

# The Nance Memorial

A HISTORY OF THE

## NANCE FAMILY IN GENERAL

But More Particularly of Clement Nance, of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and Descendants,  
Containing Historical and Biographical  
Records with Family Lineage

By

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It is wise for us to recur to the history of our ancestors. Those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the Past and the Future, do not perform their duty to the world.—DANIEL WEBSTER.

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Your Fellow-Kinsman,  
GEO. W. NANCE.

COME, walk with me, adown the aisles,  
Of our ancestral halls,  
And learn of those, whose hearts and lives  
Were filled with love of God, and human love,  
And crowned, by His grace.  
Take pride, your ancestry was pure,  
Of sturdy, wholesome stock,  
That scorned a meanness, or a wrong;  
A name which none could mock.  
These pioneers, who left their homes,—  
New fields, to till and try,  
And dangers brave, and trials meet,  
They made their mark, indellible,  
And stamped it on the race,  
Those yet to come, in honest pride,  
To bear an open, fearless face.  
Those who in this, the later day,  
Are numbered in "The Line,"  
And in the "Record" have a place,  
Do here give thanks, and homage yield  
Our brave ancestors — gone.

—Joanna Shields-Warren.

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SACRED  
to the memory of  
CLEMENT NANCE,

preacher, poet, pioneer, judge, and patriarch;  
ancestral head of Part I., is this volume affectionately dedicated  
by his great-grandson,  
The Author.

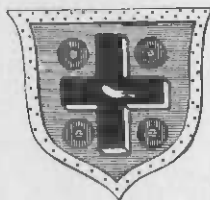
The patriarch is the mightiest of Kings; he rules over countless generations, not with laws written on tables of stone, but by the impress of his own character stamped in the nature of his posterity. So Ishmael stamped the Arab character more than forty centuries ago, and so Abraham became the father of a wonderful progeny, touched later by Jacob's greed. Clement Nance has already laid his wand of empire on several generations, and religion, probity, intelligence, and high and holy purpose is the message he is sending down the ages. His scepter over generations yet unborn is a scepter of righteousness.

—(Rev.) N. J. Ayllsworth.

"Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord and that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth; the generations of the upright shall be blessed."—PS. 112:1, 2.

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PER MARE PER TERRAS  
NANCE "COAT OF ARMS."

"Semper-idem"—the same always,  
 Whether the days be many or few,  
 "Semper-idem" thus we praise,  
 One whom we know to be true.  
 This "Coat of Arms," a race belongs  
 Whose history is not fully known,  
 But that to Nance—whose lineage's traced  
 In this Memorial's by them owned.  
 To be of "Semper-idem" stock,  
 With lives well regulate, and true,  
 Is honor greatly to be prized,—  
 The old gauge's better than the new.

"Semper-idem,"

—Joe.

There are two ways of spelling the motto on this Coat of Arms. Cousin Joanna prefers the one generally used, while Queen Elizabeth and the original owner used the other form. The meaning is the same, "always the same."

The name of the original owner is not known, nor is his nationality, whether English or French. The origin and history of the larger "Coat of Arms" is also unknown.

## PREFACE.

When the author began the gathering of data presented in this volume, about January, 1892, he had no thought of a published Memorial. David L. Demorest, father of Mrs. Nance, having prepared his own family tree of eleven generations and twenty thousand names, urged the privilege of doing the same for the author.

Before Father Demorest became too old to use pen and ink, he had placed on the Nance family tree, two thousand six hundred and fifty names. The author had become interested and continued the gathering of data. Different persons wrote urging the publication of a Nance history.

After his return from New Albany, September, 1901, the author first gave serious thought to the publication of a family history.

The author is under obligation to all those who have furnished data of their own families. These are too numerous to mention.

To those who have gone outside their own families, sending data and assisting in other ways, he wishes to mention by name.

The most prominent of these, doing more than any other, is Cousin William Mitchell, mentioned at length at the proper place. Space forbids the mentioning of more than the names of others: James D. Nance, Versalia Luman, Jas. H. Richardson, Merica P. Oatman, Media Causey, Prof. Chas. W. Shields, Dr. Willis O. Nance, and Herbert A. Barrows, deserve special mention. These are all of Part I.

Clement Nance, ancestral head of Part I., left a trunk full of genealogical manuscript that was buried when the home of Susan Nance Gresham was destroyed by fire in 1867. No one has been found who had seen the contents, though several remember the trunk and were aware of the nature of the contents. With the burning of that trunk all knowledge of the ancestry of our honored dead seems to have perished from the earth.

The author is not aware that any other person has ever attempted to write a history of the family.

A goodly number outside of Part I., have taken deep interest in the progress of the Memorial, aiding in every way possible.

Only a few of the most persistent and efficient can be named here: J. A. McDannel, Washington, D. C.; W. E. Nance, Cardiff, Wales; D. C. Nance, Cedar Hill, Texas; Miss Bathenia H. Nance, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and S. E. Nance and family, of Petersburg, Illinois, deserve special mention.

Whole families would have had to be omitted, and in fact some have been, but for the interest taken by others, who, in addition to their own families, have done what they could to supply the lack of interest in their relatives. Should any member of a family who has not personally furnished records, reading this Memorial, find his family incomplete or incorrect, let him blame himself for not having insured its correctness, by sending the very knowledge by which he judges of the error herein found.

And now a last word. The author is proud of his work. It is the child of his mature life; the joy of his declining years. He presents it with all of its imperfections, without apology. He has done the best he could. He makes no claim to literary merit. He has tried to "tell the tale as 'twas told to him," in common, every-day language. The lack of interest on the part of many has been the only source of annoyance, yet he does not complain, for the letters of appreciation have been many and warm.

The work has been a labor of love, in which he has taken great delight. He presents the Memorial as a parent would a fond child, asking that it be received without expressions of dislike over its imperfections; but he would be pleased to have words of approval from those who have longed for its appearance, if it prove not a disappointment.

THE AUTHOR.

Bloomington, Ill., July, 1904.

## INTRODUCTION.

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The plan of the genealogical tables in this work is so unique that it may require some explanation, but when understood, is so simple that the most careless may read and trace his genealogy most easily.

As far as known to the author no work has ever been published following the plan of this work. The tree form idea was obtained from David L. Demorest, father-in-law of the author. The calling of the generations by the parts of the tree is original in the author.

Beginning with the ancestral head of Part I., he is called the trunk. The trunk divides into limbs, the limbs into branches, they into twigs. The twigs bear buds which bring forth blossoms, and the blossoms grow into fruit. So the seven parts of the tree answer to the seven generations of Part I. The aucestors of our trunk, if they were known, might be called roots, as indeed some of the families have more than one generation before the one designated as trunk.

It has been the aim of the author to call the brothers, sisters, cousins, and supposed cousins of our Clement, trunks of their respective families, and where no definite relationship was known, to call those of same day and generation, as near as may be, the trunk. Thus several of the families have one or more ancestors of their trunks that might be called roots, if one wished to run the simile into the ground.

The advantage is this: Limbs of a common trunk are brothers and sisters. Branches of a common limb are also brothers and sisters. So also are twigs of a common branch brothers and sisters. Twigs having a common trunk, limb and branch are also brothers and sisters, while twigs having a common trunk and limb, but different branches, are cousins. If, however, the trunk only is common, then the twigs are second cousins. If the trunks also are different, then the twigs are third cousins, provided, of course, the trunks are brothers and sisters. If, however, the

trunks were cousins, then the twigs are fourth cousins. Thus the twigs in the families of William Howe, Zachariah I., David, and Frederick Nance, are fourth cousins, positive or supposed.

It is believed that this will simplify the tracing of relationships.

For example, turn to page twenty-five. Here you see Dorothy Nance-Burton, limb one. At the close of her life sketch is a list of her children, or branches. Immediately following, is Clement, branch one. Following his sketch over the leaf to page twenty-six, you see his likeness, and at the close, follow his children, twigs. Now see the first name or twig, you read William E. The surname, Burton, is left off as a superfluous repetition. Following the name is a small w, meaning wife, whose full maiden name appears on the next line below. The small d following the w, means the person is dead. In the column to the right are the buds. In this family there is but one, Sarah C. The h means husband whose name appears on the line below, Ross Eldon Witt. Following his name is their address, Clarksville, Iowa. (The address is given when known.) The next column gives the three blossoms, all having companions and addresses. The last column has the fruit, each of these blossoms bearing fruit. Now by retracing this first family in the book, from Dorothy Nance-Burton, limb, through branch, twig, bud, and blossom, to Charles E. Witt, the first fruit in the Memorial, often enough to thoroughly understand it, you will have no trouble in understanding any table in this volume.

The indexes have been simplified and made more efficient by the leaving out of all buds, blossoms, and fruits, admitting only the trunk, limbs, branches, and twigs. It is believed that any one desiring to trace himself or another, will have little or no trouble in tracing back to the twig without the use of the book. This saves the addition of 1,895 names to the index in Part I. alone, thus avoiding a very cumbersome list. Besides, very many would be repetitions of names, always confusing in a family index. Following the names in the index are the letters tr, l, b, or t, indicating whether the person is a trunk, limb, branch, or twig. Following the names in the index are two or more page numbers, some times. They usually refer to different persons with the same name.

**COUSIN**, One collaterally related by descent from a common ancestor, but not a brother or sister. The children of brothers and sisters are first cousins; the children of first cousins are second cousins, etc. A first cousin once removed is a child of one's first cousin; a first cousin twice removed is

the grandchild of one's first cousin, etc. A second cousin once removed is the child of one's second cousin, etc. A first cousin once removed is sometimes called a second cousin; a second cousin, a third cousin, and so on.—*The Standard Dictionary.*

The author has been careful in quoting the above, because of the confusion on the subject of consanguinity in the minds of a good many. Indeed the very best and most extensive Memorial that the author has been permitted to peruse, gives a very different definition of the term cousin. It is a mystery where the compiler obtained his definition.

The page in the index, after the name, always refers to the page where the name is found in the table. The life sketch and the half-tone of the trunks, limbs, and branches, are always found above their respective tables, while those of the twigs, buds, and blossoms, are always found below their respective tables.

The chief value of this work, apart from the historical matter, is centered in the genealogical or family tables. Study them. Understand them. No attempt has been made to write a life sketch of each of the more than five thousand names appearing in this Memorial. Such would be an impossible task, besides it would not be interesting, if it were possible. An attempt has been made, however, to write a short sketch of a few of the most prominent members of each family and generation. In many instances it has been impossible to get data from which a sketch could be written. Many families have furnished very meager information, or none at all. Others have furnished more than could be used, consequently much interesting matter had to be dropped or condensed, to keep a proper equipoise between the various parts of the volume.

As a very large percentage of those named in this Memorial are members of the religious body calling themselves variously the Christian Church, Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, and in a few instances Disciples Church, the author has deemed it best to use but one term, the first mentioned, and to explain the same here. He prefers the term, Church of Christ, and indeed he thinks a very large majority of the congregations have been legally organized under that name, while at the same time locally using the term Christian Church.

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## PATRIOTISM.

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On the pages of this Memorial are expressions from some of those of the south land, concerning the issues of the days of the civil war of 1861-5, not always complimentary to the people of the north. The author, as well as hundreds whose names appear in this Memorial, was in the conflict on the side for the preservation of the Union. There were other hundreds on the side of the Confederacy. The author has studiously avoided these questions himself while allowing others full right to express themselves in their own way.

The author's sentiments on these matters are found only on this page. First, he is not conscious of now having, or ever having had any prejudice for or against the people of the south. Second, he believes the intelligent people, both north and south, are now convinced that the race problem is not settled as yet. Third, he believes that no one at all intelligent is sorry we have one united country to-day ; that we of the north can cross the Ohio river into Louisville, and the people of the south can cross the same river into Cincinnati, to do our shopping without having to pay duty on our purchases, and having our luggage inspected by government officials every time we cross the line. Fourth, he has asked cousin Joanna Shields-Warren, of Louisville, to express in rhyme an up-to-date sentiment on these issues, as a kind of antidote to some expressions that may appear to some as hardly present day sentiment. She responds as follows :

## THE BLUE AND THE GRAY.

They waged the battle together,  
They fought in deadly strife;  
'Twas but the soul's appealing  
For a principle dearer than life.

The ties of blood and of birthright  
Were ignored, forgot in the fray,  
And the one impelling impulse  
Guided each in this fatal way.

The South was dear to its people,  
And just as dear, the to-day,  
And to see her crushed and wounded,  
Was a something to grieve alway.

Each were right, and God will judge them  
With a judgment higher than man;  
He knows what made these differences,  
Not alike, and yet not to blame.

One family, each child with its impulse,  
Some stronger, and others more true,  
What caused the wild rush of feeling  
To differ, none living can know.

But now that the war is long ended,  
And years have both come and gone,  
The brother—hood feel—the God man  
Rules again, and there's peace in the home.

The feeling of hatred,—resentment—  
Is softened—and wrongs endured—  
Are left in the past, but remembered  
Though unspoken, and the wounds scarce cured.

In the Grand Lodge of Heaven,  
The Blue and the Gray  
Will meet and clasp hands  
By order of the Grand Master above.  
All differences healed, all wrongs forgot,  
They will aye dwell in unity, peace, and love.

## ERRATA.

- Page 1, line 11, for "contest," read "conquest."  
 " 21, " 29, after "never," insert "had."  
 " 77, " 25, between "the" and "more," insert "Lord."  
 " 109, " 15, for "John," read "Hugh."  
 " 127, " 1, for "limbs," read "branches."  
 " 140, " bud column, for "Zulu," read "Lulu."  
 " 180, " 5 from bottom, for "developed," read "devolved."  
 " 185, " middle of page, for "1839," read "1838."  
 " 201, " twig column, for "Illinois," read "Indiana."  
 " 223, " twig column, for "Paer, Texas," read "Poer, Texas."  
 " 255, " 2, for "twigs," read "branches."  
 " 288, " branch column, for "James Dayton," read Jas. Drayton."  
 " 302, " 6, erase the word "intestate."  
 " 303, " 6 from bottom, for "road," read "rope."  
 " 292, under the half-tone, "Addison," should be affixed to "Wallace."

There are other typographical errors but they do not mar the meaning, and they will be easily detected.

The reader will please turn at once to the errors indicated above and with fine pen and ink, make the corrections.

## THE NANCES OF THE WORLD.

**T**HE earliest mention of the name Nance as applied to a family, that the author has found, is in a communication from Padstow, Cornwall, England, written by Elijah Nance to W. E. Nance, Esq., of Cardiff, Wales. (See Appendix, Exhibit "A".) This letter was written in 1856, and covers, as it says, 790 years from 1066, when William the Conqueror in one battle at Hastings, killed the King and took possession of all England and Wales. This army had crossed from Normandy, in France. The whole of England and Wales was confiscated and became the possessions of the Conqueror and his army.

Under the heading, "The Norman Contest of England," in Johnson's Universal Cyclopædia, is the following, viz :

Domesday Book, William's famous property-survey, divides the land into 60,215 knight-fees, 28,015 of which are in the hands of the church, each being pledged to knight (or equivalent foot) service and to all precedential feudal taxes and tributes, liable also to escheat and forfeiture. These feoffs or fees are held from the Crown (1) by a score or so of great secular vassals, magnates of Normandy, leaders of the conquering army invested with large but scattering complexes; (2) by several hundred lesser chief-tenants or crown vassals, nearly all Normans; and (3) by the higher clergy, Norman and Saxon. From these, again held by re-enfeoffment 7,871 after-vassals-half Saxon thanes, left in possession under Norman overlords, half Norman soldiers, sharing with their leaders the lands they had helped to win. These, too, are sworn "men of the king," levied and led, not by their lords, but by the royal viscounts, constables, and marshals. Instead of the earlier, irregular folk-service, stood now a strong feudal militia, paid with land and under full control of the monarch from whom they held their pay, making England's rulers, for the first time, full lords of the island, and England, from the side of power, at least, a thoroughly united state.

The Normans had but one name, a Christian, or given name. Coming into England where people had two names, they adopted this custom of the country. In this army was a general from a valley in Normandy, called Nantes. This general took the name Nance from this valley home, for some reason changing the spell-

ing somewhat. His share of the land was located at Padstow, Cornwall, and the family is still there, but they have lost their estate.

There is another old family in Cornwall, for an account of which see Appendix, Exhibit "B." And still another, of which John Hobson Matthews, the author of "History of St. Ives, and Other Parishes," is a descendant. (See Exhibit "C".) Also see quotations from said work (Exhibit "D"). From these quotations you will see references to one "Old John Nance," by John Wesley. Said John Nance was one of John Wesley's best friends and backers in his troubles at St. Ives.

The author has no evidence that any of the American Nances have descended from any of these old families. He has not even a tradition pointing that way. Some of the above families were Catholic, and some were Protestant.

The history of the family of Nance, in France, prior to their emigration to America, is but little known. Sufficient, however, has been obtained through history and tradition to establish the fact that we are of French lineage.

The Nances were Protestants. The Protestants were called Huguenots as a reproach. The Standard Dictionary says :

The Huguenots were the most moral, industrious and intelligent part of the French population.

Andrew X., of Belfast, Ireland (Exhibit "E"), says :

My Uncle William spent much time and money in looking up his ancestry. He found the "Coat of Arms" of the family, the motto of which is the same as that of Queen Elizabeth, and indicates that royal blood of France flows in our veins; and that the Nances appear to have been an aristocratic, noble family; and that the name was a territorial name. Thus, we could call ourselves DeNance, if we so desired. Two brothers, Andrew I., and Clement, with their families, fled from France at the time of the Huguenot persecutions, when so many fled to England, Germany, Switzerland, South America, and North America. These brothers came to Cornwall in South England where Andrew I. settled and became the head of a large family. His descendants have spread over England, Scotland, and Ireland. One family went to the Scilly Islands where it is said one island is inhabited almost entirely by Nances. That Clement went north and was entirely lost to his brother Andrew.

The tradition of the family in America is that our ancestors were driven from France and settled in Wales, from which country they early came to America. Thus history and tradition seem to agree, Wales being just north of Cornwall, and adjoining same.

Just when the Nances came to America is uncertain, but it must have been very soon after settlement began, judging by the

very many of the name found about tide-water in Virginia and North Carolina.

It seems most reasonable that this Clement, brother of Andrew I., must have been our emigrating father. First, from the fact that no Nances are found in Wales who cannot be easily traced to a different ancestry. The family could not have remained there very long. Secondly, because of the preponderance of Clement's in nearly all Nance families in America.

One writer says our emigrating father came over with Captain John Smith on his third trip, the company forming the first permanent settlement in Virginia. This was in 1607. This is erroneous, for John Smith in his autobiography gives the lists of all who came with him on all his trips, and no Nance appears.

This same writer says that our ancestors were of the Albigenses of South France, and that "They ever held to the doctrine, faith, and practice of their ancestors, the Albigenses faith, and came to America with the hope of finding a country and a home in which they might establish a government fraught with moderation and religious toleration. They formed the embryo of the Baptist church that spread throughout the country, from whose church government Thomas Jefferson got his first form of a democratic constitution which afterwards ripened into the Constitution of the United States of America."

The author thinks he is in error in this as in the other statement, for "Albigenses" was a name applied loosely to "heretics," belonging to various sects that abounded in the South of France about the beginning of the thirteenth century. From 1209 to 1226, a cruel war continued in which hundreds of thousands were put to death. A settlement was effected at the latter date. The Albigenses lost their identity long before the settlement of this country began.

These same "heretics" of the Romish church of the thirteenth century, were called "Huguenots" in the later centuries. The war on the Huguenots began in earnest in 1559, and kept up to the edict of Nantes in 1598, when they had comparative peace for about twenty years. Then the cruel war began again. Rochelle, the stronghold of the Huguenots fell in 1628, and of her 24,000 inhabitants, but 4,000 remained, the balance having died by starvation or massacre. The wars continued until the revocation of the edict of Nantes, in 1685. In the next three years it is said France lost nearly one million by emigration.



Just when this Clement Nance came to America, if he really came, is unknown. From the Vestry Book and Register of Bristol Parish, Virginia (Exhibit "F"), we get the first birth records known. The number is about twenty-five, and date from 1712 to 1745. They contain the names Daniel, Elizabeth, Elinor, Phebe, Lucy, Mary, Eliza, John, Jane, Thomas, Richard, William, Leonard, Nathaniel, Anne, Martha, Giles, Sarah, Priscilla, and Nancy. Several of the names appear a number of times.

In a list of thirty-one land patents granted to "Nance," in Virginia, from 1639 to 1779 (Exhibit "G"), these names appear: Richard, William, John, Daniel, Thomas, Reuben, Giles, and Clement. Some of the names are repeated several times. The first was for 300 acres in Henrico county, to Richard Nance, for transportation of six persons into the colony. This was issued March 18, 1639, only thirty-two years after the first permanent settlement in Virginia.

One patent to 1,574 acres, was granted to Giles Nance, December 1, 1779. This is no doubt the tract from which he deeded something over 1,000 acres chiefly to our Clement and his family, from 1787 to 1796.

The Clement named in patent to 270 acres, is the ancestral head of Part I. There are about twenty-five supposedly distinct families named in this volume. The particulars of each family are given in the proper place. The author can only mention a few of the most prominent, as to size here. Early in his researches for his own family, that of Clement Nance, senior, (Part I.) he came across the descendants of Zachariah II., (Part II.) in the family of A. G. Nance, Petersburg, Illinois.

About the same time he was put into correspondence with Miss Bethenia H. Nance, of Nashville, now of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. She is descended from David Nance, who was uncle of Zachariah II., above. Mrs. Lucy Baxter Hunt is descended from the same David, but through another son. The family of David, as well as that of Zachariah II., is a very large one. It is very evident that Zachariah I. and David were brothers; also as told more fully in Part I., many of us believing that the father of Clement, of Part I., was William How Nance, who also had a brother Frederick, father of Cloa Nance Mitchell, we settled down to the belief that these four, Zachariah I., David, William How, and Frederick, were brothers. This would connect three of the largest families, and a smaller one, making a family of

many thousands. This seemed almost positive, the more so, in that Zachariah II. remembered seeing his Uncle William. He also remembered his uncle's son, Thomas, and son-in-law, Tucker. They returned to New Kent county after the Revolution, for the purpose of obtaining their mother's dowery from the Vaughn estate. (See Part II.) Some months since, Prof. Shields, of Part I., sent the author copies which he obtained of some old wills. (Exhibit "H.") Among these wills is one of William Nance, evidently the uncle remembered by Zachariah II. In this will he names his children, but does not name Clement. This the author confesses was a hard blow to him for he had learned to love the family of Zachariah II. We have, therefore, been loth to give this information out, as it cuts him off from close relationship to these two large families.

There is another very large family with Richard as ancestral head. They are widely scattered. Mr. J. A. McDannel, of Washington, D. C., a member of this family, was a great help to the author, in tracing this family.

Another large family has Reuben as ancestral head. They are widely scattered.

A North Carolina family, a large one, has John as ancestral head. His grand son, John Webb Nance, resides at Abingdon, Illinois. His picture appears with the family history.

All these families from Zachariah II. down, and many more, appear in Part II. They are an interesting study. The author has no doubt a good many of these families could be traced to a common ancestry, if one with time and money and a copy of this memorial should visit Virginia and make a personal investigation. He trusts someone may do this in his day.

#### OUR RELIGION.

All Nances in America are Protestants. A few have married into Catholic families, but the author has never heard of one becoming a Catholic.

As to Protestant bodies, a very large majority of Nances are members or adherents of the Christian church. Clement (Part I.), and his descendants, are fully nine-tenth of that faith. Zachariah II. (Part II.), and his descendants, are very largely of the same faith. The descendants of David are largely Baptist. The author is not informed as to the church affiliations of the descendants of Richard, to any large extent, but they are of the Christian church as far as his information goes. The descend-

ants of Reuben are of the same faith as far as the author is informed, which is quite general.

#### OUR POLITICS.

Not one of the name, as far as known, be it said to our honor, has ever taken up politics as a profession, or as a livelihood.

We are strong in our adherence to what we believe to be right. We are lovers of political and religious liberty for which our forefathers came to this country.

We are strong in our party affiliations. We are great lovers of our country and our religion, and are ever ready to die for either. This is evidenced by the very many who entered the armies in the rebellion of 1861-5. Those in the south land being found generally in the Confederate army, and those of the north, in the army for the preservation of the Union.

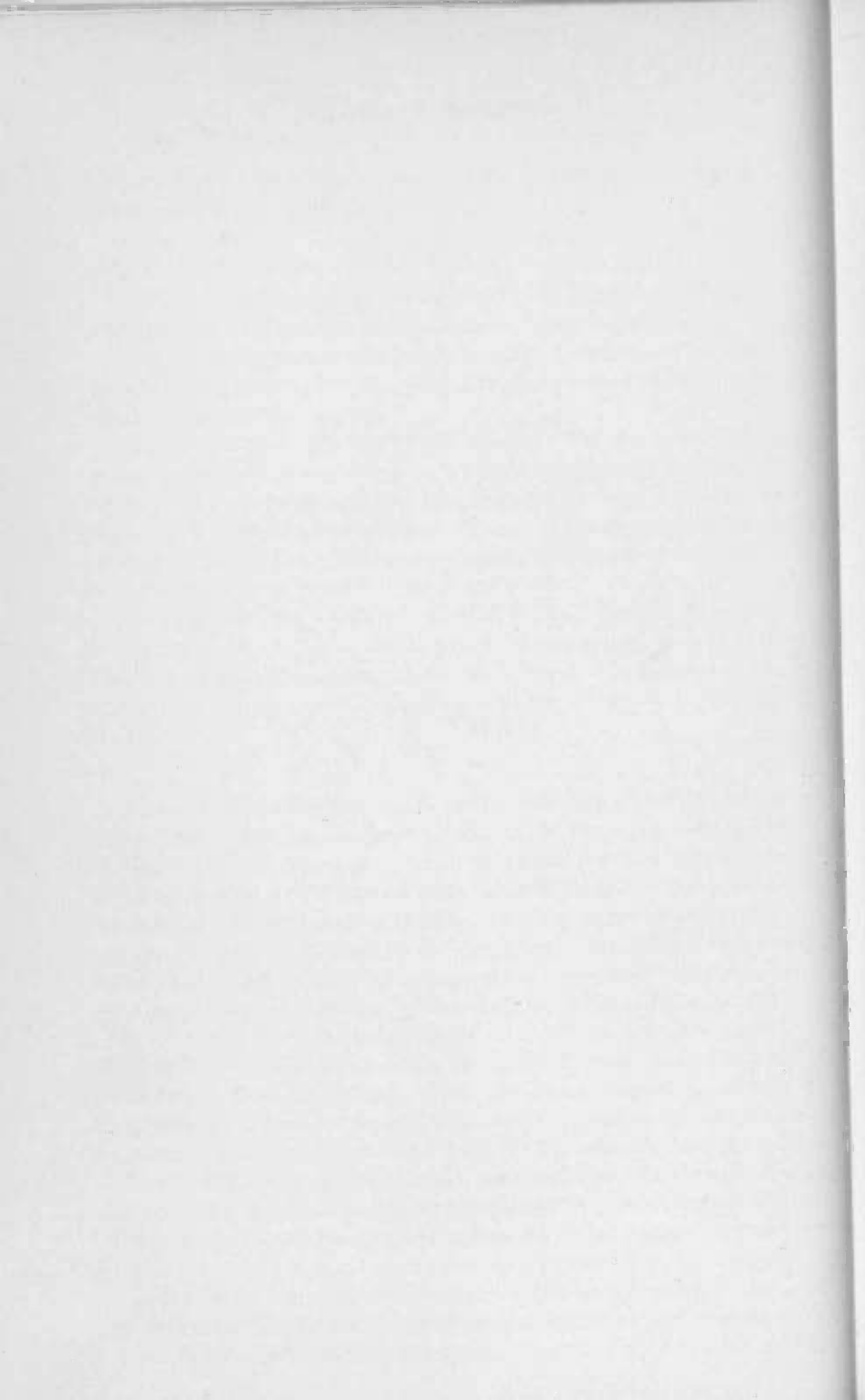
Coming from the south it is natural that we should be largely democrats. Of course there are very many exceptions to this. Those settling farthest north are more largely republicans. The prohibition party has its usual percentage of adherents in our family.

#### OUR VOCATIONS.

More of our family are tillers of the soil than follow any other one calling. Among the professions, that of medicine is far in the lead. (This is certainly true of Clement's family, but the author is not as well informed as to other families.) The law has its devotees, as well as the gospel. Quite a number are professors in colleges, or teachers in other schools. He thinks we have attained greatest success as merchants and traders. We have a good sprinkling of bankers. We are found in all honorable vocations of life. We have never heard of a saloon keeper, gambler or criminal in our family. There are a few weak ones, weak to resist temptations of the open dram shop set along their path by our so-called Christian civilization. Be this said to the everlasting disgrace of Protestant America. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, when you find a Nance, you will find a citizen in the middle walks of life, honored and respected by all who know him. This last sentence is the highest compliment that can be paid any people.

Many of the family have much wealth, and some are quite independent, but the author does not believe that the amassing of wealth is a characteristic of the family.

## PART I.



## CHAPTER I.

## CLEMENT NANCE, SENIOR.

The head's the cap-sheaf of the man,  
And Clement Nance the head, this race began  
Bodily to form, and more adown the ranks of years,  
Long years. And from his brain evolved  
The changes—traits—changes that multiply with time,  
The impulse governing—to many bearing the name.  
Example his, to imitate—be as this good man was  
So,—“Being dead, he speaketh yet,” to man.

—*Joanna Shields Warren.*

Clement Nance, like Melchisedec, seems to have been without father, without mother. He is the ancestral head of the family whose history is given here. We do not know the name of his father or his mother. The author believes that the late William Mitchell, twig of branch two, limb one, was the most reliable living witness of recent years. He was also the eldest living member of the family for many years. He was born in 1817, and passed peacefully away September 28, 1903. He was positive that William How Nance, “Uncle Billy How,” as he was familiarly called, was father of our ancestral head, Clement Nance. Said William Mitchell was grandson of Cloa Nance Mitchell. She was daughter of Frederick Nance. Frederick and William How were brothers. He well remembered a visit Clement made at the home of his father, James Mitchell, and well remembered the meeting of Cloa and Clement. Clement remarked as they met and embraced, “Well, Cloa, I must kiss thee.” She replied, “Why not, Clement, for are we not cousins? Were not our fathers brothers?” William Mitchell was a lad at this time, and the impressions received at this meeting of his grandmother on his father's side, and his great-grandfather on his mother's side, both aged, were indelibly impressed on his young mind. He also remembered frequent conversations between his father's mother, Cloa, and his mother's mother, Dorothy (limb one), as

to old times in Virginia where they were neighbors. They always spoke to each other, or of each other, as consin. Many times has he heard Cloa tell anecdotes of her "Uncle Billy," and he is positive that no one ever received any impression from her other than that he was brother of her father, Frederick, and father of Clement. David Nance, father of the author, was as intelligent as most men of his day, but he had no idea as to the name of his great-grandfather. He frequently mentioned "Uncle Billy How," in connection with some anecdote. He was under the impression that he was brother of Clement. Also that Clement had another brother, David.

The author had an abstract made of the name Nance, as found in the records of Pittsylvania county (Exhibit "I"), hoping therefrom to learn the parentage of our Clement. No light was obtained on this point, but other matter of interest will appear at the proper place. The only time that the name of William How Nance appears, is as a witness to the signature to a deed. This is only valuable in that it appears with five other names of the family, including our Clement; also showing how he spelled the middle name "How."

Prof. C. W. Shields, of Princeton University (twig of branch one, limb four), has had abstracts made of deed and will records of counties from tide-water westward, seeking information on the same point, but to no purpose. While the author has never found anyone, besides William Mitchell, who would venture to name the father of our ancestral head, still quite a number demur to the thought that "Uncle Billy How," was such. In the face of all these doubts and partial denials, and in the absence of any affirmations as to any other parentage, the author assumes that William Mitchell was correct, and that William How Nance was the father of our ancestral head, Clement Nance.

The abstract of deeds mentioned above is an interesting document, showing twenty-five transfers to or from Nance. These are nearly all our known family, and all are no doubt akin. Quite a number of these transfers are to or from those who had married into the family of our Clement.

Our traditions agree with most of the name in America, viz: That our ancestors were driven out of France at the time of the persecution of the Huguenots; that they came to Wales, and thence to America, settling at or near Jamestown, Virginia. The date of the arrival in America is very uncertain, but must have

been at a very early date, judging by the numerous number of families by the name scattered all over the South and West. The date of birth of Clement, senior, is not known. He is said to have died at the age of seventy-two, which would place his birth in 1756. This would make him twenty at the birth of his first child. He was born in Virginia. He was also married there and all his children were born there.

The first thing we can write with confidence is, that he, with his wife and most of his children, and their children, for several of them were married in Virginia and had children there, left Pittsylvania county in 1803, and settled in Kentucky. William and Susan Shaw had preceded the father, settling in Mercer county, Kentucky, on the Kentucky river. Mosias and family remained a couple of years in Virginia after the father had removed to Kentucky.

A goodly number of the name came with Clement from Virginia, settling in Kentucky and Tennessee. These were brothers, sisters, or cousins. They have been lost to our branch of the family. No doubt they are the ancestors of many of the numerous families of the name in those states at the present time.

After remaining in Kentucky about eighteen months, Clement determined to press on to Indiana Territory. He constructed a flatboat, upon which he placed a part of his family, all the women and children, and all the household effects. Upon this boat they floated down the Kentucky and Ohio rivers, landing just below the present site of New Albany, Indiana, and on section 10, town 3, range 6. A portion of the family came over land with their cattle and horses, they being possessed of quite a number of cattle, which, by browsing upon the cane-break and wild grasses that grew abundantly, kept fat. Thus he landed a large family in the wilderness, without house or even shelter. It is said the mother cried piteously when she found herself surrounded by a helpless family of children brought to this dreary, desolate region, and landed in a cold March storm of sleet and snow, without shelter of any kind. A three-sided pole shanty was soon erected, with open end from the storm, and a log heap fire was soon cracking away, bringing good cheer to the cold and wet. In this little open camp, covered with only bark and brush, the family lived until a permanent cabin could be erected. They did not suffer for provisions for the cows gave milk and the woods were full of game. This landing was made on March 5, 1805.



This was the second family to locate in the present limits of Floyd county, Robert Lafollette and his new bride having preceded them the previous November 4, 1804.

Clement, senior, did not take the precaution to pre-empt his claim when he "squatted" on the same, for it was almost an unbroken forest to Vincennes, where the United States Land Office was located, and settlers were coming in so slowly that he did not fear his claim would be "jumped."

It is claimed, but by how much authority the author is unable to say, that one Joseph Oatman, who, with his family, soon followed the Nances into the territory, fell in love with one of the Nance girls, but his suit displeasing the father, the visits to the daughter ceased. In order to "get even" with the father of the girl, Oatman slipped off to Vincennes and returned with a receipt, calling for the patent to the Nance claim. Oatman's entry was dated April 28, 1807, and called for fractional section ten, town 3, range 6, containing 335.60 acres. The extreme northeast corner of this tract is cut by the stream, Falling Run, leaving a few feet only on the east side at the river's brink.

After losing this place, Clement, senior, removed to the western part of Franklin township, two and one-half miles from the present village of Lanesville, where he continued to reside to the date of his death, dying and being buried on the same farm. His entry at the United States Land Office, at Vincennes, was dated June 25, 1807, and called for the northwest quarter section 15, township 3, range 5, 160 acres. This entry was made in less than two months after his former claim was "jumped" by Joseph Oatman. Clement, senior, afterwards entered the following tracts adjoining, viz: December 23, 1815, southwest quarter section 9, township 3, range 5, 160 acres. May 11, 1818, northeast quarter section 15, township 3, range 5, 160 acres; and September 24, 1821, west half southwest quarter section 14, township 3, range 5, 80 acres. In all making entry to 500 acres. This tract of land is situated over the "knobs," or hills as many would call them, to the westward, and eight miles from New Albany. The original tract entered by Clement, senior, is the prettiest farm in all that part of the country. The sons and grandsons continued to make entry to the adjoining lands until the family were the owners of about four sections of land.

#### FREEING SLAVES.

The following article is on record in the Harrison county

records, having been made before the organization of Floyd county and when it was a part of Harrison county :

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, Clement Nance, of Harrison county, Indiana Territory, do this day make the following statement and commit to record in the clerk's office of said county, to-wit :

In the year 1799, when I was an inhabitant of Pittsylvania county, Virginia, for and in consideration of the sum of \$200.00 to me in hand paid by a certain negro man named "Will," as a compensation to me for the services I was entitled to receive from him as a slave, and that I did then and there emancipate or set free the said negro, Will, who has ever since enjoyed the blessings of freedom, and the said negro man is now a resident in this territory. I do by these presents confirm and establish his emancipation.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 10th day of May, 1809.

[Signed] CLEMENT NANCE.

[Before] GEO. T. POPE, Clerk.

"Aunt Ped" Wolf (branch eight, limb two) and Martha Harber (branch nine, limb seven) inform me that this negro man, "Will," and "Old Marge," when set free, begged to come West with the family, that they came and remained in the family till after the death of their old "master and missus," and were after they became too old to work, supported by the family till "Marge" became insane when she was sent to the poorhouse, where she died. She had a daughter named Mary and a son named Jeff. Will and Marge were not husband and wife. Aunt Ped, also says, that Clement, senior, had a goodly number of other slaves which he freed and sent to Liberea. The author has been unable to verify this last statement. It is probably true for it was common talk in the family at an early day.

Clement Nance and Mary Jones were probably married in 1775. Their first child was born March 27, 1776.

#### CHURCH AFFILIATIONS.

Clement is said to have become a Christian at the age of seventeen, joining the Methodists (which branches is unknown), and soon began preaching for them and so continued a number of years, perhaps until 1790, in which year he was a Baptist minister as shown by the following bond :

#### BOND, GIVING RIGHT TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Clement Nance and Joseph Akin, of the county of Pittsylvania, are held and stand firmly bound unto Beverly Randolph, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and his successors in the sum of five hundred pounds current money, to which pay-

ment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves our joint and several heirs, executors and admors, jointly and severally firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this 19th day of April, 1790.

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Clement Nance, who is Minister of the Gospel of the society of Christians called Baptists, shall well and truly celebrate the rites of marriage between all persons applying to him for that purpose agreeable to the acts of assembly in that case made and provided, then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

CLEMENT NANCE [L. S.]

JOSEPH AKIN [L. S.]

Taken in open court April 19, 1790.

There are no records showing that he married any couple previous to the filing of the above bond.

William Mitchell says that Clement took several trips, horse-back, back to his conference or association in Virginia. He had it from his daughters, Dorothy and Elizabeth, that on their father's return from his last trip, he said to his family and intimate friends that he was going to preach the "New Truth," as it was called at the time. They tried to dissuade him, telling him it would kill the church. He said, "If the truth kills let it die." They said they never saw so much excitement. Their father would take his Bible and read to the people, showing them there could be no mistake; that they must believe the truth. So he preached, and nearly all followed him into the new faith. As one would see the truth, he would shout out, saying, "Brother Nance, we are so glad you have shown us the truth." This was the doctrine as taught by Barton W. Stone. A little later, Alexander Campbell became the recognized leader. It is said that Clement fought Mr. Campbell very bitterly at the start, but becoming convinced of the truth as taught by this great restorationist, he embraced it. The remainder of his life was devoted to the promulgation of the "New Truths," as they were then called by their friends, but "Campbellism," as called by their enemies. Nearly all of his children followed him into the new faith. He passed away a few months before the Campbells and their followers became a separate people.

Aunt "Ped" Wolf, says that those of the church who did not follow our ancestral head into the new communion, were very much embittered against him. They prepared a hymn, or paraphrased an old one, containing these words, "The Wolf Will Rend and Tear," and sang the same, referring to him as the wolf. It was about the same time that Clement wrote a hymn, and it was

sung by his followers very much because of the sentiment so suited to the times and occasion. The author distinctly remembers when this hymn was sung at the close of every Lord's Day meeting, all the members passing all over the house, shaking hands with every one present. Many times he has seen the whole audience melted to tears as this hymn was so sung. This was at Coleta, Whiteside county, Illinois, and covered some ten years previous to 1860.

Clement is said to have been a voluminous writer of hymns, but the following one is the only authenticated one known to the author:

#### THE PARTING HAND.

My Christian friends in bonds of love,  
Whose hearts the sweetest union prove;  
Your friendship's like the strongest band,  
Yet we must take the parting hand.

Your presence sweet, our union dear,  
What joy we feel together here;  
And when I see that we must part,  
You draw like chords around my heart.

How sweet the hours have passed away,  
Since we have met to sing and pray;  
How loath are we to leave the place,  
Where Jesus shows his smiling face.

O, could I stay with friends so kind,  
How would it cheer my fainting mind;  
But Pilgrims in a foreign land,  
We oft must take the parting hand.

But since it is God's holy will,  
We must be parted for a while;  
In sweet submission all as one,  
We'll say Our Fathers will be done.

How oft I've seen your flowing tears,  
And heard you tell your hopes and fears;  
Your hearts with love did seem to flame,  
Which makes me hope we'll meet again.

Ye mourning souls in sore surprise,  
Who seek for mansions in the skies;  
Do trust his grace, and in that land,  
We'll no more take the parting hand.

I hope you'll all remember me,  
If here no more my face you see;  
An interest in your prayers I crave,  
That we may meet beyond the grave.

My Christian friends, both old and young,  
 I trust you will in Christ go on;  
 Press on and soon you'll win the prize;  
 A crown of glory in the skies.

A few more days, or years at most,  
 And we shall reach fair Canaan's coast;  
 When, in that Holy, happy land,  
 We'll take no more the parting hand.

O, blessed day! O, glorious hope!  
 My soul rejoices at the thought;  
 When, in that Holy, happy land,  
 We'll take no more the parting hand.

William Mitchell well remembered his grandmother, Cloa, telling how the family would say that "Clem" would never go into the Revolutionary army, that his heart was so full of preaching that he would not go where he could not preach. That he would preach every Sunday that he could find any one to listen. Also that he never did go into the army. I will say here that I have found no evidence that William How Nance was ever in the army. This is bitter news to some of us, for we were anxious to find evidence to admit us to membership in the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution.

Mary Jones was our ancestral mother. She was the daughter of Mosias Jones, of Pittsylvania county, Virginia. (See Exhibit "J" for his will.) Very little is known as to her or her life. She was living at the date of her husband's will in 1821, but had passed away before his death in 1828.

A pleasant little story is told of our ancestral mother. The author will relate it, not because there is anything in it, but because he will be accused of leaving out important history if he does not put it in.

#### A PLEASANT LITTLE STORY.

William Mitchell heard Elder John T. Jones, of Jacksonville, Illinois, make the following statement at Eureka: "Mary Jones, who was my aunt, was in the presence of some British officers, when one of them remarked that the Continental army was composed of illiterates, that even Washington could not sign his own name, or words to that effect. She spoke up and said: 'Well, if he cannot write his name, he can make his mark, referring to the wounded hand of the officer, said to have been received from Washington's sword.'" Uncle Will reported this conversation on

his arrival home, when Grandma Benson (limb ten), said: "Yes, that is correct, and that Mary Jones was my mother." The author heard this story from different branches of the family, but with variations. Being satisfied that if there was any truth to this story, that it would be found in history, he began the search for the facts. On page 137, "Barnes' School History of United States," in a foot note, after mentioning the battle at Cowpens, January 17, 1781, in which battle General Tarleton and his British army were badly whipped, he found the following:

Colonel William A. Washington, in a personal combat in this battle, wounded Tarleton. Months afterwards, the British officer, while conversing with Mrs. Jones, a witty American lady, sneeringly said, "that Colonel Washington is very illiterate. I am told that he cannot write his name." "Ah, Colonel," she replied, "You bear evidence that he can make his mark." Tarleton expressing, at another time, his desire to see Colonel Washington, the lady replied, "Had you looked behind you at Cowpens, you might have had the pleasure."

Whether this corroborates the family story the author will leave each reader to determine for himself. For myself I can not account for this story getting mixed up in our family except on the ground that there is some truth in it. More than likely, this Mrs. Jones, who made the remark, was mother of our ancestral mother, Mary Jones.

To return to the public career of our ancestral head, it is claimed by some that he was the first preacher to settle in the Indiana Territory, and to have preached the first sermon ever delivered within the present limits of the state. This cannot be verified, but it is evident that he was among the first, if not the first, to spread the story of the cross.

Many of the readers of this memorial will wonder, no doubt, what kind of a man in appearance was our ancestral head, and what style of oratory, as a minister, did he use. As to the former, he was tall, erect, dignified, and imposing. His hair was a pure white, the latter years of his life. He stamped his personality, as well as his character, on his progeny. Cousin William Mitchell gave evidence that the photograph of the author, taken six years since, was an almost exact likeness of him. As to his manner of speech, he was both rapid and fervent; marked characteristics of his descendants.

The following quotation gives some idea as to his manner of speech under the heading of "Religious Matters," in "History of the Ohio Falls Counties":

The earliest religious teachers through this, Georgetown township, were unlettered, though like their hearers they were men of natural force of character, great energy, perseverance, and will force, as well as great physical powers. They were religious by instinct rather than by education, and often expounded their views with great force and eloquence, but with language not entirely polished. Clement Nance was among the earliest preachers in this part of the county. He has been referred to in the history of Franklin township. Patrick Shields' cabin which was ever open for religious meetings, without regard to denomination, was the first preaching place in the township. To this spacious cabin the settlers came from far and near to listen to the fervent but unpolished oratory of Clement Nance; who preached in those very early days the doctrine of a sect known as the New Lights, now very nearly extinct.

#### AN INCIDENT.

Elder James Robeson told the following in substance to William Mitchell: Barton W. Stone and Clement Nance, senior, were starting on a preaching tour through the interior of the state. Knowing that he was contemplating entering the ministry, they invited him to accompany them. He accepted the invitation. They started from New Albany, and went as far as Crawfordsville, where John Oatman (branch six) was living. On the return trip they stopped over night at the home of Clement, senior. As was their custom wherever they stopped over night, they had preaching. Young Robeson told the girls, of whom there were several, not to tell any one that he was a preacher, but they scattered the news far and wide. The announcement having been spread, there was a large audience present. He was pressed into service and had to preach. This was his first sermon and in the presence of Elders Stone and Nance. Thus, a lot of fun-provoking girls were the cause of the launching forth of what proved to be a long and eventful ministry. "Uncle Jimmy Robeson," as he was familiarly called, appears to have kept in close touch with the Nances most of his life, one son, James W., marrying Margaret Richardson (twig five, of branch two, limb ten.) In addition to his preaching and farming, Clement, senior, early established a horse-mill run by a sweep, on his farm, in which the farmers grists were ground for twenty years. He was ever considered one of the leading citizens of his county, holding several positions of honor and responsibility.

#### AS ASSOCIATE JUDGE.

Upon the examination of the criminal docket of the Circuit Court of Floyd county, made September 9, 1901, the author

learned that Clement Nance, senior, was Associate Judge from May, 1819, to June 1825, six years. He presumes the most important and noted case during those years was the trial of John Dahman for the murder of Frederick Notte. Looking this matter up he made the following copies from the docket:

May 17, 1821. John Dahman presented for the murder of Fred. Notte. Jury empaneled. Some testimony taken. Adjourned to next day. May 18, 1821. Some testimony heard. Arguments made and given to jury. May 19, 1821. Saturday morning, the court met pursuant to adjournment.

Present { HON. DAVIS FLOYD,  
CLEMENT NANCE, SENIOR.  
SETH WOODRUFF,  
Associates.

Jury returned verdict, "guilty." Moved for new trial. Motion overruled. The sheriff was instructed to return the prisoner to the county goal, there to remain till July 6, 1821, between the hours of twelve and four o'clock, when he is to be hanged by the neck till he be dead—dead—dead.

Aunt "Ped" informs the author that this sentence was pronounced by Clement Nance, senior, and that when the judge said, "To be hanged by the neck till he be dead—dead—dead," that Dahman spoke up and said, "and damued." Then the Judge added, "And may God have mercy on your soul," when Dahman replied, "and the devil too."

The author has been the more particular in giving this quotation from the docket because the "History of the Ohio Falls Counties," gives the credit of this judgeship to Clement Nance, junior, a son of Clement, senior. Aunt Ped called his attention to this error in the history, saying she was certain her father had told the children too many times about this murder trial, for her to forget who was the judge at the time.

Our ancestral head left the following will, which is given here because of the beautiful, trusting faith exhibited. Truly, it is characteristic of the man:

#### LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CLEMENT NANCE, SENIOR.

In the name of God, Amen:

I, Clement Nance, of Floyd county, Indiana, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, being assured that it is appointed unto men once to die, and knowing that the time of my exit is drawing near, do make and ordain the following instrument to be my last will and testament, that is to say, I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God from whom I received it, and in whom I have believed through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, and my body to the dust from which it was taken, with a sure and certain hope of the resurrection at the last day to eternal life, Amen. And, respecting



those worldly goods the Lord has entrusted me with, I have disposed of some part, and do dispose of the balance I have in my hands in the manner and form following, to-wit:

First, I give unto my beloved wife, Mary Nance, one feather bed and furniture, together with such other household furniture as she shall choose, and the Dearborn wagon and harness to be possessed by her during her natural life, and then return. Moreover, it is my desire and will that my farm and horse-mill shall be leased out for the best price from year to year, the net proceeds to go to the support of my wife during her life. Should there be a surplus over her support it is also to return to the estate. All property that is not herein mentioned that is subject to waste to be sold to the highest bidder. All just debts to be paid.

As soon as \$480.00 can be collected, let \$400.00 be equally divided between Dorothy Burton, Mary Shields, Nancy Oatman, Jane Jordan, and Elizabeth Long, or their legal representatives; the other \$80.00 to be equally divided and paid over to Mary Branham, Louisa Shaw, and James Shaw, or their legal representatives. It is to be understood that that part of my estate descending to Louisa Shaw is to be retained in the hands of the executors and shall be paid over to her or her legal representatives, as she or they may severally need.

It is further, to be understood, that the balance of my estate, real and personal, at the decease of my wife, shall be sold, and the proceeds thereof equally divided among all my children or their legal representatives; and it is further my will that Permelia Jones Richardson is to have \$40.00 out of that part descending to my daughter, Jane Jordon.

Moreover, I do by these presents, constitute and ordain my three oldest sons, Mosias Nance, William Nance, and Clement Nance, executors of this my last will and testament.

[Signed] CLEMENT NANCE.

WILLIAM WRIGHT, } Witnesses, July 28, 1821.  
JOHN SMITH, }

HENRY B. SHIELDS, } Sureties, Bond \$1,500.  
WILLIAM WRIGHT, }

This will was probated August 14, 1828.

In September, 1903, the author returned to New Albany for the second time for a further examination of deed, marriage, and tombstone records, looking for matters of interest to the family. In the matter of marriages, he gained many dates that will make the work more nearly perfect. These dates will appear throughout the work but they will not show to the reader the time, patience, and labor they have cost.

Knowing that every item referring to our ancestral head would be hailed with delight by the family, when so little is known, he was careful not to let anything slip him. In looking over the papers filed in settlement of the estate, he found a sale notice, which follows:

## EXECUTORS' SALE.

Notice is hereby given, that on the second Thursday of February next, the tract of land, with the appertenances, containing a horse-mill, etc., late the property of Clement Nance, deceased, lying about eight miles from New Albany, on the road leading to Corydon, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, on the premises.

Terms: Four years credit, one fourth paid annually, the purchaser giving bond with personal security, and a mortgage upon the premises.

MOSIAS NANCE,

WM. NANCE,

CLEMENT NANCE,

Executors of Clement Nance, deceased.

Nanceville, December 6, 1828.

This showed him that our ancestor had a postoffice named for him. Looking a little further, he came across the following paper, which showed him that he was a postmaster:

## GENERAL POSTOFFICE.

WASHINGTON CITY, April 1, 1829.

No. 481.—\$13.57 not negotiable.

SIRS:—At sight pay to Emerson & McClure or order, thirteen dollars and fifty-seven cents, and charge to account of this office.

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

To representatives of Clement Nance, Esquire, late postmaster at Nanceville, Indiana.

In talking these matters over with the older members of the family about New Albany, the author learned that they were aware of the existence of the postoffice at Nanceville, saying it was kept in the home of the postmaster. They think its first postmaster never a successor, but that the office was closed after the death of our ancestor.

James W. Shaw (branch one, of limb three) was purchaser of the land at the above sale, the price named being \$1,200.

The farm has been in the possession of the family nearly all the time, and today is owned and occupied by Arthur Mosier, of limb eight.

The house is a one and a half story log house, now nearly one hundred years old. It is now plastered and papered on the inside and sided and painted on the outside. A commodious "L" is built to the west. The whole house is modern in appearance and larger than most farm houses. The old spring house is still standing, but very little water was visible. The farm is one of the best in the community.

## A REVERIE.

I am writing this on the old farm of my grandfather, Mosias, under the shade of a wide spreading tree that he, no doubt reposed under long before I was born. My father must have played under the same protecting branches in his youthful days. The place of my father's birth is near by, and I, too, saw light near the same spot. The remains of my grandparents repose on the brow of the hill just back of the old home. All three places are in plain sight and but a few rods apart. The farm and graves of my great-grandparents, adjoins on the south, just over the hill, sloping southward. The farm and red brick house of "Uncle Billy," lies across the little stream to the westward, in plain sight. The house is fast returning to earth from which it was taken three-quarters of a century since. It is now only used for the shelter of sheep. To the south of Uncle Billy, lies the farm of "Uncle Clem." It is only partly visible. The substantial brick residence, built in 1820, stands behind the hill. It is in excellent repair and withal a seemingly modern, commodious country residence. To the south of my resting place, but to the east of Clement, senior, lies the farm of "Uncle Giles," wholly hidden by a clump of timber. On every hand stands the tallest timber I have ever beheld. It is nearly one hundred years since those old worthies began cutting away the immense forests to make them a home and a farm. To an Illinoisan this white soil seems absolutely worthless. But the evidence is before me that fairly good crops grow from these seeming ash heaps, owing mostly to the liberal use of "bone meal."

Not far away is the site of the old school house where our parents used to spend from daylight to dark, six days of the week for three months of the year, learning to "read, write, and cipher." Their only reader and speller was the New Testament. I wonder how much of the sturdy manhood and womanhood of our parents is due to the study of this "Book of Books?" "As the twig is bent, the tree's inclined."

I have been wandering at will over these fields of hill and vale, thinking, thinking, thinking. I am hot. I am tired. I am resting. I am thinking of the luscious sweet pears on the tall and symmetrical tree, standing in the yard of the old home of our ancestral head, said to have been planted by his own hands from seed brought from his Virginia home. (Note.—On telling of this tree and its fruit to Mrs. Martha Nance Harber, on my arrival home, she remembered both distinctly, describing both to me, although she had been from there for fifty-two years.)

I am hungry. I must seek Cousin Lon's and eat some more peaches. They will taste better than these deceptive persimmons I picked up on the farm of "Uncle Billy."

THE AUTHOR.

Clement Nance, senior, passed to his reward in July or the first days of August, 1828, judging from the fact that his will went to probate August 14 of that year, being seventy-two years of age. He died of bloody flux, which complaint was quite fatal that year. He was buried in the orchard on the farm on which he had lived since making entry June 25, 1807. In September, 1901, the author

visited this farm. There is not a tree of the orchard standing. It is now a field. Even the graves are obliterated. Cousin Adeline Mosier pointed out the location of the city of the dead, from her memory, to the author, and he has no doubt but she was correct, for the more rank stubble and weeds indicated less worn soil. There is nothing to mark the resting place of this man of God.

Rest in peace thou noble sire,  
No costly shaft nor funeral pyre  
Shall mark thy resting place;  
But in the city of thy God,  
There, thou hast found a sweet abode,  
Thy spirit dwelleth there.

A word as to the twelve children, or limbs, of Clement and Mary Jones Nance. Dorothy lived, died and was buried at Rockville, Indiana. Mosias lived and was buried on his home adjoining that of his father. Susan was the first to pass away, dying between 1811 and 1821. She lived near the old home and must have been buried in the vicinity, but the author has been unable to locate the sight of the grave. Mary lived in New Albany, and her remains are buried there. William spent most of his days near the old home, but died at Columbus, Illinois, and is buried there. Nancy spent the last fifteen years of her life in Texas, dying there in 1864. Clement, like his brother, William, spent most of his days near the old home, but the last year was spent at Columbus, where his body lies. These brothers are the only two of the family whose dust mingles in the same cemetery. Jane spent her days near the old home, and is buried in the Old Salem church yard. John Wesley was the second to go, dying almost in youth, September, 1821, and is no doubt buried near the old home where he lived and died, but his grave is unknown to the author. Elizabeth out lived all her brothers and sisters, living and dying at Eureka, Illinois. She passed away in 1872, and is buried at Mt. Zion cemetery. James spent his days near the old home. He lived, died, and is buried at Laconia, Harrison county. Giles, the youngest, died among strangers, in Missouri, and is buried there. *This Giles was my great Grand father -*

The church affiliations of Susan and John Wesley are not known. Mosias was a life long member of the "Old Christian Order," sometimes called "New Lights." Mary was a Presbyterian. James was a Methodist. The other seven were members of the Christian church.

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## PICTURE.

A family, born and reared under the same roof tree  
 Brothers and sisters loving, and each as dear can be,  
 Playing together, growing, climbing the hill of life;  
 Reaching the top, this family tree begins to sway, its leaves to fall,  
 Each child a new path chooses; change for all.  
 From down the hill, in the doorway, stands father, mother with  
 eyes upturned,

Noting the paths the children take,  
 And anxiously loving, for love's own sake.

New ties are formed and cares and years intervene,  
 They're separate, scattered, though the love holds on,  
 And sad it is that they should be  
 So far apart, that each the other seldom see,  
 And thus the years go on, till some the lease of life do slip;  
 Their dust is lain, each in its chosen resting place,  
 So distant e'en the privilege of viewing is denied.

But all of this is naught. In God's own time,  
 One family they meet, under their own roof tree, sublime;  
 As travelers from distant lands, and sailors coming into port,  
 They meet. In joy they greet, and talk the years ago,  
 When distance lay between, but now no more apart,  
 The sad word separation never heard  
 And death is named, but as the gate of life,  
 The partings and the pain, forever gone,  
 Their heaven reached—once more at home.

—Joanna Shields Warren.

January 27, 1904.

Table showing the number of descendants of our ancestral  
 head, by generations :

Trunk	Limbs	Blanches	Twigs	Buds	Blossoms	Fruits	Totals	
Clement Nance Senior wife Mary Jones	Dorothy Burton .....	1	14	91	208	185	29	528
	Mosias Nance .....	2	9	56	141	148	3	358
	Susan Shaw .....	3	3	10	11	12	.....	37
	Mary Shields .....	4	8	23	91	98	.....	221
	William Nance .....	5	10	60	112	39	.....	222
	Nancy May Outman .....	6	16	77	183	95	.....	372
	Clement Nance, Jr. ....	7	10	42	69	48	.....	170
	Jane { Richardson } .....	8	3	8	20	21	.....	53
	John { Jordon } .....	9	2	7	11	.....	.....	21
	Elizabeth { Richardson } .....	10	8	57	148	84	.....	298
	Long Walden							
	Bellson							
	James R. Nance .....	11	8	19	36	3	.....	67
Giles Nance .....	12	8	34	75	25	.....	143	
	12	99	484	1105	758	32	2490	
	Add Those Married into Family .....						864	
	Grand Total .....						3354	

## CHAPTER II.

## DOROTHY BURTON—LIMB ONE.

Dorothy Nance, the first born of Clement and Mary Jones Nance, was born in Virginia, March 22, 1776. She was married to Joseph Burton, in Virginia, and some of their children were born there. They appear to have come to Indiana with her father's family, arriving March 5, 1805. About 1818 they moved to Vigo county, and a few years later to Parke county, same state, and settled near Rockville, where they continued to reside during life. The husband died December 19, 1836. Mother Burton continued to reside with her sons, Clement and Joseph, until she fell asleep in Jesus, February 11, 1850. She became a Christian rather late in life, joining the Christian church. She was ever after very devoted to her church. She was a great reader of her Bible, and good conversationalist, a good woman, kind and tenderhearted, always doing good. A niece writes of her: "She had a sweet, soft voice; was a good and kind old grandmother to us all." When sixty, she rode horse-back from Indiana to Woodford county, Illinois, to visit her sister, Elizabeth.

She was the mother of fourteen children, two dying in infancy. The others are named as follows as branches:

Clement,	Nancy,
Charles,	Lucretia,
Preston (died young),	William (died young),
Elizabeth,	Josephus,
Thomas,	Mary,
James R.,	Wiley C.

## CLEMENT BURTON—BRANCH ONE.

Clement Burton was born in Virginia, August 5, 1795. Was united in marriage to Miss Ann T. Merriweather, in Louisville, Kentucky. He is said to have opened the first grocery store ever in New Albany. He became a member of the Christian church



CLEMENT BURTON  
Branch One.

early in life and was always a faithful Christian. He was a deacon in the church for many years. Moving from Rockville to Fountain Creek, same state, he found no church of his choice but was instrumental in having one started soon. The same was true when he moved to Iowa, which was in 1853. He was a farmer by occupation, dying on his farm near Clarksville, Iowa, March 16, 1864. He was the father of fourteen children, twelve by his first wife and two by his second wife, Miss Rachel Taylor. Those growing to maturity are

named below as twigs. He is said to have been a man without fault, loved and honored by all who knew him.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
William E., w., d. Martha Morris.....	{ Sarah C., h. Ross Eldon Will... Clarksville, Iowa.	{ Frank L., w. Vashti Griggs.... Shell Rock, Ia.	{ Charles E. Fred B.
		{ Mamie E., h. Edw. R. Waugh... Blairstown, Mo.	{ Royston E. Richard A. John H. Neal D.
		{ Adelaide, h. R. H. Waugh..... Clarksville, Iowa	{ Mark E. Sarah E.
Lucinda C., h., d. Wm. Bradbury.....	{ Isabelle, h., d. Townsend. Clement N., El Reno, Oklahoma. Melvina, h. Kinney, Monroe, Oregon. Frank. Albert E., Lafayette, Indiana.		
James M., w., 1829-1870 Mary Jane Guy.....	{ Nancy A., h., 1851. George Nickel, Hartford, Kansas. John M., 1833-1879. Sarah Ellen, 1854-1876. Wm. H. H., w., 1857 Josie Moxley..... Burlingame, Kansas.	{ Edgar L., 1877. William J. Henry Guy. Constance C. John M. Edna Alice. Richard.	

## CLEMENT BURTON—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
James M., w., 1829-1870 Mary Jane Guy.....	Thanev Ann, h. Reuben Ray..... Clarksville, Iowa.	{ Frank, w. Mable Shadbolt.  Oakley. Gladys. George.	
	Emma Alice, h., d. —— Poisal.		
	Phebe Lora, h. —— Brown. Ottawa, Kansas.		
	Dorothy Jane, h., 1867 Dr. Morgan Tullis..... Long Beach, Cal.	{ Irene Allen. Altha Pearl.	
Dorothy Jane, h. Dr. Mosier, d..... Homer, Illinois.	{ No issue.		
H. T. Luckey N. w., d.	Carrie, h., d. A. L. VanHosen.....	{ Robert.  Louis.	
	Mary, h. E. W. Virden. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.		
Lucretia C., h. Robt. T. Crowel..... Spirit Lake, Iowa.	James W. John M.		
	Ella, h. —— West. Spirit Lake, Iowa.		
	William.		
	Emma, h. George P. Arp. Okoboji, Iowa.		
Rachel L., h. Wm. Poisal..... Troy Mills, Iowa.	{ Cora A., h. John Moore..... Troy Mills, Iowa.	{ Minnie, h. Frank Heinen. Sandusky, Ohio.	
George H.....	{ Killed in battle, 1864.		
Joseph Clement, w.....	{ No issue. Clarksville, Iowa.		
Mary E., h. L. F. Champlin..... Little Valley, N. Y.	{ H. F. L. B. Champlin. Randolph, New York.		

James M. Burton, twig, and family, left Warren county, Indiana, in 1866, and moved to Bates county, Missouri, and purchased a farm on which the family continued to reside until the death of the parents. The father died in 1870, and the mother in 1872. In 1874, the children moved in wagons to Osage county, Kansas, where they continue to farm.

William H. H. Burton, bud, married in 1876. He is the father of ten children. Three have passed to the "land beyond."

Edgar L., blossom, is a dentist at Osage City, Kansas.

William J., is in Kansas City. The rest of the children are at home.

Dorothy Jane and Dr. Mosier, twigs above, have resided many years at Homer, Illinois. The doctor has been dead a number of



years, leaving a cousin large property to care for. She has helped the author all in her power, sending her father's picture for plate.

### NANCY BURTON—BRANCH TWO.

Nancy Burton was born in Virginia, March 14, 1798.

James Mitchell was born in Virginia, the son of William Mitchell and Cloa Nance. (Cloa Nance and Clement Nance, senior, were first cousins.) They were married October 12, 1816, Clement Nance, "minister of the gospel," performing the ceremony. This was in Floyd county. They moved to Vigo county in 1818, and to Parke county in 1826. They removed to Woodford county, Illinois, in 1833, settling at Walnut Grove.

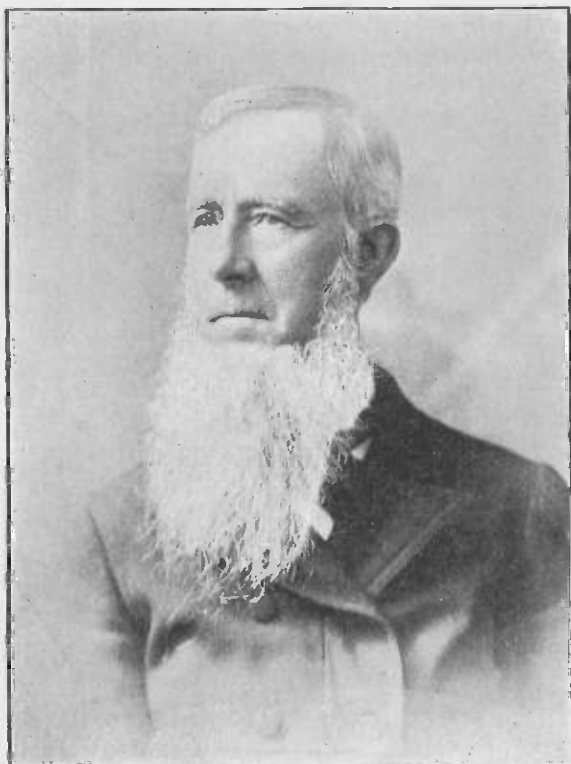
They became Christians in Parke county, joining the Christian church, Elder John Oatman baptising them. They continued to reside in and about Eureka the remainder of their lives, the wife dying last, on March 18, 1874. "She was a great home body. Her home was her castle and she was the queen. The golden rule governed her actions." She was the mother of ten children, those growing to maturity being named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
William, w., 1817-1903 Susan Long, 1820-1888	Nancy Jane, b. Thomas Bullock..... Toledo, Ohio.	C. Edwin, w. Leona Kingsbury d Minnie, b. Herb. Vanbibber.	Blanche.
	Henrietta, b. H. M. Reynolds..... Washington, Illinois.	William H., w. Nancy Patton, Monmouth, Ill. Mae. At home.	
	Amanda H., b. F. E. Jennings..... Truman, Minnesota.	William J., w. Lydia Huston..... Harvey. Minnie Belle. Charles J.	Cyrus F. H. Freddie, d.
Josephus, w., 1819-1888 Sarah Mount, d., 1807	Henry Clay, w., d. Mary McKeever..... 2nd w. ————	Leona, b. Oscar Jewett. Nellie.	
	James Jra., 1849-1860.	Sadie, b., 1872 Nath'l Drake.....	Lawrence.
		Nellie, b., 1874 M. Frederick..... Washington, Ill.	Denver D.
	Emma, b. Charles West..... Eureka, Illinois.	Archie, 1877. Almon, w., 1880 Alice Norris..... Mayme, b., 1882 Mark A. Hulson. Frank, 1894.	Richard C.

## NANCY BURTON-MITCHELL—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Elizabeth, h., 1821-1857 Robt. C. Nance, d.	Mary, h. William Fox.....  Robt. C. Lost in civil war	William. Alphonzo. Walter. John.  Frank, w. Florence Blockson	     Floyd S. Lois. Walker.
		Lorena, h. W. W. Barnes..... Neaty, h. G. W. Sparks.	Lena. Samuel. Eva.
	Emely, h. Thos. J. Garton.....	Harly.  Mary, h. H. E. Nelson.  Ray. Nora. Evan. Maurice. Genevra. Emma J.	
2nd h. J. E. Crayton, d.	Amanda, h. Warren Rucker.....	Ida. Julia. Orla.	
	Genevra, h. Frank Egbert.....	Charles. Lulu. Orville. Tracy E.	
	Genetta, h. Clarence Gould.....	Mable. Jay. Bessie. Luther E.	
	Forest H., w. Hattie Driella.....	Edna.  Lulu. Helen.	
Frederick N., w., b. 1824 Martha E. Heath, d.	Frank P., w. May Sullivan.....	Charles. Millard S. T. Paul.	
	Harvey H., w. Florence Bensmith.....	Charles. Millard S. T. Paul.	
Jas. Pleasant, w., b. 1830 Alice Harris. Sidney, Illinois.	Harvey, b. 1881 Allerton, Illinois. May. Flossie.	Oakley. Ethel. Hazel. Norma. Clara.	
	Harvey, w. Minnie Ayers..... Eureka, Illinois.	Floyd E., w. Maud L. Shepard.	
Mary Ann, h., b. 1833 Wm. S. Bullock. Secor, Illinois.	John M., w. Emma Blanchard..... El Paso, Illinois.	Vida Blanche Harold. Lola C. Chas. W.	
	Clara, h. Thos. Spencer.....	Ray, w. Jennie Pettitt.  Mary. John W., d. Harvey.	
Eliza Jane, h., 1837-1871. John Foster.....	Geneva, h. Wm. H. Smith..... Metamora, Illinois.	Lea M. Charles. Glenn. Clara Elmore.	
Charles O., 1826-1840. John O., 1828-1855. Amanda, 1839-1848.			

William Mitchell, twig above, was born in Floyd county, Indiana, July 31, 1817. When an infant the family moved to Vigo county, same state. Eight years later they removed to Parke county, same state. In 1833 the family came to Walnut Grove, now Eureka, Illinois. Young William was then sixteen years of age. While there are five living limbs, and he but a twig, yet he has been the oldest living descendant of our ances-



WILLIAM MITCHELL  
Twig above.

tral head for many years. "Uncle Will," as he has been familiarly called for a generation, by nearly all, had Nance blood that none of the rest of us have. He was a grandson, on his father's side, to Cloa Nance Mitchell. She was first cousin to Clement Nance, our ancestral head. Thus he had a double portion of Nance blood.

He was united in marriage with Susan Long, March 29, 1837.

Eureka and Mt. Zion, near by, have been his home for seventy years. Farming has been his occupation. In the early winter of 1835, he and James Oatman drove 335 hogs to Dundee for Thomas Dewees, from Walnut Grove. The distance was about 150 miles. This was no small task at the time, with no roads or bridges, and but few settlers on the way. Before reaching their destination, some forty miles northwest from Chicago, a deep snow fell which prevented the hogs traveling. They, therefore, butchered the hogs and sold the pork to the settlers who came from all directions, including Chicago, to lay in their year's meat. These drovers spent the greater part of the winter chopping for Joseph Oatman, and then returned on foot to Walnut Grove, bringing the money, over one thousand dollars, with which to pay for the hogs.

Uncle Will was one of the sweetest, purest, dearest old gentlemen that I have ever met. He was just like my father and so many of their cousins, whose names appear and are given credit at the proper place. But for his assistance there are many things in this book that could never have been written. He has been my chief helper.

He became a Christian in 1836, obeying the gospel with twenty others in the first large meeting ever held at Walnut Grove. He was early chosen deacon of the Walnut Grove (now Eureka) Christian church. When the Mt. Zion church was organized in 1855, he was chosen church treasurer, and also one of the deacons. After a very few years he was chosen one of the elders, which position he held to the date of his death. He held the office of church treasurer for twenty-five years. He was a liberal supporter of Eureka college in its early days when in greatest need.

His companion passed away on September 30, 1888, and he was buried on the fifteenth anniversary of her death.

Cousin William passed peacefully to rest early in the morning of September 28, 1903, at the home of his daughter, Henrietta Reynolds, in Washington, Illinois, but a few miles from Mt. Zion where he had lived for so long. A large concourse of his friends and relatives gathered at the Mt. Zion church on the afternoon of the thirtieth, to pay the last sad rites to one whom all loved. Singers from four churches, 'round about, sang the old hymns, his favorites, and Prof. B. J. Radford, of Eureka college, who has been the preacher at this church very much of the time for

thirty-five years, preached a fine sermon from the words, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith." Among many other comforting words he said: "I think it probable it was easier for Father Mitchell to be good than it is for some of us, yet we do not know how much of his goodness was the result of constant effort and trusting faith on his part in the early years of his long Christian life."

His children were all present at the last sad rites. His daughter, Ella Jennings, came from Minnesota a few hours before his demise. His daughter, Jennie Bullock, and her son, Edwin, came from Toledo, Ohio; his brother, Pleasant, from Sidney, Illinois, and his sister, Mary Bullock, and her family, from Secor, near by. Only one brother, Frederick, was absent. There were nearly half a hundred relatives gathered around the open tomb where we lay the beloved of all, beside his life's companion and her mother, Elizabeth Long.

We tarried around these graves a full hour, in family greetings. Many had not met in years. Some had never met. It was a sweet communion. Owing to his habit of attending all state conventions of his church of a missionary nature, most of them being held at Eureka, Elder Mitchell was probably as well known among the ministers of the state as any man in the state, outside their own ranks. Besides, of the one hundred and twenty-five ministers who have preached at Mt. Zion since its organization in 1855, many were but boys from Eureka college, making their first attempts at preaching, but now filling the best pulpits in the land. These all looked upon Elder Mitchell as their personal friend, and will so mourn his loss.

Surely the prayer of our Lord for His disciples, is answered in Father Mitchell's life. "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." He was kept from the evil in a superlative sense.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Jennings, buds above, are farmers in Minnesota. They expect to retire from active farm life after the present season, and settle in town near by.

Of their children, William J. is a railway mail clerk, Harvey is a commercial traveler, Minnie is a school teacher. She is also a teacher of music. Charles is still in the high school. He expects to study medicine.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bullock, buds, are retired, residing with their children in Toledo, Ohio. Their son is a commercial traveler.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, buds, reside in Washington, a quiet retired life. Of their children, William is a clothier, at Monmouth, Illinois. Mae is at home.

## CHARLES BURTON—BRANCH THREE.

Charles Burton was born in Virginia, in the year 1800. He was reared in Floyd county, Indiana. Here he was united in marriage with Mitta Perkins, August 12, 1819, by his grandfather, Clement Nance, senior. In 1825 he removed with his family to Parke county, same state, near Rockville. The county at that time was an almost unbroken forest, abounding in wild game. Here he entered a farm and soon had a substantial home, where he continued to reside till his death.

For many years he was engaged, more or less, as a shipper to New Orleans. He was a man of deep religious nature and a member of the Baptist church. He died at the age of fifty-nine, leaving a large family, the care of which rested largely upon his oldest living son, James M.

This couple were the parents of eleven children, those growing to maturity being named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Thomas, d. at 22.			
<p>Epervia, h., d. Francis Cunningham, d.</p>	<p>Mary A., h. Cornelius Thompson, d. 2nd h. David Adkins, d. Cayuga, Indiana. John. Killed in civil war</p>	<p>Della V. h. Chas. Coughleton...</p> <p>Katie, d. at 16. Chas. L. Francis S., d. at 21.</p>	<p>Clyde. Carl. Lawrence.</p>
<p>Elizabeth, h., d. John Cuff, d.</p>	<p>Marrietta, h. Geo. Moore.</p> <p>Maggie, h. Bobo, d. 2nd h. Stewart.</p> <p>Sylvester. Charles. James. Oskaloosa, Iowa.</p>		
		<p>Charles J., w., 1867 Lucy Ross, Carthage, Mo.</p> <p>Jasper Franklin, w. 1860-1904.</p> <p>Bertha Carol, ..... Durango, Colo.</p>	<p>2 children.</p>
<p>Dorothy, h. Silas Stonerock, d.</p>	<p>Sarah Jane, h., 1847 Joseph Reed, ..... Wilcox, Washington.</p>	<p>Fredric C., w. LaCrosse, Wash. Silas L. Wilcox, Wash.</p> <p>Benjamin R., w. Margaret Jones, Wilcox, Wash.</p> <p>Jas. Garfield, Wilcox, Wash. Burton Wiley, 1883, Wilcox, Wash.</p>	

## CHARLES BURTON—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Dorothy, h. Silas Stonerock, d.	{ Ruth, h. James Hays, Urbana, Illinois, 401 N. Organ Street.	{ Eva, h. Wm. H. Flake .... Catharine, h. Fred Silver..... Fred, w. Mae Sewall. Burton.	{ Ina Ruth. Harley. Edna Harold. Ethel.
2d h. Dr. Isaac Carman d	{ Florence C., h. Andrew Hunt..... Cayuga, Indiana.	{ Myrtle C., 1891.	
James M., w., 1827 Margaret Coffman..... Dana, Indiana.	{ Elmona. An invalid from childhood. Charles W., w. Flora L. Nutt..... Crawfordsville, Ind. Sara Belle, h. Henry M. Rardin. Dana, Indiana.	{ Norwood Nutt. Byron James. Naomi. Harold Nutt.	
Coleman, w. Sarah McKeen..... Cayuga, Indiana.	{ Henry, d. Ballard, d. George F., d.		
Martha, h. Edward Brockway.....	{ Jane, h. Moses T. Kelly..... Rockville, Indiana. Ellen, h. Edward Harvey..... 913 E. 7th Street, Pu- eblo, Colorado. Sarah, h., 1858, d. David Wolfe. Lou, V., h. Aquila F. Moore, d..... 2024 N. Alabama Street Indianapolis, Indiana. Members Central Christian Church.	{ Mary Myrtle, 1884. Hazel. Roy. Jay Edward, 1880 Pueblo, Colorado Mildred Estella 1882 Ethel May, 1884. Clara Belle, 1886. Walter A., 1889.	
William, w. Sarah Ninger.....	{ Thomas M., single. Silverwood, Indiana. Fred, w. Marguerite Randolph.. Silverwood, Indiana. Flora, h. Dell Williams..... Silverwood, Indiana.	{ Carroll F. Ruth. Chancey D.	
Mary Ellen, h. Moses Kelly.....	{ No issue.		

James M. Burton, twig above, was born and reared in Parke county, Indiana. After his father's death, he remained at home until the death of his mother, and the younger children could care for themselves. In 1861 he married Margaret Coffman. Her parents were from Pennsylvania and of German descent. She was a devout Christian, a gentle wife and loving mother, and a member of the Christian church. They settled on a farm in Vermillion county, Illinois, near Ridge Farm. He was a frugal and industrious farmer, and as a marked characteristic of his

family, was noted for his outspoken honesty, morality, and generous hospitality. No more honorable name was known in his county. He was always interested in the church and charitable work of his community, and generously contributed to the same, and at the age of sixty, united with the Presbyterian church. At the age of fifty-five, financial reverses overtook him and reduced him to moderate circumstances, and his children had none of the aids given by wealth and high social position.

These parents are spending their reclining years at Dana, Indiana.



CHARLES W. BURTON

Bud above.

"Charles W. Burton, bud above, whose likeness is shown herewith, was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, December 6, 1864. His father was a farmer, and the lad was, therefore, brought up on the farm, attending the district school until thirteen, when he and his sister, Belle, entered the Grammar school in the village



near by. Only the winter months could be spared for school for Charles. At the age of seventeen he met with an accident which made him a cripple for life, and was compelled to abandon the farm. He taught in the public schools for three years, and entered Wabash college at Crawfordsville, Indiana. He remained here four years, supporting himself through his own labor.

"During his first summer vacation he solicited for a subscription book in Wisconsin and Minnesota. So well did he succeed in this



MRS. BELLE RARDIN  
Bud above.

work, that he was soon installed with one of the largest publishing houses of the country, as superintendent of agencies, which afforded him means to defray his college expenses. He was characterized as a diligent, earnest student, modest, plain, and more anxious to acquire knowledge than display learning.



MRS. MARY A. ADKINS  
Bled above. Twice a widow.

"At this institution he acquired the reputation of being a good debator, as well as a pleasant and forceful speaker. Here he developed those powers of analysis and argument which have served him well in his profession.

"At the close of his college work he was married to Flora Lydia Nutt, June 18,

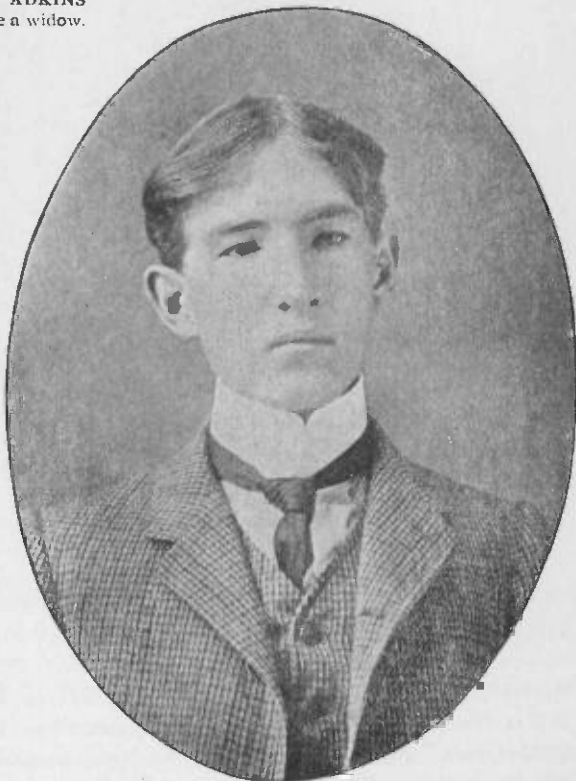


KATIE  
THOMPSON  
Blossom above.  
Died at 16.

1891. She is a devoted wife and mother, an intelligent companion, and conspicuous for her quiet and domestic nature.

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"Upon leaving college he first engaged in the mercantile business at Covington, Indiana, but so strong was his love for the law, he abandoned the mercantile business, at



FRANCIS S. ADKINS  
Blossom above. Died at 21.

the age of twenty-eight, to enter the law office of the Honorable Judge Jere West, as a student, at Crawfordsville.

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"He was admitted to the Crawfordsville bar in November, 1894, and at once entered upon a successful practice.

"In politics he is a democrat, but has never abandoned his profession for that of politics. His steadfastness of purpose, his honest desire to accomplish that which was for the best interest of his client, has secured for him a large clientage and profitable practice.

"He is a prominent member in several of the secret orders, a



MISS MYRTLE C. HUNT

MR. ANDREW HUNT  
Clôthier, Cayuga, Indiana.

Blossom. MRS. FLORENCE C. HUNT  
Bud.

member of the Knights of Pythias, an Odd Fellow, a member of the Grand Lodge of this order and District Deputy Grand Master for two consecutive terms, and a Mason, having passed the several degrees to that of the rank of Knights Templar.

"In 1886, he joined the Presbyterian church, but upon his marriage he transferred his membership to that of the Methodist church, in which his wife was a member.

"Those who know him best, know him to be a man of strong

attachments for his friends, bearing the truest and deepest affection toward those who had kindred with, or claims of friendship or gratitude upon him. The writer of this brief sketch has had evidence of this constantly forced upon him, during an intimate knowledge of the subject for years. In all, he is an honest man. 'An honest man's the noblest work of God.' His deeds are the best measure of his life. His works make his enduring monument. Such is a brief record of Charles W. Burton, one of the youngest members of a remarkable family."

The author has never met Cousin Charles, although he has had much correspondence with him. A friend has furnished the



DOROTHY BURTON-CARMAN  
Twig.

DR. ISAAC CARMAN  
Twig.

above sketch, and is used, as it is better than the author could write from his knowledge. There are other members of this branch who should have been written up, but the author has been unable to procure the data for the same. He knows from what he has heard in a general way, that they are worthy, but he has not learned the art of writing biography without enough data from which the frame work can be formed. No one can regret this more than himself.

## LUCRETIA BURTON-COOK—BRANCH FOUR.



SAMUEL COOK

Consort of Branch Four.

Lucretia Burton must have been born in Virginia, about the year 1802. Samuel Cook was born at Staunton, Virginia, but the date is not known. They were married in Floyd county, Indiana, December 10, 1818, Clement Nance, "minister of the gospel," performing the ceremony. They settled on a farm in Harrison county, near Lanesville, where they remained a few years, when they removed to New Albany and purchased a farm on the "knobs" near town. He erected the first brick houses in town, a grocery and a dwelling. Here they lived many years, he running a grocery. They were Baptists, as I believe most of their descendants are. They were the parents of twelve

children, those growing to maturity are named below as twigs. It is said the mother never had her picture taken; that of the father is shown herewith.

The mother died at the home in New Albany, and is buried on the farm on the "knobs." Her death occurred about 1846 or 1847.

The mother must have been a great favorite among the Burton family, judging from the many Lucretia Cooks found therein.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
William, w. Rachel Wright, d.....	<div> <div> <div>Lucretia, h.</div> <div>Simmons .....</div> <div>Bowling Green, Ky.</div> </div> <div> <div>James, w.</div> <div>Eliza .....</div> <div>Bowling Green, Ky.</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>Mary, h.</div> <div>Porter McKay, ....</div> <div>James.</div> <div>Martha.</div> </div>	<div> <div>Cook.</div> <div>1. Minnie, h.</div> <div>2. ——— Stone, ....</div> <div>3.</div> <div>4.</div> </div>

## LUCRETIA BURTON-COOK—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Mary, h., d.		
	James Jenkins.....	{ Jennie.	
	Emely, h., d.	{ William.	
	— Jenkins.		
William, w.			
Rachel Wright, d.....	Roussau, d.		
	Minnie h.		
	Al Burton .....	{ Mary.	
	Bowling Green, Ky.	{ Edwin.	
	Rachel, d.		
John, w. (lost in war)	Laura, single.		
Mary Brindley, d.....	Charles A., w.		
	Ella Lark .....	{ Minnie.	
	New Albany, Indiana.	{ Walter.	
David. Died in war of 1861-5.			
Josephus, w., d.....	Josephus.		
	John H., w.		
	Effie G. Bush.....	{ Minnie M.	
	Flint, Michigan.	{ Ella L.	
		{ Emily E.	
James H., w.	Amelia A., h.		
Emily Maddock .....	Edward Reid.....	{ Emily L.	
Flint, Michigan	Forest, Canada.	{ Amelia L.	
	David J., w.		
	Louise Huxley,		
	Effingham, Illinois.		
	Annie K.		
	Minnie L.		
	Samuel, d.		
Amelia, h.	Mamie, h.		
Chas. Stewart, d.....	John Hespen.....	{ Gilbert.	
Eureka, Illinois.	Bowling Green, Ky.	{ Amelia.	
		{ John.	

Mrs. Amelia Stewart, twig above, is living a quiet, retired life, at Eureka, Illinois. She has been separated from her family nearly all her life, and knows very little about them. Cousin Amelia, as she is called in Eureka, is a true and faithful Christian, a member of the Presbyterian church, adorning the doctrine of her Saviour by a chaste walk and conversation.

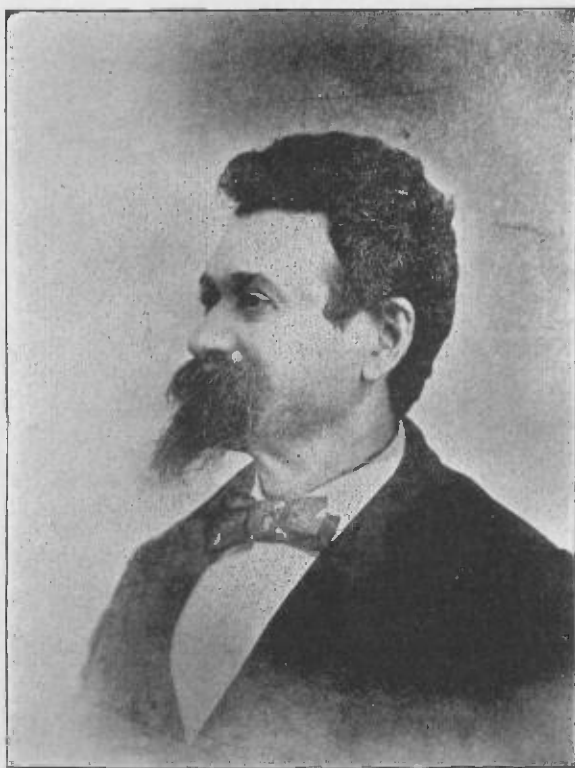
Prof. David J. Cook, bud above, is principal of the Department of Negative Making, in the Illinois College of Photography, situated at Effingham, Illinois.



PROF. D. J. COOK.

Charles A. Cook, bud, is a grocer in New Albany. Is a member of the Baptist church, and from appearances, is a fine gentleman.

A strange thing to me is, that when I visited him at his store, in September, 1903, in the midst of two hundred relatives, he did not know he had one in the city. He did not know he was a member of the Nance family. On the other hand, his relatives



JAMES H. COOK.

did not know he was a grandson of Lucretia Burton. I have found others almost as ignorant of their ancestry. Can anyone now doubt the utility of this work?

James H. Cook, twig above, was born in New Albany, in 1839. Went south. Served in the Confederate army. Afterwards went to Canada, where he married. Now resides at Flint, Michigan.

## ELIZABETH BURTON—BRANCH SEVEN.

Elizabeth Burton was born May 4, 1808. She was married to Thomas Wright, July 20, 1823, by Clement Nance, and lived at Rockville, Indiana, until about 1862, when her son, Jacob, went after her and brought her to Eureka. She lived a widow many years, loved by all who knew her. She was a consistent Christian, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church nearly all her life. She died at Eureka, July 5, 1890, and was buried there. "Lost to sight, but to memory dear." She was the mother of eleven children, those growing up are named below as twigs. Mr. Wright died in Parke county, 1852.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Dorothea, h., 1822, d.	Josephine. Elizabeth.		
David P. Harber, d.....			
William, w.	Eunice.		
Mary Marshall.....			
Josephus, w., 1827-1903.	Lisha, w., d.		
Sarah Sibley, d.....	Emma Hale, ds		
Urbana, Illinois.	Mary, h.		
2nd w. Sarah Gould.	Rev. W. N. Tobie.....	1. d.	
	Urbana, Illinois.	Heleah.	
	Eva. At home.		
Sylvester, w.	Theodore, w.	Pluma.	
Ann Brockway.....	Julia Foster.....	Eva.	
Pittsburgh, Kansas.	Pittsburgh, Kansas.	Florence.	
	2nd w. Etta Reynolds.	James B.	
	Franklin, w.		
	Julia Ramsey.....	Heleu.	
	Pittsburgh, Kansas.	2.	
	Sylvester, w.		
	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Alice.	
		Stella B., h.	
		Chas. Kent,	
		Milwaukee, Wis.	
John H., w.	Calvin, w.	Beulah.	
Frances Smith.....	Lizzie Staples.....	Clarence.	
Eureka, Illinois.	West Allis, Wisconsin.	Blanche.	
		Leta.	
		Leronda.	
		Adolphus.	
		Gladdis.	
		3 others.	
	Elmer, w.		
	Gussie Faulk.		
	Richmond, Indiana.		
Jacob C., w., 1834.	Edmond M.		
Nettie Robinson.....	Urbana, Illinois.		
Eureka, Illinois.	Muriel E.		
	Chicago, Illinois.		
Lucretia C., h., 1838-1900.	Addie, h.		
James I., Myers, d.....	Chas. Dickinson.		
	Mary, St. Louis, Mo.		
Addison. Died single...	A soldier in civil war.		



## ELIZABETH BURTON—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Amanda, h. Daniel McKay.....	} Elizabeth.		
Benj. Frank, w. Emma Hart..... 1848 Winfield Street, Los Angeles, Cal.	{ Stella, h. Benj. White..... Winnie. Beulah. Perva. Feral, d.	{ Dorothy. Marjory.	

## JOSEPHUS WRIGHT.

Josephus Wright was born near Rockville, Indiana, January 6, 1827. By his first wife, Sarah Sibley, of Rockville, he had five children. All preceded the father to the grave. His second wife was Sarah Gould, of Eureka, Illinois, whom he married in 18—. By her he had four children, but one of whom survives to cheer her mother in her declining years. Mr. Wright resided many years at Eureka. For ten years he was a clothier in El Paso, Illinois. Afterwards he made his home in Bloomington and Normal, same state, until December, 1902. Having sold his home in Normal he removed to Urbana, where his death occurred June 16, 1903. He had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for more than forty years. His remains were brought to Eureka, and were laid away from the home of his brother, Jacob. Many of his friends of former years, as well as his relatives, attended the services, which were held at 9:00 A. M., to pay respect to his memory.

Mr. Wright's surviving child is the wife of Rev. W. N. Tobie, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Urbana, Illinois.

Sylvester Wright was born in Indiana, about 1829. He was a dry goods merchant in Eureka for many years, in partnership with his brother, Frank. They removed to Pittsburgh, Kansas, some twenty-five years since, continuing the same line of business. He is now retired, leaving his sons in charge. He is a life-long Methodist of prominence, a good preacher, having done much in that line.

This community was saddened to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. J. L. Myers, which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Addie Dickinson, in Kansas City, on Sunday, October 14, 1900.

Mrs. Myers had just returned from the morning service of her church, and had gone up stairs. When, a few minutes later, she was called to dinner, she made no answer, and investigation showed that she was dead. She had visited some weeks here this summer among relatives and friends, and seemed to be in tolerable health.

Mrs. Myers, whose maiden name was Lucretia Cook Wright, was born at Rockville, Indiana, January 4, 1838. She came with her family to Eureka, in 1862, and became an active church worker, helping to organize the Methodist church here. On April 13, 1869, she was married to J. L. Myers, and their home was here until the husband's death, July 10, 1887. In 1889, Mrs. Myers removed with her two daughters, Addie and Mary, to Bloomington. In 1895, she went to Kansas City to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Addie Dickinson. Funeral services were held in Kansas City, conducted by her pastor, Dr. Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and



LUCRETIA COOK MYERS

Twig above.

W. F. Richardson, of the First Christian church, and the remains were brought here, where, after a short service at the home of her brother, John Wright, she was laid to rest beside her husband.

Mrs. Myers was an estimable Christian woman. As daughter, sister, wife, mother, and Christian, she was conscientious, faithful and loving. The body was accompanied by her daughters, son-in-law, and her brother, Frank, and they must have been gratified and comforted by the large attendance of former neighbors and friends, and the universal sympathy manifested.

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JOSEPHUS BURTON  
Branch Eight.

JOSEPHUS BURTON<sup>d</sup>  
BRANCH EIGHT.

Josephus Burton was born April 4, 1810. He married Amanda Watts, in 1832. Lived at Rockville, Indiana, until 1858, when he removed to Eureka, where he died, November 8, 1878. He was a tiller of the soil. A life long member of the Methodist church, and a pillar in the same. The author, during his college days, frequently visited his pleasant home at the edge of Eureka. He was the father of eight children, those growing to maturity are named below as twigs :

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Sylvester, w. Eliza P. Ephlin..... Eureka, Illinois.	David G., w. Ella Hedges..... Eureka, Illinois.	Archa. Vida. Josephine. Bertha, d. Edna. George D.	
Elizabeth, h. A. B. Fairbanks, d..... 2nd h. Jno. Q. Reed. Beatrice, Nebraska.	Josephus, w. Fannie Fewell..... Eureka, Illinois.	{ Della. Lulu.	
Amelia J., h., d. William Wells..... Lexington, Nebraska.	Earnest, d. Mary E., Beatrice, Nebraska.		
	John w. Ada Godfrey. Ora, h. Otha Oldfather. Pearl R., h. Fred Oldfather.....	{ Claude.	
	Oscar. Frank. Carrie, d. Infant, d.		
Marion, w. Priscilla Gordon..... Blockton, Iowa.	Lizzie. Cora. Edward. Evod. Dolly. Nettie.		
Josephus B., w. Emma L. Chrisman..... Beatrice, Nebraska.	{ Charles J., w. Myrtle C. Baird. Walter J.		
Ida, h. N. E. Washburn..... Marysville, Kansas.	{ Carleton E. Carrie E.		



MRS. ELIZABETH REED  
Beatrice, Nebraska.  
Twig above.



MRS. IDA L. WASHBURN  
Born October 15, 1860.  
Twig above.



CARRIE E. WASHBURN  
Born December 19, 1883.  
Bud above.



CARLETON E. WASHBURN  
Born June 21, 1882.  
Bud above.



MARY E. REED  
Beatrice, Nebraska.  
Bud above.

The family, or branch above, deserves more of a write-up than they have received. Few families have been more responsive as to cuts and orders for the Memorial, as far as reached by the author. Some of them, however, like too many others, have ignored the author entirely. None has furnished any data from which can be erected an adequate sketch. Their letters indicate bright, intelligent writers.

Miss Mary E. Reed, bud, is a recent graduate from the high school of her home city.

#### THOMAS BURTON—BRANCH NINE.

Thomas Burton first married Caroline Brockway, who bore him three children. His second wife was Nancy Wilson, who also gave birth to three children. He became quite eminent as a physician. He lived many years at Eureka, and followed his profession. In the early 70's, he disappeared from home and was never heard from or seen thereafter. The author always liked to converse with the doctor, for he was a fine conversationalist and well versed in matters in general. Those of his children growing to maturity are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Edmond, w.	{ Clara, h.		
Martha Pickard.....		— Adams.	
By 2nd w.	{ Archie.		
Byron, w.		Grace.	
Minerva Falkinson .....		Howard.	
		Edna.	
Charles, w.	{ Vivian or Veva.		
Arabella Stewart.....			
Ira.			

#### MARY BURTON—BRANCH TEN.

Mary Burton and William Guffey were married and were the parents of three children, named below as twigs. No one has been found who could give any further information.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
John M., d.			
Martha, h.	{ Margaret, d.		
Joshua McDowell.....		William. Died after re-	
George.		turning from civil war	

## JAMES REED BURTON—BRANCH ELEVEN.

James Reed Burton was born in Floyd county, Indiana, April 2, 1816. When James was a small child the family removed to the interior of the state. He was united in marriage with Mary Shirk, about 1841. They came to Eureka at an early day, about 1846, from Parke county, Indiana. He lived a highly honored and respected citizen until 1865, when he passed to the reward of the righteous. From all accounts he must have been one of God's most noble men. He was an active member of the Christian church. He was the father of eight children, those growing to maturity are named below as twigs.

The mother brought the children up to be true and good citizens. The author spent two years in the home of this family while in college, and can say truthfully he never had a better, nor more pleasant home. The mother lived to see all her children grown and happily married.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Sarah A., h. Rev. B. B. Tyler..... Denver, Colorado.	Lulu, h. Rev. Errett Gates..... Chicago, Illinois.	{ Tyler.	
	Stella.		
	Eudora S., h. Walter C. Paige, Louisville, Kentucky.		
David T., w, d. Lou. Parker..... Ladoga, Indiana.	Thomas R., Chicago, Illinois.		
	Elizabeth, h. Ira E. Dickinson, Hammond, Indiana.		
	Mellie.		
Mellie, h. M. D. Coffeen..... Chicago, Illinois.	Charles, w. Nellie B. Smith, d.....	{ Michael Mortimer.	
	Olive, h. Howard Cook..... Chicago, Illinois.		
		{ Howard C. Olive Dorothy.	
Ella, h., d. S. A. Marney, d.....	Mamie, d. Aimee.		
Joseph, w. Lou McKnight..... Chicago, Illinois.	Hattie. Earl.		
Olive, h. Dr. S. W. Lakin..... Eureka, Illinois.	Lulu. Mellie.		
James Frank, w. Anna Harris..... Chicago, Illinois.	Ella Marguerite. Harris.		

Sarah A. Burton, twig above, was born in Parke county, Indiana, in 1845, and came with her parents to Illinois, in 1846. Her girlhood was spent in Eureka and vicinity. She was educated in Eureka college. She met young Tyler in the class room in

Eureka college. The result is told below. Mrs. Tyler is bright, cheery, free, and genial, with friends and acquaintances, but is cautious, and just a little reserved in her intercourse with strangers and casual acquaintances. Her timidity, when it comes to doing anything in public, is painful. She shrinks from doing anything in public with an almost agony of pain. Nevertheless, her ability, of which she seems to be altogether unconscious, has compelled her, at times, to occupy positions of prominence. She has been a member of the Board of Managers of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

During her residence in New York, she was, for a season, president of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions in New York State. She is especially interested in the educational work of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, carried on in connection with a number of our State Universities, and in Calcutta, India. When she talks on this subject, or almost any other in which the Christian Woman's Board of Missions is interested, in private or in a meeting of friends and acquaintances, she flings her fears to the winds and waxes really eloquent.

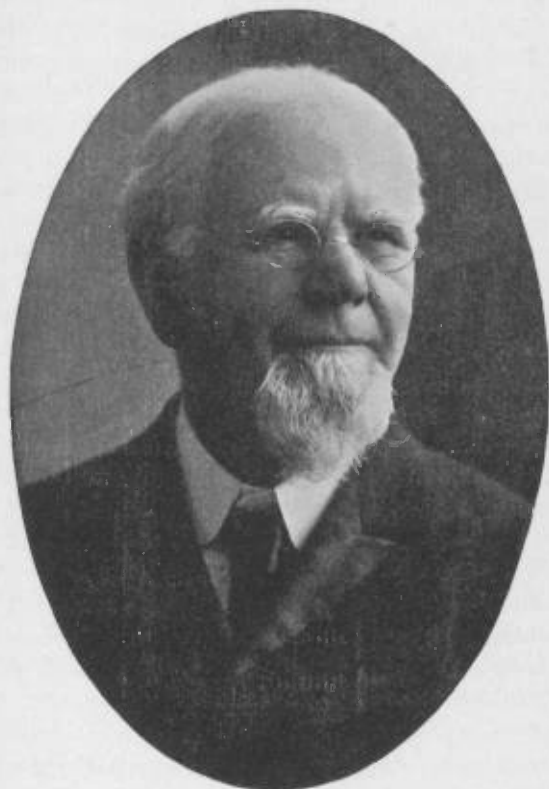
During her residence in New York, 1883 to 1896, she was an ardent friend of the McCall Missions in France. She was the active head of a large sewing school in New York, in which girls were trained to be self-supporting. She was largely instrumental in getting up a school of instruction in parliamentary law for ladies, during this period of her life. She established, in connection with the Church of Disciples on West Fifty-sixth street, a station of the "Penny Provident Fund," a scheme for training the children of the poor in habits of thrift. With all this zeal in service, and efficiency as well, when she is asked to participate in public exercises, she is wont to say: "Go to my husband, he is the talker in the family. He preaches, I practice."

In the home Mrs. Tyler is the queen. There is no brighter, happier home to be found than the one in which she presides. In New York her home was always open to young people, and others, sojourning in the city and attending the church of which her husband was pastor.

In the South Broadway Christian church, Denver, one who knows her well, says: "Her influence is quiet, bright, cheery, all-pervading, and thoroughly Christian. If her husband's life has been fruitful of good, his wife is in every respect a worthy companion, and in the day of final reckoning, great will be her reward."

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler have recently purchased a fine home in Denver, and they are rejoicing that, for the first time in their lives, they are living "under their own vine and fig tree."

Benjamin Bushrod Tyler was born on a farm near Decatur, Illinois, April 9, 1840. His father was John W. Tyler, from English stock. His mother was Sarah Roney, from Irish stock. Both were born in Kentucky, but were married in Illinois. He



REV. B. B. TYLER, D. D.  
Consort of twig above.

was ordained to the work of the Baptist ministry before leaving Kentucky. As in Kentucky, so in Illinois, he combined farming, school-teaching, and preaching the gospel. Soon after his removal to Illinois he began the reading of the *Christian Baptist*, and later read the *Millennial Harbinger*, monthly publications edited by Alexander Campbell. He was pleased with Mr. Campbell's con-



ception and presentation of the Christian religion. Almost unconsciously he became identified with the "Campbellites," the "Reformers," the "Disciples of Christ." Situated as he was he had unusual success in winning not only to the Christ but to the then new views of the Christian religion. Thus it was that his son was brought up in the faith of the Disciples, or Christians.

On July 31, 1859, in a meeting held in a grove near the old home five or six miles east of Decatur, Benjamin Bushrod Tyler confessed Christ. His father was the preacher. The next morning he was baptized by his father, in the Sangamon river. "Those days," he says, "are full of sweetness. An experience was passed through that can never be forgotten, neither in this world, nor the world to come." At once he began to prepare for his life work. His desire was to preach. He felt that he was not good enough; that he did not know enough. He inclined for a time to the vocation of school teacher. Law received some consideration, and possessed attractions for the young man, but even in this case, if he should become a lawyer, the ministry was to be the climax. In September, 1859, he entered Eureka college to prepare for the ministry. While in the college he used his talents in speaking for some of the churches 'round about, and in 1861 he assisted the state evangelist in a meeting at Litchfield. Young Tyler did his share of the preaching in this meeting, the meeting resulting in sixty-five additions to the church. On September 4, 1861, he was set apart to the work of the ministry by prayer and the laying on of hands. At once he entered the employ of the Montgomery-Macoupin County Christian Co-operation as evangelist, his remuneration to be \$20.00 per month. This continued one year and resulted in the addition of three hundred members to the churches of the co-operation.

While a student at Eureka, young Tyler met Miss Sarah A. Burton, twig above. They formed attachments which culminated in their marriage in Eureka, December 25, 1862.

The first pastorate of Mr. Tyler was of the Christian church in Charleston, Illinois, of three years, from December, 1864, to December, 1867. The second was one of five years, at Terre Haute, Indiana, from December, 1867, to December, 1872. The third was at Frankfort, Kentucky, from January, 1872, to May, 1876. The fourth was with the First Christian church, Louisville, Kentucky, of seven years, from May, 1876, to June, 1883. The fifth was in New York City, West Fifty-sixth street, from

October, 1883, to October, 1896, thirteen years. His last and present pastorate, that of the South Broadway church, Denver, Colorado, began in September, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler visited Europe in 1880. He went to London as a delegate to a World's Sunday School Convention, from the Kentucky Sunday School Union. He became a member of the Executive Committee of the International Sunday School Association. He named the first member of the International Sunday School Lesson Committee, the late Isaac Errett. After Mr. Errett's demise, Mr. Tyler was elected to the vacancy by the International Sunday School Convention in Pittsburg, in 1890. He has been a member of this committee from that time to the present.

The International Sunday School Convention, in Denver, in June, 1902, elected Mr. Tyler its president, which position he will hold until the next International Convention, at Toronto, in 1905.

For ten years, during his residence in New York, he contributed a letter each week to the *Christian Standard*, under the heading, "New York Letter." He was a member of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society, and served on the "Committee of Versions," with the Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby, Talbot W. Chambers, and others of similar character, learning and fame.

Drake University conferred on Mr. Tyler the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He accepted the proffered honor in spite of a strong feeling among the Disciples against such titles, in the interest, as he said, of the liberty which belongs to one of Christ's freemen. He does not fancy the title and says that he does not deserve it.

During his residence in New York he acted as president of the Christian Endeavor Union of New York and vicinity. It was the year during which preparations were in progress for the great International Endeavor Convention in New York, 1892. Just before the convention he was prostrated from over work, but during the convention was able to appear on the platform of the great Madison Square Garden, and speak to an audience of fifteen thousand people. His recovery from the attack of nervous prostration was a surprise to his physician, Dr. W. E. Rounds, of New York City. The doctor solemnly charged him to be careful and not permit a recurrence of the attack. With the beginning of 1896 there were unmistakable symptoms of similar breakdown.

His resignation as pastor was tendered. The church declined to accept it. He pressed the resignation with the result that an agreement was reached that it would take effect October 1, 1896. Some of the members said: "We want you to take one more vacation at our expense." And it was so. After leaving New York some time was taken in resting and recuperating. He did, subsequently, an itinerant work among the churches. He called himself "A Didactic Evangelist."

Mrs. Tyler's health gave way in September, 1900, rendering it impossible to continue this character of work. He went to Denver and accepted the pastorate of the South Broadway Christian church, as told elsewhere.

Early in the year 1903, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler visited Egypt and the Holy Land, Mr. Tyler acting as chaplain of the "Cruise." The journey was called "The Bible Student's Oriental Cruise."

If an expression of the membership of the Christian church could be taken as to the most influential family of preachers in the church at this time, I have no doubt the Tyler family would receive the meed. This not only because of their pastoral work and record, but also because of the great activity of B. B. in the Sunday School work, and of both B. B. and J. Z. in the Christian Endeavor work. I have no doubt that B. B. Tyler would be voted the most popular preacher among us at the present day.

Lulu Tyler Gates, bud above, whose likeness appears herewith, filled a week's engagement at the Bloomington, Illinois, Chautauqua, two successive seasons. The author had the pleasure of hearing her many times, besides on various other occasions. He is free to say that the following encomiums, selected from hundreds, are not overdrawn.

The Nance family have produced, and are producing, lawyers, doctors, preachers, writers, and musicians galore, but as far as known, Mrs. Gates is the only reader and impersonator in the family. She is fast winning her way to the very front rank in her profession.

*Record-Herald*, Chicago, says: Lulu Tyler Gates is a remarkable woman. In reading and recitation she gives unmistakable evidence of that indefinable something which soothes, inspires, and cheers all who are fortunate enough to hear her. \* \* \* It is the candid opinion of the writer that Mrs. Gates possesses talents far superior to many whose names have taken first rank among the gifted readers and impersonators of the day. The strong intense nature of splendid Christian character of this most excellent woman dominate, control, and charm the most critical auditor.

**N. N. RIDDELL:** After listening to Mrs. Gates, in six programs of nearly an hour each, in the open air, before a Chautauqua audience, I take great pleasure in commending her work to the public, and especially to managers in need of a first-class artist.

**F. L. JONES,** Indiana State Superintendent of Public Instruction: I wish to commend most heartily Lulu Tyler Gates, of Chicago, who gives to her audiences an entertainment of very high order. In many respects she excels readers of wider repute, and gives, on the whole, the most satisfactory readings I have heard.

**LELAND T. POWERS:** Lulu Tyler Gates has already proven her right to a front rank in the profession. When I heard her before a Chautauqua audience at Bloomington, Illinois, her work was received with great enthusiasm by the audience, and with good reason. She is artistic, unaffected, and with remarkable dramatic ability.

**G. P. COLER,** Professor of Biblical Literature, University of Michigan: I heard Lulu Tyler Gates give six readings at Fountain Park Assembly this year. Her time on the program was 4:30 to 5:30 P. M., just after the audience had listened to some noted lecturer for an hour or longer. But she held the audience day after day with growing interest, and a larger number remained to hear her each day. She is a gifted woman, and her power as a reader and impersonator is very great—far beyond that of most people who appear on the platform in that role.



LULU TYLER GATES.

*The Call*, Lafayette, Indiana: Of all the splendid attractions at the Chautauqua the readings of Mrs. Lulu Tyler Gates are probably attracting the most attention. She was scheduled to be on the afternoon program each day, but so great has been the demand of the public to hear her, that

Superintendent Shaw has been forced to ask her to appear in the evenings, which she has consented to do.

[This happened a number of times at the Bloomington Chautauqua.—AUTHOR.]

We shall close these quotations with one from the *Pantagraph*, Bloomington, Illinois :

The attendance at the Chautauqua was broken yesterday afternoon, and Lulu Tyler Gates broke it. It is safe to say that one thousand more people greeted her to hear "The Sky Pilot," than had greeted any of the Chautauqua entertainers. Leland T. Powers, who drew so well a few days ago, was not even favored with so large an audience. "The Sky Pilot" is always an interesting book, but the story as read yesterday afternoon was doubly interesting. The reader's impersonation of the various characters was splendid. The large audience, men, women, and children, were delighted.

Mrs. Gates was in this city January 15, with the Lulu Tyler Gates' Concert Company, filling a number of the Wesleyan Lecture Course. The company are all artists, and delighted a very large audience. The author and his daughter enjoyed a very pleasant call on Cousin Lulu, at the hotel.

#### WILEY C. BURTON—BRANCH TWELVE.

Wiley C. Burton was born in Floyd county, Indiana, October 26, 1819. His first wife was Elizabeth Noel. She was the mother of four children. Julia Branch was his second wife. She bore him four children. He has been stock raising in the Black Hills since 1876. His address is Elm Springs, South Dakota. He is the oldest of our family living. His children are named below as twigs :

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Joseph, w. Mary Stephens..... Elm Springs, S. D.	{ Joseph W. Scott Nance. Cole Noel.		
Sarah R., h., d. E. H. Rawson.....	{ Blanche, Slater, Iowa. Edward.		
Lucretia, h., d. G. H. Russell.....	{ Smith. Bert B. Des Moines, Iowa. Bessie E., Omaha, Nebraska.		
Ella C., h. A. B. Hunter, 2518 College Avenue, Berkeley, California.			
Clarence.			
Albert J., w. Lydo Hanen..... Pedro, South Dakota.	{ Nellie. Earle.		

## CHAPTER III.

## MOSIAS NANCE—LIMB TWO.

Mosias Nance was born in Pittsylvania county, Virginia, May 26, 1777. He died in Indiana, January 6, 1857.

Margaret Denton was born in Virginia, March 1, 1781, and died in Indiana, March 3, 1833.

They were married in the county of his birth, August 17, 1797. They moved to Kentucky about 1804, settling near the Kentucky river. After a few years they followed his father to Indiana, Floyd county. He secured a farm adjoining that of his father, on which he continued to reside during life. He was a man of great faith, remaining through life true to the "Old Christian Order," usually called New Lights. He was a great sufferer during the last few years of his life. Losing the use of his lower limbs, he would crawl over the floor like a child. Not once was he known to lose his patience, but always exhibited the same calm, resigned, cheerful spirit, which he was known to possess. He frequently remarked, during these days of affliction, "Once a man and twice a child." He died at the home of his daughter, Elizabeth Russell, when nearly eighty, and was buried on the farm on which he had resided for half a century. Like Abraham, he "died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years."

They were the parents of nine children, the first born dying in infancy. The other eight lived to have families of their own. They are named below as branches.

On March 20, 1834, grandfather was married to Mrs. Nancy Humphrey. Later, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Nancy Walden, who survived him.

Clement Denton Nance,  
Mosias Nance, Jr.,  
Mary { Russell,  
          { Routh,  
David Nance,

William Joseph Nance,  
Nancy May Hancock,  
Elizabeth Jane Russell,  
Margaret Perkins Wolf.

## DR. CLEMENT D. NANCE—BRANCH ONE.

Dr. Clement D. Nance was born in Virginia, September 17, 1802. Died December 21, 1867. Margaret Calhoun was born January 18, 1808. Died December 21, 1883. They were married August 8, 1824. Moved to Whiteside county, Illinois, about 1836.

Clement D., farmed, preached, and studied medicine. About 1850, he gave up personal attention to the farm, quit preaching, and for the balance of his life, devoted himself to his large and constantly growing practice. He was eminently successful in the treatment of diseases. The goodness of his heart forbade his making adequate charges for his professional services. Many a man with his practice would have amassed a fortune. He had a farm before he began his practice. He had the same farm at the close of life, and little more. He died on the same farm on which he had lived so long, mourned by a large circle of friends. He was a member of the Christian church all his mature life. Eight children were reared by this couple, named below as twigs. "Uncle Clem" was a great favorite in my father's family, especially among we children, as in fact he was wherever known. "Aunt Peggy" lived some sixteen years after the death of uncle. She lived a happy and contented retired life. It was always a joy to have her visit us.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Rutha, h. Benj. Tripp.....	David, w. Martha Alley.....	Agnes. Leona L. Eva B. Ada B. David A. Herbert.	
	Margaret, h. Jas. A. Dunbar.....	Laura, h. Matt Simpson. Edith. Charles. George. Lida. Ellen. James A. David F.	
Mosias, w. Melinda Paich.....	Della, h. Harry Jones.....	Leonard.	
William C., w. Eliza Jeans..... Olin, Iowa. 2nd w. Janc. Died a young lady	Charles, w. Effie Taylor.....	Maud. Jennie. Grace. Opie.	
Nancy Ann, h. Geo. Mitchell, d..... White Horse, Ok.	William, w. City Buster..... Jennie, h. Jno. Woodruff..... Pearl, h. Jas. Watson.....	Clarence E. Kittie. Clara. Cecil. Ralph.	

## DR. CLEMENT D. NANCE—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Elizabeth, h., d. Wm. Loudon..... Main Prairie, Minn.	{ Elmer, w. Lizzie Grady..... Clinton, w. Annie St. Agnis.	{ Mary E. Ada. Erwin.	
John. Drowned in the Mississippi river at Fulton, Illinois, July 4, 1883.			
Joseph, w., d. Nancy Jeans, d.....	{ Josie, h. John Miller.		

## WILLIAM J. NANCE—BRANCH TWO.

William Joseph Nance was born in Kentucky, November 4, 1804, and died February 16, 1859. He was married to Elizabeth La Follette, July 6, 1826, by Clement Nance, senior. After the birth of two children, the mother died. On October 25, 1833, he was married to Elizabeth Compton, who survived him several years, dying November 2, 1882.

Mr. Nance spent his entire life on the farm where the family settled, after losing the Oatman claim, near New Albany.

These were all faithful and consistent members of the Christian church.

By his second marriage there were ten children. These twelve are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Jas. Harvey, w., d. Eleanor Smith, d.....	{ Esahinda, h. John H. Becker..... Coleta, Illinois.	{ William E. w., d. Emma Gerdes..... Hattie Mae, h. Chas. A. Wink. Milledgeville, Ill. Arthur J. Harvey N. Johnnie Clair. Chas. Ray, d.	{ Ellery R. Arthur E. 3.
	{ Hattie, h., d. John Fritz.....	{ Belle. Bowie, Texas.	
	{ Rebecca, h. Adam Linebaugh..... Sterling, Illinois.	{ Clarence. Katie. John.	
	{ Stanton, w. Sarah Bushman..... Sterling, Illinois.	{ No issue.	
	{ Annie, h. Thos. Johnson..... Astoria, Illinois.	{ Harvey Daniel. Percilla Eleanor.	
Nancy May, h., d. David Lemuel.....	{ No issue.		



## WILLIAM J. NANCE—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
John, w. Lucy Hamersly, d. .... Edwardsville, Indiana	George, w., d. Mary Lowe.....	George.	
2nd w. Lydia Speaks, d. 3rd w. Mary Ward.	Sallie, h. Phil. Walker..... St. Louis, Missouri.	Carrie, d. Minnie. George. Edward. Joseph. Walter. Clyde, d.	
	Emma, h. Jack Bryant..... Duncan, Indiana.	Robert. Mary. Edward.	
	Annie, h. Wm. Oaks..... Alexandria, Indiana.	Ivan. Sherman. John. Bethel. Mamie. Orval.	
William Coleman, w. Mary Criswell..... New Albany, Indiana.	William C., Jr., w. Lizzie Blunk..... New Albany, Indiana.	Grace. James Joseph.	
	Lon., h. Sherman Baylor..... Little River, Kansas.	Roscoe. Virgie D.	
	McClellen, w. Nettie Garvin..... New Albany, Indiana.	William. John. Charles. Catharine. Julius.	
	John, New Albany, Indiana.		
Harriet, h., d. Samuel Walts, d.....	Wallace, w. Drake..... Chalmers, Indiana.	3 children.	
	Edgar, w. New Richmond, Ind.		
	Wilber, Chalmers, Indiana.		
Alonzo Clement, w. Jane Ayers..... Edwardsville, Indiana	Jesse, w. Annie Kinsley, d..... Edwardsville, Indiana	Dallas.	
	James, w. Ola Martin..... New Albany, Indiana.	Earl, d. Gny.	
	Clarence, w. Mary Sillings..... Edwardsville, Indiana	Artie. Clement, 1903.	
	Edgar, w. Minnie O. Richert, Utah, Indiana.		
	Noah F. At home.		
Elizabeth, h. Jason Smith, d..... Lanesville, Indiana.	Pearl, h. Will Ford, Lanesville, Indiana.		
	Herbert, w. Stella Knittle. Dallas.		
2nd w. Wm. Brock.....	Cleveland. Charles. Oath Alonzo.		

## WILLIAM J. NANCE—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Emma, h. Mack Gunn..... Lanesville, Indiana.	{ Cora, h. Grant Bowman..... Garfield. Laura Belle.	{ Alberta. Charles. Curtis.	
Frank, w. Sallie Kcpley, d..... Chalmers, Indiana.	{ Wallace. Richard. Phoebe, h. —— Drake.		
La Fayette, w., d. Addie Riley, d.....	{ Charles. Jas. Dallas, w. Catharine Vost New Albany, Indiana. Harry.	{ Emmett Chester.	
Annie, h., d. John W. Fowler, d.....	{ No issue.		
Charles, w. Linnie Smith..... Edwardsville, Indiana	{ Hattie, h., d. Roscoe Keith..... Samuel. Maud. Herbert. Luella.	{ Oscar.	

James Harvey Nance, twig above, was born in Floyd county, about 1827. When a young man he came to Illinois, Whiteside county, and purchased a farm. Next year, he married in his native county, and came at once to the farm. Here he resided through life, himself and wife dying a few years since, loved and respected by all who knew them. They were ever faithful, earnest Christians, members of the Christian church, as also are their children.

John Nance, twig above, is a farmer and fruit grower, adjoining the old homestead. He is one of the most intelligent fruit growers with whom I have conversed. He and family are also members of the Christian church.

Alonzo Clement Nance, twig above, is also a farmer and fruit grower, on the old homestead. He and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Charles Nance, twig above, is a farmer, residing on and owning the homestead of our grandfather, and also owner of most of the farm of his father. This family are also Methodists.

## MOSIAS NANCE—BRANCH THREE.

Mosias Nance, junior, was born April 3, 1807. He married Catharine Chamberlain, January 10, 1828, in Floyd county, Clement Nance performing the ceremony. They moved to Whiteside county, Illinois, in the early 30's, where he died before many years. Two children were born to this union, one dying in

infancy. The mother returned with her son to Floyd county, Indiana. The son is named below as twig.

In 1853, Elder John Yager, a prominent preacher and elder in the Christian church in Northern Illinois for over a half century, went to Indiana, married the widow, and brought her back to Whiteside county, Illinois, where she lived happily until 1863, when she passed away, mourned by all who knew her. "Aunt Kate" was one of the brightest conversationalists the author has ever known. Whether defending the faith of the Christian church or the democratic party, she was more than a match for anyone she ever met.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT
Francis Marion, w. 1829-1901.	Emma D., b. 1861-1883	Raymond Ward, d. at 16.	
Isabinda Stanley.....	J. V. Brazie.....	Adda, d.	
Harlan, Iowa.	Lucy, b.	Fred R.	
	Edgar Bagley.....	Lynden Harold.	
	Katharine, b.	Russell Oran.	
	Rev. W. A. Moore.		
	Sarah, b.		
	Clifton G. Warren.		



F. M. NANCE  
Twig.

Francis Marion Nance was born in New Albany, Indiana, June 21, 1829. In his young manhood he was engaged in the river trade, being engineer on various boats plying between New Orleans and St. Louis, and up the Ohio to Louisville. These were years when steamboating was in its palmy days. During "low water," in summer, he would come to Illinois,

Whiteside county, Genesee Grove township, now Coleta, to see his mother. These visits were seasons of pleasure to the younger of the kin who loved Cousin Frank and his river stories. It was during these visits that he met Miss Isabinda Stanley, the recognized belle of the township, whom he married, September 29,

1857. He left the river at once, and settled on a farm he had purchased in the vicinity. Here they lived until 1864, when they moved to Washington county, Iowa. In 1872 they settled at Harlan, Iowa, where he became a large land owner.

He died at home, September 1, 1901, of paralysis, aged seventy-two years. Seven daughters were given to this delightful couple, but three were taken in infancy, and one at the age of



MRS. ISABINDA STANLEY-NANCE  
Wife of F. M. Nance.

twenty-two. Those growing to maturity are named above as buds.

Mrs. Isabinda Nance has always been a great worker in church and Sunday school. She was Sunday school superintendent for many years. She continues to reside at Harlan, where they spent the last thirty years of their married life. Her life is a benediction to any church or community in which she lives.

One daughter, "Kittie," has done considerable work as singing evangelist. She is said to be a very fine singer. She is the wife of W. A. Moore, a sketch of whose life, see below.

They are all members of the Christian church, and reside at Harlan, Iowa.

William Atwell Moore, named above, was married to Miss Katharine Nance, at Harlan, Iowa, April 23, 1895. Not having a personal acquaintance with Mr. Moore, I will allow *Our Young Folks*, of St. Louis, in its issue of June 6, 1900, to speak of him :



MRS. LUCY NANCE-BAGLEY.  
Bud.

William A. Moore is the popular pastor of Hammett Place, which is one of the most promising Christian churches in St. Louis. Of course he was reared in the country—almost all our best preachers were. He was born near Coon Rapids, Guthrie county, Iowa, July 24, 1869. The life of a country lad, with its close contact with health giving, invigorating nature, built for him a splendid robust frame, which entitles him to be called a large, strong, and well proportioned man. He graduated at the Guthrie County High School. He then entered Drake University. After graduation

he taught school at his old home for one year, preaching on Lord's days in the same school house.

In 1893, he began pioneer work for our cause, at Lewis, Cass county, Iowa. Here he labored for four years. When he began, we had neither congregation nor building; when he finished his work we had a first-class article of each.

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In 1897, he received an urgent call to the large and active church at Webster City, Iowa. This he accepted, very much against the wishes of the church of his planting at Lewis. \* \* \* Under his direction the

work at Webster City grew rapidly in all the essentials of a really spiritual organization, the church and Bible school becoming the leading ones of the city, and second to but few in the state of Iowa, outside of Des Moines. Brother Moore has never forgotten that he was a boy (perhaps it would be more correct to say is a boy), and his sympathy with, as well as his labors for, the boys, have made him well known in his native state. In June, 1898, he was elected brigadier-general of the Boys' Brigade in Iowa. His earnest work and intelligent methods in the Bible school, won for him the distinction of State Superintendent of Bible School Work in 1899. Both of these positions, as well as that of



MRS. CATHARINE NANCE-MOORE

Bud.

the beloved pastor of the splendid church at Webster City, he surrendered to take up the work at Hammett Place Church, St. Louis, Missouri, January 1, 1900. The inducements held out to him to make this change, were not a finer church building, a larger congregation, a better salary, or greater honors, but simply a more needy field. It took the congregation at Webster City six months to "let go" of him.

The same paper of March 25, 1903, has this additional to say: (A small portion of the article is all I have room for.)

On the first page of this issue we reproduce a picture of W. A. Moore, of St. Louis, who has just resigned the pastorate of the Hammett Place

Church, after an incumbancy of over three years. He leaves to accept the position of General Evangelist, or Associate Corresponding Secretary of the Missouri Christian Sunday School Association, a position for which he is admirably fitted. His ministry at Hammett Place has been eminently successful, and his departure is lamented by every man, woman and child in the church and Sunday school, but he conscientiously felt that it was a Divine call to what may prove to be a larger and more fruitful field.

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MRS. SARAH NANCE-WARRREN

Bud.

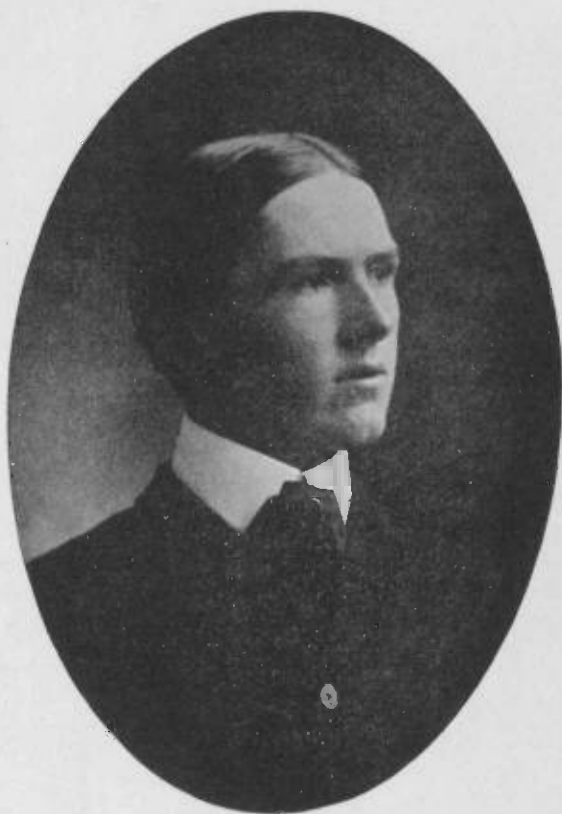
On Monday evening, March 2, an audience that taxed the church building to its utmost capacity, gathered for a parting meeting. In addition to the members of the church, school, and society, representatives were present from several other churches of the city. There was a brief program of prayers, songs, and testimonials. The chairman spoke in behalf of the official board of the church; the superintendents of the two Sunday schools for their constituencies; their president for the Endeavor society, and the president of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions for that organization,

all testifying of the great service the pastor had rendered in their respective fields of labor, and expressing the regret of all at his departure. The chairman of the Christian Ministerial Association, of the city, was present, and testified of the high esteem in which he is held among his ministerial brethren.

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We have seldom, if ever, known a case in which the relationship existing between a pastor and his people was so cordial. It will require a large man in more senses than one, to fill the place which his departure leaves vacant.

The author wishes to call special attention to this family, noting that not only is every descendant of Uncle Mosias named, but also the likeness of every one living is given. "Aunt Kate" was his dearest aunt, and Frank a little the nearest cousin in affection. Besides, his wife was a member of the leading family in the church and community, and her brother, Ellis, now Elder E. J. Stanley, of Champaign, Illinois, has, from childhood, been the best life-long bosom companion and chum he has ever had.



FRED E. BRAZIE  
Blossom.





LYNDEN AND RUSSELL BAGLEY  
Blossoms.

### NANCY MAY NANCE—BRANCH FOUR

Nancy May Nance was born November 16, 1809. Married James Hancock, September 17, 1826, by Clement Nance. Died February 2, 1832. She lived all her life in Floyd county, Indiana. One child was born to this union, named below as twig:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Lafayette, single, Normal, Illinois.		
	Harvey, w., 1851-1904		
	Bettie McCone, ..... Bristol, Illinois.	{ Alberta May. Roy.	
	William, w.	{ Edith. Clarence R.	
	Margaret Gasney, ..... Butler, Missouri.	{ Retser. Edna. Nina. Fay.	
	Maria Abigail, h.		
	Manor, ..... Nancy May, h.	{ No issue.	
	Al. Bolin, ..... Normal, Illinois.	{ Bertha. Leota.	
	Hawley, w.		
	Belle Rads, ..... Hanna City, Illinois.	{ No issue.	
	Charles Lee, single.		
	Isabelle, h., 1865		
	Chas. Stevens, ..... Secor, Illinois.	{ Charles Jessie. Lester Lee. Anna Leah.	

Isabelle, h., 1830-1871  
Charles W. Russell, d.  
She was born November  
14, 1830. Married May  
30, 1849. Moved to  
Woodford county, Illi-  
nois, near Secor, in  
1855, and lived near  
there until she died,  
December 15, 1891.  
Was a member of the  
Christian church, and  
died in the faith. She  
was the mother of ten  
children, eight of  
whom survive her.

MARY (POLLY) { RUSSELL } BRANCH FIVE.  
                           { ROUTH }

Mary (Polly) Nance was born in Floyd county, Indiana, August 1, 1812. She was married to Anthony Russell, June 3, 1830. By him she had three children, when she was left a widow. On June 16, 1836, she married Joseph Routh, by whom she had five children. These eight children are named below as twigs. Aunt "Pop" passed away December 30, 1876, in the township where she was born, and in which she had lived nearly all her life.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Mary F., h. C. J. Frederick ..... New Albany, Indiana.	{ Randall J.	
William N., w. Martha A. Sinex ..... New Albany, Indiana.	William A., w. Effie Armstrong ..... New Albany, Indiana.	{ 1. 2. 3.	
	Martha May, h. Jno. B. Sweeney ..... Denver, Colorado.	{ Horace. William C. Sarah Fern.	
	John L. Single, at home		
Charles, h. Eliza Mann ..... West Baden, Indiana.	William. Belle, h. — Harmon ..... 2nd h. — Jackson.	{ 4 children.	
Nancy May, h. John Harbison ..... New Albany, Indiana.	{ No issue.		
Mosias N. Routh, w., d. Nancy A. Kirk, d. ....	Mary E., h. C. Trotter ..... Titus, Indiana.	{ Georgie. Flora. Jessie.	
	William J., w. Anna Basley ..... St. Louis, Missouri.	{ Lona.	
Margaret, h., d. Jas. W. Twomey, d. ....	Joseph E., w. Mattie Duncan ..... Louisville, Kentucky. Edward T., Cloverdale, Indiana. Charles, Cloverdale, Indiana.	{ Walter. Mary G. Evan. James.	
2nd w. Phil. R. Smith, d.	Effie P., h. Geo. McCarty ..... Jeffersonville, Indiana.	{ Stella Alice.	
	Bertha May, h. Wm. Ellison ..... Jeffersonville, Indiana.	{ Chas. Homer. Ethel.	
	Virgie C., h. Geo. Murphy ..... Jeffersonville, Indiana.		
Henry H., w. Amanda Fitch ..... Salem, Indiana.	William H., w., 1864-1894 Nellie Bowman. Eugene S.		
Theodore F., w. Amanda Reunbley ..... Lanesville, Indiana.	Mary A., h. Geo. M. Harritt ..... Lanesville, Indiana.	{ Herbert. Ethel May. William. Ruth.	



## ELIZABETH JANE RUSSELL—BRANCH SIX.

Elizabeth Jane Nance was born June 30, 1815. Hawley Russell was born February 16, 1808. They were married February 22, 1832. They lived all their lives in Southern Indiana. They died in Floyd county, Aunt "Bet" in October, 1881, and Uncle Hawley, April, 1882. The author never saw this couple after he grew up, but has always heard so much about them that they seem like old friends.

Three children were born to this union, named below as twigs. This family were members of the United Brethren church.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Margaret, h., d. John W. Speake.	{ Ulysses G., w. Annie L. James Pekin, Indiana.	{ Jessie. Allie May. Arthur G., Jr.	
	{ Arthur, w. Seppie Wells. Pekin, Indiana.	{ Ferrell.	
Nancy May, h. Phillip Pectol, d.	{ Jos. Alonzo, w. Hattie J. Doughten. Galena, Indiana.	{ Violet May. Corrhine. Ira A. Mary A.	
2nd h. John S. Norman Galena, Indiana.	{ Lennie E., h. Jesse L. Schwartz. Galena, Indiana.	{ Irma.	
Francis M., w. Cally Crotts. Bedford, Indiana.	{ Lilly, h. Albert Deich William. Ella. Jessie.	{ Clyde Dale.	

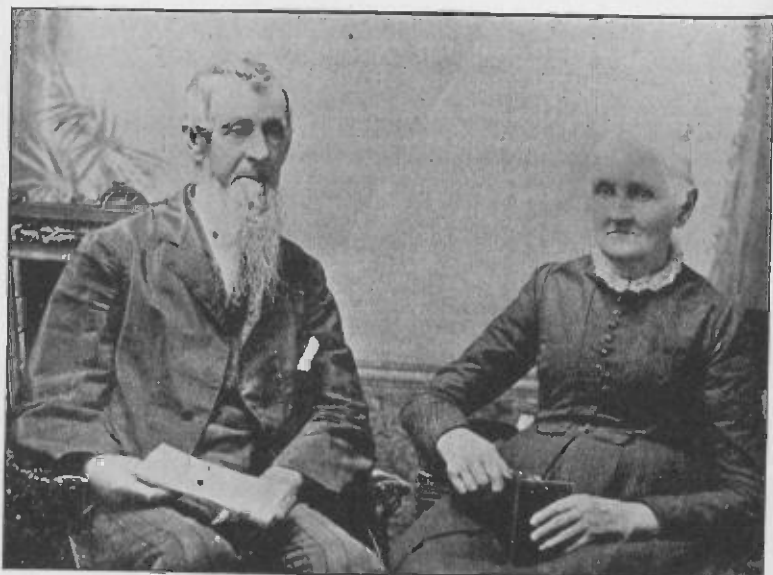
## DAVID NANCE—BRANCH SEVEN.

David Nance was born in Franklin township, Floyd county, Indiana, January 1, 1818. He died at Harvey, Illinois, November 30, 1894. Julia Ann Chamberlain was born in the same township, April 22, 1816. She died at Harvey, Illinois, July 8, 1894. They were married September 3, 1840, in the township in which they were born.

In 1847, they moved, with their three children, to Whiteside county, Illinois, which county continued to be their home most of the time, until 1882, when they moved to Beadle county, South Dakota. In 1891, they moved to Harvey, Illinois, where they remained during life, surrounded by all their family. During mother's long decline, lasting nearly two years, father was constantly at her side. He could not be persuaded to leave her but a few minutes at a time. After six months persuasion, it was only the last day of the great World's Fair, October 31, 1893, that he would leave her to visit the fair. After listening daily for six months to the tales of wonderful sights to be seen but twelve

miles away, when he did go, he was amazed at the show, saying the half had never been told. It has ever been a happy thought of my life that I spent that whole day showing father the sights that I thought he would most enjoy. It is safe to say that father saw more of the real world of progress that day than all his life besides.

After mother had passed to the beyond, father had no desire to live any longer. He prayed earnestly to be released from mortal clay, that he might be with the loved ones gone before. When the summons came, he passed away without an ache or



FATHER AND MOTHER DAVID AND JULIA A. NANCE.

pain, or a moment's sickness, in full possession of all his powers to the very last breath.

Father was the noblest man I ever knew. I never heard a vulgar, obscene, or profane word pass his lips. I do not believe the person lived who ever spoke a word derogatory to the life or character of David Nance. O, that the world had more such.

Mother was a member of the Christian church from girlhood, joining Park church, lower Third and Market streets, New Albany, Indiana. Father was a member from about 1848, and was made deacon almost from the first.

Of my earliest recollections, the sight of father starting off Sunday mornings with a little basket containing the loaf and cup, for the weekly communion, for a four miles' trip, often on foot, fair or foul, is among the most vivid. As a deacon, it was father's duty to look after the needy. Often have I seen him hitch up his ox team, place in the wagon a ham of meat, a measure of meal or flour, a bushel of potatoes, or whatever he could best spare, and start the rounds of the farmers, picking up what each could spare; spending the day thus, at night arriving at the home of the needy with supplies for a month or more.

Eleven children came to bless the home of this worthy couple, three dying in infancy. Those growing up are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
George W., w. Cora B. Demorest .....	{ Olive Linola. David Demorest, d.		
James Dallas, w. Hattie Wildes .....	{ Addie Bell. Julia. New Albany, Indiana.		
	{ Elmer C. Nettie May. Dora Myrtle.		
Minerva Jane, h. Martin O. Hurless .....	Frank E., w. Mabel May Williams, ...	{ Hazel Mae.	
Chicago, Illinois, 1193 Tripp avenue.	Howard L., w. Loretta M. Brennan.		
	Lester C. Ralph Jay. Guy C.		
	Cora, h. Eugene Noyes .....	{ Reuben. John. Wallace. James.	
	Green, Kansas.		
Sarah Catharine, h., d. Wm. Wallace .....	Oscar, w. Myrtle James .....	{ Maud. Ralph. Glen.	
Kingfisher, Oklahoma	Kingfisher, Oklahoma		
	Bertha. Harry L., d. Edgar J. Charles D. Leo A. Lula M., d.		
Margaret Priscilla, h. Wm. H. Nichols, d. ....	{ Josiah David, Harvey, Illinois.		
Frank Pierce, w. Mellie Smith .....	{ Cora Edna. Nettie May. James Grant.		
Terre Haute, Indiana.			
Freman Albert, 1855-1903	{ Never married.		
Arthur Allison, w. Belle Baker, Colorado Springs, Colo			

George Washington Nance, twig above, and author of this book, was born in Floyd county, Indiana, September 28, 1842.

At the age of four, his parents moved to Illinois, settling in Genesee Grove township, Whiteside county, where he grew to man's estate, attending country school in winter, and working on farm in summer. In 1864, he enlisted in the 140th regiment Illinois Infantry, serving six months. He afterwards taught several terms of school. In 1866, he entered Eureka college, with the ministry in view. Owing to eye troubles, he left college in 1871, before graduating. He at once began a business career, entering the mercantile house of E. Brookfield, at Coleta, in the township in which he was brought up. He remained several years, until Mr. Brookfield sold out and removed to Rock Falls, same county, and went into the banking business, George going with him. At the death of Mr. Brookfield, the business men of Rock Falls, asked George to continue the banking business in his own name, but he said, "I have little capital." They had such trust in his honor and integrity, they told him to open his bank and commence business on their deposits, which offer he accepted, and the Exchange Bank, of Rock Falls, was the result.

In connection with the banking business, he added that of fire insurance and real estate. He soon called his brother, Jas. Dallas, to his assistance. He prospered in business, and wealth was in sight. In 1882, (not knowing when he had a good thing—Author), he sold his banking interest, and with a friend, opened the Bank of Huron, Huron, South Dakota. This prospered for a time, but reverses came, and he was financially ruined. Four years of farming on the Dakota plains, followed, with little results. In 1888, he returned to Illinois, settling his family in Elgin. After a year he opened a business in the new town of Harvey, a suburb of Chicago. Here he dealt in real estate, lumber, coal, and building material, until September, 1899, when he settled in Bloomington, and began the practice of optics, having previously graduated from the Chicago Ophthalmic College. He subsequently took a course in the National College of Optics, receiving the degree of Doctor of Optics.

George became a Christian in 1861, at the age of eighteen, uniting with the Christian church, Lexington, Illinois. In his Christian life he has ever been faithful and consistent. In the organization of the church at Sterling, Illinois, he took a leading part, and became a member of the first Board of Elders. In settling at Elgin, he was instrumental, with his wife, in organizing the church, the first meetings being held in their parlors. He

was their elder from the first. He also assisted in the organization of the church at Harvey, although at the time holding membership at Elgin. He subsequently became elder at Harvey.

He and family are now members of the Second church at Bloomington, a congregation recently established, but one with an enviable reputation already, for aggressive work and accomplishment.

George was married to Miss Cora B. Demorest, at Aurora, Illinois, October 22, 1879, President H. W. Everest, of Eureka college, performing the ceremony.

While a resident of Harvey, Brother George served two terms as member of the city council, elected on the anti-license ticket.

The foregoing tribute was written by Brother James Dallas, the author using his prerogative, in cutting out some too eulogistic matter.

He wishes to mention just three things in his life not treated elsewhere, that have contributed no little to the happy, and not entirely worthless, life he has been permitted to live.

First. His four years spent in Eureka college. To breathe the atmosphere, spiritual atmosphere, of Eureka is, to a soul longiug



OLIVE LINOLA NANCE

Bud.

Student in the Wesleyan College of Music,  
Bloomington, Illinois.



for a higher and holier life, what the salt laden sea breeze is to the physical man—invigorating, life preserving. Besides the associations formed in those years, and in the many, many returns to Alma Mater, have made him intimate with many of the most prominent ministers, writers, and workers in the church through-



MRS. CORA DEMOREST NANCE.

out the English speaking world, to say nothing of the missionaries throughout heathendom. These associations have made the literature of the church doubly interesting and helpful.

Second. From the fact that he has spent nearly all of his life in new, weak, and small churches, he has been thrown almost con-

stantly with young people, as they always predominate in such churches. He has never been in a church where the young people have not counted him as one of their number. Even since coming to Bloomington, four years ago, he has served two years as president of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, composed almost entirely of the young people of the church. This is a favor that any person with the frost of sixty winters on his locks should appreciate.

Third. The greatest event that has ever happened to the author, was the leading to the hymeneal altar the lady who there became his bride. She was born and reared in Canada, but educated in Aurora, Illinois. She is a member of an old and prominent Huguenot family. Her father, David L. Demorest, spent fifty-five years tracing the genealogy of his family and that of his wife. His tree, in real tree form, contains twenty thousand names, and covers eleven generations. But for his persistence, the author should never have known or cared much for his family history.

The family were, and are, prominent in Methodism. Her twin sister, Mrs. L. C. Burling, with her husband and two sons, served time in Africa on the Congo, in a self supporting mission under Bishop Taylor. They returned in time to save their lives. He is now Presiding Elder over the Freeport District of the Rock River Conference. It might be considered presumption for the author to say that he taught Mrs. Nance "the way of the more perfectly." Be that as it may, she was the first to "stir the waters of baptism" in the new church at Sterling, a few months after the nuptials.

James Dallas Nance, twig above, was born in the same township as his father and mother, October 18, 1844. Father being a democrat, named his new arrival for President and Vice-President Polk and Dallas, who were elected two weeks after his birth. Dallas received a good country school education, chiefly in Genesee township, Whiteside county, Illinois. About the time he was grown, he went to Sterling, same county, to begin a business career. He spent some time in a hotel office. Afterwards he became a Singer sewing machine agent, which position he held a number of years. He quit this to accept a position in the bank of the author, as bookkeeper and assistant cashier, in Rock Falls, Illinois. In 1883, he moved to Huron, South Dakota, and took the same position in the Bank of Huron. From this he farmed a

few years in South Dakota until starved out by the drought. He then, in 1888, moved to New Albany, Indiana. Most of the time since then he has been in the employ of A. J. Ross & Son, grocers, Louisville, Kentucky, as bookkeeper. He has ever been a



JAMES DALLAS NANCE  
Twig.

faithful employe, and always deserved a better salary than he has received. Brother Dallas, or "Dal," as he is nearly always called in the family, became a Christian at the age of sixteen, uniting with the Christian church at Lexington, Illinois. It is not too much to say he has been a faithful Christian ever since making confession of his faith. The first meetings looking to the establishing of a Christian church in Sterling, were held in his home, himself and wife and the

author being three of the seven taking part. To us was left the selection of an evangelist to hold the meeting. We made selection of Knowles Shaw, the "singing evangelist." The strong Sterling church is the result. In 1870, Brother Dallas visited the place of his birth, and while there, met, and was captured, by Miss Hattie Wildes, of Louisville, Kentucky. He returned in 1874, and they were married by the celebrated Dr. — Hopson. Two girls were born to this union. Their mother has been an invalid for some years, the girls remaining at home to care for her. Dallas and family are members of the Park Christian church, New Albany, where our mother was a member more than sixty-five years ago. Dallas is one of the deacons of Park church. He held the same office in the church at Sterling.

## MARGARET P. WOLF—BRANCH EIGHT.

Margaret Perkins Nance was born in Floyd county, Indiana, June 26, 1821. Hamilton Wolf, M. D., was born March 30, 1819. They were married September 19, 1839. The doctor was surgeon in the Union army in the war of the rebellion. They lived many years at Washington, Indiana, where the doctor had a large and lucrative practice. The last few years they have been making their home in New Albany, with their daughter, Versalia Palmer. "Uncle Ham" is as jovial an old gentleman as one will often see. He is as full of pranks as a young kitten. "Aunt Ped" is one of the happiest old ladies I have ever met. She is just like my father, and they say, like their father.

They were the parents of nine children, those growing to maturity being named below as twigs.

Aunt has been a Christian most of her life, a member of the United Brethren church. I will close this sketch with the recital of a very rare event as related in the *Louisville Herald*, Saturday, September 19, 1903. The article was accompanied by very fair likenesses of the dear old couple:

An event seldom ever witnessed in any community, a sixty-fourth wedding anniversary, will be celebrated to-day in New Albany by Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton Wolf. Dr. and Mrs. Wolf were married September 19, 1839, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mosias Nance, near Lanesville, eight miles west of New Albany. Both the bride and the groom came from sturdy pioneer Floyd county stock, who had come west to make a home for themselves and their children. The parents of Mrs. Wolf were from Virginia, and the parents of Dr. Wolf were Pennsylvanians.

A few years after their marriage they moved to Washington, Indiana, where, for more than fifty years, Dr. Wolf engaged in the practice of medicine. Eight years ago they returned to New Albany to make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Versalia Palmer, at 523 Vincennes street, where the anniversary will be held to-day. It will be in the nature of a surprise to the aged couple. Dr. Wolf is eighty-four years of age and his wife is eighty-two.

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Dr. Wolf is a graduate of the Kentucky School of Medicine, and the Medical Department of the University of Kentucky. He obtained diplomas from both of these schools sixty years ago. He is by no means a back number in the practice of medicine, but keeps abreast of the times, and reads the late medical journals with deep interest. Despite the weight of years, he walks erect, and his mind is as clear as the average man of sixty. Time has also dealt gently with Mrs. Wolf. Her eighty-two years have made few wrinkles, and her hair is not as gray as most women of sixty. She possesses an amiable disposition, culture, and refinement. She numbers among her friends many young folks.

The author and his daughter were in New Albany at the time, and of course, were at the anniversary. There were nearly one hundred guests, two daughters, "Neva" and "Lora," coming from Washington, Indiana, and a granddaughter, Etta Hunter, from Houston, Texas. Aside from the venerable couple, but one person is believed to be living who was at the wedding, Dr. H. S. Wolf, of New Albany, and he was present at the anniversary. He was seven years of age when at the wedding.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Versalia, h.	{ Etta B., h.		
Sardis R. Chase, d. ....	{ Geo. D. Hunter, Houston, Texas.		
2nd h. Jno. J. Palmer, d.	{ Jesse H. Palmer.		
New Albany, Indiana.	{ New Albany, Indiana.		
	{ William H.		
	{ Lillie, h.		
	{ Thos. Lawson.		
Alcesta A. J., d.	{ James A.		
Jas. A. Dale, .....	{ Dennie, h.		
	{ E. W. Steen, .....	{ Lotus Mildred.	
	{ Auburn, Illinois.	{ Eunice.	
	{ Dora, h., d.		
	{ Wilbert Choate.		
	{ Charles.		
Veneyva E., h.	{ Thaddeus, w.		
Jas. Stevens, d. ....	{ Alla Hurless, .....	{ Jas. Thaddeus.	
Washington, Indiana.	{ Washington, D. C.		
	{ Ida, h.		
	{ Calvin Barnes, .....	{ Chester.	
	{ Canton, Ohio.		
Emma J., h.	{ Hamilton, w.		
Geo. R. Dale, d. ....	{ Alma,		
	{ Hartford City, Indiana		
2nd h. ——— Treat, d.	{ Robert, d.		
3rd h. Goodwine.	{ Claude, d.		
Wellington, Illinois.			
Mary Ella, h.	{ Euola.		
Wm. G. Allen, d. ....	{ Robert F.		
2nd h. E. S. Fugit, d.			
New Albany, Indiana.			
Abelora D., h.			
Benj. E. Franklin, d.			
2nd h. Sam'l L. Hopkins			
Washington, Indiana.			

## CHAPTER IV.

## SUSAN NANCE SHAW—LIMB THREE.

Susan Nance was born in Virginia, about 1783. She died in Floyd county, Indiana, between November, 1811, and July, 1821. She was united in marriage with William Shaw, in Virginia. They removed to Mercer county, Kentucky, on the Kentucky river, before the Nances left Virginia, as is shown by a deed dated June 22, 1803, to Clement Nance, of Pittsylvania county, Virginia. On this date the Shaws were residents of Mercer county, Kentucky. Mr. Shaw is said to have been the first settler to die within the present limits of Floyd county. This may be true, but it must have been after November 11, 1811, for on that date he and wife made deed to some property situated in Virginia, showing residence in Floyd county. This couple died young, and no doubt are buried near the home, but the author found no one who could even suggest their resting place. They were the parents of three children named below as branches :

Mary Brenham, Louisa, and James W. Shaw.

## MARY SHAW—BRANCH ONE.

Mary Shaw was born in Virginia. The date of her birth is not known, but it must have been about 1797. She was married to Alpheus Branham, January 1, 1815, by Patrick Shields, judge. She was named in her grandfather's will, one-third of her mother's share of the estate to be paid to her. Nothing further is known of her except that she was the mother of three children, the name of but one can be given. They are named below as twigs :

William S. and two daughters.

## LOUISA SHAW—BRANCH TWO.

Louisa Shaw was born in Virginia about 1799. Little is known of her except she is named in her grandfather's will ; that she receipted for money from the estate April 27, 1831, and that

her funeral bill was paid by her sister, Mary Branham, and repaid by the Clement Nance estate to her son, William S. Branham, August 7, 1839.

### JAMES W. SHAW—BRANCH THREE.

James W. Shaw was born in Virginia in 1801. He was married March 11, 1824, to Mary Burton, in Floyd county, Indiana. On February 16, 1829, he became the owner of the Clement Nance, senior, homestead, the executors of the will, on that date, deeding the same to him. The consideration named was \$1,200. The Shaw family settled at Fort Madison, Iowa, in 1845. This has been headquarters for the family to the present.

Ten children were born to this couple, three dying in infancy. The remaining seven are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
William, w., 1825, d. Elizabeth Boley, d.....	Mary, h., 1851 A. Wilcox..... 2nd h. Ellis Reed, Frankfort, Kentucky. Edward, w., 1855 Carrie Frye.....	{ Charles, 1880. Clare. Clyde.  Latta. Roy.	
Thomas, w., 1827 Jennie Holclan, d.....	{ Cora J., h., 1865 Robt. B. Muir..... Belle, h., 1859 John Shorly, Denver, Colorado. Nevada.	{ Robert B. Flora. Elizabeth.	
Nancy, h., 1829 Henry Jones, d.....	{ James F. 1855. Edward. Albert.		
Elizabeth h., 1832 Gross Edson.			
Pleasant, w., 1833 Mattie Steward.			
Alzina, h., 1836, d. William Jones.....	{ Mary E., d.		
Isam Burton, w., 1847 Mary J. Wilson..... Winslow, Washington	{ Pearl, h., 1876 John R. Lytle, Winslow, Washington Verl, 1889.		

## CHAPTER V.

## MARY NANCE-SHIELDS—LIME FOUR.

Mary Nance was born in Virginia, near the Natural Bridge, January 6, 1781. Patrick Henry Shields was born in York county, Virginia, May 16, 1773. They were married December 6, 1798, by James Reed, minister of the gospel. In accordance with his father's will, Mr. Shields was educated for the legal profession, at Hampden, Sidney, and William and Mary colleges. Inheriting a large tract of land near Lexington, Kentucky, he removed to that state, in 1801, but found the title to the estate defective. In 1805, they removed to Indiana territory. They settled over the beautiful "Silver Hills" or "Knobs," near where Georgetown now stands. The mother was riding horse-back with one child behind and one before, said: "Patrick, where are you going? This looks like the jumping off place." She is said, in history, to have been the first white woman to cross the "knobs." In after years, the mother, speaking of the emotions she felt in reaching the summit of these hills, said:



MARY NANCE-SHIELDS.



I was enraptured with the view. The Ohio river lay beneath us, and we had a view of it up and down stream for many miles, as it glided peacefully on its course, looking like a broad ribbon of silver. Off to the southeastward, five miles, we could see the little town of Louisville, then regarded as the most sickly and unpromising of all the Ohio river settlements. It was evening, and the roar of the falls floated to us on the still air with a music that filled my young heart with sad but most enjoyable emotions. I looked away to the southeast, where the Kentucky hills reared their crowns like mountain peaks, and then we bade adieu to the charming landscape, and

### PICTURE OF MY GRANDFATHER PATRICK SHIELDS.

*By Joanna D. Shields Warren.*

No camera e'er lined his face,  
His kindly eyes, and tender lips.  
No artist's pencil e'er these outlines traced;  
Only a childish remembrance pictures him.

Tall, slender, and with eyes of brown,  
A face on which ne'er rested frown.  
In figure, slightly stooped: He stooped to all  
The little ones, to gather in his arms.

Loving, beloved—grandfather, dear;  
With grandma close your heart within,  
The two a unit, lives so blended,  
Sad was the day when yours was ended.

Together now—no more alone,  
Perhaps you talk of days agone,  
And from your home beyond the sky,  
Your children's children you decry.

In reverence father's sire we hold,  
Man of true principle, as good as gold,  
Pure, burnished bright, without alloy,  
Kind memories oft our thoughts employ.

plunged into the forest to seek a new home amid its wilds. I was the first white woman to look upon this fair panorama, and as I left its entrancement for the wilds yet unexplored, I felt that it was my farewell to civilization, and unbidden tears filled my eyes, which, my husband discovering, I tried to conceal, and which he gently wiped away and gave reassurance by kissing their stains from my cheeks.—*From Biographical Souvenir of Indiana.*

Mr. Shields was named for the illustrious Patrick Henry, who was a neighbor and friend of the family.

Arriving in Indiana, Mr. Shields joined his class-mate and life

long friend, William Henry Harrison. It is recorded of him that he fought gallantly in the battle of Tippecanoe. His hat was shot full of holes in this battle, and was an heirloom in the family for many years. He was commissioned the first judge of Harrison county, in 1808. His house was often the headquarters of the territorial authorities. He was a member of the Constitutional convention at Corydon, in 1816, and filled judicial offices until the time of his death.

Judge Shields, as one of the founders of the state, took an active part in reforming the territorial courts, in organizing the school system, and in maintaining the Congressional Ordinance of 1787, which prohibited the indefinite continuance of slavery. According to family traditions, he was the author of the constitutional article which confirmed Indiana as a free state. He was one of the committee appointed by the governor to welcome LaFayette, in behalf of Indiana, April 25, 1825, on his last trip to America.

It is said that no man ever lived who was more universally beloved and respected by all who knew him.

He lived in New Albany, the last few years of his life, a gentleman of the old school, reading his New Testament, which he always carried with him, telling the good things he found therein.

Father Shields passed to his reward, June 6, 1848, at the age of seventy-five, mourned by the whole community.

In the absence of the father during the Indian troubles, the mother and children were left in the care of Black Sam, who had come with the family from Virginia. She used to leave both doors of the cabin unfastened so that if the Indians came in at one door she could grab her children and skip out to the woods through the other. She used to tell that at one time she did not know for three months whether she was wife or widow. Mrs. Anna Moore, of Spokane, Washington, writes of Mother Shields:

I well remember my grandmother. It was one of my greatest pleasures to sit at her feet on my little stool and listen to the Indian stories and the hardships of her early life. She was a very proud little woman, always telling me she was an F. F. V. I remember once a peddler came along and she wanted to buy a calico dress, and was looking over his stock, trying to find a suitable pattern, when he pulled out a piece, saying, "Here Granny, is a piece I think will suit you." Without saying a word she walked into the house and closed the door. After waiting a few moments, mother sent me in to see what was the matter. She was knitting away as though that was all she had to think of, and when I asked her if she was going to buy the

dress, she said, "No, no indeed, did you hear him call me Granny?" I said, "Yes, but that did not hurt." "Well, I guess I am not everybody's granny." And she refused to go out or have any thing more to say to such a rude person. She had the broad Virginia dialect, and often amused us by her peculiar pronunciation of many words.

Mrs. Cornelia Kingery, Garden City, Kansas, writes :

My grandmother, Mary Shields, was a noble woman, a good mother, a very dear grandmother, and an earnest, consistent Christian. She was a great reader, and when stricken with paralysis, that caused her death, was found lying on her bed apparently asleep with a good book beside her. She had laid down to rest and to read, as was her custom.

The mother survived her husband thirteen years, dying at the age of eighty. She was active, bright, and cheerful to the last. Father and Mother Shields were faithful Christians all their lives, being Presbyterians, and I believe all their descendants have maintained the faith of their parents.

Eight children were born to this couple, those growing to maturity are named below as limbs :

James Reed,	Henry Burnett,
Clement Nance,	Dr. Pleasant S.,
Greenbury F., died at 20,	Elizabeth G. Kintner,
Mary S. Elliott.	

#### JAMES R. SHIELDS—BRANCH ONE.

James Reed Shields was born in Virginia, December 24, 1799, coming with the family to Indiana in 1805. His father looked after his education as best he could, until his nineteenth year, when he began life in New Albany as a clerk and merchant. For nearly fifty years he was engaged in the banking business. On his retiring from business, at the age of seventy-five, the feeling of the community was expressed by the *Daily Ledger*, in an editorial article concluding as follows :

Everybody's synonym for integrity, purity in life, unaffected modesty, and a pattern of a Christian gentleman, as he is, he has the pre-eminent royal right to rest. We trust his present good health may assure many years to our good citizen, fellow townsman, and friend. May his declining sun be a perpetual blessing, and lighten all the afflictions natural to age ; may he be renewed in body, mind, and spirit ; and may he continue to be honored, loved, and respected, as each year shall be added, by a still wider circle of friends.

Mr. Shields departed this life two years after his retiring from business, passing peacefully to his rest, October 28, 1876, being almost seventy-seven years of age. At the announcement of his

death, the bankers of the city were called together at the Merchants' National Bank, and passed the following resolutions :

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst and from the field of earthly labor, our beloved friend, J. R. Shields, we, his associates, deem it an act of justice to his memory to spread upon our records the expression of our high respect and admiration for his exalted character. Mr. Shields was a man honored alike for all the virtues of a Christian character, and remarkable for the courtesy of a Christian gentleman. He has finished his course upon earth and has gone to his reward in heaven.

*Resolved*, That this inadequate tribute to his memory be entered upon the minutes of the Merchants' National Bank, of which he was a director, and a copy be furnished to the bereaved family, with expressions of our sincere sympathy in their irreparable loss.

*Resolved*, That the officers and directors of all the banks of the city attend the funeral in a body.

The New Albany *Ledger-Standard* had this to say :

His life's influence will mainly rest upon his inflexible honesty, purity of character, and his good deeds of charity, which were many. No one but himself will ever know all his charities, but they were large and more numerous than the public surmise. He contributed his proportion to every public good ; was a kind neighbor ; was affectionate and generous to those of his immediate household. He was self-sacrificing to the comforts of others. He could no more have done a mean act than he could have committed a crime. He was the personification of peace. He was without enemies. He was tenacious in his faith of that marvelous man of Galilee. He was a genuine Christian. He had fulfilled every duty in life, done his work well, and death to him was a sweet and welcome messenger. His influence cannot pass away. Let us be thankful that so good a man has lived for our admiration and profit.

Mr. Shields became a Christian at the age of eighteen. He became a charter member of the First Presbyterian church in New Albany, in 1818. He was installed as ruling elder of the same church November 18, 1832, and held the same position to the end of life. He was married to Miss Hannah Woodruff, February 10, 1824, Clement Nance, performing the ceremony. His only child was born to this union, named below as twig. His second wife was Miss Lucy Butler. I might quote many more eulogies from the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, *Louisville Commercial*, *Louisville Daily Evening News*, etc., etc., but the above are sufficient to show the worth of the man.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Charles W., 1825	Charles, d.		
1st w. Charlotte Bain, d.	Albert, d.		
	Charlotte, h., d.		
	Stockton.		
2nd w. Beessie Kane.	Bessie, h.		
	Stockton.	James.	2.
	James.		
	6.		

"Charles Woodruff Shields, educator, was born in New Albany, Indiana, April 4, 1825; entered Princeton as an advanced student, and was graduated with distinction, in 1844. After a course of four years' study in Princeton Theological Seminary, he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1848. In 1849, he was ordained pastor of the Presbyterian church in Hempstead, Long Island, and in 1850, he was installed as pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"He had been early imbued with a philosophical spirit, and published, in 1861, an elaborate treatise entitled, '*Philosophia Ultima*,' in which he expounded an academic scheme of irenical studies for the conciliation of religion and science. His friends, profoundly impressed by this exposition, created for him, in Princeton, a new professorship of the harmony of science and revealed religion. This chair was the first of its kind in any American college, and at the time of its establishment (1865) was so novel in theory that its utility, and even its orthodoxy, were questioned, but its usefulness, as well as its timeliness, was soon abundantly vindicated. He was appointed professor of modern history, in 1871, but soon resigned this added chair, that he might not be diverted from the aim of his life, which he has pursued in college lectures, in papers before the Philosophical society of Washington, in contributions to periodicals, and in elaborate published works.

"He received the honorary degree of D. D. from Princeton, in 1861, and that of LL. D. from Columbia University, Washington, in 1877.

"Dr. Shields has advocated the restoration of theology, as a science of religion, to its true philosophical position in a university system of culture, as distinguished from the clerical or sectarian systems of education, and the placing of philosophy as an umpire between science and religion, as embracing without invading their distinct provinces. This view he has maintained at Princeton in systematic lectures and in his '*Religion and Science in their Relation to Philosophy*.' (N. Y. 1875.)

"He looks forward to the formation of an ultimate philosophy, or science of sciences, which is to be reached inductively from the collective intelligence of men working through successive generations. This forms the argument of his great work, '*The Philosophia Ultima*, now (1888) passing through a revised edition,

and of which Volume I. is an historical and critical introduction, while Volume II. is to treat of the history and logic of the sciences.

"Dr. Shields has been an earnest advocate of the restoration of the Presbyterian prayer-book of 1661, for optional use by ministers and congregations that desire a liturgy. To this end he published 'The Book of Common Prayer,' as amended by the Presbyterian Divines (1864), with an appendix entitled, 'Liturgia Expurgata' (1864).

"He looks forward to the organic union of the Congregational, Presbyterian, and Episcopal principles of the New Testament church in an 'American Catholic Church' of the future. His irenical writings under this head embrace a series of essays entitled, 'The United Churches of the United States,' 'The Organic Affinity of Presbytery and Episcopacy,' and 'The Christian Denominations and the Historic Episcopate.'

"No essays have excited wider remark in the theological world.

"The style of Dr. Shields is remarkable for lucidity of statement and graceful rhetoric.

"He divides his time equally between Princeton and his villa at Newport."

The above from Appleton's Cyclo-American Biography, is so much fuller and better than I could otherwise furnish, that I have copied the article in full.

#### HENRY B. SHIELDS—BRANCH TWO.

Henry B. Shields was born in Pittsylvania county, Virginia, August 28, 1801. He died in New Albany, Indiana, July 17, 1872.

A man of striking personality, fully six feet, two inches in height, of genial manners, and kindly bearing and kindly courtesy, one of Nature's noblemen; his name should be handed down to posterity as one ever to be remembered and prized.

He entered into business life at the age of nineteen, in 1820, as clerk in the store of Mr. George Paxson, in New Albany, Indiana. Two years later, through the assistance of their father in purchasing stock, he and his brother, James, opened a small store of their own, which was continued for several years with a good degree of prosperity. Then, assuming the work alone, his brother having found a field of usefulness in a banking career, he is said to have become noted as one among many, enterprising, industrious, and successful in the wholesale hardware trade in



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the state of Indiana. In 1849, he removed his affairs to the city of Louisville, Kentucky, doing a large business for fully five years, when, because of financial revolutions that swept over the country, he experienced many and severe losses. This constrained him to return to his former field of operations, and at New Albany, Corydon, and Wabash, he successfully carried on his efforts to serve his generation in thorough and masterful ways, as a man of energy, earnestness, and diligence.

He was recognized and esteemed all the days of his

life for his generous courtesy towards all, whether in large or small transactions. As with others who stood for enterprise and progress in the growth of the city, in the affairs of education, business and religion, for virtue, manliness and good citizenship, his name was a synonym—an emblem of the character of the place and the community.

He entered the marriage state as early in life as 1825, when, June 2, the Rev. John Hamilton, D. D., of Louisville, Kentucky, performed the wedding rite which gave him for his life companionship, Miss Joanna K. Day, formerly from Morristown, New Jersey, her birthplace. This step was succeeded by another, most essential to



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peace of mind and conducive to blessed hope for the life to come. He was received into membership in the First Presbyterian church, at New Albany, on profession (publicly) of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, December 21, 1828. Mrs. Shields, in the same way, united with the same organization, July 18, 1830, and we can say decidedly that it was for them an event of great significance, preparatory to the religious training of the children given them of God as His trust. Presbyterians by conviction, as they were Christians by faith in their risen Lord, they tried with all in glad eagerness to glorify their gracious Master with steadfast service. He was ever faithful as a member, usually found in his seat in the sanctuary on the Sabbath, and at his post in the prayer meeting; he was also liberal in the support of the Gospel up to the full measure of his ability.

To his children, no less than to his precious mother and theirs, he was nutiringly devoted. With much prayer and constant effort, he endeavored to imbue them with high moral principles, and to prepare them for the many and varied duties of life. He sought their enlightenment by the Holy Ghost, so that they should ultimately stand amid heaven's everlasting glories.

His example, his counsels, his prayers, his repeated efforts to secure their full equipment for both worlds; all are testimonials to his consistency, his diligence and zeal in living for God and in doing His will.

Music was an especial delight to the parents, which (while they were not skilled in the art), was valued by them as a means to the end of family harmony and love, and beyond that to the guidance of the children into the narrow way that leadeth unto life everlasting. The memorizing of churchly hymns was not neglected, as next in significance to the memorizing of the text of Holy Scripture itself.

"The heart has many passages  
Through which the feelings roam,  
But its middle aisle is sacred  
To the old, old home."

In 1859, he received appointment from the Presbyterian Board of Publication, as superintendent of Colportage, in the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, a work that carried him to many of the meetings of Presbytery, Synod, and churches, to appeal for aid in distributing religious literature among the needy communities throughout the territory covered by their bounds, and



also into the military camps and places for the detention of prisoners of war, assisting in the work of religious counsel to the sick and dying, or to the well and strong expecting to go forth to the country's defence. He offered his service willingly, in all means employed to the great end of comforting the sorrowing and suffering, and of wooing the redeemed spirit to the abode of everlasting life beyond the grave.

"Short death and darkness! endless life and light!  
 Short dimming—endless shining in yon sphere,  
 Where all is incorruptible and pure—  
 The joy without the pain, the smile without the tear."

Patriotism and piety, the love of country, the love of home, and the love of God; how they go hand in hand. How precious the privilege to serve one's country, and at the same time to win souls to Christ! How welcome the call to lead an erring sinner back to God, making him the better citizen in this land, and seeking to prepare him for that blest estate whither can dwell neither sorrow nor sin.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel Conn, pastor of the First Church, at New Albany, and thus his spiritual adviser, had this to say, among other truths, at his burial on the 19th of July, 1872:

He was a man of faith and prayer, and the graces of the Holy character were increasingly manifest in him as he increased in years. It was touching to see this man of ripened Christian attainments, whose life from his conversion, onward, had been one long testimony of love and faith, during his last sickness, examining the foundations of his confidence anew. And, though the depression of spirits, which accompanied his disease, sometimes overshadowed his own mind with fears, there was no time reason to doubt his saving union with his Redeemer. He constantly assented that his only ground of trust was the perfect atonement of Christ. At the last he himself rose triumphant over doubt, and in calm confidence and sunlit peace, he passed away.

It was good to be in his dying chamber that seemed odorous with the air of heaven. So gently did the transition from the earthly state to the heavenly life take place, that we could not tell when one ended and the other began.

This worthy couple, in order to suppliment their meager schooling, such as all pioneers received in those days, hit upon this novel plan to improve themselves. They decided upon a correspondence with each other. A stand drawer was chosen as their private postoffice. On one day the husband would deposit a letter to the wife. The next day the reply was found in the same place. These letters were written with as much care as to

spelling, punctuation, composition, and penmanship, as possible. Years afterwards the mother used to say that she never looked forward with more eager anticipation for any letters, than for those in their stand drawer postoffice.

One writes of the mother:

She was a good mother, gentle, kind, faithful, and true. The memory of such a mother, and the influence of such teachings, form a heritage of inestimable value to her children. She was quiet and unassuming, never boasting, and fearless in the discharge of every known duty. For fifty-seven years she lived the life of a Christian, honoring her profession. Her fifteen years of widowhood were spent with her youngest daughter, at Salem, Indiana.

This couple were the parents of eleven children, three dying young. One became a minister of the gospel and two married ministers. (See below for half-tone cuts and life sketches of these three servants of God.) These eleven children are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Mary Elizabeth. Died in infancy.	Esther Hale, unmarried.		
James H., w. 1828	Wm. Henry, w.	{ No issue.	
Caroline Scribner, d. .... 2409 Brook Street, Louisville, Kentucky.	Nellie Keigwin.....		
	Hattie, d.		
Greenberry F., w., d.	Harvey, d.		
Agnes M. Heth, d. ....	Addie, h., d.	{ No issue?	
	Wm. Porter, M. D. ....		
	Anna, d.		
	Janet, d.		
	Mary Nantz, h.	Edith M.	
	Bradford M. Culter, ....	Arthur E., d.	
	La Junta, Colorado.	Mabel M.	
		Leila E.	
	Lucy Lindsley, h.	{ Charles C.	
Catharine H., h.	Melvin Mason, ....		
Rev. John McCrae, d. .... West Pratt Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.	Wichita, Kansas.		Harry M.
	Lizzie Liberta.		
	Henry S., w.		
	Ella Land, ....	Pauline.	
	South Bend, Indiana.	Harry N.	
	John E.		
	Will Warren.		
	Clara Janvier, h., 1881	Edward S., b. 1882.	
Rev. E. P. Shields, D. D., w.	Rev. J. S. MacConnell, d.	Helen Janet.	
Sarah Scovel, d. .... Bridgeton, New Jersey	2nd h. Geo. S. Young, .... Parnassus, Pa.	Ralph W.	
		Kenneth George.	
	Henry Burnett, w.	Harry B., b. 1886.	
	Victoria C. Wilson, ....	Eleanor W.	
	Draughtsman United States Navy, Cramps Ship Yards, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.	Gertrude, d.	
		Robert Morris.	
		Florence, d.	

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TWIGS	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS	FRUIT.
Rev. E. P. Shields, D. D., w. Sarah Scovel, d. Bridgeton, New Jersey	Hannah Scovel, h. Wm. Hendrickson..... Lawrenceville, N. J. Edward Shields.	Robert S., b. 1892. Louise V. Edward S. Matilda D. Hannah S.	
2nd w. Sarah Paulding Johnson Married June 2, 1897.	Rev. Wm. Hamill, w. Belle Platter..... Middletown, Ohio. Adelin Davis, d. Lillian Marcy.	Margaret L. James H.	
Harriet N. Died at 11.	Prof. Hugh MacMaster w Mary McMillan..... Crawfordsville, Ind.	Hugh McMillan. Helen. Robert. Katharine. Margaret.	
Cornelia Ayres, h. Rev. David Kingery..... Garden City, Kansas.	Harriet Day, h. Chas. L. Seeley..... La Junta, Colorado. Anna Juliette. Mary S. Died at 13½.	Cornelia. Charles K. David B. Frank L. Robert J.	
	James R., w. Lida C. Totten..... El Paso, Texas.	Frederick T. Russell S. Albert Dowd.	
	Prof. David Newton, w. Clara G. Jackson, St. Paul, Minnesota.		
Joanna Day, h. Wm. B. Warren..... Louisville, Kentucky.	No issue.		
William Clement, Died young.	Charles H., w. Marie Louise Oberhel- man, Evanston, Cincinnati, Ohio.		
Elias A., w., 1843-1902 Sallie Tunny.....	Mary E., h. James P. Orr..... Evanston, Cincinnati, Ohio. Edward H., w. Bertha Hines..... Sallie. Clara, h. Edward A. Vosmer.....	James P. Adelaide. Chas. Edward. Edward H. William Elias. Edward A., Jr.	
Anna Maria, h. Dr. John R. Bare..... Salem, Indiana. Sur- geon 66th Indiana In- fantry. Went with Sherman "to the sea."	Clarence E. Nettie. Chas. Henry, D. D. S. Terre Haute, Indiana.		

## GREENBERRY F. SHIELDS.

Greenberry F. Shields, twig above, was born at New Albany, Indiana, February 13, 1830. Attended school at New Albany. For several years he was engaged with his father in the whole-sale hardware business, in Louisville, Kentucky. September 7, 1852, he was married to Miss Agnes M. Heth, of that city. Their

only daughter, Addie, married Dr. Wm. Porter, of St. Louis, Missouri. Her sudden death, in February, 1884, was like a crushing blow to her parents. She was their only child.

During the civil war, he was an officer in the Union army, being adjutant of the 17th Indiana regiment (mounted infantry). After doing much valiant service, he felt compelled to resign his position, because of ill health. And he suffered long from the disease resulting from the hardships and exposures of war. He was popular in his regiment. For many years afterwards he was engaged in steamboating on the Mississippi river, as a clerk or captain on passenger boats. At the time of his death he was in command of the Annie P. Silver, running between St. Louis and New Orleans.

The following tribute is culled from an obituary notice printed at the time of his death :

"Green" Shields was a man whose righteousness and integrity had earned for him the honor and respect of every class of steamboatmen ; and when the sad news of his death became known, men seemed to forget their business in the remembrance of one who would be with them no more. \* \* As master of his vessel, he earned loud encomiums for his firm, though gentle, bearing toward his subordinates. \* \* \* Those who sailed under Captain Shields, gave him naught but praise.

He was a handsome man, tall, erect, with black hair and eyes; pleasant in manner, a friend to be relied upon. Was a member of the Second Presbyterian church, St. Louis, Missouri.

After escaping all the dangers of war, and of constant travel on the river, he died calmly and peacefully in his own home, at St. Louis, November 26, 1884. He was buried in Bellefontaine cemetery. On his tomb-stone his widow had inscribed the words, "Safe in the Harbor."

She has since then been called home, and we feel assured that their little family circle is again complete in the "home over there."

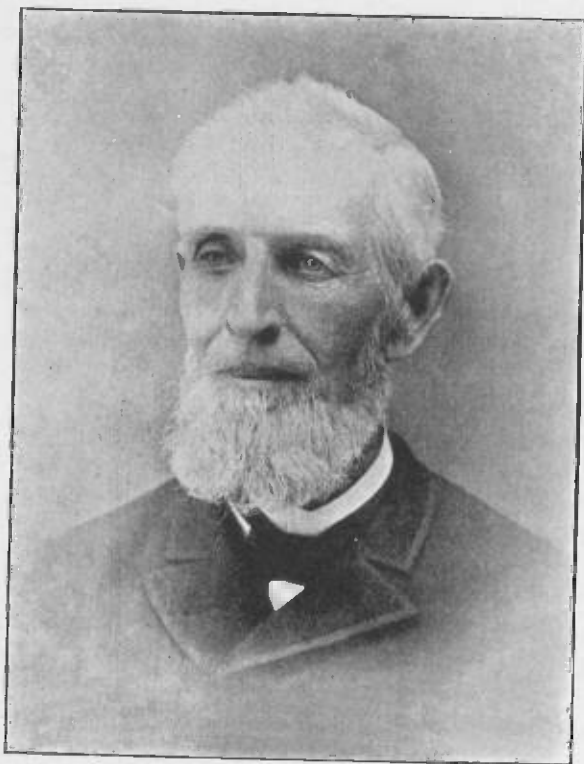
"Safe in the harbor,  
All dangers past—  
Safe in the harbor,  
Home at last."

The above tribute is furnished the author by a sister, Mrs. Cornelia Shields Kingery.

## REV. JOHN McCRAE.

John McCrae was born near Wigtown, in Scotland, January 7, 1819. While John was small, his father moved to a farm in Ayrshire, near the home of Robert Burns.

The family being strict Covenanters, had worshipped on the hillside, as was long the custom, so John never was in a church until he was eleven years old. Then his parents united with



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the Alloway Kirk, of which Burns wrote, and the family were buried in its graveyard.

While a boy, John herded his father's sheep on the celebrated Mt. Cairnsmuir. At the age of sixteen, he went to Glasgow, where he served an apprenticeship of five years at the saddler's trade. In 1842, he came to America, "to make his fortune." He selected Nashville, Tennessee, for his home, and followed his

trade there quite successfully for three years. He then decided to enter the ministry, sold out his shop, and entered Nashville college, beginning the study of Latin and Greek, at the age of twenty-four. He graduated there, and afterwards, at the Theological Seminary in New Albany, Indiana. He began to preach at Rehoboth, Harrison county, Indiana, while still a student, at the age of thirty years, and continued as a minister and home missionary for forty years.

He graduated on April 30, 1851, and the next day was married to Miss Catherine Shields. (See table above.) A few days later he and his bride proceeded to Texas, expecting to enter Mexico as missionaries as soon as the war among the Mexicans and Comanche Indians was over. Overstudy had undermined his "iron constitution," and ill health compelled him to abandon his hopes of labor in that benighted country. After four years of work in Texas, he reluctantly returned to the North. Though never strong afterwards, he labored earnestly and constantly, in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Kansas. He never would accept of work in a large city church, although such fields were frequently opened to him. He said: "No, I started out to be a missionary. Since I cannot serve in the foreign field, I will go to the small and neglected churches where others do not wish to serve." And this vow he kept. Many feeble churches revived and built up, eight church buildings erected and several repaired, bore abundant testimony to his faithfulness and ability.

In December, 1863, the 3rd Kentucky cavalry of the Union army, with Colonel Eli H. Murray, in command, invited him to become their chaplain. The regiment joined Kilpatrick's division of Sherman's army, participating in many battles, and "marching through Georgia." A few days before the army started for the sea, the regiment received nearly a year's pay. Not able to carry it with them, and solicitous for the welfare of their families at home, they chose Mr. McCrae, and he was ordered North with over \$35,000, to be distributed through Northern Kentucky and Southern Indiana. The money was enclosed in envelopes, each with an address on the outside. These envelopes were packed in an old valise, and carrying this in his hand, and wearing the uniform of a private soldier, Chaplain McCrae started on his perilous mission. The story of his hairbreadth escapes during the next six weeks, would read like the adventures in a dime novel. As he was well known in the localities he had to visit,

his work had to be done mostly by night. He was greatly assisted by the negroes of that part of the country, whom he had befriended, and to whom he had preached before the war. It is sufficient to say that every penny of the money reached the ones to whom it had been sent.

As he could not rejoin Sherman's army, he was placed on duty as chaplain in Barracks No. 1, and Exchange Barracks in Louisville, Kentucky. Though arduous, the work delighted him. He served here until the war was over.

After the war was over, he served churches in Floyd, Orange, Washington, and Harrison counties, of Southern Indiana. While at Rehoboth church, a fall from his horse crippled him for life. In spite of his enfeebled condition, he persisted in preaching, sometimes *walking on crutches twelve miles* to fill an appointment. His feeble health caused him to move to Kansas, in 1879. The change of climate proved quite beneficial, and nearly twelve years more for active work were granted him. Several churches organized, and five church buildings erected during this time, prove his faithful efficiency.

On February 10, 1890, he was released from earthly labor and suffering, and was buried at Ness City, Kansas.

He left his widow and six grown children to mourn his loss, and to revere his memory. Truly, "He being dead, yet speaketh."

#### MARY MCCRAE CULTER.

Mary McCrae, bud, was born at New Albany, Indiana, April 12, 1858, and was named Mary Nantz by her great grandmother, Mary Nance Shields. The middle name was spelled as written, because the grandmother expressed a preference for that mode. She was educated at The Western College, Oxford, Ohio, graduating in 1877. She married Bradford M. Culter, of Derby, Kansas, October 19, 1882. Their home is on a large farm near Wichita, Kansas, but they are temporarily at La Junta, Colorado, for the health of their youngest child.

For a number of years, she has been doing considerable literary work, writing for some thirty publishing houses. Her serial work has been published in the *Herald and Presbyter*, *Journal and Messenger*, and *Christian Leader*, all of Cincinnati; and in *The Presbyterian Journal*, of Philadelphia. Her first book, "What the Railroad Brought to Timken," was put out by Monfort & Co., Cincinnati. The second, "Four Roads to Happiness," was

published by the American Sunday School Union, of Philadelphia. The third, "The Girl Who Kept Up," appeared September, last, and was published by Lee & Shepard, of Boston.

She has three more books in the hands of the publishers, and they will probably be issued before this Memorial.

She does not publish her books, but sells the copyrights. This method perhaps nets her less returns, but frees her from expense and annoyance. Mrs. Culter says of her writings :

They are not of a class to make me either wealthy or famous. Distinctively religious work is the only kind that is really worth while, and that is the kind I do, looking for the reward hereafter. My greatest reward is when some one comes to me and says, "Your stories have helped me."

She writes under her own name, that at the head of this sketch.

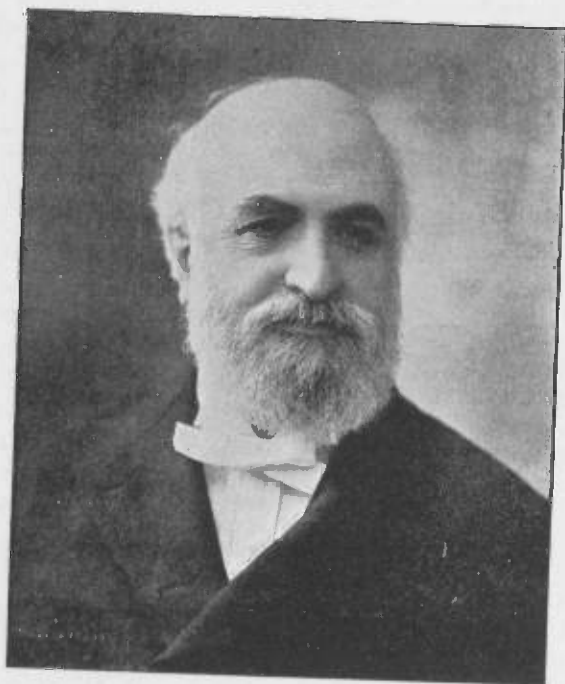
#### EDWARD P. SHIELDS.

Edward P. Shields, twig, was born in New Albany, Indiana, August 31, 1833. He was schooled for his early years in the Collegiate Institute, of that city, then under the careful oversight of Mr. Jno. B. Anderson, for a period of eight years, till he was in his fifteenth year, when, because of his need for better physical development, he was placed at work in the store of his father, at Louisville, Kentucky, for a period of nearly four years, realizing the benefits desired. Then, much improved in every way, study was resumed, having united with the church upon profession of faith, in 1849, and finding a growing desire to give himself to the work of the ministry, he was entered in the course at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, with the Junior class, in 1852, and graduating in 1854, receiving the degree of A. B. Three years later he received the degree of A. M., and thirty years later the degree of D. D.

As New Albany was his home, he properly entered the Theological Seminary of that place, in 1854, then under the care of such eminent divines and masters of learning as the Rev. Drs. MacMaster and T. E. Thomas. He took a full three years' course in the institution with such excellent class-mates as Sylvester F. Scovel, David Kingery, Isaac B. Moore, Thomas E. Hughes, Joshua B. Garritt, most of whom continue to this day, and have written a most creditable record in the work of the ministry, and also in the art of education. The change of location for the institution, through the action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of



America, from New Albany to Chicago, Illinois, was a measure designed for the enlargement of its influence, as has proven to be the case, in which no one has rejoiced more than the class of 1857, which was graduated at the old, well-known location, as its last issue of men equipped for the faith. Dr. S. F. Scovel, for sixteen years president of the now renowned Presbyterian University, of Wooster, in the state of Ohio; and Prof. J. B. Garritt, for his whole life employed in the classical course of Hanover college,



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Twig.

Indiana, are worthy of all praise for their devoted services in both lines of employment, never forgetting the privilege to preach the gospel while earnestly seeking to prepare others for the sacred calling.

An added year within the venerable walls of Princeton Theological Seminary, in New Jersey, was not without profit to the subject of this sketch, giving him friendship among the students there, many of which still continue to this day, and by the

learned and careful instructions there imparted fitting him and them for better service in the work of the church.

He and his class-mate, David Kingery, were examined for licensure, by the Presbytery of New Albany, at New Philadelphia, in Washington county, Indiana, on the 9th of April, 1856.

A call from the rural church and congregation of Upper Pittsgrove, New Jersey, was given him in the spring of 1858, and accepted by him to begin his work May first. His marriage, April 19th, to Miss Sarah Scovel, followed, before removal to New Jersey, which is now one of the great strongholds of the



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Presbyterian church in this land. In June the Presbytery of West Jersey received him into their membership, and on the second day of said month, he was there ordained to the work of the ministry and installed pastor of said church. With his life-long friend for a companion and co-worker, he felt eager for the service. And the years of a first pastorate were among their most pleasant years, having been led wisely to such a historic church,

dating from the colonial days of 1741, and having had the faithful management and guidance of the Rev. Geo. W. Janvier, who labored in that, his only charge, for forty-six years (1812-1858), and lived among the people of his choice for seven years more, dying, much lamented, in 1865, but leaving the fragrance of his name to bless that field for years to come. The memory of that good man and his example has had much to do with the career of his successor, and will ever be a cherished possession in his list of blessings.

The erection of a new house of worship and its dedication, in 1867, one hundred years after the dedication of the former house in 1767, was a significant event during this pastorate.

Removal from this interesting field to the church at Cape May, was made at the close of December in 1870, beginning his work the first of the new year. At that famous seaside resort, his ministry went steadily forward through a period of thirteen years and two months. Here he and his family found strength by reason of the tonic influence of the great grand ocean, which was of much advantage for uninterrupted usefulness for years to come.

Removal in 1884 to the church of Bristol, Pennsylvania, led to the third and last field of labor, and an average of thirteen years in each place, gave a total of thirty-nine years in all—years of uninterrupted employment in quiet but prosperous fields, and mingling many of the joys and sorrows of life for both pastor and people.

For a full term of three years, having been elected by the New Jersey State Board of Education as Superintendent of Public Instruction for the county of Cape May (1881-1884), he had fine opportunity to become acquainted with school life, and to encourage and strengthen those who taught, to aim at higher things, and to advance the grade of study in many branches. Removal to Bristol interrupted this pleasing department of usefulness, although allowed to spend the last six months of his term in residence in the neighboring state. He was also clerk of the Presbytery, West Jersey (1872-1884).

The occurrence of revival occasions throughout his whole career, was one of the gratifying experiences belonging to his modest and quiet life, for which he will ever be grateful to the giver of all good.

The death of Sarah Scovel, his faithful and beloved wife for almost thirty-three years, which came in January, 1890, was the

most serious break in such a steadfast, resolute endeavor to accomplish the will of God by the service of his generation. Still, for years after that event, he continued at his post of duty, till warned by some indications of failing health, he felt it best to resign the active duties of his calling. She was a good woman, intelligent, accomplished, and attractive—in every way fitted for the position of a minister's wife. Her whole heart was in the work, and her good influence can never die.

Seven years after, marriage to Mrs. Sarah P. Johnson, (June 2, 1899), at Bridgeton, New Jersey, has served to supply the vacancy in the home, from whence most of the children had gone forth into homes of their own. His declining years are passing among pleasant surroundings, thus, in the state of his mother's birth, with the natural though sincere regret that there are not more fruits to be gathered for the glory of his Lord and Master, to whom belongeth the praise for a useful life.

#### REV. JOHN S. MACCONNELL

Was able to trace his descent from Scotch and Scotch-Irish ancestry, his parents, George and Jeannette, living in West Deer township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. John was born in their country home, August 12, 1833, and his subsequent life gave evidence of the religious training by them imparted, stimulated (no doubt) by the earnest belief received in the instruction of that zealous Presbyterian denomination known for many years as the Associate Reform Church, and afterwards changed by union with the Reformed Church, into the Associate Presbyterian Church.

After having united with the church in early life, John entered, for his collegiate training, into Franklin college, located at New Athens, Ohio, for a five years' course, and graduating with honors, in 1858, and from the Allegheny Theological Seminary, of that denomination, at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, in 1862. Now followed entrance into the activities of his public ministry. Licensed by Monongahela Presbytery in 1861, he was the next year ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by the Presbytery of Cleveland, within whose bounds he labored for four years of diligent work. From there he was invited to missionary work in the city of Chicago, and was employed within that great city's limits among the needy of that growing community for two years more.

There it was, that, after most serious and thoughtful consideration of the matter, he felt called to change his church relations, and, after due call by the Presbyterian church at Pontiac, in 1868, was accepted in his new connection and employed for five years of steadfast service there. From Pontiac, he was called to the church of Emsworth, which lay in the bounds of both the county and the Presbytery of Allegheny, and gave four years to the upbuilding of that interesting field. But he was soon called to a much larger field in the area of the great city of Pittsburg itself, and, for ten years (1877-1887) in the Lawrenceville Presbyterian church, of Pittsburg, found a field which required his fullest endeavors and steady devotion, until the day of his death, which occurred at Cranford, New Jersey, October 29, 1887.

His marriage at Cape May, to Miss Clara J. Shields, bud above, took place March 31, 1881. His death left her with the charge of two children which are tokens of God's covenant faithfulness upon whom is believed that the same care in parental training will bring forth much honor to his memory; his only son, Edward S., now fully twenty-one years of age, is in college course seeking preparation for the same calling with that of his lamented father. May God receive all the praise for such indications of his providence, vindicating the prophecy and hope, "As are the fathers so shall the childreu be."

REV. W. HAMILL SHIELDS, A. M.

Rev. W. Hamill Shields, bud, is the youngest of the three sons of Rev. E. P. Shields, D. D. Born January 30, 1870, at Daretown, New Jersey. At the age of about two years the father became pastor of the Presbyterian church, of Cape May, New Jersey, where the boy received the benefits of the sea air for the thirteen years of that pastorate. On the removal to Bristol, Pennsylvania, the boy had the advantage of the private instruction of the father for two years.

At the age of eighteen, he decided to enter business, but in a few months felt himself called to the ministry, and in the summer of 1887, entered the summer school of Wooster University. After one year of preparatory work and the four years of collegiate life, he graduated in June of 1892.

In September of that year he entered Princeton Seminary, and graduated in May of 1895. He immediately entered the work of the ministry as pastor of Calvary Presbyterian church, of Detroit, Michigan, where, for five years, reasonable success attended his ministry.

In September of 1900, he came to the First Presbyterian church, of Middletown, Ohio, where he was permitted to raise an \$8,000 debt a few months after his arrival. The church is now out of debt, and has assumed the support of its own missionary pastor in China, and all branches of the work are moving steadily on. His wife, who was Miss Belle T. Platter, of Wooster, Ohio, is the daughter of Rev. James E. Platter, formerly of Winfield, Kansas. She has proven herself to be a most gifted helper, and with him shares the joys and compensations of Christian service.

#### REV. DAVID KINGERY.

Rev. David Kingery was born at South Salem, Ohio, May 8, 1829. His boyhood was spent on a farm, where he acquired strength of body and cheerful spirits, two very necessary qualifications for the work of the ministry. His education began in the country schools, continued through the Salem academy (a Presbyterian school famous for the remarkable number of men it has sent into the home and foreign mission fields); thence through Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio; thence to the New Albany Theological Seminary (now McCormick Seminary, Chicago, Illinois), taking the full course, graduating in May, 1857. He was licensed to preach by New Albany Presbytery, in April, 1856, and began his ministerial labors at Kokomo, Indiana, during the summer vacation.

For more than a year during his seminary course, he taught Latin and Greek, in DePauw Female College, a Methodist school at New Albany.

In June, 1857, following his graduation, he took charge of a church at Onarga, Illinois, his first regular field of labor. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry, in April, 1858, by the Presbytery of Peoria, Illinois, in session at Canton, same state. This event was followed, June 17, by his marriage at New Albany, with Miss Cornelia A. Shields, twig.

His labors have been constant, but varied, living always in the west, or middle west, where changes are more common than in the far eastern states. During the civil war, he found, at Wabash, Indiana, abundance of work for his church and for his country. He next took charge of the Valparaiso Collegiate Institute, a Presbyterian school of high grade, in Valparaiso, Indiana. This was in many respects a desirable position, but he resigned it that he might resume the pastoral work.

In Ohio he had charge of churches at Loveland, Delaware, Columbus, and other points, where the Sabbath school, temperance, and missionary causes always found in him an earnest active advocate, and worker.

Removing to Kansas, in 1879, he was soon in the midst of th



REV. DAVID KINGERY.

great temperance movement that gave to Kansas the benefits of prohibition, and the glory of being the first state in the Union to give it a place in the state constitution. In common, with ministers generally, he labored with voice and pen, to forward the glorious work, and to influence all about him to work, pray, and vote for prohibition, and to practice total abstinence. He was

commissioner to the Presbyterial General Assembly, at Detroit, Michigan, in 1872, and at Saratoga, New York, in 1883.

Since 1879, Mr. Kingery has been engaged in the home mission work. Forty-six years of active, constant service is his record. Blessed with uniformly good health, loving his work, energetic and unsparing of himself, he has been vouchsafed a good degree of success, as pastor, teacher, and friend. He is still strong and vigorous, preaching part of the time. Rev. Dr. Galbraith, who was his boyhood friend, and his fellow student in academy, college, and seminary, in a published address given on the occasion of the "Centennial of Salem Church," South Salem, Ohio, says:

David Kingery preached for a time at Loveland, Ohio, but for many years has been a home missionary in the far west, doing faithful and heroic work. He is an excellent preacher, a true friend, an upright, manly man. Two of his sons are professors of excellent reputation, in Presbyterian colleges.

Mr. Kingery says there is no happier life on earth, than the life of a faithful, diligent minister of the Christ.

The above sketch has been prepared by the author from facts furnished him by Cousin Cornelia, the companion for more than forty-five years, in all the joys and sorrows of this busy man of God.

A faithful panorama of the life of this mother in Israel, as of any other such, who has been the wife of a faithful missionary, home or foreign, for nearly a half century, would thrill the church to a greater realization of responsibility of the individual Christian toward the proper support of these missionaries of the cross. It gives me great pleasure to present the sketch of a noble life:

Cornelia A. Shields was born in New Albany, September 10, 1837. The Shields family, with the exception of the father's two sisters, had their home and their business in New Albany, as also her mother's people, the Day family, and she grew up surrounded by a large circle of relatives, among whom there was warm affection and devoted attachment. She always regarded it as a high honor to be able to trace her descent from such ancestry as the Scotch Covenanters, the Pilgrim Fathers, and the French Huguenots. Her early education was obtained in the private schools of her native city. Then she entered Anderson's Female Seminary, from which she graduated in 1854. This school had a high reputation for thoroughness in education, and for its moral and religious influence. Following her marriage, she went with her



husband to his pastoral charge at Onarga, Illinois. She has often spoken of the change in surroundings. The Sunday before her marriage, worshipping in a large city church, the next in a war-room containing hardware, farm implements, household furniture etc., in a small prairie village. She has always entertained pleasant memories of that first worship in her new home. The singing would compare well with that in some of the fine churches. The choir sang a missionary anthem with much of the spirit of devotion. Since that time her life as a minister's wife has been a busy one, and as she expresses it, "With many joys, some sorrows, and some successes."

When the woman's crusade against the liquor traffic commenced in Ohio, where her home then was, she was in full sympathy with the movement, though not enrolled as a member of the crusaders. Much work was being done in arousing a sentiment among the people in favor of temperance, and in this she took an active part. This continued for some years in Ohio. Then, after removal to Kansas, in 1879, the way was open for still more active and aggressive work in the same line, in the fight for constitutional prohibition. The women were not permitted to vote, but that did not prevent their taking an active part in the campaign. There were many quiet, womanly ways in which they might render efficient service, and they were not slow to respond to the call. Organizations were formed, meetings were held, and the subject kept continuously before the people. In all this, she was actively engaged. The result is known the world over—prohibition in the state of Kansas.

Woman's missionary work in organized form gave a still wider opportunity for church work. When a Woman's Presbyterial Missionary Society was to be organized in connection with the Presbytery, of which her husband was a member, she was elected to an office, to her surprise and against her wishes. Timidly the work was undertaken, but with the full purpose of doing her whole duty. For more than fifteen years, in Ohio, and then in Kansas, she continued actively in the work, during much of the time holding the office of president, secretary, or treasurer. When, from partial loss of sight, she found it necessary to give up such work for some years. Later, especially in the use of the pen, it was gladly resumed. To show that this work was appreciated, the pastor of the largest church in the Presbytery, told her that before her affliction came upon her, he heard her name

mentioned more than any other woman within the bounds of the Presbytery, as an active worker in the Missionary society.

New country life in Kansas, gave the family many novel experiences, and many that were pleasing. It was a great change for the minister's wife, but she heartily enjoyed the work. There was much to do, but great encouragement in the doing of it, results being more speedily evident and far reaching than in the older states.

Among the energetic, intelligent people of Kansas, it was cheering to see the rapid growth and great improvement in the surroundings. She says: "To many people the life of a minister's wife seems hard and unattractive, but to me it has many charms, and I rejoice that it has been my lot."

Six children were given to this worthy couple, as per table above, three sons and the same number of daughters, buds. John MacMaster is professor of Latin in Wabash college, Crawfordsville, Indiana, and author of a small Latin text-book, "The Media of Seneca," used in many schools. He is a graduate of Wooster University, class of 1884. David Newton is professor of Higher Mathematics and Physics, in Macalester college, St. Paul, Minnesota. He is a graduate of Wabash college, class of 1893. James R. is manager of the largest dry goods store in El Paso, Texas, and is a very successful business man.

Joanna Day Shields, twig, was born in New Albany, June 24, 1839. She was educated in the schools of her native city. The state of her health prevented her receiving the same liberal education enjoyed by her brothers and sisters. She early developed musical talent, and it was cultivated. The piano was her delight. With it and her clear soprano voice, she was always in demand, and welcome in any musical circles. A sister says of her:

"Joe" has the pen of a ready writer. She has written many poems, some amusing, some tender and sweet. Here is one of her poems that I have heard her play and sing to music of her own composing:

#### MY PRAYER.

Father in heaven, hear this my prayer,  
Keep from temptation, from every snare;  
Help me to serve thee, to love and obey;  
From earth to heaven show me the way.

Then when the hour comes my life to lay down,  
I'll yield it gladly, winning a crown  
Sparkling with gems, with heaven's radiant gleam—  
God's love the setting, Oh glorious dream!

Cousin Joanna is passionately fond of music to this day, as the author can testify. She flies from the midst of animated conversation, to her piano, and at once illustrates a point in the conversation, in a sweet melody of voice and instrument, by the use of some sentence or two from some poem, perhaps her own, perhaps another's. She says of herself:

Sister Cornie asked when here over two years ago: "Joe," do you still keep up your music?" "No, it keeps me up. Every nerve is set that way and I pray in the better world, I may have my place with the grand choir and an organ for my very own and a voice to sing the songs to which my inner life's instrument is set."

On September 1, 1860, Cousin Joanna left New Albany, with Mr. and Mrs. George Buford, of Egg Point, Mississippi, to spend ten months in their home, as a companion and music teacher to the young wife, more the former than the latter. The lessons of those few months in the sunny south, are treasured in the memory. She was in Mississippi when the state seceded from the Union. She returned home on the last boat that came up the Mississippi river before the blockade.

On October 4, 1864, she was married to Mr. W. B. Warren, by her brother, Edward, at his home in Daretown, New Jersey. In 1865 they removed to Georgia, and entered the mercantile business, but it being just after the close of the war, the country was bankrupt, and success was not for them. They returned to Louisville, which has been their home ever since. In writing of the love manifest between the members of the Shields family, she says:

I believe the love that exists in our family is rarely strong. The fate of living, growing up, marrying, which means scattering, has been ours.

"Like a wreath of scented flowerets  
Close intertwined each heart,  
But time and change in concert,  
Have blown the wreath apart.

"When I long for sainted memories,  
Like angel troops they come—  
If I fold my arms and ponder,  
On the old, old home."

In speaking of life's battles, to which we all are heir, and of which most of us have our share, she says:

I am fighting the battle of life and do not know what turn fate may take. As I have often said, I am fighting a "Manila" battle, but if I win a Dewey victory, all will be well.

The world is but a school-room, where,  
 We tasks may learn, and trials meet,  
 And when the term is ended here,  
 In higher grades find pleasures sweet.

The author has tried to portray the character, life, and spirit, of Cousin Joanna, to those who have not the pleasure of her personal acquaintance, and has thought he could best do it by quoting portions of her letter to him, written after much urgency on his part, and of others. Those who know her will recognize the weakness of his effort.

The reader will find samples of her writings throughout this work. He asked her for a poetic sentiment for the dedicatory page. At once came, "To the readers of the Nance Record and who are numbered therein." He asked for something appropriate for opening the chapter on our ancestral head, Clement Nance, senior. It came by return mail. He asked for lines to take the place of the picture of her grandfather, which cannot be had. They came at once, and will be found in their place. This came with them: "I have again complied. I just turned the mill of impulse and this is what came out of it. (A kind of electric button business.) If I touched a live wire and you have your wishes, I am more than gratified." He asked for a poetic sentiment on the Coat of Arms, bringing out the similarity between it and our family, both of uncertain origin, French or English. Her reply is in its proper place.

Fearing that some of the expressed sentiments from the south-land concerning the conflict now long gone by, might leave a tinge of those days on the minds of the readers not in harmony with present day sentiment, the author asked Cousin Joanna for a poetic sentiment, up to date, as a kind of antidote, if any were needed. Prompt and satisfactory as usual came the response, "The Blue and the Gray."

Finally, he asked for her photo for the Memorial. In its stead came this:

#### COUSIN GEORGE.

If by my pen, I have given you aid  
 To add to your book, I surely am paid,  
 By your kindly good will and kindly regard,  
 I never once thought I should have a part,  
 In this "Lineage history," requiring an art,  
 To trace, and to find those hidden away  
 From earth's brightness and sun, and in devious ways.

A pleasure has been, to come to your call,  
 Acknowledging your goodness, that shines through it all.  
 Love for your ancestors, the brave and the true,  
 And *their branches*, the world teems with, the old and the new.  
 You ask for my face—semblance of my old self  
 To place with the others your pages between  
 Cousin George, I really must beg you to excuse  
 An act so alarming, I'd rather not choose.  
 'Tis kindly indeed to offer a place  
 For the white-haired old lady, without an old face;  
 But out of regard for the camera, so dear,  
 I'll refrain for a time; not for this year.  
 The artists' expenses will be heavy enough  
 Without my making a break; for him 'twould be tough.

Yours Cousinly,

January 27, 1904, 10:30 P. M.

JOSEPH D. S. W.

Elias A. Shields, twig, was born at New Albany, Indiana October 26, 1843. Died at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 2, 1902. He was of a cheerful, hopeful disposition, witty, and affectionate. Was endowed with marked musical, artistic, and poetic ability. In business he was accurate, conscientious, faithful in the extreme and like his father, strictly honest. Was a remarkably rapid accountant, a valuable talent for one in his position, that of bookkeeper for large wholesale houses in Cincinnati.

October 17, 1866, he was married to Miss Sallie Tunny, and was, to the end of his life, a fond and devoted husband. To their children he was the beloved companion, as well as the father to be revered and obeyed.

His days were spent amid the rush and pressure of business, but his evenings with his family were his delight. Looking down from the heights of Walnut Hills, his home, he once said: "When I come up here at night, I leave all business down there in the city." (A wise plan).

He was a devoted Christian, and a member of the Presbyterian church in Cincinnati. And now that he is done with life's cares and business, and is at rest, 'tis pleasant to recall his own words, written many years ago:

"God grant that amid our restings,  
 We can scan o'er the six days of toil,  
 And find in our conscience the verdict,  
 It is good—it is pure—without soil."

Of the many beautiful poems of Cousin Elias, sent the author, he can find room for but the following, showing as it does, fine poetic ability:

## SUNDAYS.

Six days in the sand of the desert—  
 Six days in the glare of the sun—  
 Six days we have bent 'neath the burden,  
 But the toil and the travel are done.

The oasis is reached, and the waters  
 Dance, bubble and sing in their glee;  
 "We are life to all that's around us,"  
 And the echo is, "Life to me."

We kick off the travel-worn sandals,  
 And the dust of the desert we bore  
 Is lost, as we bathe in the bounty  
 Now lavish—so stunted before.

We rest—God rested, we're told,  
 When the earth was as green before Him  
 As this emerald set in the gold.

The dove coo'd then in the branches,  
 And her mate came, just as now,  
 And the reeds and the lilies were rocking,  
 As resting, I see them bow.

Leaf waved welcome to cloud—  
 Winds whispered among the wood—  
 God rested—" 'Twas He that had made it,"  
 'Twas He that had said, "It is good."

God grant that amid our restings  
 We can scan o'er the six days of toil,  
 And find in our conscience the verdict,  
 "It is good"—it is pure—without soil.

A few more stretches of desert—  
 A few more patches of green,  
 And the river is reached where endeth  
 The travel and burden, I ween,  
 And the worn and the weary find Sundays  
 Nor toiling, nor travel between.

—E. A. Shields.

## CLEMENT NANCE SHIELDS—BRANCH THREE.

Clement Nance Shields was born June 17, 1803. He was married to Miss Mary Stewart, of Crawford county, Indiana, April 26, 1827. They resided at Marengo for eight years, he keeping a country store. In 1833 they moved to New Albany, to better educate their children. Here he opened up a dry goods store, but on August 22, 1838, he passed away, being but two months past thirty-five years of age. He was the father of four children, named below as twigs. The mother survived the father

thirty-seven years, caring for the children until they grew up. She passed away in August, 1875, loved and respected by all.

Mr. Shields had an exalted conception of life, and holy living. When a young man he refused a lucrative clerkship in a store, because he would be expected to sell whisky, a commodity kept by most stores in those days.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Mary C., h. Horace C. King, d.....	{ No issue.	
	Emma S., h. Phil. J. Carleton, d..... New Albany, Indiana.		Phillip N., d.
	Walter C., w., 1854. Sallie Clelland..... Atlanta, Georgia.	{ No issue.	
Avesta A., h., 1828 Jno. R. Nuremacher, d.. New Albany, Indiana.	Frank C., w. Charlotte Crane..... Louisville, Kentucky.		Stewart C.
	Grace, h., 1862 G. McGowan..... Louisville, Kentucky.	{ Walter G. Charles R. Lucy, d.	
	Elizabeth, 1868 New Albany, Indiana.		
James G., w., 1829-1892 Cora A. Snyder.....	Florence A.. New Albany, Indiana.	{ Julia Hinman. Elizabeth Shields. Harry Stewart. Aline Terrell. Bonnie Marguarite Chas. Leslie.	
	Charles E., w., 1853 Alice Hinman..... 307 Highland Drive. Seattle, Washington.		
	William F., w. Lilly Hammond..... New Albany, Indiana.	{ Hubert. Katie.	
	Edgar S., w. Letitia Gebhart..... Yazoo City, Mississippi		Paul. Curtis. Jeanette. Wm. Earl.
Mary R., h., 1831 Wm. C. Crane, d..... New Albany, Indiana.	Arthur C., w. Emely Hare..... Louisville, Kentucky.	{ No issue.	
	Emma, h. Steve Barnwell..... Yazoo City, Mississippi		Bessie. Louise. Steven E. Adele. Antoinette.
	Addie, h. Al. Wright..... New Albany, Indiana.	{ Burdette. Aline.	
	Martin B., w. Ada Buck..... Seattle, Washington.		M. Frion.
	Nellie, h. John Folts..... Cincinnati, Ohio.	{ Nellie. Marie. John.	
David P., w. Isadora Hines, d..... Memphis, Tennessee.	Albert E., w. Rose Campbell..... Little Rock, Arkansas.		Mildred.
	Carrie, h. John Cullen..... Richmond, Virginia.	{ 1.	
	James P. (Bach.) New York.		

Very little biographical matter concerning the family above, is at hand. The author has met a few of the family, and has had correspondence with others, and has an exalted opinion of the family, but they are too modest to speak of themselves.

Charles Eugene Crane, bud above, was born October 14, 1853, at New Albany, Indiana. He was educated in the public schools, and Morse & Fales academy, of the same place. He was trained in the wholesale hardware house of Tarwater, Snyder & Rankin's, in Louisville, Kentucky. He was a member of the firm of Crane Bros. & Co., Yazoo City, Mississippi, up to July, 1891, when he removed to Seattle, Washington. Here he is president and manager of the Diamond Ice and Storage



CHARLES E. CRANE.

Company, the Mutual Light and Heat Company. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church, Chamber of Commerce, Rainier and Athletic clubs. His likeness appears herewith, as also does that of his youngest child, Charles Leslie, in "The First Pair of Trowsers."

Frank C. Nunemacher, bud above, was found at his place of business, by the author, who had a very pleasant call. Mr. Nunemacher owns and manages a large railroad printing house at 436 West Main street, Louisville. He is one of the election commissioners of the city, and withal, a very busy man.

Avesta A. Shields was born in 1828; married to J. R. Nunemacher, in 1847, and was left a widow in 1882, in a fine home in New Albany, where she continues to reside. The author has no where received warmer cousinly greetings.





MRS. MARY E. CRANE  
Twig.



MRS. AVESTA A. NUNEMACHER  
Twig.



CHARLES LESLIE CRANE  
Blossom.  
The First Pair of Trowsers.

## DR. PLEASANT S. SHIELDS—BRANCH FOUR.

Dr. Pleasant Scott Shields was born in Floyd county, Indiana, near Georgetown, November 30, 1806. Died in New Albany, same county, January 29, 1875. He was married to Miss Nancy Plumer, February 5, 1835. The following quotation is taken from the *New Albany Ledger-Standard*:

Again the hand of death has been laid on one of our oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, Dr. Pleasant Scott Shields, who expired at the family residence on Main street, between Pearl and Bank, at eight o'clock this morning. Dr. Shields was born in this county, when the county was an almost unbroken wilderness. He remained at the place of his birth with his parents until his majority, when he came to New Albany and entered the office of Dr. A. Clapp, as a medical student, and after acquiring a knowledge of the profession sufficient to justify him in the act, he returned to Georgetown and practiced his profession for several years. In 1832 he returned to this city and entered upon the practice of medicine, which he continued without intermission, and with great success, up to the time of his last fatal illness. In the profession he was recognized as among the foremost of our local physicians. He was pre-eminently a family man, and in the family circle realized the height of his enjoyment. In early life he attached himself to the Presbyterian church in this city, and for many years occupied the honorable position of elder in the First Presbyterian church, for the interest of which, and the up-building of the kingdom of Christ, he labored diligently and earnestly. He was foremost in all good work in the church, as well as among his fellow-citizens outside of his church fellowship. We know that we but repeat the sentiment of all our people, that none of her citizens was more universally esteemed than Dr. Pleasant S. Shields. He had a word of kindly advice for all who sought it, and his warmest sympathies were always extended to relieve the distressed. His Christianity was carried into all the relations of life, and fully exemplified those beautiful traits which give to the religion of Christ its brightest allurements. He was public spirited, and entered into all enterprises that had for their object the advancement of the interest of his adopted city or his native county.

Dr. Shields leaves a wife and two grown daughters to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and a kind and indulgent parent. These will receive the profound sympathy of our citizens in their bereavement.

The author remembers in early life to have heard his father speak many times in the most endearing terms of his cousin, Dr. Pleasant Shields. He is certain he must have been one of God's most noble men. A niece says this of him:

No truer, nobler person ever lived. Uncle was the poor man's friend, and so never became rich; pleasant in voice, gentle-mannered; winning the hearts of all, he was minister as well as physician at the dying bed.

After nearly fifty years of constant practice of his profession, he "fell asleep" in the sixty-ninth year of his age, and was numbered

with his fathers. His two daughters are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Florence Anna.		
	Sally Shields, h.		
	Curtis Bates Mather.....	{	Charlotte Bates.
	Ella, h., d.		
	Chas. W. McConaughy..	{	Charles W. Florence Ella.
	Mary, d.		
	Anna, h.		
	Walter T. May .....	{	DeWitt Wallace. Margaret Wallace
	Charlotte Poole, h.		
	Winder E. Goldsborough	{	Laird Shields.
Anna, h. W. DeWitt Wallace, d. Lafayette, Indiana, 919 State Street. A sold- ier, lawyer, judge.			
Sally Plumer, 1840-1902. Never married.			

Concerning the life and death of the last named above, the *Lafayette Courier* has the following:

Word was received last evening, by Mrs. DeWitt Wallace, announcing the death of her sister, Miss Sarah Plumer Shields, which occurred last evening (February 27, 1902), at five o'clock, in one of the hospitals of Indianapolis. She was known to nearly every one in this city as Miss Sallie Shields, and resided here for over twenty years. Her death was caused by erysipelas, but for several years past, she has been in failing health. It was in 1899 that her health suddenly failed, and at that time she underwent a serious operation at the Home hospital. She was taken to a hospital in Indianapolis a little over a year ago, thinking that the change might do some good, but her strength wore away gradually, and nothing in the power of the best physicians could turn the tide. The news of her death comes as a shock, more so to those who were not intimate friends, as they did not know the seriousness of her condition.

Miss Shields was born in New Albany, Indiana, sixty-one years ago, and was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Shields. She and her mother came to this city to reside in 1877, shortly after the death of Dr. Shields. She was a member of the Second Presbyterian church, and was for years superintendent of the infant class, and there is not a person who graduated from her class, that did not love and admire her. She was polished in literature, and was a member of the Parlor, Hill-Top, and Art clubs.

#### ELIZABETH SHIELDS-KINTNER—BRANCH FIVE.

Elizabeth G. Shields was born December 14, 1810. Jacob L. Kintner was born May 20, 1808. They were married December 22, 1831. His father gave him six hundred acres of timber land on the Ohio river. He cleared it, built a large, fine house on it, and made it a lovely home, where the children were all born, reared and married. This was at Cedar Farm, Harrison county, Indiana. Mother Kintner lived to a good old age, dying in her eightieth year, February, 1890. Anything I might possibly say of this mother in Israel, would be tame, beside what has been said

by those who knew her. She was the mother of five children, named below as twigs. One of her daughters, Mrs. Anna Kintner-Moore, writes me the following tribute to her mother :

My mother was one of the loveliest characters I have ever known. She was so kind, gentle and loving, so true and noble, so refined and intelligent. She had very poor opportunities to get an education. Yet she spelled correctly, and wrote a clear, fine hand. She went to school three months at a time for two years. Her books were the Bible, Webster's speller, and a very crude arithmetic. She had to walk two miles, and stay at home on wash days. When one of her brothers was going to be married, she spun, and



MRS. ELIZABETH SHIELDS-KINTNER  
Branch.

dyed, and wove the jeans from which she made his wedding suit. She was so skillful, could do all kinds of house work, a fine cook, dressmaker, tailor, milliner, fancy work, embroidery, wonderful knitting, crocheting, wax flowers, feather brushes and fans, hair work; in fact I don't know anything my mother could not do and do well. Her patience was inexhaustible, and she was neatness personified. Always so bright and cheerful and happy to the last day of her life. She lived in New Albany, with her brother, James, until her marriage, when she went to the farm where she spent her life, and in all that country she was known and greatly beloved for her kindness to every one. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, a

faithful true Christian, trusting in God always to the end.

She was a great temperance woman. I heard her tell that when she went onto the farm there was much intemperance among the neighbors. My father was going to build a barn, and gave a "barn raising." She said, "I am not willing to have any strong drink for the men." Father said he did not think the men would like that, as it was customary to treat them on such occasions. "Very well," she said, "I will make a big pot of good coffee with plenty of rich cream and sugar, and they will have to be satisfied." So she had her way, and that was the beginning of better days in that community, for the men went home sober and satisfied. My father always said he owed his success in life to her. That she had been all the world to him.

(See tribute to Shields family at close of this chapter.)

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
William Henry. Drowned at 21.			
James P., w. Annie R. Montgomery.. Rock Haven, Ken- tucky. Born and reared on Cedar Farm, Har- rison county, Indiana, and has always lived on same farm. A dem- ocrat. Not a church member.	Samuel M., 1871. w. Elizabeth E. Blanchard.  Mary E. Edwin G. William C. Julia F. James S., 1890.		
	Robert G., w. Mary B. Burkett.....	Elizabeth. Ada Blanche. Ellen S. Robert G. Malcolm K.	
Agnes Mary, h. Edwin S. Graham..... Graham, Texas.	Elizabeth S., h., 1869-1901 William D. Craig.....  Malcolm K., w. Maud S. Garrett.....  Bessie, h. William Craig.....  Edwin S. Anna B.	Agnes G. Mary C. Anna C.        Louise G.	
Anna Lizzie, h. Judge Jas. Z. Moore..... Spokane, Washington.	Elizabeth G. Mary Lee. Lawson. Agnes K. Annabelle. Charlotte.		
Charles J., w. Viola B. Pack.....	No issue.		

Agnes Mary Kintner was born in 1843; married to Edwin S. Graham, of Rock Haven, Kentucky, in 1865. Becoming largely interested in Texas' broad acres, they removed to Young county, Texas, where he and his brother, Gustavus, laid out a town, giving it the name Graham. It is now the county seat, and a town of over 1,500 inhabitants. This has been the home of the family since going to Texas. Mr. Graham died several years since, but the mother and her family are at home in the town that bears their name.

Anna Lizzie Kintner was married to James Z. Moore, June 6, 1871. Mr. Moore was a young lawyer, of Owensboro, Kentucky, where they continued to reside sixteen years, when they removed to the far west, settling at Spokane, Washington. Here he entered upon an extensive law practice which continues to the present. He was a member of the Constitutional convention that framed the constitution under which the territory was admitted to statehood. He served two terms as Supreme Court Judge and one term as prosecuting attorney.

This couple are the parents of twelve children, but half of whom remain to bless the parents. One, a son, was burned to death by the explosion of a lamp, when nearly grown. Another

died of congestion of the lungs, at Palo Alto, California, where he was attending Stanford University.

Mrs. Elizabeth Graham-Craig, bud above, was born at Cedar Farm, Harrison county, Indiana, June 18, 1869, at which place, and Louisville, Kentucky, the first ten years of her life were spent. The family removing to Graham, Texas, the remaining years of her girlhood were spent there, developing into a lovely womanhood, winning the love and affection of all with whom she came in contact.



MRS. ELIZABETH GRAHAM-CRAIG  
Bud.

In the fall of 1892, the family removed to Spokane, Washington, where, on September 27, 1893, she was married to William Drummond Craig, of Graham, Texas, a member of an old New Jersey family of Scotch descent. Settling at once in the home of her husband, and her girlhood home, the remaining years of her life were spent there.

The union proved a happy one, the home life being singularly free from trouble and sorrow. Three children were born to them, named above as blossoms.

In January, 1901, she was taken sick with la grippe, which soon developed into pneumonia, and on February 9th, she passed away. Her whole life was beautiful and Christ-like. She was a joy, comfort, and honor to her parents, a loving and sympathetic help-mate to her husband, a wise and loving mother, and a true, sincere friend.

## MARY SHIELDS-ELLIOT—BRANCH SEVEN

Mary Smith Shields was born December 25, 1814. She died September 30, 1885. She was united in marriage to Samuel Elliot, surviving him many years. She was the mother of no children.

## TRIBUTE TO THE SHIELDS FAMILY.

Remarks made by Rev. J. W. Clokey, of the First Presbyterian church, New Albany, Indiana, at the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth (Shields) Kintner, February 6, 1890:

While we remain in the buoyancy of our youth, the dying of those around us makes little impression on us. So long as our own immediate companions are spared, we do not seem conscious that whole households and generations are passing away from the earth. It is later in life, when those who have been our own associates begin to disappear from our circles, that we feel and realize the changes that are taking place. Then it is that we grow lonely and sad, as we see that the places that have known our households and our generations, are soon to know them no more forever.

Fully eighty-six years ago, when there was no New Albany, Grandfather and Grandmother Shields crossed the Ohio, passed beyond "the knobs," and settled near Georgetown. Later on, their children are found in New Albany, where, for sixty years, they and their children are part of the city's life and prosperity. So numerous were they, and so largely did they enter into church and social life, that at the time Dr. Conn prepared a history of the First Presbyterian church, no less than fifty or sixty members on the roll, were, by birth or marriage, related to the Shields family. These members were in prominent places in all the services of the church, in the Sabbath audiences, in the prayer meetings, Sabbath school, and socials. James R. Shields was an elder forty-four years, and Dr. Pleasant S. Shields, for thirty-eight years.

Then the Shields name was as familiar in all parts of New Albany as the names of the streets are now. But what a change has taken place. In the cemetery, with a single exception, two generations lie buried. The grandparents and every one of their children have gone the way of all the earth. In the First Church, where they were once so prominent, there is but a single person bearing the name of Shields, and in this city, but a single family.

Only six men are left, of the once extensive family, to tell the world by the family name, that the Shields household ever existed.

Such a revolution in so short a time must cast a shadow over the hearts of the living, and make us feel like fame, position, or social distinctions are not worth spending one's life for, and that the only true motive of conduct is to love God and serve Him on earth.

But there is sunshine among the shadows. These rare old people, the last of whom we are here to bury, are not dead. They are living as they have never lived before. They have already joined the assembly of the Just Made Perfect, and are now a part of the Cloud of Witnesses who, from above, look down upon us who remain to complete the earthly race. They are not



unclothed but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. It does not trouble them that the old name of Shields is passing away, for the promise is now a reality to them. "I will give him a white stone, and in the stone a New Name is written which no man knoweth save him that receiveth it."

These godly people still live on earth ; their blood still flows in the veins of numerous descendants who, though not bearing the name of the original household, are nevertheless their children by nature and by faith. These descendants are now enjoying the blessings of the Christian lives and hallowed reputation of their consecrated parents. They have entered into the inheritance which God has promised shall flow from His pious servants to their children, and their children's children after them. They live, too, in the work they did, and the influence they always wielded for God's glory and human weal. In looking back, one sees them in the vision of by-gones, walking with God, honoring their professions, keeping sacred the times and services of their holy altars. Their examples, their prayers, and their counsels have helped give a cast to New Albany, which will be a blessing to it so long as it shall remain a city. They still live, and always will live, in the underlying rock-bed of our municipal existence. They may, in name, be forgotten, and future generations may wonder over their resting places, and ask : "Who were these Shields?" But their work remains, and God, who holds all things in His memory, will never forget them.

You, their relatives here to-day, should hallow the memory of these blessed ancestors. They have transmitted to you a spotless name ; the pages of their lives lie open to you without a stain. Keep your pages as clean as they have kept theirs, that the generations to follow you may rise up and call you blessed.

In burying Elizabeth Shields-Kintner, we lay away the last of her generation. She was a godly woman with a beautiful face, a beautiful character, and a beautiful life ; and you think of her now only to love her, and to revere her as one of God's own saintly children. Be true to the principles that controlled her, and when you die, the living will be glad to honor you, as to-day they are glad to honor her.

### THE GOOD MAN'S DEATH.

*By DeWitt Wallace.*

Suggested by the death of Dr. Pleasant S. Shields.

As dauntless as a lion,  
As submissive as a lamb,  
As cheerful as the sunshine;  
Composed as evening's calm.

As joyous as the skylark,  
As up to heaven it flies.  
'Tis thus the good man passes  
From this world to the skies.

## CHAPTER VI.

## WILLIAM NANCE—LIMB FIVE.

William Nance was born November 5, 1784, in the state of Virginia. Nancy Smith was born in Rockingham county, North



WILLIAM NANCE.

Carolina, October 17, 1785. They were married in 1803, and removed soon after to Kentucky, where they remained about eighteen months, and then came on to Indiana territory, with his

father and the rest of the family. In 1811, he was a volunteer under General Harrison, then governor of the territory, in his campaign against the Indians, and was in the noted battle of Tippecanoe. In 1836, he, with his family, came to Illinois, settling at Columbus, in Adams county. Here he died, and was buried, August 16, 1852. His wife survived him several years.



NANCY SMITH NANCE.

dying September 24, 1867. They were faithful, earnest members of the Christian church. They were the parents of ten children.

Mrs. Hiram Nance, of Los Angeles, California, writes of him :

He died soon after our marriage, but he impressed me as a very good Christian man, unassuming, kind, and loved by all who knew him.

Mrs. Martha Harber, says of him :

There was no better man or Christian than Uncle Billy.

The following are named below as limbs:

Dorothy Howard,	Clement Nance,
John Smith Nance,	Marie Butler,
William H. Nance,	Mary Nance, died at 25,
Nancy Lane,	Amanda Jane Wilkinson,
Minerva Fessenden,	Hiram Nance.

#### DOROTHY NANCE—BRANCH ONE.

Dorothy Nance was born in March, 1805, the same month the family came to Indiana. She was married to Levin Howard, in Floyd county, December 8, 1831. Two children were born to them, named below as twigs, and of whom nothing is known but that they settled in Santa Rosa, California. After Mr. Howard's death, she married a Mr. Marsh, who died without issue. Later in life, she married Elder Ross, a minister in the Christian church of which she was a life long member. Their home was in Illinois, between the Mississippi and Illinois rivers.

##### TWIGS.

##### BUDS.

##### BLOSSOMS.

##### FRUIT.

William Howard,  
Santa Rosa, California.

Jane Howard, b.  
William Smith,  
Santa Rosa, California.

#### CLEMENT NANCE—BRANCH TWO.

Clement Nance was born in Floyd county, Indiana, September 14, 1808. Permelia Watson was born in New Albany, Indiana, December 13, 1819. They continued to reside in this county until 1838, when they were married, October 14, and at once went to Illinois, settling at Columbus, Adams county, then the largest town in the county. Here Mr. Nance engaged in the mercantile business. They removed to Quincy, in 1850, when it became settled that it would become the county seat. He continued in the mercantile business for many years. The last few years of his life were spent in quiet retirement, he having amassed a competence. He was an honored citizen of Adams county for forty years. He was a consistent Christian for many years, a member of the Christian church from early manhood. Mr. Nance died at Quincy, February 7, 1878, being in the seventieth year of his age.

Mrs. Nance survived her husband twenty-five years, dying April 4, 1903, in her eighty-fourth year. She was loved by all who knew her. She was a life long, earnest, faithful Christian,



PERMELIA WATSON NANCE.



CLEMENT NANCE.

a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for more than sixty-five years.

The author had many times heard "Aunt Permelia" spoken of in the most endearing terms by those who knew her, but it was not until in July, preceding her departure, that he had the pleasure of meeting her, in her own home, and forming her acquaintance. He then learned why so many encomiums had been spoken of her. We seldom meet a sweeter disposition in old or young, than possessed "Aunt Permelia."

This couple were the parents of five children, those growing up are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Walter Clement.		
	Genevra, h.		
	James Walker.		
	Charles T.		
Anna, h.	Thad. M., Jr., w.		
Thad. M. Rogers, d.	Alice McClean.....	{ Timothy.	
Quincy, Illinois.		{ Dorothy.	
	Ailine B.		
	Isabelle N., h.		
	Harvey C. Wellman.		
	Richard N.		
	John B.		
Richard W., w.			
Anrelia P. Beebe.....	{ James.		
Chicago, Illinois.	{ Helen P.		
Genevra, h.			
Benj. T. Berrian.....	{ Clement N.		
Quincy, Illinois.			
Mary E.,			
Quincy, Illinois.			

The above family of children were born and always lived in and about Quincy. The city was born with them and has grown as they grew. Its history is their history very largely. During the author's entire mature life, he has seldom seen one from Quincy who has not mentioned the Nances, and always in their praise.

Anna Nance married Thad. M. Rogers, who was prominent in politics and newspaper work, for a long time on the Quincy *Whig*. Was postmaster for a term of years. He died some years since. The family resides in a palatial home, it is said. The author regrets his inability to have seen this family when in their city.

Genevra Nance married Judge Berrian, a prominent attorney and judge. They are enjoying a quiet retired life in a fine home surrounded by all the comforts that wealth and station can bring,

but are saddened by the serious illness of their only offspring, Clement Nance Berrian, who, it is feared, has lung trouble. (This is the only Nance the author has ever heard of who was troubled with weak lungs.)

Mary Nance, the remaining daughter, has spent her life in the service of her parents, having tender solicitude for their every want. The author had heard her mentioned so many times as a dear cousin, that he was not surprised to find her possessed of one



RICHARD W. NANCE  
Twig.

of the most genial natures, not for a moment neglecting the aged mother in all her wants, while entertaining her newly formed cousin.

Richard W. Nance, twig, the only son, has devoted his life to manufacturing interests. Bonnet & Nance were for many years stove manufacturers in Quincy, but a few years since, removed their plant to Chicago Heights, near Chicago, with an office in Chicago. The author has made several attempts to meet "Cousin Dick," but has always missed him.

## JOHN S. NANCE—BRANCH THREE.

John Smith Nance was born in Floyd county, Indiana, December 8, 1809; died 1890. He was united in marriage with Matilda Wilson Pritchett, March 22, 1832, at New Albany, Indiana. They moved to Adams county, Illinois, in 1848, and the next year the father, with his eldest son, William, joined the over-land rush for the newly discovered gold fields of California, arriving at Sacramento City, August 28, 1849. Mrs. Nance, with the four remaining children, going by steamer by way of the Isthmus and joined her husband in the fall of 1855. California has been the home of the family ever since. On March 22, 1882, at their home in Salinas City, this venerable couple celebrated their golden wedding, over one hundred guests being present. Seven children were born to bless this couple, those growing to maturity being given below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Eugene, 1858, w. Eva Williams.....	{ Loyal. Marvin E.	
	Mary, h. M. R. Keep.		
William, 1833, w. Elizabeth Martin..... Jolon, California.	Alvin P., w. Sarah T. Cook.....	{ Ethel May. Claude A.	
	Emma, h. Henry Bushnell.		
	William, Jr.		
Clement P. Nance, 1836, w. d. Mary Nesbitt..... San Lucas, California.	{ Hugh John, 1871.....	{ Clement.	
	Charles W.		
	Annie, h. Frank Abbott.		
Matilda Jane, h. Albin Foster.....	Hattie, h. Arthur Hebron.		
	Grace. Benjamin. Jane.		
Permelia, h. Henry Robinson.....	{ Jane. William H. Grace. Etta.		
Nancy E., h. H. B. Howard.....	{ Frederick. Ida. William.		

## MARIA NANCE BUTLER—BRANCH FOUR.

Maria Nance was born in Floyd county, Indiana, March 8, 1812; died December 9, 1896, and was buried at Spencer, Iowa. She was united in marriage with Harriman Butler, in county of birth, January 4, 1831. Spent most of their married life at and



near Columbus, Adams county, Illinois. After the death of her husband, she lived for some years at Secor, where the author frequently met her. They were earnest, active Christians, members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Six children blessed this union, named below as twigs :

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Nancy, h. Wm. R. Richardson .... Secor, Illinois.	{ See limb ten, branch two for this family.		
Minerva B. h. Andrew Cook..... Spencer, Iowa.			
	{ Annie Maria, d. William H., d. Louis. Madison, Missouri.		
William, w. Jane Stevens ..... Clayton, Illinois.	{ William. Warren. Jennie. Bessie. Walter. Hester. Solon.		
James, w. Jennie Riger.....	{ Willie Belle, h. Arthur G. Francis. Joliet, Illinois.		
	{ Minnie Olive, h. Oliver Johnson..... Gentry, Arkansas.	{ William Berry.	
Permelia, h., 1843-1900 William Potter.....	{ Emma, h. Robeson .....	{ Floyd. Pearl. Gladdis.	
El Paso, Illinois. She was active and energetic in all she undertook. Mr. Potter was several years her senior, and survives her, in great loneliness, with his daughter, Della, at home with him. This family are Methodists, and have lived in Woodford county all their married life.	{ Della. El Paso, Illinois. Gertrude Pearl, h. Geo. J. McHugh. Jolly, Missouri.		
Mary, h. R. Hydlar ..... Spencer, Iowa.	{ Frank. Walton. Robert.		

#### WILLIAM H. NANCE—BRANCH FIVE.

Dr. William H. Nance was born in Floyd county, Indiana, December 24, 1814. He was married to Susan Lane, April 14, 1836, and the same year moved with his parents to Columbus, Adams county, Illinois. He studied medicine under the care of Dr. Stewart, of New Albany, Indiana, but did not complete a full course of study till after moving to Illinois. In the urgent demand for physicians at that time in Illinois, he entered into a full practice before graduating, and continued for several years, but in the year 1848, entered the medical department of the Uni-

versity of Missouri, in St. Louis, and in 1849, graduated, and again resumed the practice, in Vermont, Illinois, where he had resided some years previously. For many years he enjoyed an enviable reputation as a practitioner, and in the course of his arduous labors, succeeded in accumulating a very comfortable living. Dr. Nance retired from active practice in 1862, on account of serious injuries received by a fall from a buggy, and with his family enjoyed the comforts of a retired life, after the heat and burdeus and cares and responsibilities of an active professional career had disappeared in the distance. (The above was taken from a "History of Fulton County.")

After his retirement, he edited a staunch republican newspaper, known all over Fulton county. He became a Christian early in life, joining the Christian church. Dr. Nance died October 1, 1885, in the city where he had resided continuously for over forty-four years, an old and honored resident. His wife survived him several years. They were the parents of six children, those growing up are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Arthusa L., h. A. W. Lewis, d.....	William N., w. Alvira McDonald..... Abingdon, Illinois.	Louise. Archibald. Velma.	
2nd h. Henry Hyatt, La Harpe, Illinois.	Edgar, w. Frances Churchill..... Denver, Colorado.	Churchill. Dora. Fred, d. Mary Frances.	
Henry H., w. Susannah E. Rinker .... Bushnell, Illinois.	Charles M. William C. May E. Kate L.		
Ella, h., d. G. C. Maxwell, d.....	Sue R., h. Dr. I. C. Rink .....	Josephine Lucile.	
	No issue.		
Albert, w. Louise I. Pugh..... Denver, Colorado.	William H., w. Alma Bunte.....	Bertha Louise.	
	Florence Nellie. Scott. Ruth.		
Mary, h. Andrew V. Carlson..... Gothenberg, Nebraska	Chester. Andrew V., Jr.		

Henry Harrison Nance, M. D., twig above, was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, March 4, 1841. When but three months old, his parents settled at Vermont, Fulton county, same state, where his father built up a large practice. From childhood he assisted his father more or less in the handling of medicines, and later, made many professional calls with his father, thus forming a liking for the healing art, as well as the gaining of

experience that was afterwards valuable to him. He was educated in the public schools of Vermont, and upon finishing his schooling, became a teacher, in which occupation, though quite young, he was successful. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the service of his country, becoming a member of Company B, 84th Illinois infantry. He was mustered in at Quincy, and was soon at the front in the gallant army of the Cumberland. This enlist-



HENRY H. NANCE  
Twig.

ment also gave him splendid opportunities for advancement in his profession, as he went in as a hospital attendant. For a time he served as a nurse in the hospital in Quincy. He was then assigned to Bowling Green, Kentucky, where he was made hospital steward. By order of General Rosecrans, he was detailed to division headquarters on the staff of General Sherman, with whom he started on the celebrated march to the sea. After the capture of Atlanta, he was

put in charge of the dispensary at headquarters in that city. After the evacuation of Atlanta, he was transferred to Look Out Mountain, and was made assistant surgeon. He remained in this capacity till the close of the war.

Soon after returning home, he entered the medical department of the Ann Arbor University, and graduated therefrom in March, 1866. From school, he went to Belmont county, Ohio, and was

married to Miss Susannah E. Rinker, who was a native of that state. In the fall of this year he purchased a farm one mile south of Bushnell, McDonough county, Illinois. Residing on this farm he continued the practice of medicine for a few years, but on account of kidney trouble, contracted in the service, he was compelled to give up riding at the call of patients.

He has devoted considerable time and means in making his farm a model, and it may be truly said that he has one of the best tile drained farms in the county, he being a strong advocate of tiling for farm purposes. He was a charter member of the Grand Army of the Republic post, of Bushnell, and was its first quartermaster.

In 1891 he built a good residence in the city of Bushnell, and with his family retired from active life.

The above facts are taken largely from "History of McDonough County." Mr. Nance and all his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has been the treasurer of the church for many years. Also a steward.

#### NANCY NANCE-LANE—BRANCH SEVEN.

Nancy Nance was born in Floyd county, Indiana, April 12, 1820. She was married to Dr. Wallace Lane, in same county, May 25, 1834, being but a month past fourteen, while the doctor was but twenty-one. In 1836, they removed to Adams county, Illinois, and later to Independence, Indiana, where his country practice was too much for his frail constitution, he dying, June, 1842.

Four children were born to this union, the first dying in infancy. The mother was left a widow at twenty-two, with three children, and three hundred miles from her parents. She returned to them at Quincy, Illinois, "making the tiresome journey of ten days in a carriage, many days not seeing a house on the way."

After living with her parents four years, she, in 1846, married Joel H. Rynerson. To this union there were ten children born, but three growing to maturity. Mr. Rynerson was a kind and loving husband. He was a soldier in the war of the rebellion, serving eighteen months. He died in 1890.

Nancy became a Christian at the age of twelve, joining the Christian church. She has remained in its communion, except when living where there was no congregation, in which case she has worshipped with the Congregational church. She is now

residing at Tecumseh, Kansas, and is in her eighty-fourth year. She is one of the remaining five limbs, there being but one older, Wiley Burton, who is past eighty-four.

Of her fourteen children, but six grew to maturity, named below as twigs. She writes:

My life has been a checkered one, full of sad disappointments; not many flowers, plenty of thorns, but God has been with me and given me strength all along the right way.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Anna Lane, b., 1837, d. Montgomery Parker....	{ William, d.		
Josephine Eliza Lane, b.			
Henry Hyatt.....	{ Anna, b., 1870 J. R. Caldwell.....	{ Hyatt, 1891. Josephine E. John C. James R., 1900.	
La Harpe, Illinois.			
Maria Lane, b., 1842, d.	{ Harry, w. Mary W. Whiting.....	{ Albia. Harry.	
Henry King.....			
Francis M. Rynerson, w., 1850	{ Frank.		
Mary Adams.....			
2nd w. Hettie Place.....	{ Place. Clara. Kate.		
Portland, Oregon.			
Wallace M., w., 1859	{ Emma Josephine.		
Jessie Prulzman.....			
Kansas City, Missouri.			
Robert E., w., 1861	{ Wallace.		
Ella Campbell.....			
Tecumseh, Kansas.			

Wallace Moultrie Rynerson, twig, was born at Pontoosie, Hancock county, Illinois, June 1, 1859. Up to the time young Wallace was fifteen, his parents had moved to the following places, consecutively, viz.: Dallas, Illinois; La Harpe, Illinois; Big Springs, Kansas; Osage City, Kansas; Pilot Grove, Missouri, and in 1874, to Breckenridge, Missouri. In 1871, young Wallace had gone to live with his half sister, Anna Lane Parker, at Quincy, Illinois. Here he remained in school until June, 1874. Then returning to his parents at Breckenridge, Missouri, he completed his schooling there, and taught three terms.

While at school and while teaching, he had made a specialty of civil engineering. Leaving home, he went to Utah, and engaged in the construction of the Denver and Rio Grande Western railway, locating this road from Salina, south to Richfield, and from the summit of the Wasatch Mountains to the Colorado line. From this road he went to the Canadian Pacific railway, in British Columbia, and located the railroad from the summit of the main range of the Rocky Mountains to the Columbia river, and

from the foot hills on the east slope to Fort Calgary. From this road he went to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway, in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, in 1884, remaining with this company as locating and construction engineer, until 1887, when he gave up railroading and engaged in the manufacture of press brick and the sale of building materials, at Topeka, Kansas. He remained here until 1898, when he removed to Kansas City, Missouri, where he engaged in the building supply business on his own account. He says that in this business he has met with greater success than he expected or deserves.

He was married in Chicago, in 1894, and has one daughter, as per table above.

#### DR. HIRAM NANCE—BRANCH EIGHT.

Hiram Nance was born in Floyd county, Indiana, September 23, 1822. He began his academic education at New Albany, Indiana, and in 1836, with his parents, removed to Adams county, Illinois, settling at Columbus, where he finished his academic education. He studied medicine in the University of Missouri, St. Louis, graduating in 1847. After practicing medicine in Lafayette, Stark county, for fifteen years, he, in 1860, settled in Kewanee, but a few miles distant, where he continued to reside during life. From his large practice, assisted by wise investments in real estate, he amassed a large fortune, for one living in a town the size of Kewanee, and starting with nothing, as he did.

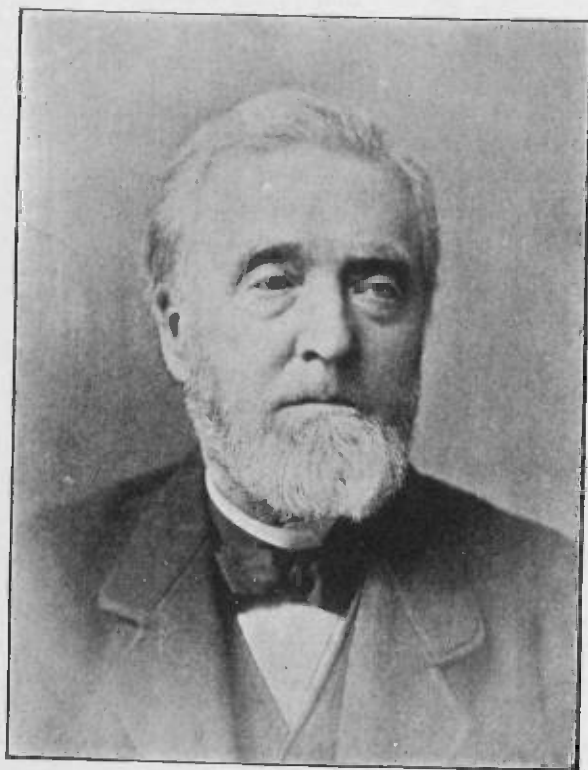
Dr. Nance made a splendid record, both as a physician and surgeon; was a member of the American Association and the State Medical Society, and was one of the originators of the Military Tract Medical Society, and its second president.

Sarah R. Smith was born in Batavia, Clermont county, Ohio, December 13, 1826. Her parents were of New England birth, but immigrated to Ohio in the early days, and who died in Illinois. She was the sister of Judge Arthur A. Smith, who was for many years circuit judge of the Galesburg district. She was educated at Knox college, Galesburg, Illinois.

They were married April 29, 1847. They were the parents of twelve children, those growing to maturity being named below as twigs.

Dr. Nance died of pneumonia, April 6, 1886, and in the sixty-fourth year of his age. He died at Kewanee, where he had lived and practiced his profession for twenty-six years, mourned by a large circle of friends.

Few men have made the success in life attained by him, in so short a time. He became a Christian in early life, uniting with the Christian church. There being no church of his choice at Kewanee, at the time, he gave liberally to the Congregational, the church to which some of his family became attached, but himself remained true to the faith of his fathers. The author visited the palatial home of this interesting family in Kewanee, several times, enjoying the old time hospitality of the father, mother, and



DR. HIRAM NANCE.

daughters. The grown sons were always from home, while the younger ones were as full of mischief as an egg shell is of meat.

Mrs. Nance passed peacefully to rest at the home of her son, Dr. H. Irving Nance, at Los Angeles, California, January 8, 1904, having just entered her seventy-eighth year. Among many other complimentary things, the Kewanee *Star-Courier* has the following:

Mrs. Nance spent last summer in Kewanee and vicinity, visiting her children. Leaving Kewanee at the close of the summer, she visited her son, Dr. Willis O. Nance, in Chicago, and then went to Nebraska, where she visited her daughter, Belle Castle, and son, Roswell. There she was joined by her son, Charles, of Los Angeles, and together they returned to California.

Few persons were so widely known here as Mrs. Nance, among the older residents. For years the family has been conspicuously identified with Kewanee, and besides this, Mrs. Nance, by her own gracious personality, marked by kindness, charity, and benevolence, has inscribed her name on



SARAH SMITH NANCE.

the tablets of memory. Her passing means the close of a life of a good woman. In the circle of immediate relatives, the loss suffered by her death is irreparable. She held the affection of all, in manner little short of remarkable, and as a mother and grandmother, filled a place which was brightly illuminated by the spirit of love and sacrifice. Dr. and Mrs. Nance made their home at Lafayette about thirteen years, moving to Kewanee in 1860. From that time until his death, Dr. Nance was one of the best known men in Kewanee, and his reputation as a physician extended over all this part of the state. After his death, Mrs. Nance continued her residence here



until 1901, when the condition of her health made it wise to seek a warmer climate, and she moved to Los Angeles, where some of her children had already taken up their residence.

Mrs. Nance was prominently identified with church and charitable work during her residence in Kewanee, and retained her interest in efforts in this direction, here, even after moving to California. For many years she was an active member of the Congregational church of the city, giving freely of her energy and means to the promotion of the aims of the church. Her charities were large and unostentatious.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Albinus, w. Sarah White ..... Chicago, Illinois.	{ Helen M., h. Walter L. Anderson, Lincoln, Nebraska.		
Adella N., h. C. A. Shilton ..... Kewanee, Illinois.	{ Paul A. Carlyle N. Grace S. Blanche B. Earl A.		
Dr. Hiram Irving, w. Sarah Mann ..... Los Angeles, Cal.	{ Willis. Forest M. Hiram I. Edward E.		
Sarah Belle, h. Geo. H. Casile, d. .... Wyniore, Nebraska.	{ Claude F. Corliss N. Louise M.		
Roswell S., w. Lettie Russell ..... Chicago, Illinois.	{ Zulu M. Clyde H.		
2nd w. Abby Day .....	{ Ruby.		
Dr. Roy, w. Marion Baker ..... Los Angeles, Cal.	{ Marie Eugene, 12-14-1887 Richard Roy, 2-14-1890.		
Burton F., w. Eva Cowden ..... Galva, Illinois.	{ Daisy A.		
Charles H., w. Hattie LaDow ..... Los Angeles, Cal.			
Dr. Willis Orville, w. Zelma Arter ..... Chicago, Illinois.	{ Willis D. Clement A.		

Albinus Nance, twig, was born at Lafayette, Stark county, Illinois, March 30, 1848. He was educated in the public schools of Kewanee, not far from the place of his birth, until at the age of sixteen, when he enlisted in the 9th Illinois calvary, and served until the close of the war of the rebellion. He participated in the following battles: Hurricane Creek, Guntown, Columbia (Tennessee), Spring Hill, Franklin, and Nashville. In the last mentioned battle he was slightly wounded. When the war was over, Albinus became a student at Knox college, Galesburg, Illinois, taking a part of the classical course. He then studied law, and in 1870 was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Illinois.

In 1871 he went to Nebraska, taking up a homestead in Polk county. He divided his time between farming and the practice of law for a time, but soon gave up farming for the more lucrative law practice, in connection with which he established a large real estate business.

In 1874 he was nominated by the republicans for the state legislature, and in due time was elected. This was the beginning of a remarkable series of political victories.



HON. ALBINUS NANCE

Twig.

Ex-Governor of Nebraska.

In 1876 he was chairman of the state delegation to the National Republican Convention, in Cincinnati. He was renominated that year for the legislature and re-elected without opposition. When the legislature convened in January, 1877, he was elected speaker of the house. The splendid record he made as a

presiding officer, prepared the way for future honors. In 1878 he was elected governor of the state, when but thirty years of age. His administration was so acceptable to the people that he was renominated in 1880, by acclamation, and was re-elected by an overwhelming majority. The distinguishing feature of his administration was an unassuming but inflexible determination to

execute the laws with fidelity to the best interests of the people of Nebraska.

At the close of his second term as governor, he came very nearly being elected to the United States senate, and but for his being attorney for the Union Pacific railroad, he would have won out. It was unfortunate for him that his candidacy came at a time when the western states "had it in" for the railroads and their attorneys.



RICHARD ROY NANCE  
Bud.

For a number of years after vacating the governor's chair, Albinus engaged in the banking business, owning large interests in several banks. He retired from active business life some years since, having amassed a competence. His home is still in Lincoln, Nebraska, but he spends much of his time in Chicago. Albinus

has taken several trips to Europe, once taking his mother and once his daughter with him.

Much of the above has been culled from a work, "Public Men of To-day," 1884.

The author spent a very pleasant day with Cousin Albinus, while he was governor, both in the state house and in the executive mansion.

September 30, 1875, Albinus was married to Miss Sarah



MARIE EUGENIE NANCE

Bud.

White, of Farigut, Iowa. One child, Helen, was born to bless this union. She was recently married in Chicago, to Mr. W. L. Anderson, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Hiram Irving Nance graduated at Rush Medical college, Chicago. He first settled in Creston, Iowa, where he practiced

medicine a number of years, also looking after some farm interests he had near by. The author first met Irving here, and was delighted with his open heartedness. It is enough to say he is a regular Nance. Associations with him in Chicago, years later, only strengthened the admiration for the man. From Creston he came to Chicago, and practiced his profession for five years, loaning money as a kind of pastime. In 1897 he took his family



DR. HIRAM IRVING NANCE

Twig.

to California for a few years, locating finally at Los Angeles, where they still reside. He practices little now, having been very successful financially, he does not care to practice medicine much. Dr. and Mrs. Nance have a family of four very interesting boys, who, five years ago, appeared to give promise of a superabundance of brain power, as well as large and compact forms like their father.

## AFTER A VISIT.

I b'en down in ole Kentucky  
 Fur a week er two, an' say,  
 Twuz as hard ez breakin' oxen  
 Fur to tear myse'f away.  
 Alus argerin' 'bout fren'ship  
 An yer hospitality—  
 Y'ain't no right to talk about it  
 Tell you b'en down there to see.

See jest how they give you welcome  
 To the best that's in the land,  
 Feel the sort o' grip they give you,  
 When they take you by the hand.  
 Here'em say, "We're glad to have you  
 Better stay er week or two,"  
 An' the way they treat you makes you  
 Feel that ev'ry word is true.

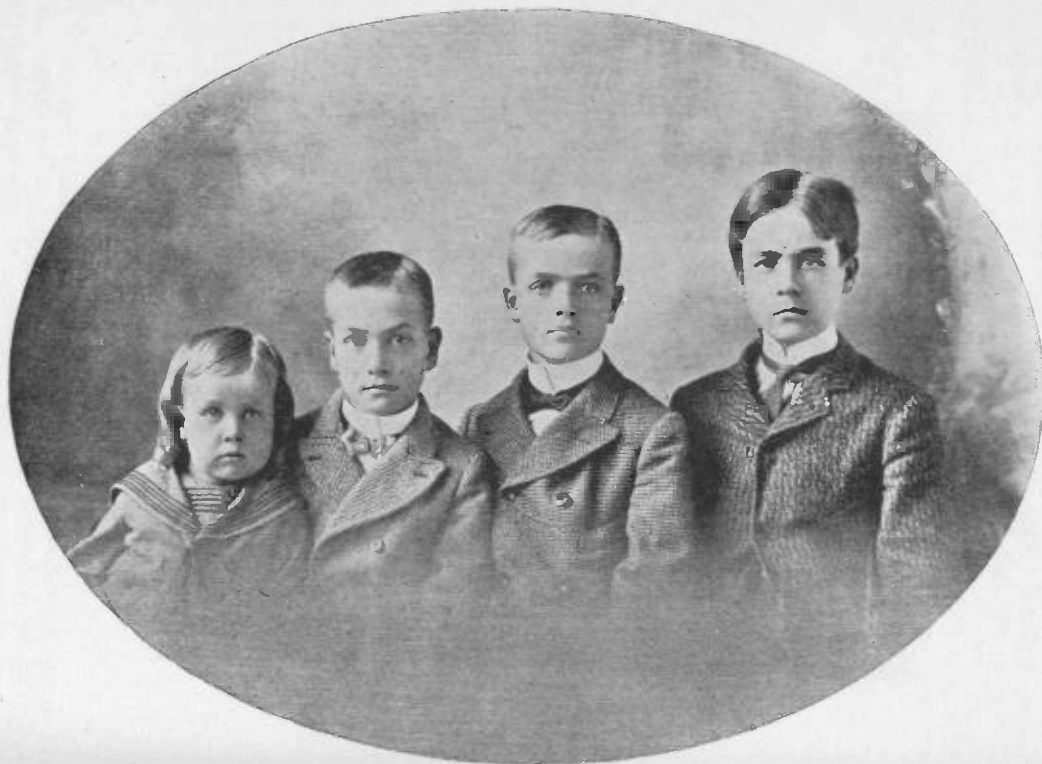


MRS. SARAH MANN NANCE.

Feed you till you hear the buttons  
 Crackin' on yer Sunday vest;  
 Haul you 'roun' to see the wonders.  
 Tell you have to cry for rest;  
 Drink yer health an' pet an' praise you  
 Tell you git to feel ez great  
 Ez the sheriff o' the county  
 Er the gov'ner o' the state.

Wife, she zez I must be crazy  
 'Cause I go on so, an' Nelse  
 He 'lows, "Goodness gracious, daddy  
 Can't you talk 'bout nuthin' else?"  
 Vell, pleg-gone it, I'm jes' tickled;  
 Bein' tickled ain't no sin;  
 I be'n down in ole Kentucky  
 An' I want to go ag'in.

—Paul Dunbar.



EDWARD E. NANCE. HIRAM I. NANCE. FOREST M. NANCE. WILLIS NANCE.  
Huds.

Roswell Smith Nance, twig above, was born in Lafayette, Stark county, Illinois, March 9, 1858. Two years later the family moved to Kewanee, Illinois, a few miles away, where he spent his school days until the fall of 1878, when he located in Jefferson county, Nebraska, and engaged in stock raising and farming, in which business he always took a particular interest.

In 1879 he was united in marriage to Miss Videtta Russell.



ROSWELL S. NANCE

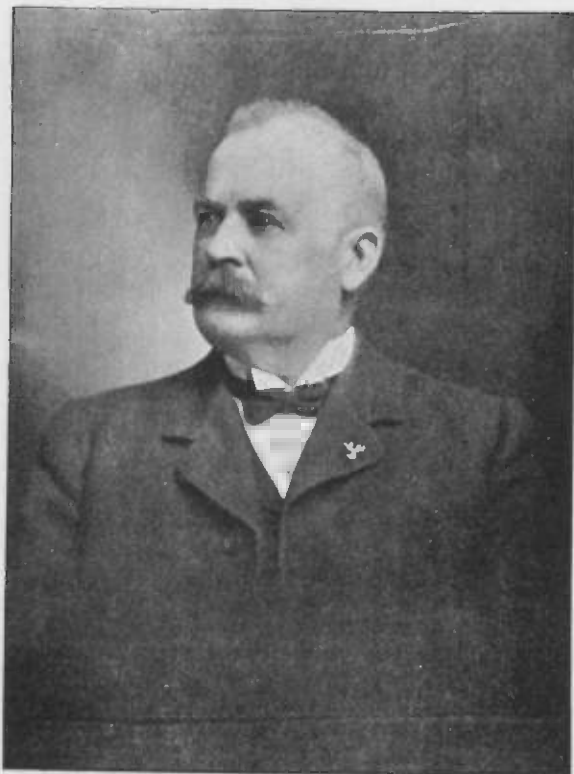
Twig.

Of this union two children were born. The wife died in 1884. He was married to Miss Abbie Day, at Kewanee, January 15, 1885. One child was born to this union. In 1892 the family moved to Chicago, remaining there until March, 1903, when Roswell's longing for the free and open life on the prairies, overcame him again, and the family, with the exception of the two



older children, who have positions in Chicago, moved to and are living at Superior, Nebraska, where three miles out he has one of the best located stock and alfalfa ranches in the west.

Dr. Roy Nance was born in Kewanee, Henry county, Illinois, May 23, 1862. At the age of sixteen, he began teaching school in the country near his home, and continued this for two years. He afterwards attended Knox college, at Galesburg, Illi-



DR. ROY NANCE

Twig.

nois. Deciding upon dentistry as a profession, he went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to fit himself for his chosen work. Locating at Shenandoah, Iowa, he practiced his profession for five years. His eyes troubling him, upon the advice of his father and other physicians, he was compelled to give up the work and engage in out door pursuits. At this time he met Miss Marion A. Baker,

daughter of Calvin Baker, inventor of "Baker's National Truss Bridge," and a great granddaughter of Captian Charles Baker, who gained fame in the war of the Revolution. They were married January 3, 1887. They removed to Los Angeles, California, the following November.

The doctor is a great lover of nature and travel, having visited many lands, including Europe, Africa, Brazil, Argentine, etc.



MRS. MARION BAKER-NANCE.

Burton Fred Nance is a prosperous farmer near Galva, Illinois, near the place of his birth. It is said his farm is a model, his residence and barns being supplied with all the modern city conveniences. Burt has been eminently successful in his chosen work, and is considered an authority in his business throughout the section of the state in which he resides. He has hosts of friends.

Charles Holland Nance was born at Kewanee, Illinois, January 5, 1868. He graduated at Kewanee, Illinois, high school, in 1885; continued his studies at the University of Illinois, at Champaign, and completed the course in pharmacy, graduating at the Northwestern University, at Chicago.

Mr. Nance early sought the west, and entered the employ of the State Loan and Trust Company, of Ogallala, Nebraska, afterwards



CHARLES H. NANCE

Twig.

becoming assistant cashier to that institution. In 1890, he made an extensive tour, lasting nearly a year, and in which he made a complete circuit of the globe. In 1892 he located in Utah, where he engaged in the drug business and banking. On January 1, 1893, he was elected cashier of the First National Bank, of Logan, Utah, at that time being under twenty-five years of age, and one of the youngest cashiers of a National bank in the country. In

1895 he went to Los Angeles, California, his present residence, where he has, since 1897, been engaged in the drug business. Mr. Nance was married February 5, 1896, at Los Angeles, to Miss Hattie LaDow, only daughter of Stephen M. and Harriet N. (Dorman) LaDow, California pioneers of '49, and old and favorably known residents of Los Angeles county.

Dr. Willis Orville Nance, whose likeness appears herewith, the youngest of the family, was born in the year 1871. He studied medicine at Ann Arbor University, Rush Medical college, Chicago, and Bellevue Hospital, New York City. He began at once the practice of his profession in Englewood, Chicago, which he continued a few years, when he went abroad for two years, taking special courses under the leading specialists in London, Paris, Berlin, and Vienna.

Returning to Chicago, he bought a home on the south side, near the University of Chicago, opened an office down town as a



DR. WILLIS O. NANCE  
Twig.

specialist in the treatment of the eye, ear, nose, and throat. For a young man he is proving himself eminently successful in his specialties.

For a number of years he has held the chair of eye diseases in the Chicago Clinical School, and is attending eye and ear surgeon at the Cook County Hospital, and assistant surgeon at the Illinois State Eye and Ear Infirmary. The doctor returned to Europe in

1902, for a short course. His office is at 100 State street. He is secretary-treasurer of the Western Alumni Association of the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College.

Before going to Europe on his first trip, he married one of Englewood's most charming and accomplished daughters, in the person of Miss Zelma Arter, who accompanied him on his two years trip abroad.

The doctor is a very young man for the prominence he has attained, and bids fair to round out a successful career in his chosen profession. As will be noticed in the table above, he has named his second son, Clement, in honor of our ancestral head.

I will say here that in the preparation of the matter for this work, it seemed to me that the end might not come in my day, so I arranged that should I be called hence before the consummation of this, my pet scheme of life, the manuscript should be placed in Cousin Willis' hands, as I believe he would be the most likely to carry the matter to completion.

#### AMANDA JANE NANCE-WILKINSON—BRANCH NINE.

Amanda Jane Nance was born in Floyd county, Indiana, January 26, 1825, and died at La Harpe, Illinois, August 3, 1901. She came to Illinois with her parents, in 1836. She was married to John Wilkinson, December 17, 1849. La Harpe has ever been the family home, where the husband died in 1893. From her obituary I glean the following:

Her nature was kindly and considerate always, and her work was most charitable and benevolent. It was always done in a Christian spirit. She was a member of the Christian church, joining that body in her early life, and was a charter member of the La Harpe organization. Her life has always been consistent with the professions she made. Her home has been hospitable, and the stranger found food and shelter with never a question as to worthiness; that present needs demand her attention was sufficient to enlist her sympathies and help. Hers has been a life of usefulness, and a life of devotion to her family and friends; a life of right living.

(John Wilkinson's first wife was Mary Ann Nance, daughter of "Uncle Giles," and therefore a cousin of the second wife.)

Eleven children were born to this union, those surviving the mother are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Belle, h.	{ Nellie, h. Blockstone.		
Chas. Bradshaw.....			
La Harpe, Illinois.	{ Harry. Truman.		
Fred A., w.	{ Mand.		
Emma Walter.....			
La Harpe, Illinois.	{ Ruth.		
Hiram Irving, Kewanee, Illinois.			
Mary M., Kewanee, Illinois.			

## MINERVA NANCE—BRANCH TEN.

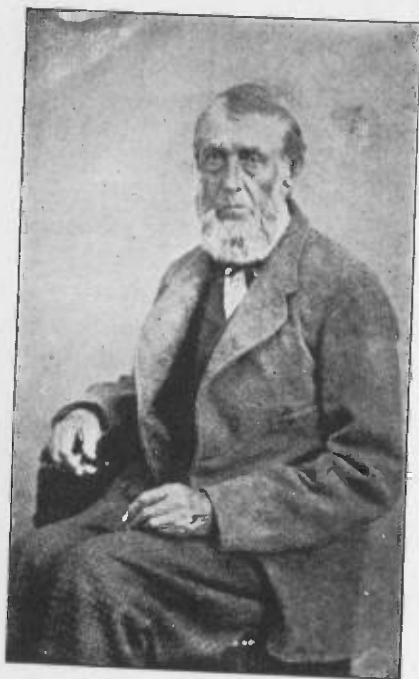
Minerva Nance was born about 1827. Married Henry Fessen-  
den. Five children were born to this union, those growing up  
are named below as twigs. Nothing more is known of this family.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Emma, h.			
Burrows.....	{ Minnie .....	{ 1.	
2nd h. Pixley.			
Angie, h.	{ Gertrude, h.	{ 1.	
Jos. Sterling.....			
	{ Peter McHetrick.....	{ 2.	
Edward.	{ Everett		
Eva, h., d.			
Joseph Swift.			

## CHAPTER VII.

## NANCY MAY OATMAN—LIMB SIX.

Nancy May Nance was born in Virginia, March 22, 1786. She died in Texas, in 1864. Elder John Oatman was born in Kentucky, July 14, 1787. He died in Texas, in 1875. They



ELDER JOHN OATMAN.

were married in Floyd county, Indiana, December 18, 1806. John Oatman was the son of Joseph Oatman, the old ferryman who "jumped" the claim of our ancestral head as related on pagetwelve. The names of the brothers and sisters, as given in the will of the father, were, Elizabeth Beverly Hurst, John, George, Susanna, Jesse, Peggy, and Julia Ann. John was named in the will as executor, and took out letters of probate, June 8, 1812, at Corydon, Harrison county. This was before the formation of Floyd county. John received by will, 130 acres of the afore-said jumped claim.

After residing about New Albany until 1820, they removed to the west central portion of the state, on a farm, some say near Green Castle, Putnam county, some say near Crawfordsville, Montgomery county, and others, at Rockville, Parke county. In 1828 they removed to Illinois, settling at Walnut Grove, now Eureka. The govern-

ment lands had not been surveyed as yet. But one claim had been "squatted" upon, that where the city of Eureka now stands. The next claim was laid by Father Oatman, just north of the former, and on both sides of the street running north of the town. His claim ran to the present streets or roads, one running to the northeast and the other to the northwest. Between these roads, Thomas Dewese took his claim, and other members of the family, as per ages, mostly, took claims to the north westward. The streets as now used were laid out by the Oatmans, with the agreement that when the lands were surveyed, each should deed to the others, the parts lying across either road from the main land. These borders have never been changed.

The present Christian church at Eureka was organized in the cabin of Elder Oatman, in April, 1832, as the Walnut Grove Church of Christ. Themselves and five of their children, viz.: Eliza, Clement, Joseph, Jesse, and Hardin, comprising seven of the thirteen charter members. John Oatman was their elder and preacher.

The family removed to Dundee, Illinois, in 1835, but after a few years, all but Joseph and Jesse, moved south, settling in Missouri and Texas. Father Oatman and his sons, John, William, and Pleasant, were large stockraisers and dealers in Bastrop, and later, Llano county, for many years after settling in Texas.

Elder Oatman was formerly a Presbyterian, but himself and wife accepted the teachings of Alexander Campbell and his coagitors very early, even before they became a separate body, and ceased not during a long life to declare the same. He was a great preacher. He will have many stars of rejoicing in his crown. He was an active minister of the gospel for forty years, always refusing remuneration for his services. Who can tell how much of the credit of the great work of the Eureka church and college, as told in the introduction, is due to Father and Mother Oatman, as the instigators and organizers of the church in their cabin? Eternity alone can tell.

Aunt Nancy assisted her husband in the preparation of his sermons, as well as in all his other work. She was a great student of the Bible, great to advise the young how to do, how to live and how to be good. She was fluent in quoting scripture. "Search the scriptures for they are they which testify of me," etc., was a favorite passage with her. It is said her sons often spoke of her, even before her death, as "Mother Saint." Mrs. Merica Oatman, widow of Pleasant Oatman, writes of her as follows:



Mother Oatman was such a wonderful woman. I wish I could give you something of a history of her lovely life. I was married to her youngest son, in 1851, and lived in close communion with her as long as she lived. She was a statesman and a historian. She could relate whole books she had read in her maidenhood. She and her father were present at a great tent meeting in Kentucky, when so many prominent Presbyterians broke away and declared against creeds and dogmas, and it was so interesting to hear her tell of the great sensation it caused. God answered my prayer when he put me under Mother Oatman's tutorship, who taught me to study the scriptures and be obedient to the commands.

Mother never had a picture taken, but she so much resembled General Washington, that my eldest child, Villitta, in her childhood, would always exclaim when shown his picture, "That is my grandma."

The first five of their children were born within a period of two years, four months, and fourteen days. The mother used to console her husband by quoting Solomon: "Many children are a great blessing." And so it proved to them, for there were no drunkards, thieves, or depraved among her twelve sons. Sixteen children were born to this couple, thirteen growing to maturity. They are named below as branches:

America Dewees,	} Twins.	Simeon,
Eliza Shields,		
Clement,	} Twins.	Jesse,
Joseph,		
Hardin,		Preston, died young.
John,		Theresa, died young.
James R.,		Ira,
George, died young.		Mary Ann Stevens,
William,		Pleasant S.

#### AMERICA OATMAN—BRANCH ONE.

America Oatman, twin of Eliza, was born in Floyd county, Indiana, October 26, 1807. She was married to Thomas Dewees early in life. They lived consecutively at Green Castle, Indiana; Walnut Grove, Illinois; Dundee, Illinois, and Sequin, Texas. The author has been unable to gain any additional information of this family. The prominence of their children indicate intellectuality in the parents. Twelve children were born to this union, named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
David, w., d. — Gibbons.....	America, d.		
John O., w., d. Annie Irvin..... San Antonio, Texas.	Alice, h., 1873 Hal Howard..... Floresville, Texas.	John D. Henry Lee. Floresville, Tex.	
Ann Eliza, h. Carroll Billingsley..... Seguin, Texas.	John O. William T. Thomas D., w. — Burrows.....	Lantie. 6 others.	
Mary, h. Benj. George.....	John O. Oscar, w., d. Mary Billings.		
	Lee, h. Frank Wassenick..... Floresville, Texas.	Lessie Lee.	
William, w. Nellie Stewart..... San Antonio, Texas.	Jordan, w. H. S. Churchill, San Antonio, Texas. Henry, w. Pearl, h. — Clark.....	1 child.	
	Erick, 1885. Dahl.		
	Josie, h. John V. Ferguson..... Alexandria, Louisiana.	Josie, h. — Quigley. John T. David. Lizzie. Georgia.	
Nancy Ellen, h., d. Wm. Crandall..... Alexandria, Louisiana.	Jennie, h., d. Chas. Weems..... Louisiana, Texas.	Nemie. Charles. May. 3 others.	
Maria, d.	William w..... Floresville, Texas.	3 children.	
	Edward, w. Rose Herr. Floresville, Texas.		
Thomas, w. Ellen Tomb, d.....	Oscar, w. Myrtle Richell, Indian Territory.		
2nd w. Kate Ham, San Antonio, Texas.	Ola, h., 1875 Waldo Beckly.		
Isaac, d.	Georgia Ira, d. Charles, 1885 San Antonio, Texas. Clarabel, 1887. Katie Graves, 1890.		
Ira Adelbert, w., 1847 Georgia Kerr..... Alpine, Texas.	John Wm., d. Robt. Adelbert, w. Margaret Long, d..... Chicago, Illinois.	Adelbert Long. Carroll Fontaine.	
Madina, h. William Irvin..... Cotulla, Texas.	Jordan, w., 1871 Edna Barton..... Cotulla, Texas. Eugene. Mabel, h..... Grace. Thomacine. Clare.	5 children. 1 dead.	
Lee, died at 18.			



MRS. GEORGIA KERR-DEWEES.



IRA ADELBERT DEWEES  
Twig.

## ELIZA OATMAN—BRANCH TWO.

Eliza Oatman, twin to America, was born in Floyd county, Indiana, October 26, 1807. She died at Dundee, Illinois, in 1888. She was married to Thomas Shields, who died young. She was the mother of no children. She lived many years a widow. Family ties were strong in her, as were those that bound her to her Savior.

## SIMEON OATMAN—BRANCH THREE.

Simeon Oatman was born in Floyd county, Indiana, April 27, 1809. He studied medicine in Dundee, Illinois, and Rush Medical college, Chicago. He married, settled, practiced, and died in Missouri, early in life. His wife was Margaret Mattlock. Four children blessed this union, named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Minerva, h.	{ Edward J. Orra, d. Jerome. Simeon.		
William Ward, .....			
South Haven, Kansas.			
	Minnie, h. Prosser.		
	{ Glenn, w. Lilla Kingsbury, .....	{ Grace. Albert. Alice. Edeth.	
Sarah Ellen, h., d.	Edward, Jr.		
Edward O'Brien, .....	Chicago, Illinois.		
	{ Hattie B., h., d. A. M. Wheeler, .....	{ Harry J. Roger N.	
	Eleanor Rae, h. New York City.		
George Oatman, d.			
John M. Oatman, d.			

## CLEMENT OATMAN—BRANCH FOUR.

Clement Oatman was born in Floyd county, Indiana, March 10, 1810, a twin to Joseph. To his first wife, Lockey, were born three children, named below as twigs. The second wife was Eliza Holbrook. She had no children. After burying both wives he became a minister in the Christian church.

Clement Oatman was a volunteer in a McLean county, Illinois, company engaged in the Black Hawk War, who were at the battle of "Stillman's Defeat." He was one of twelve men who were present at the muster out after two months service. They were mustered out at the mouth of Fox river, May 27, 1832. They were called mounted volunteers.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT
	Temple J. Lockey.		
	Eugenia Ben Gleson.		
	Peyton, w.		
	— Sultz.		
Benjamin, w. d.	Bertie.		
Mary Smith, .....	Mary Leach.		
	John Banty.		
	Julias.		
	Charles.		
Jane, d.	Samuel, d.		
Lockey Ann, h.			
Frank Holden .....	{ Alonzo.		
	{ George.		

## JOSEPH OATMAN—BRANCH FIVE.

Joseph Oatman, twin to Clement, was born in Floyd county, Indiana, March 10, 1810. He came to Illinois in the year 1828, settling at Walnut Grove, as is related in the history of his father. Like all the grown members of the family, he settled on government land, his section falling in the north edge of the grove and to the west of the older members of the family. He and his brother, Jesse, built a log house in common, which they sold with their claim to James Mitchell, about 1834. This cabin was a substantial one, and still remains, or did a few years ago, when William Mitchell pointed it out to the author. The first post-office that was established at the grove, was kept in this cabin, and James Mitchell was the postmaster. While residing here, Joseph married Polly Ann Wyatt. Their first child was born here.

In 1835 the Oatman family removed from Walnut Grove, and settled in Kane and Cook counties, as is related elsewhere. As is stated elsewhere, Joseph was a charter member of the Walnut Grove Christian church, established in his father's cabin in 1832. Whether he made confession of his faith at this time, or previously, is not stated. He was ever after, a faithful Christian. He was very devoted in his religion, and delighted to talk on the subject. He was very fond of his family, and was wont to gather his children upon his knees of evenings, and sing to them and tell and teach them Bible stories.

Joseph Oatman was square built, medium statue, thick set, broad shouldered, with black, curly hair, sandy beard, gray eyes, and a broad, white forehead. Socially he was genial, often even jolly, and much given to telling stories. He had a good mind and was wont to think independently. He was positive in his convictions and not easily turned.

He took much interest in local politics and was a leader of men. Almost any office in the gift of his friends could have been his, but he persistently refused all political office of every kind, saying that his interest went no further than to see that the right prevailed. That he enjoyed the contest may also be believed, for he was quite combative and keenly enjoyed an argument. He would probably have made a fine lawyer. He was a crack shot with the rifle or musket, and often brought down a deer or other game that furnished meat for his family and his neighbors. For a number of years he suffered declining health under a complication of liver and kidney affections, and at the age of forty-one, the end came. He told his family of a beautiful spot near the house on the farm where he wanted to be buried, so as to be constantly near them, "where," he said, "the flowers will bloom and the birds sing." It is but just to say that in all his life's work he was heartily seconded by his faithful wife, whose unselfish devotion to her family knew no bounds. She survived her husband two years, dying in 1853, leaving five orphan children from five to nineteen years of age. They were the parents of seven children, those growing to maturity are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Fred H. w. Emma Dickey..... River Falls, Wisconsin	Lillie May. Frank H. George P. Ethel P.	
	Alice.		
Candace B. h. d. Riley Crawford, d.....	Carrie, h. French Baird..... Hertel, Wisconsin.	Albert V. Arthur M. Vernon C.	
	Lillie, h. Dewitt Kidder.....	Florence M. Hazel A.	
	Frank, w. Maud Lovell.....	Bertha M. Meta F.	
	Helen Ann, h. Chas. Morse. Corning, California.		
Nancy M., h. Rev. N. J. Aylesworth, .. Auburn, New York.	Ruth L., h. Jas. B. Macbeth .....	Helen May. Marian Lorena.	
	John William, w. Della Head.....	Harold P.	
Many Ann, h. Chas. Howard, 1839-1902. Dundee, Illinois.	No issue.		
	Belle, h. Lyman Beaman.....	Lyman.	
Helen A., h. Myron Blood..... Rowley, Iowa.	Harriett h. Chas. Tripp..... Montezuma, Iowa.	Gladdis. Jone.	
	Ray.		
Elvira V., h. Channey Parnley..... Present postmaster, Dundee, Illinois.	No issue.		

Nancy Margaret Oatman was born January 15, 1837, on her father's farm, near Elgin. Her girlhood was spent there, and there she attended the district schools, supplemented by a few terms in Dundee academy. In her early teens her parents died. After this breaking up of the family home, the children went to live with their mother's relatives, near Bloomington, Illinois, and Nancy M. spent some time at the Major Female college, of Bloomington. She then began to teach in the district schools, and continued to teach more or less from then until her marriage. After spending three years in the region of Bloomington, she returned to the vicinity of her old home, near Elgin, and made her home in the family of David Hammond, a devoted friend of her father. While engaged as teacher of the graded school of Barrington, near by, she became acquainted with her present husband, and they



NANCY OATMAN AYLSWORTH  
Twig.

were married by Dr. Robert Boyd, pastor of the Edina Place Baptist church, Chicago, March 14, 1863.

The prolonged illness of her husband has laid on the subject of this sketch many severe trials and burdens, which she has borne with fortitude, and that hopefulness of spirit so essential to keeping the heart whole in the midst of life's trials.

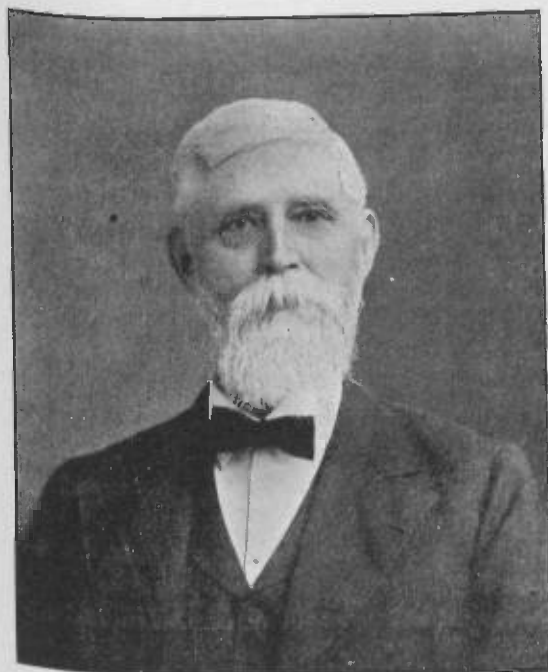
In her early womanhood she entered upon the religious life and became a member of the Baptist church in Dundee, but later

took membership with the Disciples of Christ, and has ever continued a devoted follower of the Master.

Nicholas John Aylsworth was born on a farm in the township of Cuba, Lake county, Illinois, January 15, 1843, of John and Ann Frances Aylsworth. His early schooling was that of the rude district schools of the time, until in his thirteenth and fourteenth year, he enjoyed a few months of academic instruction. When he was fifteen years of age he taught his first school, a

district school of three months, and continued thereafter to teach more or less until his graduation from college.

At the age of seventeen, he entered Chicago University, and was soon advanced to the second college year. He graduated from this institution in 1863, at the age of twenty, receiving the degree of A. B., to which was added three



ELDER N. J. AYLSWORTH.

years later that of A. M. About the time of his graduation he married Nancy Margaret Oatman, named above. In the fall of 1863, he became principal of an academic school at Barrington, Cook county, Illinois, but after eighteen months teaching, declining health compelled him to abandon the school room. He then read medicine and ministered to the spiritual needs of a little Christian church located in that place. Before graduating in the medical profession, he received a call from the Northern Illinois Christian Missionary organization, comprising several counties,



to become their evangelist for six months. He thereafter continued to preach until his health failed permanently.

His first pastorate was at O'Plain (now Gurnee), near Waukegan, Illinois, and continued eighteen months. The next was at Ligonier, Indiana, where he remained two years, and resigned to enter upon the work of founding a church at Angola, Indiana. Here he remained two and a half years, bestowing half his time, and left a church property here worth six thousand dollars, and a membership of one hundred and sixty. This is now one of the very best missionary congregations in the Christian church. From Angola he went to Fort Wayne, same state, to do a like work. Here he remained five and one-half years, providing a church property worth ten thousand dollars, practically uncumbered, and leaving a membership of one hundred and sixty. Much of this latter work was done in the stress of the great financial panic of 1873-7, requiring a desperate effort to save the enterprise from ruin. The extra care and labor involved permanently wrecked what had always been a frail constitution. A year and a half at Syracuse, New York, doing half work, and two and a half years at Auburn, same state, ended the cares of active service, in 1881. The disease was at first neurasthenia, a severe nervous break down, later complicated with rheumatic troubles. It has been impossible for Brother Aylsworth to walk, or even stand upon his feet, for many years. A gradual improvement in the general condition has made it possible to do a little writing since 1895, and he has since that time been a paid correspondent of the *Christian Evangelist*, of St. Louis, Missouri. He also became the author, in 1899, of a small monograph of one hundred and four pages, on the "Frequency of the Lord's Supper," and in 1902, of a larger work of four hundred and seventy-one pages, on "Moral and Spiritual Aspects of Baptism," which has met with a very gratifying reception from the religious public.

Mr. Aylsworth's religious affiliations are with the Christian church, he having become a member of that body when a child of eight years.

Mr. Aylsworth and family have continued to reside at Auburn, the place of his complete break down. The following, from the pen of the Rev. D. H. Patterson, pastor of the Church of Christ, in Auburn, is taken from the *Christian Evangelist*, of April 26, 1900:

Brother Aylsworth is remarkable for versatility. His conversation is as

interesting as his writing. He is willing to talk and always has something to say. He is also a good listener; he will allow his companion his full share of the conversation, if not more; yet, there are few who care to talk if they may listen to him. One realizes that he is in the presence of a superior mind, but never feels ill at ease. He reads a book and tells you what it contains. His memory reaches across years of physical pain and debility and lays hold of treasures gathered more than a quarter of a century ago. The standard books of his library have long been sold, those that are left are out of date; yet, with wonderful alertness he seizes current thought from most meager sources. After fourteen years of mental inactivity, strength seemed to be returning somewhat, and he was brought to church occasionally. I told him I thought he could preach. In June, 1895, he did so; those who heard him said his preaching was with astonishing vigor and clearness.

Our state convention met in Auburn in September of that year. He was asked to preach at one of the sessions, and consented. Probably no audience was ever more surprised and more delighted. For fifty minutes the gracious words flowed from his lips with ever increasing eloquence. To those who had known him in former years, the sermon seemed almost like a voice from the dead. The editor of the *Christian Evangelist* not only published the sermon, but asked him to become an occasional contributor. His articles always whet the appetite for more. The "Frequency of the Lord's Supper," not only instructs but constantly delights the reader. Certainly every one who reads this little booklet will want the "Spiritual Aspects of Baptism." This work ought to be published. (It is now published.) There is a freshness in it that ought to inspire a new interest in preaching upon this important theme.

The author feels he can do no better in closing this sketch of this interesting, though pathetic life, than by giving the following poem found marked in a magazine sent some years since by Brother Aylsworth to his daughter in Dundee, Illinois. It must have expressed his own feelings largely, being deprived of the ability to labor so early in life:

#### REST.

[Lines found] under the pillow of a soldier who died in hospital at Port Royal, Virginia.

I lay me down to sleep,  
With little care  
Whether my waking find  
Me here, or there.

A bowing, burdened head  
That only asks to rest,  
Unquestioningly, upon  
A loving breast.

My good right hand forgets  
Its cunning now;  
To march the weary march  
I know not how.

I am not eager, bold,  
Nor strong,—all that is past;  
I am ready not to do,  
At last, at last.

My half day's work is done,  
And this is all my part,—  
I give a patient God  
My patient heart.

And grasp his banner still,  
Though all the blue be dim;  
These stripes as well as stars  
Lead after him.

Mary Ann Oatman, twig above, was born about 1839, near Dundee, Illinois. She was left an orphan at a tender age. She was married to C. F. Howard, a soldier boy just from a three years' service of his country. They spent their married life in and about Barrington and Dundee, the last thirty years in the latter place.

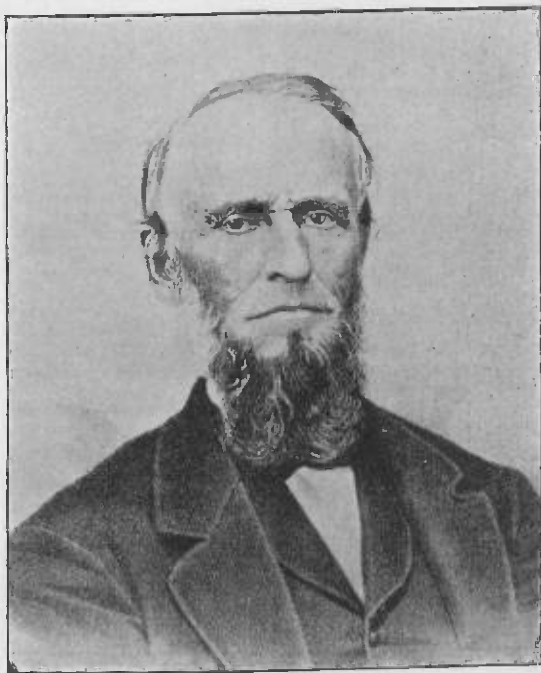
Charles Fremont Howard was born in New Orleans, July 2, 1839. He died in Dundee, February 16, 1902. While a student in the University of Chicago, in 1861, he enlisted in the 52nd Illinois cavalry, serving three years. He afterwards served eight months in the 9th Illinois cavalry. He was a Christian from the age of twenty, and from 1874 he and wife were members of the Dundee Baptist church, being ever active Christian workers.

#### JESSE OATMAN—BRANCH SIX.

Jesse Oatman was born near New Albany, Indiana, November 24, 1811. He died at Dundee, Illinois, October 1, 1883, in the seventy-third year of his age. When a lad of nine years, his parents removed to Parke county, same state, and in 1828, they came to Illinois, settling at Walnut Grove. Jesse and his brother, Joseph, took up government claims adjoining, and at the head of the grove. In 1833 they sold these claims to James Mitchell, and engaged in the mercantile business at Washington, Tazewell county, but a few miles distant.

In May, 1832, he was enrolled as a member of the second company of mounted volunteers from McLean county, Illinois, in Black Hawk war, and hastened northward. They arrived at Dixon, after the battle known in history as "Stillman's Defeat." They proceeded to the battlefield and saw to the burying of the dead. In 1836 he was united in marriage with Lucinda C.

Mowery, who had recently come to the new country with her parents. In 1837 they removed to Dundee, Kane county, taking their stock of goods with them. "Soon after coming to Dundee, he visited a camp of friendly Indians along the bank of the beautiful Fox river. The mother squaw was preparing dinner. She plucked the tail and wing feathers from a large sand hill crane, and then with feet, head, feathers, and entrails all together, put them into a kettle of boiling beans. Then she turned her attention to making corn pone. The dough was a littledry to properly shape up, so she spit on her hands and properly shaped the cake. It is needless to say that he resisted all efforts of the hospitable squaw to induce him to remain to dinner." This was the first stock of goods in the country, north of St. Charles. "Here he spent the remainder of his life, taking high rank as a business man



JESSE OATMAN.

and an earnest Christian with 'clean hands and pure heart,' a moral and social power in the church, and a man universally honored and beloved. The business of J. Oatman & Sons, of Dundee, was extensively connected with various enterprises, the grocery and drug business, the farm, hundreds of swarms of bees, and numerous butter and cheese factories in Kane and McHenry counties. All these engaged the active attention of the father, and yet he seemed to have time, brain, and heart, for the church he loved and the Savior he served. His diary which he kept for

many years, is a religious curiosity. While it records the current items of business and the weather, and domestic and personal matters, it is so intermixed with explanations concerning God's providence and grace, and exultant acknowledgements of his wonderful goodness, mercy, and loving kindness to him, that one of his brethren on listening to it on the day of his funeral, said, and said truly, 'It reads just like the Psalms.' As might be expected, the death scene of such a man was glorious beyond description. He



LUCINDA MOWERY OATMAN.

seemed to be standing on the door steps of his heavenly mansion, as he pronounced his last benediction upon his weeping wife and children. His, 'God bless you my dear children,' seemed like the prophetic blessings of the old patriarchs. The uplifted hands and the heavenward beckonings, made the place sacred and joyous."

Mr. Oatman held various offices of trust, one being that of postmaster for eight years. As is told in the sketch of his father, he was a charter member of the Walnut Grove (now Eureka) Christian church, organized in his parent's home, in 1832. He remained true to the church of his first love for many years, but losing hope that a church would be organized at Dundee, he finally united with the Baptist church, and was ever after one of their most earnest and efficient members.

His wife, "Aunt Lucy," was a woman in every way worthy

of such a man. Born at Cleveland, Ohio, she came with her parents to Washington, Illinois, in 1835. She joined the Dundee Baptist church, by obedience of the gospel, in 1841, and for fifty-three years adorned her profession with a godly walk and a chaste behavior. It is said she lived for others and not for self. The husband often spoke of her as his "guardian angel." She died at her home in Dundee, May 23, 1894. Five children were born to this union, those growing to maturity are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Flora, died young.		
	Clara May, b. Dr. W. C. Bridge ..... Elgin, Illinois.	{	Georgia L. Clarata B.
	Herbert A., w. Edith Clark ..... Monticello, Florida.	{	Theron C. Daryl Herbert.
Caroline Lucinda, b. M. T. Barrows ..... Dundee, Illinois.	Elta Valitta, b. Alva C. Crawford ..... Des Moines, Iowa.	{	Carrie May. Alva Jesse. Flora C. Elta L.
	Lucy Belle, b. Alfred H. Ketchum ..... Dundee, Illinois.	{	Bessie Margaret. Florence Belle.
	L. Gertrude, b. Rev. Richard Marshall, Mt. Carroll, Illinois.		
Edward Jesse, w., 1848 Louise J. Browning ..... Riverside, California.	{	Jesse, w. Martha Geirtz, Riverside, California.	
	Erie Torrence, w. Claribelle Norden, Dundee, Illinois.		
George Frank, w., 1851 Louisa J. Torrence ..... Dundee, Illinois.	{	Wm. Frank, w. Alicia R. Whittaker ..... Dundee, Illinois.	{
	Maribel.		Wm. Frank, Jr.

Carrie Lucinda Oatman, twig above, was born in Dundee, Illinois; married M. T. Barrows, there, in 1866, and has never lived elsewhere. She and her family are members of the Baptist church, and quite active in the various works of the church.

M. T. Barrows, whose likeness is shown herewith, has been a resident of Dundee since 1856. He was born in Saratoga county, New York, July 15, 1834. He was a blacksmith from boyhood, and later a hardware dealer until 1888, when he retired with a competency. He is a large land owner, having about nine hundred and sixty acres in Iowa, five hundred in Florida, and one thousand nine hundred in Illinois. This is a great achievement for one who began life at twenty-five cents per day, and afterwards four dollars per month.

There were ten children born to this union, those growing to maturity are named in the table above as buds.

Herbert A. Barrows, bud above, was born and reared at Dundee, Illinois, and was married there. For several years he has



MRS. CARRIE OATMAN-BARROWS

Twig.

been located at Monticello, Florida, on a fifteen hundred-acre dairy farm. By the use of northern methods he is demonstrating that as good butter and milk can be produced in the south as anywhere. In addition to his large milk trade he makes and sells

about six hundred pounds of butter per month. He never sells a pound for less than thirty-five cents, and usually receives fifty cents per pound.

He is also putting several thousand dollars into a syrup plant,



M. T. BARROWS.

preparing to make the very best quality of cane syrup. He has the ambition to produce the best of everything, expecting thereby to receive the highest market prices. He is delighted with the south, and believes he has a great future before him.



Edward Jesse Oatman, twig above, worked on his father's farm until sixteen, when he began clerking in his father's store. At the age of eighteen, after graduating from Bryant and Stratton's Business college, in Chicago, he became a partner in the store, the firm name being Oatman & Sons. (After the death of the father, the name was changed to Oatman Brothers, and the name became almost a household word wherever the Elgin milk, butter or cheese was known.) Owing to failing health, he soon gave up work in the store and turned his attention to bee culture, until the firm had five hundred hives, in 1886, and produced thirty thousand pounds of honey that year. In 1870 they started the creamery business which grew to wondrous proportions. It is said that at one time they refused a cash offer of three hundred thousand dollars from an English syndicate for sixteen creameries. This would have left them with four creameries and one condensing factory.

The great financial troubles of 1893-7 struck them hard, sweeping away much of the savings of an active and strenuous life time.

His health and that of Mrs. Oatman being so poorly, they went to California, in 1902, settling at Riverside, and beginning the cultivation of a fruit farm. Here they now reside, Mrs. Oatman's health having been restored. They were married in 1869. They are Baptists, Mrs. Oatman being especially active in all church work.

George Frank Oatman, twig above, became a clerk in his father's store at the age of fifteen and a partner at eighteen. He was married in 1874.

Owing to his brother's frail constitution he has ever carried the heavy burdens of the firm. After the reverses mentioned above, Frank organized Oatman's Condensed Milk Company, himself and two sons composing the company. They now have some half dozen plants, and manufacture butter and cheese, condensed milk and cream, and are already a strong company. They reside in Dundee, in a beautiful home, always open to friends and relatives. This family are Congregationalists. The boys have married the best girls in the community, at least that is what we all think.

#### HARDIN OATMAN—BRANCH SEVEN.

Hardin Oatman was born in Floyd county, Indiana, February 18, 1813. He came to Illinois with his parents, in 1828. He

was a charter member of the Walnut Grove Christian church, as is told elsewhere. He studied medicine in Dundee, Illinois, finishing in Rush Medical college. He married, settled, and practiced his profession in Harrison county, Missouri. The family have been in St. Joseph, Missouri, for many years, and it is presumed he died there. The author has been unable to get into correspondence with any of the family. All that is known of him is given above. All that is known of his family is given below, and it is all mere here-say :

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
John C. Oatman, Llano, Texas.			
Wick Oatman, St. Joe. Missouri.			
P. H. Oatman, St. Joe. Missouri.			
M. C. Oatman,			
Mary Oatman, h. Perlen, St. Joe. Missouri.			
Susan Oatman, h. Joe Williamson.			

#### JOHN OATMAN, JR.—BRANCH NINE.

John Oatman, junior, was born in Floyd county, Indiana, September 3, 1815. He died at Farmer, Texas, June 11, 1897. He was married to Julia Ann Long, in Woodford county, Illinois. They removed to Texas in 1850, first settling in Bastrop county, and in 1852, moving to Llano county and engaged in the cattle business, raising, herding, and shipping. This, in connection with the mercantile business until 1871, when he settled in Missouri on a farm, where he remained until his wife's death, in 1877, when he returned to Texas and made his home with his children. He was one of the most devoted of Christians. He was an elder in the Christian church for many years. He was a great reader, until his eye sight failed him. I glean the following item from his obituary :

He was a wonderful man in a good many respects. He was brave and generous, patient in every trial of life, and possessed a faith like that of Job or Daniel. His property was swept away, yet he never lost hope. Then his eye sight failed him and still his faith grew stronger. Finally his hearing and speech were almost destroyed, but he still believed in God, and just before he crossed the river he called for the last chapter of the Bible to be read, that once more he might hear the promises of God. He loved more than all, those beautiful words of John the beloved : "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth ; yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Thirteen children blessed this union, those growing to maturity are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Julia A., h. Joseph Leverett..... Ozark, Missouri.	Anna Kate, h., d. Edward McDuff.....	{ Nora, d. Wallace, d.	
	John Wayman, w. Clara E. Owens.....		
	Charles E. Josephine C., h. Luther Russell..... Ozark, Missouri.	{ Jessie. Nettie. Joseph.	
	Henry P.		
Henry Clay, w., 1843 Mollie E. Hardin..... Sparks, Texas.	Edward, w., 1866 Maggie Campbell.....	{ Ora. Roy. Ray, d. Violet.	
	Robert.		
	Cynthia J., h. John Newson.....	{ Eva Ione.	
	George. Bertha, h. Wm. Riddlehoover.....		
Lucy Cevilla, h. Robert E. Mabry..... Graham, Texas.	Beatrice, 1882. Sparks, Texas.	{ Lola.	
	Evans, w. J. Alberta Scarborough.. Graham, Texas.		
	Ida, h. Robert F. Short..... Graham, Texas.	{ James M. Robert F. Frances Ione, 1904.	
	Ellen, h. Jas. H. Norman..... Graham, Texas.		
William Benj., w. Arlelia Jennings, d.....	Loula May, h. Claud E. Holland, Belton, Texas.	{ Robt. Wesley. Attie Cevilla.	
	Ora Cevilla, Sallie Media. Silas Seth. Joseph E.		
	Carlos S., w., 1873 Mollie Cook.	{ Alonzo.	
	Clarence E., w. Ida Pitman.....		
2nd w. Lula Pitman.....	John Orval. Lula Belle, h. George Owens.....	{ Bryan R. Chas. Aaron. Carrie Belle. George Olen. John Comer.	
	Amy Agnes. Elmer Louis. Jesse Clay. Floy Etta.		
Albert E., w. Sarah Hurst..... Farmer, Texas.	Mary Ella, 1884. Jesse W. Nora A. James E. Maud May.		

Henry Clay Oatman, twig, was born in Dundee, Kane county, Illinois, October 10, 1843. He came with his parents to Bastrop county, Texas, in 1852. They settled in Llano county in 1854. Here young Henry Clay went into the stock business as a "cow boy," and ran cattle until 1862, when he enlisted in the Confederate army and attempted to run the "Yanks" for three years. He came out of the service without a scratch. While in the army, the boys decided to have a "name drawing," each to drop the name of a young lady into a box, after which each was to draw a name out, and to begin a correspondence. Our hero drew the name of Mollie E. Hardin. They were strangers, but continued the correspondence through the war. Returning home, they met, and in 1865, were married. A "fortune teller" described his correspondent and said they would marry. And so they did. After his marriage he returned to the stock business, only now working for himself instead of his father.

The Indians were troublesome from 1864 to 1875. They frequently took stock, some times a large number. He had some narrow escapes with his life, but never came into close contact with the Indians.

At one time the family traveled in a wagon to Missouri for the wife's health. Their babe dying in Missonri, and the change not benefiting the mother, they returned to Texas, settling in Llano county until 1889, when they moved to Green county, and in 1896 they came to Sparks, Bell county, where they continue to reside.

#### JAMES R. OATMAN—BRANCH ELEVEN.

James Reed Oatman was born in Floyd county, Indiana, December 27, 1817. He died in Kansas City, Missouri, January, 1899. He married Letitia Ann Davidson, at Eureka, Illinois, and settled on a farm at the head of the grove. They and their son, Adolphus G., were charter members of the Mount Zion Christian church, organized at the head of the grove in 1855. He was chosen one of the deacons. They remained here until some time after the close of the war, when they removed to the southwest, settling near Kansas City. The wife is still living there. They were the parents of seven children, named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Dr. Adolphus, w. Mary A. Ransom, .....	{ Adda Evelyn. Homer Clifton. Lawrence, Kansas.		
Helen, died young.	{ Arthur Roy. Helen Marian.		
Mary Eliza, h. Alex. M. Richardson, .....	{ Minnie. Della. Manfield. Arthur. Mary, d.		
Candis, h. G. D. Kinnear, .....	{ Vista. Josephine, d. Arma Armita. Jessie Myrtle. Guy Howard. Stanley Reed.		
Josephine, h. Geo. W. Huselton, .....	{ Howard. Bertha G.		
Frankie, h. Wm. O'Brien, .....	{ William.		
Cande, h. Retta West, .....	{ Dudley.		

## IRA E. OATMAN—BRANCH TWELVE.

Ira E. Oatman was born in Indiana, October, 1819. He studied medicine in Dundee and Rush Medical college. He was married to Villitta C. Freer, in Chicago. Practiced a few years in Chicago. Moved to Sacramento, California, where he died in 18—. Five children were born to this couple, named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Eugene Freer, w. Lucy R. Nichols, .....	{ Helena May. Eugene Freer, Jr.		
Sacramento, Cal.			
Ira, died young.			
John William, w. Harriet C. Rhodes, .....	{ Gertrude May, d. Laurence J.		
Long Valley, Cal.			
Charles Henry, w. Mary Eliza Smith, .....	{ Franklyn Wm. Violet.		
San Francisco, Cal.			
Mary May, h. Almer P. Soule, .....	{ Mary Emma. Helena Elizabeth.		
Sacramento, Cal.			

## MARY ANN OATMAN—BRANCH FOURTEEN.

Mary Ann Oatman was born in 1824. Married Darwin Stevens. Settled in Chicago, then moved to California. I am unable to get any other information. Had one son, Homer Stevens.

## WILLIAM A. OATMAN—BRANCH FIFTEEN.

Dr. William A. Oatman was born in Indiana, April 7, 1827. He died at Barksdale, Texas, March 30, 1903. He graduated at

Rush Medical college, Chicago, at the age of twenty-one. He soon went to Texas with his diploma and saddle pony. He was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Bunton, daughter of a wealthy and influential farmer of Hays county, Texas.

To this union were born eight children, five dying young. The remaining three are named below as twigs. The mother died at the age of thirty-two. The second wife was Mrs. Beck, of Travis county. To this last union there was no issue. Dr. Oatman amassed a fortune, farming near Austin, Texas. His estate still owns one of the finest farms on the Colorado river. He was a man of a pure and exalted character, beloved by all. During the later years of his life he was a Christadelphian in faith. He is said to have been one of the finest Biblical scholars in the state. For years he had a standing challenge to the ministers of the state to debate the differences between his faith and theirs.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
John B. w. Marie V. Saunders ..... Evelyn, Texas.	{ Marmaduke, 1888. Hermine E. Edith H. Victor. Olivia Iva. Adele. Dudley. 1902.		
Mary May, h. David M. Crosthwait ..... Chickasha, I. T.	{ Perla May, h., 1879 Walter H. Taylor..... Asa B. w. Lillian Vincent..... Jennot Lee. Norman L. David Lamar. Fay M. Marelaine. Edith Oatman. Oma.	{ Robert. A daughter.	
Dr. Victor, w. Pamie M. Sneed..... Liberty, Texas.	{ Lucile, 1890. Beattie. William. Sneed. Mary E.		

#### PLEASANT SHIELDS OATMAN—BRANCH SIXTEEN.

Pleasant Shields Oatman was born at Walnut Grove, Illinois, July 22, 1830. At the age of eleven, he moved with his father's family to Texas, settling near Austin, in Bastrop county. He was married in 1851, to Merica P. Billingsley, and engaged in cattle raising. A few years later they removed to Llano, and in addition to his stock interests was, in connection with his brother John, engaged in the mercantile business. In 1868 he took a large herd of cattle to California. In 1870 he took the remainder of his stock to Colorado, and with his family, took up his residence in Denver.

While in Denver he organized the Union Stock Yards Company, which is now a large concern. He invested largely in real estate which has made his family quite comfortable.

In 1879 he was killed by being thrown from his horse in Kansas, while looking after some stock which he had taken to that section.

He was of a genial, sunny nature, and died sincerely mourned by his family and a host of warm friends. He was a life long Christian, a member of the Christian church.



PLEASANT SHIELDS OATMAN.

His wife, Merica P. Oatman, was born March 29, 1836, near Trenton, Tennessee. Her father, Major Elish Billingsby, moved to Bastrop county, Texas, in the year 1849. She was married to Pleasant S. Oatman, December 29, 1851, and they moved to Llano county, Texas, where they remained until after the Civil War, when they went to San Antonio, Texas. In 1870 they traveled across the barren staked plains with a large herd of cattle to Denver, Colorado. The journey was most hazardous as the

plains were at that time inhabited by tribes of wild Indians. An average of only ten miles per day was made, and the party were three months without being under the roof of a house, and four months without being under the shade of a tree.

Since Mr. Oatman's death, in 1879, Mrs. Oatman has spent much time in traveling. Since her early childhood she has been a great student of the Bible. In Llano, with the other members of the Oatman family, she took the Bible as her guide, throwing aside all doctrines and creeds, and she thinks it wonderful how all these years the dear Lord has been with her, and how he has opened her eyes to know his truths. For many years she hoped to go to the foreign missionary fields, but God did not so direct, and her work has been in her own country. She has been from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific; to the Centennial and the World's Fair, carrying the good news of salvation to all who would hear. For many years she has been looking for the return of the Jews to their land which forebodes a great change in the earth, and is convinced that that event is near at hand. She is still an active, earnest member of the Christian church. This couple were the parents of eight children, named below as twigs:



MRS. MERICA P. OATMAN.

TWIGS.  
Villita E., 1855, d.

Martha May, b. 1859 {  
Hiram F. Coates, ..... {  
Denver, Colorado. {  
Nina May.  
Helen O.  
Marion O.

Carrie O., b. 1860 {  
Wm. H. Kistler, ..... {  
Denver, Colorado, {  
Alice May.  
William H.  
Erle O.

LUDS.

BLOSSOMS.

FRUIT.



## PLEASANT SHIELDS OATMAN—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Pleasant Lee, 1866, d.			
Iva Anna, b., 1867			
Thos. Marioneaux.....	{		
Nephil. Utah.			
Arthur G., 1870, d.			
John Dewees, 1873, d.			
Lilly Maud, 1875, d.			

Carrie Oatman, whose likeness appears herewith, was born in Llano, Texas, in 1860. In the year 1870 her parents moved to Denver Colorado, at which place she has since resided. In the year 1883, she was married to William H. Kistler, the leading stationer of the state. Since her marriage, Mrs. Kistler has been identified with the interests and institutions of Denver and Colorado, and prominent in all movements of an elevating and ennobling character in social and philanthropic circles. The most flattering compliment was paid to her intellect when the Denver High School Alumni, a society composed of some of the most gifted men and women in the west, chose her for their president, she being the only woman they have ever honored by election to this office.

As a club woman Mrs. Kistler ranks high among that company of brilliant women for which Colorado is famous, and she has held many offices of high honor and trust both in the State and National federation of women's clubs.

In the entire history of Denver only five women have been elected as members of the School Board, and Mrs. Kistler has been one of this number. She has served as president of the Denver Young Women's Christian Association, and of the Denver branch of the National Needle Work Guild. With it all she is mistress of one of Denver's beautiful homes, a devoted wife and mother, and is held in affectionate esteem by a large circle.

It might be well to remark that in Colorado women have the right of suffrage.

A few years since, by a series of unexpected events, and unsought, as well, Mrs. Kistler was elected chairman of the Republican County Central Committee. During the incumbency of this office, it developed upon her to preside over the preliminary proceedings of the county convention. From pages of newspaper clippings referring to the matter, all praising Mrs. Kistler in the highest terms, the following very short quotations are taken :

Mrs. W. H. Kistler, chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, covered herself and her sex with glory by the courage, tact, justice, self-poise, and readiness she displayed in presiding over the preliminary proceedings of the county convention, in the Broadway theater, yesterday. We have seen a great many mean conventions in our time, but we have never seen a presiding officer of the sterner sex at any of them who bore himself so well under such trying circumstances as did Mrs. Kistler, yesterday.

Mrs. Kistler, as chairman, had a most difficult task to perform that was ever allotted a chairman of the party. The convention had been packed by



MRS. CARRIE O. KISTLER

Twig.

the Wolcott-Stevenson people. On the floor of the convention she had the best parliamentarians in the city, and professional politicians to contend with. She succeeded in maintaining order the best manner possible and did far better than a man could have done, also showing a thorough knowledge of the rules of procedure.

"When did the chair have the power delegated to her to abrogate a part of a rule?" It is not a question of power," quickly responded the lady.

"The rule is wrong, and it is time it was shown up and the wrong corrected.

I propose to see right and justice granted while I am in this position." Then ensued the wildest demonstrations which she had yet had to cope with. She stood at the desk, rapped steadily for order, and then asked the police in the hall to clear lobbies and aisles. "Order will be maintained," was her only comment. All suggestions from delegates were ignored. She maintained her stand to have order before anything further was done. It was not until the convention had exhausted lung power and parliamentary tactics to trip her up, that debate was permitted to proceed in anything like order. When the question came to a vote, the chair ruled that all contesting delegations should not vote, and, though this also had to be debated, the chair held her ground. The vote sustained the appeal by a large majority, and the temporary roll was adopted. The temporary organization was quickly made, and a recess taken until ten o'clock that evening. The chairman had stood at her post for more than six hours, and had not wavered once.

Our Mrs. W. H. Kistler covered herself with a fadeless mantle of glory as the chairman of the republican convention last week. Her calmness amidst the fearful storm; her clearness amidst the awful confusion; her firmness amidst the fury of contending factions, and above all, her ready and accurate parliamentary ruling, won for her the unstinted praise of all present and called forth a unanimous vote of thanks from the convention for her wise and faithful service.

Mrs. Kistler is an active member of the Central Christian church, the leading church of her people in Denver.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## CLEMENT NANCE, JUNIOR—LIME SEVEN.

Clement Nance, junior, was born in Virginia, June 10, 1788. Martha Chamberlain was born March 25, 1790. They were married June 7, 1810, by Patrick Shields, judge. He settled on a farm adjoining that of his father, and became a very prominent citizen of the county. He was a member of the first board of county commissioners, justice of the peace, and held other offices in the township and county. He built a fine brick residence, in 1820, which is still in as good condition as ever. It is a modern residence in appearance, to-day. He ran for associate judge, in 1826, at the close of his father's incumbency of the office. There were six candidates, he coming out second best.

He erected a carding and fulling mill, on his farm, and for many years made the rolls from which the pioneer mothers wove the cloth that was used by the settlers for clothing. He also erected a steam flouring mill on his place. After several years constant use, it was burned down, and was never rebuilt. They removed to Columbus, Adams county, Illinois, in September, 1849, where he died the next year, August 13, 1850. His remains lie in the old cemetery at Columbus. In an old pocket account book of "Uncle Clem," the author was shown this item in his hand writing: "I thank God that I am a Mason." He was a member of the Christian church, and died in the triumph of faith.

"Aunt Patsey," whose likeness appears at the head of this sketch, out lived Uncle Clem twenty-two years, dying at Barry,



MARTHA CHAMBERLAIN-NANCE

at the home of her son, Dr. Clement H. Nance, December 21, 1872. She was beloved by all who knew her. She was buried at Barry. They were the parents of ten children, named below as branches:

Susan Gresham,	Margaret Richardson,
James Monroe, died at 15.	Robert C.,
Mary Richardson,	Jane Snider,
William Anderson,	Benjamin F.,
Martha Harber,	Clement Henry, M.D.

### SUSAN NANCE-GRESHAM—BRANCH ONE.

Susan Nance was born March 19, 1811. She was married to John Gresham, March 26, 1829. She spent her life in Franklin township, the same in which she was born. Nine children were born to this couple, named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Margaret J., h., d. Jas. T. Robinson, d.	{ Enoch, d. Mary, single. James, lost.		
	{ Charles, w. Ella Bigelow..... Niles, Michigan.	{ Julia. Sarah. Abigail. James.	
James E., w., d. Julia Hildebrand	{ Clement, w. Debbie Tipps..... Jeffersonville, Indiana	{ Minnie. Edward. Emma.	
	{ Hattie, h. Frank Landwehr..... Jeffersonville, Indiana	{ Mand. Hester. James.	
Mary F., h., d. Jno. Harbison	{ No issue.		
		{ Edith, 1886. Ethel. Sarah F. Julia. Robt. C. James M. Myrtle. Albert L. Leo Addison, 1901.	
Sarah A., h., d. Conrad Kimble	{ Martha, h., 1861 Robt. Detrick..... New Albany, Indiana.		
	{ William, w. Paducah, Kentucky. Mary, d. Benjamin, w. Julia, d.		
	{ Ida, h. John Gibson, d. Susan.		
Martha, h. Francis M. Sands, d. New Albany, Indiana.	{ Benjamin, w. Lizzie Loweth..... New Albany, Indiana.	{ Pearl. Walter.	
	{ Columbus, w. Catharine Halrah, d. New Albany, Indiana.	{ Stella. Frances. Charles. Robert R.	
	{ Anna.		

## SUSAN NANCE-GRESHAM—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Nancy A., h., d. Frederick Edler.....	{ Mary, h., 1860 Wm. Douglas..... Louisville, Kentucky. Emma, h. Dorothy.	{ Elwell, 1884. Marry. Bessie. William. Ruth, 1892.	
Benjamin W., w., d. Mary Dorman.....	{ Maud, h. George Beil. 2nd h. Wm. Haslet. St. Louis, Missouri. Walter, w. New Albany, Indiana.		
George C., w. Agatha Melton..... Dog Wood, Indiana.	{ Maud. Ida.		
John W., died at 15.			

## MARGARET NANCE-RICHARDSON—BRANCH TWO.

Margaret Nance was born November 9, 1812. Died at Bowling Green, Illinois, September 24, 1839. She was married to Aaron Richardson, July 11, 1833. Four children were born to this union, for an account of which, see branch one of limb ten.

## ROBERT C. NANCE—BRANCH FOUR.

Robert Chamberlain Nance was born April 25, 1817. Died about 1850, in Adams county, Illinois, and was buried on a farm about twelve miles from Columbus. He was the father of three children, named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
James, died at 2.			
Mary Ann, h. William Fox.....	{ William, w. Fannie. Walter. John.		
Robert Clement. Lost in the war of the rebellion, going out with Captain O. A. Burgess, and after- ward, with Captain J. H. Rowell. He disap- peared soon after the battle of Shiloh, and was never heard of afterwards.			

## MARY NANCE-RICHARDSON—BRANCH FIVE.

Mary Nance was born December 3, 1819, in Floyd county, Indiana, and died at Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 23, 1889. She was married to Aaron Richardson, September 3, 1839. Four children were born to this union, for which, see branch one of limb ten. She was a life long member of the Christian church.

The following is a part of her obituary, by her youngest son, Frank. From what the author knows personally of "Aunt Mary," he is free to say the tribute is a just one :

Mother Richardson was left a widow in 1854, with four small children of her own, and one, by the former wife of her husband, who was equally loved by her. With but little money at her command, and frail in body, she accepted the trust, and devoted herself most fully and heroically to her chil-



MARY NANCE-RICHARDSON.

dren. By hard toil, extreme sacrifice, and careful economy, she was able to give all her children a good common school education, and the older ones a partial course in college. One by one her children went out from the home until about twenty years ago she was left with her youngest son, with whom she has lived ever since. Thirty-five years of her widowhood have been marked by a patience under suffering, a faith under trials, and a persistent and conscientious fulfillment of duty, such as is rarely seen. Her children may truly rise up and call her blessed. She became early in life a devoted Christian, and throughout her course of nearly three score and ten, she

adorned the doctrine of God our Savior in all things. A sufferer almost constantly for a quarter of a century, she bore the ills of life with patient endurance, in the confidence that God could make all things to work together for good to those who love him. Her last hours were full of longings for rest that awaited her beyond the veil of death. The kind father who had so long sustained her under the heavy afflictions of her lonely and troubled life, granted her at the last, a peaceful passage into glory. Good, true mother, farewell. May we, whose lives have felt the influence of thy patient, lov-



JANE NANCE-SNIDER.

ing spirit, so live as to meet thee again where thy griefs are all transformed into loving rejoicings in the presence of our heavenly father. W. F. R.

(We beg leave, Brother Richardson, to mingle our tears with yours, over the grave of one we knew so well and esteemed so highly.—*Editor Christian Evangelist.*)

JANE NANCE SNIDER—BRANCH SIX.

Jane Nance was born in Floyd county, Indiana, January 28, 1822. Andrew Jackson Snider was born in Jefferson county,



Kentucky, October 10, 1817. They were married in Floyd county, November 18, 1841. They removed to Columbus, Adams county, Illinois, in 1848, and to Woodford county in 1854, and to Livingston county in 1856.

"Uncle Jack," was a farmer by occupation, and reared his large family on the farm. In 1886, the family removed to Chicago, the daughter, Laura, assuming the support of her parents, now growing old, the other children assisting, and with her needle at dressmaking, cared for them to the date of their death.

The mother passed away January 1, 1892, in Chicago. Her remains were carried to El Paso, Illinois, and laid to rest. Soon after this sad bereavement, Laura and the father removed to El Paso, to be near the older sister and daughter, Mrs. Martha Springgate. Here the father died in December, 1898, and was laid to rest beside his life's companion.

"Aunt Jane," was a worthy one of the ninety-six limbs whose praises I can never tire of singing. She seemed to possess the Christian graces in a high degree. She was a member of the Christian church from early life.

"Uncle Jack," was a true, intelligent, influential, and prominent citizen wherever he lived. He was noted for his stalwart democracy, never going back on his name-sake. He had the most wonderful retentive memory of any person I ever knew. It seemed that he never forgot anything. During the World's Fair, Cousin F. M. Nance called to see the family. "Uncle Jack" was in his room and was told a stranger was in the parlor and wanted to see him. As he came to the parlor, he heard his voice and at once said, "It is a Nance voice." Seeing the visitor, he said almost at once, "You are Frank Nance." They had not met for forty-five years, when Frank was twenty-one. He knew he was a Nance by his voice, and knew he was Frank Nance by the Chamberlain resemblance, his mother being a Chamberlain. I have no doubt his memory as to Frank's young manhood looks, helped to place him even though he was at the time sixty-six.

They were the parents of eleven children, named below as twigs, all growing to maturity, but six of them dying before their parents :

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Henry E., w., 1842	Clarence.		
Tillie Osborne.....	Harry.		
Lacey, Iowa.	Pearl.		
Robert, lost in 1860.			
	Curtis, w.		
	Pearl Goodwin.....	Claude.	
	Chicago, Illinois.		
Albert A., w., d.			
Lizzie Baxter.....	Walter,		
	Chicago, Illinois.		
	Mabel, h., d.		
	Rohen Walker.....	Albert.	
Martha E., h.			
Richard C. Springgate..	Ethel.		
El Paso, Illinois.	Richard.		
Laura F.....			
Redlands, California.	Never married.		
Mary E., h., d.	Bessie, h.		
W. W. Bascom.....	O. C. Guillaumont.		
	Redlands, California.		
	Myrtle.		
	Chicago, Illinois.		
Granville H., w.			
Kate Beryman.....	Marjory.		
Dixon, Illinois.			
Stanley M., d.			
Addie Douglas.....	Never married.		
Chicago, Illinois.			
Carrie J., h., d.	Bertha Viola, 1887.		
Dr. O. B. McKinney.....	James Oliver.		
George, Iowa.	Bessie June.		
Benj. Frank, w., d.			
Callie.....	1.		

Henry E. Snider was reared on a farm in Nebraska township, Livingston county, Illinois. He served his country three years in the war of the rebellion, in the 129th Illinois infantry. Most of his life has been spent farming, although he was running a laundry in Chicago for a number of years, about the World's Fair period. He now owns and occupies a farm near Lacey, Iowa.

Martha E. Snider married R. C. Springgate, of El Paso, Illinois, a prosperous and prominent wholesale and retail dry goods merchant. She has a fine home, and is a worthy member of our family. They are Presbyterians.

Laura F. Snider, as mentioned above, assumed the support of the parents on their removal to Chicago, in 1886. She also reared and cared for the orphan children of her sister, Mary, two little girls, Bessie and Myrtle Bascom. In 1901 she settled at Redlands, California, where she enjoys most excellent health, a boon of which she was deprived, in Illinois. At the last day, "when the books shall be opened," the name of Laura Snider will have prominent mention in the list of the world's heroines. She is a member of the Christian church.



CARRIE SNIDER-M'KINNEY.  
Twig above.

Granville Snider is a laundryman at Dixon, Illinois.

Bertha Viola McKinney, bud above, was born in 1887. She graduated from the graded school in 1903. She has devoted much time to music, and has a reputation throughout northwest Iowa, for her musical ability, and expects to go abroad to continue her music.

WILLIAM NANCE  
BRANCH SEVEN.

William Anderson Nance, twin of Benjamin F., was born March 20, 1825. He was

married to Charlotte Douglas, and they have both been long since dead. As far as known but two children blessed this home, named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Franklin, d.			
Anna, h., d.			
Thornton.			
A banker at Bedford, Indiana.			

BENJAMIN F. NANCE—BRANCH EIGHT.

Benjamin F. Nance, twin of William, was born March 20, 1825. He married Mary McHowland. They removed to California, where he changed the spelling of his name to "Nantz." There were but one child as far as can be learned, and we have failed to get into correspondence with him.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Frank Nantz.			

MARTHA NANCE-HARBER—BRANCH NINE.

Martha A. Nance was born in Floyd county, Indiana, September 27, 1829. When twenty years of age, she came with her

parents to Illinois, settling in Adams county. She was married in Bloomington, August 31, 1854, to David P. Harber. Mr. Harber was born in Indiana, November 20, 1821. Early in the 50's he came to Illinois and first located in Woodford county, where he engaged in farming. Later he followed the same occupation in Livingston county until 1862, when he removed to El Paso, where he engaged in the mercantile business until 1872, and then embarked in the implement business in Eureka. He was very successful in this business, retiring a few years before his death, leaving his business to his sons whom he had reared in it.

Mr. and Mrs. Harber were charter members of the Mount Zion Christian church, organized in 1855. They were ever after, earnest, active Christians.

He was deacon or elder for many years. He died in Eureka, January 29, 1897, honored and esteemed by all who knew him.

Mrs. Harber, "Aunt Mat," is living a happy, retired life in Bloomington, Illinois, within short walking distance of the palatial homes of her three sons. She is one of the five living limbs of our family. She is a member of the First Christian church, and seldom misses a Lord's day morning service. They were the parents of five children, named below as twigs:



MARTHA NANCE-HARBER.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Hattie Aurora, h.	Edna, h.	Benj. Lewis.	
William Van Nest, d.	Sam'l Kriney.	Hattie E.	
Plainfield, New Jersey	Plainfield, New Jersey	Russell L.	
Edgar D., w.	Edith.		
Fannie Price Young	Ina.		
Bloomington, Illinois.	Rachel.		
	Dorothy.		
Benj. F., w.			
Jennie Ewins	Blanche.		
Bloomington, Illinois.	Louise.		
John W., w.	Mabel.		
Della Stumbaugh, d.	Bessie.		
2nd w. Mary Baker,	Ethel.		
Bloomington, Illinois.	Dean.		
Mina, at home,			

Edgar D., Benjamin F., and John W. Harber, twigs above, comprising the Harber Brothers Company, which see below, and whose likenesses are shown herewith, were reared in the retail



EDGAR DOUGLAS HARBER  
Twig.

farm implement business. They have never been separated in business or otherwise. They each reside in a palatial home in the same part of the city. The families are almost daily together, and like the brothers, seem almost inseparable. The brothers are among the most public spirited citizens and one of the trio is on nearly every committee of citizens looking to the social, material, or spiritual interests of the city. "E. D." was born at Eureka, January 2, 1857. He was married in Bloomington, January 17, 1884. He

has a very interesting family of wife and four daughters. All who are grown are members of the First Christian church. He is also a Mason and a club man, though he seldom visits either.

"B. F." was born in Livingston county, Illinois, June 4, 1858. He was married December 8, 1881, and has an interesting wife and two daughters, all members of the First Christian church, he being a member of the official board. He is also a member of the Bloomington Club. "For tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to every-day common sense, guided by resistless power, he easily stands at the head among the business men of Bloomington."



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HARBER  
Twig.

"J. W." was born August 18, 1859. He was married to Miss Della Stumbaugh, of Eureka, May —, 1879, by whom he had one child.

On December 25, 1883, he was united in marriage with Miss May Baker, of Eureka. They have two interesting daughters, and one son, Dean. He being the only son in the three families, is therefore a favorite as well as a rarity. This family are members of the Episcopal church, of Bloomington.

All three are best known in connection with their business. They were



JOHN WILLIAM HARBER  
Twig.

brought up in the retail implement business at Eureka, from 1872 to 1886, at which date they came to Bloomington, which promised a larger field of labor. They ran under various firm names until 1891, when they incorporated under the name, Harber Brothers Company. They first did a retail business, then added whole-



HATTIE HARBER-VANNEST  
Twig.

saling. They now do an exclusively wholesale business, handling chiefly vehicles of all kinds, farm implements of every description, and binding twine. They built, own and occupy a five story and basement brick building, dimensions 77 x 200 feet, and an "L" 110 x 140 feet, also five stories. This is the largest warehouse owned or used by any similar concern in the state, including the city of Chicago. Their business covers the greater portion of the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

"E. D." is the president, and he looks after the legal part of the business, makes the contracts with the manufacturers and dealers.

"B. F." is the treasurer, and he looks after the details of the business.

"J. W." is the vice-president, and he has full charge of the carriage department. It is said that he is the best authority in the state in his line.

#### CLEMENT HENRY NANCE—BRANCH TEN.

Dr. Clement Henry Nance was born September 15, 1833. He was married to Miss Eliza Torrence, September 27, 1860. He practiced his profession most of his life at Columbus, Liberty, and Barry, Illinois, dying at Barry, in 1892. He and his family are and were members of the Christian church. Three children were born to this couple, named below as twigs. John Torrence, "Captain John T. Nance, 9th cavalry, United States Army, the Presidio, San Francisco, California," has been in the army a long time.

Clement Floyd is bookkeeper in Quincy, Illinois, for the Richardson Lubricating Company. He is single, resides with his mother and sister, and is their support. Genevra is home with her mother, and is single.

## TWIGS.

## BUDS.

## BLOSSOMS.

## FRUIT.

John Torrence, w.

Maie Rowand.....

Captain 9th Cavalry, { Curtis.  
Presidio, San Fran-  
cisco, California.

Clement Floyd,  
Quincy, Illinois.  
Genevra,  
Quincy, Illinois.



## CHAPTER IX.

## JANE NANCE-JORDON.

Jane Nance was born in Virginia, May 26, 1790. Her first husband was Jacob Richardson, brother of Isaac Richardson, who married her sister, Elizabeth. Two children were born to this union. Her second husband was one Branum, who lived but a short time. She then married Cooper Jordon, by whom she had one child.

She had a good, sweet temper, was a faithful member of the Christian church. She lived all her life near her father's old homestead in Franklin township. She died June 8, 1863, and was buried in the old Salem church yard. Her three children are named below as limbs :

Permelia Jones Richardson-Welch.

Clement Richardson, died at 9.

Susan Jordon-Gresham.

## PERMELIA RICHARDSON-WELCH—BRANCH ONE.

Permelia Jones Richardson was born in Floyd county, Indiana, December 29, 1812. She was married to Jacob Welch, in 1838. She spent her entire life in the township in which she was born, near the Nance homestead. She was left a widow at the age of sixty-nine, dying six years later, July 23, 1887. Her married life was a happy one. She is said to have been of a very quiet disposition. She was a devoted member of the United Brethren in Christ from early childhood. She was the mother of six children, named below as twigs :

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Mary Jane, b., 1839-1873	Clarence W., 1858, w.	Raymond Joseph,	
Joseph C. Smith.....	Sarah E. Pennell..... Wilmington, Del.		
	Edgar E., w.		
	Ella Spellissy.....	Mamie, 1887.	
		Walter.	
	Minnie A., died at 18,	Benjamin.	
Elizabeth, died young.		Joseph, 1901.	

## PERMELIA RICHARDSON-WELCH—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Alta, h.		
	Jas. Green.....	Edwin.	
	Arthur, w.	Nova Scotia.	
	Lula Teaford.....	Stanley.	
	Edwardsville, Indiana	Herman.	
		Chester.	
		Irvin, d.	
		Walter, d.	
	Harry F.		
	Minneapolis, Minn.		
	Jennie, h.		
	Clarence Steiner.....	Wilma Elizabeth.	
	McKeesport, Pa.		
	Mabel.		
	Gloster, Mississippi.		
	Trelula, h.		
	Wm. Foreman.....	Grace.	
	New Albany, Indiana.	Nina.	
	Maud.		
	Nannie.		
	Nola, h.		
	Gus Tyler.....	Harry.	
	Georgetown, Indiana.	Paul W.	
	Edward.		
	Jessie Permelia.		
	Zetta.		
	Aline.		
	Wilma.		
	Ralph.		
	Guy.		
	Kenneth.		

Susan Adaline, h.  
Joseph Mosier, d.  
New Albany, Indiana.  
She was left a widow  
after fourteen and a  
half years of married  
life, with five small  
children. Had her  
share of ups and  
downs. Once owned  
the Nance, senior,  
homestead.

Alexander H., died  
young.

Avesta, h., 1850  
Wm. Hanger.....  
Edwardsville, Indiana

Permelia, died young.

Mary Jane Welch-Smith, twig above, died of cholera, in 1873, in Arkansas. She was brought home and buried at Lanesville. She left three small children. They were necessarily scattered, the sister, after growing to womanhood without a mother's care, died at the age of eighteen.

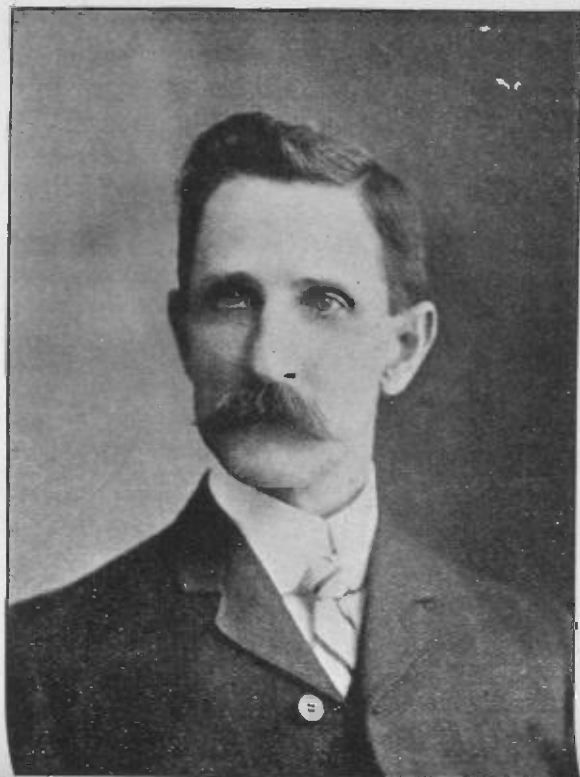
Edward E., settled at New Albany.

Clarence W., whose picture is shown herewith, drifted eastward, settling at Wilmington, Delaware, where he married, and is now filling the position of storekeeper for the Diamond State Steel Company, a large manufacturing plant. He has evidently made a success in life. His son's picture is also shown below. His was the fifth order received for the Memorial, and he was the third to promise photos, notwithstanding the intervening distance. He writes: "We are shouting Methodists, and for Teddy."

Arthur Mosier, bud above, owns and resides on the old and original homestead of Clement Nance, senior, which he entered from the government in 1807. The farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres, and is in a fine state of cultivation. The house



RAYMOND JOSEPH SMITH  
Schenectady



CLARENCE W. SMITH  
Enl.

and barn are modern in appearance, though the house is the hewn log house erected by the original owner. It is now sided and painted, plastered, and papered.

Mr. William Hanger, above, is a farmer, residing on the Corydon Pike, near Edwardsville, Indiana, a member of the board of county commissioners and a prominent citizen. They have a bright, intelligent family, mostly girls. Maud and Jessie are teachers in the public schools.

#### SUSAN JORDON—BRANCH THREE.

Susan Jordon was born about 1816, and died about 1841. She was united in marriage to Jerry Gresham. She seems to have given birth to two girls, Caroline and Joanna, and then to have died, leaving no history. The girls died in infancy.

#### A PRAYER.

"In the Great Hand of God I Stand."

Maker of earth, and ruler of the sky—

That twirls the stars in orbits true,

Scanning all space, Thy watchful eye

Doth note the sun and sparrow too—

Thou sleepest not; and safe I lie

In the great hollow of Thy hand.

Uphold the earth beneath my bed—

High hold the clouds above my head—

And when the morning gilds the land,

And wakes the world, if I still sleep,

Still o'er me then Thy vigils keep,

And quick or dead, I know I stand

Safe in the hollow of Thy mighty hand.

—E. A. Shields.

April 28, 1878.

## CHAPTER X.

## JOHN WESLEY NANCE—LIMB NINE.

John Wesley Nance was born in Virginia about 1792. He was married to Cloe Mitchell, his second cousin, she being the daughter and name sake of Cloa Nance Mitchell, first cousin of our ancestral head. When or where they were married is unknown. He must have died in August or September, 1821, after the date of his father's will, July 28, and before October 1, for on that date letters of administration were granted to settle his estate. Levi Burton and the widow, Cloe Nance, were granted letters of administration. He must have died in Harrison county, for the estate was settled there. He owned eighty acres in Floyd county, adjoining his brother, Clement, on the west. He had two "infant children," Polly and William. Edmond Gwin was appointed guardian of the children. The estate was closed in full, October 9, 1824. The guardian of the children married the widow, November 11, 1821. The two children are named below as branches :

Mary Kelso,

William.

## MARY NANCE-KELSO—BRANCH ONE.

Mary (Polly), was called "an infant," in the settling of her father's estate. She was reared by her mother and guardian, as mentioned above. She must have married Moses Kelso, before September 13, 1832, for on that date he receipted for money from the estate of Clement Nance, signing for Mary, his wife. He also receipted for J. W. Nance, from same estate, in 1837. Nothing more is known of this couple except that he is called "Rev. Kelso," and she is said to have gone blind, Dr. Mitchell treating her.

## WILLIAM NANCE—BRANCH TWO.

William Nance was no doubt born in Harrison county, or Floyd county. He was no doubt married in that part of the

state, for the Sparks family were a pioneer family of that section. He was married to Elizabeth Sparks. They lived in Sullivan and Parke counties, Indiana. He died at Bridgeton, Parke county, October 3, 1888. Eight children were born to this couple, none living at the date of my information, March 31, 1897. They are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
John Wesley, w., d. 1881	{ Mary, h. ....	{ Harvey.	{ Cole.
Rachel Byers .....			
2nd w. Kate Manly.	{ 1 dead.		
Mary, h., d.	{ William.	{	{
Wilson Hunt .....			
William, died in civil war.	{ 2 dead.		
Benjamin, died in civil war.			
Robert, died in civil war.			
Albert S., w., d. 1895	{ William A., w.	{ Albert E.	{
Nancy E. Davison, ....			
Sullivan, Illinois.	{ Leon.		
	{ Daniel H.		
	{ Thomas P.		
	{ Albert C.		
Henry, w., d.	{ Della, killed in storm.	{	{
Laura Marshall, d. ....			

## CHAPTER XI.

## ELIZABETH NANCE-RICHARDSON—LIMB TEN.

Elizabeth Nance, whose picture is herewith shown, was born in Virginia, in 1793. She was married before she was fourteen. Being a mere child it is not to be wondered at that the marriage



ELIZABETH NANCE-RICHARDSON.

proved a very unfortunate one. After a very few years of great privation, her father took her home and cared for her and her two sons. She was married four times, and outlived all her husbands. Her first husband was Isaac Richardson, by whom she had two children. She was next married to Anderson Long, April 5, 1813, Patrick Shields performing the ceremony. To this union were born five children. Mr. Long died at the age of thirty-two, in Floyd county, Indiana. Her third husband was Joseph Walden, a "Yankee school-master." To this couple was born one child. John

Benson was her last husband. From this union there was no issue. These eight children are named below as Limbs.

Grandma Benson, by which name she was known in the later years of her life, when the author knew her, was a wonderful character; well posted in all matters in her day; decided in her

politics and religion. A walking encyclopædia of information, well versed in history. She had a wonderful memory, therefore a source of knowledge. Even in her old age, her mind was fresh and vigorous. Her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren often went to her for knowledge of events that happened in early days, and she was always able, ready and willing to give what they desired. Aaron A. Richardson, of Wellington, Kansas, grandson, to whom I am indebted for most of this information, says:

I often tell people, when showing her picture, "Grandma Benson was the best posted woman I ever saw."

The author, when a student at Eureka college, spent several months at the same home with Grandma Benson. He well remembers the quiet, cheerful disposition, the kindly words, and above all, the blessed Bible which grandma spent so much time in reading. Early in life she espoused the religion of the Master as taught by her illustrious father, and throughout her long life was always true to her early faith, living and dying a faithful member of the Christian church. In 1836, she came to Eureka, Illinois, then called Walnut Grove. This was ever after, her home. Grandma passed into rest at the home of her daughter, Susan Long Mitchell, August 13, 1872, and was buried at Mount Zion. A granite stone marks her resting place.

Aaron Richardson,

William Long,

Julia Ann Long-Oatman,

Susan Long-Mitchell,

James Madison Richardson,

Mary Jane Long-Bullington,

Martha Long-Jennings,

Nancy Walden-Harper.

#### AARON RICHARDSON—BRANCH ONE.

Aaron Richardson was born in Floyd county, Indiana, January 23, 1808. He was united in marriage with Margaret Nance, limb seven, branch two, July 11, 1833, and soon removed to Woodford county, Illinois. With his brother, James M., he laid out the village of Bowling Green, about six miles southeast of Eureka. At one time this was the largest town in the county, but now it is a corn field. He remained here in the mercantile and milling business until 1849, when he removed to Columbus, Adams county, and engaged in the mercantile business in partnership with his cousin, Clement Nance (limb five, branch two). About the beginning of 1853, he moved to Bloomington, Illinois, and went into the lumber business. In 1838, while residing at



Bowling Green, his wife died. One year later he returned to Floyd county, and married Mary Nance, sister of his first wife. To the first union were born four children, but one living, and to the second, four. Those coming to maturity are named below as twigs.

Aaron Richardson is said to have been a man of great faith—one of God's most noble men. He early followed his mother into



AARON RICHARDSON.

the Christian church, and ever proved faithful to his Master. He was a worthy father to his children who have become illustrious, and who have and are still making the world better by their living in it. He died at Bloomington, Illinois, August 10, 1854, at the age of forty-six, and was buried at Bowling Green, beside his first wife.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Albert Aaron, w. Mary LaBaune..... Quincy, Illinois.	Mary. Susie.	
	Carrie, h. Morris Hoxsey..... Quincy, Illinois.	Olive.	
James Harvey, w. 1834- 1901 Olive Davis Torrence 801 North 12th Street, Quincy, Illinois.	James Harvey, w. Mary E. Grove..... Quincy, Illinois.	Harvey George. Virginia.	
	John Torrence. Quincy, Illinois.		
	Emmett Dean, w. Anna T. Austin..... Quincy, Illinois.	Marian. Adelaide Elizabeth	
	William Douglas, w. Marion E. Blasland..... Quincy, Illinois.	Helen Dexter.	
BY SECOND WIFE.			
	Charles A., w. Mary Roe..... 2nd w. Carrie Jencks. La Belle, Missouri.	Mary. Louise. Lewis. Harrison.	
Permella, h., d. Harrison Ward..... La Belle, Missouri.	Mary, h. Alfred Call..... 603 North Spruce Street, Springs, Colorado.	A. Harry, d. Winfield S.	
	Franklin A., w. Mary Hallman, d. 2nd w. Katie Sanders.. Greenfield, Iowa.	Hazel	
Alonzo, w. Myra Bulz..... 2nd w. _____	Ray, Dr. Port Angeles, Wash.		
Lycurgus, never mar- ried.	Ethel. Quincy, Illinois.		
Rev. Wm. Franklin, w. Leora Emerson..... Kansas City, Missouri.	Olive. Clement. Joyce. Mayard. Frank, d.		

## RICHARDSON PASSED AWAY.

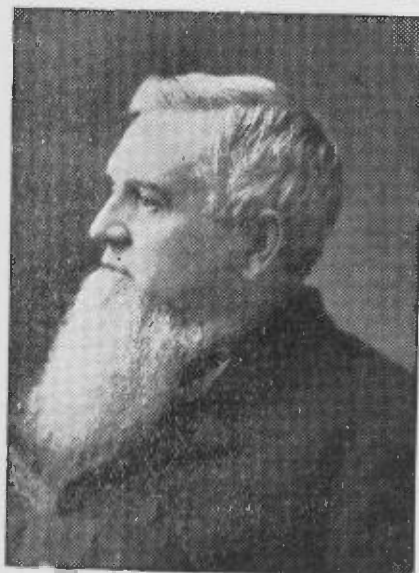
## QUINCY'S FORMER POSTMASTER DIED TO-DAY.

James Harvey Richardson, Senior, Died of Dropsy and Heart Trouble This Morning  
After an Illness of Over Six Months.

Eternal rest came shortly after four o'clock this morning to the tired frame of James H. Richardson, one of the foremost citizens of this community. At all times since February last he has been considered a very sick man, and for the last month, at least, his death was anticipated at any time. Yesterday it was known that the end was immediately at hand, and the family were gathered about the bedside all afternoon and night. This morning, just as the gray dawn was breaking in the east, his spirit took its flight and the vigil was over. Until this year he was as strong, rugged, and virile a figure as the heart could wish. He was a large-framed, stalwart person and seemed the embodiment of good health and spirits. But with advanced years came the break-down, and the heart ceased to perform its full func-

tions. Then came dropsy and gradual dissolution. Through it all he had been a patient sufferer, and even with the seal of death on his brow, his innate urbanity and cheerfulness did not abandon him.

James H. Richardson was born at New Albany, Indiana, March 25, 1834, and was therefore in his sixty-seventh year. His parents came to Illinois when he was an infant, settling first at Bowling Green. They came to Adams county about 1840, and the father of the deceased was associated with the late Clement Nance in the conduct of a general store in Columbus, which in those days was the rival of Quincy for the location of the county seat. After receiving an education in the public schools of that day, young Richardson began the study of law, entering first the office of the well known firm of Edmunds & Warren. When he was admitted to the bar he located



JAMES H. RICHARDSON  
Twig.

at Marysville, Missouri. This was in 1857. In a very short time he removed to Eureka, Illinois, and in 1862 came to Quincy, and this city has been his home from that day to this.

Within a very short time after locating in Quincy, he was elected city attorney, and filled his position with credit and ability. It was by him that the city code was first compiled, and the work lasted many years. He then formed a partnership with the late Judge Henry L. Warren and Colonel Thomas Thoroughman, and the firm had an extensive legal practice. When this partnership was dissolved, he associated himself with the late Senator Arntzen. In 1870 and 1872, he represented the district in the state senate, having been elected to succeed Samuel R. Chittenden. There were four sessions of this assembly,

and in all the deliberations Senator Richardson took an active and honorable part. When Grover Cleveland was first elected president, he named Mr. Richardson as postmaster for Quincy. It was during his term that Quincy was made an all night office. Prior to that time all mails closed at nine o'clock. He furnished a business like and popular administration of postal affairs and retired from the office with credit when the new president came in. After that he and his sons organized the Richardson Lubricating Company, and with this his connection continued until death. For much of the time he was on the road for the firm, and he was recognized as one of the most successful business representatives in his line in the country. The deceased imbibed his democracy in the days of Andrew Jackson, and stood

by his colors to the end. He was always active in politics and labored regularly for the cause at the polls, in committee and on the stump. So late as the last campaign he went through the country making speeches, and he was recognized as a forceful and eloquent debater.

The deceased was married on September 8, 1857, to Miss Olive Torrence, a daughter of the late Dr. John Torrence. The widow survives, as also a daughter, and five sons. The sons are all identified with the father in the business of the Lubricating Company.

Mr. Richardson was a member of the Christian church since 1885, and was a thirty-second degree Mason as well.

In all the relations of life he was an upright and honorable man. His family affairs were of the most genial order and he was a kind and devoted husband and father. In the passing of James Harvey Richardson, the city has lost one of its most faithful and earnest citizens, and the sympathy of the entire community is extended to this most worthy family.—*The Quincy Daily Herald, September 18, 1901.*

#### REV. WILLIAM FRANKLIN RICHARDSON.

W. F. Richardson, twig, the fourth and last child of Aaron and Mary Nance Richardson, was born in Columbus, Adams county, Illinois, June 30, 1852. The next year his parents removed to Bloomington, same state, and the following year his father died. In 1856, the mother with her children, moved to Eureka. Here Frank received his entire schooling. From 1858 to 1866, in the public schools, and from 1872 to 1876, in Eureka college, graduating with degree of A. B. He received the degree of A. M. three years later. In 1896 Drake University conferred the degree of LL. D. upon him. The years 1866 to 1872 were spent in Quincy, working for the support of himself and his mother.

The author first knew Frank at Eureka in 1866. He has always said he believed Frank to have been the sweetest, noblest, manliest boy of fourteen he has ever known. It is not believed that Frank ever sowed any "wild oats." The boy was a true prophecy of the man.

He was married to Miss Leora M. Emerson, at Decatur, Illinois, May 24, 1877, they having been classmates at Eureka, graduating together. She is a daughter of the late Judge Emerson, of Decatur. She has proved herself a most noble woman, a helpmate for her husband.

This union has been blessed with five children as per table above, the youngest, Frank, dying at the age of two.

He entered the ministry of the Christian church while a student at Eureka. His pastorates have been as follows: Pontiac,

Illinois, four years, 1875 to 1879; Assumption, Illinois, three years, 1879 to 1882; Grand Rapids, Michigan, five years, December, 1884, to February, 1890; First Christian church, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, two years, February, 1890, to April, 1892; Central Church, Denver, Colorado, two and a half years, April, 1892, to October, 1894; First Christian church, Kansas City, Missouri, October, 1894, to the present, the pastorate still continuing.



REV. W. F. RICHARDSON  
Twig.

These churches are the leading ones of the Christian church in the cities where they are located, in places where there are more than one.

Cousin Frank has been president of State Missionary Boards in the states of Michigan, Colorado, and Missouri. He was president of the American Christian Missionary Society at its Jubilee convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1899.

I find in the *Lookout*, of November, 1898, a sketch of Cousin Frank, over the signature of P. Y. Pendleton, from which I quote as follows :

For more than a decade the name of Brother W. F. Richardson has stood among the leaders of the Disciples of Christ. \* \* \* He united with the church at Eureka, while a small lad of eight years, under the preaching of Brother Washington Houston, and was baptized by Dr. J. M. Allen. Soon after entering Eureka college, he began to preach for the churches 'round about, and very largely paid his way through college by means of their generous remuneration. His first pastorate after graduating was at Pontiac, Illinois, where he had been preaching regularly for a year and a half of his school course, and where he remained two and a half years longer, closing his labors in March, 1879. He spent the next three years with the church at Assumption, Illinois. Early in the third year of his labors there, his voice began failing him, as a result of congestion of the vocal cords and a slight stroke of paralysis in them. Before the close of that year he was compelled to abandon the work of the ministry, having almost wholly lost the power of speech. In the spring of 1882, he went to Denver, Colorado, and was in secular business for nearly three years. In December, 1884, his voice having been restored to him, he accepted a call to the church at Grand Rapids, Michigan. He spent five very happy years with that church, during which time their present house of worship was erected. In February, 1890, he began his pastorate with the church of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, which lasted but a little more than two years, the climate proving very hurtful to his throat, and threatening him with a return of his former trouble. It was during this pastorate that we learned to know and love Brother Richardson, and we bear personal testimony to the joy with which he was welcomed, and the sorrow with which he was suffered to depart. From Allegheny he went to Denver, and from thence to his present charge at Kansas City, Missouri. Brother Richardson is a clear and vigorous thinker, a pleasing and forcible speaker. He never stoops to the sensational, and never needs to do so. His strength lies in his wholesomeness, and his sermons have the flavor of the first Psalms, for they leave you content with God's present providences, and cheerfully hopeful as to his future designs. Brother Richardson is a man of excellent balance, and his character is symmetrically developed, and on a large scale at that. He got his reputation and influence by no accident, and he will lose them by no slight mischance.

I cannot do better than to close this sketch by giving in full a letter from J. H. Garrison, editor of the *Christian Evangelist*, St. Louis, Missouri, one of the leading weekly papers of the Christian church, who has been intimately associated with Cousin Frank from his boyhood. The author had seen numerous editorial references to Cousin Frank in the *Christian Evangelist* for several years, but had none at hand. So he wrote to the editor for a statement of his estimate of the man. The following is the reply :

GEO. W. NANCE, *Dear Brother*: Referring to your note asking a few words concerning Brother Richardson, I submit the following:

I have known W. F. Richardson from his early young manhood. As a young man he was sunny-hearted, cheerful, industrious, and devoted to the church. As a minister of the gospel he has risen steadily in the confidence and esteem of the brotherhood. His chief characteristics are clearness of thought, the utmost sincerity in his religious convictions, single-hearted devotion to the cause he loves, unselfish service, and all-round view of and care for our general interests and open-mindedness to receive whatever new

truth God may show to him. He is in every way a lovable man, well poised in judgment and character and a tower of strength to the cause of primitive Christianity. Long may his valuable life be spared to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to minister to the manifold needs of his fellowmen.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. GARRISON.



FRANKLIN A. WARD  
Burl.

Franklin A. Ward, bud above, whose picture is shown herewith, was born on January 23, 1873, at Quincy, Illinois. He enlisted in Company B, 23rd United States infantry, Febru-

ary 8, 1890, and was discharged August 1, 1892. He re-enlisted November 12, 1896, and was discharged in Jolo, Philippine Islands, November 12, 1899. He served in the Philippines from June, 1898, to November, 1899. He participated in the following engagements: Assault upon and capture of Manila, skirmish near Maraguina, assault and capture of Caloocan, assault and capture of Malinta, fall of Mellibon, Fonda outbreak, first expedition to the lake "Goagunda De Bey."

Returning from the Philippine Islands, he married Miss Katie Sanders, and settled down at Greenfield, Iowa. He is a deacon in the Christian church, a member of the Masonic order, the Odd Fellows, and is a prohibitionist. Follows house painting and decorating as a business. Frank is at present district deputy Grand Master of the Odd Fellows.

#### JAMES MADISON RICHARDSON—BRANCH TWO.

James Madison Richardson was born in Floyd county, Indiana, June 10, 1810. When a small child, his father and mother separated. He lived with his mother and grandfather until he was eight, when his father took him to Ohio, where he remained until he was sixteen, when he ran away and went to Canada. His father learning of his whereabouts, came after him, but he eluded him and returned to New Albany, walking most of the way. He remained with his mother and step-father until he married. This event took place May 30, 1830, when he was but twenty. The bride was Nancy Russell. The next year this couple decided to try for a home farther west. On October 3, 1831, they landed at the home of John and Nancy Oatman (lamb six), at Walnut Grove, now Eureka, Illinois.



JAMES M. RICHARDSON.

Their earthly possessions at this time consisted of one horse, one one-horse wagon, and thirty-seven cents in money. He had attended school just three months and nine days. When he was married he could not write his own name. He soon found that to do business he must learn to write. In a short time he could write a fair hand. In connection with his brother, Aaron, as mentioned elsewhere, he began a business career at Bowling Green, which continued until 1850, when he moved to a farm



adjoining Secor, and but a few miles from Bowling Green, and dealt in stock quite extensively, until 1870, when he was afflicted with cancer, which finally caused his death. He was fortunate in his business life and amassed an abundance of this world's goods. He was county commissioner of Woodford county during the building of the court house at Matamora. Although very insignificant now, it was counted

a very fine structure at that time, and still stands, a monument to honest material and workmanship.



NANCY RUSSELL-RICHARDSON.

Mr. Richardson was a Nance in everything but name. His ideals of manhood were of the most exalted. He had confidence in humanity. His hand and his heart were ever open to the needy. He was outspoken in his politics and religion. He was not a public speaker, but a deep thinker and a fine conversationalist. His utterances were very rapid, a characteristic of so many of the Nances. He never wavered in his convictions, nor tempered his utterances for the

sake of popularity. The author's Sunday or vacation visits at the home of "Uncle Jim and Aunt Nancy," while a student at Eureka college, were a joy in anticipation and reflection, as well as in fruition.

In politics he was a democrat. In religion he was a life long, consistent, and faithful member of the Christian church. I am not informed as to the time or place in which he became a Christian. Six children were born to this union, named below as twigs. Mr. Richardson departed this life August 12, 1875, and was buried at Secor, within seven miles of which place he spent the last forty-four years of his life. His life's companion survived him over ten years.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Charles R., w., d. Sarah McCord, d.	James M. Emma Belle, h. Chas. E. Bowman, Argentine, Kansas. William A. Chas. Lee.	Ella B.	
2nd w. Meriba E. Avise, d	Russell A., w. Lucy E. I. Methudy, 616 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Meriba E.	Chas. E. M. Russell K.	
Elizabeth, h. James Jennings, Dowes, Iowa.	Jas. Sam'l Bonifield, w. Ethel Crater, Dowes, Iowa. Lizzie, h. Chas. Burger, Dowes, Iowa. Maggie, h. John Lymon. Clarence, w. May ———, Dowes, Iowa.	Earl.	
William R., w. Nancy Butler, Secor, Illinois.	Mary, h. H. M. Sinclair, Kearney, Nebraska. Eldora, h. J. W. Cook, Webb, Iowa. Eva C., at home.	William. Jay. Mildred. Ella. Edna. Ada. James R.	
Aaron A., w. Martha McKee, Wellington, Kansas.	Ida May, h. Wm. H. Clinggett, Lexington, Illinois. Dr. Edwin J., w. Lola Rush, 264 West 139th Street, New York City. Dr. Louis R. Enid, Oklahoma. Charles A., w. Mary Walter, Jennings, Louisiana.	Sanford R. Josephine. Frances Louise.	
Margaret, h., d. Jas. W. Robeson, Heyworth, Illinois.	Dr. T. Jay, w. Frances Harper, Chicago, Illinois. Stella K., h. Edw. F. Bogart, Chicago, Illinois. Nancy, h. Alida Dickinson, Bloomington, Illinois.	Herbert Alida.	
Martha ("Duck"), h. Ralph Pyle, Peoria, Illinois.	"D." w. Emma Hay, Jersey City, New Jer- sey, care of Swift & Co. Emma, h. Crammond, Peoria, Illinois.	Edith.	



MR. HOWELL A. RICHARDSON



MRS. HOWELL A. RICHARDSON

Russell A vise Richardson, bud above, is a dealer in real estate in St. Louis, Missouri, owning much property in the city and in East St. Louis, on the Illinois side of the Mississippi. Himself and family are shown herewith. The author regrets his inability to say any more, believing him worthy, but knowing nothing.



RUSSELL K. RICHARDSON  
Blossom.

Aaron A. Richardson, now residing at Wellington, Kansas, and secretary of the Southern Kansas Mutual Insurance Company, was born at Bowling Green, Illinois, October 23, 1837. He became a member of the Christian church at the age of ten, being baptized by "Uncle Jimmy Robeson," named elsewhere in this volume. He has always been active in church work. He was superintendent of the Sunday school at Secor for twenty-one years. This was a large and influential school at the time. About three hundred were taken into the church from the Sunday school during these twenty-one years. W. F. Richardson gives his cousin, Aaron, credit largely for his having become a minister of the gospel. Not only did he give him the moral support and encouragement that a poor boy needs so many times while battling his way through school, but his purse was ever open to supply his needs. O, that his generation might increase.

After remaining near the place of his birth for forty-three years, he removed to Pontiac, Illinois, where his children grew to maturity. After remaining in Pontiac eleven years, he removed,

in 1891, to his present home. He owns several large farms but does not attend personally to their cultivation.

Aaron A. Richardson and Martha McKee were united in marriage December 16, 1857. His choice of a companion was a good one. She is worthy of him. They have four living children (three having passed away in childhood), and be it said in their praise, they are following in the foot steps of the four generations

that have preceded them.



AARON A. RICHARDSON  
Twig.

Ida May Claggett, of Lexington, Illinois, was the moving spirit in the reorganization of the church at Lexington, and she is just as active in its support.

Dr. Edwin J. Richardson, of New York City, attended the University of New York. He took highest medal in surgery. He practiced one year in the Sixty-fifth Street hospital, and holds a place on the board of health of the city. He has a fine practice, and is very active in

church work in the Lenox avenue Church of Christ, New York City.

Louis Richardson is a young man of most noble character. He is a dentist by profession. Took high honors in his school, The Chicago College of Dental Surgery. Has practiced several years in Chicago. He is also a very fine singer. Refused an offer of sixty-five dollars per week for thirty-five weeks, last year, from the Park Opera Company, preferring to sing the praises of



JOSEPHINE CLAGGETT  
*Blossom.*



LOUISE CLAGGETT  
*Blossom.*

his God in the churches of the city. He has recently located at Enid, Oklahoma, owing to a throat trouble and to be near his parents in their reclining years.

Charles A., was educated at Eureka college; is cashier of a large Rice Mill Company at Jennings, Louisiana.

Sanford R. Claggett, blossom, or "S. R.," as he is universally called, is a cadet in the State Military School at Lexington, Virginia. He is a model young man. He has the distinction of being the sixth continuous generation, all members of the Christian church, and within a period of about seventy-five years. However, there are others having the same distinction.

#### WILLIAM LONG—BRANCH THREE.

William Long was born in Floyd county, Indiana, December 15, 1816. He died January 6, 1847. He was married to Nancy Tucker, June 23, 1836. They resided at Bowling Green and Mount Zion, Illinois, and later removed to Missouri, where he died. The family returned to a farm near the Mount Zion church, where the children were reared. The mother died in 1881. They were members of the Christian church. They were the parents of four children, named below as twigs:

Lizzie M. h., 1837	
Winton Carlock, .....	} No issue.
Carlock, Illinois.	

James W., 1840-1862, died  
in war.

William A., w.	
Lucinda Ellis, d., .....	} No issue.
2nd w. Mrs. Jennie Car-	
lock.	
Carlock, Illinois.	

Hardin S., w., 1845-1889	} Pearl, h. Dr. Jas. T. Wyatt, Eureka, Illinois.
Minnie M. Shortridge, ...	
Carlock, Illinois.	

Lizzie M. Long was born in Woodford county, Illinois, near Eureka, March 29, 1837. She was educated at Eureka college. She was a public school teacher in her native county for fourteen years, and held the reputation of being one of the very best teachers in the county. She was state organizer of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions for several years in the early days of its work. She has resided in her native county all her life. She has been an active member of the Christian church from early life. She was married to Winton Carlock, an old and respected citizen of the village bearing his name, July 28, 1900.

Winton Carlock was born April 28, 1819, in Tennessee, and came to Illinois with his parents in 1827, settling in the vicinity

of the present village of Carlock, which has been his home ever since. He has ever been active in politics, always a democrat. He was justice of the peace for twenty years, and has also held the offices of commissioner of highways, overseer of roads, and supervisor of Woodford county for several terms.

Throughout life he has been a consistent and active member of the Christian church, and in 1836, aided in the organization of the Carlock church, in company with James Palmer, William Davenport, and James Robeson, all pioneer Christian preachers. For thirty-five years he has served as elder of the church. Mr. Carlock was twice previously married, and is the father of a large family, all grown and away from home. Most of them live in the vicinity.

This couple entered the married state late in life, but they seem to be as happy a couple as any. The author and his family recently spent a very pleasant Lord's day with them in their pleasant home.

William Anderson Long, twig above, has spent most of his life in railroad bridge building. Is now in the lumber business in Carlock, where he has built him a fine home.

Hardin S. Long, twig above, is the only one of the family to have an issue, his daughter, Pearl, being the only child of the Long family. Since the death of Hardin, the widow has made her home with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lizzie Long-Carlock. All the Long family are members of the Christian church.

Pearl Long, bnd, was born in Mount Zion, Illinois, November 5, 1874. She was educated at Washington, Illinois, graduating from the high school in 1893, and from the business department of Eureka college, in 1894. She was united in marriage with Dr. James T. Wyatt, August 13, 1895.

The doctor was born in Lexington, Indiana, August 23, 1868. He graduated from the St. Louis University, in 1896. He settled at once in Eureka, Illinois, and began the practice of medicine. He has been eminently successful, building up a large practice. In 1901 he built the Eureka hospital, an institution which is proving not only the wisdom of the doctor, but also a great boon to those who enter its portals. Such an institution is needed in every community, but few cities the size of Eureka are so blessed.



## MARY JANE LONG-BULLINGTON—BRANCH FOUR.



MARY J. LONG-BULLINGTON.

Mary Jane Long was born in New Albany, Indiana, September 9, 1814. It is said she was the first child born in the present limits of New Albany. She was married to Robert Bullington, November 24, 1831. In 1833 they removed to Illinois, settling at Walnut Grove, now Eureka. With the exception of seven years spent in Missouri, she dwelt in Eureka until 1868, when she and her family moved to Shelby county, Illinois. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Christian church for forty years. The author spent two years in her home while a student at Eureka college.

She was a genuine mother to her student boys. She was a woman of great executive ability, as is well known by all who knew her in her home. She died in Shelby county, August 23, 1882, lacking but sixteen days of being seventy-eight years of age. Eight children were born to this couple, those growing to maturity are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Eva May, b. Frank Fugate. Gunnison, Colorado.		
James Cooper, w., 1837- 1903 S. Elizabeth Henderson.	Dr. J. Roy, w. Katharine Foster ..... Attica, Indiana.	{ James Carrol,	
	C. Burt, w. Emma E. Early, Attica, Indiana.		
Martha A., b. Elijah Pierce .....	Maggie J., at home.		
Eureka, Illinois,			

## MARY JANE LONG-BULLINGTON—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Aaron C., w. Mollie Leonard, d. Walnut, Illinois. 2nd w. Atlanta Blake.	Claude, w., 1867 Eva Knupp..... Elliott, Illinois.  Frank. Ethel. Edna. Robert. Harry. Elsie, 1895. Edith, d.	{ Harold. Catharine.	
Bernice, h. Chas. Ashmore..... Mansfield, Illinois.	{ Ora E., w. Lydia Knupp.....  Carrie A., h. Samuel E. Smith. Sterling, Colorado.	{ Fern A. Leslie. Enlalia R.	
Robert Henry, w. Nancy Smith..... Tower Hill, Illinois.	{ Julia F., h. Ora Maze..... Tower Hill, Illinois.  Eddie.	{ Robert	
Samuel M., w. Mollie Fauber..... Sibley, Iowa.	{ Olive E., h. A. M. Hall.  Minnie A., h. J. I. Argabright.  Vena. Verna. Stella. Oma.		
Mollie S., h. Harvey Fatten..... Assumption, Illinois.	{ Eula, h. Frank M. Grandy. Assumption, Illinois.  Elsie. Maude O.		

James Cooper Burlington was born at Walnut Grove, now Eureka, Illinois, May 25, 1837. He was married to Sarah E. Henderson, at Litchfield, Illinois, July 19, 1863. He was a contractor and builder for some years at Eureka, until injured in the hips so as to prevent hard work. He then studied telegraphy, and was an operator for some years. While engaged in this work he took up the study of medicine. He then took a course in the Cincinnati Eclectic college, and later graduated from the Indianapolis Eclectic college. He practiced two years at Strasburg, Illinois, and in 1878 he located at Attica, Indiana, and built up a large practice. During the last few years he did only office work, while his son, Roy, did the riding. He was a member of the Christian church from early manhood. A local paper says of him :

Dr. Burlington was one of the most successful physicians in Attica. A quarter of a century in the practice of medicine had gained for him more than a local reputation, his skill being known and patients coming from several surrounding counties. In his death there is ended a well rounded career. As a physician he was an unqualified success. As a business man he was energetic, honest and honorable, and through good management and

frugality he had laid up a comfortable competence. As a friend he was true, obliging and generous to a fault. With a smile and a happy "good morning" for all, his cherry disposition spoke volumes of the warm heart that



DR. JAMES C. BURLINGTON  
Twig.

beat within his breast. Attica has lost one of the most stalwart citizens and Dr. Burlington's death removes one of the city's most honorable and respected men.

Dr. Burlington departed this life at his home in Attica, March 15, 1903. His wife and four children survive him. Onesweet child, Mand, passed on before him. His only living daughter, Mrs. Frank Fugate, resides at Gunnison, Colorado. Dr. Roy continues the

practice of his father, having been associated with him for a number of years. The remaining son, Bert, removed into the homestead to care for the mother while she remains to bless and cheer her children.

The author spent many a social hour at the home of Cousins "Jim" and "Lib," while a student at Eureka college.

#### JULIA LONG-OATMAN—BRANCH FIVE.

Julia Ann Long was born in Indiana in 1818. She died in Missouri, in 1877. She was married to John Oatman, junior, in Woodford county, Illinois, about 1840. Most of her married life was spent in Texas. She was the mother of thirteen children, for an account of which, see branch nine, of limb six. She was a life long member of the Christian church.

## MARTHA LONG-JENNINGS—BRANCH SIX.

Martha May Long was born December 21, 1821, and died May, 1872. Martin Jennings was born February 14, 1818, and died February, 1872. They were married in 1842; lived all their married life in Woodford county, Illinois, dying where they had lived, but a few months apart. They were farmers, members of the Christian church, good citizens, and respected by all who knew them. They were the parents of seven children, those growing up are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT
	Carey Eugene, d.		
William Orvil, w. d. Mary Manor.	Effie Bell, h.	{	Eula Dean.
	Jacob McClure.		Bernal Leroy.
	Zella Grace, h.		Cedric Andrew.
	— Hamilton.		
	William Orvil.		Cecil May. Arthur Leon.
Franklin Boniful, w. d. Jennie C. Burkhalter. Paer, Texas.	William Lee, w.	{	Frank, d.
	Caroline Braley.		Edgar E.
	Luella May, h.		Cecil Floyd.
	Wm. H. Burkhalter.		Lee Ora.
	Maude, d.	{	William Lee.
			Wennie.
Arthusa Ann, h. John C. Allen, d. Pleasanton, Kansas.	Forest Dean, w.	{	Lois May.
	Gertrude Garner.		
	Myrtle Belle, h.		Julia.
	Byron Sanders.		
	Letitia Pearle.		
2nd h. Chester Smith.	Cora May, h.	{	Nina Lee.
	Elmer Smith.		Anna May.
	Pleasanton, Kansas.		Robert Allen.
	John Martin, w.		
		{	Mary Arthusa.
			Jessie Lee.
Armeda Jane, h. Calvin E. Causey, d. Butte, Montana.	Minnie Olive, d.		
	Edgar Lee Allen.		
	Raymond C. Allen.		
	Mary Frances Smith.		
	John Franklin, w.	{	Calvin F.
	May White.		
	Salt Lake City, Utah.		
	Charles Henry.		
	Iva Florence, h.	{	Florence.
	Treat M. Fleming.		Richard.
	Spokane, Washington.		Robert.
	Cora Euphemia, h.	{	Virginia C.
	Chas. M. Reynolds.		Sewell L.
	Spokane, Washington.		Howard M.
	Angie May, d.		
	Pearle Letitia, d.		
	Guy M.		
	Calvin, d.		

## MARTHA LONG-JENNINGS—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Artela Elizabeth, h., d.	{ Carlos G. S. Clarence Evelyn.		
Wm. B. Oatman.....			
	{ John Orvil, w.		
Edgar Douglas, d.	{ Lania Belle, h. George Owens.....	{ 1. 2.	
Letitia Bell, h.			
Dr. T. R. Butler.....	{ Thos. Rudolph V., d. Cecil Letitia Bell.		
Beaver City, Nebraska			
	{ Carey Pharaba May.		

It gives the author pleasure to present herewith a likeness of Cousin Media Causey, twig. Ties of friendship were formed



MEDIA, JENNINGS-CAUSEY  
Twig.

during college days, that cease to break as age comes on, though we have met but twice within the last thirty-three years. Mr. Causey was a college chum of the author, and his marriage to Cousin Media was a very happy one. Their married life was serene, but cut off too soon by the early death of the loving husband and father of her children.

It was she who first urged the publication of the Nance family tree. She was also the first, some years later, to suggest the author's portrait appear as a frontice piece; and still later she was first to suggest that others of the family be requested to send in their photos for the work.

Her sons are electricians, having charge of important plants in the Pacific States.

## SUSAN LONG-MITCHELL—BRANCH SEVEN.

Susan Long was born near New Albany, Indiana, February 16, 1820. In 1836 she came with her family to Walnut Grove, now Eureka, Illinois. The next year she was united in marriage with Wm. Mitchell. She continued to reside at Eureka, or Mount Zion, near by, throughout all her life. She early became a Christian, uniting with the Christian church. She was peculiarly a home body. Very kind to her aged mother and to all aged people. She died September 30, 1888, and was laid to rest beside her mother in the Mount Zion cemetery.

Four children came to bless this union, for an account of which, see twig one, branch two of limb one.

NANCY WALDEN-HARPER,  
BRANCH EIGHT.



SUSAN LONG-MITCHELL.

Nancy Walden, the only child of Elizabeth and Joseph Walden, married William Harper. All that the author has been able to learn of the family, is given below. The parents seem to have died early, and the children to have scattered.

## TWIGS.

Helen, h.  
Reuben Dale.

## BUDS.

Laura, h.  
Jas. Hulse  
and h. Geo. Hammers.

## BLOSSOMS.

## FRUIT

Oscar.

Louisa, h.  
Lirley.

Mary, h.  
C. E. Smith,  
Shelbyville, Illinois.

Henrietta.  
Augustus.

## CHAPTER XII.

## JAMES REED NANCE—LIMB ELEVEN.

James Reed Nance was born in Virginia, January 5, 1795. Mary McNary was born November 18, 1794. They were married June 11, 1815. Three children were born to this union before death took the mother, after a happy married life of about six years.

On June 20, 1824, he was again united in marriage, this time with Miss Nancy Chamberlain, "an interesting and aimable lady, the daughter of Pierce and Nancy Chamberlain." Miss Chamberlain was born October 5, 1802. Five children were born to this couple.

He was a farmer most of his life, residing in Floyd, Crawford, and Harrison counties. After his sons were grown, they and their father purchased a tannery at Laconia, Harrison county, which business the father carried on until the date of his death.

In 1843, the father, mother, and six children, united with the Methodist Episcopal church. It is said he was virtuous, honest, honorable, and religious in all his walk and conversation.

He died suddenly of apoplexy, February 19, 1849, in the full prime of life. His eight children are named below as limbs. He changed the spelling of his name to Nantz.

Georgia,  
Orville,  
Alonzo,  
Venevia,

Navaston,  
Versalia Inman,  
Epervia Shields,  
William.

Georgia, branch one, was born near Marengo, Indiana, March 27, 1817. Was married to Mary Inman, and lived near Laconia, Indiana. At the time of the Morgan raid, during the war of the rebellion, he was captain of the Home Guard, and in attempting to prevent the crossing of the Ohio, into Indiana, of the raiders,

at Morvin Landing, he was killed by a cannon ball, being the first killed north of the river during that raid.

This couple had but one child, Althea, she dying in infancy. The widow still lives at West Point, Kentucky.

Navaston, branch two, was joined in marriage to Charlotte Inman. They lived together nine years, when he died, leaving no issue.

### TWILIGHT MUSINGS.

One by one our friends are leaving—  
Leaving earth, and us below ;  
One by one their cares and sorrows  
Vanish ; more they ne'er shall know.

One by one their barques are drifted  
Out upon the silent tide ;  
One by one their souls to welcome  
Heaven's doors are opened wide.

When they pass beneath its portal  
Joy and peace their portion sweet ;  
Joy in kind unknown to mortal,  
God, and angels there to greet.

Loved ones who in days gone by,  
Joined the heavenly ranks above ;  
Loving watch and watching wait,  
Wait to welcome them in love.

—*Joanna Shields-Warren.*

### THOUGHTS IN A DEATH CHAMBER.

Why do we wait to watch a spirit leave its clay  
And know by failing breath and glazing eye  
The end is drawing near. No more the troubled sigh  
Shall rend the heaving breast nor weak tears fall.  
All this shall end forever, vanish all.  
Could we but follow where the spirit leads  
And gaze upon its joy, as free from earthly needs  
It glorious leaps into its heavenly place  
Transported there to gaze into its Saviour's face,  
How quickly would we dry our weeping eyes,  
And long to go up to our home above the skies.

—*J. S. W.*





SARAH BESWICK-NANTZ.



ORVILLE R. NANTZ.

## ORVILLE R. NANTZ—BRANCH THREE.

Orville R. Nantz was born January 28, 1820, in Crawford county, Indiana. Sarah Katharine Beswick was born in Harrison county, Indiana, March 24, 1828. They were married September 21, 1843.

They removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota, in an early day and continued to reside there during his life. He joined the Methodist Episcopal church in Indiana, in 1843, and he was ever after faithful to his Master, and to the church of his choice. He was fairly successful in financial matters, having an abundance for himself and companion in their reclining years.

In politics he was a staunch republican, though he never took an active part. He was an honorable, upright man, one whom everyone loved. Ten children blessed this union, those growing to maturity are named below as twigs.

The father died at home in Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 14, 1892, at the age of seventy-two. The mother resides in Minneapolis, and enjoys good health at the age of seventy-five.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
James L., 1849, w. Elizabeth Simmons..... Kansas City, Missouri.	{	No issue.	
Thomas A., w. Laura B. Payton..... Terre Haute, Indiana.			
	{	Frank A. Goldie M. Grace M. Katharine G.	
Harvey A., w. Isadora Martin..... Stockwell, Indiana.	{	Ora L. Isadora. Orville W. William H. George Thomas.	
George R., 1858, w. Laura Bell..... Terre Haute, Indiana.	{	No issue.	
Orville A., w. Mamie Corbin..... Mason City, Iowa.	{	Roy P. Vergie Lee Katharine.	
Frank P., 1867, w. Estella Tabour..... Minneapolis, Minn.	{	Freeman P.	

Frank P. Nantz, twig above, is thirty-six years of age, and has resided in Minneapolis all his life. He has been practicing law for eleven years, and has a large and lucrative practice. He has a summer home on Lake Minnetonka, in which they reside during the summer months. He is a red hot republican and takes an active part in politics, doing considerable "stumping" during campaigns. He is not a church member but attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

George R. Nantz, twig above, is forty-five years of age. He was partially educated for the practice of law, but owing to ill health he had to give up school and office work for an open air, out-door life. His life has been spent largely in travel. Was two years in Florida and other southern states, three years in California and Utah, two years in Minnesota, but most of his life has been spent in Indiana. He has recently removed to California where he expects to spend the remainder of his days.

Thomas A. Nantz, twig above, is an attorney in Terre Haute, Indiana, as is also his son, Frank A., bud.



VERSALIA NANCE-INMAN.

VERSALIA NANCE-INMAN—BRANCH FOUR.

Versalia Nance was born April 7, 1825. She was the first issue from the second marriage of her father. She was married to Charles Inman, April 7, 1843, being the eighteenth return of her birthday. Her life has been spent in Harrison and Floyd

counties, Indiana. She has been an earnest Christian for sixty years, joining the Methodist Episcopal church in 1843. I believe all her family are active Christian workers in same church to the present. Seven children came to bless this union, those gaining maturity are named below as twigs :

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Frank, w. Ida Belle Guthrie. New Albany, Indiana.		
Venevia, h. George Boone..... Laconia, Indiana.	Navastob, w. Clara Groves..... Laconia, Indiana.	{ Ernest. Mildred. Marcella Gertrude.	
	Gertrude, h. John McClarren, New Albany, Indiana.		
	Charles. Claude.		
Navastob, died at 19.			
Mary, h., d. William Ridley..... Attorney at Corydon, Indiana.	{ Blanche, 1875, at home. Maurice. Clarence, cadet (West Point.) Helen. Ralph, 1892.		
Epervia, h. J. H. Lemmon..... New Albany, Indiana.	{ Mabel. Versalia Maud. Nellie.		
Charles W., w. Emma Hildebrand..... New Albany, Indiana.	{ Estyl. Harry.		

Charles W. Inman, twig above, was born in Laconia, Harrison county, Indiana, October 26, 1860. He grew to manhood there, learning blacksmithing and wagonmaking. He was educated in the public schools. Took a business course in Terre Haute. For fifteen years he was traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery firm, beginning at a salary of one dollar per day, and closing at two thousand five hundred dollars per year. In 1898 he began the manufacture of ice, and now has a large plant in Louisville, Kentucky, the National Ice and Cold Storage Company, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars. He was married on his birthday, October 26, 1887. They reside in New Albany in a fine residence of their own. Cousin Charles has been a Christian from early youth, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, having been ever active in church, Sunday school, and League. He has been Sunday school superintendent for many years, until very recently. Now he is League president.

Epervia Nance, branch five, was born August 13, 1828. Was united in marriage with William T. Shields. She died at the birth of the first child, the child also dying in infancy.

Venevia Nance, branch six, was born April 26, 1830, and died at the age of seventeen.

## CHAPTER XIII.

## GILES NANCE—LIMB TWELVE.

Giles Nance was born in Virginia in 1797. Died in Missouri in 1854. Phebe Sellars was born in Virginia, October 28, 1798. Died March 12, 1888. They were married in 1812. Moved to Illinois in 1835, and settled at La Harpe, which was their home thereafter. Eight children were born to this union, named below as branches.

*John W. Nance*  
In 1851, his son, ~~Giles~~, moved to Texas, the father going with him. He bought land, and on returning for his family, died in Missouri, as stated above. The mother lived a widow thirty-four years, dying near where she had lived for fifty-three years. For over half a century she was a member of the Christian church. The father was also a member of the same church.

Admira Burton,  
Mary Ann Wilkinson,  
Elizabeth Ebelsizer,  
Phebe Ann { Pierpoint,  
                  { Slack,

*John Wesley*  
James,  
Cooper,  
Absalom.

## ADMIRA NANCE-BURTON—BRANCH ONE.

Admira Nance was born in Floyd county, Indiana, May 6, 1819. William Burton was born December 25, 1812. They were married at La Harpe, Illinois, February 20, 1840. Lived on a farm two and a half miles north of Fort Madison, Iowa. Admira died February 15, 1898. William died December 27, 1899, on same farm. Eight children blessed this union, named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
James, w., 1842	{ Edward.		
Sarah Lanther .....	{ Lewis, w.		
Fort Madison, Iowa.	{ Eva Harris.		
	{ Harge, w.		
	{ Georgie Harris.		

## ADMIRA NANCE-BURTON—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
James, w., 1842 Sarah Lanther ..... Port Madison, Iowa.	{ Mayme, h. Chas. Hart. Clara, h. Loney Brown.		
Jane, h., 1844, d. Samuel Lanther .....	{ Cora. Myrtle, h. John Janse .....		
Giles, w., 1845 Sarah Lowhouse .....	{ Grace.		
Henry.			
Isham, w., 1848 Fannie Griggs .....	{ William, w. Delia Neal..... Fred. Lydia, h. Lester Arnold..... Fannie.	{ Hazel. Harry. John.	
Anna, h., 1852 Henry Leight. 2nd h. W. C. Andrews.			
Ella, h., 1850, d. Charles Griggs .....	{ William. Valley. Pearl. Opal. Fannie.		
Charles, w. Flo-Riddle.			

## JOHN W. NANCE—BRANCH TWO.

John W. Nance was born about 1820. Married to Rosanna Reed, who died in 1895. Moved to Texas in 1851, and died there in 1886. Eight children were born to this union, named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	{ Ella J., h. Jas. H. Harris .....	{ Bertha M. Roy Minnie	
	{ Mattie E., h. Elbert J. Baker .....	{ Erl F. Ruth J. Eula L. Aaron D.	
	{ Georgia A., 1870 h. Robert M. Baker .....	{ Effie J. Reese Maud Elva Baby	
Giles J., 1844, w. Sarah J. Davis .....	{ Mary M., 1871 h. Culleen M. Douglas Sidney J., 1873 w. Mattie V. Hogue .....	{ Irbie	
	{ Emma A., 1875 h. Malcolm F. Bell .....	{ Rudolph	
	{ Walter, 1877 Edgar, 1879 Wilma B., 1881 Jessie J., 1885 Robt. E. Lee, 1887 Allie D., 1889		

## JOHN W. NANCE—Continued.

	TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
2-	Barbarann.			
3-	J. Lewis, 1849.			
4-	Emma, h. Charles King.....	{ John. Maud. Theodore. Clarence. Rosie. Walter. Wallis, } Twins, d. Etta. James.		
5-	Martha, h. Joel Lawrence.....	{ Sarah. Lulu. George. Maggie. William.		
	Phoebe h. Alfred Bailly.....	{ Noah. Lee. Claude. Rider.		
	2nd h. Jas. Owens.....	{ Danville. Benford.		
7-	Laura, d.			
8-	Ella, h. Edward Falls.....	{ Lee. Velma.	{ <i>this was</i> ETTA NANCE FALLS	

## MARY NANCE-WILKINSON—BRANCH THREE.

Mary Ann Nance was married to John Wilkinson. Lived about La Harpe, Illinois. Died early in life. Two children were born to this union, named below as twigs:

	TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Phoebe, h. Jacob Painter.....	{ Lawrence. Cora E. Ida M.		
	2nd h. Wm. Darlington.			
	Tacy, h. Elephlet Hickman.....	{ Libbie, h. Pat Hickman.....	{ Edith. Bertha. Ross. Ogal.	
		{ Rubbie, h. Frank Kellogg..... Ella.	{ George. Mae. Roscoe.	
		{ Lillie, h. P. Knight.....	{ Charles.	

## JAMES NANCE—BRANCH FOUR.

James Nance married Catharine Harris. Five children appear to have been born to this couple, named below as twigs. The family moved to Missouri during the civil war, and have not been heard from since.

	TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
	Harriet. Myra. Henry. Reuben. Jane.			

## ELIZABETH NANCE-EBILSIZER—BRANCH FIVE.

Elizabeth Nance married Lewis Ebilsizer. Lived at Blandinsville, Illinois. One child was born to this couple, named below as twig. Nothing more is known of the family.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Columbus, w. Lizzie Merstone.			

## COOPER NANCE—BRANCH SIX.

Cooper Nance married Emeline Stone. Four children appear to have been born to this union, named below. All we have been able to learn is below. He is said to be living near Kansas City, but we cannot locate him.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Charles, w. .....			
Anna, l. .....			
Perkins, .....			
Tacy. Alva.			

## PHOEBE NANCE-PIERPOINT—BRANCH SEVEN.

Phoebe Ann Nance's first husband was John Pierpoint, to whom was born one child. Her second husband was Thomas Slack, to whom was born two children. These three children are named below as twigs. Nothing more is known of any of this family.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
John Pierpoint, w. Lizzie Slack. Kittie Slack.			

## ABSALOM NANCE—BRANCH EIGHT.

Absalom Nance, the last name in Part I., married Margaret Huddleson, and they are said to have had two children, but their names have not come to the author. Nothing more is known of this couple or their descendants.



## CHAPTER XIV.

## THE CHAMBERLAIN FAMILY.

As this family married so largely into the Nance family, the author has thought best to give history of the family, and show as well as he knows, the family in the following table.

Robert Chamberlain, whose wife was Margaret Stene, with his wife, were Quakers, or Friends. They were Pennsylvanians, living in a large brick residence at the time of the Revolution. Washington and his army came by one day and told them to flee, for the British army was coming. They speedily mounted a horse, and snatching only their small valuables, vacated the home, and watched the British burn it. They were also eye witnesses to the battle of Brandywine. Among the valuables saved was a set of solid silver teaspoons, given the bride on her wedding day, by her brother, Robert Stene. These spoons are now distributed among the daughters of Jane Nance-Snider (branch six of limb seven.) These spoons descended from the original owner to her daughter, Patsey Chamberlain Nance, thence to the said Jane Nance-Snider. As heirlooms they are valued very highly.

Said Robert and Margaret Stene Chamberlain, whom we will designate as trunk, were the parents of at least five children, four of whom are named below as limbs. Peggy Calhoun Nance, branch, was a first cousin of all the other branches named, so her mother must have been a sister of the limbs.

LIMBS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.
	Robert, 1798, w. Ann Woodruff.....	{ Althea
	Nancy, b. Jas. R. Nance, see limb eleven.	
Pierce, 1775, w. Nancy ———, 1775.....	Polly (McNeff)..... Eliza (Richardson). William R.	{ Sam'l McNeff, New Albany, Indiana.
	Minerva (Smith)..... Spear S.	
		{ Spencer S., Albion, Nebraska.

## ROBERT AND MARGARET STENE CHAMBERLAIN—Continued.

LIMBS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.
Pierce, 1775, w. Nancy —, 1775.....	{ Julia Ann, h. David Nance (branch seven of limb two.)	
Margaret (Patsey), h. Clement Nance, Jr., .....	{ Melissa, 1820, (Wildes) .... Limb seven.	{ Hattie, h. J. D. Nance.
Frederick.....	{ John. Katharine, h. Mosias Nance, branch three, limb two. Margaret (Wolf).	
— h. — Calhoun.....	{ Margaret Calhoun, h. Dr. C. D. Nance, branch one, limb two.	

## FREDERICK NANCE.

Nothing is known of this Frederick Nance, except that he is said to have been the brother of William How (Uncle Billy How) Nance. He had one daughter, Cloa Nance, who lived in Pittsylvania county, Virginia. She was married to William Mitchell, in said county, and was the mother of eleven children, named below as limbs. Said Cloa Nance-Mitchell, trunk, was first cousin of Clement Nance, senior, ancestral head of Part I. For this reason this table is placed in said Part I.

LIMBS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.
Oliva Mitchell, h. John Bullington.....	{ William. Robert, (see limb ten, Part I.) Jane. Elizabeth. James. John. Martha. Josiah. Mary. Ann.	
Frederick. Isaac, w. Margaret McGahan.....	{ Harvey. Basil. William H. James A. Mary B.	
Elizabeth, h. — Lansford..... 2nd h. John Ellis.	{ Giles Lansford. Jeff Lansford. Mary Ellis.	
Giles, w. Mary Moore..... 2nd w. Mary P. Tucker. 3rd w. Ann H. Scott.	{ John Scott. James M. Mary Ann. Samuel M. Nancy M. Stephen D. Giles B. William A. S. Ellen A. Thomas B. George H. Georgie Ann.	

## FREDERICK NANCE--Continued.

LIMBS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.
William, w. Mary Logan.....	{ Josephus. Ann. William. Eliza.	
Robert, w. Margaret Adams..... 2nd w. Elizabeth Miller.	{ William. Ann. Virginia. Samuel. Belvina. Robert. Abel. Elizabeth.	
Mary, h. Levi Burton.....	{ William, w. Admira Nance, see limb twelve, Part I.)  Elizabeth, h. Andrew Linebarger.	
Cloa, h. Jno. Wesley Nance, (see limb nine, Part I.)		
James, w. Nancy Burton, (see limb one, Part I.)		
Ann, h. Wesley Sparks.....	{ Elizabeth. William. Thomas. Addison.	

Of the family above, the "History of the Mitchell Family," among many other things, says :

Frederick was a planter, and resided near Nashville, Tennessee; Isaac was a planter near Danville, Kentucky; Robert, a farmer, lived and died in Parke county, Indiana, leaving a large family of children and grandchildren; William, nick-named "Buck," was a farmer in Missouri; Giles, a brick mason; James, a farmer. The parents resided a time about New Bedford, Kentucky, thence to Corydon, Indiana, thence to Parke county, where the father died in 1841, at the age of ninety-four. The mother died in Martinsville, Indiana, August 20, 1842, at the age of eighty-eight. Her remains are buried in the old family burying ground, on the hill, one and one-half miles south of Martinsville.

I might add that Ann Mitchell, who married Wesley Sparks, became the mother, or grandmother, of William A. Sparks, United States Land Commissioner, under President Cleveland, and who made himself so obnoxious to all frontiersmen owing to his rulings in the department. He was a member of the United States Congress before that.

## THE RUSSELL FAMILY.

Charles Russell and family came from North Carolina, to Floyd county, Indiana, when the children were small. They have been so closely allied to the Nance family that it seemeth best to give them proper notice. The data at hand being so

meager that only the names may be mentioned. His eight children are named below :

Anthony, Hawley, and Charles, married into limb two.

Nancy married into limb ten.

William married a Miss Smith.

Patsy married John Pierson.

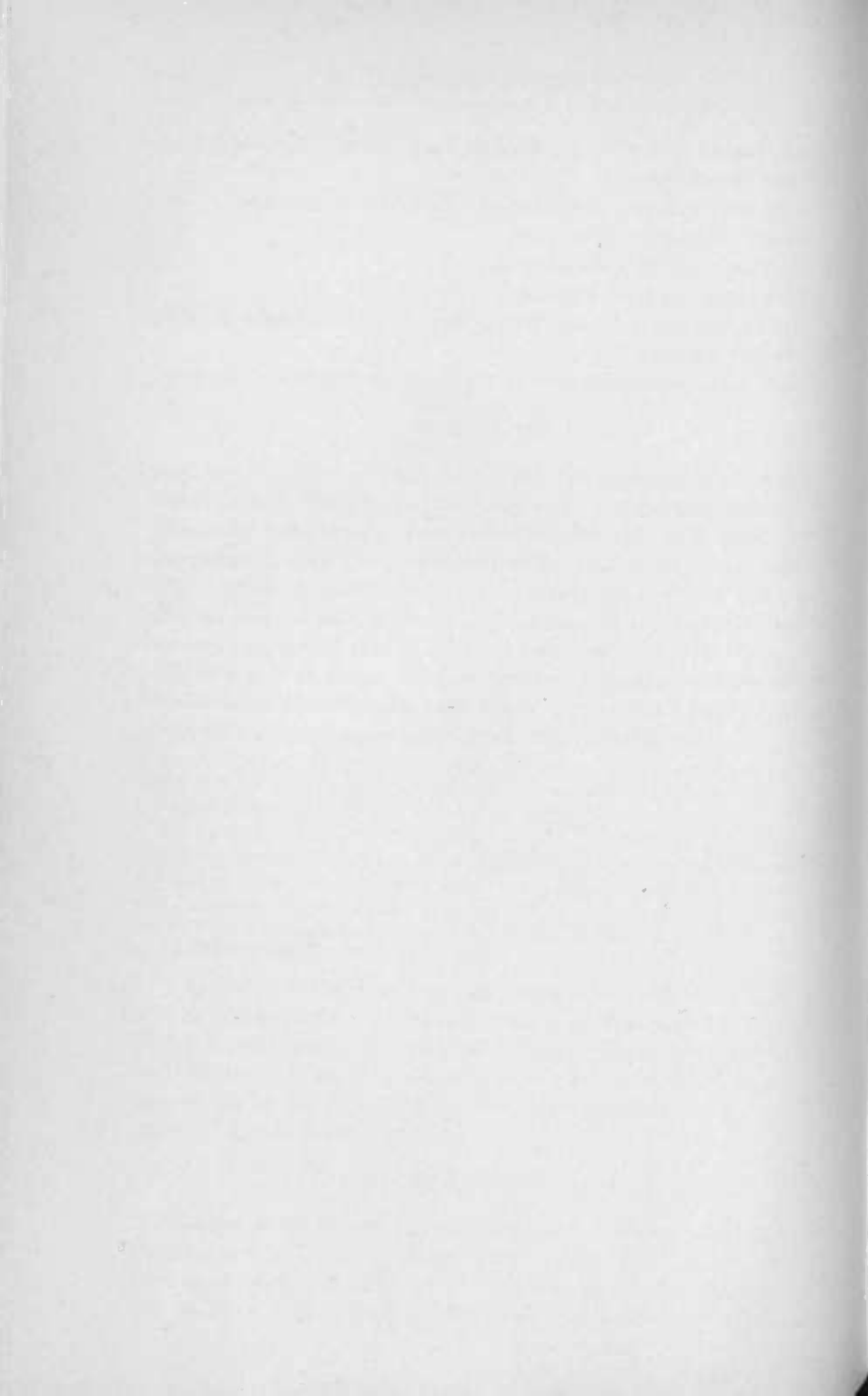
Betsey married William Welch, and all were closely allied to the Nances through life.

John is the remaining son, of whom the author knows nothing.

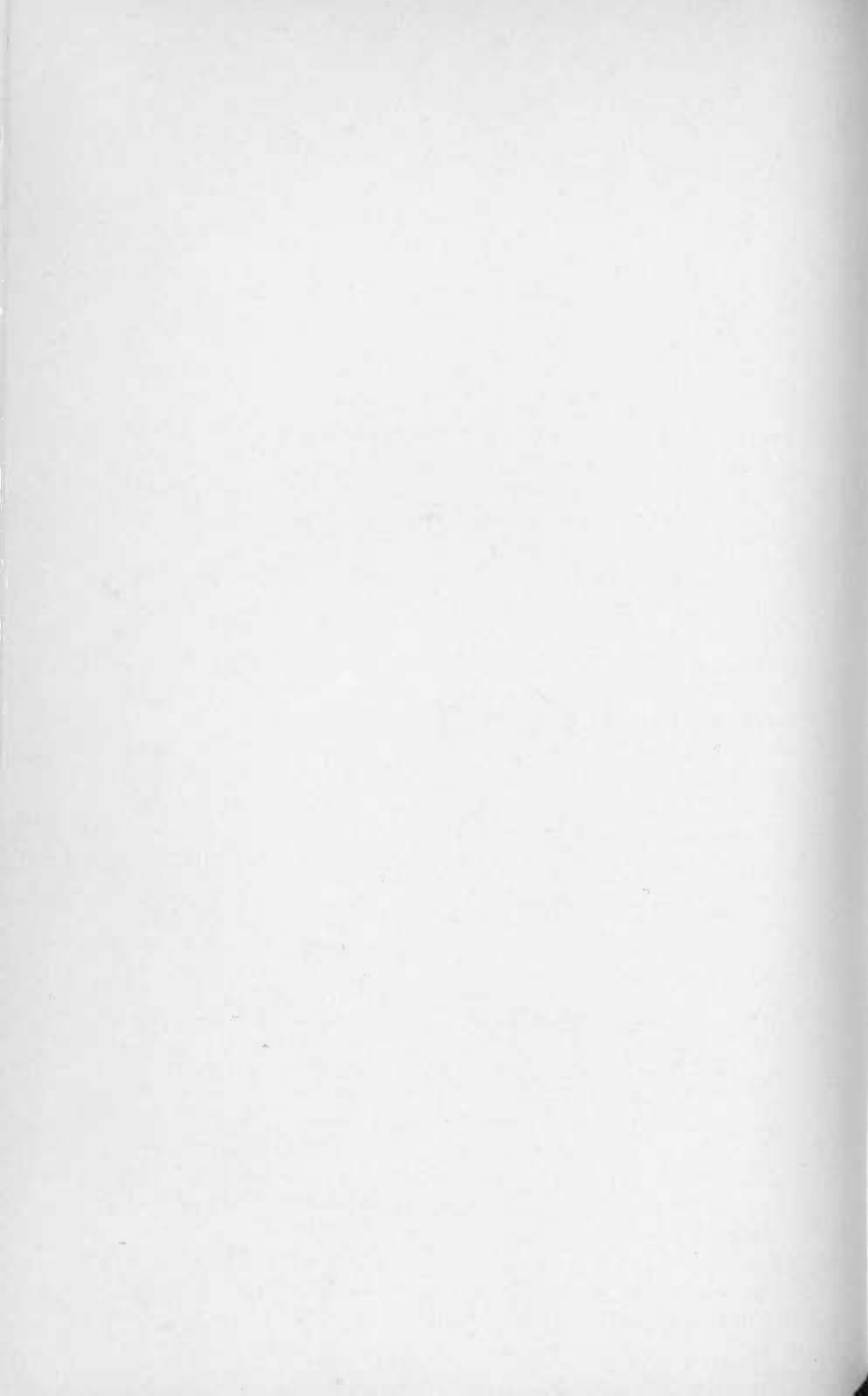
### THE GUNN FAMILY.

Clement Nance had one sister who came to Indiana soon after her brother and family. She was the wife of a Mr. Gunn, David Gunn, some say. Her name is believed to have been Elizabeth, but this is also uncertain. They seem to have been the parents of several children as given in the table below as limbs. The author received his information from three sources and they do not agree. He has combined the lists as best he can, not expecting there are no errors, but admitting he cannot at this time distinguish truth from error. There were quite a number of ministers in the Gunn family, some in one and some in other churches.

LIMBS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.
David Gunn, w. Elizabeth Nance.....	Ira W. ....	{ James Mack, w. Twig eight, branch two, limb two.
	Mathew.	
	Thomas.	
	David Nance, w.	{ Permelia, h. Branch two, limb five.
	Elenor Sparks.	
	Elisha.	
	Martha, h. —— Watson.....	



## PART II.



## CHAPTER I.

## ZACHARIAH NANCE I.

Zachariah Nance I., and wife, Susannah Duke Sherman, resided on a farm in Charles City county, Virginia. He was a carpenter and wheel-wright by trade. He died in January, 1772, leaving his wife and six children, named below, and also named in his will (Appendix Ex. "H").

The wife was very fleshy, her usual weight being over three hundred pounds. She died sitting in her chair, in 1780.

James Nance was married four times. Died about the year of 1804, leaving his wife and one son. His widow married a Mr. Porter, of Richmond, Virginia.

John Nance married a second wife. Died in 1806.

Elizabeth Nance married John Hall, manager of Holt's Forge, in New Kent county, Virginia, afterwards moved below Yorktown, in Warrick county. Hall was under Washington in the defeat of Braddock, in 1755.

William Nance married Miss Parrish. Died in 1806, leaving his wife and several children.

Susannah Nance was born in 1758. Married Stephen Shell. These were the adopted parents of Zachariah Nance III., or Zachariah Henry Nance.

## ZACHARIAH NANCE II.—TRUNK.

Was born in Charles City county, Virginia, May 5, 1760. Enlisted in the Continental army at Williamsburg, when about sixteen years of age, and served three years as a private in the Virginia troops. He was a member of that famous Virginia company of young men that displayed such remarkable bravery on the occasion of the storming of Stony Point, July 15, 1779. Zachariah Nance served under Captain James Pendleton and Colonel Charles Harrison. During the later years of his life he drew a pension from the government. He was large in stature and weighed two hundred and fifty pounds. His first wife was Jane





ELIZABETH BINGLEY (MORRIS) NANCE.

Wilkins, whom he married December 31, 1785, in New Kent county, Virginia. This wife died December 17, 1800. He married Elizabeth Bingley (Morris), December 15, 1802, in James City county, Virginia. In 1806 they emigrated to Green county, Kentucky, where they resided until 1832, when they settled in Sangamon, now Menard county, Illinois. Purchased the farm on Rock Creek, south of Petersburg, which is now owned by his grandson, Albert G. Nance. He remembered his uncle,

William Nance, who moved to Halifax county at an early period. He also remembered his uncle's son, Thomas, and son-in-law, Tucker. They visited New Kent county after the Revolution, for the purpose of obtaining their mother's dowry from the Vaughn estate. Zachariah Nance died December 22, 1835, and is buried at Farmer's Point cemetery. He directed that the following patriotic lines be preserved in his memory :

#### STORMING OF STONY POINT.

(July 15, 1779.)

It was in July, the fifteenth day,  
In glittering arms arrayed,  
Bold General Wayne and his brave men,  
The British lines assailed.

Just twelve at night, if I am right  
And honestly informed,  
Both wings at once they did advance,  
And Stony Point they stormed.

Morass and steep did clog our feet,  
This boasted place surrounded ;  
Strong abatis and forked trees  
Were double placed all round it.

This great place the Rebel race  
 Never dared come nigh, Sir;  
 Great Washington and all his train,  
 Johnson did defy, Sir.  
 Flury brave, the flag did save;  
 So strongly, too, defended.  
 Mid his foes he made off their blows,  
 And gallantly attended.  
 Let Stuart's name in books of fame  
 Forever be recorded.  
 Thro' showers of balls he scaled their walls,  
 And dangers disregarded.  
 Gibbins, too, a soldier true,  
 His duty well discharged.  
 He dealt his foes such deadly blows,  
 It left their walls unguarded.  
 Over storms and rocks our hero Knox,  
 To charge the foe he pushed,  
 And bravely fought like an eagle's flight,  
 Over their ramparts rushed.  
 May this storm forever warn  
 The Tyrant Sons of Slavery,  
 For Wayne could stand the British band  
 With the Sons of Liberty.

By his first wife he had eight children, and by his second, seven, named below as limbs:

Elizabeth, died young,  
 James,  
 Raton,  
 George W.,  
 Otway, died young,  
 Joshua,  
 Thomas Jefferson,  
 Parthena Hill.

Robert,  
 Sally Hash,  
 William,  
 Zachariah H.,  
 Otway Bird,  
 Carey,  
 Allen Q.

#### ROBERT NANCE—LIMB TWO.

Was born in Virginia, February 22, 1788. He died in Lawrence county, Missouri, November 14, 1853. He was twice married, but the names of his wives are not known. He was the father of nine children, but little is known of them. Phillip, the eldest, was the first white person to be buried in Knox county, Illinois. He was buried in Henderson township, January 9, 1829, when fifteen years of age. Fifty years from that date, January

9, 1879, the citizens of the township met and raised money with which to erect a monument to his memory, and build a wire fence around the grave. The children are named below as branches:

Phillip,	John,	Henry,
Thomas H.,	Elias,	James,
Sarah,	Otway,	Samuel.

#### THOMAS H. NANCE—BRANCH FOUR.

Was born in 1818, in Green county, Kentucky. Adaline Combs was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, August 9, 1832. They were married November 23, 1851, in Arkansas. They were the parents of eleven children, those growing to maturity are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Rebecca Ann, h.	{ Albert S. Howard H. Mattie Pearl.	
Albert Cole, .....		
Sentinel, Oklahoma.		
Japhat N., w.		
Oakman, Indian Territory		
	Ida May, h.	{ Rena Agnes. Eugenie. A son.
	John Q. Clark, .....	
	Harry H.	
Barilla Agnes, h.	Caladonia A., h.	{ Inez. Arthur.
Wm. C. Mynatt, .....	Robert Bledsoe, .....	
287 Gillespie Avenue, Dallas, Texas.	Luther A. Eugenia.	
Cecilia K.		
Turner R., w.	{ Girtie Ann. Donna May. John B.	
Zilvestia Boyd, .....		
Hobart, Oklahoma.		
Thomas Asa.		
Rutha Jane.		
Fred Edward, w.	{ J. Gilmore.	
Ada Carter, .....		
Dallas, Texas, 218 Lake Avenue.		
John L., single.		

#### ELIAS NANCE—BRANCH FIVE.

Was born about 1820. His wife was Intz. Elias is dead. The wife and children were in Hill county, Texas, at last accounts. Their children as far as known are given below as twigs:

Otway,	Elijah J.,	Charles,
Sarah, h. Joseph Cannon.	Mattie, h. Mat. Walker.	

#### OTWAY NANCE—BRANCH EIGHT.

Had a wife and two children, and once lived at Garrison, Missouri. The sons were named John W. and James.

## JAMES NANCE—LIMB THREE.

Was born in Charles City county, Virginia, November 24, 1789. He died in Sangamon county, Illinois, September 25, 1842. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife was Hepsey Money. They were the parents of seven children, named below as branches:

Simeon,	Cynthia,	James,
Melville L.,	Franklin Carey,	D. Milton,
	Mary Ann.	

## SIMEON NANCE—BRANCH ONE.

Was married to Amanda Hood. They were the parents of seven children, named below as twigs. Nothing more is known of these parents.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Sarah, h.		
Mackey Martill.		
William.		
Bettie, h.		
Joe Goodie.		
Mylo.		
Julia.		
Robert.		
Jane, h.		
George Berry.....	{ Allie. Samuel. Della. Jasper. Theodore Ira.	

## CYNTHIA NANCE—BRANCH TWO.

Was born in Kentucky. She was married to Elijah Pierce, a Christian minister, near Havana, Illinois. They resided at Boone, Iowa. She died there. She was the mother of ten children, named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
	Eveline, h.	
	David McLean.	
	Charles.	
	Carrel.	
John, w.		
Margaret ————	Laura, h.	
Woodward, Iowa.	Thos. Gordon.	
	Snyder.	
	Frank, w.	
	Ella Burrel.	
	Ida, h.	
	Warren Boswell.	
Newton, w.		
Eliza ————	Nettie, h.	
Perry, Iowa.	Jos. Courtney.	
	Maud.	
	Bertha.	

## CYNTHIA NANCE—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
	Christopher.	
	Louisa, h. Arthur Seitz, Hayworth, Illinois.	
Jane, h. John Darrel..... Madrid, Iowa.	Edward, w.	
	Lida, h. Edw. Ramsey.....	{ John
	Cynthia, h. Elios Preston.	
Alice, h. Silas Biggs..... Boone, Iowa.	Frank. Nora. Carrie. Harry.	
"V," h., d. Andrew Likens.....	May. John. Sylvia.	
Jasper, w. Sarah Schriver..... Woodward, Iowa.	Fred. Frank. Nina.	
Hepsey Ann, h. Geo. W. Nelson. 2nd h. Zechman.		
James Pierce, single. Halsey Pierce, single.		
Melvin, w. Flora Winslow. Woodward, Iowa.		

## JAMES NANCE—BRANCH THREE.

Was married to Mary Winslow. They were the parents of two children, twigs. Anna, who married Charles Russell, and James F., who married Flora Godin.

## MELVILLE L. NANCE—BRANCH FOUR.

Married Harriet Hornbuckle. Four children were born to them, named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Minerva, h. Nelson Herdman..... 2nd h. Will Storms.	Abbie. Lloyd. Esther.	
Tom F., w. Elsie Hopkins. Madrid, Iowa.		
Dora, h. George Thomas.....	Wayne.	
Laura, h. Lewis Clark, Madrid, Iowa.		

## FRANKLIN CAREY NANCE—BRANCH FIVE.

Was born in Kentucky in 1828. He died in Nebraska, May 1898. He was first married to Eliza Houghten, March 18, 1858. They were parents of four children. The wife died in April, 1868. He was united in marriage to Jane Stith, late in the same year. Eleven children were born to them. These fifteen children are named below as twigs:

## TWIGS.

## BUDS.

Sevignia E., w., 1860	Roy C., 1880.
Eva Dowe.....	Ross A.
Petersburg, Illinois.	Bessie L.
	Norma.
	Fern E.
Hardin W., w., 1861	Harry H., 1888.
Mary Bergen.....	Arthur B.
Petersburg, Illinois.	Blanche.
	Hazel.
Laura, h., 1863	Viva.
Wm. Hall.....	Rita.
Woodward, Iowa.	
	Alta Irene, 1886
Evelyn, h.	Henry Ellis.
Clem. W. Shipley.....	Pearl.
Petersburg, Illinois.	Earliest.
	Glenn.
	Donald Paul.
	Wayne.
Caroline, h., 1869	Elvin.
Chas. N. Vanhorn.....	Vernice.
J. Frank, w.	Zelma.
Rachel Hanks.....	
Stratton, Nebraska.	Vinton.
Pamie E., h.	
Chas. N. Vanhorn.....	Kenneth.
Edna Jane, h.	
W. W. Stevenson.....	Zada.
Mary, single.	
Estie L., h.	
H. H. Thomas.....	Oryis.
Woodward, Iowa.	
Harry W., single.	
Florence S., single.	
Glen C., single.	
Geneva, single.	
Louise J., single.	



MR. AND MRS. F. C. NANCE.

Sevignia E. Nance, twig above, was born near Petersburg, Illinois, where he grew to be a lad of fifteen, when he removed with his parents to Iowa, settling in Boone county. Here he married Miss Eva Dowe, September 16, 1879, and settled on a farm three miles north of Woodward, Iowa, where he remained until 1886, when he sold out and went to Nebraska, where he ran a large cattle ranch three years, when he returned to Petersburg, Illinois. Here he is the proprietor of the Woodlawa dairy, and has the name of making more people "take water" than any other man in town. His jolly, good nature makes him friends wherever he goes. He is familiarly known as "Vig," and as "Vig"



ROY C. NANCE  
Bud.



SEVIGNIA E. NANCE  
Twig.



CLEM W. SHIPLEY.



EVELYN NANCE-SHIPLEY  
Twig.



he is honored and respected by all. It is said he never brings any milk home from his route, but distributes all his surplus among the poor of the city, thus gladdening many a child by an



ROSS A. NANCE  
Bud.

extra "pint." He is a member of the Odd Fellows, Rebeccas, Mutual Protective League, and Court of Honor, and is the life of the social gatherings he attends. His very interesting family of wife, two grown sons and three grown daughters, are known for their "open house" hospitality. The author spent several very happy days in the home of this pleasant family, last August. In politics they are republicans; in religion, are members of the Christian church.

The sons are model young men. Roy C., is the rural free delivery driver for the "Sandridge" route. It is said he has the second

longest route, and one of the heaviest deliveries in the state.

Ross A. is a school teacher. After finishing in the home schools, he attended the State Normal University, at Normal, several years. He is preparing himself for civil engineering. The author predicts a successful career for Ross. He is worthy and persistent. He expects to cast his "first vote" for Teddy.

## D. MILTON NANCE—BRANCH SIX.

Was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, June, 1840. He came to Menard county, at the age of eight, and has resided there ever since. He was married to Ann Brahm, in 1860. They were the parents of seven children, those living are named below as twigs. On January 8, 1888, he was married to Mrs. Harriet Nance, widow of Joshua Nance, branch six of limb seven. Mr. Nance is still living at Oakford, Menard county, Illinois.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Milton D., w., 1860	Priscilla Annettie, b., 1882	Zola Leona.
Emma Smith.....	King Tuttle.....	
Petersburg, Illinois.	Rebecca Iona, 1885.	
Charles L., w., 1865	Neva, 1894.	
Etta Senter.....		
Petersburg, Illinois.		
Mary, b.	Ranice.	
Edward Marcy.....	Harry.	
Chandlerville, Illinois.	Hurland.	



CHAS. L. NANCE  
Twig.



MILTON D. NANCE  
Twig.

Milton D. Nance, twig above, was born in Menard county, Illinois, in which county he has resided all his life. His calling is

that of farming. This family are Baptists. The daughters are graduates of the Petersburg schools.

Charles L. Nance, twig above, was born in Menard county, Illinois, near Petersburg, where he now resides on a farm. This county has been his home nearly all his life. He was married in 1891, and

has one child, Neva, who is said to have a natural talent for music, being able to carry a tune at the age of fifteen months.



NEVA NANCE

Bud.

## MARY ANN NANCE—BRANCH SEVEN.

Was born about 1842, in Sangamon county, Illinois. She married Pleasant Armstrong. They are the parents of nine children, named as twigs:

Laura Belle,  
Emma Medora,  
Cynthia Dena,  
Nora,  
Ora.

John Critendon,  
Martha,  
Pleasant Carwin,  
George,

George Washington Nance, limb seven, was born in Virginia, March 29, 1798. He died in Petersburg, Illinois, March 20, 1889, lacking but nine days of being ninety-one years of age. A two thousand four hundred dollar granite shaft towers above his resting place in the cemetery at Petersburg. His wife's name was Elizabeth Martin. He was father of fourteen children, the first

nine were born in Green county, Kentucky, and the last five, in Menard county, Illinois. They are named below as twigs:

Nancy,	Henry,	Willis,
William,	George W.,	Joshua,
Otway,	Sallie,	Ann Adams,
Lewis,	James,	John,
Jane,	Abraham L.,	Thos. L. Harris.

Little is known of this family. William is said to live at Jeffersonville, Indiana. George W., lives at Talula, Illinois. He has one daughter in Texas, Mrs. Ella Atchly. Her husband is a Methodist minister. She has several children, I am told. Mrs. Ann Adams resides at Petersburg, Illinois.



THE OLD HOME OF JOSHUA NANCE

Branch six of limb seven. Near Oakford, Illinois.

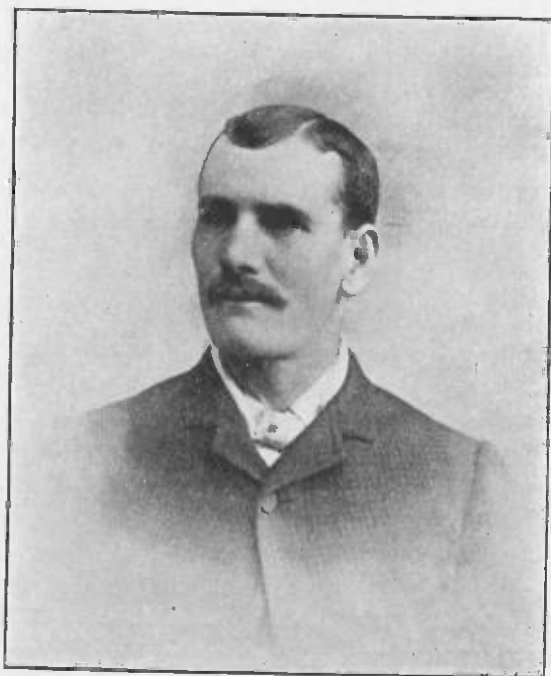
Numbering from the left:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1.—Harriet Jones Nance.   | 3.—Matilda Nance Gum. | 5.—Loern V. Gum. |
| 2.—Elizabeth Nance Short. | 4.—Evert H. Gum.      | 6.—D. M. Nance.  |

### JOSHUA NANCE—BRANCH SIX.

Was born in Green county, Kentucky, August 31, 1826. He came with his parents to Menard county, when a child, and lived

in the county all his life. He was married to Harriet Jones, in 1853. They were the parents of eight children, two dying in infancy, the others are named below as twigs. The father appears to have died before 1888, for on January 6, that year, the widow married D. M. Nance.



HENRY W. NANCE

Twig.

## TWIGS

Mary Jane, h.  
M. L. Pyle, . . . . .

2nd h. Marion E. Aten . . .  
Longview, Texas.

Martha M., h.

— Randles.

2nd h. Henry Smith, Easton, Illinois.

Henry Wm., w., Oakford, Illinois.

Matilda, h.

J. B. Gum, d., . . . . .  
Oakford, Illinois.

Elizabeth, h.

— Short, Petersburg, Illinois

Charles, w., Petersburg, Illinois.

## BUDS.

Iva May, h.  
Fred C. Inglehart, San Antonio, Texas.

Neellie Evelyn, h.  
Norman L. Devine, Tyler, Texas.

Allie Myrtle.  
Floyd Eugene.  
Mary Clydie.  
Laura Laure.  
Freddie Ray.

Chester Earl.  
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Veria Jemima.  
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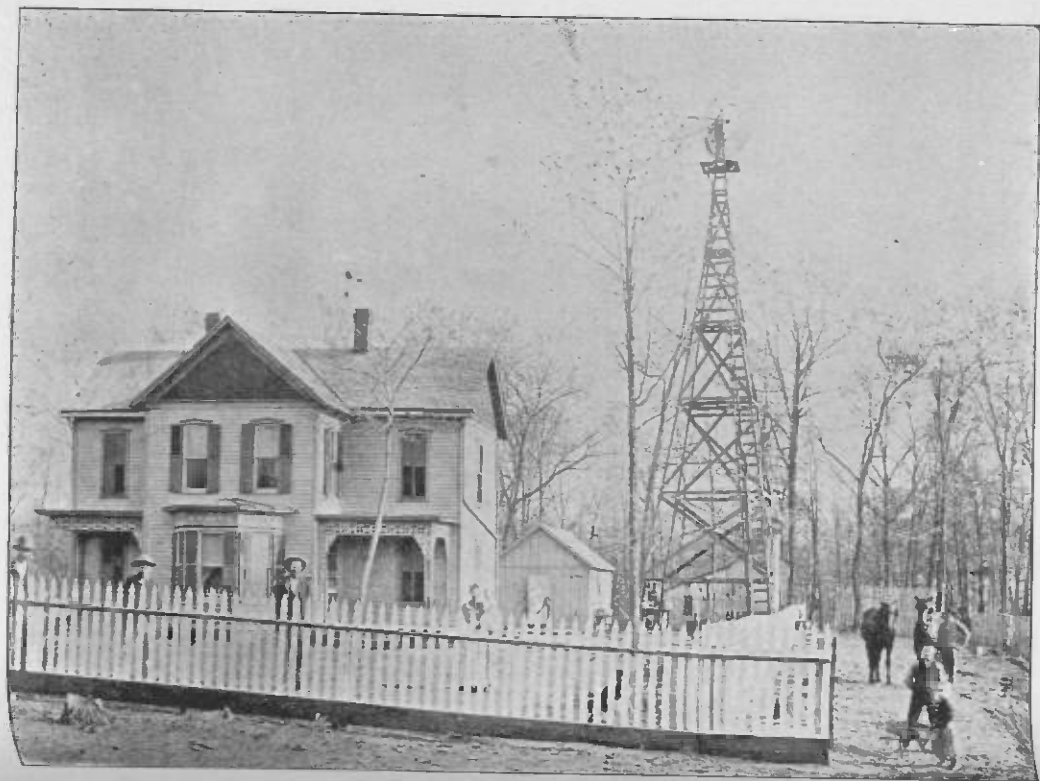
MRS. MATILDA NANCE-GUM.

EVERT H. GUM.

VERIA JEMIMA GUM.

CHESTER EARL GUM.

LOERN VICTOR GUM.



THE MATILDA NANCE-GUM FARM RESIDENCE.

## ZACHARIAH HENRY NANCE—LIMB EIGHT.

Was born December 17, 1800, in Charles City county, Virginia. His mother died on the day of his birth. He was adopted by Stephen and Susannah Nance Shell, Susannah being his father's sister. He was entirely lost to the members of his father's family from his adoption by his aunt until Sunday, January 17, 1904, when the author received a letter from J. H. Nantz, Thomasville, Georgia, enclosing a letter from Mrs. Mary A. Nance, widow of Washington Jackson Nance, son of Zachariah Henry, giving his family record. The author was overjoyed at the finding of this long lost son, or limb of the family of Zachariah II. For years he had been receiving inquiries concerning his whereabouts. The finding is the result of a letter written by H. A. Barrows, Monticello, Florida, bud from branch six, limb six, Part I., to J. H. Nantz, Thomasville, Georgia, calling his attention to the forth-coming Nance Memorial. The following items concerning his life are obtained from his living descendants, and from the records in his family Bible:



ZACHARIAH HENRY NANCE  
Limb.

He never talked of his youthful days, so that is an entire blank to his family and the world.

No one remembers that he ever mentioned his brothers and sisters, so they do not think he had any knowledge that he ever had any.

He had the habits and manners of one having been reared in luxury and refinement, and his children are not "over common" yet.

He was very industrious, well educated for one of his day, a fine talker, a brilliant man in a quiet way.

He was a hatter by trade and followed the same until too old for work, when his son, Washington Jackson, took him to his home and cared for him to the close of his life.

He was a Missionary Baptist all his life, as were all his family but one son, James H., who was a member of the Christian church.

Emeline Latham was born September 10, 1810, in Pitt county, North Carolina. They were married September 15, 1826, in Halifax county, North Carolina. Their first child was born in



Pitt county, North Carolina, the second in Cheraw, South Carolina, the next two in Pitt county, the next two in Cumberland county, and the last four in Wayne county, all of North Carolina. In 1847 they removed to Fayetteville, Cumberland county, North Carolina, and remained there during life. They are buried there. The father died April 4, 1885. The mother passed away January 24, 1892. They were the parents of ten children, those growing to maturity are named below as branches. Two are living, Mrs. Virginia G. Craig and Mrs. Mary J. Moore. They are widows.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
John Wm., 1827-1903. w. Martha Cooper.		
Washington Jackson, 1829- 1902. w. Sheba Ford.....	{ 2 children, d.	
2nd w. Mary A. McIntosh. Fayetteville, N. C.	{ 4 children.	
Joe John, 1833, d.		
Virginia G., 1837, h. John B. Craig, d..... 308 North 9th Street, Wilmington, N. C.	{ John H., 1855, w..... Wilmington, N. C. Joseph P., 1858, w..... Wilmington, N. C.	{ No issue. 5 children.
	{ John H., 1866, w. Sallie..... Thomasville, Georgia.	{ Lillie Lee, 1890. Maggie, 1892.
James H., 1839-1894, w. Martha Mobley.....	{ Geo. W., 1868-1895, w. Lulu..... Savannah, Georgia.	{ Birdie.
	{ Mamie, 1871, h. Leonidas H., 1873, Sargent United States Army, Philippines. Martha Ethel, 1885.	
Mary Jane, 1844, h. — Moore..... 608 Mumford Street, Fay- etteville, North Carolina	{ John T., w. Fayetteville, N. C. Charles L., w. Fayetteville, N. C.	{ 1 daughter.

Washington Jackson Nance, branch, was first married to Miss Sheba Ford, in 1853. She bore him two children who died young. The wife died in 1860, leaving her father, mother, and two brothers, with the consumption, all of whom the husband nursed and cared for while they lived. Then as his own parents grew old, he cared for them in his own home until death. After remaining a widower for twenty-six years, he, in 1886, married Miss Mary A. McIntosh, who, with four small children, mourn his loss. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist church from early boyhood days. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Old Fellows.

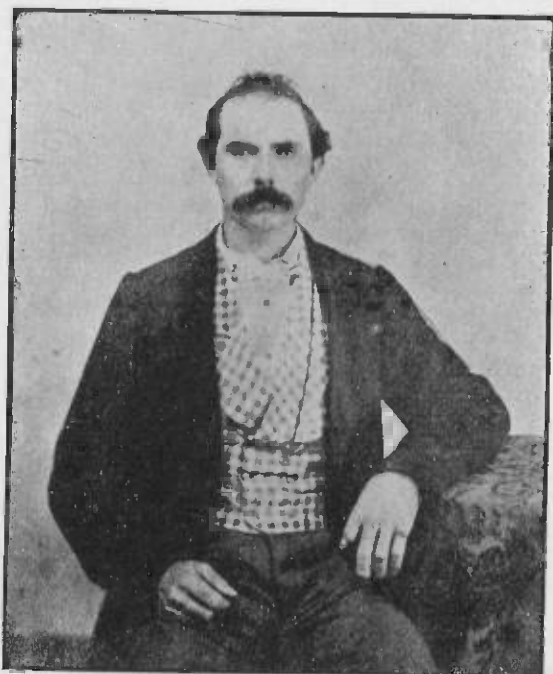


VIRGINIA NANCE-CRAIG  
Branch.



MRS. MARY NANCE-MOORE  
Branch.

Being a carpenter, he served the Confederacy in an arsenal near home throughout the war. As the war passed away, no one had anything left but waste and desolation, everything being gone but firmness and fortitude. In time he had built another good home, where his parents spent their last days in comfort, and where he also lived a quiet, retired life during his last years, dying in the spring of 1902.



WASHINGTON JACKSON NANCE  
Branch.

#### OTWAY BIRD NANCE—LIMB TEN.

Was born in James City county, Virginia, July 21, 1805. When one year of age his parents removed to Green county, Kentucky, where he continued to reside until 1839, when he moved to that part of Sangamon county that afterward became Cass county, and settled on the site that afterwards became a part of the town of Numansville.

He married Sarah B. Dearau, in Kentucky, February 16, 1829. They removed to Texas in 1851, and settled on a fine farm two



OTWAY BIRD NANCE.

miles north of DeSota, in Dallas county, and was a pioneer in that part of Texas.

He accumulated a large amount of property, and after giving to each of his ten children a hundred and sixty acre farm, or its equivalent in other property, he still had at his death a forty thousand dollar farm. He was a very sociable gentleman. His son, Samuel H., now owns five hundred acres of the old home. The father died December 11, 1874, and he is laid away beside his wife in the Wheatland cemetery near by. On the night

of his death, a pear tree in his yard bloomed, and the frozen flowers went with him to the tomb. His children are named below as branches:

William T., 1830,	Zachariah,
Elizabeth F.,	Parthena,
Mary W., 1836,	Harriett,
Nancy J.,	Sarah J.,
Richard A., 1838,	Samuel H.

#### ELIZABETH FRANCES NANCE BRANCH TWO.

Was born at Greenburg, Kentucky, November 28, 1831. Dr. Gustavus Adolphus Kilbourn was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, March 10, 1812. They were married near Springfield, Illinois, January 11, 1850.

The mother passed away October 26, 1899, the doctor following her the following April, 19. They were the



MRS. OTWAY BIRD NANCE.

parents of eleven children, those growing up are named below

as twigs. The following tribute is by the son, Chalmers :

Father studied medicine, and about 1835, began to practice at Old Salem, then the home of Abraham Lincoln, who studied law at night by the light of pine torches. Father was intimate with Mr. Lincoln in those days. Father acquired considerable local reputation by his treatment of two diseases that then raged during the cold Illinois winters. They were pneumonia and meningitis, the latter having been regarded so certainly fatal that it had been nick-named "come-and-get-us." Finding that his winter practice was killing him, he decided to go south to get out of the practice of



ELIZABETH NANCE-KILBOURN.

medicine. \* \* \* He moved to Dallas county, Texas, in 1853, settled twenty miles south of Dallas, and lived there till his death. He was never able to entirely quit practicing medicine. As long as he was able to ride, his services were in demand, especially in difficult cases.

He became a Christian after he was fifty years of age, and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, in which he lived till his death. Asked about his heavenly prospects, father replied that the old hymn fitly expressed his present condition :

"On Jordon's stormy bank I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye."

Mother bravely and nobly bore her part as a faithful wife and good mother of the toils and hardships of a new country. She was naturally of a cheerful disposition till broken health made the last fifteen years of her life at times gloomy and despondent. In February, 1899, she fell and fractured



DR. G. A. KILBOURN AND CHILDREN.

a thigh. She was never able to walk again. \* \* \* Mother had been a Christian since childhood, and a member of the Methodist church till about 1865, when she and father both joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

## TWIGS.

## BUDS.

## BLOSSOMS.

Marie Annie, h., 1852  
Chas. A. Kelley.....  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Fannie B., 1873-1889.  
John H., w.  
Evelyn Beavers..... { Lloyd R.  
Chas. F., 1883.

Amelia Jane, h., 1856  
Jacob S. Case.....  
Ferris, Texas.

Ella Mae, h.  
Arthur C. Stiles.  
Ferris, Texas.  
Hattie Frances, h.  
D. A. Whittington..... { Gladys.  
Arlington, Texas. { Duward.  
Marcus Emmett.  
James Henry.

Ellie, single, 1860,  
Mexia, Texas.

Lucy, h., 1862  
Charles Birk.....  
Iowa Park, Texas.

Ralph A.  
Runice V.  
Charles E.  
Frances J.

Anne, h., 1864  
C. W. McElheny.....  
Ferris, Texas.

Oscar K.  
Lula Bird.  
Fannie Lois.

Chalmers, w., 1860  
Mary Groves.....

Groves Meyer.  
Martha Elizabeth.

Gustavus Carey, w.  
Barbara Bowers.

## NANCY J. NANCE—BRANCH THREE.

Was born in 1834. She was married to William M. Wyatt, April 27, 1851, in Cass county, Illinois. They resided on a farm near Newmansville, until 1883, when they removed to Ashland, Illinois, where they have resided ever since. This family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The author had a pleasant call at their neat cottage on the Old Salem Chautauqua grounds, in company with Cousin Allen G. Nance. They are the parents of three children, named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Fannie, h. Walter M. Thompson, ....	{ Loren B. Gertrude, h.	
Alice M., 1859, h. James Struble, .....		
	{ Maude. Eva. Harry. Martin.	
James Judy, 1862, w. ....		
	{ Stuart. Lois.	

## ZACHARIAH NANCE—BRANCH SIX.

Was born in Illinois about 1840. He was married to Fannie Martin Hoagland, in Petersburg, Illinois, September 6, 1866. They are the parents of two sons, named below as twigs. John M. is a newspaper man and mine promoter, at Gunnison, Colorado. Tilton William is a traveling salesman. His second wife was Carrie Goldsby, by whom he had three sons, named below, all residing in Peoria, on Reed avenue:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
John M., w., 1867 Miss W. B. Arheart, .....	{ Francis A. John A. Dorothy E.	
Tilton William, 1869.		
Frederick. James. Hardin.		

## PARTHENA HILL NANCE—BRANCH SEVEN.

Was born in 1842; married Thomas J. Williams, July 17, 1867, in Dallas county, Texas. They are the parents of two children, named below as twigs. The husband died September 7, 1897. This family are Methodists. Her address is Cedar Hill, Texas, Rural Free Delivery No. 2.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Fannie B., h. Edmon Sprowls, .....	{ Myrtle. Roxie R. Joseph. Blanche. Mabel. Jewel Lucile.	
Alice, h. John H. Vencill,		

## HARMETT NANCE—BRANCH EIGHT.

Was born in Illinois, August 7, 1844. William D. Snead was born in Pennsylvania, September 9, 1839. They were married in Dallas county, Texas, July 11, 1865. They are the parents of eight children, named below as twigs. They reside at Oak Cliff, Texas.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Kittie, b., 1866	{ Will H. Blanche.	
L. S. Brotherton.....		
Johnie B., died at 8.		
Bettie J., b., 1872	{ C. Ross. Daniel Francis. Raymond S.	
J. D. Mauk.....		
Lena Hill, b., 1874		
Dr. F. H. Strother.		
Sallie B., 1877.		
Charles H., 1879.		
Hattie, 1881.		
Benjamin F., 1883.		

## SARAH JAUQUES NANCE—BRANCH NINE.

Was born September 1, 1846, in Cass county, Illinois. Moved with her parents to Texas, in 1851. She was married to James R. Smith, March 1864, settled on a grain and stock farm in Dallas county. In 1890 they removed to Oak Cliff, same county, where they still reside. Seven children have blessed this home, those growing to maturity are named below as twigs :

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Jennie Q., b.	{ Edward Raymond.	
Robert L. Moss.....		
Clarendon, Texas.		
J. Frank, w., 1869	{ Jessie. Katie. Ralph F. Estel.	
Jennie Morris.....		
Texas.		
Claudia, b., 1875	{ Donolda Mayo.	
James R. Andrews.....		
Oak Cliff, Texas.		
Albert, 1877.		
Wallace, at home, 1882.		

## SAMUEL H. NANCE—BRANCH TEN.

Was born May 21, 1849. He was married to Miss Regina Lee Poage, of Roanoke county, Virginia, November 22, 1882. They reside at Cedar Hill, Texas, and have one child, Olin Bert-ram, twig, born 1883.

## JOSHUA NANCE—LIMB ELEVEN.

Was born in Green county, Kentucky, July 11, 1807. At the age of twenty-two he was married to Miss Sarah Skaggs, of same



county, by whom he had four children. In 1830 they moved to Sangamon county, Illinois, then an almost uninhabited wilderness, and settled in that portion out of which Cass county was formed. The wife soon fell a victim of the malarial fever, so common in the early days in the prairie state.

On August 9, 1837, he married Miss Elizabeth Lucas, by whom he had nine children. These thirteen children are named below as branches. In 1865 he left Illinois for Kansas, settling

on a farm near Cato, Crawford county, where he continued to reside until his death, on March 6, 1885.

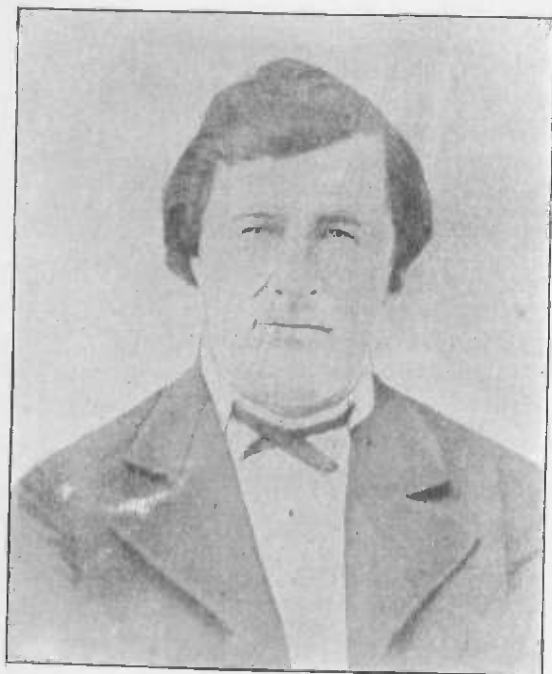
In politics he was a democrat, casting his first presidential vote for Andrew Jackson, and his last for Grover Cleveland.

The following is a part of the obituary published in the local paper at the time of his death:

He was a beautiful example of the noble handiwork of

God, an honest upright man, pure because he loved purity, honest because honor was inscribed as the goddess of his being, just and upright in every action or dealing with his fellowman.

He was well informed on all subjects, a man of extraordinary good judgment, strong convictions, deliberate in forming opinions, never repeated a slander or said ought but in praise of a neighbor. His has been a noble life, grander because such lives are few, and because of the example he has given, that character can be moulded and formed according to the purer principles of the divine and moral law. He mastered most fully the great problem of man's earthly destiny, the duties he owed to God, his neighbor, and himself, and ever maintained and kept the noblest impulses of his nature uppermost



JOSHUA NANCE  
Limb Eleven.

in his heart. Thus the angel of death found him; thus was the sheaf of mortality gathered into the harvest of immortality. With no regrets for the past, nor fears for the future, he passed into that mysterious "beyond" where labor ends and reward begins.

He was buried in the family grave yard, only a short distance from his residence, beside his wife who had preceded him two years. She is said to have been a lovely character, every way worthy of her husband.

Elizabeth Smith,

Jefferson,

Polly Wadkins,

Charles H.,

John L.,

Jane Bixler,

Katharine Farmer.

Amos D.,

William Douglas,

Sarah E. Swan,

Parthena H. Odom,

Caroline Williams,

Thomas H.,

#### CHARLES H. NANCE—BRANCH FOUR.

Was born April 11, 1836. He was married to Frances C. Miller, November 21, 1854, in Cass county, Illinois. He died of consumption, May 9, 1889. He was the father of ten children, those growing up are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Sarah E., b., 1857	{ Mary B., 1876. Chas. M. Antonias, 1888.	
Wm. H. Cross, d.....		
Amos D., w.	{ Logan C., 1887. Chas. S. Maggie, 1901.	
Maggie Clark.....		
Joshua J., w.	{ William O., 1893. Samuel J. Nellie Gladys. George Dewey, 1899.	
Lizzie Theobald.....		
Milton S., w.	{ Maurice Albert.	
Roe Slaughter.....		
William G.		
James D., 1871-1897.		
Hester E.		

#### JOHN L. NANCE—BRANCH FIVE.

Was born July 21, 1838, in Cass county, Illinois. He was married to Mary Cain Bell (nee Conquest), November 8, 1871, in Crawford county, Kansas. They have no children. Their post-office address is Drywood, Kansas.

#### JANE NANCE—BRANCH SIX.

Was born in Cass county, Illinois, November 29, 1839. She was first married to Isaac Haynes, in 1856, who died the following year, of consumption, leaving no issue.

Her second marriage was to Jonah Combs Bixler, September 20, 1865. Their postoffice address is Drywood, Kansas. They are the parents of nine children, those growing up are named below as twigs :

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Charles Lee, w. Bertha Tothill..... Drywood, Kansas.	{ Walter Leslie.	
Fannie Hill, h. Sabe Dalton..... Drywood, Kansas.		{ Harvey Lee. Riley Combs. Olive Stella.
Katie Dell, h. Benj. S. Dalton..... Drywood, Kansas.	{ Ruth Jane. Paul.	
Grace Bell, h. Wm. Harvey Dalton, Drywood, Kansas.		
Millie May, h., 1881 Jesse L. Elliott, Drywood, Kansas.		

#### KATHARINE NANCE—BRANCH SEVEN.

Was born June 21, 1841, and was married to A. J. Farmer, June 4, 1857. She died May 17, 1890, of cancer of the breast. She was the mother of eleven children, named below as twigs, the oldest was born in 1858, and the youngest in 1881 :

Isaac,	Charles,	William
Malinda,	Joshua,	Albert,
Christopher,	John,	Eaton,
Sarah Bell,	Joseph.	

#### AMOS D. NANCE—BRANCH EIGHT.

Was born October 3, 1842, and married to Sarah R. Williams, September 25, 1873. They have eight children, those growing to maturity are named below as twigs :

Lee, who married Josie Morrison,		
Della, 1876-1900,	Harry L.,	Thomas,
Douglas S.,	Archie D.,	Otway.

#### WILLIAM DOUGLAS NANCE—BRANCH NINE.

Was born September 16, 1844. He was married to Jane Williams, December 12, 1867. They are the parents of eight children, those growing to maturity are named below as twigs :

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Lizzie, h., 1868	{	Nettie D., 1888.
Chas. S. Dearing .....		Wm. Leonard.
		Anna E.
		C. Ezra.
		Emma J., 1899.
Mattie, h., 1870	{	
G. W. Reynolds.....		Hattie, 1897.
Drywood, Kansas.		
Albert D., w., 1873	{	Edith Jane, 1897.
Minnie C. Brown.....		Ward Douglas.
		Mabel Dell.
Anna C., h., 1875		
Hiram R. Hampton.		
Emma S., 1878.		
D. Crittenden, 1884.		

## SARAH ELLEN NANCE—BRANCH TEN.

Was born in Cass county, Illinois, February 22, 1848. She was married to James Morris Swan, January 22, 1868, at Cato, Kansas, where they resided until 1893, when they moved to Oklahoma. They reside in Cleveland where Mr. Swan is engaged in the real estate business. They are the parents of twelve children, those living are named below as twigs. Mr. Swan was in the civil war for five years, enlisting at Jacksonville, Illinois, in the 10th Illinois infantry. Their children all reside near the parents, at Cleveland, Oklahoma.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Chauncey, w., 1868	{	
Lucy Turner.....		Glenn Hurt, died young.
Kelly, w., 1870	{	Fred M.
Dollie Coonrod.....		Ona Ansel.
		Robert.
		Mabel.
		Neil.
Harley, w.	{	Eddie.
Nettie Herr.....		Gordon Berle, died young.
Effie, h.	{	Gladys.
Ward Guffey.....		Ralph.
		Elizabeth Ellen.
William M., single, farmer		
Tilden, w.	{	
Mettie Buckles .....		Russell.
Mae F., h.		
John B. Myers, cashier		
First National Bank,		
Cleveland, Oklahoma.		
Dick G., 1885, student.		

## PARTHENA HILL NANCE—BRANCH ELEVEN.

Was born June 8, 1849. She was married to James Odom<sup>g</sup> in 1873. Their seven children are named below as twigs:

Samuel,	Lewis,	Robert,	Harvey.
Maggie,	Elizabeth,	Dennis.	

## CAROLINE NANCE—BRANCH TWELVE.

Was born February 23, 1852. She was married to Wm. Williams, October 23, 1873. Their children are named below as twigs:

Perry, 1876-1896, Stella Jane, and Nellie.

## THOMAS H. NANCE—BRANCH THIRTEEN.

Was born October 8, 1854. Nothing more is known of him.

## THOMAS JEFFERSON NANCE—LIMB THIRTEEN.

Was born in Green county, Kentucky, September 17, 1811. Katharine D. Houghton was born October 14, 1817, and died March 22, 1892. They were married September 22, 1836, in Menard county, Illinois. Thomas J. received a much better education than any of his brothers or sisters, or most of those in his community, in that he attended private school of a neighbor, Owen by name. Mr. Owen had four or five daughters who had a private instructor. They were not as industrious as the teacher thought they should be, and he suggested to the father that it would pay him well to select some lad or young man to attend the school in order to spur the girls to greater exertion. Thomas was selected, and remained in the school some three years. He came with his father and family to Illinois, in 1832. He taught school some years, up to the time of his marriage. He settled on a farm in Cass county, where he spent the short years of his married life. At the time of his death his farm contained some six hundred acres. He was nominated for the legislature by the dominant party of the district, in 1838, but was defeated because a few years previously he had made a temperance address at Old Salem, the home of Lincoln, near Petersburg, which offended the topers of his party, and they refused to support him. He was nominated by the same party two years later, and elected in spite of the whisky interest. Two years later he was nominated for the state senate, and would have been elected, but died two weeks before the election. It is said he had a very promising career before him. He died July 22, 1842, being in his thirty-first year. His four children are named below as branches:

Elizabeth Wynne,  
Harriet Bentou Struble,

Benjamin F., died at 2,  
Albert Gallitan.



material that makes the world move. The elder son, "Tom," is president of the First National Bank, Clinton, Oklahoma, while the son-in-law, Chas. W. Goodwin, is cashier of same bank. Their six children are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS:
Carrie Benton, h. Chas. W. Goodwin..... Clinton, Oklahoma.	{ Albert N. Georgia N.	
Thomas Jefferson, w. Alice N. Curry..... Clinton, Oklahoma.	{ Albert Gallitan.	
Catharine, h. Geo. D. Warnsing..... Greenview, Illinois.	{ Laura Marie. Hermine.	
Hattie Beecher, h., d. Harry H. Schirding..... Petersburg, Illinois.	{ Hattie N.	
Horace Greeley, w. Sudie Purkapile. Petersburg, Illinois.		
Louise, 1886, at home.		

#### ALLEN Q. NANCE—LIMB FOURTEEN.



ALLEN Q. NANCE.

Was born in Kentucky, September 16, 1813. He came with his father to Illinois in 1832, where he obtained a farm immediately southwest and adjoining the town of Newmansville, Cass county. Here he married Elizabeth W. Dearen, January 11, 1841. He removed to Texas in 1852, and bought a farm near De Soto, in Dallas county, where he died in 1873. He was a great student and an incessant reader. During the last years of his life, the Bible was his chief companion. He seemed to know the geography of the world as well as most

men do that of their home state. His usual weight was two hundred pounds. He wore a number eight hat. He died very suddenly, without warning. At the time of his death he was the owner of five hundred acres of land in Texas. He was a farmer all his life, and what is more, he was an honest man. He was



MRS. ALLEN Q. NANCE.

He came with his parents to Texas, in 1852, and in 1861 enlisted in the cavalry service of the Confederate states, under Colonel W. H. Parsons. He received five wounds in battle during his term of service, returning home in 1865. Three horses were shot from under him and he was in thirty engagements. (This is an extreme record for one soldier, and the author has insisted upon his "Johny Reb" cousin giving his army record for this work, which will

the father of eleven children, named below as branches. The mother outlived her husband twenty years, dying November 25, 1893:

David Carey,  
Mary J.,  
Christopher C., died young,  
Gustavus A.,  
Ellen,  
Ann Lee,  
Sarah C.,  
John H., died young,  
Charles Palmer,  
Lee, died young,  
Etta.

DAVID CAREY NANCE  
BRANCH ONE.

Was born in Cass county,  
Illinois, February 2, 1843.



DAVID C. NANCE.



be found at the close of this sketch. He knows it will be read with interest by both "Yanks" and "Rebs.") Our hero attended Carlton college, Bonham, Texas, 1868-1870. He was married to Miss Sallie M. Hackley, October 12, 1870, at Bonham. He taught school for some years, buying a farm in the mean time, near Bonham. In 1889 he returned to Dallas county and bought the old family home and took care of his mother till her death. He also operated a general store for a number of years at De Soto.



SALLIE HACKLEY-NANCE.

In 1901 he built a grist-mill and another home at Duncanville, taking into business with him his youngest son, Quilla, under the firm name of D. C. Nance & Son. His other children operate the farm. It is said he reads a great deal, and like his father, the Bible is now his chief companion. He became a Christian and a member of the Christian church early in life. He has always been a democrat; weighs one hundred and ninety pounds; is past sixty-one, and in perfect health. He has been of great assistance to the author, as is mentioned elsewhere. He

has recently returned to his farm, and his address is Rural Route No. 1, Cedar Hill, Texas.

#### MILITARY RECORD OF DAVID CAREY NANCE.

##### LATE OF CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY.

In September, 1861, I enlisted in the cavalry service of Texas; and later of the Confederate states. I was but a boy, eighteen, past. During the next few months we were on the drill yard every day. In the early spring

we started for the front. My first battle was "Cache River" or "Cotton Plant," as we "Rebs" called it, Sunday, July 7, 1862. I rode a very fine horse, was well equipped, and was chosen as one of the extreme advance of twenty men, as we marched through a deep forest of bog and fen to meet the enemy. At last we met; and in that jubilee of demons which followed, I was first to fall. A one ounce ball had penetrated my cheek, passing out at the back of my neck. Another had plowed a furrow in the other side. Then my beautiful steed fell against a tree and died, the victim of three other balls. The man on my right went down, and then the one on my left. I scrambled to a fallen tree and cuddled up to avoid being trampled under foot. The enemy moved up, and I was in their midst, but they had not discovered me. My hat, clothes, and gun were gone, but I had side-arms left which I tried to use. Just then another ball crashed through my shoulder as I lay along. Then I was helpless, with three crimson streams flowing fast; and I thought my time was short. I hid my pistol and money in the forest leaves. A little later a ruffian from my native state, Illinois, discovered me, and said: "Get up, you Reb, or I'll shoot you!" It did no good to tell him I was already in distress. Then seeing my belt and scabbard, he demanded my pistol. And when he got it he made as though he would finish me with my own weapon. Fortunately his captain was at hand, and was a man and not a beast, and when I called for help he gave it readily (may God bless his memory). Tenderly he took me by the hand, and assuring me of his care, sent me halting a little to the rear. So at last I was a prisoner of war, the very thing I dreaded most.

Then the battle grew furious, and a continual stream of mangled bodies came pouring back. The litter bearers met them, in the midst of that awful scene, and carried away the helpless. When they came to me, one said: "Get up and go with us!" The other replied: "Let him alone, it will soon be all day with him." And thus I was left in that whirl-pool of blood.

Then came a cavalry charge, on, on, through the roar of guns, the rattle of balls against the trees, mingled with the cries of men. The storm was on,—dreadful and yet sublime. It swept the earth of men and passed. They spiked the cannons, and stopped their hellish mouths, and then the roar abated some. But the enemy rallied and drove them back; but I was in the rear of friends. While yet the battle raged, they took me up and back, where women wept and tried to comfort me. Then I was hauled away to a hospital. Then an angel woman came and ministered to me. She washed and dried my bloody clothes,—all else was lost.

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That year erysipelas was epidemic, and I had it early, and so far as I could learn was the only one, through all those weeks of pain, to recover from it. Boils and dysentery, and later flux, increased my misfortunes till I passed into a delirium with lucid intervals now and then. At last heaven heard my cry of anguish, and then these two months of a living death began to pass away. Then they told me I was well and could go again. I started back, and on that day I tipped the beam at just fifty-two pounds less than my weight on the battle day.

On my arrival I found the camp on the identical spot where I left it; and then I learned that only three of that fated twenty escaped unhurt. Next day I went out to the battle field and found my money, one hundred

and five dollars. With this and some my father sent, I bought a captured mule and saddle, and again was ready for business.

In November, of the same year, in answer to a requisition from our Legislature, I went to Waxahachie, Texas, to assist in the manufacture of gun powder. On the twenty-ninth of the following April, an explosion occurred and wrecked the mill, and again I alone was left alive. Then father and mother came and took me home where for a long time mother fed me with a spoon as one feeds an infant. At last I recovered from my burns, and returned to the army again, and shortly after was in that continued series of battles along Red River, in Louisiana, known as the "Banks Campaign of 1864." In the final battle, "Yellow Bayou," May 10, I received two other wounds in neck and shoulder, and my rifle was shot to pieces while in my hands. But to give a detailed account of all or even part of what occurred, would extend this sketch beyond all proper limit, suffice it to say that of that once splendid regiment of one thousand one hundred and sixty men, but two hundred were present on this final battle, May 10, 1864, and of that number ninety-six were lost later.

During those weeks of pain in the fateful days of '62, when life hung so long by a slender cord, I realized how weak I was. Then I vowed to the God of mercy that if He would give me a safe return from the war to my father's house, I would henceforth enquire at the door of wisdom to know His will. I need only add I have tried to keep my vow.

D. C. NANCE.

Duncanville, Texas, October 15, 1903.

He is the father of four children named below as twigs :

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Chas. Carlton, 1871, w. Ethel Shuee, Dallas, Texas.		
James Allen, w. Lizzie Carrall ..... De Soto, Texas.	{ Alleen, Eugenia, Wilson.	
Quilla, w. Carey Horne ..... Duncanville, Texas.	{ A. Q.	
Annie Laura, b. Byram P. Morris ..... DeSoto, Texas.	{ Dwight, d. Don.	

#### MARY J. NANCE—BRANCH TWO.

Was born in Illinois, September 25, 1845. She was married to Jas. W. Reagan, July 18, 1865. He was a bugler in the Confederate army, from Connecticut, just prior to the war. Her brother, David, among other complimentary things, speaks of his sister's virtues as follows :

She was a woman of unusual energy. She married in Dallas county, and a little later moved out to Brown county, then a wilderness. Wishing to educate her children, she bought and paid for a good house in the town of Brownwood, from the proceeds of her own labor, and moving to it, sent her children to school, still working to support them. Five of her children became prominent teachers, and a sixth, Lina, is preparing. She was a

member of the Christian church for many years, as was her husband also. During the civil war, she was the main stay in her father's home, doing most of the labor, clothing the family in home-spun. To her the writer, her brother, is due many thanks for the warm clothes which her own hands furnished during those four terrible years of privation. She passed to her reward July 4, 1890. Her husband followed her, July 4, 1899, nine years to the hour.

Nine children came to bless this couple, the youngest dying young. The remaining eight are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Burney, w., a druggist		
Barbara Anderson .....	Ona.	
Big Springs, Texas.	Lucile.	
	Paul.	
	Horace B.	
A. Burton, w., a merchant		
Fannie Montgomery,		
Blanket, Texas.		
Annie, h., farmer		
H. C. Mayner,		
Blanket, Texas.		
Lulu, h., music teacher		
Fletcher Elliott,		
Blanket, Texas.		
William, w., soda water		
manufacturer		
Rhoda Harrell,		
Cisco, Texas.		
Addie, h., farmer		
John R. Atkins,		
Cisco, Texas.		
Bettie, single.		
Lina, single.		

#### GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS NANCE—BRANCH FOUR.

Was born in Cass county, Illinois, June 8, 1849. He removed with his parents to Texas, in 1852, and remained with them on a farm until twenty-four years of age, when, in 1873, he married Miss Vina T. McElroy, of Ellis county, Texas. She was a native of Tennessee, but had come to Texas with her parents, in 1856. They continued to farm until 1883, when he, in co-partnership with his younger brother, C. P. Nance, founded the town of Duncanville, Texas, and opened up a mercantile business. He has been in the mercantile business most of the time until the present. He has also held the office of postmaster two terms; has been notary public for eight years, and justice of the peace for a season. At the present he is a merchant at West Dallas, Texas.

The wife was a Cumberland Presbyterian at the time of their marriage, but soon united with the Church of Christ, of which church the husband had been a member from young manhood. They have been faithful, active members in said communion ever since, he filling most of the time the offices of clerk, deacon, or

elder. At the present he is elder in the Church of Christ at West Dallas. They are the parents of six children, those living are named below as twigs:

Joseph Cary, 1874, is a machinist in the employ of the Buffalo Pitts Machine Company, at Houston, Texas; Frederick Earl, 1881, he is with the Wells Fargo Express Company, Dallas; Charlie Lee, 1883, he is with the same company; Ioma Eka, 1887; Claud S., 1891.

#### ELLEN NANCE—BRANCH FIVE.

Was born April 12, 1852, in Cass county, Illinois. Came with her parents to Dallas county, Texas, the same year. She was married to Geo. W. Bowman, of Missouri, June 27, 1872. They reside at Ample, Texas. They are the parents of six children named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Charles H., w.		
Bobbie Lee Jones.....	} Clarence W. Clara B.	
Iadonia Q.		
William M.		
Mary Elizabeth, h.		
Chas. C. McFarland.....	} Charles Virgil. Jennie Lucile.	
Geo. Louis, twin to above.		
Lula E., h.		
Benj. F. Hart.....	} Grace.	

#### ANN L. NANCE—BRANCH SIX.

Was married to William R. Horne. They reside at Duncanville, Texas. They buried a son, Samuel M., October, 1896. They have one daughter, Carey, who has a son A. Q. They have another son, Homer. This is all the information that has come to me regarding this branch.

#### SARAH C. NANCE—BRANCH SEVEN.

Was married to John Crews. They reside at Clarke, Missouri. No further information has reached me.

#### CHARLES PALMER NANCE—BRANCH NINE.

Was born near DeSoto, Texas, July 10, 1861. He was married to Cordelia P. Garner, near Duncanville, Texas, January 14, 1886. He was educated at Add Ran college, Thorp Springs, Texas. He has been engaged as farmer, painter, merchant, postmaster, railroad agent, notary public, and deputy sheriff. He was United States census enumerator in 1900. He is now the

senior member of the firm of Nance & Co., general merchandise, Duncanville, Texas. This couple are the parents of nine children, named below as twigs:

Leonard,	Wilkie Collins,	Allen Quilla,
Wiunie Davis,	Washington Lee,	George McFall,
Sallie Ellen,	David Woodson,	Katie.

ETTA NANCE—BRANCH ELEVEN.

Was born April 25, 1867, in Dallas county, Texas. She was married to Benj. F. Brandenburg, in 1886. Their home is at Dallas, Texas. They are the parents of eight children, those living are named below as twigs. She is said to be a woman of more than ordinary intelligence.

Olin,	Abie,	Allene,
Etta,	Kittie Marie,	Malta.

PARTHENA W. NANCE—LIMB FIFTEEN.

Was born in Green county, Kentucky, August 13, 1816. She died at Petersburg, Illinois, July 1, 1898, at the age of eighty-one years, ten months and eighteen days. She came to Illinois with her parents in 1832, and settled near Petersburg, which has been her home ever since, sixty-six years. July 28, 1835, she was united in marriage to Samuel Hill. Mr. Hill became one of the most prominent citizens of Menard county, and at one time was the wealthiest citizen. Mr. Hill died forty-one years before his wife was called home, leaving her to bear the burdens and fight the battles of life alone.



MRS. PARTHENA NANCE-HILL  
Limb.

Mrs. Hill was an associate in her early life with Abraham Lincoln, and was the last, but one, of the early settlers in Old

Salem. (Old Salem is but a couple of miles from Petersburg. It was the home of Abraham Lincoln before he located at Springfield, when he was a merchant. It is now a hallowed spot, but as a town or village, it is entirely gone. But one of the old buildings remain, a log cabin, once the home of the great emancipator, now used as a pig sty, and slowly decaying. Be it said to the credit of the citizens, this cabin would be preserved to future generations if they were allowed to do so by the owner.)

Mrs. Hill had a vivid recollection of many interesting incidents in the formative years of the martyr President, and was often appealed to to verify facts in connection with his life in Menard county.

Her relationship with the Presbyterian church, of Petersburg, in which she was an earnest and faithful member for almost sixty years, was of a most important and intimate character. It would be a pleasure to speak of the many excellent and attractive elements of strength and usefulness which crowned her life. By request of silent lips we attempt no eulogy. None indeed is needed. Her faithful life of brave and kind deeds of unselfish and loving thoughts; her strong and symmetrical womanhood; her deep and pure piety; in all her Christ-like character, speak to us louder than words could express the truest eulogy of her life. The above facts are drawn largely from a lengthy obituary published at the time of her death.

She was the mother of two children, a son and a daughter. The latter died at seven, and the son is named below as branch. "Aunt Parthena" is laid to rest beside her husband and daughter in an underground vault in the prettiest and best kept cemetery for its size, the author has ever seen.

#### JOHN HILL—BRANCH ONE.

Civil and mechanical engineer, was born September 6, 1839, at Old Salem, Illinois; completed his education at McKendree college, Lebanon, Illinois. He was actively engaged in the Lincoln-Douglas campaign, supporting Douglas vigorously. He was the editor of a local newspaper in Petersburg, Illinois, and the author of several well known campaign documents. He was a delegate to the Charleston convention in 1860, and at the age of twenty-six, served as a member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly of Illinois. During the civil war Mr. Hill served as a commissioner from the Illinois state government to the Illinois regiments.

In 1872 he moved to Columbus, Georgia, becoming the superintendent of the woolen department of the Eagle & Phoenix Mills. Afterwards he was made engineer for these mills, and remained in this capacity until 1892. He erected the principal buildings of this plant and was widely known throughout the south and east as a mill expert. Mr. Hill was a pioneer in the introduction of advanced cotton mill processes, designing many of the same that have exerted marked influence on the economical manufacture of cotton goods.

He was the inventor of the automatic sprinkler bearing his name, and several other devices pertaining to cotton machinery and fire protective devices. He was the pioneer agent of the Edison company in the south, and his introduction of electric lighting in the Eagle & Phoenix Mills made these mills the first to use electricity for lighting purposes. Mr. Hill formed the Hill Automatic Sprinkler Company, the Neracher & Hill Sprinkler Company, Warren, Ohio, and later combined his interests with the General Fire Extinguisher Company, Providence, Rhode Island. He was engineer of the extensive water power developments at Columbus, Georgia, and elsewhere throughout the south. At the time of his death, January 20, 1898, he was engaged in the development of the power at North Highlands, on the Chattahoochee river.

He married Lula Clara Crawley, at Jacksonville, Illinois. He was the father of four children named below as twigs:

## TWIGS.

## BUDS.

## BLOSSOMS.

John, w.  
Stacy Earnest,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Perry N., w.  
Leta Booker,  
Columbus, Georgia.

Lulu, h.	{	Clara.
John C. Martin.....		John.
Columbus, Georgia.		William.
		Bunn.

Bunn Y., w.  
Lucile Gregory,  
Columbus, Georgia.

Perry Nance Hill, twig above, is the electrical engineer of the Columbus Power Company, Columbus, Georgia.

John Hill, twig above, was born in Columbus, Georgia, on August 16, 1874. He received his early schooling in the public schools of Columbus, spending his afternoons and vacations in machine shops, cotton mills, and draughting rooms. His career has been marked by unremitting activity in preparing himself for



future work. In 1890 he entered the University of Georgia, where he spent two years, taking a scientific course, with special work in civil engineering. Upon the advice of the college authorities, he adopted mill architecture and engineering as a profession and entered Cornell University, Ithica, New York, where he spent three years in special preparation for his work.

Returning from school in 1896, he associated himself with his father in mill engineering. At the death of his father in 1898, he accepted the position of southern representative of the Lowell Machine Shops, of Lowell, Massachusetts. In this capacity Mr. Hill has been engaged in the sale of textile machinery and the designing and engineering of cotton mills since that time. The Lowell Machine Shop is one of the largest concerns engaged in the manufacture of cotton and worsted machinery in the country. As their representative he has splendid offices in the Prudential building, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Hill's territory, in which he manages the sale of textile machinery, includes that south of Baltimore and Indianapolis. Lately he assumed charge of all erection of machinery in his territory, and has an efficient corps of competent assistants. He is very popular in Atlanta and is a prominent secret order man, being a Knight Templar and a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason.

As to the other children or limbs, of Zachariah II., the author has been able to learn very little. Sallie, limb four, married a Mr. Hash. John Hash, her son, is said to be living at Lancaster, Texas, and is eighty-four years of age.

Eaton, limb five, died in Grundy county, Illinois, December 8, 1879. He had one son, Robert, who was drowned at Beardstown, Illinois, 1848 or 9. He also had two daughters, but nothing is known of them.

Carey, limb twelve, died August 25, 1840, and his widow married Joshua Morris, of Cass county, Illinois. He is buried beside his parents in Farmer's Point cemetery.

As Elizabeth Morris (Bingley), the second wife of Zachariah Nance II., had children by her first husband, they being half brothers and sisters of her Nance children, the author has thought best to give a table of this family.

Elizabeth Morris was born in James City county, Virginia, in 1771. She was the daughter of John Morris, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Turner, of same county. She was married to Lewis Bingley, February 28, 1788, in the county of her

birth. Mr. Bingley had served three years in the Revolutionary army. He died October 13, 1799. Their children are named below as limbs.

The mother was said to be a woman of great energy, and to have been very handsome when young, and a beautiful old lady. Her likeness appearing at the head of the family will bear that statement out. She was the mother of twelve children, surviving her second husband about fifteen years, dying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Parthena W. Hill, Petersburg, Illinois, January 11, 1850. She is buried at Farmer's Point cemetery, beside her husband and near her children.

## LIMBS.

## BRANCHES.

## TWIGS.

John M. Bingley, 1788-1836.  
Nathaniel, died young.

Mary, 1793-1840, h.

L. B. Wynne..... } Several children.

Polly, 1817-1843.

Wm. M., 1818, w.

Eliza Pierce.....

James B., 1821.

Nancy.

Elias B.

Lewis B., 1823-1846.

Elizabeth, died young.

Adeline F. (Arnold), 1832.

Ellen W., h.

J. H. Dodds..... { Chas. H. Dodds.

Zachariah N.

Thos. W., 1838, died young

Eliza Jane.

Margaret E.

Caroline W., 1846.

Marion D., 1840.

Thomas B., 1842.

Mary V.

Maria L.

John C.

Ellen L. M.

Eliza A.

Elizabeth, 1797-1840, h.

James Goldsby, 1793-1851.

## CHAPTER II.

## DAVID NANCE.

David Nance, the head of this line, was a soldier in the army of the Revolution, under Washington. He remained two years, when, after the severe winter at Valley Forge, his health was so impaired as to be unfit for service, when his nephew, Zachariah Nance II., voluntarily took his uncle's place and served until the close of the war. When David went home to repair his health, he was murdered, and left his children orphans. They were bound out at the close of the war. (There are some strange things about the murder of this man. I have three accounts from as many sources, all giving different name of the murderer, so not knowing which account is correct, I mention no names.) His brothers and sisters, so far as known, were Zachariah I., William Howe, Frederick, and Patsey (Sneed). (See pages four and five.) His sons as far as known are named as trunks, or heads of the families in tables below. These are traced as distinct families, although known to have a common origin.

Trunk one, Frederick.

Trunk two, Clement.

Trunk three, Robert.

Trunk four, Erasmus.

Trunk five, Giles.

Trunk six, William Howe.

Before proceeding to give these tables, the author presents the following historical review of the family, which will speak for itself:

EXTRACTS FROM HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE  
NANCE FAMILY.

They were of the Albigenes in the South of France at the time of the persecuting crusades against that people. They fled to Wales in Great Britain, and there remained until the persecution there became intolerable. Clement Nance landed at Double Bridges and went to Norfolk. They then emigrated to America, and were of the number that settled Jamestown, in Virginia, the first permanent white settlement in America.

They had ever firmly held to the doctrine, faith, and practice of their ancestors, i. e., the Albigenes faith, and came to America with the hope of

finding a country and home in which they might establish a government fraught with moderation and religious tolerance.

They formed the embryo of the Baptist church that spread throughout the country, from whose church government Thomas Jefferson got his first form of a democratic constitution, which afterwards ripened into the Constitution of the United States.

Several members of the family were George Washington's companions in arms, in each and every engagement, both savage and otherwise. One of them saved his life at Braddock's Defeat. Zachariah Nance stood at his side when he received Cornwallis' sword. (His children and grandchildren now live, April, 1866, in Dallas county, Texas).

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Written from facts gleaned from family traditions and records by James Nance, eldest son of Josiah C. Nance.

Transcribed by Berthenia H. Nance.

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#### MAJOR FREDERICK NANCE—TRUNK ONE

Was, I presume, the first settler at and within the limits of the village of Newberry. He was a native of Amelia county, Virginia. He was born the fifteenth day of August, 1770, and died the tenth of February, 1840. He married Elizabeth Rutherford, the daughter of Colonel Robert Rutherford. Major Nance was the deputy of the first county clerk of Newberry, from May term, 1791, and continued in office until 1807, when he resigned.

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After Major Nance's resignation of the clerkship, he was a candidate for Congress to fill up General Casey's unexpired term. He was defeated by Captain Joe Calhoun, but he received an almost unanimous vote in Newberry. He was elected lieutenant-governor, December, 1808, and qualified with the governor, John Drayton. In 1812, he was elected senator in the State Legislature from Newberry, and served two terms. In 1816 he was appointed the elector of president for the congressional district, and voted for James Monroe, president, and Daniel D. Tompkins, vice-president. Having served for two years as a representative while Major Nance was senator, enables me to say that Newberry never has had a more faithful and useful servant than he was. He was twice married, his first wife I have already named. In 1831, he married Mrs. Theresa Ruff, who survived him. By his first marriage he had eleven children, nine of whom lived to be men and women. By his last marriage he had one daughter.

Major Nance was a useful man. He was a good neighbor, a firm friend, a devoted husband and father. Having known him from my childhood to his death, it is right and proper that I should say he well deserves to be remembered, when Newberry presents her most respectable and worthy citizens.—*Judge Oneal's Annals.*

His children are named in the table below as limbs :

LIMBS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
Robert R., w. Mary Pope.			
Dorothy Brooks, h. Thomas Pratt..... The most prominent merchant in Newberry for many years.	Priestly Pratt. William Pratt. Simeon Pratt. Mrs. Kincaid. Mrs. Shupkins.	C. D. Barksdale, w. Lily Fair.....	Laura A.
	Martha, h. Jno. A. Barksdale.....	J. A. Barksdale, w. Ida Gray..... Lucy, h. Frank Evans..... Wm. James Dray- ton.	John. Billard. Drayton. Marion. Ruth.
Drayton Nance, w. Lucy Williams..... 12 children, 6 of whom reached maturity.	Frances C., h., d. Jas. M. Baxter, d..... Wm. Fred., w. Sarah Calhoun. Jas. Dayton. Laura R., h. R. L. McCaughrin.....	Lucy B., h. Walter H. Hunt. Newberry, S. C. Frances N., h. Jas. H. McIntosh.. Columbia, S. C. Frances. Lucy. James N., Newberry, S. C. Nannie.	James. Baxter. Frances. Martha. Dorothy.
Amelia, h. Robert Dunlap.....	Marie W., h. Wm. J. Fair.....	Robert. Wm. J. Jr., Newberry, S. C. Mary N., Newberry, S. C. Rutherford.	
Frederick, Jr., w. Margaret Williams.....	No living children. Capt. J. K. G. Nance....	Jas. Drayton Nance Newberry, S. C.	
Sarah Nance, h. Robt. Dunlap.....	Sarah, h. Judge W. H. Wallace ... Robert Nance Dunlap.	Mrs. John C. Shep- pard. Edgefield, S. C. Mrs. Victor Gage. Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Jas. Maxwell. Dan'l H. Wallace, Union, S. C.	
2nd h. J. K. Griffin, M.C. 3rd h. Gen. Dan. Wallace	Edwin R. Wallace..... Leila E. Wallace, h. Henry W. Addison..... Augusta, Georgia.	4 sons. Wallace G., w. Alberta Brenner. Augusta, Georgia	
Frances, h. Patrick Calhoun Cald- well.		Laura E., h. Jno. C. Lamar, Augusta, Georgia	
Alfred, w. Elvira Henderson			
Laura, h. Wm. Butler.....	Mrs. Morris, Edgefield, S. C. Mrs. Nicholson. Edgefield, S. C. Waldo Butler.		
Martha N., h. Jno. Calmes, Woodruff, S. C.			

Drayton Nance, limb above, was born at Newberry, South Carolina, in 1800, and spent the whole of his life in his native town. He received his education in Newberry, and was graduated from the South Carolina College in 1821. He read law after his graduation, and upon his admission to the

bar, entered upon the practice of his profession at Newberry. In 1826 he was elected by the Legislature, commissioner of equity for Newberry district. He held the office of commissioner by successive elections until 1838, when he declined to serve any longer.

After leaving the commissioner's office, he retired to private life. He had ample estate, and from the income derived from his plantations and from other sources, was enabled to live in comfort and entertain his friends with old-time southern hospitality. As commissioner in equity he displayed talent and ability of a high order.

Mr. Nance was not an indiscriminate reader. He read chiefly standard, historical and classical authors, and very little light literature. "But there is one book which the study of all other literature will only render more precious, while at the same time it is so surpassing and universal in its range, that all other literature serves only for its foil or its illustration, and in which there is more wisdom than in all other books of the world put together," which he read constantly and thoughtfully. His knowledge of the Bible was surprising, and from that book he drew the inspiration of his life. He loved the Bible for its simplicity, its poetry, its grandeur, and above all for its divine message of redemption to man.

He was married on the third of April, 1827, to Miss Lucy Williams, who died on the seventh day of November, 1847. She was the daughter of Washington and Sarah (Griffin) Williams, of Laurens District, South Carolina. On the eleventh day of February, 1852, he was again married to Mrs. Arianna Livingston, of Florida, who survived him and died in Florida some years ago.

On the eleventh of February, 1832, Mr. Nance united with the Baptist church at Newberry, and in 1854 was elected one of the deacons of that church. This office he continued to fill until his death.—*Reminiscences of Newberry.*

Colonel James D. Nance, branch above, was born at Newberry, South Carolina, on the tenth of October, 1837. From his childhood he was distinguished for his truthfulness and ready obedience to those in authority over him. He received his school education at Newberry, and was graduated from the Citadel Military Academy, of Charleston.

In 1859 Colonel Nance was admitted to the bar, and began the practice of law at Newberry. His prospect for success in his profession were very promising, but his career as a lawyer was cut short by the "war of secession."

In the winter of 1860-61, he was unanimously elected captain of the "Quitman Rifles," an infantry company formed in Newberry, and afterwards incorporated in the Third Regiment South Carolina Volunteers. With his company he repaired to Columbia, South Carolina, in April, 1861, and was mustered into the service of the Confederate states.

At the age of seventeen, Colonel Nance united with the Baptist church, at Newberry, and from that period until his death, amid the peaceful pursuits of his home life as well as the fiery ordeals of his military career, was distinguished for his Christian consistency.

Like his great leader, General Lee, he regarded his duty to God as above every other consideration. A member of his company relates, that

having been ordered to proceed by railway to Columbia, on Sunday, April 12, 1861, Captain Nance, after the company had been drawn up in line and was ready to march to the railway station, said to his men: "While it is our duty to obey our orders to proceed to Columbia, let us not forget that this is the Sabbath day." The same gentleman relates, that the night before the storming of the works on Maryland Heights, while he lay awake, at midnight, his mind filled with deep concern and anxiety as he contemplated the desperate character of the work before them on the morrow, he heard the subdued voice of some one engaged in earnest prayer. After listening intently for some time, he recognized the voice as that of his brave and faithful commander. "The effect of the prayer on myself," said the gentleman, "was to calm and quiet my mind, and I was enabled under its sacred influence to resign myself to sleep." Captain Nance, with his company, was engaged in the first battle of Manassas.

On the sixteenth of May, 1862, upon the reorganization of the third regiment (the time of enlistment of the men having expired), Captain Nance was elected its colonel, a position for which he was eminently fitted.

As colonel he commanded his regiment in the battles of Seven Pines, Savage Station, Malcolin Hill, Maryland Heights, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg (where he was wounded), Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Knoxville, and the Wilderness, where, on the sixth of May, 1864, he was instantly killed. His body was brought home and kept in the Baptist church all night, guarded by furloughed soldiers, and after a funeral discourse by Rev. J. J. Brantly, D. D., the next day, was buried in Rosemont cemetery, where a chaste and fitting monument now mark its last resting place.

I think it was generally admitted that Colonel Nance was, at the time of his death, the foremost young man of Newberry. Although he was only twenty-three years of age when he entered the army, the people had already learned to trust him implicitly. His speeches, both in the court room and before popular assemblies, were fluent, earnest, and effective.

In person Colonel Nance was a handsome man. He was of medium stature, his figure erect and well proportioned, his features regular, and the habitual expression of his face serene and pleasant. In his manners he was courteous and dignified. His general appearance was suggestive of great firmness and resolution. His engaging social qualities, his sound judgment, his transparent honesty, his unselfish patriotism, his high sense of justice, his unflinching courage and devotion to duty, and his excellent Christian example, combined to form one of those thoroughly balanced and admirable characters which appear only at long intervals in the history of a community.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

COLONEL JAMES DRAYTON NANCE, WHO FELL IN THE  
WILDERNESS, MAY 6, 1864.

It seems to me impossible, though oft that dreadful day,  
Came soldiers from along the lines, with tidings of the fray,  
And all agreed that thou hadst fallen, death-smitten in the wood,  
When first the foe was turned and driven, in terror and with blood.

Full well I knew the dangers of that dark, entangled place,  
 For thou and thine were thrust in front, and dashed into the face  
 Of masked battalions hurrying on, elate with victory,  
 O'er lines of men who ne'er before, were known to yield or fly.  
 The yesterday we met those hordes, with our own little band,  
 And broke their heavy ranks, and drove them back on every hand;  
 But now at morn they moved upon us in their full array,  
 And swept the bruised and wearied line, that strove to stop the way.  
 Lee, stern old warrior, stayed the fight, and Hill, of eagle eye—  
 Alas: to small effect, for it seemed, we should but stand to die;  
 Till Longstreet brought his close brigades, of soldiers fresh and brave,  
 And rushed upon the foemen like a stormy ocean wave.  
 The battle joined, the opposing columns met in deadly shock,  
 With shout and shriek and roll of arms, that made the earth to rock;  
 Charging and slaying, till foe fell back on every side,  
 And thou lay'st down in victory's arms, and sank, and smiled, and died.  
 —From *Reminiscences of Newberry*.

Colonel Robert R. Nance, limb above, was born in 1795, graduated from South Carolina college in 1813. He was elected sheriff of Newberry county in 1832. He removed to Alabama in 1835.

Frederick Nance, limb above, graduated in 1821. Became an attorney at law in Newberry.

Sarah Nance, limb above, had for her second husband, General John King Griffin, for many years a member of Congress. Her third husband, General Daniel Wallace, was also a member of Congress from 1848 to 1852. He was the father, by a former marriage, of Judge W. H. Wallace.

Sarah Dunlap, branch above, was married to her step-brother, the Judge Wallace named above. He was a very prominent jurist and politician.

Leila E. Wallace Addison, branch above, whose likeness is shown herewith, is a daughter of Sarah Nance and General Daniel Wallace, limbs above. She is therefore half sister of Sarah Dunlap Wallace, branch. She is also step-sister to Judge W. H. Wallace, branch.

Patrick Calhoun Caldwell who married Frances Nance, limb above, was a prominent and distinguished lawyer of Newberry, for many years. He was cousin of the illustrious statesman, John Caldwell Calhoun.

Lucy Baxter Hunt, twig above, is the wife of W. B. Hunt, an attorney of Newberry. Her father, Jas. M. Baxter, was also an attorney of prominence, who left the law for the army, taking the side of the south, and becoming a major and later lieutenant-colonel.



## CLEMENT NANCE—TRUNK TWO.

With his brothers, came from Amelia county, Virginia, the place of their birth, to Newberry, South Carolina, soon after the close of the Revolution. He lived, died, and was buried here. He left one son, Frederick, of whom the author knows nothing. On February 17, 1812, Clement Nance, of Newberry, South



MRS. LEILA E. WALLACE  
Branch.

Carolina, sold one hundred acres of land to Wm. Wilson, of Pittsylvania county, Virginia, the land being in said county and in the Nance settlement on Cascade and Sugar creeks.

## ROBERT NANCE—TRUNK THREE.

Lived, died, and was buried at Newberry, South Carolina. He left no issue.

## ERASMUS NANCE—TRUNK FOUR.

Spent his days at Newberry. Nothing more is known of him.

## GILES NANCE—TRUNK FIVE.

Remained in Amelia county, Virginia, the county of the birth of the members of the family, at least until October 19, 1787, for on that day he deeded three hundred acres to John Jones, being of Amelia county at the time. He deeded nearly six hundred acres in 1796, being then a citizen of Nottaway county. He deeded other lands in same vicinity in 1802 and 1809, being on these dates a citizen of Wake county, North Carolina. He had procured one thousand five hundred and seventy-four acres of land by patent, from the government, December 1, 1779, also located on Cascade and Sugar creeks.

## WILLIAM HOWE NANCE—TRUNK SIX.

Is supposed to have been named for his supposed uncle of the same name, the supposed father of Clement Nance, the head of Part I. He was the youngest of his father's children, and was bound to a cruel man, at the close of the Revolution, and at the age of fifteen years, swam the Roanoke river in mid-winter and made his escape to Pittsylvania county, Virginia. At the age of eighteen he married Elizabeth Venable Morton, and some years later they removed to Davidson county, Tennessee. The sketch of "Rural Vale" Homestead below will continue the history of this family:

## SKETCH OF "RURAL VALE" HOMESTEAD.

BY BETHENIA H. NANCE.

About the year 1806-7, there came out from Pittsylvania county, Virginia, to the fertile basin of middle Tennessee, a young man with his wife and two small children, a girl and a boy. They came full of hope and enterprise to this wonderfully fertile land; came, as hundreds of people from Virginia and North Carolina came, expecting to meet with privations and hardships, yet with spirit and hope, bent upon sharing the perils and glories of the then new west. They came to "Headwaters of Indian Creek," and lodged for a brief time in a settler's cabin, luckily found vacant in the vicinity, until possession could be obtained of the home which they had purchased.

This home, on which was a rude log house of a single room, they romantically named "Rural Vale." Soon the first house was moved to the east side of the yard for a cooking kitchen and a neat log room of a story and a half was erected in its place. From best information, this was built about 1809-10. This formed the nucleus of the residence, of William Howe Nance and his wife, Elizabeth Venable Morton. This growing family soon

took first rank in all the country side, the father becoming, by act of the State Legislature, a justice of the peace for Davidson county, Tennessee, which prominent position he filled for twenty years prior to his death. It is stated by his brother officers that there was never an appeal taken from any judgment of his.

When these sterling Virginia-bred people came from their home beyond the Blue Ridge, they brought along the faith of the fathers, and in 1812 they aided in forming the Primitive Baptist church, at Concord, three miles away on the waters of Mill Creek. The associations thus founded wielded a wide influence, the whilom justice of the peace becoming also the pulpit exhorter.

His children were schooled early in the habits of self-reliance and accumulation. So noticeably is this true that it has been said that, "Where



"RURAL VALE."

ever you see a Nance, he either has *something*, or he is at work *to get something*."

When the eldest son, Josiah, was twenty-five years old, he married his cousin, Bethenia Harden Sneed, whose father's mother was Patsy Nance, sister to David Nance, this making William Howe Nance and James Sneed own cousins. When Josiah married in December, 1829, his father gave him fifty acres, more or less, of the southeast corner of his land, on which he settled and raised his family of twelve children and fifteen negroes.

On October 5, 1837, William Howe Nance died, aged fifty-eight years, leaving his wife and children in possession of "Rural Vale." The wife, having the assistance and counsel of her eldest son, who was ever standing in the elder brother's place, remained at her home, where her useful busy life had been such a benison and blessing to the suffering around her, until

her health failed. The rush of events and the ever-growing prospects of her family brought rapid changes to the old home.

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The fine flowers and medical plants of the garden are things only of memory, the beautiful white balled aspens, underneath which the genial squire held his rural court, are hacked, broken, and ragged, what few remain. The orchard is decayed and dead, the shrubbery that witnessed the love scenes of the bonny maidens, is no more, the sugar trees in the meadow have been destroyed for years. How heart-hungry was one, the youngest brother, Frederick, far away in his western field of ministerial labor, for just one more hour beneath their grateful shade.

A volume could be written of the biographies of those who made up the prosperous household of "Rural Vale."

The grave yard on the hill lies in peace as the seasons come and go. The turf is rarely broken now, the stones stand silent witnesses to the lapse of time and the tender memories of the living. The slab above the parents lying side by side bears this, cut deep in the stone yet filling with gray moss:

"Depart my friends and dry up your tears,  
For we must lie here until Christ appears."

The children are named in the table below as limbs:

LIMBS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.
Mary A. Nance, h. A. Bush.....	{ Several children.	
	Elizabeth M., h., d. Eld. Wm. B. Owen, d.....	{ Joshua W., d. Rugenia S., d.
	James, w., 1810-1885 Celia R. Allen.....	{ Bethenia M. James C. Bettie Mullin. Josiah C.
	Martha H., h. Jas. B. Sneed..... Antioch, Tennessee.	{ Pattie. Bethenia P. Susie V.
Josiah C. Nance, w. Bethenia H. Sneed.....	Virginia, h. Wm. J. Covington.....	{ Edna M. Della H. Josiah W. Sallie V. Morton. Constantine.
	William, killed at Perry- ville. Constantine. Josiah W., killed at Bell's Landing, 1864. Nicholas C., died young. Mary, died 1882. Bethenia H., Murfreesboro, Tenn. Sue M. Sallie P.	
Samuel, died young. James, died young.	Lucile S., h. B. F. Woodward .....	{ 9 children.
	Narsissa, h. —— Saltsman .....	
Clement W., w. Ann Avant .....	Ann, h. D. Smith .....	{ 7 children. 8 children.

## WILLIAM HOWE NANCE—Continued.

STEMS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.
Clement W., w. Ann Avant .....	<div> <div>Montgomery B. ....</div> <div>Mary, h. Spillars Hall .....</div> </div>	<div> <div>Annie. Maud Bell. Maggie. Benjamin. Milton.</div> <div>7 children.</div> </div>
William L. Nance, wives Martha Wilson .....	<div> <div>Susan M., h. A. J. Hamilton.</div> <div>William.</div> </div>	
Martha Castelman. Martha Pickard.	<div> <div>Maggie J., h. J. Y. Cooper. ....</div> <div>Fannie John, killed with Gen. Price.</div> </div>	<div> <div>Several children.</div> </div>
Frederick W. Nance, wives Margaret Shacklit .....	<div> <div>Frederick W., w. Mary Rudolph. Pomona, California.</div> <div>Margaret A., h. Owen, In Illinois.</div> </div>	
Ediz. Whitsett.	<div> <div>Benj. Franklin. Fresno, California. George and Charles, twins Ranchmen.</div> <div>James, "Little Jim," with Fannie.</div> </div>	
Martha, h. Philip Malory .....	<div> <div>6 children.</div> </div>	
Susan Massey, h. Isaac Paul .....	<div> <div>Martha E., h. Ira P. Jones .....</div> <div>5 other children.</div> </div>	<div> <div>A. Tilman Jones.</div> <div>Ira P. Jones, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee.</div> </div>
Elizabeth, h. Sam'l Kimbro .....	<div> <div>11 children.</div> </div>	
Sicily, h. James Murrell .....	<div> <div>4 children.</div> </div>	
America Lucinda, h. J. J. S. Billings .....	<div> <div>5 children.</div> </div>	
Antoinette, M., h. Gen. Jas. Matlock .....	<div> <div>2 children, d.</div> </div>	

Elder Josiah Crenshaw Nance was born in Virginia, in February, 1804; died in exile, banished by the cruel, unnecessary order of the federal authorities, November 1, 1865. A loyal son, in his youth the stay of his parents; elected captain of state militia; married his cousin, Bethenia H. Sneed, granddaughter of Patsey Nance Sneed, December 1, 1829. He was ordained a minister in the Primitive Baptist church in 1830, and served his church for thirty-five years. He was imprisoned by order of Andrew Johnson, in 1862-3. Faithful unto the end in all things. "When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall we also appear with him in glory."

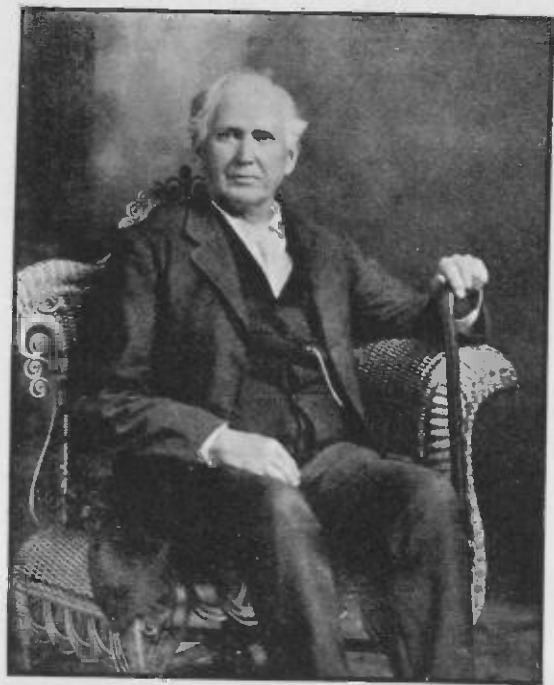
Elizabeth Morton Nance, branch, was born in Davidson county, Tennessee, December 30, 1832. She died at her home, May 12,

1900, aged sixty-seven years. Elder William Branch Owen was born in Halifax county, Virginia, June 29, 1825. They were married March 8, 1860, and at once took up their home near Walter Hill, a suburb of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where they continued to reside during a long life. For many years Mr. Owen was a prominent minister in the Primitive Baptist church.



MRS. JOSIAH C. NANCE. ELDER JOSIAH C. NANCE.

This marriage was blessed with two children, a son and a daughter. As these dear children reached the ages respectively of sixteen and fourteen years, and while away at school, they were both stricken down by death, and a happy household was made desolate. They died, one on the fourteenth and the other on the fifteenth of April, 1883, and together were laid to rest in the cold, cold ground.



ELDER WM. B. OWEN.



BETTIE NANCE-OWEN.

Mrs. Owen was of a kind, gentle, and quiet disposition. Born in a Christian home and nurtured under sweet Christian influences, she developed a decided Christian character. She was a devoted wife, a fond mother, an affectionate sister, and a kind and obliging neighbor. She was a woman of force and character who always did what she thought was right.

She died in the full triumphant faith in Christian religion.

"Only the actions of the just  
Smell sweet and blossom in the dust!"

Elder Owen survived his wife something over two years, dying September 22, 1902. He was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the county.

William Nance, branch, was born April 3, 1834; killed at Perryville, Kentucky, October, 1862.

Josiah W. Nance, branch, was born December 11, 1837. Was captain of scouts in General Forest's command, in 1862, 3 and 4. He was betrayed while bearing important papers, and shot to death by the Union forces, June 10, 1864. The following letter speaks of the brothers above:



JOSHUA W. AND EUGENIA S. OWEN  
Twigs.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, July 31, 1903.

Miss BETHENIA H. NANCE, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Dear Miss Nance: I received your letter of July date, asking of me a sketch of your two brothers, William Nance and Josiah W. Nance, two young men who were members of my original company I of the 2nd Tennessee infantry regiment of the Confederate states army. My first recollection of seeing your two brothers was when they came to Nashville from





WILLIAM NANCE  
Branch.



JOSIAH W. NANCE  
Branch.

Murfreesboro about the first of May, 1861, and enlisted in my old company when we were encamped in the fair grounds at Nashville, just before leaving for Virginia. They were attractive, gainly looking young men. While under my immediate command, which was for the first year of the war and until after the battle of Shiloh, they were model soldiers. Intelligent, courageous, of good habits, and always ready and willing for duty. They were upright, moral, and discreet young men. They were generally found together in and out of camps. I never knew two more devoted brothers. They were so sedate and dignified that the boys in the company, by way of distinction and in pleasantry, called William "the doctor," and J. W. "the judge." They were under me during the fighting at Acquia Creek and the battles of Bull Run and Shiloh. I was then separated from my old regiment



MISS BETHENIA H. NANCE

Branch.

until it became a part of my division late in the war. Meanwhile, William Nance was killed in the battle of Perryville. After his death J. W. Nance was transferred to cavalry (I do not know to what immediate command), and was killed in battle, June 10, 1864, under Forest. As patriots these two brothers became soldiers in defense of their country,—as soldiers they died in defense of their country, and are to-day numbered among the martyrs who gave up their lives in defense of the just and righteous cause of our southland.

Very respectfully and truly yours,

WM. B. BATE.

Bethenia H. Nance, author, poet, and educator, was born in Davidson county, Tennessee, and has spent most of her life in the same county. As a teacher she spent years in Fulton, Kentucky, and also in Hamburg, Mississippi, and other places.

Some years since her brother-in-law, Elder Wm. B. Owen, who, with his family appears above, died intestate, leaving her by will, a fine country seat near Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Here she is spending her days in comparative affluence.

Cousin Bethenia has been an inspiration to the author, showing much love for the family and name as is seldom found. She became acquainted with our family by meeting Mrs. Governor Nance on an overland train from California, some years since. She has been quite a favorite among our people who have had the pleasure of meeting her. The author here expresses the hope that our lines may verge some day.

The reader is indebted to cousin for "Rural Vale" and all that is connected therewith.

## CHAPTER III.

## WILLIAM NANCE.

Nothing is known of the ancestry of this William, except that an old grandmother in the family was under the impression that his father was Richard Nance. This, however, is uncertain. Richard Nance, head of Chapter IV., had a son, William, but the name Reuben does not appear among his seven sons.

This particular William had several sons, and the names remembered being Clement, John, and Reuben. Nothing is known of Clement or John. Clement may be the head of Part I. The author is inclined to believe he is. First, because they each had William for father. Second, because they came from same part of Virginia; Clement, of Part I., living in the extreme southwest part of Pittsylvania county, and Reuben coming from Henry county, adjoining Pittsylvania on the west. Third, from the striking resemblance of the two families to the present day. Fourth, from dates. Clement, of Part I., had children born as early as 1776, and Reuben had one, not his first, born about 1780. Thus their father or fathers were born not far from 1730. John may be the head of Chapter V.

Reuben Nance, the remaining son, and trunk of the family below, lived in Patrick and Henry counties, Virginia. In October, 1779, he was made second lieutenant of Captain Brice Martin's company, from Henry county, and he resided in Henry county in 1782. He was a neighbor and intimate friend of Patrick Henry. Upon his return from the convention for the adoption of the Federal Constitution, Patrick Henry said to Mr. Nance, that it, the Constitution, would prove a road of sand.

His first wife was <sup>Ann</sup>Anna Williams, who bore him fourteen children. The second wife was Nancy Brown, and she was the mother of thirteen children, thus rounding out twenty-seven children for Reuben, and giving him the blue ribbon for the largest family of the name as far as the author has ever heard.

The entire twenty-seven are said to have been reared, and most of them married, but only the names of eleven have come to the author. O, that we might have the other sixteen.

Nearly all emigrated to Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and Alabama, in their wilderness state, having to meet and deal with the savages.

This is one of the most interesting families the author has studied, because of the possibilities above, and its complications below.

Peyton Skipper Nance, limb, and one of the twenty-seven, married his first cousin, Miss Eleanor Nance Simms. Their daughter, Mary Anne, married Spottswood A. Nance, twig in the Richard Nance family, Chapter IV. (There is no evidence but the name that they were of kin.) Then their son, Spottswood A., junior, married his first cousin on his father's side, Miss Iantha A. Nance. And further, Miss Eleanor Nance Simms is said to have had two sisters who married two brothers of the said Peyton Skipper Nance.

Nothing is known of the family of these Simms sisters. Their mother must have been a sister of Reuben. This opens up other possibilities. What a field for a genealogist with time and money.

Very little is known of the relative ages of these twenty-seven children. Joseph was of the older set. John was his full brother. Stephen was of the younger and a half-brother. All else is conjecture, or guess. The known names of the twenty-seven are given below as limbs:

Joseph,	William,	Clement,	Bird,
Isham,	John,	Edmond,	Lessenby,
Peyton Skipper,	Reuben,	Stephen.	

Joseph, limb. Dr. A. L. Nance, Gainesville, Georgia, writes of him:

I recollect two of my grandfather's brothers, both from Tennessee, visiting him at the same time. Uncle Joseph was the older, a brother, and Uncle Stephen the younger one, a Baptist minister, a half-brother.

William Nance, limb. His descendants below know very little about him, except that his father was named Reuben, and that he came to Tennessee from Virginia or North Carolina, settling in Henry county. They remember his having one brother named Bird, or Captain Bird, and another named Reuben. He was the father of six children named below as branches:

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Martin Nance, w. Eliz. Chisenhall. Lived in Illinois; died in Tennessee.	Mary, h. Chas. McClosky, .....	{ Hattie. Frank.	
	Elmira Frances, h. John McDole, .....	{ Elizabeth. Thos. J.	
	Jas. Lafayette, w. Rebecca Townley, .....	{ Herbert.	
	Thos. Jefferson, killed at Chickamunga.		
	Wm. Joseph, Taylorville, Illinois. Never married.		
	John Henry, Windsor, Illinois. Never married.		
	Eld. Andrew Jackson, 1846, w.	{ Cordelia Alice, h. d. 1900 B. F. Bryant, .....	{ Paul. Glendale. Eva Irine.
	Sarah Alice Tolen, .....	{ Dora Belle, h. Ed. Y. Puckett, ....	{ Clifford M.
		{ Mary Rosella, h. Emmett Wacaser.	
		{ Wilford Oscar, w. Ethyl Birch.	
Patrick, of whom nothing is known.	Winfield Scott, died at 21	{ Violet Sylva.	
	Wm. Henry Nance, .... Talladega, Alabama.	{ No issue.	
		{ Wm. H. Nance, w. Louise G. Rodgers.	{ James R. Nance, McComb, Miss.
		{ J. J. Nance.	{ [William E. Nance, a son of James R.]
	Jas. W. Nance, w. — Hunt, .....	{ Jas. W., Jr., w. Laura Rodgers.	
		{ Jonathan, w. Eugene Rodgers, Helena, Ark.	
		{ Turner H., Talladega, Ala.	
		{ Ruth Nance.	
		{ Lewis J.	
		{ Rev. Walter B., China.	
Joseph Nance.	Martha J., h. Dr. T. G. Black, .....	{ Edward. Joseph. Mary.	
	Clayton, Illinois.	{ Briggs. Hattie. Wells.	
	Andrew Jackson, .....	{ Finis K. John J.	
	Tabitha J., h. — Wadley, .....	{ Sam'l B. Ethel A. Marq.	
	Nashville, Tennessee.	{ Julia.	
	Thos. Jefferson, .....	{ Belle. Hall. Jennie.	
	Mary, h. — Spear, .....	{ Alexander Camp- bell. Henry Clay, Topeka, Kan.	
		{ Mary Phoebe, h. — McGinley, Topeka, Kan.	
	Sam'l Joseph, .....	{ Albert.	
	Robertson Fork, Tenn.	{ Lulu.	

## WILLIAM NANCE—Continued.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Reuben Nance.....	Jefferson Amzi, w., 1823 Matilda Abernathy..... Excelsior Springs, Missouri.	Thos. J..... Lawson, Mo.	Eva.
Henry, nothing known. Talboth, nothing known		John B. Wilkins B. Mary (Duncan). Martha (Wright).	

The above family are badly scattered, being found in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas. One is in China, a missionary of the Cross. From what the author knows of them, they are a superior family, devoted to their kindred, and above all, to their God, and the church of which they are members. As far as known they are members of the Christian church. He has had much correspondence with J. A. Nance, twig above, of Excelsior Springs, Missouri. He saw my name in one of our church papers, and wrote asking if I were a son of his uncle, Martin, who had removed from Tennessee to Illinois at an early day, and had been lost to his family. About the same time, the author saw the name of Elder A. J. Nance, twig above, in one of our church papers. He wrote to him, and to his surprise he said his father was Martin Nance; that his father left his kin in Tennessee at an early day and came to Illinois. Thus he was enabled to discover and restore first cousins. This is one of several similar instances that has come to the author. These cousins have become fast friends. The above cousins, and Samuel Joseph, a cousin to each, all so much resemble our family that they will be taken for a Nance wherever found.

Elder A. J. Nance, twig above, and whose likeness appears herewith, and who is mentioned in the sketch below, is a personal and valued friend of the author. It is a great pleasure to me and my family to entertain him. Anyone would know he was a Nance, by his looks and by his conversation. We are frequently taken for brothers. Claud F. Witty, editor of the *Christian Helper*, Marshalltown, Iowa, has sent the following tribute, which is much better than could have been prepared by the author from the meager material on hand:

Elder A. J. Nance was born June 19, 1846, in Shelby county, Illinois, where he grew to manhood. His boyhood days were spent on a farm, where in close communion with nature, he developed not only a strong, healthy body and a stronger mind, but a very strong character, which is, no doubt, the index to the great success he has had in his chosen field of labor, namely the Christian ministry. He having begun to preach soon after obeying the

Savior in early life. A careful study of God's word convinced him that Alexander Campbell and the pioneers were right when they adopted the motto, "Speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent." But his strong reasoning powers combined with his supreme rev-



ELDER A. J. NANCE  
Twig.

erence for God and his word, have shielded him from the follies of many others who have adopted the same motto. For a number of years Mr. Nance has occupied a prominent position on the staff of the *Octographic Review*, published at Indianapolis, Indiana. He has baptized more than



four thousand people with his own hands, and has traveled from Ohio on the east to the Great Salt Lake on the west. Elder Nance is a deep thinker, a clear, profound, and logical reasoner; has the courage of his convictions; is generous in all matters of opinion, but very exacting in matters of faith; always sees the bright side of things, and is one of the most entertaining men it has been our good fortune to meet.

Jefferson Amzi Nance, twig above, was born in Tennessee, November, 1823. He was married in 1846, and moved to Missouri in 1854, where he has resided ever since, farming, until too old for active work. He is now retired, quite feeble, and nearly eighty-one. He was elder in the Christian church for many years. His son, Thos. J., has been elder in same church for many years.

Clement, limb. Nothing is known of him.

Bird, or Captain Bird, limb, an old gentleman, died in Richmond, Missouri, some years since, aged about ninety. He was too old to write or to remember much distinctly, when the author first learned of him. Jefferson Amzi Nance, twig of the table above, of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, used to visit him, and they claimed kinship, but could not be certain. Now it is certain. Captain Bird said there were twenty-one boys and seven girls in the twenty-eight.

Isham Nance, limb. Nothing is known of him.

John Nance, limb. His wife was Christiana Ryan. He was the father of nine children, named below as branches. He was a son of the first wife of his father. He died during the civil war, at the age of eighty-four, and therefore must have been born about 1780. (This is the only date giving indication what time of the world's history these twenty-seven lived). Dr. A. L. Nance, Gainesville, Georgia, has given me all I have as to this, his grandfather. Georgia has ever been their home.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Reuben.....	{ Joseph. Patrick.	{ Wesley B. w. Eva Hughes.....	{ Almon L. Jr.
	{ Dr. Almon L. Nance, w. Mary M. Camp..... Gainesville, Georgia.	{ Alice C. h. E. H. Pfeffer.....	{ Fredric D.
John Wesley, w. Susan Lampkin.....		{ Marvln. on the lecture platform.	
Madison, died during the civil war.	{ Alice A. C., h. Rev. A. W. Williams.... (M. E. S.)	{ Maude, h. Trotter, Chattanooga, Tennessee.	
Susan. Nancy. Sarah. Nicy. Elizabeth. Mary.			

Dr. Almon Lewis Nance, twig above, was born in Jackson county, Georgia, October 17, 1841. He entered the State University, at Athens, Georgia, in 1858, where he remained until the beginning of the civil war, completing the Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior courses. At the first call, he, with two-thirds of his class, enlisted in the first company that left Athens, April, 1861. He remained to the close of the war, surrendering at Appomatox, in 1865. Space forbids the mentioning of many interesting events in this four years of strife, but I must mention one instance which shows what material the doctor is made of. Once, on the march along side of General Longstreet, the general said to the doctor: "That which you and your fourteen comrades did at Crampton Gap, or South Mountain, virtually saved the Virginia army from annihilation."

At the close of the war, Mr. Nance chose medicine as a profession, and graduated at the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, in 1868. He has stood at the head of the profession in Georgia as a general practitioner, but for the last few years has devoted almost all his time to rectal troubles or diseases, enjoying a reputation in the south not equalled by any other in this line of practice.

In 1894 he was elected secretary of state as a reformer. He is considered one of the ablest men in the state on the financial questions of the day. The doctor has promised pictures of his grandfather, father, himself, his son, and his grandson for this work but they have not arrived.

Wesley Berryman Nance, bud, the son, like his father and grandfather, is a great philanthropist, noted for his goodness, being loved by both rich and poor.

Edmond, limb. Nothing is known of him.

Lessenby, limb. Nothing is known of him.

Peyton Skipper Nance, limb. He married his first cousin, Miss Eleanor Nance Simms. He was a prominent Primitive Baptist minister. His seven children are named below as branches:

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
Caroline, h. W. W. Worrel.		Mary, h. C. A. Malony. Dallas, Texas.
Martha, h. D. Kagan.	Spotswood A., Jr., w. Lantha A. Nance ..... Dallas, Texas.	Virgie A., h. C. H. Garrison, Rhyau, Indian Territo'y
		Margaret, h. J. P. Dixon. Enid, Oklahoma.
		Nicholas E., 1881. Spotswood B., 1887.
	2d w. Lucy A. Patton.	John Albert, 1902.
Mary Anne, h. Spotswood A. Nance.	John Peyton, w. Margaret Trice ..... Big Rock, Tennessee.	Mary E. Minnie O., h. N. Duncan.
		Spotswood B., w. Kate Rodgers.
	Mary Augusta, h. H. C. Richards ..... Hopkinsville, Kentucky	Haywood C. Molly.
	Oney L., h. J. J. Mabry .....	6 children, Bardwell, Kentucky.
Oney, h. Joe Ledford.	Emma Forest, h. W. T. Ledford .....	7 children, Paducah, Kentucky.
Reuben.		
Peyton Walker .....	Mollie Earle. Madisonville, Kentucky	
Dr. Jephth Greenberry, Gracey, Kentucky.		

Reuben, limb. Nothing is known of him.

Stephen, limb. He is one of the younger set and a Baptist minister.

*Reuben*, limb, one of the twenty-seven, but his name is forgotten. He married a Miss Ingram. Their seven children are given below as branches:

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
	William, w. Eliza Craven ..... Savannah, Missouri.	Allie, h. J. W. Gibson. Des Moines, Iowa.
Thomas, 1822, w. Elizabeth Shackelford .....	2d w. Miss E. Stevenson.	Arthur G. Loraine.
		Pauline, h. W. Madgett. Hastings, Nebraska.
John. Clement. Jackson. Bird. Elizabeth. Sallie.	Frank, w. Jennie E. Morris ..... Savannah, Missouri.	Elizabeth E., h. J. I. Warner. St. Joe, Missouri.
		Sydney G. Lawrence F. Helen M.

Frank, twig above, has given me all I know of this family. He is a banker at Savannah, Missouri, being president of the Exchange Bank. He began life as a station agent for the Kan-

sas City and St. Joseph, and Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railways. He was a grocer twenty years, then took to banking.

William, twig above, has been agent for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad at Savannah, Missouri, for forty years. His son, Arthur, bud, is assistant agent.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
Fred Nance..... } Father not known, but one of the 27.	James.....	{ John. Robert. James. Engineers W. A. R. R. Atlanta, Georgia.
Fleming Nance..... } Father not known, but one of the 27.	{ Harvey..... William. Monroe.....	{ Edward Nance. Evansville, Indiana, LAWER, H. Rhodes Hill, Atlanta, Georgia.

## CHAPTER IV.

## RICHARD NANCE—TRUNK.

Was born (perhaps), about 1714; his wife was Mary. He no doubt went from Dinwiddle, to Bedford county, Virginia, as his sons, Nathaniel and Thomas came from that county. He probably spent his declining years with his son, Thomas, as the Bedford records show that on March 27, 1780, he deeded eight (8) negroes and all other real and personal property to his son, Thomas.

The children of Richard and Mary Nance, were Elizabeth, who married William Jones, and had one child, Mary Jones, who married John Bates, November 10, 1774. She was born September 25, 1749, and was left to the care of her grandparents, Richard and Mary Nance.

Richard and Mary Nance were also the parents of three sons, William, Nathaniel, and Thomas.

Nothing further is known as to the family of Elizabeth Nance and William Jones.

Nathaniel was a planter in Dinwiddle county, and appears to have remained there. Nothing is known as to his posterity.

The other two children are given as limbs, or heads of the tables below.

## WILLIAM NANCE—LIMB TWO.

Was twice married. His first wife was a Hawkins. She bore him two sons, Hawkins and Mourning, and three daughters. Nothing is known as to any of these five branches.

His second wife was Mary Thorpe Hoad, widow, whom he married in 1784. They were the parents of six children, branches. Thomas, Joel, Paschal, Mary M. (Ryan), and Elizabeth (Boock), it is said settled in Kentucky, near Roaring Springs, Triggs county. Paschal never married. Thomas and Joel each reared a large family, it is said. Mary had no children. Nothing is known as to the family of Elizabeth.

John is the remaining son, or branch. He remained in Bedford county, Virginia, caring for his mother in her old age. He was born in 1790 and died in 1846. His wife was Martha Estes. They were first cousins, their mothers being sisters. They were the parents of fifteen children, those growing up are named below as twigs:

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
		Russell C., w. Martha Wells, .... Clarksville, Mo.	{ James W. Frances P.
		Lulu Preston, P. Mary Leighton.	
	{ Wm. P., w. Sarah P. Cheatwood .... Boonsboro, Virginia.	Lillian Vernon, B. h. Wm. Macafee Guy Paynesville, Mo.	{ Isaac S. P.
		Julia Reese H.	
		Florence R. T., h. Oscar DeMott, .... Washington, D.C.	{ May Amo- nette.
Thaddeus C., w. Sallie Johnson, .....	Thos. W., w. Mrs. Phelps, .....	{ Several children.	
	Elisha, w. Miss Hancock, .....	{ Several children.	
	Sarah. McHenry, 1852. w. Mildred M. Peters, .... Davis Mills, Virginia.	{ Thaddeus H. George R. Susan C. Hubert A. Henry E. Oscar L.	
		Mary, h. C. A. Malony, Dallas, Texas.	
	Spotswood A., Jr., w. Lantha A. Nance, .... Dallas, Texas.	Virgie A., h. C. H. Garrison, Rhyon, I. T.	
Spotswood A., w. Mary Anne Nance, .... (See page 310 for this family in full.)		Margaret, h. J. P. Dixon, Enid, Oklahoma.	
		Nicholas E., 1881. Spotswood B., 1887.	
	2d w. Lucy A. Patton, ...	{ John Albert, 1902.	
	Four families.		
Celia (Burnett), .....	{ 15 children.		
Mary (Wade), .....	{ 11 children.		
Lucinda (Wade), .....	{ 8 children.		
	Mary. Elizabeth. George, Roaring Springs, Ky		
Edwin, w. — Snow, .....	{ Alexander. Kate. Belle. Black. Triplett.		

## WILLIAM NANCE—Continued.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.	FRUIT.
Albert. w. — Whitten	{ Alice. John. Mary. Elizabeth. Abner. Bunker Hill, Virginia. Albert.		
Eliza (Wade)	{ Emma.		
Benj. Estes, w., 1830-1902	{ Margaret Estes, h. — Jordan	{ 5 children.	
Elizabeth Tinsley	{ Franklin, Mo.		
	{ Laura, h. P. H. Burton	{ Leslie P. Benj. N. Prewitt B. Reginald. Wayne. Russell. Estherline.	
Martha, h. — Wright	{ Franklin, Missouri		
Emma (Wright), Stewartville, Mo.	{ Rosseau. Gordon.		
Thorpe Hoard, w. — McCahe	{ Iantha Adelia, h. S. A. Nance. (See above for family.)		
	{ Mackie. Waller. Albon.		
2d w. Pots	{ Kate. Benjamin. Lillian.	{ Gypsy. Grady. Lucie. Willie. John. Wilber. Cleon. Kate. Richard.	
	{ Albert W., w. — Cressey		
John F., w., 1840 — Peters. Davis Mills, Virginia.	{ Wilber A., w. — Stanhagen	{ Elkins W., Va. William James.	
	{ Mary F., h. — Leftwich		
	{ Robert E., single. Sarah E., single.		

The Burnett family, above, moved to Gentry and De Kalb counties, Missouri, in 1868. The Wrights went to Gentry county in 1857.

Benjamin Estes Nance, twig above, was born in Bedford county, Virginia, February 17, 1830. He died at his home, Wheatland Farm, near New Franklin, Howard county, Missouri, May 22, 1902. He was ninth in a family of fifteen children. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Tinsley, in his native state, in 1846. Of this union there were seven children, all but two dying in early life. These two are named above as buds.

He came to Missouri in 1856, and settled on the farm where he spent most of his life, and where he passed away. He was a farmer and stock man all his life. He organized the Bank of New Franklin, and was its president a long series of years. His success as a business man was marked. He accumulated wealth

rapidly. Endowed as he was with wonderful physical endurance, and a constitution of iron, and with all a will of indomitable cast, everything about him had to move, or get out of the way of the movement which he created and directed.

He was a missionary Baptist from early life until 1889, when he united with the Methodist church. His home was the itinerant minister's abode. His generous hospitality was of the Virginia type. He left a large estate to his two daughters.

The above facts are gleaned largely from a lengthy obituary published in a local paper at the time of his death.

Wm. P. Nance, bud above, was born at Davis Mills, Virginia. He was educated for medicine, but the civil war coming on just before finishing his studies, he went into the war under "Stonewall" Jackson. He received two wounds during the conflict. He did not return to his studies at the close of the war, but turned his attention to farming and fruit growing. He was married to Sarah Porter Cheat-



JOHN F. NANCE  
Twig.

wood, February 9, 1870. He is the father of six children named above as blossoms. Being highly educated himself, he took great care that his children should be thorough in their studies. He always taught them at night and never allowed them to retire until the lessons for the next day were prepared.

John F. Nance, twig above, was born in Bedford county, Virginia, in 1840. His whole life has been spent in his native county. His postoffice is Davis Mills. He has been a valuable



assistant in preparing matter relating to this family. He thinks that there are over one hundred thousand living descendants of our immigrating father, Clement, or whoever he may have been, while if the dead were counted, the million mark would be passed. He was left an orphan by the death of both parents, at the age of seven, and was reared by his brother, Albert.

He joined a cavalry company in April, 1861, and served four

years in the Confederate army as private in the same company. He is proud of his service for the confederacy and wishes future generations to know that he believes that time will yet prove to the white race the world over that the south was right.



M<sup>r</sup> HENRY NANCE

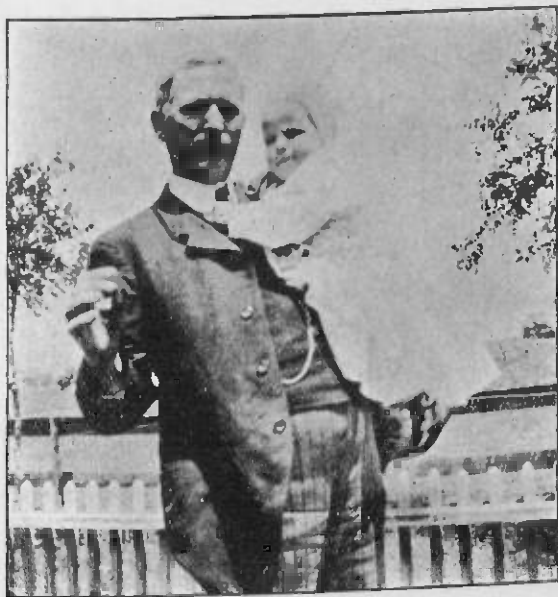
Bud.

Spotswood A. Nance, bud, head of the firm of S. A. Nance & Company, wholesale dealers in dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, hats, caps, and gloves, Dallas, Texas, is a very interesting correspondent. He is also interesting in his family relations. His mother is a daughter of Peyton Skipper Nance, of the twenty-

seven children of Reuben Nance, Chapter III., while his father, Spotswood A. Nance, is one of the fifteen children of John and Martha Estes Nance, above. Both families are large and prominent. They bear the same name, but the author has not found the connecting link.

## THOMAS NANCE—LIMB FOUR.

Thomas Nance could not have been born later than 1748, for on October 30, 1769, he purchased a tract of land in Bedford county, he being a resident of Dinwiddle county at the time. He must have been at least twenty-one years of age at that time, or he could not have held realty. Thomas was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, and was wounded at Eutaw Springs, South Carolina. His first wife was Sarah Gibbs. They appear to have been the parents of nine children, named below as branches,

S. A. NANCE  
Bud.JOHN A. NANCE  
Blossom.

though the information is not conclusive, besides it is somewhat contradictory.

After the death of his wife, Thomas left Bedford county, and with some of his children settled in Knox county, Tennessee, near Knoxville, in about 1806 or 1807. Although quite old, he married again after going to Tennessee, and raised a family. His second wife was Mary Cooper, of Knox county. It appears that the names of some of these second set of children are the same as those in the first family. The information received from the different sources cannot be harmonized any other way. (Mr. J.

A. McDannel, as well as the author, has spent many an hour trying to harmonize these conflicting statements, and what follows is the best we have been able to arrive at.)

By the second wife there appears to have been five children. These fourteen are named below as branches :

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.	HI, OSSOMS.
Archibald, w. Nancy Williams. Married March 10, 1794.	Thomas. Paschal (Creary) Polly.	Archibald (Hughes Crow (Wade). Nancy (Wade). Ellen (Wade). Jane (Cobb). Susan (Woods).	Samuel, d. James d.  Wiley W. Edwin E. Ollie A. Chas. W. Davis E. Le Roy W. Nancy J. Carrie V. Allen N. Evelyn.
		Archibald W., w. Love A. Hardwick.	
Peter, w. Mary Pryor. Married, 1801.	Allen B., w. Mary A. Wade.	Darias G.  Charity W. Peter H. Mary M. Charles R. Davis A. William C. Edward M.	William A.
		Leonard C., w. Mary Tipton	Mary Jane, h. Dr. Jno. Fouché. Jennie, h. G. McTeer.
Peter, w. Mary Pryor. Married, 1801.	Pryor, w., 1804 Harriet Davis.	Beverly P. Blanton. William.	
		Minerva L. Peter. Lucy Ann, h., 1811 J. C. S. McDannel.	Jos. Alberti w. Mary Lane. Abner J. John. Lucy. Hugh F. Blanche. Thos. H.
James.	Harvey	Mary E., h. S. S. Thompson.	
		Calaway Blanton, w. Mary French. Pryor, w. Ella Biddle. Harriet C., h. Wm. H. Hughes. Caroline E., h. Julius Aurin. Samuel H., w. Mary Worthington. Margaret H., h. John Morris.	Samuel. Alvin. Mary. Samuel. George. William. Lillian. James G. Earliest. Lena. Elmira. John. Caroline.
		William P.	

## THOMAS NANCE—Continued.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
	Harriet E., h. B. F. Duncan, 1830.	James. Benj. F. Rufus, w. Holland ....	{ 3 children
	Mary Emeline, h. Geo. W. Harris, .....	Pryor N. James P. George. Mary E. Aaron B. Josephine. Amanda P.	
Peter, w. Mary Pryor, .....	Calaway Blanton, 1818.	Eliza. Nathaniel. John.	
Married, 1801.	Lucy Ann, h. Henry T. Cox, .....	Mary, h. Horace Smith.	
		Ellen, h. Alfred Jackson.	
		Catharine. Henrietta.	
Zachariah. Joel. Clement. Jefferson. Paschal.	Minerva L., h. Dr. John Fouché, .....	Chas. McG., w. Cath. S. Tanb., ....	{ Rose. Charles. Others.
Polly, h. Green Pryor.		Fannie, h. Jno. R. Brownlow.	{ William. Eliza. John T. Jennie.
Sarah, h. John Pryor, .....	Dr. Wm. Pryor. Edward M.		
Married May 1, 1805.			
BY SECOND WIFE.			
	Mary A., h. — Best.		
Archibald W., w. Sarah Stevens, .....	Samuel S. William H.		
Married, 1833.	Elder Thos. G., w. Clara A. Scott, .....	Roberta. Bessy Cleon. Walter Everett.	
	Clifton, Texas.		
Jefferson. John Cooper. William H.	Marshall, w. Miss Butler, .....	Lillian. Blanche.	
	Americus C., w. Mary Jane Cross.		
Caroline, h. S. F. Plumlee, .....	Mary E., h. — Jones, .....	Harry. Mrs. V. Hatherly.	
	Harriett, h. Col. Thos. Boyd.		
	Caroline E., h. Michael Gorday.		

The author is indebted very largely to Mr. J. A. McDannel, of Washington, D. C., for the information concerning Richard Nance and his family as given in the tables above. He was the most thorough-going correspondent the author has had in the work. Our correspondence continued from August, 1898, to May, 1899, ten months. In that short time the author was given sixty-six pages, nearly all closely type written. Much of this matter

would be interesting reading in this work, did space permit. At one time the author hoped that we might combine our interests and issue a much larger work than the present, but something happened that changed his thoughts and blighted his hopes. Cousin McDannel, being young and susceptible to less serious thoughts than those used when pouring over the past and almost forgotten generations, fell a victim to cupid, swearing allegiance to Miss Mary J. Lane, and forgot his generations. Being a blossom himself, took unto himself another. And what shall the harvest be? Fruit, of course.

### JOEL NANCE—LIMB.

Joel Nance married Polly Philpot, in Virginia. Nothing more is known of him, only that he had one son, Clement, and a son Allen. Allen is said to have lived in Benton, Kentucky; to have had one son, Rev. George Nance, of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in Texas.

Clement is the branch from which the twigs in the table below sprung. His wife was a Miss Ledbetter. It is more than likely that Joel is the son of William, and grandson of Richard, head of the family above, who is said to have emigrated to Kentucky with his brothers, Thomas, Paschal, and Peter, between 1810 and 1826, settling near Roaring Springs, Triggs county. Believing this the author places his family where it should be.

TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Monroe Nance, w. Clio Grubbs..... Paducah, Kentucky.	{ Guy. Lee. Joseph. Edward. Samuel. Clement. Hattie. Ada. Monroe. Nellie.	
Rev. Wm. Peyton, w. Martha A. Eaker..... M. E. church, South.	{ Fabian A., w. Jennie Broad..... Marion, Illinois. A merchant and dealer in country produce.	{ William C. George H. Ed. Fabian. Clarence. Valdimar. Warder P. Robert D.
	{ Louie, h. Rev. R. P. Howell..... M. E. church, South. Sandiago, California	{ Vivian.
Mrs. Mobley..... Henry G.	{ 2 children.	
Jane (Moore)..... John.	{ 2 children.	
Thomas.....	{ 2 children.	

## CHAPTER V.

## JOHN NANCE—TRUNK.

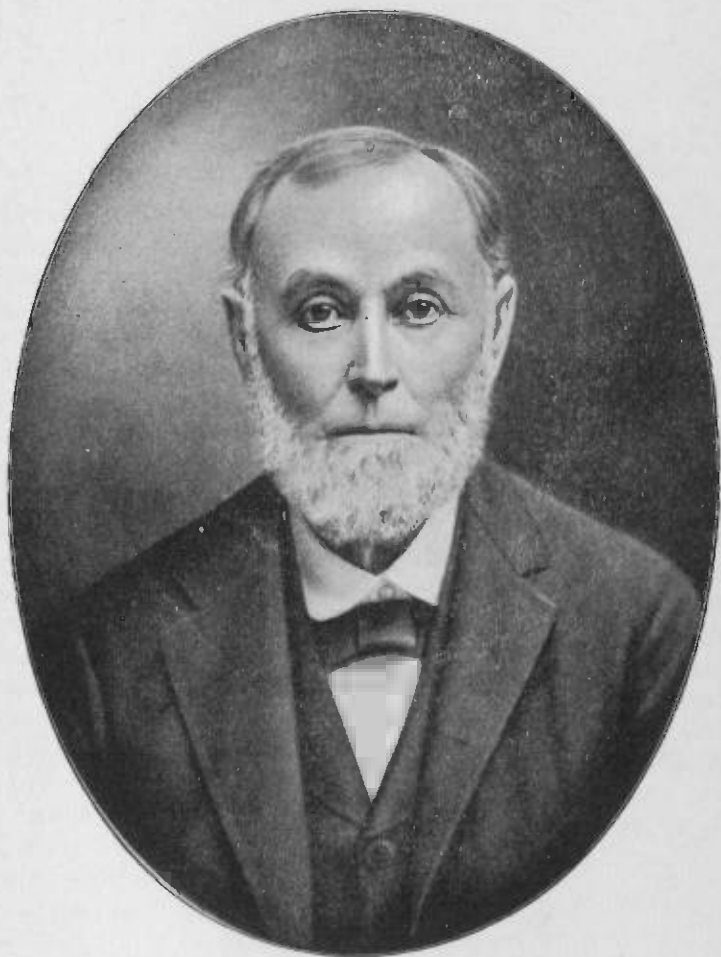
John Nance, born in North Carolina. Nothing more is known of him. William Franklin Nance, limb, born in North Carolina. The last years of his life were spent in Henry county, Tennessee, and in Graves county, Kentucky, near Mayfield, where he died in 1867, at the age of eighty-six. He was a tobacco planter in these latter states. It is said that he was a man of great courage and with an ungovernable temper. Was a man of giant physique; tall, raw-boned, strong as an ox and brave as a lion. He was married four times and was the father of twenty-three children. His brothers are said to have been Frederick, who married Polly Berry; Clement, who married Frances Berry; John, James, and Lawson. Of these the author knows nothing.

Of the twenty-three children, those known to the author are given below as branches. His first wife was Nancy Lowe, by whom he had eleven children. His second wife was Elizabeth Dunaway, who was the mother of several children.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Catharine, b. — Lamb.			
Elizabeth, b. John McCain.			
Sophia, b. R. Cochran.			
Susan, b. C. Dodds.			
John Webb, w. Nancy Simmons. Abingdon, Illinois.	Rufus D. Nance, w. Alice Sauter. 2d w. Joyce Thurman, Stoadington, Colorado.	Ida. Minnie. Essie. Johnnie. Cora. Dora. Oscar. Amelia. Charles. Earl.	Leila C. Edna B. Russell F. Harold S. Dorothy E. Herbert E.
	Francis M., w. Georgia Atwell. Avon, Illinois.	George F. Myrtle C. Frank R.	
		Ellen N., b. William E. Mark. H. Ross.	Eugene E.

## JOHN NANCE—Continued.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
		Dora E., h. James E. Hyram...	{ Earl. Joe E. Lera E. Lena M. Flossie. Fern M.
		Alva.	
	Susan A., h. Levi Lincoln..... Avon, Illinois.	Edwin, w. Nancy A. Fulton... Avon, Illinois.	{ Oral. Lillian. Edith.
		Nela, w. Grace Johnson .... Avon, Illinois.	{ Fairy E. Clarence L. Ralph N.
		Orpha. Myrtie. Emma.	
	Mary Jane, h. Josiah Smith, Shannon City, Iowa.	Lora E., h. Harry F. Town- send.....	{ Dale J. Chella M. Leon M.
		Willis G., w. Florence M. Rose..	{ Claire H. Vera F. Estella M.
		Chas. L., w. Ella Butler.....	{ Verne A. Christine M.
	S. Elizabeth, h. Jas. F. Mings..... This family are all of Avon, Illinois.	Lou M., w. Julian Churchill...	{ Marguerite Ross A. Herbert W.
		Nettie C., h. Frank D. Rea ....	{ Doren E.
		F. Russell, w. Lula M. Strickland Ft. Madison, Ia.	{ J. Scott. Lillian M. Mark F.
John Webb, w. Nancy Simmons..... Abingdon, Illinois.		J. Allan Mings.	
	Charles W., w. Eliza Wright.....	{ Charles. Elmer. Belle Plain, Kas.	
		Pearl, h. John E. Swan..... Council Bluffs, Ia.	{ Byram E.
		Lewis W.	
	Nancy C., h. Robt. Byram..... Abingdon, Illinois.	George R., w. Ella Dingman, Abingdon, Ill.	
		Frank G., w. Laura Dunlap, Galesburg, Ill.	
		Lou R. Byram, Denver, Colo.	
	Martha, h. E. Stone..... 2d h. Marks, K. R.	Zelma P. Stone, Abingdon, Ill.	
	John Alonzo, w. Eliza Smith..... Junction City, Oregon.	{ Earl. Martha P.	
	Robt. H., w. Jane Shirley. 2d w. Ann Shirley..... Abingdon, Illinois.	{ Walter.	



*John W. Vance*



## JOHN NANCE—Continued.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
Mary Jane, h. J. P. Bohannon.			
Robert.			
Missouri, h. Dr. J. Burnett.			
Johanna, h. Robt. Rushing.....	{ M. F. Rushing, w. Anna, Illinois.		
Wm. Franklin, w. Dallas, Texas.			
Joseph Henry, w.			
	BY SECOND WIFE.		
Miles R., w. Mayfield, Kentucky.			
Logan.			
Ira.....	{ J. W. Nance. G. W. Nance, Wingo, Kentucky.		
Lowes, Kentucky.			

John Webb Nance, branch above, was born in Rockingham, North Carolina, May 15, 1814. His boyhood was passed in Tennessee. He was a carpenter by trade. He came to Warren county, Illinois, in 1845. After a few years he purchased a one hundred acre farm on which he resided till 1878. He then removed to Abingdon, where he now resides. He is a member of the Baptist church; was originally a whig, but since 1856, he has been a democrat. He became a Mason in 1850. He was married May 24, 1836, to Nancy Simmons, of Calaway county, Kentucky. He is the ancestor of a large progeny, as shown by the table above. His second wife was Harriet E. Brooks, and his third, Mrs. Mary (Lucas) Crawford. The accompanying plate was made some years since, but he is said to be hale and hearty at the present, though past the age of ninety.

## CHAPTER VI.

The families in this chapter are grouped together because James is so prominent in each family. There is no known connecting link.

James Nance, limb, came from Virginia to Green Castle, Indiana, where he lived many years, and was killed there by a saw in a mill, in 1844. He married Jane Moorel. He reared a large family, named as branches below. Moscow, the youngest son, was born in 1836; left home before he was twenty-one and settled in Iowa, and married Miss Lan Bonar. Then he enlisted in the 18th Iowa infantry. While in the service, his mother died at Franklin, Indiana, and he never returned to see any of his brothers or sisters, and they are entirely lost to Moscow and family. At the close of the war he settled at Osceola, Iowa, where he died March 4, 1900. The above information and much in the table below is given the author by Mrs. Mollie Nance-Wheeler, Osborne, Missouri. She was very anxious to learn of the brothers and sisters of her father, and their families.

The balance of the information in the table came from Miss Katharine Layman, twig below, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

In preparing the two tables for the Memorial, the similarity of names was such that the author surmised that they were one and the same family. Correspondence confirmed this belief and he is happy to present the families in one united table.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
John Wesley, w., 1812-1861 Matilda Parks.....	T. Howard, w., 1836-1898	Mary, h., 1872.
	Gertrude Caterlin,..... 447 Swiss Avenue, Dallas Texas.	Walter Smith.
	Louisa Caroline, 1841, h.	La Dora, 1874.
	Theo. D. Layman,..... Indianapolis, Indiana. 904 East 15th Street.	Howard. Virginia Belle.
	Benj. Parks, w., 1845	Mary, h., 1865.
	Theodosia Braun,.....	Clarence Forsythe
	Lawrence, Indiana.	Katharine, 1867, 904 East 15th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.
	Frederick W., w., 1850-1892	John Wesley, 1875.
	Ada Sanders,.....	Moody, 1877.
		Grace Louise, 1873.
		Otis.
		Edward.
		Theo. L., 1884.
		Brazil, Indiana.

## JAMES NANCE—Continued.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
Harriet, h. Amos Compton.....	{ Rachael, h. Rob't Roberts.  Sarah, h. Joseph Colby.  James.  Katharine, h. —— Laurie.	
Sarah Caroline, h. Flooden Burchard, Ashland Avenue and 9th Street, Indianapolis, Ind		
William. Thomas. Pinetney. Frank.		
Henry, w. Elizabeth Leigh.....	{ Thaddens. Jane. Katharine.	
Jane, h. Henry Fox .....	{ Henry. Tobias. Jane.	
Julia, h. James Tisdale, .....	{ Serena McGiffin. Katharine McGiffin. William McGiffin.	
2d h. Sam'l McGiffin.		
	{ David T., w. Leetona Stevenson, Osceola, Iowa.  William R., w. Olie Selby, Henry, South Dakota.  James B., w. Belle Hayter, St. Joe, Missouri.  Charles B., w. Alice Buchanan, Nelson, Nebraska.  Mollie A., h. Orin Wheeler, Osborne, Missouri.  Norman B. Herman F.  Jennie B., h. Dr. Claude Walker, Woodbine, Iowa.	
Moscow, w., 1836-1900 Lan Bonar.....		
Katharine, h. S. S. Burnett, Vincennes, Indiana.		

James Nance, limb, was born about 1790, in North Carolina, his father's name is believed to have been Sandford Nance. He settled in Tennessee at an early day, in Benton county. He was married four times, but the name of all his wives are lost. His children, as far as known, are named below as branches. The information as to this family was obtained from letters from Miss Florence Nance, Eggville, Tennessee, in 1898 and 1899. Recent letters fail to bring response.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
Eliza. Martha. Polly. Julia. Betsey. Levi.	James, 1848, w. — Elmore .....	{ Florence, 1876. Jennie. Oliver. Richard, 1886.
Richard, 1829, w. — Herrin .....	William, w. — Elmore .....	{ 6 children.
	Newton, w. — Ballard .....	{ 2 children.
2d w. ....	{ Artie (Walker). Belle (Hudson). Virgie (Johnson).	

It is claimed by Alfred R. Nance, twig below, that the emigrating family came from Neps, France, to Virginia; that a part of the family settled near Norfolk, and that his great-grandfather, Richard Nance, came to North Carolina. His grandfather, Frederick Woodson Nance, came from Buncombe county, North Carolina, to Rutherford county, Tennessee, where he died some years before the civil war. He was the father of nine children, all being dead but James. He is living in Bedford county, as also is his son. His wife's name was — Leathers.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
James .....	{ Alfred R. Nance, 1860. .... Shelbyville, Tennessee.	{ Frederick. Edwin. Alfred R., Jr.

Nothing is known of the following family, more than the table shows, except that their headquarters is Randolph, Nebraska:

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
James Nance, of Virginia.	{ James .....	{ Robert. Earnest L. Rousa L.
	born in Virginia, now in Nebraska.	

First generation, Clement Nance, of Jamestown, Virginia, of which nothing is known.

Second generation, name unknown.

Third generation, or trunk, William Nance, of which nothing is known except that he had a son, James Nance, limb, who was born at Southampton, C. H., Southampton county, Virginia; moved to Pulaski, Giles county, Tennessee, in 1843. All that is known of this family was gained from a letter from James H. Nance, Bon Aqua, Tennessee, June 17, 1903.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
James H., 1833, w. Martha Mayberry .....	{ James H., Jr., w. Georgia Johnson .....	{ Rula. Leoma. Bertha.
Bon Aqua, Tennessee.	Sawdust Valley, Tenn.	
	{ Harry S., single. Agent N. C. and St. L. R. R., Graham, Tenn.	

## CHAPTER VII.

These families are grouped into one chapter, simply for convenience, there being no known connecting link.

## GILES NANCE—TRUNK.

Of North Carolina, and his wife, Mary Smith, were the parents of the seven children named as limbs in the table below. This family were heirs at law, through their mother, Mary Smith, above, to a portion of the "Raleigh Estate," in North Carolina, and the table below is taken from the report of the commissioner appointed by the court to divide the estate. The estate was a large one and there were many heirs. No ages or addresses were given in the pamphlet.

LIMBS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
Mary A. Nance, h. G. W. Milburn ..... 2d h. D. A. Cannon.	{ Geo. H. Milburn. Sallie Milburn, h. W. H. Eldridge Robt. Cannon.		
Sarah W. Nance, h. L. W. Hardin.			
John S. Nance. B. R. Nance.			
Nancy J. Nance, h. Wiley Thompson.....	{ Wm. W. Thompson. Nancy J. Thompson, h. — David. Sam'l Thompson.....	{ Oscar. Nannie. Robert.....	{ Jefferson. R. Percy.
Robt. S. Nance.....	{ Robert Nance.....	{ Matilda S., h. D. S. Powell. Nannie B. Robt. W. Nance.	
Wm. H. Nance.....	{ Ellen S. Nance. Wm. H. Nance. Florence L. Nance.		

## EATON NANCE—TRUNK.

Lived and died in Charles City county, Virginia, dying about 1790 to 1795. His wife a widow (Moon). He was the father of three children, Zachariah, James, junior, and Mary. These three are named in the table below as limbs. Zachariah was born in 1785. He married a Miss Mountcastle. His eight children are

given below as branches. Zachariah Fleming Nance, branch below, was living in Leesburg, Alabama, October 20, 1896, when he wrote me a letter containing the above information, and also that contained in the table below. He had removed from Charles City county in 1863, settling in Alabama. At the date of the letter he was past eighty. His nephew, L. M. Nance, an attorney at Roxbury, Charles City county, Virginia, also assisted me in preparing the table below. No one of this family have responded to my correspondence of late years.

LIMBS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.
Zachariah, 1785. w. Mountcastle .....	Zachariah Fleming, 1816 Leesburg, Alabama.	Sallie F. Ben L., Leesburg, Alabama. Robt. F. Mary L.
James, Jr. Mary.	Eaton, head of Richmond bar, died 1862. James. Benj. Albert .....	John F. (sheriff). Chas. S. (undertaker). E. Edmond (merchant). L. M. (attorney). Roxberry, Virginia. Julia A. (Niger).
	Fannie. Julia. Mary. Letitia.	

### GEORGE NANCE—TRUNK.

This family is entirely unknown to the author, except as to Mrs. Mary Nance-Helm, and her son, Strather, whom the author and family entertained while attending the World's Fair. We also had the pleasure of two calls at their pleasant home in Louisville, Kentucky. Strather is a commercial traveler of much prominence. George, trunk, was a Virginian, a gifted man, a Baptist minister. It is said he was a great and good man. His son, Simeon, moved from Virginia to North Carolina, before marriage, and settled near Raleigh. Here Mrs. Helm was born. She has lived in Kentucky many years.

LIMBS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
George Nance.....	Simeon, w. Martha Melshiner .....	Mary Nance (Helia). 406 Fountain Court, Louisville, Kentucky.	Wm. Stra- ther.
William, went west.	Mary. Evelyn. Nancy Jane. James, became rich in Alabama and Missis- sippi.		

### ROBERT NANCE—TRUNK.

Lived in Mecklinburg county, Virginia. He had three nephews, Hudson, Marshall, and Thomas, who settled in Randolph county, North Carolina, about 1795.

He had two sons, John and Wyatt, limbs. John was born in 1770, and settled in Granville county, North Carolina, in 1790. He had two sons, Allen and John, of whom nothing is known.

Wyatt, limb, was born in 1775, and settled in Anson county, North Carolina, in 1795. His male descendants are given in the table below.

This information was all obtained from a letter by James D. Nance, Goodman, North Carolina, dated November 24, 1896. No later response.

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.	BLOSSOMS.
John A., 1798.	Jesse P.	William R.	Bunyun. John. Joseph.
	James D.	Dr. Geo. B.	James W.
		John W.	Walter.
	Alfred H.	James T.	De Costa P. William D.
	Ferrington L. Wyatt D. John W. Jacob W.	Jonas. Thomas. John. William. James.	
Harbert, 1803.	Clement.	James C.	Walter. Wilson. Crawford.
	Henry.	Alvin	2 sons.
		Wyatt	2 sons.
		Eli. Ellis. Jonas. John.	Isol.
	Silas	Davidson. Fuller.	
Robert, 1807.	Allen, moved to Arkansas in 1845. Thomas, moved to Tennessee in 1848.		
	Jesse, moved west. Green	2 sons.	
	James. William. Joseph.		

Nothing is known of the family below further than the table shows, except that I. G. Nance was a member of the Kentucky legislature, as a republican, in 1896, and is now a farmer, and as he says in a letter received the day that this goes in type, "Since I last wrote you I have married and settled on a farm, and as you will presuppose, being a republican, I am giving my time and consideration to my 'infant industries.'"

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
Peter (in the war of 1812). George, settled in Ohio. Richard, settled in Ohio.	John, lost about the time of war with Mexico. Geo. W., 1818, Slaughterville, Ky.	George W. Hon. I. G. Nance, Slaughterville, Ky.

Miss Nance, trunk, is only known by tradition as "The handsome Miss Nance, of Leaf River." She married John Chandler, of Virginia, and they had an only daughter, Mary Chandler. She married Reuben House. They and their descendants are named in the table below :

LIMBS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
	Jesse.		
	John.....	{ 4 children.	
		{ Fannie (Smith)....	{ 3 children.
	Elizabeth, h.	{ Hester (Hilliard)..	{ 5 children.
	Dr. Ogilvie.....	{ Henrietta (Lewis).	{ 5 children.
		{ 4 others.	
Mary Chandler, h.	Mary, h., 1801	{ Robert, w.	{ 5 children.
Reuben House.....	— Patterson.....	{ Miss Lamar.....	
		{ Caroline, h.	{ 8 children.
		{ Robert Miller.....	
	Reuben, w.	{ Mary (Hunter)....	{ 7 children.
	— Dinkins.....	{ Reuben E. ....	{ 3 children.
			{ Mary
			{ (Ridore)
			{ Norfolk, Va
	Hester, h., 1803-1862	{ Eliza C., h.	{ L. (Witherspoon),
	Dr. R. J. Lawrence.....	{ Fred. B. Leavenworth.	{ Richmond,
		{ Petersburg, Va.	{ Virginia.
			{ Helen, at
			{ home.

All that is known of the family below was obtained from a letter dated Paint Lick, Kentucky, November 7, 1898, and signed by S. H. Nantz, below. All information is in the table below, except that Clement and Frederick died near Paint Lick, Kentucky; Webster and Wesley went to Illinois; Jefferson went to Indiana, and from there to California; Wilkinson to Clay county, Missouri. Clement and Frederick each left families.

LIMBS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.	BUDS.
William Nantz.....	Clement.		
2d w. Fulce.	Webster.		
Born in Virginia;	Wesley.		
moved to Indiana. 8	Frederick.....	{ Geo. W. Nantz....	{ S. H. Nantz
children.	Jefferson.		{ Paint Lick,
	Wilkinson.		{ Ky.
	Nancy.		
	Elizabeth (Jones).		

### WILLIAM (BILLY) NANCE—TRUNK.

Lived in Pittsylvania county, Virginia. He had two boys and two girls. They are named in the table below as limbs. John never married. Robert had only one child, Captain Robert G.



Nance, branch below. Said Captain Nance was born in Pittsylvania county; lived in Fayette county, Illinois; enlisted in the 40th Illinois regiment from there as private; was promoted to second lieutenant, and then to first lieutenant. He was captain the last year and a half of the war. The R. G. Nance Post number 756, Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, is named in his honor. He enlisted August 10, 1861, and was discharged January 7, 1865.

LIMBS.	BRANCHES.	TWIGS.
John, 1782, never married.		
Robert.....	} Capt. Robt. G. Nance.....	{ Monroe. Alzora (Brown). Fidetta (Brown). Gatch, Illinois.
Polly, h.		
Sam'l Gaudin.		
Jinsey, h.		
Pleasant Stephens.		

BRANCHES.	TWIGS.
Archibald J. Nance, w.	{ John, d. A. J. Boliver, Texas. J. N. J. A. Harriet. Sarah Ann. Minerva.
- — Miller.....	
2d w. Elizabeth Norman..	
	{ Robert L. Archibald J., Peoria, Illinois. Mary E. Bump. Anna, Illinois. Win. Peyton. Anna, Illinois. Florence. Memphis, Tennessee.

The above is furnished by Archibald J. Nance, of Peoria, Illinois. He can give no positive information, having been separated from the family nearly all his life. He has an exalted opinion of his half-brothers, in Texas, but knows nothing definitely. They do not respond to letters sent.

## APPENDIX.

## EXHIBIT "A."

Quotations from a letter written by Elijah Nance, Podstow, Cornwall, England, in 1856, to W.<sup>e</sup> E. Nance, Cardiff, Wales.

*Dear Cousin, (I presume):*

In reply to your inquiry respecting the origin of the Nance family, I doubt that I shall give you that perfect pedigree that you so anticipate, but brief as it may be it will give you a little knowledge from whence my family sprung.

My brief account only includes seven hundred and ninety years.

In the year 1066, William the Bastard, well known by the name William the Conqueror, being prompted by the Pope of Rome, William soon collected an army and landed them in safety at the place called Hastings, in the county of Sussex. King Harold, the then King of England, managed in haste to give him battle, and encamped about seven miles from the Norman army wherein was one of my forefathers as general, and on the seventeenth day of October, 1066, a bloody battle begun at seven o'clock in the morning and lasted until night was closing in, and the Normans were much worsted, when a Norman Archer shot an arrow which went through Harold's skull and killed him at once. His army seeing their king and commander dead took to flight in all directions, and the Normans made great slaughter of the retreating army, so that from one battle the Normans became masters of all England in due time.

After that battle detachments of the army were sent into all parts of England to take and confiscate what property they thought fit, and General Prideaux came to Podstow, in Cornwall, and my forefather established himself of the Barton of Quandradu, so that the name of *Nance* and *Prideaux* have been residents at Podstow for about seven hundred and ninety years last past.

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Nearly forty years since I was at the Stewards house of the Esquire Prideaux, that gentleman asked me where my family came from, I told him from Nantes, in Normandy, and that my family were adventurers with the Prideaux family, he said he believed it, for he so frequently met with the name of Nance in the writings of the Prideaux.

N. B.—Be it remembered with you that when the Normans came to England they had but one name (a Christian name), but they took to themselves a surname, and my forefather, as he came from Nantes, in Normandy, wrote his name Nance, as I suppose, being a milder way of pronouncing the name correctly. As to all the Nance family they were generally

endowed with a geniusness and ability being brought to learning in arts and science that they were brought to trades such as tailor, carpenters, boot and shoe makers, hatters, rope makers, wool steplers, farmers, etc. \* \* Then there was an Esquire Nance mentioned in the History of Cornwall that was held in high esteem in the county. Again another Esquire Nance that lived not far from Bodmin at a seat called Trengoff, in the Parish of Warllogan, about seven miles from Bodmin, he sold his estate for nine hundred and ninety-nine years but retained Trengoff to his widow as a dower.

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Again, my uncle, Andrew Nance, being a hatter, settled himself down in Portsmouth. He kept a shop there and another at Portsea. He got wealthy and his off-spring is wealthy. Then my uncle, George Nance, a tailor, settled at Bath and lived in great opulence there, and having become a merchant tailor was employed by the nobility that visited that city, but poor Elijah Nance never met with so good luck as my predecessors, but I think if you look on the other side and examining my pedigree you will discover that I must be possessed with some of the blood of some of the high rank of the people of England, and not a family in all Wales can produce such a pedigree. My grandfather, in his day, became heir at law to the estate of Wm. Parker, Esquire, in St. Mabyn, Cornwall, and was under the necessity to get it to prove his title to it and sue for it in chancery, and as he did he was obliged to produce his pedigree.

(Being unable to find one who could interpret the court of chancery records, the author has omitted the pedigree.)

When, in London, six years since, a gentleman being informed that a person called Nance was in London, came from Gravesend, a distance of thirty miles to see me and enquire to my pedigree, and the pedigree of the Nance family, he proved to be a son of my cousin, Walter Nance, your great uncle. He was in business as boot and shoemaker at Gravesend. Such is all the knowledge of my family, and such is my pedigree I am in possession of to send unto you.

#### EXHIBIT "B."

(*Home address*) EAST FARNDON RECTORY,  
MARKET HARBOUROUGH,

W. E. NANCE, ESQUIRE, Cardiff, Wales.

December 15, 1899.

*Dear Sir:*—I remember seeing your son in Oxford, and his asking me about my family. I fear I can throw but little light on the family history, though I am much interested myself in it, and have paid visits to Warllogan, Illogan, and Creed to inspect registers.

My name of "Trengove," is misleading. It is the belief of our family that we do belong to the Warlloggon Nances, but we cannot trace the early connections. My father gave me the name in that belief, but I am the first one in our branch of the family that has had it. The name is held also by my nephew now at Balliol College, Oxford.

Our family lived at Creed, near Granpound, in Cornwall, and there are several generations there in the registers. My great-grandfather, Rev. Wm. Nance (Exeter College, Oxford), was curate of Creed. He migrated into Kent, and my father migrated into Staffordshire.

My grandfather was Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, and made many attempts to trace the genealogy. He had the registers at Warlignon copied and sent to him.

The old county histories of Cornwall say that both the Illogan and Warlignon branches of the family have become extinct.

I have visited Illogan also. The farm house at Nance in that Parish seems to have been an ecclesiastical house before the reformation, and it has still some wooden panels painted with the twelve Apostles. I have searched the registers there and extracted all that belonged to the family. You will find most of the old records of the family in Vivian & Drake's visitation of the County of Cornwall, which you would probably find in any first-class library.

Believe me yours truly,

J. T. NANCE.

(The old records spoken of above, being imperfect, are omitted for lack of space.)

#### EXHIBIT "C."

STANLEY LODGE, MONMOUTH, June 12, 1903.

Dear Sir:—As I understand you invite communication from every "fellow-kinsman" (to use your graphic phrase), allow me to make myself known as a descendant of your male stock, viz., the great-great-grand-son of Richard Eustis, of Saint Ives, Cornwall, by his wife Margery Nance, of the same town, who were married 1729. \* \* I am the author of the History of Saint Ives to which you make reference. I enclose particulars of my Nance descent.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN HOBSON MATTHEWS,

Solicitor Archivist to the Corporation of Cardiff.

Geo. W. Nance, Esquire.

Margery Nance, 1729-Richard Eustis.

Mary Eustis-Jasper Williams.

Jasper Williams-Mary Stevens.

Honor Williams-John Matthews.

John Thomas Matthews-Emma Hobson.

John Hobson Matthews, b. 1858-Alice Mary Gwyn-Hughes.

John Vivian Gwyn-Hobson Matthews, 1897.

From a document at the London record office I gather that this particular Nance family were known in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries by the additional surname "Molkin," meaning bald according to Borlace, a personal name equivalent to the Welsh "Maelgwn." They were, I believe, originally of Nance in Lelant, but acquired some estate in East Cornwall, whether by marriage or purchase, I do not know. They bore arms: Argent, a crop humettee sable.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN HOBSON MATTHEWS.

#### EXHIBIT "D."

FROM HISTORY OF SAINT IVES, ETC., BY MATTHEWS.

Nance.—This is one of the original Saint Ives families. The name, which is a misspelling of the Cornish word Nans, a valley, indicates that the

ancestor who first assumed this cognoman, was a dweller in some inland dale of the neighborhood.

In the year 1327, there was a general subsidy levied upon all England, and the lists of the persons taxed for it are the earliest rolls in existence. "Luca de Nanse" thus appears.

In 1523 Thomas Nanse had goods, etc., also in 1524.

In 1573 John Nanste was a burgess of Saint Ives. In 1578 he contributed to the equipment of the trained band fitted out against the Spaniards. In 1590, Captain John Nance. In 1595, John Nance Capitaine, etc. 1543, Symon Nanc. 1592, Mr. Trenance.

John Nance, Jo Nance, Wm. Nance, Rio Nance, Geffrie Nance, Wm. Nance. Wm. Nance, church warden, and others appear all along up to about 1700. Marriages, 1667, John Nance and Elizabeth Stevens. 1701, Alien Nance and Welmot Thomas. 1711, Thomas Kempthorn and Elizabeth Nance. 1729, Richard Eustis and Margery Nance.

From John Wesley's diary the following items are taken :

"Visited Saint Ives a second time April 3, 1744. I was a little surprised at entering John Nance's house, being received by many, who were waiting for me, with a loud, though not a bitter cry."

Again, "Went with John Nance to Rosemargay, in Zennor, etc."

Again, "But between seven and eight the mob came and beset John Nance's house. John Nance and John Paynter went out, and stood before the door; though they were quickly covered with dirt. The cry was, bring out the preacher. Pull down the house."

And again, "On Sunday, 30, about six in the evening, I began preaching in the street near John Nance's door."

Concerning his twenty-fifth visit, on August 26, 1785, Wesley writes: "In the evening I preached in the market place at Saint Ives, to almost the whole town. This was the first place in Cornwall where we preached and where Satan fought fiercely for his kingdom; but now all is peace. I found that old John Nance had rested from his labors. Some months since, sitting behind the preacher, in the pulpit, he sunk down, was carried out, and fell asleep."

Many other quotations might be made from this work, but these are given not because of any real value, but to give some idea as to the age, number, and prominence of the family.

#### EXHIBIT "E."

BELFAST STREET TRAMWAYS  
COMPANY.

TRAMWAYS OFFICE, SANDY ROW,  
BELFAST, August 14, 1897.

ANDREW NANCE, Manager.

GEO. W. NANCE, ESQUIRE.

*My Dear Sir:*—I was away on my vacation when your letter arrived, and so it has not been answered as soon as I could have wished. Your letter very much surprised me for two or more reasons. The number of persons of our name who are known to you in America, is astonishing, and the similarity of traditions with regard to them.

For my own part I do not take any interest in ancestry, nor should I take any trouble about it. My uncle, William, however, who was a lawyer,

took a world of trouble and spent a good deal of money in inquiries. I have at some time when a young man, either read or was told what he discovered, but I don't know whether it exists now, nor if it was ever written, or where it would be if it did exist.

First, he found out the "Coat of Arms" of the family. I send it on the paper enclosed. The motto is the same as that of Queen Elizabeth, and I'm told that it indicates that the royal blood of France is in our veins, whether legitimately or not I cannot say. My uncle, William, appears to have satisfied himself that two Huguenot brothers named Andrew and Clement, were obliged, with their families, to flee from France at the time of the Huguenot persecution. They appear to have been an aristocratic and noble family, and the name Nance was a territorial name, and probably we could all rightly call ourselves De Nance, if we so desired. They appear to have landed in the west of England about that period, and the elder brother, Andrew, settled there, and Clement disappeared. You have explained what became of him in your letter. My uncle, William, would have been delighted to hear what you have written about him. As I told Mr. J. Nance, a friend of mine who spent a summer in the Scilly Islands, found that on one island, all, or nearly all, the people were named Nance. I am too old to go and see into the matter, and in truth it is not of any interest to me.

It appears that Andrew Nance lived in or about Cornwall, and there are plenty of Nances thereabouts descended from him. Every eldest son was named Andrew. I am the tenth Andrew, the eldest born of each generation. My only child died in infancy and my brother, Walter, named his eldest boy Andrew. So he will be the eleventh, and will probably have what few dollars I possess when my wife is done with them. The seventh Andrew crossed to Normandy from Cornwall and lived there. In Normandy the eighth Andrew was born. This eighth Andrew went to Kent when he was about twenty-one, and I believe the seventh Andrew and his wife, Martha, died there. The eighth Andrew soon left Kent when his parents died, and came to Portsmouth and sat up as a hatter. He was a most enterprising man. He bought the "Fountain" and "Blue Ports" hotels. He married a lady near Portsmouth; had a large family and died there. The ninth Andrew (my father), also lived all his life at Portsmouth, and his wife (my mother), is named Martha, the same as his grandmother. That is wholly all I know and I don't think anyone knows any more. No doubt a search in France would reveal the history and origin of the family from the first.

Truly,

ANDREW NANCE.

#### EXHIBIT "F."

##### BRISTOL PARISH.

Bristol Parish had fifteen or twenty churches, the principal one was "Blandford" or "St. Paul's," now repaired, and in Petersburg, Virginia. The Parish extended from Prince George county west and northwest sixty miles or so, and was governed by a board of church wardens who collected the tobacco tax and maintained rectors, churches, bridges, roads, and helpless poor.

Across the James river and twelve miles down stream from Petersburg, has been located the home of many of the name found in the Bristol Parish

records given below, viz.: Of Daniel and Elizabeth in 1722; of Daniel and Mary in 1725; of Richard and Mary in 1722; of Daniel, senior, in 1732; of John and Jane in 1722; of William and Anna in 1742; of Thomas and Priscilla Nance in 1745. Daniel Nance, presumably the senior, was "processioner," to examine and remark the timber or boundry lines on "South Fork of Gravelly Run."

The names below were taken from the church register as shown by Mr. Churchill Gibson Chamberlayne in his book, entitled, "The Vestry Book and Register of Bristol Parish, Virginia, 1720-1789." This book was transcribed from the records and published by Mr. Chamberlayne, at Richmond, Virginia. (Printed privately 1898). He says that two leaves of the manuscript are missing, which include the minutes of the vestry meetings between October 28 and November 11, 1723.

PARENTS.	CHILDREN.
Daniel and Eliza (Elizabeth) Nance.....	{ Phebe, b. October, 1712. Eliza, b. July 6, 1719. Elinor, b. September 9, 1722. Lucy, b. December 24, 1729.
Daniel and Mary Nance.....	{ Eliza, b. June 19, 1728.
John and Jane Nance.....	{ Elinor, b. May 25, 1721. Thos., b. September 22, 1723. Richard, b. January 24, 1726. William, b. July 12, 1728.
Richard and Mary Nance.....	{ John, b. December 15, 1723. Eliza, b. November 7, 1725. Leonard, b. December 15, 1730. Nathaniel, b. December 9, 1731. Anne, b. January 15, 1741-2.
John and Martha Nance.....	{ Giles, b. May 4, 1735.
William and Ann Nance.....	{ Thomas, b. February 29, 1736. Sarah, b. January 30, 1742-3.
Thomas and Priscilla Nance..	{ Sarah, b. October 10, 1745.

*Pete claims  
this is the father  
of C.*

#### EXHIBIT "G."

Land patents issued to "Nance" between March 18, 1639, and July 12, 1797, as per Richmond, Virginia, records:

Richard Nance, 300 acres Henrico county, to be doubled when he or his assigns shall have sufficiently peopled and planted on north side of Appamattuck river, being due to said Nance for transportation of six persons into this colony, viz.: His now wife, Alice, Robert Perry, Robert Chappell, George Prebedy, Edw'd Rolyngton, and Mary Uncars, March 18, 1639. Book No. 1, page 715.

Wm. Nance, of James City county, 520 acres in said county, south side Chickahominy river, adjoining Jno. Randall, Gregory Wells, Mr. Bobby, said Nances Neck, 150 acres being due to said Nance by marrying daughter and one of coheirs of Grace or Tinsley, who was sister, and one of coheirs of Richard Pierce. It being part of 600 acres granted said Pierce September 12, 1636, and 370 acres upon the said Nances Survey, and the whole patent being found surplusage within the bounds is also due to said Nance for the transportation of eight persons, viz.: Anne Kerer, Wm. Kent, Wm. Kath

Davis, Eliz, Grocer Beerebe Farmer, and Nich. Prior April 29, 1692. No. 8, page 231.

John Nance, of Prince George county, 150 acres on north side Hatcher's Run, adjoining Samuel Sentalls. June 2, 1722. No. 11, page 114.

Richard Nance, of Prince George county, 142 acres on south side Gravelly Run on both sides of the Great Branch, in Prince George county. June 22, 1722. No. 11, page 119.

John Nance, of Prince George county, 142 acres south side Nottoway river, Brunswick county, beginning at the Indian company's upper corner upon the river, &c. July 7, 1726. No. 12, page 518.

John Nance, of Prince George county, 252 acres on north side of Hatcher's Run, adjoining his old land south side of Picture Branch. June 26, 1731. No. 14, page 161.

Daniel Nance, junior, of Prince George county, 200 acres both sides of Picture Branch adjoining upper line of John Nance on the north side of Picture Branch. June 20, 1733. No. 15, page 88.

Daniel Nance and Edmund Hall, 385 acres Brunswick county, both sides of Jeneto creek. August 15, 1737. No. 17, page 383.

Richard Nance, 400 acres Amelia county, north side Horsepen creek in the Fork of Nottoway river adjoining Miles Thweats, Samuel Jordan, and Als. September 12, 1738. No. 18, page 104.

Richard Nance, 184 acres Prince George county, south side Gravelly Run adjoining his own land, Francis Eppes, Thos. Gent, junior, and Captain Francis Eppes. June 30, 1743. No. 21, page 420.

John Nance, 400 acres Brunswick county, both sides of Meherin river. August 28, 1746. No. 24, page 398.

Wm. Nance, 318 acres Brunswick county on south side Jeneto creek. January 12, 1746. No. 25, page 239.

Daniel Nance, 244 acres Brunswick county on Avents creek. January 12, 1746. No. 25, page 569.

John Nance, 385 acres Lunenburg county, both sides north fork of Dry creek. July 25, 1749. No. 27, page 247.

Richard Nance, 210 acres Lunenburg county, both sides Meherin river. June 1, 1750. No. 29, page 225.

Thomas Nance, 290 acres Lunenburg county, south side Hurricane creek. July 27, 1727. No. 31, page 341.

John Nance, 400 acres Lunenburg county, both sides Meherin river, adjoining Richard Nance. September 10, 1755. No. 31, page 552.

John Nance, junior, 400 acres Lunenburg county, south side Owls creek. September 10, 1755. No. 31, page 552.

Daniel Nance, 278 acres Brunswick county, on branches of Avents creek. February 5, 1753. No. 32, page 24.

John Nancys, 846 acres, Brunswick county. June 16, 1756. No. 33, page 19.

Wm. Nance, 390 acres Lunenburg county, on branches of Great creek. August 16, 1756. No. 33, page 63.

Wm. Nance, 400 acres Lunenburg county, on branches of Roanoke river. August 16, 1756. No. 33, page 223.

Richard Nance, 365 acres Lunenburg county, south side Springfield creek. March 10, 1756. No. 34, page 14.



Thos. Nance, 707 acres, Lunenburg county, on branches of Juniper creek. February 5, 1757. No. 34, page 175.

Daniel Nance, 332 acres Brunswick county. August 20, 1760. No. 34, page 694.

Wm. Nance, 400 acres Lunenburg county, northeast fork of Great creek. May 23, 1763. No. 35, page 171.

Thomas Nance, 400 acres Lunenburg county, on branches of Juniper creek. August 15, 1764. No. 36, page 645.

Reuben Nance, 182 acres by survey November 20, 1765, on draughts of Leatherwood creek, Henry county. July 4, 1780. Book of Grants "A," page 560.

Giles Nance, 1,574 acres by survey March 24, 1756, Halifax county, on branches of Cascade and Sugar Tree creek. December 1, 1779. Book "B." page 158.

Clement Nance, 240 acres by survey April 8, 1794, Pittsylvania county, on drafts of Cascade creek adjoining James Denton's, McCann's, Walton's, Clay's, Isaac Lumford's, Richard Farrer's. October 20, 1790. No. 36, page 216.

John Nance, 33 acres by survey June 26, 1795, Mecklinburg county adjoining John Cleaton, junior, Cleaton & Nance's line. July 12, 1797. No. 391, page 423.

#### EXHIBIT "H" (A.)

In the name of God, Amen :

I, John Nance, of Lunenburg county, and Parish of Cornwall, being of perfect health, sound mind and memory, but calling to mind and duly considering the uncertainty of human life, do make and ordain this as my last will and testament.

First. I do commit myself to God, my creator and preserver, trusting to his mercy, by the merits of his blessed redeemer for the remission of all my sins, my body to be decently interred at the discretion of my executor herein after named.

And as to the temporals it hath pleased God to bestow on me I give and dispose and bequeath thereof, in the following manner :

I give and bequeath to my son, John, one shilling Sterling.

I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas, one shilling Sterling.

I give and bequeath to my son, Richard, one shilling Sterling.

I give and bequeath to my son, William, one shilling Sterling.

I give and bequeath to my son, Frederick, the land and plantation whereon I now live, being three hundred acres (except the use of all that part of the plantation that lies on the north side of the river where I now live, which is to be and remain in the possession of my two daughters, Elizabeth and Molly, during the whole time of their remaining unmarried, and no longer, and then the same with all the privileges and appertenances of the whole three hundred acres to become the property of my son, Frederick, his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah, one shilling Sterling.

I give and bequeath to my daughter, Jane, one shilling Sterling.

I give and bequeath to my daughter, Phebe, one shilling Sterling.

I give and bequeath to my daughter, Susannah, one shilling Sterling.

I lend unto my two daughters, Elizabeth and Molly, the cleared land and plantation houses, orchards, etc., on the north side of the river, together with my Negro man, Jack, during the whole time they shall remain unmarried, and then the same to descend to my son, Frederick, his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath all the real of my estate be it of what nature soever it will (after my just debts and legacies be paid to be equally divided between my two daughters, Elizabeth and Molly, to them, their heirs and assigns forever. When either of my two daughters shall marry, she is no longer to enjoy any privileges in the land and Negro, but then totally to be in the possession of the one that remains single, and when they are both married or die which shall happen first, the same is to descend to Frederick, and not before.

Lastly. I do constitute my son, Thomas, whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament, making null and void all other wills heretofore made, and do hereby ordain and declare this to be my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of February, 1761.

In the presence of

JOHN NANCE.

GEO. WALTON,

EZEKIAH JACKSON,

BENJ. SHIP.

Certified in court, July 6, 1762.

#### EXHIBIT "H" (B.)

In the name of God, Amen, the twenty-third day of December, in the year of our Lord 1771, I, Zachariah Nance, of Charles City county, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men, once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament; that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it, and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian-like and decent manner at the discretion of my executor, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and retouching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner:

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, James, one tenant saw.

Item. I give to my son, John Nance, the remainder part of my land whereon I now live, after his mother's death. Also my long gun, also one cow and yearling commonly called his, also one sow and three young hogs commonly called his, also two young ewes, the stock and gun, at my death, to him and his heirs.

Item. I give unto my daughter, Elizabeth Nance, after her mother's death, two Negro women, Venus and Phillis, also two cows and one calf, always called hers, at my death, to her and her heirs.

Item. I give unto my son, William, one Negro boy called Ned, when he comes to age, also one small gun, to him and his heirs, also my wearing apparel.

Item. I give unto my daughter, Susannah Nance, after her mother's death, one Negro girl, named Morning, also one gray mare, when she comes to age, to her and her heirs.

Item. I give unto my son, Zachariah Nance, after his mother's death, one Negro boy, named Tom, to him and his heirs.

Also my will and desire is that all my remainder of my estate I give unto my beloved wife during her life, and after her death, to be equally divided betwixt my four youngest children, that is to Elizabeth, William, Susannah, and Zachariah. Also my desire is that my son, James, and Henry South, are my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 23rd day of December, 1771.

In the presence of

ZACHARIAH NANCE, [SEAL.]

CHAS. PEARSON,

HENRY ANNISTRAD,

WM. VAUGHAN.

N. B.—Also my will and desire is that my son, John Nance, shall have my wheelwright tools.

Probated March 4, 1772. Henry South becoming sole executor. James Nance, the other executor named in the will, appeared in court and renounced the executorship thereof.

### EXHIBIT "H" (C.)

In the name of God, Amen :

I, William Nance, of the Parish of Antrim, county of Halifax, and state of Virginia, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God, for the same, do make this my last will and testament, that is to say, first of all, I recommend my soul to God that gave it, and my body to be buried decently and in a Christian-like manner. Secondly, my will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid by my executor hereinafter to be mentioned.

Item. I lend unto my son, Thomas Vaughan Nance, during his natural life, for his and his family's maintainance, one Negro man named Joe, one horse called and known by the name of Prince, also all the stock and furniture now in his possession. My will and desire further is that all my land whereon I now live, be sold by the trustees hereafter to be mentioned, and the money arising from the sale of said land, to be laid out in land by the said trustees, where they shall think proper, for the use and benefit of my son, Thomas, his wife and six youngest children, during his and her natural life, and after his and her death, I give and bequeath the land so purchased by the trustees, to my two grandsons, William Nance, son of Thomas, and James Nance, son of Zachariah, to them and their heirs forever. My will and desire further is that the residue of my estate lent to my son, Thomas, after his and his wife's death, be equally divided among his six youngest children, to them and their heirs forever. I also constitute and appoint my

son, Zachariah Nance and Daniel Palmer, trustees, to the estate lent my son, Thomas, to sell my land as before mentioned, and apply the money arising from such sale as before directed, and see that the estate so lent is not wasted or taken away from the use and benefit of his children or self by any judgment whatever or any other ways, but that it be kept by the said trustees to maintain the said family as is directed.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Zachariah Nance, one Negro man named Julius, and one Negro woman named Julia, the latter now in his possession, and her increase from the year 1791, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I lend unto my daughter, Elizabeth Palmer, one Negro woman named Sew, now in her possession, with her increase from the eighth of May, 1787, during the natural life, and after her death to be equally divided among her children, except the two eldest, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah Tucker, one Negro man named Charles, and one Negro woman named Betty, now in her possession, and all her increase, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Levinia Francis Bates, one Negro woman named Charlotte, and her increase from the year 1794; also one feather bed and furniture with all the stock of household and kitchen furniture now in her possession, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson, William Nance, son of Thomas Vaughan Nance, one feather bed and furniture, and one mare colt that was got by the horse Garrick, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Mary Vaughan Winters-Tucker, one Negro woman named Rachel (alias Frosty), and her child, Matt, with her future increase; one feather bed and furniture, two cows and calves, and one sow and pigs, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Mary Nance, one Negro girl named Rhoda, and her increase; also one feather bed and furniture now in her possession, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson, William Palmer, one Negro boy named Abram, now in his possession, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Kitty Palmer, one Negro girl named Nellie, with her increase; also one feather bed and furniture, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to James W. Bates, son of James Bates, one Negro boy named Elisha, son of Charlotte, to him and his heirs forever.

Further, my will and desire is that all the remainder of my estate that is not already given, such as horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs, crop of every kind, and all kinds of household and kitchen furniture with every article of my estate not already given, be sold by my executor hereafter to be mentioned, at twelve months' credit, and the money arising from such sale, after paying all my just debts, I give and bequeath one-half to my grandson, William Nance, son of Thomas, to him and his heirs forever, and I give the other half to be equally divided between my granddaughter, Martha Vaughan's (now deceased) two infant children, to them and their heirs forever.

My will and desire is that the hands be kept together till the crop is finished. Further, my will and desire is that two of my Negroes, (to-wit);

Lewis and Bess, be free to act and do for themselves. I also desire that only that part of my estate be appraised that is to be sold. Lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my friend, Peter Barksdale, executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 28th day of October, 1801.

WILLIAM NANCE, [L. S.]

Signed, sealed, and acknowledged in the presence of

WILLIAM SNYDER,

ANTHONY SNYDER,

Entered for probate December 28, 1801.

JOSIAH CLAY.

## EXHIBIT "I."

The following is a list of deeds of record in the clerk's office, Pittsylvania county, Virginia, in name of Nance, viz.:

DATE.	Grantor.	County and State.	Grantee.	County.	Acres.	In Presence of
March 11, 1783.	Edward Cahall	Pittsylvania, Va.	Clement Nance.	Pittsylvania.	4	Giles Nance.
March 9, 1790.	Peter Perkins				254	
December 18, 1797.	Wm. Sutherland	Burke, N. C.	Mosias Nance.		100	
December 29, 1797.	Clement Nance.	Pittsylvania, Va.			125	
May 1, 1798	{ Clement Nance and Jas. Denton.		R. McDonald		70	
December 29, 1798.	Clement Nance.		Jos. Burton		100	Wm. Shaw, Mosias Nance.
June 22, 1803.	Wm. Shaw	Mercer, Ky.	Clement Nance.		150	
November 11, 1811	Wm. Shaw	Harrison, Ind.	Thos. Stacy		150	{ Wm. M. and Jno. Nance, and Robt. Bullington.
February 17, 1812.	Clement Nance.	Newberry, Dist. S. C.	Wm. Wilson		100	
April 10, 1816.	{ Clement Nance and Mary, his wife	Harrison, Ind.	Reuben Curtis		383	
November 3, 1786.	Wm. Ricketts	Henry, Va.			100	
	John Harris	Pittsylvania, Va.	Wm. Malone Nance.			
June 14, 1774.	{ Wm. M. Nance and Elizabeth, wife.		Jas. Strange		141	{ Clement Nance, Jos. Jones, Wm. Howe Nance.
July 26, 1797	David Nance		Wm. M. Nance		141	{ John and Robt. Bulling- ton.
April 7, 1807	Wm. H. Nance		Wm. M. Nance		113	
October 19, 1787.	Giles Nance	Amelia, Va.	John Jones		300	
October 4, 1796.		Nattoway, Va.	Robt. Bullington		122	Wm. M. and David Nance.
October 30, 1796.			Peter Cahall		72	Wm. M. and David Nance.
October 30, 1796.			Clement Nance.		33	Wm. M. and David Nance.
October 30, 1796.			{ David and Wm. Nance, Orphans of David Nance	Nattoway.	54	Wm. M. Nance.
October 26, 1796.			Wm. Wilson	Pittsylvania.	270	
December 27, 1802.		Wake, N. C.	Jonathan Branson.		57	
December 2, 1809.					100	
February 12, 1835	{ Mosias Nance and Peggy, his wife,	Pittsylvania, Va.	Fuller Harris.		125	Wm. M. Nance.
November 13, 1805.	Wm. H. Nance		Pleasant Mahan		100	

## EXHIBIT "J."

## WILL OF MOSIAS JONES.

In the name of God, Amen :

I, Mosias Jones, of Pittsylvania county, state of Virginia, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, being sensible that I am near my latter end, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament. I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be interred at the discretion of my friends, with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life at the last day, and dispose of my worldly goods in the manner and form following :

First, I do constitute and ordain Clement Nance to be my executor, who is to get a lawful right and title to my land, whereon I now live, and to sell and dispose thereof, to the best advantage, out of which he must be paid for his trouble and expense. Also I give and bequeath unto my three daughters, Susanna Jones, Martha Jones, Dianitia Jones, and my granddaughter, Henrietta Jones, all the balance of the price of the above mentioned land, to be equally divided between them four.

Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Elizabeth James, one shilling Sterling. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Nance, one shilling Sterling. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter, Nancy Lee, one shilling Sterling. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter, Wilmith Massey, one shilling Sterling. Also I give and bequeath to my son, Buckner Jones, one shilling Sterling. Also I give and bequeath to Lydda Clarke, all my household goods and kitchen furniture, to be by her possessed at my death.

In witness whereof I do hereby set my hand and affix my seal to this my last will and testament, this eighteenth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.

MOSIAS M. JONES, [L. S.]

Signed, sealed, and acknowledged in the presence of

HENRY LANSFORD, JOHN MAY,

ISAM LANSFORD, SAMUEL STRONG.

Probated October 17, 1796.

## EXHIBIT "K."

## ART IN THE FAMILY.

Mr. Robert Morton Nance, son of W. E. Nance, of Cardiff, Wales, who has assisted the author so much, is a young man who is gaining some notoriety as an artist. He is too modest to speak much of himself and will not consent that his father shall do so.

After several attempts the author has gained his consent to use the following over his own signature. He has reason to believe that much stronger language might be used, showing his work is being received by those from this country as well as in Europe, where it has been shown exclusively until now. Members of the family visiting the Fair, will no doubt seek out this work of our old country cousin.

23 WESTBOURNE ROAD,  
PENARTH, S. WALES, May 5, 1904.

GEO. W. NANCE, ESQUIRE.

*Dear Sir:*—My father has asked me to write out a few facts concerning my work, which you apparently think would come into the scope of your family history.

I hope I am only yet at the outset of my professional career, and there seems very little to say. I have had the usual experience among artists of feeling my way to the type of work that is most congenial, and after a few years of varied work, book illustrations, figure painting and various kinds of decorative work, I seem to have found in painting subjects taken from the old romantic days of seafaring. I had an outlet for the slowly accumulating knowledge of old shipping that I had, and also for a love of decorating lines and colors. I have since then devoted myself almost entirely to that class of work, exhibiting it mostly in London, though I was represented at the Tunic exhibition by a screen, "The Three Ships of Columbus" (which you may be interested to know was sold to an American), and I am also showing a screen at St. Louis, in the English Applied Art Section, the subject being, "Blake and Van Troup."

Yours very truly,

R. MORTON NANCE.

In the Pantheon, at Paris, there is a beautiful memorial tablet with this inscription, "Charles Victor De Nance."

In the Field Museum, in the Fine Arts Building of the World's Fair, Chicago, is an exhibit located in the gallery of the west court directly above "alcove 105." It consists of a jar of what appears to be bark, and a card bearing the inscription, "Corteza de Nance, Baja Veradaz, Gautemala." The number is 1580.

Dr. Willis O. Nance, Chicago, came across both the tablet and the exhibit.

"Nansemond," one of the original eight counties into which the Dominion was divided for local administration in 1634, was the Indian word for "persimmon," and had no relation whatever to our family name.

I have the name, only the name, of Captain Thomas Nance, of Elizabeth City county, in 1688.

In 1634 the Dominion of Virginia was divided into eight shires or counties: Elizabeth City, Warwick, York, James City, Charles City, Prince George, Isle of Wight, and Nansemond. Surry was erected from Isle of Wight in 1652. Brunswick from Surry in 1720. Lunenburg from Brunswick in 1742. Halifax and Bedford from Lunenburg in 1752 and 1753, respectively. Pittsylvania from Halifax in 1767.



## ABBREVIATIONS.

## IN THE BODY OF THE WORK.

b stands for born.

h stands for husband.

d " " dead or died.

w " " wife.

m " " married.

One year following name, is year of birth.

Two years with hyphen between, year of birth and death.

## IN THE INDEXES.

tr stands for trunk.

t stands for twig.

l " " limb.

f " " family.

b " " branch.

ta " " table.

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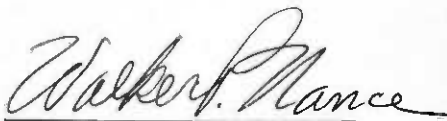
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Many have expressed the wish that this book be brought up-to-date and certainly that would be most desirable. However, by now there probably are a million Nance descendants and an undertaking of such scope would be far beyond the capacity and ability of any one person. Therefore, we have done what we believe to be the next best thing. We have included several blank pages in the back of the book so that each person can, if he desires, record his own line up-to-date and still have room to record several generations yet to come.

In any cooperative endeavor, there are always a few who give that extra measure of energy, encouragement and unselfish service that carries it to success. This one has been no exception and three of our fellow kinsmen deserve particular thanks and recognition for their invaluable help in making this reproduction possible. They are Martin Luther (Pete) Nance of Shreveport, Louisiana; Isham Claud Nance of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and James Oliver Nance of Austin, Texas. Their support, and the response and support of all of you, has been the most heartwarming factor in this entire project and has confirmed anew what my wife Pat and I have long felt in our hearts--that our forefathers have left us a grand heritage --a heritage of industry, honor, honesty, pride in our family and our country, and a love and respect for our fellow men.

May we all live up to this heritage.

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