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# THE ELLIS FAMILY

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**Dedication**

TO THE MEMORY OF MY DEAR SISTER,  
**Fannie Strickle Corbin,**  
WHO WAS ITS ORIGINATOR AND ITS INSPIRATION,  
THIS LITTLE BOOK IS LOVINGLY  
DEDICATED.

BY THE AUTHOR.





## PREFACE.

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THE first thought of writing such a history as this was given by my sister, Fannie Strickle Corbin, and happened in this wise: Being in her family a great deal, and with her children, who like all children loved to hear stories, our memories and powers of invention were taxed to the utmost extent. When the stock from books ran low, I would resort to some little scrap or incident of family history, which always pleased them best of all; and they would beg for these "real, sure-enough stories." While relating some one day, my sister asked about them herself, and with the children wanted to "hear more." As she was the youngest of the family, she knew very few of these particulars of the past generations. She asked me to write it all out, all I knew or could gather, beginning at the earliest period and bringing it down to date, and she would have some copies of it printed for her children and the others of our family.

And so the story was begun, and see into what proportion it has grown! As I proceeded, so many doors of research and information opened to me that I could not refuse the invitation to enter and glean. I present this little book to the descendants of Georg and Maria Louisa Nögelle as the result of several years of study and reading, as well as a great deal of wandering around in the dark. I had very little to start with—only family tradition and scraps of history of the Princess and her daughters and granddaughters. Old churchyards and church records have been searched, as well as the archives of historical societies and the rolls of Revolutionary soldiers. After the first three generations there came a gap, until the Ellis family had settled in Ohio. A leaf from memory guided to Martinsburg, Virginia, as a starting point. In the county records was found a marriage license and a deed of conveyance of land, and by these was located the old homestead in Berkeley County, Virginia, which I have twice

visited, seeing the very same house in which all of our grandfathers and grandmothers were born; for the eight children of Abraham and Katharine Ellis were all born there.

I have had valuable help from many of the family, who have met my endeavors to gather correct information with ready and willing assistance. To Grace Peterson Colvin and J. E. Peterson for the family of their grandfather, Henry Ellis; to Emma Whisler for the family of her grandmother, Rosa Ellis Carman, and to Estella Orebaugh Pratt for the family of her great-grandmother, Katie Ellis Duckwall, I am greatly indebted. Some of the families have wandered so far away that all efforts to trace them have failed.

My sister did not live to see my work completed, but well on its way, and the impetus she gave it carried it forward to the end. It was largely due to her encouragement and sympathy of interest that the work was ever finished. She was the inspiration, the encouragement, and incentive of the work, and to her memory I dedicate my book.

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# HISTORY OF THE ELLIS FAMILY.

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## ELLIS ANCESTRY.

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### CHAPTER I.

#### NÖGELLE AND JOEL FAMILIES.

INTERWOVEN with the history of the ancestors of the Ellis family we find a little thread of romance. We have only traditions and scraps of family records handed down from generation to generation, but from these can be woven a very pretty and romantic story, with facts for a foundation. It is the old, old story of Cupid's influence in the affairs of mortals. The tradition runs thus: "About the year 1725 an Austrian princess married a man beneath her in rank, the son of her tutor, or the tutor himself, by the name of Nogle. They came to America and settled in Philadelphia. Some years afterward Mr. Nogle returned to Austria with letters from his wife to her relatives. On his return to America they sent her many rich and valuable presents, among them a scarlet velvet riding-cloak, or dress. Mrs. Nogle's name was Maria Louisa, and it was claimed that she was of the House of Hapsburg. The riding-dress was one she had worn in Austria, and was held as a proof of her descent, as none but members of

the royal family were permitted to wear scarlet velvet. There were two daughters born to them, Margaret and Rosina, who were well educated. Margaret, the elder, married Henry Joel, a German nobleman, and Rosina married Michael Burkett, son of Jacob Burkett, of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. After the death of their parents the daughters were notified that a legacy was coming to them from their mother's relatives in Austria.

Henry Joel, the husband of Margaret, was given the proper authority and sent over to receive it. He went, and securing the money, started on the return voyage. When in sight of land the vessel was wrecked at Hell Gate and all on board were lost. Henry and Margaret Joel had two daughters, named Katharine and Margaret. They married brothers by the name of Ellis, of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Katharine married Abraham, Margaret married Jacob. Mr. and Mrs. Nogle and their daughters were members of the German Lutheran Church."

This tradition and record handed down to us through six generations gives us foundation enough to believe in the marriage and settlement in America of Maria Louisa Nogle with the husband of her choice, for whom she gave up her home, her rank, and her family. As property came to her heirs, declared theirs rightfully by the laws of Austria, the legality of the marriage is established beyond a doubt. There was evidently great opposition to her marriage on the part of her family, and as all of the nobility were Catholics and the man she married was a Protestant, who with his wife and daughters, we know, were Lutherans after

coming to this country, it seems very reasonable to conclude that the difference in religious beliefs may have entered into the cause of their having left their home for this new and unknown world.

Reading the history of Europe of that period we see the country torn by religious controversies, causing bitter feuds in families and wars between nations. There is no subject that makes such a wide and deep bitterness as differences in religious beliefs.

In studying the character and the history of the people who came from Europe at that time, we find large numbers drawn to Philadelphia by the liberality of William Penn in this very matter of conscience. In the preface of a book by Professor I. Daniel Rupp, entitled "German, Swiss, and French Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776," we find the following: "Religious persecution and political oppression drove thousands of Germans from the Fatherland to Pennsylvania, to the asylum for the harrassed and oppressed sons and daughters of the relics of the Reformation, whither William Penn himself invited the persecuted of every creed and religious opinion. From 1682 to 1776 Pennsylvania was the central point of immigration from Germany, France, and Switzerland. Penn's liberal views and the illiberal course of the government of New York towards the Germans induced many to come to this province. In the first period of twenty years, from 1682 to 1702, comparatively few Germans arrived—not above two hundred families; they located principally at Germantown. They were nearly all Platt-Deutsch, Low Germans,

from Cleves, a duchy in Westphalia, and arrived in 1688-1765.”

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The great influx of these immigrants began about the year 1707. So vast became their numbers in Pennsylvania as to excite public attention as early as 1717, and finally to lead the Provisional Council to adopt, September 14, 1727, and enforce the following resolution: “That the masters of vessels importing *Germans and others from the Continent of Europe* shall be examined whether they have leave granted them by the Court of Great Britain for the importation of these foreigners, and that a list be taken of all these people, their several occupations, and places from whence they came, and they shall be further examined touching their intentions in coming hither, and that a writing be drawn up for them to sign, declaring their allegiance to the king of Great Britain and fidelity to the proprietary of this province, and that they will demean themselves peaceably towards all His Majesty’s subjects, and observe and conform to the laws of England and the government of Pennsylvania.”

Lists were taken by the masters of vessels, and attested as being “*exact and true.*” These are still preserved in the secretary’s office at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. All male persons above the age of sixteen did repeat and subscribe their names, or made their marks to, the following declaration:

“We subscribers, natives and late inhabitants of the Palatinate upon the Rhine, and places adjacent, (or whatever place from), having transported ourselves and families into this province of Pennsylvania, a



colony subject to the crown of Great Britain, in hopes and expectation of finding a retreat and peaceable settlement therein, do solemnly promise and engage that we will be faithful and bear true allegiance to his present Majesty, King George the Second, and his successors, kings of Great Britain, and will be faithful to the proprietor of this province; and that we will demean ourselves peaceably to all his Majesty's subjects, and strictly observe and conform to the laws of England and the province to the utmost of our power and the best of our understanding."

These Germans were principally farmers. They depended more upon themselves than upon others. They were those of whom Governor Thomas said in 1738: "This province has been for some years the asylum of the distressed Protestants of the Palatinate, and other parts of Germany, and I believe it may be truthfully said that the present flourishing condition of it is in a great measure owing to the *industry of these people*; it is not altogether the fertility of the soil, but the number and industry of the people that makes a country flourish."

Among the names given in this book, thirty thousand in all, beginning with 1727, the name of Herr Georg Nögelle appears as having registered in the ship *William and Sarah*, William Hill master, from Rotterdam, September 21, 1727; and is undoubtedly the ancestor from whom we are descended. The name is very nearly like the one in our record, Nogle. The spelling has gradually become simplified and contracted, but is the same name, and is purely German. We will adhere to the original spelling of Nögelle.

The date we have is only two years earlier, and may have been only approximated, as the record says "about the year 1725." So, from this clear evidence this is without doubt our ancestor.

Another tradition is handed down to us, that one of our ancestors was engaged on the work of publishing the first German Lutheran Bible printed in this country. One version of the record makes it this Herr Nögelle, another says it was Henry Joel. As later evidence pronounces Henry Joel a *Presbyterian*, and we know that the first couple coming to America were *Lutherans*, it is quite certain it was Nögelle. As he is said to have been a tutor in the family of the prince, and an educated, accomplished, scholarly man, he would have possessed all the requisites necessary for this great work.

Of the causes leading to this work we find the following facts, given in the *Sunday-School Times*: "In colonial times the printing of the English Bible in the colonies was prohibited by Great Britain. The King's printers possessed a monopoly of the Authorized Version that resembled the perpetual copyright which exists in China. The prohibition applied only to the *English* Bible, consequently the book was printed by John Eliot for the Indians in 1764, and in German by Christopher Saur. He issued the first edition in 1743, and the second one in 1763, at Germantown, Pennsylvania. It was Luther's version, and a faithful copy of the original."

What would be more probable than that an educated German Lutheran, fresh from the Fatherland and his books, should be eagerly sought to assist in such a

work? A copy of the edition of 1763 was the property of Abraham Ellis, whose wife, Katharine Joel Ellis, was a granddaughter of Herr Georg and Maria Louisa Nögelle. Whether it was brought to the family by the mother, Margaret Joel, or bought, we cannot tell. It is still in the family and is yellow with age. The paper on which it is printed is thick and coarse; it is bound with heavy leather and has large brass clasps. In it is the record of the births of the eight children born to Abraham and Katharine Ellis. The record was originally made in German, but an English translation has been added.

Herr Georg Nögelle and Maria Louisa, his wife, are said to have died in Philadelphia, or Germantown, where they had settled, and were there buried; but all effort to find or identify the place has been without success, as the records of the first churches and graveyards, if any were kept, have been lost or destroyed. The names of the old churches have been changed, the city of the living has grown over the silent city of the dead, and we must await the great resurrection to know their resting-place.

According to our family history already quoted, after the death of Georg and Maria Louisa Nögelle, their daughters, Margaret Joel and Rosina Burkett, were notified of an inheritance coming to them in Austria. Henry Joel was sent over to attend to it, and on the return voyage was wrecked in sight of land. In the book containing the lists of immigrants, the fact of such a wreck is given at about that date. A ship carrying immigrants and passengers to Philadelphia from Germany was driven out of its course by a hard

storm, followed by a heavy fog, in which it drifted for some days and was wrecked on Block Island, and everything on board was lost. From early records we find that this dangerous coast was made use of by pirates and wreckers, and that Block Island, the most perilous point, was their finest field of operation. They displayed false lights, alluring confiding mariners to their destruction. Here Henry Joel was lost with the property he was bringing to the heirs of Maria Louisa Nögelle; and in this unmarked grave he lies until the sea gives up its dead.

## CHAPTER II.

### ALLES, OR ELLIS FAMILY.

In the book of immigrants landing in Pennsylvania, already quoted, we find the following, copied from the ship's list: "Ship *Dragon*, Palatinates, Wurtembergers and Alsations, from Alsace, Daniel Nichols, master; from Rotterdam, Johan Jacob Alles, October 17, 1749." This is without doubt our ancestor, as the name of Ellis was originally Alles. Even as late as 1782, in the life of Abraham Ellis, that was the way he wrote his name. His signature was in the old German Bible of which we have spoken, and in the record of the births of his children the name is spelled *Alles*. We do not know whether Johan Jacob Alles was married before leaving his native country or not; most likely he was, and as in the case of Georg Nögelle and Maria Louisa, he and his wife made the trip to America their wedding journey.

He went to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with a party of Germans and there settled, where were born his two sons. Abraham was born at Hanover, (then Lancaster County), September 27, 1750. Among the German families in Lancaster County was that of Jacob Burkett, one of whose sons had married Rosina Nögelle. After the death of Henry Joel, his widow, Margaret Nögelle Joel, with her two daughters, Katharine and Margaret, went to her sister in Lancaster County and there met the Ellis family. The

two Joel daughters married the two sons of Jacob Ellis. Katharine married Abraham, and Margaret married Jacob, Jr.

When the war of the Revolution called out the men of the colony, Abraham entered the army of patriots to defend the country from the oppression of England. Jacob may have gone also, but we have not traced *his* history through this period. Abraham served three several enlistments, two with Pennsylvania troops and one with those of Virginia. He was in the battles of Long Island, Germantown, and others, and was with Washington's troops at Valley Forge and made the perilous crossing of the Delaware River amidst the floating ice Christmas night, 1777. We know from history what that terrible winter was for the army, "now a feeble remnant of an army, poorly clad, poorly armed, and disheartened." With the troops he made the rapid night march to Princeton. He was the first of our family to "enter Princeton," where several of his descendants have been graduated. How different was his entrance and exit!

That chapter in the history of the great struggle for independence should be to us a *personal* history, for our own ancestor, Abraham Ellis, was a part of it.

He witnessed the surrender at Yorktown, and guarded some of the prisoners there taken. At some time during the war he received a severe bayonet wound, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. In his later life he drew a pension from the Government.

The Ellis brothers moved to Berkeley County, Virginia, in 1780, and there bought farms. Abraham served an enlistment with Virginia troops in 1780. and

at the close of the war returned to Pennsylvania and married Katharine Joel. His brother Jacob married Margaret. Taking with them the widowed mother, Margaret Joel, they settled on their farms in Virginia.

The place they selected was a beautiful little valley between the North and Page mountains, a part of the Appalachian range. Through the valley runs a clear stream filled with fish. The farms comprised a large tract of land lying on both sides of this stream, which was then called Elk, or Mill Creek, but is now known as Beck Creek. Abraham took six hundred and eighty acres on one side of the creek and Jacob took the same on the other. A parcel of one hundred acres was set aside for the widowed mother, on which a house was built for her use, and in which she lived and died. Long years afterward, when the farm had passed into other hands, this piece was still known as the Joel strip (or *Yoel*, as the name was pronounced).

Abraham Ellis selected as the place for his house a knoll about one hundred yards from the creek, and there built a substantial, and for that day, rather imposing log house, plastered on the outside. The house still stands, having been very little changed in all these years, either by man or time. It faced south, having the creek on the east, the gentle murmur of whose waters could be plainly heard from the porch.

Across the entire front of the house was a porch. Inside there was one large room, with three small bedrooms on the east side. An immense stone chimney was built up on the west side of the large room, which room extended from the front to the rear of the house. The front and back doors were opposite, both opening

into the yard. In the winter large logs were drawn in through one door by a horse, the end of the log being secured by a chain to the singletree, and the horse led into the room, dragging the log behind him. When the log was brought to the fireplace, it was unfastened and *rolled* into the *fireplace*. These logs were piled upon each other, and with smaller, lighter wood, kept burning for days and even weeks. Sometimes they were drawn in on a *large sled*, a load at a time. These were the "huge log fires" we read of in the history and romance of that day.

The ceiling of the room was low and the beams exposed. On the west side, near the chimney, was a door opening onto a narrow stairway which led up to the attic rooms. Two or three of the steps were in the room, so that when you opened the door you were already that far up-stairs.

The front and back of the house was only one story high, but the steep-pitched roof gave ample space for two stories of good-sized rooms with windows in the ends. The large room had two small windows and the door in front, and the same in the rear. On the right hand as you entered from the porch were three doors, leading into three small bedrooms; on the other side a window near the front, screened by a clump of lilacs, then the stair door and fireplace, and further back another door opening into a kitchen built against the west side of the house, or, more likely, an enclosed porch.

A detailed description of this place is given, as this was the early home of our great-grandmother. In this house she settled, probably a bride, after leaving the



home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Here were born her eight children, who were the grandfathers and grandmothers of the generation of to-day.

Ann, the oldest daughter, *our* grandmother, here lived her childhood, girlhood, and ripening womanhood; was here wooed and won, and was married in this large room. From this old homestead they took up the journey to the unexplored wilds of Ohio.

In front of the house was a narrow yard opening into a lane which led from the road along the bank of the creek to the barn beyond and west of the house. An orchard was planted at the back and west side of the house. Some of the crooked, gnarled old trees still stand where planted so long ago by hands folded in death these many years.

Down near the creek stood the blacksmith shop and foundry, where all the implements on both farms were mended and many of them made. Beyond the lane is a little brook, or rather the outlet of a spring a short distance from the house. From this the ground rises in a gentle slope, on the top of which is the old burying-ground, in full view from the porch of the house. There the old lady Joel was buried, and there her dust reposes to-day—the *daughter* of the *Princess*—Margaret Nögelle Joel. No more beautiful resting-place could be found. Two oaks stand like sentinels over the graves—the only trees in the large field. When we saw it a growth of hawthorn was over and about the graves, and a wealth of wild roses canopied all above, while a rich deep sod, filled with daisies and clover blossoms, made a beautiful covering for the graves.

The view from this knoll is very fine—the pretty creek, winding through the valley, the picturesque old house nestling among the trees and vines, and all overshadowed and protected by the glorious mountains only a few miles away. Though this was only a family burying-ground on a private farm, a few from the neighborhood were also buried within its protection, and not only did the large-hearted owners take into their ground the bodies of their dead neighbors, but this house, being the only large one in the vicinity, was thrown open for all of the funeral services. If no minister was present, Katharine Ellis herself read the prayers and burial service of the Lutheran Church. From its door the dead were carried to their final resting-place. Of the eight children born to Abraham and Katharine Ellis in this house, not one was left behind on this “Burial Hill” when they started for Ohio, and of the families that came from Pennsylvania only the aged Grandmother Joel, and her son-in-law, Jacob Ellis, who died during the year 1806, had been laid to rest in this quiet spot.

In the old family Bible is the following record of births, written in German, with the name as Alles, and in English as Ellis :

Henry Ellis was born December 24, 1782.

Ann Ellis was born July 15, 1785.

Joel Ellis was born December 9, 1788.

Katharine or Katrina Ellis was born April 22, 1791.

Rosannah or Rosina Ellis was born July 30, 1793.

Margaret Ellis was born May 19, 1795.

Isaac Ellis was born December 19, 1798.

Eli Ellis was born September 9, 1801.

When the older children had grown to manhood and womanhood, the spirit of emigration, or let us rather say, the spirit of pioneering, again took possession of the family.

The great Northwest Territory was taking steps toward statehood, and lands were being opened in every part inviting settlers. Ohio knocked at the doors of Congress, and was admitted as a State in 1803, being the first one carved out of the Territory.

The Ellis family had the German idea of individual liberty, and after some years spent in this beautiful valley, they decided to make new homes in the free State just admitted into the Union. They never owned slaves while living in Virginia.

In the spring of 1806, Abraham Ellis made the journey to Ohio to see the lands thrown open for sale. He had sold his farm in Virginia to Frederick Householder, to whom he was to give possession in the fall of that year. He made the purchase of a large tract of land in the northern part of Clinton County, near the line of Greene County, on Anderson's Creek. Jacob's death prevented his going also, as intended. His sons all went to Ohio later, taking the rest of his family.

The following is a copy from the old records of conveyances of property in the office of the recorder at Martinsburg, the county seat of Berkeley County, Virginia. It was kindly hunted up for me by Mr. Doll, the Clerk of the Court: "April 22, 1806, Abraham Ellis and Katharine his wife conveyed to Frederick Householder 680 acres of land on Mill Creek, for 540 pounds, Pennsylvania currency."

Returning to Virginia, after making the purchase in Ohio, the summer was spent in preparation for the removal, and the long, tedious journey. Other preparations were going on, too, in the family, as the marriage of the oldest daughter Ann to Jacob Strickle was to take place in the old home before leaving it.

The Ellis brothers were thrifty, industrious, and enterprising. In a visit to the ancestral farm in 1890, which we were able to locate by the aid of the foregoing copy of the county records, we found an old gentleman, Mr. Bishop, living there in the same house our great-grandfather, Abraham Ellis, built. Mr. Bishop was over eighty years of age, and had owned the farm since his early manhood. It had passed through only one owner, Frederick Householder, to whom Abraham Ellis sold it, and from whom it was bought a few years later by Mr. Charles Stuckey as a wedding present for his daughter when she married Mr. Bishop. This old gentleman told us much of the Ellis family, as he knew them by the reputation they left behind them when they went to Ohio. He said, "And you are descendants of that family! Your grandmother left this house a bride, and I brought my wife here a bride twenty years after. A better family than the Ellis family never lived in this community. They were industrious men, good neighbors, good citizens, good in their families. They were well-to-do, as a matter of course, for with their industry and uprightness prosperity was sure to follow. Their word was their bond any day with everybody. Ah! they were notable people."

We sat on the porch, from which we could see the creek, the "Burial Hill," and much of the farm. Laying his old, withered, trembling hand on my arm he said, "My child, I am glad to see one of that Ellis family; and I tell you, you come of *mighty good stock* if honesty, integrity, and uprightness count for anything nowadays, as they did in *my time*; and I *hope* the good stock has not run out entirely."

It is a striking fact that after the eighty years absence of the family from their old homestead the impress they left upon the community was still strong.

What a rich legacy we have in those few words from an old man on the verge of another world, which he has since entered. He died the next year and now lies buried beside our ancestress under the protecting oaks on *our* "Burial Hill."

## CHAPTER III.

### REMOVAL TO OHIO.

We now return to the wedding in the mountain valley. As soon as the festivities were over, preparations were completed for the removal to the new home in the far west, and two weeks later all was ready.

Abraham Ellis's family, with the newly-married couple, started the last of September, 1806. They had their big, covered wagons, and what could be carried in them. The younger members of the party rode on horseback, leaving the space in the wagons for the mother and the tender wee things.

They crossed the North Mountain on the Martinsburg divide, and followed the old Braddock trail leading to Pittsburg; from there they went to Southern Ohio, most probably by the survey for the great National Road.

When they reached the Ohio River they crossed it by the old-fashioned ferry of *ropes* and *poles*. The horses, with the most courageous, venturesome riders on their backs, swimming across. Our bride was among these, as she used to boast that on her wedding journey she "crossed the Ohio River *on horseback*."

The last glimpse of their old home was from the summit of the North Mountain. All the way up the mountain side the beautiful valley could be seen as it lay spread out before their eyes. What must have been the emotion of that woman—that wife and

mother—our great-grandmother, taking up again the march through a wilderness to an unknown home in an unknown country! The courage and faith in such a step must have been of the highest order, such as made the future of a state sure and permanent. The pioneer life needed not only brave, resolute men, but women steadfast and with undaunted courage to stand beside them. Such were the Ellis men, and such, too, were the heroic women who faced danger and hardship with them.

We have journeyed with these emigrants through their weeks of slow, tedious march over mountains, through valleys, across the Ohio River, and now we stop with them in the new county of Clinton, their chosen home.

In the history of Clinton County, Judge Harlan, the author, says: "In the fall of 1806 there was an addition of two or three families on Anderson's Creek. Abraham Ellis and family settled just over the creek." The family consisted of himself, his wife and eight children, four sons and four daughters, and his son-in-law, Jacob Strickle.

After their long journey we again locate them as pioneers in a new and wild country. The tract of land which was chosen was situated in the northern part of the county on Anderson Creek. The place selected for the house was a hill overlooking the creek, with a spring at its foot. Here was erected a log house in which all of the family spent the first winter. This house, with a roof and walls, must have seemed quite grand after the many nights spent in the covered wagons, or on the ground around the camp-fire, with the starry heavens their only canopy.

In the spring a portion of the land was laid off and given to the oldest daughter Ann and her husband, Jacob Strickle, and a log house of one room built for them where they set up their housekeeping. This must have been of a very primitive sort, and could not have required much space. The articles of furniture and the housekeeping utensils were few in number and simple in kind.

The site chosen by Abraham Ellis for his home was beautiful. The path to the creek was steep and rocky. By the side of the spring was a group of willows, some of which remain to this day, large, venerable, old trees that with a big oak make a dense shade over the spring. The water still flows as freely, is as cool, fresh, and sparkling as when the little children of this household drank of it nearly a century ago.

As years passed the needs of the family and the prosperity of the times demanded the enlargement and improvement of the house. Another room was added, from which a stairway led to attic rooms above. A wide porch was built across the entire front, which served as a sitting- and dining-room during the summer and for many household purposes. The spinning wheels had their place in this cool, shady retreat.

The porch faced the creek and commanded a view of the road for a long way as it wound down the rocky hill opposite. With this vantage ground of observation the family could never be taken by surprise by unexpected visitors. They had ample time to make everything nice and tidy and array themselves in their company clothes and manners before the coming guests arrived at the house. As the neighbors were miles



apart, and this road through their own farm, used almost exclusively by themselves, they always knew the guests were coming to them.

The years passed on with seed-time and harvest, summer's heat and winter's cold. The sons and daughters of that household, our grandfathers and grandmothers, grew to manhood and womanhood. The old home became too narrow and crowded for them, and following the example of all ages since the days of Adam and Eve, they each sought and found an helpmate and established homes of their own. All left the old nest after the manner of birds, except the youngest child, Eli. He brought his young wife, Mary Mills, to the old homestead and lived with and cared for the aged father and mother. On July 7, 1832, the Congress of the United States passed an act pensioning all survivors of the Revolutionary War not already drawing pensions, and under the provisions of this act Abraham Ellis became entitled to and drew a pension from the government the remainder of his life.

The vouchers on which payments were made are filed in the Treasury Department at Washington, in the files of the Auditor by whom they were audited. The paper is yellow with age. Each voucher is written out entirely, as there were no printed blanks used at that time as now.

The writing in these documents was very familiar, many of them bearing the signatures of men whose lives went into the making of the history of Clinton County, and whose names are like household words.

The original certificate must have been among the papers of Abraham Ellis when he died, but has been

lost, as no trace of it remains. The vouchers are alike except in a few particulars. The names of the witnesses and clerks of the court in only two are given here, and a full copy of only one is made. The names will be of interest to all of the descendants, and many of them will be found to have been old neighbors, or even relatives, as many marriages occurred among these neighbors.

The first voucher, bearing date of October 14, 1833, is as follows :

STATE OF OHIO, }  
COUNTY OF CLINTON, } ss.

Be it known that before me, Samuel Miller, a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Abraham Ellis, and made oath in due form of law that he is the identical person named in the original certificate in his possession, of which I certify the following is a true copy :

“WAR DEPARTMENT, REVOLUTIONARY CLAIM.

“I certify that in conformity with the law of the United States of the 7th June, 1832, Abraham Ellis, of the State of Ohio, who was a private in the Army of the Revolution, is entitled to receive thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents per annum during his natural life, commencing on the 4th of March, 1831, and payable semi-annually on the 4th of March and the 4th of September in every year.”

“Given at the War office of the United States this 20th day of  
[SEAL] September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

[Signed] LEWIS CASS,  
*Secretary of War.*

Examined and countersigned.

J. L. EDWARDS,  
*Commissioner of Pensions.*

That he now resides in Clinton County, Ohio, and has resided

there for the space of twenty-six years past ; and that previous thereto he resided in Berkeley County in the State of Virginia.

[Signed] ABRAHAM ELLIS.

Sworn and subscribed this 14th day of October, 1833, before me.  
SAMUEL MILLER, *J. P.*

Know all men by these presents, that I, Abraham Ellis, of the County of Clinton, Ohio, a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States, do hereby constitute and appoint Eli Ellis, my true and lawful attorney, for me, and in my name to receive from the agent of the United States for paying pensions in Cincinnati, State of Ohio, my pension from the 4th day of March, 1831, to the 4th day of September, 1833.

Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of October, 1833.

ABRAHAM ELLIS. [SEAL]

Sealed and delivered in presence of

SAMUEL MILLER.

ABRAHAM MILLER.

STATE OF OHIO, }  
CLINTON COUNTY, } ss.

Be it known that on the 14th day of October, 1833, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, personally appeared Abraham Ellis above named and acknowledged the foregoing power of attorney to be his act and deed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand the day and year last above mentioned.

[Signed] SAMUEL MILLER, *J. P.*

STATE OF OHIO, }  
CLINTON COUNTY, } ss.

Be it known that on the 14th day of October, 1833, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, personally appeared Eli Ellis, the attorney named in the foregoing power of attorney, and made oath that the same was not given him by reason of any sale, transfer, or mortgage of the pension or arrears of pension therein authorized to be received by him.

ELI ELLIS.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year last above mentioned before me.  
SAMUEL MILLER, *J. P.*

STATE OF OHIO, }  
 CLINTON COUNTY, } ss.

I, Isaiah Morris, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, of the county and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Samuel Miller, Esq., is a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, duly commissioned and qualified; that his commission was dated on the 31st day of October, 1832, and will expire on the 31st day of October, 1835, and that his signature above written is genuine.

Given under my hand and the seal of county this 14th day of  
 [SEAL] October, 1833. (Signed)

ISAIAH MORRIS, *Clerk.*

No. 2.

CINCINNATI, 9 November, 1833.

Received of J. Reynolds, agent for paying pensions, Eighty-three Dollars 32 cents, being for 30 months, and ——— days' pension due Abraham Ellis, from the 4th day of March, 1831, to the 4th day of September, 1833, for which I have signed duplicate receipts.

ELI ELLIS.

The last voucher of September 21, 1837, is the same except the dates, and that Joel Ellis instead of Eli, who was then dead, is given power of attorney to receive the money, and John H. Groesbeck is the agent at Cincinnati for paying pensions, instead of J. Reynolds; and Lawrence Fitzhugh as clerk of the court, in place of Isaiah Morris, certifies to the qualifications and genuine signature of Samuel Miller, justice of the peace. This voucher is in the familiar handwriting of Abraham Ellis Strickle, and seemed like

“The touch of a vanished hand,  
 The sound of a voice now still.”

The voucher was executed only a few days before the death of Abraham Ellis, which occurred on the 26th of September, 1837.

All of the former ones bear his signature, but this one is signed by X mark, as the hand was then too

weak and feeble to guide the pen. Of the military epoc in his life he was very proud, and it furnished an inexhaustible supply of stories for his grand- and great-grandchildren. Some of the older of the great-grandchildren remember him recounting his exploits in the Revolutionary War. He would warm up with his subject, march back and forth on the wide porch, using his staff as a gun, and show the admiring audience of children how they drilled, how they marched, shouldered arms and fired when he was in the war, to the secret terror of the younger of the children, but the delight of the older ones.

One favorite story was how, being surprised by a party of Hessians one morning when just ready for breakfast, they repulsed them, killing many—he himself killing three. One timid, sensitive little girl in the group was quite distressed, and on the way home denounced the old gentleman in very decided terms as a wicked, bad old man. On being reproved by her mother for her use of such language about an old man, she persisted in saying “he ought to be *hung*, for he used to kill three Hessians every morning before he ate his breakfast.” Innocent little girl, she did not know the difference between war and murder. It was explained to her, and that this killing three Hessians was *not* a *daily* occurrence, repeated every morning. Her pride in and reverence for her military ancestor was very much increased, but I doubt if her childish fear of such a ferocious grandsire ever abated.

He always wore a little skull-cap, and being feeble used a staff, which served the double purpose of a

cane on which to lean, and a weapon with which to show his military drill. When excited in these narrations he would straighten up and march with a firm and steady step, even the fire of youth in his eyes. No doubt the blood of warriors ran in his veins. His father came in his early manhood from Alsace, where war had been the pastime of kings and princes. Coming to a land of freedom for peace from oppressive rulers, the son saw only one cause to espouse when tyranny drove the feeble colonies into revolution; and it must have been satisfaction to pick off a few of those Hessians *hired* to fight against freedom and liberty.

The following is from the pen of Lizzie Strickle Deuell, the oldest great-grandchild, who was old enough to have seen and remembered him very well: "My personal recollection of Great-grandfather Ellis is very vivid, as he was a man of strong personality. He wore his hair long and tied with a black ribbon. When he became excited he would parade up and down the porch at his old home, with his staff over his shoulder, and show us children how the soldiers marched, then take it down and shoot at imaginary Hessians, that he seemed especially to hate. One summer night, I so well remember, when Uncle Eli Ellis's boys were down in the bottom by the creek burning the shocks of fodder to clear the land for another crop; the sight from the hill on which the house stood was very beautiful. As they went from shock to shock the whole little valley was lighted up, and the dear old grandfather said, 'That looks like the little camps of soldiers lighted up with their

camp-fires,' and he told us of Valley Forge and other camps. He would get so excited when he told us of the lonesome nights on guard, almost frozen, and half-clothed, with old saddle leathers tied on their feet for shoes; then he would start tramping and halloo out, 'Begad! begad! we whipped the British dogs at last.' Then mother, thinking he was swearing, called us all in so we would not hear his 'profane words,' as she called them. But we were soon all back again to hear more about the great wars.

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"His funeral was forever marked in my memory by our carriage being upset off a bridge down into a mill-race on our way to the burying-ground, about a mile from his old home. All of these memories were revived a few years ago by standing by his grave and thinking and talking of him, in his quiet, beautiful resting-place in Clinton County, Ohio. The old neighbors who knew him long and well, several having come with him from Virginia, sharing the perils and dangers of the long journey, and the toils and trials of the pioneer settler, said he was a brave, good man all his life."

Abraham Ellis died September 26, 1837, and was buried in the Miller graveyard, near Lumberton, but a short distance from his home. Katharine Ellis, his wife, survived him only a few years—less than three. She died July 25, 1840, and was laid to rest beside the husband with whom she had journeyed nearly sixty years. Together they had twice left behind them old friends, old homes, and old associations, and together had faced new and almost unbroken wildernesses. In death they were not long separated. Side by side they

rest in the beautiful burying-ground overlooking the same pretty creek that rippled by their door. The graves are marked by plain slabs, bearing the following inscriptions:

In memory of  
ABRAHAM ELLIS,  
who died  
Sept. the 26, 1837,  
Aged 87 years.

KATHARINE, wife of  
ABRAHAM ELLIS,  
died  
July 25, 1840,  
Aged 76 years.



## CHAPTER IV.

### JACOB STRICKLE—BIRTH AND PARENTAGE— MARRIAGE TO ANN ELLIS.

We now take up the fourth generation, the children of Abraham and Katharine Ellis. As Ann, though not the oldest child, was the first one married, we will begin with her. We must go back in our history to the earlier dates, and again turning to the list of immigrants landing in Pennsylvania, we find the following : “In the ship *Charming Polly*, Charles Slidman, master, from Rotterdam, last from Plymouth, October 8, 1737, Ulrich Strickler and *Hans Jacob Strickler, Swiss.*”

There is no doubt that this Hans Jacob Strickler was the ancestor who planted our branch of the Strickle family on this continent. The additional letter *r* to the name, in some places, is a very slight variation ; and as the names were all registered in German, and written at sea before landing, the translations have been difficult. We know, too, that Jacob Strickle, who married Anne Ellis, was of Swiss descent. He always claimed that his ancestors were Waldenses, and there is no reason to doubt it.

One of his sisters, Elizabeth Strickle, married a man by the name of Slonaker, and from a descendant of that family we have the information that the two families, Strickle and Slonaker, came to this country from Switzerland at the same time, and that they intermarried in this country. From what I have

gathered from books and corroborative testimony, the Hans Jacob Strickle landing here in 1737 from Switzerland was our ancestor.

Of the second generation of Strickles, the only name that has come down to us is that of Christopher Strickle, who was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where the family settled on their arrival in America. We next find him living in Berkeley County, Virginia, in the latter part of the last century. He had six children, Elizabeth, Christopher, Jacob, John, Mary, and Katie, all born in Virginia. Elizabeth married John Slonaker, whose ancestors came from Switzerland at the same time the first Strickles came.

The Slonakers and Christopher Strickle removed early in the present century, about 1810, to western Pennsylvania and settled, the Slonakers in Fayette County and Christopher Strickle in Mercer County. John Strickle emigrated to Ohio later and settled in the northern part of Clinton County, where he reared a large family. Many of his grand- and great-grandchildren still live in that neighborhood. John Strickle and several of his children are buried in the Miller cemetery near Lumberton, where our great-grandfather and -mother Ellis lie buried.

The family of Elizabeth Strickle Slonaker lived in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, near Connellsville. There the mother died at the advanced age of ninety years. She cared a large family, one daughter was named Mary, another Katie for her two sisters. Mary Slonaker married a man by the name of Shallenberger and removed to the west, settling in Illinois. A son, Martin Shallenberger, lived in Toulon, Illinois, from

whom all of this information was obtained, as he had it from the lips of his mother, and grandmother, Jacob Strickle's sister, whom he well remembered.

Mary and Katie Strickle, the other sisters, never married. The life of dear old Aunt Mary is so closely interwoven with our own childhood — her home being with Grandfather Strickle — that she seems nearer to us than any of the others, and the history of her life of self-sacrifice and service to others runs through our own history, down to her death in 1865. Katie Strickle lived with her brother Christopher and sister Elizabeth Slonaker in Western Pennsylvania until about 1850, when she went to Ohio, and after a few years died at the home of her brother John Strickle, and was buried in the Miller graveyard, near Lumberton.

Jacob Strickle was born in 1783 in Berkeley County, Virginia, probably near Shepherdstown, then in the same county. When the Ellis family came to the state from Pennsylvania in 1780 they found this family of Strickles there. They may have already known them in Pennsylvania, as they had lived in the same locality. Young Jacob was employed by them in the foundry and smithy established on their farm. A strong friendship sprung up between Jacob and Henry Ellis, the oldest son of Abraham Ellis. The daughter, Ann, was her brother's constant companion; and what would be more natural than that she should fall in love with his friend and associate, and that the love should be returned?

In the spring of 1806, as we have seen, Abraham Ellis sold his farm in Virginia and made the trip to the new State of Ohio, and selected a location in Clinton County,

on Anderson's Creek. On his return preparations were begun for leaving the old home and making the great journey to the far West. During the summer—1806—Ann, too, was making her own preparations for the new start she was to make in life. The young people were to be married in the old homestead and go to Ohio with the family in September. Rather a novel bridal trip, to be sure, to emigrate to the wilds of the West, with the bride's family as her escort!

Eighty-four years afterwards, as we walked over the old farm, by the spring, over the hill to the graveyard, through the orchard, and by the gently flowing stream, I could see these happy lovers in that bright summertime. Everything seemed full of echoes of that long ago past. The same spring that they drank from still bubbles up in its coolness; the same trees throw their deep shade on the grass; the same brook goes singing by in its sandy bed; the same mountain stands above and over all; only the people have grown old and passed away. As I stood in the same room in which that young couple were married so many years ago, with a picture of the dear old grandmother with her cap and spectacles, her white hair and wrinkled face, it was hard to imagine the pretty, blooming bride of twenty, just starting on that untried future. But as I looked back from the end of the long road they traveled together, I could see the wisdom of her choice. The lover of that springtime of life was as ardent a lover when age crept on, stealing away the youthful beauty, as faithful and devoted through sickness and health until death came to part them.

I have described the large room in the old home-

stead; in the middle of it stood the bridal pair. The dress of the bride was described to me when I was a young girl by grandmother. It was made of white muslin, "clinging stuff" like the mull used to-day. The waist was short, with a broad belt; was cut low in the neck, what we would call an infant waist. The sleeves were simply a puff of about one finger-length deep, leaving the arm bare. The skirt, closely gored at the front and sides, came down to the ankles. The back breadth was in a long pointed train, the tip of the point raised to the neck-band to which it was fastened with a bow of broad white ribbon, the loops reaching to the waist, the long ends to the bottom of the skirt, which touched the floor. White silk mits covered the hand and arm, reaching above the elbow, and were tied with white satin ribbons having streamers. White clocked stockings and high-heeled shoes with ribbon bows set off her pretty feet, which were the pride of her eyes, and also of her lover's. Dear old man, I can see his eyes grow fond and tender as he listened to her describing the wedding-dress, and how proudly he said, "Yes, your grandmother had a pretty foot and ankle, and has yet, and can truly say that neither daughter nor granddaughter has ever shown one prettier, if equal in beauty." The proud, fond lover never left him; to his death, she was his queen. It is said, though she always denied it, that her head-dress was very unique. Seeing the roomful that she must face and frightened at the ordeal, she took up a sunbonnet as she entered the room and put it on her head, shading her eyes, but, as grandfather said, making her look shy and roguish and all the prettier.

The Sunday bonnet was a wonder! one of the old style known as "sky-scrapers." Very few of the present generation know anything of this ancient bonnet; there are too few old attics among us to hoard these treasures in, and preserve them for posterity. It was a poke-bonnet enlarged, exaggerated, and intensified. The crown was small and slightly raised, and about four inches long; where it met the front, there was a slight depression; then the brim sloped up at an angle of forty-five degrees, extending equally at the sides. The front came far over the face, and might have served as a sun umbrella if necessary.

This particular bonnet we are describing was of leg-horn, and was trimmed with a quantity of blue ribbon. Flowers were not worn on the outside, but were reserved entirely for the face trimming, where a whole flower-garden, vines, and all, could have had plenty of room to spread and bloom without crowding each other. The sweet, young faces were surrounded by flowers.

Grandmother once told me, with a great show of self-denial, "that she wore her bonnet for *seven years* without changing a ribbon; girls were not so vain in her day." But the dear old lady was somewhat disconcerted by a voice from the bed, where grandfather was, as supposed, asleep, replying to her vain boast: "Don't you believe any such foolishness; the girls were just as fond of a new ribbon then as they are now, and your grandmother has not a granddaughter who is more pleased with nice clothes and keeping close to the fashions than she was." "It is true," he continued, "that she *did* wear that bonnet seven years

without making any change in it, not because she was satisfied with it, but for the reason that there was no store or shop where she could buy a ribbon, or even a needle or pin, nearer than Hillsborough, thirty miles away, and the only way to reach that place was on horseback, and by a bridle-path through the woods."

As we have already said, the marriage occurred in the old home in Virginia in September, 1806, and the young couple emigrated to Ohio with the family soon afterward. The first winter was spent all together in the house built on their arrival, but in the spring of 1807 their own was built and they set up housekeeping for themselves. What do you think their house was like? It was a log house of *one room*, with a loft overhead which was reached by a ladder, and a shed, or lean-to, across the back. A big fireplace took up nearly all of one side, and served the double purpose of heating and cooking; of course, stoves were not in use at that early day. No doubt there was plenty of comfort and happiness even if there was not an abundance of worldly goods. They had as much as any of their neighbors, and more than some of them—the Indians, for instance.

On October 4, 1807, was born in this log cabin a baby boy, the first of a new generation, ushering in the fourth generation born in America. The boy was named for the grandfather on the mother's side, and given the full name, Abraham Ellis Strickle. This was among the first births in the county, and occurred three years before Wilmington, the county-seat, was laid out. When the town was platted in 1810, Jacob Strickle bought some of the town lots.

He remained in the country several years longer, and during that time three other children were born, all boys; Isaac, in 1809; Jacob W., in 1811; and Joseph, born May 19, 1813. It has been said that when this baby was to be named, some one called attention to the fact that the names of the patriarchs had been chosen so far, although each name had been given for some relative, and the fact not observed. The mother said: "This child shall be Joseph, and if I have another son we will call him Benjamin," which they did.

Of the years spent on the farm we know very little. One incident has been handed down that shows something of the variety that was brought into the monotonous farm life by their dusky neighbors. One day when the second son, Isaac, was a few days old, the mother, alone in the house for a little while with her two babies, was startled by seeing a big Indian walk in unannounced. Looking around the room he picked up the little boy Abraham from the floor where he was playing and, placing him on his shoulders, marched off. The terrified mother had to wait until the woman who was living with her returned from the spring. She sent her to the grandfather's home and gave the alarm, and soon the neighbors were summoned. Parties started off in different directions, and the afternoon and night were spent in fruitless search. In the morning fresh trails were followed. About noon the Indian appeared at the house as suddenly as before, bearing the boy on his shoulder. The little fellow was decked out with feathers and bright berries, and was as happy as if he had been on a pleasure-trip. With a grunt the Indian



replaced him on the floor, and saying, "Him no *pale face*; he *brave*," stalked out of the house and out of sight in the thick woods. Where he had taken the child, and for what purpose, and why returned him was never known. The little fellow could not talk, and so could not tell anything of his visit; but the poor mother never forgot that terrible day and night.

One of the lots bought by Jacob Strickle when the town of Wilmington was laid out was on the corner of Walnut and South streets. Here he built a stone house into which he moved his family in the spring of 1814. In this house they lived for many years. Four more children were born to them here, Maria in 1815, Benjamin Scott, February 16, 1818, Margaret in 1820, and Catharine in February, 1823. On the lot where the Methodist church now stands Joseph Wright had a wool-carding machine and horse-mill. It was in this mill the accident occurred to Abraham, then a little boy six or seven years old, by which he lost two fingers from each hand. The property was bought by Jacob Strickle, and in 1818 he sold it to the Methodist society, and it was remodeled and changed into a church.

Having a family of boys to raise, Jacob Strickle again bought a farm, this time just outside of the town on the Prairie Road. After clearing it off he built a brick house and moved out in 1836. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were married before the family left town, and had established homes of their own.

The stone house in town was opened as a hotel called "The Buckey House," and gave its name to the corner that had been known as "Strickle's Corner."

The house on this farm is the one that is remembered by most of us as the "old home." How happy it always made us to go there! Its doors were always open to the grandchildren. We knew the apple-trees as well as we did each other,—among them the "early red," whose branches hung over the lane fence, and whose most tempting fruit seemed always to fall on that side, where the terrible cows stood watching us, just ready, as we thought, to plunge their dreadful horns through us, pinning us to the fence, should we dare to invade their domain. And there, too, grew that grand old mulberry-tree, whose luscious fruit would be shaken down to us by Billy Bright, a boy whom grandfather reared. A tablecloth was spread on the ground to catch the berries. Our childish fears of the aforesaid Billy, who lost no opportunity of teasing and frightening little children, were greatly lessened when he was in the top of the mulberry-tree, and dear grandfather near to protect us.

Here, too, we find dear old Aunt Mary Strickle, the lovely, patient woman, ever ready to tie up the wounded fingers and comfort the wounded hearts of the little ones. And the great slices of bread and butter we had from her dear hands! I can follow her now to the cool milk-house with the great loaf of bread and the huge knife. There, surrounded by the hungry brood, she would spread the butter over the whole side of the loaf and then cut off the slice, and one after another of the uplifted little hands would be filled. Each waited his or her turn; no crowding or pushing to be first while the dear woman was there. No mean advantage could be taken under her quiet, kindly eye.

Even the smallest of us felt her gentle and happy influence. I remember once, in some story she was telling us, she said, "when I was a little girl like you," pointing to one of her audience, I wondered, could she *ever* have been young like us! and thought how *very* long ago it must have been, *almost* in Bible times. Her history is one of the many unwritten ones of loving self-sacrifice and devotion. Why she had lived single all of her life, taking the hardest part of everything, giving freely of time, strength, life, and love, *she* only knew. Her life was not wasted, but we can bear witness that many of us were made better and given much of comfort and love by her beautiful self-sacrificing life.

One after another the children of the Strickle household married, and all settled in or near Wilmington, none living more than two miles from the old homestead. Being left alone, and growing old, the father and mother, with Aunt Mary, again left the country and in 1849 moved into town, where they had built a house near the home of their youngest daughter, Catharine Tillinghast.

Jacob Strickle died a few years after and the home was broken up. The mother made her home with her children, and Aunt Mary lived with the youngest daughter, Catharine Tillinghast.

Ann Ellis Strickle died at the home of her daughter, Maria Carroll, in Wilmington, in May, 1863, and was buried in the cemetery there beside her husband, whose body had been removed from the Gaddis graveyard to the new cemetery.

After the death of Catharine Tillinghast, Aunt Mary

Strickle went with her children to Cincinnati and tenderly cared for these motherless little ones until her own death. She died at the home of William Tillinghast, in Cincinnati, in November, 1864, and was brought to Wilmington and buried beside the brother and sister whose home had been hers for almost half a century.

## CHAPTER V.

### DESCENDANTS OF JACOB AND ANN ELLIS STRICKLE.

Abraham Ellis Strickle, born October 4, 1807, died July 9, 1863.

Isaac Strickle, born 1809, died April 30, 1885.

Jacob W. Strickle, born 1811, died August 25, 1869.

Joseph Strickle, born May 19, 1813, died March 29, 1873.

Maria Strickle, born November 29, 1815, died May 2, 1868.

Benjamin Scott Strickle, born February 16, 1818, died August 6, 1895.

Margaret Ann Strickle, born April 15, 1820; died, date not known.

Catharine Strickle, born February 1823, died February, 1860.

Abraham Ellis Strickle was married at Cincinnati, Ohio, December 22, 1830, to Caroline Goodwin, daughter of William Rockwell and Elizabeth Tucker Goodwin. The journey to Wilmington required two and a half days, being made in a carriage over very bad roads. Turnpikes were not known in Ohio at that time.

Abraham Strickle was always interested in the advancement and development of his town and county, and took a prominent part in all public improvements. When a young man he served a term of seven years as clerk of the county court. He was one of the directors and the treasurer of the first turnpike built in the

county, from Wilmington to Goshen, there connecting with one already built to Cincinnati, thus uniting the town with the great emporium of the West, over which a stage line was established. While treasurer he kept the money in his own house and there paid off the employees, there being no banks at that time in the town.

When the new constitution of Ohio was adopted, Mr. Strickle was again appointed clerk of the court to fill out the unexpired term and finish up the work of the old constitution. He was appointed a member of the first State Board of Agriculture, and, having added farming to his other employments, took great interest in the improvements along the line of agriculture. He was president of the Clinton County Agricultural Society for ten years, and the beautiful fair-grounds and successful fairs during that time were largely the result of his skillful efforts. He was one of a company of importers of fine cattle and sheep from England. The Durham cattle and fine Merino Southdown sheep brought into Clinton County by that company have made it noted in the wool and cattle markets.

As a farmer with advanced ideas, he introduced on his own farm all of the new improvements in machinery, and gradually induced his neighbors to adopt the same, even though he met great opposition at the start. When the railroad was projected from Cincinnati to Zanesville, he entered into the movement with his usual energy and pride for his town; its name being added to the title, "Cincinnati, Wilmington and Zanesville Railroad," by which name it was known for many years. He was made a director of the railroad, and pushed its interests to a successful termination.

As he was ever ready to advance the welfare of the living, even so was his heart and hand enlisted in providing a suitable resting-place for the dead. He was elected President of the Cemetery Association at its organization, and could have had no more fitting monument than our beautiful Sugar Grove Cemetery.

In the first year of the Civil War, when our government was so ill-prepared to supply the immediate wants of our troops, donations poured in from all over the State to be sent to our brave soldiers. Abraham Strickle was appointed by Governor Denison to take charge of the supplies to be sent to West Virginia, to go with them, and attend to their distribution. He spent the first winter of the War in this work. In May of 1862 he was appointed by President Lincoln as Captain and Commissary of Subsistence, and assigned to General Grant's command. His supply boats lay at the mouth of the Yazoo River, opposite Vicksburg, for three months in the spring of 1863, during the siege and bombardment of that city. At this time he was appointed one of the three Commissioners to lease abandoned plantations on the Mississippi River and employ the slaves left on them. He contracted the fever, so prevalent there, and started north in June; but on reaching Cincinnati, he was too ill to be taken farther, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William D. Bickham, July 9, 1863, five days after the surrender of Vicksburg. He was taken to Wilmington and buried in the beautiful cemetery which had been his special pride. Caroline G. Strickle died at Wilmington, Ohio, October 27, 1867.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM E. AND CAROLINE  
STRICKLE.

Elizabeth Ann Strickle was born October 10, 1831.

Maria Emily Strickle was born December 22, 1833.

Mary Gano Strickle was born February 5, 1836, died at Los Angeles, California, March 3, 1897.

Katharine Jane Strickle was born March 20, 1838.

Caroline Margaret Strickle was born December 5, 1840.

Rebekah Harriet Strickle was born February 27, 1843.

Frances Williamson Strickle was born August 6, 1845, died at Washington, D. C., October 9, 1894, buried at Wilmington.

Charles Rockwell Strickle was born April 16, 1848, died at Memphis, Tennessee, January 6, 1863, buried at Wilmington.

Alnetta Clark Strickle was born February 19, 1851, died at Wilmington, Ohio, June 28, 1851.

Isaac Strickle was born October 19, 1852, died at Wilmington, Ohio, October 22, 1852.

Elizabeth Ann Strickle was married at Wilmington, Ohio, December 28, 1859, to John W. Dunham, of Piketon, Ohio. They had two children, both died in infancy. Rebecca Dunham, born at Piketon, Ohio, June 1861, and John Gates, born at Wilmington, Ohio, May 23, 1863. Mr. Dunham died at Wilmington, October 27, 1866. Mrs. Dunham went to California in 1867, and on June 24, 1869, was married to John C. Deuell, who was born at Saratoga, New York, and who is a great-grandson of Ethan Allen. Her address is Fresno, California.

Maria Emily Strickle was married at Wilmington, December 27, 1855, to William Denison Bickham, of



Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Bickham was army correspondent for the *Cincinnati Commercial* during the first years of the war, and served on General Rosecrans's staff as aide-de-camp at the battle of Stone River. In 1863 he moved to Dayton, Ohio, and took charge of the *Dayton Journal* as editor and proprietor, and soon took rank at the head of his chosen profession. He died March 27, 1894, and was buried in Woodland Cemetery, at Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Bickham's address is Dayton, Ohio.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM D. AND MARIA E. S.  
BICKHAM.

William Strickle Bickham, born at Cincinnati, November 22, 1856.

Victor Hardy Bickham, born at Cincinnati, July 4, 1858; died at Dayton, Ohio, June 22, 1865.

Abraham Strickle Bickham, born at Cincinnati, August 28, 1860.

Thoms Burns Bickham, born at Cincinnati, May 13, 1863; died at Cincinnati, Ohio, June 19, 1863.

Daniel Denison Bickham, born at Dayton, October 31, 1864.

Charles Goodwin Bickham, born at Dayton, August 12, 1867.

William S. Bickham was married at Dayton, Ohio, in 1865, to Katharine Folz. They have no children. Their address is Spokane, Washington.

Abraham Strickle Bickham was appointed by President McKinley, in May, 1898, captain and assistant quartermaster, United States Volunteers in the war

with Spain. He served in the United States and Philippine Islands.

Daniel D. Bickham was married at Easton, Pennsylvania, October 19, 1887, to Anna Stout, daughter of Mr. George W. and Elizabeth Raub Stout. Address, Dayton, Ohio. They have had three children:

Emily Maria, born in Dayton December 12, 1889; died, Easton, Pennsylvania, December 26, 1890.

William Denison, born in Dayton October 31, 1891.

Ann Elizabeth, born in Dayton July 31, 1894.

Charles G. Bickham enlisted as a private in the Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry April 25, 1898, and was appointed by President McKinley as captain of Company M, Ninth U. S. V. I. July 19, 1898, in the war with Spain. He served in the United States and in Santiago de Cuba, and was mustered out at Camp Meade, Pennsylvania, in May, 1899. He was again commissioned by the President as a captain in the Twenty-eighth U. S. V. I. July 5, 1899, for service in the Philippines.

Three of the sons of Maria Strickle Bickham—Abraham S., Dan D., and Charles G.—were graduated at Princeton, where their ancestor, Abraham Ellis, fought during the Revolution with the army of General Washington. After the death of William D. Bickham, these three sons took charge of the *Journal* under the firm name of William D. Bickham's Sons, editors. When Abraham S. and Charles G. went into the United States service for the war, Daniel D. took the entire charge of the paper as editor and manager.

Mary Gano Strickle was married at Wilmington, October 16, 1856, to George K. Farquhar, son of Cyrus

and Lydia Farquhar. George Farquhar died at Little Rock, Arkansas, June 1, 1884, and was buried at Wilmington, Ohio. Mary G. S. Farquhar died at the home of her son, Richard H. Farquhar, in Los Angeles, California, March 3, 1897, and was buried at Wilmington, Ohio.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE K. AND MARY G. S.  
FARQUHAR.

Richard Henry Farquhar was born at Wilmington, Ohio, July 26, 1857.

Abraham Ellis Farquhar was born at Wilmington, Ohio, August 7, 1862, died at Nevada City, California, in 1863.

Caroline Lydia Farquhar was born in Nevada City, California, in 1865, died October, 1867, at Nevada City, California.

Elizabeth Strickle Farquhar was born at Nevada City, California, September 8, 1868.

Maria Louise Farquhar was born at Wilmington, Ohio, September 18, 1871, died July 3, 1887, at Little Rock, Arkansas, buried at Wilmington, Ohio.

Richard H. Farquhar was married at Olive, California, June 4, 1893, to Etta Passmore. They have no children. Address, Los Angeles, California.

Elizabeth S. Farquhar was married at Los Angeles, California, March 12, 1890, to Louis Hanitch, of Bismarck, Dakota. Address, West Superior, Wisconsin. Their children :

Mary Hanitch was born at Bismarck, Dakota, January 16, 1891.

Maria Bickham Hanitch was born at West Superior, Wisconsin, March 13, 1893, died August 19, 1894.

John Farquhar Hanitch was born at West Superior, Wisconsin, September 4, 1895, died October 30, 1896.

Catherine Louise Hanitch was born at West Superior, Wisconsin, December 19, 1898.

Katharine J. Strickle was married at Wilmington, Ohio, June 24, 1858, to Rodney Foos, son of Griffith and Priscilla G. Foos. They had no children, but adopted an orphan, Almeda Ryan, now Mrs. H. S. Miller, of Dayton, Ohio. She had three children, Emma Lloyd, Harry S., and Katharine Maria. Harry S. is dead.

Rodney Foos served during the civil war of 1861-65, as Adjutant of the Seventy-ninth O. V. I., and afterward held the position of Clerk of the Supreme Court of Ohio for three terms. He died at Xenia, Ohio, April 20, 1884, and was buried at Wilmington, Ohio. Katharine Foos's address is Washington, D. C.

Caroline Margaret Strickle was married at Dayton, Ohio, November 24, 1874, to Captain J. W. Clous, United States Army. Captain Clous served on the Western frontier in the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry until 1886, when he was appointed Major and Judge Advocate. He was Instructor of Law at West Point for five years. During the war with Spain he went to Cuba and Porto Rico with General Miles as a member of his staff, and was Secretary and Recorder of the Evacuation Commission at Havana, Cuba. They have no children. Present address, Colonel and Deputy Judge Advocate United States Army, Governor's Island, New York.

Rebekah H. Strickle's address is Dayton, Ohio.

Frances W. Strickle was married at Wilmington, Ohio, September 7, 1865, to Colonel H. C. Corbin, United States Volunteers. She died at Washington, D. C., October 9, 1894, and was buried at Wilmington, Ohio. Henry C. Corbin served on the frontier as Captain in the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry until 1880, when he was appointed Major and Assistant Adjutant - General. He became Adjutant - General, United States Army, in 1898, and conducted the office through the war with Spain.

Frances W. and Henry C. Corbin had seven children:

Mary Grace Corbin, born in Wilmington, Ohio, August 23, 1866.

Caroline Christobal Corbin, born in Fort Craig, New Mexico, September 8, 1868; died at Chicago, Illinois, December 2, 1888; buried at Wilmington, Ohio.

Katharine Maria Corbin, born in Columbus, Ohio, August 23, 1870.

Henry Bickham Corbin, born in Fort Clark, New Mexico, July 28, 1872; died, December 23, 1880, at Washington, D. C.; buried at Wilmington, Ohio.

Philip Swing Corbin, born in Brownsville, Texas, February, 1875; died, July, 1878, at Washington, D. C.; buried at Wilmington, Ohio.

Rebecca Strickle Corbin, born at Ringold Barracks, Texas, August 6, 1876; died, April 2, 1893, at Washington, D. C.; buried at Wilmington, Ohio.

Rutherford Hayes Corbin, born in Washington, D. C., September 7, 1879.

Katharine M. Corbin was married at Governor's

Island, New York, September 7, 1897, to William Usher Parsons, of New York. Address: Irvington-on-the-Hudson, New York.

Rutherford H. Corbin was at Santiago de Cuba during the battle, July 1, 2, and 3, 1898, as a correspondent of the *New York Herald*. He went as a clerk with the Peace Commission to Paris in 1898, and as assistant secretary with the Commission to Manila, Philippine Islands, in 1899.

Isaac Strickle, second son of Jacob and Ann Ellis Strickle, was married in Clinton County, Ohio, August 24, 1830, to Rebecca Farquhar, daughter of Benjamin and Rachel Farquhar. He died at Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 30, 1885. Rebecca Strickle died at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, May 27, 1876. Both were buried at Wilmington, Ohio.

#### CHILDREN OF ISAAC AND REBECCA STRICKLE.

Rachel Ann Strickle, born, October 25, 1831; died, January, 13, 1840.

Benjamin J. Strickle, born, May 9, 1836; died, June 13, 1836.

Edwin F. Strickle, born, September 6, 1838; died, September 8, 1838.

Charles H. Strickle, born, July 28, 1840; died, August 10, 1840.

Isaac Henry Strickle, born, October 25, 1842; died, July 3, 1843.

Emma Rebecca Strickle, born, September 16, 1844.

Albert Farquhar Strickle, born, February 21, 1849; died, July 21, 1849.

They also adopted a little girl, Jennie Strickle, who married Dr. Samuel Dunham at Wilmington, Ohio, June 6, 1857, and died at Washington, D. C., July 24, 1899.

Emma R. Strickle, the only child that lived to womanhood, was married to Daniel W. Chase at Wilmington, Ohio, May 27, 1863. Mr. Chase died at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1897, and was buried at Wilmington. Mrs. Chase's address is Terrace Park, Hamilton County, Ohio.

#### CHILDREN OF D. W. AND EMMA R. S. CHASE.

Rebecca Jane Chase, born at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, May 21, 1864; died at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 3, 1895.

Isaac Strickle Herbert Chase, born at Cincinnati, August 28, 1866.

Elisha Sterling Chase, born at Cincinnati, June 4, 1869; died June 30, 1877.

Harriet Ella Chase, born August 3, 1873.

Emma Louise Chase, born April 23, 1878. Address, Terrace Park, Ohio.

Isaac S. H. Chase was married to Carrie Taylor, of Kentucky, February 8, 1894. They have two children Sterling Taylor, born December 20, 1894, and Herbert, born March 10, 1898. Isaac Strickle Herbert Chase is a physician, and his address is Junction City, Kentucky.

Harriet Ella Chase was married at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 19, 1892, to Schuyler Chatfield Duryea. Their children are:

Chase Phillips Duryea and Marjorie Whitcomb Duryea, twins, born September 12, 1893; Chase Phillips Duryea died at Cincinnati, November 12, 1893.

Doris Duryea, born December 5, 1896.

Jacob W. Strickle, third son of Jacob and Ann Ellis Strickle, was married in Clinton County to Mary Harlan. He died at Wilmington, Ohio, April 25, 1869. Mary H. Strickle died September 16, 1883. They had no children.

Joseph Strickle, fourth son of Jacob and Ann Ellis Strickle, was married in Clinton County, Ohio, May 1, 1839, to Mary Louisa Wood, daughter of William Wood. Joseph Strickle died at Wilmington, Ohio, March 29, 1873. Mrs. Strickle's address is Abbeville, South Carolina. They had seven children: Margaret Jane, William Jacob, Rebecca P., Louisa Virginia, George R., Adella Joseph, and Kate L.

Margaret Jane and Louisa V. Strickle died at Wilmington in December 1859, of typhoid fever, only a few weeks apart.

Rebecca P. Strickle lives at Abbeville, South Carolina.

William J. Strickle was married May 2, 1878, to Addie Smith, of Mumfordsville, Kentucky. They have two children, Joseph Herbert, born in 1884, and Estella Mills, born in 1888.

George R. Strickle was married February 22, 1886, to Mary Williams, of Louisville, Kentucky. They have one child, George J., born in 1893.

Adella J. Strickle was married April 6, 1884, to Mr. John Knox, of Abbeville, South Carolina. Mr. Knox died in 1884. They had no children. Mrs. Knox's address is Abbeville, South Carolina.

Kate L. Strickle was married January 4, 1893, to



William P. Beard, of Abbeville, South Carolina. They have one child. Address is Abbeville, South Carolina.

Maria Strickle, oldest daughter of Jacob and Ann Ellis Strickle, was married at Wilmington, Ohio, to Uriah Carroll, and died May 2, 1868. Uriah Carroll died January 29, 1874. They had nine children:

Jacob S. Carroll, born August 1, 1836; died September 17, 1863.

Dempsey Carroll, born July 27, 1839; died April 23, 1866.

Sarah Ann Carroll, born April 9, 1841; died June 25, 1860.

Mary J. Carroll, born September 15, 1843; died January 25, 1845.

Margaret Emma Carroll, born December 20, 1845; died May 5, 1870.

Isaac Strickle Carroll, born March 23, 1848; died August 1, 1863.

George A. Carroll, born March 8, 1851; died January 10, 1863.

Uriah Barkley Carroll, born June 25, 1853.

Abraham Strickle Carroll, born March 6, 1858; died at Little Rock, Arkansas, 1895.

Uriah Barkley Carroll was married at Wilmington, Ohio, June 7, 1877, to Agnes Love. They had four children:

Abraham H. Carroll, born March 11, 1878.

Fred M. Carroll, born January 22, 1880.

Jesse D. Carroll, born May 11, 1882.

Anna Maria Carroll, born July 3, 1885.

Agnes Love Carroll died April 13, 1892.

On February 26, 1895, Uriah B. Carroll was married to Angelina Feagan. They have one child:

Ilo Frances Carroll, born June 23, 1896; address, Wilmington, Ohio.

Abraham S. Carroll was born at Wilmington, Ohio, March 6, 1858, and was married at Little Rock, Arkansas, December, 1886, to Carrie Cohen, and died in 1895. They had no children.

Benjamin Scott Strickle, fifth and youngest son of Jacob and Ann Ellis Strickle, was married at Snow Hill, Clinton County, Ohio, August 31, 1841, to Mary Ann Crawford, daughter of Finley and Margaret Crawford. She was born at Snow Hill, October 25, 1823. They lived in Wilmington until 1869, when they moved to Bloomington, Illinois, where Benjamin Strickle died, August 3, 1895, and was buried there. Mrs. Strickle still lives at Bloomington, Illinois. To them were born six children, namely :

Alyett Elrod Strickle, born November 2, 1842; died at Wilmington, Ohio, December 14, 1852.

Jacob Finley Strickle, born February 2, 1845; died at Bloomington, Illinois, August 17, 1899.

Melancthon Strickle, born March 2, 1847.

Frank Strickle, born November 24, 1850.

Anna Strickle, born February 22, 1855.

Harry C. Strickle, born November 31, 1859.

Jacob F. Strickle was married at Havana, Illinois, December 25, 1878, to Almarinda Angeline Biggs, who was born at Cuba, Clinton County, Ohio, November 19, 1851. Jacob F. Strickle died at Bloomington, Illinois, August 17, 1899. They had two children:

Herbert Biggs Strickle, born June 23, 1882; died August 27, 1882.

Ralph Lacy Strickle, born November 6, 1886. Address, Bloomington, Illinois.

Melancthon Strickle was married November 5, 1874, to Emma Hannah Andrus, who was born at Cape Vincent, New York, November 24, 1853. Address, Bloomington, Illinois. They have three children:

Alvin Hobbs Strickle, born December 15, 1875.

Guy Melancthon Strickle, born July 15, 1877.

Ross Andrus Strickle, born November 6, 1888.

Alvin H. Strickle was married August 12, 1898, to Clara Morganne Wood, of Chicago, Illinois. She was born March 13, 1876, at Logansport, Indiana.

Frank Strickle was married at Havana, Illinois, December 6, 1876, to Grace Viola Havighorst, who died February 2, 1897. They had no children. He was again married, September 12, 1898, at Wilmington, Ohio, to Ida M. Hale, daughter of Harvey and Celia Fitch Hale, and granddaughter of Samuel H. Hale, one of the early settlers of Clinton County, who, with Frank's grandfather, Jacob Strickle, was among the founders of Wilmington. Address, Havana, Illinois.

Anna Strickle was married at Bloomington, Illinois, January 5, 1880, to Harmon Richard Nortrup, of Havana, Illinois, which is their address. They have two children:

Scott Strickle Nortrup, born March 18, 1884.

Mabel Bernice Nortrup, born February 2, 1887.

Scott Nortrup developed a wonderful voice when a mere child, and was sent to Chicago to receive instruction. He sang in the celebrated "Roney's Boy Choir," delighting all who heard him with his pure, clear voice.

Harry C. Strickle was married at Bloomington, Illinois, April 6, 1890, to Emma B. McLean, who was born June 1, 1859. They have three children:

Louise Willey Strickle, born October 31, 1891.

Helen McLean Strickle, born June 28, 1893.

Robert McLean Strickle, born August 12, 1897.

Their address is Bloomington, Illinois.

Margaret Ann Strickle, second daughter of Jacob and Ann Ellis Strickle, was married at Wilmington, Ohio, in 1844, to Robert Havens, and died a few years after, leaving one child, a daughter, Annie M. Havens, born in Wilmington, October 12, 1845. She was married to Henry Fristo, November 30, 1865. Mr. Fristo was born in Mason County, Kentucky, April 15, 1836. Address, Sabina, Clinton County, Ohio. Their children are:

George Fristo, born August 13, 1866; died in infancy.

Frank Fristo, born September 2, 1868.

Gertrude Fristo, born July 27, 1870.

William Fristo, born October 29, 1872; died in infancy.

Harry Fristo, born November 11, 1873; died in infancy.

Mary Fristo, born April 9, 1875.

Jessie Fristo, born December 27, 1878.

Josephine Fristo, born October 22, 1881; died in infancy.

Bessie Fristo, born April 22, 1884; died in infancy.

Frederick Fristo, December 20, 1886.

Frank Fristo's address is Athens, Ohio.

Gertrude Fristo's address is Washington C. H., Ohio.

Mary Fristo was married March 10, 1898, to Frederick Ellerman.

Jessie Fristo was married December 14, 1898, to Edgar M. Baldwin.

Catharine Strickle, youngest child of Jacob and Ann Ellis Strickle, was married at Wilmington, Ohio, October 8, 1845, to William T. Tillinghast, who was born at Voluntown, Connecticut, October 8, 1824. He was the son of Joseph Gorton Tillinghast, of Providence, Rhode Island, and was the first child of the sixth generation from Pardon Tillinghast, the founder of the line in America. Catharine Strickle was the youngest of the fifth generation from Maria Louisa Nögelle, the founder of her family on the female line. Catharine S. Tillinghast died at Wilmington in March, 1861. William Tillinghast died at Newton Highlands, Massachusetts, January 30, 1881. Children of William T. and Catharine S. Tillinghast:

Alice Tillinghast, born in Wilmington January 3, 1848.

Eva Tillinghast, born in Wilmington July 2, 1849; died, November 27, 1850.

Ellie Tillinghast, born in Wilmington August 13, 1852.

Annie Tillinghast, born in Wilmington September 15, 1855; died, December 13, 1857.

Mary Tillinghast, born in Wilmington January 23, 1859; died at Newton Highlands November, 1890.

Joseph Tillinghast, born in Wilmington February, 1861; died, March, 1861.

Alice Tillinghast was married at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, July 1, 1860, to George Dyre

Eldridge, who was born at Mattapoiset, Massachusetts. His mother, Phœbe Howland Eldridge, was a direct descendant of John Howland, one of the famous "Mayflower" passengers. Another ancestor, on his father's side, Mary Dyre, was hung on Boston Common for adhering to the Quaker religious belief.

Address of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge, New York City. Their children are :

George Dyre Eldridge, Jr., born in Covington, Kentucky, November 28, 1871.

William Tillinghast Eldridge, born in Newton, Massachusetts, June 15, 1877.

Alice Phœbe Eldridge, born in Newton, Massachusetts, February 20, 1885.

Howland Strickle Eldridge, born in Washington, D. C., February 11, 1887; died at Washington, D. C., December 14, 1888.

Ellie Tillinghast was married at Newton Highlands, Massachusetts, October 30, 1878, to Frederick N. Woodward. We have seen that on her father's side the ancestry was carried back in a direct line six generations, and on her mother's five. She married into a family equal to either, as her children were the eighth generation born in the same house. Mr. Woodward's sister, Mrs. Rand, kindly gave the following interesting sketch:

"Frederick N. Woodward brought his bride to the old Woodward homestead, which has a history. In 1686, John Woodward built the house now standing. Its walls, eighteen inches in thickness, and filled with brick and mortar, proved sufficiently strong to withstand the wind and weather for two hundred and

thirteen years, and there are parchment deeds proving the same. It has descended by inheritance from father to son through all these generations; and the old house is now occupied—in 1899—by Frederick N. Woodward and his two sons, Frederick Rand and Willard B. Woodward, representatives of the seventh and eighth generations born in this house. There is an immense fireplace in the old parlor, and in this and other rooms are various articles of furniture highly prized by the family, including a tall clock, a mahogany desk, a canopy bed, and a number of chairs which have been in the old house for generations. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward are educating their sons to highly value the old homestead with its ancestral heirlooms, and it is confidently expected they will take great pride in preserving it intact." These children are:

Frederick Rand Woodward, born November 5, 1880.

Willard B. Woodward, born January 7, 1884.

Address, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts.

Mary Tillinghast was married at Newton Highlands, October 30, 1878, to George W. Gleason, of Boston. Both sisters were married the same day at the home of their sister, Alice Eldridge. This older sister had been as a mother to these little girls since their mother's death, when Alice was only thirteen years old.

Mary Tillinghast Gleason died in November, 1890, leaving one child, Herbert Gleason, who was born at Newton Highlands, June 26, 1882.

## CHAPTER VI.

### HENRY ELLIS AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

HENRY ELLIS, oldest child of Abraham and Katharine Ellis, was born near Martinsburg, Berkeley County, Virginia, December 24, 1782. He grew to manhood in his beautiful valley home surrounded by mountains, and here was laid the foundation of a character which later in life was marked by sterling honesty and integrity, and a deeply-rooted love of justice.

In the fall of 1806 he removed with his parents to Ohio, settling in Clinton County, on the banks of Anderson's Creek, near the present town of Lumberton. The country at that time was all a wilderness, and the only roads were Indian trails.

Two cabins and a blacksmith shop marked the site of the present thriving city of Xenia, Ohio, and Wilmington was not even a cross-roads.

The woods were full of all kinds of game, and Henry Ellis had several narrow escapes from panthers and wildcats.

On the 20th of June, 1810, Henry Ellis was married to Charity Harper, daughter of William and Nancy Harper, of Fayette County, Ohio, and to him was issued the first marriage license made out in Fayette County. The Harpers were natives of Scotland and were of the Covenanter faith.



Henry Ellis and his wife began housekeeping on a farm in Liberty Township, Clinton County, Ohio, (now the property of Hiram Oglesbee), and in November of 1810 his house was burned and all the contents lost, including many valuable papers, his surveying instruments, and various articles which had belonged to his Austrian ancestors and which were highly prized. A year or two following the fire had to be devoted to replenishing the household supplies, bedding, etc., which had to be woven by hand, and this interval was employed by Mr. Ellis in teaching school in Fayette and Greene Counties. He then purchased a farm of 140 acres lying one mile north of Lumberton on the Xenia and Wilmington pike, which road he helped to locate and survey.

His patriotism and devotion to his country (and perhaps a strain of inheritance from his Revolutionary sire), led him to volunteer and serve during the War of 1812, and his discharge, of which the following is a copy, is in the possession of the family.

"I do certify on honor that Henry Ellis hath faithfully performed a tour of duty as a private in my company of Ohio mounted volunteer cavalry, Trumbull's regiment, under the call of General Wm. H. Harrison, and by authority of General Meigs. Discharged at St. Mary's, October 24, A.D., 1812.

ROBERT McELWAIN, *Captain.*

His patriotic spirit descended upon his sons, and when the call to arms came in 1861, three sons offered their lives to their country.

One was killed leading a charge at Chickamauga, and another was wounded on the Kansas border, and died years later from the effects of the wound.

Henry Ellis was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, a fine scholar and well versed in law; and his home which was a model of hospitality, was frequented by lawyers and students of the highest type. Many of the prominent men of Greene and Clinton Counties, especially judges and lawyers, made this home their stopping place in their travels through the counties. Henry and Charity Ellis were the parents of eleven children:

Nancy Faris Ellis, born August 25, 1811.

William Harper Ellis, born June 10, 1813.

Abraham Ellis, born April 22, 1815.

John Harbeson Ellis, born August, 1817.

Mary Ann Ellis, born November 7, 1819.

Milton Ellis, born 1822; died August 25, 1840.

Margaret Jane Ellis, born April 9, 1824.

Sarah Catherine Ellis, born April 9, 1829.

Maria Louisa Ellis, born July 6, 1831.

Elizabeth Harriet Ellis, born February, 1833; died aged 4 years.

Benjamin Franklin Ellis, born February 21, 1835.

Charity Ellis died October 28, 1840. Both she and her son, Milton, died of typhoid fever, which in the fall of 1840 carried away so many victims, the whole Ellis family being ill. Mr. Ellis never fully recovered from the effects of the fever, but was an invalid for many years. He died October 28, 1857, at the home of his oldest daughter, Mrs. Nancy Reed, in Moultrie County, Illinois.

## CHILDREN OF HENRY AND CHARITY ELLIS.

Nancy Faris Ellis, oldest child of Henry and Charity Ellis, was born August 25, 1811, and was married on October 11, 1836, to William Harper Reed, who was born January 10, 1816. For some time after their marriage they lived in Fayette County, Ohio, then in Delaware County, Indiana, and in Moultrie County, Illinois, finally settling at Chetopa, Kansas, where William Harper Reed died in October, 1866.

Nancy F. Reed died September 20, 1881.

They were the parents of six children, only two of whom are living: William Henry, born October 13, 1837, and Elizabeth C., born February 16, 1853.

William Henry Reed was married in Moultrie County, Illinois, to Sarah Pinkney, who was born February 6, 1842. The children of this union are:

Allen Franklin Reed, born February 21, 1861; married to Rena Chrisman, May 20, 1890.

Margaret Jane Reed, born October 17, 1862; died August, 1864.

Susan Mattie Reed, born November 19, 1864; married to O. H. Redington, October 12, 1887.

Sarah Emma Reed, born October 23, 1867; married David Konkell, March 7, 1892.

Alice Josephine Reed, born May 10, 1870; married Samuel H. Konkell, February 11, 1892.

Edward L. and Fred. P. Reed (twins), born November 28, 1872.

Lily May Reed, born January 26, 1876; married John R. Davis, August 2, 1896.

William Robert Reed, born December 25, 1878; died July 13, 1879.

Sarah Pinkney Reed died September 28, 1879.

William Henry Reed was again married on November 14, 1880 to Mary M. Maxwell, and to them four children were born:

Mary Edith Reed, born September 24, 1885.

Florence Bella Reed, born December 10, 1889.

Agnes Willmot Reed, born July 22, 1893.

Thomas Brackett, born November 4, 1895.

Elizabeth C. Reed, daughter of William H. and Nancy F. Reed, was married December 30, 1872, to Frederick Cook, of Bentingford, England. To them were born five children:

Bella Cook, born December 7, 1873.

Alice Cook, born January 27, 1880, and three who died in infancy.

Frederick Cook died at his home at Chetopa, Kansas, November 19, 1893.

William Harper Ellis, son of Henry and Charity Ellis, was born in Cæsar's Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio, June 10, 1813. When a young man he learned the tanner's trade in Wilmington, and after his marriage to Elizabeth A. Boots on October 24, 1833, he for some time conducted a tannery at Leesburg, Highland County, Ohio. He then returned to his farm in Greene County, and from there removed to Grant County, Indiana. Here his wife, Elizabeth A. Ellis, died March 4, 1862. William Ellis removed to Kansas in 1866, and died June 28, 1879. They had seven children:

Eli F. Ellis, born December 29, 1834.

M. Jane Ellis, born January 28, 1837.

William H. Ellis, Jr., born January 17, 1839.

Catherine M. Ellis, born December 24, 1841.

Elizabeth A. Ellis, born December 26, 1843.

Roland H. Ellis, born April 25, 1846.

Martha P. Ellis, born March 11, 1848.

Eli F., Elizabeth A. and Roland H. died when young.

M. Jane Ellis married David Kirts, and they have five children, Frank H., George, Rhoda, Carrie and Ida.

Catherine M. Ellis married William McDowell.

William Henry Ellis, Jr., was born in Delaware County, Indiana, January 17, 1839. He enlisted in Company C, 12th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers in 1862, and served until the close of the war, when he went to Kansas and bought the farm where his family now reside. He was married to Cornelia A. Folsom, August 8, 1866. They have eight children:

Charles Burroughs Ellis, born October 16, 1867.

Ida May Ellis, born April 6, 1870.

William Henry Ellis, born August 30, 1872.

Mason Folsom Ellis, born October 24, 1874.

Cora Ellis, born February 19, 1878.

Elizabeth Ellis, born April 12, 1880.

Frederick Ellis, born March 20, 1883.

Benjamin H. Ellis, born July 30, 1888.

Charles B. Ellis was married to Frances Evelyn Young, at Lacygne, Kansas, September 30, 1897.

William H. Ellis, Jr., died April 29, 1896, at his home near New Lancaster, Kansas.

Martha P. Ellis married Hayden F. Huffman at New Lancaster, Kansas, November 1, 1866. Their children are:

Lorenzo Huffman, born September 3, 1867.

Mary Etta Huffman, born July 1, 1869.

Elpha C. Huffman, born February 10, 1873.

Ora and Lora Huffman, born February 15, 1875, died young.

Mary Etta Huffman was married to John W. Studebaker, December 20, 1893. They have one child, Mattie F., born October 28, 1896.

Elpha C. Huffman was married August 16, 1893, to William M. Garrison. They have one child, Hazel Ruth, born July 21, 1894.

The following interesting sketch was written by J. E. Peterson, nephew of Abraham Ellis:

“Abraham Ellis, son of Henry and Charity Ellis, was born in Greene County, Ohio, one mile north of Lumberton, April 22, 1815. During his boyhood he attended the common schools of that vicinity, especially that of Evan Harris, who was noted as one of the best teachers in the country, also Thomas Steele’s select school at Xenia, Ohio. He applied himself so diligently that he became qualified to teach while still quite a young man. After teaching successfully for several terms, he attended an academy at Springfield, Ohio. Here his close application enabled him to make rapid advances in the higher branches, and to develop his natural talent for mathematics and literature. An acrostic, which spells his name, which he composed at that time, is engraved on the monument which marks his grave.

“In June, 1840, after a year of close application to study in college, he returned to his father’s, only to be prostrated by a severe attack of typhoid fever. Eight

members of the family were then attacked by the disease, in rapid succession, his mother and brother Milton dying. The following winter he resumed his chosen profession of teaching. On the 14th of March, 1843, he married Elizabeth Haughey, daughter of John and Patience Haughey, of Bowersville, Ohio.

“In 1849 he returned to Springfield, Ohio, to resume his studies intending to accept a position as a professor in the academy which had been offered to him, but he was compelled by failing health, to abandon his plan for a vocation more congenial to his health.

“He returned to the country and began farming during the summer and teaching during the winter. His schools were always sought by young men who wished advanced instruction.

“In September, 1854, he moved to Logan County, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. While here his household was saddened by the death of his only son, Laban H. Ellis, aged seven years and seven months.

“In September, 1857, he removed to Kansas, then a Territory, and settled in Miami County, six miles from the Missouri border. Here an active career opened for him. His intense patriotism and love of liberty, and his repugnance for anything savoring of injustice or oppression, combined to draw his sympathies to the Freesoil party of Kansas in its efforts to bring Kansas into the Union as a free State.

“His capacity for organization and his power to control men led to his selection as chairman of the first Freesoil Convention in Kansas, where he introduced as orator of the day his personal friend and

co-worker in the cause of freedom, 'John Brown, of Ossawatomie.'

"To be a 'Freesoiler' so close to the Missouri border was to risk life and property, but Abraham Ellis scorned danger when principle was at stake.

"During the 'Border Ruffian War' there was almost an entire year during which he and his younger brother Franklin, then living with him, slept away from the house, or if in the house his wife or eldest daughter kept watch during the entire night.

"During this stormy period he was successively County Commissioner and Superintendent of Public Instruction under territorial government.

"While Superintendent of Public Instruction (about 1860) Quantrell, afterwards famous as a Border Ruffian and guerilla chieftain, applied to him for license to teach, which was granted, and as they had mutual acquaintances in Ohio a friendship was formed which afterward saved the life of Mr. Ellis. In 1860, after the flood of newly-arrived immigrants had been impoverished by the drought of that year, the reputation Abraham Ellis had earned for sterling honesty, his accurate information as to facts, and his deep and genuine sympathy, led to his election as a representative of the Kansas sufferers to go to Ohio and solicit aid. His mission was faithfully performed, and papers are in existence to-day which account for every penny's worth of relief sent through his hands.

"While in Ohio upon this mission he was elected to serve his chosen State in its first legislature. He had joined the Republican party at its organization, and remained with it during the rest of his life. Though a



poor man he was absolutely incorruptible. In the struggle for United States Senatorship money was freely used and the candidate afterwards successful, approached him and laying two thousand dollars in bills across his knee said, 'If this is not enough, name your pile.' Ellis's indignation broke the bounds of his usual mild speech, and he thundered 'No! I'll see you in h—l first.' He could not be bought, and James Lane went to the United States Senate without the vote of Abraham Ellis.

"When the Civil War broke out Abraham Ellis enlisted in what was afterwards known as Lane's brigade, in which he received a commission as quartermaster. During this time he was also Superintendent of Instruction in his county, thus bearing double duties and responsibilities. In March, 1862, he left Fort Scott where his regiment was stationed to go to Leavenworth on duties pertaining to the quartermaster's department. While returning, he with seven other men stopped over night with a man named Treacle. Just at daybreak Treacle aroused his guests, telling them that the "Bushwhackers" were coming.

"This band was led by Quantrell, who had quit teaching and joined the proslavery party. He and his men surrounded the house, shooting all in sight. When the alarm was given Mr. Ellis had risen hastily, and taking his heavy fur cap from the bedpost, put it on his head as he stepped to the window. Just as he looked out at the window he received a revolver bullet a little to the right of the center of the forehead.

"Quantrell then came in and took the names of the men, all of whom were killed except Mr. Ellis. Quan-

trell recognized him and expressed great sorrow, exclaiming: 'I shot you. Had I known who it was I wouldn't have done it. You are not the kind of man I was looking for. I'm d—d sorry.' His men were thirsting for blood, but Quantrell stood over Mr. Ellis, vowing he would shoot the first man who touched him, and made one of his men return one of Mr. Ellis's horses which he had taken. He then washed the wound and bound it up with his own handkerchief.

"The wound was one of the most remarkable on record. The ball pierced the fur cap, crushed both plates of the skull, and lodged against the inner lining of the skull. Had it not been for the fur cap his death would have been instantaneous.

"The ball lay buried in the wound and against the brain for seventy hours, and during all but a short period, soon after he was wounded, he was perfectly conscious.

"He was taken home, a distance of thirty miles, upon a feather-bed in a wagon. When asked by the surgeon if he wished to take chloroform, he replied: 'I didn't have any when it was put there, and I don't want any when it is taken out.' The operation of removing the ball took two hours. The ball was split almost in two, and twenty-seven pieces of bone were removed with it. Many years later Mr. Ellis presented them to the Army Medical Museum at Washington. The open wound showed the brain as it throbbed with each pulsation of the heart. After five months' patient care from loving wife and daughters the wound healed over.

"At the time he was shot it was widely reported that Abraham Ellis was killed, and the Kansas newspapers

published highly complimentary obituaries. Mr. Ellis always enjoyed the humor of the situation, often quoting from these notices, and remarking that few men lived to see their own obituaries.

“After he was wounded he was discharged from the army, but upon his recovery he at once reënlisted in the 15th Kansas Cavalry, recruited a company, and was made first lieutenant. He was detailed to the signal service corps, in which he served until 1865, when he resigned, as he said the war was over and the government no longer needed his services. He returned to his long-neglected farm upon the border, but was never after able to endure any labor or fatigue on account of the wound, and in 1870 he sold his farm in Miami County and moved to Chautauqua County (then Howard County) with the view of engaging in fruit culture. He was an enthusiastic horticulturist, and his name appears many times in Kansas reports as a champion of advanced ideas in this direction. Every thing tending to the upbuilding of the State of his adoption found in him a hearty and intelligent champion. A clipping from a Kansas paper says: ‘No man in Kansas has done more for horticulture than Abraham Ellis has done.’

“In his travels over the State his benevolent disposition shining out through his kindly expression, won him universal love, and ‘Uncle Abe’ was known far and wide. Children along the road, recognizing him by the deep bullet hole in the forehead, would shout a ‘How do you do, Uncle Abe,’ knowing instinctively that he loved the children.

“Seeing in the liquor traffic a possible source of woe

to the bright-faced boys and girls whom he loved, he was always a steadfast supporter of the prohibition law of Kansas. The following quotation from a resolution introduced by him in the Republican Convention of Chautauqua County, where it was adopted, shows his character and the motives which always actuated him:

“Be it resolved by the Republicans of Chautauqua County assembled, that we pledge ourselves to the people of the State, to our children, to the coming generation, and to God our Creator, that we will do everything that we can do, legally, honorably and constitutionally, to sustain that law.’ [the Prohibition Liquor Law].

“On February 2, 1875, his wife died, leaving him with two daughters at home, five daughters being married at that time. She had shared his hardships and the privations of building up a home on the frontier, had borne the anxieties occasioned by the presence of danger, and had faithfully nursed and attended him during the long fight for life after he was wounded.

“His daughters now took charge of his house and it was by them that the darkened life was watched at its close, as the callous growth which formed in the wound pressed upon the brain, causing convulsions and loss of mental power, obliging him to give up the life of public service for which he was so well fitted. Gradually his mind was weakened, and for eleven months before his death he failed to recognize even his children. Though he suffered severely most of the time for five years preceding his death, his kind and cheerful disposition never forsook him, and even when his intellect succumbed to disease, his kindness of heart covered the ruin of his mind.

“In early manhood he professed Christianity, uniting with the German Reformed Church, of Xenia, Ohio, and though far removed during his last years from the church of his choice he remained loyal to her, and though he was always ready to fellowship with all evangelical churches, he never changed his church home.

“In all his long and varied career no act of his ever cast reproach upon his early profession, nor upon the Great Master he so humbly and faithfully followed.

“He died on the 14th of March, 1885 (the forty-second anniversary of his marriage), at his home near Elk City, Kansas. His life was noble and useful, and he rests with the loving Redeemer in whom he trusted.

“‘So when a good man dies,  
For years beyond our ken,  
The light he leaves behind him lies  
Upon the paths of men.’”

The family of Abraham Ellis consisted of eight children, one son, Laban, who died November 15, 1856, and seven daughters, Laura Patience, Samantha Maria, Josephine C., Emma J., Laura E., Bettie H., and Minnie.

Laura Patience Ellis, born December 15, 1843, was married to Thomas Lewis, January 20, 1873. Their children are Franklin, Abraham, Ellen and Clyde William.

Franklin Lewis was killed by a stroke of lightning July 14, 1883.

Samantha Maria Ellis, born December 3, 1846, was married to Charles P. Ruble, December 25, 1866.

Their children are Gertrude Leona, Harvey E., Emma Jane, Annie Josephine, Edwin Herbert, Sylvia Myrtle, Orla, Kate, Sarah Grace, Jay, Raymond, and Olive Florence.

Emma Jane and Sarah Grace Ruble are dead.

Josephine C. Ellis was born June 1, 1852, and married to B. F. Bartmess, March 10, 1873.

Their children are Werter Alva, Lorena, and Edgar Allen. Josephine C. Bartmess died March 20, 1885.

Emma Jane Ellis was born June 13, 1856, and married to Charles Brinkerhoff, March 20, 1875. She died October 9, 1875.

Bettie H. Ellis was born July 23, 1859, and married to Joseph C. Harmon, March 13, 1890.

They have one son, Laban Ellis Harmon.

Minnie Ellis was born April 23, 1864.

## CHAPTER VII.

### HENRY ELLIS FAMILY—CONTINUED.

John Harbeson Ellis, fourth child of Henry and Charity Harper Ellis, was born in August, 1817, and was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Greene County, Ohio. In the meantime he acquired the trade of carpenter and joiner.

In 1838 he became a resident of Delaware County, Indiana, in which locality his sister, Nancy Ellis Reed, had previously located. Here he engaged in business as architect and joiner, and he became an expert architect and constructor of heavy wooden structures, such as the barns and bridges of those days. In 1841 he married Phœbe Kirkpatrick, daughter of John and Susannah Lane Kirkpatrick.

His bride had resided in this locality since 1834, and was six years younger than himself, having been born in 1823. She was a granddaughter of Robert Lane, of Clark County, Ohio, who was a well known Revolutionary soldier.

In 1856, Mr. Ellis's health having become impaired, he removed to Muncie, the county seat of Delaware County, and engaged in the practice of law until the breaking out of the Civil War, in 1861, when he actively engaged in enlisting men for the Union Army. His health not being good, he was rejected at the muster, much to the disappointment of the men whom he had

enlisted, who desired that he should be one of their officers.

In 1862, however, he enlisted another full company "for three years, or during the war," and was accepted and mustered in as its Captain.

This was known as "B" Company of the 84th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. With this company he faithfully served through great hardships, privations and dangers, until his death.

On the 20th day of September, 1863, at the battle of Chickamauga, on that memorable Sunday afternoon, in an impetuous charge against a superior force, the division of which his company formed a part, was repulsed, and he was left wounded unto death at the most advanced position reached. Whilst bravely, yet vainly, striving to encourage his men to hold their ground, his body was pierced by a musket-ball, and he fell on the ground already lost, not again to be recovered in that battle.

His widow and eight children survived him, one having died in 1861. His youngest child was but eight months old.

In unspeakable grief, but with a courage and constancy that was sublime, his widow took up the burden alone of rearing this large family to manhood and womanhood.

At the time of writing—1899—this grand old woman yet survives, at the age of 76 years, feeble and bent with years and cares; honored and loved by all. Her life has been a benediction indeed, and she calmly and complacently awaits the final summons of the Great Master, "Well done, good and faithful servant."



Captain John H. Ellis was a brave and efficient officer, who had the love and respect of his men, and whose whole duty was cheerfully performed, in the bivouac, on the march, and on the battlefield. He was a good citizen and a kind husband and father. His body was not recovered, and the place of his burial is unknown, and never can be known; but no monument-marked and flower-bedecked grave in all our broad land holds the remains of a braver soldier or nobler citizen.

Upon the ground traversed by him and his regiment in that heroic charge, the patriotic State of Indiana has erected an elegant and enduring monument to commemorate the heroism of the gallant soldiers of that regiment, living and dead, who struggled there.

“Can storied urn or animated bust,  
Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath?  
Can honor’s voice provoke the silent dust,  
*Or flattery soothe the dull, cold ear of death?”*

John H. and Phœbe K. Ellis had ten children:

Frank Ellis, born 1842.

Mary Jane Ellis, born 1843.

Elizabeth Ann Ellis, born 1845.

Henry Joel Ellis, born 1847, died at 13 years of age.

Susannah Maria Ellis, born 1849.

Samuel Martin Ellis, born 1851.

Charity Samantha Ellis, born 1853.

Martha Ida Ellis, born 1856.

Emma Belle Ellis, born 1860, died at 1 year of age.

John Rosecrans Ellis, born 1863.

Frank Ellis, oldest child of John H. and Phœbe K. Ellis, was born in 1842, in Delaware County, Indiana,

where he has ever since resided. In his youth he was a printer, and also a school teacher. At the age of twenty he volunteered as a soldier in the Union army, "for three years or during the war," and was accepted and mustered with Company B, of the Eighty-fourth Indiana Regiment, of which company his father was Captain. From private he was promoted to Orderly Sergeant. At the battle of Chickamauga the Captain and First Lieutenant of his company were killed, and he was promoted from Orderly Sergeant to Captain of the company. He acceptably commanded his company from that time until it was mustered out after the close of the war.

In the reorganization of the army after the battle of Chickamauga, his company became a part of the First Division of the Fourth Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, commanded by Major-General George H. Thomas, and so continued until the close of the war. Under his command his company participated in the numerous skirmishes and battles of General Sherman's Atlanta campaign; and also in the battles of Franklin and Nashville.

In 1870, Frank Ellis was married to Mary E. Martindale, daughter of Rev. Benjamin F. Martindale. They had three children; one is dead. He was twice elected to the office of Treasurer of Delaware County, Indiana, the second time unanimously. Four times he has been elected to the office of mayor of the city of Muncie, Indiana, and he has held other responsible positions. He is a lawyer and his home is at Muncie, Indiana. His children are:

Elizabeth A. Ellis, born 1874.

Mary Ellis, born 1877 ; died aged four years.

Ethel Joy Ellis, born 1887.

Mary Jane Ellis, second child of John H. and Phœbe K. Ellis, was born in 1843, and was married to Thomas P. Wood in 1873. They have one child, Veda B. Wood, who was born in 1883. Their address is Muncie, Indiana.

Elizabeth Ann Ellis, third child of John H. and Phœbe K. Ellis, was born in 1845. In childhood, by a severe fever, she was deprived of hearing and the power of speech. She was educated at the State Institution for education of deaf mutes at Indianapolis, Indiana. She lives with her mother at Muncie, Indiana.

Henry Joel Ellis, fourth child of John H. and Phœbe K. Ellis, was born in 1847, and died at the age of thirteen years.

Susannah Maria Ellis, fifth child of John H. and Phœbe K. Ellis, was born in 1849, and in 1868 was married to William H. M. Cooper, a lawyer, of Muncie, Indiana, where they reside. They have one child, Carrie Theresa Cooper, born in 1869, and was married in 1891 to Andrew G. Adamson. Their only child died in infancy. Her home is Chicago, Ill.

Samuel Martin Ellis, sixth child of John H. and Phœbe K. Ellis, was born in 1851, and was married in 1871 to Catherine Hawk. Their home is Muncie, Indiana. They have one child, Harry Ellis, who was born in 1872, and in 1895 was married to Daisy Morgan. They reside in Muncie, Indiana, and have one son, Raymond Ellis, born in 1896.

Charity Samantha Ellis, seventh child of John H. and Phœbe K. Ellis, was born in 1853, and in 1874

was married to Henry M. Deam. They reside on a farm near the town of Jefferson, in Oklahoma Territory. They have four children:

Frank Ellis Deam, born 1875.

John Andrew Deam, born 1878.

Harriet Ivins Deam, born 1882.

Robert C. Deam, born 1887.

Frank Ellis Deam is one of the superintendents in the great factory of Ball Brothers' Glass Manufacturing Company.

John Andrew Deam is a clerk in the post-office at Muncie, Indiana.

Harriet Ivins and Robert C. Deam reside with their parents near Jefferson, Oklahoma Territory.

Martha Ida Ellis, eighth child of John H. and Phœbe K. Ellis, was born in 1856, and in 1876 she was married to George J. Ivins, who died in 1889. They had no children. She is a teacher in the high school at Muncie, Indiana, where she lives with her aged mother, Phœbe K. Ellis, of whom she has the care.

Emma Belle Ellis, ninth child of John H. and Phœbe K. Ellis, was born in 1860, and died at the age of one year.

John Rosecrans Ellis, youngest child of John H. and Phœbe K. Ellis, was born on the 19th of January, 1863, and was but eight months old when his father died. He is the superintendent in charge of the Sherman Gaslight Company, of Sherman, Texas, where he lives.

Mary Ann Ellis, fifth child of Henry and Charity Ellis, was born November 7, 1819. She was married

to Andrew M. Haughey, December 25, 1842, and died in November of 1849, leaving four children :

Eliza Jane Haughey, born September 28, 1843.

Andrew and Arthur Haughey, twins, born July, 1847.

Laura C. Haughey, born November 21, 1849.

Eliza Jane Haughey was married to Lewis P. Mallow, November 3, 1863, and to them one daughter was born, Jennie Ellis, December 8, 1864.

Jennie Ellis Mallow was married to Napoleon B. Hall, of Washington C. H., Ohio, December 18, 1882, and they have four children, Louis S., Edna Diana, Harry Boyd and Fred Ellis.

Andrew and Arthur Haughey,—twins,—both volunteered for service in the civil war. Andrew died in 1864, and Arthur died in the fall of 1867.

Laura C. Haughey married Merritt Bush, July 4, 1866. They had two daughters, Alma and Meda. Laura Haughey died August 25, 1871.

Margaret J. Ellis, daughter of Henry and Charity Ellis, was born April 9, 1824, and was married to John A. Oglesbee, of Liberty Township, Clinton County, Ohio, on March 16, 1843. To them were born eight children, one dying in infancy :

Clara M. Oglesbee, born February 1, 1846.

Miranda Oglesbee, born July 9, 1848.

Malinda C. Oglesbee, born August 18, 1851.

Allen Oglesbee, born April 11, 1853.

Addison Oglesbee, born May 17, 1855.

Repheus Oglesbee, born August 12, 1857.

Elmer C. Oglesbee, born August 27, 1861.

The family removed from Clinton County, Ohio, to near Elk City, Kansas, about the year 1874.

Clara M. Oglesbee was married to William P. Downard, February 15, 1870. Their home is in Kansas. They have four children :

Lizzie J. Downard, born March 17, 1871.

Lulu J. Downard, born June 3, 1873.

Mae Downard, born August 7, 1875.

Addison C. Downard, born October 23, 1878.

Lizzie J. Downard was married to S. C. Ruble, April 27, 1890, and they have three children.

Lulu J. Downard was married to Richard Faris, December 31, 1891. They have one son.

Miranda Oglesbee was married to Thomas J. Osborn, of near Wilmington, Ohio. They have two children, Rose E. and Robert J.

Rose E. Osborn married Clifford B. Taylor, of Wilmington, Ohio. They have one child, Janet M. Taylor.

Malinda C. Oglesbee was married to Daniel Stout, of Clinton County, Ohio, on January 22, 1874, and to them were born two children, Ella M. and Harley E.

Mrs. Stout died at their home in Wilmington, Ohio, December 30, 1898.

Allen Oglesbee was married to Dianora Cook in 1877, and they have two daughters and a son. Their oldest daughter was married to Guy Pickard in February 1899.

Repheus Oglesbee was married to Rosetta Ruble, April 26, 1886. They have one daughter.

Elmer Oglesbee was married to Cora B. Walker in June, 1889. They have two daughters.

Sarah Catherine Ellis, daughter of Henry and Charity Ellis, was born April 9, 1829. She was married November 23, 1848, to Jacob Stuckey Peterson, a member of one of the oldest families in Clinton County. Papers are in the possession of the family which prove the Petersons to be of Swiss extraction. John Jacob Peterson was born in Barenville, County of Langdenburg, Switzerland, in 1706, and was married to Sarah Mohlerin, February 13, 1728. In 1736 he emigrated to America with his wife and family, receiving his passport, of which the following is a translation. The original document, in German, is now in the possession of Jacob S. Peterson.

The Burgomaster and Council of the City of Basil testify herewith that in our city and this region of country there is no contagious disease raging ; but, by the grace of God, we enjoy a pure air free from all infection, and we therefore manfully request that our former citizen, John Jacob Peterson, who, together with his family, consisting of his wife and four children, intend to travel first by water to Rotterdam, and then by ship to the *Island of Pennsylvania*, be permitted to pass and repass at all places, safely and without hindrance. Such favors we are ready promptly to return according to our government custom.

Given under the smaller printed seal of our city this twenty-third day of April, 1736.

He, with his family, arrived safely in Philadelphia, and after residing in Pennsylvania for some years, removed to Augusta County, Virginia, where he spent the rest of his life. While residing there he became a British subject. The naturalization papers, dated the fifth year of the reign of His Majesty, King George III. (about 1765), are a treasured possession of the family.

John Jacob Peterson had nine children, the oldest of whom was Jacob Peterson, born in Switzerland, November 6, 1729. He was married April 14, 1766, to Eve Elizabeth Harper, and their lives were spent in Virginia, where they raised a family of seven children.

Their second son was Jacob Peterson, Jr., who was born January 28, 1785. On March 12, 1809, he was married to Hannah Stuckey. In 1817 he immigrated to Ohio and settled in Clinton County, on the banks of Anderson's Creek, where he purchased a farm of 350 acres. Here he reared to maturity a family of ten children, the seventh of whom was Jacob Stuckey Peterson, born March 19, 1824.

The Peterson family have clung faithfully to the church relationship of their Swiss ancestors, and one of their treasured papers is the affectionate letter of dismissal of the pastor of the Reformed Church of Barenburg to John Jacob Peterson.

Jacob Stuckey Peterson and his wife Sarah Catherine Ellis, have ever since their marriage in 1848, resided in Chester Township, Clinton County, Ohio, three miles east of New Burlington, and here were born and reared to maturity a family of two sons and four daughters, all of whom are married and living within a few miles of their childhood home.

Emma Clara Peterson, born December 22, 1849.

Ada Irene Peterson, born July 23, 1852.

Orville Ellis Peterson, born November 1, 1854.

Alice Maria Peterson, born August 16, 1860.

Jacob Elmer Peterson, born September 20, 1862.

Eva Grace Peterson, born February 4, 1869.



Emma Clara Peterson was married October 4, 1871, to James W. Middleton, son of James and Anna Mussetter Middleton, who were among the earliest settlers of Greene County, Ohio. They have two sons, Orville Percy and John Raymond.

Orville P. Middleton was married November 10, 1898, to Laura Haines.

Ada Irene Peterson was married September 25, 1873, to George Albert McKay, son of Samuel and Angeline Moore McKay. They have a family of four children, Werter Peterson, Mabel L., Nellie Grace, and Edna Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. McKay reside in Xenia, Ohio, where Mr. McKay holds the positions of County Surveyor and City Engineer.

Orville Ellis Peterson was married August 22, 1877, to Louella B., daughter of Wm. F. and Mary J. (Miers) Oglesbee. They have two children, Mary Grace and Orville Herman.

Mrs. Louella Peterson traces her descent from Revolutionary ancestors to her great-great-grandfather, Daniel Stump, who with his father and two brothers served in the war of the Revolution and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis.

Alice Maria Peterson was married September 11, 1884, to Horace G. McMillan, son of Thomas W. and Elizabeth N. (Adsit) McMillan, and grandson of Daniel McMillan, who settled in Chester Township, Clinton County, in 1805.

They have three children, Esper Jacob, Thomas W. and Carl Peterson McMillan.

Jacob Elmer Peterson was married September 8, 1887, to Viola, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Craig

Farquhar. Philip Farquhar is the son of Jonah Farquhar, who with his brother Benjamin came to Ohio from Maryland in 1806.

J. E. Peterson has two children, Jacob Maynard and Catherine Inez Peterson.

Eva Grace Peterson was married June 1, 1893, to Frank S. Colvin, son of G. M. and Sarah A. (Howland) Colvin, and grandson of John Colvin, who came to Ohio from Kentucky in 1815.

They have one daughter, Sarah Alice Colvin.

Maria Louisa Ellis, daughter of Henry and Charity Ellis, was born July 6, 1831, and on November 9, 1852, was married to Allen Hegler, son of Abraham and Dorothy Stuckey Hegler, of Fayette County, Ohio. Abraham Hegler was of Swiss extraction, his ancestors having come from Basil, Switzerland, and settled in Virginia, whence they emigrated to Ohio early in this century.

Allen Hegler was born January 24, 1828. He enlisted in the civil war August 11, 1862, in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged on account of disability in January of 1864, at Matagorda Bay, Texas. He was in the battles of Chickasaw Bluffs, Arkansas Post, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, and siege and surrender of Vicksburg. He enlisted as a private, was appointed a Second Lieutenant, was promoted to a First Lieutenant, and then to Captain, by which title he is familiarly known. He has long been one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of Washington C. H. He owns a large farm in Fayette County, Ohio, a part of

which has descended to him through three generations. His grandfather bought one parcel of Duncan McArthur, to whom the land patent was issued in 1809, signed by James Madison. This patent, with another signed by James Monroe, on parchment, are still in the family with the deeds of transfer. The old house on this farm has stood for almost a century and the family of to-day have many rare old pieces of china that were a part of its original adorning.

Mr. and Mrs. Hegler have four children:

Werter Welton Hegler, born March 9, 1856.

Netta B. Hegler, born June 17, 1857.

Lizzie Strickle Hegler, born November 16, 1865.

Marie Louise Ellis Hegler, born October 6, 1875.

Werter Welton Hegler was married to Mary Lawrence Stevens, February 8, 1883. To them have been born three sons :

Allen Stimson Hegler, born November 12, 1884; died October 28, 1898.

Fay Melville Hegler, born January 27, 1886.

Lawrence Stevens Hegler, born June 13, 1888.

Their home is in Troy, Ohio.

Netta B. Hegler was married to Charles Foresman Ballard, of Washington C. H., June 17, 1885.

They have four children :

Alexander Hegler Ballard, born June 19, 1886.

Elizabeth Ballard, born June 10, 1888.

Marie Louise Ballard, born August 17, 1891.

James Werter Ballard, born October 10, 1894.

Lizzie Strickle Hegler was married June 2, 1887, to Mally Siegle Daugherty, of Washington C. H. They have had two children, Harry Ellis, born May 6, 1888,

and Janet, born February 15, 1891; died January 5, 1892. Address of all the family, Washington C. H., Ohio.

Benjamin Franklin Ellis, son of Henry and Charity Ellis, was born February 21, 1835, in Greene County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, and in October of 1854, in company with his brother Abraham he started "West." They went first to Atlanta, Logan County, Illinois, where they remained three years, and then pushed farther west, their destination being Kansas Territory, at that time the scene of much disturbance, just preceding the Civil War.

Near Chillicothe, Missouri, the party were stopped by the "Border Ruffians," who refused to let them go farther, or obtain water for themselves or their stock because they were Freesoil men. They represented that they were going to Bates County, Missouri, and gave the names of some influential acquaintances in Bates County who were also known to the "Ruffians," and they were allowed to go on, and proceeded to Miami County, Kansas, arriving October 28, 1857.

Frank and Abraham Ellis were men of such force of character that they could not remain in any place long without their principles becoming known, and they were soon notified that on account of their antislavery principles they would not be allowed to vote.

In July 1859, they were threatened by an invasion, and the conservative element of Missouri asked the people of Miami County, Kansas, to meet in consultation at West Point, Missouri, and the Ellis brothers went with their neighbors.

The proslavery men were very violent, and the Kansans felt that their lives were in danger; and as Abraham Ellis was to make a speech, he urged his brother Frank and friends to withdraw quietly and leave him. They did so, thinking they would never see him alive again. When his turn came to speak he began by telling some of Lincoln's best jokes, and told them that the Kansans were not prepared to fight, having no weapons but a pegging awl and hammer. The Missourians were not proof against his ready wit, and the meeting closed in good humor.

The following winter they lived at Miami Indian Village in the Government school building, and built a house for Big Leg, an Indian chief. They took homesteads there. In the spring while Frank was breaking prairie near Choteau trading post on the Marias Du Cygne, he was notified that the "Ruffians" were coming. He turned his team loose, and from a concealed place he watched them. They captured eleven of his neighbors and, taking them to a ravine, shot them, he being near enough to hear the shots. John Greenleaf Whittier has immortalized this incident of the Kansas border in his poem "Le Marias Du Cygne."

Frank Ellis joined the Kansas Home Guards in the summer of 1861. He enlisted in the Sixteenth Kansas Volunteer Cavalry, January 15, 1864, and was in three battles with General Price. In February, 1865, he was ordered across the plains from Fort Leavenworth, and was in a battle with Indians, in September, 1865. He was mustered out of service December 6, 1865.

He remained in Kansas until October of 1874, when he returned to Ohio.

On August 14, 1877, he was married to Minerva J. Rittenhouse, daughter of Judge Rittenhouse, of Ross County, Ohio. In September of 1882 he removed to Nebraska, and since that time has been a resident of Lincoln.

To them have been born four daughters :

Mamie Ellis, born August 26, 1878.

Inez Ellis, born February 16, 1880.

Bertha Ellis, born March 4, 1882.

Zoe Ellis, born March 16, 1884, and died December 28, 1886.

## CHAPTER VIII.

JOEL, KATHARINE, ROSINA, MARGARET, ISAAC  
AND ELI ELLIS.

### *Section 1. Joel Ellis.*

Joel Ellis, son of Abraham and Katharine Ellis, was born near Martinsburg, Virginia, December 9, 1788, and came with his parents to Ohio in 1806, settling in Clinton County, near Lumberton. After his marriage to Elizabeth Shillinger, daughter of Adam Shillinger, which occurred in 1811, they resided on the Shillinger farm, situated on Anderson's Creek, near New Burlington. This tract of land was purchased by Adam Shillinger, of Kentucky, and has descended by will from generation to generation, and is now the property of Volcah Weaver, the great-grandson of Adam Shillinger, and grandson of Joel Ellis.

Joel Ellis was a man of generous nature and very hospitable. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and his character was above reproach. He was so scrupulously honest that he refused usury on loans of money when it was customary to demand it.

To Joel Ellis and wife were born three children :

Mary Ellis, born in 1812.

Anna Ellis, born February 25, 1814.

Adam Shillinger Ellis, born February 3, 1817.

Joel Ellis died December 17, 1865, and their only son, Adam S., remained at home with his mother, and after

her death, which occurred February 10, 1871, he continued to live at the old homestead, living alone the greater part of the time, as he never married.

He accumulated a large amount of property, becoming one of the wealthiest men in Greene County, Ohio. His death occurred September 13, 1898, at the home of his nephew, Volcah Weaver. He was 81 years of age.

Mary Ellis was married to Dr. Baugh, a physician in New Burlington. Her death occurred July 13, 1845.

Anna Ellis was married to Samuel Weaver, January 29, 1834. Samuel Weaver died September 19, 1884, and Anna, his wife, died May 9, 1890, at their home in New Burlington, now the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Oglesbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver were the parents of three children:

Elizabeth A. Weaver, born October 7, 1838.

Volcah Weaver, born October 7, 1842.

Mary Jane Weaver, born December 23, 1847.

Elizabeth A. Weaver was married January 29, 1856, to Joseph Nutt, and to them were born five children, only two of whom are living:

Samuel W. Nutt, born April 8, 1861.

Clarence E. Nutt, born February 14, 1872.

Clarence E. Nutt and Minnie Weller were married June 26, 1897, and they have one son, Lawrence W., born July 16, 1898. Their home is at Centerville, Montgomery County, Ohio.

Volcah Weaver was married to Arabella Peterson,



daughter of Abram and Naomi Peterson, October 4, 1877, and to them have been born three children:

Charles A. Weaver, born August 8, 1878.

Laura E. Weaver, born February 1, 1883.

Anna Weaver, born June 24, 1895.

Mary Jane Weaver was married June 2, 1865, to John Oglesbee, son of Amos and Ann Oglesbee. To them were born two sons:

Volcah Oglesbee, born September 10, 1867.

Harry Oglesbee, born April 3, 1874.

Volcah Oglesbee was married to Louie Waltz, August 2, 1893.

Harry Oglesbee was married to Maude Conklin, January 2, 1896. They have two daughters, Lelia Alice and Mary Grace.

### *Section 2. Katharine Ellis.*

Katharine Ellis Duckwall's descendants. Katharine Ellis, daughter of Abraham and Katharine Ellis, married Frederick Duckwall, of Highland County, date not known :

To them were born twelve children :

Polly Duckwall, born August 14, 1814; died May 1, 1895.

Margaret Duckwall, born May 15, 1816; died February, 1898.

Susan Duckwall, born September, 1818.

Lida Duckwall, born September, 1820.

Ann Duckwall, born February 9, 1822; died January 2, 1895.

Charlotte Duckwall, born February 22, 1824.

Elizabeth and Abraham Lewis Duckwall (twins), born August 25, 1826.

Rosa Duckwall, born (date unknown), died a few weeks old.

John and Henry Duckwall (twins), born (date unknown); John died nine weeks old; Henry died ten weeks old.

Lile Duckwall, born July 5, 1831.

Polly Duckwall, daughter of Katharine and Frederick Duckwall, was married to Eli Corder, and died May 1, 1895, in her eighty-first year.

To them were born nine children, six of whom are living,—Rachel, William, Frederick, Catharine, Samantha, Marion, Jane, Elizabeth, and an infant that died unnamed.

Rachel Corder married Andrew Beltz, and to them was born one child. The mother died.

William Corder married Elizabeth Chaney, and to them were born six children.

Frederick Corder married Jane McLaughlin. They had six children.

Catharine, Samantha, and Marion Corder lived unmarried. All three are dead.

Jane Corder married Elijah Welch, and to them were born two children.

Elizabeth Corder married George Stautner. They have no children.

Margaret Duckwall, daughter of Katharine and Frederick Duckwall, married David Rhoads, and died February, 1898, aged 82 years. They had four children:

An infant, unnamed, died in infancy.

Joseph Rhoads, who died on the battlefield in the Civil War, fighting for his country.

Samuel Rhoads who married Mary E. Shaffer, and to them were born five children.

Geb L. Rhoads, who married Elmira Shaffer, and to them were born twelve children.

Susan Duckwall, daughter of Katharine and Frederick Duckwall, married Jefferson Hultz, and is still living (1899), being 81 years old. To them have been born five children, Cinthia Ann, James, George W., Sarah K., and Mary.

Cinthia Ann Hultz married Steven Strange; they have two children.

James Hultz married (name unknown), and they had fifteen children.

George W. Hultz went into the army during the Civil War and was killed.

Sarah K. Hultz and Mary Hultz died unmarried.

Lida Duckwall, daughter of Katharine and Frederick Duckwall, married George Strange, and is still living, (1899), being 79 years old.

To them were born seven children :

Margaret Strange, married George Roush ; they have no children.

Abraham Strange, died unmarried.

Joshua Strange, married, ( unknown ); has five children.

Catharine Strange, married Isaiah Wall ; they have five children.

John Strange, married, ( unknown ); has one child.

James Strange, married, ( unknown ); has three children.

The youngest was an infant that died unnamed.

Ann Duckwall, daughter of Katharine and Frederick Duckwall, was married to R. B. Rhoads, October 1, 1840, and died January 2, 1895, aged 73 years. She was buried in Fairview Cemetery at Quincey, Ohio.

They had ten children :

Mary Catherine Rhoads, born August 13, 1841 ; died August 6, 1844 ; buried at Olive Chapel, Highland County, Ohio.

William M. Rhoads, born July 16, 1843 ; killed at battle of Shiloh, April 7, 1862.

Elizabeth Jane Rhoads, born September 17, 1845.

Lydia Ann Rhoads, born February 29, 1849.

Rudolph F. Rhoads, born September 30, 1851 ; died May 1, 1854 ; buried at Olive Chapel, Highland County, Ohio.

Carry A. Rhoads, born September 28, 1854.

Lucy Avaline Bell Rhoads, born October 12, 1856.

John Lewis Rhoads, born January 8, 1859 ; died October 17, 1859.

Leonidas Trimble Rhoads, born November 10, 1860.

Amy Naomi Rhoads, born August 18, 1868 ; died September 24, 1868 ; buried at Quincy, Ohio.

William M. Rhoads was killed at the battle of Shiloh, April 7, 1862—another brave life given to his country in the time of its peril.

Elizabeth Jane Rhoads was married to Joseph Roberts, September 16, 1866. They had three children :

William L. Roberts, born November 4, 1867.

Annie L. Roberts, born December 18, 1871; died December 27, 1876; buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Joseph R. Roberts, born March 31, 1874.

William L. Roberts was married August 6, 1890, to Della Woodard. They have four children:

Florence Roberts, born October 29, 1892.

Lu Trell Roberts, born August 12, 1894; died September 24, 1894; buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Dorothy Roberts, born August 18, 1896.

Arthur Roberts, born December 7, 1897; died August 13, 1898; buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Joseph R. Roberts was married February 9, 1897, to Addie Parker. They have one child, Parker Roberts, born December 17, 1897.

Lydia Ann Rhoads was married January 17, 1874, to Gus Webb. They have one son, Ralph B. Webb, born January 27, 1877.

Carry A. Rhoads was married June 8, 1886, to Minnie Line. They have six children:

Ralph Franklin Rhoads, born February 1, 1887; died August 14, 1887; buried in Fairview Cemetery, Quincy, Ohio.

Tinva Leora Rhoads, born April 23, 1888.

Vernin Levi Rhoads, born March 9, 1891.

Sarah Catherine Rhoads, born March 27, 1892.

Eva Bell Rhoads, born April 13, 1894; died February 3, 1895.

Hobert Jennings Rhoads, born September 9, 1896.

Lucy Avaline Bell Rhoads was married August 25, 1874, to Frank W. Fisher. They have had five children:

Hattie Fisher, born August 3, 1875.

Rudolph Franklin Fisher, born October 5, 1877.

Cora and Corvan Fisher, twins, born April 5, 1881; Corvan died August 28, 1881; buried at Quincy, Ohio.

Raymond Fisher, born October 27, 1890.

Hattie Fisher was married December 9, 1896, to John Powers. They have one child, Jasper Clayton, born June 30, 1898.

Cora Fisher was married December 7, 1898, to Zorah B. Costin.

Leonidas Trimble Rhoads was married April 22, 1897, to Blanche Royer.

Charlotte Duckwall, daughter of Katharine and Frederick Duckwall, married John Barker. She is still living (1899), aged 75 years. They have six children:

Mary Barker, born May 31, 1848.

John Barker, an infant, only lived a short time.

Rachel Barker, born November 11, 1851.

Sabie Barker, born August 24, 1856.

Andrew K. Barker, born August 4, 1858.

L. Homer Barker, born March 16, 1865.

Mary Barker was married to John Rhoads, December 21, 1879. They have no children.

Rachel Barker was married to William Roberts. She died December 28, 1870, and was buried in Barker Cemetery. They had one child, Arville Roberts, born December 24, 1866.

Sabie Barker was married to R. H. Orebaugh, May 4, 1878. They had two children:

Estella May Orebaugh, born April 28, 1879.

Jesse Lawrence Orebaugh, born September 2, 1883.

Estella M. Orebaugh was married March 8, 1899, to T. C. Pratt.

Andrew K. Barker married Mary Clutter, and they have had five children :

Lola Barker, born August 15, 1881.

Jennette Barker, born May 28, 1883.

Nona Barker, born August 9, 1891 ; died July 7, 1892 ; buried in Barker Cemetery.

Glen Barker, born May 24, 1893.

An infant, born November 30, 1898 ; died November 31, 1898 ; buried in Barker Cemetery.

L. Homer Barker married Elizabeth Runyan, and they have had five children : Floyd, Elsie, Jocie, Hazel, and an infant who died unnamed.

Elizabeth Duckwall, daughter of Katharine and Frederick Duckwall, married Abraham Rhoads. They have had five children : An infant, died unnamed ; Margaret, Charlotte, Mary, and Thomas.

Charlotte Rhoads married Hense Pulley, and has had five children.

Mary Rhoads married John Woods. They have two children.

Margaret Rhoads and Thomas Rhoads are unmarried.

Abraham Lewis Duckwall, son of Katharine and Frederick Duckwall, married Louise Meyers. He was the only son that lived beyond infancy. They have no children, so of this large family the name of Duckwall will die out with him.

Lile Duckwall, youngest child of Katharine and Frederick Duckwall, married Carry Rhoads, and died February, 1890. They had three children.

*Section 3. Rosina Ellis.*

Rosina Ellis Carman and her descendants :

Rosina Ellis, fifth child of Abraham and Katharine Ellis, was born in Berkeley County, Virginia, July 30, 1793, and came with the family to Ohio when a little girl thirteen years old. She grew to womanhood with her two sisters, Katrina and Margaret, on the old farm on Anderson's Creek, and was there wooed and won by James Carman, the son of a neighbor, to whom she was married February 1, 1816. In the old German Bible, of which we have spoken, in the records of the births of the children of Abraham and Katharine Ellis, her name is spelled Rosina, but as time goes on it is given the more familiar form of Rosannah, as that of her sister, Katrina, is changed to Katharine.

James Carman was a minister of the Christian Church, and the first years of their married life were spent near the old Ellis home in the northern part of Clinton County. They moved to Warren County, where they lived several years. Returning to Clinton County their later years were spent at New Antioch, where both died and were buried. Rosina Ellis Carman died April 7, 1857. James Carman died February 4, 1862. To them were born seven children :

Joshua Carman, born November 18, 1816 ; died August 12, 1822.

Catherine Ann Carman, born April 13, 1819.

John Carman, born September 23, 1821.

Sarah Jane Carman, born August 2, 1824 ; died March 31, 1839 ; buried at Wilmington.

Samantha Margaret Carman, born September 1, 1827.

William Henry Carman, born February 13, 1831.



Maria Rosannah Carman, born January 13, 1835.

Catherine Ann Carman, daughter of James and Rosannah Carman, was married November 14, 1843, to Richard VanDervort, of New Antioch, who was born July 14, 1813. Their life was spent on a farm near the town, and with them James and Rosannah Carman spent their last years, and died at their house.

Richard VanDervort died November 26, 1889, and was buried at New Antioch. Catherine Ellis VanDervort is still living, and makes her home with her daughter, Emma Whisler, at New Antioch. They had eight children :

Sarah Jane VanDervort, born August 23, 1844 ; died January 13, 1891 ; buried at New Antioch.

Rosannah VanDervort, born October 6, 1846.

Mary Emma VanDervort, born April 7, 1849.

Horace G. VanDervort, born October 28, 1851.

Ida Margaret VanDervort, born February 10, 1854 ; died May 9, 1870 ; buried at Stewartsville, Missouri.

Annie Laurie VanDervort, born October 10, 1856.

Rate E. VanDervort, born January 5, 1860 ; died May 26, 1862.

Alberta VanDervort, born February 6, 1863.

Rosannah VanDervort was married to Henry R. Walker, October 8, 1873. They have two children, Margaret and Lucille Walker. Their address is Wilmington, Ohio.

Mary Emma VanDervort was married February 28, 1890, to Dr. Henry Whisler, of New Antioch, at which place they live. They have no children.

Horace G. VanDervort was married October 30, 1873, to Mary E. Haynie. They had five children ; two of

them died in infancy. Those living are, M. H. Van-Dervort, who married Grace Herman in October, 1898; Rebecca, eleven years old, and Robert, aged eight years. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

Annie Laurie Van Dervort was married in May, 1878, to John W. Bashore, of New Antioch, Ohio.

They have eight children :

Frank H. Bashore, born in 1879.

Richard Henry Bashore, born in 1880.

Nellie Bashore, born in 1882.

Charles Bashore, born in 1884.

Homer A. Bashore, born in 1886.

Mary E. Bashore, born in 1888.

Edward Bashore, born in 1890.

Fred William Bashore, born in 1894.

Richard Henry Bashore enlisted in Company M, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the Spanish-American war, and was honorably discharged October 16, 1898; he was then not nineteen years old.

Alberta Van Dervort was married November 15, 1883, to Arthur W. Starbuck, of Wilmington, Ohio.

They have two children. Mabel Florence Starbuck, born in 1884, and Charles Richard Starbuck, born in 1888.

John Carman, son of James and Rosannah Carman, was born September 23, 1821, in the northern part of Clinton County, where his mother's parents (Abraham and Katharine Ellis) had settled when coming to Ohio from Virginia in 1806. He chose the profession of medicine for his life-work, and entered into it most heartily. For thirty years he was an accomplished

physician, practicing in Martinsville, and the surrounding country. On September 15, 1847, he was married to Miss Margaret Moon, daughter of James R. and Nellie Moon. Dr. Carman died February 1, 1894, at his home in Martinsville, where Mrs. Carman still lives. They had no children.

Samantha Margaret Carman, daughter of James and Rosannah Carman, was married August 24, 1849, to Dr. Richard Rice. She died in August, 1871, and was buried at Elida, Ohio. They had three children, a daughter who died in infancy, and two sons, Carman B., born in 1854, and Charles, born in 1857. Carman B. Rice was married in October, 1875, and died in 1888 or 1889. He left two children, Richard, born in 1876, and Mabel, born in 1880. Last address known was Van Wert, Ohio.

Charles Rice was married; had no children. His address is not known.

William Henry Carman, son of James and Rosannah Carman, was married to Cintrella Gage in February, 1854, and died in 1877. They had three children, Adelaide, William and Rate Carman. Mrs. Carman and her daughters live at Mattoon, Illinois. The address of her son is not known.

Maria Rosannah Carman, youngest child of James and Rosannah Carman, was married August 15, 1854, to Joseph M. Rulon, of New Vienna, Ohio. They had four children:

Clara Belle Rulon, born August 29, 1853; died October, 1889.

Preston C. Rulon, born March, 1856.

William Rulon, born December, 1859.

Ralph Rulon, born June 17, 1868. Address, Lumberton, Ohio.

Preston C. Rulon was married in 1882 to Ella Stevens, of Kentucky. They have three children, Claude, born in 1883; Clara Belle, born in 1885, and Winifred, born in 1890. Address, New Antioch, Ohio.

William Rulon married Lizzie Hastings. They have three children, Charles, born in 1881; Robert, born in 1888, and Fred, born in 1895. Their address is Lumberton, Ohio.

#### *Section 4. Margaret Ellis.*

Margaret Ellis, daughter of Abraham and Katharine Ellis, was born in Berkeley County, Virginia, May 19, 1795. She was only ten years old when the family moved to Ohio, and she grew to womanhood on the farm on Anderson's Creek.

She was married about 1820 to John Carman, the son of one of their neighbors, with whom she had grown up. Her sister, Rosina Ellis, had married another son of this family, James Carman. Margaret Ellis Carman lived but a short time after her marriage, and died at her home in Wilmington, Ohio, leaving no children. We have only a faint memory of her as "Aunt Peggy," by which name she was called.

#### *Section 5. Isaac Ellis.*

Isaac Ellis, son of Abraham and Katharine Ellis, was born December 19, 1798. He married Elizabeth Oglesbee, and to them were born seven children,

Jacob, Sarah Ann, Lucinda, John, Susan, Newton and Joel.

Isaac Ellis removed from Ohio to Inwood, Marshall County, Indiana, in the fall of 1855, and died April 3, 1882. He was buried in the Bethel graveyard, near Bourbon, Indiana. Mrs. Ellis died in March, 1844.

Jacob Ellis, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Ellis, was born December 9, 1822, and was married to Lydia Ann Mason, at Paintersville, Ohio, March 25, 1845. Jacob Ellis died in 1896, and his widow resides at Port William, Ohio.

Sarah Ann Ellis was married to Jesse Severs, and she and her family and husband are all dead.

Lucinda Ellis married Jacob Strickle, son of John Strickle, and nephew of Jacob Strickle who married Ann Ellis. Their home is near Wheeling, Missouri. Their children are, Susan, James, Rebecca, John, Elizabeth, and Harvey.

John Ellis was born March 11, 1827, and was married August 19, 1849, to Maria Strickle, who was a granddaughter of John Strickle. To them were born eight children, one of whom died in infancy—Margaret E., Christopher N., Anna E., Rosy M., Sherman, William O., and Lydia L.

Margaret E. Ellis was born May 14, 1850. She married David Middleton, and has two children, John A. Middleton and Lena Middleton, who married Orville McDonald, and lives near Xenia, Ohio.

Christopher N. Ellis was born February 4, 1854, and

married Esther Woolery. They have three children, Homer, Cleo, and Osie.

Anna E. Ellis was born December 31, 1855, and married Theodore Johnson. They have one daughter, Nellie.

Rosy M. Ellis was born November 12, 1864, and married Albert Linkhart. They now reside in Texas. They have two sons, Robert Dean and Grover.

Sherman Ellis was born February 6, 1867, and married Dovey Elizabeth Carmony, of Indiana. They have two children, Ilo May and Russell Ellis.

William O. Ellis was born January 30, 1879; is unmarried.

Lydia L. Ellis was born June 3, 1872, and married Albert E. Ellison. They have two sons, Sherman A. and John Harper Ellison.

Maria Strickle Ellis died May 14, 1887.

John Ellis was again married, April 15, 1891. He married Mary C. Waln, and they reside near Lumberton, Ohio.

Susan Ellis married George Deacon, and their children are Eber, Hannah, Florence, Arwill, Belle and Elmer Deacon.

Eber and Elmer Deacon are married, but of them we have secured no records.

Hannah Deacon married John Staley. They have one daughter, Cora, who is the wife of David Van Vactor, and has two children, Edna and Russell Van Vactor.

Florence Deacon married Broomen Parks. They have two children, Gladys and Cora Parks.

Arvilla Belle Deacon married David Staley. They have three children: Bertha, wife of Mr. Dennis; George and Mary Staley.

Newton Ellis married Edia Lois Hendel. They have three daughters, Arvilla, Arvada, and Armettie.

Arvilla Ellis married James Parker. They have four daughters, Carrie, Mary, Arvada, and Edna Parker.

Arvada Ellis married Elza Hite. They have two children, Ovess and Mary Hite.

Joel Ellis married Mary Bailiff. Their children are, John, Louis, Lizzie (wife of Henry Singleton), and Ralph Ellis.

#### *Section 6. Eli Ellis.*

Eli Ellis, youngest child of Abraham and Katharine Ellis, was born in Berkeley County, Virginia, September 9, 1801. He was the only one of the eight children born in this century,—eighteen hundred. He married Mary Mills, in 1822, and brought his bride to the old homestead, on Anderson's Creek. He had charge of the farm, and the care of his aged father and mother. He died about 1835, a few years before the death of his father, which occurred in September, 1837.

His family still lived on the old farm for some years, which his sons managed. After the marriage of the children Mrs. Ellis sold the farm and moved to New Burlington, Ohio, where she lived a few years, and then, with several of her children went West, settling in and near Bloomington, Illinois. Mrs. Ellis lived

with her only daughter, Martha Ellis Harris, and died at her home in Bloomington, Illinois.

The children of Eli and Mary Ellis were :

Joshua Ellis, born in 1823.

Abraham Ellis, born in 1825.

James Mills Ellis, born in 1827.

John Ellis, born in 1829.

Martha Ann Ellis, born in 1831.

George Ellis, born in 1835 ; died aged five years.

Joshua Ellis married Emily Paris, daughter of Daniel Paris, of Clinton County. They lived in Wilmington for several years, and then moved to Bloomington, Illinois, where the rest of the family had settled. Some time later they went to California, which was the last address known. They had three children, Eugene, May, and one other, whose name is not known.

May Ellis married Mr. Adams, of New York City. They had no children.

The address of Eugene and the other child is not known.

Abraham Ellis never married. He lived in Bloomington, Illinois, some years, where he went with his mother after the old farm was sold. In later years he went to Leadville, Colorado, and was Mayor of that city. He died there.

James Mills Ellis married and went West, settling near Bloomington, Illinois, where he died.

John Ellis went South some time before the Civil War, and has not been heard from since. It is supposed he is dead.

Martha Ann Ellis was married in September, 1848, to Israel Harris, of Waynesville, Ohio. After her mar-



riage the family left the old farm, and with them, she and her husband went to Bloomington, Illinois. They lived there for some years and then moved to Chicago, where they both died. They had two children, Anna Mary and James Harris.

George Ellis, youngest son of Eli and Mary Ellis, died young, not more than five years old.

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