. He knew them well. In 1861 Levi sold this farm and moved

to Douglas County Tuscola Township and bought a farm of 80 acres, where he lived until he died in 1886. His wife Sarah lived there until she died July 19, 1894 in Charleston while visiting there.

Name: Hawkins, John

Birthdate: November 30, 1828

Birthplace: Pickaway County Ohio

Married: Iva Hopkins

Married at: Newman Township

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. E 79th Illinois Voluntary Infantry – Corporal

Children: Marion – Cora Ann, wife of Samuel Johnson, West Ridge – Emma Alice –
Rosetta Estella – Ida Gucretia – Wiley Sherman – Harrison Sylvester

Death Date: February 17, 1908

Death Place: Newman Township

John Hawkins married Iva Hopkins, daughter of Cornelius Hopkins, one of the earliest settlers in Newman Township. Cornelius Hopkins was born May 10, 1818. He married Rachel F. Albin of Newman Township. Both are buried at Wesley Chapel (Albin Cemetery). Iva (Hopkins) Hawkins and John Hawkins married in 1859. Iva died December 30, 1899. She was fifty-seven years old. They had twelve children, but only seven survived. John enlisted in Co. E 79th in 1862. He was in for three years. After getting mustered out, he returned to farming. He retired and moved into Newman in 1894, where he died February 17, 1908. (Albin Cemetery)

Samuel Hawkins, brother of John, was in Co. E 79th IL Inf. He was born October 12, 1836. He died October 19, 1911. He married twice. First, on October 23, 1858 to Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Hopkins. They had the following children: W. S. Hawkins and Mrs. Mary E. Busby. Elizabeth died August 12, 1866. He then married Elizabeth, daughter of William Hopkins, cousin to his first wife. The second marriage was in 1870, and they had the following children: Eva B., wife of Harrison Hawkins, and Luther B. (Albin Cemetery)

J. M. Hawkins, another brother of John, was born February 5, 1839, in Pickaway County Ohio, and died January 10, 1917. He married in 1867 to Miss Sarah Johnson, daughter of J. T. Johnson, a doctor in Bourbon. J. M. Hawkins enlisted in February 1862 in the First Missouri Regiment of Infantry. He remained until the end of the war. He returned home and farmed until he died (Newman cemetery).

John Hawkins Sr., father of the above three brothers, was born near Harpers Ferry, Virginia. He came to Douglas County in 1857 from Ohio and settled on a farm three miles south of Newman. It was there he died in 1880. His wife was Margaret Cassidy, who was born in Loudoun County Virginia, near Harpers Ferry.

Name: Hawkins, Samuel

Birthdate: October 12, 1836

Birthplace: Pickaway County Ohio

Married: Elizabeth Hopkins

Married at: Newman Township – October
23, 1858

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. E 79th Illinois Voluntary Infantry

Children: 1st marriage: W. S. Hawkins and Mrs. Mary E. Busby. 2nd marriage: Luther B. and Eva B., wife of Harrison Hawkins

Death Date: October 19, 1911

Death Place: Newman Township

Elizabeth died August 12, 1866. She was the daughter of Robert Hopkins. Samuel's second wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of William Hopkins, a brother of Robert Hopkins.

Samuel Hawkins' parents were John and Margaret (Cassidy) Hawkins. In 1851 the family moved from Ohio to Douglas County. They settled on Brushy Fork River, South West of Newman. The father died on the farm on November 10, 1880.

Samuel Hawkins married two Hopkins' girls, who were first cousins. The last wife, daughter of William Hopkins, was a Granddaughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Winkler, very early settlers of Douglas County. They both died in 1836 and were among the first to be buried in Albin Cemetery.

Samuel's second wife, Elizabeth, was born April 18, 1847 and died January 25, 1924 (Albin Cemetery)

His first wife Elizabeth died August 12, 1866 – 30 years, 3 months 15 days.

Name: Harner, George A.

Birthdate: 1820

Birthplace: Greene County Ohio

Married: Catherine Heddleson

Married at: Greene County Ohio 1847

Occupation: Farmer Arcola Township

Military History: Co. 5th Ohio Vol. Cav.

Children: Caroline I. (wife of Jesse Sponsler) – Elizabeth A. – Laura A. – William O.

Death Date: December 23, 1891

Death Place: Arcola Township

George A. remained on the home farm in Greene County until February 1864 when he enlisted in the Army. He was in the 5th Ohio Cavalry, which was Gen. Custer's division. The main business of this Regiment was reconnoitering, burning bridges, etc. He was discharged May 2, 1865. Mr. Harner was home one week when Gov. Brough put out a call for men. He went in with 100 day men. This being for guard duty. George A. had two brothers in the Army for the entire war - Daniel and John Harner. John was killed in 1874 by horses running away. Both stayed in Green County Ohio.

George A. moved to Douglas County Arcola Township in 1867. He settled in Section 19. He owned 247 acres and had it well improved. He built his first house between the Embarrass and Okaw Rivers. He had one of the biggest wells. He built barns in the township. He also had a five acre Walnut Grove around the North and West sides of buildings for wind break.

He married in 1847 to Catherine Heddleson, daughter of John and Eva Heddleson in Greene County Ohio. John was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was one of the prisoners at Hulls Surrender and was exchanged at Louisville Kentucky.

Name: Helm, Robert B.

Birthdate: February 11, 1844

Birthplace: Owen County Indiana

Married: Sarah M. Reed

Married at: Douglas County, Bowdre
Township – March 15, 1871

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. E 79th IL Vol. Inf.

Children: First child died as an infant – Charles P. died at 4 years – Ora – Rose B. –
Mary Pearl – Permellie C. – John F. – Winifred M. – Robert B. Jr.

Death Date: August 29, 1910

Death Place: Murdock

Robert B. Helm's parents were John T. and Permellia (Palmer) Helm. John T. was born in Kentucky March 10, 1820, and lived in Coffeyville Kansas, where he went to stay with his daughter Mrs. Phoebe Angeline Hester (1910). His mother was born in Indiana in 1822 and died in Murdock Village in 1894. John T. came to Owens County Indiana with his parents when he was a small boy. He later met and married his wife. In 1856 they immigrated with their children to Webster County Iowa. Then they went to Kansas for one year. In 1861 they came back to Illinois Douglas County. In 1862 he bought 200 acres of partly improved land in Bowdre Township east of Hugo. John T. cleared part of the timber and made other improvements. He made this his home until 1881 when he sold it to his son Robert B. Helm, and moved to Murdock Village. After his wife died, he lived with Robert B. until 1900. He then went to his daughters in Kansas. John T. and Permellia had seven children: Robert B., Phoebe Angeline Hester of Kansas, Mary M. of Lemon Oklahoma, H. F., Rachel E., Charles L. and John T. Jr. They are all deceased.

Robert B. stayed with his parents until 1862 when he went to the Army. He was captured in September 3, 1863, and was in Andersonville prison. On April 12, 1865 he was taken to Union lines and released. He mustered out August 1865. He then returned to Douglas County and with the back pay he received, he bought 120 acres of land in Murdock Township. On March 15, 1871, Robert B. married Sarah M. Reed, daughter of Capt. Frank Reed. Sarah inherited 160 acres from her father's estate. Robert B. owned 800 acres in Murdock and Bowdre Townships in 1900 when he retired and moved into Murdock Village.

Name: Helton, Henry

Birthdate: March 6, 1842

Birthplace: Randolph County Indiana

Married: Josephine Willingham (died
November 4, 1905)

Married at: Garrett Township

2nd wife: Mrs. Esta Funkhouser on
November 27, 1907

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. G 79th IL Vol. Inf. Transferred to Co. H Vet. Engineers, 1st U.S.

Children: Nettie, wife of Frank Wyeth (they had two sons, Earl Wyeth and Ervin
Wyeth) – and two children who died in infancy

Death Date: July 16, 1909

Death Place: Garrett Township

Henry Helton's parents were Richard Helton and Ann Willis Helton. They moved from Indian in 1857 and bought a farm in Bourbon Township. His father, Richard, was in Chase County Kansas visiting and died there in 1885. His wife died on the farm in Bourbon Township.

Richard Helton's parents were Alexander Helton and Polly (Geral) Helton. They were born in North Carolina. They came from there to Ohio then to Indiana. Richards' Grandfather on his mother's side was William Geral who served seven years in the Revolutionary War, and died at 107 years of age. Henry was the oldest of eight children. His father came to Bourbon Township and bought a 120 acre farm. In 1868, he traded the farm for a Saw & Grist Mill in Mackville. He also had one-half interest in the store. When the railroad went in, he moved it to Atwood. He also built the first store in Atwood and ran it until he died.

Henry Helton worked on his father's farm until he volunteered in the Army in 1862. He bought a farm when he came back from the Army in Garrett Township east of Atwood. In 1885 he bought another 80 acres. The east part was in corporate limits of Garrett. He had it platted into lots, 8 acres, and sold them. He built a new house in Garrett. He was Drainage Commissioner in Garrett Township for several years, and a school director in the Township for seven years. He rented his farm out. He was elected Mayor of Garrett.

Name: Hunt, Oliver P.

Birthdate: June 13, 1832

Birthplace: Randolph County Indiana

Married: Eliza Jane McDowell

Married at: Dallas Vermilion County

Occupation: Lawyer, Farmer

Military History: Co. K 125th IL Inf. – 1st Lt. Dallas

Children: Ora B. – Emma M. – William T. – Henry C. – Burt – Ella. All listed in 1880 census

Death Date: July 11, 1902

Death Place: Tuscola

Oliver P. Hunt was a G.A.R. member and Commander of Camargo Post when it merged with Tuscola. He taught school in Indiana and Vermilion County Illinois. His wife also taught. He studied law and started his practice in 1858. His wife was the Granddaughter of David Yarnall. She inherited 100 acres of land in Douglas County. They moved on it after the war. They added 315 acres. O. P. Hunt was elected States Attorney for two terms and County Judge for one term. Then he went back to farming and practicing law.

Oliver P. Hunt's family came to America from England in 1779 or 1780. His father, Miles Hunt, and wife, Mary L. (Botkins) Hunt came from Kentucky and Tennessee. Miles died in Logan County Oklahoma at his youngest son's home in 1893.

There were four brothers who came from England – one was killed in the Revolution – one settled in Maryland – one settled in Virginia – and Bazil, Grandfather of Oliver P. Hunt, settled in Fleming County Kentucky then moved to Indiana. His youngest son, Miles Hunt, father of Oliver, platted and laid out Huntsville Indiana.

Oliver also had two brothers in the Civil War – Bazelleel and Henry C. Hunt who enlisted in the 69th Indiana Voluntary Infantry Regiment in 1862. Henry C. was wounded in the battle of Richmond Kentucky. Bazelleel stayed with him and was captured, but was paroled. Bazelleel died in Bowdre Township in August 1869. Both of them studied medicine after the war and became doctors. Henry remained in Montpelier, Blackford County Indiana. Oliver P. and his wife Eliza Jane had six children, all living in 1880 census: son Ora B. 17 years – Emma M. 14 years – William T. 11 years – Henry C. 8 years – Burt 6 years – Ella 3 years.

Oliver P. was 47 years and Eliza Jane 43 years in 1880.

Name: Ingraham, Henry R.

Birthdate: October 2, 1833

Birthplace: Tippecanoe County Indiana

Married: Emily J

Married at: Indiana

Occupation: Wagon Maker – County Treasurer, Douglas Co. – 2 terms 1875

Military History: Co. A 85th Indiana Infantry 2nd Lieutenant

Children: Nellie – Alma – William A. – Andrew – Laura

Death Date: November 27, 1889

Death Place: Tuscola

Henry R. Ingraham was a wagon maker in Indiana. He came to Tuscola in 1867 and was a wagon maker until 1875. He was elected County Treasurer for two terms, then was Postmaster until he died in 1889. He served on the City Council for three years.

Name: James, Z. D.

Birthdate: August 26, 1844

Birthplace: Vermilion County Indiana

Married: Annie H. Anderson

Married at: Indiana Vermilion County

Occupation: Farmer and Stock Raiser

Military History: Co. D 85th Indiana Volunteer Infantry

Children: Eliza D. – John C. – Marrietta - Anderson

Death Date:

Death Place:

Z. D. James was the son of Elijah B. and Susan (Ford) James who were natives of Virginia and Susan of Ohio. The father was a Blacksmith and Farmer. They were pioneers of Vermilion County Indiana where they cleared a farm in 1817.

Z. D. James was raised on the farm, getting a common school education. When he was eighteen years old, he enlisted (August 12, 1862) in Co. D 85th IN Inf. He was never wounded. He was discharged June 29, 1865. He took part in Battles of Resaca GA – Dallas Woods – New Hope Church – Kenesaw Mountain – Peach Tree Creek – Averysboro – Bentonville N.C. and several minor ones. After returning home, he farmed in the summer and taught school in the winter for four years. Then he bought 163 acres of land in Vermilion County Indiana where he lived about ten years. He came to Newman Township in November 3, 1881 and bought 120 acres of choice farmland with good buildings. He married Annie H. Anderson in Vermilion County Indiana. She was born in West Virginia and a daughter of John S. and Marietta Anderson who came from West Virginia to Vermilion County Indiana at an early date.

Name: Jones, George Washington

Birthdate: October 1, 1837

Birthplace: North Carolina

Married: Mary Baker

Married at: Madison County Kentucky

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: KY Infantry Regiment Union Army

Children: William H. – Lizzie – Emma V. – Lilly – Martin Riley – Fannie – Nannie Bell – Joseph Jackson, the oldest.

Death Date: April 4, 1905

Death Place: Villa Grove

George Washington Jones of Rockcastle County, Kentucky was a successful agriculturist in Kentucky. He owned a finely cultivated farm of 280 acres. July 5, 1862 George W. joined Company B, 7th Battalion, North Carolina in Hayesville, NC. In 1863 this became the 6th Regiment North Carolina Calvary (65th State Troops.) George W. left them on July 20, 1863 due to illness. He later became a soldier in the Kentucky Infantry Regiment Union Army during the Civil War.

He married Mary Baker, daughter of Adam Jackson Baker and Marjorie Baker of Cherokee County, North Carolina. She was born July 6, 1838. They had the following children: Joseph Jackson of Villa Grove - William Harrison of Wildie, Kentucky -Lizzie, wife of George Barkley of Iowa (5 children) - Emma V. who died at age 18 in Kentucky - Lily Iowa, wife of Ezekiel Hill of Kentucky (7 children) - Martin Riley, married Elizabeth Wright (5 children) -Fannie Malissa, wife of John Arnold of Villa Grove (4 children) - and Nannie Bell, wife of John Vaughn of Villa Grove (4 children).

George W. was visiting his son, Joseph Jackson, in Villa Grove when he suddenly became ill and died April 4, 1905 at his son's home. His wife remained in Camargo township until she died on December 27, 1915. George Washington and Mary are both buried in Jordon Cemetery, Fairland, Illinois.

Joseph Jackson Jones (Mar. 2, 1860 - Apr. 1, 1949) married Mary Eliza Kelly and had one daughter, Liza, the wife of George Smith (7 children). Joseph Jackson Jones married a second time to Mollie E. Brock (3 children - Emma, wife of Frank Tucker of Villa Grove - George W. who married Grace Odle (1 daughter) - and Walter Jackson (Dec. 24, 1888-1918). Walter was killed during WWI in France, Battalion 775 A 4th Division A.E.F. The Villa Grove Veterans of Foreign War Post #2876 was named after Walter Jackson Jones.

Martin Riley Jones married Elizabeth Jane Wright daughter of William Winter Wright of England. They had 6 children: Fitzhugh, Emily Vivian, Mary Flora, Joseph Herbert, Evelyn Francis, and William Martin. William Martin (Feb. 22, 1903-1987) married

Sibba Isabelle Davis (July 22, 1912) and they had 3 sons: William Jackson (3-12-39) of Villa Grove, John Davis (1-25-43) of Villa Grove, and Thomas Martin (1-25-43) of Paxton, Illinois.

Name: Jones, H. T.

Birthdate: March 13, 1842

Birthplace: Grant County Kentucky

Married: Mary V. VanOrsdel

Married at: Camargo Township 1872

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. H 25th IL Inf. (3 yrs.), Co. I 155th IL Inf. – 1st Lieutenant

Children: Ettie P.

Death Date: April 5, 1904

Death Place: Tuscola

H. T. Jones' parents were William and Priscilla (Sipple) Jones. H. T. was the eleventh in a family of thirteen children. His father was born in Kentucky and his mother in Delaware. His grandfather, Joshua Jones, was in the Continental Army in the Revolution. H. T. Jones' father came to Illinois in 1866, but returned to Kentucky the next year. His death occurred in his native state of Kentucky ten years later.

H. T. Jones came to Illinois in 1860, and the following year joined the Army in Co. H 25th for three years. He then re-enlisted in Co. I 155th IL Inf. and was commissioned First Lieutenant. He was discharged in 1865. He came back to Camargo Township and worked on the farm. In 1872 he married Mary V. VanOrsdel. In 1871 he purchased a good farm of 160 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Jones only had one child, Ettie F. Mary V. was born April 27, 1842 and died January 23, 1915.

Name: Jones, Henry C.

Birthdate: December 2, 1842

Birthplace: Franklin County Indiana

Married: Harriet E. York

Married at: Douglas County

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. K 79th IL Vol. Inf.

Children: Elizabeth – Laura – Nettie

Death Date: March 17, 1926

Death Place: Tuscola Township

Henry C. Jones was the son of Calvin and Hannah (Case) Jones of Franklin County Indiana. He was raised to manhood on the home farm in Franklin County. In 1860 Henry C. came to Douglas County Illinois. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. K 79th IL Inf. and served until June 12, 1865. He was honorably discharged at Nashville Tennessee. He was wounded in the leg at the Battle of Liberty Gap, which caused him to be in the hospital. He rejoined his regiment for the Battle of Missionary Ridge. It was about three months between Liberty Gap and Missionary Ridge. He was in every battle to the end of the war that Co. K participated in. After the war, Henry C. came back to Douglas County and engaged in farming for six years. He then bought grain in Arthur. He returned to farm until 1894 when he was Deputy Treasurer for four years under his half-brother James Jones. In the fall of 1898 he was elected Treasurer. His half-brother James Jones was Deputy Treasurer under him.

On February 25, 1866 Henry C. married Harriet E. York of Douglas County. They had three daughters: Elizabeth, who married R. C. Hostetter of Tuscola. They lived on the farm near Marshalltown Iowa. Their second daughter was Laura who married R. C. Hostetter's brother John Hostetter. They lived in Tuscola. The third daughter was Nettie.

Henry's wife, Harriet, died May 11, 1897. She was born February 9, 1845. Henry C. Jones owned 215 acres of well-drained farmland south of Tuscola. James Jones, half-brother of Henry, also born in Franklin County Indiana, owned a farm in Tuscola Township just south of Tuscola. He came to Douglas County in 1860. He was born January 24, 1837. He was treasurer for four years, Deputy Treasurer four years and in 1900 was chairman of Douglas County Republican Central Committee.

Name: Kennedy, Andrew Jackson

Birthdate: December 25, 1835

Birthplace: Randolph County Indiana

Married: Joan Morris

Married at: Miltonville Ohio

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. B 64th Indiana Volunteer Infantry – Co. C 1st Illinois Cavalry

Children: Charles Edward (died 1905) – John – Jennie (wife of William Hunt Galton) – Annie (wife of James Rishull) – Clara May (wife of Bethel Bales) – James Roger – Nettie (died 2 years old)

Death Date: December 25, 1907

Death Place: Arcola

Andrew Kennedy was seven years old when his parents died. He was bound out to a Quaker at Dayton Ohio. Soon he ran away and worked on farms in Indiana. Finally he came to Mattoon, Coles County, and worked for Lee Walker until he was twenty years old. He volunteered in the 1st Illinois Cavalry in Mattoon, Coles County. He received a head wound in the Cavalry and was honorably discharged. After getting discharged, he went back to Randolph County Indiana where he was born. After he healed, he volunteered in the Indiana Infantry. He married Joan Morris of Randolph County on January 1, 1865. She was born in Butler County Ohio in 1843. They were married in Miltonville Ohio. Joan's parents were John C. Morris and Amy (Moore) Morris. In 1866 Joan's parents moved to Douglas County Arcola Township and bought a farm. Four months later Andrew and Joan moved there and lived on the Morris Farm in Arcola Township. Andrew helped clear it to be farmable. He built big barns, a broomcorn shed and fenced it. Mr. Morris died earlier, then Mrs. Morris died in 1895. Andrew and Joan inherited ½ of the farm and James Morris, the other half. Joan's brother, the only living relative, Andrew and Joan lived there until they died.

Andrew's parents were James Kennedy and Susan (Gates) Kennedy. They lived in Indiana then moved to Dayton Ohio where they died. Andrew's father died in 1842 and his mother in 1840.

Name: King, John W.

Birthdate: October 13, 1841

Birthplace: Bourbon County Kentucky

Married: Kate C. Fry – April 23, 1872

Married at:

Occupation: School Teacher – Bookkeeper at Bank – Superintendent County Schools.

Military History: Co. I 25th IL Vol. Inf. – Co. G 72nd IL Vol. Inf. – Sgt. And Drill Master

Children: Archie W. (died at birth) – Ada Blanche (wife of R. P. Finney) – Earl G. – Katie W. – Roscoe W. – Dick O. – Harry T. – twins Ralph Allen and Ruby Alice

Death Date: January 17, 1910

Death Place: Newman

Nine children were born to John and Kate King. Archie died at birth. Ada Blanche was the wife of R. P. Finney of Newman; Earl G. married Chattie Morris and farmed near Newman; Katie W. married J. Milton Fuller of Tuscola; Roscoe W. married Mabel Morse and was a clothing merchant in Rockford Illinois; Dick O. died – he was born in February and died in December; Harry T. was an Insurance Clerk in Tuscola; Ralph Allen and Ruby Alice (twins) born Feb 8, 1892, and died in March.

John W. King went to Champaign High School. In 1860 enlisted in Co. G 72nd IL Inf. In 1861 this regiment was known as First Board of Trade Regiment of Chicago. Forty-one from Champaign area enlisted in this regiment. In 1865 John W. mustered out. There were only sixteen left. Mr. King was never wounded, but contracted chronic diarrhea. He had it the remainder of his life. He got \$12 per month pension. After the close of the war, he finished high school. He then took a two-year course at Normal, Illinois. He taught school in Champaign for one year. Then he went to Bryant and Stratton's Business College in Chicago for a six-month course. When he returned, he taught school in Champaign's best school for three years. In 1875, he was elected County Superintendent of Schools to fill a vacancy. He was re-elected for a full term in 1877. He resigned in 1881 to accept a postmastership at Newman. In 1886 he accepted a position as bookkeeper in the Newman Bank. In 1890 he was elected County Clerk of Douglas County. In 1894 he was re-elected and served to 1898. He then returned to Newman as a bookkeeper at the bank and Teller until 1909. In February 1905 the bank reorganized and became Newman National Bank. Mr. King retired in 1909 due to ill health. He died January 17, 1910.

John W. King was the son of David A. and Jane E. (Mitchell) King. David was born June 5, 1818 near Boonesboro, Clark County, Kentucky. He died in Champaign County Illinois in 1896. His wife was born at Mount Sterling, Kentucky on May 9, 1827 and died in Champaign County 1882. Paternal grandparents were Robert Cass and Harriet R. King from Culpeper County Virginia. They died near Boonesboro Kentucky – Robert in

1868 and Harriet in 1859. The maternal grandparents were John W. and Margaret E. Mitchell also from Culpeper County Virginia and moved to Montgomery County Kentucky and died in Shelby County Kentucky – John in 1868 and Margaret in 1860. Robert Cass was a carpenter and cabinet maker. John W. Mitchell was a farmer. David King learned the cabinetmaker trade from his father. He followed this trade to 1875, then moved to Champaign County Illinois.

Brothers and sisters of John W. King: (Children of David A. King and wife Jane A.)

John W – born October 13, 1841, lived in Newman, Douglas County

Harriet R. – born November 4, 1843, wife of John C. Fisher of Champaign, IL

Margaret A. – born January 4, 1845, wife of Henry Allen of Champaign, IL

Elizabeth J. – born May 1, 1847, wife of Aaron F. Coffman of Mahomet, IL

Susan B. – born August 29, 1850, wife of George W. Montgomery of Mahomet, IL

James R. – born February 10, 1853, married and lived in Chicago, IL

Thomas J. – born June 8, 1854, was married and died in Greencastle, IN in 1873

David A. Jr. – born January 25, 1856, married and lived in Los Angeles, CA

Roxa A. – born November 26, 1860, married John D. Fry. She died in Champaign in 1905; Mr. Fry died in 1906 in Chicago

George W. – born June 17, 1863, died June 17, 1863

Rosa Belle – born June 11, 1866, married Joseph M. Stickrod and lived near Tolono, IL

Name: Kirby, Francis M.

Birthdate: February 15, 1839

Birthplace: Vigo County Indiana

Married: 1st-Mary J. drew, 2nd Mary R.
Isabell, 3rd Jennie Miller

Married at: Garrett Township (1st on
October 18, 1864)

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. A 35th IL Vol. Inf. – Corporal

Children: 1st: Laura – Ida O. – Arthur. 2nd: Helena

Death Date:

Death Place:

The parents of Francis M. Kirby were Richard and Mary Kirby. They were born in Virginia and moved to Ohio to Vigo County Indiana where they lived until they died.

Francis M., James, and William were brothers and were all born in Vigo County Indiana. They all came to Garrett Township and went to Bement to enlist in Co. A 35th IL Vol. Inf. – all on the same day, July 3, 1861. William was killed in the Battle of Dallas. He was a Sergeant. James was a Corporal 3 years 2 months. He mustered out.

Francis M. Kirby was raised by J. Hayworth until the age of sixteen. This was after his parents had died. When he turned sixteen he worked on a farm for Mr. Isabell for two years. He then worked on farms by the month for two more years. Then he came to Douglas County and worked for James Drew during the winter of 1859. He worked for Mr. Wright during 1860. In February 1861, he rented a farm on his own. He raised one crop. Then with his two brothers he enlisted in Co. A. 35th IL Inf. Francis M. was wounded and taken prisoner on March 7, 1862 at the Battle of Pea Ridge. He was confined one month and was exchanged by order of General Curtis. On August 30, 1864 he returned to Douglas County. He was married to Mary J. Drew on October 18, 1864. Mary was born in Garrett Township and died on April 20, 1877 at the age of 34 years. Francis married the second time on August 28, 1877 to Mary R. Isabell, who was born in Vigo County Indiana and came to Douglas County with her parents. She died December 30, 1878. Francis married the third time on December 29, 1882 to Jennie Miller who was born in Wells County Indiana and reared at Tuscola Illinois. After returning from the war, Francis bought 54 acres in Garrett Township. Soon he sold this land and bought 120 acres in Section 19, Garrett Township. He added another 40 acres, making 160 acres of well improved land. He built a large frame house in 1872 with the usual out buildings, barn, etc.

Name: Klink, George

Birthdate: November 8, 1837

Birthplace: Schleswig, Germany

Married: Amelia Poorman

Married at: Arcola

Occupation: Merchant

Military History: Co. H 25th IL Vol. Inf. (3 years) Chief Musician

Children: 5 sons and 3 daughters

Death Date: 1914

Death Place: Arcola, IL

George Klink was the son of Gideon and Margaret (Henson) Klink of Schleswig Germany. George attended school in Germany. In 1856 he crossed the Atlantic and came to Urbana, Illinois. He worked at various occupations for two months. He became a clerk for the Toledo W & W Railroad for two months. He then took up the harness-making trade until the spring of 1857 when he moved to Arcola (then Okaw) and opened a harness shop. He did this until July 1861 when he enlisted in the Army. On May 1, 1863 he was promoted to Chief Musician of the 25th Regiment. He was the leader of the band. He left the front at Atlanta August 1, 1864 and was discharged at Springfield, Illinois on September 5, 1865. He returned to Arcola. He worked in F. L. Vradenberg's store for one year. It then became Warren and Vradenburg's. Mr. Klink continued under the new firm. He then had jobs with various grocery firms. In 1857 he was appointed Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue for Douglas County. He held this position for 18 months. He clerked in J. C. Justice's general store for one year. In 1869 he was elected Township Clerk. He bought out the harness shop of A. J. Burks. Afterward it became Klink and Hayes Harness Shop for one year. Then Mr. Klink bought out Mr. Hayes. On October 1882 Mr. Klink sold his harness shop and purchased a farm of 120 acres of improved land, where he lived until he retired. He was Town Clerk in 1871 (Arcola). In 1872 he was elected Mayor. He was the Justice of the Peace, elected in 1873, 1875 and 1877.

He married Amelia Poorman in Arcola on April 26, 1859. She was born in Clark County. Her family lived northwest of Humbolt, Coles County Illinois. George and Amelia had five sons and three daughters.

Name: Land, Charles H.

Birthdate: February 14, 1842

Birthplace: Cumberland County Illinois

Married: Sarah Woodrum

Married at: Charleston, IL on September
23, 1865

Occupation: Grocery – Meat Market – Live Stock Dealer

Military History: Co. K 123rd Illinois Voluntary Infantry, Sergeant

Children: (1870 & 80 census) Rachel Bell – Jennie – William – Lulu – Charles E. –
Benj. F. – Edward – Mary E. – Frank B. – Alma – George.

Death Date: February 22, 1904

Death Place: Tuscola, IL in Tuscola
cemetery

Both of Charles H. Land's parents died the same week when he was four years old. Then he lived with his Uncle for four years. He then worked for his own support doing any and all kinds of work. In August 1862, Charles joined the Army, and was in several major battles and was under fire 65 times. He was promoted to Sergeant. Charles was wounded in the Battle of Perryville, and discharged after three years – in 1865. Then he went into the grocery business at Humbolt, Coles County – and also Milton Station. In 1869, Charles moved his stock of goods to Tuscola, Douglas County. After two years, he sold out his grocery store. Then he opened a meat market in Tuscola. After three years, he sold the meat market and became a livestock dealer – buying and selling cattle. Charles stayed in this business until he died.

On September 23, 1865, Charles was married to Sarah Woodrum in Charleston, Coles County Illinois. Charles H. died February 22, 1904. His wife was born November 21, 1844 and died April 30, 1909. Of their children, Rachel Bell died August 22, 1874 at 1 year 7 months and 2 days. Jennie and William both died young (Tuscola cemetery book). Children in order of birth: Rachel Bell, Jennie, William all died young – Charles E., Benjamin F., Edwin J. (Edward), Mary E., Frank B., Alma, George, and Lulu.

Name: Linten, J. Z

Birthdate: June 30, 1836

Birthplace: Tippecanoe County Indiana

Married: Barbara A. Harshbarger

Married at: Garrett Township

Occupation: Merchant, Grocery

Military History: Co. F 2nd Illinois Voluntary Cavalry

Children: six children – all died in infancy

Death Date:

Death Place:

J. Z. Linten's parents were Zacharah and Margaret (Taylor) Linten. Both parents were natives of Ohio. His father, Zacharah, was a minister in the Christian Church. He died in 1842 in Indiana. After his death the family moved to Fountain County Indiana. In 1857 they came to Coles County, now Douglas County, and settled in Bourbon Township. In 1864 they moved to Garrett Township and in 1872 moved to Piatt County. In September 1880 J. Z. opened a grocery store in Atwood. He carried on this business for two years. He sold out to Mr. Wiley. After an absence of about three months in the West, Mr. Linten returned to Atwood and on June 5, 1883 he bought equal interest in the previous business.

J. Z. enlisted in 1861 in Company F 2nd Illinois Cavalry. He was discharged in 1862 due to a physical disability. In February 17, 1870 J. Z. Linten was married to Barbara A Harshbarger of Garrett Township. She was born 1844 in Montgomery County Indiana. They had six children – all died in infancy.

Name: Logan, Samuel

Birthdate: 1816

Birthplace: Kentucky, Washington Mason
County

Married: Leah Fuller

Married at: Bourbon Township

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. B 54th Illinois Infantry

Children: James W. – Samuel Jr. – Albert – Adda – Hanna – Mo9llie – Mary E. –
Stephen

Death Date: 1902

Death Place: Arcola (Retired)

Samuel B. Logan is buried in Brann-Logan cemetery, $\frac{3}{4}$ miles South in Coles County. At the time of his death he owned 620 acres of land in Bourbon Township (1875 Atlas). Children James and Albert also had 200 acres each.

Brann-Logan Cemetery – Humbolt North 1st road West – West two miles – back North 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Only Samuel B. Logan and one other stone standing – rest on the ground.

Samuel's father, Joseph, was in the War of 1812. He married Mary (Morris) Logan in Kentucky (1900 History). Joseph moved to Coles County in 1837, within two miles of Samuel's farm. Samuel was the first Sheriff of Douglas County in 1859.

Name: Long, Stroder M.

Birthdate: October 6, 1840

Birthplace: Fayette County Ohio

Married: Mary E. Pound

Married at: Newman, Illinois

Occupation: Farmer – School Teacher – Politics – President Newman Bank

Military History: Co. E 12th Illinois Voluntary Infantry

Children: Mabel M. – Potter A. – Garnet – Cecile – Fay E.

Death Date: August 20, 1898

Death Place: Newman, Illinois

Stroder M. Long immigrated with his parents to Illinois in 1848 from Fayette County Ohio. They settled on a farm nine miles North of Paris in Edgar County Illinois. He was the son of Andrew and Margaret (Mark) Long, who were natives of Ohio. Stroder worked on his father's farm in the summer, attending school in winters until 1860 when he commenced an academic course in Paris, Illinois. In 1861 he enlisted in Company E 12th Illinois Infantry. After three months service, he was honorably discharged due to a severe spell of sickness. He engaged in farming and school teaching until 1867 when he moved to Douglas County where he purchased eighty acres of land on South Prairie three miles South of Newman, Illinois. He remained in farming and stock raising until 1880. While there, he represented Sargent Township as Supervisor on County Board from 1878-1879. In 1884, he was elected a member of the Thirty-Fourth General Assembly of the State of Illinois. He was a member of committees on education, farm drainage, house contingent expense, State and municipal indebtedness, canals and rivers. In the spring of 1888, he was made President of the Newman Bank until his death in 1898. He was one of the promoters of the organization of Newman Building and Loan.

In 1872 Stroder married Mary E. Pound in Newman. Her parents were John M. and Rosalinda (Kester) Pound. John M. was born in Clark County Indiana and Rosalinda was born in Shelby County Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Stroder Long had five children: Mabel M. (wife of Henry A. Wine Indianapolis, Indiana) – Potter P. (married on the farm) – Garnet A. (wife of William McGee of Mattoon) – Cecile R. and Fay E. (lived with mother in Newman). Mrs. Long and children owned seven hundred acres (120 in Edgar County), and some valuable city property in Newman.

Name: Lucas M.D., Albert C.

Birthdate: January 29, 1843

Birthplace: Georgetown, Brown County
Ohio

Married: Mary E. Dowd on October 1865 Married at: Harrison Kentucky

Occupation: Doctor

Military History: Scout in 23rd and 9th Army Corps.

Children: Five children

Death Date:

Death Place:

Albert's father, John B. Lucas, was a pastor of a Christian Church in Georgetown, Ohio. He died in Montgomery County Kentucky in 1853 at the age of 44 years.

Albert C. Lucas started the study of medicine at the age of fifteen. In 1862 he entered the service as a scout for the 23rd and 9th Army Corps. He was discharged in 1864. He returned and took up the study of medicine again. After a brief stay in Mackville, he returned to Kentucky where he practiced and studied medicine for six years. He then moved to Tennessee for three years and moved to Missouri for two years. He practiced medicine in both places. He then came to Atwood in 1879, where, at the time of this writing, he is actively engaged in the practice of medicine. He built a new dwelling house in Atwood. This was the fourth house South of the railroad in the South East part of Atwood.

Albert married Mary E. Dowd in October 1865 in Harrison County Kentucky. They had five children.

Name: Magner, D. N.

Birthdate: October 30, 1843

Birthplace: Rush County Indiana

Married: Mary Thom

Married at: Hillsboro, Illinois 1862

Occupation: U.S. Mail Service R.R. – Merchant in Arthur, IL

Military History: Co. H 9th Illinois Volunteer Infantry 3 years

Children: Margaret – Mary – Ruth

Death Date: November 25, 1913

Death Place: Arthur, IL

D. N. Magner located in Arthur, Douglas County, in 1873. He was a merchant in the lumber, coal, and cement business, which he continued to retirement. He died in Arthur in 1913.

D. N. came to Illinois with his parents in 1853 from Rush County Indiana. He was nine years old. He was on first call for troops in 1861. He enlisted in the 9th IL Inf. at Paris Illinois. D. N. was wounded at the Battle of Shiloh. He was captured at the Battle of Corinth. He participated in sixty-six engagements. After discharge, he was a Railway Mail Clerk on the C & E I Railroad for fourteen years. In 1873 he started in business in Arthur, Douglas County. He ran a large lumber business along with coal and cement. He was a pioneer businessman in Arthur. 1873 was the year Arthur was laid out by the railroad. He served as president and trustee on Arthur's Village Board for several terms. In 1862 he married Mary Thom from Hillsboro, Illinois. They had three daughters. He was a member of G.A.R.

D.N. Magner's parents were Z. H. Magner and Margaret McCorkle. His father, Z.H., was born in 1803 in Berks County Pennsylvania and was a merchant in Bourbon County Kentucky. He was born in 1805 and died in 1855.

D.N. Magner's grandfather, James Magner, was a native of Maryland. He was the son of a Revolutionary War soldier. The Magner family came to America from Ireland in the year of 1650.

Name: Martin, John H. (Major)

Birthdate: November 11, 1831

Birthplace: Putnam County Indiana

Married: Martha D. Sullivan

Married at: Spencer Indiana

Occupation: Lawyer

Military History: Organized Co. H 14th Indiana Voluntary Infantry – Major

Children: John S. – Fleanor W. – Mary L. – Elizabeth – Anna – Joseph B.

Death Date: November 17, 1871

Death Place: Tuscola, Illinois

John H. Martin was the son of William H. Martin who was born in Kentucky and died in Tuscola in 1895 at the age of 90 years. William's wife, Elizabeth (Dille) Martin was born in Kentucky and died in Tuscola in 1869. They came from Kentucky to Putnam County Indiana in 1830.

John H. Martin was educated in Asbury University, Greencastle, Indiana. He was admitted to the bar and began to practice law at Spencer Indiana. He remained in Spencer until the outbreak of the war. John H. was the first man to enlist from Spencer where he organized Company H 14th Indiana Infantry, commissioned a Captain. They were in several engagements, but at Winchester Virginia he was wounded and promoted to Major for bravery. He resigned because of his disability. He returned to Spencer, then came to Tuscola, Illinois. John bought a 150 acre farm adjoining the City of Tuscola on the East and North. He lived there until his death. He had the farm rented out and he practiced law in partnership with Henry Carico. Due to poor health, the partnership was dissolved about one year before John H. Martin died.

Major Martin was elected the first Mayor of Tuscola. In December 1855, he married Martha D. Sullivan of Spencer Indiana. Martha's parents, Nathan H. and Eleanor (Dunn) Sullivan of Spencer Indiana, where they lived till their death.

Six children were born to John and Martha. Only one was living in the 1910 history - John S. (in dry goods business in New York City). The other five were Eleanor W. – Mary L (married Aquilla Washburn, had son Henry) – Elizabeth M. (married Chester Bogert, one daughter Elizabeth M) – Anna - Joseph R.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin had a home on South Scott Street in the South part of Tuscola, where Mrs. Martin lived after John H. died.

Name: Merritt, Joseph

Birthdate: October 28, 1838

Birthplace: Augusta County Virginia

Married: Irena Conley

Married at: Garrett Township 1856

Occupation: Blacksmith

Military History: Co. E 25th Illinois Volunteer Infantry – Corporal

Children: John W. – Sarah Ann – Zella – Elmer – May – Bertie – Claude – Ziff

Death Date: May 11, 1922

Death Place: Atwood, IL

Joseph's parents, William and Rachel Ann (Fitzpatrick) Merritt were both born in Virginia. William was a Blacksmith in Virginia. In 1850 they came to Coles County, where Joseph and his father blacksmithed together. In 1867 Joseph came to Piatt County and opened a blacksmith shop of his own. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. E. 25th Illinois Infantry. He served over three years and mustered out as Corporal. He was in the Battles of Pea Ridge, Stone River, and Chickamauga, where he was captured. He was confined in Andersonville one year. He married Irena Conley of Coles County in 1856. They had eight children. He moved his blacksmith business to Atwood when the railroad went in in the 1870's. He lived there until his death. He served as Justice of the Peace at Atwood for several years.

Name: Martin, Levi

Birthdate: February 14, 1842

Birthplace: Douglas County Camargo
Township

Married: Sarah Smith

Married at: Douglas County

Occupation: Farmer in Bowdre Township

Military History: Co. E 79th IL Vol. Inf. and later in Co. D 18th IL Inf. as Captain

Children: Estelle (wife of William D. Beasley, a farmer) – Blanche (wife of E. W. Hill, a grocer in Camargo)

Death Date: February 13, 1910

Death Place: Bowdre Township

Levi was discharged from the 79th IL Vol. Inf. when he was wounded January 29, 1863. He healed and volunteered in the 18th IL Inf. as Captain. In September 4, 1864, he was assigned to Engineers in charge of building pontoon bridges.

After the war, Levi was an Assessor in Camargo Township for five years. He got married and moved to the farm that he bought while in the Army. It was in Bowdre Township, just North of the Barnett family at Barnett Bridge. He was Assessor and Collector in Bowdre Township for three years. He lived on this farm until he died in 1875 at 70 years old. Mary stayed on the farm in Kansas with her son who was running the farm. She died in Kansas.

Levi's grandparents were John Martin Sr. and Mary (Wheeler) Martin. John was born in 1816 and Mary in 1817. Both were born in Athens County Ohio. They married in 1836 and came to Camargo Township the same year. They bought 40 acres of land, then 200 acres more. John Sr. and Mary both died on the farm in Camargo Township.

Levi's parents were John Jr. and Sarah Susannah, a widow of Abraham Van Vooris. They owned 200 acres in Camargo Township. They had nine children: John III (died in Missouri) – Joseph (died in Kansas) – Levi – Margaret, (wife of Hamilton Watkins, died) – Nancy (first married Robert Barnett, then Henry Miller) – Isaac of Camargo – Lucinda (wife of James Barnett). Both parents died in Camargo Township.

Name: Midwinter, Thomas

Birthdate: April 13, 1841

Birthplace: Gloucestershire, England

Married: 1st Henrietta Cofer (she died in 1881) 2nd Margaret A. McWilliams

Married at: 1st Arcola November 13, 1866
2nd at Arcola in 1884

Occupation: Manufacturer of brooms

Military History: Co. C 134th Illinois Voluntary Infantry – 100 day service

Children: Mary A.

Death Date: September 18, 1933

Death Place: Arcola

Thomas Midwinter's parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Dyer) Midwinter, both natives of England. They had eight children. In 1852 they immigrated to Hamilton, Ontario Canada. He followed his trade of carpenter. Both parents continued living in Hamilton until their deaths. Their children were: Charles (lived in London Ontario) – Job (of Hamilton Ontario) – Harrah (wife of William Cathpole – died) – Ann (widow of William Alcock, lived in Michigan) – Joseph (died in Grand Rapids Michigan) – Elizabeth (wife of William Lockman Hamilton) – Eliza (died in England) – Thomas. Joseph died in Hamilton over seventy years old. His wife Elizabeth died in Hamilton over 96 years old.

Thomas Midwinter learned the broom making trade in Hamilton Ontario Canada. In 1862 he went to Detroit Michigan. He worked at the trade of broom making until 1863 when he went into the Army. He mustered out in 1864 at Camp Fry in Chicago. Then he came back to Arcola in 1865. His first work being the manufacture of a crop of broom corn into brooms for Col. John Cofer. In the fall of 1865, he went to Detroit Michigan to set up a broom factory for Col. Cofer, until 1868 when he returned to Arcola Township, taking over management of Col. Cofer's farms until 1881. In 1881 he moved to Arcola, where he resided until his death. Several years after 1881 he was in the broomcorn brokerage business, then he ran a grocery store for two years until his retirement.

Thomas Midwinter's wife, Henrietta, was a daughter of Col. John Cofer and Mary E. McGill Cofer from Kentucky. They came to Arcola Township in the early 1850's. He bought a large tract of land, where they lived the rest of their lives. While in Kentucky, John Cofer had command of the Regiment of Kentucky State Militia.

Name: Miller, William P.

Birthdate: September 4, 1842

Birthplace: Cincinnati Ohio

Married: Mary E. Finney

Married at: Tuscola IL

Occupation: Merchant

Military History: Co. B 79th Illinois Volunteer Infantry

Children: Ethel

Death Date: November 4, 1913

Death Place: Tuscola, IL

William P. Miller's father was George D. Miller, who was born in Dayton Ohio, of Scotch-Irish descent. He was a Presbyterian Minister, and came to Douglas County in 1860. He gathered together members of his church and gained many more. He organized a church society, and was instrumental in building the First Presbyterian Church in Tuscola. After four years, due to failing health, he gave up the ministry. He accepted an appointment as postmaster of Tuscola. He held it for eighteen months. He then opened a bookstore for three years, then retired. Five years later he died January 25, 1876. His wife was Grissella M. Hatton of Washington County Virginia. They were the parents of eight children, five died young, and E. Baldwin Miller was killed in the army during the Battle of Richmond Kentucky. He was buried on the battlefield. George Miller's wife, Grissella, died December 20, 1882.

William P. Miller came to Douglas County with his parents at the age of eighteen. Since he turned twenty years old, he became devoted to mercantile pursuits. First as a salesman, then on per-cent of profits, and lastly in 1879 he bought his employer's stock of dry goods and began business on his own.

In August 1862, William enlisted in Co. B 79th IL Vol. Inf., one of the best drilled and finest appearing companies in service. After enduring many hardships, and severe exposure, he was discharged in November 1862. On December 19, 1870, William married Mary E. Finney of Tuscola. They had one child, Ethel.

Name: McGee, J. Park

Birthdate: January 5, 1847

Birthplace: Clark County Indiana

Married: Never married

Married at:

Occupation: Doctor

Military History: Co. K 37th Illinois Volunteer Infantry

Children:

Death Date:

Death Place:

J. Park McGee was the son of William Park McGee, a native of Washington County Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish extraction. William was a saddle maker by trade. William married Tamar Tom who was born in Allegheny County Pennsylvania. William Park McGee learned the saddle making trade in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He came to Clark County Indiana, where he farmed and made saddles. He came by flat boat down the Ohio River in 1820. He died in April 27, 1862, and is buried in Owen Creek Cemetery, Clark County Indiana.

J. Park's grandfather was Robert McGee, an early settler of Pennsylvania. Robert McGee, father of William, married Isabell Park, the daughter of John Park.

J. Park McGee was enlisted in Co. K 137th IL Inf. in 1864.

J. Park McGee was educated in common schools, then spent three years in Wabash College. Then he read medicine with Dr. Work in New Charlestown, Clark County. He then went to Eclectic College in Cincinnati, and graduated in 1872. He located in Brushy Fork in 1874 and took up his profession of Doctor. He was elected to the State Legislature from a district composed of Douglas, Coles and Cumberland counties in 1884, 1888 and 1892. J. Parke McGee owned 250 acres of farmland. J. Park McGee planned to visit the World's Fair in Paris France and take a tour of Europe in the summer of 1900.

Name: McKinney, David

Birthdate: 1837

Birthplace: Butler County Ohio

Married: Katherine Prescilla Rork

Married at: Butler County Ohio

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Captain of Co. I 54th Illinois Volunteer Infantry

Children: Ida May (wife of Martin Rice) – Ora W. (in real estate, Edwards County Illinois) – Dr. Newton Charles McKinney of Camargo – Jessie (wife of Charles Richmond of Villa Grove) – Ruey (wife of Harry Blake) – Otto M. (Methodist Minister in Dana Indiana) – Lula B. (wife of Claude Lasator of Hammond Indiana)

Death Date: 1917

Death Place: Camargo, in Camargo Cemetery

David McKinney lived in Butler County Ohio until 1859 then he came to Douglas County Arcola Township. He first bought a farm on the county line Southeast of Arcola. He settled and bought land North of Arcola at Galton in what was called Ohio Settlement in 1871. In 1882 he sold his property in Arcola Township and bought 260 acres in Camargo Township. He retired and moved into Camargo in 1898. He was postmaster of Camargo from 1898. He was also elected Supervisor of Camargo Township. In 1910 he was Mayor of Camargo. He died in 1917.

Dr. Newton Charles McKinney, son of David, was born on the farm Southeast of Arcola on March 12, 1871. He was educated in district schools at Camargo, and went to medical school at the University of Illinois, Urbana. Then he took a special course at Northwestern, Chicago. He graduated from this course for physicians and surgeons in 1902. He started practice in Camargo and Murdock at this time. Doctor McKinney was married in 1902 to Ruey J. McKinney of Ohio. She was the daughter of Dr. Abraham McKinney of Ohio. Dr. Abraham's wife was widow Emma L. (Henry) Walls. She was born in New Jersey. Dr. Newton and his wife, Ruey, bought a house in Murdock after their marriage and lived there.

Name: McKinney, Dr. John Wright

Birthdate: June 7, 1825

Birthplace: Clark County Ohio near
Springfield Ohio

Married: 1st Mary Roll (died September
25, 1870) 2nd Minnie A. Coykendall

Married at: 1st Pleasant Hill Indiana on
October 12, 1848, 2nd on September 10,
1871.

Occupation: Doctor

Military History: 62nd Illinois Infantry, transferred to 63rd Illinois Infantry as Surgeon –
rank of Major

Children: 1st marriage: Mrs. Laura A. Miler – Mrs. Mary R. Clendenen – John M. 2nd
marriage: Frank C. – Mrs. Florence E. (Isaac W. a doctor) Hall – Walter R – Mabel G
Campbell.

Death Date: July 31, 1897

Death Place: Camargo Douglas County IL

John W. McKinney moved from Ohio to Montgomery County Indiana in 1830, where he reached maturity. Then he taught school for two years. He married Mary Roll on October 12, 1848. After which he moved to Hillsboro Indiana and began the practice of medicine. Then he moved to Camargo, IL in 1851. There he continued the practice of medicine. He attended Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, graduating in 1855. He lived in Centralia, IL for one year, then returned to Camargo. He enlisted in the Army in September 1862, mustered out April 9, 1865. Then he resumed his practice at Camargo, Douglas County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He served several terms as Supervisor of Camargo Township, was the author of a bill to grant formation of Douglas County from Coles. He also was instrumental in having the county named after Steven A. Douglas. He was in Frank Reed Post G.A.R. He died July 31, 1897 in the house he lived in for 46 years, at the west end of Camargo.

One daughter, Florence McKinney, married Isaac William Hall, a doctor. He was Mayor of Camargo from 1904 to 1909. Florence was married to Dr. Hall on June 28, 1898. She was born February 10, 1874. She taught school at Hammett school for three years, and three years in Morton Park schools in Chicago, where she met Dr. Hall and married. They came to Camargo. She was the Principal of the Camargo school in 1901 and 1902, filling the term of Mr. Ashurst. Then she was elected for 1902 and 1903.

Name: McKnight, George M.

Birthdate: November 10, 1830

Birthplace: Loudoun County Virginia

Married: Sarah Alice Howard

Married at: Greenwood Indiana on
October 6, 1853

Occupation: Farmer – Police Magistrate in Tuscola – Harness Maker

Military History: Co. A 17th Indiana Volunteer Infantry

Children: Edmond H. – Horatio G. – John Walter – James F. – Martha F. Swinford –
Infant D. – Thomas M. (died) – Amanda H – Charles Bowman

Death Date:

Death Place:

Parents of George M. McKnight were Josiah and Hanna (Thomas) McKnight. Josiah was a native of Fauquier County Virginia. His wife, Hanna, was a native of Culpeper County Virginia. They married in Virginia, living there for a few years, then moved to Greene County Ohio. Josiah was a farmer. Both parents died in Xenia Ohio.

George M. McKnight learned the harness-making trade in Xenia Ohio. He worked at this trade from 1845 to 1851. Then he went to Madison Indiana doing the same trade there. He then went to Columbus for six months, then moved to Greenwood Indiana where he married Sarah Alice Howard in 1853. He stayed there until 1857 when he moved to Greencastle Indiana. He stayed there until 1862, then went to Indianapolis. On July 17, 1862, he enlisted in Co. A 70th Indiana Infantry. All the time up to this, he had worked at his trade of harness-making. At the Battle of Dallas Woods his left hand was almost shot off. This left him crippled the rest of his life. He was sent in a wagon from Kingston Georgia to Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville to a hospital at Indianapolis, where he was discharged on December 6, 1864 for disability. He left the hospital and went to Franklin Indiana. He rented a farm for two to three years, then moved to Charleston, Coles County Illinois, where he tended a flock of sheep and did team work through the winter. He went to Ashmore Township and worked on several farms there. General Harrison was elected President, which was his commander in the Army. He got Mr. McKnight on as Postmaster at Ashmore. He stayed until 1895 when he resigned and came to Tuscola. In 1897 Mr. McKnight was elected Police Magistrate of Tuscola, Illinois. He held this until 1909 when, due to ailing health, he resigned.

George M. McKnight's wife Sarah Alice's parents were Thomas H. and Sarah M. Howard, natives of Massachusetts and Ohio. They moved to Indiana. Both lived and died in Indianapolis.

Name: McPherson, Robert B.

Birthdate: 1844

Birthplace: Patterson New Jersey

Married:

Married at:

Occupation: Lawyer – Prosecuting Attorney for County

Military History: 4th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry

Children:

Death Date:

Death Place:

Robert's father was James J. McPherson, who was born in 1821 in Scotland. He settled in Massachusetts and then New Jersey. James was an importer of laces and was an extensive dealer in foreign fancy goods. In 1851 he moved to Ottawa, Illinois where he was in the banking business until he died in 1854. His wife (Robert's mother) was Francis C. McPherson.

Robert B. McPherson came to Ottawa Illinois with his parents in 1851. He got his schooling there and had started the study of law. The civil war broke out and he volunteered in the 4th IL Vol. Cavalry. After the war was over, he returned to Ottawa and continued the study of law. After he was admitted to the Bar, he came to Tuscola and opened a law office. He took his brother into his office as a student in law. His brother, Leslie G., was later admitted to the Bar and was made a full partner by Robert. During Robert's first year he made a full list of abstracts of title to all property in Douglas County. This was bought by the Douglas County Commissioners for a good sum of money. This helped pay expenses and got him established. He was later the County's Prosecuting Attorney. He won distinction for his enforcement of criminal law. His success in cases made him well known in a large area.

Name: Monroe, Charles B.

Birthdate: December 14, 1835

Birthplace: Scioto County Ohio

Married: Elizabeth Harrison

Married at: Garrett Township in 1868

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. E 125th Illinois Volunteer Infantry

Children: Joseph W. – Leonard B. – George F. – Sarah E. – Benjamin C.

Death Date:

Death Place:

Charles B. Monroe, in 1852, came to Piatt County Illinois with his parents. They remained there for four years, and in 1856 they moved to Champaign County. His mother died in September 1870 at the age of 59 years. His father moved back to Piatt County, living with his daughter. The father died July 1878 at the age of 68 years.

Charles B. enlisted in Co. E 125th IL Inf. in August 1862, and served to the end of the war. After returning from the Army, he bought 40 acres of land in Champaign County, next to the south county line. He then bought 170 acres on the Douglas County side in Garrett Township, where he made his home. He also bought enough on the Champaign County side to make the 40 acres to 126 acres.

Charles B. Monroe married Elizabeth Harrison in 1868. She was born in Coles County, now Douglas County. They had five children.

Name: Moore, Daniel E.

Birthdate: December 31, 1841

Birthplace: Butler County Ohio

Married: Emily E. Wright

Married at:

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. F 123rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry

Children: Addie – Hattie - Ella

Death Date:

Death Place:

Daniel E. Moore was raised on a farm in Butler County Ohio. His father, Levi D. Moore, died when Daniel was a young boy. His mother remarried. Daniel moved to Illinois Bowdre Township. At the age of sixteen, Daniel took charge of his stepfather's farm until his twenty-first birthday, when he enlisted in Co. F 123rd IL Inf. He served three years. He was in the Battles of Perryville, Atlanta Campaign, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge and Lookout Mountain. At Milton Tennessee, he was saved from a mortal wound by a rolled-up blanket. After the war he came back to Douglas County and rented a farm, then bought it. This farm was south of the county line in Coles County. He stayed there eight years. He sold this farm and bought 160 acres in Douglas County Bowdre Township. This was well-improved land with a good house, barn, orchard and maple grove around the buildings. In 1866 he married Emily E. Wright in Bowdre Township. She was born in Hocking County Ohio, and had come to Douglas County with her parents. Emily died on February 27, 1884.

Emily and Daniel only had three children that lived. They were Addie – Hattie – Ella.

Name: Morrow, James

Birthdate: November 3, 1832

Birthplace: Brown County Ohio

Married: 1st Sarah Ann Lawhead; 2nd
Rachel Fisher

Married at: 1st Douglas County Newman
in 1860; 2nd Champaign County

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. E 12th Illinois Volunteer Infantry 1862 to 1865

Children: 1st wife: Homer of Hume, IL – George Vermont – William B., a farmer in
Newman Township. 2nd wife: Edgar D., a farmer in Newman Township

Death Date: March 3, 1912

Death Place: Newman, IL Douglas
County

(Reference 1910 Douglas History)

James Morrow was the son of James and Levina (Drake) Morrow of Brown County Ohio. Both were born and died in Brown County Ohio. Paternal grandparents were Irish and maternal grandparents were English and American.

James Morrow lived with his parents until he went to Montgomery County Indiana, and worked as a day laborer in 1852. Two years later he came to Champaign County Illinois. He bought eighty acres four miles south of Urbana. He farmed it for four years. Then he moved to Edgar County four miles east of Newman. He bought a farm there. On August 6, 1862, he went into the Army. First he came to Newman Township in 1858, but he kept the farm in Edgar County. He settled on the farm in Newman. In 1875 he drained and improved the farm. He retired in 1894, renting out his farms. He was an Alderman in Newman for several terms, and a member of the school board for eight years. He owned 240 acres in Edgar County and his wife 320 acres, 52 acres in Newman Township, 110 acres in Delta Region in Mississippi. He also owned twenty-three town lots in Moorhead Mississippi. He died in Newman on March 3, 1912, and was buried in Newman Cemetery. He was a member of Newman G.A.R. Post.

Name: Moorehead, Andrew P.

Birthdate: January 12, 1836

Birthplace: Greeneville, Green County
Tennessee

Married: Margaret Scott

Married at: Greene County Tennessee on
May 20, 1858

Occupation: R.R. Postal Clerk – Contracting and Building

Military History: 12th Tennessee Cavalry U.S.A. 1st Lt. And Brevet Captain

Children: David A. – Janson B. – Caroline – Walter – James B. – Charles – Jennie – one
died in infancy

Death Date: June 23, 1919

Death Place: Tuscola

Margaret (Scott) Moorehead died May 23, 1895. Andrew and Margaret had the following children: David A. who lived in Cape Girardeau Missouri – Janson B. in St. Louis – Caroline, wife of William Hartley of Effingham – Walter of Champaign, IL – James B. a contractor and builder in Tuscola – Charles a carpenter in Tuscola – Jennie, wife of J. B. Thompson, Mounds, IL.

Andrew P. Moorehead married and left home when he was nineteen. He learned the carpenter trade and worked at it until 1862 when he went in the Cavalry. Returning to Greeneville after discharge, he was appointed Railway Postal Clerk. He was one of the first to hold this. He was transferred to Illinois Central Railroad in 1866. In 1882 he came to Tuscola where he engaged in the contracting and building business. He continued this business until 1904 when he was chosen Tax Collector for Tuscola Township. He was re-elected in 1909. He was a member of Tuscola G.A.R. Post.

Name: Mosbarger, Peter

Birthdate: June 18, 1841

Birthplace: Vermillion County Illinois

Married: 1st Naoma Quick; 2nd Lucinda
Harshbarger

Married at: 1st Garrett Township, 2nd
Atwood

Occupation: Farmer – Meat Market and Livery Stable

Military History: Co. H 107th Illinois Volunteer Infantry

Children: 1st wife: Amos A. – Simon S. – Enoch D. (died 1879 at 11 years) 2nd wife:
Edward – Elmer S.

Death Date: January 17, 1910

Death Place: Atwood in Antioch
Cemetery

When Peter Mosbarger was two years of age, his parents moved to Piatt County for a few years. Then they bought a farm in Section 7 Garrett Township. At the age of 24 years, Peter enlisted in the Army and served to the end of the war. He enlisted in Piatt County. At that time the prairie land was so swampy that the people living on the west side and north part of Garrett Township did their trading in Bement or Sadorus. After the war Peter settled on eighty acres joining his father's farm. In 1872 he sold this land and moved to Atwood and engaged in merchandising for about five years. Since that time, he had a meat market and livery stable in Atwood. His mother died October 25, 1883 at sixty-six years old.

Peter married Naoma Quick on November 19, 1865. She was born in Piatt County in 1845. She died November 28, 1872 at the age of 27 years. His second marriage on July 4, 1874, was to Lucinda Harshbarger, who was born in Indiana and lived in Piatt County and Garrett Township, Douglas County.

Name: Myers, Benjamin F.

Birthdate: May 29, 1841

Birthplace: Bath County Kentucky

Married: 1st wife: Martha A. Utterback;
2nd wife: Cintha E. Williams

Married at: Brown County Kentucky

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Co. B. 10th Kentucky Cavalry – Corporal

Children: Richard A. – Robert T. – Hiram R.

Death Date: March 11, 1909

Death Place: Bowdre Township

Benjamin's parents were Anderson and Elsie (Patrick) Myers, Bath County Kentucky. Anderson was a farmer.

Benjamin farmed on his father's farm until 1862 when he enlisted in the 10th Kentucky Cavalry. He participated in the Battles of Richmond Kentucky, Triplet Bridge Kentucky, and in campaigns against Morgan's Raiders who raided over into southern Indiana and Ohio, stealing money and food for confederates. Also campaigns against Kirby Smith. Benjamin was severely wounded at the Battle of Richmond Kentucky, and was discharged after leaving the hospital. His parents had moved to Douglas County Illinois in 1864. Benjamin came to Douglas County Bowdre Township, where his parents lived and bought a farm.

In 1867 Benjamin went back to Kentucky and married Martha A Utterback who lived in Brown County Kentucky. He returned to Bowdre Township with his wife and moved into a house on the farm, which he had remodeled before going back to Kentucky for his wife. He added to the farm. It had 132 acres of well-improved land. He built a barn, set out a fruit orchard and other improvements.

Benjamin and Martha lived East and South of Hugo. They had a Hugo post office address. They had three children: Richard A – Robert T – Hiram R.

Name: Outcelt, John N.

Birthdate: March 4, 1839

Birthplace: Muskingum County Ohio

Married: Not married

Married at:

Occupation: Farmer – Douglas County Clerk

Military History: Lieutenant, Co. L 13th Missouri Cavalry

Children: None

Death Date:

Death Place:

John N. Outcelt went to St. Louis from Douglas County in 1861 and enlisted in Company I 1st Missouri Voluntary Infantry. In 1864, veteranized, he went to Company F 13th Missouri Cavalry. In December 1864, he was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Company L in the same regiment. At the Battle of Independence Missouri, John, with four companions, unexpectedly came up on a masked battery of three cannons and 8 or 10 confederates, and succeeded in capturing them. That was the reason for his promotion. At the surrender of Lee, Mr. Outcelt volunteered to go on the Indian campaign in Colorado and New Mexico. He got his discharge in June 1866. At the close of the war, he returned to Douglas County and farmed three years. Then he was appointed Deputy County Clerk until 1880 when he was elected Douglas County Clerk for four years.

John Outcelt's father and mother were John Outcelt and Mary (McClain) Outcelt, natives of Pennsylvania, Bedford County. His Great Grandfather, Jacob Outcelt, came to the United States from Scotland, and settled in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. John Jr. was the youngest child of 16 children. When he was 16 years old, he came to Illinois for two years. He sold lightning rods. He saved money for tuition to attend school in St. Louis for one year. After leaving school, he sold tombstones for a St. Louis firm for three years. Then he worked on a farm in Fort Harrison Prairie, north of Terra Haute Indiana for three years. In February 1861, he came to Douglas County. In February 1862, he went to St. Louis to volunteer in the Army.

Name: Parker, Lines L.

Birthdate: September 1, 1832

Birthplace: Brown County Ohio

Married: Mary West on April 12, 1855

Married at: Dallas, Vermilion County

Occupation: Farmer, Treasurer Douglas County for one term and two years

Military History: Company D 25th Illinois Infantry – First Lieutenant

Children: Alice – John W. – Oliver Lincoln – Hannah O. – Hattie

Death Date: July 22, 1910

Death Place: Hugo, Illinois

Lines L. Parker was a member of G.A.R. After the war, he was Sheriff of Vermilion County. He came to Douglas County in 1868. He bought a farm West of Hugo, one-half mile. He farmed eleven years, then he was Treasurer for two years. Then he went back to the farm. He was Treasurer one term, then re-elected for two years. Lines married Mary West on April 12, 1855. Mary was born in Fountain County Indiana on August 28, 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Parker had five children: Alice, widow of Alexander Fullerton, lived in Hugo; John W. farmed near Hugo; Oliver Lincoln, a grain dealer in Tuscola; Hattie lived with husband just west of parents; Hanna O. lived west of parents. Lines L. owned 350 acres. When he retired from farming, he divided the land among his children where they lived.

Lines L. Parker's parents were John W. and Hannah (Pangburn) Parker. Both were born in Brown County Ohio. They came to Vermilion County Illinois (near Dallas [Indianola]) in 1837. They lived there until they died. John W. was Sheriff of Vermilion County just before the Civil War. He was also County Superintendent of Schools in Vermilion County for two terms after he was Sheriff.

Name: Paullin, Henry C.

Birthdate: November 30, 1832

Birthplace: Butler County Ohio, Madison Township

Married: Sarah J. Long

Married at: Butler County Ohio, Madison Township

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company E 146th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Children: Everett – Sarah Ellen – Mary

Death Date: August 1, 1909

Death Place: Tuscola Township

The father of Henry Paullin was Henry Sr., born in Butler County Ohio. The Grandfather of Henry Jr. was Jeremiah Paullin, a native of New Jersey. First a sailor, then a farmer, he was one of the pioneers of Butler County Ohio. Henry Jr.'s mother was Ellen Williamson, also born in Butler County Ohio, Madison Township. Her parents came to Butler County from New Jersey.

Henry C. Paullin was the second child in a family of eight children. He attended district schools and gained a good education. When he was of age, he worked by the month on his father's farm. Soon after, he rented a farm. In the spring of 1864, he enlisted in Company E 146th Ohio Infantry. He returned to farming until 1869, when he moved to DeWitt County Illinois. He rented a farm for two years, then moved to Douglas County in 1871. He had bought a 160 acre farm in Douglas County in 1870, the year before he moved there. Later he bought another 80 acres one-half mile from the first 160 acres. In Tuscola Township, he built a large spacious house located on a knoll. He planted a three-acre Maple grove around his house and barn. He also planted a large fruit orchard. He built a grain crib and a large barn. He set hedge fences and had it well tiled. He raised grain and livestock.

The year before leaving Ohio for Illinois, he married Sarah J. Long in Butler County Ohio. They had three children. They lived on the farm in Douglas County until he retired.

Name: Perry, John B.

Birthdate: August 25, 1842

Birthplace: Charleston, Clark County
Indiana

Married: 1st: Ann Rader in 1865 (died in
1877); 2nd Mrs. Olive C. (House) Davidson
in 1883

Married at: 1st Murdock Township; 2nd
Kansas

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company I 1st Missouri Volunteer Infantry

Children: 1st: Laura – Ida – Dora; 2nd: Floyd W. – Laura (killed in a runaway
accident) – Dora (died in infancy) – Ida, a school teacher

Death Date: September 30, 1923

Death Place: Tuscola, Illinois

John B. Perry's father was Jesse Perry. He was born in Indiana and died in 1883 in Murdock Township. Jesse was a Blacksmith and farmed in Murdock Township his lifetime. John B. Perry's mother was Louisa Willey, born July 4, 1818, in Indiana and died in 1899. John B.'s brother was Jefferson Perry, born in Indiana and lived in Murdock Township. Jefferson volunteered in Company H 25th Illinois Infantry. He was discharged in 7 months with disability. He volunteered July 1862 in Company E 79th Illinois Infantry as Sergeant, promoted to Captain. In the Battle of Franklin Tennessee he was captured and never heard from again – presumed dead.

When John B. Perry enlisted, they were recruiting a Company I for 1st Missouri volunteer Infantry in Mattoon. As they were not recruiting in Douglas County at that time, he went to Mattoon and volunteered.

John B. Perry farmed in Murdock Township. Then he bought land in Tuscola Township and farmed there. He sold it and bought land in Kansas. He sold it and moved back to Murdock Township where he bought a farm. He retired in 1907 and bought a house on Houghton Street, Tuscola. He died there on September 30, 1923 and was buried in Camargo Cemetery.

John B.'s daughter, Ida, was a school teacher in the Tuscola schools.

Name: Pfeifer, Louis W. M.

Birthdate: December 14, 1833

Birthplace: Saxony Germany

Married: Jennie Rosamond Long

Married at: Mercer County Illinois on
April 18, 1844

Occupation: Carpenter and Farmer

Military History: Company K 79th Illinois Volunteer Infantry

Children: Laura – John – Lawrence, a Sergeant in Company A 4th Illinois Infantry
Spanish-American War – Ida – Elmer H – three died in infancy

Death Date: April 29, 1918

Death Place: Arcola Township

Louis W. M. Pfeifer's parents, Bernhardt and Barbara (Beck) Pfeifer, were natives of Saxony Germany. They came to the United States in 1868 to Arcola Township. Bernhardt died in 1886 in Arcola Township; Barbara died in 1870 in Arcola Township. Before the father died, he made a trip back to Germany to visit. Bernhardt and Barbara were the parents of eight children. Only three came to the United States: Louis W. M. – George of Arcola – Dorothy Cehner (died). Bernhardt left three sons and one daughter in Germany.

Louis W. M. Pfeifer came to the United States in 1855. He landed at New Orleans. He learned the carpenter trade in Germany and easily found employment in Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky. In 1858, he located in Butler County Ohio and the same year he contracted to build a house in Arcola for Joel Smith. He built this house, then worked at his trade. He farmed for Francis McCarty for two years, then rented land of his own for four years. After release from the Civil War, he bought 80 acres in 1869. In 1874, he bought 100 acres. He lived on the farm until 1891 when he bought a house in Arcola. He retired owning 320 acres of farmland.

Louis and Jennie Pfeifer had eight children: Laura, wife of Austin McCallister – John who farmed – Lawrence a mail carrier – Ida, wife of Henry A. Timm – Elmer H. farmed home farm – and three died in infancy.

Louis's wife Jennie died March 30, 1909 in Arcola.

Name: Piles, Frank

Birthdate: November 3, 1842

Birthplace: Portsmouth, Scioto County
Ohio

Married: Jennie Coffrin

Married at: Portsmouth Ohio on March 14,
1877

Occupation: Farmer – Blacksmith in Ohio

Military History: Company L 1st Ohio Light Artillery – 1861 to 1864

Children: Berdellah, wife of Virgil Payne, Tuscola Township – Ollie L., wife of Robert
E. McCellan, Decatur, IL

Death Date: 1916

Death Place: Tuscola

Wife died: 1928

Tuscola

Frank Piles married three times. His first and second wife died shortly after their marriage. He had no children from them. All three wives were from the same town. His third wife, Jennie Coffrin, was born in Portsmouth Ohio in 1852. She was the daughter of Rev. George and Barbara (Wilcoxson) Coffrin. Both were natives of Kentucky. Rev. Coffrin was a minister of the Methodist Church in Portsmouth. He had been in this work actively for thirty years.

Frank Piles returned home after the war, until 1867 when he came to Champaign County Illinois. In 1869, he moved back to Ohio. He was Blacksmithing all this time until 1877. He married and came back to Champaign County. He stayed there until 1890. He came to Garrett Township and bought the Walker farm. He bought and sold several farms at a profit. He wound up on 116 acres of farm in section 22, Arcola Township. In 1903 he bought a residence on the corner of Court and Scott Streets in Tuscola, where he retired in 1910. He belonged to Frank Reed Post of G.A.R.

Frank Piles' parents were Jeremiah and Philomelia (Cole) Piles. Jeremiah was born in Washington County Pennsylvania in 1802 and Philomelia was born in New England in 1801. They were married in Portsmouth Ohio and lived on a farm. They also owned and operated a gristmill and shoe and boot-making establishment. Jeremiah was the Justice of the Peace. He died March 9, 1853. His widow survived until October 7, 1881. They had five children of whom Frank Piles was the fourth. When he was Justice of the Peace, he married son Frank Piles' Father-in-law.

Name: Pound, William J. G.

Birthdate: August 8, 1842

Birthplace: Clark County Indiana

Married: 1st Ann Handy in 1872, she died in 1880. 2nd Martha Francis Russel on December 25, 1882

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company C 8th Illinois Volunteer Infantry

Children: 1st: Claudius R – Roselinda. 2nd: Horace Herschel – Pauline (died at 5 years) – Russell (died 9 days) – Maurine – John Milton – Kenneth – Kester

Death Date: 1917

Death Place: Newman Illinois

William Pound's children: Claudius lived in Missouri – Rosalinda married Clark Randall and lived on one of Mr. Pound's farms until she died. 2nd marriage: Horace H on father's rice farm in Texas – Maurine – John M – Kenneth – Kester, still at home in 1910.

The parents of William Pound were John Milton and Rosalinda (Kester) Pound. John and Rosalinda were both born in Clark County Indiana. John Milton Pound was born in 1816 and died in Clark County in 1862. Rosalinda died in 1895 in Sargent Township.

The Grandfather of William Pound was Hezekiah Pound, one of the early settlers of Clark County Indiana. He lived and died in Clark County Indiana.

John Milton Pound, father of William Pound, was a soldier in the Black Hawk War. They passed through Edgar County and Coles County on their way North. He had seen possibilities for settlers in this area. After the Mexican War, he bought up military land warrants and bought up 1000 acres in Edgar, Coles and Douglas Counties – all unimproved land. John Milton Pound was elected Sheriff of Clark County Indiana in 1854. He moved into the county seat at Charleston Indiana and lived there until his death. John Milton Pound died while he was in the Army. He was the only boy and had seven sisters. In 1864, they sold the farm in Indiana and moved to Illinois.

William Pound bought 80 acres next to the land his father had purchased in 1852. He moved his mother into the house on the 80 acres, where she lived until she died. William's father's land was later divided among the children. William got 120 acres as his share. He moved on it when he married.

William J. G. Pound was a member of Lowe Post No. 323 G.A.R. Newman. He added on to his land until he had 285 acres in Sargent Township. He also owned a rice farm in Texas and a growing orange and fig orchard on the Texas farm, which his son Horace H. Pound manages.

Name: Read, Whit

Birthdate: September 9, 1839

Birthplace: Jefferson County New York

Married: Francis Graves

Married at: Jefferson County New York

Occupation: Grain, Coal, Lumber Merchant

Military History: Company H 10th New York Heavy Artillery

Children: Bertha – Frank

Death Date: September 29, 1914

Death Place: Atwood, Mackville
Cemetery

Whit Read's parents were G. B. and Huldah (Wescott) Read, both born in New York. Whit lived with his parents on his father's farm until 1862 when he enlisted in the New York Artillery. He served to the end of the war. After the war, he followed the Great Lakes as a sailor for three years. He then assisted in filling out Schooner Mount Blanc for her first trip. This boat was built by E. G. Merrick and Co. of Clayton New York for shipping freight inland. In 1868 Whit moved to Stark County Illinois and farmed for two years. Then he moved to Livingston County Illinois and engaged in the grain dealing business. In the fall of 1880, he came to Atwood, Garrett Township, Douglas County, where he has since been in the grain, coal and lumber business.

Whit Read married in 1868 to Francis Graves of Jefferson County New York. They had two children, Bertha and Frank, and lived in Atwood, Douglas County.

Name: Ray, Phillip D.

Birthdate: July 5, 1837

Birthplace: Butler County Ohio

Married: Emiline Smith

Married at: Arcola on December 20, 1869

Occupation: Merchant – Hardware

Military History: 54th Illinois Volunteer Infantry

Children: Joel – Nellie – Phillip M. – James A. – Henry C. – Robert R. – James A. died at 14 months.

Death Date: April 17, 1903

Death Place: Arcola

Phillip D. Ray's parents were Phillip and Eleanor Ray, both born in Ohio. Phillip Sr. died in 1849 at the age of 61. He was a farmer and a Private in the War of 1812. Eleanor lived and died in Ohio at the age of 76.

Phillip Ray Jr. came to Illinois, Douglas County, in 1858. In 1861 he enlisted in the 54th Illinois Infantry. From 1858 to 1861, he had been farming. He did not receive any serious wounds in the war. He was discharged October 1865, then came back to Arcola and engaged in the hardware business. His store was located on First South Street. He carried a stock of stoves, hardware, tinware and everything in that line. He had a very successful business. His residence was on Locust Street.

Mr. Ray married Emiline Smith, a residence of Arcola, born in Butler County Ohio. They had seven children, only one died, James A. in 1878 at the age of 14 months. Henry and Robert were twins.

Mr. Ray had served as City Treasurer, Supervisor of Arcola Township and City Alderman.

Name: Redman, John W.

Birthdate: November 22, 1842

Birthplace: Zanesville Ohio

Married: Sarah Leasure

Married at: Zanesville Ohio

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company K 122nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Children: Alonzo – Ellsworth – Harrison – Josephine

Death Date: January 16, 1906

Death Place: Bowdre Township

John W. Redman was the son of Thomas and Euphema (McVeigh) Redman of Zanesville Ohio.

John W. Redman worked on the home farm for his father until he was twenty years old. He then enlisted in the Army in 1862. He participated in three major battles: Winchester, Gettysburg, Wilderness and several minor skirmishes. He was severely wounded in the side at the Battle of the Wilderness. At the close of the war, John W. returned to Ohio and farmed for two years. He married in 1865 just after getting out of the Army. After two years, he went to Western Illinois for four years then moved to Edgar County. In 1874 he came to Bowdre Township Douglas County. He bought eighty acres and improved it. Then he kept adding more land. He finely owned one of the best improved farms in the township, with a residence, barn, orchard, fences (hedge), tile and other improvements.

Name: Reat, Dr. James Lee

Birthdate: January 26, 1835

Birthplace: Fairfield County Ohio

Married: Sallie C. Callaway

Married at: Tuscola Illinois

Occupation: Physician and M. D.

Military History: 1862 Asst. Surgeon Illinois Volunteer, 1863 Asst. Surgeon in 21st Illinois Volunteer Infantry

Children: Lois R. – Samuel E. – Fred L. – baby died in infancy.

Death Date: 1921

Death Place: Tuscola Illinois

1910 Douglas County History:

Dr. James Lee Reat's children: Lois R. married Theodore Brantley, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Montana; Samuel C. Reat, United States Consul Tamsui, Formosa Japan; Fred L. Reat, Editor of the Tuscola Journal (1910).

Dr. Reat's Grandfather, James Reat, was Huquenot. He and his brother came to the United States from Scotland during the Revolutionary War. One joined the British and the other served with General Washington. James Reat was born in 1739 and died in 1823. At the close of the Revolutionary War, James settled at Frederickstown Maryland where James Jr. was born.

Dr. Reat's parents were James Reat Jr. and Susanna (Rogers) Reat. James Jr. was born in 1801 in Fredrickstown, Maryland and died in 1859 in Charleston Illinois. Susanna was born in Virginia and died near Camargo, Douglas County. When a young man, James Jr. came to Fairfield County, Ohio and bought a farm. He sold it in 1839 and came to Illinois, Coles County. He bought government land and farmed it until he retired and moved to Charleston. After James died in Charleston, his wife continued living in Charleston. She died in Camargo Township while visiting her daughter there. James Jr. and his wife had seven children. John died in Coles County – Mary was the wife of Joseph Linder, and died in Iowa – Margaret was the wife of Kimball Glass and died in Tuscola – Hester was the wife of Thomas V. Richards and died in Douglas County – Robert C. died in Charleston – Dr. James Lee, Tuscola – Susan R., widow of H. T. Caraway, Tuscola.

Doctor James Lee Reat was educated in log school houses in Ohio. In 1857 he entered Cincinnati Medical College and graduated in 1858. After the war, in 1876 and 1877, he took a post graduate course at Rush Medical College in Chicago. He located in Tuscola in 1859 and started practicing medicine. There were only a few scattered houses then. After the war he returned to Tuscola and continued his profession. He was the Pension Examiner for twenty years starting in 1867 – secretary of the Board of Education in

Tuscola – a member of the Army and Navy Medical Association – and belonged to Frank Reed Post G.A.R.

Name: Reed, Captain Benjamin Franklin

Birthdate: November 1824

Birthplace: Bourbon County Kentucky

Married: Katherine Barnett

Married at: Camargo Township

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company D 21st Illinois Volunteer Infantry – Captain

Children: William D. of Hugo – Benjamin Franklin of Oklahoma – Sarah M. wife of Robert B. Helm

Death Date: September 1865

Death Place: Chickamauga

Captain Benjamin Franklin Reed's father was Daniel Reed of Bourbon County Kentucky. Captain Reed was five years old when his parents came to Edgar County Illinois. Daniel, his father, founded the Roadhouse on old trail between Camargo and Eugene, Indiana, known as Hickory Grove, later Palermo.

Captain Reed's Grandfather was George Reed, who lived and died in Bourbon County Kentucky. He was a pioneer settler of Bourbon County Kentucky and of German descent. George Reed married the daughter of Benjamin Wayne, who was a nephew of General Anthony Wayne who was "Mad Anthony" General in the Revolutionary War. Later General Wayne was Governor of the Northwest Territory, where they had Indian wars. Indians called him Blacksnake and white man's chief who never sleeps.

B. Frank Reed had so many of the same qualities as his Uncle Anthony Wayne that his family called him "Mad Anthony."

Frank Reed and his wife had two children that died: Martin O. on August 15, 1863 at 10 months 15 days, and George W. on February 15, 1858 at 3 months 17 days. Three children lived: William D. farmed home place in Bowdre Township (Hugo) – Benjamin Franklin lived in Oklahoma, and Sarah M. who was the wife of Robert B. Helm.

The G.A.R. Post at Tuscola was named after Captain Frank Reed.

Captain Benjamin Franklin Reed was wounded so badly in the Battle of Chickamauga that he died on September 17, 1863 on the battlefield. He was married twice – 1st to Delilah C. who died February 18, 1855 at the age of 24 years 1 month 23 days, no children; 2nd to Catherine Barnett who died October 31, 1868 at the age of 31 years 11 months 23 days. She was the daughter of William Barnett, and the sister of John Brown's first wife. William lived in Camargo Township.

Name: Reeder, James S.

Birthdate: March 4, 1840

Birthplace: Darke County Ohio

Married: Mary Kelly

Married at: Bourbon Township on
December 2, 1865

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company G 79th Illinois Volunteer Infantry August 14, 1862

Children: Charles M. (died 1906 age 40 years) – Frank (lives and owns farm North of
Garrett) – W. H. H. (of Pierson) – Olive (wife of David C. Martin)

Death Date: 1923

Death Place: Garrett Township

James Reeder's parents were John A. and Mary (Harter) Reeder. John A. was born in Montgomery County Ohio in 1815. He died in Bourbon Township in 1893. Mary was born in Ohio and died in Bourbon Township in 1897. They were married in Ohio and came to Bourbon Township in 1856. John S. rented land until 1861, then he purchased 120 acres unimproved land in Bourbon Township, which he sold. He then bought 250 acres of partly improved and part timber land. He cleared and broke out 60 more acres. There was an old log house and barn on it, which he replaced with a frame house and built a new barn.

James Reeder went to subscription school, which was held in an old log milk house. He was the second of eleven children. David H. (died in 1907 in Nebraska) – James S. – Hattie (married James Ellors and lived in Missouri) – Alexander (was in the 2nd IL Vol. Cav. He died from injury at Baton Rouge, Louisiana) – W.H.H. (lived in California) – Thomas C. (lived in Humbolt, Coles County) – Sadie (died in Kansas the wife of George Reeves) – John A. Jr. (lived in Arthur) – Alice (married Clay Fisher, lived in Sullivan) – Frank (lived in Arthur) – Kate (married Joseph Peel, died).

In August 1862, James Reeder enlisted in the 79th Infantry. He was in the Battles of Liberty Gap, Chickamauga, and Stone River, where he was wounded and captured. He was held prisoner for twenty-seven days when he was exchanged. The wound was in his right hip. He was in Union Hospital from December to the following March 15. He went back to his Regiment, and on September 19, 1863 at Chickamauga he was captured again. He was confined at Richmond and at several other prisons. On February 17, 1864 he was sent to Andersonville. On August 9, 1864, he was released for special exchange, one of twenty-one selected for this purpose. At the last minute a Union Colonel was substituted for twelve of the men and Mr. Reeder was one of the twelve. He was put in the stockade at Florence South Carolina until February 28, 1865 when he was returned to Union lines. When he was released, he was so weak he couldn't walk. He mustered out on June 20, 1865 at Springfield, Illinois. On December 2, 1865, he married Mary Kelly

in Bourbon Township. The Kelly family had a farm next to Mr. Reeder. They came there in 1863 from Ohio. Mrs. Reeder's parents were Jehial H. and Elizabeth (Lambert) Kelly. After they married, James Reeder bought 40 acres of land in Bourbon Township. In 1871 he sold it and went to Kansas and bought land there. He lived there three years, then back to Bourbon Township. He engaged in making brick for one year, then bought 80 acres – later 40 more. He lived there until 1894, then moved into Garrett Village.

James Reeder was a member of Atwood G.A.R. Post, and was Postmaster in Garrett, from 1897 until just before his death.

Name: Root, Daniel O.

Birthdate: September 24, 1834

Birthplace: Decatur Township,
Washington County Ohio

Married: Sarah Winkler

Married at: Sargent Township Douglas
County

Occupation: Assessor Newman Township (1868 to 1873) - County Clerk (1873 and 1877)

Military History: Company H 25th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Discharged October 1862 disability – Root Brothers Merchants, Newman

Children: Harriet – Edward T – Ornon L. Rosecrans – Luin – Pitner – Isabelle – Mary – son unnamed died.

Death Date: February 18, 1917

Death Place: Newman

Daniel Root came to Douglas County October 17, 1854. He came to Oakland (then called Pinhook). He came from Paris Illinois on stage coach on Springfield Trace. The first winter 1854-55 he taught school at Catfish Point near Isabel for \$25 per month. On April 15, 1855, he married Sarah Winkler, a widow of Charles V. Winkler of Sargent Township. They lived on the Winkler farm in Newman Township until 1873 when he was elected County Clerk. Mrs. Root died in 1881. Their oldest daughter, Harriet, kept house for her father (Daniel) and cared for the younger children. Daniel Root was elected Assessor of Newman Township four times 1868 to 1873. He was then elected County Clerk two terms 1873 and 1877. After his retirement from public office, he was Clerk in a store in Tuscola until 1884. Then he came to Newman and bought half interest in the large General Store of James Gillogy. The store was known as Gillogy and Root. After four years Daniel Root's brother L. E. Root bought Gillogy out.

Daniel's father was Levi Root, born April 19, 1809 in Livingston County New York. His Grandfather was in the War of 1812, wounded and died shortly after. His mother's maiden name was Stewart. She died in Stewart Ohio in May 1857. Her Father Daniel Stewart was born in Litchfield Connecticut. He was a Revolutionary War soldier. He moved to Ohio in 1802 and died of an accident in 1809, in his ninety-eighth year. He was Daniel Roots maternal grandfather. Daniel Root had 12 children. Six of the Root boys were in the Union Army. All served a full war, except one who was killed in battle and Daniel who was wounded and discharged.

Name: Root, Lawrence E.

Birthdate: November 16, 1848

Birthplace: Athens County Ohio

Married: Vashti Winkler

Married at: Newman, Illinois

Occupation: Merchant

Military History: Company K 3rd W. Virginia Cavalry

Children: Melvin L – Wallace F – Blanche – Ina – Grace – Paul A – Hattie Lane –
Madge - Lois

Death Date: April 1, 1918

Death Place: Newman, Illinois

Lawrence E. Root was born in Rome Township, Athens County Ohio. He was the ninth child born to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Root. In 1863 he enlisted in Company K 3rd West Virginia Cavalry. At the time of enlistment he was just a few days past fourteen years old. He was the youngest soldier found in the Civil War. He went out in the winter of 1862-1863, first with Sheridan in Shenandoah Valley, then with Custer's division, and served until the surrender of Lee. After the war, Mr. Root returned to Athens County. In 1867 he came west to Illinois settling on a farm south of Newman. He was engaged in farming until 1888. In that year he bought one half interest and formed a partnership with his brother D. O. Root in a general dry goods business in Newman. While on the farm, he had served as supervisor of Sargent Township for four years. Also he was supervisor of Newman Township. From 1890 to 1894 he was elected Douglas County Treasurer. Since living in Newman, he had served on the City Council. He was a large stockholder in Newman Electric Light and Canning Company. The Root Brothers Store was a brick building 120 feet long, 20 feet wide and two stories high. They had clothing, boots and shoes on the second floor and dry goods on the first floor. They had 15 to 20 thousand dollars worth of stock. They hired five clerks.

Name: Richman, James A.

Birthdate: September 13, 1844

Birthplace: Old Homestead in Camargo

Married: Sarah L. Williams

Married at: Camargo Township on
November 30, 1865

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company E 135th Illinois Volunteer Infantry

Children: David Franklin – Hattie Elenor – Charles Hilbert – Guy Alexander (twin sister died) – John Seymore.

Death Date: 1924

Death Place: Villa Grove

Children of James and Sarah:

1. David Franklin – wife Mary Foster – Implement Dealer in Villa Grove (1910 History)
2. Hattie Elenor – husband Dr. Gilmer of Villa Grove
3. Charles Albert – wife Jessie McKinney, daughter of Captain David
4. Guy Alexander – married Mary Frazier, daughter of Rev. George Guy, died 190?
5. John Seymour – married Maysie Martin. John was a bookkeeper for First National Bank of Villa Grove.

Sarah L. was the daughter of John and Rebecca (Atkeson) Williams. They moved from Kentucky to Vermilion County (Indianola). They were married in Vermilion County and came to Douglas County in the early 1830's. They bought several hundred acres between Camargo and Villa Grove. Sarah was born on this farm. Mr. Williams had sold this farm and moved to Champaign, where he enlisted in the 125th IL Vol. Inf. He contracted an abscess and died in a hospital in Louisville Kentucky. John Williams and Rebecca had five children. This from 1810 History. Their children: Sarah L (wife of James Richman, Villa Grove) – Hannah (wife of Charles P. Marshall, retired R.R., lived in LaJunta Colorado) – Frances (wife of Joshua Tegar) – Catherine Elenor (wife of William Young. He died. 2nd to brother-in-law of Joshua Tegar) – Albert W. (married Elizabeth Laughlin. He was a farmer in Nez Perce Idaho. They had 8 children.).

James A. Richman was an early President of the Village Board of Villa Grove. He was on the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Church. He owned 740 acres of farmland. James had a large residence and three modern homes for his sons. He was a Director and Stockholder of the First National Bank of Villa Grove.

Name: Rideout, Horace W.

Birthdate: December 22, 1829

Birthplace: Freemont Ohio

Married: Louisa J. Fall

Married at: Freemont Ohio

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company B 79th Illinois Voluntary Infantry – 2nd Lieutenant

Children: Frank, LeRoy, Mary E., Laura R., Calista

Death Date: May 19, 1894

Death Place: Garrett Township – Cartright Cemetery

Horace W. Rideout came to Douglas County, Garrett Township in 1856. He purchased forty acres of land. He added fifty-three more acres, making a total of ninety-three acres. He put three acres in fruit trees. He built a house first and a shed for stock shelter. He built a barn in 1877. At the organization of the township, he was elected highway commissioner and served for seven years. He was also school director. In 1862, he assisted in forming Company B 79th Infantry and was commissioned Second Lieutenant. He served eight months and was discharged because of illness. He married Louisa J. Fall in Freemont, Ohio in 1851. In 1852 Horace and others started for gold claims in California with twenty-four yoke of oxen and cows. He took these to sell to the mines. They left May 24, 1852, and arrived September 15, 1852, at a mining town known as "46". They worked gold fields on Jamison Creek and Kenyon Creek, - the latter being surface mining. He remained there for three years. He returned to Freemont, Ohio, in 1855. In 1856 he came to Douglas County, Garrett Township.

Name: Scott, William

Birthdate: February 13, 1846

Birthplace: Ross County Ohio

Married: Never married

Married at:

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company F 149th Illinois Voluntary Infantry

Children:

Death Date: January 3, 1923

Death Place: Hugo, Bowdre Township

William Scott was the son of Zachariah and Susana (Oldacres) Scott. Zachariah was born in Virginia in 1802 and died in Bowdre Township in 1878. Susana was born in Ross County Ohio in 1808, and died in Bowdre Township in 1879. Zachariah went to Ohio when a young man, where he met Susana and they married. The Oldacre family were early settlers of Ross County. They lived on the farm in Ross County until 1853. Then he brought the family (wife and eight children) to Douglas County, Illinois. They first bought 80 acres of land in Sarg. Township. They sold it and rented a farm in Bowdre Township, near Hugo. He rented for the rest of his lifetime. Their children were: Eliza Jane Parker (Bowdre Township); John (lived in Camargo Township); Zachariah Jr. (lived in Indianapolis Indiana); William (Hugo); Julia Ann Davis (died in Ohio); Henry (Camargo Township); Jacob (Moultrie County); Ranson (died in Ashmore Coles County).

After the war, William remained on his father's farm until 1878 when he went to Worth County Missouri for two years – farming and carrying mail from Albany Missouri to Mountaye Iowa, about 50 miles one way. In 1880, he came back to Hugo and lived with his sister, Mrs. Steven Parker. He remained there until 1896. Then he moved into Hugo and commenced keeping house for himself, where he resided until he died. He received a pension from the Government for his service in the Army.

Name: Shaw, Thomas

Birthdate: 1842

Birthplace: New Jersey

Married: Jane McIntyre

Married at: Newman Township, February
1868

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company G 3rd Indiana Cavalry - Sergeant

Children: Infant son born and died 1869

Death Date: 1934

Death Place: Newman

Thomas Shaw was reared on a farm in New Jersey. He moved to Indiana in 1859. He remained in Indiana until the Civil War when he enlisted in Company G 3rd Indiana Cavalry. He served in Company G over three years, participating in thirty-two engagements. The more important ones: Perryville; Shiloh; Stone River; Murfreesboro; and Mission Ridge.

After the war, Mr. Shaw came to Newman Township Illinois and started farming. In February 1868 he married Jane McIntyre of Newman Township. Her father was James McIntyre, a farmer in Newman Township and a native of Middlesex, Canada. Mr. McIntyre had been on the school board and Supervisor of Newman Township.

Thomas Shaw bought and improved farmland until he owned two good farms of 320 acres. Also, he owned a well-improved residence in Newman. He retired in 1881 and moved into Newman.

The only record of children is the one son that was born and died in 1869, buried in Newman Cemetery. Jane (McIntyre) Shaw was born in 1842 and died in 1919.

Name: Skinner, James

Birthdate: April 25, 1841

Birthplace: Bridgewater, Somersetshire,
England

Married: Ann Cheney

Married at: Coles County on August 30,
1866

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company D 21st Illinois Voluntary Infantry - May 8, 1861 reenlisted
in Company D 21st.

Children: Samuel Robert (farmer West Salem, IL), John William (farmer Douglas
County)

Death Date: January 15, 1929

Death Place: Arcola

James Skinner's wife, Ann Cheney Skinner, was born April 29, 1850.

James and Ann had two sons: (1) Samuel Robert who farmed in West Salem. Samuel married Ella Hervey and had a son, James Clinton Lawrence. (2) John William farmed in Douglas County. He married Alda Stover. They had two children: James Clifford and Lucile Elizabeth. (1910 history)

James Skinner attended public schools in England. He also attended school a short time after coming to Illinois. His first year in Illinois he worked on a farm for board and one pair of shoes and a pair of mittens. The next year he received \$5.00 per month. He then went to Wisconsin and worked in the pinewoods for one winter and two summers for \$15 per month.

In 1858 he came to Arcola, Douglas County, and worked there and in Coles County until 1861 when he went into the Army. He was in five major battles. He was captured and imprisoned. He was first confined in a tobacco house at Richmond from September to December. Then he was taken to Danville, Virginia, where he was kept until April 1864. Then he was removed to Andersonville prison, being there until September. Then he was moved to Savannah, Georgia – to Charleston – and to Florence South Carolina where he was returned to Union lines on March 10, 1865. He had been a prisoner for seventeen months and twenty days. While at Danville Virginia he had small-pox. Later while in a convalescent hospital, he and two others escaped but were re-captured. After his release, he was afflicted with prison fever and spent three weeks in a hospital in Indianapolis Indiana. He was discharged May 6, 1865. On receiving his discharge he received \$700 in back pay. He bought a team and rented land, farming in Coles County for two years.

He then got married to Ann Cheney, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Eiles) Cheney.

In 1867 Mr. Skinner purchased forty acres of partly improved land with a log house on it. In 1869, he sold the first forty acres and bought another that was better land. This was in Coles County. He continued to add to it until he owned 225 acres. In 1881 he bought the Dr. Martin farm in Arcola Township and in 1882 moved there. He resided until 1886 when he retired and moved into Arcola. But the farm (175 acres) called him back until 1892 when he bought a house in Arcola and retired from farming for good. He lived there until his death in 1929. He belonged to the S. N. Sanders G.A.R. Post No. 393 in Arcola. Also served three years as Arcola Township Road Commissioner and was a member of the school board in Arcola City. This after he retired from farming.

Name: Skinner, John – and brothers Anson and William

Birthdate: April 14, 1831

Birthplace: Vermilion County Indiana

Married: Hanna Ringland

Married at: Newman

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company E 79th Illinois Voluntary Infantry – Sergeant

Children: None

Death Date: January 14, 1909

Death Place: Newman Township

John Skinner's brother, Anson Skinner, was born October 3, 1840 in Douglas County Illinois and died February 4, 1897. He was a farmer. His wife, Christina, was born February 17, 1846 and died February 21, 1922. Anson was in Company E 79th Illinois Voluntary Infantry, a sergeant. He was captured at Chickamauga on September 10, 1863. He was buried in Newman cemetery. Children born to Anson and Christina: Robert (born 1859), Charles H., William S. (born 1867), Anson E. (born 1868) and Charles (born 1870).

William Skinner was born in Vermilion County Indiana on November 12, 1835 and died June 6, 1908, buried in Albin Cemetery. He was a farmer. He was a member of Company E 79th Illinois Voluntary Infantry – a sergeant. He married Melvina, who was born February 3, 1846. They had two children: John C. (1869) and Charles (1867).

The parents of John Skinner were Joseph and Polly Mary (Gaston) Skinner. They came to Douglas County Illinois in 1839 from Vermilion County Indiana. Joseph rented for a few years, then he bought a farm and eventually owned a tract of eight hundred acres. The City of Newman is located on part of this land. Joseph enlisted in the Black Hawk War. He died in 1857. Joseph was born in Maine and moved to Ohio then Vermilion County Indiana. Mrs. Polly Mary (Gaston) Skinner was the daughter of Thomas Gaston who lived in Meigs County Ohio, a native of Canada. His wife, Sarah Gaston was born on the St. Lawrence River, Canada, while her parents were captives of the Indians. Children of Joseph and Polly M. were Isaac (born 1829), John (born 1831), William (born 1835), Anson (born 1840), Esther (born 1833), Henry C. (born 1843), Joel (born 1845), Joseph Jr. (1849), and Benjamin (born 1851).

John Skinner had always farmed. He owned three hundred fifty acres of well-tiled land. It ran almost to the corporate limits of Newman. He always identified himself with the best interests of Newman and Newman Township. In 1859 John married Miss Hanna J. Ringland who was the daughter of Dr. Ringland, one of the first physicians in Newman who emigrated from Pennsylvania to Kansas, Illinois Edgar County, then to Newman in 1857. Then he went back to Kansas where he died.

The death of Mrs. John Skinner occurred six weeks after they married. John never married again.

In 1862 John and his brothers, Anson and William, volunteered in Company E 79th Illinois Voluntary Infantry. They participated in Battles of Stone River, Liberty Gap, and Chickamauga. John and Anson were captured along with 17 others, and confined in Andersonville. They both were released after seventeen months nine days. Their weight was down to 85 pounds. About 35000 prisoners were there at that time. Of the seventeen captured in John's company, the ones who died were D. N. Howard, Aaron Britton and William Stillwell.

Name: Smitson, Dr. William T.

Birthdate: December 14, 1834

Birthplace: Ripley, Brown County Ohio

Married: 1st Mary E. McCord in 1864, 2nd Luella Mathes in 1881

Married at: Cincinnati Ohio

Occupation: Doctor

Military History: Company H 12th Ohio Voluntary Infantry – Captain

Children: 1st: Ida, Mabel, Oscar 2nd: Elpha Leola, Geno Celest, Koore Honore, William McKinley (deceased), Hildred and Vildred (twins)

Death Date: April 23, 1912

Death Place: Atwood Douglas County in Mackville Cemetery

Dr. William T. Smitson's first wife, Mary E. McCord Smitson, was born in Cincinnati Ohio and died 1879 at Mackville. They had three children: Ida, Mabel and Oscar.

In 1865 Mr. William Smitson went to Cincinnati Physio-Medical College. He graduated in the winter of 1868. In that year he came to Mackville, Piatt County Illinois and began practice of medicine. He made Mackville his home until 1879. He moved to Douglas County Atwood when the railroad went in. In 1894 he retired from his professional duties and lived in Atwood, Douglas County.

Dr. William T. Smitson belonged to Harker Post No. 189 G.A.R., Atwood. He was also a school director at Atwood for fifteen years.

Dr. Smitson's parents were Thomas Hillery and Elizabeth (Wright) Smitson. Thomas was born in Maryland on September 29, 1805, and died in Ripley Ohio on September 29, 1866. Elizabeth was born in Pennsylvania on July 2, 1811 and died in Ripley Ohio on September 24, 1866. They both had come to Ohio while children with their parents. Thomas H. was raised on a farm. He learned the woolen-makers trade, then he was engaged in the manufacture of woolens in Ripley Ohio. He continued in this business until a short time prior to his death, when he started farming near Ripley Ohio.

Name: Stevenson, James C.

Birthdate: April 27, 1834

Birthplace: Mason County Virginia (now West Virginia)

Married: Margerite Stout

Married at: Delaware County Indiana on August 10, 1854

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company D 84th Indiana Voluntary Infantry - Sergeant

Children: Lafayette (died 6 months), Francis Marion, Helen Arminta, Martha Alice, Ida Elnora, William T., Charles E., Ella, Maggie May

Death Date: December 29, 1909

Death Place: Garrett Township

James Stevenson's children married as follows: Francis Marion to Lidia Campbell and lived in Joplin Missouri; Helen Arminta to William Sargent and lived in Gray Oklahoma; Martha Alice to Ellis Crawford and lived in Crittendon Township Champaign County; Ida Elnora to James Chitner and lived in Sorento Illinois; William T. to Mattie Hackett and lived in Tuscola; Charles F. to Cora Hackett who died, then to Annie Mason and farmed in Garrett Township; Ella (died) to Hermon Drake; Maggie May (died) to Edgar Johnson.

James Stevenson was the son of Charles and Rebecca (Barnett) Stevenson. Charles was born in Virginia in 1810 and died in Delaware County Indiana in 1883. Rebecca was born in Virginia in 1812 and died in Indiana in 1886. They came from Virginia to Delaware County Indiana in 1853.

James C. worked in a sawmill in Virginia for two years. He moved to Indiana and continued sawmill work. He was elected Justice of the Peace for three years. He was re-elected another term, then he taught school for two winters in Newcomber Indiana. He enlisted in the Army. After the war, he bought a small farm in Indiana. He sold it and came to Douglas County in 1869. He bought forty acres then added to it until he owned 160 acres. He lived and farmed it for 34 years. He retired and moved into Tuscola in 1894. In 1898, he sold the farm in Tuscola Township and bought 160 acres in Section 4 Garrett Township. After his wife died he moved in with his son on the farm. His wife's parents were James and Sarah (Taylor) Stout who came from Virginia to Indiana. They bought a farm, which they lived on for 50 years. Both died at this farm.

Name: Taggart, Col. Wesford

Birthdate: November 17, 1833

Birthplace: Nashville Brown County
Indiana

Married: Julla Skinner

Married at: Edinburg Indiana on January
20, 1859

Occupation: Blacksmith – Grocery Merchant – Furniture and Undertaking

Military History: Company E 25th Illinois Infantry – Colonel

Children: Seven children – three survived: Lizzie (wife of Andrew Ingram,
Indianapolis), Susan (Morris – died, Indianapolis), Margaret

Death Date: September 27, 1906

Death Place: Tuscola

Wesford Taggart left the farm when he was seventeen years old. He went to Bloomington, Indiana, and learned the blacksmithing trade. Then he went to Edenburg, Indiana, and blacksmithed until 1860 when he moved to Charleston Coles County Illinois. He Blacksmithed there until the Civil War started.

He raised Company E of 25th Regiment himself at Charleston, and was made Colonel. He mustered in at St. Louis on June 1, 1861. He mustered out at Springfield, Illinois on September 5, 1864.

He came to Tuscola in 1865. From 1865 to 1868 he had an interest in a grocery store. In 1868 he went to blacksmithing, manufacturing wagons and buggies until 1876. In 1876 he was elected Sheriff of Douglas County. He was re-elected in 1878. He was elected to the State Legislature. In 1891 he was partner with A. L. Elkins in a furniture store and undertaking. Elkins died. Wesford took Silas Williams as his partner. In 1903 Wesford retired due to illness.

Wesford's father, James Taggart, married Jane Weddell who was born in Bristol Tennessee. She was the daughter of Thomas Weddell who was a Lieutenant in the Company that was on the campaign against the Indians. Thomas was killed in the Battle of Horseshoe Bend Florida. James was a Captain in Company E Senator James K. Lanes Regiment in the Mexican War. James was killed in the Battle of Buena Vista in 1847.

Maternal Grandparents of Wesford Taggart were natives of North of Ireland, who came to America in their youth to Rockingham County Virginia. They later moved to Indiana territory, Crawford County Indiana. Later they moved to Brown County Indiana where Mr. Taggart died at the age of 92 years.

Name: Taylor, Leonard C. M. D.

Birthdate: May 5, 1831

Birthplace: Fountain County Indiana

Married: Angeline Mapps

Married at: Clark County Illinois

Occupation: Farmer – Doctor – Merchant (drugs, groceries)

Military History: Company K 79th Illinois Voluntary Infantry – Assistant Surgeon

Children:

Death Date: July 14, 1890

Death Place: Atwood in Mackville
Cemetery

Dr. Taylor came to Douglas County (Coles County) in 1847 Garrett Township. He stayed on his parents' farm until the age of twenty. He then taught school two terms, then sold goods in Moultrie County until 1857. In 1858 he went to Leavenworth Kansas. He returned to Douglas County at breaking out of war. He enlisted in Company K 79th Illinois Infantry. He received a slight wound at Kenesaw Mountain. He was sent back to the hospital at Jeffersonville Indiana where he was detailed Assistant surgeon. He held this position to the end of the war.

He then located on a farm in Section 5 Garrett Township, where he farmed and practiced medicine. In the fall of 1873, he moved to Atwood and built his first business house and established a drug and grocery business, along with the practice of medicine. He was the first Postmaster in Atwood. He was married in late 1864 to Angeline Mapps.

Name: Tenbrook, John R.

Birthdate: December 1842

Birthplace: Parke County Indiana

Married: Malinda Perry

Married at: Camargo Township (Murdock)

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company A 85th Indiana Voluntary Infantry

Children: Ollie (died 15 years), Nettie (wife of John Hourighousel- merchant Larnsville IL), Arthur P. (businessman Dallas Texas), Ceille (at home)

Death Date: 1918

Death Place: Tuscola, IL

Brothers of John R. Tenbrook: Samuel B. Tenbrook – surgeon 21st IL Inf.; Oliver P. Tenbrook – 2nd Oregon Cavalry and Hancock's Veterans Corps of Army of Potomac – buried Camargo cemetery.

John R. lived with his parents, Andrew and Rachel (Brown) Tenbrook in Parke County Indiana until 1862 when he went into the Army. He returned to Indiana in 1865. He came to Douglas County in 1866 and bought a farm in Camargo Township. He met his wife, Malinda Perry, whose father was Jessie Perry. Jessie had a farm next to John R. John R. stayed on his farm until 1882 when he retired and bought a house in Tuscola. He was buried in Tuscola cemetery in 1918.

John R. Tenbrook's father, Andrew Tenbrook, was born in Pennsylvania in 1810. Andrew came to Ohio then to Parke County Indiana in 1823. He met Rachel Brown who was born in 1816 in Ohio. Andrew's father bought government land in Parke County Indiana in 1822. He was Conrad Tenbrook, who bought his land at a land office in Terre Haute Indiana.

John R. Tenbrook was a direct line descendant of Wessel Tenbrook who was born in Munsler Westphalia in 1600. He had three sons who came to America in 1659, settling on the Hudson River in Kingston New York. One of them was John R's Great Grandfather, a Lt. Col. in the 5th New Jersey Revolutionary War.

John R. Tenbrook is the seventh generation in direct line to Wessel Tenbrook.

Name: Thayer, Alfred

Birthdate: February 1821

Birthplace: Hampshire County
Massachusetts

Married: Lucinda France

Married at: Allegheny County Maryland

Occupation: Horse and cattle trader – farmed and ran sawmill – beach house Tuscola

Military History: 1st Lieutenant Company E 21st Illinois Infantry – 1st Lieutenant
Company B 5th Illinois Cavalry

Children: Mary J (died 3 years old – April 18, 1850)

Death Date: April 21, 1898

Death Place: Tuscola

Alfred Thayer's father was Murry Thayer. His mother was Kesiah (Barass) Thayer. They moved from Hampshire County Massachusetts to Allegheny County Maryland when Alfred was a few years old. They had twelve children. Murry Thayer died in 1850 and Kesiah died in 1861. Both died in Allegheny County Maryland.

Alfred learned the carpenter trade when he was eighteen years old. He only worked at it a short time. Then he clerked in a store. He farmed and ran a sawmill. Next he worked in a store owned by his cousin. They sold and traded horses. Alfred traveled all the eastern states leading 25 to 30 head of horses – selling and trading. After four and a half years, he was appointed Deputy Sheriff and Tax Collector in Allegheny County Maryland. In 1848 he moved to Perry County Ohio. In 1849 he made a trip to Illinois where he bought farm land in Moultrie County, west of Arthur. He operated from this farm, doing cattle trading in Illinois and Iowa until the civil war. When he came back from the Army, he took charge of the McCarty farm as manager. Next he ran a livery barn in Tuscola. He lost two bays in a fire. He lost \$8000 in this fire. Then he bought Central House Hotel. He ran this until he retired in 1880. He bought a house and lived in Tuscola until he died.

His wife, Lucinda (France) Thayer died February 21, 1889 at 63 years 5 months 24 days.

Mary J. (Alfred and Lucinda's daughter) died April 18, 1850 at 3 years 3 months 14 days. She is buried in Tuscola Cemetery.

Name: Thomas, Reuben

Birthdate: January 4, 1846

Birthplace: Lumberville Bucks County
Pennsylvania

Married: Rosalla Hibbs

Married at: Newtown Pennsylvania on
October 10, 1872

Occupation: Lumber Merchant

Military History: Company E 196th Pennsylvania Infantry

Children: Eva (Topeka Kansas), Howard L., Caroline, Edgar C., Warner W.

Death Date: March 16, 1914

Death Place: Newman, Douglas County

Reuben Thomas married Rosalla Hibbs on October 10, 1872. She was born March 18, 1848, the daughter of Daniel and Maude Esther Hibbs of Pennsylvania. Rosalla died September 9, 1931. Their children were: Eva, born October 21, 1873 in Topeka Kansas, married John Gillogly a Real Estate dealer in Oklahoma City; Howard L. was born October 25, 1875 in Newman – he was a junior member of a lumber firm - R. Thomas & Sons of Newman; Carolyn H. born October 1, 1877; Edgar C. born January 1, 1880 and died in Newman on March 19, 1906; and, Warren W. born March 16, 1888.

After the war Reuben went to Excelsior Normal Institute in Carversville Pennsylvania. He had attended public schools in Lumberville before the war. Reuben married Rosalla Hibbs in 1872 and moved to Topeka Kansas where they resided four or five years. There he was in the lumber business and was in banking for a short time. In 1874 he established a lumber business in Newman, where he stayed until his death. He built up the business until it was the largest lumber business in this part of the State. Reuben has served as Mayor of Newman, School Director, Alderman and other minor capacities. Reuben was known for his strict business integrity. In his home he had a large library, which contained several rare volumes and old editions, some going back to 1681. He had one large parchment bearing the signature of William Penn inscribed the 22nd of March 1681 at Kozmintyhurst County of Sussex.

Lukens Thomas, Reuben's father, married Ann C. Conrad, who was born July 21, 1810 in New Jersey and died in Lumberville Pennsylvania on April 28, 1858. Lukens was born February 15, 1812 at Portland Pennsylvania and died March 7, 1892 at Norristown, Pennsylvania. He spent his entire life in the lumber business. He and his wife had the following children: Charles (born January 9, 1838, died September 15, 1868); Joseph (born August 13, 1839 – in the lumber business in Homer, Champaign County Illinois); Jonathon (born May 20, 1841, a resident of Topeka Kansas – in the lumber business on a large scale – owned eighteen lumber yards throughout the State of Kansas, a man of abundant wealth. He donated Washburn College gymnasium in Topeka. Jonathon also

established a home for the aged women in Topeka Kansas). Reuben was the youngest child.

Name: Timmons, Laban A.

Birthdate: September 26, 1843

Birthplace: Pickaway County Ohio

Married: Mary A. Geisenhof

Married at: Coles County on May 30, 1866

Occupation: Farmer – Carpenter – Tile factory

Military History: Company A 123rd Illinois Voluntary Infantry

Children: Relievie Etta (died 1893 25 years), Adelia Ann (wife of A.J.Fritts, clothing merchant in Villa Grove), Carrie Belle (wife of F.B.Foraker), Daley M. (Villa Grove)

Death Date: January 13, 1937

Death Place: Newman – Newman
Cemetery

Laban Timmon's parents were Peter Jr. and Nancy (Dyer) Timmons. Peter Jr. was born in Pickaway County Ohio, and died in California in 1878 at the age of 65 years. Nancy was born in Shenandoah Valley Virginia, and died in Westfield Illinois in 1880 at the age of 69 years. Peter Jr.'s father, Peter Sr., was born in Ireland and came to the United States, settling in Pickaway County Ohio. He was one of the early settlers. He died there. Nancy's father, Hugh Dyer, was born in Germany and immigrated to the United States, settling in Virginia. He later moved to Pickaway County where he died.

Peter Jr. and his wife Nancy were married in Pickaway County Ohio where he farmed until February 1861. He sold the farm in Ohio and moved to Coles County Illinois near Ashmore. He rented a farm until 1868 when he went to California and engaged in the livestock business. He died there.

Laban A. Timmons accompanied his parents to Coles County Illinois. He stayed on his father's farm until August 1862 when he volunteered in the 123rd Illinois Infantry. He was in eleven major battles. His infantry then joined in pursuit of General Bragg and fought him at Rome, then followed an engagement to Selma. In March 1863, when at Murfreesboro, his regiment was mounted and attached to General Wilder's Lightning Brigade. Mr. Timmons served in the mounted infantry until he was mustered out in the latter part of June 1865 at Nashville Tennessee. He was discharged at Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois, in July 1865. He returned to his father's farm in Coles County. He remained until May 30, 1866, when he married Mary E. Geisenhof in Coles County. Mary was born November 22, 1841. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Geisenhof, natives of Holland. John came to the United States when he was 21 years old. He had learned the trade of stonemason and plasterer in his native country. He followed this trade until he died. The mother of Mrs. Timmons came to Elizabethtown Kentucky where she met John. They were married sometime in the 1840's. They moved to Louisville Kentucky and then to Terra Haute Indiana, where they lived until John died on February 10, 1872. His widow died in Vermilion County Illinois in 1888. John was

Drill Master in the 8th Illinois Infantry as he was familiar with the drill manual from being in the regular Army in Holland.

Laban and his wife rented a farm at Ashmore until 1871. Then a farm 2 ½ miles south of Oakland. In 1874 he moved back to the farm he originally rented. He lived there until 1882. Then he moved to Oakland. He did teaming one year. In 1883 he moved to Newman and bought interest in a tile factory until 1886. Then he started carpentering, which he followed for the rest of his life. He was a member of Lowe Post No. 223 G.A.R. in Newman. Adjutant of Newman Post.

Name: Trowsell, James

Birthdate: 1842

Birthplace: Bristol England

Married: Mary E. Woody

Married at: Tuscola Illinois on March 14,
1870

Occupation: Jeweler

Military History: Company F 4th Ohio Infantry (3 years), Captain of Company A 195th Ohio Infantry

Children: Jennie F.

Death Date:

Death Place:

James Trowsell's parents were William and Annie (Grabb) Trowsell. His mother, Annie, died in England. James' father came to America in 1848. James and his brother came in 1852 and met their father in Guelph County Canada. After moving to various parts of Canada, James went to Rossville, Butler County Ohio to live with their family friend Dr. Mulligan. There, James clerked in the Doctor's dry goods store and lived with the Mulligan family until the Doctor's death in 1858. Then he went to Cincinnati and clerked in a grocery store until the winter of 1861. While making a collecting trip through eastern Ohio for the store, he availed himself of the first opportunity to enlist in the Army. He was in Company F 4th Ohio Infantry for three years, then re-enlisted in 195th Ohio Infantry as Captain of Company A. While in the 4th Regiment he was wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness and was captured. He was sent to Andersonville for one year. He was paroled and then joined the 195th Regiment as adjutant then promoted to commissioned captain of Company A. At the close of the war, he came to Kankakee Illinois with A. H. Pyke, whom he met while in the Army. They went west looking for a business location, but came back to Tuscola Illinois and located there in 1866. They opened a jewelry store on Sales Street Tuscola under the firm name of Pyke and Trowsell. In 1869 they built a three-story brick building on West Central. It was destroyed by fire in 1873. In 1877 Mr. Trowsell built on the same location and went into the jewelry business on his own. He also handled a large variety of musical instruments along with the jewelry. He was also a partner in a jewelry store in Hannibal Missouri under the firm name of Trowsell and Russell. Mr. Russell ran it.

In March 24, 1870 James Trowsell and Mary E. Woody (of Tuscola) were married. They had one child, Jennie F.

Name: VanDeren, Archibald (Major)

Birthdate: 1823

Birthplace: Cynthiana Kentucky

Married:

Married at:

Occupation: Postmaster Tuscola

Military History: Major in the 78th Illinois Voluntary Infantry

Children: Katherine (Van Deren) Liggett (the only one surviving in 1909)

Death Date: August 16, 1909

Death Place: Tuscola

Major VanDeren was descended from German and French families. His mother's father, Captain Journey, served on George Washington's staff in the Revolutionary War.

Bernard VanDeren, the Major's Grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was with General Washington when he crossed the Delaware River.

Major VanDeren raised a company in the 79th Infantry. He was released in 1864 due to injuries. He came back to Tuscola after the war and was Postmaster for a number of years. He died August 16, 1909, nearly seventy-seven years old. He was buried in Tuscola Cemetery. Before coming to Tuscola he had lived in Springfield for a few years. He was a neighbor of Abraham Lincoln, as well as a personal friend.

Name: Vandyne, Joseph

Birthdate: March 6, 1843

Birthplace: Edwards County Illinois

Married: Nancy Jane Mark

Married at: Newman Township on
December 1870

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company K 62nd Illinois Voluntary Infantry – 1st Duty Sergeant

Children: Herman M. (of Decatur Illinois), Mrs. Jessie M. Douglas (of Newman), and
Bruce W. (Newman)

Death Date: November 22, 1909

Death Place: Newman Illinois

Joseph Vandyne was located on a farm in Douglas County in 1870. He came from Edward County Illinois. Mr. Vandyne was left an orphan when he was seven years old. He made his home with his Uncle, Captain Samuel Mitchell – his Mother's brother.

Joseph was born and lived in Edwards County Illinois until April 4, 1862, when he enlisted in Company K 62nd Illinois Infantry for one year, re-enlisting in the same Company and Regiment on January 1, 1863. He mustered out March 22, 1866. He returned to his Uncle's until coming to Douglas County in 1870, buying a farm one and one-half mile south of Newman Illinois.

Joseph married on December 15, 1870 to Nancy Jane Mark.

Mr. Vandyne belonged to Lowe Post 323 G.A.R. He was living in Newman at the time of his death in 1909. His son, Bruce W. was also in Newman at this time. Bruce was with the National Elevator Company as Superintendent of the Newman Division. This company is based in Indianapolis Indiana. The Newman Division also included McCown Station East of Newman – Murdock – and Longview with the Superintendent and main office in Newman. Bruce W. Vandyne married Lulu Cash on December 30, 1899.

Joseph Vandyne also had a daughter in Newman- Mrs. Jessie Douglas – and a son Herbert in Decatur Illinois.

Name: Ward, David A.

Birthdate: September 30, 1839

Birthplace: Erie County Ohio

Married: Sophia B. Watson in 1866

Married at: Camargo, IL

Occupation: Farmer – Railroad employee – Ran a Harness Shop – Postmaster

Military History: Company C 7th Ohio Infantry – re-enlisted in Company C 7th Ohio Infantry three years. In 1865 enlisted in Company A 98th Pennsylvania Infantry

Children: Guy W., Mark A. (died one year), Maude L.

Death Date: 1911

Death Place: Camargo, IL

David A. Ward's parents were Jonathon and Sarah (Warren) Ward. David was the second in a family of six children. He is of English descent. David's Grandfather, David Austin Ward, was a soldier in the War of 1812. David's Father was born in Oneida County New York and came to Western Reserve in Ohio in 1828. He died in Ohio in 1876.

David A. Ward enlisted in Company C 7th Infantry for three months. He re-enlisted in the same company and regiment for three years. In 1865 he enlisted in Company A 98th Pennsylvania Infantry and was discharged the end of 1865.

In the fall of 1865 David came to Camargo, Illinois, and for several years was engaged in handling stock. In March 1866 he married Miss Sophia B. Watson, daughter of William Watson.

After farming and railroading for a number of years, Mr. Ward opened a harness shop in Camargo in 1875. He hired help and kept the harness shop open. David was elected Justice of the Peace and re-elected in 1880. In 1882 he was commissioned a Notary Public. His wife Sophia B. was born 1840 and died 1910.

Name: Watson, Aaron T.

Birthdate: February 17, 1839

Birthplace: Fairfield County Ohio

Married: Mary Bradley

Married at: Bourbon Township Douglas
County

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company G 54th Illinois Voluntary Infantry

Children: Jesse (died in 1888, 18 years old), Addie (wife of Robert N. Wright, Tuscola Township)

Death Date: August 26, 1913

Death Place: Tuscola Township, Tuscola
Cemetery

Mrs. Mary (Bradley) Watson was born in 1846 and died in 1902. Aaron and Mary were married on March 7, 1868. Aaron Watson's parents were Thomas B. and Nancy (Franklin) Watson who were natives of Virginia. Thomas died in Clark County Illinois; Nancy died in Douglas County, Illinois. Thomas and Nancy were married near Harpers Ferry, Virginia and moved to Fairfield County Ohio. They bought a farm. They sold the farm and moved to Clark County Illinois in 1851. Thomas enlisted from Virginia in the War of 1812. He received some military land warrants, which he used for farming in Clark County. He died there. His wife, Nancy, came to Douglas County to live with her daughter, Mrs. Scott Reed. There she died. Nancy and Thomas had eight children: John (Woodford County Illinois), Mary (widow of George Lamb – lives in Kansas), Eliza (died – the wife of William West), Mrs. Scott Reed, Aaron T., Samuel and Wesley live in the State of Kansas.

Aaron T. Watson married Mary Bradley in 1868. They rented a farm in Arcola Township for three years. In 1871, Aaron bought 61 acres of wild land in section 10 Tuscola Township. They moved into a small frame house on this land. He started breaking sod and fencing it. He had such success with crops that he soon built a large barn and house and good stock pens. He later bought eighty more acres in the same section. Mrs. Watson died in 1902. They had two children: Jesse and Addie. Addie married Robert N. Wright and had one daughter, Mary, in 1910.

Aaron Watson semi-retired after his wife died. He deeded the farm to his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. Robert Wright. He then served as school trustee for four years.

Name: Watson, W. L.

Birthdate: December 22, 1837

Birthplace: Vermilion County Illinois

Married: Never married

Married at:

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: 5th Missouri Cavalry

Children:

Death Date:

Death Place:

W. L. Watson's father was William D. Watson who was born in the neighborhood of Vincennes Indiana. In his early years he was a Methodist Minister, and traveled extensively in Indiana. His wife was Mary Low of Fountain County Indiana. His health failed him and he gave up traveling as a minister and moved to Georgetown, Vermilion County Illinois.

W. L. Watson's grandfather was also named William Watson, born in Kentucky and moved to Fountain County Indiana when a young man. He died there.

W. L. Watson was the eldest son of William D. Watson, who came from Vermilion County to Douglas County in 1834. He lived two years in Newman Township on Brushy Fork, south of Newman. Then he moved to a farm at Camargo until his death in October 1858. His wife died in 1866.

W. L. Watson was between four and five years old when his father moved to Camargo Illinois. He got his education at Camargo school. His father taught school, and was one of the first teachers in the old log school north of Main Street on Oak Street, about one hundred yards north of Alonzo Lion's Store on the corner. In 1858, when his father died, W. L. Watson, being the oldest, took charge of his father's farm and farmed until 1862 when he volunteered in the Fifth Missouri Cavalry. Then after a two-year term, he re-enlisted in the 13th Missouri Cavalry as a non-commissioned officer until the end of the war in January 1866. W. L. preferred cavalry and since they were not recruiting cavalry in Douglas County at that time, he went to St. Louis to enlist.

After the war, he returned to Camargo and commenced farming on the old homestead.

Name: Weh, David

Birthdate: January 30, 1844

Birthplace: Huron County Ohio

Married: Rebecca Cummings

Married at: Shelby County Ohio

Occupation: Farmer – Merchant

Military History: Company I 15th Ohio Voluntary Infantry for three months. Enlisted in the same company as Sergeant for three years. Promoted to Captain

Children: George F.

Death Date:

Death Place:

David Weh's father was John Weh, a native of Wittenberg Germany. John Weh first settled in Plymouth County Ohio. He was a wagon maker. He died in 1852. John's wife, Eva (Cafer) Weh of Whittenberg Germany. She died in Plymouth County Ohio in 1883.

David Weh was eight years old when his father died. He began working in a hotel. Then he clerked in a store in Plymouth County until he was seventeen years old. He then enlisted in the Army. After the war he worked in the store in Cresland, Ohio, as a salesman. Then he started trading in livestock in Kansas. He returned to Shelby County Ohio after eight months. In 1867 he came to Douglas County, where he farmed. In the late 1870's he went to Virginia, Cass County Illinois, where he was in the furniture business.

David married Rebecca Cummings on March 15, 1866 in Shelby County Ohio. Rebecca's parents moved to Tuscola Township. He owned 700 acres of land adjoining Tuscola when he died.

Name: West, William

Birthdate: January 4, 1840

Birthplace: Eugene Indiana

Married: Never married

Married at:

Occupation: Farmer – Raised bees and sold honey – Carpenter

Military History: Company E 25th Illinois Voluntary Infantry

Children:

Death Date: October 9, 1917

Death Place: Bowdre Township Hugo

William West was the son of Thomas and Mary (Florer) West. Thomas was born in Barren County Kentucky and died in Bowdre Township in 1882. Mary was born in Daviess County Indiana on November 10, 1810 and died in Coles County in 1852. Thomas West moved from Kentucky to Indiana with his parents in 1817. Thomas met Mary Florer and they were married in 1829 in Vermilion County Indiana. They lived in Indiana until 1842 when they moved to Coles County, south of Hindsboro at Greasy Point. He had bought this farm on a trip to Coles County several years before. He ran a sawmill in Indiana, but farmed after moving to Illinois. He sold this place in 1856 and bought a farm in Bowdre Township – 160 acres southeast of Hindsboro. He added another 200 acres in 1864. He then sold it in 1870 and rented land northeast of Hindsboro. He rented – and only bought four acres with a house in section 12 of Bowdre Township near Hugo. He lived there. Thomas married a second time to Mary Hutt in 1858. He had nine children. First wife: Alexander (died in Quincy Soldiers Home), Eliza Jane, John, Mary, Sarah, David, James (all deceased in 1910 history), William and Albert lived in Shelbyville, Illinois.

William West had four brothers in the Army: Alexander – Company B 79th IL Infantry; John – Company E 25th; David – Company B 21st IL Infantry, died in Nashville Tennessee; and, James – Company C 115th IL Infantry, died in Bridgeport Alabama.

William West was discharged in December 1861 – disability. He returned to his father's farm, and helped on the farm until 1870. Then he went to Nashville Tennessee doing carpenter work and coal-tar roofing. He had a small apiary and sold honey. He also sold patent rights on beehives. His territory was the Southern States. He remained there until 1877 when he went to Cincinnati Ohio for two years as foreman for a paint manufacturing company. In 1879 he returned to Bowdre Township to take care of his father. He lived on the four-acre tract at Hugo for the rest of his life. He was never married.

Name: White, George

Birthdate: August 18, 1839

Birthplace: Glasgow, Barron County
Kentucky

Married: Della Clark

Married at: Edgar County

Occupation: Merchant – Implement Dealer – Auctioneer

Military History: Company E 12th Illinois Voluntary Infantry

Children: Henry W., Fred

Death Date: August 12, 1904

Death Place: Newman, Illinois

George White came to Newman in 1874 from Paris, Edgar County. He married Della Clark, a native of Kentucky, in Paris Illinois just before coming to Newman. They had two children living (1900). Henry W., one of their children, went to Chicago Homeopathic School of Medicine and graduated in 1901. Fred, the other child, was in business with his father in Newman.

George was a most successful and extensive implement dealer in Douglas County. He handled the Mitchell wagons and several makes of buggies and carriages. His sales ran \$25,000 to \$35,000 per year. He was also an auctioneer.

George's parents, Middleton and Mary (Biby) White were both born in Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky and moved to Edgar County near Paris Illinois. Both died there and were buried in Paris Cemetery.

Name: Wiley, George

Birthdate: April 18, 1843

Birthplace: Champaign County Illinois

Married: Ruth Ann Moore (1st) – Mary E. Starr (2nd)

Married at: (1st) Garrett Township in 1866.
She died in 1869. (2nd) Atwood in 1870

Occupation: Merchant

Military History: Company G 11th Indiana Cavalry

Children: (1st) William and Laura (2nd) George Jr. and Jessie May

Death Date: September 5, 1917

Death Place: Atwood – Mackville
Cemetery

George was the son of William and Sarah (Lowman) Wiley. William and Sarah were raised in Ohio and married in Illinois. William died in Douglas County in 1870 at the age of 52 years. Sarah died in Douglas County in 1860 at the age of 42 years.

When George was six years old his parents moved to Coles County, what is now Garrett Township. He lived on the home farm until 1863 when enlisted in Indiana Cavalry. He returned to the home and engaged in farming in 1866 to 1867. Then he went into merchandising in Ivesdale, Champaign County for three years. Then he moved to Vermilion County and ran a business for eighteen months. In 1875, after the railroad went through, he came back to Atwood and engaged in merchandising. He sold this business to Mr. Fisher in 1880. In 1882 Mr. Wiley bought out Mr. Linton. Mr. Linton bought back half interest and it was known as Wiley and Linton. They dealt in groceries and queensware. Mr. Wiley finally sold his share to Mr. Linton. He went blind, his affliction caused from colds and chronic diseases while in the Army.

George's first marriage was to Ruth Ann Moore of Piatt County in 1866. She died in 1869. His second marriage to Mary E. Starr was in 1870. Mary E. was born in Vermilion County Ohio in 1850. She moved with her parents to Garrett Township.

George was a member of Atwood G.A.R. Post.

Name: Winship, David

Birthdate: February 25, 1845

Birthplace: Tiaga County New York

Married: Bernice May

Married at: Garrett Township Douglas
County

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company H 21st Ohio Voluntary Infantry – Assigned 2nd Brigade 2nd
Division 14th Army Corps. Army of the Cumberland

Children: Charles J., James, Alta, Homer, Anna Mary, Arthur, Clinton (died young)

Death Date: 1930

Death Place: Garrett Township, buried in
Cartright Cemetery

David and Bernice had seven children: Charles J. and James lived in Garrett Village; Alta married John Dulin and lived in Tuscola Township; Homer lived in Garrett; Anna Mary was the wife of Harry Haines and lived in Garrett; Arthur lived at the home place (1910 history).

David Winship, of section 28 Garrett Township, was born February 25, 1845. He was the son of Russel and Anna Maria (Van Houten) Winship. Russell was born in Tiaga County New York in 1804 and died in Douglas County in 1896 at the age of 92 years. Anna Maria was born in New Jersey in 1816 and died in Douglas County in 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Winship moved from New York to Delaware County Ohio in 1858. They bought a small tract of land. They lived on this place until 1868, when they sold it and moved to Garrett Township Douglas County. There they bought 80 acres of prairie land, which had been broken and farmed, but no buildings. He put up a frame house and barn. He got 80 acres under cultivation. Russel and Anna Maria had seven children: John was killed by a horse while young; Jane was the wife of Truman Rolosen; Charles J. was a sergeant in Company C 4th Ohio Infantry and died at Romney Virginia; John was in the 2nd Company G 13th Ohio Cavalry and was discharged on May 28, 1864 with a disability; Mary was the wife of Robert Adams; Hester Ann; and David.

David remained on his father's farm until September 11, 1862, when he went into the Army. He was wounded in his left shoulder at Chickamauga. He was in the field hospital at Chattanooga, Nashville, New Albany, and Camp Dennison Ohio for eight months. He rejoined his regiment. In the Battle of Kenesaw Mountain he was wounded in the left breast and once again was sent to the hospital at Nashville for two months, then transferred to New York City. From New York City he was transferred to Savannah Georgia, where he rejoined his regiment. He was then in the Battle of Bentonville North Carolina. His Regiment was sent to Washington D.C. for the grand review. He was discharged there on June 5, 1865. He went to Columbus Ohio and mustered out as a

Corporal. After the war, David joined his family in Ohio and moved with them to Garrett Township Douglas County. He owned sixty acres of his father's homestead. He married Bernice May on February 28, 1870. Bernice's parents were Obed May (a blacksmith) and Mary (Vining) May. They were both natives of Delaware County Ohio. Also, they both died there.

David and Bernice lived on his father's farm in Garrett Township section 28.

Name: Woodworth, S. L.

Birthdate: December 9, 1841

Birthplace: Licking County Ohio

Married: Martha J. Starner (1st) – Arletta Stratton (2nd)

Married at: (1st) Coles County – (2nd) Arcola

Occupation: Merchant Grain Elevators

Military History: 8th Illinois Infantry and 79th Illinois Voluntary Infantry – 1st Lieutenant

Children: (1st) Sobrina, Silas E., Cora, Harry, Burtie, and infant died at 5 months. (2nd) Eva died in infancy

Death Date: 1911

Death Place: Arcola

S. L. Woodworth's parents were H. C. Woodworth and Catharine (Critchett) Woodworth. H. C. was a native of Vermont and Catharine a native of New York. H. C. was a farmer and cooper. He also held several county offices while living in Cumberland County Illinois. He favored a vigorous prosecution of the Civil War. As evidence of that fact, he had six sons and all at one time they were in the Union Army. H. C. died in 1871 at the age of 64 years. Catharine died in 1858 at the age of 50 years. They had twelve children.

S. L. Woodworth came with his parents to Cumberland County Illinois and settled on a farm twelve miles south of Charleston in 1851. All of his brothers and sisters had very good schooling advantages. Seven of them had experience in school teaching. Two of the boys taught for years. S. L. taught two years, but not liking the business of teaching, he came to Douglas County in 1858 and was an engineer in the saw and grist mill owned by Mr. Gere (James). He worked at this for two years. Then he engaged in the grocery business with his brother until 1861, when he enlisted in the Army 8th Illinois Infantry until 1862. He was discharged because of sickness. In about a month he was well and raised a company and was assigned to the 79th Illinois Infantry as First Lieutenant. In February 1864 he resigned and came home.

He took part in Battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, and Stone River. When he came back to Arcola, he had a job with Buckingham Elevator as a bookkeeper for twelve years. He bought the elevator at Arthur and in Arcola, which is Woodworth Elevator. He handled 250,000 bushels of grain each year besides dealing in coal and seed of all kinds. He was a member of the City of Arcola Board and School Board for twelve years.

Mr. Woodworth married Martha J. Starner of Coles County in 1864. She died in August 1879 – 33 years old. S. L. married a second time to Aletta Stratton of Arcola in May 1880. She was born in Licking County Ohio.

Name: Wright, John Beard

Birthdate:

Birthplace: Parke County Indiana

Married: (1st) Augusta Johnson, (2nd) Mrs. Lucinda Newlin

Married at: (1st) Newport Indiana
December 24, 1872; (2nd) January 4, 1899

Occupation: Farmer

Military History: Company A 85th Indiana Voluntary Infantry

Children: (1st) Lydia P., Prier B., Anna, John C., Elizabeth, Katie

Death Date:

Death Place:

John B. Wright's first wife died August 14, 1896. They had six children: Lydia P. married M. S. Patrick of WestRidge, the son of Thomas Patrick – they had one daughter Lavonne. Anna married John E. Welever of Lafayette Indiana, then went to Colorado, had one daughter. John C. was a farmer near Cayuga Indiana, married Maude Fable, daughter of Henry Fable.

John B. Wright's second wife was a widow of Eli Newlin of Bloomingdale Indiana.

John B. was the son of Prier Wright who was born in Richmond Virginia and moved to Kentucky when John B. was nine years old. In John B.'s 18th year the family journeyed to Parke County Indiana on foot. For several years Prier worked on a farm. Later he ran a grocery store at the Narrows of Sugar Creek. He also rented a gristmill there. Finally he erected a large grist mill of his own eight miles below the Narrows. It became known as Wrights Mills and was the largest mill in the county and possibly in the State. Prier Wright died there on October 12, 1860.

John B. Wright entered college at Crawfordsville Indiana. While attending school he enlisted in the Army on August 7, 1862. He mustered out June 21, 1865. After the war Mr. Wright went back to Parke County where he farmed near West Union until 1875. Then he located on a farm near Cayuga Indiana. He remained there until 1893 when he moved to a farm in Camargo Township West Ridge in section 9-16-20. He purchased this land in 1884 from Michael Hahn, who, during the war, was appointed by President Lincoln to the post of Provisional Governor of Louisiana. One of the greatest attractions of this farm was Mr. Wright's deer park. He had a high fence with a grove of trees. He brought two does with him from Indiana and bought a buck here. He had twenty-one deer in 1909.

While in Indiana he specialized in registered short-horn cattle. He brought them with him to Illinois and had a herd of breeding stock that he sold. In addition to the farm in

Douglas County, he owned a farm in Indiana and a fruit farm in Florida and a rice farm in Louisiana. He was a member of G.A.R. post in Tuscola.

Name: Wright, Burdette

Birthdate: 1833

Birthplace: Connecticut

Married: Emma

Married at: ? born Illinois

Occupation: Ran a sawmill

Military History: G.A.R. marker

Children: J. F. male, May E., Lora F., Jessie

Death Date: May 20, 1875

Death Place: Camargo

Burdette Wright ran a sawmill in Bourbon Township in 1866, then he moved the mill to Camargo in 1870. One boy died in 1875 at the age of 12 years.