

## DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH AND ELIZABETH FRANKLIN by Loren Spencer Elliott

It was passed on to Naomi [ADAIR] HENDRICKSON from Ida Spencer HICKERSON that [#273.] Malinda Jane FRANKLIN wanted descendants to remember that she was a *fifth cousin of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN*. The "Portrait and Biographical Album" of Greene County, Ohio, lists George SHIGLEY, Jr., and calls attention that his mother [Malinda's Aunt] [#252] Olivet [FRANKLIN] SHIGLEY was of "*English descent, and a descendant of the family to which the famous philosopher, Benjamin Franklin, belonged.*" A cousin, [#532.] Ann MALLETT, reported it had been handed down to her that they were related to the FRANKLIN that caught lightning in a jar!

From preceding information, this compiler is accepting that GRT GRANDMOTHER MALINDA was a *FIFTH COUSIN OF THE 'BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'*. This would make his early ancestors, also, our early ancestors. Copied from "VOL. II APPLETON'S CYCLOPEDIA of AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY - page 56" was the following information; "Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, Mass, 17 Jan 1706; died Philadelphia, PA, 17 Apr 1790. His family had lived for at least three centuries in the parish of Ecton, Northamptonshire, England, on a freehold of about thirty acres. For several generations the head of the family seems to have been the village blacksmith, the eldest son always bred to that business. **Benjamin's** grandfather, **Thomas**, born in 1598, removed late in life to Bandbury in Oxfordshire, while his eldest son, **THOMAS**, remained on the estate at Ecton. This **Thomas** received a good education, and became a scrivener. He came to be one of the most prominent men in his county, and formed a friendship with the Earl of Halifax. In mental characteristics, he is said to have borne a strong likeness to his immortal nephew. The second son, **JOHN**, was a dyer of woollens, and lived in Banbury. The third son, **BENJAMIN**, for some time a silk-dyer in London, *emigrated to Boston at an advanced age, and left descendants there.* He took great interest in politics, was fond of writing verses, and invented a system of short-hand. [To fit in as to be a fifth cousin of the **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**, this is the most likely ancestor of our **MALINDA**]. The fourth son, **JOSIAH**, born in 1655, served an apprenticeship with his brother **JOHN** in Banbury, but removed to New England in 1682. Among the dispossessed clergymen in Northamptonshire were friends of **BENJAMIN** and **JOSIAH**. The persecution of these non-conformists led to a small migration to New England in which **JOSIAH** took part and later brother **BENJAMIN** joined him in Boston. **Josiah** lost his first wife after the birth of seven children. He married *second* to **Abiah FOLGER**, the daughter of one of the earliest settlers of New England, **Peter FOLGER**. This marriage produced *ten* children, the youngest being the noted *Benjamin Franklin*. The latter became unpopular in Boston due to some of his writings for newspaper owned by **brother James** and he moved to Philadelphia. Since Malinda's grandfather was born in PA, one can assume some of the first cousins of the **Dr. BENJAMIN**, children of his **Uncle Benjamin**, moved to Philadelphia with him. Assuming Malinda and Ann's Aunt to be correct, our first known FRANKLIN ancestor is **THOMAS FRANKLIN, the Grandfather of the illustrious Dr. BENJAMIN**;

### Chapter 1 JOSEPH A. FRANKLIN ANCESTORS & DESCENDANTS

**1. Thomas FRANCKLINE [1]** was of Ecton, in Northampshire. He was born in 1542. Much of following from ***DR. BENJAMIN'S BIOGRAPHY.*** He had at least one sister, Margerye, who married John Walsh, 5 Feb 1561, of Ecton. Five children of Thomas have been recorded in Ecton.

**3.** i. Robert Franklin

b. 8 Apr 1563 d.

**4.** ii. Jane Franklin

b. 1 Aug 1565 d. 29 Aug 1565

**5.** iii. John Franklin

b. 15 May 1567 d.

**6.** iv. James Franklin

b. 9 May 1570 d.

7. v. Henry Franklin

b. 26 May 1573 d. 23 Oct 1631

**7. Henry FRANKLIN [2] [1. Thomas 1]** was born 26 May 1573 and died 23 Oct 1631. He married *Agnes JAMES or JOANES* on 30 Oct 1595. She died 29 Jan 1648. They had at least two children;

10. i. Thomas Franklin

b. 28 Feb 1595 d. 11 Aug 1598

11. ii. Thomas Franklin

b. 8 Oct 1598 d. 21 Mar 1681

**11. Thomas FRANKLIN [3] [7. Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born in Ecton, Northamptonshire, England, 8 Oct 1598. He died 21 Mar 1681 in Banbury, Oxford, England. @FOOT(Copied from information recorded in 1968 thru 1971 issues of THE "FRANKLIN FIREPLACE" Some of this material came from BIOGRAPHY OF DR. BENJAMIN and some from a man named Sharp and other scholars who corrected some of the Doctor's material.) He removed late in life to Banbury, in Oxfordshire, while his son Thomas remained on the estate in Ecton. He married *Mrs. Jane WHITE* in 1836. She died 30 Oct 1662. He married again to *Elizabeth* \_\_\_\_\_ but they had no children. One source indicates he was married a third time. He and Jane were parents of eight children. Known children of Thomas and Jane;

15. i. Thomas Franklin

b. 11 Mar 1637 d. 5 Jan 1702

16. ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Franklin

b. ca 1639 d.

17. iii. Samuel Franklin

b. 17 Nov 1641 d. 1664

18. iv. John Franklin

b. 20 Feb 1643 d. 7 Jun 1691

19. v. Joseph Franklin

b. 10 Oct 1646 d. 30 Nov 1683

20. vi. Benjamin Franklin

b. 23 Mar 1650 d. 17 Mar 1727

21. vii. Josiah Franklin

b. 23 Dec 1652 d. 16 Jan 1745

22. viii. Hannah Franklin

b. 23 Oct 1654 d. 24 Jun 1716

**15. Thomas FRANKLIN [4] [11. Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born 11 Mar 1637 at Ecton. He married *Helen or Ellenor* \_\_\_\_\_. He died at Ecton 5 Jan 1702. His wife died at 14 Mar 1711. They had a daughter recorded born in Ecton;

27. i. Mary Franklin

b. 29 Oct 1637 d.

**19. John FRANKLIN [4] [11. Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born 20 Feb 1643 in Ecton, Northamptonshire, England and died at Banbury, Oxfordshire, on 7 Jun 1691 or 30 Nov 1689. He married @P(*Ann JOPH*), born in 1647, of N'Hants, England. *Dr. BENJAMIN* in his biography, speaks of his uncle, John Franklin, as a silk dyer and resident of England. He had at least one son, John emigrated to this country at an early age and settled in North Carolina. There was a grandson, John, that he died in 1813 at the age of 103. John and Ann had six children, all born in England.

30. i. Thomas Franklin

b. 15 Sep 1683 d. 1752}

31. ii. Hannah Franklin

b. ca 1685 d. Banbury

32. iii. Ann Franklin

b. 1687 d. m. FARROW

33. iv. Mary Franklin

b. ca 1687 d. London

34. v. Jane Franklin

b. ca 1867 d. Banbury

35. vi. Eleanor Franklin

b. ca 1867 d. Banbury}

21. @B(Joseph FRANKLIN) [4] [11. Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 10 Oct 1846. He married @P(Sarah PAVYER/PURVEYOR) in Suffolk. He died 30 Nov 1683 and had one son born after his death.

23. @B(Benjamin FRANKLIN) [4] [11. Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 23 Mar 1650 in Southwork, London, England, and moved to Boston in late life and joined his brother Josiah there in 1715.

This Benjamin was the uncle of the illustrious 'Dr. BENJAMIN' and most likely the ancestor of our Malinda. He married on 23 Nov 1683 to @P(Hannah WELLES), the daughter of Samuel WELLES, minister of Banbury. She died on 4 Nov 1705. He died in Boston 17 Mar 1727. He had a second marriage with no children.

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- 40. i. Samuel Franklin      b. 15 Oct 1684 d. 21 Feb 1775
- 41. ii. Benjamin Franklin    b. 6 Aug 1686 d. 22 Apr 1687
- 42. iii. Jane Franklin        b. 14 Sep 1687 d. 31 Dec 1710?
- 43. iv. Hannah Franklin      b. 13 Nov 1689 d. 31 Dec 1710
- 44. v. Thomas Franklin       b. 31 Aug 1692 d. 2 Mar 1694
- 45. vi. Elizabeth Franklin    b. 27 Oct 1694 d. 27 Aug 1696
- 46. vii. Mary Franklin        b. 23 Apr 1696 d. 27 Aug 1696
- 47. viii. John Franklin, Sr.    b. 8 Apr 1699 d. 1699??
- 48. ix. Joseph Franklin      b. 27 Jan 1700 d. 10 Jan 1703
- 49. x. Josiah Franklin        b. 3 Jan 1703 d. 18 Dec 1704}

24. @B(Josiah FRANKLIN) [4] [11. Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] born 23 Dec 1652 in Ecton, Northamptonshire, England. He moved in 1682 to Boston with a small migration of Puritans. He followed the business of soap-boiler and tallow-chandler. He was twice married with seven children by the first wife, @P(Ann CLARK or CHILD). Three of her children were born in England and four in New England. He married second to Abiah, the daughter of Peter Folger, one of the earliest settlers of New England, a man of learning, a writer of political verses, a zealous opponent of the persecution of Quakers. Josiah and Abiah had ten children, the youngest, the illustrious @P(Dr. BENJAMIN). The fourth child was lost at sea.

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- 56. i. Elizabeth Franklin      b. 2 Mar 1677 d.
- 57. ii. Samuel Franklin        b. 16 May 1681 d.
- 58. iii. Hannah Franklin       b. 25 May 1683 d.
- 59. iv. Josiah Franklin        b. 23 Aug 1685 d. ca 1715
- 60. v. Anne Franklin            b. 5 Jan 1686 d.
- 61. vi. Joseph Franklin        b. 6 Feb 1687 d. a child
- 62. vii. Joseph Franklin      b. 30 Jun 1689 d. a child
- 63. viii. John Franklin        b. 7 Dec 1690 d.
- 64. ix. Peter Franklin         b. 22 Nov 1692 d.
- 65. x. Mary Franklin            b. 26 Sep 1694 d.
- 66. xi. James Franklin        b. 4 Feb 1696 d. 1733
- 67. xii. Sarah Franklin        b. 9 Jul 1697 d.
- 68. xiii. Ebenezer Franklin    b. 20 Sep 1701 drowned a child
- 69. xiv. Thomas Franklin      b. 7 Dec 1703 d. a child
- 70. xv. @P(Dr. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN) b. 17 Jan 1706 d. 17 Apr 1790
- 71. xvi. Lidia Franklin        b. 3 Aug 1708 d. 1758
- 72. xvii. Jane Franklin        b. 27 Mar 1712 d.}

25. @B(Hannah [FRANKLIN] MORRIS) [4] [11. Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 23 Oct 1654 at Ecton, in Northamptonshire, England. She died 24 Jun 1716. She married @P(John MORRIS). He died 17 Jun 1695. No other information on this family.

?? @B(John FRANKLIN) [5] [19. John 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in 1710 in England and died in North Carolina in 1813 at the age of 103. He was supposed to have served in the

Revolutionary War but records were destroyed by the burning of the Court House of Burk Co, NC, during the Civil War. Office of Adj. Gen. of Raleigh, NC, have the following: "The Colonial Records of the Rev. War of N.C. show that John Franklin enlisted July 1, 1777, as Musician, and was mustered out March 1778. His service in the 6th Regiment, commanded by Col. Gideon Lamb." His wife, @P(Phoeba -----) lived to be 96. They had at least one son that had many descendants ;

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75. i. Jonathan Franklin      b.      1774 d.}

40. @B(Samuel FRANKLIN) [5] [19. Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] would have been born 15 Oct 1684 in Goodman's Fields, England. He lived in Boston and died 21 Feb 1775. @P(He married in New England twice.) He was the @P(first cousin) of the illustrious Dr.BENJAMIN. His first wife had only one son, Samuel. He would have been born in New England, first living in Boston area, and then moving to Pennsylvania. Thomas, John, Benjamin, William, and Joseph are all possible names of this ancestor and his son as Franklins with this first name existed on tax rolls of Philadelphia County. This Franklin likely had several other children;

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101. i. Samuel Franklin      b. 21 Oct 1721 d.}

47. @B(John FRANKLIN, Sr.) [5] [19. Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 8 Apr 1699 in England. He married @P(Ann PARRISH) born ca in 1701 in England. They had at least one son born in Stamford, Fairfield, CT.

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110. i. John Franklin      b. 20 Aug 1716 d.}

61. @B(John FRANKLIN) [5] [24. Josiah 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 7 Dec 1690. He married @P(Mary/Elizabeth GOOCH), born 17 Mar 1698 in Boston, Suffolk Co, MA.

64. @B(Peter FRANKLIN) [5] [24. Josiah 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 22 Nov 1692. Living in Boston, he married @P(Mary HARMAN).

66. @B(James FRANKLIN) [5] [24. Josiah 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 4 Feb 1696. Living in Boston, he married @P(Ann SMITH).

70. @B(Dr. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN) [5] [24. Josiah 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 17 Jan 1706. He died 17 apr 1790. He married @P(Deborah READ), born in 1708 in Philadelphia, PA.

101. @B(Samuel FRANKLIN) [6] [30. Samuel (?) 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in the New England area 21 Oct 1721 and could have been regarded as a @p(second cousin of the illustrious Benjamin). Samuel or a brother is the likely father of our @P(Joseph A. FRANKLIN) and make his granddaughter, Malinda, would be correct when she stated she wanted it remembered that she was a fifth cousin of @P(Dr. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN). "The following may be Samuel's nephew rather than a

son!" Samuel lived in Boston in 1768 and died there 21 Feb 1775 meeting the requirements of the father of our 'Joseph' except that Joseph was born in Pennsylvania.

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201. i. Joseph A. Franklin                    b. 17 Aug 1768 d. 1833}

@FOOT(The marriage of Joseph Franklin and Elizabeth Ebright is listed as taking place on 20 Nov 1777 in the records of the Swedes Church in Philadelphia. These records need to be researched further as our Joseph and Elizabeth were probably married in 1786. Elizabeth's maiden name from one source has been recorded as Smith [Smyth ?]. A Joseph Franklin served in the 2nd Regt MD Militia, 4th Regt VA Militia, and 13th Regt [Dudley's] of KY from Revolutionary WAR records of archives.)

110. @B(John FRANKLIN) [6] [47. John 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 20 Aug 1716 in Stamford, Fairfield, CT., and died 20 Aug 1800 in Canaan, Litchfield, CT. He married @P(Keziah PIERCE) on 24 Dec 1745 in Canaan. She was born 4 Feb 1727 and died 12 Feb 1805. Her parents were Father Amos PIERCE who married Mary SPAULDING, her mother. John and Keziah had eleven children, all born in Canaan;

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221. i. Abigail Franklin                    b. 9 Aug 1747 d. 6 Aug 1828  
222. ii. John Franklin                    b. 15 Sep 1749 d. 1 Mar 1831  
223. iii. Susanna Franklin                b. 6 Dec 1751 d. 4 Jun 1825  
224. iv. Lucy Franklin                    b. 13 May 1754 d.  
225. v. Mary Franklin                    b. 2 Feb 1757 d.  
226. vi. Samuel Franklin                b. 10 May 1759 d. 1 Jun 1827  
227. vii. Abiab Franklin                b. 12 Mar 1762 d.  
228. viii. Silas Franklin                b. 24 Apr 1765 d.  
229. ix. Billa Franklin                b. 5 Nov 1767 d.  
230. x. Amos Franklin                    b. 13 Nov 1771 d. 4 Nov 1836  
231. xi. Jeremiah Franklin              b. 1773 d. bef 1781}

222. @B(John FRANKLIN) [7] [110. John 6, John 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 15 Sep 1749 in Canann, Litchfield, CT. He died 1 March 1831. He married @I(first) @P(Lydia DOOLITTLE), born 13 Aug 1751 of Windsor, Bucks Co, Pennsylvania. He married @I(second) to @P(Abigail FULLER), born 1 Jan 1753 in Sterling, Windham Co, CT. He and Abigail were parents of at least three children, all born in Sterling;

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271. i. Ruth Franklin                    b. 14 Nov 1790 d.  
272. ii. John Franklin                    b. ca 1792 d.  
273. iii. David Franklin                b. ca 1794 d.}

226. @B(Samuel FRANKLIN) [7] [110. John 6, John 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 10 May 1759 in Canann, Litchfield, CT. He married @P(Mary RANSOM), born 20 May 1772 in Norfolk, Litchfield, CT. He died on 1 Jun 1827 is interred in Scott Cemetery, Waterton, Luzerne Co, PA. They were parents of five children, all born in Huntington, Luzerne, Co, PA;

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280. i. William Franklin                b. 27 Nov 1792 d.  
281. ii. Keziah Franklin                b. 1795 d.  
282. iii. Esther Franklin                b. 16 Dec 1799 d.

283. iv. Sybil Franklin b. 14 Feb 1801 d.  
284. v. Samuel Ransom Franklin b. 20 Dec 1807 d.}

252. @B(Olivet/Olive [FRANKLIN] SHIGLEY) [8] [201. Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Ross Co, OH, in 1790. Olive was undoubtedly a nickname. She lived her life in Greene Co, OH, died at the age of 65 and is interred in the Jamestown Cemetery. On 3 Oct 1811 she married to @P(George SHIGLEY). He was of German descent and came to Ross Co, OH, in 1805 from Pennsylvania. He was born 1798 and died in 1867, living to be nearly 70 years old. After their marriage they moved to Greene Co in 1812. The "Portrait and Biographical Album" of Greene County of their son calls attention that she was of @P{"English descent, and a descendant of the family to which the famous philosopher, Benjamin Franklin, belonged."} Olivet also appears spelled as Olive and Oleyvet. Shigley shows up frequently spelled Sheagley. George participated in the War of 1812. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had at least two sons;

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279. i. Joseph Shigley b. 19 Sep 1821 d.  
280. ii. George Shigley, Jr. b. 1822 d.}

253. @B(Nancy [FRANKLIN] LEWIS) [8] [201. Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] born 26 Dec 1792 and died 2 Feb 1867. She married to @P[Thomas LEWIS] in Ohio on 31 Mar 1814. She lived in Marshall and probably in Cass Counties, IN.

254. @B(Rebecca [FRANKLIN] TRENARY) [8] [201. Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] born in 1803 or '05 and died 24 Jan 1878 in Champaign, IL. She married @P{William TRENARY} on 2 Nov 1826 by a justice of peace, Levi Thornton. @P[They were the first couple to be married in Tippecanoe Co, IN.] William was born ca 1802 in Ross Co, OH. She moved with family from Chillicothe, Ross Co, OH, about 1825 to Tippecanoe Co, IN, with her parents family. [#532. Ann MALLETT said that one of her aunts quoted Rebecca as snickering and stating that she was relation of the man who caught lightning in a bottle!] She had at least five children. There may have been another daughter named Rebecca;

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281. i. Thomas Trenary b. ca 1827 d.  
282. ii. David Trenary b. ca 1829 d.  
283. iii. James V.R. [R for Richard] Trenary b.  
284. iv. Randolph Briley Trenary b. ca 1827 d.  
285. v. Louisa Trenary b. ca 1828 d.}

@FOOT(This compiler's Grt-Grandfather Rev. S. A. Elliott purchased land awarded as bounty land to a veteran of the Black Hawk War located in Ringgold Co, IA. It is noted that a Jacob FRANKLIN resided in Ringgold Co and could be the son of Jacob A. who also may have received bounty land in Ringgold Co. "April 3, 1879 - RINGGOLD RECORD. Jacob FRANKLIN left these parts last week for Chicago

where he will make his home. We are sorry to lose him from Mt. Ayr and hope to see him back occasionally on a visit.")

255. @B(Jacob A. FRANKLIN) [8] [201. Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] born in 1806 [1788 ?] died in \_\_\_\_\_. He willed to Jacob one two-year old heifer. He was residing in Tippecanoe County near brothers, James and Preston, in 1834. He married @P(Jane GLAUSSFORD) on 26 Feb 1834 in Tippecanoe Co. He was a sergeant and a member of David H. Brown's Company of Riflemen mustered into service on May 26 and May 27, 1832, for what is now called the BLACK HAWK WAR. They were part of the 62nd Regiment of the Indiana Militia. After making an incursion into the Indian country and finding no hostile Indians, they were disbanded on 3 Jun 1832. Another Jacob is listed in the 1860 census born ca 1836 with a wife named Sarah A. born about 1842. Census shows two Jacobs born ca 1833 & 1835 and one with a daughter named Rebecca born in 1859. One of these is probably the son of John [#261].

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287. i. Jacob Franklin      b. ca 1835 d.}

256. @B[Preston FRANKLIN] [8] [201. Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born ca 1807. On 13 Oct 1827 he married @P[Hannah FOUST] in Tippecanoe Co, IN. Census records show him living in Tippecanoe Co, IN, in 1830. Preston was living in 1834 and will of Joseph requested that 80 acres be given to Preston and proceeds to be used to care for himself and his mother, Elizabeth, as long as they lived and to pay for their funeral expenses. If Preston died before his mother, the 80 acres were to go to his son, Jesse. Land records show that Preston purchased, on 4 Jun 1833, 40 acres described as T22N R4W NE1/4 NW1/4 SEC 17.

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290. i. Jesse Franklin      b. ca 1830 d. ca 1847}

260. @B[Wesley FRANKLIN] [9] [251. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 23 Aug 1808 in Ross Co, OH, and died 4 Jul 1853. He married on 5 Apr 1833 to @P[Hester BROFFORD.] She died 10 Apr 1850. They had been residing in Washington Twp in Tippecanoe Co, IN, but were living in Dist #9 of Carroll Co. when the 1850 census was taken. Upon their deaths they left at least five minor children of their own and a sixth that may have been a daughter of brother John who died 20 Jul 1850. The following are the children listed in 1850 census Carroll Co, IN, - all born in Indiana. James was living with his grandfather in 1860. @FOOT(#304. Mary Franklin is probably the daughter of #261. John and Christenia.)

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298. i. Sarah Ann Franklin      b. 1831 d. 14 Jul 1863  
299. ii. William A. Franklin      b. 1836 d. aft 1863  
300. iii. Elizabeth Franklin      b. 1838 d. 2 Aug 1916  
301. iv. James Franklin      b. 1842 d. bef 1863  
302. iiv. Margaret E. Franklin      b. 1846 d. bef 1863  
304. (?) Mary Franklin      b. 1835 d. bef 1863}

261. @B[John FRANKLIN] [9] [251. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Ross



Co, OH, 1 Jan 1810 and died 20 Jul 1850. He married 12 Nov 1829 to @P[Christenia CONNER] born \_\_\_\_\_ and died 9 Feb 1844. They lived in Tippecanoe Co, IN, in 1830 and at the time of their departure. A cholera epidemic existed in 1850 in their area. No information in regard to any children but it is possible that Mary [#307] was their daughter. The 1850 census shows him living with his father along with three unidentified young males that could be his and Christenia's sons - Joseph 19, Jacob 14, and Noah 10. All four are listed below as their children but proof that they are John and Christinia's children is needed. They are certainly close members of the family. Noah was listed as living in Wayne Twp in the 1860 census. Artenas served in the Civil War. Land records show that on 18 May 1835 John purchased 40 acres - T24N R3W SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SEC 26. A Christina also took land in 1835 - may be the same parcel. John and Christenia were parents of four children born in Indiana;

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- 303. i. Joseph Franklin        b.    ca 1831 d.
- 304. ii. Mary Franklin        b.    ca 1835 d.
- 305. iii. Jacob Franklin       b.    ca 1836 d.
- 306. iv. Artenas Franklin     b.    1842 d. 11 Mar 1866}

@FOOT{A number of other Franklins lived in Tippecanoe Co, IN, that have not been identified as part of our Joseph's Family Line - Benjamin FRANKLIN m Delila BIDDLE 8 Aug 1853; Joseph FRANKLIN, pastor of "First Church of Christ" about 1858-59.}

262. @B[Charles W. FRANKLIN] [9] [251. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] born 21 Mar 1815 in Ohio. On 17 May 1835, in Tippecanoe Co, IN, he married @P[Elisabeth LONG] born in 1820 in Ohio. She later filed for divorce that was granted in 1855. He removed prior to that to White County. They were parents of five children born in Indiana. The family was listed in Carroll County, IN, when the 1850 census taken. The younger four were between the ages of one and twelve in 1855.

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- 308. i. Emily Jane Franklin    b.    1836 d.
- 309. ii. James Franklin        b.    1840 d.
- 310. iii. Isaiah Franklin     b.    1842 d.
- 311. iv. Milton Franklin      b.    1845 d.}

263. @B[Sarah Carter [FRANKLIN] HUFFMAN] [9] [251. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 16 Oct 1816. On 18 Mar 1834 in Tippecanoe Co, IN, she married @P[Aaron HUFFMAN], a Virginian. Aaron came to Tippecanoe Co in 1826, about the same time as Sarah's family.

They made the following land purchases; 1st - 40 acres on the WEA, 2nd - 160 acres on Buck Creek, 3rd - a tract of land on home side of the WEA. This was later to become the home of their son, Edward. Aaron died 12 May 1874. Sarah died 14 Jun 1906 while residing in Nebraska, probably with one of their children in York Co. Youngest son, Edward, was on the home place in 1888. Sarah and Aaron had eight children;

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- 310. i. Catherine 'Katy' Huffman b.    1836 d.    aft 1888
- 311. ii. Francena Huffman     b.    1840 d.    bef 1888

- 312. iii. Millie Huffman            b.    1848 d. aft 1888
- 313. iv. Martha Huffman           b.    ca 1850 d. aft 1888
- 314. v. Corbin Huffman            b.    ca 1852 d. aft 1888
- 315. vi. Jasper Huffman           b.    ca 1854 d. aft 1888
- 316. vii. Robert Huffman          b.    ca 1856 d. aft 1888
- 317. viii. Edward Huffman        b.    ca 1858 d. aft 1888}

264. @B(Nancy Ann [FRANKLIN] SCHOOLCRAFT) [9] [251. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 7 Mar 1818 and died at the age of 19 on 6 Feb 1838. She married on 20 Oct 1836 to @P(James SCHOOLCRAFT). It is believed she had two children prior her death, probably in childbirth. James remarried to Catherine and six children listed in the 1860 census with the oldest two the right age to have been Nancy's:

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- 318. i. John Schoolcraft    b.    ca 1836 d.
- 319. ii. Malinda Schoolcraft   b.    ca 1838 d.}

265. @B(Matthais S. FRANKLIN) [9] [251. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Ohio on 15 Dec 1819 and died 8 Jul 1862 in Tippecanoe Co, IN. He married @P(Elisabeth STASENTO or HASENTAN) on 13 Jun 1844. She was born in Ohio in 1825/6. Census records of 1860 show his family living in Ervin Twp, Howard Co, IN, and parents of at least seven children - all born in Indiana;

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- 320. i. Isaac P. Franklin            b.    1846/7 d.
- 321. ii. Renssalter Franklin    b.    1848/9 d.
- 322. iii. Delilia A. Franklin    b.    1852/3 d.
- 323. iv. Malinda J. Franklin     b.    1854/5 d.
- 324. v. William H. Franklin     b.    1855/6 d.
- 325. iv. Sarah E. Franklin      b.    1856/7 d.
- 326. iiv. James S. Franklin        b.    1860 d.}

266. @B(Rebecca Ann [FRANKLIN] FOX) [9] [251. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Ohio on 12 Feb 1821 and died 13 Aug 1851 at the young age of 30. She married on 9 Feb 1838 in Tippecanoe Co to @P[Abraham FOX], born in VA, and died 17 Feb 1853, less than two years after Rebecca. His parents were probably Henry and Mary FOX. Henry was born in PA and Mary was born in VA. Rebecca and Abraham left five minor children. Mary and Silas were living with their grandparents, James and Milla Franklin, in 1860.

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- 327. i. Israel Fox                    b. 7 Jun 1840 d.
- 328. ii. John Fox                    b. 15 Aug 1843 d.
- 329. iii. Mary Fox                  b. 22 Jul 1845 d.
- 330. iv. Paul Fox                    b. 28 Jun 1847 d.
- 331. v. Silas Fox                    b. 27 Feb 1849 d.

**267. Andrew R. FRANKLIN [9] [251. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born in Ohio on 5 Jan 1823 and died in Mexico of natural disease on 29 Jul 1847, a soldier in the Mexican War. At the

time, he was a private of Co. "E" of the 1st Regiment of Mounted Rifleman. Most of the casualties of this war were due to diseases. He had enlisted at Logansport, IN, about the month of July in 1846 for a term of five years. He had no children and did not leave a wife. In 1848 at Delphi, IN, his father, James, applied for a land warrant for the loss of a son and was granted one for 160 acres on 3 Jul 1849. James claim No. was 75,705 and the Land Warrant No. appears to be No. 61517, issued June 23, 1849. It is not known whether James exercised this warrant or sold his rights as many did.

**301. Joseph A. FRANKLIN [7] [???. \_\_\_\_\_ 6, Samuel (?) 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** born 17 Aug 1768 and died in 1833 after 29 Mar 1833 in Tippecanoe Co, IN. He came to Ross Co, OH, from Philadelphia, PA. He could have been regarded *A third cousin of the illustrious Benjamin*. He married *Elizabeth SMITH [Smyth]* 6 Sep 1770 [still living 4 Aug 1834, Probably with her son Preston in Tippecanoe County, IN]. A Joseph claimed bounty land in Illinois for service in the War of 1812. [He may have served in the War of 1812 as Qm Serg't of Gates Artillery.] The family moved to the Tippecanoe Region in 1825 or 26 - having purchased, on 14 Nov 1825, 80 acres [W 1/2 NE 1/4 SEC 17 T22N R4W] of Wabash County. Wabash County included the present Tippecanoe County which was organized in 1826. Census records show at least one son born in Pennsylvania. He moved with his family to Chillicothe, Ross Co, OH, about 1800. The west two-thirds of Ross Co was part of the 1784 VIRGINIA MILITARY DISTRICT. The eastern third was part of the CONGRESS LANDS 1795 - 1802. The family may also have resided in Kentucky. Joseph signed his will on 29 Mar 1833 with his 'X' so he apparently couldn't write but could have been due to extreme illness. [It should be noted that most of the Franklins were well educated.] He died a short time after the will was signed. They were parents of at least six children as listed;

- 351. i. *James Smyth Franklin* b. 28 Dec 1787 d. 23 May 1863
- 352. ii. Olivet/Olive Franklin b. 1790 d. 1855
- 353. iii. Nancy Franklin b. 26 Dec 1792 d. 2 Jan 1867
- 354. iv. Rebecca Franklin b. 1803 or '05 d. 24 Jan 1878
- 355. v. Jacob A. Franklin b. 1806 d.
- 356. vi. Preston Franklin b. ca 1807 d.

351. @B(James Smyth FRANKLIN) [8] [301. Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, Samuel (?) 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] born 28 Dec 1787 in Pennsylvania. He died 23 May 1863 in Tippecanoe Co, IN. There are three different James Franklins that received bounty land in Illinois for service in the War of 1812. He could have been one of them. [A James and Samuel FRANKLIN are listed as Privates in Roster of Ohio Soldiers in War of 1812 - page 277 - probably from Ross County. They were in the Roll of Capt. Samuel Jones' Company, served from July 20, until September 7, 1813. James would have been a widower and living in Ross Co in 1813.] He purchased land in Wabash Co, Indiana, on 14 Nov 1825 at the time of the purchase made by his father and in the same Section. [E 1/2 NE 1/4 of Sec 17, T22N R4W.] Old Wabash County included the present Tippecanoe County organized in 1826. On 12 Mar 1835

he purchased from John Shaw, Jr., and his wife, Nancy, 160 acres of land located in the NW 1/4 Sec 26, Twp 74, R 3 W in Tippecanoe Co. James' @I(first) wife was @P[Sarah RUSH] born 25 Aug 1791 and died 10 Nov 1812 at the age of 21. They were the parents of two sons born in Ross Co, OH;

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460. i. Wesley Franklin b. 23 Aug 1808 d. 4 Jul 1853

461. ii. John Franklin b. 1 Jan 1810 d. 20 Jul 1850}

@BLANKSPACE(1 line)

James married @I(second) in Ross Co, OH, on 20 Jun 1814 to @P[Mildred 'Milly' QUICK] born 9 Nov 1792 in [Tennessee] Virginia. She died after James. A Wm. Quick born between 1775 and 1794 lived near them in Ross Co in 1820. He would be the right age to have been Milly's brother. It is recorded in the "Biographical Record and Portrait of Tippecanoe County, IN," in WEA Township - 1826 - 1827, "James Franklin added to the settlement." Land Records show that James purchased, on 14 Nov 1825, 80 acres described as T22N R4W E1/4 NE1/4 SEC 17. James and Milly had thirteen children, the oldest born in Ohio;

@VERBATIM{

462. iii. Charles W. Franklin b. 21 Mar 1815 d. 12 Oct 1850

463. iv. Sarah Carter Franklin b. 16 Oct 1816 d. 14 Jun 1906

464. v. Nancy Ann Franklin b. 7 Mar 1818 d. 6 Feb 1838

465. vi. Matthais S. Franklin b. 15 Dec 1819 d. 8 Jul 1862

466. vii. Rebecca Ann Franklin b. 12 Feb 1821 d. 13 Aug 1851

467. viii. Andrew R. Franklin b. 5 Jan 1823 d. 29 Jul 1847

468. ix. Curthbert V. Franklin b. 9 Apr 1825 d. 5 Mar 1873

469. x. Dorcus Quick Franklin b. 11 Feb 1827 d.

470. xi. Oleyvet S. Franklin b. 1 Jan 1829 d. 19 Sep 1901

471. xii. Rhoda Jane Franklin b. 15 May 1830 d. 1 May 1857

472. xiii. Henry H. Franklin b. 8 Jul 1832 d. 19 Jan 1913

473. xiv. Malinda Jane Franklin b. 26 May 1838 d. 2 Jan 1922

474. xv. Emerath Virgil Franklin b. 10 May 1840 d. 1 Apr 1848}

352. @B(Olivet/Olive [FRANKLIN] SHIGLEY) [8] [301. Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, Samuel (?) 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Ross Co, OH, in 1790. Olive was undoubtedly a nickname. She lived her life in Greene Co, OH, died at the age of 65 and is interred in the Jamestown Cemetery. On 3 Oct 1811 she married to @P(George SHIGLEY). He was of German descent and came to Ross Co, OH, in 1805 from Pennsylvania. He was born 1798 and died in 1867, living to be nearly 70 years old. After their marriage they moved to Greene Co in 1812. The "Portrait and Biographical Album" of Greene County of their son calls attention that she was of @P{"English descent, and a descendant of the family to which the famous philosopher, Benjamin Franklin, belonged."} Olivet also appears spelled as Olive and Oleyvet. Shigley shows up frequently spelled Sheagley. George participated in the War of 1812. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had at least two sons;

@VERBATIM{

479. i. Joseph Shigley b. 19 Sep 1821 d.

480. ii. George Shigley, Jr. b. 1822 d.}

353. @B(Nancy [FRANKLIN] LEWIS) [8] [301. Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, Samuel (?) 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] born 26 Dec

1792 and died 2 Feb 1867. She married to @P[Thomas LEWIS] in Ohio on 31 Mar 1814. She lived in Marshall and probably in Cass Counties, IN.

354. @B(Rebecca [FRANKLIN] TRENARY) [8] [301. Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, Samuel (?) 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] born in 1803 or '05 and died 24 Jan 1878 in Champaign, IL. She married @P{William TRENARY} on 2 Nov 1826 by a justice of peace, Levi Thornton. @P[They were the first couple to be married in Tippecanoe Co, IN.] William was born ca 1802 in Ross Co, OH. She moved with family from Chillicothe, Ross Co, OH, about 1825 to Tippecanoe Co, IN, with her parents family. [#532. Ann MALLETT said that one of her aunts quoted Rebecca as snickering and stating that she was relation of the man who caught lightning in a bottle!] She had at least five children. There may have been another daughter named Rebecca;

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481. i. Thomas Trenary b. ca 1827 d.

482. ii. David Trenary b. ca 1829 d.

483. iii. James V.R. [R for Richard] Trenary b.

484. iv. Randolph Briley Trenary b. ca 1827 d.

485. v. Louisa Trenary b. ca 1828 d.}

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355. @B(Jacob A. FRANKLIN) [8] [301. Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, Samuel (?) 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] born in 1806 [1788 ?] died in \_\_\_\_\_. He willed to Jacob one two-year old heifer. He was residing in Tippecanoe County near brothers, James and Preston, in 1834. He married @P(Jane GLAUSSFORD) on 26 Feb 1834 in Tippecanoe Co. He was a sergeant and a member of David H. Brown's Company of Riflemen mustered into service on May 26 and May 27, 1832, for what is now called the BLACK HAWK WAR. They were part of the 62nd Regiment of the Indiana Militia. After making an incursion into the Indian country and finding no hostile Indians, they were disbanded on 3 Jun 1832. Another Jacob is listed in the 1860 census born ca 1836 with a wife named Sarah A. born about 1842. Census shows two Jacobs born ca 1833 & 1835 and one with a daughter named Rebecca born in 1859. One of these is probably the son of John [#261].

@VERBATIM{

487. i. Jacob Franklin b. ca 1835 d.}

356. @B[Preston FRANKLIN] [8] [301. Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, Samuel (?) 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born ca 1807. On 13 Oct 1827 he married @P[Hannah FOUST] in Tippecanoe Co, IN. Census records show him living in Tippecanoe Co, IN, in 1830. Preston was living in 1834 and will of Joseph requested that 80 acres be given to Preston and proceeds to be used to care

for himself and his mother, Elizabeth, as long as they lived and to pay for their funeral expenses. If Preston died before his mother, the 80 acres were to go to his son, Jesse. Land records show that Preston purchased, on 4 Jun 1833, 40 acres described as T22N R4W NE1/4 NW1/4 SEC 17.

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490. i. Jesse Franklin            b. ca 1830 d. ca 1847}

460. @B[Wesley FRANKLIN] [9] [351. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, Samuel (?) 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 23 Aug 1808 in Ross Co, OH, and died 4 Jul 1853. He married on 5 Apr 1833 to @P[Hester BROFFORD.] She died 10 Apr 1850. They had been residing in Washington Twp in Tippecanoe Co, IN, but were living in Dist #9 of Carroll Co. when the 1850 census was taken. Upon their deaths they left at least five minor children of their own and a sixth that may have been a daughter of brother John who died 20 Jul 1850. The following are the children listed in 1850 census Carroll Co, IN, - all born in Indiana. James was living with his grandfather in 1860. @FOOT(#304. Mary Franklin is probably the daughter of #261. John and Christenia.)

@VERBATIM{

498. i. Sarah Ann Franklin    b. 1831 d. 14 Jul 1863  
499. ii. William B. Franklin   b. 1836 d. aft 1863  
500. iii. Elizabeth Franklin   b. 1838 d. 2 Aug 1916  
501. iv. James Franklin       b. 1842 d. bef 1863  
502. iiv. Margaret E. Franklin b. 1846 d. bef 1863  
504. (?) Mary Franklin        b. 1835 d. bef 1863}

461. @B[John FRANKLIN] [9] [351. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, Samuel (?) 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Ross Co, OH, 1 Jan 1810 and died 20 Jul 1850. He married 12 Nov 1829 to @P[Christenia CONNER] born \_\_\_\_\_ and died 9 Feb 1844. They lived in Tippecanoe Co, IN, in 1830 and at the time of their departure. A cholera epidemic existed in 1850 in their area. No information in regard to any children but it is possible that Mary [#307] was their daughter. The 1850 census shows him living with his father along with three unidentified young males that could be his and Christenia's sons - Joseph 19, Jacob 14, and Noah 10. All four are listed below as their children but proof that they are John and Christenia's children is needed. They are certainly close members of the family. Noah was listed as living in Wayne Twp in the 1860 census. Artenas served in the Civil War. Land records show that on 18 May 1835 John purchased 40 acres - T24N R3W SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SEC 26. A Christina also took land in 1835 - may be the same parcel. John and Christenia were parents of four children born in Indiana;

@VERBATIM{

503. i. Joseph Franklin        b. ca 1831 d.  
504. ii. Mary Franklin        b. ca 1835 d.  
505. iii. Jacob Franklin      b. ca 1836 d.  
506. iv. Artenas Franklin     b. 1842 d. 11 Mar 1866}

@FOOT{A number of other Franklins lived in Tippecanoe Co, IN, that have not been identified as part of our Joseph's Family Line - Benjamin FRANKLIN m Delila BIDDLE 8 Aug 1853; Joseph FRANKLIN, pastor of "First Church of Christ" about 1858-59. Others include; John V. Franklin b 4 Feb 1842, son of George W. and Ann Mary

[PATTISON] FRANKLIN - George b. in PA 12 Feb 1807 and d. 12 Oct 1850 and Ann b. 22 Feb 1814 and d. 27 Aug 1857. George and ann had nine children living to maturity; Juda, Ann, Harmon P., John V., Jane T.. and Benjamin B.: Mariah FRANKLIN m John B. LEWIS 11 Dec 1835; Rebecca FRANKLIN m Thorton WILLIAMS 3 Apr 1842; Mary FRANKLIN m John ENSMINGER 31 Jul 1847; Harriet FRANKLIN m Ison GOWAN 9 Jan 1850; Anna Mary FRANKLIN m John DAVIS 29 Jun 1852.}

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- 508. i. Emily Jane Franklin b. 1836 d.
- 509. ii. James Franklin b. 1840 d.
- 510. iii. Isaiah Franklin b. 1842 d.
- 511. iv. Milton Franklin b. 1845 d.}

463. @B(Sarah Carter [FRANKLIN] HUFFMAN) [9] [351. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, Samuel (?) 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 16 Oct 1816. On 18 Mar 1834 in Tippecanoe Co, IN, she married @P[Aaron HUFFMAN], a Virginian. Aaron came to Tippecanoe Co in 1826, about the same time as Sarah's family. They made the following land purchases; 1st - 40 acres on the WEA, 2nd - 160 acres on Buck Creek, 3rd - a tract of land on home side of the WEA. This was later to become the home of their son, Edward. Aaron died 12 May 1874. Sarah died 14 Jun 1906 while residing in Nebraska, probably with one of their children in York Co. Youngest son, Edward, was on the home place in 1888. Sarah and Aaron had eight children;

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- 510. i. Catherine 'Katy' Huffman b. 1836 d. aft 1888
- 511. ii. Francena Huffman b. 1840 d. bef 1888
- 512. iii. Millie Huffman b. 1848 d. aft 1888
- 513. iv. Martha Huffman b. ca 1850 d. aft 1888
- 514. v. Corbin Huffman b. ca 1852 d. aft 1888
- 515. vi. Jasper Huffman b. ca 1854 d. aft 1888
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- 517. viii. Edward Huffman b. ca 1858 d. aft 1888

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318. i. John Schoolcraft    b. ca 1836 d.

319. ii. Malinda Schoolcraft    b. ca 1838 d.}

265. @B(Matthais S. FRANKLIN) [9] [251. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Ohio on 15 Dec 1819 and died 8 Jul 1862 in Tippecanoe Co, IN. He married @P(Elisabeth STASENTON or HASENTAN) on 13 Jun 1844. She was born in Ohio in 1825/6. Census records of 1860 show his family living in Ervin Twp, Howard Co, IN, and parents of at least seven children - all born in Indiana;

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320. i. Isaac P. Franklin        b. 1846/7 d.

321. ii. Renssalter Franklin    b. 1848/9 d.

322. iii. Delilia A. Franklin    b. 1852/3 d.

323. iv. Malinda J. Franklin    b. 1854/5 d.

324. v. William H. Franklin     b. 1855/6 d.

325. iv. Sarah E. Franklin     b. 1856/7 d.

326. iiv. James S. Franklin        b. 1860 d.}

266. @B(Rebecca Ann [FRANKLIN] FOX) [9] [251. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Ohio on 12 Feb 1821 and died 13 Aug 1851 at the young age of 30. She married on 9 Feb 1838 in Tippecanoe Co to @P[Abraham FOX], born in VA, and died 17 Feb 1853, less than two years after Rebecca. His parents were probably Henry and Mary FOX. Henry was born in PA and Mary was born in VA. Rebecca and Abraham left five minor children. Mary and Silas were living with their grandparents, James and Milla Franklin, in 1860.

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327. i. Israel Fox            b. 7 Jun 1840 d.

328. ii. John Fox            b. 15 Aug 1843 d.

329. iii. Mary Fox            b. 22 Jul 1845 d.

330. iv. Paul Fox            b. 28 Jun 1847 d.

331. v. Silas Fox            b. 27 Feb 1849 d.}

267. @B[Andrew R. FRANKLIN] [9] [251. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Ohio on 5 Jan 1823 and died in Mexico of natural disease on 29 Jul 1847, a soldier in the Mexican War. At the time, he was a private of Co. "E" of the 1st Regiment of Mounted Rifleman. Most of the casualties of this war were due to diseases. He had enlisted at Logansport, IN, about the month of July in 1846 for a term of five years. He had no children and did not leave a wife. In 1848 at Delphi, IN, his father, James,

applied for a land warrant for the loss of a son and was granted one for 160 acres on 3 Jul 1849. James claim No. was 75,705 and the Land Warrant No. appears to be No. 61517, issued June 23, 1849. It is not known whether James exercised this warrant or sold his rights as many did.

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**468. Curthbert V. FRANKLIN [9] [351. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]**

was born in Ohio 9 Apr 1825 in Indiana and died 5 Mar 1873. He married 24 Aug 1854 to *Sarah HOWARD* in Tippecanoe Co, IN. She was born in 1831/2 in Indiana. They were living in Tippecanoe Co, IN, in 1860. No other information available.

**469. Dorcus Quick [FRANKLIN] MITCHAM [9] [351. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born 11 Feb 1827. She married 18/20 Aug 1846 to *Henry MITCHAM* in Tippecanoe Co, IN.

**470. Oleyvet S. [FRANKLIN] GILLAM [9] [351. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]**

was born 1 Jan 1829 and died 19 Sep 1901. She married *Jonathan Nelson GILLAM* on 2 Apr 1847 in Tippecanoe Co, IN. He was born in Ohio ca 1807 and was a farmer.

**471. Rhoda Jane [FRANKLIN] SHIGLEY [9] [351. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]**

was born 15 May 1830 in Indiana and died 1 May 1857, not living until her 27th birthday. She married 17 Jul 1852 to @P[James Lincoln SHIGLEY] in Tippecanoe Co, IN. He was born on 14 Dec 1824 in Ohio and died 22 Nov 1883. He lived in Oceana Co, MI, in 1868. The 1860 census shows a Nancy Shigley age one listed with these following children. No mother is listed and Rhoda had passed away three years prior. It is possible that James married again and lost his second wife. Rhoda and James had at least one son and a daughter;

552. i. Lafayette Fremont Shigley b. 11 Jun 1854 d. 2 Jun 1923

553. ii. Alice A. Shigley b. ca 1855 d. aft 1883

**472. Henry H. FRANKLIN [9] [351. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born

8 Jul 1832 in Indiana and died 19 Jan 1913 in Hamilton Co, IN. He married in Tippecanoe Co, IN, on 18 Jun 1857 to *Mary Elizabeth SHIGLEY* born in Ohio in 1835. She died in Washington Twp, Tippecanoe Co on 23 Jun 1871 and was interred in Buck Creek Cemetery. They were living in Washington Twp in 1860. Henry and Mary had three sons. Everett [Everetta] was one month old and Edwin was two when the 1860 census was taken. Henry married *second* to *Sarah R. CARNES SHIGLEY* on 11 Mar 1872 in Washington Twp. She was born ca 1849 in Ohio and the widow of Jacob SHIGLEY, brother of Henry's first wife. She had had two children by Jacob but only one was listed on the 1880 census, Lizzie who was nine years old. Henry and Sarah were the

parents of four daughters;

- 558. i. Edwin S. Franklin      b. 8 Apr 1858 d. 6 Aug 1944
- 559. ii. Everette E. Franklin    b. May 1860 d.
- 560. iii. Ulysses Henry Franklin    b. 26 Dec 1864 d.

Daughters of Henry and Sarah

- 561. iv. Edith Franklin              b. ca 1875 d. aft 1944
  - 562. v. Lena Franklin                b. ca 1877 d. 1944
  - 563. vi. Elizabeth Franklin        b. aft 1880 d. aft 1944
  - 564. vii. Clara Lucile Franklin    b. 5 Jul 1855 d. 25 Mar 1907}
- @FOOT(#564. Clara Lucile Franklin died in a Colorado sanatorium for tuberculosis. Information was from newspaper clipping in the EWING family Bible of Bobbi Jo HAWK.)

**473. MALINDA JANE [FRANKLIN] SPENCER [9] [351. James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2,**

**Thomas 1]** was born 26 May 1838 in Tippecanoe Co, IN. On 6 Dec 1857 she married @P[James Whitley SPENCER] born 16 Jul 1835 in Greene Co, OH. In 1863 their family removed to Piatt Co, IL. In 1863 the James W. family removed to Piatt Co, IL, - 2 1/2 miles east of Cerro Gordo. Malinda's family brought six horses and their household goods by box car from Illinois to Afton, IA, on 1 Apr 1876 and went by carriage to the farm two miles southeast of Delphos, IA. Legal description of their new farm as the SW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec 28, and the NE 1/4 of Sec 33 in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co. There was a total of 360 acres involved. [This land was initially purchased by Thomas W. and Amanda J. SPENCER, his brother, for \$1.25 per acre in 1855 from the Federal Gov't - the standard price established by the government for land in Ringgold County. Thomas and his wife apparently made this purchase for a speculation investment. Their sale to James and Malinda was finalized 20 Jan 1879 and ownership was made out in his wife's name, Malinda J., - price for the two hundred acres was fifteen hundred dollars or \$7.50 per acre.] Before they left Piatt Co, IL, James sold 80 acres [W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 31 in Cerro Gordo Twp] and Malinda J. @FOOT[It is assumed that M. J. Spencer is our Malinda Jane.] sold her 142 acre farm located in the NW 1/4 of Sec 28 in Sangamon Twp. Son, Alpha, stated, "On 4 July 1876, 'Pa' cut hickory poles and made a covered wagon and they all went to Mt. Ayr for the Independence Day Centennial." The new farm home, constructed in 1878 from lumber they hauled from Bedford by wagon and, was still in use in 1996. This farm was later owned and the family home of his oldest son, Ethel. The 1915 Plat Map of Ringgold Co shows that his third son, Alpha, owned the farm directly across the road to the south - the NW 1/4 of Sec 33. Both farms were 160 acres in size. For many years James was one of Ringgold's respected farmers and a large land holder and had accumulated 520 acres of farmland by the time they retired to Mt Ayr when he was 60. His personality and evidence of James' intense interest in the community and national affairs can be noted by gleanings of Ringgold County newspapers. From these, it was noted that he was one of the three members of the executive committee for the Ringgold County Agricultural Society in 1886. His son-in-law, Ira PALMER, was president of this organization. The responsibilities of this society included promoting improved farming methods and conducting the County Fair. James was generally

referred to as 'Jim'. Jim and Malinda were members of the Hickory Grove Advent Christian Church and were parents of nine children - six sons and three daughters with two of the sons dying in infancy. Malinda was blind in her late years, probably afflicted by glaucoma, as was this compiler's mother. *She is probably responsible for the last half of the well kept family records kept with excellent penmanship on sheets that have been inserted in leather backed 1844 family bible that probably originated with her mother. The earlier first half of these records have been recorded with even neater and more superb penmanship that is probably that of her mother.* [My Mother described Malinda as being a very quiet sole and was very small in stature.] James died of cancer 2 Feb 1907 in their home in Mt Ayr. She died 22 Jan 1922 at Humeston, IA. She is interred beside her husband in Rose Hill Cemetery in Mt Ayr, IA. Malinda and James had nine children - six sons and three daughters with two of the sons dying in infancy; The 1850 census records of Benton Twp., Monroe Co, In, showed a Benj. Franklin, laborer b. in Indiana, in the James W. Spencer hslld. @FOOT{A Milton FRANKLIN [age 14 or 19 and born in Indiana] was living in the James Spencer household in 1860. He was probably the son of Malinda's brother, Charles, part of a broken family. James Spencer would have been Malinda's father-in-law.}

- 570. i. Sarah Rosella Spencer b. 15 Dec 1858 d. 22 Aug 1915
- 571. ii. Ethel Augustus Spencer b. 28 Feb 1861 d. 6 Apr 1954
- 572. iii. Alpha Lawrence Spencer b. 5 Feb 1866 d. 26 Nov 1957
- 573. iv. Emory Francis Spencer b. 24 Mar 1863 d. 23 Apr 1864
- 574. v. Orin Gilbert Spencer b. 24 Jul 1868 d. 7 Jun 1947
- 575. vi. Frankie Spencer b. 20 Nov 1870 d. 26 Dec 1870
- 576. vii. James Calaway Spencer b. 15 Apr 1872 d. 2 Sep 1942
- 577. viii. Lura Almeda Spencer b. 22 Sep 1875 d. 10 Sep 1912
- 578. ix. Myrtle Olive Spencer b. 25 Mar 1879 d. 28 May 1939

**484. Randolph Briley TRENARY [9] [355. Rebecca 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born about 1827 in Tippecanoe Co, IN. He married *Mary 'Molly' Ann NODRUFF* in Williamsport [probably in Warren Co, IN]. They were parents of at least one child and probably more;

- 420. i. Elizabeth Catherine Trenary b. ca 1853 d.

**498. Sarah Ann [FRANKLIN] PROSSER [10] [360. Wesley 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born ca 1831 in Indiana. She married *John PROSSER* of Carroll Co, IN. She died 14 Jul 1863. They had no children.

**503. Joseph FRANKLIN [10] [361. John 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born ca 1831 in Tippecanoe, Co, Indiana. Marriage records show a Joseph marrying on 15 Sep 1858 to *Elizabeth HOLLOWELL* in Tippecanoe Co.

**505. Jacob FRANKLIN)[10] [361. John 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born ca 1836 in Tippecanoe, Co, Indiana. Marriage records show a Jacob marrying *Sarah Ann RAIN* on 17 Mar 1859 in Tippecanoe Co.

**508. Emily Jane [FRANKLIN] [Moore] ROACH [10] [362. Charles 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born ca 1837. Marriage records indicate she married in Tippecanoe Co, IN, to *Elijah MOORE* on 24 Jul 1853. Records show her marrying again less than two years later to *James ROACH* on 10 Jan 1855, also in Tippecanoe Co.

**517. Edward HUFFMAN)[10] [363. Sarah C. 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born ca 1858 and died after 1888. As of 1888 he was living on the old homestead in Tippecanoe Co, IN, where he was born. He united in marriage on 11 Feb 1880 to *Mary B. BOYER* of Wea Twp and they were parents of three children as of 1888. They had 133 acres of Tippecanoe County's best soil, where they resided, the homestead being well improved and under fine cultivation, with comfortable residence and good farm buildings, conveniently arranged for his stock and grain. In politics he was affiliated with the Republican party.

631. i. Minnie Huffman     b.    ca 1881 d.  
 632. ii. Elmer Huffman     b.    ca 1883 d.  
 633. iii. Effie Huffman     b.    ca 1886 d.

**552. Lafayette Fremont SHIGLEY [10] [371. Rhoda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born in Greene Co, OH, on 11 Jun 1854 and died 2 Jun 1923 in Hart, Oceana Co, MI. He married on 3 Oct 1878 to *Ann Elizabeth PRINGLE*. She was born 17 Jun 1860 in Whitby, Ontario Co, Ontario, Canada, and died in Hart on 3 Sep 1937. Her parents were **James H.** and **Rebecca [MARTIN] PRINGLE**. Lafayette and Ann are interred in the Hart Cemetery. They were parents of six 'sons', all born in Hart;

651. i. Arthur Roy Shigley                      b. 12 Aug 1880 d. 11 Apr 1956  
 652. ii. Ralph Edwin Shigley                    b. 17 Sep 1882 d. 24 Nov 1964  
 653. iii. James Fremont Shigley              b. 11 Jun 1885 d. 23 Sep 1970  
 654. iv. George Bruce Shigley                b. 5 Jan 1888 d. 15 Jul 1960  
 655. v. Joseph Richard Shigley               b. 27 Sep 1893 d. 23 Jan 1963  
 656. vi. Fred Martin Shigley                    b. 13 Jun 1896 d. 15 Nov 1975

**558. Edwin S. FRANKLIN [10] [372. Henry 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born 8 Apr 1858 in Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co, IL. He died on 6 Aug 1944 in Lincoln, NB. He married on 20 Apr 1887 to *Mary Thomas KNAPP*. She was born on 9 Apr 1863 in Shelby Co, KY, and died 18 Apr 1895 in York, NB, of nephritis. They were parents of a daughter born in Aurora, NB;

695. i. Irma May Franklin                              b. 7 May 1888 d. 2 May 1959

**560. Ulysses Henry FRANKLIN [10] [372. Henry 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born 26 Dec 1864 in Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co, IN. He probably died on 15 Jun 1941. He married and had at least one son who lived in Santa Barbara, CA;

701. i. Maurice W. Franklin     b.    ca 1890 d.

**570. Sarah 'Ella' Rosella [Spencer] [Palmer] NICHOLAS[10] [373. Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 2, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born in Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co, IN, 15 Dec 1858 and died at Mt Ayr, IA, 22 Aug 1915 and is interred in the Tingley Cemetery, Ringgold Co, IA. Ella married *first* to *Miles R. NICHOLAS* on 25 Nov 1875. He was born 1 Feb 1852 and died in 1880 in Ringgold Co of pneumonia after digging a well. Ella and Miles were the parents of two children, the oldest born in Cerro Gordo, Piatt Co, IL, probably in late August or early September, making it impossible for them to move with her parents to Ringgold Co in 1876. As there was a railroad close to Ringgold County, Miles and Ella with baby Clara left in December from Piatt County to be with her parents and relatives in Iowa. They were met by them in Afton, IA, on January 1, 1877. Miles did day work with his team of horses and wagon for the men in Rice and Middlefork Twps, the area where James W. SPENCER and family had settled. He kept a running account in his "day book", carefully recording the day, the work done, and the amount he charged. As the work was paid for he would "X" it off. He also had his own farm and would keep an account of work done for him by others. When they balanced out each other's work he'd "X" it off. It is reported he died in 1880 of pneumonia contracted from digging a well. He is interred in Middlefork Twp., Ringgold Co. She married *second* to *Ira Abner PALMER*, born 21 Jan 1835 in Canada. He died in 1905. Ira's parents were **Wilkinson** and **Nancy [HURDE] PALMER**. Prior to Ira's birth they moved from Rhode Island to Canada and later to Warren Co, IL. For several years Ira manufactured two-horse cultivators in Monmouth, IL. He married *first* to *Sarah J. Morris* of Monmouth who died in 1868. They were the parents of six children. He came to Ringgold Co in 1871 and resided on his 320-acre farm in Sec 5, Liberty Twp. A 1915 Plat Book shows he owned 80 acres in Riley Twp - the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Sec 9. He served as justice of peace of Liberty Twp for six years and, as of 1887, had been president of the Ringgold Co Agricultural Society for eight years. Ella and Ira were parents of two sons that died as infants. Children of Ella;

751. i. Clara Belle Nicholas    b. ca Aug 1876 d. 19 Feb 1912  
 752. ii. Elmer Leroy Nicholas    b. 4 Oct 1878 d. 28 Sep 1955  
 753. iii. [son] Palmer            b.    ca 1885 d. died as inf



754. iv. Virgil Palmer      b. 13 Jul 1895 d. ca 1895

571. @B{Ethel Augustus SPENCER} [10] [373. Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 2, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Tippecanoe Co, IN, 28 Feb 1861 and died in Mt Ayr, IA, 22 Aug 1954 at the age of @P[93]. His parents were @P(James W. and Malinda Jane [FRANKLIN] SPENCER) who were also early residents [1876] of Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA. He married on 9 Apr 1884 in the home of her parents to @P[Esther `Jennie' Jane LONG]. She was born 1 Aug 1865 in Jefferson Co, IA, and died in their home in Mt Ayr, IA, 12 Dec 1953 at the age of 88. Her parents were Hosea Henry and Rachael Malinda [CAVINESS] LONG. He was born in 1839 in Van Buren Co - seven years before Iowa became a State. Rachael was born in Plainfield, Hendricks Co, IN. `Jennie' united with the Christian Church in Delphos and maintained her membership up until her death. She was very willing to do her part in all activities of the church while her health permitted. She suffered a nervous breakdown in her late forties and lived in a state of depression the remainder of her life with her very loving, quiet, soft spoken, and thoughtful husband. They were within four months of celebrating their `70th' wedding anniversary. Her sister, Mary Evaline, married a brother of Ethel - Alpha SPENCER. Her father, Hosea, was quoted as saying, "I have a daughter for each of those Spencer boys!" Esther and Ethel, after their marriage, established their home on a farm in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, near Delphos, IA. This farm had been initially purchased by his Uncle Thomas W. SPENCER in 1856 for \$1.25 per acre from the United States of American for speculation. Two hundred acres of this farm, originally 360 acres, was obtained in 1877 and purchase completed in 1879 by his mother and father in 1877 from Thomas W. and wife, Amanda, [filed in 1879] for \$1500 [\$7.50 per acre]. [Thomas and Amanda apparently stayed on the home farm in Greene County, OH, and are interred near his parents - Ethel's grandparents.] After Ethel's father's death in 1907, they became owners and residents of 160 acres of the home place located southeast of Delphos [SW 1/4 of Sec 28]. The adjacent forty acres wound up in the ownership of his nephew, Alpha's son - Cecil. Ethel became owner of this farm on 7 Oct 1908 - transferred from his mother. The farm house that he, his brothers, and father built in 1879 is still in use today [1993]. The house is a distinct Southern design. Early settlers carried designs in their minds - no blue prints! They retired from this farm in 1917 and moved to Mt Ayr. He sold this farm on 28 Sep 1916 to Nathaniel Wardrip. The Delphos Centennial History noted that between 1896 and 1910, Ethel Spencer had sold a farm to Dennis Rush [cousin of compiler] and wife so he may have inherited more than one farm from his father. The 1915 Plat Book shows D. D. Rush owning 160 acres across the road west of Alpha Spencer - NE 1/4 Sec 32. In 1947 the compiler's future bride made her first trip to Mt Ayr, and noted the car on the "Square". She exclaimed, "Look at the old car!" I replied with pride, "That's Grandpa's." After moving to Mt Ayr, he had purchased a Model-T Ford coupe - probably a 1923. It made hundreds of trips the eight or so blocks to the town square where he socialized with the locals almost up to the day he died - used it for a period of nearly 30 years. Ethel and Jennie are interred in Rose

Hill Cemetery on the edge of Mt Ayr. They were the parents of eight children and all of their three sons preceded them in death;

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- 755. i. Clarence Elsworth Spencer b. 5 Jun 1885 d. 30 Aug 1941
- 776. ii. Ira `Bert' Albert Spencer b. 14 Nov 1887 d. 14 Jan 1941
- 757. iii. Lola Maude Spencer b. 24 Jun 1890 d. 21 Apr 1962
- 758. iv. Lloyd Whitley Spencer b. 10 Aug 1893 d. 26 Oct 1918
- 759. v. Ilah Malinda Spencer b. 17 Dec 1895 d. 8 Sep 1987
- 760. vi. Avis Irene Spencer b. 5 Aug 1898 d. 26 May 1985
- 761. vii. Sayde Emily Spencer b. 28 Dec 1900 d. 6 Nov 1995
- 762. viii. Eva `Arzelle' Spencer b. 28 Feb 1910 d. living 1996}

572. @B[Alpha Lawrence SPENCER] [10] [373. Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 2, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 5 Feb 1866 in Piatt Co, IL, and died 26 Nov 1957 at the age of @P[91] in the home of his son, Cecil, in Des Moines, IA. He married on 28 Jun 1887 to @B[Mary `Eva' Evaline LONG], a sister of his older brother's wife. She was born 2 Aug 1867 in Jefferson Co, IA, and died 29 Aug 1956 at the age of @P[89]. His parents were @P[James W. and Malinda Jane [FRANKLIN] SPENCER) who were also early residents of Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA. He had moved with his family to Rice Twp from Piatt Co, IL, in 1876. For several years he was engaged in a farm produce business in Mt Ayr @FOOT[This writer relished stopping with Dad to sell our eggs to him as `Grt. Uncle Alpha' was one of my favorite people.] but spent the major part of his life farming in Rice Twp. The exceptions were two years in North Dakota and three years in Humeston, IA. The 1915 Plat Book of Ringgold County shows that he owned the 160-acre farm he resided - the NW 1/4 of Sec 33. He likely became owner of this farm upon the death of his father in 1907. This was directly across the road from his brother Ethel's farm. Alpha became one of two `road masters' of Rice Twp in 1908. In those days they bid on these positions. He still held this position in 1910 when the second half of the township was served by compiler's grandfather, A. W. Elliott. The Rice Township Road management team was recipient of the grand prize of \$100 presented by the Commercial Club of Mt Ayr in 1910. Alpha bid and regained his position in 1915 - then referred to as `road superintendent'. The pay for this position in 1910 was 25 cents per hour as supervisor and totaled about \$300 per year. The going price for a single man was 17.5 cents per hour and a man and team was 25 cents per hour. Alpha and Eva united with the Christian Church at Delphos and later transferred their membership to Mt Ayr. They are both interred in Rose Hill Cemetery on the southeast edge of Mt Ayr. They were the parents of seven children [8?]; @FOOT[Vital statistics records show a third son born in Monroe Twp on 10 Aug 1892. This son apparently died as an infant.]

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- 763. i. Mamie Olive Spencer b. 26 Jul 1888 d. 4 Oct 1966
- 764. ii. Cecil Henry Spencer b. 19 May 1890 d. 28 Oct 1975
- 765. iii. Percy Leroy Spencer b. 21 Nov 1896 d. 5 Sep 1952
- 766. iv. Madge Almeda Spencer b. 5 Apr 1899 d. living 1995
- 767. v. Edward Merritt Spencer[t] b. 25 Mar 1901 d. 12 Apr 1991
- 768. vi. Esther Marie Spencer [t] b. 25 Mar 1901 d. 18 Feb 1991

769. vii. Mildred Pearl Spencer b. 26 Mar 1909 d. living 1995}

574. @B[Orin Gilbert SPENCER] [10] [373. Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 24 Jul 1868 in Piatt Co, IL, and died 7 Jun 1947 in Creston, Union Co, IA. He was married 3 Jul 1890 to @P[Julia Belle BAIRD] on her parents farm in Clinton Twp, Ringgold Co, IA. @FOOT[1915 Plat Book of Ringgold Co shows S. P. Baird with ownership of 194 acres in the N 1/2 of Sec 12 in Clinton Twp.] Orin moved with his parents to Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA, in 1876. He attended Mt Ayr High School and later attended a business school in Shenandoah, IA. He farmed most of his life in Middle Fork Twp but later went into mercantile work. Julia inherited from her parents 80 acres in Sec 15, Middle Fork Twp. The 1915 Plat Book of Ringgold Co shows that Julia owned the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Sec 15 and Orin owned the N 1/2 of this SE 1/4 giving them ownership of 160 acres. One of twelve children, Julia was born 26 Jan 1867 and died 14 Apr 1953 at the farm home of her daughter, Goldia SHEUMAKER, in Middle Fork Twp. Her parents were Absolam and Isabella [POORE] BAIRD. Julia lost her hearing at the age of about 30. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Orin and Julia are interred in Rose Hill Cemetery in Mt Ayr. They were the parents of eight children. The oldest was born in St. Joseph, MO, and died at the age of two months. The others were born in Redding, Ringgold Co, IA, and all grew to adulthood;

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- 770. i. Flavel D. Spencer b. 31 May 1891 d. 29 Jul 1891
- 771. ii. Goldia Belle Spencer b. 5 Jun 1892 d. 27 Sep 1972
- 772. iii. Gladys Mae Spencer b. 11 Oct 1894 d. 27 Nov 1947
- 773. iv. Lyle Alvin Spencer b. 11 Jul 1896 d. 14 Apr 1976
- 774. v. Clifford Orin Spencer b. 23 Aug 1898 d. 29 Jan 1976
- 775. vi. Letha Marie Spencer b. 26 Jan 1900 d. 20 May 1989
- 776. vii. Ida Laurel Spencer b. 14 Mar 1901 d.
- 777. viii. John Baird Spencer b. 17 Jun 1904 d.}

576. @B[James 'Cal' Calaway SPENCER] [10] [373. Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 15 Apr 1872 in Piatt Co, IL, and died 2 Sep 1942. He moved with his parents to Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA, in 1876. He married on 9 Jan 1892 to @P[Violet H. SMITH], born 10 Apr 1875 in Redding, Ringgold Co, IA. She died in 1961 in Colberts Rest Home, Gresham, Multnomah Co, OR. Her parents were William T. and Elizabeth [BENTON] SMITH. They apparently lived near Redding as her father witnessed their wedding performed by a Justice of Peace in Redding. Cal and Elizabeth homesteaded near Portal, North Dakota, living there as early as 1912, probably moving about that time from Ringgold Co, IA. They moved a short period later to Montana. Records show him in Eddyside, Canada, in 1915; and Edmonton, Canada, in 1922. They moved to Medford, OR, in 1924 and operated an orchard and a candy making business. After Cal's death, she resided in Buxton and later in Hillsboro, OR. She is interred in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, OR. They were the parents of two children - at least the youngest born in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co;

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- 778. i. Merle Eldon Spencer b. 10 Aug 1892 d.
- 779. ii. Viola Spencer b. ca 1894 d.}

577. @B(Lura Almeda [Spencer] [Ogle] DENHART) [10] [373. Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 22 Sep 1875 in Piatt Co, IL, and died 10 Sep 1912 in the Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, IA. Her parents obituaries show her name spelled "Laura" while her own obit shows "Lura Aleda" but bible records of her parents show "Lura Almeda". She is buried in the Benton Cemetery, Ringgold Co, IA. She united with the Advent Christian Church. She married @I[first] on 29 Sep 1897 to @P[Clyde OGLE], born 19 Mar 1874. He died less than a month after they were married on 20 Oct 1897. He was digging a well in Adair Co and succumbed to gas when he went down in well to remove a rock. They had no children. She married @I[second] to @P[George W. DENHART] on 25 Jan 1905. He was born in Grant Twp, Ringgold Co, in 1870. His parents were Casper and Rachel Margaret [MILLER] DENHART, also early settlers in Ringgold Co. Lura and George were parents of six children with twins dying as infants;

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- 780. i. Lorene Denhart b. 21 Feb 1906 d. 27 Feb 1981
- 781. ii. Beatrice Denhart b. 1907 d.
- 782. iii. \_\_\_\_ Denhart [twin] b. 2 Jun 1909 d. ca 1909
- 783. iv. \_\_\_\_ Denhart [twin] b. 2 Jun 1909 d. ca 1909
- 784. v. Doris Denhart b. 4 Sep 1910 d.
- 785. vi. Georgia Denhart b. ca 1912 d. bef 1981}

578. @B(Myrtle Olive [Spencer] CUMPSTON) [10] [373. Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 21 Mar 1879 in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA. She died 28 May 1939 in Long View, TX, and is interred in Parkersburg, West Virginia. She married on 4 Jul 1899 in Rice Twp to @P[Dennis Wright CUMPSTON]. He was born in Greene Co, PA, in Oct 1877 and died 18 Dec 1959, probably in Parkersburg, Wood Co, WV. They were residing in Davistown, PA, in 1916-17 and in Whiteley, PA, in 1920. His parents were also born in PA. They probably spent at least the first ten years of their married life in Ringgold Co as James is listed in vital statistics as the 4th child and born in Benton Twp. In 1917 Denny was a driller and son Eldred was a tool dresser for East Riverside. Dennis may have been a minister, accounting for their many moves. He was listed as a farmer in Benton Twp, Ringgold Co, in 1910. Myrtle was an excellent seamstress with excellent penmanship - typical of many ladies descending from Malinda Franklin. They were the parents of six children - oldest born in PA, 2nd in W. VA, and the next three in Iowa;

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- 786. i. Eldred F. Cumpston b. 1900/01 d.
- 787. ii. Vesta I. Cumpston b. 1902/03 d.
- 788. iii. Velda Cumpston b. 1904/05 d.
- 789. iv. James Arthur Cumpston b. 29 Jan 1909 d.
- 790. v. Everett Cumpston b. Mar 1910 d.
- 791. vi. Denny Cumpston b. ca 1912 d.}

620. @B(Elizabeth Catherine [Trenary] MALLETT) [10] [484. Randolph Trenary 9, Rebecca 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born ca 1853. She married @P(Charles Edward MALLETT). They were parents of at least a son and daughter. They had a grandchild, Gordon Mallett, living in Zionsville, IN, in 1984. He and his Aunt Ann Mallett were members of the Society of Indiana Pioneers at this time. Ann was born in Van Buren Twp, Fountain Co, IN;

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831. i. [Son] Mallett

b. ca 1900 d.

832. ii. Ann Mallett

b. 24 Dec 1906 d.}

695. @B(Irma May [FRANKLIN] EWING) [11] [558. Edwin 10, Henry 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born on 7 May 1888 in Aurora, NB. She died on 2 May 1959 in Westerville, OH. She married on 20 Jun 1911 in Aurora to @P(Harry Walter EWING). Martha was born in Hamilton Co, NB.

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910. i. Martha May Ewing b. ca 1910 d.}>

@FOOT{This is the family of Roberta Jo Hawk that is researching Henry H. Franklin descendants.}

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@CHAPTER(GRANDCHILDREN of  
MALINDA [FRANKLIN] & JAMES W. SPENCER)

@UNDENT<751. @B(Clara Belle [Nicholas] LOWDER) [11] [570. Sarah 'Ella' Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Piatt Co, IL, in 1876. She died 19 Feb 1912 in Chula, Livingston Co, MO, three days after the birth of her eleventh child. She married @P[John Edward LOWDER] born in Wayne Co, IA, in 13 Sep 1873. He died 9 Oct 1924. His parents were Samuel Franklin and Geneva Custis LOWDER, both born in Indiana. Clara and John moved to a farm east of Chula, Linn Co, MO, in 1902. He had a reputation of being a good provider and hard worker. He purchased another farm near Emporia, Kansas. Clara, John, and

son Earl are interred in the family plot in Chula. They were the parents of 11 children;

- 1001. i. Glen Hiram Lowder b. 19 Oct 1892 d. 16 Sep 1974
- 1002. ii. LaVera Maude Lowder b. 19 Oct 1893 d. aft 1978
- 1003. iii. Earl Franklin Lowder b. 7 Jun 1896 d. 14 Oct 1918
- 1004. iv. Bertha Olive Lowder b. 1 Jan 1898 d. aft 1978
- 1005. v. Orville Ray Lowder b. 13 Jul 1899 d. 28 Dec 1977
- 1006. vi. Vernon Miles Lowder b. 23 Jan 1901 d. 29 Oct 1926
- 1007. vii. Irma Marie Lowder b. 21 Oct 1902 d. aft 1978
- 1008. viii. Elna Almeda Lowder b. 22 Jan 1904 d. aft 1978
- 1009. ix. Nina Malinda Lowder b. 26 May 1905 d. aft 1978
- 1010. x. Claude McCune Lowder b. 1 Aug 1907 d. aft 1978
- 1011. xi. Clara Belle Lowder b. 15 Feb 1911 d. aft 1978

**752. Elmer Leroy NICHOLAS [11] [570. Sarah 'Ella' Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born 4 Oct 1878 in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA. He died 28 Sep 1955 in Mt Ayr, Ringgold Co. He married 10 Feb 1903 in Belleville, St. Clair Co, IL, to **Maude Leslie NORTH**. She was born 20 Feb 1883 in Perry Co, IL. She died 25 Feb 1958 in Superior Hosp, NB. They are both interred in Wuyka Cemetery, Nebraska City, NB. He grew to manhood near Tingley, Ringgold Co. He moved to St. Louis, MO, in 1901 and had a job as street car conductor when he met his wife. She was attending Barnes Business College. They moved from St. Louis to Iowa in 1908 and to Nebraska City in 1922 where he was employed as an auditor for Sinclair Oil Co until 1940. He was listed as a farmer in Rice Twp in 1909. They resided on a farm in Ringgold from 1940-50, moving to Mt Ayr in 1950. He was noted for a happy disposition. Elmer and Maude were the parents of three children;  
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- 1012. i. Dorothy Ella Nicholas b. 19 Dec 1903 d. 2 Aug 1967
  - 1013. ii. Genevieve Alice Nicholas b. 12 Oct 1905 d. 28 Jun 1986
  - 1014. iii. Zoe Winifred Nicholas b. 24 Feb 1909 d.}
- @newpage

755. @B[Clarence Elsworth SPENCER] [11] [571. Ethel Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA, 5 Jun 1885. He died on 30 Aug 1941 in Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, at the age of 56 and is buried in Guernsey Woodlawn Cemetery. He married on 5 Jul 1910 to @P[Alma Dora FOBAIR] Independence, Montgomery Co, KS. She was born 22 Jul 1892 in Vera, Oklahoma, and died 18 Sep 1954 in Ft. Williams, Ontario, after a short illness. Her parents were Augustus and Lydia [SIMCOX] FOBAIR. Newspaper article under Delphos News recorded in January 1909 stated, "@I{Clarence Spencer and Claude Baker went to Chillicothe, MO, Monday morning to attend college. They expect to become telegraph operators.}" He went to Portal, ND, to work in Customs from the Santa Fe Lines. In 1912 he was attached to the staff of the Canadian Pacific Railroad at North Portal, Sask., and then to Elbow, Vantage, and Strathrear, Sask., and in 1919 took over the duties of C.P.R. agent at Guernsey. He resided there until his death. He was station agent at several towns in Canada. He was an active member of the curling club and

other sports organizations, in Red Cross activities, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Guernsey School District. He had an intense interest in raising and showing chickens in 1930 - see letter written by him in 1930 [Appendix D.13]. Daughter Floy reported they were very happy and enjoyed bridge, golfing, curling, hunting, as well as gardening. Clarence and Alma were the parents of three children. Their son was killed in a mine accident in Yellowknife.

1015. i. Russell Lloyd Spencer b. 26 Nov 1910 d. 6 Mar 1950  
1016. ii. Floy Marjorie Spencer b. 22 May 1912 d. 23 Dec 1986  
1017. iii. Avis Margaret Spencer b. 4 Sep 1923 d.

**756. Ira `Bert' Albert SPENCER [11] [571. Ethel Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1]** was born in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA, 14 Nov 1887 and died in a hospital in Scobey, Daniels Co, MT, 14 Jan 1941 at the age of 54. @FOOT[Ira Spencer was known to everyone as `Bert'. Writer was only three or four when he visited with my family overnight. He must have impressed me very much because, thereafter, the big brass bed that he slept in was `Uncle Buts' bed.] He married on 10 Jul 1908 to @P[Ruby A. BAKER], the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C. W. BAKER. The pretty home wedding was held near Delphos, IA, in the home of Ruby's sister, Mrs. Matt Geiger, with seventy friends and relatives in attendance. The bride looked her loveliest in her wedding gown of white organdy and the groom wore the conventional suit of black. After the Sunday one o'clock wedding, a delicious three course dinner was served! They were to journey two days later to Portal, North Dakota, where he had a farm and spent some time previous. Always of an industrious and enterprising nature, he later moved with his family to Whitehill, Montana, where he established a claim for 320 acres and carried on extensive cattle operations. Bert apparently influenced his brother Lloyd into coming to Montana and blamed himself for his death during the flu epidemic of 1918. [See his letter in Appendix]. Ruby died on 10 Dec 1944 due to injuries suffered in an auto accident that occurred on 7 Dec 1944 while a passenger of an auto driven by her daughter collided with another. Her four-year old grandson, Gary, was also in the auto but received only cuts and bruises while Carol was hospitalized. Bert and Ruby were parents of one daughter;

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1018. i. Carol Spencer b. 20 May 1910 d.}

757. @B(Lola Maude [Spencer] STEPHENS) [11] [571. Ethel Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born on 24 Jan 1890 in Liberty Twp, Ringgold Co, IA, near Delphos. She married on 19 Jul 1910 near Delphos, IA, in the home of her parents to @P[Lloyd Ernest STEPHENS]. Lloyd was born 20 Nov 1882 in Clinton Twp, Ringgold Co. His parents were John Ross and Alice [ABARR] STEPHENS. John was born in Greene Co, PA, and Alice in White Co, IL. Lola died in the Ringgold Co Hospital in Mt Ayr on 21

Apr 1962 at the age of 71 after a long bout with cancer. Lloyd also died in the Ringgold Co Hospital on 22 Dec 1973 at the age of 91. Both are interred in Rose Hill Cemetery on the edge of Mt Ayr. Lola united with the Christian Church in the year 1900 at the age of 10. She later became a member of the Delphos Baptist Church and for the last 17 years had been a faithful worker in the Arispe Methodist Church. Much of their married life was spent on a farm northeast of Delphos. About 1942 they moved to Arispe in Union Co and, just before Lola's death, moved to Tingley in Ringgold Co. She was an extremely industrious, strong willed lady and firm in her beliefs. She and Lloyd were parents of nine children with one, a twin, dying in infancy and the oldest of two daughters, Muriel, dying following an operation for appendicitis at the age of 16. [Penicillin was only a few years away!] Their children are as follows;

- 1019. i. Ernest 'Spencer' Stephens [t] b. 30 Sep 1911 d. 13 Apr 1982
- 1020. ii. Earl Edward Stephens [t] b. 30 Sep 1911 d. 30 Sep 1911
- 1021. iii. Samuel 'Sherrill' Stephens b. 9 Mar 1913 d. 17 Aug 1993
- 1022. iv. Joseph Augustus Stephens b. 31 Mar 1915 d.
- 1023. v. Muriel Irene Stephens b. 1 Sep 1917 d. 23 Jan 1934
- 1024. vi. Lloyd Ernest Stephens Jr. b. 24 Apr 1919 d.
- 1025. vii. Clarice Emily Stephens b. 9 Jan 1921 d.
- 1026. viii. John Ross Stephens b. 4 Feb 1926 d.
- 1027. ix. William Albert Stephens b. 14 Mar 1931 d. }

@QUOTATION(This was composed by a Grt-Granddaughter of James W. & Malinda [FRANKLIN] SPENCER. She composed this the eve after her very close friend and first cousin, #1023. Muriel Irene STEPHENS, died 23 Jan 1934 at the age of 16. #1032. Zoe was not quite 14 at the time and quite shaken as were many by the loss of this lovely young lady.)

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@CENTER(@P[IN MEMORIAM TO MURIEL]  
by @P[Miss Zoe Elliott]

January 24, 1934

Oh why, oh why do things come our way?  
Such trials to bear throughout each day.  
Why should her soul go; she was so dear,  
I suppose she was too good for here.

It seems but a day when she was by my side  
When we ventured out on a long pony ride.  
But now she's gone where good folks go  
And we must bear the trial because you know--.

Her parents, brothers, and sister are very sad  
And we must not make them feel so bad.  
To them she was their very gold  
And she's needed here by a thousand fold.

Some day we all shall happily meet  
And walk right down the Golden Street.



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758. @B[Lloyd Whitley SPENCER] [11] [571. Ethel Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA, on 10 Aug 1892. He died on 26 Oct 1918 at Julian, Montana. At the age of 15 he was baptized and received into the membership of the Church of Christ at Delphos. On 28 Dec 1911 Lloyd married @P[Mamie Lucreita GRUBB]. She taught in country schools in Ringgold Co prior to moving with family to Montana. She married @i(second) to @P(\_\_\_\_\_ SMITH) and they moved to Fresno, CA. She died 24 Aug 1983 in Fresno, CA, at the age of @P[93]. She is interred in Whittier, CA. Lloyd's death was caused by pneumonia following an attack of Spanish influenza. Multitudes lost their lives because of this epidemic. Lloyd had moved to a farm near his brother, Bert, not far from Scobey, Montana, having moved there in 1916. He is interred in Rose Hill Cemetery in Mt Ayr, IA. [See pages 154-160 Appendices H.6 for letters written by Lloyd and Mamie to his aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. Mark ELLIOTT, three months before his death. Another letter written by 'Bert' on pages 160-2, Appendix H.9 gives the account of Lloyd's death]. Lloyd enjoyed farming and gardening. The following article appeared in a November 1911 issue of the Mt Ayr Record-News, @I("A mess of fine potatoes raised by @P'Lloyd Spencer', son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Spencer of Rice Twp, was left at the Record-News office yesterday. Lloyd thought he would like to try his hand at potato raising last spring and asked his father for the use of enough ground to see what he could do. He plowed the ground, planted a half bushel of seed, tended the crop and 14 bushels of as fine potatoes as ever grew was his reward. The potatoes are not as large as some of the specimens that come from the irrigated western states, but they are just the right size to command the top price on the market.") He enjoyed very much like the rest of his brothers hunting and fishing. Lloyd and Mamie had three sons;

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1028. i. James 'Haldon' Spencer b. 3 May 1912 d. 12 May 1988

1029. ii. Neil Franklin Spencer b. 17 Sep 1913 d. 8 Feb 1992

1030. iii. Charles Spencer b. Nov 1914 d. 5 Jun 1989}

759. @B(Iliah Malinda [Spencer] ELLIOTT) [11] [571. Ethel Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA, on 17 Dec 1895. She died 8 Sep 1987 while living in the Clearview Retirement Home in Mt Ayr, the site of her in-laws home between 1915 and 1960. On 25 Apr 1915 she married @P[Mark ELLIOTT], son of Alamando Wilcox and Emma Ona [RUSH] ELLIOTT. Mark was born 13 Mar 1891 and died 30 Nov 1976 at the age of @P[85]. They are interred in Rose Hill Cemetery near their infant daughter, his parents, and other members of the Elliott family. Their marriage took place in the home of her parents on farm southeast of Delphos. Iliah was a Methodist as was her husband, Mark, and were members of the Eureka Church located southeast of Delphos and later became members of the Methodist Church in Mt Ayr. After their marriage, they made their home on

the 120-acre farm [Mark's birthplace] until they moved to Mt Ayr in 1968 after his retirement. This farm was located in the SE 1/4 of Section 26 in Rice Twp, four miles south of Mt Ayr. She was a very fine seamstress [professional seamstress in her early years] and cook, providing each of her children a fine quilt. This writer found it a great privilege to be her gardening partner before leaving the nest. While her health allowed her, she was very active in neighborhood and family activities. She served as a local schoolboard director and for many years authored the Crown Point News, a weekly column carried in the Mt Ayr Record News. This was the name of the country school that was located on the hill a third of a mile east of their farmstead. She has had an extreme concern for her friends, neighbors, and relatives and through the years sent countless numbers of cards, letters, and deposited hundreds of flowers on grave sites - giving particular attention to those graves she knew close family members lived far away. She carefully clipped and saved all newspaper items of all family members and @P[ @U(this lady) thanks can be given for providing much of the information going into this family history and other family lines connected to both hers and Mark's.] Note two of her letters to her daughter Zoe, pages 149 & 152, Appendices "D.15 & D.16". Mark attended Highland Park College [a commercial school] in Des Moines for nearly two years prior to their marriage. He was also active in community affairs. He served as assessor, secretary of Crown Point School, active worker in the Republican Party and for many years a member of the Ringgold County Republican Central Committee, and on the election board at Delphos as Rice Twp clerk. Ilah and Mark were parents of five children, including twins, with the oldest child dying in infancy from complications of whooping cough and pneumonia;

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1031. i. Doris Emaline Elliott b. 26 Jan 1918 d. 31 Aug 1920

1032. ii. Zoe Evelyn Elliott b. 20 Feb 1920 d.

1033. iii. Lois Lorene Elliott [t] b. 16 Mar 1923 d.

1034. iv. Loren Spencer Elliott [t] b. 16 Mar 1923 d.

1035. v. Jack Mark Elliott b. 25 Sep 1927 d.}

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760. @B(Avis Irene [Spencer] COWAN) [11] [571. Ethel Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA, on 5 Aug 1898. In 1984 her address was; Apt 32, 1862 Riverside, Columbus, OH. She resided in a fine senior citizen home, was active, and in good health. She died in 26 May 1985 after suffering injuries in an auto accident. She enjoyed taking trips and other activities, including bridge, with many friends. She graduated from Mt Ayr High School. She was a school country teacher in Ringgold Co and later associated with the National Life Association in Des Moines. She met her future husband there and on the 22 Apr 1925 married @P[William 'Bill' Lincoln COWAN] in the Central Church of Christ in Des Moines. The ceremony was performed by Dr. W. A. Schullenberger. Bill was born 25 Aug 1895 in Angus, Boone Co, IA, and died 23 Nov 1974. He is interred in Union Cemetery, Columbus, OH. His parents were Robert and Jane [CLARKSON] COWAN, both born in Scotland. He was a veteran of

World War I and a 50 year member of Home Lodge No 370F & ASN, Des Moines, IA. At the time of their marriage, Bill was with Hartford Insurance Co, the parent company of the New York Underwriters. They moved to Columbus, OH, in 1929. He retired after 36 years in 1960. Avis and Bill had one son;

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1036. i. Jerry Louis Cowan      b. 18 May 1927 d.}

761. @B(Sayde Emily [SPENCER] PHILLIPS) [11] [571. Ethel Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA, on 28 Dec 1900. In 1993 she was living in Passadena, TX. She was in good health, still driving her auto, and deriving enjoyment from her daughter and family who lived nearby. She died 6 Nov 1995 in Passadena and interred in Dallas, TX. With her son, Bob, she flew back to Iowa in Sep 1990 to visit family members in Mt Ayr and Des Moines area. She graduated from Mt Ayr High School and, like her sister, Avis, journeyed to Des Moines after graduation to seek employment. She married on 25 May 1924 to @P[Paul 'Phil' E \_\_\_\_\_ PHILLIPS]. He was born in Hiteman, Monroe Co, IA, in 1899 or 1900 and died from a heart attack on 14 Jul 1959. He is interred in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, TX. His parents were \_\_\_\_\_. Their family lived in Coon Rapids, IA; Topeka, KS; Witchita, KS; Manhattan, KS; and moved to Dallas, TX, in 1947. He was employed by the federal government in the Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, from 1940. @FOOT[Writer has fond memories of being taken with other cousins for a ride in a shining near new car by Uncle Phil and being purchased ice cream cones!] Sayde and Phil were the parents of four children with the youngest dying in infancy;

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1037. i. Richard J. Phillips      b. 12 Dec 1925 d. 11 Oct 1926

1038. ii. Robert J. Phillips      b. 26 Feb 1934 d.

1039. iii. Janet Kay Phillips      b. 30 Mar 1936 d.

1040. iv. Bruce W. Phillips      b. 10 Feb 1940 d. 2\_ Dec 1978}

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762. @B(Eva 'Arzelle' [SPENCER] STONE) [11] [571. Ethel Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA, on 28 Feb 1910. In 1989 [moved into apartment complex in 1989] she was living in the families long time home in Mt Ayr, having retired from the local telephone company. She, like most of the 'Spencer' ladies, seem to have been born with a green thumb and enjoyed outdoor flower gardening and had many indoor plants. She graduated from Mt Ayr High School and taught in one room country schools for several years prior to taking employment with the telephone company. One of those country schools was @P[Crown Point] and she boarded at the farm residence of her sister, Mrs. Mark Elliott. @FOOT[Tough getting scolded by a favorite aunt but nephew had it coming! Arzelle was this compiler's second and third grade teacher!] She married on 11 Jul 1934 in the Baptist Parsonage in Winterset, Madison Co, IA, to @P[Lee Roy STONE]. The pastor, Rev. Frederick Wm. Madison, performed the single ring ceremony. They were attended by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Stuck. The bride wore a lovely dress of blue silk

crepe with white accessories. Lee was born in Ringgold Co on 31 Dec 1905 and died there 29 Mar 1957 suddenly while at work. His parents were Ralph A. and Liddie Rebecca [WILLIAMS] STONE. Lee was employed in the early years as manager of the meat market in United Grocery Store. For a number of years he had been employed by the county road department. Arzelle and Lee had two sons;

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1041. i. Phillip Lee Stone                    b. 17 Jul 1940 d.

1042. ii. Milton Ray Stone            b. 15 Feb 1946 d.}

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763. @B(Mamie Olive [Spencer] HOOVER) [11] [572. Alpha Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 26 Jul 1888 in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA. She died on 4 Oct 1966 in Ringgold Co. On the 23 May 1909 in the home of her parents southeast of Delphos she married @P(Charles E. HOOVER). He was born 14 May 1885 in Ringgold Co and died in 1962, living his entire life in Ringgold Co. His parents were James Nelson and Louisa B. [MILLER] HOOVER who died in Ringgold Co and are interred in the Redding Cemetery where Mamie and 'Charlie' are also. His father was born in Lyons, IA, ca 1859 and his mother was born in Worth Co, MO, ca 1862. Their son, Ralph, purchased the home farm west of Redding in 1966. They were the parents of two children and raised another, Don Lee Horne - son of Mary;

@VERBATIM{

1043. i. Mary Loueva Hoover            b. 6 Sep 1910 d. 15 Feb 1951

1044. ii. Ralph Harold Hoover        b. 4 Dec 1913 d. }

764. @B[Cecil Henry SPENCER] [11] [572. Alpha Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA, on 19 May 1890 and died in Des Moines, IA, on 28 Oct 1975. He married on 2 Feb 1913 to @P[Pearl Ruth STEPHENS] with the wedding taking place in the home of her parents in Delphos, IA. Her parents were John Ross and Alice [ABARR] STEPHENS, and she was the sister of Lloyd Earnest Stephens, husband of [#557.] Lola Spencer. John Ross was born in Greene Co, PA, and Alice in White Co, IL. Lola was a double-first cousin of Cecil and then became his sister-in-law. These close family ties contributed much to the two families close friendships for many years. Pearl's parents were also early pioneers in Ringgold Co where she was born 11 Mar 1887 in Kellerton. She died in the Atlantic Hospital in Atlantic, IA, 1 May 1980 at the age of @P[93]. Both Cecil and Pearl are interred in Rose Hill Cemetery near Mt Ayr, IA. This gentlemen made one proud to be part of his family. An older relative remarked that he closely resembled his grandfather, James W. Spencer. He was a rather large gentleman with erect carriage and retained his hair which he combed nearly straight back. He never missed a family get-to-gether, having a high regard for all. [August 1909 - MOUNT AYR RECORD NEWS clipping -@I{Marshall & Ashenburst have taken as a student in the auction business this season Cecil Spencer, son of A. L. Spencer, of Rice township. Mr. Spencer is eighteen years of age and has no experience to their knowledge, only what he did at the administrator's sale of Elza LONG and from what they saw of him

they are convinced that he will make a success and all who heard him on that day are loud in their praise in his behalf.}] After marriage he and Pearl resided on a farm south of Mt Ayr from 1913 until 1918 when they moved to Cumberland, IA. They resided there for 30 years while he managed the grain elevator. The 1915 Plat Map of Ringgold Co showed at that time he owned 80 acres bordering his father's farm on the east - the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec 33, Rice Twp. After retirement they moved to Des Moines, IA, and resided at 682 Forty-First St. They had many flowers and he was very proud of their roses. He and Pearl were members of the Olivet Baptist Church while residents of Des Moines. They were the parents of three daughters;

@VERBATIM{

- 1045. i. Cecile `Ruth' Spencer b. 18 Mar 1915 d.
- 1046. ii. Elsie Marie Spencer b. 19 Aug 1917 d. 7 Jun 1985
- 1047. iii. Janell Spencer b. 12 Jul 1920 d.}

765. @B[Percy Leroy SPENCER] [11] [572. Alpha Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 21 Nov 1896 on a farm near Mt Ayr, Ringgold Co, IA, and died 5 Sep 1952 in Perry, Dallas Co, IA. This is another Spencer that couldn't have had an enemy! He lived the early portion of his life near Mt Ayr except for two years in North Dakota and was educated in Delphos High School. He farmed near Mt Ayr from 1917 to 1930 and then went into partnership in a produce station with his father in Mt Ayr. He later operated a service station and served as secretary of the board of education for six years. The MT AYR RECORD NEWS recorded on 7 Oct 1943 that he had been elected as the new president of the Mount Ayr Co-operative Club. "Mr. Spencer is one of the club's most loyal members, having served as secretary for many years." His family then moved to Des Moines for a few years and then to Perry where he was associated with the Seaton Super Valu Store. He had much interest in baseball, basketball and football. He married @P[Amy Pearle SEFRIT] in 1917 in Ringgold Co. She was born 8 Feb 1894 in Liberty Twp, Clarke Co, IA, and died in Sarasota, FL, in 1977. They were members of the First Christian Church. He is interred in Rose Hill Cemetery in Mt Ayr and she in the Sarasota Memorial Park, FL. She moved to Sarasota in 1972 to be near their daughter. Percy and Amy were parents of two children born near Mt Ayr with the son dying at the age of ten due to a ruptured appendix. This compiler, four years younger than he, can remember this handsome lad skating on roller skates in downtown Mt Ayr;

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- 1048. i. Donald Leroy Spencer b. 4 Jul 1919 d. 8 Feb 1930
- 1049. ii. Mary Virginia Spencer b. 20 Jul 1923 d. 11 May 1989}

766. @B(Madge Almeda [Spencer] [Sponsler] HAZEN) [11] [572. Alpha Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 5 Apr 1899 near Delphos, Ringgold Co, IA. She spent her early years on a farm near Delphos 1/4 mile from the Ethel Spencer farm and spent much time with her `double first cousins' - children of Ethel and `Jennie' Spencer. She received a teacher's certificate and taught one year in Clinton Twp for \$45 per month and the next

year at Siloam in Washington Twp for \$52. In the fall of 1919 she entered Drake University after being required to take an entrance exam as Delphos H.S. was not accredited. Her folks then moved to Humeston where she taught three years for \$90 and \$110 per month. She was married @I[first] in the Methodist Parsonage in Allerton, Wayne Co, IA, to @P[Francis 'Reed' SPONSLER]. He was born 28 Feb 1899. Reed attended college in Ames and was a member of the R.O.T.C. during World War I. He farmed with his dad on the home place two miles west of Humeston in Wayne Co. He was one of the first in the county to practice soil conservation - even put together a 'terracer' to build terraces. He was also named as one of Iowa's 'Master Hog Producers' one year. He served as President of Wayne Co Farm Bureau. He went to North Hollywood, CA, where he and Madge had relatives and hoped to find a cure for Lateral Sclerosis with no success as he died there 7 Nov 1946. After Reed's death in 1946, teachers were scarce and she was drafted back into the teaching profession and taught seven more years - five in town and two in the country. One year was in the 'Little Red School House' north of Lineville, Wayne Co, IA, that the local Historical Society is maintaining as one of few remaining. Madge married @I[second] in 1962 to @P[Arthur HAZEN] who died 20 Oct 1967. She and Arthur did much traveling - Mexico City, Alcapolca, New York City, World Exposition in Montreal, Florida and other places. She was girls' 4-H club leader 10 years and became interested in flowers. She attended schools for flower shows and became a Master Flower Judge. She also served six years on the State Board of the Iowa Federation of Garden Clubs while being very busy exhibiting and judging. She was still judging at the age of 85. She suffered from arthritis and had both knees operated on to enable her to continue a busy life without a wheelchair. She was baptized into the Christian Church at Delphos at the age of 11 and transferred her membership to the Humeston Christian Church, having lived there since 1955. She and Reed were the parents of five children and, as of 1984, they had 20 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

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- 1050. i. James 'Jim' Sponsler b. 14 May 1924 d.
- 1051. ii. Robert Reed Sponsler b. 17 Oct 1925 d.
- 1052. iii. John Boswell Sponsler b. 2 Feb 1927 d.
- 1053. iv. Alice Lee Sponsler b. 17 Feb 1930 d.
- 1054. v. Joe Merritt Sponsler b. 4 Dec 1932 d.}

767. @B[Dr. Edward 'Merritt' SPENCER] [11] [572. Alpha Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 25 Mar 1901 near Delphos, Ringgold Co, IA, and a 'twin' of 'Marie'. He was living in Fresno, CA, where he died 12 Apr 1991. His twin had passed on less than two months before and he had just celebrated his 90th birthday. He married 3 Jun 1925 in Dunlap, Harrison Co, IA, to @P[Mildren Ann ROGERS] who was born 26 Feb 1904 in Dunlap. She died 17 Mar 1967 and both are interred in Fresno, Fresno Co, CA. He married @I[second] to @P[Ethel Marie EDWARDS] on 19 Oct 1969 in Carmel, CA. She was born in 1914. Merritt graduated from Iowa State College [now ISU] in Ames in 1924. He obtained his master's degree, as well as his Ph.D, at the University of Iowa

after entering there in 1938. He was superintendent of schools in Colo and Dunlap, IA, for 14 years. During this period, he coached football the six years he was at Colo. His first college position was at Moorhead, MN, from 1940-8. During this period he was attached to the Army one year in England and Germany as an education consultant. In the fall of 1948, he accepted a position as head of the Education Department at Whittier College in the Los Angeles area. In 1950, he was offered a position at the University in Fresno as Dean of Summer Sessions and Extension Programs, retiring from the University 1 Jul 1971 after 21 years in the Fresno position. He was offered the position as President of the University prior to retiring but declined as not wanting that responsibility that late in his career. He was known by his family and early friends as 'Merritt' but later friends have referred to him as 'Ed'. The day he married Ethel, his brother Cecil told Ethel, "He may be called 'Ed' in California, but tonight you'll be going to bed with 'Merritt'!" He is listed in "Who's Who in the West", "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in American Education." Merritt and Mildred were the parents of three sons;

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1055. i. Raymond Merritt Spencer b. 21 Sep 1926 d.

1056. ii. Roland Robert Spencer b. 7 Feb 1931 d.

1057. iii. Richard Lawrence Spencer b. 11 Feb 1934 d.}

768. @B(Esther 'Marie' [Spencer] KIPPER) [11] [572. Alpha Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 25 Mar 1901 near Delphos, Ringgold Co, IA, a 'twin' of 'Merritt'. She married 24 Oct 1922 in Chariton, Lucas Co, IA, to @P[Howard W. KIPPER], born 12 Apr 1902 in Humeston, Wayne Co, IA. His parents were Nicholas John and Minnie Marie [NORTON] KIPPER. Howard died 24 Jan 1974 in Des Moines, Polk Co, IA. She became active in the Beaverdale VFW Auxiliary in 1953 due to her son's involvement in the VFW. She was still living in Des Moines in 1991 in a relatively new senior citizen complex at 3717 - 6th St., Unit 123. She died in Des Moines 18 Feb 1991, less than two months before her twin and just short of her nintieth birthday. She is interred in Chapel Hills Gardens Cemetery on Merle Hay Ave in northwest Des Moines. She and Howard had a ceramics shop in their home in that area and she had done much painting of ceramics prior to retirement. They lived much of their life in Humeston, and were parents of four children - all born in Humeston;

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1058. i. Rex E. Kipper b. 28 May 1923 d. 5 Apr 1986

1059. ii. Marjorie Marie Kipper b. 15 Sep 1924 d.

1060. iii. Janiece Ann Kipper b. 25 Oct 1931 d.

1061. iv. Betty Zoe Kipper b. 25 Sep 1933 d.}

769. @B(Mildred Pearl [Spencer] STEVENSON) [11] [572. Alpha Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 26 Mar 1909 near Mt Ayr in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA. She married 20 Aug 1928 in Eldora, Hardin Co, IA, to @P[Robert Lynne STEVENSON]. He was born 1 Apr 1909 in Colo, Story Co, IA. He attended Iowa

State College in Ames where he participated in football. They spent their married life in Story Co and living in Colo in 1987. Mildred had surgery on both knees due to arthritis and was pleased to see her in attendance of her 'sixtieth' class reunion in Mt Ayr in May of 1986, apparently graduating from Mt Ayr High School in 1926. Bob died 12 Oct 1994 in Colo where he had lived his entire life. They were parents of three children, all born in Story Co, IA;

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- 1062. i. Barbara Jean Stevenson b. 9 Apr 1930 d.
- 1063. ii. Ruth Marie Stevenson b. 3 Jun 1933 d.
- 1064. iii. Robert Spencer Stevenson b. 10 Apr 1944 d.}

771. @B(Goldia Belle [Spencer] SHEUMAKER) [11] [574. Orin Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Clinton Twp, Ringgold Co, IA, 5 Jun 1892 and died in Clear View Home in Mt Ayr on 27 Sep 1972. She married on 8 Mar 1914 to @P[Roy Berry SHEUMAKER, Sr.] in her parent's farm home in Middle Fork Twp, Ringgold Co, IA. He was born on 4 Dec 1887 in Poe Twp, Ringgold Co. His parents were Enos Miller and Elizabeth Watson [BERRY] SHEUMAKER - both born and married in Fairfield Co, OH, and are interred in the Redding Cemetery in Ringgold Co. This auburn haired attractive lady was often mistaken for her first cousin, Ilah [my mother], or vice versa. Mother's hair was a little darker. She completed training in Simpson College, IA, and taught school three years prior to her marriage. Goldia maintained a great interest in community, school, and church affairs and was a member of the United Methodist Church in Mt Ayr. Roy was a tall man compared to other natives of Ringgold Co. His family farmed in Middle Fork Twp. He received business training at Simpson College, and moved with family to Malta, Montana, to homestead 320 acres in 1914, living there ten years. @FOOT[Golda's first cousins, Bert and Lloyd Spencer, and their Uncle 'Cal' Spencer moved about this time also to homestead in Montana.] Two of Roy's brothers were noted as veterinarians in Ringgold Co - Emery C. in Mt Ayr and Harry D. in Tingley. Prior to his death Roy was badly afflicted with arthritis. Both Goldia and Roy were confined to a wheel chairs in their last years. He died 2 Mar 1962 in Mt Ayr. Goldia and Roy are interred in the Redding Cemetery. They were parents of ten children and all still living early in 1995;

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- 1065. i. Bernice Fern Sheumaker b. 17 Feb 1916 d.
- 1066. ii. Frances Jeanette Sheumaker b. 26 Jul 1917 d.
- 1067. iii. Roy Berry Sheumaker Jr. b. 17 Aug 1919 d.
- 1068. iv. Clinton Spencer Sheumaker b. 18 Feb 1921 d.
- 1069. v. Eunice Belle Sheumaker b. 24 Jul 1922 d.
- 1070. vi. Elizabeth Ann Sheumaker b. 16 Feb 1924 d.
- 1071. vii. Margaret Marie Sheumaker b. 9 Mar 1926 d.
- 1072. viii. Julia Bea Sheumaker b. 16 Apr 1928 d.
- 1073. ix. Thomas Neil Sheumaker b. 15 Oct 1930 d. 13 Nov 1995
- 1074. x. John Charles Sheumaker b. 9 Jun 1936 d.}

772. @B(Gladys Mae [Spencer] ADAIR) [11] [574. Orin Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4,



Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born on 11 Oct 1894 near Delphos, Ringgold Co, IA, and died 27 Nov 1947 in the Iowa City Hospital, Iowa City. She married 25 Feb 1913 on her parents farm near Redding to @P(Fred [nmn] ADAIR). He was born 17 Jan 1891 in Redding and his parents were John Wesley and Margaret Jane [MILLER] ADAIR. John was born in Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co, IA, and moved from there in 1865 to Harrison Co, MO. He moved back to Iowa in 1880 and purchased land two miles south of Redding. His parents are interred in the Redding Cemetery. They moved on his parents farm in Clinton Twp 1 Apr 1913 and operated it until 1925. They lived in Indianola, IA, from 1925 to 1943 when they moved to San Francisco, CA. In 1946 they moved to Casper, WY. Fred died on 2 Nov 1950 in Casper, Natrona Co, WY. Gladys and Fred are both interred in Rose Hill Cemetery in Mt Ayr, Ringgold Co, IA. They were parents of six children with the fifth dying in infancy;

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- 1075. i. Louise `Ruth' Adair      b. 1 Nov 1913 d.
- 1076. ii. Orin Wesley Adair      b. 24 Nov 1915 d.
- 1077. iii. Naomi Caryle Adair      b. 22 Mar 1918 d.
- 1078. iv. Maurice Edwin Adair      b. 24 Mar 1920 d.
- 1079. v. Patricia Lee Adair      b. 29 Jun 1921 d. 29 Jun 1928
- 1080. vi. Frederick Baird Adair      b. 24 Nov 1930 d.}

773. @B[Lyle Alvin SPENCER] [11] [574. Orin Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 11 Jul 1896 in Clinton Twp near Redding, Ringgold Co, IA, and died 14 Apr 1976 in Merced, Merced Co, CA. He graduated from Mt Ayr High School in 1915. He married in Mt Ayr on 24 Jun 1917 to @P[Amy `Maye' BROTT] born 10 Nov 1896 in Taylor Co, IA. [Joins Ringgold Co on the west.] Her parents were George `Wesley' and Rosa Belle [SHOEMAKER] BROTT. They moved from a farm near Blockton, Taylor Co, IA, in 1914 and purchased a farm southwest of Redding where they built a new house. Her parents later moved to Nebraska and Montana and then moved back to Redding where they died. Her parents are both interred in the Plattsville Cemetery in Taylor Co. Lyle and Maye lived in Redding, Mt Ayr, and Kellerton in Ringgold Co until 1960. After their marriage they made their first home in Redding. He built Redding's first gasoline service station in 1924 and it was being used as the town hall in 1982. He was postmaster at Kellerton and was transferred by the postal service to Merced, CA. Maye died 10 Feb 1982 in Modesta, Stanislaus Co, CA, and probably both she and Lyle are interred in Merced, CA. They lived a time at 1925 Orchard Lane, Merced, CA. They were parents of four children with three probably still living in 1987;

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- 1081. i. Lyla Belle Spencer      b. 5 Apr 1918 d.
- 1082. ii. Letha `Lavonne' Spencer      b. 17 Jun 1920 d.
- 1083. iii. James Absolam Spencer      b. 11 Jul 1922 d. 30 Jun 1974
- 1084. iv. JoAnna Beth Spencer      b. 31 Aug 1927 d.}

774. @B[Clifford Orin SPENCER] [11] [574. Orin Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 23 Aug 1898 near Redding in

Ringgold Co, IA, and died 29 Jan 1975 in Cheyenne, Laramie Co, WY. He was living in Cheyenne as early as 1947. He married @P[Faye HIGGINS] on 22 Dec 1926. She was born 24 Jan 1906 in Ault, Weld Co, CO. She died 19 Sep 1992 in Cheyenne. Her parents were David Russo and Susan [Keicher] HIGGINS. Faye retired as a school teacher from Laramie County School District 1. She had been a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Retired Teacher's Association, and Lutheran Women's League. They were the parents of one daughter born in Ft. Collins, Laramie Co, CO;

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1085. i. Gladys Spencer            b. 16 Mar 1932 d. 15 Mar 1986}

775. @B(Letha Marie [Spencer] GALLOWAY) [11] [574. Orin Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 26 Jan 1900 near Redding in Middle Fork Twp, Ringgold Co, IA, the sixth child of Orin and Julia. She married 24 Dec 1922 in Oklahoma City, OK, to @P[Everett J. GALLOWAY] born 13 Sep 1897. His parents were James `Alonzo' and Maria [HOLT] GALLOWAY. Everett died 7 Jun 1970 in Newton, Jasper Co, IA. Letha died 20 May 1989 in Meridian, MS. She and Everett are interred in Rose Hill Cemetery in Mt Ayr, Ringgold Co, IA. Letha and family were living in Marietta, Ohio, in 1940, and were making their home in Mt Ayr from 1943-53. They retired to Newton. In 1984 she moved to Meridian to live with her daughter, Geraldine. Letha and Everett were the parents of two daughters. Mary was born in Evansville, Vanderburg Co, IN, and the youngest in White Plains, West Chester, NY;

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1088. i. Mary `Ann' Galloway    b. 18 Feb 1930 d.

1089. ii. Geraldine Dall Galloway b. 17 Sep 1934 d.}

776. @B(Ida Laurel [Spencer] HICKERSON) [11] [574. Orin Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born on 14 Mar 1901 near Redding in Middlefork Twp, Ringgold Co, IA. She married on 3 Sep 1919 in Oklahoma City to @P[Raymond A. HICKERSON], born 2 Dec 1898 in Harrison Co, MO. He died in Jan 1970 in Plain View, TX. He was a brother of Dr. Luther who married Ida's first cousin, once removed, #875. Ruth [ADAIR]. His parents were L. John and Vergie Ione [SNEDAKER] HICKERSON. `Ray' operated music stores in several cities. They were living in Oklahoma City in 1920; Kansas in 1936; Tulsa, OK, in 1940; Miami, OK, in 1947; and Plainview, TX, in April of 1953. Ida retired to St. Louis, MO, to be near her daughter. She was an accomplished artist and golfer into her `eighties'. Ida and Ray were the parents of three children with the two oldest born in Oklahoma City, OK, and youngest came and left at the age of six months in Topeka, KS;

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1090. i. Robert Russell Hickerson b. 21 Aug 1920 d.

1091. ii. Martha Lou Hickerson    b. 5 Nov 1927 d.

1092. iii. Joyce Hickerson        b. 27 Jun 1935 d. 16 Jan 1936}

777. @B[John Baird SPENCER] [11] [574. Orin Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born near Redding in Ringgold Co, IA, on 23 Feb 1904. He attended high school in Mt Ayr where they

re-instated football in 1922. He was elected captain of the first football team. After graduation in 1923, he worked a few months for his brother-in-law, Everett Galloway, in Chicago doing construction work. He moved to Colorado later in 1923 doing ranch work near Brush, moving to Ft. Collins in 1924 and worked at the Northern Garage. He married on 17 Jun 1925 in Ft. Collins to @P[Vera LUTZ]. John was employed by Sinclair Refining Co. for 36 years in Ft. Collins, Loveland, Denver, La Junta, and Lamar, all in Colorado. Their first son, Delbert, contracted infantile paralysis (polio) in 1928. Repeated trips to Denver for doctor treatments resulted in moving to Denver, where John worked at Sinclair stations and the corporate office. An operation on Delbert in 1935 repaired his left leg allowing him better mobility. The family moved to La Junta in 1941, and to Lamar in 1943. John retired from Sinclair in 1963, and worked for Lamar Farm Supply (J.I. CASE dealer) for five years before retiring again in 1968. Vera is the daughter of Cyrus and Laura [KIMBALL] LUTZ. She was born 27 Nov 1904 on a farm west of Kellerton, Ringgold Co, IA, spending her early childhood in Iowa. At the age of three, they moved to Hartford, Kansas. She attended school there until about 1916 when they moved back to Kellerton. She graduated from Kellerton High School at the age of 15, and attended Mt. Ayr Hogh for two years, receiving Normal School Teachers Certificate. After her 18th birthday taught three years in rural schools. She and John were "high school sweethearts". She then moved to Colorado to marry John. In La Junta, they joined a square dance club that was the beginning of a life long interest. They taught square dancing at the USO in La Junta during World War II, and Vera also taught the Girl Scouts in La Junta. In Lamar, she also taught square dancing to the girl scouts, and a boy approached her asking if he could join Girl Scouts since the girls seemed to have so much fun! The Lamar Dudes and Dames began in 1949, lasting until 1981. Ten children started, and grew to 500 in 1957, and was limited to 600 each year thereafter. She taught nearly all forms of dancing, except tap and ballet. Originally they raised money for Polio with \$5000 by 1959. Later contributions were to Cancer, Heart Assn., a local school for mentally handicapped, and later a Korean orphan. By 1979 a total of \$15,000 had been raised. Vera taught and John handled transportation and chaperoning on the 22 annual trips to national square dance conventions, appearing at the Des Moines Veteran's Auditorium in 1960 and the All-American Dance revue in the 1970's, just to name a couple. Representative groups have appeared in more than 14 of the largest cities, including Hawaii twice, and many Colorado State fairs. They have on TV many times and winner's on Ted Mack's Amateur Hour. Vera was nominated as Colorado Citizen of the Year in 1956. She has been cited by the National Geographic Magazine; Congressional Record of the United States; Citations of Governors of Colorado; National Jaycee's Polio Foundation Award; and 4-5-6-7th editions of Marquis's WHO'S WHO of AMERICAN WOMEN. Vera belonged to Eagles Auxiliary; Zonta International; U.S. Platform Org. Business and Professional Womens Club; President of Columbine Girl Scout Council; and has received the coveted Blue Thanks badge from the Girl Scouts. Also was a leader in 4-H and Boy Scouts before the organization of the Dudes & Dames. She is

listed under the 1976 list of distinguished citizens honor roll of Ringgold Co. She was nominated by her cousin, Clifford Nichols. John and Vera both belong to the Presbyterian Church. They jointly celebrated their 90th birthdays at a Lamar reception 16 Oct 1994, and celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on 17 Jun 1994. Their 1994 address is: 100 San Carlos, Apt 104, Pueblo, CO 81005. They were the parents of three children;

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- 1093. i. Delbert Kay Spencer      b. 17 Mar 1926 d.
- 1094. ii. Donna Lee Spencer      b. 9 Nov 1932 d.
- 1095. iii. J. B. Spencer              b. 5 Mar 1939 d.}

778. @B[Merle E. SPENCER] [11] [576. James `Cal' Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born 10 Aug 1892 in Rice Twp, Ringgold Co, IA. His parents were James `Cal' and Elizabeth [SMITH] SPENCER. His family moved ca 1912 to Portal, North Dakota, to homestead. In 1924 they moved to Medford, OR. Information needed. He was living in Minneapolis, MN, in 1961. He married twice and had one son by his first marriage.

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- 896. i. Verne Spencer              b. ca 1915 d.}

779. @B(Viola [Spencer] CALLAHAN) [11] [576. James `Cal' Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born after 1892. She married @P[Joseph R. CALLAHAN]. Her parents were James `Cal' and Elizabeth [SMITH] SPENCER. His family moved ca 1912 to Portal, North Dakota, to homestead. In 1924 they moved to Medford, OR. She was living in Big Beaver, Sask., Canada, in 1961. She and J.R. had five children. They may not be listed in order of birth.

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- 1097. i. Raymond Callahan      b. ca 1914 d. bef 1993
- 1098. ii. Gerald Callahan      b. ca 1916 d. bef 1993
- 1099. iii. Velda Callahan              b. ca 1918 d. bef 1993
- 1100. iv. Muriel Callahan      b. ca 1920 d. aft 1993
- 1101. v. Phyllis Callahan      b. ca 1922 d. aft 1993}

780. @B(Lorene [Denhart] NIELSEN) [11] [577. Lura Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born on 21 Feb 1906 in Diagonal, Ringgold Co, IA. She died 27 Feb 1981 in the Afton Care Center, Union Co, IA. She married on 31 Aug 1929 to @P[Laurence H. NIELSEN] in Atchison, KS. He died 2 May 1964 in Creston, Union Co, IA. She is interred in the Graceland Cemetery, Afton, IA. She was a registered nurse until retirement in 1969. She and her husband moved to Creston in 1929 and had lived at 311 N. Walnut. She entered the nursing home in 1980. She was a member of the United Methodist Church. They were parents of a daughter;

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- 1110. i. Mary Lou Nielsen      b. ca 1931 d.}

784. @B(Beatrice [Denhart] HEWITT) [11] [577. Lura Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in 1907. She married

@P[Ray HEWITT]. She was living in Lenox, IA, in 1981.

785. @B(Doris [Denhart] KNITTLE) [11] [577. Lura Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in 1910. She married @P[Duane KNITTLE]. She was living in Shenandoah, IA, in 1981.

786. @B[Denny CUMPSTON] [11] [578. Myrtle Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born ca 1890.

787. @B[Eldred F. CUMPSTON] [11] [578. Myrtle Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born ca 1902. He was living in Greggton, TX, in 1960 and attended the July Spencer Reunion with his two sisters also of Greggton.

788. @B[Vesta I. CUMPSTON] [11] [578. Myrtle Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born ca 1905 living in Greggton, TX, in 1960. Attended the July 1960 Spencer Reunion with her brother, Eldred, and sister. Apparently she had not been married.

789. @B[James Arthur CUMPSTON] [11] [578. Myrtle Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born in Benton Twp, Ringgold Co, 29 Jan 1909.

790. @B(Velda [Cumpston] BEATY) [11] [578. Myrtle Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born ca 1910. She married @P[\_\_\_\_\_ BEATY]. She was living in Greggton, TX, in 1960 and attended the SPENCER-FRANKLIN Reunion held in Arispe, IA, with her brother, Eldred, and sister, Vesta.

791. @B[Everett CUMPSTON] [11] [578. Myrtle Spencer 10, Malinda 9, James 8, Joseph 7, \_\_\_\_\_ 6, \_\_\_\_\_ 5, Benjamin 4, Thomas 3, Henry 2, Thomas 1] was born ca 1912.>

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@APPENDIX[FRANKLIN BIBLE of 1844]

The following is a facsimile of the title page of the @P(FRANKLIN BIBLE) that in 1996 that was in possession of Loren S. Elliott, passed down by his Grt-Grandmother MALINDA FRANKLIN SPENCER. This bible contained sheets of family records that apparently came from an even older bible. This leather backed bible is three inches thick and pages measure 8 1/2 by 11 inches. Hand written on the back page are the birthdays of the five FOX children of Rebecca Ann FRANKLIN FOX who died when they were from four to twelve years of age.

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@APPENDIX[JOSEPH FRANKLIN's Last Will]

I Joseph Franklin of Tippecanoe County in the State of Indiana do make and publish this last will and testament revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made first I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life and as to such wordly estate as it has pleased god to intrust me with I dispose of the same in following manner to wit I direct first that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first monies that shall come to the hands of my executors from any portion of my person estate. In as much as my oldest children have married and left me and I gave them what I had to spare then at the time they left me and to effectuate this intention, I bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Franklin a comfortable support during life or so long as she remains my widow off the plantation with the household goods and farming utentials to remain on the place and all the stock of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep except such as shall hereafter be mentioned and I also will and bequeath that

Preston Franklin my son shall have the eighty acres of land whereon I now live at the death of his mother for which he is to take care of us as long as we both shall live and pay the funeral expenses out of the proceeds of the farm on said land if it should so happen that Preston should die before his mother that the land shall go to his son Jesse Franklin. I also will to my son Jacob Franklin one two year old heifer and to my son James Franklin and Ollart Sheagly and Nancy Lewis and Rebecca Freway my daughters I will bequeath one dollar to each of them and hereby make and ordain my son James Franklin and Samuel Black executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof Joseph Franklin testator have hereunto set my hand seal this twenty ninth day of March 1833.

@VERBATIM{ Joseph [his X mark] Franklin}

Signed sealed published and declared by his the above named Joseph Franklin as his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other.

@VERBATIM{ Samuel Black William Burk Jeremiah V Black}

State of Indiana Tippecanoe County: Be it known that before me the undersigned Samuel Hoover clerk of the Probate court of said county personally on this fourth day of August eithteen hundred and thirty four came William Burk and Jeremiah V Black two of the subscribing witnesses to the above annexed last will and testament of Joseph Franklin late of said county deceased who being by me duly sworn upon their oaths say that they saw Joseph Franklin in his lifetime sign seal publish and declare the same as his last will and testament that they believe that the said testator at the time of its execution was in sound mind and memory and that they subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in his presence.

@VERBATIM{ Jeremiah V Black William Burk

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the date above written.  
Test: Sam'l Hoover clerk of the Probate court of Tippecanoe County, Indiana.}

@UNIDENT<

NOTE: Copied from Will Book I Tippecanoe County pages 29-31.

NOTE: Thanks must be given to the many people that held this family in high regard and retained the available records. Included among this group is the second wife of #251. James Smyth FRANKLIN - Mildred 'Milly' [QUICK]; her daughter - #273. Malinda Jane [FRANKLIN] SPENCER; Malinda's granddaughter - #559. Ilah Malinda [SPENCER] ELLIOTT [My mother]; Mark S. ELLIOTT [this compiler's son] who has researched Indiana records; #420. Ann MALLETT, 1156 East 58th St., Indianapolis, IN 46220, [gt-gr-daughter of #255. Rebecca (FRANKLIN) TRENARY]. Ann may have been researching this family longer than anyone living as she just celebrated her 78th birthday 24 Dec 1984. The most

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@APPENDIX(LETTERS OF GRANDCHILDREN OF MALINDA FRANKLIN SPENCER)

@APPENDIXSECTION(Letters From Aunt MYRTLE [SPENCER] CUMPSTON to  
Illah [SPENCER] ELLIOTT - 1916/17)

@ADDRESS(Davistown, Pa.

Feb. 11, 1916.)

Dear Neice Illah. - It has been so long since I ever got a letter from you not since you became Mrs I guess, And then your letter came to me at a time when letters were @U[so] welcome. I was awful sick when I got your letter wasn't able to sit up to read it but they sit a lamp on the stand by my bed and I layed down and read it. I am better tho now but I'm not well by any means. I just can't gain strength as it seems to me I should. I haven't done any hard work yet. I bossed the washing this week but @P[Denny & Vesta] done nearly all the work and I have run the sewing machine a little too but I can't only run it a little while ech day. @P[Denny] is getting better too. He is going to work again Mon. I don't know how his back will stand it. He had a pretty badly sprained back. There is so much sickness around here now. But we are having all kinds of weather here. Its cold and snowing then turns warm and it rains and is muddy. But to be honest I never did see such weather. Well about the pictures I guess they was pretty good of all of them. They didn't suit me so very well but then we have a poor way to get a picture and no up to date artist. And about yours & Marks pictures I thought it was just splendid of you and supposed it was of Mark but he is like you say of my children he has grown some since I seen him at @P[Eureka] some 17 or 18 yrs ago and more than likely changed quite a bit. And don't forget to send me one of them groups when you get them. I just bet you did enjoy @P[Bert's & Rubys] visit. It made me homesick too when I heard they was coming home. I would just love to come home now since I have been sick. I think a little rest from the children would do me good but there is not enough money in the treasury to make such a trip now. But I think sometimes it would do me a world of good if I could just leave all these cares for a little while.

Yes I seen by the papers you & Mark were tusseling the measles and @P[Marie] says @P[Sayde] is just getting over them. They had a big protracted meeting at Davistown. This winter they had 47 conversions. @P[Denny & Eldred] was both converted. I never got to go only two nights. I went the first Sun night and the last night but I was sick during all the meeting except the first week and they held it five weeks. I wasn't really able to go the last night but Denny insisted on me going so and helped me get ready and I bundled up good and I didn't see as it hurt me any. But I was still weak.

Well Illah I guess I have written all I know and I'll not tire you with a long uninteresting letter. But write often you don't have so much to do as I do and when you know of something that would interest me just sit down and write don't make no



difference if you had written last. I guess @P[Lola] has forsaken me entirely but poor @P[Lola] I guess has her hands fully anyway. Tell her I got @P[Baby Joes & Ruths] pictures and many thanks for the same.

How do you think mamma is by this time. I do wish she could only see to read my letters and write too me it just seems like I lost @P[Ella] and her both that I can't write or hear from her. Wasn't it sad about Mr. & Mrs. Glendenning? It made me feel so sad for them girls but I suppose it was Gods will to take them both then one wasn't left to fight this battle alone.

@CLOSING[Well Good Bye

With Love to all

@P{Myrtle}]

@UNIDENT[NOTE: Aunt Myrtle was 37 when this letter was written and the mother of six. Her handwriting was typical of nearly all 'Spencer' girls - excellent! The following letter was written by her a year later.]

@CENTER[\* \* \* \* \*]

@ADDRESS[Davistown, Pa. 2/2. "17

Ground Hog Day.]

@FLUSHLEFT{Dear Niece Illah-}

I expect you think I'm a great one for not writing to you sooner and excepting my Xmas gift. Well I'll have to tell you about it. I never got it until the 17th of Jan and the envelope was all busted out on one side but I guess everything was in it all right. I was awfully glad to get it for I had begun to think I wasn't going to get anything and your handkerchief was all I did get so you may know it was appreciated but I have been awful neglectful in telling you so. But you know its so easy to "Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow." And I have been real busy. Sewing some while @P[Denny & Eldred] are both gone and I don't have so much cooking to do. I have been crocheting some too this winter. I made me and @P{Vesta} each a corset cover yoke and am making an edge for a center piece now and have made several little edgings for underwear and collars and such. I have a waist piece for @P[Vesta] & myself to make yet then I think I'll have to stock up again. But protracted meetings begin at our church in Davistown next Mon night and I don't want to have any sewing on hands then. I want to attend all I can but the kids have all been exposed to the French measles and if they take them I expect I'll not get to go to meeting much.

We are having a real winter day today. But the sun shone awhile long enough for the groundhog to see his shadow. But it's been been snowing by spells most all day. And its awful cold I can hardly keep warm. But last Wednesday was like a Spring day. Oh so awful warm had the door open that day. And quite a thunder storm at night that didn't sound good to me. I was expecting a cold spell after that. How is everyone out there. Is your mamma any better and have they a place to go to. I guess they are in the same boat with us they have to move and no place to move too.

We want to buy a small place if we can find any to suit and the price isn't too high. I am getting so crippled up I can't move

all the time. Just sort of waiting until @P[Denny] gets time to look around. He and @P[Eldred] are both working down at East Riverside. @P[Denny] is drilling & @P[Eldred] tool dressing. Denny gets 6.50 & Eldred 5.50 per day and they have to pay 1.50 per day for board. Everything is so high is almost impossible to live. the kids are all in school. @P[Vesta] takes the rural ex in the spring. Her and Velda each won the prize for getting the most headmarks in spelling till the first of Feb. Now they are trying for the next three months. @P[Velda] hasn't missed a day or been tardy this term which began in Oct.

Are you folks going to stay where you are another year? Did you get lots of pretty things for Xmas. Oh yes I got @P[Madges] picture to. Have you ever been up to see ma since Mrs. Lester has been there? I'm so glad they got someone to stay with her.

How is your chickens doing this winter. Mine is doing alright but not laying any eggs. Ha Ha. They seem to have good appetites. I only have 30 pullets tho and they were late so I don't expect many eggs from them. Eggs is only 40 and butter .45 cts here just like eating silver.

Well I guess this is all this leaves us all well only colds and I hope it finds you all well and all enquiring friends.

Write again soon. Maybe you don't have quite so much to do as I have and can write oftener.

@CLOSING[Love to all  
From  
@P{Myrtle}]

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@APPENDIXSECTION[Letters From LLOYD W. SPENCER to MARK & ILAH ELLIOTT in Ringgold Co, Iowa, - 1917/1918]

@ADDRESS[Julian, Montana

July 10, 1917)

@FLUSHLEFT[Dear Bro & Sis]

Will try and write a few lines this eve. How are all of you folks by this time. We are all feeling fine as a toad fly. @P{Bert} and I have been working on a cow shed - tore one down and moved it have got it about up again. Will finish it to morrow I guess.

Thinking about going to a horse sale Thurs and see if I cant get me a team of bronchs - good horses are hard to buy unless your a millionaire. Sent to Monkey Ward for a wagon. I expect it is in Whitetail now. Crops look pretty good up here but are needing a rain Bad. How do the crops look down there. I have about forgot but I suppose you are doing a little Harvesting.

Got me a farm down on the Fort Peck Indian Res. about 20 miles S.W. of Scoby - good vacant land is about as scarce as hen teeth.

Mine is most all good but is strung out in (is ?) quite a bit.

I am just about 3 or 4 miles from a railroad survey a branch out

from the Great Northern. I guess I will Beat it down there next week and build me a house. Mamie and I and the Boys were up to @P[Uncle Cals] Sun P.M. When we got about up there we met them going to church so we went to church too the firs time I had seen a preacher since we came up here. How was your strawberry patch this year. It was a most to dry for ours so It didn't amount to very much. I hired a fellow to tke us in a car to look for land. It was some nice little car ride. Went to Glasgow - seen all kinds of land. It rained on us about half the time - were gone five days.

Well I am getting sleepy I guess it must be getting about my bedtime so I will close hoping to hear from @U[Both] of you soon.  
@CLOSING{From yours truly

@P[L. W. S.]}

@UNDENT[NOTE: Lloyd and brother, Bert, moved to Montana to homestead. Lloyd's letters were written in pencil and school tablet paper. Penmanship was just average but very readable. His spelling was good but used little punctuation so some added to make letters more readable. @P{It may be noted that the last letter of this series dated Oct 18, 1918, was written just two days before he became ill of the flu epidemic of World War I and he died ten days later!}]  
@CENTER[\* \* \* \* \*]

@ADDRESS(Julian, Montana  
Jan 6, 1918)  
@FLUSHLEFT(Dear Bro and Sister,)

Rec'd your letter some time ago was glad to hear from you but didn't get around to ans very soon it takes quite a bit of writing to ans them all. We haven't heard from any one down there lately but @P[Lola] & guess she is the only one that has time to write. @P[Berts] got a letter from Ma yesterday. We haven't got a letter from her since way long in the summer. I guess she thinks we can read their letters and make one letter do for two. We went up to @P[Berts] yesterday afternoon and stayed for supper. They are all feeling fine I guess @P[nobody ever gets sick in this country though haven't any of us been off feed a day since we came up here.] @FOOT(Lloyd died in October of the flu epidimic. Note letter written in October by his brother, Bert). Have been having some nice weather lately it is pretty foggy today but not very cold. Where did you spend Christmas. I suppose ever body was out throwing lead at the cottontails. That's one thing I don't like up here. I can't shoot cotton tails. When its moonlight a fellow stands a pretty good chance a getting a Jack. I killed one the other night saw a dozen but only had one shell. Have got a full box now so just wait till it gets moonlight again.

@P[Bert] and I got our cards from our questionairs. We are both in the fourth class. Has Forest M. got married yet. Haven't heard from him since he left. What is @P[Percy] going to do run a kid wagon.

How is Gramma S. is she at home or is she stay at @P[Aunt Eva's].

Well I have sat here quite a while and can't think of anything more to write so I guess it is time to close for this time.

@CLOSING[ So goodbye  
from  
@P{L. W. S. & Co.}]

@CENTER[\* \* \* \* \*]

@ADDRESS(Julian, Montana  
March 10, 1918)

@FLUSHLEFT(Dear Bro, Sis and Neice)

Will ans your letter we recd some time ago. This writing is a job & dont like very well but I sure do like to get the answers.

Congratulations I suppose you got what you ordered nearly every Body does. Her is hoping the next will be a boy. The weather is pretty fine up here now had one snow in last three weeks and it has been real nice most of the time. It looks a little stormy to night. I believe I would just as soon winter up here as down there if I had plenty of feed for the stock. The cold hasn't bothered me a bit and there is sure lots of cheap coal in this country. We have been living in two rooms 12 X 16. and they are both pretty warm. I haved bought 2 ton of coal since the 1st of November and have got more than enough to do till the first of April.

What is @P[Uncle Charley] going to do next year. We have been looking for a letter from them for quite a while but haven't heard from them yet.

I suppose @P[Cecil] will build him a house on Sheldon Height in the Spring. There isn't much excitement going on up here, a little dancing once in a while.

We were up to @P[Berts] last night and spent the evening - didn't stay very long got home in time to do the chores this morning so we have been sleeping most of the time today. Well I guess I will quit and go to bed. As ever @P[L W Spencer.]

[Footnote written upside down at start of letter, "How is the folks have been look for a letter from Pa for 2 months."]

@ADDRESS{March 12, 1918}

Well I thought I would write a little more before I went to the P. O. We are looking for Forrest back about the first of April. He wrote and said he would be a married man when he got back so I suppose we will be traveling toward the homestead about that time.

How is wages down there this summer some of the single men have hired out for \$75 a month. I think I work out most of the time and let Mamie and the Boys hold the claim down.

Well I quess I will close.

@CLOSING[ans soon if not sooner

@P{L. W. S.}

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@ADDRESS(Scobey, Montana

May 26, 1918)

@FLUSHLEFT(Dear Bro, Sis & Family,)

Will try and scratch around over this paper awhile and see if you can make it out. It more than likely give you something to do for a few days. Rec'd your daughters picture the other day - it is sure some dandy looking kid favors both of you some I guess.

How are you folks getting along at the present writing. We are all feeling fine and dandy.

How are the folks. I wrote Pa last winter but haven't heard from him yet. I suppose you have all your corn planted by this time and digging into it about ever day to find out how much you are going to have to plant over. Haven't had any rain to speak of for quite a while but it has been trying to rain for about a week been pretty cold lately wheat and oats look fine I guess cool weather is what they need. A fellow still needs his sheepskin coat if he is going to be out after night.

I planted some potatoes about two months ago but can't find any coming up yet. I planted them in a furrow when I was breaking the sod and I guess it is going to take them all summer to get through. Had some bad luck since we came down here the cow I bought of Bert last spring died. Don't know what was the matter with her. I guess she didn't like the location and so we don't sell much cream and butter. All we have to to milk now is a yearling Holstein steer.

It is sure tough when a fellow loses every darn cow he has got. Have got a dandy mare colt. It just about keeps me busy keeping my horses at home. Haven't got any fence yet.

Horses sure do fine up here. Mine had ought to they have about 1000 acres to sum over. Some times I find them about 3 miles away. The grass is sure growing fine up here. There is lots of vacant land around me but it isn't much good only for pasture.

There is some good land not very far south that a fellow can contest and get. It is 7 dollar land. Several new families have moved in this spring.

I don't think I will have to go to war for a while yet any way. There has been several went from around here lately. There is three Germans live about half a mile from us that it would hurt me much to see go.

Well news is pretty scarce up here so will close hoping to hear from you soon.

@CLOSING{I remain as ever

@P[Lloyd S.]}

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@APPENDIXSECTION{Letters to ILAH [SPENCER] & MARK ELLIOTT from her Sister-in-law, MAMIE [Mrs. Lloyd] SPENCER - May 1918}

@ADDRESS(Scobey, Montana

May 27, 1918)

@FLUSHLEFT(Dear Sister & Bro;)

@P[Haldon] can't wait any longer for me to write and ask you about his cat. Is it still alive? He wanted to know if I didn't think you could send it to him, ha. ha. We don't have a cat now & they are crazy for one.

This is going to be a nice day after all I guess. It was awful cloudy when we just got up but the clouds have all rolled away & the sun is shining bright. Our garden is all made. Peas are up quite a way but the chickens eat everything else that dares to seep through the ground.

I do not have any chicks and don't think I'll raise any this yr. Our hens are not laying now - guess we don't feed them enough. @P[Lloyd] intends to go to Scobey some time this wk to get lumber to build a barn. He dug a cellar a couple of wks ago but haven't got the house moved over it yet.

We got the babys pictures. She sure is a fine "little lady". Looks real healthy. I think she favors you rather than @P[Mark].

I see my neighbor has put out a big washing, look awful white from here. I like her fine. She lives 1/2 mi. and seems to be a fine woman. I haven't met very many of the neighbors yet. Everyone is busy so don't visit much. I like it O.K. down here. There are a few more hills down here than up where @P[Berts] live.

We are about 2 1/2 mi from West Branch of Popular River & @P[Lloyd] thinks he will go & get some posts for fence along the river.

We are about 40 mi north of Wolf Point. They are trying to get a Post Office out here & have the mail brought from Wolf Point as that is the main line & the mail would come more direct. I hope they do as we only get our mail once a week now.

We have a fine little colt but lost our cow about a Mo ago. @P[Lloyd] was up to @P[Berts] 23 days. We got awfull lonesome & were sure a happy bunch when he got home again. I don't have much to do so get awful lonesome when @P[Lloyd] is gone. @P[Chas] is always out with the other boys so the house is pretty quiet when they are playing out doors.

@P[Haldon] talks a good bit about the things he & @P[Arzell] used to do. He remembers most everything. He is always telling me he wishes @P[Avis] was here to wash him & comb his hair, says she isn't as rough as I am. ha. ha.  
@newpage

I must finish my work. Tell your folks we are not dead & wood enjoy getting a letter from them once in a while.

Answer soon as it takes so long to get a letter from you now.

@CLOSING(I remain as ever  
@P[Mamie S.]

@UNIDENT{NOTE: This letter was written to Mark and Ilah (Spencer) Elliott - a happier moment of their lives - Lloyd Spencer was to die six months later and the fine healthy "little lady", two years later. Mamie passed away in Aug 1983, having remarried. This letter, with @U[excellent] penmanship in pencil on cheap lined tablet paper, would indicate @P[Mamie] was quite a lady.}

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@APPENDIXSECTION[Letter From LLOYD W. SPENCER to all members of his family in Ringgold Co, Iowa, - 1918]

@ADDRESS(Scobey, Montana  
August 4, 1918)

@FLUSHLEFT(Dear folks at home,)

Will write a few lines this eve. This is Sunday and a hot one to looks like it was going to rain. What are you doing down there. I have been putting up a little hay hauled it over to Shipstead and sold it. We had lots of rain here week before last that will do the late crops lots of good. I thought I would get some breaking done before it dried out but it has been so hot since I hated to work the horses. My little colt has been sick to day. I don't know what is the matter with it. It had a spell once before it seems to be feeling a little better now.

A few are commencing to cut their wheat. Claude wrote to @P[Berts] and said you folks and Ras Rush were coming out her this summer - have been looking every day to see you show up but no body in sight yet.

I suppose it will turn out to be all a fake. We were up to @P[Berts] the 11th of July and stayed till the 15th. We all went up to @P[Uncle Cals] on Sunday for dinner. Berts crop looked pretty good but it was so dry it will be pretty short. Merle is in St. Paul - he is conductor on a street car.

How is @P[Marks] corn. We got a letter from them a few days ago and he said the corn on his bottom was the biggest he ever seen it. Tell him he had better trim it off a little - thats the way I do the corn on my toe when it gets to hurting to much. That is sure some place to have a corn - he must not have much to do if he has set around that much. (Ha Ha)

Well there isn't much news in this country so I guess I will have to close. Hoping you will ans this letter. We are all well at the present writing and hope you are the same.

@CLOSING(With love from

@P[L. W. S.]

@UNDENT[

NOTE: This letter was written by Lloyd Whitley SPENCER. Mark referred to was his brother-in-law, Mark ELLIOTT. "Uncle Cal" was James Calaway SPENCER. Bert, of course, was his brother with the following sad letter written by him only two months later. People from southern Iowa referred to the floodplain as the 'bottom' - probably terminology brought from Kentucky.]

@CENTER[\* \* \* \* \*]

@ADDRESS[Julian, Mont  
Oct 18 - 18]

@FLUSHLEFT[Dear Sis & Bro.]

Will try and write a few lines to day - was glad to hear from you and sorry to hear about @P[Avis]. Hope she is all right by this time. Who were the Boys and what did they do to them for running so fast.

I have been trying to go down to the Homestead but the weather has been so threatening I hated to start out but it just seems to threaten and do nothing so I suppose when I do go it will storm to beat the Band.

Has anybody got the end flew - endways down there. There is quite a bit of it up here. Several people have died in Scobey and a few in the country but not many. They have closed all public places all over the state.

I suppose ever body is shucking corn down there now. How is the corn. The way Floyd Mann talked the corn wouldn't amount to very much but I suppose there is some good feilds anyway. I didn't get any breaking done on my place. I am thinking some of renting a place that is already broke up. @P{Clarence} didn't show up. Haven't heard from him for quite a while.

How is Ma and Pa. I wish they had come on out here. There war sure a sore bunch up here when we got @P[Sayde's] card. We have been looking for a letter from @P[Lola] for quite a while but I expect she is pretty busy. We heard @P[Cecil's] went to Cumberland. did they move there or just go on a visit.

Well I guess my bobbin has about run out so will have to close. We are all well at the present writing except Mamie has a cold. Hoping this finds you all well I am as ever Your Bro

@CLOSING[@P{L. W.}]



@UNDENT<

@P[NOTE: Lloyd became ill with the flu two days after writing this letter and died on October 28, eight days after becoming ill.]>

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@APPENDIXSECTION[Letter from BERT SPENCER to Family in Iowa, Telling of Death of His Brother, LLOYD, - 1918]

@ADDRESS(Julian, Montana

Oct 31 - 18)

@FLUSHLEFT(This letter is to all. Dear folks at home.)

Well I am going to write & try to tell you about Loyds sickness. Loyds were living 4 1/2 miles from our place. On the evening of the 20th one of our neighbors come over & told us Loyds were all sick & that Loyd said he would like to have some coal. I done my chores then it was dark. So I got on a saddle horse & went over.

Mamie had had the flu but was up & around. She had a light attack but Loyd & the kids were in Bed. Loyd was working all the time he came home on the evening of the 17th; was planning on going down to his claim the next morning after a calve he had there & dig his potatoes. But in the morning he had an awful headache so he didnt go so when I was over on the eving of the 20th, I found out what they needed in the way of Groces & fuel & took it over on the evening of the 22nd (Tues). They all seem to be geting a long all right. Loyd had been up a time or two that day but he was awful weak so he layed on the bed most of the time But was eating a little & said he was glad the worst of it was over & thot he would be all right in a day or two. He had been taking salts & his bowels had been moving good. Then I went back on the evening of the 25th (Fri). Then he was delerious & had been by spells since the evening of the 24th (Thurs) with a high fever. I could talk to him then tho all right. Mamie had sent one of the neighbors in a @P[car] for Dr. the morning of the 25th But this country is full of sickness and it was pretty near impossible to get a hold of a Dr. ever Dr. & nurse have been working night and day for about 6 weeks so the man Mamie sent couldn't find the Dr. but left word where he knew he would get it for him to come soon as he got back. Mamie sent for Dr Healy at Flaxvill 14 Mi. away. He is considered a good Dr & the best in the country. They look for him all day Fri & all night Fri. expected him to come any minute. So Sat. morning I couldn't stand it to wait any longer so I started another @P[car] to Scobey 18 miles for another Dr. We chased the Dr. all day and finaly run him down, but couldn't get him. So Sat. night I sent for Dr. Ogden, got him early Sunday Morn. He told us Loyd had @P[pneumonia]. He left three kinds of medicine for him & told us to put hot salt applications on him changing them every 3/4 hr. I sure did Put them on hot, not only hot but red hot. I didnt shut my eyes or leave him a minnint from Fri evening untill the last came at (9:00 or 0:00) Sun night. Dr Healy came at 3 P M Sun. He changed the Medicine & put on flax seed poultices. He said if Loyds heart held out untill morning and he could still swallow, that the poultices would loosen his lungs then he would

give him some cough syrup clean his lungs. But he was to late. We didnt have much faith in Dr. Ogden. Poor boy how he did suffer and how he would of hated to of gone and left his family if he had of realized he had to go.

He was delierous the most of the time. There was only once that I thot he realized he had to go & only for a minute then & he didn't say a word, so I know he didnt have any mental troubles. He just slowly slipped away. Poor old mother how I do wish she could lean on my shoulders as they are broad. And our good old Dad I knew he planned all summer on coming to Mont. & seeing the boys & how they were geting along & being with them in their own homes. & Then got knocked out of it. Then see what has happened. It sure is awful. Loyd never mentioned any of folks only once he said he believed he would write to @P[Clarence] if he knew his address. I said why did you have something you wanted to tell him. I'd have him come down I would like to see him. It has been a long time since we were all together - if Clarence could have come home when we were home last, we could of all been together once more. But now we cant. My how it does hurt me to think I might have been the cause of him coming out here, and to have it turn out this way. But I am sure Loyd was going to do all right, & if I was ever able I was going to see to it that He did do all right.

Maymie & the kids are doing all right now. I will bring them over to our place as soon as they are able to be out in about a couple of days. Loyd sure was a different looking man when he took sick than he was when he landed in Mont. His face had fleshed up & he had a good healthy look. The catawah he had had left him entirely, in fact he was twice as strong, he could get out & do a days work with any Body. If he hadent of took sick just this time when there was so many others sick & the Dr. so busy, we think we could of saved him if we could of got medical aid in time altho there is lots of deaths in the army camps where they have the very best Drs. We had short out side services at the house. Mayme & the kids couldnt come out. We left the door open so Mayme could hear, then there was five cars went with us to the depot. All public places in the county are closed & all public gatherings are prohibited, We didnt know we had such good neighbors untill they had a chance to show us. Carroll Spurier & his wife & Art Jones certainly are loyal. You must all give Carroll a word or two of praise. I did hate it because there was no relative to go down with him. Of course there was no one but Call or myself & neither of us had had the influenza. I had been with Loyd all the time & I was afraid to start for fear I might take it & have to be taken off of the train before I got there. @P[Ruby] would of worried about me so & she was about sick anyway & would have been scared to death for fear her or @P[Caryl] would take it before I could get back. But we are all feeling good now & I dont think we are going to take it at all. & some one had to be here to look after Mayme and the boys. Mrs. Ludington is staying with them now. Carroll offered us his services & we knew he could be depended on. We sure was glad he did.

Poor Mayme I feel so sorry for her but she sure has been a brave

girl. Now I want you to all write to us & tell us all about every thing and every body. How is @P[Avis] she wrote us several letters & I never Ans. them. Ive been so carless about writing But we will send some of you a card at least now every chance we get. We sent @P[Clarence] a message - did he come or did you get any word from him.

@CLOSING(Will close with Best wishes  
to all

@P[Bert.]

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NOTE: Handwriting of both Uncle Lloyd and Uncle Bert are very similar - not fancy but very easily read. When they were growing up, not a high percent went to high school. I believe that only their three younger sisters had this privilege.

Whether this was due to the start of a change in times or because the parents had moved into Mt Ayr and they had a greater opportunity, Aunt Sayde probably can give the answer.}

@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter from GOLDIA [SPENCER] SHEUMAKER  
To Ethel BOYLES - 1 June 1919)

@ADDRESS{Sun. June 1st, 1919  
Alkali, Mont.}

@FLUSHLEFT{Dear Ethel,}

Well the excitement of graduation has died down now I suppose and you are at home resting. I know it has been a great event to you, to say nothing of hard work. I would sure liked to have been there to see you receive your diploma. I always enjoyed attending graduation exercises so much, but we are so far from town it seems we never get to attend anything of the kind out here.

Write me all about your dress, oration, receptions, etc. I would sure enjoy hearing about everything, I read in the record News about the play. Was it given in the H. S. auditorium. Also saw that Mabel has to miss some on account of tonsillitis. I'll bet she hated to miss for it would be at the time they would be reviewing and @U{cramming} (?) for finals.

Have you a school for next year yet? We want you to remember you are to come out to see us whenever you get to making money of your own, and bring your mother along.--Provided we are still living out here. I tell Roy I won't stay another year if we have a crop failure this year, but I expect I will if he does. Ha.

We received the Easter cards your mother sent the children, they sure thot they were great. They love little chickens so much, they have just been out watching and playing with the tiny ones. They are very careful with them, have never hurt any yet. They (page missing).

@UNDENT<NOTE: This compiler remembers Ethel Boyles with much fondness. He delivered fuel oil (kerosene) to my folks when I was a small boy. He talked to me and gave me much encouragement to go to college. Once he gave me a nickel. Several years later,

on Decoration Days, Mother never passed his grave without leaving flowers. I approved as I was very glad he had passed my way!>

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@APPENDIXSECTION[MEMORIES Of HOMESTEADING  
By Bernice Sheumaker Abarr]

My parents, Roy and Goldia Spencer Sheumaker, homesteaded in the flat plains of northeast Montana, up near the Milk River. They filed claims on 320 acres of land in Phillips County between the towns of Dodson and Malta in 1914, going out in the spring immediately after they were married. Dad's brother, Charlie, went with them and also took a homestead. Their brother, Artie, his wife, Jennie and sons Earl and Vern had gone out from Iowa two years earlier and having a good crop year or so, and having raised some wheat, encouraged the brothers to follow them. They loaded their household goods and machinery and some livestock into a railroad car and headed west, as so many middle-westerners were doing during those years.

Mother had been a country school teacher in Iowa. She taught in Montana several terms until I showed up. Homesteaders lived something like a mile apart on the average and about four families provided all the children in our school. Our three-room shack was one of the more elegant in the area because we had a stained-glass section in the upper part of our front window. We were also distinguished by having a piano in our home, my mother having insisted on bringing hers with her. I know that in the first few years, neighbors enjoyed coming over to the folks home and singing. But by the time I was old enough to notice, she had precious little time for playing.

This was open range country for the most part. It was named Phillips County for a Mr. Phillips who had been a big sheep raiser and still in my day had many flocks out, with sheep-herders to watch over them in their covered wagons, I remember the dirty, smelly old fellows and their half dozen big sheep dogs and my parents would sometimes jokingly tell one of us that he was as dirty as a sheep-herder. Before the day of radio or jeep it was a very lonely job. Down back of our house about one-quarter of the mile was a small man-made lake. A dirt dam had been made in my infancy by farmers and workers with horses. I remember a few times when a flock was driven down to it to be watered. We children would stand close to the house watching the lambs and their mothers run by. No homesteader raised sheep, so they were unfamiliar to us. Sometimes one of the neighbors would dine on lamb, but it was always a straggler, lost, or in other words, snared from one of the big flocks. This seemed to be a more or less accepted practice.

The landscape was delightful to my childish eyes, as any country is to the native. There was a great long view with low mountains in the tufts of grass were sparse, though I suppose they furnished pasturage rather plentifully in spring and early summer. There was a great deal of sage brush, many wild flowers,

and a great deal of cactus. I loved the little yellow Johnny-jump-ups, and an occasional rare bloodroot. When I came to Iowa as an eight-year-old, I was amazed to see blue violets just like my familiar Johnny-jump-ups. I was most amazed also by the strange fact that the grass covered @U(all) of the ground.

Near our shack I remember the little "blowouts" that were small low spots in the ground that would hold puddles of wash water when my mother threw it out. We children loved to slip and slide around in the mud. There was lots of alkali in the soil, which didn't signify anything to us children. In summer there constant herdes of mosquitoes to bite us, and that made my mother very frustated to see us always with bites covering our legs and arms. Oh, how we did scratch them. There was some sand blowing every day and that helped a little to keep them from settling on us by the hundreds.

The only trees were the cottonwoods and willows growing in the low spots and I can remember only the willows near our home down by the lake. Of course, that was forbidden territory, for mother considered the water a great hazard for us. Dad could swim but she could not and we did not learn either. In winter a few times they cut and stored ice in sawdust in a sod house and that was exciting.

Winters were pleasant enough for me but they must have been horribly hard for my dad. I know his feet got frostbitten. He went on long trips up to the Blackfoot Reservation for wagon loads of coal, and any time that he was outdoors, although he always called it a "dry" cold, the wind cut like knives.

I can remember the far-away howl of the coyotes and I always wanted to see them up close. Our old black and white border collie, Boots, would wiggle his eyebrows in his sleep and growl. He was our very best friend, protector and companion and, if we wandered into the wheat field in the summer, his waving plume was mother's flag to locate us by. This was horse country, too, of course. Every farmer had eight to ten horses and several riding horses. We had two bay riding mares and my dad loved them. One spring when I was six, he had remarked to mother that I was about old enough to bring in the cows. Smart as Boots was, I suppose he couldn't do it alone. So one afternoon, when Dad was plowing, mother put me on old Betsy and set me off to bring in the cows. But I was very tiny and inexperienced! Betsy galloped past the cows as I were a grasshopper, pulling on her reins and made for the farther range where the other horses were grazing. I was completely helpless and getting more and more frightened, barely able to hang on. Thank goodness, just as we reached the herd, another galloping horse came up behind me, and there was Dad on old Winnie to pull me to safety. This was country that was dotted with prairie dog holes, occasionally larger holes, and it was not unheard of for a horse to step into one, break a leg and throw a rider.

The little prairie dog towns were fascinating to us. We decided the dogs were mighty smart for they could disappear into their

holes quicker than I could blink. There was always a lookout doing guard duty and he never slept at his post. We saw lizards and a few snakes and admired their interesting skins.

We began school in a typical one-room country schoolhouse. My first teacher was a young woman of minimal training. But I was eager to read and learned readily. The State of Montana furnished school books and materials more liberally than was then true of Iowa. This, I understand, was because of income to the state from mining.

I had a classmate named Lundstrom of Norwegian ancestry. Another family of children were named Weist who were of Dutch ancestry from Pennsylvania. My sister Frances started to school two years after I did. Roy, Jr., Clinton, Eunice and Elizabeth were too young to go to school when we moved to Iowa in 1924.

In the fall of 1923, with five children, Mother was driven by finances to teaching again. She obtained a young hired girl and then became my teacher. She was strict and fair minded and, I'm sure, superior to all my previous teachers. A poor crop year and the need for \$100 a month salary were what made her attempt it. But another pregnancy caused her to resign that winter. A new teacher came and she boarded at our house. She became ill after about two months and it proved to be smallpox. The doctor vaccinated us all but it didn't take on my dad, who was very ill. In the early spring when we had all gotten back to normal, we spent a day outdoors and fumigated the house. That was a picnic.

Mother had been ready to leave Montana for several years. That fall my dad agreed. Her parents had moved from their farm to Mount Ayr and were out of a renter and they offered to rent the home farm to us. Mother brought us six little ones on the train. We changed trains in St. Paul and it must have been quite a job for her. Dad brought the household goods, the dog who was most important to us children, and a dozen head of western work horses in the box car with the intent to sell most of the horses at a profit, which I presume he was able to do.

In Montana Dad raised purebred Shorthorn cattle. At one time he bought a registered bull from one of his former Iowa neighbors, Stuart Hoover, and had him crated and shipped to Montana. In spite of all the hard work, he and many other homesteaders could not make their dreams come true, and, in debt and discouraged, moved out.

The people were a rough and friendly lot and life was very simple with few luxuries. But there was something about it that many of them came to love. Our dear bachelor, Uncle Charlie, refused to come back to Iowa. But in the passing years, his loneliness drove him to alcohol. Uncle Artie's wife became withdrawn and anti-social.

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter to MARK & ILAH [SPENCER] ELLIOTT From Her

Aunt, MYRTLE [SPENCER] CUMPSTON - 1920)  
@ADDRESS(Whiteley, Pa.  
Sept. 21@U[st], 1920.)

@FLUSHLEFT(Dear Niece & Husband;)

As I opened the Record News to-day my attention first fell on the death notice of your little @P(Doris). I could only drop tears of sympathy for you altho I never seen the little darling only in her picture it made my heart sad to think such a bright child would have to be taken so soon. Why - We know not, - nor is it in our power to stay the hand that takes them from us. We can only hope to live so as to meet them again. I seen by the last paper your children had whooping cough but never thought of anything so serious. I got a letter from @P(Orin) but he never said any thing about it. But I suppose he thought I had seen it in the papers. But I never get my paper for a week or ten days.

We are all pretty well what is here. Only me and three youngest ones. @P(Denny & Eldred) are in W. Va. and @P(Vesta) is helping a neighbor lady for a while. We are having it pretty warm and dry now. But we have had an awful wet cold summer. My garden didn't do much good. The blight got the tomators that I got to can 8 qts. And Lima beans and nearly all kinds of beans just rotted before they matured. I think we will have a good many potatoes. I haven't dug them yet only as I use them and they seem plentiful. I have canned 47 qts. of peaches. Want a few more and 23 qts of pears. will have 2 1/2 or 3 bu more of pears, and I put up 40 qt of blackberries. But I'm not getting the garden stuff put away I usually do.

Well I guess this will be all.

Hoping little @P(Zoe) gets along alright and this finds you and Mark well. I close -

@CLOSING(With Love & Sympathy  
To My  
Dear Niece,

@P{Aunt Myrtle})

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NOTE: This letter was written to Ilah & Mark Elliott by their aunt, @B(Myrtle Olive [SPENCER] CUMPSTON). Her husband was Dennis W. and she was 41 years old at the time. Her handwriting was excellent. Orin Spencer is her brother.}

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Note to ILAH [SPENCER] ELLIOTT from Her Sister, Avis SPENCER - 1920)

@CENTER[NATIONAL LIFE ASSOCIATION

Des Moines, Iowa  
Postmarked Nov 26, 1920]

@FLUSHLEFT[ Dear Ilah,]

Just a few lines to thank you for the chicken and other things you sent. We got them in time for Thanksgiving dinner and the chicken sure tasted good --

We still have enough left for supper tonight --

I suppose @P[Lola] has told you about @P[Sayde] as I wrote her a letter a few days ago. She couldn't be at home but I took some of the chicken over to her. We went over to see her again last night and she said she was feeling better. The Dr just said she had hemorrhoids and that she couldn't treat her self and wanted her to go there and stay until Sunday. But @P[Sayde] said they hadn't given her any treatments yet only shot some stuff into her arm. I suppose he will let her come home Sunday though.

Nell O. has been going with a fellow - she says he is 35 but he looks 45 to me. I guess he must have lots of money. Anyway yesterday afternoon Nell called and said they were going to take some flowers over there to @P[Sayde] and would take us to. I never saw such a gorgeous bunch of flowers in my life. A dozen of those big chrysanthemums and another big bunch of smaller flowers. They nearly filled the room. He took her room number and said he would send out a barrel of magazines and some candy.

As we came home he stopped and got @P[Marie] and I a big box of candy. I suppose he thought he was making some poor little waifs terribly happy - Ha -

Well it is 1:00 o'clock so I must get busy. Have lots to do today will write more later.

@CLOSING[Lovingly

@P{Avis}]

@UNIDENT{NOTE: Aunt Avis was 22 and Aunt Sayde was 20 at this time. Lola, mentioned, was their oldest sister and Marie was Marie Moore, a friend from Mt Ayr that encouraged Avis to move to Des Moines. Letter was written in pencil on letterhead stationary of National Life Association, Des Moines, Iowa. Avis' handwriting was very good - wrote very large and with a flourish.}

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Note to ILAH [SPENCER] ELLIOTT From Her Sister, Sayde SPENCER - 1921)

A most unique way of passing along a message and by-passing the postal system was found by @P(Sayde [SPENCER] PHILLIPS) - then Sayde SPENCER. Working in a clearing bank in Des Moines, she noted a cancelled check going through of her brother in-law, @P(Mark ELLIOTT). On a narrow pink piece of notepaper marked @B("CHARGE"), she scribbled the following note and pinned it to check with an ordinary straight pin. [Check was dated @B[April 20, 1921], and to H.A. Childs, M.D., for services for Doris who had died the previous August at the age of nearly three.]



@FLUSHLEFT(@I[Hello Sis,])

@I[I guess this is my best chance to write u. I haven't written to any one of you for so long but I don't have a minutes peace at home & of course don't have much time here. We got the pictures. @B(Zoe sure has grown. She is prettier than she was.) We agreed on them nicely. I wanted the one with the dog & @B(Avis) the other.

May be home next mo. I will take my vacation, a week in Aug or Sept.

So get ready.

@CLOSING(Love

@B{Sayde})

@FLUSHLEFT{Just got paid

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter to ILAH [SPENCER] ELLIOTT From Her Sister, SAYDE [SPENCER] PHILLIPS - 1924)

@ADDRESS[(Postmarked Des Moines, Iowa

July 16, 1924)

Sunday]

@FLUSHLEFT(Mrs. Mark Elliott

Mount Ayr, Iowa

Dear Sister & Family)

I haven't been able to write you on a/c of having no paper - couldn't remember to get any. I made a mistake tonite & got hold of some of @P(Phil's Mother's) but she will never know the difference any way.

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How are you all down there? Haven't heard from any of the folks but @P(aunt Sadie & Arzell), But I guess that is all I can expect.

We are getting along just fine. I like it out here just fine. I believe I would rather live with Mrs. Phillips & work downtown than stay home & do housework. She does all my washing and ironing etc. so that is pretty nice. I have had to do it for myself for so long.

This summer, so far, has been an ideal day for working in the Bk but don't suppose it has been so ideal for you has it? Sure has been funny weather. We have been trying to get some pictures but haven't had much luck yet. Took a roll yesterday & not one was good enough to develop. Guess the sun wasn't bright enough. Some we took some time ago were not so bad & we'll send some of them if we can't get any better ones.

Haven't seen @B(Avis) for some time. Tried twice tonite to call her but suppose she isn't home. I am going over one night this wk & we are going to make @B(Mommies) curtains.

Phil is out picking cherries. We have had quite a few. I heard the folks had quite a crop of Strawberries? @B(Arzell) said she was quite stuck on the job. @B(Phil) read her letter & he thot @P(she was quite witty.)

Have any of you heard from the boys? I sent them announcements but of course they don't have my address. How is @B(Mark, Zoe & the Twins?) Suppose I won't know the @P(twins) when I see them again.

Will close as I haven't the heart to use any more paper. Ans.  
@CLOSING(love

@P[Sayde])

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter to ILAH [SPENCER] ELLIOTT From Her Sister, AVIS SPENCER - 1925)

@ADDRESS(Des Moines, Iowa  
Sunday [postmarked 20 Sept 1925])

@FLUSHLEFT(Dear Ilah,)

Received your letter the other day also got one from @P[Lola] - I guess you both took the notion at the same time. @P[Sayde] was over for an hour or so this morning. I was so sorry we couldn't go down there today. Seemed like we had all our plans made and it was almost impossible to get away. We could have only come for the day and @P[Sayde] hardly felt like she could make the trip in one day. @P[Bill] came out our last night all set to go to Minn. but I felt like that will have to be called off. Our plans are now to stay in DM until after @P[Clarence & Alma] go through here and then @P[Sayde] is going down home on the train posibly Fri morning. Then @P[Bill] and I will drive down Sat - also @P[Phil]. I thought @P[Bill] and I would be at the folks Sat - then after supper Sat night, we might drive out to your place Sunday. We will probably come back Sun. eve or Monday as @P[Bill] has to be on the job Mon. It will be a rather short stay but I expect to be down later for a longer time after we get our apartment fixed up.

The girls at the office had a luncheon for me Sat. Marie & Rhoda gave a lovely reading Lamp, and the other girls gave me linen lunch cloth napkins. It is so pretty. Friday night at the office I sure went through a terrible ordeal - all congregated at a quarter of five. They presented me with a beautiful picture. One I have always wanted. It is quite large about 18 X 35. The fellow that did the presenting pulled a lot of sob stuff, until he got every one all weepy. Everyone said I was the only calm one in the bunch but I sure felt far from composed.

We are going to be @P[married] Tues. afternoon at the Central Christian Church. My dress is dark blue & tan. You will see it later. We are going to live in the Winona Apt. Think I will like it fine but we can't get the apt until Oct 1st. Guess we

will buy our furniture next week. Bill's unmarried sister called me Fri to lunch with her. She is real nice - I imagine about 35 yrs old.

I wish I had something to send you & maybe I will find something when I get started to packing. I have been sending all my old clothes to @P[Arzelle] until I don't have much on hands---. You will have to pass this letter around & let the folks know our plans as I won't get to write to every one. @P[Lola] asked what size my pillow cases are. Tell her they are 42 in. I am going to quit for today.

@CLOSING(Will see You Soon -

@P{Avis})

@FLUSHLEFT(I am having something put in the paper here if you want to fix something up for the Record News you can.

On the back of a @B[BRIDGE SCORING] sheet the following was written;)

@CENTER{@B[SPENCER - COWAN]}

The marriage of @P[Miss Avis Spencer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Spencer] of Mt. Ayr and @P[Mr Wm L. Cowan, son of Mr. Robt. Cowan] of this city occurred Sept 22.

The ceremony was performed in the Central Christian Church with Dr. W. A. Shullenberger officiating.

After Oct 1st Mr. & Mrs. Cowan will be at home in the Winona Apts.

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter to ILAH [SPENCER] ELLIOTT & Family from Her Bro, CLARENCE SPENCER)

@ADDRESS[Guernsey, Sk  
Ap. 6th 1930]

@FLUSHLEFT[Dear Sister & Family,]

Received your letter some time ago. Was glad to get It. Shld have answered It sooner but seems like hard to get started. Have had very nice weather the Last week. Most of snow is gone Except where the Large drifts was - have Just started to running the cars the last 2 or 3 days. Bunch of men trying them out today don't think they are venturing very far though. Will be starting to seed In a few days If It keeps up this way a few more days - see they have started already in Quite a few places where the snow left sooner. I have sold all the roosters except one that I could spare very well. Have sold Quite a few settings of Eggs. Shipped one yesterday and 2 more for Monday or Tuesday. That will finish up what orders I have In Hand now expect to set the Incubator In a few days expect to set It with Eggs I ordered 100 from New Jersey. I have them on Hand now - came the 2nd. I told them to ship on April 1st. The Beggars sent them Mar 27th and sent

order to North Carolina and Both of them to be shipped April 1st.

Now the way them guys Done In N J is going to Make them arrive about 1 week apart. Not so good but maybe It will be alright - but If they would have none as told to they would have not been More than 1 Day apart at most. I wrote @P[Uncle Orin] about his chickens - seen he won some prizes at Mt Ayr In the Show there. Wanted a few particulars about them If they was good enough would have ordered some eggs from him but the Bum never answered my Letter so that Lets him out as far as I was concerned. Maybe he thought they was not good enough. @P[Aunt Julia] has them advertised In the paper for 75c per setting. I get 3.50 per single for mine or \$6.00 for 2 - and the ones I ordered were \$15 and \$24 per Hundred. Maybe I can get a few good ones out of that bunch If I have good luck hatching them. At Present I have only 35 Hens and Pullets. Thats about enough anyway have getting 22 to 29 Eggs a day from them for Quite a while now. They started Laying on Jan 19th but I guess need a Little Better Henhouse to get them Laying Earlier. At present have only one Layer of shiplap and 2 Layers Tar paper - but some of the Roosters frosted their combs a Little and I don't like that when you want to sell them or show them - but think I will line them on Inside this fall and they will be alright. That 52 below stuff is hard to get by - but the ones I have been showing got by OK through the cold Weather - have had very good Luck at the shows this spring;

@VERBATIM{Yorkton Winter Fair and Poultry Show

1st - 3rd Cockerel  
1st - 2nd Hen  
1st - 2nd - 3rd Pullet

Saskatoon

1st Cockerel  
1 - 2 - 3rd Hen  
1 - 2 - 3rd Pullet}

Regina - 2nd cockerel 1st sales cockerel 1 - 2nd Pullet - 3rd & 5th Hen 1 -2nd In Laying Class and 2 - Special Ribbons for Best color Female and Best Type Female. I may take a few more shows next winter - Saskatoon and Regina were Provincial Shows or Fairs. You would call them (State) down there. Yorktom was all Poultry but other Two were Livestock and Poultry Both. May send some to Alberta and Manitoba Provincial Fairs next Winter and try and bump some of those guys there If I have good Luck.

@P[Percys] had bit Luck - see he is going to have a sale or has already had it. What does he intend doing - I get all the News In the paper -have been taking it for several years bit of course theres Lots of local stuff that's not In It.

I wonder where that Chain Letter Went to some one must have ditched It - have looking for that for Couple months. That Bird (referring to brother Bert) in Montana is the Berries usually takes about 6 weeks to get out of there. Its about 2 days mail distance away but usually arrives here about 3 weeks after he dates It. You cant fake the Post Mark on them Very Well. How is the folks getting along and what does Pa do to keep him busy - don't get any Letters from them anymore. I wrote them just before Xmas but no Reply so far. I had that Country Guide sent

to @P[Lola] too I reckon she Is getting It alright. Thought you and Lola's might Like It some things will be Interesting I suppose and other Quite out of date - but will give you a general Idea about some things they pull off up here - and some things they have plenty up here too you won't find advertised In the Farm Papers though. Its a very good advertising Paper though. I didn't advertise anything Except the Roosters - that and the shows have been all that I have needed for What eggs I have been able to furnish so far. @P[Floy] and @P[Russell] are both away - have been away since Last August. @P[Floy] thought she would sooner be a Telephone operator than anything else seems to be making It alright so far. @P[Russell] is at North Battleford - working for a Transfer Company.

If nothing happens expect to be down there probably during the Month of July. Not sure as to Time Just now and Most Likely a Week will be the Limit but will stretch It out a few days If possible for the CPR to agree to that arrangement but Its almost an Impossibility at that time of the year though. Well I guess had better Close for this Time.

@CLOSING[With Love,

@P{Clarence}]

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter to ILAH [SPENCER] ELLIOTT from CAROL [SPENCER] DAVIES, Dau of BERT & RUBY)

@ADDRESS(Mrs. Wm. Davies  
Brooking, Sask., Canada  
Sept 15, - 35)

@FLUSHLEFT(Dear Aunt Ilah & Family;)

Don't die from shock, was honestly intending to get this written right after we came up this spring but one thing after another. It seems when all else is done I've always a pile of "holey" sox staring me in the face. Tonite I was lucky enough to find @U(him) a pr all in one piece or quite likely I wouldn't be writing this even now. Are your "men" so hard on their sox? Maybe you don't mind mending them like I do.

How were your crops & garden. We had a wonderful crop "coming up" and then the rust came & ruined it. One might as well say its a complete failure. Last year it dried out. I'm so sleepy I can hardly keep my eyes open.

@P(Marilyn) is going all over, not walking alone of course. She shoves a chair ahead of her & horrors! I was upstairs today. I could hear her patting the stairs & I looked down & she was half way up. I nearly died before I got down to her. She looked up at me & giggled & waved her arm around in the air & I expected her to go over any minute. She has five teeth. Aside from that & of course being lots bigger she hasn't changed much

from the picture.

How is @P(Aunt Avis)? I haven't heard anything from any one down there. I haven't seen the folks since the fore part of July. They were up for a week then. How are the kiddies? I wish we could come down and see all of you. We haven't a car and can't even go see the folks & right now I'm homesick. There's a fellow from Scobey up here & he came over to see if we wanted to go back with him & we can't. @U(I) can't even go, makes me sick. He's going back in the morning, "Baloney".

I'm going to say sweet dreams & hit the "hay". Hope you like the babys & moms pictures. Write if you can.

@CLOSING(Love --- @P[Carol])

@UNIDENT<

NOTE: The above is written by @P(BERT and RUBY [BAKER] SPENCER's) only child, @P[CAROL], at the age of 25.>

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@APPENDIXSECTION{Letter from ILAH [SPENCER] ELLIOTT to Her Daughter, ZOE NICHOLS - January 1941}

@ADDRESS[Tues. evening  
(Postmarked Mt Ayr, Iowa,  
- Jan 29, 1941)]

@FLUSHLEFT{Dear Zoe: --}

We were glad to get your card this morning telling us you had a good trip home. It was a good thing Don didn't decide to take a girl home from the show with his wife slipping home unexpected. I've sure been lonesome since you went home. Haven't felt like doing anything but believe I feel better today - am getting awful tired laying around.

We were glad one passenger didn't show up I was afraid you would be pretty tired if you were too crowded.

Loren's little lamb died and there isn't anymore yet. Dad didn't go to Keenan's sale but grandma said grandpa went with Den & Alice and he tho't they had a good sale.

Well the pictures got taken yesterday I sure hope they are good. Lois looked real nice I tho't and she was terribly thrilled over her dress. I told her after you were gone I was afraid she hadn't told you how much she appreciated your going to so much trouble for her - she was afraid she hadn't too. We'll make it right as soon as we can. Pauline sure liked her dress awfully well, too. Dad said you needn't to worry about him he didn't notice.

I made a 1/2 gal. chocolate ice cream this morning just enough for dinner and supper but it's so good wish I had made the freezer full.

Aunt Lola called me yesterday me - she had a letter from Aunt Ruby. I am anxious to read it she was going to send it down to grandpa's. Ruby said they took Bert to the hospital Monday morning and he died Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock. They buried him in Scobey that is about 20 mi from them and she and Carol hadn't been home since they were staying with Billie's sister in Scobey. Billie enlisted in the British Army last August and isn't home now - he expected to get a Furlough Feb. 10. That makes it worse than ever - him not with them either. She said she heard from Clarence and he talked like he would have come if she had given him time. I tho't she buried him too soon. I didn't understand it maybe that's the custom up there. She said everyone had been awfully good to them - some of the neighbors were pall bearers some that had been up there as long or longer than they had.

Violet [Hutchinson] Griffin was killed in a car accident last night we saw it in the paper today. She was Ilene's sister you know. It was sure too bad. She had four children - her husband and the children were hurt some too.

Bill Hobb's have another boy arrived this morning.

Laird's carried the mail yesterday and today but the drag went along this afternoon so I suppose the carrier will go in the morning - he could have gone before I think but he tho't that it was a good excuse I guess.

I finished my scarf I was making for the radio table looks real good I think. You measure your little table and send me the size and I'll make you one. Started your pillow slips last night going to be real pretty I think.

Pauline came home with her hair just fuzzed. I don't like it very good yet - it's so fuzzy around her face but I suppose it will straighten out a little.

It's seemed to have warmed up this evening the forecast is for fair and warmer so I think we'll wash in the morning.

Didn't the girl take her vacation or did they get some body else?  
We wondered.

I guess there was a big crowd at Church Sunday afternoon all the downstairs and a good share of the galleries full. Grandma said that the fellow that played had some kind of a chime attachment that sounded fine and Aunt Dode was trying to get Amy Sheumaker to get that.

I talked to Ara Gieger last night and she has twin grand children. I ask her what they called them she said they named them Larry Duane and Lavaun Elaine but they called them Sonny and Sue all the time. She didn't know whether they would ever get to calling them by their names or not.

Mrs. Lance asked Mrs. Hobbs what Bill's called their baby she

said they hadn't decided. Mrs. Lance said she expected she had a half dozen girls names picked out. Well I guess this is all for now it's time to get supper. Did you hear "Cap January" last night? It was good but not exactly like the picture.

@CLOSING[Write again. Lots of love

@P{Mother}]

@UNDENT[

NOTE: Lola, Bert, and Clarence were sister and brothers of Ilah. Pauline was the Crown Point country school teacher boarding with them. Keenan's and Den & Alice Terwilliger were brother and sister-in-laws.]

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter to ZOE [ELLIOTT] NICHOLS from Her Mother - ILAH [SPENCER] ELLIOTT - June 1941)

@ADDRESS[Tues. afternoon  
(Postmarked June 11, 1941)]

@FLUSHLEFT{Dear Zoe:--}

I meant to write this morning before the mail went but got up with the sick headache and had to go back to bed. I don't know what makes me have it so much lately. I feel better this afternoon but haven't been able to do anything. Mark & Loren went to town. Rock chicks. They've made extra work. So altogether it's been a little too much. Dad has been gone nearly all the time too.

We planned to go up to Grandpa Spencers for dinner Sunday but it rained nearly all day. Jeters came Sat. night and took Lois to town. He called her Friday on the phone.

Mrs. Mack has been sick in bed since Wednesday - don't know how she is today told Dad to stop and see.

Loren & Lois got some nice graduation gifts from Aunt Sayde. She sent Lois a blue & white night gown, made real full, and Loren a dollar bill. He said he tho't he would get a new belt.

He got an application to fill out from Ames for a Sears Roebuck scholarship. They said Clifford Johnson and Henderson had recommended him. They think he will get it. It will be quite a help if he does. @FOOT[Johnson was county extension director and Henderson was the voc ag teacher. Scholarship was received for \$150 for first year at Iowa State College - covered tuition fees of \$126, leaving \$24 for books.]

Wither's and grandpa & grandma were called to Clarinda Sat. to see Loretta and she didn't know them. The Dr tho't she was pretty sick but I guess they haven't heard anymore from them.

We might come up some day but I can't tell you just when. I don't know whether we will know long enough ahead to let you know



or not.

I think you exaggerated your picture I tho't it was pretty good.  
One of them kinda looked like you were holdiing your stomache ha!

You get tired of people talking about you coming down so often.  
If you don't come down they talk just as much about it, everybody  
I saw Sat. night ask about you so you see people just talks.  
@newpage

We are getting too much rain the creek was out all over the  
bottom and across the road but it went down fast. I guest Platte  
was out terrible, a mile and a half wide. We have been trying to  
get the water out of the cave today - had quite a lot in it.  
@FLUSHLEFT {Wednesday morning: --}

Well I don't feel so keen this morning but we are going to wash  
looks like its going to be a nice day and everything is dirty.  
My neck is stiff and hurts pretty bad. I think I'm having sort  
of tonsilitis something like it anyway. I guess if the sun  
shines a while I'll feel better.

Loren didn't take his drivers test they told him to wait until  
after the first of July then he wouldn't have to have it renewed  
we hadn't thought about that. He took the written test, got 98.  
They gave him a permit to drive.

Dad and the boys went to "Arizona" last night. The boys liked it  
they said but Dad didn't care much for it. Lois didn't want to  
go she said she knew she wouldn't like it. She had seen the preview.

Frank was up town yesterday. He and Junella Smith were at  
grandma's for dinner and Dad was there. He came by airplane only  
had three days cost \$169 round trip. He was going to Alaska  
right away and I guess was pretty homesick. Has to be in Omaha  
by six o'clock this evening to take the plane back.

Dad got another sack of flour yesterday so I have a little pan  
for you. Dad and Loren heard some big stories yesterday about  
the high water. I guess it was sure terrible. There was so much  
livestock drowned. They said Doyle Barnett lost 17 head of cattle.

Freeland's are having a sale in the old Post Office building.  
They say they are discontinuing the Lamoni store. I didn't have  
much money to invest but I got me a pair of everyday shoes and a  
curtain for the front bedroom gave .23 for the curtain. I tho't  
it was a bargain. My shoes were \$1.47, brown oxfords.

I tho't Lois' picture was good too. I think Don must of been  
standing a little closer to you and Dad, makes you look larger.  
We'll watch out for that next time.

I noticed the tooth brush, I wrapped it in cellophane so you  
won't need to bring yours when you come. You'll have one here.  
Also noticed your house coat - did think I would mail it to you  
but just didn't get it done.

It's clouded up don't know whether it's going to be a very nice day or not. Mrs. Napier isn't having club until next week and I'm glad for I don't feel like going maybe it will be nicer next week. I talked to O.B. he said the Mrs. was able to be up a little and at a little breakfast. Well this will be all and I guess you are glad its so scribbly.

@CLOSING[Love @P{Mother}]

@FLUSHLEFT{P.S. Our pig died that had the flu.}

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter from ORIN W. ADAIR To His Parents, GLADYS [SPENCER] and FRED ADAIR - 1944)

@UNIDENT<NOTE: This is the letter that he told of his experiences on his 30th Bomber Mission over Germany during World War II. He was a grandson of Orin SPENCER. Censorship was very tight the early years of this War but about this time they started to lift close censorship.>

@ADDRESS(England  
October 20, 1944)

All is well that end well and I can now write that I'm back once more safe after a very shaky experience. I have to be cautious as to how much I tell, but @U(roughly) we crashed in eastern France last Saturday and have been since then getting back to England.

I'm sorry you haven't heard from me for so many days, but I hoped you wouldn't be too worried. I sent you my 30th cable so you should know from that that all is well.

On this flight I was tail gunner in the Group lead ship again (4th time) and of course wasn't able to see all that happened up in front. As the captain said, (our pilot) "We just ran out to engines." We lost 3 and were trying to make it back across the lines on one even though we were going down all the way. We probably came down across the lines pretty near where John was. That last engine was giving out just before we hit. We were attempting to make some kind of a fighter strip but they were too far away and we tried to settle for a belly landing in a smooth field and ended up clearing the Argonne Forest and falling about 400 yards short of the freshly planted wheat field we wanted to get into and crash landed in a rough pasture where we gouged off the tops of the rises in the ground as went across the fireld and through a fence shearing off a bunch of small trees that spun us around and stopped us @U(right now) in the freshly planted field of loose dirt we'd headed for. The airplane was a total wreck and it's amazing how we all came out as well as we did because of the seven officers and four enlisted men we carry on a Pathfinder ship. I was the @U(only) one hurt. My left ankle and foot got a pretty good battering from some stuff that came down on it and then it was wrenched too as it started to get dragged under the airplane. It is still swollen after 5 1/2 days and has pain like

the cramps you get in your ankle when you get cold swimming. I was lucky I had on 3 pair of socks, my G.I. shoes and heavy flying boots or it could have been hurt worse and the fact that the dirt was loose and soft at the last and that helped. The bottom of the airplane was swept away by the successive crashes on the rough ground and the thin laminated wood flooring of the radio room into which 9 of us were crowded shattered and disintegrated and we were literally dragging our behinds on the ground. I guess the loose dirt we were plowing up kept us on top of it as it surged in and filled the plane or else we could have been dragged out and under the plane. The radio room space is about 2 feet by 5 1/2 feet in a kind of a "T" shape when all the equipment is in there and none of us can understand how we all 9 got in there. The other two, the pilot and copilot were up on the flight deck of course.

I had X-rays taken of my ankle when we got back and the doctors believe that no bones were broken, but I have been grounded and am to stay off my foot as much as possible.

I have this writing paper propped up against my knee here in bed and am trying to write, so I hope you can read my scribbling.

I expect it will take a week or maybe two to regain any strength and get the swelling down by heat treatments.

I happened to have taken a big K-20 aerial camera along on the trip and had been taking pictures of our airfield before we departed the field at high altitude and also some formation pictures and although I left it in the back by the tail wheel when I crawled forward before the crash it wasn't broken after having sailed clear up against the "mickey" equipment and I used it to take pictures of the plane crash (on the ground, I mean) also I had enough exposures to take pictures of various parts of France that we passed through such as the Reims Cathedral, Nazi prisoners enroute back, 1918 battlegrounds near Verdun, bombed airfields, and many burned out tanks, auto and trucks that littered the roadsides. I took 48 pictures in all and the photo lab. here at the field is going to do them all up for us so they should be fairly good. I just turned it in yesterday so I haven't seen how they are coming out but I should be able to send some in my next letter.

Now along to what happened to us while in France. Many French people crowded around the plane a few minutes after we came to a stop and scrambled out and ran clear in the event it exploded. We were about 1/2 mile from a very small village. A jeep and a half-track came up in about 10 minutes and they threw a guard all around the plane. They were on "Security" patrol rounding up scattered prisoners when they saw us coming down. (They picked up over 30 hiding in a woods that same afternoon.) The jeep took the Captain (Gibson) and I to Hdqtrs post and I had some first aid given my foot. They didn't have a phone or any way of communicating out so we back to the pland after commanding a 2 1/2 ton truck and started dismantling the @U(very) secret equipment from the plane - radios, Bomb Sites, Pathfinder Equip.,

Gee Boxes, etc. We had about 1000# altogether and we'd put a little at a time on a jeep and plow through the foot-deep mud out to the truck on the road and come back for more. We had thrown all the guns overboard we could when coming down to lighten the ship. Also flak suits, clothes, and anything we could loosen, all except ourselves and our chutes.

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Time out for lunch. I had to get up finally or starve. I borrowed a bike and went down to eat peddling kinda one-legged. It was raining cats and dogs and I got really soaked. On the way back I stopped by the Photo Lab. and picked up some prints of some pictures I had turned in before. I am enclosing them. I also got some very disappointing news. That is that all the 44 pictures taken after the crash were no good because the crash jammed some film feeding gears inside the camera and all were taken one right on top of one another. From all outward appearances it was O.K., even to them and they didn't even know there was anything wrong until they opened it up. And two of those first four pictures are so good the censors won't release them so I only end up with 2 pictures out of 48. Also I have to be down to the hospital by 4 o'clock so I shall hurry through this letter and give you briefly what happened the other 4 days before we got back.

We stayed at a Fighter Field, P-47, the first night and it rained and I about froze. I bought 2 bottles of the finest Champagne to bring home to the U.S. The center of the wine country is Reims and we were about 15 miles from there and the next morning went into there and went thru the city and in out to another 9th AF, P-47 fighter strip (field) where I saw 261 wrecked German planes, a result of our bombing. I picked up 3 pieces of German stuff for souvenirs. Some 20 M.M. cannon shells, an ammunition box cover, and a part of a swastika off a FW-190 fighter's tail. We ate a nice lunch there and then changed our stuff into another truck and started for Paris where we were to try to get air transportation back to England. Got in there just about dark after a 120 mile ride in a drenching downpour and were cold and pretty wet. We sent another message to England and found that they had never yet received our first one, so our field here never knew for 2 days what had happened to us and all my clothes, money and stuff had been taken out of my room and stored in the supply room. My clothes were a mess when I got back.

Anyway, In Paris we got a truck to take us into Paris and get us to the Seime Basin Hdqtrs. to get us a bed for the night. We were plenty weary. Got a hotel room by about 10 p.m. and went to bed. The next night we also stayed at the same hotel which has been taken over by the Army as have dozens of others. We couldn't get a plane the first day so we finally found we could get a partial pay and we jumped at the chance since we had not a red cent on us. We each got \$100.00 in francs which is 4967 francs to be exact. Things are so high priced though that it would only buy about \$25.00 worth of mdse. in the U.S. since prices are about 4 to 1. Gee is the soldier in France getting taken!

I bought quite a few souvenirs from Paris. Three handkerchiefs which I am sending, 2 bottles of the finest perfume which will be a Xmas present, a beret for myself (new), some postcards, a pewter souvenir ash tray, and a picture of all of us in our rags. On the 3rd morning in Paris we went out to the field all ready to go, but the weather got so bad we didn't make it and had to come back into Paris and get rooms again from Hdqtrs., at another hotel. We did get out the next morning though (Thurs.) in a C-47 transport with all our secret equipment and were met at an English airfield by a B-17 from our own field and flown on back up here through a driving rain. Gods, the weather is rotten. Has been raining all day today. Just a sea of mud all over France and England.

I have more detailed news of our experiences, but I shall have to go down to the hospital now so I shall try and tell of that later. I'm crazy about Paris. It is simply a @U(gorgeous) city. England is a dump by comparison. You might make a typewritten copy of this and send one each to Gma. Spencer and Gps. Adairs. I shall not have time to write all this again.

@CLOSING(@P{Orin})  
@ADDRESS(Lt. Orin W. Adair 0-7644157  
525th Sqdn. 379th B. Group  
A.P.O. - 557  
New York, N.Y.)

Excuse all the mistakes, but I've been rushed at work and didn't have time to do it up nice.

@CLOSING(@P{Norrine})

In a later letter Orin wrote that the X-rays showed no bones broken in his ankle but there were torn or sprained ligaments, and they made a boot cast for him to wear and kept him in the Hosp. for a few days rest and he will be grounded 'till his ankle is O.K. again. He is rated a pilot now but there is a surplus of pilots on that field just now, so he flies as co-pilot or tail gunner to get in his missions as fast as possible. We still @U(hope) he may complete 35 missions in time to get home for Xmas.

Orin has rec'd the Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross and oak leaf clusters. I can't remember the different ribbons. He has to fly 5 missions as a pilot before he is advanced to 1st Leut. on his particular flying field. He has a radio with ear phones so he will have entertainment while @U(waiting) for the ankle to recover.

@UNIDENT<NOTE: The original letter was typed by his wife, Norrine, to be passed around. The latter two paragraphs were hand written by his mother, Gladys SPENCER ADAIR.>

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@APPENDIXSECTION(News item in MOUNT AYR RECORD NEWS on return of Pfc. BARTON ABARR late 1945)  
@QUOTATION("Pfc Barton Abarr arrived home Sunday after having been recently stationed at Okinawa and will spend a 45-day leave

with his wife and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Abarr of Redding. Barton has served in the Pacific Theatre of war for 34 months.")

@UNIDENT<NOTE: Barton is a son-in-law of Goldie [SPENCER] Sheumaker, and a brother-in-law of Roy Scheumaker named in the following article.>

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@APPENDIXSECTION(News item from MOUNT AYR RECORD NEWS about Army career of Sgt. ROY S. SHEUMAKER, JR.)

@QUOTATION("Sgt. Roy S. Sheumaker, Jr., instrument operator, is a member of the 185th field artillery battalion, part of the big gun team softening up Germans before Bolognas as the Fifth Army's current offensive got underway. The 185th, a unit of the 34th 'Red Bull' Division, went overseas in April, 1942, served in Northern Ireland and England and entered combat for the first time February 19, 1943, in North Africa. The battalion served throughout the Tunisian campaign, including battles at Fondouk Pass and Hill 609. At one time, its B Battery has a gun crew operating among the doughboys, a squad of infantrymen serving as security patrol for the artillery positions. The 185th joined the Fifth Army late in September, 1943, near Salerno, Italy. In 53 consecutive days the battalion fired more than 15,000 shells at Cassino, when A Battery alone shot up 240 rounds in 10 minutes. They've pumped nearly 150,000 rounds into enemy lines in Tunisia and Italy.")

@UNIDENT<NOTE: Roy is a grandson of Orin SPENCER, and a brother-in-law of Barton ABARR named in previous the article.>

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter to ILAH [SPENCER] & MARK ELLIOTT from Son of LLOYD W. SPENCER, SGT. JAMES H. SPENCER, - 1944)

@FLUSHLEFT(To Mr. & Mrs. Mark Elliot

Mount Ayr, Iowa)

@ADDRESS(Sgt. James H. Spencer 39462131

Hq BTRY 25th AAA Gp

A.P.O. 72 c/o Postmaster

San Francisco, Calif.

15 Dec 1944

@U[Philippine Islands])

@CENTER(@P[SEASONS GREETINGS])

Thanks for the candy. Nothing could have pleased me more. Best wishes to you and family. "Family" makes me think of my age so yours must be all grown?

@CLOSING(@P[Haldon])

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter to ILAH [SPENCER] ELLIOTT From Her Aunt,

Mrs. JAMES 'CAL' CALAWAY SPENCER, - 1944)

@ADDRESS(---8 Leyner St.

Des Moines -12-

Iowa

Dec 20@U[th] 44)

@FLUSHLEFT(Dear Ilah & Family;--)

Rec your card & letter and it made me very happy to be remembered. It seems as this time of year we are more thot-ful of those who are near to us and it helps to make the Yule Tide cheerful regardless of they many things that comeing up daily.

I am sorry I didn't get to visit you again before I left but lets hope I can be down thare again in the near future. Thank you for the card and the cheery message it brot sometimes little things do more to make us happy than bigger things.

I wanted to spend a longer time with your Mother thare while, and may have the pleasure of doing so sometime. I am feeling fairly good and feel when spring comes I will be my self again. I am not working and think it is best to take it easy for a while.

I can hardly express my feelings about @P(Ruby). I am anxious to hear particulars in regard to the accident. She had a real nice car and drove it often, most of the time alone.

My heart felt feelings go to @P(Carrol) and children. They were so fond of Grandma, and Carrol and Ruby were togather so much. Carrols husband is in the service. She lives in Coronach, Can, and Ruby lived in Mont, just accross the boundry. Your letter was the first I had heard of the accident. Then Aunt @P(Eva) wrote me too.

I will let you know if I get any news. I rec a letter from up thare and nothing was said about it. It was mailed Dec 14@U(th). Do you know who first got the news down thare? You may have heard by now. We have been snowed in for a while. I sure stay near the house. I havn't done any Xmas shopping and it look like I wasn't going too.

May the Lord bless you and family and all the boys in the service.

@CLOSING(Greetings---

@P[Aunt Violet -])

@UNIDENT<

P. S. I sent you a card and note and addressed it to Delphos.

NOTE: The above letter was from @P{Violet [SMITH], wife of James Calaway "Cal" SPENCER - the Uncle Cal} that lived in Montana. She was 69 when she wrote this letter which was easily read. Uncle Cal had passed away two years before. A mouse had eaten the house number when passed on to lse!>

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter from LOREN ELLIOTT To his Parents, ILAH [SPENCER] & MARK ELLIOTT - 1945)

@CENTER('Extract printed in the MOUNT AYR RECORD NEWS - 1945')

Mr. & Mrs. Mark [Ilah (SPENCER)] ELLIOTT submit the following extract from a letter to them from their son, Loren, who is an aviation technician on a baby flattop somewhere in the South Pacific, dated March 21, 1945.

@I(I now have a little to write you in which you'll be interested, as they lifted censorship quite a lot yesterday, and Admiral Nimitz is allowing us to write about what we were doing a month previous. I should have more I can write in about a couple of weeks.

You already know mostly what we were doing the first two months after I came aboard the "Mighty Mak", so I won't go into that. On Sept. 25, [1944] I saw the States for the last time as we pulled anchor and on the way to Pearl Harbor with a load of new planes. We dropped anchor six days later in Pearl Harbor, about fifty yards from the remains of the old "Arizona". I made one short liberty into Honolulu two days later, and the joint didn't quite meet up to expectations. I will go into that more at a later date. We unloaded our planes and started to load back up with old survey jobs bound back for the States, when our orders were changed and we reloaded with new Hellcats and were soon on our way to Manus in the Admiralty Islands. Crossed the Equator Oct. 14, and arrived in Manus Oct. 16. Went on one beach swimming party while there. We didn't stay long and were back at Pearl Harbor the latter part of October and dropped anchor near the remains of the old "Utah". Pearl Harbor practically became home for the next three months, and were in and out every week training pilots. We ran up our total number of landings on this carrier since commissioned to almost 10,000 and set a CVE record of completing 273 landings and takeoffs in one day. I made several liberties into Honolulu and went to school near there for one week.

On Christmas we were docked in Pearl Harbor, and on New Year's Eve we were training night fighters. I happened to have the duty that night and was standing by on the flight deck in the island. It was a beautiful night, and we had very good luck that night. We were served sandwiches and coffee on the flight deck right after the New Year came in.

I saw Ralph Stevens, as he told you, the latter part of Jan. I thought I was never going to find him, but by coincidence bumped into him downtown in Honolulu. The next day we pulled anchor and were on our way to Entiwetok in the Marshall Islands. Were there a few days and went on the beach swimming one day. There isn't much there - just a lot of small islands, more commonly called atolls. We left there a short time later and participated in the Iwo Jima Campaign. Were around all the time, but the Navy had it relatively soft compared to the Marines.

From there I'll have to leave you.

@CLOSING[Lots of love - Loren.] @VERBATIM{  
His address is: Loren S. Elliott, ART 2/c, V-3



U.S.S. Makassar Strait, CVE-91  
C/O Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, Calif.}

@UNDENT<NOTE: "Update - letter was written while the `Mak' was participating in the Okinawa Campaign. The `Mak' was a Kaiser built job, about 560 feet long with a compliment of about 1000 men. When operating with assigned squadron, it carried 12 torpedo planes [TBM's] and 18 Wildcats [FM-2 fighters]. The `91' designates it as the 91st one built - a total of about 120 were built. A few of the first ones were constructed on cruiser hulls and could travel at about 30 knots but the `Kaiser built' at maximum could only do about 15!">

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter From JOE STEPHENS To His Aunt, ILAH [SPENCER] ELLIOTT, and Her Family - 1945)

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@P {Cpl Joseph A. Stephens 37671517  
C-8-2 A.G.F.R.D. #1  
Ft Geo G. Meade, Md.

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Mr & Mrs Mark Elliott  
Mount Ayr  
Iowa}

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@CENTER(SERVICE CLUB  
Fort George G. Meade  
MARYLAND  
25 May 1945)

@FLUSHLEFT(Dear Aunt Ila & All.)

I will try & scribble a note to let you folks know where I am & how much good I'm not doing the war effort.

I have been here two weeks now. Of course, we are taking training, but most of it is the same things I had two years ago in basic training. I guess what is really holding things up is the transportation snarl, caused by the shift from Europe to Asia. We were originally converted from cavalry to Armored Forces for services in Europe, but by the time they had us converted the war was over.

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The saying is sort of reversed in our case. They have "too many & too late". I think they will have a use for us when they really get started in the Pacific.@FOOT[At this point in time, with the struggles we had in taking Iwo Jima & Okinawa, it appeared it could take a year or more to take the Mainland of Japan. Those in the Pacific were looking forward for your help, Joe!] They are getting to where they can start using a lot of armor over there now. I am certainly not anxious to go overseas,

but if I didn't I would always feel that all this time I have put in would be a total waste. I will say I have I have been very fortunate so far, I have really had an easy life in the Army, as compared to some.

Mom said you were up to see her & told me of the good help you gave them. She said you was quite concerned about Loren, as you have good reason to be. One thing sure though, there is no unit in the Navy that get better protection than their aircraft carriers.

It is only 18 miles from here to Baltimore & 30 to Washington. I have visited both, not much for me in Baltimore just another city. I seen quite a few interesting things in Washington such as The Capital, Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson Memorials. I rode the elevator to the top of Washington Monument something like 440 ft. up. You can see the whole city from there. I also went up to the Arlington Cemetery, seen the tomb of the unknown soldier and went through the house of Robert E. Lee. They have it all just as it was when the Lee's lived there with the old furniture, silver, dishes and crystal chandeliers. They also have the slave quarters with the old home made furniture & spinning wheels even old dried up hams & bacon hanging in the smokehouse. A person really needs a car to see everything. Things are scattered over so much territory & trolleys don't run where you want to go & taxis are expensive even on their tours. If it quits raining I think I will go back tomorrow & go to the Smithonion Institute & the Congressal Library.

The farming is very different out here than it is back there. I have only seen one field of corn around here & it was probably sweetcorn. They grow mostly truck, here such as cabbage, beans & sweet potatoes. That is about all I've seen up so far. There is quite a few peach & apple orchards. The soil don't look like it is worth more than \$10 an acre mostly sand. I know it wouldn't be worth that out there.

Well I run down for now so will sign off.  
@CLOSING(As Ever

@P{Joe.})

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NOTE: Joe is the third surviving son of Lola [SPENCER] & Lloyd Stephens, Sr. Your penmanship is @P[excellent!]. You waited until the last paragraph to reveal that you were still a "farm boy".>

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@APPENDIXSECTION(NEWS Of SGT. ROY S. SHEUMAKER From MT AYR RECORD NEWS during WORLD II) Sgt. Roy S. Sheumaker, Jr., instrument operator, is a member of the 185th field artillery battalion, part of the big gun team softening up Germans before Bologna as the Fifth Army's current offensive got underway. The 185th, a unit of the 34th "Red Bull" Division, went overseas in April, 1942, served in Northern Ireland and England and entered combat for the first time February 19, 1943, in North Africa. The

battalion served throughout the Tunisian campaign, including battles at Fondouk Pass and Hill 609. At one time, its B Battery had a gun crew operating among the doughboys, a squad of infantrymen serving as security patrol for the artillery positions. The 185th joined the Fifth Army late in September, 1943, near Salerno, Italy. In 53 consecutive days the battalion fired more than 15,000 shells at Cassino, when A Battery alone shot up 240 rounds in 10 minutes. They've pumped nearly 150,000 rounds into enemy lines in Tunisia and Italy.

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter From AVIS [SPENCER] PAGE To Her Aunt LOLA [SPENCER] STEPHENS & FAMILY - 1950)  
@ADDRESS(Mrs. A. M. Page  
c/o General Delivery  
Saskatoon, Sask.  
15 Mar 1950)  
@FLUSHLEFT(Dear Aunt Lola & All,)

This won't be a very long letter as we've just come back from Russell's @FOOT[Russell Spencer was the son of Clarence.] funeral - he has been working up in Yellowknife since he was married 6 Mar '47. He was shaft boss in Negus Mine.

Apparently they laid two charges of dynamite in the shaft and one went off. Bud (Russell) & another fellow waited 20 mins. and went down to investigate thinking the fuse or the stick was a dud. When Bud was within 2 ft of the charge it went off. The lad following behind him is crippled - blinded for life and his body is full of rock so you can imagine with what force it hit Bud. He was killed instantly and we are thankful he didn't suffer and he never knew what hit him. He was killed on their third wedding anniversary 6 Mar '50. Their little girl @P[Diana] will be two in Apr and @P[Dot] expects another in July. Mama hopes it is a boy, and if it is, he will be named Russell Lloyd.

Mama, of course, is quite broken up - now both men of the family are gone. Its just lately we had grown accustomed of Daddy being away and now lose Bud.

The funeral was just a family affair, but lots of lovely flowers. He was buried at Mildred, Sask, at his wife's home town, in the family plot. Everything was so sudden we didn't have time to let anyone know. Will you let the rest of the family down there know.

Well my dear I must close, our best to all.

@CLOSING[All our Love,

@P(Alma & Avis)]

@UNDENT<NOTE: [The baby was a boy and named Russell Lloyd.] This was written to Lola [SPENCER] Stephens by Bud's sister, Avis.

An excellent writer, Cousin Avis [now Mrs. Harold EDNEY] has maintained a keen interest in her @P[Spencer] connection for many years. [1987]>

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter from LOLA [SPENCER] STEPHENS to Her Sister, ILAH ELLIOTT, - 1956)

@ADDRESS[Wednesday

Dec, 1956]

@FLUSHLEFT[Dear Sister]

I seem to keep thinking of you today. Don't know just why unless because I didn't see you yesterday in town and I put off calling you till Lloyd came and then he wanted to get on the road. Dark comes so early, but he got his Drivers license with no restrictions. Better than he expected. I took the apron to Avis and then drove by the little old house. Looked so bare around there. Painted up better but don't look near as homey and the two kitchen windows looked just piled full of something.

@FOOT[Undoubtedly referring to their parents old home. House went down hill after their deaths and once used as a plumbing shop. Some one then remodeled it and was in very good condition in 1989. Lola may have misspoke when she wrote Avis - likely meant sister Arzelle who lived in Mt Ayr. Lloyd was Lola's husband.]

Nice snow wasn't it? So still and white outside tonight and getting a lot colder I believe.

Are you having a Xmas dinner this year. Ours will be on Sunday following Xmas day. I guess as some of the children go to their in laws this yr. I stopped at @P[Uncle Alpha's] a few minutes. They seem pretty comfortable but the TV wasn't on. Don't believe he likes it much.

Well I'll enclose this with a card. Don't believe there is much chance of a surprise on you this year, unless you come up here that day and surprise me! Guess that's the way to do it anyway. So some one else could get the dinner.

Oh I just thought why I've felt so lonely today. 3 yrs ago wasn't it when Mama left us. Time rolls on. I have had Xmas card from little @P[Avis] and letter from sister @P[Avis]. She had had company but @P[Bill] stayed home & helped her as if she maybe don't feel too good.

Don't work too hard and do come up when ever you can.

@CLOSING[Love & Best of every thing to you

@P{Lola}]

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NOTE: Little Avis would be her brother Clarence's daughter, residing near Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Uncle Alpha was the brother of their father, Ethel SPENCER. Aunt Lola could write

very well.>

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@APPENDIXSECTION(Letter From AVIS [SPENCER] COWAN To Her Nephew,  
LOREN ELLIOTT, - 1984)

@ADDRESS[AVIS COWAN

1862-32 Riverside

Columbus, OH 43212

April 26, 1984]

@FLUSHLEFT[Dear Loren,]

First I want to thank you for the pictures, and the copies of the family History. I didn't get this letter off as soon as I intended. I don't know exactly where the time goes. This morning I walked up to the Hillside to get my hair fixed - came home and ate a bite of lunch and then walked over to the convalesarium to see a couple of old friends. It isn't the most pleasant place to go so I have a tendency to put it off until I get ashamed of myself. One of them never remembers me so I don't know how much good it does her.

It is a beautiful day. The first nice spring day that we have seen - Supposed to get in the eighties - then rain again by the weekend. Seems like it always rains when the golfers want to get out over the week ends. I spent Easter Sunday dinner at Stauffers Hotel in Dublin with friends - 10 of us. Had intended to walk up to Chapel at Hillside but we had such a downpour that I gave that up. We got together at one of their homes about 11:30 and went for brunch at 1:30 - Good food but a person usually over eats. I was interested in hearing about your trip to Pasadena. @B[Sayde] talked about moving into a retirement home but she evidently didn't move. It is always a problem to make a move - but I think she is wise to stay in Pasadena. (Suburb of Houston) I think she considered moving back to Dallas. I haven't heard from her for quite a long time. I guess we all get to be "poor letter writers" as we get older. Bill has some nieces in Des Moines and one sister that recently moved into a health Center so I try to keep in touch with them. They, the village, put some shrubbery in front of my room and I hope I don't get into much gardening this year. It has to be watered quite a bit so I will have to help with that. The lady next door is much younger than I so she usually does most of the work. I don't think roses that are in that bed off the patio made it through the winter. They were pretty amongst the flowers but required quite a bit of work and I am not for climbing up any banks - Too many people around here get falls.

I played progressive bridge last night - came in second. Some good players go down and a lot of poor ones - I don't know why they don't get a book and read the basics at least.

I will write a few statistics about my family on another page.

Maybe it will fill in a few blank spaces. Thanks again and I send My love to you and Alma --

@CLOSING[@P{Avis}]

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I expect to go down to @B{Jerry's} for a week around the 10th of May.]

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@ADDRESS[April 26, 1984]

The data about the @B[Cowan] family is correct. Some of the information about the Minister is probably in my safe deposit box as I can't seem to find it around here. @B[Bill's] parents were Robert Cowan b 10-7-47, Airdrie, Scotland (d in Des Moines 10-1-26), married to Jane Clarkson b 9-5-52 in Newarthill, Scotland, and d 12-15-24. Married 10-10-1873 in Lanaskshire, Scotland. He has nine sisters - 7 born in this country. I never knew Bills Mother but did meet his Dad. (Some of this is just for @U[you] information.) None of his sisters are living except Jeanette Sellers and she did live with a niece at 2744 Patterson Rd in Des Moines but is now in a health center. Bill was the youngest B 8-25-95 at Angus, Iowa, D 11-23-1974 in Columbus, Ohio. Married Avis Spencer 4-22-1925. Bill is interred in Union Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

Bill worked for the Harford Insurance Co. (parent Co. of the New York Underwriters) for 36 years. He retired in 1960, was a veteran of World War I and a 50 yr member of Home Lodge No 370 F and ASN - Des Moines, IA. Avis and Bill have one son, Jerry Louis Cowan born May 18, '27, in Des Moines. We moved to Columbus, Ohio, in 1929. Jerry graduated from Grandview High School, Denison University at Granville, Ohio, and Law school at Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. Went to work for Frost and Jacobs Law firm in Cincinnati after graduation and was made a member of the firm in 1963. Jerry served in Air Force in 1945. Married Lee Steel 6-15-55 in Washington, D.C. Lee was an airline hostess working out of Washington, D.C. She was born in Weirton, West Va., 12-9-27. They have two sons - Grant Spencer Cowan b. 7-22-59 and Breck Marshall Cowan b. 5-28-62. Grant graduated from Univ of Va and will graduate from Cincinnati Law School in June 1984 and will work for his Dad's law firm this summer. Breck has one more year in college.

Jerry lives at 11 Hill and Hollow Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45208. I know you won't want to put all this in your draft but thought you might like to know something about your relatives.

There are always a few funny things that you remember about the by gone years. You know when I was in High School I stayed with Grandma Spencer. The folks were still living on the farm. Some way or other Dad always got me up there on Sunday - probably by horse and buggy and you know that was a long ride (Yes, 7 or 8 miles). Grandma Spencer's house had 2 front doors - one that let into the living room and the other led up the stairway to my bedroom. She slept downstairs. I don't think I had a date all the time I was in High School but occasionally I would go down to Blanch @B[Long] Swain's home and I would try to get up stairway without Grandma hearing me. The stairway was squeaky and I would try my best to avoid the squeaky steps but before I would get up stairs she would always holler out, "I hear you". I think the folks took her eggs and etc and I tried to help her some. She was practically blind. About the only thing I remember about @B{teaching in a country school} was my noon lunch. I stayed

with some people by the name of Lucas. They always had biscuits and sausage for breakfast. When I opened my lunch box I always had the left over cold biscuits and sausage for lunch. That must of been one of the reasons I decided there was no future in that.

I knew Marie Moore (her family lived near Mt. Ayr) and she was working in D.M. and always talked to me about going up there and getting a job. I can't remember that Dad tried to discourage me when I told him I was going to the big city. When I came home I had to take a train to Benton and he would meet me there. He had bought a @B[Model T Ford]. One time he wasn't there to meet me and some driver told me that he was to take me home. On our way to Mt. Ayr we met this car and I said, "That was my Dad." Dad must have recognized me and @B[lost control of his car and turned upside down in a ditch.] We turned around and when we got back there Dad was crawling out of the car in a big fur coat which he always wore. The two turned the car right side up. I crawled in with Dad and we sailed away. He wasn't hurt and neither was the car damaged. That shows how the cars were made back in those days.

Anyway I did get a job in the bookkeeping dept. for the National always said he fell in love with my sailor hat - but kidded me about quitting my job when we got married and never working again. Bill traveled and at that time there wasn't too many paved roads. He always talked about Iowa's clay roads and sometimes he would have to hole up in a hotel for several days. I wish he were alive today to tell you of some of his experiences. He worked when he was in grade school and high school to earn his own spending money. He told about working in the summer carrying water to a bricklayer - 8 hours a day for 75 cents an hour. What an era!! (Suspect she meant 75 cents per day).

Just to admit that I am not trying to say we were always little angels. You know prohibition was in force from 1920 to 1933. There were night clubs where you could buy setups but you had to sneak the liquor in. So sometimes on a date we would go out to these places to dance and the boy friends always had a way to get around the law.

After reading some of this over I think I should give it the `pitch' - but I will send it along. I know I would never get another one written. Excuse the "scratchout's" and etc. The results of your toy look great to me.

P.S. I get letters from Madge Spencer Hazen, Humeston, Iowa, Box 232, 50123, and Blanch Long Swain, 2657 E. 35th, Tulsa, Okla 74105, at Christmas.

I read some place that a name can be quite revealing. The names used came from major sources - occupations, location or an unusual occupation, because every name in a village was usually John, William, or Richard - in other words John the village blacksmith became John Black or John Smith and John the village suit maker became John Taylor, or if they both lived on a hill he would become John Hill or if near a stream he would be John Brook. I am running out of steam.

NOTE: Aunt Avis died 26 May 1985 of injuries suffered in an auto accident that occurred 22 Apr 1985, a year after writing this letter. She would have been 87 on 5 Aug 1985 and was still reaping much out of life. She was a passenger in an auto driven by a lady friend near her age. ***Thank you Aunt Avis for taking the time to write and sharing. We much enjoyed the privilege of being able to pass your way!*** [Original letter forwarded to her son, Jerry. lse.]

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