

A<sub>shley</sub> and K<sub>ief</sub> A<sub>ncestry</sub>

## Family History

Before 1670 to present.....

Compiled by direct descendants Myrtle Ashley Kief, Lysle Kief Lewis, Richard Ashley and all descendants from Thomas Wiley Ashley and all descendants from Ernest Leslie Kief.

This report has been documented with the hopes that it will be passed down through future generations as a family history of who we are, where we came from, what influences may have appeared from our previous generations, to instill a sense of pride of our ancestors' abilities to overcome the trials of settling in new lands, surviving dangers of 'the wild' and overcoming the perils of the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Native American skirmishes.

We are not one who has sat in Washington DC; we do not own the richest companies; we have not found the magic cure for the world's woes; we have not gone to the moon; we do have a proud line; we do have inner strength to succeed; we do have our strong background of religious convictions, we have our sense of 'family'; we have our heroes. Let us strive to continue what our forefathers have given to us. We hope our future generations may continue to add to this document for their descendants to 'enjoy' their past.

**GENEALOGICAL SEQUENCE OF ASHLEY  
DESCENDANTS FROM FIRST AMERICAN  
GENERATION:**

1. EDWARD ASHLEY(1), b. unk; d. unk.; m. MARY HALLOWELL.
2. JOSEPH ASHLEY(2), b. 1670; d. 1760; m. ELIZABETH PERVICAL
3. THOMAS ASHLEY(3), b. 1704; d. unk.; m. (1) PHEBE FREEMAN, (2) MARY BODEFISH.
4. WILLIAM ASHLEY(4), b. 1758; d. 1820(28), m. PHOEBE HOWE.
5. ELISHA ASHLEY(12), b. 1796; d. 1863; m. SALLY BAKER
6. JOEL ASHLEY(34), b. 1816; d. 1871;m. MARY ANN MARTIN
7. THOMAS ASHLEY(58), b. 1848; d. 1929; m. (1) MARY C. BRADLEY (2) NETTIE BRADLEY  
(3) MAE SUTHLAND (4) SARAH JANE (JOHNSON) DAVIDSON.
8. ROBERT ASHLEY (78), b. 1894; d. 1973; m. BLANCHE VARNHOLTZ.
  9. WILMA MAE ASHLEY, b. 1929, m. (1) ROBERT LATTIMORE  
(2) ROY WESTMORELAND
8. MYRTLE (ASHLEY) KIEF(79), b. 1898; d. 1977; m. ERNEST KIEF
  9. LYSLE KIEF(82), b. 1924, m. CHARLES LEWIS
    10. JUDITH LEWIS(87), b. 1944 m. TERRY TRAINOR
    10. ROBERT LEWIS(88), b. 1946, m. PAULA DUDROW
  9. ROBERT KIEF(83), b. 1926; m. (1) MAJORIE RHOADES (2)  
JOYCE MORTON.
    10. TONI KIEF(89), b. 1948; m.(1) THOMAS JOY  
(2) CHARLES DAVIS.
    10. KIRK KIEF(90), b. 1950; m. (1) MELODY  
BINGAMAN (2) WENDY SASSAMAN
    10. PENNY KIEF(91), b. 1953; m. (1) MICHAEL  
ALTSHUE (2) TIMOTHY DRY.
    10. KATHY KIEF(92), b. 1955; m. (1) TERRELL  
DEWALD (2) JOHN BORDNER.
8. JOEL ASHLEY(80), b. 1902; d. 1961; m. VIVIAN SMITH
  9. JOAN ASHLEY (83), b. 1927; m.(1)ROBERTHELMANTOLER  
(2) HASTON KERBY (3) WALTER SMITH.
    10. RICHARD HELMANTOLER, b. 1950; m  
LORI FOX.
    10. STEVEN KERBY(93), b. 1960;m YVONNE  
BERNOSKY
  9. RICHARD ASHLEY(84), b. 1931; m. JOSEPHA HEILAND
    10. DAVID ASHLEY, b. 1954; m. DARLENE  
VODRAZKA
    10. DOREEN ASHLEY, b. 1958; m. MICHAEL  
WINDBIEL

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## **MISSING LINK IN ASHLEY GENEALOGY REMAINS MYSTERIOUS AT FIRST REUNION.**

### **Once Owned Most of East Freetown**

**Linking Joseph Ashley, who purchased all of East Freetown early in the 1700's still remain a mystery at the conclusion of the first Ashleys of America meeting held in Bridgewater, Saturday.**

**According to information which was presented by the family's first president of the association, Robert E. Ashley of Bridgewater, a Thomas Ashley is dated back to the 1600's. His name first appears in history as living in Gloucester, at Cape Ann, in 1639.**

**In 1638 records show that Robert Ashley lived in the Springfield-Agawam area. Another Ashley, Edward, was believed to have been in America in 1630 but left no descendants in America except maybe some half breed Indians.**

**Most of the Ashleys in this area are descended from Joseph Ashley (above) who purchased all of East Freetown, (then Tiverton) , part of Acushnet and Rochester. They made their home for generations, and still some descendents continue, in this area near Route 105, Morton Road, East Freetown, and North Avenue, Rochester. The first home was on property now owned by the New Bedford Water Works.**

### **Used Spanish Money**

**To purchase this large tract of land, it is said, Spanish money was used. It is not known where Joseph Ashley came from, or how he got the money but some family members were suspicious of pirating.**

**As sketched out by the association's president, it is probable that Joseph Ashley was the son of or grandson of the Thomas Ashley already mentioned.**

**But the mystery still remains unsolved while many Ashleys still wonder how, or even if, they are related to others, living in southeastern Massachusetts or those scattered across the nation.**

Association president Robert Ashley of 68 Spring Hill Avenue, Bridgewater made most of the arrangements for the first organizational meeting held at the Scotland Trinitarian Congregational Church in Bridgewater. About 85 attended, dinner was served, talks presented and officers elected. Mr. Ashley, the only Ashley in Bridgewater, has been working on the family genealogy for several years.

Mr. Ashley, who also compiled Ashley genealogy and family history, is a graduate of Brockton High School, Wentworth Institute, Photo Media School of Photography and Northeast School of Photography. He is an archaeologist, colonial historian and genealogist. Most of his life he has worked as a professional photographer and since 1956 has been a professor and head of the department of photography of the Franklin Institute in Boston.

Others elected at the first meeting were John S. Ashley of Dartmouth, first vice president, Bradford Swan of Providence, second vice-president, Paul Leonard of Lakeville, third vice-president; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Davis of Williamstown, secretary; Mrs. Theodore Ashley of Freetown, treasurer; Mrs. Doris Long, Mrs. Helen Gurney Thomas and Mrs. Susan Ashley French, publishing committee.

The group plans to work on publishing a book on the Ashley family. Donations were accepted in lieu of membership dues and newsletters will be sent out. An annual meeting is already being planned next year towards the latter part of August.

### **Where Did They Get The Money?**

Robert Ashley told the following story: “The mysterious appearance of Joseph and Abraham Ashley in the Old Colony at about 1700 with a goodly supply of Spanish silver, has never been satisfactorily explained. Why did they purchase extensive lands in the then remote inland section of North Rochester? Why did they for many years, seem to avoid contact with the civil and religious life of the town? If (as many believe) they were the sons or grandsons of Thomas Ashley the respected factor of the Pilgrim’s trading post on the Kennebec, then where had they been in the meantime?

“The ancestry of their wives, Elizabeth Percival of Falmouth and Susanna White of Plymouth, is easily traced. Why is their origin so obscure? An aggregate of over 100 years and many thousands of dollars spent has not provided an answer.

### **Involved in Piracy?**

It has been considered that they were involved in piracy, which in those days was looked upon about the same as bootlegging in the 1920’s.

**It is suspected that the two Ashley brothers sailed with Captain William Kidd. This ship captain seemed to get more daring as his experience gained, attacking all ships regardless of which flag they flew.**

**But as Kidd progressed with his work, law officers started looking for him. Finally when he stepped ashore in Boston, walking into a trap, he was arrested and put in jail. Finally, Kidd was hanged along with other crew members.**

**When the news of Kidd had reached former crew members who had been put ashore earlier, it appears that they “must have been encouraged to lose themselves even more completely and say nothing about their travels and occupation or the origin of their money”.**

**Some family members believe that in a panic they may have buried some remaining treasure near the East Freetown-North Rochester boundary.**

**It is also believed that everyone by the name of Ashley living in the southeastern Massachusetts area has been proven to be a descendant of Joseph Ashley and his wife Elizabeth Percival who settled in Rochester near the New Bedford water works in 1700. Some of these, due to early cousin marriages, are also descendants of Joseph’s brother Abraham’s wife Susanna (White), the granddaughter of Resolved White who came over on the Mayflower in 1620.**

### **Other Links Missing Also**

**Several lines of descent are still not available and some family members fear that the information may never be gained, even through more research. But there is still hope for this family in the East Freetown area as many will probably turn up at a reunion next year wondering just how they might be related to So and So Ashley.**

**About 85 attended the first meeting in Bridgewater Saturday. Another 20 traveled a route through Lakeville, East Freetown, Rochester, and Acushnet viewing areas of interest to the Ashleys including the Ashley family cemetery off Morton Road. Still, another smaller group viewed the recently bulldozed remains of the cellar of Abraham Ashley Jr. It is now on lot 45 in the Parkhurst home building developments.**

**The Sunday afternoon tour and two day affair concluded at the home of Mr. and Mrs Paul Leonard on Howland Road where refreshments were served.**

## **BIRTH AND PARENTAGE OF JOSEPH ASHLEY**

**Probably there is no other bit of information that would please so many “OLD COLONY ASHLEYS” as finding the parents of the first generation, JOSEPH, Abraham and Rebecca Ashley of Rochester. We can’t promise that we have a positive proof but we do have some mighty convincing data.**

**“My dear Watson, when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.” Thus spoke Sherlock Holmes a century ago.**

**We have eliminated the impossible, and what remains, is not at all improbable but very likely.**

**For a long time it was widely believed that Joseph and Abraham were children of William Ashley of Wells, Maine. This William is known to have removed to Boston and then to have gone overland to Providence, where he lived for a time with one Harding, and to have soon died there. Newly found material in the Providence Town Records show that he left one child “and sole heir” Sarah. (See “Sarah’s Affidavit” in ASHLEYS OF AMERICA Vol. 10, #1.)**

**Thus we eliminate this William as father of Joseph and Abraham.**

**Rochester records say “Abraham Ashley was born July 28, 1682”, but, contrary to MAYFLOWER FAMILIES ONE statement, it does NOT say he was born in Rochester. In fact the way it is stated seems to make it sort of an afterthought to the recording of the birth of his first child Rebecca.**

**Brother JOSEPH, not recorded, seems to be a little bit older. (See evidence in ASHLEYS OF THE OLD COLONY).**

**No record has been found of any Ashleys arriving in America, to be these people or their parents. In fact, for a time, more were returning to England than coming over.**

**No data from the south gives any likelihood that they came up from there.**

**So what do we have left?**

**Just two men in Boston who were married and having families.**

**Thomas Ashley who married Mary Branston and had five recorded children;  
and**

**Edward Ashley who married Mary Hallowell and had six recorded children.**

**Both appear to have enjoyed a degree of prosperity and were strong members of the First Church. In the 39 volumes of the REPORTS OF THE RECORD COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON we find birth records for the FIRST CHURCH, and a note by the compiler, William S. Appleton, that “For several years the records of the First Church were so carelessly kept as to be very uncertain and of little value.” This gap in the records occurs at the very time Joseph and Abraham were born.**

**Of the First Church records that we do have we find children of Thomas and Mary (Branston) Ashley to be Mary, b. 1681; Thomas, b. 1682; Ann, b. 1684; Joseph b. 1689 (died the next year) and another M---. If this couple were parents of OUR Joseph, b. about 1680 or before, they would not have named another child Joseph.**

**Thus we eliminate Thomas and Mary (Branston) Ashley.**

**This leaves only Edward and Mary (Hallowell) Ashley, who had recorded children William, 1674; Edward, 1676; now a gap of ten years before Dorothy, 1686; Esther, 1690; Mary, 1692; Sarah, 1697. Can you believe a prosperous, healthy couple had two children then a gap of ten years before having four more?**

**This ten year gap comes in just the right place for our JOSEPH, Abraham, Rebecca and perhaps John.**

**As we said, not positive proof, but mighty convincing.**

*(My original manuscript of our first Ashley in the colony has been amended to remove the above referenced William Ashley-Elizabeth Batson from our first generation and replaced with the Edward Ashley-Mary Hallowell marriage as our first Ashley, parents of JOSEPH. Edward's children, numbers 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, & 10 are verified by records. Children 3, 4, & 5 are recorded as siblings. Child #6, John, is mentioned in occasional records and seemingly has no parentage, except as our JOSEPH, he may also be a child of the above Edward. The offset entry of children #'s 3, 4, 5 & 6 are “assumed to be children of Edward” as narrated above. The above report is from records of the Genealogical Department of the Garst Museum of Darke County, Ohio. Within the first 50 years of the colonies' beginnings, the number of Ashley's to research was not that great so as to have confusion of relationships. The above process of elimination causes us to accept the assumption the our first Ashley in America was Edward, who's son Joseph is the first solid documentation of our colonial ancestry. RBA )*

*Assuming the above Edward Ashley is our first ancestor, the report continues... ..*

**Edward Ashley (who married Mary Hollowell) was an inhabitant of Boston from 1674 to 1695 and perhaps longer. He was a member of the first Church of Boston, the oldest and one of the largest and wealthiest congregations in town.**

**The first meeting house was erected at the corner of the present State Street and Devonshire Street (southwest corner) facing upon the place that a century and a third later would become the site of the “Boston Massacre”.**

**The second meeting house was built in 1639 and lasted until consumed by fire in 1711. It stood nearly opposite the Old State House. This is probably the one attended by Edward and Mary and where their children were baptized.**

**The third meeting house of the First Church of Boston was built in 1712 on the site of the second building. It was much bigger than most and was the largest meeting house in New England at that time. There were Ashleys in Boston at least as late as 1739 when Ann Ashley of Brattle Street was “disallowed an inn-keepers licence (sic)” The Hollowells were certainly still there. A Benjamin was customs commissioner, had a wife Mary and a son Ward who later changed his name to Ward Nichols Boylston. Some Hollowells were physically abused and suffered property losses. Left with the British on March 17, 1776.**

**Just two days prior to the Boston Massacre, 300 soldiers had made an attack on nearby Hollowell’s Ship Yard at the foot of Milk Street, but were driven off by Hollowell’s brawny ship-builders. Benjamin Hollowell’s house was pillaged by mob in August 1765. He was Comptroller of Customs and assaulted on several occasions. (Divided Hearts, Massachusetts Loyalists 1765-1790, David E. Maas, pub. by N.E.H.G.S. 1980)**

**Edward Ashley, in 1687, owned six houses, mills, and wharfs in Boston, and lived within walking of the Third Town House, Paul Revere’s house as well as the home where Benjamin Franklin was born. Today, only Paul Revere’s house stands.**

*(The previous report titled : MISSING LINK IN ASHLEY GENEALOGY REMAINS.....etc... alludes to this Edward as leaving no descendants except for “some half breed Indians” That has been refuted by this later account above which appears to be that “missing” link. toward finding our true lineage before our Joseph. The Robert Ashley (Springfield-Agawam area, 1638) family is well documented down from that Robert. Robert Ashley and Edward Ashley may have been brothers, sons of a Thomas Ashley.*

*Assuming Joseph, Abraham and sister Rebecca are the children filling the gap of ten years in the church records [referred to above] as children of Edward and Mary (Hollowell) Ashley, then it is fair to assume that Edwards two sons Joseph and Abraham are the same as listed under the heading; WHERE DID THEY GET THE MONEY? in the previous report.*

*Major changes in this research document now is to discard William as our first Ashley in America. Secondly is to establish Edward as our first Ashley with six recorded children and adding four more in the space lost in the church records. Those four would be Rebecca, Joseph, Abraham, and possibly John, making a total of ten children for Edward. That changes Joseph as an only child to being the fourth child of ten of Edward. Our Joseph’s wife Elizabeth Percival is documented back several generations in England. Perhaps the pirate connection is the reason we have no further information of Joseph and his father Edward.*



*The item listed below was a cover story as printed in The Villager, a weekly newspaper serving the towns of Freetown and Lakeville in southwestern Massachusetts.*

**The historic Col. John Ashley (#3 Thomas Ashley, his fourth child) house in Ashley Falls was the site of two events that changed the course of history. Col. Ashley owned a young negro slave that he had bought as a child and raised to be a house servant. When she “Mombett” heard the Col. and his friends talking of the about to be adopted constitution that made all men free and equal, and a little later had a bitter clash with Mrs. Ashley, she ran away to the home of Theodore Sedgwick and pleaded with him to go to law for her seeking her freedom. Sedgwick, although a close friend of the Ashleys, took her case and won her freedom, thus establishing a precedent more that 100 years before the Civil War. All parties seem to have remained friends, in spite of Ashley’s loss.**

**The second event occurred in the winter of 1772-73 when the leaders of Sheffield drew up, in the Ashley house, the Sheffield Declaration of Independence which was adopted on January 12, 1773. It is called America’s first Declaration of Independence and preceded by more than three years the one adopted in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776.**

## The Mayflower's Voyage



"The Mayflower at Sea" by Gilbert Margesson (1852-1940)  
Painting Courtesy of: Pilgrim Hall Museum

**DEPARTURE:** The Mayflower left Plymouth, England on September 6, 1620

**ARRIVAL:** The Mayflower crew sighted land off Cape Cod on November 9, 1620, and first landfall was made November 11, 1620.

**DISTANCE AND TIME:** The voyage from Plymouth, England to Plymouth Harbor is about 2,750 miles, and took the Mayflower 66 days.

**NUMBER OF PASSENGERS:** The Mayflower left England with 102 passengers, including three pregnant women, and a crew of unknown number. While the Mayflower was at sea, Elizabeth Hopkins gave birth to a son which she named Oceanus. After the Mayflower had arrived and was anchored in Provincetown Harbor off the tip of Cape Cod, Susanna White gave birth to a son, which she named Peregrine (which means "one who has made a journey"). The Mayflower then sailed across the bay and anchored in Plymouth Harbor. There, Mary Allerton gave birth to a stillborn son. One passenger died while the Mayflower was at sea--a youth named William Butten, a servant-apprentice to Dr. Samuel Fuller. The death occurred just three days before land was sighted. One Mayflower crew member also died at sea, but his name is not known.

**CONTEMPORARY ACCOUNTS OF THE VOYAGE:** There is only one primary source account in existence that describes events that occurred while the Mayflower was at sea. It was written by William Bradford, in his History Of Plymouth Plantation. His account of the voyage, in its entirety, follows:

September 6. These troubles being blown over, and now all being compact together in one ship, they put to sea again with a prosperous wind, which continued divers days together, which was some

encouragement unto them; yet according to the usual manner many were afflicted with sea sickness. And I may not omit here a special work of God's providence. There was a proud and very profane young man, one of the sea-men, of a lusty, able body, which made him the more haughty; he would always be condemning the poor people in their sickness, and cursing them daily with grievous execrations, and did not let to tell them, that he hoped to help to cast half of them overboard before they came to their journey's end, and to make merry with what they had; and if he were by any gently reproved, he would curse and swear most bitterly. But it pleased God before they came half seas over, to smite this young man with a grievous disease, of which he died in a desperate manner, and so was himself the first that was thrown overboard. Thus his curses light on his own head; and it was an astonishment to all his fellows, for they noted it to be the just hand of God upon him.

After they had enjoyed fair winds and weather for a season, they were encountered many times with cross winds, and met with many fierce storms, with which the ship was shroudly shaken, and her upper works made very leaky; and one of the main beams in the mid ships was bowed and cracked, which put them in some fear that the ship could not be able to perform the voyage. So some of the chief of the company, perceiving the mariners to fear the sufficiency of the ship, as appeared by their mutterings, they entered into serious consultation with the master and other officers of the ship, to consider in time of the danger; and rather to return then to cast themselves into a desperate and inevitable peril. And truly there was great distraction and difference of opinion among the mariners themselves; fain would they do what could be done for their wages sake, (being now half the seas over,) and on the other hand they were loath to hazard their lives too desperately. But in examining of all opinions, the master and others affirmed they knew the ship to be strong and firm under water; and for the buckling of the main beam, there was a great iron screw the passengers brought out of Holland, which would raise the beam into his place; the which being done, the carpenter and master affirmed that with a post put under it, set firm in the lower deck, and other ways bound, he would make it sufficient. And as for the decks and upper works they would caulk them as well as they could, and though with the working of the ship they would not long keep staunch, yet there would otherwise be no great danger, if they did not overpress her with sails. So they committed themselves to the will of God, and resolved to proceed. In sundry of these storms the winds were so fierce, and the seas so high, as they could not bear a knot of sail, but were forced to hull, for divers days together. And in one of them, as they thus lay at hull, in a mighty storm, a lusty young man (called John Howland) coming upon some occasion above the gratings, was, with a seel of the ship thrown into the sea; but it pleased God that he caught hold of the topsail halyards, which hung overboard, and ran out at length; yet he held his hold (though he was sundry fathoms under water) till he was hauled up by the same rope to the brim of the water, and then with a boat hook and other means got into the ship again, and his life saved; and though he was something ill with it, yet he lived many years after, and became a profitable member both in church and commonwealth. In all this voyage their died but one of the passengers, which was William Butten, a youth, servant to Samuel Fuller, when they drew near the coast. But to omit other things, (that I may be brief,) after long beating at sea they fell with that land which is called Cape Cod; the which being made and certainly known to be it, they were not a little joyful. After some deliberation had amongst themselves and with the master of the ship, they tacked about and resolved to stand for the southward (the wind and weather being fair) to find some place about Hudson's River for their habitation. But after they had sailed that course about half a day, they fell amongst dangerous shoals and roaring breakers, and they were so far entangled therewith as they conceived themselves in great danger; and the wind shrinking upon them withal, they resolved to bear up again for the Cape, and thought themselves happy to get out of those dangers before night overtook them, as by God's providence they did. And the next day they got into the Cape-harbor where they rid in safety. A word or two by the way of this cape; it was thus first named by Captain Gosnold and his company, Anno. 1602, and after by Captain Smith was called Cape James; but it retains the former name amongst seamen.

Also that point which first showed these dangerous shoals unto them, they called Point Care, and Tucker's Terror; but the French and Dutch to this day call it Malabar, by reason of those perilous shoals, and the losses they have suffered there.

Being thus arrived in a good harbor and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of heaven, who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean, and delivered them from

all the perils and miseries thereof, again to set their feet on the firm and stable earth, their proper element. And no marvel if they were thus joyful, seeing wise Seneca was so affected with sailing a few miles on the coast of his own Italy; as he affirmed, that he had rather remain twenty years on his way by land, then pass by sea to any place in a short time; so tedious and dreadful was the same unto him.

Only one other contemporary account of the Mayflower's voyage exists, and though it was not written by a Mayflower passenger, it was written in 1624 by Captain John Smith (the same one rescued by Pocahontas), based on second hand information he had heard, or read in letters sent back to England. What Smith wrote follows (the spelling has not been modernized in this passage):

Upon these inducements some few well disposed Gentlemen and Merchants of London and other places provided two ships, the one of 160 Tunnes [the Mayflower], the other of 70 [the Speedwell]; they left the coast of England the 23 of August, with about 120 persons: but the next day the lesser ship sprung a leake, that forced their return to Plimmoth [England]: where discharging her and 20 passengers, with the great ship and a hundred persons besides sailers, they set saile againe the sixt of September, and the ninth of November fell with Cape James [Cape Cod]; but being pestered nine weeks in this leaking unwholesome ship, lying wet in their cabbins, most of them grew very weake, and weary of the sea.

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## The Mayflower Passenger List

The Mayflower passenger list in the left frame is a complete list of every Mayflower passenger.

A transcription of Bradford's original passenger list can be viewed [here](#).  
The names of all known crew members can be found [here](#).

There were 102 passengers that embarked on the Mayflower, including three pregnant women. The Mayflower left Plymouth, England on 6 September 1620, and sighted land on 9 November 1620. Landfall was made on 11 November 1620.

While the Mayflower was at sea, Elizabeth Hopkins gave birth to the son they named Oceanus. Three days before land was sighted, a young boy named William Bitten died. While the Mayflower was in Provincetown Harbor and the Pilgrims were looking for a place to settle, Susanna White gave birth to a son who they named Peregrine (the name means "one who journeys to foreign lands"). The third pregnant woman, Mary Allerton, gave birth to a stillborn son on board the Mayflower, just as the first houses were being built at Plymouth.

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## William Bradford's Mayflower passenger list

This is the passenger list Governor William Bradford wrote for his History, Of Plymouth Plantation, which he wrote between 1630 and 1654. What follows is a transcript of how his journal actually read--the original spelling and punctuation are maintained here. Bradford actually writes the passenger list twice--the first time he simply lists the passengers, and the second time he tells what happened to each person or family.

Text in red was added to the passenger list by someone at a later date—someone who didn't know what they were saying because most everything in red is incorrect.

The names of those which came over first, in ye year .1620. and were (by the Blessing of God) the first Beginers, and (in a sort) the foundation, of all the plantations, and Colonies, in New England. (And their families.)

mr John Carver. Kathrine his wife. Desire Minter; & .2. man-servants John Howland. Rog Wilder. William Latham, a boy. & a maid servant. & a child yt was put to him called, Jasper More

mr William Brewster. Mary his wife, with .2. sons, whose names were Love, & Wrasling. and a boy was put to him called Richard More; and another of his brothers the rest of his children were left behind & came over afterwards.

mr Edward Winslow Elizabeth his wife, & 2 men servants, caled Georg Sowle, and Elias Story; also a litle girle was put to him caled Ellen, the sister of Richard More.

William Bradford, and Dorathy his wife, having but one child, a sone left behind, who came afterward.

mr Isaack Allerton, and Mary. his wife; with .3. children Bartholmew Remember, & Mary. and a servant boy, John Hooke.

mr Samuell fuller; and a servant, caled William Butten. His wife was behind & a child, which came afterwards.

John Crakston and his sone John Crakston

Captin Myles Standish and Rose, his wife

mr Christopher Martin, and his wife; and .2. servants, Salamon prower, and John Langemore

mr William Mullines, and his wife; and .2. children Joseph, & priscila; and a servant Robart Carter.

mr William White, and Susana his wife; and one sone caled resolved, an one borne a ship-bord caled perigriene; & .2. servants, named William Holbeck, & Edward Thomson

mr Steven Hopkins, & Elizabeth his wife; and .2. children, caled Giles, and Constanta a daughter, both by a former wife. And .2. more by this wife, caled Damaris, & Oceanus, the last was borne at sea. And .2. servants, called Edward Doty, and Edward Litster.

mr Richard Warren, but his wife and children were left behind and came afterwards

John Billinton, and Elen his wife: and .2. sones John, & Francis.

Edward Tillie, and Ann his wife: and .2. children that were their cossens; Henery Samson, and Humillity Coper

John Tillie, and his wife; and Eelizabeth their daughter.

Francis Cooke, and his sone John; But his wife & other children came afterwards

Thomas Rogers, and Joseph his sone; his other children came afterwards.

Thomas Tinker, and his wife, and a Sone

John Rigdale; and Alice his wife.

James Chilton, and his wife, and Mary their dougter; they had another daughter yt was married came afterward.

Edward fuller, and his wife; and Samuell their sonne.

John Turner, and .2. sones; he had a daughter came some years after to Salem, wher she is now living.

Francis Eaton. and Sarah his wife, and Samuell their sone, a yong child

Moyses fletcher, John Goodman, Thomas Williams, Digerie Preist, Edmond Margeson, Peter Browne, Richard Britterige, Richard Clarke, Richard Gardenar, Gilbert Winslow

John Alden was hired for a cooper, at South-Hampton wher the ship victuled; and being a hopefull yong man was much desired, but left to his owne liking to go, or stay when he came here, but he stayed, and maryed here.

John Allerton, and Thomas English were both hired, the later to goe mr of a shalop here. and ye other was reputed as one of ye company, but was to go back (being a seaman) for the help of others behind. But they both dyed here, before the shipe returned.

Ther were also other .2. seamen hired to stay a year here in the country, William Trevore; and one Ely. But when their time was out they both returned.

These being aboute a hundred sowls came over in this first ship; and began this worke, which god of his goodnes hath hithertoo blessed; let his holy name have ye praise.

And seeing it hath pleased him to give me to see. 30. years compleated, since these beginings. And that the great works of his providence are to be observed. I have thought it not unworthy my paines, to take a veiw of the decreasinges, & Increasinges of these persons, and such change as hath pased over them, & theirs, in this thirty years. It may be of some use to such as come after; but however I shall rest in my owne benefite.

I will therefore take them in order as they lye.

mr Carver and his wife, dyed the first year, he in ye spring, she in ye somer; also his man Roger, and ye lisle boy Jasper, dyedbefore either of them, of ye commone Infection. Desire Minter, returned to her freind & proved not very well, and dyed inEngland. His servant boy Latham after more then .20.

years stay in the country went into England; and from thence to the Bahamy Ilands in ye west Indies; and ther with some others was stavred for want of food. His maid servant married, &c dyed a year or tow after here in this place. His servant John Howland married the daughter of John Tillie, Elizabeth, and they are both now living; and have .10. children now all living and their eldest daughter hath .4. children And ther .2. dougter, one, all living and other of their Children mariagable. so .15. are come of them.

mr Brewster lived to very old age; about .80. years he was when he dyed, having lived some .23. or .24. years here in ye countrie. & though his wife dyed long before, yet she dyed aged. His sone Wrastle dyed a yonge man unmarried; his sone Love, lived till this year . 1650. and 4. dyed, & left .4. children, now living. His daughters which came over after him, are dead but have left sundry children alive; his eldst sone is still liveing, and hath .9. or . 10. children, one married. who hath a child, or .2. Richard More, his brother dyed the first winter; but he is married, and hath .4. or .5. children, all living.

mr Ed: Winslow, his wife dyed the first winter; and he married with the widow of mr White, and hath .2. children living by her marigable, beside sundry that are dead. one of his servants dyed, as also the litle girle soone after the ships arivall. But his man Georg Sowle, is still living, and hath .8. children.

William Bradford, his wife dyed soone after their arivall; and he married againe; and hath .4. children, .3: wherof are married.

mr Allerton his wife dyed with the first, and his servant John Hooke. his sone Bartle is married in England but I know not how many children he hath. His daughter remember is married at Salem & hath .3. or .4 children living. And his daughter mary is married here, & hath 4. children. Him selfe married againe with ye dougter of mr Brewster, & hath one sone living by here but she is long since dead. And he is married againe, and hath left this place long agoe. So I account his Increase to be :8: beside his sons in England.

mr fuller, his servant dyed at sea; and after his wife came over, he had two children by her; which are living and growne up to years. But he dyed some .15. years agoe.

John Crakston dyed in the first mortality; and about some .5. or 6. years after his sone dyed, having lost him selfe in ye wodes, his feet became frozen, which put him into a feavor, of which he dyed.

Captain Standish his wife dyed in the first sicknes; and he married againe, and hath .4. sones liveing, and some are dead. who dyed .3. of Octob, 1655.

mr Martin, he, and all his, dyed in the first Infection; not long after the arivall.

mr Molines, and his wife, his sone, & his servant dyed the first winter. Only his dougter priscila survied, and married with John Alden, who are both living, and have .11. children. And their eldest daughter is married & hath five children. See N. E. Memorial, p. 22.

mr White, and his .2. servants dyed soone after ther landing. His wife married with mr Winslow (as is before noted) His .2. sons are married, and resolved hath . 5. children; perigrine tow, all living. So their Increase are .7.

mr Hopkins, and his wife are now both dead; but they lived above .20. years in this place, and had one sone, and .4. daughters borne here. Ther sone became a sea man, & dyed at Barbadoes, one daughter dyed here. and .2. are married. one of them hath .2. children, and one is yet to mary. So their Increase, which still survive, are 4. . But his sone Giles is married, and hath .4. children. his daughter Constanta, is also married, and hath .12. children all of them living, and one of them married.

mr Richard Warren dived some .4. or .5. years, and had his wife come over to him, by whom he had .2. sons before dyed; and one of them is maryed, and hath .2. children So his Increase is .4. but he had .5. daughters more came over with his wife, who are all maried, & living & have many children.

John Billinton after he had bene here .10. yers, was executed, for killing a man; and his eldest sone dyed before him; but his .2. sone is alive, and maried, & hath .8. children

Edward Tillie, and his wife both dyed soon after their arivall; and the girle Humility their cousen, was sent for into England, and dyed then But the youth Henery Samson, is still liveing, and is maried, & hath .7. children.

John Tillie, and his wife both dyed, a litle after they came ashore; and their daughter Elizabeth maried with John Howland and hath Isue as is before noted.

Francis Cooke is still living, a very olde man, and hath scene his childrens, children, have children: after his wife came over. (with other of his children) he hath .3. still living by her, all maried, and have .5. children so their encrease is .8. And his sone John which came over with him, is maried, and hath .4. children living.

Thomas Rogers dyed in the first sicknes, but his sone Joseph is still living, and is maried, and hath .6. children. The rest of Thomas Rogers came over, & are maried, & have many children.

Thomas Tinker, and his wife, and sone, all dyed in the first sicknes. And so did John Rigdale, and his wife.

James Chilton, and his wife also dyed in the first Infection. but their daughter mary, is still living and hath .9. children; and one daughter is maried, & hath a child; so their Increase is .10.

Edward fuller, and his wife dyed soon after they came ashore; but their sone Samuell is living, & maried, and hath .4. children.  
or more.

John Turner, and his .2. sones all dyed in the first siknes. But he hath a daughter still living, at Salem, well maried, and approved of.

Francis Eaton, his first wife dyed in the generall sicknes; and he maried againe, & his wife dyed, & he maried the .3. and had by her .3. children. one of them is maried, & hath a child; the other are living, but one of them is an Ideote. He dyed about .16. years agoe. his sone Samuell, who came over a sucking child is allso maried, & hath a child.

Moyse fletcher Thomas Williams Digerie preist John Goodman Edmond Margeson Richard Britterige Richard Clarke All these dyed sone after their arivall in the Generall sicknes that befell. But Digerie preist had his wife & children sent hither afterwards she being mr Allertons sister. But the rest left no posteritie here.

Richard Gardinar, became a seaman, and dyed in England, or at sea.

Gilbert Winslow after diverse years abroad here, returned into England and dyed then

Peter Browne maried twice, by his first wife he had .2. children, who are living, & both of them maried, and the one of them hath .2. children. by his second wife, he had .2. more; he dyed about 16 years since

Thomas English; and John Allerton, dyed in the generall siknes.

John Alden maried with priscila, mr Mollines his daughter, and had Isue by her as is before related.



**Edward Doty, & Edward Litster the servants of mr Hopkins. Litster After he was at liberty, went to Virginia, & ther dyed. But Edward Doty by a second wife hath .7. children and both he and they are living.**

**Of these 200 persons which came first over, in this first ship together; the greater halfe dyed in the generall mortality; and most of them in .2. or three monthes time. And for those which survived though some were ancient & past procreation; & others left ye place and cuntrie. yet of those few remaining are sprunge up above .160. persons; in this .30. years. And are now living in this present year . 1650. beside many of their children which are dead and come not within this account.**

**And of the old stock, (of one, & other) ther are yet living this present year. 1650. nere .30. persons. Let the Lord have ye praise; who is the High preserver of men.**

# Will of Peregrine White

The fourteenth day of July Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and four.

I Peregrine White of Marshfield in ye County of Plimouth in New England Being aged and under many Weaknesses and Bodily Infirmities But of Sound disposing mind and memory praises be Rendered to Almighty God therefore yet in dayly Expectation of my Great Change Do herefore hereby make and Declare this my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and making null any former Will or Wils by me heretofore made and declare this to be my last Will and Testament and no other--

Imprimis I Humbly Commit my Soul to Almighty God that Gave it and my Body to decent Buriall and it Shall Please him to take me hence And Touching my Worldy Estate which it hath pleased the Lord to Bless me with my Will and meaning is that ye same Shall be employed and disposed as followeth that is to say after my just debts and funerall expenses are payd and discharged by my Executors hereafter named and same shall be Employed as herein is expressed Item I Give and Bequeath to Sarah my welbeloved Wife all my Goods and Chattels not otherways disposed of by this my Will the same to be for her Support and Comfort for and during ye term of her naturall Life. Item I having already by Deed under my hand and Seal Dated the 19th day of August 1674 Given and Confirmed to my Eldest Son Daniel White my Tenement or Homestead with other my land and Rights of Land in ye Township of Marshfield with ye Exceptions and Reservations therein mentioned--All which lands and premisses I hereby futher Confirm unto him according to ye true meaning of ye said Deed And I do hereby further Give and Bequeath to my said Son Daniell my Great table and fourms my Joynworke Bedstead and Cupboard Also I give unto my said son Daniel ye one moiety or half of my lands and Rights of land in ye Township of Middleborough Always provided that in Consideration thereof he the said Daniel Keep for the use of my said wife both Sumer and Winter one Cow during ye life of my said wife Item I having enjoyed ye said Daniel to pay unto my Daughters Sarah and Mercy each of them ye sum of Ten pounds as in ye above Recited Deed is mentioned. It is my will tha twhat is behind and unpaid by him be duly paid to them out of his Estate according to ye meaning of ye said Deed. Item I Give and Bequeath the other moiety or half my land and Rights of land in ye Township of Middleborough to my two sons Jonathan and Peregrine to be equally parted betweene them I further Give to my said son Jonathan my Rapier and to his Eldest son I Give my Gun. Item It is my will that all my said Goods and Chattels that shall be remaining at my wife her decease be Equally parted between my four children namely Jonathan Peregrine Sarah and Mercy And further it is my will that Sarah my wife enjoy that part of ye Dwelling house that I now live in and enjoy And I hereby Give her the one third of ye Rents and profits of ye land contayned in ye above Recited Deed to hold to her during ye term of her Naturall life. And lastly I hereby nominate and Appoint my said Wife and my said Eldest Son Daniel joynt Executors of this my last Will and Testament And do Request my Good friends and Neighbors Samuel Sprague Senior and John Dogget to be overseers thereof and be helpfull in ye advising of my wife to such methods as may conduce to her comfortable subsistance while she lives In Testimony whereof and in confirmation of ye promisses I ye said Peregrine White have hereunto set my hand and seal on ye Day and year above Written. Item before sealing I Give to Each of my sd Daughters one painted chair and a cushion.

Signed sealed and Declared

In ye Presence of

Saml Sprague

Thomas Dogget

Mary Joyce

her mark

P W

The mark of Peregrine White

GENERATION No. 1

1. EDWARD ASHLEY, b. unk.; d. unk., m. MARY HALLOWELL; b. unk. in England.

Children of EDWARD ASHLEY and MARY HALLOWELL are:

- i. WILLIAM ASHLEY, b. 1674
- ii. EDWARD ASHLEY, b. 1676
- iii. ----- REBECCA ASHLEY, b.& d. unk.;m. JOHN WHITEFIELD
- 2. iv. ----- JOSEPH ASHLEY, b. 1670-1680; m. ELIZABETH PERCIVAL
- v. ----- ABRAHAM ASHLEY, b. Jul 28, 1682
- vi. ----- ? JOHN ASHLEY?, b.&d. unk., m. unk.
- vii. DOROTHY ASHLEY, b. 1686
- viii. ESTHER ASHLEY, b. 1690
- ix. MARY ASHLEY, b. 1692
- x. SARAH ASHLEY, b. 1697

GENERATION No. 2

2. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> ASHLEY (EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born 1670-80, died May 24, 1760, and m. ELIZABETH PERCIVAL on Aug 25, 1703 in Falmouth, MA. ELIZABETH PERCIVAL was born on Sep 10, 1675 in Sandwich, MA and died before Jan, 1728(29)

Children of JOSEPH ASHLEY and ELIZABETH PERCIVAL are:

- 3. i. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> ASHLEY, b. Feb 12, 1704; d. May 24 (?)
- ii. JETHRO<sup>3</sup> ASHLEY, b. Jan 11, 1706(07), Rochester, MA.
- iii. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> ASHLEY, b. Dec 12, 1709, Rochester MA.; d. abt 1783.
- iv. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> ASHLEY, b. Jan 4, 1710(11), Rochester, MA.
- v. ABRAHAM<sup>3</sup> ASHLEY, b. 1715, Rochester, MA.; d. abt 1783.
- vi. MARY<sup>3</sup> ASHLEY, b. Mar 12, 1718(19), Rochester, MA.
- vii. JOSEPH JR.<sup>3</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt 1723, Rochester, MA.

GENERATION No. 3

3. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> ASHLEY (JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Feb 12, 1704 in Rochester, MA and died May 24, (?); m. (1) PHEBE FREEMAN on Jan 16, 1728(29) in Rochester, MA. PHEBE FREEMAN was born (unk) and died before 1749. He married (2) MARY BODEFISH in 1749.

Children of THOMAS ASHLEY and PHEBE FREEMAN are:

- i. THANKFUL<sup>4</sup> ASHLEY, b. JAN 28, 1729(30), Rochester, MA.
- ii. MIRIAM<sup>4</sup> ASHLEY, b. Jul 14, 1732, Rochester, MA.
- iii. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> ASHLEY, b. Jun 5, 1738, Rochester, MA.
- iv. JOHN<sup>4</sup> ASHLEY, b. Aug 30, 1740, Rochester, MA.
- v. ELKANAH<sup>4</sup> ASHLEY, b. Jun 13, 1744, Rochester, MA.
- vi. JAMES<sup>4</sup> ASHLEY (no dates)
- vii. ISAAC<sup>4</sup> ASHLEY, b. Apr 13, 1747, Rochester, MA
- viii. FREEMAN<sup>4</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt 1748, Rochester, MA.

Children of THOMAS ASHLEY and MARY BODEFISH are:

- ix. ENOCH4 ASHLEY, b. Nov 25, 1750, Rochester, MA.
- x. EUNICE4 ASHLEY, b. abt 1753.
- xi. ELISHA4 ASHLEY, b. Oct, 1756, Rochester, MA.
- 4. xii.. WILLIAM4 ASHLEY, b. May 7, 1758, MA.; d. Dec 27, 1820(28), Darke Co., OH,

GENERATION No. 4

4. WILLIAM4 ASHLEY (THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) , was born May 7, 1758 in Rochester, MA, and died Dec 27, 1828 in Darke Co., OH. He married PHOEBE HOWE 1779 in Poultney, Rutland Co., VT., daughter of NEHEMIAH HOWE and BEULAH WHEELER.

Children of WILLIAM ASHLEY and PHOEBE HOWE are:

- 5. i. PHILANDA5 ASHLEY, b. Apr 1780, Poultney, Rutland Co., VT.; d. Sep 1857
- 6. ii. GEORGE5 WASHINGTON ASHLEY, b. Jun 27, 1781, Poultney, Rutland Co., VT; d. Mar 7, 1853, Wheaton, IL
- 7. iii. LOAMI5 ASHLEY. b. Aug 9, 1784, Poultney, Rutland Co., VT.; d. Sep 25, 1855 Montgomery Co. OH.
- 8. iv. WILLIAM5 HOWE ASHLEY, b. Dec 31, 1786, Poultney, Rutland Co., VT.; d. Dec 17, 1875, Pulaskiville, NY
- 9. v. RHEUMILLA5 ASHLEY, b. Sep 19, 1789, Poultney, Rutland Co., VT.;d. 1838.
- 10. vi. PHEBE5 ASHLEY, b. Mar 16, 1792, NY.; d. Feb 3, 1860, Marengo, IL.;
- 11. vii. ALANSON5 ASHLEY, b. Jul 15, 1793, Poultney, Rutland Co., VT.; d. Nov 24, 1857, Abbotsville, OH.
- 12. viii. ELISHA5 ASHLEY, b. Feb 25, 1796, Herkimer Co., NY; d. Jun 15, 1863, Merom, Sullivan Co., IN.
- 13. ix. HARRY5 ASHLEY, b. 1798; d. Jun 27, 1841, Licking Co., OH.
- 14. x. SARDIS5 ASHLEY, b. Apr 29, 1801, NY.; d. May 19, 1853, Union City, IN.
- 15. xi. PURNELL5 ASHLEY,b.1804; d. 1831.

GENERATION No. 5

- 5.. PHILANDA5 ASHLEY (WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born Apr, 1780 in Poultney, Rutland Co., VT, and died Sep 1857. She married HIRAM BURTCH in 1795 in Herkimer, NY.

Children of PHILANDA ASHLEY and HIRAM BURTCH are:

- i. LORAMA6 BURTCH, b. Jul 24, 1797, Herkimer Co., NY.; d. Aug 10, 1875, CA.
- 16. ii. PHEBE6 BURTCH, b. Dec 17, 1799, Herkimer Co., NY.; d. Mar 20, 1869
- iii. HIRAM6 BURTCH, b. Jun, 1802, Herkimer Co., NY.; d. Sep , 1821, IN.
- iv. SARAH6 BURTCH, b. Jun 20, 1805, Herkimer Co., NY.; d. Jun 15, 1839, West Liberty, OH
- v. EUNICE6 BURTCH, b. Sep 5, 1808, Herkimer Co., NY; d. aft. 1825, CA
- vi. HORATIO6 NELSON BURTCH, b. Jun 18, 1811, Chautauqua Co., NY; d. 1860, Darke Co., OH.; m. ELIZABETH WEAVER, Mar 24, 1832, Montgomery Co., OH.
- vii. ELECTRA6 BURTCH, b. Jun 15, 1815, Chautauqua Co., NY.; d. Sep 1827, Dayton, OH.
- viii. DIANNA6 BURTCH, b. Sep 6, 1817, Buffalo, NY.; d. Aft.1836, Eaton, OH.
- ix. ELIZA6 BURTCH, b. Feb 17, 1820, Lawrenceburg, IN.; d. ?, Red Rock, IA
- 17. x. ASA6 BURTCH, b. Feb 17, 1820, Lawrenceburg, IN.; d. Oct 1892, Eaton, OH

6. GEORGE<sup>5</sup> WASHINGTON ASHLEY (WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> EDWARD<sup>1</sup>), was born Jun 27, 1781, Poultney, Rutland Co., VT. and died Mar 7, 1853 in Wheaton, IL. He married (1) POLLY DICKSON Nov 16, 1806, Upper Lisle, Broome Co., NY. He married (2) SALLY PAGE, (no dates).

Children of GEORGE ASHLEY and POLLY DICKSON are:

- i. ELISHA<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. Jul 24, 1807, Broome Co., NY.
- ii. HARVY<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. JAN 12, 1810, Broome Co., NY.; d. Mar 23, 1811, Broome Co., NY.
- 18. iii. HARRY<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. Feb 5, 1812, Broome Co., NY.; d. 1889

7. LOAMI<sup>5</sup> ASHLEY (WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Aug 9, 1784 in Poultney, Rutland Co., VT., and died Sep 25, 1855 in Montgomery Co., OH. He married (1) RACHEL BAKER on Aug 31, 1806 in Ontario Co., NY. He married (2) MARY DRAUBAUGH (no dates)

Children of LOAMI ASHLEY and RACHEL BAKER are:

- 19. i RHEUMILLA<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. 1808, NY., d. Mar, 1857, IA.
- 20. ii BAKER<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. Sep 9, 1808, NY.; d. Sep 9, 1838, Darke Co., OH.
- 21. iii PHEBE<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. 1810, NY.; d. 1862, Vandalia, IA.
- 22. iv SARAH<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. 1812, NY.; d. Mar 18, 1859, Bremer, IA.
- 23. v MARY<sup>6</sup> ANN ASHLEY, b. 1814, Ontario Co., NY.; d. May 24, 1873, Hiawatha, Brown Co., KS.
- 24. vi DENCY<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. 1816, OH.; d. 1868.
- 25. vii POLLY<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. Sep 16, 1818, OH.; d. May 13, 1863, Montgomery Co., OH.
- viii LAVONIA<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. 1821, OH.; d. 1860; m. LEWIS WESLEY BANNON, unk.
- 26. ix. HARLES<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. 1825, OH.; d. Nov 1, 1864, Greenton, MO.
- x SUSANNA<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. 1825, OH.; d. 1890; m. JOHN APPERSON, Apr, 9, 1846, MO.
- 27. xi WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> PERRY ASHLEY, b. abt 1829, OH.; d. 1902.
- 28. xii MAHALA<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. 1830, OH; d. 1891.

8. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> HOWE ASHLEY (WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Dec 31, 1786 in Poultney, Rutland Co., VT., and died Dec 17, 1875 in Pulaskiville, NY. He married BETSEY THOMPSON, unk.

Children of WILLIAM ASHLEY and BETSEY THOMPSON are:

- 29. i. MARIE<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. Mar 7, 1808. NY.; d. Jun 28, 1891, Newton, Jasper Co., IA.
- ii WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> THOMPSON ASHLEY, b. 1810; d. 1845; m NANCY LORILLA DAVIS, unk.
- 30. iii JOHN<sup>6</sup> GIFFORD ASHLEY, b. 1812; d. 1883.
- 31. iv WHEELER<sup>6</sup> ELISHA ASHLEY, b. 1814; d. Oct 15, 1886, Morrow County, OH.
- 32. v HENRY<sup>6</sup> PERRY ASHLEY, b. Sep 30, 1817; d. Aug 21, 1891.
- vi JANE<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. 1819; d. unk.; m. THOMAS LOVE unk.
- vii MAHALA<sup>6</sup> ELLEN ASHLEY, b. 1826; d, unk.; m. JAMES ROUSE.
- viii LAFAYETTE<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. Jan 1833; d. Feb 11, 1837.

9. RHEUMILLA<sup>5</sup> ASHLEY (WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Sep 19, 1789 in Poultney, Rutland Co., VT., and died 1838. She married AARON OSBORN Jan 1, 1809 in Bainbridge, Chenango Co., NY.

Children of RHEUMILLA ASHLEY and AARON OSBORN are:

- i. NELSON<sup>6</sup> OSBORN, b. Nov 9, 1809, Bainbridge, Chenango Co., NY; d. unk..
- ii. CANDACE<sup>6</sup> FIDELIA OSBORN, b. Oct 27, 1819, Pomfret, NY.; d. May 10, 1906, Grant, IA.
- iii. ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup> OSBORN, b. Oct 26, 1824, Pomfret, NY; d. Dec 4, 1860, Geneva, WI.

10. PHEBE<sup>5</sup> ASHLEY (WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> THOMAS<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Mar 16, 1792 in NY., died Feb 3, 1860, Marengo, IL. She married (1) AMASA MEAD in NY., b. unk., died 1824.. She married (2) JOHN WEED in Forestville, NY., and he died in Chautauqua Co. NY.

Children of PHEBE ASHLEY and AMASA MEAD are:

- i. ANGELINA<sup>6</sup> ANGELA MEAD, unk.
- ii. LOIS<sup>6</sup> PHYLYNA MEAD, unk.
- iii. ADELIA<sup>6</sup> MARIA MEAD, unk.
- iv. ALANZO<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY MEAD, unk.
- v. CATHARINE<sup>6</sup> PHEBE MEAD, unk.

Children of PHEBE ASHLEY and JOHN WEED are:

- vi. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> WEED, unk.
- vii. CHARLOTTA<sup>6</sup> ROSE WEED, unk.
- viii. WALTER<sup>6</sup> TARTULIUS WEED, unk.

11. ALANSON<sup>5</sup> ASHLEY (WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Jul 15, 1793 in Poultney, Rutland Co., VT and died Nov 24, 1857 in Abbotsville, OH. He married JANE BOLTON Feb 11, 1819 in Montgomery Co., OH.

Children of ALANSON ASHLEY and JANE BOLTON are:

- i. ALANSON<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt. 1825, OH.; d. aft. 1850.
- 33. ii. BOLTON<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt. 1826, OH.; d. aft. 1850.

12. ELISHA<sup>5</sup> ASHLEY (WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Feb 25, 1796 in Herkimer County, NY., and died Jun 15, 1863 in Merom, Sullivan Co., IN. He married SALLY BAKER in 1814

Children of ELISHA ASHLEY and SALLY BAKER are:

- 34. i. JOEL<sup>6</sup> LOAMI ASHLEY, b. Jul 23, 1816; d. Oct 23, 1871.
- ii. JULIA<sup>6</sup> ANN ASHLEY, b. Feb 24, 1818; d. Oct 24, 1875; m. Thomas Kerns Feb 7, 1837, Darke County, OH

13. HARRY<sup>5</sup> ASHLEY (WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born 1798, and died Jun 27, 1841 in Licking Co., OH. He married DOROTHY POWERS, unk.

Child of HARRY ASHLEY and DOROTHY POWERS is :

35. i. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> RILEY ASHLEY, b. 1821; d. 1892.

14. SARDIS<sup>5</sup> ASHLEY (WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Apr 29, 1801 in NY., and died May 19, 1853 in Union City, IN. She married ALFRED AYERS, unk.

Children of SARDIS ASHLEY and ALFRED AYERS are:

36. i. JANE<sup>6</sup> AYERS, b. Aug 20, 1824, Darke Co., OH.; d. unk.  
ii. ASHLEY<sup>6</sup> AYERS, b. 1826, Darke Co., OH.; d. unk.  
iii. MALINDA<sup>6</sup> AYERS, b. unk., Darke Co., OH.; d. unk..  
iv. ELIZA<sup>6</sup> AYERS, b. unk, Darke Co., OH.; d. unk.; m. JOSHUA BAILEY, unk.  
v. JOEL<sup>6</sup> LOEMI AYERS, b. unk., Darke Co., OH.; d. unk.  
m. LAVINA BRAGG, unk., Union City, IN.  
vi. ALLEN<sup>6</sup> AYERS, b. unk., Darke Co., OH.; d. unk.  
vii. HARLESS<sup>6</sup> AYERS, b. unk., Union City, IN.; d. unk., Windfall, IN.  
viii. RHEUMILLA<sup>6</sup> AYERS, b. unk., Union City, IN.; d. unk.; m. RICHARD FREEMAN, unk., Tipton, IN.  
ix. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> AYERS, b. unk., Union City, IN.; d. unk.  
x. SALLY<sup>6</sup> ANN AYERS, b. unk., Union City, IN.; d. unk.; m. WILLIAM BAILEY

15. PURNELL<sup>5</sup> ASHLEY (WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born 1804 and died 1831. She married JOHN HIGGINS 1808 in Knox Co., OH.

Children of PURNELL ASHLEY and JOHN HIGGINS are:

- i. ORANGE<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS, b. 1823, Knox Co., OH.; d. aft 1881, Monroe Co., OH.  
ii. THOMAS<sup>6</sup> WILLIAM HIGGINS, b. 1825, Knox Co., OH; d. aft. 1881, Pike Co., OH  
iii. ETHAN<sup>6</sup> A. HIGGINS, b. 1828, Knox Co., OH.; d. aft. 1881.  
iv. HENRY<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS, b. 1831; d, bef. 1881, Knox Co., OH.

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16. PHEBE<sup>6</sup> BURTCH (PHILANDA<sup>5</sup> ASHLEY, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Dec 27, 1799 in Herkimer Co., NY., and died Mar 20, 1869. She married JOHN HUFF MIKESELL 1825

Child of PHEBE BURTCH and JOHN MIKESELL is:

37. i. POWELL<sup>7</sup> GARNER MIKESELL, b. 1840; d. 1909

- 17 ASA6 BURTCH (PHILANDA5 ASHLEY, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2 EDWARD1) was Feb 17, 1820 in Lawrenceburg, IN., and died Oct, 1892 in Eaton, OH. He married CATHARINE MILLER in 1841.

Child of ASA BURTCH and CATHARINE MILLER is:

- 38.. i. JOHN7 F. BURTCH, b. 1845; d. unk.

18. HARRY6 ASHLEY (GEORGE5 WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1812, and died 1889. He married MARY ANN SMITH 1836.

Children of HARRY ASHLEY and MARY ANN SMITH are:

39. i. MARIA7 LOUISA ASHLEY, b. 1838; d. 1908.  
40. ii. JOHN7 ASHLEY, b. 1841; d. 1910.  
41. iii. ELSIE7 IDEL ASHLEY, b. 1847, Marathon, NY.; d. unk.

19. RHEUMILLA6 ASHLEY (LOAMI5, WLLIAM4 THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1808 in NY., and died Mar, 1857 in IA. She married JOEL HOWE Jul 27, 1824 in Darke Co., OH.

Children of RHEUMILLA ASHLEY and JOEL HOWE are:

42. i. LOAMI7 ASHLEY HOWE, b.. May 24, 1826, Ithaca, OH.;  
d. Sep 26, 1909, Bachman, OH.  
43. ii. RANSOM7 B. HOWE, b. abt 1828, Darke Co., OH.; d.  
Sep 7, 1888, Grundy Co., MO.  
44. iii. RILEY7 CASWELL HOWE, b.. abt 1830, OH.; d. aft 1860.  
iv JONATHON7 HOWE, b. abt 1832, OH.; d. Mar 1857, IA  
45. v. RACHEL7 HOWE, b. abt 1834; d. Feb 27, 1887, Kent,  
Custer Co., NE.  
46. vi. LYDIA7 HOWE, b. abt 1836, OH., d. Mar 1857, IA.  
vii. SARDIS7 HOWE, b. abt 1839, IN.; d. Mar 1857, IA.  
viii. ALPHRED7 HOWE, b. abt 1841, IN.; d. Mar 1857, IA.  
ix. JACOB7 HOWE, b. abt 1843, IN.; d. Mar 1857, IA.  
x WILLIAM7 PHILETUS HOWE, b. abt. 1845, OH.; d. Mar  
1857, IA.  
xi. LEVI7 HOWE, b. abt 1848, Howard Co, IN.; d. Mar 1857

20. BAKER6 ASHLEY (LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born Sep 9, 1808 in NY., and died Sep 9, 1838 in Darke Co., OH. He married REBECCA THOMAS Jul 23, 1829 in Preble Co., OH.

Children of BAKER ASHLEY and REBECCA THOMAS are:

- i. MELINDA7 ASHLEY, b. abt 1833, OH.; d. aft 1850.  
ii POLLY7 ASHLEY, b. abt 1835, OH.; d. aft 1850.  
iii. WILLIAM7 P. ASHLEY, b. abt 1838, OH.; d. aft 1850.



21. PHEBE<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY (LOAMI<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born 1810 in NY>., and died 1862 in Vandalia, IA. She married DAVID CORWIN THATCHER Nov 15, 1831 in Darke Co., OH., son of AMOS THATCHER and JEMIMA CORWIN.

Children of PHEBE ASHLEY and DAVID THATCHER are:

- i. JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> THATCHER, b. abt 1832, OH.; d. aft 1850.
- ii. DENCY<sup>7</sup> THATCHER, b. abt 1835, OH.; d. aft 1850.
- iii. ELIAS<sup>7</sup> A. THATCHER, b. abt 1836, OH.; d. aft 1850.
- iv. LYDIA<sup>7</sup> A. THATCHER, b. abt 1839, OH.; d. aft 1850.
- v. HENRY<sup>7</sup> B. THATCHER, b. abt 1841, OH.; d. aft 1850.
- vi. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> THATCHER, b. abt 1844, IN.; d. aft 1850.
- vii. SALLY<sup>7</sup> THATCHER, b. abt 1847, IN.; d. aft 1850.

22. SARAH<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY (LOAMI<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born 1812 in NY and died Mar 18, 1859 in Bremer, IA. She married ALLEN SHARP Apr 5, 1832 in Darke Co., OH.

Children of SARAH ASHLEY and ALLEN SHARP are:

- i. CASWELL<sup>7</sup> SHARP, b. abt 1837; d. unk.; m. ABIGAIL GARDNER, Aug 1857, IA.
47. ii. BARBARA<sup>7</sup> SHARP, b. abt 1840, OH.; d. unk.
- iii. OLIVER<sup>7</sup> SHARP, b. abt 1842, OH.; d. unk.
- iv. HARLES<sup>7</sup> SHARP, b. abt 1846, IN.; d. unk.
- v. MARY<sup>7</sup> SHARP, b. abt 1848, IN.; d. unk.
- vi. JULIA<sup>7</sup> ANN SHARP, b. Feb 2, 1828; d. Apr 16, 1877; m. MATTHIAS GARNER, unk.
- vii. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> HAZARD SHARP, b. Nov 13, 1850, Val-praiso, IN.; d. Nov 3, 1914, Salem, OR.

23. MARY<sup>6</sup> ANN ASHLEY (LOAMI<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born 1814 in Ontario Co., NY.; and died May 24, 1873 in Hiawatha, Brown Co., KS. She married (1) ELIAS ARNOLD Nov 11, 1832 in Darke Co., OH. She married (2) PHILEMON NOBLE HART Dec 22, 1843 in Darke Co., OH.

Children of MARY ASHLEY and ELIAS ARNOLD are:

- i. SUSANNA<sup>7</sup> ARNOLD, b. abt 1835, OH.; d. aft 1850.
- ii. LIVONIA<sup>7</sup>, ARNOLD, b. abt 1837, OH.; d. aft 1850.
- iii. SARAH ARNOLD, b. abt 1839, OH.; d. aft 1850.
- iv. REBECCA<sup>7</sup> ARNOLD, b. abt 1841, OH.; d. aft 1850.

Children of MARY ASHLEY and PHILEMON HART are:

- v. MARIAH<sup>7</sup> HART, b. abt 1844, IN.; d. aft 1850.
- vi. JEANNA<sup>7</sup> HART, b. abt 1847, IN.; d. aft 1850.
- vii. MAHALA<sup>7</sup> HART, b. abt 1849, IN.; d. aft 1850.
- viii. ELIAS<sup>7</sup> HART, b. abt 1851, IN.; d. aft 1860.
- ix. LINSEY<sup>7</sup> HART, b. abt 1855, IA; d. aft 1860.

- 24.. DENCY6 ASHLEY (LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1816 in OH., and died 1868. She married LEVI MILLS Jul 24, 1833 in Darke Co., OH.

Children of DENCY ASHLEY and LEVI MILLS are:

- i. . CASWELL7 S. MILLS, b. abt 1836, OH.; d. aft 1870
- ii. MATTIAS7 C. MILLS, b. abt 1838, OH.; d. unk.
- iii. HARRIETT7 MILLS, b. abt 1841, OH.; d. unk.
- iv. MARY7 A. MILLS, b. abt 1843, OH.; d. unk.
- v. JAMES7 R. MILLS, b abt 1846, OH.; d. unk.

25. POLLY6 ASHLEY (LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born Sep 16, 1818, in OH., and died May 13, 1863 in Montgomery Co., OH. She married JOHN BACHMAN Nov 20, 1834 in Darke Co., OH.

Children of POLLY ASHLEY and JOHN BACHMAN are:

- i. ENOCH7 BACHMAN, b. Jan 30, 1836, Montgomery Co., OH.
- ii LOAMI7 BACHMAN, b. Jan 30, 1836, Montgomery Co., OH.

26. HARLES6 ASHLEY (LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS 3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1825 in OH., and died Nov 1, 1864 in Greenton, MO. He married SARAH GARNER Apr 5, 1845 in Kokomo, IN., daughter of JOB GARNER and REBECCA JONES.

Children of HARLES ASHLEY and SARAH GARNER are:

- i. MARTHA7 ASHLEY, b. abt 1846, IN.; d. unk.
- ii. ARTHUR7 M. ASHLEY, b. dec 9, 1850; d. Apr 1918, Hanford, CA.

27. WILLIAM6 PERRY ASHLEY (LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born abt 1829 in OH., and died 1902. He married JEMIMA THATCHER Oct 22, 1847 in Howard Co., IN.

Children of WILLIAM ASHLEY and JEMIMA THATCHER are

- i. RANSOM7 B. ASHLEY, b. abt 1848, IN.; d. unk
- ii HARLES7 L. ASHLEY, b. abt 1849, IN.; d. unk.

28. MAHALA6 ASHLEY (LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1830 in OH., and died 1891. She married (1) LUTHER PRICE nov 2, 1857 in Howard, Co., IN. She married (2) JOSEPH VAN METER, unk.

Child of MAHALA ASHLEY and LUTHER PRICE is:

- i. EMMA7 PRICE, b. unk, Kokomo, IN.; d. unk.

- 29 .MARIE6 ASHLEY (WILLIAM HOWE5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born Mar 7, 1808 in NY., and died Jun 28, 1891 in Newton, Jasper Co., IA. She married HIRAM WESTBROOK Jan 29, 1826 in Morrow Co., OH.

Children of MARIE ASHLEY and HIRAM WESTBROOK are:

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|     | i.    | MARILLA7 WESTBROOK, b. 1823; d. unk.  |
| 48. | ii    | FREEMAN7 WESTBROOK, b. 1825, d. Jul 4, 1862<br>OH.; d. Jul 4. 1862, Morrow Co., OH.                         |
| 49. | iii.  | ABRAM7 WESTBROOK, b. Sep 30, 1833, Morrow<br>Co., OH.; d. 1914, Newton, Jasper Co., IA                      |
|     | iv.   | ALLEN7 T. WESTBROOK, b. 1837, Morrow Co., OH.; d.<br>unk.   |
|     | v.    | ELIZABETH7 WESTBROOK, b. 1840, Morrow Co., OH.;<br>d. unk   |
|     | vi    | JANE7 WESTBROOK, b. 1842, Morrow Co., OH.; d. unk.  |
|     | vii   | LEROY7 WESTBROOK, b. Mar 26, 1843, Morrow Co., OH.;<br>d. Aug 1, 1926, Newton, Jasper Co., IA.              |
|     | viii. | ALISON7 WESTBROOK , b. 1844, Morrow Co., OH.; d. unk  |
|     | ix    | MARY7 EMILINE WESTBROOK, b. Nov 15, 1845, Morrow,<br>Co., OH.; d. Mar 7, 1919, Stratton, Hitchcock Co., NE. |
|     | x.    | MALVINA7 WESTBROOK, b. 1850, Morrow Co, OH.;<br>d. unk.   |

- 30 JOHN6 GIFFORD ASHLEY (WILLIAM HOWE5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1812, and died 1883. He married POLLY MANVILLE 1834.

Children of JOHN ASHLEY and POLLY MANVILLE are:

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| 50. | i.   | HARRISON7 ASHLEY, b. 1836, OH.; d. 1915. |
| 51. | ii.  | NELSON7 ASHLEY, b. 1839; d. 1909         |
| 52. | iii. | LYMAN7 ASHLEY, b. abt 1847, OH.; d. unk. |

31. WHEELER6 ELISHA ASHLEY (WILLIAM HOWE5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1814, and died Oct 15, 1886, in Morrow Co., OH. He married (1) HANNAH HAYDEN, Sep 15, 1836 in Knox Co., OH. He married (2) ELIZABETH REES Sep 27, 1848, daughter of THEOPHILUS REES.

Children of WHEELER ASHLEY and ELIZABETH REES are:

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|  | i    | ADELAIDE7 ASHLEY, b.. unk.; d. unk.; m. Bryant<br>MORRIS               |
|  | ii   | PHILANDA7 ASHLEY, b. unk.; d. Jan 1, 1879                              |
|  | iii. | MALINDA7 ASHLEY, b. abt 1854, OH.; d. unk.;<br>m. WILLIAM AUSTIN, unk. |

32. HENRY6 PERRY ASHLEY, (WILLIAM HOWE5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born Sep 30, 1817, and died Aug 21, 1891. He married SARAH E. DAVIS.

Child of HENRY ASHLEY and SARAH DAVIS is:

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| 53. | i. | ROSELINDA7, ASHLEY, b. abt 1842; d. aft 1880. |
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33. BOLTON<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY (ALANSON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1826 in OH., and died after 1860. He married MARY ANN HERCULES in 1849 in Darke Co., OH.

Children of BOLTON ASHLEY and MARY HERCULES are:

- i. SANFORD<sup>7</sup> ASHLEY, b. 1850, Darke C., OH.; d. aft 1860.
- ii. ELIZA<sup>7</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt 1856, Darke Co., OH.; d. aft 1860.
- iii. FEBA<sup>7</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt 1858, Darke Co., OH.; d. aft 1860

34. JOEL<sup>6</sup> LOAMI ASHLEY (ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Jul 23, 1816 in Greenville, Darke Co., OH., and died Oct 23, 1871 in Logan Co., IL. He married MARY ANN MARTIN May 21, 1835 in Greenville, Darke Co., OH.

Children of JOEL ASHLEY and MARY MARTIN are:

- i. Infant Son, b. and d. Dec 13, 1853
- 54. ii. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> MARTIN ASHLEY, b. Feb 24, 1838, Greenville Darke Co., OH.; d. unk.; m. EMILY CHENIWORTH, unk.
- 55. iii. ELISHA<sup>7</sup> (ELAISHA) BAKER ASHLEY, b. Aug 1, 1839, Greenville, Darke Co., OH., d. Jul 31, 1907, Anthon, IA; m. MARTHA N. SHIRLEY in Darke Co. OH.
- iv. MELINDA<sup>7</sup> JANE ASHLEY, b. Jun 14, 1841; d. Mar 16, 1844.
- 56. v. FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> MARION ASHLEY, b. Nov 23, 1842, Greenville, Darke Co., OH; d. Mar 29, 1900, Macedonia, IA.
- 57. vi. JOHN<sup>7</sup> HARVEY ASHLEY, b. abt 1846, Greenville, Darke Co., OH.; d. unk.
- vii Infant Son, b. Sep 10, 1847; d. Sep 11, 1847.
- 58. viii THOMAS<sup>7</sup> WILEY ASHLEY, b. Oct 15, 1848, Greenville Darke Co., OH.; d. Nov 21, 1929, Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL
- ix. JULY<sup>7</sup> ANN ASHLEY, b. May 13, 1853; d. Dec 4, 1861.

35. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> RILEY ASHLEY (HARRY<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born 1821, and died 1892. He married MARANDA HELPREY 1862.

Child of WILLIAM ASHLEY and MARANDA HELPREY is

- i. KATHERINE<sup>7</sup> NAOMI ASHLEY, b. aft 1862; d. unk, m. WALTER PEARL CAIN.

36. JANE<sup>6</sup> AYERS (SARDIS<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Aug 20, 1824 in Darke Co., OH., and died unk. She married BARTON HARLAN Feb 8, 1843 in Union City, IN.

Child of JANE AYERS and BARTON HARLAN is:

- 59. i. TILSON<sup>7</sup> HARLAN, b. 1843; d. unk.

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37. POWELL7 GARNER MIKESELL (PHEBE6, PHILANDA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1840 and died 1909. He married MARY CLINE WATTS, 1860.

Children of POWELL MIKESELL and MARY WATTS are

- i. LOU8 MIKESELL, b. unk, Cardova, IA.; d. unk; m. HARLEY CHITTENDEN.
- ii. PHEBE8 ELIZA MIKESELL, b. unk., Red Rock, IA.; d. unk.; m. ADOLPH GEORGE HENNING, unk.
- iii. ANNA8 BURTCH MIKESELL, b. unk., Red Rock, IA.; d. unk.

- 38.. JOHN7 F. BURTCH (ASA6, PHILANDA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1845, and died unk. He married ARILLA LUCAS 1874.

Child of JOHN BURTCH and ARILLA LUCAS is:

- i. DAISY8 BURTCH, b. unk., Dawn, OH.; d. unk.; m. MAXWELL ARNOLD.

39. MARIA7 LOUISA ASHLEY (HARRY6, GEORGE5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1838, and died 1908. She married WILLIAM HENRY WATERMAN 1868

Child of MARIA ASHLEY and WILLIAM WATERMAN is:

- i. GERTRUDE8 WATERMAN, b. unk. Sterling, IL.; d. unk.

40. JOHN7 ASHLEY (HARRY6, GEORGE5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1841, and died 1910. He married TAMAR MARSH 1869.

Child of JOHN ASHLEY and TAMAR MARSH is:

- i. GRACE8 ASHLEY, b. unk., Triangle, NY.; d. unk., m. WILLIAM SHEAR, unk.

41. ELSIE7 IDEL ASHLEY (HARRY6, GEORGE5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1847 in Marathon, NY., and died unk. She married JOHN MARCELLUS COVEY 1870.

Child of ELSIE ASHLEY and JOHN COVEY is:

- i. LILLIAN8 COVEY, b. unk., Coudersport, PA.; d. unk.; m. FRANK FRENCH.

42. LOAMI<sup>7</sup> ASHLEY HOWE (RHEUMILLA<sup>6</sup>, LOAMI<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born May 24, 1826 in Ithaca, OH., and died Sep 26, 1909 in Bachman, OH. He married SUSANNAH WITTERS Oct 10, 1847 in Montgomery Co., OH.

Children of LOAMI ASHLEY and SUSANNAH WITTERS are:

60. i. JOHN<sup>8</sup> E. HOWE, b. Feb 8, 1849, Bachman, OH., d. May 17, 1929, Dayton, OH.  
 ii. CATHERINE<sup>8</sup> HOWE, b. Mar 15, 1851, Montgomery Co OH.; d. 1922, OH.  
 iii. RHEUMILLA<sup>8</sup> HOWE, b. Apr 14, 1853, Montgomery Co., OH.; d. unk.  
 iv. MARY<sup>8</sup> HOWE, b. Jun 9, 1855, Montgomery Co., OH.; d... unk.  
 v. RACHAEL<sup>8</sup> HOWE, b. Jul 27, 1857, Montgomery Co., OH.; d. unk.  
 vi. ELIZA<sup>8</sup> HOWE, b. Dec 27, 1859, Montgomery Co., OH.; d. unk.  
 vii. EDMUND<sup>8</sup> ELLSWORTH HOWE, b. May 27, 1862, Montgomery Co., OH.; d. unk.  
 viii. AMANDA<sup>8</sup> .HOWE, b. Jun 19, 1867, Montgomery Co., OH.  
 ix. LOUISVILLE<sup>8</sup> HOWE, b. Nov 26, 1869, Montgomery Co., OH.; d. unk.  
 x. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> FRANKLIN HOWE, b. Nov 26, 1869, Montgomery Co., OH.; d. unk.  
 xi. ELINORA<sup>8</sup> HOWE, b. Jul 13, 1871, Montgomery Co., OH. d. unk..  
 xii. BERTHA<sup>8</sup> HOWE, b. Sep 8, 1874, Montgomery Co., OH.; d. unk.

43. RANSOM<sup>7</sup> B. HOWE (RHEUMILLA<sup>6</sup>, LOAMI<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born abt 1828 in Darke Co., OH., and died Sep 7, 1888 in Grundy Co., MO. He married REBECCA ANN GARNER Mar 17, 1850 in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN, daughter of JOB GARNER and REBECCA JONES

Children of RANSOM HOWE and REBECCA GARNER are:

61. i. LOAMI<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY HOWE, b. Oct 31, 1850, Kokomo, Howard Co., IN.; d. Oct 1, 1927, Billings, Noble Co., OK.  
 62. ii. HARLES<sup>8</sup> HOWE, b. Dec 1852, IN.; d. bef 1927.  
 63. iii. JOHN<sup>8</sup> A. HOWE, b. Oct 1857, IN.; d. aft 1927.  
 64. iv. BARBARA<sup>8</sup> ALICE HOWE, b. Jan 26, 1858, Grundy Co., MO.; d. Oct 12, 1930, Kincaid, Anderson Co., KS.  
 65. v. MATHIAS<sup>8</sup> HOWE, b. Apr 4, 1860, Grundy Co., MO.; d. Dec 1, 1959, Grundy Co., MO.  
 66. vi. RANSOM<sup>8</sup> FREEMONT HOWE, b. Sep 1863, MO.; d. aft 1927.  
 67. vii. EMMA<sup>8</sup> MARGARET HOWE, b. Oct 7, 1866, Grundy Co., MO.; d. Jun 3, 1942, Pattonsburg, Davies Co., MO.  
 68. viii. SIMON<sup>8</sup> KENTON HOWE, b. Feb 2, 1867, MO.; d. Dec 27, 1938.

- ix. WILLIAM8 HOWE, b. abt 1872, Grundy Co., MO.  
d. 1900, AZ
- 69. x. ARTHUR8 MCKINNEY HOWE, b. Apr 16, 1873, Spickard  
Grundy Co., MO.; d. Jan 1, 1945, Stillwater, OK.
- 70. xi. MARTHA8 A. HOWE, b. Apr 14, 1875, MO.; d. 1915,  
Amistad, Union Co., NM.

44. RILEY7 CASWELL HOWE (RHEUMILLA6, LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born abt 1830 in OH, and died aft 1860. He married MARY PRAUL Jan 4, 1855 in Howard Co., IN.

Children of RILEY HOWE and MARY PRAUL are:

- i. WILLIAM8 N. HOWE, b. abt 1843, OH.; d. unk.
- ii. MARY8 E>HOWE, b. abt 1845, OH.; d. unk.
- iii. JOHN8 HOWE, b. abt 1848, IN.; d. unk.
- iv. JOB8 HOWE, b. abt 1850, IN.; d. unk.
- v. CATHARINE8 HOWE, b. abt 1852, IN.; d. unk.
- vi. ALLEN8 HOWE, b. abt 1858, MO.; d. unk.

45. RACHEL7 HOWE (RHEUMILLA6, LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born abt 1834, and died Feb 27, 1887 in Kent, Custer Co., NE. She married ENOCH RYAN Feb 1, 1853 in Howard Co., IN., son of MESHACK RYAN and ELIZABETH GARNER.

Children of RACHEL HOWE and ENOCH RYAN are:

- i. JOEL8 RYAN, b. unk.; d. unk.
- ii. SOLOMON8 RYAN, b. unk.; d. unk.

46. LYDIA7 HOWE (RHEUMILLA6, LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) Was born abt 1836 in OH., and died Mar 1857 in IA. She married ALVIN NOBLE Feb 1, 1853 in Howard Co., IN.

Child of LYDIA HOWE and ALVIN NOBLE is:

- i. JONATHAN8 NOBLE, b. abt 1855; d. Mar 1857, IA.

47. BARBARA7 SHARP (SARAH6, LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born abt 1840 in OH., and died unk. She married JAMES GARNER, unk., son of JOB GARNER and REBECCA JONES.

Child of BARBARA SHARP and JAMES GARNER is:

- i. FRANKLIN8 GARNER, b. abt 1858, IA.; d. unk.

48. FREEMAN7 WESTBROOK (MARIE6, WILLIAM HOWE5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1825 in Morrow Co., OH., and died Jul 4, 1862 in Morrow County, OH. He married ANN LEWIS, unk.

Child of FREEMAN WESTBROOK and ANN LEWIS is:

- 71. i. VIOLA8 WESTBROOK, b. unk.; d. unk.

49. ABRAM<sup>7</sup> WESTBROOK (MARIE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM HOWE<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Sep 30, 1833 in Morrow Co., OH., and died 1914 in Newton, Jasper Co., IA. He married LIVONIA SWETLAND, unk., daughter of FULLER SWETLAND and ELIZABETH RUSSELL.

Children of ABRAM WESTBROOK and LIVONIA SWETLAND are:

- i. CHARLES<sup>8</sup> WESTBROOK, b. unk.; d. unk.
- ii. ARTHUR<sup>8</sup> WESTBROOK, b. unk.; d. unk.

50. HARRISON<sup>7</sup> ASHLEY (JOHN GIFFORD<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM HOWE<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born 1836 in OH., and died 1915. He married ADALINE AMANDA BENSON 1856.

Children of HARRISON ASHLEY and ADALINE BENSON are:

- 72. i. BURTON<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. Mar 17, 1857, Morrow Co., OH., d. aft 1882.
- ii. ERNEST<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt. 1868; d. unk.

51. NELSON<sup>7</sup> ASHLEY (JOHN GIFFORD<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM HOWE<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born 1839, and died 1909. He married JEMIME CAVE Jul 31 1859 in Morrow County, OH.

Children of NELSON ASHLEY and JEMIME CAVE are:

- i. CLINTON<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. unk.; d. unk; m. EMMA ULRY, unk.
- ii. LYDIA<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt 1863, OH.; d. aft 1880.
- iii. LEROY<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt. 1872, OH.; d. aft 1880.
- iv. ADDIE<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt. 1873; d. aft 1888.
- v. ETTIE<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt. 1875, d. aft 1880.
- vi. ORVAL<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt. 1877; d. aft 1880.
- vii. MARILLA<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt 1879; d. aft 1880.

52. LYMAN<sup>7</sup> ASHLEY (JOHN GIFFORD<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM HOWE<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1847 in OH., and died unk. He married (1) SARAH JOHNSON March 10, 1867. He married (2) VIOLA TURNEY November 6, 1883.

Child of LYMAN ASHLEY and SARAH JOHNSON is:

- i. DELLA<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. abt 1871, OH.; d. aft 1880.

Child of LYMAN ASHLEY and VIOLA TURNEY is:

- ii. HUBERT<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. aft 1883; d. unk.



53. ROSELINDA<sup>7</sup> ASHLEY (HENRY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM HOWE<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born abt 1842, and died after 1880. She married BRYSON COLWELL, unk.

Children of ROSELINDA ASHLEY and BRYSON COLWELL are:

- i. MATTIE<sup>8</sup> COLWELL, b. abt 1868; d. aft 1880.
- ii. FOREST<sup>8</sup> VANNATTA COLWELL, b. abt 1875; d. aft 1880.
- iii. LAURA<sup>8</sup> COLWELL, b. 1879; d. aft 1880.

54. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> MARTIN. ASHLEY (JOEL LOAMI<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Feb 24, 1838 in Greenville, Darke Co., OH., and died between 1875 and 1880. He married (#1) EMILY CHENIWORTH in Logan County, IL. He married (2) ELIZABETH ROBY September 1, 1864 in Darke County, Ohio

Child of WILLIAM ASHLEY and Emily Cheniworth is:

- 73. i. JAMES<sup>8</sup> LOAMI ASHLEY, b. Apr 5, 1861 in Lincoln, IL d. Apr 1906 in MO; m. MINERVA HARBAUGH in I.

Children of WILLIAM ASHLEY and ELIZABETH ROBY are:

- i. MINNIE<sup>8</sup> BELL ASHLEY, b. Feb 4, 1866; d. May 17, 1964; She was b. OH, d. CA
- ii CHARLES<sup>8</sup> JOEL ASHLEY, b. Jan 9, 1869 in OH.
- iii ADA<sup>8</sup> GRACE ASHLEY, b. Jan 8, 1874 in OH

55. ELISHA<sup>7</sup> (ELAISHA) BAKER ASHLEY (JOEL LOAMI<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born 1839 in Greenville, Darke Co., OH, and died 1907. He married MARTHA NOEL SHIRLEY 1860.

Children of ELISHA ASHLEY and MARTHA SHIRLEY are:

- 74. i. FRANK<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. Apt 15, 1861; d. Feb 4, 1893; m. IDA MAE NEISWANGER (b. Apr 15, 1863)
- ii. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> SHIRLEY ASHLEY, b. Nov 5, 1862; d. Dec 1863
- 75. iii. ROSE<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. Feb 26, 1864; d. Jul 27, 1938; m. WALTER SCOTT HARSHFIELD
- iv GEORGE<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. Mar 1, 1866; d. Jul 28, 1952, Anthon IA.; m. EVA EVELYN DRAKE.
- v LENNA<sup>8</sup> ANN ASHLEY, b. Nov 28, 1868, Anthon, IA.; d. Aug 11, 1944.
- 76 vi. CORA<sup>8</sup> BELLE, b. Sep 11, 1871; d. Aug 7, 1948; m. CHARLES MONROE KING
- 77. vii BIRCH<sup>8</sup> (BERT) ASHLEY, b. Jul 27, 1874, Hartsburg, IL; d. Oct 15, 1961, Sioux City, IA.; m. AUSTA JANE DRAKE, Mar 6, 1900, Sioux City, IA.
- viii Infant Son, b. Sep 16, 1879; d. Sep 22, 1879.
- ix. CHARLES<sup>8</sup> M. ASHLEY, b. Mar 11, 1883; d. unk.; m. MARY L. JOHNSON.

56. FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> MARION ASHLEY (JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Nov 23, 1842, Greenville, Darke Co., OH., and died Mar 29, 1900, Macedonia, IA. He married ELIZABETH COVINGTON Nov 12, 1845. ELIZABETH is the daughter of JAMES COVINGTON and MARY STAHL.

Children of FRANCIS ASHLEY and ELIZABETH COVINGTON are:

- i. NELLIE<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b.. unk.; d. unk.
- ii. MARY<sup>8</sup> ALICE ASHLEY, b. unk.; d. unk.
- iii. ROSE<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. unk.; d. unk.
- iv. EMMA<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. unk.; d. unk.
- v. LILLIAN<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. unk.; d. unk.
- vi. EDGAR<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. unk.; d. unk.
- vii. FRED<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. unk.; d. unk.
- viii. BESS<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. unk.; d. unk.
- ix. RALPH<sup>8</sup> ASHLEY, b. unk.; d. unk.

57. JOHN<sup>7</sup> W. ASHLEY (JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1846, Greenville, Darke Co., OH., and died unknown. He married SARAH EMILINE (unk). She was born about 1848 in Pennsylvania.

Child of JOHN ASHLEY and SARAH unk. is:

- i. CHARLES<sup>8</sup> B. ASHLEY, b. May 22, 1882, Logan Co., IL.; d. Aug 13, 1882, Logan Co., IL.

58. THOMAS<sup>7</sup> WILEY ASHLEY (JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born October 15, 1848, Greenville, Darke Co., OH., and died November 21, 1929 in Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL. He married (1) Mary C. Bradley December 16, 1869. He married (2) Nettie Bradley. He married (3) MAE SUTHERLAND, born March 23, 1874 in Elkhart, IL and she died Dec 18, 1903 in Logan Co., IL. He married (4) SARAH JANE (JOHNSON) DAVIDSON, JACKSON, July 5, 1905 and she died February 2, 1935, in Peoria, Illinois (Bartonville State Hosp).

Children of THOMAS ASHLEY and MAE SUTHERLAND are:

- 78. i. ROBERT<sup>8</sup> HARVEY ASHLEY, b. Dec 22, 1894, Lincoln, Logan Co., IL.; d. Sep 21, 1973, Sarasota, FL.
- 79. ii. MYRTLE<sup>8</sup> ELIZABETH ASHLEY, b. Jan 14, 1898, St. Louis, MO.; d. Nov 22, 1977, Logan Co., IL.
- 80. iii. JOEL<sup>8</sup> L. ASHLEY, b. Jan 20, 1902, Emden, Logan Co., IL. Sep 29, 1961, Peoria, IL.

59. TILSON7 HARLAN (JANE6 AYERS, SARDIS5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1843, and died unk. He married LAURIE ANNE SMITH, unk.

Children of TILSON HARLAN and LAURIE SMITH are:

- i. PEARLE8 HARLAN, b. unk., Amboy, IN.; d. unk.; m. NOBLE LEROY MOORE, unk.
- ii. EDNA8 BROWNING HARLAN, b. unk., Amboy, IN.; d. unk.
- iii. ZOE8 HARLAN, b. unk, Windfall, IN.; d. unk.

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60. JOHN8 E. HOWE (LOAMI7, RHEUMILLA6, LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born February 8, 1849 in Bachman, OH., and died May 17, 1929 in Dayton, OH. He married MARY ELIZABETH HICKS December 24, 1871 in Coletown, Darke County, OH.

Children of JOHN HOWE and MARY HICKS are:

- i. BENJAMIN9 FRANKLIN HOWE, b. Oct 20, 1872, Bachman, OH.; d. May, 1935; m. EMMA KLASSMEIER, May 7, 1894, Richmond, IN.
- ii. VINAL9 HOWE, b. Dec 13, 1873, Coletown, OH.; d. Jan 5, 1874
- iii. FLORENCE9 HOWE, b. Jun 5, 1876, Bachman, OH.; d. Jan 5, 1958, Delaware Co., OH.; m. CHARLES WESLEY COBO, Mar 19, 1896, Newport, KY.
- iv. MARTHA9 ANN HOWE, b. Sep 11, 1878, Bachman, OH.; d. Jun 24, 1963, Greenville, OH.; m. JAMES GARFIELD COCHRAN, Mar 15, 1898, Greenville, OH.
- v. MARY9 EDITH HOWE, b. Jun 29, 1881, Greenville, OH.; d. Feb 24, 1940; m. JEREMIAH JOSEPH O'BRIEN, Jun 28, 1906, Darke Co., OH.
- vi. HARRISON9 WAYNE HOWE, b. May 12, 1891, Richmond, IN.; d. May 31, 1911, Richmond, IN.

61. LOAMI8 ASHLEY HOWE (RANSOM7, RHEUMILLA6, LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born October 31, 1850, in Kokomo, Howard County, IN., and died October 1, 1927 in Billings, Noble Co., OK. He married MARTHA ANN DURRANT April 8, 1877 in Trenton, Grundy Co., MO., daughter of WILLIAM DURRANT and ELIZA WOODS.

Children of LOAMI HOWE and MARTHA DURRANT are:

- i. BERTHA9 ANN HOWE, b. Dec 26, 1879, Trenton, Grundy Co., MO.; d. Jan 26, 1947, Compton, CA.; m. WALKER MCCLANAHAN, 1896, Grundy Co., MO
- ii. MYRTLE9 MEDELLAN HOWE, b. Jul 23, 1881, Trenton, Grundy Co., MO.; d. Apr 21, 1934, Enid, OK.; m. (1) CHARLES STURM, Nov 9, 1900; m. (2) ELMER RANSOM, 1910.
- iii. CEMIRA9 ALTHA HOWE, b. Jan 28, 1883, Trenton, Grundy

- iv Co., MO.; d. aft 1949; m. W. A. MCDANIEL, unk.  
ARTHUR9 FREMONT HOWE, b. Aug 14, 1884, Trenton,  
Grundy Co., MO.; d. aft 1949; m. MAGGIE (unk), bef 1908.
- v. MABEL9 JANE HOWE, b. Dec 17, 1890, Gandy, NE.; d.  
aft 1949; m. FRANK SHAFFER, abt 1909.
- vi MAUDE9 PEARL HOWE, b. Nov 17, 1893, Trenton, Grundy  
Co., MO.; d. aft 1960; m. B.B. BARDWELL, unk.
- vii ORA9 BERYL HOWE, b. Nov 5, 1896, Trenton, Grundy Co.,  
MO.; d. Aug 1982, Shattuck, Ellis Co., OK.; m. PERRY  
JONES MORRIS, Apr 19, 1916, Shattuck, Ellis Co., OK.

62. HARLES8 HOWE (RANSOM7, RHEUMILLA6, LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born Dec 1852, in IN., and died before 1927. He married LOUISA ELIZABETH GATES Oct 8, 1876 in Grundy County, MO.

Children of HARLES HOWE and LOUISA GATES are:

- i. ALTA9 HOWE, b. abt 1879, Grundy Co., MO; d. unk.
- ii. DELBERT9 K. HOWE, b. May 1883; d. unk.

63. JOHN8 A. HOWE (RANSOM7, RHEUMILLA6, LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born October 1857 in IN>, and died after 1927. He met MARY (unk) after 1892.

Children of JOHN HOWE and MARY (unk.) are:

- i. L. A. 9 HOWE, b. Nov 1897, NE.; d. unk.
- ii. T. F. 9 HOWE, b. Mar 1900, OK.; d. unk.

64. BARBARA8 ALICE HOWE (RANSOM7, RHEUMILLA6, LOAMI5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born January 26, 1858 in Grundy County, MO., and died October 12, 1930 in Kincaid, Anderson Co., KS. She married ELGIN ELDRIDGE MARRS February 6, 1876 in Grundy Co., MO.

Children of BARBARA HOWE and ELGIN MARRS are:

- i. CHARLES9 MANFORD MARRS, b. Apr 8, 1877, Grundy  
Co., MO.; d. 1947; m. EVA MCLAUGHLIN, Jan 31, 1897,  
Grundy Co., MO.
- ii RANSOM9 DAVID MARRS, b. Jul 6, 1878, Trenton, Grundy  
Co., MO.; d. unk.
- iii ALLEN9 KELLY MARRS, b. Jan 28, 1879, Trenton, Grundy  
Co., MO.; d. unk.
- iv. CARRIE9 ANN MARRS, b. Jul 20, 1880, Trenton, Grundy  
Co., MO.; d. unk.; m. HENRY DEAN, unk.
- v ROSA9 ISABELLE MARRS, b. Oct 12, 1881, Trenton, Grundy  
Co., MO.; d. unk.; m. HENRY RETTER, unk.
- vi MINNIE9 MAE MARRS, b. Dec 10, 1883, Trenton, Grundy  
Co., MO.; d. Feb 27, 1948; m

65. MATHIAS<sup>8</sup> HOWE (RANSOM<sup>7</sup>, RHEUMILLA<sup>6</sup>, LOAMI<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born April 4, 1860 in Grundy County, MO., and died Dec 1, 1959 in Grundy County, MO. He married MARIA LOUISA MARRS April 7, 1879 in Grundy Co., MO.

Children of MATHIAS HOWE and MARIA MARRS are:

- i. MAGGIE<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. Aug 1879, Grundy Co., MO.; d. unk.  
m. LEO WHITAKER, unk.
- ii. MARION<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. Mar 4, 1881; d. Jun 2, 1968, Grundy Co., MO.; m. CAROLINE HEIN, unk.
- iii. DALE<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. Oct 1, 1882; d. Mar 13, 1972; m. LILLIE YOUNG, unk.
- iv. MONT<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. Jan 26, 1884; d. unk.; m. CLARA BLANCHE CLARK, 1914.
- v. GRANT<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. Mar 25, 1885; d. May 3, 1897.
- vi. LOTTIE<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. Aug 1886; d. unk.; m. FRED HEIN, unk.
- vii. ROSA<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. Apr 1888; d. May 7, 1916; m. OSCAR BOOTS, unk.
- viii. ELVA<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. Jan 1890; d. unk.; m. ADOLPH HEIN, unk.
- ix. GERTRUDE<sup>9</sup> ALICE HOWE, b. Apr 10, 1893, Spickard, Grundy Co., MO.; d. Sep 5, 1995, Trenton, Grundy Co., MO.; m (1) JOHN FRANKLIN RICKETTS, Jun 29, 1913, Tindall, Grundy Co., MO.; m. (2) JAMES TAPSCOTT, Sep 29, 1967.
- x. ORPHA<sup>9</sup> ETTA HOWE, b. Jan 1895, Grundy Co., MO.; d. 1983, Centerville, IA.; m. WILLIAM RICKETTS, Aug 28, 1915, Trenton, Grundy Co., MO.
- xi. EARL<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. Aug 1898; d. Nov 25, 1958; m. DESSIE LYNCH, unk.

66. RANSOM<sup>8</sup> FREEMONT HOWE (RANSOM B.<sup>7</sup>, RHEMILLA<sup>6</sup>, LOAMI<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born September 1863 in MO., and died after 1927. He married FLORENCE COX Septmber 14, 1890, in Grundy Co., MO.

Child of RANSOM HOWE and FLORENCE COX is:

- i. ERMYL<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. Jan 1895, OK.; d. unk.

67. EMMA<sup>8</sup> MARGARET HOWE (RANSOM<sup>7</sup> RHEUMILLA<sup>6</sup>, LOAMI<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born October 7, 1866 in Grundy County, MO., and died June 3, 1942 in Pattonsburg, Davies Co., MO. She married GEORGE BURREL PADGET June 29, 1887 in Spickard Grundy Co., MO.

Children of EMMA HOWE and GEORGE PADGET are:

- i. JUDSON<sup>9</sup> F. PADGET, b. May 22, 1888, Spickard, Grundy Co. MO.; d. Nov 27, 1973, Gallitin, Daviess Co., MO.
- ii. MABEL<sup>9</sup> PADGET, b. Sep 16, 1889, Spickard, Grundy Co., MO.; d. unk., Laramie, Wyo.

68. SIMON<sup>8</sup> KENTON HOWE (RANSOM<sup>7</sup>, RHEUMILLA<sup>6</sup>, LOAMI<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born February 2, 1867 in MO., and died December 27, 1938. He married DELLA MAY ETHEERTON August 23, 1893 in Grundy Co., MO.

Children of SIMON HOWE and DELLA ETHEERTON are;

- i. BEULAH<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. abt 1894; d. Sep 15, 1987; m. FREDRICK THOMAS, unk.
- ii. BONNIE<sup>9</sup> DORA HOWE, b. Dec 25, 1895, Spickard, Grundy Co., MO.; d. Feb 15, 1993, Redding, CA.; m. LEROY JAMES THOMAS, 1912
- iii. EUNICE<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. Nov 14, 1897; d. Dec 11, 1978; m. COY STOTTLEMYRE, unk.
- iii. GILBERT<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. 1899; d. 1982, Tucson, AZ.
- v. GUS<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. 1903; d. 1976.
- vi. HATTIE<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. 1907; m. HAROLD BUCKLAND, unk.
- vii. JEWELL<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. 1910.
- viii. GRACE<sup>9</sup> HOWE, b. 1911.

69. ARTHUR<sup>8</sup> MCKINNEY HOWE (RANSOM<sup>7</sup>, RHEUMILLA<sup>6</sup>, LOAMI<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born April 16, 1873 in Spickard, Grundy County, MO., and died January 1, 1945 in Stillwater, OK. He married MAUDE WELLS 1898 in Perry, OK.

Children of ARTHUR HOWE and MAUDE WELLS are:

- i. RANSOM<sup>9</sup> FREEMONT HOWE, b. unk. d. unk.
- ii. ALLAN<sup>9</sup> EDWARD HOWE, b. Jun 12, 1899, Billings, OK.; d. Jan 19, 1967, San Antonio, TX.; m. NELLIE MAE MURPHY May 17, 1918, OK.

70. MARTHA<sup>8</sup> A. HOWE (RANSOM<sup>7</sup>, RHEUMILLA<sup>6</sup>, LOAMI<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born April 14, 1875 in Missouri, and died 1915 in Amistad, Union Co., NM. She married JOHN WILKINSON July 13, 1895 in Grundy Co., MO.

Children of MARTHA HOWE and JOHN WILKINSON are:

- i. GLEN<sup>9</sup> AUGUSTUS WILKINSON, b. Oct 1894, Spickard, Grundy Co., MO.; d. 1981, Newark, CA.; m. GLADYS CARTER, unk.
- ii. HAZEL<sup>9</sup> WILKINSON, b. Oct 30, 1897, Grundy Co., MO.; d. Jun 17 1918, Amistad, Union Co., NM.; m. WILLIAM GEORGE BOLZ, abt 1912.
- ii. EMMA<sup>9</sup> ALICE WILKINSON, b. May 28, 1901, Grundy Co., MO.; d. Jul 14, 1945, Dalhart, Hartley Co., TX.; m. JOHN WESLEY ROSS, Jul 31, 1916, Clayton, Union Co., NM.
- iv. HARLES<sup>9</sup> WILKINSON, b. abt 1903, Spickard, Grundy Co., MO.; d. Feb 1981, Barrett, CA.

- 71.. VIOLA<sup>8</sup> WESTBROOK (FREEMAN<sup>7</sup>, MARIE<sup>6</sup> ASHLEY, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> HOWE, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born (unk), and died (unk). She married CORWIN CROWL (unk)

Children of VIOLA WESTBROOK and CORWIN CROWL are;

- i. FRED9 CROWL, b. unk.; d. unk.
- ii. WELLSVILLE9 CROWL, b. unk.; d. unk.
- iii. HATTIE CROWL, b. unk.; d. unk.; m. HOY SWETLAND, unk.

72. BURTON8 ASHLEY (HARRISON7, JOHN6 GIFFORD, WILLIAM5 HOWE, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born March 17, 1857 in Morrow Co., OH., and died after 1882. He married ADDIE L. SHERMAN November 24, 1877, in Morrow Co., OH.

Child of BURTON ASHLEY and ADDIE SHERMAN is:

- i. LEELA9 GRACE ASHLEY, b. Oct 10, 1882, Mt. Gilead, OH.; d. unk.; m. ELLSWORTH DARE, unk.

73. JAMES8 ASHLEY (WILLIAM7 MARTIN, JOEL6 LOAMI, ELISHA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born April 5, 1861, and died April 1906 in Joplin, Jasper Co., Missouri. He married MINERVA HELEN HARBAUGH on December 18, 1888 in Atlanta, Washington Co. Illinois. She was born September 24, 1866 in Sabillasville, MD.

Children of JAMES LOAMI ASHLEY and MINERVA HARBAUGH are:

- 81. i. ROBERT9 PAUL ASHLEY, b. Nov 15 1889 in Omaha NE.
- ii. GRETCHEN9 ASHLEY, b. Apr 30, 1892; d. Aug 1983 in Philadelphia, PA, m. LEWIS J. ROTES; b. Mar 30, 1974

74 FRANK8 ASHLEY (ELAISHA7, JOEL6, ELISHA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born Apr 15, 1861 and died Feb 4, 1893. He married IDA MAE NEISWANGER (born Apr 15, 1863)

Children of FRANK ASHLEY and IDA NEISWANGER are:

- i. FERN9 ASHLEY, unk.
- ii. INES9 (INEZ) ASHLEY, unk.

75. ROSE8 ASHLEY (ELISHA7 BAKER, JOEL6 LOAMI, ELISHA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born 1864, and died unk. She married WALTER SCOTT HARSHFIELD 1885.

Child of ROSE ASHLEY and WALTER HARSHFIELD is:

- i. ROSE9 HARSHFIELD, b. Mar 25, 1897, Battle Creek, IA.; d. 1962.; m. JAMES ERVIN BRIGMAN, unk.

76. CORA8 BELLE ASHLEY (ELAISHA7, JOEL6, ELISHA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, WILLIAM1) was born Sep 11, 1871 and died Aug 7, 1948. She married CHARLES MONROE KING.

77. BIRCH8 (BERT) ASHLEY (ELAISHA7, JOEL6, ELISHA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born July 27, 1874 in Hartsburg, Logan Co., IL, and died Oct 15, 1961 in Sioux City, IA. He married AUSTA JANE DRAKE on March 1900, Sioux City, IA.

Children of BIRCH ASHLEY and AUSTA DRAKE are:

- i. DORIS9 DOROTHEA ASHLEY, Feb 1, 1901, Anthon, IA., d. Jan 20, 1990, Kalispell, MT.; m. HOWARD WEAVER (b. 1902 d. Jan 9, 1925).
- 82. ii. ELDON9 BURTON ASHLEY, b. Nov 12, 1902, Anton, IA; m. NELLIE KATHERINE PETERSEN, Jan 14, 1948.

78. ROBERT8 HARVEY ASHLEY (THOMAS7, JOEL6, ELISHA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born December 22, 1894 in Logan County, IL., and died September 21, 1973, in Sarasota, FL. He married BLANCHE VARNHOLTZ January 26, 1927, (b. Dec 2, 1905)

Child of ROBERT ASHLEY and BLANCHE VARNHOLTZ is:

- i. WILMA9 MAE ASHLEY, b. Oct 29, 1929, Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL. m. (1) ROBERT LATTIMORE, unk.; m. (2) ROY WESTMORELAND, unk.

79. MYRTLE8 ELIZABETH ASHLEY (THOMAS7, JOEL6, ELISHA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born January 14, 1898 in St. Louis, MO. and died November 22, 1977 in Lincoln, Logan Co., IL. She married ERNEST LESLIE KIEF October 29, 1921. (b. May 23, 1894 in Logan Co., IL

Children of MYRTLE ASHLEY and ERNEST KIEF are:

- 83. i. LYSLE9 VIRGINIA KIEF, b. Aug 8, 1924, Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL.
- 84. ii. ROBERT9 WILLIAM KIEF, b. May 25, 1926, Pekin, Tazewell Co. IL.

80. JOEL8 L. ASHLEY (THOMAS7, JOEL6, ELISHA5, WILLIAM 4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born Jan 20, 1902, in Emden, Logan Co., IL. And died Sep 29, 1961 in Peoria, IL. He married VIVIAN VELOROUS SMITH (b. Jan 6, 1906 Harpster, IL) Dec 18, 1925, Peoria, IL.

Children of JOEL ASHLEY and VIVIAN SMITH are:

- 85. i. JOAN9 IRIS ASHLEY, b. Mar 23, 1927, Peoria, IL.
- 86. ii. RICHARD9 BYRON ASHLEY, b. Apr 28, 1931, Peoria, IL.



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81. GRETCHEN<sup>9</sup> ASHLEY (JAMES<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born April 30 1892 and died August 1983 in Philadelphia, PA. She married LEWIS J. ROTES (born March 30, 1889 and died October 1974 in Sarasota, FL

Children of GRETCHEN ASHLEY and LEWIS ROTES are:

- i. ASHLEY<sup>10</sup> P. ROTES, b. unk; d. 1994, Santa Clara, CA.
- ii. SONNY<sup>10</sup> ROTES, b.& d.unk; died of Polio
- iii. BEVERLY<sup>10</sup> ROTES, b. Feb 22. (yr. unk.) m. VICTOR IANNECE; he died May 14, 2005 in Philadelphia, PA.
- 87. iv. NITA<sup>10</sup> MAE ROTES, b. Mar 8, 1924; m. WILLIAM B. LESBURG; b. Dec 14, 1919; d. May 1990 in Indianapolis, IN.

82. ELDON<sup>9</sup> BURTON ASHLEY (BIRCH<sup>8</sup>, ELAISHA<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born November 12, 1902 in Anthon, IA. He married NELLIE KATHERINE PETERSEN on January 14, 1948 in LeMars, IA. NELLIE PETERSEN was born July 18, 1921 in Anthon, IA.

Children of ELDON ASHLEY and NELLIE PETERSEN are:

- i. MARIAN<sup>10</sup> LOUISE ASHLEY, b. Feb 17, 1949, Anthon, IA.
- ii. GEORGE<sup>10</sup> ROBERT ASHLEY, b. May 11, 1951, Anthon, IA.; m. MARILYN EDDIS DYER Dec 10, 1971, Anthon, IA
- iii. JANICE<sup>10</sup> EILEEN ASHLEY, b. Sep 8, 1953, Anthon, IA.; m. GLEN LEE LITTLE, Jan 16, 1971, Anthon, IA
- iv. MARCIA<sup>10</sup> JOANNE ASHLEY, b. Nov 29, 1953, Anthon, IA.; m. JERRY LEWIS SISTRUNK, Nov 2, 1974, Pierson, IA.
- 88. v. SHARON<sup>10</sup> LAUREL ASHLEY, b. Aug 14, 1955, Sioux City IA.; m. DENNIS LEROY HOWARD Jun 30, 1984.
- vi. EUNICE<sup>10</sup> LORINE ASHLEY, b. May 16, 1957, Sioux City, IA.; m. MARK WAYNE ERICSSON, Sep 21, 1980, Rock Branch, IA.

83. LYSLE<sup>9</sup> VIRGINIA KIEF (MYRTLE<sup>8</sup>, THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born August 8, 1924 in Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL. She married CHARLES JOSEPH LEWIS, born January 28, 1922, Lacon, IL.

Children of LYSLE KIEF and CHARLES LEWIS are:

- 89. i. JUDITH<sup>10</sup> ANN LEWIS, b. Apr 20, 1944, Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL.; m. TERRY JOE TRAINOR, Pekin, IL.
- 90. ii. ROBERT<sup>10</sup> WILLIAM LEWIS, b. Nov 2, 1946, Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL; m. PAULA DUDROW, Toledo, OH.

84. ROBERT<sup>9</sup> WILLIAM KIEF (MYRTLE<sup>8</sup>, THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born May 25, 1926 in Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL. He married (1) MARJORIE ANITA RHOADES, November 21, 1947 in Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL. He married (2) JOYCE LEE MORTON, June 7, 1987 in Bloomington, McLean Co., IL.

Children of ROBERT KIEF and MARJORIE RHOADES are:

- 91. i. TONI<sup>10</sup> KAY KIEF, b. Oct 25, 1948; Pekin, Tazewell Co.; m. CHARLES FRANKLIN DAVIS, Feb 21, 1974, Pekin, IL.
- 92. ii. KIRK<sup>10</sup> STEVEN KIEF, b. Dec 17, 1950, Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL.; m. (1) MELODY ANN BINGAMAN; m. (2) WENDY LEIGH SASSAMAN.
- 93. iii. PENNY<sup>10</sup> JELAN KIEF, b. Aug 27, 1953, Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL.; m. (1) MICHAEL ALTSHUE; m. (2) TIMOTHY DRY
- 94. iv. KATHY<sup>10</sup> LEE KIEF, b. Feb 20, 1955, Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL. m. (1) TERRELL DEWALD; m. (2) JOHN LOREN BORDNER

85. JOAN<sup>9</sup> IRIS ASHLEY (JOEL<sup>8</sup>, THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Mar 23, 1927 in Peoria, IL. and died July 24, 2006 in Sarasota, Florida. She married (1) ROBERT CLAY HELMANTOLER Jan 18, 1946 in Peoria, IL. She married (2) HASTON KERBY unk. 1959 in IL. She married (3) WALTER SMITH unk. 1965 in Sarasota, FL.

Child of JOAN ASHLEY and ROBERT HELMANTOLER is:

- i. RICHARD<sup>10</sup> WILLIAM HELMANTOLER, b. Nov 11, 1950, Peoria, IL.; m. LORI SUE FOX Jan 9, 1988; b. Jun 24, 1960.

Child of JOAN ASHLEY and HASTON KERBY is:

- 95. ii. STEVEN<sup>10</sup> JOEL KERBY, b. Jan 28, 1960; Peoria, IL. m. YVONNE BERNOSKY, Aug 13, 1987.

86. RICHARD<sup>9</sup> BYRON ASHLEY (JOEL<sup>8</sup>, THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Apr 28, 1931 in Peoria, IL. He married JOSEPHA HEILAND Jul 15, 1955 in Erding, Bavaria, Germany. Upon becoming an American citizen, JOSEPHA HEILAND became JOSEPHINE ASHLEY in Peoria, IL. JOSEPHA HEILAND was born Mar 18, 1927 in Blonhofen, Bavaria, Germany, daughter of MARIA HEILAND and MARTIN JORG

Children of RICHARD ASHLEY and JOSEPHINE HEILAND are

- i. DAVID<sup>10</sup> MARTIN ASHLEY, b. Sep 29, 1954, Erding, Bavaria, Germany, m. DARLENE MARIE VODRAZKA, Forest Park, IL.
- 96. ii. DOREEN<sup>10</sup> THERES ASHLEY, b. Feb 28, 1958, Denver, CO; m. MICHAEL WINDBIEL, Apr 16, 1977, Glendale Hgts, IL

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- 87 NITA<sup>10</sup> ROTES ( GRETCHEN<sup>9</sup>, JAMES<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born March 8, 1924, in Orange, California. Nita married William B. Lesburg on February 2, 19 . William was born December 14, 1919 and died May 1990 in Indianapolis, Indiana...William is buried in the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Children of NITA ROTES and WILLIAM LESBURG are:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>11</sup> BERNARD LESBURG, b. unk
- ii. ROBERT<sup>11</sup> ANDREW LESBURG, b. Sep 25, 1949; m. ELLEN LEGARE FUNDERBURK in Charleston, SC.
- iii. LESLIE<sup>11</sup> KAY LESBURG, b. Oct 5, 1952; m. CLIFF SELLERY in IN. 1975
- 97. iv. DAWN<sup>11</sup> NITA LESBURG, b. Sep 22, 1959 in IN. m. LARRY RAY CARR (b. Dec 6, 1959)

88. SHARON<sup>10</sup> LAUREL ASHLEY (ELDON<sup>8</sup>, ELAISHA<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Aug 14, 1955 in Sioux City, IA. She married DENNIS LEROY HOWARD (born Nov 13, 1953, Sioux City IA.) on Jun 30, 1984 in Rock Branch, IA

Children of SHARON ASHLEY and DENNIS HOWARD are:

- i. AARON<sup>11</sup> BURTON HOWARD, b. Nov 20, 1975, Battle Creek, IA.
- ii. AUSTA<sup>11</sup> RAE HOWARD, b. Apr 11, 1985, Ida Grove, IA.
- iii. RACHEL<sup>11</sup> KATHERINE HOWARD, b. Jul 27, 1986, Sioux City, IA.

89. JUDITH<sup>10</sup> ANN LEWIS (LYSLE<sup>9</sup>, MYRTLE<sup>8</sup>, THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Apr 20, 1944, Pekin, Tazewell, Co. IL. She married TERRY JOE TRAINOR November 9, 1963 in Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL.

Children of JUDITH LEWIS and TERRY TRAINOR are:

- 98. i. RANDY<sup>11</sup> TRAINOR b. unk., Pekin, Tazewell Co m. VICKIE unk
- 99. ii. TRACY<sup>11</sup> RENEE TRAINOR b. Mar 24, 1965, Fairbanks, AL. m. RONALD HARDIN Jun 29, 1985, Louisville, KY.

90. ROBERT<sup>10</sup> WILLIAM LEWIS (LYSLE<sup>9</sup>, MYRTLE<sup>8</sup>, THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Nov 2, 1946 in Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL. He married PAULA DUDROW May 24, 1975, in Toledo, OH.

Child of ROBERT LEWIS and PAULA DUDROW is:

- i. MICHAEL<sup>11</sup> CHARLES LEWIS, b. May 9, 1978, Toledo, OH.

91. TONI10 KAY KIEF (ROBERT9, MYRTLE8, THOMAS7, JOEL6, ELISHA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born Oct. 25, 1948, in Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL. She married (1) THOMAS JOY, Oct 21, 1973, She married (2) CHARLES FRANKLIN DAVIS Feb 21, 1974 in Tampa, FL. (b. Dec 3, 1945, Johnson City, TN.)

Child of TONI KIEF and CHARLES DAVIS is:

100. i. DAVID11 ROBERT DAVIS, b. Jul 31, 1975, Dover , OH.; m. JENNIFER JOHNSON

92. KIRK10 STEVEN KIEF (ROBERT9, MYRTLE8, THOMAS7, JOEL6, ELISHA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born Dec 17, 1950 in Pekin. Tazewell Co., IL. He married (1) MELODY ANN BINGAMAN about 1974 in St. Petersburg, FL. He married (2) WENDY LEIGH SASSAMAN Sep 29, 1987 in Interlachen, FL.

Child of KIRK KIEF and WENDY SASSAMAN is:

- i. BRANDON11 CHARLES KIEF, b. Mar 23, 1991, Gainesville, FL

93. PENNY10 JELAN KIEF (ROBERT9, MYRTLE8, THOMAS7, JOEL6, ELISHA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born Aug 27, 1953 in Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL. She married (1) MICHAEL HOWARD ALTSHUE, Feb 1972. She married (2) TIMOTHY DAVID DRY, Mar 20, 1993.

Child of PENNY KIEF and MICHAEL ALTSHUE is:

- i. HEATHER11 JELAN ALTSHUE, b. Jun 20, 1973; Normal, IL m. RONALD SMITH JR, 1955

94. KATHY10 LEE KIEF (ROBERT9, MYRTLE8, THOMAS7, JOEL6, ELISHA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born Feb 20, 1955 in Pekin, Tazewell Co., IL. She married (1) TERREL DEWALD Jul 1, 1974. She married (2) JOHN LOREN BORDNER, unk.

Child of KATHY KIEF and JOHN BORDNER is:

- i. ELI11 LESLIE BORDNER, b. Oct 30, 1981, Peoria, IL.

- 95 STEVEN10 JOEL KERBY (JOAN9, JOEL8, THOMAS7, JOEL6, ELISHA5, WILLIAM4, THOMAS3, JOSEPH2, EDWARD1) was born Jan 28, 1960 in Peoria, IL. He married YVONNE BERNOSKY Aug 13, 1987 in Sarasota, FL.

Child of STEVEN KERBY and YVONNE BERNOSKY is:

- i. KIRK11 WILLIAM KERBY, b. Aug 11, 1991, Ft. Meyers, FL.

96. DOREEN<sup>10</sup> THERES ASHLEY (RICHARD<sup>9</sup>, JOEL<sup>8</sup>, THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Feb 28, 1958 in Denver, CO. and married MICHAEL WINDBIEL April 16, 1977 in Glendale. Heights, DuPage Co., IL.

Child of WILLIAM JEFFREY RICHMOND born Dec 4, 1955; New Rochelle, NY and CAROL DIANE THOMAS born Apr 15, 1958, Chicago. IL is:

- i. ZACHARY<sup>11</sup> WILLIAM THOMAS-ASHLEY, b. Apr 2, 1996; Chicago, IL.

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97. DAWN<sup>11</sup> NITA LESBURG (NITA<sup>10</sup>, GRETCHEN<sup>9</sup>, JAMES<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born in Indiana September 22, 1959 and married LARRY RAY CARR December 6, 1980 (born January 11, 1959).

Children of DAWN LESBURG and LARRY CARR are:

- i. MARIE<sup>12</sup> LOUISE CARR, b. Sep 7, 1981 in IN; m. CHRIS WOLFE in IN. Mar 12, 2005.
- ii. MELISSA<sup>12</sup> LYNNE CARR, b. Feb 2, 1986 in IN.

98. RANDY<sup>11</sup> TRAINOR (JUDITH<sup>10</sup>, LYSLE<sup>9</sup>, MYRTLE<sup>8</sup>, THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born unk. in Pekin, Tazewell Co., Illinois. He married VICKIE unk.

Children of RANDY TRAINOR and VICKIE unk. are:

- i. JORDAN<sup>12</sup> JOE TRAINOR, b. Jul 15, 1986.
- ii. GABRIELLE<sup>12</sup> GRACE TRAINOR, b. Feb 11, 1992.

99. TRACY<sup>11</sup> RENEE TRAINOR (JUDITH<sup>10</sup>, LYSLE<sup>9</sup>, MYRTLE<sup>8</sup>, THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>, ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Mar 24, 1965 in Fairbanks, AL. She married RONALD HARDIN Jun 29, 1985 in Louisville, KY.

Children of TRACY TRAINOR and RONALD HARDIN are:

- i. JOSIAH<sup>12</sup> THOMAS HARDIN, b. Nov 16, 1993; unk.
- ii. CALEB<sup>12</sup> BENJAMIN HARDIN, b. Apr 7, 1995; unk.
- iii. SAMUEL<sup>12</sup> COULTER HARDIN, b. Dec 11, 1997; unk.

100. DAVID<sup>11</sup> ROBERT DAVIS (TONI<sup>10</sup>, ROBERT<sup>9</sup>, MYRTLE<sup>8</sup>, THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>  
ELISHA WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Jul 31, 1975 Dover, OH.  
He married JENNIFER JOHNSON Nov 30, 1998.

Children of DAVID DAVIS and JENNIFER JOHNSON are:

- i. CELENA<sup>12</sup> LILLIAN DAVIS, b. Oct 18, 1997, Everett, WA.
- ii JACOB<sup>12</sup> ANDREW DAVIS, b. Mar 10, 2000, Everett, WA.

101. HEATHER<sup>11</sup> ALTSHUE (PENNY<sup>10</sup> KIEF, ROBERT<sup>9</sup>, MYRTLE<sup>8</sup>, THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, JOEL<sup>6</sup>,  
ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born Jun 20, 1973 in  
Normal, IL. She married RONALD SMITH JR., 1995.

Children of HEATHER ALTSHUE and RONALD SMITH are:

- i. TUCKER<sup>12</sup> DAVIS SMITH, b. Sep 11, 1995, Everett, WA.
- ii. CASEY<sup>12</sup> JELAN SMITH, b. Sep 9, 1997, Everett, WA.

**RHEUMILLA (ASHLEY) HOWE (#19 on listing)**

Rheumilla Ashley (born 1808 in New York) married Joel Howe on July 27, 1824 in Darke County, Ohio. Rheumilla and her husband migrated to the western territories by covered wagon to the area known as Iowa. There is no record of their relationship with the native Indians of the Iowa territory at that time. They began their living in the new land 'settler' style: cutting down trees for building their log cabin. In 1857, an Indian raiding party attacked the Howe cabin, killing Rheumilla, husband Joel, and seven of their children and two sons-in-law. Children in that massacre were Jonathan 25 years, Lydia 21 years, Sardis 18 years, Alphred 16 years, Jacob 14 years, William 12 years, and Levi 9 years. Rheumilla and Joel had four other children who appeared to have lived a long life. At the time, families usually traveled together to their new life on the frontier. Since no other information is known at this time, there are two assumptions that can be made: (1) The family traveled together and four escaped the attack and (2) four Howe children remained back east with relatives. The four children who survived were the first born and probably had families of their own and did not travel with the parents. The two sons-in-law were thought to be husbands of Lydia and Sardis.

*(See the document titled "Spirit Lake Massacre" later in this report on page 98).*

## **CITY PIONEER KILLED WAR (#26 in Listing)**

(from Kokomo Tribune - 2 May 1994 )

A brick bearing the letters "H.A." found at the Judge Nathaniel Lindsay house, Kokomo's current oldest brick house, probably means the contractor was Harles Ashley. Ashley was one of Howard County's first brick masons.

In 1842 the Ashley family settled on a claim that later became the Dyar farm across from the Albright Cemetery. Loami Ashley organized the first church in Taylor township in 1843, and a log structure on his land served as both the church and Taylor township's first school. In 1845 he started a church on the east side of the township, and later another church at Cassville.

In the election of 1844, in Irvin township, Loami's son, Harles, was elected the first county treasurer; shortly thereafter he was married to Sarah Garner (1831-1919), who must have been a child bride, in one of Taylor township's first marriages.

In Dec. 1844 Harles Ashley was chosen the first treasurer of the new library. About 1848 the Ashleys moved to Kokomo, probably to a double log cabin on the Sycamore St., where Crownpoint cemetery is now located. In the spring of 1848 he began Kokomo's first brick building, the John Kimble store on the east side of the square; that same year he built the Crigger Bros. Blacksmith shop; in 1849 he built Judge Lindsay's house on West Mulberry St.

In 1850, with John Behan, he purchased the New London Pioneer Newspaper and moved it to Kokomo, where it became the forerunner of the Kokomo Tribune.

In April 1854, with David Foster and John Behan, he opened Howard County's first bank, which operated from Behan's store. On the night of April the 28<sup>th</sup>, 1861, the bank was robbed under mysterious circumstances; the robbery was never solved.

In the 1850's Harles Ashley built and lived in a brick house just east of the present YMCA. He also was the builder of the Judge H.A. Brouse house on East Sycamore Street in the late 1850's, according to a story by Brouse's son-in-law, former Howard County Sheriff Charles J. Bechtel.

Judge Bechtel bought the nearly new house about a year after Ashley built it. The house, today sporting four tall white columns, was probably a contractor's pioneer "spec" house.

From 1856 to 1858 Harles Ashley served as Howard County auditor. During the Civil War, Ashley enlisted and was appointed quartermaster of the 89<sup>th</sup> Regiment. In Sept. 1864 the regiment entered Missouri in pursuit of Confederate General Price. At Greenton, Mo., Ashley and two others were apprehended by a band of guerrillas. They were searched then taken for a short distance out of town and then shot. The two men died instantly, shot in the head; but Ashley, shot in the face, managed to run a short distance before being shot in the back.

Ashley's remains were sent to Kokomo and buried in the old cemetery. His widow, Sarah, married Levi Pennington and moved out of state. In the early 1900's, Sarah had Ashley's



remains moved to Crownpoint, Cemetery, she died in 1919, being survived by her daughter Mattie Kearns of Fresno, Cal. Arthur M. Ashley, the son of Harles and Sarah Ashley, was born in the Ashley double log cabin, one of the first white children born in Kokomo, Also a brick mason, he worked on the old Armstrong Landon building at Main and Sycamore, and he helped build the orphans' home at Markland and Homes avenues. He moved to Hanford, Cal., where he served as city recorder. He died in April 1918.

The Ashley family, especially Harles, was instrumental in Howard County's early rising from the wilderness.

### **Tribune's First Owner Killed in Civil War**

(Publication date: Friday, January 1, 1904)

(Sunday, February 13, 2000)

The Kokomo Tribune made its first appearance in Kokomo on Oct. 30, 1850, when the Howard Tribune, a weekly newspaper, was published for a handful of readers. The man who helped establish the paper led an interesting but short life that ended tragically during the civil war.

Although the first Tribune appeared in 1850, its forerunner, the Pioneer, was published in New London in 1848. It was a weekly newspaper and the first newspaper published in Howard County.

Harles Ashley and John Bohan bought the Pioneers equipment and press and moved it to Kokomo. They published the first copy of the Howard Tribune from a log building known as "the old deadfall" on the northeast corner of Main and Superior streets.

Ashley came to Howard County with his father Loami Ashley, and settled on a farm just south of what is now Albright Cemetery shortly before the county was organized in 1844.

Ashley was described in a Tribune article as a "businessman of more than ordinary ability, though given somewhat to speculative venture, was possessed of great energy, had more than average education and fell naturally into leadership and quickly became one of the community's dominate figures"

Ashley was the county's first treasurer and one of its early auditors. He organized Kokomo's first bank, the Indian Reserve Bank. The bank was robbed April 30, 1860 (April 28, 1861?), and according to a story in the Tribune, the robbery "caused heavy loss to its depositors".

The pioneer printer became quartermaster of the 89<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment in the Civil War and, while with the regiment in Missouri, was murdered by guerrillas. A tribune story said

the murder of Ashley and two companions “was one of the most sensational incidents of the Civil War for Kokomo and Howard County Residents”.

Many stories in the early editions of the Tribune were not written by paid reporters. They were letters by officials, former residents or eyewitnesses. Such was the case with the account of Ashley’s killing. It was written for the Tribune by a regimental officer and printed Nov. 12, 1864. It says:

“As the 89<sup>th</sup> Indiana passed through Guntown, Mo., on Nov. 5, 1864, Dr. Porter rode up to a house on the outskirts, followed by Quartermaster Ashley and Major Henry. They dismounted, went in and called for dinner. The woman of the house informed them that she had already sold everything she had cooked to passing soldiers and could not accommodate them unless they could wait until she could cook something.

“She counseled them against waiting, saying there were guerrillas lurking in the neighborhood who might capture them. The three men were cold and hungry and told the woman if she could prepare a meal in a half hour, they would wait. She said she could have a meal ready in that time, so they remained. All the Union troops passed through the town, leaving the three men behind.

“ As Ashley, Porter and Henry were finishing their meal, Ashley remarked that their column was getting well away from them and that they should be hurrying along. Porter remarked that he wanted another dish of soup and one more glass of buttermilk. Ashley and Henry waited for him to partake of it. The delay was fatal.

“When the three men emerged from the house to go to their mounts, three men dressed in Federal uniforms rode up and took possession of the officers’ revolvers and demanded surrender. As Ashley and Henry were unarmed save for their swords, they had to yield. A moment later, Dr Porter, who was late leaving the house, came out, whereupon he, too, was forced to surrender, one of the men holding a pistol at his head.

“After searching their prisoners, the guerrillas rode away with them, going back over the road our troops had come in on. When a short distance out of town, the guerrillas took the three men into a clump of woods and shot them. Citizens of the village heard the report of the firearms. The guerrillas, after killing the three men, led their horses back to the village.

“Knowing the men had been shot, some of the citizens went in search of the bodies. They found Dr. Porter’s that night. The bodies of the major and the quartermaster were not found until the next morning. The body of Porter and that of Henry were only a few yards apart. That of Ashley was several rods away.

“Major Henry was shot in the center of the forehead. Dr. Porter in the back of the head, the ball coming out at the center of the forehead, his hat being powderburnt. Ashley had been shot twice, once on the right side of the nose, the ball ranging downward, passing through the palate and coming out at the back of the head. It is supposed the shot did not kill and that Ashley tried to escape. A second shot entered his back below the left shoulder, the ball angling through the body.

“The officers were missed in their command when our column made camp for the night. It was learned that they had stopped at Guntown with the command after that. This led to the suspicion that they had been captured by guerrillas. A little later the Second and Third brigades came up and brought us the particulars of the capture and killing of the three men.

“Such are the particulars of the saddest and most shocking catastrophe that has befallen the regiment since it entered the service.”

Ashley’s body was recovered and returned to Howard County. He is buried in Albright Cemetery.

**MRS. MARY ANN ASHLEY**

Submitted by: Reta Barker

From the August 9, 1897 issue of the Lincoln Daily Courier, Lincoln, Illinois

**Grandma Ashley**

At her home No.330 Fourth Street, at 6:30 Sabbath morning, Mary A . Ashley, in the seventy-eighth year of her age. Death must have been welcome to this venerable and afflicted lady, who, for thirty-six years, has been an invalid as helpless as an infant, but who lived in hope of redemption from earthly imprisonment and final perfection in the world to come. The deceased was a native of Greenville, Ohio, where she was born in 1819. On May 21, 1835, she was married to Joel Ashley at Greenville, her maiden name being Martin. Ten children were born to Mr and Mrs Ashley, five of whom are dead, leaving the following: Elisha B., Anthon, Iowa; Francis Marion, Macedonia, Iowa; William and Thomas, St.Louis, MO; and John Ashley of Lincoln.

About 1868 Mr and Mrs Ashley came to Lincoln. A few years following their settlement in Lincoln Mr Ashley passed away, full of years and honor and mourned by all who knew him.

For thirty-six years the life of Mrs Ashley has been full of trouble and disappointment. In 1861, when only in middle life, she fell and broke her leg, which was subsequently hurt again, and from that time to the hour when her spirit left the frail tenement of clay, she has been a constant and patient sufferer.

Grandma Ashley was a Christian. She was a member of the Christian Church and through all gloom and doubt of this life she had visions of eternal blessed life to come.

Funeral from the late home on Fourth Street Tuesday, August 10, at 9:00 am. Funeral party will leave the house at 10:00'clock and proceed to Bethel where the final service and burial will take place. Elders Holton and Weaver will conduct the exercises.

submitted by third great granddaughter on the maternal side

**MARY ANN (MARTIN) ASHLEY (#34 in the listing)**

Mary Ann Ashley was an invalid due to complications of a broken hip before she was 30 years old. Because of the need for constant care, her husband Reverend Joel Loami Ashley hired a young part Cherokee Indian maiden to care for his invalid wife. Mary Ann's sons William (#54) and Thomas(#58) went west to follow their careers as ornamental concrete workers in Iowa. It is probable that they had visited with their (#55 brother Elaisha) while in Iowa. **On** the return of Thomas to Illinois, and to see his parents, he met the young Indian maid who was caring for his mother. After two marriages, Thomas married the Indian caregiver: Mae Sutherland.

## **Biography of ELISHA BAKER ASHLEY**

(1883 History of Pottawattamie County Iowa)

**E.B. Ashley, farmer, P.O. Weston, was borne in Darke County, Ohio, August 1, 1839; he is the son of Joel L. and Mary Ann (Martin) Ashley; his father was born in Massachusetts about 1816; he was a stone and brick mason and an early settler in Ohio. His (subject's) mother was born in Ohio in 1818. Our subject had a limited common school education; he worked at home on his father's farm until he was twenty one years of age. He was married in Logan County, Ill, May 20, 1860 to Martha N., daughter of William and Elizabeth D (Alsop) Shirley. She was born in Scott County, Ky., July 19, 1837. Both of her parents were natives of Kentucky. Our subject's parents moved to Logan County, Ill., in 1857. After his marriage, Mr Ashley farmed in that state for about sixteen years; he then came to this county, March 8, 1876, and has been engaged in farming ever since. He has made a specialty of raising corn, but contemplates going into stock raising business. He has six children—Frank, born March 15, 1861; Rose, born February 26, 1864; Dolly, born March 1, 1866; Lena, born November 28, 1869; Cora, born September 11, 1871, and Birch, born July 27, 1874. Mr Ashley is a member of the Christian church. He votes the Republican ticket.**

### **ELISHA BAKER ASHLEY (No. 55 in the list)**

Elisha Baker Ashley has descendants presently living in Iowa. His niece Myrtle (Ashley) Kief indicates his name is spelled 'Elisha', notations in Reverend Joel Ashley's weekly church attendance records lists his name as 'Elisha' (perhaps listed by a church secretary), however, his descendants report his name as 'Elaisha'. It is thought that he may have been called by a 'nickname' of "Lash" or "Laish" It is therefore assumed his name was ELAISHA as reported by Sharon Laurel (Ashley) Howard (# 86 in the list) from her father Eldon (#82) still living; his father Birch (#77), son of Elaisha It is assumed he was visited by his brothers William (#54) and Thomas (#58) as they had been in Iowa on their bricklayer contracts. The above references to his father Joel L. Ashley is verified to have been born July 23, 1816 in Greenville, Darke County, Ohio rather than Massachusetts. This Elaisha's grandfather Elisha (#12) was born in Hirkimer, N.Y., migrating with his family to Ohio.

## **FRANCIS MARION ASHLEY**

( Excerpts from History of Pottawattamie County, Iowa)

**Francis Marion Ashley was fifteen years old when he came with his parents, to Lincoln, Illinois. He was born in Greenville, Ohio on November 23, 1842. His parents were Joel Loami Ashley and Mary Ann Martin Ashley, who were also natives of Greenville, Ohio.**

**Francis had four brothers, William, Elisha, John, and Thomas. They were raised on a farm in Lincoln. Francis lived at home until the age of nineteen, when he enlisted, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 1862, as a member of Company F, one hundred and sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was attached to the Army of the West at Vicksburg, and participated in all of the engagements of the regiment until mustered out on July 14, 1865.**

**On the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 1863 he was married to Elizabeth Covington, who was born near Lincoln on November 12, 1845. She was the daughter of James and Mary (Stahl) Covington. James Covington was a native of Maryland, and died in Illinois at the age of 77 when Elizabeth was still a child. Mary Stahl was a native of Union County, Pennsylvania and became a resident of Illinois in 1816. The Stahl family were among the first settlers in Illinois. James Covington was Mary's second husband. Mary had seven children from her first marriage, and two from her second. Elizabeth's brother was named Joseph. Mary died in 1870 at the age of 68.**

**In 1869 the Francis Ashley's became residents of Neosha, Kansas on a U.S. Government claim. They lived there for 10 years before moving to Pottattamie County, Iowa where they farmed for some time before moving to the town of Macedonia. After opening a general store, Francis continued as a merchant until his death on March 29, 1900.**

**Francis and Elizabeth had nine children, Nellie, Mary Alice, Rose, Emma, Lillian, Edgar, Fred, Bess, and Ralph.**

**Francis was a member of the Grand Army Post at Macedonia, Iowa, the Odd Fellows Lodge, and the Ruby Lodge, No.415 AF & M. He was a member of the Christian Church. He was a descendant of William White, a Mayflower Pact Signer, through his father Joel, his grandfather, Elisha, and greatgrandfather William Ashley, who was a Revolutionary War Captain.**

Submitted by Reta Barker

## **FRANCIS MARION ASHLEY (No. 56 in the list)**

Francis Marion Ashley was temporarily 'lost' from our family tree since he joined the military at age 19 and very little mention of him appears in our history. His military career put him in the Union Army for assignment against the Confederate States. As a form of military 'bonus', he was a participant in the "land rush" race for claim of U.S. government land. He was no longer residing in Illinois, hence no further documents in Illinois are available.

**Short Biography of**  
**CHARLES JOSEPH LEWIS**

( # 83 in the listing)

Per request of Richard B. Ashley, genealogist of Ashley Family

**Charles Joseph Lewis (Chuck) is related to the Ashley family via his marriage to Lysle Kief Lewis (#83) , daughter of Myrtle ASHLEY Kief. Chuck was born January 28, 1922, in Lacon, Illinois, a son of Aurealia Fay Lewis and Roy Lewis. His father Roy, who lost an arm in a hunting accident, died at a young age when Chuck was less than two years old. Although many family members lived in Lacon, there was no place for Chuck and he was placed in an orphanage for several years until his mother remarried a man named Si Woodrow and took him from the orphanage. He had a close, loving relationship with his mother but his stepfather showed no love or affection but did provide a roof over his head and food on the table with much grumbling. His childhood was not happy.**

**In 1938, Lysle's father, Ernest L. Kief, was transferred to Pekin, Illinois in the mail service, and her mother, Myrtle, was critically ill in the hospital. Lysle, very unhappy, was sitting on her front porch steps when 16 year old Chuck came walking by, said "Hi" to 13 year old Lysle, went home and told his mother, "I just saw the girl I'm going to marry." Because of our young age, Myrtle tried to limit the times Chuck could come over to see Lysle. Then one night in 1940, when Lysle was returning from a church supper with a neighbor boy, Chuck hit him and knocked him out. Myrtle was infuriated and forbid him to see Lysle. The next day he joined the U.S. Navy. After basic training at Great Lakes Naval Station, Illinois, he was sent to Hawaii and boarded the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor (HA). Shortly before [the] Pearl Harbor [attack] on December 7, 1941, he signed for the China Station and went to China. There he was assigned to the USS Canopus, a submarine tender, and earned a Machinist Mate rate. The Canopus sailed for the Philippine Islands and was stationed there. The Japanese bombers returning from their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, bombed Clark Field on Bataan and Cavite Naval Station at Corregidor and Chuck was fighting WWII from the very first day. When their ship was bombed, the sailors burned oily rags for months so the Japs would think they were out of commission as they were half sunk. However, below decks the work continued with a passion. Finally the sailors went ashore to fight and were attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Marines. Trying to dye their white uniforms so as to be less visible in the jungle fighting, they used weeds and whatever they thought would color them. They came out an ugly mustard color which they wore in the jungle. The enemy never could figure out who these strangely clad fighters were, where they came from, and what secret weapon they had and why they yelled so loudly back and forth in the forest to one another. The 4<sup>th</sup> Marines – Naval Battalion – were sent to Bataan to help repel that invasion. When Bataan fell on April 9, 1942, they escaped to Corregidor and continued fighting there until they were surrendered by their commanding Officers and taken Prisoners of War by the Japanese on May 6, 1942. They had been out of food, medicine, ammunition and in poor physical shape when captured, and then with continued starvation, disease, beatings, packed into boxcars so tightly that when a man died, he could not fall down. From there to the hellships with the same and worse conditions – no sanitation, no toilets, and everyone had dysentery, diarrhea, vomiting. Very little water or**

rice so that men were forced to drink their own urine. When the Tortori Maru, the hellship Chuck was on, arrived in Japan, Chuck discovered he was unable to see things others were pointing out. Sent to Manchuria [Korea] POW camp and then later to Kamioka, Japan, forced to do slave labor in mines and factories, continued maltreatment, starvation, diseases – such as these that Chuck had and managed to survive during the 3 years and 4 months on his imprisonment:

<b>Malnutrition</b>	<b>Sore mouth &amp; tongue, sores at angles of mouth</b>
<b>Avitaminosis</b>	<b>Excessive thirst</b>
<b>Dysentery</b>	<b>Swollen glands</b>
<b>Worms</b>	<b>Numbness &amp; weakness in arms and legs</b>
<b>Scabies</b>	<b>Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea</b>
<b>Skin diseases</b>	<b>Chills, aches, pains in muscles, joints throughout entire body</b>
<b>Pellegra</b>	<b>Fevers</b>
<b>Beriberi – wet and dry</b>	<b>Frequent urination</b>
<b>Scurvy</b>	<b>Unsteady gait</b>
<b>Dengue Fever</b>	<b>Swelling in joints, legs, and feet</b>
<b>Diphtheria</b>	<b>Headaches - severe</b>
<b>Numerous, severe beating to head and body</b>	<b>Indigestion, stomach pains, severe gastritis</b>
<b>Bloody urine (particularly after beatings)</b>	<b>Leg cramps</b>
<b>Loss of sight</b>	<b>Body lice and parasites</b>
<b>Pain, numbness, tingling in feet and fingers</b>	

He was released as POW on September 16, 1945, arrived in Pekin, Illinois mid-October, 1945, and married Lysle December 30, 1945. He had been commended twice during the Corregidor battle. Once for heroism in rescuing scalded sailors in the engine room when the Canopus was bombed and turning off the steam valves; again for putting out a fire atop an ammunition dump on Corregidor. His escape from death was often. The USS Oklahoma was sunk at Pearl Harbor shortly after he transferred; these two episodes on Corregidor plus combat, at times hand-to-hand during battle with Japs; shot in the leg in battle; bayonet wound in his back by a Jap guard; and 3 years 4 months as a POW under horrible conditions. His sight upon return and for the rest of his life was 20/200 with a sliver of sight in each eye – the rest blind.

Despite his disability, he worked in construction and was very active in civic affairs, some of which are: Commander of American Legion Post 44; organized and was captain of American Legion Color Guard who participated in many events and state fair in central Illinois for many years; organized, with another veteran, the DAV chapter in Pekin, IL; served as Illinois Veterans Service Officer for 5 years; belonged to all veterans organizations, including the Marine Corps League due to his service with the 4<sup>th</sup> Marines; elected President of the Carpenters & Joiners Union of Pekin for several years; first Cubmaster for Edison School Cubs [Pekin, IL] when organized and for several years; and many other organizations and honors.

In 1979, his eyes failing even more, he and Lysle retired to Sarasota, Florida. He had purchased a cabin on Big Boy Lake, in Minnesota about 1968 and that was his piece of

heaven which he thoroughly enjoyed. After moving to Florida he was only able to return there in 1980 and 81 and died November 17, 1983, of cancer of the pancreas.

He and Lysle had two children, Judith Ann Lewis Trainor (Terry J.); Robert William Lewis (Paula Dudrow); three grandchildren: Randy Trainor (Vickie); Tracy Renee Trainor Hardin (Ronald Hardin); Michael Charles Lewis. And to date five great-grandchildren: Jordan Trainor, Gabrielle Trainor, Josiah Hardin, Caleb Hardin, and Samuel Hardin.

Chuck and Lysle had 38 years of happiness together. His life is more fully described in the book Lysle wrote entitled: Courage Personified. Of the 500 copies, almost all are distributed and every family member has a copy. Many were requested by VA hospitals and personnel working with POWs. Any and all proceeds were given to AX-POW MedSearch.

Charles Joseph Lewis -- Chuck -- was truly a man among men and one to be emulated by all members of the family, to be respected and beloved. As a stranger to Lysle told her at his funeral: I've known Chuck all my life -- you couldn't just like him -- you loved him!!

*Those wishing to read more about Chuck Lewis may refer to the National Prisoner of War Museum at Andersonville, Georgia, where both of Lysle's books reside in the library there. COURAGE PERSONIFIED deals with Chuck's Life and death. SANDY, DEATH MARCH SURVIVOR and SEARCH FOR TRUTH deals with the infamous Unit 731 at Manchuria POW camp where medical experiments and unfathomable horrors on POWs occurred. Sandy's experiences are related as well. He was a Tank Commander on Bataan, captured by the Japanese on April 9, 1942 and spent 3 years and 4 months as a POW. Lysle met him 5 years after Chuck's death and they have been friends and companions since. He is also mentioned at length in Donald Knox's book DEATH MARCH. He is also interviewed in the television film to be released March 31, 2000, entitled IN THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY, relating the exploits of the Janesville 99 Tank outfit. Though not of blood relation to the Ashley Family, he is indeed a very strong part of Lysle's life and should be remembered as such.*

Submitted by Lysle Kief Lewis  
March 27, 2000



## LETTER FROM MYRTLE (ASHLEY) KIEF

(#79 in the listing)

Personal letter sent to nephew Richard Ashley  
Dated December 6, 1967

Dear Rick, Jo & family-

What a nice surprise to get your long newsy letter – I was so glad and interested to know you were following up on the family tree. It takes more brainpower than I'm capable of anymore. So glad your family are well and going strong. I pray for you daily so I'm hoping this New Year and each one after will be better & better for you.

Yes all of my discomforts I had a few years ago because I threw out all the medicine and told the good Lord all about it and asked for help & I've been O.K. ever since – a bit crippled up right now as I had a bad fall the day after Thanksgiving, sprained my ankle & wrist, bruised my knee – Big old clumsy me. When you get old the body doesn't bounce back like it did when a person is young and I'll be 70 in Jan. Yes your Dad was too young and you see our stepmother was not responsible mentally for 12 years and she destroyed Grandpa Ashley's old family Bible – That had all the records from ages ago but I was too young to remember very much. What I did remember was what I'd heard from Dad [*Thomas Wiley Ashley- #58 in the listing*] And I remember meeting Uncle Lish (*Elisha*) when I was about 4 as I thought he was Santa Claus. I remember Uncle Will & John very well. They passed away before my Dad. [*Uncle 'Lish' #55, Uncle Will #54, John #57*]

Yes Aunt Sadie passed away last winter – I talked to her by phone the night before and she didn't feel good but didn't want me to come out. I was to call her the next A.M. but before that they called me – Poor Uncle Milom found her on the bathroom floor at 3 A.M. – He is deaf & can't use the phone so had to dress & get a neighbor to call Merlin. [*Preceding paragraph pertains to Thomas Ashley's wife Mae Sutherland Ashley's sister.*]

About Mary Marcum & Wm Sutherland – They had 5 children Mabel, May [*Mae*], Martin, Charles, Sophia. Then she married Wm Hatfield & had a son Wm. He is still living in Selma Kansas (I think)

You said 4 Sutherland children. *[I had requested verification of Elkhart, IN or Elkhart IL. She refers to Elkhart IL, here]* That Elkhart is correct – that is town just a few miles south of Lincoln on #66 *[#66 refers to present I-55]*

About my Dad -! He lived a very colorful life – But with it all he was a very wise man & loved my Mother *[Mae Sutherland Ashley]* very much & his children. I quote him often and in my older years I realize more & more how wise he was.

As I said he was born in Stuebenville, Ohio – (spelling?) *[has been verified to be Greenville, OH]* migrated when quite young to Hartsburg in covered wagon, cut trees to build cabin, the winter came before it was finished & only a fireplace for heat & cooking – Kids slept in the loft - (attic) & had to brush off snow to get up in the A.M. *[For clarification: Joel L Ashley (#34) born in Darke Co., IN); Moved to Greenville OH where son Thomas as born. Thomas with 4 older brothers moved with father Joel to Logan County IL. Covered wagon and log cabin was used in Ohio. Migrating to Illinois, the Ashley children traveled by wagon and lived in a cabin. The father Joel Ashley cut the trees to build the cabin. His children were the children sleeping in the loft. Undoubtedly the older sons helped their father build the cabin.]* Lived there and when dating age he was out one night came home very dark night & he had been to a Halloween party, listening and telling ghost stories & was a bit spooky – As he came out of the barn he saw a white figure with two arms stretched up moving toward him. He picked up an axe and struck right between the arms, then ran for the house. The next A.M. they found their old white faced cow dead in the barn lot. He married when he was about 18 – I don't know her name – they went to Oregon in a covered wagon. She wasn't very strong & they stopped in Wyoming in a deserted cabin – double one; 2 rooms not connected inside so they stayed in one side and there were strange noises every night. He even felt the movement but could never see anything – They finally moved to the other side and it sounded like 2 men fighting all night so they left and went West. She died and Dad came back to Des Moines Iowa, went into business (contractor) with Uncle Will – They became quite well to do – Dad owned a lot of land at the edge of town. (later a coal mine was on it) and several apartment bldgs. He married again. Her first name was Belle – (not a very nice person) In order to get rid of her Dad gave her all his property, got a divorce and went to Hartsburg. His Mom *[Joel Ashley's Wife Mary Ann (Martin) Ashley]* had been injured in a runaway – broken hip and a lovely young lady Mae Sutherland was caring for her & they married, moved to Lincoln where Bob *[#78]* was born. Moved to St. Louis Mo. where I was born. I was born during a

Smallpox epidemic. Mother had it when I was born and Dad cared for both of us and Bob. I had it when I was born so Dad pinned me to a pillow so I wouldn't have pits by rubbing or scratching. They moved to Golden Eagle in southern Ill., Calhoun Co., then to Emden & Dad built a Grocery Store & several houses and my dear little brother was born. She died on Dec 18 & Joel was 2 in Jan. He tried housekeepers as he wanted to keep us with him. In the summer he fixed a lunch, took all 3 of us in the wagon & took us to work with him. Then he married Sarah Jane (Johnson) Davidson our step-mother. In between my mother's death & getting a stepmother a busybody Rev. Good in Emden took it upon himself to put us in an orphanage and have Dad sign us away that he would never try to see us. Then Dad forgot all about his bringing up in a ministers home & cussed Rev. Good out up one side and down the other. So he had Grandma (Sutherland) Hatfield come and get us. I was sick in bed so they wrapped me in blankets and took us to Sherman, Ill. where I nearly died as I had measles & they went in but Grandma was a good nurse but Joel, Bob, Dolphy Roles (another grandchild by Aunt Mabel). Uncle Mart and Uncle Charlie [*Dolphy, Mart, Charlie are members of Mae (Sutherland) Ashley's family*] all got measles. Poor Grandma. Then Grandma had to take eggs & milk to town & while she was gone & the men in the fields, your Dad & Dolphy got some matches & set the house on fire. Bob Ashley ran in the burning bedroom & got them out (they were 3), took them to me & locked us in the barn lot, went to the field for the Uncles but it was too late to save anything.

By then Dad was working in Lincoln building the State School; brought all of us then. In between there someplace he married my Stepmother [*Sarah Jane*] & she had left us. When we got to Lincoln she came back & we left Grandma & went in a place of our own a few blocks away. One day your Dad was supposed to be napping & the little scamp got a match & set fire to his bed. She got it out & she lit a match & I found out later she blew it out and touched his little fingers with the warm match but all I saw was that blazing match going toward my brother – I took off for Grandma and told her my Stepmother had set Joel on fire – Poor Grandma ran over and they had one gosh awful scrap, & when Grandma apologized & left I got such a beating I'll remember till I die. I was blood & welts from stem to stern.

Then we moved to Golden Eagle, Des Moines, Springfield, Beardstown, Lincoln – Pekin – all of these moves were made because Dad had contracts for bldg. He built the Equity Life Insurance Bldg in Des Moines - Leland Hotel in Springfield – That's all I can remember. He retired when we moved to Pekin & Bob & I took over the care – altho' I had already done most of that in Lincoln before

they moved to Pekin. It was while we were in Lincoln your Dad took off & the next we heard he was in the Marines. He was in the “Lost Battalion” in Cuba. Some how the government forgot where they were for several months & they were without pay or care except what they got from the natives. He was too young to go in the 1<sup>st</sup> War but Bob was in, then when he got home, Joel left.

Please don't get the wrong idea about Dad [*Thomas Ashley*] and his multiple marriages as the first was a youthful adventure going West, the second was a bad mistake, 3<sup>rd</sup> was for love, 4<sup>th</sup> someone to care for us kids. He was a very fine man. Taught us right from wrong & only one spanking for each one of us from him & I remember all 3 of them. Mine came first, it was just before Joel was born and I wanted to sleep with them & she wasn't able but I raised such H-LL he swatted my rear twice. It broke my heart but I was quiet Joel & Bob got theirs after my stepmother came – Dad had a little box he covered for Joel to sit on instead of a high chair & Dad always put it on the chair & lifted Joel up. This day she decided Joel was big enough to pick it up himself & Joel wasn't about to do it. I can still see him put his hands behind him & just stood there & she insisted Dad spank him so Dad gave him 1 swat & put his little hands on each side of the box and lift it up. From then on Joel did it himself.....but in the process I called her a “mean old devil”, And I got such a licking – guess I had it coming that time. Then while we were in Golden Eagle, she wanted Bob to saw some firewood & I was right by him & he did say “I won't do it” – but when Dad came home she told him Bob called her an S.O.B. & Dad should give him a licking or she would leave. Dad broke off a switch about a foot long and gave him two swats across the legs that were covered with long underwear & stockings so I know it didn't hurt but I screamed & yelled & said she was a liar and was just an obnoxious brat until she whaled me good. Then in all this time we would spend part of the year with grandma & part at home.

We (Bob & I) decided we were going to make an athlete out of Joel so he was with us constantly – In Gerard [*Illinois*] we were at Grandmas & we made a hammock out of barrel staves - put a rope in the center & each kid got pulled so many times & he or she had to jump regardless of how high – Poor little Joel was scared so we jerked the rope & threw him out. Broke his arm below the shoulder & wouldn't take him in the house until supper time. They sent Bob for the Dr. He set it up against his body & taped it. When the time came for the tape to be removed, Bob & I had to do it. Everytime Joel cried, we cried, so poor kid tried not to cry. Another time we were playing hide and seek. Bob had one of Joel's hands & I had the other

Poor little kid...his feet hardly touched the ground and this nite it was pitch dark & we were running fast. Bob went on one side of a post & me on the other & poor Joel in the middle hit the post. Then we decided to make a baseball player out of him & we ran errands, mowed lawns, anything for a dime & we bought a league ball & glove. We put that big old mitt on Joel – Bob pitched and I backed up Joel was to catch. If he missed it we gave him the dickens and made him stand up there. Weren't we awful – at the time we thought we were helping him.

All this story isn't going to help your research. [*This type of data helps to make all the entries come alive. Each entry has a story*] I Remember Uncle Will had a son named Spencer [#54, #73] in Des Moines Iowa & he had a son named William. Guess the reason I remember is we used to visit them when we lived there and Dad used to take Willie peanuts just to hear him say “mine uncle Tom he bring me peanuts” I thought Joel should have those darn peanuts so one day I took the peanuts away from Willie and gave them to Joel, and shoved poor little Willie off the back steps and Willie's Mom smacks me a good one.

I'm sorry I can't be of any more help than this, it is more of interest to us than the family history. I'll copy off those names & send to Bob Ashley & see if he remembers. I doubt it as he never was interested like I have been. The Kiefs traced their family back & had it published and it is quite interesting so I know you will get a bang out of it. \* Did I tell you we are British on both sides & they, the Ashley's settled in Virginia where my great grandfather had a plantation and was a slave holder. Uncle Will found that out as he was trying to trace the family way back then. He had a lot of money & traveled a lot, every place he went he looked for Ashley's. In Virginia he went to a house & asked the colored lady to see Mr. Ashley & she said “I am Mrs. Ashley” so he went back in the evening & talked to Mr. Ashley & his grandparents were slaves of my greatGrandfather – But I don't know names or dates or locations. If I can find out any more I'll sure let you know.

Wanted to tell Jo I made an apple strudel from her recipe – it was good but not as good as hers was. That was delicious. Stay well and have the very best Christmas ever – God Bless you all. Love  
Aunt Myrtle & Uncle Pete

Did I tell you we used to live at 1918 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Maywood III?

- Reference to note of our ancestors were in Virginia. It appears 'Uncle Will' had information of an Ashley family in Virginia being descendants of slaveholders owning a large plantation. There is indeed two Ashley families (Virginia and Carolina) who were wealthy landowners, one family being in an ancestral lineage of the royal family of England. A Lady Jane (Cooper) Ashley is the connection as royal blood lines. Unfortunately that is not our line. I believe 'Uncle Will' honestly thought he had found our extended family in the south. All recorded data substantiating the attached family history indicates our line entered 'the colonies' through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. One bit of information in the process of being verified may have a fleeting connection with the Colony of Virginia. An Ashley residing in Virginia was persuaded to leave Virginia because of his dubious background. There is no record of where he had gone. Two years later an Ashley with the same first name appeared in an area near Boston and there is no recorded data to indicate his origin. This 'new' Ashley was considered wealthy. He made the largest parcel of land purchase of that colony. (Presently the area contains three communities and parts of two counties.) His purchase was made with Spanish silver. Speculation indicates this: He was a member of a pirate gang that raided Spanish ships carrying gold and silver from Latin and Central American Spanish colonies. When his life style became known to local populations, he was routed from his home area of Virginia...traveling northward...(direction of Massachusetts). From his experience with his former 'homeland', he kept his background secret. The Ashley 'without a background' may be one of our ancestors. To give the benefit of doubt: if our ancestor was a pirate living in Virginia, that would confirm Myrtle (Ashley) Kief's statement that we came from Virginia. If that ancestor was forced to leave Virginia and he went to Massachusetts and bought enormous plots of land, that would confirm possibly a wealthy ancestor in Virginia. However the plantation owner/slave holder mentioned in the letter above has been thoroughly documented and indicates no connections with our family. My own research shows a tendency to believe a relative has been found merely by believing the name is enough to make a connection. EXAMPLE: I know my greatgrandfather's name is JOEL L(oami) ASHLEY. I know there is an Elisha, William, John, Thomas as sons of Joel Ashley (#34). I know from church records at Union, IL there is a 'Frank' Ashley who went west. That was my beginning. On a web site for family searches I found a biography about FRANCIS MARION ASHLEY (#56) indicating his father Joel LOAMI Ashley. From that information the rest of our family fell into place. However I had contact with a person in OK. whose ancestor was a Francis*

*Marion Ashley in OK. That particular name combination would indicate our Francis (#56) must have lived in OK???? There are actually two persons in the 1800's named Francis Marion Ashley, both from Illinois, both 'went west'. They are not related. This is not rare. Joel Ashley's wife Mary Ann Martin has shown up in two different Ashley families, and they are not related.*

The above letter has been transcribed verbatim from the original letter in answer to queries about the Ashley family history. Myrtle (Ashley) Kiefs search for our roots has been an important part of giving me the desire to continue the search. With my occasional communication with her over many years, her remarks would seep through to help push me for further information, i.e.: referring to her son "Bob", several of our male cousins, including myself, during family reunions, about how we were running around like a 'bunch of Indians'. (alluding to our Cherokee Indian background through Thomas Ashleys wife Mae Sutherland Ashley); comments that I was 'the last of the Ashleys'. I feel honored to be the one to help her reach the goal of putting down on paper who we are. But little did she know that her contribution above would become an important part of the overall picture. Without letters like hers, obituaries, biographies, town histories, the family history of generation after generation would be just that: a bunch of names and dates that is history. Additional contributions (as her letter) helps to bring a life to these names and dates. It becomes the icing on the cake.

#55. ELAISHA (Elisha) BAKER ASHLEY, born Aug 1. 1839 in Greenville, Ohio; died Jul 31, 1907 in Anthon, Iowa. He married Martha Noel Shirley in 1860. Elaisha is the brother of Thomas Wiley Ashley. See letter from Myrtle (Ashley) Kief referring to her “Uncle ‘Laish’ with the beard.



*Compliments of # 88 Sharon (Ashley) Howard ggranddaughter of Elaisha Ashley*

Elaisha Ashley with folded hands thought to be with his wife’s family.

Elaisha’s wife Martha on the right with whom is thought to be Martha’s relative.

The following pictures are of the descendants of Thomas Ashley and Mae Sutherland.

Unfortunately some of the earlier photos have not been recorded with ages of the subjects or dates when they were taken. It is felt we should feel fortunate just to have these images intact to allow us to have some faces to go with this complete document. I urge the viewer to consider the age of the photos with respect to the quality. I also urge our younger generations to feel free to add your family’s photos to complete your own family down through your own history. The following layout is presented through the 12<sup>th</sup> generation. Beginning with the 10<sup>th</sup> generation will expand the document possibly to build a volume No. two. My only regret is not being able to have our history printed in book form.

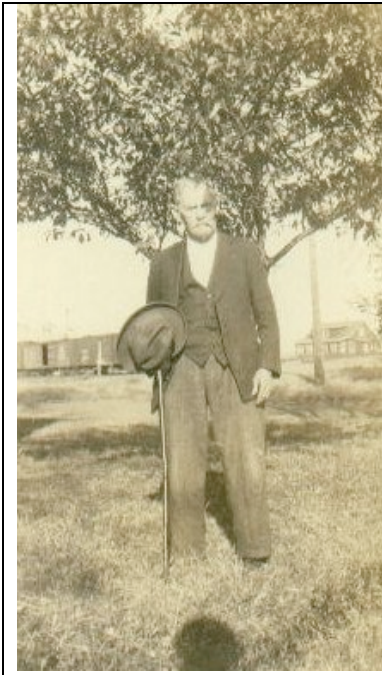
The pattern of the following presentation is to display Tom Ashley’s children with accompanying photos in order of their births. The numbers preceding the names refers to that person’s location in the genealogy document.

A separate section has been set aside as an honor to our military members of our family.

#86 Richard Byron Ashley (year 2000)



#58 THOMAS WILEY ASHLEY was born Oct 15, 1848 in Greenville Ohio; died Nov 21, 1929 in Pekin, Illinois. He married (1) Mary C. Bradley Dec 16, 1869; (2) Nettie Bradley Jan 1, 1890; (3) Mae Sutherland (mother of his children); (4) Sarah Jane (Johnson) Davidson. Thomas is our direct forefather.



Thomas Wiley Ashley

Taken about 1929 in Pekin, IL



Tom at age 81 years old.



Tom in the background with his 4<sup>th</sup> wife, Sarah Jane.

Thomas Ashley followed in the line of the work of his father Joel Loami Ashley and his grandfather Elisha Ashley (buried in Merom, Indiana) as a brickmason and concrete worker. His work often required his travels to other towns and states.

His travels to many areas may have influenced his many years being single. His marriage to Mae Sutherland produced his family of two sons and one daughter. The untimely death of Mae after the birth of her youngest child brought an end to further offspring for Thomas.



Tom with his two sons, Robert on the left and Joel.



Tom and his youngest son Joel and daughter Myrtle.



MAE (SUTHERLAND) ASHLEY

Born Mar 23, 1874 in Elkhart, Indiana

Died Dec 18, 1903 in Logan County, Illinois

Wife of Thomas W. Ashley

Caregiver to her mother-in-law Mary Ann Ashley,  
wife of Rev. Joel L. Ashley.

Mother of Robert Harvey Ashley (1894-1973)  
Myrtle Elizabeth Ashley (1898-1977)  
Joel L. Ashley (1902-1961)

Descendant of Ruhemma Cartwright and her  
husband "John", of the Cherokee Indian Tribe  
who assumed his wife's surname of Cartwright.



This photo represents the immediate family of Mae (Sutherland) Ashley. (First row from left) #1 Milom Purkey; #2 brother Martin Sutherland; #3 sister Sadie (Sutherland) Purkey; #4 mother Mary (Marcum) (Sutherland) Hatfield; #5 sister Sophia (Sutherland)(Menken) Jones; #6 husband Thomas Ashley; #7 halfbrother William Hatfield; #8 brother Charles Sutherland. (Back row from left) #1 niece Evelyn (Menken) DiGusto; #2 daughter Myrtle (Ashley) Kief; #3 Fred Cook; #4 niece Fern (Purkey) Cook; #5 son Robert Ashley; #6 brother-in-law Ed Jones; #7 son-in-law Ernest Kief; #8 half sister-in-law Mae Hatfield; #9 nephew Ernest Purkey; #10 niece Ethel (Menken) Smith; #11 nephew Merlin Purkey. The mother, Mary ( Marcum)( Sutherland) Hatfield is the daughter of Margareth Cartwright, daughter of Ruhemma Cartwright , who had married "John", native American Cherokee who assumed his wife's surname.

## THE SPIRIT LAKE MASSACRE ( March 8 and 9, 1857)

*In the spring of 1857, nine members of RHEUMILLA (ASHLEY) HOWE'S #19, (Loami5, William4, Thomas 3, Joseph2) family were among the early settlers brutally massacred by the Wakpkuti Band of Sioux Indians under leadership of Chief Inkpaduta.*

*Full details of this horrible massacre are found in the book "History of Spirit Lake Massacre" written by Abbie (Gardner) Sharp, the only surviving captive. The following excerpts are about the Ashley descendants.*

Page 48 – Joel Howe's family consisted of himself, wife (Rhuemilla Ashley), and six children; besides four married children who were not at this time members of his household, and the only one, Mrs. Nobles, was in the settlement. He settled in the east side of East Okoboji, at the south side of the grove. The names and ages of their children were as follows: Jonathon, aged 23, Sardis, 18, Alfred 15, Jacob 13, Phil-etus 11, and Levi 9. Alvin Noble, son-in-law of Joel Howe, with his wife (Lydia Howe) and one child, some two years old, and Joseph M. Thatcher, with wife and one child, 7 months old, came with the family of Mr. Howe, from Hampton, Franklin County. They were formerly from Howard County, Indiana.

Page 52 – The winter of 1856-7 was one ever to be remembered by the people of Iowa and Minnesota for its bitter cold weather, deep snow, and violent storms rendering communication between the different settlements almost impossible. Of course the settlers were illy prepared for any winter, and much less for such a one as this; for it must be remembered there was no lumber to be had within a hundred miles, and all provisions, of every kind, except what might be captured from the lakes and the groves, had to be brought a like distance. Some cabins were yet without floors; the doors were made of puncheons, hung on wooden hangers, and fastened with wooden latches.

Page 56 - In order to understand the events recorded it is necessary to have some knowledge of Inkpaduta, the chief, under whose leadership was perpetrated the bloody massacre of March 1857. . . . He supported himself by hunting and plunder; leading a wandering, marauding life, the number of his followers varying from time to time from fifty to one hundred and fifty. As I remember Inkpaduta, he was probably fifty or sixty years of age, about six feet in height, strongly built. He was deeply pitted by smallpox, giving him a revolting appearance, and distinguishing him from the rest of his band. His family consisted of himself and squaw, four sons, and one daughter. His natural enmity to the white man; his desperately bold and revengeful disposition; his hatred of his enemies, even of his own race; his matchless success on the war-path, won for him honor from his people, distinguished him as a hero and made him a leader of his race.

Page 62 – In the autumn of 1856, Inkpaduta's band went down to the lower valley of the Little Sioux, where the first trouble with the whites began. . . . Several aggressions

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by the Indians and violent repulses by the whites are given, as preceding the incidents generally accepted by both Indians and whites, as immediate cause of the fatal catastrophe. It seems that one day while the Indians were in pursuit of elk, they had some difficulty with the settlers. The Indians claimed that the whites intercepted the chase. There is also a report that an Indian was bitten by a dog belonging to one of the settlers; that the Indian killed the dog; and that the man gave the Indian a severe beating. It is also said that the settlers whipped off a company of squaws, who were carrying off their hay and corn.

Page 80 – (second day) One day’s carnage only sharpened the savages’ thirst for blood. Accordingly, at an early hour the next morning the braves, having smeared their faces black, which with the Sioux, means war, started again on their work of slaughter. The Indians had gone but a short distance on the East Okoboji when they met Mr. Howe, who was on his way to my father’s to borrow some flour. Him they shot, and severed his head from his body, the skull being found some two years later, on the southern shore of the lake. . . . Thence they proceeded to the house of Mr. Howe, where they found his wife, his son Jonothon, his daughter Sardis, a young lady, and four younger children. They left only lifeless bodies here to tell the story of their bloody work.

Page 81 – From here they went to the cabin of Noble and Thatcher, where were two men and two women – Mr. And Mrs. Noble (Lydia Howe), Mr Ryan (husband of Rachel Howe) and Mrs. Thatcher, besides two children. With their usual cowardice and hypocrisy, the Indians feigned friendship until they had secured every advantage, so their own heads would be in no danger. Then by concert of action, the two men were simultaneously shot. . . . They next seized the children by the feet, dragging them from their mother’s arms out of doors, and dashed their brains out against an oak tree which stood near the house. They then plundered the house . . . after slaughtering the cattle, hogs and poultry, they took the two women, Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Thatcher - captives and started back to their camp.

Page 181 – After six weeks of incessant marching over the trackless prairie, and through the deep snow, across creeks, sloughs, rivers and lakes, we reached the Big Sioux (at about the point where now stands the town of Flandrau) . . . Sometimes these undermined trees cling by their unloosened roots, while their tops reach far into the stream, forming a “boom” across the channel. Against this boom will accumulate a tangled mass of floating timbers. . . thus forming a precarious but picturesque bridge over which one with a clear head and steady step may pass with tolerable safety. . . On such a bridge, we were to cross the now swollen waters. Mrs. Thatcher, whose painful illness and terrible sufferings have been alluded to, had now partially recovered, and was compelled to carry her pack as before. As we were about to follow the Indians across one of these uncertain bridges, where a single misstep might plunge us into the deep waters, an Indian, not more than sixteen years old, the same who snatched the box of caps from my father, and who had always manifested a great degree of

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hatred and contempt for the whites, approached us, and taking the pack from Mrs. Thatcher's shoulders and placing it on his own, ordered us forward. This seemingly kindness at once aroused our suspicions, as no assistance had ever been offered to any of us. . . . When we reached the center of the swollen stream, as we anticipated this insolent young savage pushed Mrs. Thatcher from the bridge into the ice-cold water . . . . She was carried down by the furious boiling current of the Sioux; while the Indians on the other side of the stream were running along the banks, whooping and yelling, and throwing sticks and stones at her, until she reached another bridge. Here she was finally shot by one of the Indians . . . Thus ended the torture and agonies of Mrs Thatcher.

Page 227 - and as Mrs. Noble (Lydia Howe) and I were about to lie down to rest, a son of Inkpadta, of the name of Makpeahotoman, or Roaring Cloud, came into the tent of Yankton, and ordered Mrs. Noble out. She shook her head and refused to go . . . Mrs. Noble was the only one of us who ever dared to refuse obedience to our masters. Naturally of an independent nature, and conscious of her superiority to her masters in everything but brute force, it was hard for her to submit to their arbitrary and inhuman mandates . . . all the reward she got for her show of independence was a heavier burden by the way, and a bloody death at last. No sooner did she positively refuse to comply with Roaring Cloud's demand, then seizing her by the arm with one hand, and a great stick of wood in the other, he dragged her from the tent . . . he struck her three blows, such as only an Indian can deal, when, concluding he had finished her, he came back into the tent, washed his bloody hands, had a few high words with the Yankton and lay down to sleep. The piteous groans from my murdered companion for half an hour or so – deep, sorrowful and terrible; then all was silent.

End of excerpts.

A monument costing the State of Iowa \$5,000 now stands to mark the graves of Rheumilla (Ashley) Howe and family who lost their lives in what was known as Spirit Lake Massacre. Names of the Howe Family all appear on the monument.

James D. Ashley informs us that there is a marker in north central South Dakota where Abbie (Gardner) Sharp, author of the above mentioned book was finally released from captivity.

Other references to this tragedy may be found in White Men Follow After by Hattie P. Elston (copyright 1946) Athens Press, Iowa City, Iowa.

Palimpsest - The Spirit Lake Massacre, published by the State Historical Society of Iowa Iowa City, Iowa – October 1962.

Spirit Lake Massacre by MacKinlay Kantor (author's idea in fiction of historical facts – highly resented by some and to others only a boring treatise with excessive verbage)

*(Recounted by Esther Ashley Spousta)*