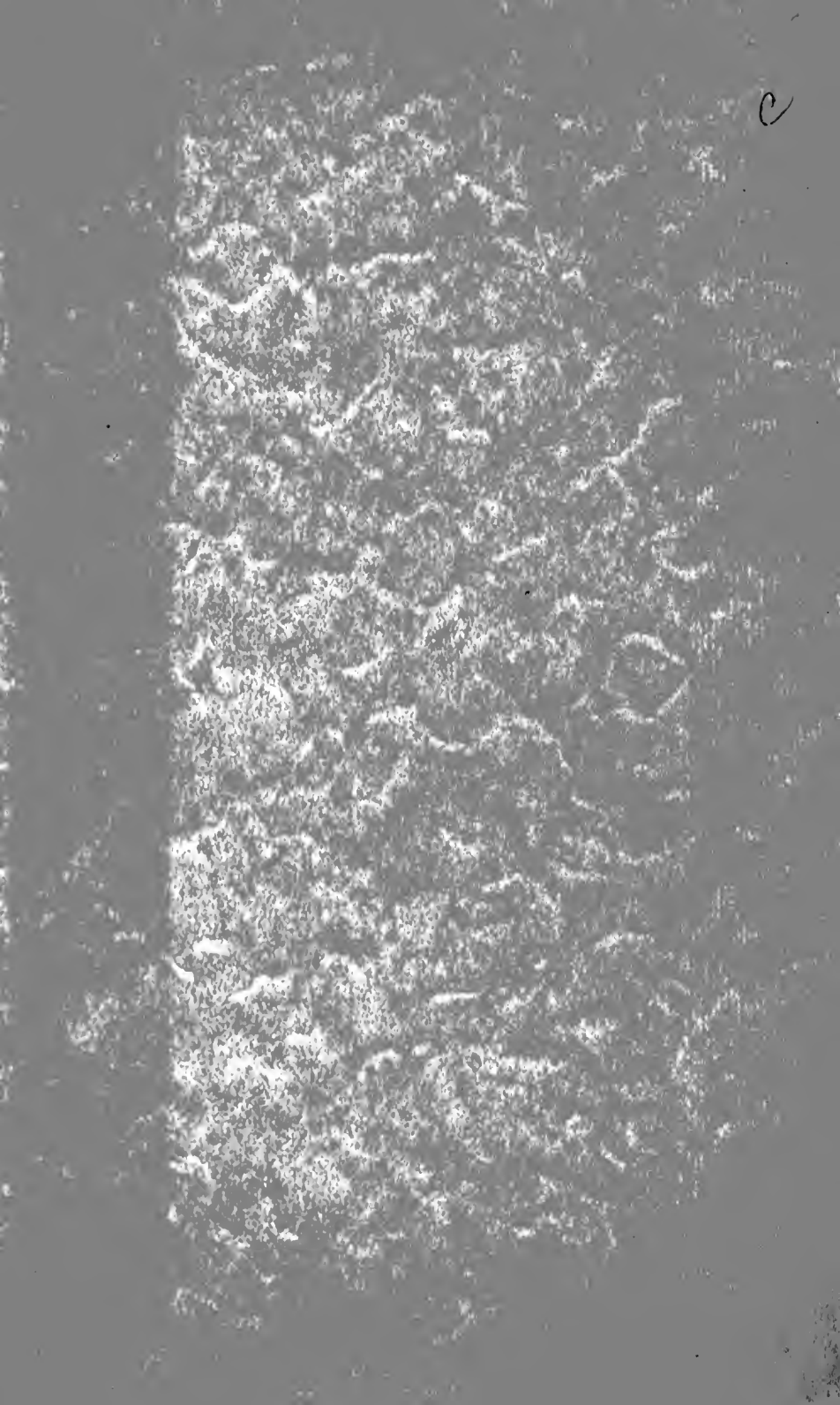


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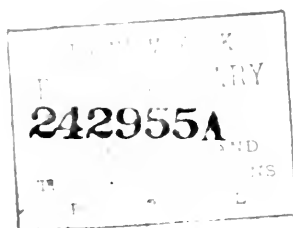
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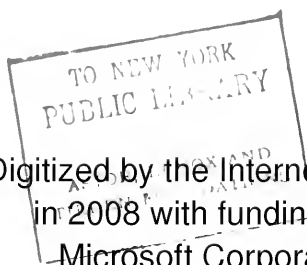
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## PREFACE

In preparing a genealogical history of the Swiger family, no literary merit is claimed, as it is only a collection of dates and events from many sources, such as the records of courts, old letters and traditional history.

It has been the object of the writer to give a complete genealogical review of this family from its early beginning in America down to the present time, with sufficient biographical history for identification, before the records are destroyed and before tradition passes from the minds of the older members, without the fruits of whose recollections such a history could not have been.

To do this has required much time and research through musty and time-worn records, thousands of inquiries, patience and labor; and the writer is very conscious of his inability to perform it adequately, and freely admits that it is at best a very imperfect sketch.

It covers the lives of a line of people who, because they were not conspicuous as public men, failed to construet pedigrees, as did the greater men of history; it deals with a plain people, most of whom were farmers, more interested in clearing out the forests and building for themselves and family a cabin in which to live comfortably, than in the construction of pedigrees; it sweeps over periods of time engulfed in social and political turmoil. For these and many other reasons the creation of a complete genealogical history is impossible.

At the outset I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to John W. Swiger, of Sardis; Calvert Swiger, of Clarksburg; J. Benton Swiger, of West Union; Israel Swiger, of Wallace; George W. Swiger, of Brown; Israel Swiger, of Rinehart; Salathial Swiger, of Olive; Vergie Smith, of Brown, who furnished the history of the Smith family; Muta U. Swiger, of Shinnston, for valuable data collected by his father; James F. Allen, of Clarksburg; Mart T. Swiger, of Folsom; Prof. F. L. Burdette, of Clarksburg; Miss Olive Vernon, of Hepzibah, for typewritten copy of manuscripts; Josiah Hughes, of Charleston, for history of Hughes family; and Orie McConkey, of Clarksburg, for reading manuscripts.

I am also under obligations to every man and woman who answered my many letters of inquiry, for by such was this book largely made.

For those who read this book expecting to find portrayals

of great men in public life, there will be a disappointment. Had it been our aim to so portray the lives of men of whom we speak, in nine-tenths of the cases it would have been the pictures of rugged, sober, thoughtful and peaceful lives of the farmers.

Many words of deserved praise could have been given, and in some instances words of condemnation could have been added. However, it has not been our aim to exalt or condemn.

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he"; and it matters not with what glowing terms of exaltation men might speak of men, nor with what bitter epithets of denunciation they might hurl in guttural tones of accusation, we are as God sees us, and not as man sees us.

So it sufficeth to say we hope that we shall all so live as to have our names recorded in the Lamb's Book of life, in the office of God, in which He is the chief clerk and judge of all men.

To my father, who, in the latter years of his life, stimulated my desire for this undertaking, and who has since been called before that Great Judge to hear words of commendation, we believe; and to my mother, who is ever kind and helpful, I dedicate this little volume.

HRA L. SWIGER.

Clarksburg, West Va., Sept. 1, 1916.

## EXPLANATION

### 1. The Genealogical Numbers—

These are the consecutive numbers from 1 on indefinitely, and are found on the left side of each page. They simply number the descendants of John William and Mary Swiger, the emigrants to Virginia, 1755.

Since there were seven children in the original Swiger family, this book is divided into seven sections of genealogical history, each section being devoted to the history of some one of these children and his descendants.

2. The first five generations are treated so as to show the descendants of each descendant of John William and Mary Swiger; and at the head of each article will be given the full name of every person whose history is being studied, preceded by his genealogical number and followed by the given name of his ancestors, with their generation numbers in parenthesis. For example:

13. ISRAEL SWIGER (4)—. JESSE (3), ELIZABETH  
(2), WILLIAM (1).

This means that Israel Swiger is the 13th name reached in the mechanical making of the book, while dealing with the family of Elizabeth; that his father was Jesse, of the third generation from William; his grandmother Elizabeth in the second, etc. If further knowledge concerning Jesse is desired one has but to turn back until the genealogical number 13 is reached, which will be found under this head:

1. JESSE SWIGER (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

By successive changes the History of Elizabeth may be reached, then William.

3. In some cases when but little is known of a particular family, or for other reasons the history of which is studied no further, the plan changes; and instead of the genealogical numbers being given the family numbers are given also. For example:

4. SUSAN C. SWIGER (3) ISRAEL (1), JESSE (3),  
ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

#### 10. Children

- 10-1. 1. O. R. Bailey, a. 9-9-1875; m. 10-2-1892, Calder E., son  
of M. S. and Anna Clarke Bailey, farmers of  
Taylor Co., sp. m. d.  
10-2. 2. Arthur Bailey, a. 11-6-1893, graduate of Salem  
College, sp. m. m. d.  
10-3. 3. Alfred Bailey, a. 6-22-1895, unmarried.  
10-4. 4. Paul Bailey, b. 12-27-1898; unmarried.  
10-5. 5. Mildred Bailey, b. 7-10-1901; unmarried.

A little attention will make this clear. Each new set of children is set a little further to the right; and the family numbers are in parenthesis and immediately under each other.

4. The prominence given to the Allen family is given because of its many connections with the Swiger family, from the early beginning of both down to the present time.

5. In a study of this history it is well to remember the following facts: that what is now the territory of West Virginia, was a part of the territory of the Commonwealth of Virginia up until June 20, 1863; that whenever reference is made in this book to any state, county or district, it is meant the territory which is now respectively comprised in each of them.

6. Among the many names of persons used in this book are to be found, of course, many nick names, many of which have never been recorded, but handed down to us from many different sources. Only when a very distinct error has been made, have we changed the name or spelling.

7. A few technical words and abbreviations used in this book may need some explanation: d. means daughter or died; b. born; m. married; ob. infans, died in infancy.



## INTRODUCTION.

Upon earnest and interested investigation of the early history of the different families of this and most all other nations of the earth, whose genealogical and biographical history has not been written, one will find many different traditional accounts, coming from as many different sources, with which he has to deal and which must be verified before there can be claimed for any of them any degree of authenticity.

It is reasonable to suppose that the first interest in the early traditional history of any particular family, would be manifested in a desire to converse with and interrogate the oldest living representatives of that family, relative to the same; because it is through and from them traditional history is handed down from one generation to another. It is they from whom both authentic and inaccurate tradition comes. The former, from the more accurate, the latter from those, the peculiar visions of whose aged and wandering minds tend to lead from the true path of history.

But comparatively few people of our nation have ever been interested in the early history of their families, nor have they spent much time in the construction of pedigrees; and perhaps there are fewer people to-day than ever before who even know the traditional account, be it true or otherwise. However, we are glad to note a very recent interest in the history of our ancestors now being manifested by many, which, we hope and believe, will be far-reaching and accompanied by the most wholesome results.

Perhaps no nation has ever kept a better record of its people than England; but this has been done for aristocratic reasons rather than for reasons of purity and morality.

A better knowledge of the personal characteristics of our foreparents and of their environments, will enable us to see more plainly, not only the influence of the one over the other, but the combined influence of them both upon posterity.

Recent scientific investigations of the effects of alcoholic

liquors upon the human system has, more than any other one thing, perhaps, revealed and established the fact of the great influence of both heredity and environment upon posterity.

Our farmers and stockmen are recognizing the fact more and more each day of the necessity of a pure stock, if their harvests are to be profitable. Therefore, they are endeavoring to perfect their seed and to propagate only the best.

Whenever the human family becomes as interested in the propagation of the human race as the modern scientific farmers are in the propagation of their grains and stock of the farm, then the human family will take on new life and bud and blossom in perfection, as the flowers of the fields, spreading their sweet fragrance everywhere, making the world a brighter and happier place in which to live.

In preparing this history of the Swiger family, we received our first information, which tradition had handed down, from the oldest living representatives of this family; for we found that the younger generations were, like ourselves in the beginning, practically without knowledge of our ancestors, save, possibly, father and mother, grandfather and grandmother. And we found, upon continued research and investigation of this family in America, that tradition, while true in part, was in error, as should be expected of most all traditional history till proper verification is made.

In the beginning, much inquiry and conversation, before records were resorted to for true light into this history, revealed the fact that there were two distinct, yet different accounts of the early settlements of the Swiger family in America, whose sources were widely separated and without acquaintance. But, while they differed in many details, yet by means of old records of the Commonwealth of Virginia, we finally found them both to be true in the main. Both accounts declare that the Swiger family was one of the prominent families of the German Empire, and that John William Swiger and Mary Swiger, his wife, sometime prior to the Revolutionary war, emigrated to America and first settled, one account has

it, in Fayette county, Pa.; the other, that they first settled in Virginia, removing from there to Fayette county, Pa.

Information furnished us by the Pension Department at Washington, establishes the fact that the Swiger family first established themselves in America in Loudoun county, Virginia, in about the year 1755, where, no doubt, all the children were born, except Christopher, before the family removed to Fayette county, Pa. (See Miscellaneous Section.)

Tradition has it, however, that John Swiger was the oldest son, and that he was born in the "Fatherland"; but upon further information furnished us from the department at Washington, we find that he was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, April the 25, 1759, and that he remained there till he was eighteen years of age, or more, when he enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He afterwards became a pensioner by reason of services rendered in that war, in fighting Indians at Jackson's Fort, in Greene county, Pa. (See Miscellaneous.)

It is most probable that Christopher Swiger, a brother of John, and also a Revolutionary soldier, was the oldest son, since we positively know that Jacob, the other brother, was the youngest. He may have been and most likely was born in Germany, in as much as all the different traditional accounts declare that John William Swiger and Mary, his wife, had one son when they came to America.

In a "Special Report of the Department of Archives and History of Virginia for 1911," by Hon. H. J. Eckenrode, Archivist, in a list of the Revolutionary soldiers furnished by the State of Virginia, we find both the names of John and Christopher Swiger, and that the latter's name appeared on a manuscript list with others that were paid off at Pittsburg (Fort Pitt), after the war was over.

It is an historical fact that this family first settled in Loudoun county, Virginia; that they afterwards removed from there to Pennsylvania, and thence, to "Kuhn's Run," in what is now Clay district, Harrison county, West Virginia, which was the first settlement of the Swiger family in what is now the territory of West Virginia.

There is no known reason why the family removed from their first settlement in Loudoun county, Virginia, to Pennsylvania, nor from Pennsylvania back to Virginia (now West Virginia). But it is reasonable to suppose that the two oldest sons, John and Christopher, who were Revolutionary soldiers, engaged in fighting the Indians at or near Fort Pitt at that time, influenced them to remove to Pennsylvania for protection from the atrocities of the Indians of Virginia; or for more and closer associations with the rest of the family. In the latter case, when the family removed to Harrison county in what is now West Virginia, it may have been because of one or more of several reasons, the most probable one being, perhaps, the fact that they had once lived in Virginia, since which time the Indians were practically all driven from this region, and it seemed more like home to them.

In an old historical volume which came into the hands of the writer a few years ago, which was written sometime in the sixties—we find the following biographical sketch:

“Prior to and during the war John William Swiger was engaged in mercantile pursuits and had a large distillery in Greene county, Pennsylvania, and in this way came into possession of considerable Continental money. His executors invested it in a large tract of land, in what is now Barbour county, West Virginia (then Virginia), this being the only way in which the government would redeem the money. The heirs of this land failed to look after and pay the taxes and revenues upon it and the land reverted to the government.

“He was the father of seven children: Christopher, John, Elizabeth, Mary, Jacob, Liby and Eve. After the death of John William Swiger, his widow married the second time and she and family removed to Harrison county, Virginia.”

John William Swiger, as has been said, had a large mercantile business in Pennsylvania, and tradition has it that he, finding that his stock of wares was becoming short and desiring to replenish it—sailed back to his native land for that purpose; but was never heard from again. It is supposed that he

and his little craft were swallowed up by the waters of the ocean.

After Mr. Swiger failed to return, tradition from two distinct and different sources has it that his widow soon married Joshua Barnes Allen, a Scotchman and widower, who had one son, Barnes, born in Scotland, who in turn "married Eve Swiger, a German girl," the daughter of his stepmother.

It is an established fact that Barnes Allen was the son of Joshua B. Allen, and that he married Eve Swiger, the youngest daughter of the original Swiger family in America. The records of the Commonwealth of Virginia show this. (See Miscellaneous). This being true, no doubt the other is true also.

After the widow, Mary Swiger, married the second time, she and family removed back to Virginia (now West Virginia), she and her husband settling on what is yet known as the old Allen farm, near Hepzibah; and John, who seems to have been married directly after they removed here, settled on what is now known as the old Swiger farm in Clay district.

After the family came the second time to Virginia, we have an unbroken record of each member of the family down to the present time. Christopher, the oldest son, and far the most prolific branch of the family tree, settled at Centerpoint, Doddridge county, where his descendants are numbered by the hundreds; John settled and lived near Boothsville in Clay district, Harrison county; Elizabeth lived and died near Brown in Harrison county; Mary lived and died near Brown; Jacob lived and died near the mouth of Gregory's Run, in Eagle district, on what is now known as the old Coffman farm; Libby and husband settled on the waters of Gregory's Run, where Jesse Coffman now lives; and Eve and husband lived and died on the old Allen farm, near Hepzibah.





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CHRISTOPHER SWIGER (2)— WILLIAM (1).

Christopher, oldest son of John William and Mary Swiger, was born, most likely in Germany, in about the year 1750; came to America with his father and mother, when but a small boy—settling with them in Loudoun county, Virginia.

Among the 10,000 Revolutionary soldiers, furnished by the Commonwealth of Virginia, who saw active service, Christopher Swiger was one, the records of the Commonwealth of Virginia showing that he was paid off at Pittsburg (Fort Pitt), after the war.

According to the records, he was not married till rather an old man, having married, February 2, 1798, Eleanor "Bacus," after he and his family had returned to Virginia.

They first settled on a farm, on Katy's Lick Run, Sardis district, which had been granted to him by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

After a few years residence in Sardis district, he and family removed to Centerpoint, Doddridge county, where he spent the remainder of his life. His descendants, most of whom live in McClelland district, Doddridge county, have been very prolific, as will be seen by this record.

After living to be very old, he died in Doddridge county, and was buried on the waters of Sycamore Creek, where his grave may yet be seen.

His children were:

- 1 Benjamin Swiger, b. 1-15-1804; m. Elizabeth Gain, 1837.
- 2 Elias Swiger; m. Millie Marsh, 1-1-1822.
- 3 Barnes Swiger, b. 2-24-1808; m. Mary Marsh.
- 4 Thomas Swiger; m. Nancy Ash.
- 5 Malinda Swiger; m. John Brooker.
- 6 Lovy Swiger; m. John Trader.
- 7 Mary Swiger; m. John Bates.
- 8 Nancy Swiger; m. William Plant.
- 9 Jeriah Swiger, b. 5-5-1819; m. Lucinda Ann Haney.
- 10 Delilah Swiger; m. Andrew Bates, 2-3-1833.
- 11 Tabitha Swiger; m. John Prunty.

## 1. BENJAMIN (3) . CHRISTOPHER (2) , WILLIAM (1).

Benjamin, oldest son of Christopher and Eleanor (Bachus) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va., January 15, 1804; was a farmer; married, March 23, 1829, to Elizabeth Gain, d. of Thomas Gain, a farmer of Sardis district. He and his wife settled in a log cabin, which still stands, near where Francis Harbert now lives, on Big Tennile Creek, where they both died. To his union were born twelve children, several of whom are yet living.

His children were:

- 12 Nellie Swiger, b. 4-8-1833; unmarried; living at old home.
- 13 Amos Swiger, b. 1-30-1837; m. (1) Lucinda Gerrard; (2) Vernie Lyons.
- 14 Simon Swiger; unmarried; at home.
- 15 Solomon Swiger, b. 1849; m. (1) Mary Strother; (2) Tetia Flowers.
- 16 Susan Swiger, b. 11-15-1838; unmarried; d. at 74 years.
- 17 Lemuel Swiger; m. Sarah Cunningham.
- 18 Ruth Swiger; m. Albert Strother.
- 19 Mary Swiger, b. 6-1-1840; m. William E. Swiger. (See William).
- 20 James Swiger, b. 4-4-1839; unmarried; d. of consumption.
- 21 Becca M. Swiger; m. John Jackson Cunningham.
- 22 John Swiger; d. in infancy.
- 23 Sarah Swiger; d. in infancy.

## 2. ELIAS (3) . CHRISTOPHER (2) , WILLIAM (1).

Elias, son of Christopher and Eleanor (Bachus) Swiger, was born on Katy's Lick Run, Sardis district, Harrison county, Va.; married, January 1, 1822, Permelia S., daughter of Elijah Marsh, of Marshville. He was a farmer, and first settled on a farm on Shinnus Run, near Dola, removing from there to a place where Addison Rittenhouse now lives, in Sardis district, where he died of tuberculosis.

His children consisted of six boys and four girls, as follows:

- 24 (1) Millie Swiger; m. Frank Kelley.
- 24 (2) Absalom Swiger; m. Ruth Roberts.
- 26 (3) Aaron Swiger; m. Permelia Lyons.
- 27 (4) Alfred Swiger, m. Elizabeth Underwood.
- 28 (5) "Chris" Swiger; m. d. of Solomon Flesher.
- 29 (6) "Lige" Swiger; m. Sarah Robinson.
- 30 (7) Elias Swiger; m. Susan Talkington.
- 31 (8) Mariah Swiger; unmarried; d. of consumption.
- 32 (9) Eve Swiger; unmarried; d. of consumption.
- 33 (10) Martha Swiger; unmarried; d. of consumption.

### 3. BARNES (3)—. CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Barnes, a son of Christopher and Eleanor (Bachus) Swiger and a namesake of his uncle Barnes Allen, who married his father's sister Eve, was born in Sardis district, near Sardis. After he was married to Mary Marsh, d. of Elijah of Marshville, he moved to and settled on a farm on Middle Fork, in Doddridge Co., where he died of tuberculosis at about the age of fifty years.

His wife, b. Oct. 3, 1805, d. May 27, 1885, was a sister of his brother's (Elias) wife.

To his union were born:

- 34 Jefferson Swiger, b. 10-5-1829; m. d. of Dickson Underwood.
- 35 Jesse Swiger, b. 5-13-1833; m. Mary Lyons.
- 36 Lewis Swiger, b. 12-7-1839; unmarried; d. 4-28-1903.
- 37 Lafayette Swiger, b. 3-11-1844; unmarried; killed in Civil War, at Winchester, 1864.
- 38 Anna V. Swiger, b. 3-30-1828; unmarried; d. of consumption.
- 39 Tabitha Swiger; unmarried; d. of consumption.
- 40 Isaac Swiger, b. 2-11-1836; d. in infancy.

- 41 Caleb Swiger, b. 2-21-1838; d. in infancy.
- 42 Silvinah Swiger, b. 2-16-1843; d. in infancy.
- 43 Selima Swiger, b. 10-11-1847; d. at twelve years.
- 44 Celia Swiger, b. 9-17-1831; d. in infancy.
- 45 Unnamed daughter, b. 2-26-1835; ob. infans.
- 46 Unnamed son, b. 2-12-1843; ob. infans.

#### 4. THOMAS (3) — CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Thomas, son of Christopher and Eleanor (Bachus) Swiger, was born near Sardis, in Sardis district, W. Va., where his father first settled after he married; married Nancy Ash, of Doddridge Co.; settled on his father's farm on the waters of Middle Fork, Doddridge county, where he died.

His children were:

- 47 George Swiger; m. d. of Thomas Cain.
- 48 Jerdon Swiger, b. 10-17-1833; m. Cassandra Underwood.
- 49 Benoni Swiger; m. Nancy Wright.
- 50 Francis M. Swiger; m. Abbey Underwood.
- 51 Israel Swiger, b. 10-8-1841; m. d. "Chris" Davis.
- 52 Preston Swiger; m. d. "Chris" Davis.
- 53 Jane Swiger, b. 11-20-1845; m. son of Dallas Marion.

#### 5. MALINDA (3) — CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Malinda, d. of Christopher and Eleanor (Bachus) Swiger, was born near Sardis, Sardis district, Harrison county, W. Va.; m., 10-27-1846, John Booker, a farmer of Tyler county, West Va. He settled on a part of his father-in-law's farm in Doddridge county, where he and his wife lived to an advanced age. To their union were born three children, two boys and one girl, as follows:

- 54 (1) William Bates; m. d. of Christopher Bates, of Doddridge county.

- 55 (2) Henry Bates; unmarried; shot at last day of school on Sycamore, Doddridge county.
- 56 (3) Jane Bates; m. Wesley Husted, of Lumberport, Harrison county, W. Va., where they now live without children.

6. LOVY (3)—. CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lovy Swiger, d. of Christopher and Eleanor (Bachus) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Va.; married John Trader, a farmer, of Fishing Creek, Tyler county. He settled on a farm near his wife's father in Doddridge county, W. Va., where he and his wife both died.

His children were:

- 57 Neuton Trader, b. 8-7-1858; m. d. of Jerdon Swiger, of Doddridge county.
- 58 William Trader; m. (1) Malinda Bates, (2) Delilah Bates, (3) Christina Davison.
- 59 Nancie Trader; m. William Ash.
- 60 Lydia Trader; m. Absolom Ash.
- 61 Ellen Trader; m. Abraham Ash.
- 62 Mary Trader; m. Fred Iee.
- 63 Margaret Trader; m. (1) Allen Bates, (2) Isaac Smally.
- 64 Geo. W. Trader, b. 8-7-1859; ob. infans.
- 65 David Trader; m. Virginia Cain.
- 66 Isaac Trader; d. in boyhood.
- 67 Michael Trader; m. Amanda Carroll.

7. MARY SWIGER (3)—. CHRISTOPHER (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Mary Swiger, d. of Christopher and Eleanor (Bachus) Swiger, was born near Sardis, Harrison county, Virginia; in girlhood she moved to Doddridge county, where she met and married John Bates, of Wetzel county. Her husband was a brother

of John and Andy Bates, of Wetzel county, the latter of whom was the father of Notley S. Bates, who now lives in Lower Wilsonburg, Harrison county, West Va. They had no children.

8. NANCIE SWIGER (3)—, CHRISTOPHER (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Nancie Swiger, d. of Christopher and Eleanor (Bachus) Swiger, was born on the waters of Katy's Lick Run near Sardis, Harrison county, Va. She did not move to Doddridge county with her father and mother, but remained with friends near Sardis. After more or less disappointment in life, she married William Plant, a farmer, of Harrison county, Va. They both lived and died on what is now known as the Squire Plant farm, on Katy's Lick Run.

Their children were:

- 68 (1) George Swiger, b. 6-24-1824; m. Rebecca Ann Near.
- 69 (2) James Plant, who married Emily Strother, a d. of Sanford, a farmer of Katy's Lick. He was Justice of the Peace of Sardis district for several years; lived to advanced age, died on the farm of his birth.
- 70 (3) Isaiah Plant, who married Manerva Hooper.
- 71 (4) Mary Ellen Plant; unmarried; d. in early womanhood.
- 72 (5) Lovy Plant; unmarried; d. in early womanhood.

9. JERIAH SWIGER (3)—, CHRISTOPHER (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Jeriah, son of Christopher and Eleanor (Bachus) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Virginia, in a little log cabin, near where John W. Hurst now lives, in Sardis district: removed from there, in early life, with his father and mother, and settled near Centerpoint, Doddridge county, where he mar-

ried Lucinda Ann, a daughter of Patrick Haney, of Marion county. He lived and died on a farm given to him by his father, on the waters of Middle Fork Creek, in Doddridge county, West Va. He died in the year 1882.

His children, three of whom are yet living, were:

- 73 Patrick E. Swiger, b. 8-12-1837; m. Emeline Robey, whose father is said to be Elias Swiger, son of Christopher.
- 74 William L. Swiger, b. 3-16-1839; m. Elizabeth Robey.
- 75 Wesley T. Swiger, b. 1-10-1841; m. Lavina Ashcraft.
- 76 Harriet Swiger, b. 5-4-1843; m. Isaiah Stackpole.
- 77 Clarinda Swiger, b. 8-14-1845; m. Raymond Mike.
- 78 Lucinda Swiger, b. 10-21-1846; m. Jahn, a brother of Raymond Mike.

10. DELILAH SWIGER (3)—, CHRISTOPHER (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Delilah, d. of Christopher and Eleanor (Bachus) Swiger, was born in a little log cabin on Katy's Lick Run, near Sardis, Harrison county, Virginia; moved with her father and mother to Doddridge county, where she married Andrew Bates, a brother to her sister's (Mary) husband, and the father of Notly S. Bates, who now lives near Clarksburg, Harrison county, West Va. Mr. Bates was a farmer in Doddridge county, where he and wife lived and died.

Their children were:

- 79 (1) John Bates; m. Ruth, the mother of Dr. Cavalier. (See Dr. Cavalier).
- 80 (2) Mary Ann Bates; m. John, son of Israel Allen, Doddridge county.
- 81 (3) Emanuel Bates; m. d. of Jacob Ash, Doddridge county.
- 82 (4) Christopher Bates; m. Jane, d. of John Strother, Harrison county.



- 83 (5) Notly S. Bates, b. 2-7-1846; m. Laura Swiger. (See Laura).
- 84 (6) Malinda Bates; m. William, son of John Bates, Doddridge county.
- 85 (7) Jane Bates; m. Elijah Holbert.

11. TABITHA SWIGER (3)—. CHRISTOPHER (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Tabitha Swiger, daughter of Christopher and Eleanor (Bachus) Swiger, was born near Sardis, in Sardis district, Harrison county, Virginia, she being, possibly, the youngest daughter of the family. After having had many disappointments in life, she married John Pruitt. To her was born before her marriage one son, who, it is said, was given the name of his father. Son:

- 86 Daniel Swiger; m. Mary, d. of Manuel Bates.

13. AMOS (4)—. BENJAMIN (3), CHRISTOPHER (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Amos, oldest living son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Gain) Swiger, was born on Big Tennile Creek, near Sardis, Harrison county, Va., Jan. 3, 1887; has been a farmer all his life, moving about from place to place. For his first wife, who bore him four children before she died, he married, June 6, 1872, Lucinda, d. of Caleb and Elizabeth Gerrard, farmers of Katy's Lick. For his second wife, from whom he soon separated, he married, 1-26-1892, Verna Lyon, d. of Elias and Lavina, of Doddridge county, West Va. He lives near the old home.

His children were:

- 87 William A. Swiger, b. 9-30-1872; m. Virginia Shelton.
- 88 Isaac M. Swiger, b. 12-31-1874; unmarried; living at Grafton, W. Va.
- 89 Thomas Swiger, b. 1-27-1878; m. Carrie C. Snelling.
- 90 Louella Swiger, b. 10-19-1881; m. E. E. Lowther.
- Children by second wife:

91 Grace Swiger, b. 12-8-1892; unmarried; living at Wallace, W. Va.

15. SOLOMON (4)—. BENJAMIN (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Solomon, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Gain) Swiger, was born 1849, at the old Swiger home, which still stands, near Sardis, Harrison county, West Virginia; was a very large man, as was his grandfather, Christopher; followed the occupation of carpentering, of which trade he was a master. He married for his first wife, Oct. 16, 1873, Mary, d. of John and Frances Strother, of Sardis, by whom he raised four children.

His second wife, whom he married Dec. 24, 1892, was Luttia, a d. of George F. Flowers, of Wolf Summit, Harrison county; lived at Sardis, where he died.

His children by his first wife were:

92 Stella M. Swiger, b. 1875; m. Ernest R. Coffman.

93 Cora N. Swiger, b. 1877; m. Homer Robinson.

94 Dora E. Swiger, b. 1880; m. Eli Moore.

95 Carrie F. Swiger, b. 1885; m. Herbert Hopkins.

Children by his second wife were:

96 Bree Swiger, b. 1897; unmarried; employed South Penn Shop, Wolf Summit.

97 Blanche Swiger, b. 1894; m. Joseph Moore.

17. LEMUEL SWIGER (4)—. BENJAMIN (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lemuel, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Gain) Swiger, was born at the old Swiger home on Big Tenmile Creek, near Sardis; was a farmer, and a man of strong physique; married, Jan. 5, 1865, Sarah Cunningham, a widowed daughter of Dr. Ogden, of Sardis, and a sister of R. S. Ogden, who now lives in Clarksburg. Both are dead.

His children were:

- 98 Jane Swiger, b. 1-8-1866; m. William Allen.
- 99 Lillie Swiger, b. 1-25-1868; m. Benjamin Gain.

18. RUTH SWIGER (4) — BENJAMIN (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Ruth Swiger, d. of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Gain) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Virginia; m., Jan. 12, 1860, Albert Strother, a farmer of Sardis distict, and a son of Santford and Ellen Strother. They lived and died in Sardis district, and had at least one daughter:

- 100 Alice Strother; a teacher.

21. REBECCA SWIGER (4) — BENJAMIN (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Rebecca, d. of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Gain) Swiger, was born in a log cabin, which is still standing, near Sardis, Harrison county, Virginia; married, Dec. 28, 1847, John Jackson Cunningham, a farmer, who lived and died on Isaac's Creek, he having preceded his wife to the grave. To this union were born sixteen children, most of whom are living.

Their children were:

- 101 (1) George R. Cunningham, b. 3-24-1848; m. Virginia Gabbart.
- 102 (2) Sarah E. Cunningham, b. 10-7-1850; unmarried; living with Mrs. Senator Goff, Clarksburg.
- 103 (3) Amanda E. Cunningham, b. 4-24-1852; m. James P. Cowan.
- 104 (4) Mary B. Cunningham, b. 7-3-1853; m. Joseph McIntire.
- 105 (5) Ruth Ann Cunningham, b. 12-26-1855; m. Henry Riley.
- 106 (6) Louise C. Cunningham, b. 7-2-1857; unmarried.

- 107 (7) Manerva J. Cunningham, b. 8-21-1859; m. William McGinnis.
- 108 (8) Frances Cunningham, b. 3-2-1862; unmarried; d. of fever.
- 109 (9) Ida Cunningham, b. 4-27-1864; unmarried; at home.
- 110 (10) Ruhama Cunningham, b. 12-25-1867; m. Elmore Hildreth, at Wyatt.
- 111 (11) Robt. H. Cunningham, b. 11-12-1860; m. Caroline Hildreth.
- 112 (12) Amos C. Cunningham, b. 10-19-1855; m. Virginia Hildreth.
- 113 (13) Gilbert W. Cunningham, b. 3-11-1868; m. Maggie (Swiger) Seese, live at Clarksburg.
- 114 (14) James Cunningham, b. 10-1-1870; m. Arwatha Hat-tack.
- 115 (15) Web Cunningham; d. in infancy.
- 116 (16) Lillie Cunningham; d. in infancy.

25. ABSOLOM SWIGER (4) -, ELIAS (3), CHRISTO-  
PHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Absolom Swiger, son of Elias and Pernelia S. (Marsh) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county; married Rachel Bachus, for his first wife; she having died, he married for his second wife, 9-17-1865, L. Jane (Williams) Morgan, a d. of Thomas, of West Union, and a widow of Coleman Morgan, of Centerpoint, Doddridge county. After the death of his second wife, he married Margaret, d. of John Haught, farmer, of Centerpoint, Doddridge county; was a farmer, near Centerpoint, Doddridge county, where he died from affections of the kidneys and bladder.

The children by second wife were:

- 117 (1) Matilda Swiger; m., 11-19-1865, Dorsey Booher, and had children.
- 118 (2) Mariah Swiger, who married, 2-13-1892, Worth Cook, of Pine Grove, and had:

- 119 (1) Chapman J. Booher, a miner, of Marion county.
- 120 (3) Hiram Swiger; m. Allie Robinson, of Wetzel county; is a farmer, and lives at Folsom, Wetzel county, W. Va. One daughter:
- 121 (1) Olive Swiger.
- 122 (4) Lewis J. Swiger; m. a d. of the President of the "Hanging Limb Lumber Company," of Tennessee, where he and family now live. Two or three children:
- 123 (1) Chapman Swiger, who m. in Tennessee.
- 124 (2) One or two daughters.
- 125 (5) Aaron Swiger, never married; quarreled with one Henry Booher over a girl at last day of school on Sycamore Creek, Doddridge county, and shot him; for which he was arrested, tried before a court and convicted, and sentenced to serve eighteen years in the penitentiary. He did not live to serve out his sentence.
- 126 (6) John Frankling Swiger; never married; first removed to State of Oregon; thence, to Alberta Province, Canada. He has become very wealthy, now owning a large farm, on which he has two hundred horses and one hundred fifty cows.
- 127 (7) William Swiger; was married, but soon after, his wife died; removed to Oregon, where he took up a homestead; sold it, and removed to the Province of Alberta, Canada, where he has accumulated much wealth, owning, we are told, five hundred acres of land, and having three hundred head of horses and cattle; had four children, one of whom, Ernest, went with him to Canada. He now lives at Twining Alta, North West Territory, Canada.

His children were:

- 128 (1) Ernest, who married and lives in Canada.
- 129 (2) Curtis, who married and lives in Clarksburg.
- 130 (3) One girl, who died soon after marriage.

Children by third wife:

- 131 (1) Rachel Swiger; ob. infans.
- 132 (2) Eli B. Swiger; ob. infans.
- 133 (3) Orpha Swiger; m. Nelson Ash.

26. AARON SWIGER (4)—. ELIAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Aaron Swiger, son of Elias and Permelia (Marsh) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Virginia; married Delilah, d. of William Lyon, farmer of Doddridge county; first settled on a farm in Doddridge county, removing from there to Pike county, Missouri, where he was engaged in the pursuit of farming till his death. To his union were born three boys and two girls, all of whom are married and live in Missouri.

27. ALFORD SWIGER (4)—. ELIAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Alford, son of Elias and Permelia (Marsh) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Virginia. He married Elizabeth, d. of Rev. Dixon Underwood, of Doddridge county; was a farmer, and lived and reared a family of eight children on a farm, on the waters of Franks Run, Doddridge county; removed, later in life, to Gilmer county, where he and wife died.

His children were:

- 134 (1) Rebecca Swiger.
- 135 (2) Cora Swiger.
- 136 (3) Margaret Swiger.
- 137 (4) Cornelius Swiger, who m. Ruby Nurl a girl of Texas; left for Texas in year 1907 to engage in the oil business; now lives at Saratoga, Texas. No issue.

- 138 (5) Joseph Swiger; m., 4-10-1870, Delilah, d. of Israel and Sarah Ash.
- 139 (6) Isaac Swiger; m., 10-12-1871, Sarah, d. of Wm. and Elizabeth Yeater.
- 140 (8) Benton Swiger; m. and had children.
- 141 (8) Emeline Swiger; m., 10-10-1871, reason, son of Isaac Ash and Rachel Yeater.

28. CHRISTOPHER SWIGER (4) — ELIAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Christopher Swiger, son of Elias and Pernelia (Marsh) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Va.; married, 2-20-1850, Julia, a d. of Solomon Flesher, a farmer of Doddridge county, West Va.; first settled on a farm in Doddridge county, where he had a large family of children; later in life he and family removed to Pike county, Missouri, where he and wife died. His children married, and live in Missouri.

29. "LIGE" SWIGER (4) — ELIAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

"Lige," son of Elias and Pernelia (Marsh) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Va.; married, April 29, 1880, Sarah, d. of John and Susan (Shaver) Robinson, farmers of Marion county, West Va.; lived on a farm in Wood county, West Va., and had children. Both are dead.

30. ELIAS SWIGER (4) — ELIAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Elias Swiger, son of Elias Sr. and Pernelia (Marsh) Swiger, was born near Brown, Sardis district, Harrison county; married, April 17, 1864, Susan, d. of John and Cena Talkington; was a farmer and lived at Brown till his death, which was after his wife's. No issue.

34. JEFFERSON SWIGER (4)—. BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jefferson, son of Barnes and Mary (Marsh) Swiger, was born on Pike Fork of McElroy Creek, Doddridge county, on Oct. 5, 1839; m. Margaret, a d. of Rev. Dixon Underwood, of Doddridge county, who was b. Apr. 22, 1838; was a very large man, and a farmer on Pike Fork, where he lived and died, Jan. 29, 1897; was a Union soldier and was in many battles.

His children, some of whom are living, were:

- 142 Jesse Swiger, b. 4-1-1854; m. Lydia Lyon.
- 143 Reason Swiger, b. 9-24-1856; m. (1) Laverna Shields; (2) Mary Watts.
- 144 Louisa Swiger; unmarried; d. in womanhood.
- 145 C. Lafayette Swiger, b. 8-4-1861; m. Mary E. Gain.
- 146 Mary E. Swiger, b. 11-17-1864; m. Caldwell Martin.
- 147 Abbigail Swiger, b. 5-20-1867; unmarried; living in Doddridge county.
- 148 Sarah Jane Swiger, b. 7-7-1872; m. Jesse Kelley.
- 149 Rachel B. Swiger, b. 8-20-1875; m. George W. Anderson.
- 150 Kizzid Swiger, b. 6-6-1869; ob. infans.
- 151 Lensid Swiger, b. 2-8-1859; ob. infans.

35. JESSE SWIGER (4)—. BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jesse, second son of Barnes and Mary (Marsh) Swiger, was born May 13, 1833, on Pike Fork of McElroy Creek, in Doddridge county, Va.; m. Mary, d. of William and Nancy Lyon, who was born July 18, 1833; was a farmer on Pike Fork, where he died, May 7, 1876; wife died Aug. 1, 1898. To them were born eight children, as follows:

- 152 Franklin S. Swiger, b. 4-22-1862; m. Theodosia Harbert.
- 153 Vietta Swiger, b. 9-28-1859; m. Augustus J. Ritter.
- 154 Lewis A. Swiger, b. 4-22-1868; m. Rachel Stoneking.
- 155 Martina Swiger, b. 6-23-1873; m. Albert Davis.



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- 156 Kansady Swiger, b. 10-30-1870; m. Howard Glaspel.  
157 A. Milroy Swiger, b. 11-5-1875; m. Anna Shields.  
158 J. Marcellus Swiger, b. 4-8-1865; ob. infans.  
159 William Lafayette Swiger, b. 9-30-1857; ob. infans.



LAFAYETTE SWIGER.

Lafayette, son of Barnes and Mary (Marsh) Swiger, was born in McClelland district, Doddridge county, Mar. 11, 1844; enlisted in the cause of the Union in the war of '61, and was killed in the battle at Winchester, Virginia, Oct., 1864.

His company occupied the top of a hill, and were fighting from behind a stone wall, as the Rebels advanced toward them. The officer of the company, seeing that his men were greatly outnumbered and that remaining longer meant total annihilation, ordered a hasty retreat.

Mr. Swiger and two companions, being nearer the stone wall and the deafening sound of musketry, failed to hear the

retreating orders and continued firing. When they happened to glance around, seeing that they were alone, they fully realized the perilousness of their positions; and as the enemy advanced, nearer and nearer, to the top of the hill, they started running down the other side. Swiger, who soon fell, was thought at first to have been tripped by running briars; but when his companions tried to assist him to his feet, they saw the blood oozing from his forehead, which had been pierced by the enemy's bullet. He was buried in an unknown grave, if buried at all.

47. GEORGE SWIGER (4)—. THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

George, oldest son of Thomas and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, Virginia; married Sallie, d. of Thomas and Anna Cain, farmers of Marion county; first settled on a farm in the county of his birth; moved about from place to place, finally settling on Fishing Creek, Wetzel county, where he and his wife died at the advanced age of 98 and 88 years, respectively.

His children were:

- 160 (1) Nancy Swiger; m. Andrew Kyle, New Martinsville, W. Va.
- 161 (2) Benjamin F. Swiger; m. Jane Beverlin.
- 162 (3) Henry Swiger; m. Mary A. Lemasters.
- 163 (4) Nelson Swiger; m. Cerena George.
- 164 (5) Lizzie Swiger; m. Linza Jones; Pricetown, W. Va.
- 165 (6) Anna Swiger; m. Marshall Carroll, Mannington, W. Va.
- 166 (7) Mary Swiger; m. Solomon B. Lyon.
- 167 (8) William J. Swiger; married.
- 168 (9) Angeline Swiger; m. Jacob Shreve.
- 169 (10) Others, dead.

48. WILLIAM J. SWIGER (4)---, THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

William J., second son of Thomas and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, Va., Oct. 17, 1833. He married Casandra, d. of Rev. Dixon Underwood, of Doddridge county; was a large man, a farmer, and spent a part of his life on a farm, on Sycamore Creek, Doddridge county; was of an unsettled disposition; removed to the Western states, where he received a blow on the forehead which rendered him unconscious, and was robbed of his money; returned to the farm in Doddridge county, where he kept pet deer practically all his life. He died in the asylum at Weston, from the effects, 'tis said, of the blow he had received years before.

His children were:

- 170 Rachel Swiger, b. 11-19-1855; m. Lewis Ash; live in Tyler county.
- 171 Francis M. Swiger, b. 11-20-1857; m. Hilda Holbert.
- 172 Thomas Swiger, b. 1-3-1868; m. Cora Swiger. (See Cora).
- 173 Truman E. Swiger, b. 7-23-1860; m. Louisa Davis.
- 174 Dickson L. Swiger, b. 7-17-1866; m. May, d. of Christopher Bates.
- 175 Charlie Swiger, b. 12-28-1875; m. Rosie Gaston.
- 176 Cardella Swiger, b. 4-8-1872; m. John Bates, farmer, of Doddridge county.
- 177 Edith Swiger, b. 6-27-1864; m. Newton Trader. (See Newton).
- 178 Jabe Swiger, b. 12-7-1854; ob. infans.

49. BENONI SWIGER (4)---, THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Benoni Swiger, son of Thomas and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, Va.; married Nancy Wright; first settled on a farm in Doddridge county; went to the Western states looking after new farm lands with intent

of purchasing; on his return he stopped with an old friend and acquaintance by the name of Williams at Coolville, Ohio. Being anxious to pay for his lodging in some way, before he left, he went to a nearby store and purchased several articles, among which was a bottle of whiskey. When he returned late in the evening, it is said, he gave to Williams' daughter a drink of whiskey, at which he (Williams) became much enraged. It resulted in Swiger being shot through the neck, from which he died soon after.

Williams was arrested, tried before a court and convicted, and sentenced to the state penitentiary for 99 years. Williams' daughter was placed upon the witness stand, and the story above corresponds with the evidence she gave.

His children were:

- 179 (1) Henry Swiger; m. a Lyon.
- 180 (2) John Swiger; unmarried.
- 181 (3) Seymour Swiger; m. a preacher's daughter.
- 182 (4) Prudence Swiger; m., 11-3-1878, George W., son of John and Elizabeth Smith.
- 183 (5) One girl; m. William Smith, a Dutchman.
- 184 (6) Sarah Swiger; m. and had children.

#### 50. FRANCIS M. SWIGER (4)— THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Francis M. Swiger, son of Thomas and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born, Feb. 13, 1838, in Doddridge county, Va.; married Abigail, d. of Rev. Dixon Underwood, of Doddridge county; was a farmer, and first settled on Talkington Fork; removed to the Western states; thence to Coolville, Ohio, where he died July 2, 1914. His first wife was b. Aug. 3, 1842, d. Feb. 29, 1884; second wife, Susan Roberts, whom he married May 21, 1887, still lives at advanced age at Coolville, O., Route 1.

Children by first wife were:

- 185 Zadoc Swiger, b. 7-31-1876; unmarried; killed by train at Smithfield, 1904.

- 186 Samuel Swiger, b. 1-21-1863; m. Rilda Talkington.
- 187 Ellis Swiger, b. 6-4-1869; m. Ida Green.
- 188 Edmund Swiger, b. 5-29-1872; m. Sarah Ashcraft.
- 189 Virginia B. Swiger, b. 3-30-1865; m. S. J. Nicholas.
- 190 Emily J. Swiger, b. 6-30-1867; m. S. J. Frum.
- 191 Rhoda B. Swiger, b. 6-17-1874; m. George W. Dye.
- 192 Dora F. Swiger, b. 6-16-1878; m. Walter Ashcraft.
- 193 Stella Swiger, b. 6-25-1880; m. A. F. Coffman.
- 194 Bertha D. Swiger, b. 7-7-1882; m. Temp Dye.

Children by second wife were:

- 195 Blanche Swiger, b. 2-2-1892.
- 196 Howard Swiger, b. 4-20-1894.
- 197 Jessie F. Swiger, b. 4-18-1896.
- 198 Eve Swiger, b. 8-7-1892.
- 199 Lee Swiger, b. 11-17-1899.
- 200 Levi Swiger, b. 8-16-1888.
- 201 Hugh Swiger, b. 1-19-1890.
- 202 Ralph Swiger, b. 2-13-1891.

#### 51. ISRAEL SWIGER (4)—, THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Israel Swiger, son of Thomas and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born Oct. 8, 1841, in Doddridge county, Va.; married, 2-7-1864, Martha C., d. of Christopher and Sarah Jane (Griffin) Davis. His wife's mother was a daughter of the late Rev. James Griffin, of Jones Run, Harrison county, and a sister of Allison Griffin, who now lives at Shinnston, Harrison county. Was a farmer and first settled on a farm, near Centerpoint, where he lived for 44 years; removed to Rinehart, Harrison county, where he yet lives at advanced age. He is the only living son of his family, and one of a few living grandchildren of Christopher Swiger; enjoys good health and attended the first reunion of his family, at Hepzibah.

His children were:

- 203 Jane Swiger; m. James Mayfield; live at Roberts, Doddridge county.
- 204 Andrew J. Swiger; m. Florence Black; live at Rinehart, W. Va.
- 205 Calvin Swiger; m., 3-27-1893, Arizona Nesbitt; one boy living at Salem, W. Va.
- 206 Mary Swiger; m. Silas McKinney, 12-5-1899, Dale, W. Va.
- 207 Storey Swiger; m. Jewel Utt, Wallace, W. Va.
- 208 Anna Swiger; m. George Laughery; separated.
- 209 Charles Swiger; m. Lillie Swiger. (See Lillie).

52. PRESTON SWIGER (4)—. THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Preston, youngest son of Thomas and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, Virginia; married for his first wife, Missouri Davis, d. of Christopher and Sarah Jane (Griffin) Davis, who bore him ten children before she died. For his second wife he married, 7-24-1869, Rosetta Bates, by whom he had one daughter; was a farmer in Doddridge county till he removed in later life to Rinehart, Harrison county, where he died at age of 68 years of paralysis. His wife still lives at Wallace.

Children by first wife:

- 210 Stephen Swiger; now living at Salem, Harrison county, West Va.
- 211 Nine others, whose names are not known.

Children by second wife:

- 212 One girl, whose name is not known.

53. JANE SWIGER (4)—. THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jane Swiger, youngest d. of Thomas and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, and one of a few living grandchildren of Christopher Swi-

ger, was born in Doddridge county, Va., Nov. 20, 1845; married, 11-12-1868, Francis M. Lemasters, son of Stephen and Kate, who was born Sept. 28, 1836, and d. 1911. He was an undertaker and lived at Stringtown, Tyler county, till his death. His wife survives him, she being the only living daughter of her family. She lives at Aivy, Tyler county.

To them were born sixteen children, all of whom are living, except Malissa and Emeline. They are:

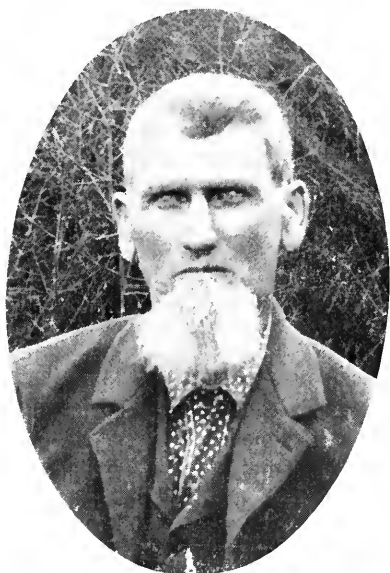
- 213 Malissa Lemasters, b. 9-25-1869; ob. infans.
- 214 Calvin Lemasters, b. 9-14-1870.
- 215 Theodore Lemasters, b. 10-4-1871.
- 216 Rufus Lemasters, b. 12-16-1872.
- 217 Nancy Lemasters, b. 8-11-1874.
- 218 Neuton Lemasters, b. 10-2-1875.
- 219 Laverna Lemasters, b. 1-30-1877.
- 220 Thomas Lemasters, b. 5-22-1878.
- 221 Harriet Lemasters, b. 6-12-1879.
- 222 Emeline Lemasters, b. 3-15-1883; ob. infans.
- 223 Scott Lemasters, b. 7-22-1880.
- 224 Mary Elizabeth Lemasters, b. 9-23-1884.
- 225 Eli Lemasters, b. 3-7-1886.
- 226 Martin Lemasters, b. 8-3-1889.
- 227 Bertha Lemasters, b. 6-10-1891.
- 228 Three others; ob. infans.

68. GEORGE SWIGER (4)- , NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

George Swiger, oldest son of Nancy Swiger, and a grandson of Christopher, was born on Katy's Lick Run, in Sardis district, near Sardis, Va., June 24, 1824; married, April 12, 1840, Rebecca Ann Near, at the age of sixteen years; was a farmer, and lived on Katy's Lick Run, where he reared a large family of children, most of whom are yet living; he and wife are both dead, he having died May 10, 1870.

Children were:

- 229 Hugh Swiger, b. 7-21-1854; m. Maggie Gain.
- 230 Thomas Swiger, b. 11-23-1856; m. Mary Howell.
- 231 William E. Swiger, b. 8-15-1847; m. Mary Swiger. (See Mary).
- 232 J. Truman Swiger, b. 10-21-1861; m. Lydia Conley.
- 233 Dora M. Swiger, b. 4-6-1864; m. Henry Greever.
- 234 May Swiger, b. 1-4-1853; unmarried; d. at 21 years.
- 235 Nancy Swiger, b. 1-6-1852; unmarried; lived with Thomas Strother.
- 236 Samuel L. Swiger, b. 11-20-1866; m. (1) Cora Gerrard, (2) Frances, widow of Walter Sandy.
- 237 Isaiah Swiger, b. 8-20-1849; m. Florence Flanigan.



PATRICK SWIGER

73 PATRICK SWIGER (4)—. JERIAH (3). CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Patrick, son of Jeriah and Lucinda Ann (Haney) Swiger,



was born in Doddridge county, Va., Aug. 12, 1837; m., April 30, 1863, Emaline, d. of Jeremiah and Charlotte Robey, farmers of near Lumberport, Harrison county. After having born unto them a large family of children, he and his wife separated, she now living with her younger children at Gore Stop, near Clarksburg, and he, living at the old home, on Talkington Fork, Doddridge county. The photo above is a good likeness of him.

His children were:

- 238 T. Dally Swiger, b. 2-23-1864; m. Ida Doke, a teacher.
- 239 Sherman Swiger, b. 10-24-1865; m. Martha Ashcraft.
- 240 Langford Swiger, b. 12-6-1867; m. Belle Prumty.
- 241 Schooler Swiger, b. 6-14-1869; unmarried.
- 242 Ben C. Swiger, b. 3-12-1886; m. a Knight, from whom he separated.
- 243 Claude Swiger, b. 5-1-1887; single; with mother, Gore Stop, Clarksburg, W. Va.
- 244 Mattie Swiger, b. 1-28-1882; m. Ernest Robinson.
- 245 Rachel B. Swiger, b. 1-8-1883; unmarried; with mother.
- 246 Matilda Swiger, b. 1-2-1875; m. Melvil Shields.
- 247 James B. Swiger, b. 10-12-1884; ob. infans.
- 248 Mary E. Swiger, b. 4-25-1870; ob. infans.
- 249 Viola G. Swiger, b. 4-9-1877; ob. infans.
- 250 John P. Swiger, b. 4-20-1879; ob. infans.
- 251 Sarah Victoria Swiger, b. 1-4-1881; ob. infans.
- 252 Ida M. Swiger, b. 12-6-1872; ob. infans.

#### 74. WILLIAM L. SWIGER (4)—. JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

William L., son of Lucinda Ann (Haney) Swiger, was born on Middle Fork, Doddridge county, Va., March 16, 1839; was a farmer; m., Dec. 24, 1861, Elizabeth, d. of Jeremiah and Charlotte (Griffin) Robey, farmers of Lumberport, Harrison county, and a sister of his brother's (Patrick) wife; he first settled in Doddridge county, on a part of his father's farm; in 1864, enlisted in Co. H, 6th Va. Infantry; after the war he renewed his

farming activity in his native county; removed later in life to Lumberport, Harrison county, where he and wife both are now living. When the writer went to interview him for above information, he was reading his Bible, and said: "I read this Blessed Old Book every day. It brings me more satisfaction in my old days than any thing else in this world."

The children of William L. Swiger were:

- 253 Emma V. Swiger, b. 1-1-1863; m. Jefferson Dye.
- 254 Savilla A. Swiger, b. 3-19-1865; m. Daniel Ash.
- 255 Elma A. Swiger, b. 9-24-1867; m. Ai Rodgers.
- 256 Lottie A. Swiger, b. 10-25-1869; m. Beecher Fortney.
- 257 Malissa J. Swiger, b. 4-24-1872; m. James Stark.
- 258 Jeremiah H. Swiger, b. 10-4-1874; m. Stella Baker.
- 259 Rosa L. Swiger, b. 7-11-1877; m. Scott Swiger. (See Scott)
- 260 Clarence A. Swiger, b. 1-20-1879; unmarried; killed by train at Lumberport.
- 261 Mamie B. Swiger, b. 6-3-1883; m. Luther, s. of C. T. Harbert, Lumberport, W. Va.
- 262 Verdie D. Swiger, b. 7-25-1886; m. William Coffman.

75. WESLEY T. SWIGER (4)— JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Wesley T. Swiger, son of Jeriah and Lucinda Ann (Hailey) Swiger, was born on Middle Fork, Doddridge county, Jan. 10, 1841; married Lavina Ashcraft, of Marion county; was a farmer, and lived and died in Doddridge county.

His children were:

- 263 (1) Albert Swiger.
- 264 (2) William Swiger.
- 265 (3) Joseph Swiger, of Folsom.
- 266 (4) Felix Swiger.
- 267 (5) And others.

76. HARRIET SWIGER (4)—, JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Harriet Swiger, youngest daughter of Jeriah and Lucinda Ann (Haney) Swiger, was born May 4, 1843, in McClelland district, Doddridge county, Va. She married, 12-31-1863, Isaiah Stackpole, son of J. W. and Elizabeth, farmers of Doddridge county, where they lived.

Their children were:

- 268 (1) Amaziah Stackpole,
- 269 (2) Perry Stackpole,
- 270 (3) Benton Stackpole,
- 271 (4) Enos Stackpole,
- 272 (5) Patrick H. Stackpole,
- 273 (6) And others.

77. CLARINDA SWIGER (4)—, JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Clarinda Swiger, second daughter of Jeriah and Lucinda Ann (Haney) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, Aug. 14, 1845. She married, 7-2-1874, Ramer Mike, of Marion county, where they are now living.

No known children.

78. LUCINDA SWIGER (4)—, JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lucinda, youngest child of Jeriah and Lucinda Ann (Haney) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, Virginia, Oct. 21, 1846; m. Jahu Mike, of Marion county, and a brother of her sister's (Clarinda) husband. They live near Mannington, West Va.

No known children.

86. DANIEL SWIGER (4)—. TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Daniel Swiger, son of Tabitha Swiger, who is said to have been given the first name of his father, was born in Doddridge county, Va.; married, Feb. 18, 1836, Mary, d. of Manuel and Mary (Booher) Bates, farmers of Doddridge county. He was a farmer and lived on Talkington Fork, Doddridge county, where he and wife died. Mr. Bates had two brothers, John, who married, Feb. 3, 1833, Delilah, d. of Christopher Swiger; Manuel, who married d. of Barnes Swiger. (See Barnes).

His children were:

- 274 (1) John C. Swiger, b. 10-31-1837; m. Sarah Langhery; (2) Emily J. Bogart.
- 275 (2) Anna E. Swiger; m. Pinkney Edgell.
- 276 (3) Andrew H. Swiger; m. Sarah Morgan.
- 277 (4) Nancy E. Swiger; m. Granville Langhery.
- 278 (5) Tabitha Swiger; d. in early womanhood.
- 279 (6) William E. Swiger, b. 2-28-1845; m. Alice A. Cooper.

87. WILLIAM A. SWIGER (5)—. AMOS (4), BENJAMIN (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

William A., oldest son of Amos and Lucinda (Gerrard) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, West Va., Sept. 30, 1872; married, June 23, 1907, Virginia, d. of Wesley Shelton, of Virginia; is a master mechanic at Grafton, where he is now located.

His children were:

- 280 (1) Juanita Swiger, b. 10-19-1908; unmarried.
- 281 (2) Reginold Swiger, b. 9-21-1908; unmarried.
- 282 (3) W. Preston Swiger, b. 10-13-1909; at home.

89. THOMAS SWIGER (5)— AMOS (4), BENJAMIN (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Thomas, third son of Amos and Lucinda (Gerrard) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Jan. 27, 1878; married, June 23, 1909, Carrie, d. of Sarah Snelling, of Cumberland, Md.; is an engineer on B. & O. railroad and lives at Grafton, West Va.

His children:

- 283 (1) Dorothy M. Swiger, b. 7-9-1910; single.  
284 (2) Nellie H. Swiger, b. 1-28-1912; single.  
285 (3) Vernon W. Swiger, b. 7-7-1914; single.

90. LUELLA SWIGER (5)— AMOS (4), BENJAMIN (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Luella, youngest child and only daughter of Amos and Lucinda (Gerrard) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, West Va., Oct. 19, 1881; married, April 27, 1913, E. E., son of Charles G. Lowther, of Grafton, W. Va. He and family live at the old Swiger home, near Sardis, where he is engaged in the pursuit of farming. One daughter:

- 286 (1) Rugenia Lowther, b. 3-10-1914; unmarried.

92. STELLA SWIGER (5)— SOLOMON (4), BENJAMIN  
(3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Stella, oldest d. of Solomon and Mary (Strother) Swiger, was born near Sardis, Harrison county, West Va., 1875. She married, Mar. 26, 1893, Earnest R., son of Cottrill and "Sis" (Haggerty) Coffman, farmers of near Sardis. He is a master mechanic and building contractor in Clarksburg, where he and family now live. To them have been born:

- 287 (1) Evan R. Coffman, b. 1-12-1895; unmarried.  
288 (2) Homer C. Coffman, b. 1-27-1897; unmarried.

93. CORA N. SWIGER (5)—. SOLOMON (4), BENJAMIN (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Cora N., second daughter of Solomon and Mary (Strother) Swiger, was born, 1877, in Sardis district, Harrison county, West Va.; married, 1910, Homer Robinson, who is employed by the Philadelphia Gas Co. at Lumberport. Previous to her marriage, she taught in the public schools of Harrison county. No issue.

94. DORA E. SWIGER (5)—. SOLOMON (4), BENJAMIN (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Dora, third d. of Solomon and Mary (Strother) Swiger, was born near Sardis, Harrison county, West Va., 1880; married, 1908, Eli Moore, a farmer. They live at Sardis. One son: 289 (1) Raymond Moore, b. 1911; unmarried.

95. CARRIE F. SWIGER (5)—. SOLOMON (4), BENJAMIN (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Carrie F. Swiger, fourth d. of Solomon and Mary (Strother) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, West Va., 1885; married, 1914, Herbert L. Hopkins, who is now an employe of the West Fork Gas Co., of Clarksburg. They live at Clarksburg. No issue.

97. BLANCHE SWIGER (5)—. SOLOMON (4), BENJAMIN (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Blanche, youngest child of Solomon Swiger by his last wife, Luitia (Flowers) Swiger, was born, 1894, in Sardis district, Harrison county, West Virginia; married, 1907, Joseph Moore. They live in Harrison county; have no children.

98. JANE SWIGER (5) - LEMUEL (4), BENJAMIN (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jane, oldest d. of Lemuel and Sarah (Cunningham) Swiger, was born near Sardis, Harrison county, West Va., Jan. 8, 1866; married William Allen, son of Simon and Polly (Richardson) Allen, farmers of Sardis district, and had children. (See William Allen.

99. LILLIE SWIGER (5) - LEMUEL (4), BENJAMIN (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lillie, second d. of Lemuel and Sarah (Cunningham) Swiger, was born near Sardis, West Va., Jan. 25, 1868; married Benjamin, son of Elijah and Victoria (Britton) Gain, both of whom live at Sardis at very advanced ages. Mr. Gain (husband) is a farmer, and lives near Sardis, West Va.

Children:

- 290 (1) Jason Gain, b. 6-25-1887.  
291 (2) Hazel Gain, b. 9-29-1888.  
292 (3) Ottie Gain, b. 10-13-1892.  
293 (4) Essie Gain, b. 5-21-1890.  
294 (5) Arthur Gain, b. 5-25-1896.

142. JESSE SWIGER (5) - JEFFERSON (4), BARNES (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jesse, oldest son of Jefferson and Margaret (Underwood) Swiger, was born in McClelland district, Doddridge county, Virginia; married, July 4, 1876, Lydia, d. of Elias and Lavina (Swiger) Lyon, farmers of Doddridge county; was a farmer, and lived and died on Robinson Fork of McElroy Creek, where also his wife died.

Their children were:

- 295 John D. Swiger, b. 4-5-1877; m., 9-20-1906, Myrtle Prunty,

- 296 Frances A. Swiger, b. 12-6-1879; unmarried; deceased.
- 297 Alice A. Swiger, b. 10-17-1881; unmarried; deceased.
- 298 William L. Swiger, b. 9-7-1883; single; at home.
- 299 Nancy L. Swiger, b. 5-10-1886; d. at 10 years.
- 300 Robert S. Swiger, b. 3-17-1887; m. Mary Cohen.
- 301 Susanna Swiger, b. 7-29-1890; m. Arlice McIntire.
- 302 Henrietta Swiger, b. 5-30-1892; unmarried; at home.
- 303 Eunice Swiger, b. 6-9-1894; unmarried.
- 304 Mattie Swiger, b. 7-3-1896; unmarried.
- 305 Eli Swiger, b. 8-25-1898; ob. infans.

143. REASON SWIGER (5)—. JEFFERSON (4), BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Reason, second son of Jefferson and Margaret (Underwood) Swiger, was born in McClelland district, Doddridge county, Sept. 24, 1856; married for his first wife, April 29, 1880, Laverna, d. of Thomas and Nancy Shields. For his second wife, he married, May 9, 1887, Mary Watts, with whom he still lives on Pike Fork, Doddridge county.

His first wife bore him the following children:

- 306 (1) Elsworth Swiger, b. 4-23-1888; m., 6-1-1908, Lucinda, d. of Grant and Catharine Hutson, a farmer; settled on Big Battle, and died of typhoid fever, 1909; one child, a boy.
- 307 (2) Fannie Swiger, b. 11-28-1889; m. Lloyd Cain, a farmer, who first settled and now lives on Big Battle. Two children:
  - (1) Mary R. Cain.
  - (2) Walter J. Cain.
- 308 (3) Adam Swiger, b. 10-21-1891; unmarried; at home.

145. C. LAFAYETTE SWIGER (5)—. JEFFERSON (4), BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

C. Lafayette, son of Jefferson and Margaret (Underwood)



Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, Va., Aug. 4, 1861; married, Aug. 6, 1894, Mary E. Gain, who was born June 24, 1876. He is a farmer and lives near Centerpoint, Doddridge county.

His children:

- 309 (1) Freeman Swiger, b. 8-14-1895; m., 10-8-1914, Delphia Smith, d. of J. H. and Amanda (Davis) Smith, of Pike Fork; live at Centerpoint, Doddridge county. No issue.
- 310 (2) Lavena J. Swiger, b. 9-21-1900; unmarried.
- 311 (3) Rildo L. Swiger, b. 12-20-1897; unmarried.
- 312 (4) Arlena Swiger, b. 9-19-1903; unmarried.
- 313 (5) Susanna Swiger, b. 7-14-1906; unmarried.
- 314 (6) Simon L. Swiger, b. 6-21-1909; unmarried.

146. MARY E. SWIGER (5)—JEFFERSON (4), BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Mary E., d. of Jefferson and Margaret (Underwood) Swiger, was born Nov. 17, 1864; m. Caldwell Martin, a farmer of Doddridge county, West Va. Soon after his marriage his wife died without issue.

148. SARAH JANE SWIGER (5)—JEFFERSON (4), BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Sarah, d. of Jefferson and Margaret (Underwood) Swiger, was born near Centerpoint, Doddridge county, West Va., July 7, 1872; m. Jesse Kelley, a farmer of Doddridge county. They now live on Big Battle. Children:

- 315 (1) Dessie M. Kelley; unmarried.
- 316 (2) Garnold Kelley; unmarried.
- 317 (3) Goldie Kelley; unmarried.
- 318 (4) Two died in infancy.

149. RACHEL B. SWIGER (5)—. JEFFERSON (4),  
BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Rachel B. Swiger, eighth child of Jefferson and Margaret (Underwood) Swiger, was born, Aug. 20, 1875, in Doddridge county, West Va.; m. George W. Anderson, a farmer of Doddridge county, and he and family of four children now live on Elk Lick Run. Children:

- 319 (1) Hattie Anderson; unmarried.  
320 (2) Susan Anderson; unmarried.  
321 (3) Rebecca Anderson; unmarried.  
322 (4) Frank Anderson; ob. infans.

152. FRANKLIN S. SWIGER (5)—. JESSE (4), BARNES  
(3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Franklin S., son of Jesse and Mary (Lyon) Swiger, was born on Pike Fork of McElroy Creek in Doddridge county, Va., April 22, 1862; m., Sept. 2, 1883, Theodosia V. Harbert, d. of Frank and Rebecca (Ashcraft) Harbert, farmers of Doddridge county; is a farmer, and now lives on Pike Fork on the old home farm of his grandfather, Barnes Swiger. Theodosia was born Mar. 22, 1864, and died Jan. 1, 1901. Franklin S. Swiger m., Aug. 31, 1902, Mattie, d. of William and Hannah Watts, of Virginia. Had children by first wife only.

Children:

- 323 (1) Archie C. Swiger, b. 8-15-1884; m. Lucretia Vincent.  
324 (2) Clara A. Swiger, b. 3-7-1887; m. Persill Shultz.  
325 (3) Ocie M. Swiger, b. 11-19-1888; m. Lakie Holden.  
326 (4) Roseo B. Swiger, b. 8-16-1890; m. Minnie Shields.  
327 (5) Leland L. Swiger, b. 1-13-1893; m. Rhoda Fenn.  
328 (6) Harley V. Swiger, b. 6-3-1895; unmarried.  
329 (7) Hollie O. Swiger, b. 6-12-1897; unmarried; with sister, Sistersville, W. Va.

153. VIETTA SWIGER (5) —, JESSE (4), BARNES (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Vietta, d. of Jesse and Mary (Lyon) Swiger, was born on a farm on Pike Fork of McElroy Creek in Doddridge county, Sept. 28, 1859; m., Oct. 12, 1882, Augusta J. Ritter, son of Overton Ritter, a retired farmer who yet lives at Rinchart, Harrison county. Mr. Ritter and family now live at Dale, Tyler county, where he is Post Master.

Children:

- 330 (1) Elsworth Ritter, b. 12-26-1883; m. Delia Edgell,  
Aug. 14, 1909; have three children;  
331 (1) Clifton C. Edgell, b. 8-31-1910; unmarried.  
332 (2) Martha V. Edgell, b. 2-7-1912; unmarried.  
333 (3) Alfred J. Edgell, b. 12-8-1913; unmarried.  
334 (2) Myrtle Ritter, b. 4-13-1885; unmarried.  
335 (3) Kinsey Ritter, b. 7-4-1895; unmarried.

154. LEWIS A. SWIGER (5) —, JESSE (4), BARNES (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lewis A., son of Jesse and Mary (Lyon) Swiger, was born April 22, 1868, on Pike Fork, Doddridge county, West Va.; m. for his first wife, May 4, 1889, Rachel Stoneking, d. of John and Doreas (Troy) Stoneking, of Monongalia county; married for second wife, 1914, Bertie, d. of Daniel and Malinda Robinson, farmers of Marion county, W. Va.; is member of Company E, West Va. National Guards, and did service at Paint Creek strike, 1912; a farmer, living on Beverlin Fork, Doddridge county.

Children by first wife:

- 336 (1) Flossie P. Swiger, b. 2-24-1890; m. Pearlle Allen.  
337 (2) Mari T. Swiger, b. 5-5-1891; unmarried.  
338 (3) Lacie A. Swiger, b. 10-20-1894; m. Truman Trader,  
(See Truman).

- 339 (4) Earl Swiger, b. 9-23-1900; unmarried.  
 340 (5) Murl Swiger, b. 9-23-1900; unmarried.  
 341 (6) Tressie Swiger, b. 6-4-1902; unmarried.  
 342 (7) Verna M. Swiger, b. 5-1-1904; unmarried.

155. MARTINA SWIGER (5)—, JESSE (4), BARNES (3),  
 CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Martina, d. of Jesse and Mary (Lyon) Swiger, was born on Pike Fork, Doddridge county, June 23, 1873; m., 4-13-1893, Albert, son of Christopher Davis, who married a d. of Rev. James Griffin, of Jones Run, and a sister of James Allison Griffin, who yet lives at Shinnston at an advanced age. He is a farmer, now living on Binghamon Creek, Harrison county.

Children:

- 343 (1) Wilford Davis; unmarried.  
 344 (2) Arlie Davis; ob. infans.  
 345 (3) Herbert Davis; unmarried.  
 346 (4) Lizzie Davis; unmarried.  
 347 (5) One other girl; unmarried.

156. KANSADA SWIGER (5)—, JESSE (4), BARNES (3),  
 CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Kansada, d. of Jesse and Mary (Lyon) Swiger, was born on Pike Fork of McElroy Creek in Doddridge county, Oct. 30, 1870; m. Howard Glaspell, son of Richard and Emily (Clark) Glaspell. He was first a farmer, but removed from Doddridge county to Mannington, where he is now engaged in teaming.

Children:

- 348 (1) Iva Glaspell; unmarried.  
 349 (2) Ira Glaspell; m. d. of Samuel Edgell.  
 350 (3) Jesse Glaspell; unmarried.  
 351 (4) Curtis Glaspell; unmarried.

- 352 (5) Waitman Glaspell; unmarried.
- 353 (6) Ona Glaspell; unmarried.
- 354 (7) Alda Glaspell; unmarried.

157. A. MILROY SWIGER (5)—. JESSE (4), BARNES (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

A. Milroy, son of Jesse and Mary (Lyon) Swiger, was born on Pike Fork, Doddridge county, Nov. 5, 1875; m., 9-11-1900, Anna, d. of James Shields, of Harrison county; is a farmer, and lives on Pike Fork. No issue.

160. NANCY SWIGER (5)—. GEORGE (4), THOMAS (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Nancy, oldest d. of George and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, W. Va.; m., 3-19-1871, Lewis Andrew Kyle; separated; she is living at New Martinsville, W. Va.

Children:

- 355 (1) Perry Kyle; living at Smithfield, W. Va.
- 356 (2) Florence Kyle; unmarried.
- 357 (3) Ida Kyle; unmarried.

161. BENJAMIN F. SWIGER (5)—. GEORGE (4), THOMAS  
(3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Benjamin F., son of George and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, W. Va.; m. Jane Beverlin, a d. of Elijah Beverlin, who m. Mary, a d. of Taylor Swiger. (See Taylor). He is now deceased.

Children:

- 358 (1) William J. Swiger; a pumper, who married Dollie Edgell, of Smithfield, and had:

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- 359 (1) Lora Swiger, unmarried.
  - 360 (2) Mildred Swiger; unmarried.
  - 361 (3) James Swiger; unmarried; dead.
  - 362 (4) Flora Swiger; unmarried.
  - 363 (2) Sarah Swiger, who married 5-2-1908, Jefferson Shreve, a laborer, and had:
    - 364 (1) Lelia Shreve; unmarried.
    - 365 (2) Birle Shreve; unmarried.
    - 366 (3) Benjamin Shreve; unmarried.
    - 367 (4) Iva Shreve; unmarried.
    - 368 (5) Charles Shreve; unmarried.
    - 369 (6) Victoria Shreve; unmarried.
    - 370 (7) Amos Shreve; unmarried.
  - 371 (3) Anthony L. Swiger, who m. Goldie, d. of Jacob Trader, and had:
    - 372 (1) Edward Swiger; unmarried.
  - 373 (4) Millie Swiger, who married Arlie W. Heflin, of Ohio, and had:
    - 374 (1) Hilbert C. Heflin; unmarried.
    - 375 (2) Hazel B. Heflin; unmarried.
    - 376 (3) Hattie Heflin; unmarried.
  - 377 (5) Bessie Swiger, who married Oscar Morgan, 8-6-1914, of Dale, Tyler county, W. Va.
    - 378 (6) Gay Swiger; unmarried.
    - 379 (7) Jackson Swiger; unmarried.
    - 380 (8) Edith Swiger; unmarried.
    - 381 (9) Myrtle Swiger; unmarried.
    - 382 (10) Malissa Swiger; unmarried.
    - 383 (11) Lulu Swiger; unmarried.

162. HENRY SWIGER (5)—. GEORGE (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Henry, son of George and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, West Va.; m. Mary Anna Lemasters, and had:

- 384 (1) Dallas Swiger; married.
- 385 (2) Vina Swiger; unmarried.
- 386 (3) Hulda Swiger; unmarried.
- 387 (4) Curtis Swiger; unmarried.
- 388 (5) Verna Swiger; unmarried.
- 389 (6) And others.

163. NELSON SWIGER (5) — GEORGE (4), THOMAS (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Nelson, son of George and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, W. Va.; m., 11-23-1868, Sirena, a d. of W. L. George. He removed from Doddridge county to Randolph county; thence to the Western states, where he still lives.

Children:

- 390 (1) Dexter Swiger; unmarried.
- 391 (2) Ora Swiger; ob. infans.
- 392 (3) Laura Swiger; unmarried.

164. ELIZABETH SWIGER (5) — GEORGE (4), THOMAS  
(3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Elizabeth, daughter of George W. and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, W. Va.; m. Lindsey Jones, of Smithfield, W. Va.

Children:

- 393 (1) Clarence Jones.
- 394 (2) Charles Jones.
- 395 (3) George Jones.
- 396 (4) Delbert Jones.
- 397 (5) Virginia Jones.
- 398 (6) And others.

165. ANNIE SWIGER (5)—, GEORGE (4), THOMAS (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Annie, daughter of George and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, W. Va.; m. Marshall Carroll, a farmer of Wetzel county, and had:

- 399 (1) Alice Carroll, who married W. H. Prunty, of Folsom, W. Va.  
400 (2) Lillie Carroll.  
401 (3) Bertha Carroll.  
402 (4) Mary Carroll.  
403 (5) Rhoda Carroll.  
404 (6) Arthur Carroll.  
405 (7) Myrtle Carroll; ob. infans.  
406 (8) Sarah Carroll.  
407 (9) Laura Carroll.  
408 (10) Stella Carroll.  
409 (11) Loma Carroll.  
410 (12) "Bee" Carroll.

166. MARY SWIGER (5)—, GEORGE (4), THOMAS (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Mary, daughter of George W. and Nancy Ash Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, W. Va.; m. Solomon B. Lyon, a farmer of Doddridge county, W. Va.

Children were:

- 411 (1) Lulu Lyon.  
412 (2) Sarah Lyon, who married Austin Johnston.

167. WILLIAM J. SWIGER (5)—, GEORGE (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

William J., son of George and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, W. Va.; m. Hannah Willis, a cousin



of Judge M. H. Willis of the Second Judicial District of W. Va.; farmers; both live at Folsom, W. Va.

Children:

- 413 (1) Malen Swiger, who married Ada Johnson, d. of Joseph Johnson, and had:
- 414 (1) Maude Swiger.
- 415 (2) Laura Swiger.
- 416 (3) Haywood Swiger.
- 417 (2) Blanche Swiger, who married Russell Morgan, of Dale, W. Va., and had five children:
- 418 (1) Frank Morgan; unmarried.
- 419 (2) Matha Morgan; unmarried.
- 420 (3) Okey Morgan; unmarried.
- (4) Two others.
- 421 (3) Warren Swiger, who married Cora Miller, d. of David Miller, and had:
- 422 (1) Grace Swiger.
- 423 (4) Herbert Swiger; unmarried.
- 424 (5) Cartha Swiger; unmarried.
- 425 (6) Fountain Swiger; unmarried.
- 426 (7) Mary Swiger; unmarried.
- 427 (8) Verchie Swiger; unmarried.
- 428 (9) Robert Swiger; unmarried.

168. ANGELINE SWIGER (5)— GEORGE (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Angeline, d. of Thomas and Nancy (Ash) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, W. Va.; m. Jacob Shreve, who died after two children were born to his union; she remarried to Frederick Lee, and had children. She is now dead.

Children by first husband:

- 429 (1) Jackson Shreve.
- 430 (2) Hattie Shreve.

Children by second husband:

- 431 (1) Darius Ice.
- 432 (2) George W. Ice.
- 433 (3) Siletha Ice.
- 434 (4) "Vasitha" Ice.
- 435 (5) Delphia Ice.
- 436 (6) Daniel Ice.

171. FRANCIS M. SWIGER (5)—. JERDON (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Francis M., son of Jerdon and Kasandra (Underwood) Swiger, was born in McClelland district, Doddridge county, Nov. 20, 1857; m., April 29, 1888, Huldah, d. of Elijah and Jane (Bates) Holbert. He is a farmer and lives where he first settled, near the mouth of Sycamore Creek, Doddridge county.

Children:

- 437 (1) Herman Swiger, b. 6-20-1889; m. Ada Swiger. (See Ada).
- 438 (2) Hattie Swiger, b. 7-26-1890; m. Ernest Swiger. (See Ernest).
- 439 (3) Jabez Swiger, b. 9-7-1893; m. Ada Booher.
- 440 (4) Cora Swiger, b. 7-25-1896; unmarried.
- 441 (5) Stella Swiger, b. 6-20-1899; unmarried.
- 442 (6) Archie Swiger, b. 5-11-1907; unmarried.

172. THOMAS SWIGER (5)—. JERDON (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Thomas, son of Jerdon and Kasandra (Underwood) Swiger, was born in McClelland district, Doddridge county, Jan. 3, 1868; m., 3-11-1889, Cora, d. of Joseph and Delilah (Ash) Swiger, farmers of Broad Run, Doddridge county. He is a farmer and now lives on Sycamore Creek, Doddridge county.

Children were:

- 443 (1) Edward Swiger, b. 12-17-1889; m., 3-28-1915, Dollie Underwood.

- 444 (2) Ella Swiger, b. 12-15-1891; m., 6-21-1910, Chester M. Brookover.  
 445 (3) Edea E. Swiger, b. 1-29-1896; ob infans.  
 446 (4) Artis E. Swiger, b. 7-26-1897; unmarried.  
 447 (5) Arthur W. Swiger, b. 3-25-1899; unmarried.  
 448 (6) Lotis N. Swiger, b. 2-13-1903; unmarried.  
 449 (7) Dallas C. Swiger, b. 1-8-1905; unmarried.  
 450 (8) Ila F. Swiger, b. 6-20-1907; unmarried.  
 451 (9) Loy J. Swiger, b. 11-3-1913; unmarried.

173. TRUMAN SWIGER (5) —, JERDON (4), THOMAS (3),  
 CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Truman, son of Jerdon and Kasandra (Underwood) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, July 23, 1860; m. Aug. 20, 1889, Louisa, d. of Christopher and Sarah J. (Griffin) Davis. Sarah J. (Griffin) Davis was a d. of Rev. James Griffin, of Jones Run, and a sister of James Allison Griffin, now at Shinnston, W. Va. She was born July 22, 1831. Both dead, he having died of typhoid fever.

Children:

- 452 (1) Homer F. Swiger, b. 2-1-1891; unmarried.  
 453 (2) Iva E. Swiger, b. 5-6-1892; m., 10-28-1912, Ray Gaston.  
 454 (3) Olive B. Swiger, b. 2-16-1894; m., 4-1-1909, E. G. Ashcraft.  
 455 (4) Boyd C. Swiger, b. 10-15-1895; m., 2-20-1914, Myrtle Williams.

174. DIXON L. SWIGER (5) —, JERDON (4), THOMAS (3),  
 CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Dixon L., son of Jerdon and Kasandra (Underwood) Swiger, was born near Centerpoint, Doddridge county, July 17

1866; m., Oct. 2, 1887, May, d. of Christopher and Alma (Strother) Bates, formerly farmers of Harrison county. He is a farmer and now lives on Sycamore Creek, Doddridge county.

Children:

- 456 (1) Weldon C. Swiger, b. 9-15-1889; ob. infans.
- 457 (2) Charles C. Swiger, b. 7-30-1890; unmarried.
- 458 (3) Addie J. Swiger, b. 6-18-1893; unmarried.
- 459 (4) Verdie E. Swiger, b. 6-3-1903; unmarried.

175. CHARLIE SWIGER (5) . JERDON (4), THOMAS (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Charlie, son of Jerdon and Kasandra (Underwood) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, Dec. 28, 1875; m., Feb. 7, 1897, Rosa, d. of James and Jane (Furl) Gaston, of Ohio, but now of Pine Fork, Wetzel county. Charles is a farmer and now lives on Sycamore Creek, Doddridge county, where he is engaged in farming.

Children:

- 460 (1) Rhoda Swiger, b. 8-9-1897; ob. infans.
- 461 (2) Thomas J. Swiger, b. 4-9-1899; unmarried; at home.
- 462 (3) Orville R. Swiger, b. 2-25-1901; unmarried.
- 463 (4) Lelia A. Swiger, b. 12-27-1903; unmarried.
- 464 (5) Truman E. Swiger, b. 9-26-1906; unmarried.
- 465 (6) Celia Swiger, b. 12-25-1908; unmarried.
- 466 (7) Burk E. Swiger, b. 5-19-1907; unmarried.
- 467 (8) Nellie Swiger, b. 2-26-1909; ob. infans.
- 468 (9) Clive Swiger, b. 2-26-1910; unmarried.

177. EDITH SWIGER (5) . JERDON (4), THOMAS (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Edith, d. of Jerdon and Kasandra (Underwood) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, June 27, 1864; m., Dec. 26, 1879,

Newton, son of John and Loyy Trader, farmers of Fishing Creek; first settled on Pike Fork; removed from there to Sycamore Creek, where he has been living for 24 years, engaged in farming.

Children:

- 469 (1) Arminta C. Swiger, b. 1-8-1883; m., 9-28-1902, Simon E. Cumberlege.
- 470 (2) Armina Swiger, b. 2-4-1885; m., 12-24-1905, James A. Gaston.
- 471 (3) Truman E. Swiger, b. 10-13-1888; m. Lacie Swiger (See Lacie), 12-26-1910.
- 472 (4) Flavins V. Swiger, b. 9-5-1894; unmarried; d. of fever.
- 473 (5) Lawrence N. Swiger, b. 3-19-1901; unmarried; d. of fever.
- 474 (6) Herbert C. Swiger, b. 3-2-1904; unmarried; d. of croup.

186. SAMUEL SWIGER (5)—. FRANCIS M. (4). THOMAS (3). CHRISTOPHER (2). WILLIAM (1).

Samuel, son of Francis M. and Abbey (Underwood) Swiger, was born in McClelland district, Doddridge county; m., April, 1881, Rilda, d. of Albert Talkington, a farmer who lived on Talkington Fork of McElroy Creek. Samuel was first a farmer of Doddridge county, but later removed to Ashley, Pike county, Missouri, where he is now engaged in farming and carpentering.

Children:

- 475 (1) Clive Swiger, b. 6-10-1885; m., 10-5-1914, Idella Bog-gess.
- 476 (2) Clyde Swiger, b. 3-12-1887.
- 477 (3) Ginja Swiger, b. 3-4-1889; m., 4-3-1906, Dixon Prunty.

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- 478 (4) Eunestra Swiger, b. 3-30-1892; m., 8-3-1909, T. Eads Palmer.  
 479 (5) Samuel M. Swiger, b. 12-19-1893.  
 480 (6) Abbey Swiger, b. 12-12-1899.  
 481 (7) Aubrey L. Swiger, b. 2-17-1891.  
 482 (8) Edward Swiger, b. 10-19-1897.

187. ELLIS SWIGER (5)—. FRANCIS M. (4), THOMAS (3),  
 CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Ellis, son of Francis M. and Abbey (Underwood) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, June 4, 1869; m., 4-2-1891, Ida, d. of Milliard and Dora (Cole) Greene, farmers of Franks Run, Doddridge county; first was a farmer of Doddridge county; removed to Shinnston, Harrison county, where he was a coal miner; separated from wife and removed to Wallace, W. Va. Wife and family remain at Shinnston.

Children:

- 483 (1) Lula Swiger; m. Charlie Postlewait; employed as electrician, Fairmont, W. Va.  
 484 (2) Lawrence Swiger; unmarried.  
 485 (3) Burton Swiger; unmarried.  
 486 (4) Effie Swiger; unmarried.  
 487 (5) Clacie Swiger; unmarried.  
 488 (6) Paul Swiger; unmarried.  
 489 (7) Harry Swiger; unmarried.  
 490 (8) Vera Swiger; unmarried.

188. ED. SWIGER (5)—. FRANCIS M. (4), THOMAS (3),  
 CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Ed., son of Francis M. and Abbey (Underwood) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, May 29, 1872; m., 9-12-1891, Sarah, d. of George Ashcraft; settled on Talkington Fork of

McElroy Creek in Doddridge county; removed to Riggins Run, Doddridge county, where they are farmers.

Children:

- 491 (1) Oscar Swiger; is married.
- 492 (2) Marion Swiger; is married.
- 493 (3) Walter Swiger; is married.
- 494 (4) Laura Swiger; is married.
- 495 (5) Four others.

189. VIRGINIA B. SWIGER (5) , FRANCIS M. (4) THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Virginia B., d. of Francis M. and Abbey (Underwood) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county; m., June 17, 1888, S. J. Nicholas, son of H. R. and Rebecca (Bates) Nicholas, of Doddridge county; first settled on Pike Fork; removed to Sycamore, where they are farmers. Said he had made 11 moves in meantime.

Children:

- 496 (1) Thurman Nicholas, b. 9-22-1888; unmarried; at home.
- 497 (2) Guy Nicholas, b. 7-19-1890; unmarried.
- 498 (3) Vivian G. Nicholas, b. 6-30-1902; unmarried.

190. EMILY JANE SWIGER (5) , FRANCIS M. (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Emily J., d. of Francis M. and Abbey (Underwood) Swiger, born in Doddridge county, near Centerpoint; m., 8-20-1887, S. J., son of William and Hester (Williams) Frum, farmers of Pike Fork. They settled on Pike Fork, where they now live on a farm.

Children:

- 499 (1) William A. Swiger; married.
- 500 (2) Mintie Swiger; ob. infans.

- 501 (3) Rhoda Swiger; m. Leal, son of Franklin S. Swiger.  
 (See Franklin).  
 502 (4) Goldie Swiger; ob. infans.  
 503 (5) Lola Swiger; unmarried.  
 504 (6) Nathan Swiger; unmarried.

191. RHODA B. SWIGER (5) —, FRANCIS M. (4), THOMAS  
 (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Rhoda B., d. of Francis M. and Abbey (Underwood) Swiger, was born near Centerpoint, Doddridge county, June 17, 1875; m., Jan. 1, 1895, George W., son of T. J. and Mary (Ashcraft) Dye, farmers of Wallace, Harrison county. George was a farmer and first settled on Pike Fork of McElroy Creek, Doddridge county; removed from there and settled on the waters of Little Ten Mile Creek, near Wallace, where he is engaged in the pursuit of farming.

Children:

- 505 (1) Herbert Dye, b. 3-9-1896; unmarried.  
 506 (2) Lizzie Dye, b. 6-11-1898; unmarried.  
 507 (3) Gilbert Dye, b. 10-10-1914; ob. infans.

192. DORA F. SWIGER (5) —, FRANCIS M. (4), THOMAS  
 (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Dora F., d. of Francis M. and Abbey (Underwood) Swiger, was born near Centerpoint, Doddridge county; m. Francis Walter Ashcraft, son of Albert and ——— (Dye) Ashcraft, farmers of Sycamore, Doddridge county. While his wife was standing before a gas stove, cooking, her clothing was ignited and in three weeks time from that date she died from the effects of the burns. He married his second wife and is now living on Sycamore Creek, where he first settled.

Child by first wife:

- 507 (1) Gordon Ashcraft; unmarried; at home.



193. STELLA SWIGER (5) —, FRANCIS M. (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Stella, d. of Francis M. and Abbey (Underwood) Swiger, was born near Centerpoint, Doddridge county, June 25, 1880; m., Feb. 17, 1898, A. T., son of A. W. and Susan (Rodgers) Coffman, farmers of McElroy Creek, Doddridge county. He is a farmer and lives with his family on Pike Fork, where he first settled.

Children:

- 508 (1) Gracie E. Coffman, b. 2-17-1899; unmarried.  
 509 (2) Otha Coffman, b. 12-20-1902; unmarried.  
 510 (3) Arlie E. Coffman, b. 12-4-1908; unmarried.  
 511 (4) Edna M. Coffman, b. 7-10-1900; ob. infans.  
 512 (5) Dora A. Coffman, b. 12-17-1901; unmarried.  
 513 (6) Orie E. Coffman, b. 1-17-1913; unmarried.

194. BERTHA SWIGER (5) —, FRANCIS M. (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Bertha, d. of F. M. and Abbey (Underwood) Swiger, was born near Centerpoint, Doddridge county, in McClelland district; m., April 12, 1904, Temp, son of George and Adaline (Smith) Dye, who was a d. of Ann (Swiger) Smith, of Wallace, W. Va. She and husband live on the waters of Fishing Creek, Wetzel county, where Temp is engaged in farming. One child:

- 514 (1) Goldie Dye, b. 5-12-1905; unmarried; at home.

229. HUGH SWIGER (5) —, GEORGE (4), NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Hugh, son of George and Rebecca Ann (Near) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, near Sardis, July 21, 1854; m., April 7,

1882, Maggie, d. of Enoch Gain, a farmer of Katy's Lick. He was a laborer and spent his later days at Wilsonburg, where both he and wife died of consumption. He married second time.

Children:

- 515 (1) Charlie Swiger; m. Ella Maxwell; living at Adamston, W. Va.
- 516 (2) Bessie Swiger; m. William Rittenhouse, a miner of Lewis county.
- 517 (3) Bertha Swiger; m. Mike Leonard, a miner of Rosebud, W. Va.
- 518 (4) Harry Swiger; never married; supposed to have been shot at Grand Junction, Colo.
- 519 (5) Allie Swiger; m. Charles, son of Ella Fittro, of Katy's Lick

230. THOMAS SWIGER (5)—. GEORGE (4), NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Thomas, son of George and Rebecca Ann (Near) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Nov. 23, 1856; m. May, d. of Alpheus Howell, of Katy's Lick Run; is a blacksmith by trade, and he and family now live at New Martinsville.

Children:

- 520 (1) Millie Swiger; unmarried.
- 521 (2) Rosa Swiger; m. William Woodcock, of New Martinsville, W. Va.; live at Huntington, W. Va.

231. WILLIAM E. SWIGER (5)—. GEORGE (4), NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

William E. Swiger, born Aug. 15, 1847, son of George and Rebecca (Near) Swiger; m., Dec. 19, 1867, Mary, d. of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Gain) Swiger. He is a farmer and both

are living on Big Tennile Creek, near Lumberport, where they early settled. To them were born:

522 Nora J. Swiger, b. 7-11-1869; m. Isaac White.

523 Rosa A. Swiger, b. 3-20-1871; m. J. Burr Reynolds; 2  
Ben Lipsecomb.

524 Charlie R. Swiger, b. 5-22-1877; m. Ella Ashcraft.

525 Ernest Swiger, b. 5-10-1873; single; d. of fever.

526 Stella M. Swiger, b. 5-30-1878; m. Tom Lindsey.

527 Delia Swiger, b. 4-13-1877; m. William Lindsey.

528 Basil L. Swiger, b. 10-7-1881; m. Anna Dodd.

529 Clay Swiger, b. 5-5-1883; unmarried; at home.



J. TRUMAN SWIGER

232. J. TRUMAN SWIGER (5) — GEORGE (4), NANCY (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Truman Swiger, born near Sardis, Harrison county, W. Va., Oct. 21, 1861, son of George and Rebecca (Near) Swiger; m., Aug. 22, 1887, Lydia Ann Conley. He first was engaged in the dairy business with Benjamin Brown Stout, removed to Clarksburg and engaged in business on his own account, where he has been highly successful. He owns the "Swager" Hotel,

located at 328 West Pike St., Clarksburg, W. Va., where he is engaged in business.

To them were born:

- 530 Arthur B. Swiger, b. 6-22-1888; unmarried; in business with father.
- 531 Bessie Swiger, b. 2-5-1890; m., 3-7-1914, Milton J. Foos.
- 532 Clara Swiger, b. 11-2-1892; m., 7-10-1912, George Stoner.
- 533 Wilma Swiger, b. 9-13-1897; m. 9-0-1913; Henry Carr.
- 534 Catherine Swiger, b. 8-12-1901; high school, Clarksburg; unmarried.

233. DORA M. SWIGER (5)—. GEORGE (4), NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Dora, d. of George and Rebecca (Near) Swiger, was born, April 6, 1864; m. Henry Greever, a farmer. They both live at Wolf Summit, West Va.

Children:

- 535 (1) Willie Greever, b. 7-1-1885; unmarried.
- 536 (2) Freeman Greever, b. 1888; unmarried.
- 537 (3) May Greever, b. 9-24-1886; m. Will Meredith, a merchant of Salem.
- 538 (4) Carrie Greever, b. 5-16-1890; m., 3-13-1897, Leslie Fox, of Salem.
- 539 (5) Bessie Greever, b. 7-22-1892; m., 3-24-1909, Herschel H. Fox, now connected with Salem Express, Salem, W. Va.
- 540 (6) Maggie Greever, b. 6-25-1898; unmarried.
- 541 (7) Orpha Greever, b. 7-30-1901; unmarried.
- 542 (8) "Aggie" Greever, b. 1894; ob. infans.

235. NANCY SWIGER (5)—. GEORGE (4), NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Nancy Swiger, d. of George and Rebecca (Near) Swiger, was born, Jan. 6, 1852, in Sardis district, Harrison county:

lived with Thomas, son of William Strother, of near Sardis, and gave birth to the following children, the younger of whom live with their mother in Wilsonburg:

- 543 (1) Herman Strother, b. 12-12-1871; m., 5-20-1892, Carrie Pittro.
- 544 (2) Ellen Strother, b. 8-12-1873; m. William Addecock.
- 545 (3) Belle Strother, b. 4-5-1876; unmarried; at Wilsonburg.
- 546 (4) Dieie Strother, b. 11-25-1878; m. Charles Ross, Wilsonburg.
- 547 (5) Willie Strother, b. 2-7-1881; unmarried; d. of consumption.
- 548 (6) Gordon Strother, b. 9-24-1883; unmarried; d. of consumption.
- 549 (7) Harry Strother, b. 1-11-1888; unmarried; with mother.
- 550 (8) Randolph Strother, b. 2-5-1893; unmarried; with mother.
- 551 (9) Ethel Strother, b. 10-12-1890; m. Arlis, son of John Smallwood, of Sardis district. Arlis is a bridge contractor, and lives in Clarksburg.
- 552 (10) Fay Strother, b. 7-5-1895; unmarried; with mother.

236. SAMUEL L. SWIGER (5)—, GEORGE (4), NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Samuel L. Swiger, son of George and Rebecca (Near) Swiger, was born Nov. 20, 1866; m. for his first wife Cora Gerrard, April 13, 1893; second wife was Frances Sandy, whom he married, 1903. His last wife was the widow of the late Walter Sandy, of Sardis district. Samuel L. is a farmer, and now lives in Clarksburg with his two daughters (both wives having died).

(Children:

- 553 (1) Dorsey Swiger, b. 6-20-1894; unmarried.
- 554 (2) May Swiger, b. 1-20-1895; unmarried.

237. ISAAH SWIGER (5)—. GEORGE (4), NANCY (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Isaiah Swiger, son of George and Rebecca (Near) Swiger, was born on Katy's Lick Run, Harrison county, West Va., Aug. 20, 1849; m. Florence, a d. of William J. and Nancy E. Flanigan, Aug. 3, 1876; is a farmer on Grass Run, Harrison county.

Children:

- 555 (1) Ed Swiger, b. 6-11-1877.
- 556 (2) William Swiger, b. 3-23-1890; m. Anna Ball.
- 557 (3) Minnie Swiger, b. 9-11-1883; unmarried; at Salem.
- 558 (4) Rosa Swiger, b. 8-13-1881; m., 3-17-1906, Hamilton Edwards, of Salem, where he and family now live.

His children are:

- 559 (1) Jessie Edwards.
- 560 (2) Clarence Edwards.
- 561 (3) Minnie Edwards.
- 562 (4) Ralph Edwards; deceased.
- 563 (5) Willard Edwards; deceased.
- 564 (5) Gracie Swiger, b. 7-20-1879; m., and lives in Ohio.
- 565 (6) Myrtle Swiger, b. 1888; m. Enoch Loysh.
- 566 (7) Lena Swiger, b. 10-3-1892; m. Vance Freeman.
- 567 (8) Mabel Swiger, b. 9-19-1905; unmarried.
- 568 (9) Mary Swiger, b. 8-26-1885; m. Dan Day; live at Salem.
- 569 (10) Nathan Swiger; ob. infans.
- 570 (11) Blanche Swiger; ob. infans.
- 571 (12) Lillie Swiger, b. 7-4-1895; unmarried.
- 572 (13) Pearl Swiger, b. 1898; unmarried.

238. DALLY SWIGER (5)—. PATRICK (4), JERIAH (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

T. Dally, oldest son of Patrick and Emaline (Robey) Swiger, was born Feb. 23, 1864, in McClelland district, Doddridge county, West Va.; m., Dec. 9, 1893, Ida E. Doke, who was for-

merly a public school teacher, born July 26, 1869, and a d. of Hamilton and Martha (Freeman) Duke, of Doddridge county. He is now living with his father at the old home on Talkington Fork, where he is engaged in the pursuit of farming.

Children:

- 573 Ada G. Swiger, b. 9-11-1894; m., 11-30-1914, Herman Swiger. (See Herman).
- 574 Eva E. Swiger, b. 9-22-1897; m., 4-1-1915, Harley Talkington.
- 575 Braden A. Swiger, b. 11-6-1899; unmarried.
- 576 Alice Lee Swiger, b. 1-29-1906; unmarried.

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- 239. SHERMAN S. SWIGER (5)—, PATRICK (4), JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Sherman, son of Patrick and Emaline (Robey) Swiger, was born on Talkington Fork, Doddridge county, West Va., Oct. 24, 1865; m., July 7, 1889, Martha, d. of George Ashcraft, of Doddridge county; is a farmer and lives on Sycamore Creek.

Children:

- 577 (1) Pearl Swiger, b. 3-15-1890; m. Thomas McCann, who lives at Wallace, where he is engaged as line walker for Hope Gas Co.
- 578 (2) Freeman Swiger, b. 8-19-1893; m. Blanche Wright; lives at Wallace, where he is engaged in teaming.
- 579 (3) Asa Q. Swiger, b. 3-18-1895; unmarried.
- 580 (4) Ruby D. Swiger, b. 11-23-1907; unmarried.

- 240. LANGFORD SWIGER (5)—, PATRICK (4), JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Langford, third son of Patrick and Emaline (Robey) Swiger, was born in McClelland district, Doddridge county, Dec. 6, 1867; m., 7-18-1912, Belle, d. of Nicholas and Rachel (Under-

wood) Prunty, farmers of Doddridge county. He lived on Talkington Fork, near the place of his birth, where he died, 1915, of carbuncle. His wife and one child survive him.

Child:

581 (1) Donald Swiger; unmarried; lives at Rinehart, Harrison county.

242. BEN C. SWIGER (5)—. PATRICK (4), JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Ben C., fifth son of Patrick and Emaline (Robey) Swiger, was born on Talkington Fork, Doddridge county, March 12, 1886; m., 11-12-1904, Rebecca Knight, d. of John Knight, a farmer of Middle Fork, Doddridge county; soon separated from his wife, and now lives with mother at Gore, near Clarksburg. No issue.

244. MATTIE SWIGER (5)—. PATRICK (4), JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Mattie, d. of Patrick and Emaline (Robey) Swiger, was born on Talkington Fork, Doddridge county, Jan. 28, 1882; m. Ernest Robinson, a farmer and carpenter, and son of Fletcher and Martha Robinson, of Lumberport, Harrison county. He and wife live at the old home built by his father, and have children.

246. MATILDA SWIGER (5)—. PATRICK (4), JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Matilda, d. of Patrick and Emaline (Robey) Swiger, was born Jan. 2, 1885, on Talkington Fork, McClelland district, Doddridge county; m., June 16, 1899, Melville Shields, who soon died. His widow lives at Wallace.



253. EMMA SWIGER (5)—. WILLIAM L. (4), JERIAH (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Emma Swiger, d. of William L. and Elizabeth (Robey) Swiger, was born Jan. 1, 1863; m. Jefferson, son of Watt Dye who is a famous character in "The Daughter of the Elm." He was a farmer, and to him and his wife were born five children; live at Folsom, West Va.

Children:

- 582 (1) Ira Dye.  
583 (2) Homer Dye.  
584 (3) Ray Dye.  
585 (4) Iva Dye.  
586 (5) Nola Dye.

254. SAVILLA SWIGER (5)—. WILLIAM L. (4), JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Savilla Swiger, d. of William L. and Elizabeth (Robey) Swiger, was born March 19, 1865; m., 2-15-1890, Daniel, son of John Ash, of Doddridge county. He is a farmer, and lives in Doddridge county.

Children:

- 587 (1) Florence Ash; m. ——— Drummond.  
588 (2) May Ash.  
589 (3) One dead.

255. ELMA SWIGER (5)—. WILLIAM L. (4), JERIAH (3),  
CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Elma Swiger, d. of William L. and Elizabeth (Robey) Swiger, was born Sept. 24, 1867; m., Feb. 23, 1893, Al J. Rogers.

son of Thomas Rogers, of Dola. He is a farmer and stockman, now living at Rosebud on the farm of E. L. Coffman.

Children:

- 590 (1) Gladys Rogers, b. 10-10-1899; unmarried.
- 591 (2) Evie Rogers, b. 1-10-1894; unmarried.
- 592 (3) Fannie Rogers, b. 4-18-1896; unmarried.
- 593 (4) Lostie Rogers, b. 12-14-1901; unmarried.
- 594 (5) Way Rogers, b. 4-16-1904; unmarried.
- 595 (6) Mamie Rogers, b. 8-16-1906; unmarried.
- 596 (7) Charlie Rogers, b. 11-12-1909; unmarried.

256. LOTTIE SWIGER (5)—. WILLIAM L. (4), JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lottie Swiger, d. of William L. and Elizabeth (Robey) Swiger, was born Oct. 25, 1869; m., Nov. 25, 1900, Beecher, son of Joshua D. and Mary (Gifford) Fortney, of Lumberport. Beecher is a laborer, and he and family now live at Lumberport.

Children:

- 597 (1) Lee Fortney, b. 5-29-1903; unmarried.
- 598 (2) Ward Fortney, b. 6-7-1906; ob. infans.
- 599 (3) Earl Fortney, b. 9-25-1901; ob. infans.

257. MALISSA SWIGER (5)—. WILLIAM L. (4), JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Malissa Swiger, d. of William L. and Elizabeth (Robey) Swiger, was born April 24, 1872; m., 1897, James, son of Moses Stark, of Lumberport. He is a farmer, and he and family recently removed from Lumberport back to the old home place, near Lumberport, where he first settled. She is his second wife and has born him the following children:

- 600 (1) May Stark.
- 601 (2) Carl Stark.

- 602 (3) Ila Stark.
- 603 (4) Odbert Stark.
- 604 (5) Paul Stark.
- 605 (6) Murl Stark.
- 606 (7) Zelma Stark.
- 607 (8) Ola Stark.
- 608 (9) Robert Stark.
- 609 (10) Irene Stark.

258. JEREMIAH H. SWIGER (5) — WILLIAM L. (4),  
JERIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jeremiah H. Swiger, son of William L. and Elizabeth (Robey) Swiger, was born Oct. 1, 1874; m. Stella, a d. of Isaac Baker, of Tyler county; is a laborer, and he and family live at Lumberport, Harrison county, W. Va. To him have been born the following children:

- 610 (1) Connie Swiger.
- 611 (2) Fay Swiger.
- 612 (3) Archie Swiger; ob. infans.
- 613 (4) Frances Swiger.
- 614 (5) Jesse Swiger.
- 615 (6) Georgia Swiger.

261. MAMIE SWIGER (5) — WILLIAM L. (4), JERIAH  
(3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Mamie Swiger, d. of William L. and Elizabeth (Robey) Swiger, was born June 3, 1893; m. Oct. 14, 1905, Luther, son of Clarence and Lavina (Pyles) Harbert, of Jones Run. He was a blacksmith and a natural mechanic; lived at Lumberport till his death, of consumption.

Children:

- 616 (1) Emma E. Harbert, b. 7-24-1906.
- 617 (2) Elizabeth L. Harbert, b. 12-28-1908.

- 618 (3) Carl L. Harbert, b. 1-17-1910; ob. infans.  
 619 (4) Clarke E. Harbert, b. 12-14-1912.

262. VERDIE SWIGER (5)—. WILLIAM L. (4), JEREMIAH (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Verdie, d. of William L. and Elizabeth (Robey) Swiger, was born July 25, 1886; m., 1904, William, son of Jackson Coffman, of Lumberport. He is a laborer, and he and family live in Clarksburg.

Children:

- 620 (1) Emory Coffman, b. 12-31-1905,  
 621 (2) Rosa Coffman, b. 5-14-1909,  
 622 (3) Archie Coffman; ob. infans.

274. JOHN C. SWIGER (5)—. DANIEL (4), TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

John, oldest son of Daniel and Mary (Bates) Swiger, was born, Oct. 31, 1837, on Talkington Fork, McClelland district, Doddridge county, Va.; m. for his first wife, July 3, 1856, Sarah Laughery, d. of Harmen and Elizabeth Laughery, of Big Rock Camp, Harrison county; first wife died, after which he married, 9-25-1865, Emily J., d. of John R. Boggart, of Central Station, Doddridge county. Emily is still living, at advanced age, at Shirley, Tyler county.

Children by first wife are:

- 623 (1) Daniel H. Swiger; m. Sarah Asher, Eagle Mills, Doddridge county.  
 624 (2) Eliza E. Swiger; m. Silas Wright; both deceased.  
 625 (3) Mary S. Swiger; unmarried.  
 626 (4) Savilla Swiger; m. Jesse Highley, Central Station, Doddridge county.  
 627 (5) One other; ob. infans.

## Children by second wife:

- 628 (6) Charlie M. Swiger, b. 11-4-1878; unmarried; d. 10-19-1899.
- 629 (7) Jesse Swiger, b. 6-30-1866; m. Malinda Hoffman, Middlebourne, Tyler county, West Va.
- 630 (8) James W. Swiger, b. 9-14-1867; m. Louisa McIntire, Salem.
- 631 (9) J. Benton Swiger, b. 10-31-1870; m. Allie M. Riffie.
- 632 (10) Minerva J. Swiger, b. 3-21-1876; m. Alonzo Beaver.
- 633 (11) Phoebe A. Swiger, b. 1-12-1874; m. Erwin Beaver.
- 634 (12) George W. Swiger, b. 2-6-1869; m. Carrie J. Beaver.
- 635 (13) Bertha M. Swiger, b. 5-29-1881; m. Amaziah Stackpole.
- 636 (14) Ollie M. Swiger; m. R. G. Anderson, Central Station, W. Va.

## 275. ANNA E. SWIGER (5)—. DANIEL (4), TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Anna E., daughter of Daniel and Mary (Bates) Swiger, was born in McClelland district, Doddridge county; m. Pinkney, son of Allen Edgell, of Folsom, Wetzel county. Both dead.

Their children were:

- 637 (1) Mary Edgell.
- 638 (2) Margaret Edgell.
- 639 (3) Eliza Edgell.
- 640 (4) Tabitha Edgell.
- 641 (5) Martina Edgell.
- 642 (6) James D. Edgell.
- 643 (7) Irvin Edgell.
- 644 (8) Dennis Edgell.

## 276. ANDREW H. SWIGER (5)—. DANIEL (4), TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Andrew H. Swiger, second son of Daniel and Mary (Bates) Swiger, was born in McClelland district, Doddridge county; m.,

7-20-1865, Sarah, d. of James and Athilla Morgan, farmers of Wetzel county; is a farmer, and lives in Doddridge county.

Children:

- 645 (1) James D. Swiger; ob. infans.
- 646 (2) Mary V. Swiger; ob. infans.
- 647 (3) Edmond Swiger; m. ——— Whiteman, Wallace.
- 648 (4) Orie Swiger; died at fifteen years.
- 649 (5) Ella Swiger; ob. infans.

277. NANCY E. SWIGER (5)—. DANIEL (4), TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Nancy, d. of Daniel and Mary (Bates) Swiger, was born on the waters of Talkington Fork, McClelland district, Doddridge county; m. Granville, son of Harrison Laughery, of Big Rock Camp, Harrison county, and a brother of her brother's (John) wife. He was a farmer in Tyler county, where he and wife both died.

Children:

- 650 (1) William Laughery; m. in Tyler county.
- 651 (2) Mary Laughery.
- 652 (3) Hiram Laughery.
- 653 (4) Wilson Laughery.
- 654 (5) Charlie Laughery.
- 655 (6) Rachel Laughery.

279. WILLIAM E. SWIGER (5)—. DANIEL (4), TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

William E., youngest son of Daniel and Mary (Bates) Swiger, was born, Feb. 28, 1845, in McClelland district, Doddridge county; m., April 21, 1865, Alice A., a d. of John and Sarah (Laughery) Cooper; is a farmer near Ashley, Doddridge coun-

ty. To his union have been born nine children, four boys and five girls, as follows:

- 656 (1) Sarah F. Swiger, b. 7-23-1866; unmarried; deceased.
- 657 (2) John D. Swiger, b. 10-17-1868; m. Della Huffman.
- 658 (3) Benjamin B. Swiger, b. 1-12-1875; m. Ida, d. of Lewis Ash.
- 659 (4) William H. Swiger, b. 11-22-1878; m. Anie, d. of Martha "Millud."
- 660 (5) Henry W. Swiger, b. 8-4-1889; m. Minnie, d. of Perry Gains.
- 661 (6) Rosetta Swiger, b. 8-27-1880; m. Dallas Hutson.
- 662 (7) Mattie O. Swiger, b. 8-31-1884; m. Harm Williams.
- 663 (8) Henrietta Swiger, b. 6-25-1877; m. Lee Miller.
- 664 (9) Mary V. Swiger, b. 1-20-1871; deceased.

295. JOHN D. SWIGER (6) —, JESSE (5), JEFFERSON (4), BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

John D., son of Jesse and Lydia (Lyon) Swiger, was born, April 5, 1877, on Robinson Fork of McElroy Creek, Doddridge county, West Va.; m., Sept. 20, 1906, Myrtle, d. of Nicholas and Rachel (Underwood) Prunty, farmers of Doddridge county; is now located at Sardis Gas Station, where he is engaged as oiler by Hope Natural Gas Co.

Children:

- 665 (1) Leie M. Swiger, b. 9-19-1907; unmarried.
- 666 (2) Morrison H. Swiger, b. 4-6-1908; unmarried.
- 667 (3) Bonard L. Swiger, b. 5-16-1909; unmarried.
- 668 (4) Ralph D. Swiger, b. 9-8-1915; unmarried.

300. ROBERT S. SWIGER (6) —, JESSE (5), JEFFERSON (4), BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Robert S., son of Jesse and Lydia (Lyon) Swiger, was born on the waters of Robinson Fork of McElroy Creek, in Dod-

dridge county; m., May 3, 1914, Mary Cohen; lives at Stringtown, Wetzel county, where he is employed as line walker for Wheeling Gas Co. One boy:

669 (1) Ray Swiger, b. 2-1-1915; unmarried.

301. SUSANA SWIGER (6)—. JESSE (5), JEFFERSON (4), BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Susana, d. of Jesse and Lydia (Lyon) Swiger, was born July 29, 1890; m., 1914, Arlis McIntire, a laborer, of Lumberport. They live at Lumberport. No issue.

326. ROSCOE B. SWIGER (6)—. FRANKLIN S. (5), JESSE (4), BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Roscoe B., son of Franklin S. and Theodosia (Harbert) Swiger, was born on Pike Fork of McElroy Creek, in Doddridge county, West Va., Aug. 16, 1890; m., Oct. 16, 1909, Minnie Shileds; is a farmer, and he and family now reside on the waters of Peter's Run, on the farm of C. D. Robinson.

#### Children:

670 (1) Gilbert C. Swiger, b. 7-3-1910; unmarried.

671 (2) Delbert H. Swiger, b. 3-3-1912; unmarried.

672 (3) Opal D. Swiger, b. 5-4-1914; unmarried.

336. FLOSSIE P. SWIGER (6)—. LEWIS A. (5), JESSE (4), BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Flossie P., oldest d. of Lewis A. and Rachel J. (Stoneking) Swiger, was born, Feb. 24, 1890, in McClelland District, Doddridge county, West Va.; m., Mar. 25, 1911, Pearly E. Allen, son of I. B. and Rebecca (Hutson) Allen, farmers and mer-



chant, of Centerpoint, W. Va. He is employed by Hope Natural Gas Co. at Sedalia, where he now lives.

To her union have been born one child:

673 (1) Everett Allen, b. 11-6-1912; unmarried.



MART T. SWIGER

337. MART T. SWIGER (6)—. LEWIS A. (5), JESSE (4),  
BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Mart T., oldest son of Lewis A. and Rachel J. (Stoneking) Swiger, was born, May 5, 1891, in McClelland district, Doddridge county, W. Va.; attended the public school regularly

till about the age of 16 years, then attended the select school which was taught near Centerpoint, Doddridge county; from there he went to the Fairmont State Normal School at Fairmont; passed the first uniform teachers' examination, in 1908, after which he began teaching, having taught his first school near his home in Doddridge county. Since his first school, which was most successful, he has been engaged in teaching, always having taught in the district of his birth; is recognized as one of the foremost teachers and educators in Doddridge county; is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 84, of Salem, W. Va.

The author is under obligations to him for interest manifested, and work done in securing the history of the descendants of Christopher Swiger.

338. LACIE A. SWIGER (6)—LEWIS A. (5), JESSE (4), BARNES (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lacie A., third child of Lewis A. and Rachel J. (Stoneking) Swiger, was born, Oct. 20, 1893, in McClelland district, Doddridge county, W. Va.; m., Dec. 26, 1910, Truman E. Trader, a great-grandson of Christopher Swiger, the pioneer settler of Centerpoint, Doddridge county. Truman E. was a son of Newton and Edith (Swiger) Trader, farmers of Sycamore Creek, Doddridge county. He is a farmer, and lives on Sycamore Creek, near Centerpoint.

#### Children:

674 (1) Levona Trader, b. 1-30-1911; unmarried.

675 (2) One girl, b. 12-20-1915; unmarried.

437. HERMAN SWIGER (6)—FRANCIS M. (5), JERDON (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Herman, oldest son of Francis M. and Hulda (Holbert) Swiger, was born on Sycamore Creek, in McClelland district,

Doddridge county, June 20, 1889; m., Nov. 31, 1912, Ada, d. of T. Dally and Ida (Doke) Swiger, farmers, now living on Talking-ton Fork of McElroy Creek, Doddridge county. He is a farmer in Doddridge county, where he and family live.

Children:

676 (1) Thelma Swiger, b. 8-31-1913; unmarried.

438. HATTIE SWIGER (6) — FRANCIS M. (5), JERDON (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Hattie, d. of Francis M. and Hulda (Holbert) Swiger, was born in McClelland district, Doddridge county, July 26, 1890; m., Oct. 21, 1910, son of Tabitha Swiger and Jacob Bates. He lives at Smithfield, where he is employed by South Penn Oil Co.

Children:

677 (1) Bonnie Bates; ob. infans.

678 (2) Gail Bates; unmarried.

679 (3) Dale Bates; unmarried.

439. JABEZ SWIGER (6)— FRANCIS M. (5), JERDON (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jabez, son of Francis M. and Hulda (Holbert) Swiger, was born in McClelland district, Doddridge county, Sept. 7, 1893; m., June 2, 1913, Ada, d. of William J. and Martha Booher, farmers, of McClelland district, Doddridge county. He lives on Pike Fork, where he is employed as line walker for Hope Gas Co.

Children:

680 (1) Waine Swiger, b. 9-5-1913; unmarried.

681 (2) Girl, not named, b. 6-21-1915; unmarried.

443. EDWARD E. SWIGER (6)—. THOMAS (5), JERDON (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Edward, son of Thomas and Cora (Swiger) Swiger, was born on Sycamore Creek, Doddridge county, Dec. 17, 1889; m., Mar. 28, 1915, Dollie, d. of Dixon and Sarah (Bates) Underwood, and a grandchild of Rev. Dixon Underwood; is a farmer and is now located on Sycamore Creek near the place of his birth. No children.

444. ELLA SWIGER (6)—. THOMAS (5), JERDON (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Ella Swiger, d. of Thomas and Cora (Swiger) Swiger, was born on Sycamore Creek, McClelland district, Doddridge county, Dec. 15, 1891; m., June 24, 1901, Christie N., son of Jesse and Mary (Fisher) Brookover. He first was employed by the Walnut Oil Co. at Blue Creek, Kanawha county, but removed from there to Clay county, where he is now engaged in farming.

Children:

- 682 (1) Claudus Brookover, b. 5-0-1912; unmarried.  
 683 (2) Mary Brookover, b. 10-0-1913; unmarried.  
 684 (3) Boy baby, not named, b. 4-0-1915; unmarried.

453. IVA E. SWIGER (6)—. TRUMAN (5), JERDON (4), THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Iva E., d. of Truman and Lonisa (Davis) Swiger, was born near Centerpoint, Doddridge county, May 6, 1892; m., Oct. 28, 1912, Ray, son of Joseph and Sophia (Gordy) Gaston, farmers of Doddridge county. He lives at Centerpoint, where he is engaged as employee of Philadelphia Gas Co.

Child:

- 685 (1) Clara Gaston, b. 6-14-1913; unmarried.

454. OLIVE B. SWIGER (6)—. TRUMAN (5), JERDON (4),  
THOMAS (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Olive B., d. of Truman and Louisa (Davis) Swiger, was born near Centerpoint, Doddridge county, Feb. 16, 1894; m., April 1, 1909, E. G. Ashcraft, son of Joshua and Myrtle (Thompson) Ashcraft, who are farmers living at Guysville, Ohio. He is a teamster at Centerpoint.

Children:

- 686 (1) Howard C. Ashcraft, b. 4-25-1910; unmarried.  
687 (2) Ruby P. Ashcraft, b. 6-23-1914; unmarried.

522. NORA J. SWIGER (6)—. WILLIAM E. (5), GEORGE (4), NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Nora Swiger, oldest d. of William E. and Mary (Swiger) Swiger, was born, July 11, 1869, on Tenmile Creek, near Lumberport, Harrison county, W. Va.; m., 1894, Isaac White, of Lumberport. She having died of consumption, Mr. White removed to Oklahoma, where he now lives.

Child before marriage:

- 688 (1) Willie T. Swiger, b. 3-25-1892; m. Opal, d. of Lloyd and Cora (Harbert) Martin, and has one child:  
689 (1) Bernice Swiger; unmarried.  
690 (2) Mitchell White.  
691 (3) Dewey White.  
692 (4) Mabel White.  
693 (5) Marlin White.

523. ROSA SWIGER (6)—. WILLIAM E. (5), GEORGE (4),  
NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Rosa Swiger was born, April 20, 1871, on Big Tenmile Creek, near Lumberport, Harrison county, West Va.; is a d. of

William E. and Mary (Swiger) Swiger; m., April 14, 1896, for her first husband, Elery, son of William Reynolds, of Lumberport. He having died, she married for her second husband, Benjamin Lipsecomb, of Bingamon Creek, Harrison county, West Va. By her first husband she bore the following children:

694 (1) Olga Reynolds, b. 10-24-1898; unmarried.

695 (2) Ethel Reynolds; unmarried.

696 (3) Artie Reynolds; ob. infans.

697 (4) Carrie Reynolds; ob. infans.

By her second husband she bore:

698 (5) Margaret Lipsecomb; unmarried.

524. CHARLIE R. SWIGER (6)— WILLIAM E. (5),  
GEORGE (4), NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Charlie Swiger, third child of William E. and Mary (Swiger) Swiger, was born May 22, 1872, near Lumberport, Harrison county, West Va.; m., Dec., 1892, Ella, d. of Jefferson and Rachel (Coffman) Ashcraft, of Lumberport, West Va.; is a blacksmith, and he and family live at Lumberport:

Children:

699 (1) Guy Swiger, b. 1-13-1902; unmarried.

700 (2) Marie Swiger, b. 5-16-1894; unmarried.

701 (3) Ervin Swiger, b. 11-5-1906; unmarried.

702 (4) Awnn Swiger, b. 3-13-1909; ob. infans.

703 (5) Zona E. Swiger, b. 12-22-1893; ob. infans.

704 (6) Hoddie E. Swiger, b. 1-25-1896; unmarried.

705 (7) Goldie F. Swiger, b. 4-16-1898; unmarried.

706 (8) Cline Swiger, b. 11-8-1899; unmarried.

707 (9) Vance Swiger, b. 5-5-1913; unmarried.

708 (10) Sylvester H. Swiger, b. 5-5-1913; unmarried.

526. STELLA SWIGER (6)—, WILLIAM E. (5), GEORGE (4), NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Stella, d. of William E. and Mary (Swiger) Swiger, was born May 30, 1878, in Harrison county, West Va.; m., 1909, Thomas Lindsey, a son of "Dock." He is a laborer, and he and wife are living in Lumberport with a family of three children.

Children:

709 (1) Dorsey Lindsey; unmarried.

710 (2) Ollie Lindsey; unmarried.

711 (3) Ruth Lindsey; unmarried.

527. DELIA SWIGER (6)—, WILLIAM E. (5), GEORGE (4), NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1)..

Delia Swiger, d. of William E. and Mary (Swiger) Swiger, was born April 13, 1877; m. William Lindsey, son of "Dock," of Lumberport. He is a laborer, and lives at Lumberport. No children.

528. BASIL SWIGER (6)—, WILLIAM E. (5), GEORGE (4), NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Basil Swiger, son of William E. and Mary (Swiger) Swiger, was born near Lumberport, Harrison county, West Va., Oct. 7, 1881; m., 1906, Anna Dodd, of Lumberport, where they both live.

Children:

712 (1) Mabel Swiger; unmarried.

713 (2) Willie Swiger; unmarried.

714 (3) Mary Swiger; unmarried.

531. BESSIE SWIGER (6)—. TRUMAN (5), GEORGE (4)  
NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Bessie Swiger, oldest d. of J. Truman and Lydia Ann (Conley) Swiger, was born in Clarksburg, W. Va., Feb. 5, 1890; m., March 7, 1914, to Milton J. Foos. He is traveling auditor for B. & O. R. R. Co., traveling from Baltimore, Md., to Chicago. He and family are located in Chicago, Ill. One child:  
715 (1) Mary Ann Foos, b. 1-28-1915; unmarried.

532. CLARA SWIGER (6)—. TRUMAN (5), GEORGE (4),  
NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Clara, second d. of J. Truman and Lydia Ann (Conley) Swiger, was born in Clarksburg, Harrison county, West Va., Nov. 2, 1892; m., July 10, 1912, George Stoner. He is a stockholder in and present manager of the shoe department of the Parsons-Souders Co. store, Clarksburg, W. Va. He was born in Waynesboro, Pa. No issue.

533. WILMA SWIGER (6)—. TRUMAN (5), GEORGE (4),  
NANCY (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Wilma Swiger, third d. of J. Truman and Lydia Ann (Conley) Swiger, was born in Clarksburg, West Va., Sept. 13, 1897; m., Sept. 1913, to Henry Carr, of Philadelphia, Pa. He is a noted musician, of Philadelphia, and in which city he and wife are now located. No children.

623. DANIEL H. SWIGER (6)—. JOHN C. (5), DANIEL (4),  
TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Daniel H. Swiger, oldest son of John C. and Sarah (Laughery) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, West Va.; m. Sarah Asher, of Doddridge county; was a farmer of Doddridge



county, and died of typhoid fever at the age of 51 years. His wife married for her second husband Marcus Ash, of Doddridge county, where they both live.

Daniel's children were:

- 716 (1) Ernest Swiger; m.; lives at Ashley, W. Va.
- 717 (2) Hattie Swiger; m.; lives at Shirley, W. Va.
- 718 (3) Waldo Swiger; m.; lives in California.
- 719 (4) Gertrude Swiger; m., 11-14-1912, Omar O. Roberts,  
and lives at West Union, W. Va.
- 720 (5) Johnie Swiger; ob. infans.

624. ELIZA E. SWIGER (6)—. JOHN C. (5), DANIEL (4),  
TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Eliza E., oldest d. of John C. and Sarah (Laughery) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, West Va.; m., 7-9-1874, Silas Wright, of Doddridge county; lived on Broad Run, where he was engaged in farming till he died. For his second wife he married a Miss Gorby. No issue.

626. SAVILLA SWIGER (6)—. JOHN C. (5), DANIEL (4),  
TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Savilla Swiger, youngest d. of John C. and Sarah (Laughery) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, West Va.; m. Jesse, son of Hezekiah and Mary (Boggart) Highly, she being a sister of John C. Swiger's last wife. Hezekiah was a Union soldier. Jesse and family live on Arnold Creek, Doddridge county, where he is engaged in farming.

Children:

- 721 (1) Homer Highly; unmarried.
- 722 (2) "Babe" Highly; m. — Walters; live in West Union.
- 723 (3) Ollie Highly; unmarried.
- 724 (4) Kate Highly; a teacher, Doddridge county.

- 725 (5) Frank Highly; d. of blood poisoning.  
 726 (6) Raymond Highly; unmarried.  
 727 (7) Bessie Highly; unmarried.  
 728 (8) Wilson Highly; unmarried.  
 729 (9) One baby.

629. JESSE SWIGER (6)—. JOHN C. (5), DANIEL (4),  
 TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jesse, oldest living son of John C. and Emily (Boggart) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, West Va., June 30, 1866; m. Malinda, d. of Simon and Mariah (Gray) Hoffman, of Doddridge county; was a farmer, lived on a farm in Doddridge county, till about the age of 45 years, when he died of tuberculosis. His wife married her second husband, William Lasure, and still lives in Tyler county.

Children:

- 730 Emerson Swiger; unmarried.  
 731 Seth Swiger; unmarried.

630. JAMES W. SWIGER (6)—. JOHN C. (5), DANIEL (4),  
 TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

James W., third son of John C. and Emily (Boggart) Swiger, was born, Sept. 14, 1867, in Doddridge county, West Va.; m. Louisa McIntire; was a farmer and lived near Sedalia; operated on for appendicitis, both physical and mental weakness following. He is now in the asylum at Weston. He has no children, but his wife had five by a former marriage.

631. J. BENTON SWIGER (6). JOHN C. (5), DANIEL (4),  
 TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

J. Benton, son of John C. and Emily (Boggart) Swiger, was born on Broad Run, McClelland district, Doddridge coun-

ty, Oct. 31, 1870; m., Sept. 4, 1907, Ollie M. Riffie, of Cascaria, West Va. From boyhood up until he became 17 years of age he had tuberculosis of the thigh, from the effects of which he has always been lamed; he entered school, became a teacher at the age of 23 years, and taught in the free schools of Doddridge county for seventeen years; he was then nominated and elected by the Republican party of his county to the office of assessor, 1904-1908; again in 1916 his party desiring a strong candidate for the office in which he previously had served so efficiently, nominated him by an overwhelming majority for the office of County Assessor, and no doubt he will be elected, as the author hopes to be, in November next.

Children:

- 732 Edward R. Swiger, b. 8-11-1908; unmarried.  
 733 Forest W. Swiger, b. 1-27-1912; unmarried.

632. MINERVA J. SWIGER (6)--, JOHN C. (5), DANIEL (4), TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Minerva J. was born March 21, 1876; was a daughter of John C. and Nancy (Boggart) Swiger; m. Alonzo Beaver, son of Perry and Lavina (Lee) Beaver, farmers of Ohio; is a farmer at Dale, Tyler county.

Children:

- 734 Anna Beaver; unmarried.  
 735 Benlah Beaver; unmarried.  
 736 Ollie Beaver; unmarried.  
 737 Vera Beaver; unmarried.

633. PHOEBE A. SWIGER (6)--, JOHN C. (5), DANIEL (4), TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Phoebe A., d. of John C. and Nancy (Boggart) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, Jan. 12, 1874; m., Sept. 5, 1888, Er-

vin Beaver, a brother to her sister's (Minerva) husband; first settled on a farm in Doddridge county, thence to Hancock county, thence to Clarksburg, where he is now engaged in carpentering. His wife at the present time is suffering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis.

Children:

- 738 Hattie Beaver, b. 5-19-1890; m. Robert Shawhan, at Hepzibah.
- 739 Emma Beaver, b. 7-15-1892; m. Willie Smith, Clarksburg.
- 740 Amster Beaver, b. 3-5-1896; unmarried.
- 741 Hazel Beaver, b. 3-13-1898; unmarried.
- 742 Gladys Beaver, b. 12-29-1900; unmarried.
- 743 Daisy Beaver, b. 3-24-1902; unmarried.
- 744 Mary Beaver, b. 5-5-1906; unmarried.
- 745 Vonda Beaver, b. 10-28-1912; unmarried.
- 746 Iva Pearl Beaver, b. 10-18-1894; ob. infans.

634. GEORGE W. SWIGER (6) —, JOHN C. (5), DANIEL (4), TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

George W., son of John C. and Nancy (Boggart) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, Feb. 6, 1869; m., Sept. 5, 1888, Carrie, d. of Perry and Lavina (Lee) Beaver, of Doddridge county; owns three farms in Doddridge county; is a merchant; is interested in the oil business, and worth considerable money; lives on Broad Run, where he owns the largest apple orchard in Doddridge county, having this year (1915) more than two thousand bushels.

Children:

- 747 Effie Swiger; ob. infans.
- 748 Eva Swiger; unmarried.
- 749 Alma Swiger; unmarried.
- 750 Edmund Swiger; ob. infans.
- 751 Frank Swiger; unmarried.
- 752 Herbert Swiger; unmarried.

- 753 Howard Swiger; unmarried.
- 754 Alonzo Swiger; unmarried.
- 755 Homer Swiger; unmarried.
- 756 Burton Swiger; unmarried.

635. BERTHA M. SWIGER (6) —, JOHN C. (5), DANIEL  
(4), TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Bertha M., d. of John C. and Nancy (Boggart) Swiger, was born, May 29, 1881, in Doddridge county, West Va.; m. Isaiah Stackpole, whose mother was a d. of Jeriah Swiger. (See Jeriah). He is a farmer, now located on the old farm of John C. Swiger, Broad Run, Doddridge county.

Children:

- 757 Edna Stackpole; unmarried.
- 758 Rilda Stackpole; unmarried.
- 759 Edwin Stackpole; unmarried.
- 760 "Xrus" Stackpole; unmarried.
- 761 Ruby Stackpole; unmarried.

657. JOHN D. SWIGER (6) —, WILLIAM E. (5), DANIEL  
(4), TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

John D., son of William E. and Alice A. (Cooper) Swiger, was born in Doddridge county, West Va., Oct. 17, 1868; m. Della Huffman; was a farmer in Doddridge county; he and his wife separated.

Children:

- 762 William A. Swiger; unmarried.
- 763 Harry J. Swiger; unmarried.
- 764 Nay Swiger; unmarried.
- 765 Effie Swiger; unmarried.
- 766 Henry Swiger; ob. infans.

658. BENJAMIN B. SWIGER (6)—. WILLIAM E. (5), DANIEL (4), TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Benjamin B., son of William E. and Alice A. (Cooper) Swiger, was born, Jan. 12, 1875, in Doddridge county, West Va.; m., 5-23-1896, Ida, d. of Levi Ash, a farmer of Ashley, Doddridge county; lives at Ashley, where he is engaged in blacksmithing.

Children:

- 767 William E. Swiger; unmarried.
- 768 Stella Swiger; unmarried.
- 769 Evie Swiger; unmarried.
- 770 Clarence Swiger; unmarried.
- 771 Clark Swiger; unmarried.
- 772 Frank Swiger; unmarried.
- 773 Baby, not yet named.

659. WILLIAM H. SWIGER (6)—. WILLIAM E. (5), DANIEL (4), TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

William H. Swiger, son of William E. and Alice A. (Cooper) Swiger, was born, Nov. 22, 1878, in Doddridge county; m. Anna, d. of Martin Miller, a farmer of Wetzel county; is a farmer and lives in Wetzel county.

Children:

- 774 Floyd Swiger; unmarried.
- 775 Others; unmarried.

660. HENRY W. SWIGER (6)—. WILLIAM E. (5), DANIEL (4), TABITHA (3), CHRISTOPHER (2), WILLIAM (1).

Henry W., son of William E. and Alice A. (Cooper) Swiger, was born, Aug. 4, 1889; m. Minnie, d. of Perry Gain, of Ashley,

Doddridge county: is a farmer and lives in the county of his birth.

Children:

776 William Clifford Swiger, b. 12-5-1912; unmarried.

777 Dora D. Swiger, b. 1-27-1911; unmarried.

The following marriages as recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of Doddridge county, can not be associated by us with the history as we have gathered it, and we give them here, thinking that they may be valuable as references:

Jacob M. Swiger, m. Ida B. Roberts, 12-25-1891.

Margaret J. Swiger, m. Daniel Hildreth, 8-21-1891.

Sarah A. Swiger, m. James E. Williams, 8-22-1888.

Commodore Swiger, m. Martha Ashcraft, 7-5-1889.

Rebecca Swiger, m. Sylvester F. Cain, 2-19-1887.

Lucy M. Swiger, m. Jesse S. Gaston, 8-8-1887.

James E. Swiger, m. Martha Bonnel, 9-3-1887.

Nancy Swiger, m. John A. Hawkins, 6-18-1888.

Amanda Swiger, m. Simon L. George, 7-30-1888.

Furdie Swiger, m. Selia Mahana, 9-25-1899.

Louise Swiger, m. Walter J. Ashcraft, 12-16-1898.

Louisa Swiger, m. Granville Shields, 5-23-1900.

Charles E. Swiger, m. Rozilla Gaston, 2-3-1897.

Rachel C. Swiger, m. C. McIntire, 2-26-1896.

Emily R. Swiger, m. Dallas Hutson, 6-6-1896.

Betty Swiger, m. Lee Miller, 8-2-1896.

Mary Swiger, m. Isaac Asher, 8-19-1897.

Laura L. Swiger, m. Benjamin Fox, 3-16-1912.

Sarah N. Swiger, m. Marquis Ash, 4-25-1913.

Stella M. Swiger, m. Chester E. Ashcraft, 9-11-1915.

Cora Swiger, m. Homer Dye, 11-17-1915.

Mareena Swiger, m. Sarah E. Goodwin, 5-15-1913.

John B. Swiger, m. Emma B. Underwood, 5-20-1913.

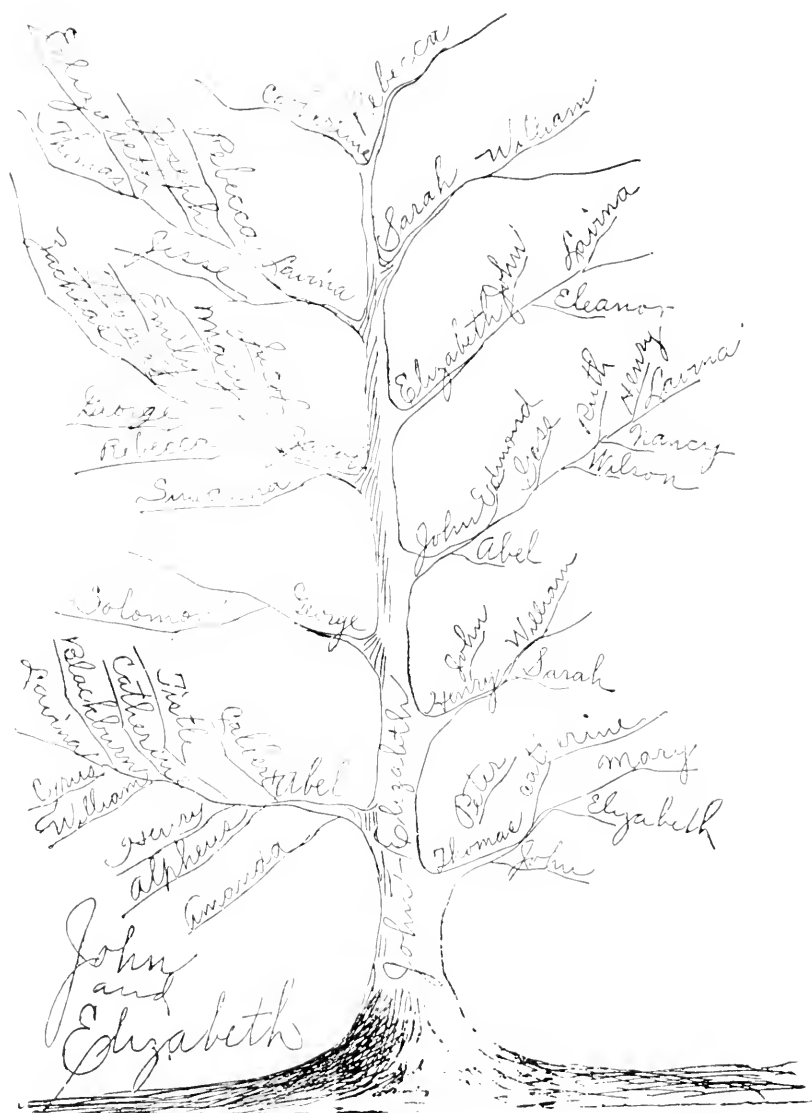
Martha A. Swiger, m. T. W. Powell, 3-21-1912.

Jennie Swiger, m. Floyd Dotson, 6-25-1913.

Anna Swiger, m. Joseph L. Spencer, 12-2-1914.







Ethel Swiger, m. Harley Talkington, 4-7-1912.  
 Liddie Swiger, m. Floyd Yeater, 8-8-1904.  
 Mrs. Mary Swiger, m. John Williams, 11-6-1915.  
 Hattie B. Swiger, m. Freeman Orr, 5-10-1905.  
 W. H. Swiger, m. Crissie B. Davisson, 10-30-1907.  
 Rebecca S. Swiger, m. Hamilton Grose, 9-9-1905.  
 Joe Swiger, m. Tillie George, 5-28-1908.  
 Henry W. Swiger, m. Florence McIntyre, 8-17-1908.  
 Ira Swiger, m. Bertha E. Swiger, 3-16-1907.  
 Ida Swiger, m. Ott Smith, 7-25-1908.  
 Millie Swiger, m. A. W. Hefflin, 10-20-1908.  
 W. P. Swiger, m. Lavina Dotson, 9-18-1903.  
 Augustus E. Swiger, m. Auda McKinney, 3-30-1904.  
 Harman S. Swiger, m. Alice Robinson, 11-12-1904.  
 B. R. Swiger, m. Ida S. Hutson, 1-26-1905.  
 Laura Swiger, m. Edward Grow, 1-22-1903.  
 Dessie E. Swiger, m. Wm. F. Sechman, 4-1-1903.

#### JOHN SWIGER (2)— WILLIAM SWIGER (1)

John Swiger, second son of John William and Mary Swiger, of Germany, was born, April 25, 1764, in Loudoun county, Virginia; lived in Loudoun county until he became eighteen years of age, after which he enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was engaged in fighting Indians in Pennsylvania. After the war was over, he removed from Pennsylvania to Harrison county, Virginia (with the other members of his family, who had removed from Loudoun county, Va., to Pennsylvania); married, May 13, 1794, Elizabeth Tetrick, and settled on what is now known as the old Swiger farm in Clay district, Harrison county, West Virginia, where they lived till they died. He became a pensioner in 1833, as a result of services rendered in the war, but was soon dropped from the roll, 1835, on account of points of technicality relative to his services in the war, raised by the Government. (See Miscellaneous). Most of his descendants live in Clay district, Harrison

county, and are among the most substantial citizens in the county.

His wife, Elizabeth, was born August 20, 1769; died, Sept. 17, 1843, and was an ancestor of Guy Petrick, former County Clerk of Harrison county, who now lives in Clarksburg. John Swiger died, June 26, 1844. To his union were born eleven children, all of whom are dead. They were:

- 1 Thomas Swiger, b. 2-24-1798; m. Mary Righter.
- 2 Able Swiger, b. 8-18-1805; m. Elizabeth Haney.
- 3 Henry Swiger, b. 2-2-1812; m. Rachel Whiteman.
- 4 George L. Swiger, b. 3-6-1795; m. Mary Bennett.
- 5 John Swiger, Jr., b. 2-23-1810; m. Hannah Whiteman.
- 6 Jacob Swiger, b. 7-17-1799; m. Nancy Watkins.
- 7 Elizabeth Swiger, b. 11-13-1802; m. Josiah Hughes.
- 8 Lavina Swiger, b. 7-2-1801; m. David Miller.
- 9 Sarah Swiger, b. 11-25-1808; m. Wilson Swiger.
- 10 Katherine Swiger, b. 3-7-1796; unmarried; d. 5-25-1832.
- 11 Rebecca Swiger, b. 6-27-1807; unmarried.

# 1. THOMAS SWIGER (3)---, JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Thomas, son of John and Elizabeth (Petrick) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Feb. 24, 1798; m., Nov. 30, 1820, Mary Righter, born Sept. 8, 1797. They settled on a farm near the Irwin Siding on the Shortline railroad, near Wallace, where they spent their life. He was a Baptist preacher, and through his influence many Baptist churches were established throughout the section of Harrison county (in what was then Harrison county). He and wife died Jan. 16, 1858, and April 7, 1870, respectively.

Children:

- 12 Peter R. Swiger, b. 9-14-1826; m. Anna Allen.
- 13 John S. Swiger, b. 3-7-1829; m. Nancy Whiteman.
- 14 Anna Swiger, b. 10-15-1836; m. Templeton Smith.
- 15 Catherine Swiger, b. 10-12-1824; m. Jedediah Gifford.
- 16 Elizabeth Swiger, b. 9-10-1821; m. Silas Sapp.
- 17 Mary Ann Swiger, b. 1-23-1823; m. Edmond Whiteman.

## 2. ABEL SWIGER (3)—. JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Abel, son of John and Elizabeth (Tetrick) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Aug. 18, 1805; m. Elizabeth Haney, born Mar. 22, 1807. He was a farmer and first settled on the waters of Booth's Creek, Harrison county; removed from there to and settled on a farm on the waters of Flag Run, Sardis district, where they spent the remainder of their lives, his wife having died Nov. 14, 1885. To his union were born ten children, seven boys and three girls, several of whom are yet living.

## Children:

- 18 Amanda Swiger, b. 4-23-1828; unmarried; deceased.
- 19 Calvert Swiger, b. 9-28-1829; m. Emily Poling.
- 20 Henry Swiger, b. 2-1-1831; ob. infans.
- 21 J. Tistle Swiger, b. 2-10-1842; m. Elizabeth Wilcox.
- 22 William Harrison Swiger, b. 8-18-1833; unmarried; deceased.
- 23 Blackburn Swiger, b. 8-24-1850; m. Emeline Drummond.
- 24 Alpheus Swiger, b. 12-20-1846; m. Virginia Ash.
- 25 Cyrus Swiger, b. 3-23-1838; ob. infans.
- 26 Lavina Swiger, b. 12-2-1835; m. (1) C. F. B. Gifford; (2) Hamilton Allen. (See Hamilton).
- 27 Catherine Swiger, b. 9-17-1843; unmarried; deceased.

## 3. HENRY SWIGER (3)—. JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Henry, son of John and Elizabeth (Tetrick) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Feb. 2, 1812; m., Aug. 20, 1839, for his first wife, Rachel, d. of Abel Whiteman, and a sister to his brother's (John) wife. To this union was born one child, which died in infancy; married for his second wife, May 23, 1844, Nancy Richardson, a sister to Simon Allen's wife. (See Simon). He was a farmer, and he and family lived on Coon's Run, Clay district, Harrison county, till his death, which occurred on one dark night, Dec. 12, 1864. He was called

down stairs late at night by an alarm at the door. He was met at the foot of the stairs by a band of robbers and assassins who murdered him because, it is now thought, of his strong abolitionist belief; or because he was thought to have money. To his last union were born two boys and one girl, all of whom are dead except William E.

His first wife died Oct. 19, 1842.

Children:

- 28 John B. Swiger, b. 1-3-1846; m. Mary A. Rhodes.
- 29 William E. Swiger, b. 8-10-1850; m. Jennie A. Smith.
- 30 Sarah A. Swiger, b. 10-22-1847; m. James E. Coon.

#### 4. GEORGE L. SWIGER (3)-, JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

George, son of John and Elizabeth (Petrick) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Mar. 6, 1795; m., Nov. 2, 1820, Mary Bennett, of Brown, West Va.; had one son, whose mother was Lavina, d. of Benjamin D. Rusk, whom he adopted. He and his wife settled on Laurel Run, Eagle district, near Dola. He was a soldier in the Union army, having enlisted in the beginning of the War for three years. At the end of his first enlistment he re-enlisted, Jan. 25, 1864, in Company G, 6th Va. Cavalry.

Benjamin D. Rusk was a native of Illinois. He lived near to and was a playmate of Abraham Lincoln, when they were boys. The two enlisted together in the Black Hawk War, after which Benjamin moved to Pt. Comfort, near Clarksburg, where he built what is now known to the oldest living settlers in that section, the Point Mill on the West Fork River. His daughter, Lavina, referred to above, married Addison Rittenhouse, both of whom live at advanced ages, near Brown.

The children of George L. Swiger were:

- 31 Solomon R. Swiger, b. 8-16-1846; m. Jane Martin.

## 5. JOHN SWIGER, JR. (3)—. JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

John, Jr., son of John and Elizabeth (Tetrick) Swiger, was born Feb. 23, 1810, in Clay district, Harrison county, Va.; m., June 1, 1832, Hannah Whiteman, a sister of his brother's (Henry) wife (See Henry), and a sister of Elijah Watkins' wife, of Brown. He was a farmer, having lived on Coon's Run, near to or in the same section in which his father lived. Both he and wife are dead, he having died of the effect of cancer on the face.

## Children:

- 32 Edmond Swiger, b. 5-23-1840; m. Romanza Criss.
- 33 Abel Swiger, b. 7-10-1834; m. Mary Smith.
- 34 H. Goss Swiger; m. Elizabeth Franklin.
- 35 Ruth E. Swiger; m. John A. Fanchir.
- 36 Nancy Swiger; ob. infans., of diphtheria.
- 37 Wilson C. Swiger; ob. infans., of diphtheria.
- 38 Lavina Swiger; ob. infans., of diphtheria.
- 39 Henry C. Swiger; ob. infans., of diphtheria.

## 6. JACOB SWIGER (3)—. JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jacob, son of John and Elizabeth (Tetrick) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., July 17, 1799; m., April 3, 1823, Nancy Watkins, a sister of Elijah, of Brown. His wife was born May 30, 1800. Jacob was a farmer, having settled on Coon's Run, near the homestead of his father, where he remained till his death, May 29, 1842.

## Children:

- 40 Susanna Swiger, b. 1-2-1824; m. John Boyce.
- 41 Rebecca Swiger; m. George W. Janes.
- 42 George W. Swiger; m. Emily Prumty.
- 43 Zachias Swiger, b. 4-28-1830; m. Clementine Boyce.
- 44 Thomas Swiger, b. 3-27-1838; m. Amanda J. Janes.
- 45 Emily Jane Swiger, b. 3-27-1836; m. Elias Stark.

- 46 Mary C. Swiger, b. 4-14-1833; m. John Gifford.
- 47 Jacob Swiger; ob. infans.

7. ELIZABETH SWIGER (3) , JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Elizabeth, d. of John and Elizabeth (Petrick) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Nov. 13, 1802; m., March 17, 1833, Josiah Hughes, of Boothsville. He was born on a Valley River farm Oct. 13, 1802. He and his wife first settled on a farm near Boothsville; removed from there to Roane county, where they spent their remaining years.

Children;

- 48 Thomas Swiger Hughes, b. 9-3-1826; unmarried.
- 49 John Hughes, b. 9-18-1828; m. Margaret P. Jamison.
- 50 Eliza Hughes, b. 2-7-1834; unmarried.
- 51 Amanda Hughes, b. 11-13-1836; m. William Swiger. (See William).
- 52 Eleanor Hughes, b. 4-8-1838; m. Dr. Edgar W. Barnes.
- 53 William P. Hughes, b. 6-12-1841; unmarried.
- 54 Sarah Ann Hughes, b. 2-6-1843; m. Francis M. Slaughter.
- 55 Lavina Hughes, b. 6-2-1845; m. Perry Cleek.

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THE HUGHES FAMILY

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The Hugheses are of Welsh origin. Early representatives of the family in Wales emigrated to Scotland, and at some time in the later history of the Colonial period, the father of Thomas Hughes brought his family to America and settled at Rahway, New Jersey, in what is now Union county. Thomas is the only member of the family of whom we have any history. Tradition

has it that he had but one child, a son, born July 24, 1768. The parents named him Thomas, a name common among the Hugheses of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, as well as among those of America. Here in his home on the bank of the Rahway River, young Thomas grew to manhood, and here he met, courted and married a beautiful maid, whose name was Anna Moore.

About the year 1785, the family sold their possessions in New Jersey, and joined the great migratory movement into the Tygart Valley region in Western Virginia. They settled on the Valley River, in a section then included in Monongalia county, but now a part of Marion county.

Here seven children were born to Thomas and his wife Anna. They were William, Josiah, John, Thomas, James, Nellie and Mary.

In the year 1819, the father purchased a farm on the Monongahela River, about two and one-half miles from Middletown (now Fairmont). We have no information as to where his father died, but we know that Thomas Hughes himself died on his farm near Fairmont, February 14, 1848, at about 80 years of age.

#### JOSIAH AND ELIZABETH (SWIGER) HUGHES.

Josiah Hughes, the second child born to Thomas and Anna (Moore) Hughes, was born on the Valley River farm, October 13, 1802. He was seventeen years of age when his father secured his deed for the farm near Fairmont. At the age of twenty-three, he married Elizabeth Swiger, a young woman just one month younger than he. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Tetrick) Swiger, who were married in Harrison county, in 1794. The young couple settled in Marion county. They spent about twenty-five years together on a farm near Boothsville. In 1853, they sold their farm and settled on Flat Fork, a tributary of Pocataligo River, in what is now Roane county. The farm lies in Harper district, and about twelve miles from Spencer. Here they spent their declining years, surrounded



by their children, most of whom settled near the old homestead. The mother was the first of the parents to die. She died June 5, 1866. He died October 1, 1889. They sleep side by side in the cemetery on the old homestead.

They had eight children, all born in Marion county. They were Thomas Swiger, John, Eliza, Amanda, Eleanor, William, Sarah Ann, and Lavina.

Thoms Swiger Hughes was born September 3, 1826. He grew up to manhood on his father's farm near Boothsville. When but a young man of about twenty years, he went to Indiana to visit his uncle Thomas Hughes and to engage in teaching school. He died of malaria, a disease very common and fatal among the early inhabitants of certain parts of that State. He died suddenly, March 20, 1846, after having spent the day in the duties of the school room. He was never married.

John Hughes was born September 18, 1828. He was reared on the old homestead in Marion county. He married Margaret P. Jamison, at Boothsville, April 21, 1853. She was a daughter of William T. and Mary (Anderson) Jamison, whose home was in Butler county, Pennsylvania. Margaret Jamison was making her home with her brother Robert, who then lived near Boothsville. Soon after their marriage they left Marion county and became pioneer settlers in New California, where the county seat of Roane county now stands. Only a few log cabins composed the settlement at that time. Later they removed to an improvement on a part of the Josiah Hughes survey, on what is now the John Swisher homestead, near Countsville postoffice. They resided on the farm for about ten years, when they removed to the Josiah Hughes homestead. Here they spent the rest of their lives in toiling for the good of their ten children. On the death of the mother, the Roane County Bulletin said: "There are hardly two parents, who have reared ten children more worthy as model citizens in all respects than those reared by John Hughes and his noble wife. They were good people, good citizens, such as make a county strong, safe and great, and their posterity bear living witness of the fact."

The father died November 3, 1900. The mother died October 4, 1910, aged 78 years. Their children were Mary, Robert, Thomas, Henry, Eliza, Josiah, Leonidas, Sophronia, Luvernia, Cordelia, Viola and Monroe. All are now (1916) living except Mary and Viola, they having died in childhood.

Eliza, the oldest daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Swiger) Hughes, was born February 7, 1834. She died November 19, 1857. She was never married.

Amanda, the second daughter, was born November 13, 1836. She was married to William Swiger, son of Wilson Swiger, September 9, 1850, at Boothsville. They had three children—Thomas, Amaziah and Wilson. The father was killed by lightning. The mother afterward married to James W. Kile, a son of John and Polly Kile, of Harrison county. For a time they resided in Harrison county. In 1874, the family settled on a farm near the Hughes homestead in Roane county, where they resided until the death of the father and mother. She died July 15, 1893. He died August 17, 1899. Their children were Mary, Sarah, Okey, Elizabeth, Ellen, Salena, Mattie and Ezra.

Eleanor, the third daughter, was born April 8, 1838. She was married to Dr. Edgar W. Barnes, son of John and Frances (Vincent) Barnes, of Harrison county, May 28, 1857. They settled on a farm near the Hughes homestead. For many years Dr. Barnes held a wide practice, and was one of the most popular of the pioneer physicians of Roane county. He died near the home of his boyhood days, while visiting some of his relatives, in the year 1899. She was the last surviving member of her father's family. She died March 29, 1916, after a long life of beauty and usefulness. They had two children—Leila D. and Otto.

William P. was the third son. He was born June 12, 1841. He was but a young man when the Civil War began. He enlisted with the Confederate army, and became a member of Company B, 22d Infantry. He was killed in the battle of Lewisburg, May 23, 1862. He was never married.

Sarah Ann, the seventh of the children, was born February 6, 1843. She married Francis M. Slaughter, son of Silas and Martha (Casto) Slaughter, August 30, 1860. Soon after their marriage they settled near the Slaughter homestead in Jackson county. Through industry and economy they prospered during all their married life. They had nine children—William, Jennettie, Albert, John, Edgar, Cora, Arthur, Stella and Homer. The mother died March 18, 1892. The father died September 2, 1893. They were buried in a cemetery near the old homestead.

Lavina, the youngest of the children, was born June 2, 1845. She was married to Perry Cleek, a son of Robert and Ann (Harvey) Cleek, of Jackson county, March 10, 1864. They settled on a farm in Jackson county. The husband died in about five years after their marriage. She afterward married Silas B. Counts. They lived in Roane county until the time of her death, June 8, 1888. She lies near her father and mother in the Hughes cemetery.

#### THE GRANDCHILDREN OF JOSIAH AND ELIZABETH (SWIGER) HUGHES.

##### THE CHILDREN OF JOHN HUGHES.

Mary Elizabeth was born in New California (now Spencer), March 9, 1854. She was named for the two grandmothers. She died August 24, 1854.

Thomas William and Robert Alys are twin brothers. They were born June 9, 1855.

Thomas Hughes was reared on the Hughes farm. He spent some of the earlier years of manhood in teaching in the public schools of Roane county. He was married to Alice Sophronia Kelley, March 25, 1880. She was the daughter of William D. and Margaret M. (Carter) Kelley, of Roane county. In their home on the banks of Flat Fork, surrounded by all the luxuries necessary to make life happy, they reared their seven children,

whose lives still bless and comfort the parents in their declining years. Their postoffice is Flat Fork, West Va.

Robert Hughes lived with his parents until December 24, 1879, when he was married to Angie F. Bridges, daughter of Richard and Lucinda (Hammack) Bridges, of Roane county. By industry and economy they have made for themselves a home of beauty and comfort in which to spend the remainder of their years. They have no children. They live near Gandeeville, W. Va.

Henry Benton Hughes was born July 31, 1857. When a young man he taught in the schools of Roane county for a few years. He married Roxalana Vandal, daughter of Andrew L. and Rebecca (Shepherd) Vandal, March 8, 1881. Soon after his marriage he became deputy sheriff, and later he was elected sheriff of Roane county. They owned and managed a large farm near Spencer. By their industry and management he and his wife accumulated considerable property. On the death of their only child, Romeo, they sold most of their possessions and moved to Asheville, N. C., that they might enjoy the health-giving climate of that section.

Eliza Jane Hughes, the oldest daughter now (1916) living, was born December 19, 1858. She was married to Wright B. Burgess, son of George W. and Mary C. (Rapp) Burgess, March 30, 1876. They have resided on a farm near Spencer since their marriage and are surrounded by everything needful to a comfortable life. They have one daughter living. The only child beside was a daughter, Andra, who died about two years ago. Their postoffice is Spencer, W. Va.

Josiah Hughes, Jr., was named for his paternal grandfather, who was named for his uncle Josiah Moore, of Rahway, New Jersey. He was born October 6, 1860. He was educated in the schools of West Virginia and Ohio. He has spent nearly forty years in work along educational lines, about ten years of the time having been spent as principal of schools within the present limits of Charleston. He was married to Mary E. Hamilton, daughter of Daniel and Jane (McDonald) Hamilton, of Virginia, August 8, 1893. They now reside with their only

daughter, Mamie Ruth, in the Tenth Ward of the city of Charleston.

Leonidas Smith Hughes was born March 26, 1862. He married Maude Taylor, daughter of Samuel and Mary E. (Hindman) Taylor, November 15, 1885. They have three children. Their home is in Parkersburg, W. Va.

Sophronia Eleanor Hughes was born May 18, 1864. She married Samuel R. Fields, son of Thomas and Matilda (Kiser) Fields, of Roane county, about twenty-seven years ago. They have eight children. Their home is at Vicars, W. Va., where they own and manage a large farm.

Lavernia Ann Hughes was born January 14, 1867. She was married to Henry C. Taylor, a son of Samuel and Mary E. (Hindman) Taylor, April 20, 1890. They have three children. They own a large farm on the Pocataligo River, near Looneyville, in Roane county.

Cordelia Margaret Hughes was born May 18, 1869. She was married September 9, 1891, to Bailey Ferrell, son of Parrot and Caroline (Caldwell) Ferrell, of Roane county. They live near Alamosa, Col. They have three children.

Viola Virginia Hughes was born September 25, 1871. She died September 15, 1873.

Monroe Jamison Hughes was born April 25, 1876. He was educated in the schools of the State, and taught school for several years. He married Fannie G. Bates, daughter of John K. and Phvanna (McClung) Bates, April 1, 1899. They have five children. Their home is near Flat Fork postoffice, in Roane county.

#### AMANDA HUGHES' CHILDREN.

Amaziah Swiger (See Amaziah), a son of her first marriage, was reared in Harrison county. He married Mary Harbert, daughter of Lemuel and Sophia (Ash) Harbert, of Harrison county. In a few years after marriage, he visited Florida, and died of a fever soon after his return to Harrison county.

Wilson J. Swiger (See Wilson J.) grew to manhood in Harrison county. He was twice married. His first wife was Julia Martin, daughter of Allen Martin. His second wife was Emeline Hurst. He died in Clarksburg.

Thomas D. Swiger (See Thomas D.), another child of her first marriage, died at the age of nine years.

The following is gleaned from the records of the second marriage:

Mary Kile died September 10, 1865; Sarah, July 4, 1870; Mattie, March 13, 1874; Ezra, December 4, 1895; Ellen, June 24, 1901; Okey C., June 6, 1906; Salena, March 7, 1911.

Elizabeth Ann Kile, the only survivor of the family of James and Amanda Kile, was born September 10, 1862. She married, February 21, 1889, to Henry Whited, son of Francis C. and Jane (Lyon) Whited, of Roane county. Their postoffice is Geneva, W. Va.

#### THE CHILDREN OF ELEANOR (HUGHES) BARNES.

Lelia D. Barnes was born Jan. 1, 1862. She was reared amid the busy scenes of the homestead. She was the idol of her parents and the comfort of her mother during her declining years. She was married, June 14, 1883, to Marcellus Starcher, a son of Stephen and Charity (Hinzman) Starcher, of Roane county. They live on a beautiful farm, the old homestead, at Countsville. They have three children.

Otto Barnes, the only other child, was born March 26, 1880, and died May 21, 1883.

#### THE CHILDREN OF SARAH ANN (HUGHES) SLAUGHTER.

William M. Slaughter, born August 22, 1861, is the oldest of the children. He was educated in the schools of West Virginia. He completed a course of study for the ministry in the

United Brethren Church, and was ordained in 1893. He has served as Presiding Elder and as pastor of several city churches, including churches in Charleston and Clarksburg. He was married to Adele B. Fisher, Jan. 26, 1886. They live in Clarksburg, W. Va.

Jennette Slaughter, born February 4, 1866, married John P. Kiser, December 25, 1884. She died in Jackson county, in 1908.

Albert Slaughter, born September 10, 1868, was married to Rebecca Monday, May 15, 1892. He died March 2, 1909.

John P. Slaughter, born June 21, 1871, was married to Emma Payne, April 20, 1892. He died March 18, 1900.

Edgar W. Slaughter, born April 11, 1874, and died June 3, 1899. He was never married.

Cora B. Slaughter, born August 10, 1876, was married to Oscar A. Duff, of Jackson county, June 3, 1900. He died May 30, 1903. She married Henry B. Stanley, May 29, 1909.

Arthur E. Slaughter, born July 15, 1881, was married in 1904, to Leota Smith. Their home is in Raleigh county.

Stella V. Slaughter, born May 8, 1883, died in 1900.

Homer A Slaughter, born March 19, 1887, was married to Edna Hackney, in 1908. She died in 1914.

#### 8. LAVINA SWIGER (3) - JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lavina, d. of John and Elizabeth (Tetrick) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., July 2, 1801; m., June 26, 1831, David Miller, a farmer of Booth's Creek. They settled near the mouth of Big Rock Camp, where George Smith now lives, remaining there till their death, Lavina having died July 26, 1875.

Children:

56 (1) Jesse Miller; m. Pritchard, of Marion county, West Va.

57 (2) Joseph Miller; m. Pritchard, of Marion county, West Va.

58 (3) Elizabeth Miller.

59 (4) Thomas Miller.

60 (5) Rebecca Miller; m. — Rosier, of Bristol, West Va.

9. SARAH SWIGER (3) — JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Sarah, d. of John and Elizabeth (Tetrick) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Nov. 25, 1808; m., Aug. 25, 1833, Wilson Swiger, a supposed son of Samuel McCamie and Mary Swiger. (See Mary). She and husband settled on a farm located near the old homestead of Andy Bates. She died Feb. 9, 1883. One child:

61 (1) William G. Swiger, b. 8-4-1838; m. Amanda Hughes.

(See William G. in the family of Mary).

12. PETER R. SWIGER (4) — THOMAS (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Peter R., son of Thomas and Nancy (Righter) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Sept. 14, 1826; m., Sept. 8, 1845, Annie Allen (See Annie), a daughter of John Allen. They first settled on a farm near the mouth of Caldwell Run, Sardis district, living there for several years, after which he and family removed to Missouri, 1860. To them were born about ten children, one of whom is a Baptist preacher located in some of the western states. After their departure from West Virginia, we have no further history of them.





MR. AND MRS. JOHN S. SWIGER.

13. JOHN S. SWIGER (4)—, THOMAS (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

John S., son of Thomas and Nancy (Richter) Swiger, was born, March 7, 1829, in Clay district, Harrison county, Va.; m., Aug. 19, 1847, Nancy, the youngest daughter of Abel White-man. He first settled near Boothsville, in Marion county; removed from there to Flag Run, in Sardis district, Harrison

county; thence to a farm near Wallace, where he and wife spent the remainder of their lives. He was a noted singer. He died of diseases incident to old age. His wife died of paralysis.

Children:

- 62 Jasper Swiger, b. 10-20-1848; m. Catherine Lang. (See Catherine).
- 63 Catherine Swiger, b. 5-18-1852; m. William E. Hall.
- 64 Thomas Swiger, b. 3-4-1863; m. (1) Emma Cochran; (2) Georgia Ash.
- 65 Mary Swiger, b. 8-25-1856; m. Frederick Dye.
- 66 Hannah Swiger, b. 4-11-1860; m. Rev. Bainbrage.
- 67 Sarah Swiger, b. 9-23-1865; m. Dave Flanigan.

14. ANNA M. SWIGER (4)- -, THOMAS (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Anna M., daughter of Thomas and Mary (Richter) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Oct. 15, 1833; m., April 24, 1851, Temple, son of George and Emily (Harbert) Smith, farmers of near Brown. He first settled on a farm on Little Tennile Creek, below Wallace, in Sardis district, where he reared a large family. He was kicked by a horse, from the effects of which he died in 1909. His widow, Ann, still lives at the old Smith home, enjoying good health. Six of the eleven children are yet living.

(Since the above was written, Mrs. Smith has passed to the great beyond, having died Dec. 8, 1915, of pneumonia).

Children:

- 68 (1) Blackburn Smith, b. 10-29-1855; m., 2-22-1878, Lusetta, a d. of Quincy Gifford, a farmer of near Wallace. Children:
  - (1) Homer A. Smith, b. 4-27-1879; m., 5-2-1900, Ella, d. of John Hildreth, a farmer of Jones Run.
  - (2) Hattie Smith, b. 2-28-1881; m., 10-16-1902, Clyde, a son of John M. Hall, a farmer of Little Elk.

- (3) Artis E. Smith, b. 1-15-1883; m., 9-5-1907, Nancy, d. of Albert Pigott, a farmer of Little Elk.
  - (4) Carlis O. Smith, b. 10-24-1885; m., 10-29-1907, Laura, a d. of Calbert Martin, a farmer of near Mannington, West Va.
  - (5) Mattie Smith, b. 9-4-1887; m., 3-31-1909, Ray, son of Albert Pigott, a farmer of Little Elk.
  - (6) James O. Smith, b. 12-5-1889, m., 7-19-1908, Ollie, d. of Joseph Baker, a farmer of near Wyatt.
  - (7) Cleatus R. Smith, b. 3-4-1895; unmarried; at home.
  - (8) Leona B. Smith, b. 2-6-1899; m., 10-23-1915, Garland, a son of "B" Allen (See "B"), a farmer, formerly of Centerpoint, West Va.
  - (9) Audie B. Smith, b. 2-16-1903; unmarried; at home.
- 69 (2) George T. Smith, b. 8-27-1863; m., 8-2-1885, Elizabeth, a d. of John Price, a farmer of Bingamon, Marion county, West Va. Children:
- (1) Everett G. Smith, b. 7-4-1886; d. at 10 years.
  - (2) Bercha G. Smith, b. 7-20-1891; m., 9-12-1908, Orpha, a d. of Reno D. Newlon (See Reno), of Rock Camp.
- 70 (3) Charles Smith, b. 7-22-1873; m., 10-0-1895, Myrtle, a d. of Amos Maxwell, a farmer of Grass Run. Children:
- (1) Brooks Smith, b. 11-4-1896; ob. infans.
  - (2) Mantha Smith, b. 7-17-1899; unmarried; at home.
  - (3) Ernest Smith, b. 10-20-1904; unmarried; at home.
  - (4) Anna Belle Smith, b. 5-16-1908; unmarried; at home.
- 71 (4) Jane Smith, b. 12-8-1869; m., 4-18-1889, Grant, son of Eli Lyon, a farmer of Jones Run. Children:
- (1) Fairy Dawn Lyon, b. 6-24-1891; m., 3-26-1911, Chester, son of Michael Morris, a farmer of near Sardis.

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- 72 (5) Sarah Smith, b. 4-28-1857; m., 4-10-1873, John, a son of Jacob Whiteman, of Adamsville, W. Va. Children:
- (1) George Whiteman, b. 1-23-1874; m., 9-29-1895, Cora, a d. of Frederick Robinson, a farmer of Little Elk.
  - (2) Ira Whiteman, b. 11-26-1877; m., 11-22-1903, Eva Lee, a d. of Daniel D. Wolf, a farmer of Adamston, W. Va.
  - (3) Minnie Whiteman, b. 12-6-1878; m., 3-17-1901, Hugh W., a son of Richard P. Kinsey, a farmer of Enterprise, W. Va.
  - (4) Jacob B. Whiteman, b. 3-31-1881; m., 2-12-1902, Mary E., a d. of James F. Murray, a farmer of Boothsville.
  - (5) Odessa M. Whiteman, b. 7-1-1883; m., 7-3-1904, John B., son of Josephus Jones, a farmer of Morgantown.
  - (6) Edna Whiteman; m., 5-30-1907, George Miller, b. 7-26-1888.
  - (7) Grover Whiteman, b. 11-2-1888; m., 1-5-1911, Lizzie J., a d. of Lindsey L. Shriver, a farmer of Hammond, W. Va.
  - (8) Guy Whiteman, b. 2-13-1891; m., 5-29-1913, Lennie G., a d. of Lindsey L. Shriver.
  - (9) Lawrence Whiteman, b. 7-26-1893; unmarried.
  - (10) Leah Ann Whiteman, b. 10-10-1895; unmarried.
- 73 (6) Emeline Smith, b. 7-3-1853; m., Jan. 16, 1873, George Dye, a son of "Watt Dieson," who was a famous character in the "Daughter of the Elm." Children:
- (1) Rosella Dye, b. 10-1-1874; d. at 21 years.
  - (2) John M. Dye, b. 5-10-1875; ob. infans.
  - (3) Mary Dye, b. 1876; ob. infans.
  - (4) Templeton Dye, b. 8-25-1877; m., 4-15-1903, Bertha Swiger (See Bertha), a d. of Francis Swiger, a farmer, who died in Missouri.

- (5) William E. Dye, b. 11-29-1880; m., 4-10-1905, Leota, d. of W. L. Dawson, a farmer of near Wallace.
  - (6) Claude Dye, b. 12-15-1882; m., 9-16-1904, Allie, d. of William Booher, a farmer of Doddridge county.
  - (7) Ann M. Dye, b. 7-16-1884; ob. infans.
  - (8) Adaline Dye, b. 1-22-1889; ob. infans.
  - (9) Sarah J. Dye, b. 3-9-1891; m., 4-7-1915, Orval, son of Eli Young, a farmer of Doddridge county.
  - (10) Lewis C. Dye, b. 9-12-1892; m., 4-6-1913, Lessie, a d. of John Stout, a farmer of near Wallace.
  - (11) Thomas J. Dye, b. 5-10-1895; unmarried; at home.
- 74 (7) John Smith, b. 5-7-1867; m., 12-24-1891, Eunice, d. of James Morris, a farmer of Grass Run Children:
- (1) Forest Smith, b. 9-12-1893; m., 3-12-1915, Dona, a d. of Uriah Dye, a teamster of Wallace.
  - (2) Arlis Smith, b. 7-7-1894; unmarried.
  - (3) Tressie Smith, b. 10-14-1895; unmarried.
  - (4) Ray Smith, b. 10-14-1898; ob. infans.
  - (5) Dewey Smith, b. 3-15-1899; unmarried.
  - (6) Mollie Smith, b. 2-22-1901; unmarried.
  - (7) Roy Smith, b. 10-15-1903; unmarried.
  - (9) Guy Smith, b. 2-11-1908; unmarried.
- 75 (8) Temple Smith, b. 5-1-1877; m., 1-30-1900, Hattie, a d. of Isaac L. Marsh, a farmer of Brown, W. Va. Children:
- (1) Ellis G. Smith, b. 8-11-1901; unmarried.
  - (2) Pearl Smith, b. 10-31-1903; unmarried.
  - (3) Leoma Smith, b. 7-21-1906; unmarried.
  - (4) Ruth Smith, b. 12-11-1908; unmarried.
  - (5) Pauline Smith, b. 4-3-1912; unmarried.
  - (6) Edith Smith, b. 1-5-1905; unmarried.

15. CATHERINE SWIGER (4) —, THOMAS (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Catherine, d. of Thomas and Mary (Richter) Swiger, was born Nov. 12, 1824; m., Nov. 9, 1843, Jedediah Gifford. He was a farmer, having first settled on a farm near Brown, Harrison county. He went to church one night, leaving his wife at home. In his absence, his wife had a stroke of paralysis and fell into the fire, from the effects of which she soon died. Her husband is dead also. No children.

16. ELIZABETH SWIGER (4) —, THOMAS (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Elizabeth, d. of Thomas and Mary (Richter) Swiger, was born Sept. 10, 1821; m., April 24, 1845, Silas Sapp, a blacksmith by trade. They settled near the mouth of "Trouser's Leg" Run on Little Tennessee Creek. She was a very large woman, weighing more than three hundred pounds. To her union were born four children. She and husband moved to Missouri, 1860, when their children were small; being accompanied by his brother-in-law, Peter R. Swiger.

17. MARY A. SWIGER (4) —, THOMAS (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Mary A., d. of Thomas and Mary (Richter) Swiger, was born Jan. 23, 1823; m., Nov. 9, 1843, Edmond Whiteman, of Big Rock Camp, W. Va. He was a farmer, having owned a farm on Rock Camp, where they died. To her union were born ten children, all of whom are living, except Thomas.

Children:

- 76 (1) Abel Whiteman; m. Jane, d. of "Arm" Noy, of Rock Camp.  
77 (2) Thomas Whiteman, b. 12-27-1842; m. Silvina, d. of Jesse Marsh,

- 78 (3) Temp Whiteman, b. 11-15-1851; m. Catherine, d. of George Dye.  
79 (4) Jake Whiteman, b. 2-24-1849; m. Lora A., d. of Samuel Smith.  
80 (5) William Whiteman, b. 1-17-1854; m. Eliza, d. of John McIntire.  
81 (6) John Whiteman, b. 1-25-1847; m. Virginia, d. of George Dye.  
82 (7) Mary E. Whiteman, b. 6-8-1856; m. Sylvester Carson.  
83 (8) Annie Whiteman; m. Dexter Gifford.  
84 (9) Jane Whiteman; m. Calvin Lynch.  
85 (10) Catherine Whiteman, b. 5-18-1852; m. Richard Hall.



CALVERT SWIGER.

19. CALVERT SWIGER (4)—. ABEL (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Calvert, son of Abel and Elizabeth (Haney) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Sept. 28, 1829. He was a farmer and lived for several years at Sardis, in Sardis

district, but later removed to Clarksburg, where he now lives with his daughter, Maggie Cunningham. The photograph shown above is a very good likeness of him, taken at the age of 86 years. To his union were born ten children, all of whom are dead but two, his daughter with whom he lives and Ida Gains.

Children:

- 86 (1) Ida Swiger; m. Robert, son of Elijah and Victoria (Britton) Gains, of Sardis, West Va. He is a glass worker, having lived at Fairmont for several years, where he was engaged in his profession until he recently removed from Fairmont to Weston, Lewis county, where he and wife now reside. They have no children.
- 87 (2) Willie P. Swiger; m., 4-25-1872, Matilda, d. of Thomas and Rhoda Drummond, of Sardis, West Va. He lived at Boothsville, Marion county, where he was engaged in the pursuit of farming till his death at middle age, of typhoid fever. His wife married her second husband, Jack Johnson, and now lives near Watson, Marion county. Children:
- 88 (1) Walter Swiger; m. Alice Jones, 11-24-1898, of Allenport, Pa. He now lives at Indiana Harbor, Ind. One child:
- 89 (1) Mildred V. Swiger, b. 2-17-1901.
- 90 (2) Stella Swiger; m. William Merryfield and has five children.
- 91 (3) Carson Swiger; deceased.
- 92 (3) Abel Swiger; ob. infans.
- 93 (4) Sarah Swiger; ob. infans.
- 94 (5) Elizabeth Swiger; ob. infans.
- 95 (6) Sylvester Swiger; d. at 18 years.
- 96 (7) Maggie Swiger, b. 2-18-1862; m. (1) George W. Seese; (2) Gilbert Cunningham.
- 97 (8) Cora Swiger, b. 1864; m. Homer Kelley.
- 98 (9) Charles Swiger; ob. infans.
- 99 (10) May Swiger, b. 1866; m. Thomas Seese.



21. J. TISTLE SWIGER (4)—, ABEL (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

J. Tistle Swiger, son of Abel and Elizabeth (Haney) Swiger, was born Feb. 10, 1842; m., March 5, 1868, Elizabeth Wilcox, d. of Felix and Jane Wilcox, of Barrackville, Marion county, West Va. He was a farmer and lived on Flag Run, near Sardis, till his death. His widow still lives at the old home. To his union were born:

100 Effie J. Swiger, b. 3-13-1869; m. Lee Strother.

101 Irena B. Swiger, b. 5-27-1876; d. in young womanhood.

23. BLACKBURN SWIGER (4)—, ABEL (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Blackburn, son of Abel and Elizabeth (Haney) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Aug. 24, 1850; m., May 28, 1874, Emeline Drummond, of Rock Camp, Harrison county. He is a farmer and he and wife are both living on a farm on Flag Run, Sardis district. To them were born:

102 (1) Dr. Basil E. Swiger, who is living with his second wife, now located at Dola.

103 (2) Flora Swiger; married a soldier in the U. S. Army, and was with him in Australia for several years. She is now (1916) visiting her father on Flag Run.

24. ALPHEUS A. SWIGER (4)—, ABEL (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Alpheus A., son of Abel and Elizabeth (Haney) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va.; m., Sept. 11, 1873, Jennie Ash, born April 6, 1853. She was a daughter of Genus Ash, a farmer of Gregory's Run. Alpheus is a retired

farmer, having first lived on a farm near Sardis, but since, he and his wife removed to Sardis, where they now are living. To them was born one son, who died of consumption.

Children:

- 104 (1) Arthur Swiger, b. 5-19-1876; d. 12-26-1900; was unmarried.



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26. LAVINA SWIGER (4) - ABEL (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Lavina, daughter of Abel and Elizabeth (Haney) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Va., Dec. 2, 1835; m. for her first husband C. T. B. Gifford. For her second husband she married Hamilton Allen (See Hamilton), she being his second wife. He was a farmer, and lived on a farm on the head waters of Flag Run, Sardis district, where he died. After her husband's death she removed to a place nearer Sardis, where she died of cancer, having first had it removed from her face. She had no children by her first husband.

(For children see Hamilton Allen).

28. JOHN B. SWIGER (4) - HENRY (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

John B., son of Henry and Rachel (Whiteman) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Jan. 3, 1846; m., May 25, 1869, Mary A. Rhodes, a d. of Daniel Rhodes, of Hillsborough, Ohio. He was a farmer, owning and living on a farm in Clay district till late in life, when he removed to Shinnston, where he died, Jan. 27, 1907. His wife was born Nov. 14, 1846, and died April 2, 1914, just seven years after the death of her husband. To his union were born three children, two boys and one girl, two of whom are yet living.

Children:

- 105 S. Morton Swiger, b. 2-13-1870; ob. infans.
- 106 Muta F. Swiger, b. 8-1-1871; unmarried; at Shinnston.
- 107 Minnie E. Swiger, b. 8-28-1872; m. Charles L. Harmer.

29. WILLIAM E. SWIGER (4) - HENRY (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

William E., son of Henry and Rachel (Whiteman) Swiger,

was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Aug. 10, 1850; m., March 24, 1885, Jennie A. Smith, a d. of Gilbert Smith, of Rome, New York. He and family live in Shinnston, where he sells monuments and ornamental fencing. To his union has been born one daughter, whose likeness appears below.

Daughter:



BONNIE SWIGER.

108 Bonnie Swiger, b. 5-12-1886; unmarried; graduated from the Fairmont State Normal School, of Fairmont; taught most successfully for several years in the Shinnston public schools, and is now teaching (1916) at Richwood, West Va.

30. SARAH A. SWIGER (4)—. HENRY (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Sarah A., only daughter of Henry and Rachel (Whiteman) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Oct.

22, 1847; m., Dec. 13, 1868, James E., son of Abraham Coon, of Shinnston. He was a farmer and stockman, having first lived on a farm near Shinnston, but later removed to the town of Shinnston, till both he and wife died. No issue.

31. SOLOMON R. SWIGER (4) . GEORGE (3) . JOHN (2) .  
WILLIAM (1) .

Solomon R., son of George and Lavina Rusk, a d. of Benjamin Rusk, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, Va., Aug. 16, 1846; m., Dec. 24, 1868, Melvina Jane Martin, a d. of Leonard Martin, of Little Tenmile Creek. She was born March 28, 1852, and still lives at the old home place, near Dola. His mother, Lavina Rusk, was born Dec. 28, 1826, and still lives well and strong, doing her own cooking and washing.

Solomon R., the subject, was a farmer and lived on a farm in Eagle district, near Dola, till his death of dropsy. To his union were born eleven children, all of whom are living, except John and George L.

They were:

- 109 Lafayette Swiger, b. 2-17-1870; m. (1) Fannie Rogers; (2) Virginia Lang, a d. of Sebastian Lang. (See Sebastian).
- 110 Wilber E. Swiger, b. 12-20-1872; m. Anna Bumgardner.
- 111 John R. Swiger, b. 2-3-1874; m. Lottie Jenkins.
- 112 George L. Swiger, b. 4-18-1876; ob. infans.
- 113 Vanchi M. Swiger, b. 1-18-1878; m. Ferd M. Rogers.
- 114 Susan N. Swiger, b. 7-30-1880; m. Willie F. Payne.
- 115 David Swiger, b. 12-27-1882; m. Mary Webb.
- 116 Omar T. Swiger, b. 1-18-1884; m. Leora Allen.
- 117 Julia A. Swiger, b. 8-18-1888; m. Thomas Williams.
- 118 Ida A. Swiger, b. 12-18-1890; m. Russell Bates.
- 119 Robert Swiger, b. 1-27-1893; m. Fannie D. Whiteman.

32. EDMOND SWIGER (4)—, JOHN, JR. (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1)

Edmond, son of John Jr. and Hannah (Whiteman) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., on the farm on which his grandfather, John Swiger, first located when he removed from Pennsylvania back to Virginia, and the farm on which was drilled, a few years ago, the largest oil well ever drilled in West Virginia. He married, Nov. 6, 1843, Romanza Criss, who was born in Harrison county, Va. She was a daughter of Reason W. Criss, who formerly lived in Parkersburg, West Va. Edmond settled on the old homestead, near Booths-ville. Later in life he retired from active farming and he and family moved to Fairmont, where he died. To his union was born one son. His wife died Aug. 4, 1894, at Fairmont.

Children:

120 Charles O. Swiger, b. 10-10-1866; m. Verna E. Bolton.

33. ABEL SWIGER (4)—, JOHN, JR. (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Abel, son of John, Jr. and Hannah (Whiteman) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., July 10, 1834; m., Oct. 5, 1850, Polly (Mary), d. of George S. and Emily (Harbert) Smith, who was a sister to Temple Smith (See Temple), of Brown. He was a farmer, owning a farm of a hundred and twenty acres in Clay district; was a member of the Board of education of the same district. He resided in Clay district all his life, and died April 2, 1908; his wife, Sept. 12, 1905.

Their children were:

121 George E. Swiger, b. 3-19-1858; m. Mary Dean.

122 Hannah Swiger, b. 11-2-1860; m. Ben T. Tucker.

123 Jane Swiger, b. 12-31-1862; m. Homer Patton.

124 Henry E. Swiger, b. 11-25-1865; m. Mollie Winters.

125 Waitman T. Swiger, b. 9-26-1869; m. Cora Frum.

34. HAMILTON G. SWIGER (4) , JOHN, JR. (3),  
JOHN (2) , WILLIAM (1).

Hamilton G., son of John, Jr. and Hannah (Whiteman) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va.; m., Sept. 11, 1860, Elizabeth Franklin, of Hornor's Run, Clay district. He was a farmer, and lived on a farm in Clay district till about the year 1886, when he and family emigrated to Burke county, Nebraska, where he located on a farm and where he lives at an advanced age. His wife is deceased.

Children:

- 126 (1) Norman E. Swiger, b. 2-2-1863; m. Mary E. Reigen.
- 127 (2) Mary E. Swiger; m. in Nebraska and had children; living.
- 128 (3) John Swiger, was accidentally shot at age of 12 years, at Adamsville.
- 129 (4) Hannah Swiger; ob. infans.

35. RUTH E. SWIGER (4) , JOHN, JR. (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Ruth, only daughter of John Swiger, Jr. and Hannah (Whiteman) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va.; m., Sept. 4, 1857, John A. Fanchier. He was a farmer, first settled on a farm on Sweep Run, near Boothsville, Marion county, where he and wife both died. To them was born one child:

- 130 (1) William E. Fanchier.

40. SUSANNA SWIGER (4) , JACOB (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Susanna, oldest daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Watkins) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Jan. 2, 1824; m. John, son of Isaac Bice, a farmer of near Enterprise,

where they both died. To their union were born five girls and two boys, all of whom are living, except George and Nancy. They were:

- 131 (1) Nancy Bice; m. — — — Gifford.
- 132 (2) Sarah Bice; m. — — — Linville.
- 133 (3) Jacob Bice; m. — — — Boek.
- 134 (4) Mary Bice; m. — — — Hildreth.
- 135 (5) Manerva Bice; m. — — — Lee.
- 136 (6) Martha Bice; m. — — — Hildreth.
- 137 (7) George Bice; ob. infans.

41. REBECCA SWIGER (4)—, JACOB (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Rebecca, second daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Watkins) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Va. She married George T. Jones, June 5, 1848. He was a teamster and ran the river, having guided many a raft of steam timber safely down the West Fork to larger streams. Both he and wife are deceased, she having died of smallpox.

Children:

- 138 (1) William Jones.
- 139 (2) Melissa Jones; m. — — — Coon.
- 140 (3) Charlotte Jones; d. in girlhood of smallpox.
- 141 (4) Thomas Jones.
- 142 (5) John Jones.
- 143 (6) Katherine Jones; m. — — — Southern.
- 144 (7) Mary Jones; m. — — — Watkins.

42. GEORGE W. SWIGER (4)—, JACOB (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

George W., oldest son of Jacob and Nancy (Watkins) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va.; m.,



March 7, 1849, Emily Prumty. He was a farmer in Clay district, where he and wife resided till their death.

Children:

- 145 John Swiger, b. 12-7-1849; fell into river while fishing, near Shinnston, and was drowned.
- 146 Jedediah Swiger, b. 11-7-1851; m. Olive G. Short.
- 148 Clarissa Swiger, b. 4-28-1857; m. Jacob Miller.
- 149 Dora Swiger, b. 8-20-1861; m. George Coon.
- 150 Robert Swiger, b. 2-12-1864; m. Rosa Conaway.
- 151 Luther Swiger, b. 7-13-1866; m. Sarah McIntire.
- 152 Hugh Swiger, b. 5-1-1871; m. Cora E. Dunham.

43. ZACHEAS SWIGER (4) , JACOB (3), JOHN (3),  
WILLIAM (1).

Zacheas, son of Jacob and Nancy (Watkins) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., April 28, 1830; m., Feb. 28, 1850, Clementina Bice, born 1830, a daughter of John Bice, a farmer of near Boothsville. He was a farmer and lived in Clay district till his death. His widow still lives, living now at Parker's Station, on the interurban line, near Fairmont.

To his union were born:

- 153 Mary Swiger; ob. infans.
- 154 Arthely Swiger, b. 9-1-1851; m. (1) Alva Griffith; (2) .
- 155 Sylvester Swiger, b. 9-16-1854; m. Maggie Knight.
- 156 William M. Swiger, b. 8-15-1857; m. Atha Stout.
- 157 John A. Swiger, b. 3-8-1862; m. Martha Slater.
- 158 Geo. Walter Swiger, b. 5-6-1865; m. Ella Davis.
- 159 Rebecca Swiger, b. 8-29-1859; m. Charles O. Parker.
- 160 Lucie Swiger, b. 1-15-1868; m. Jesse S. Gaston.
- 161 Marshall Swiger, b. 2-5-1856; ob. infans.

44. THOMAS L. SWIGER (4) , JACOB (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Thomas L., son of Jacob and Nancy (Watkins) Swiger, was

born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Sept. 24, 1838; m., Jan. 2, 1861, Amanda J., a d. of George W. and Sarah Janes, of Hornor's Run, near Boothsville. She was born Dec. 7, 1840. He and wife first settled on a farm on Laurel Run, near Enterprise, where they lived for several years. Later in life they removed to Shinnston, where they both are living retired lives.

Since the above was written, the following account of his death appeared in the Clarksburg Telegram, Monday's issue, 1915:

"Thomas L. Swiger, aged 77 years, died Sunday evening in a sudden manner at his home at Shinnston, from the effects of a hemorrhage of the throat. While eating dinner, Mr. Swiger had a sudden attack and passed away within a short while. He had not been well for some time, having suffered with a disease of the throat.

"Mr. Swiger leaves his wife, but no children. He was one of the best known and oldest residents of Shinnston, and his death comes as a sad shock to all who knew him.

"The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the residence at Shinnston."

#### Children:

162 George Swiger: was accidentally shot in boyhood by a neighbor boy.

163 Henry Swiger: ob. infans.

45. EMILY JANE SWIGER (4)—, JACOB (3), JOHN (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Emily J., daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Watkins) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., April 14, 1833; m., Oct. 4, 1886, Elias, son of Robert Stark, a farmer of Jones Run, Harrison county. He and wife first settled on Jones Run,



MRS. EMILY JANE (SWIGER) STARK.

on a farm, but later purchased a farm near East Shinnston. Since then they have lived in East Shinnston. After his son, Robert, married, he turned the farm over to him.

Children:

- 164 Robert William Stark, b. 4-27-1868; m., 5-1-1910, Dora Belle Menear, a teacher of Shinnston. He is a farmer, he and his wife residing on his father's farm near East Shinnston, Harrison county, W. Va. Two children:
- (1) Thomas O. Stark, b. 5-11-1911.
  - (2) Elias Stark, b. 9-3-1913.

46. MARY C. SWIGER (4) —, JACOB (3), JOHN (1),  
WILLIAM (1).

Mary C., daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Watkins) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., April 14, 1833; m., March 29, 1849, John W., son of William Gifford, a farmer of Harrison county. He was a farmer and he and his wife first

settled on Mudlick Run, near Shinnston, remaining there till his death, March 4, 1881, of cancer. His wife, whose likeness is seen below, is still living, now, with her son-in-law in East Shinnston.



MARY C. (SWIGER) GIFFORD.

- 165 (1) Nancy Gifford, b. 5-29-1853; m. Lafayette, son of John Griffin, of Nolan's Run. He was a farmer, having lived in Harrison county until he and his wife separated. Children:
- (1) Mary Alice Griffin; d. in early womanhood.
  - (2) Ida Griffin; m. George Smith, of Rock Camp.
  - (3) Cecil Griffin; m. Eva Cunningham, d. of Marion.
- 166 (2) Martha Gifford, b. 3-5-1857; m. John F., son of John McIntire, of Big Rock Camp, b. 2-2-1862. He is now a merchant in East Shinnston, and has children. Children:
- (1) Carmelia McIntire, b. 10-17-1885; m., 2-3-1900, E. C., son of George W. Southern, and a brother of Bruce T. Southern, a nurseryman of Terra Alta, West Va. Children:
    - (1) Lawrence Southern, b. 5-12-1901.
    - (2) Juanita Southern, b. 5-8-1903.

- 167 (3) Thomas Gifford, b. 1-11-1865; m. Mary A., d. of Jane E. Jones, of Coon's Run. He is a lumberman, living at Petersburg, West Va. Children:
- (1) John E. Gifford.
  - (2) George W. Gifford; ob. infans.
  - (3) Iva Gifford; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Dillman.
  - (4) Arce Gifford.
- 168 (4) Fidella Gifford, b. 2-27-1860; d. of smallpox.

62. JASPER SWIGER (5) — , JOHN S. (4), THOMAS (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jasper, son of John S. and Nancy (Whiteman) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Va., Oct. 20, 1848; m., April 28, 1878, Catherine Lang (See Catherine), a d. of Sebastian (See Sebastian) and Lucy (Payne) Lang, of Little Tenmile Creek. He first settled on a part of his father's farm on "Trouser's Leg" Run, near Wallace. From there he moved to Brown; thence to Barnes' Run; to Marion county; to Wilsonburg, Harrison county, where he and wife both live. He is a farmer. To his union were born the following children:

- 169 Charles T. Swiger, b. 5-30-1879; m. Jannis Maxwell.
- 170 Verdie L. Swiger, b. 11-30-1880; m. Claude Hamilton.
- 171 John S. Swiger, b. 4-13-1883; m. Elsie Davis.
- 172 Nan D. Swiger, b. 4-18-1888; unmarried; at home.
- 173 Brooks F. Swiger, b. 12-3-1891; unmarried; at home.

63. KATHERINE SWIGER (5) — , JOHN S. (4), THOMAS  
(3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Katherine, daughter of John S. and Nancy (Whiteman) Swiger, was born May 18, 1852, in Harrison county, Va.; m., October 15, 1872, William E. Hall, of Big Elk Creek, Harrison county. He and wife first settled on a part of his father's farm

on Little Elk Creek; thence to Nebraska, where he was engaged in farming for several years; thence to the farm; thence to Fairmont, where they are both living.

Children:

- 174 (1) J. Lee Hall; m. ——— Hardman.
- 175 (2) Homer Hall; is married, and lives in Fairmont.
- 176 (3) Grace Hall; married, and lives in the West.

64. THOMAS SWIGER (5)—. JOHN S. (4), THOMAS (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Thomas, son of John S. and Nancy (Whiteman) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Va., March 4, 1863; m., for his first wife, Dec. 12, 1887, Emma, d. of Emerson and Rebecca Cochran, of Marion county, W. Va. To them were born three children. His first wife having died, he married Georgia, a d. of Peter and Missouri (Fittro) Ash, farmers of Sardis district. Peter Ash is a farmer of Sardis district, and a descendant of Christopher and Liby (Swiger) Ash, pioneers of Harrison county. (See Liby).

Peter Ash and Missouri (Fittro) Ash, his wife, had six children, five girls and one boy, all of whom are living. They are: Lillie, married Charles Linville; Georgia, the wife of the subject; Allie, married "J" Fowler; Pearl, unmarried, at home; Vivian, a teacher in Coal district; Foster, unmarried.

Children of Thomas Swiger by first marriage:

- 177 Frank Swiger, b. 4-4-1888; unmarried; Indiana.
- 178 Snow Swiger, b. 1-2-1890; unmarried; Danville, Ky.
- 179 Ray Swiger, b. 11-7-1892; unmarried; Indiana.

Children by second marriage:

- 180 Lynn Swiger, b. 3-30-1903.
- 181 Fred Swiger, b. 1-18-1901; ob. infans.
- 182 Elizabeth Swiger, b. 9-29-1904.

65. MARY SWIGER (5) - JOHN S. (4), THOMAS (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Mary, daughter of John and Nancy (Whiteman) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Va., Aug. 25, 1856; m., Jan. 1, 1879, J. Fred, son of George and Harriet (Holiday) Dye, of Wallace. He was a farmer, having first settled on his father's farm near Wallace, after which he became much interested in the development of oil and gas and removed to Clarksburg. Since coming to Clarksburg, he has done much speculation in real estate. He was born Feb. 10, 1854, and he and wife live on S. Chestnut St., Clarksburg.

Children:

- 183 (1) Claude E. Dye, b. 2-1-1880; m., 5-3-1904, Iva M. Parker, b. 11-22-1883. She was a d. of J. H. and Sarah (Hooper) Parker of Martinsburg, West Va. Mr. Parker (father) was born in England and came to America with his parents when but a small boy.

Mr. Dye and wife live in Clarksburg, where he is engaged in seeing after the many business interests of his father. His children are:

- (1) Harry H. Dye, b. 4-21-1906.
- (2) John F. Dye, b. 2-3-1909.
- (3) Claude Dye, Jr., b. 2-18-1913.

66. HANNAH SWIGER (5) - JOHN S. (4), THOMAS (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Hannah, d. of John S. and Nancy (Whiteman) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Va., April 11, 1860; m., March 13, 1893, for her first husband, Eli Fleming, a farmer of Doddridge county. They lived at Wallace, where he was engaged in the mercantile business until his death of diseases incident to old age. By him she had no children. Her first husband having died, she married, March 15, 1913, Rev. Brainbrage, who has

been actively engaged in the ministerial work throughout the northern section of West Virginia for many years. He first married, March 23, 1883, Sarah, a d. of Spicer and Sarah (Booth) Jamison, farmers of Marion county, West Va. To his first union were born the following children: Mary Belle, b. 4-16-1886; James R., b. 2-26-1889; Alfred, b. 4-14-1893, and m., 9-12-1915, Margaret McDonald. Hannah and her husband are now residing at Wallace. Hannah had no children.

67. SARAH SWIGER (5)—, JOHN S. (4), THOMAS (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Sarah, d. of John S. and Nancy (Whiteman) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, W. Va., Sept. 23, 1865; m., Dec. 26, 1889, David, son of Eli Flanigan, a farmer of Rock Camp, Harrison county, West Va. He was a farmer and he and his wife settled and lived on the farm which formerly belonged to his wife's father, near Wallace, where his wife died of consumption. He still lives at the old home.

Their children were:

184 Ethel Flanigan; unmarried; at home.

185 Edna Flanigan; unmarried; at home.

96. MAGGIE SWIGER (5)—, CALVERT (4), ABEL (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Maggie, d. of Calvert and Emily (Poling) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Va., Feb. 18, 1862; m., Sept. 25, 1882, George Seese, a farmer of Clay district, and settled with him on a farm near Sardis, where he died. Her first husband having died, she married, Feb. 20, 1894, Gilbert, a son of John Jackson Cunningham (See John Jackson), a farmer of Isaac's Creek, Sardis district. She and husband live on East Main St.,



Clarksburg, where he is engaged in the boiler rooms of the Phillips Sheet and Tin Plate Co. By her first husband only she had children.

They are:

- 186 (1) Homer Seese, b. 10-11-1883; d. in young manhood of fever.
- 187 (2) Ray Seese, b. 12-10-1884; m., 1909, Bessie Carter, and has two children; lives in Clarksburg. He is one of the present Democratic nominees (1916) for membership in the House of Delegates of the West Virginia Legislature.
- 188 (3) Bertus Seese, b. 10-18-1887; m., 1910, Rosa Heenan, and has one child.
- 189 (4) Clarence Seese, b. 3-28-1890; unmarried; is a painter, and lives in Clarksburg, where his other brothers live.
- 190 (5) Opal Seese, b. 7-20-1895; m., 3-15-1911, Lonzo Hudkins, and has two children.

97. CORA SWIGER (5)—. CALVERT (4), ABEL (3),

JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Cora, d. of Calvert and Emily (Poling) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, W. Va., 1864; m. Homer, son of Allen and Mary (Smith) Kelley, of Calhoun county, West Va. He is a farmer, now living at Linden, Washington, with his second wife, his first wife having died several years ago.

Children by first wife:

- 191 (1) Cecil Kelley, b. 1890; ob. infans.
- 192 (2) Delbert Kelley, b. 6-20-1892; m., 1-16-1912; Teresa Austings; live in Clarksburg.
- 193 (3) Glenn Kelley, b. 4-14-1894; unmarried; in Calhoun county.

99. MAY SWIGER (5)—. CALVERT (4), ABEL (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

May, d. of Calvert and Emily (Poling) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, 1864; m., Feb. 12, 1887, Thomas, son of Michael and Arzania (Martin) Seese, farmers of Clay district. He worked at Monongah mines until he died, leaving a wife and one child.

Child:

- 194 (1) Lloyd Seese, b. 1893; unmarried; at Weston, Lewis county.

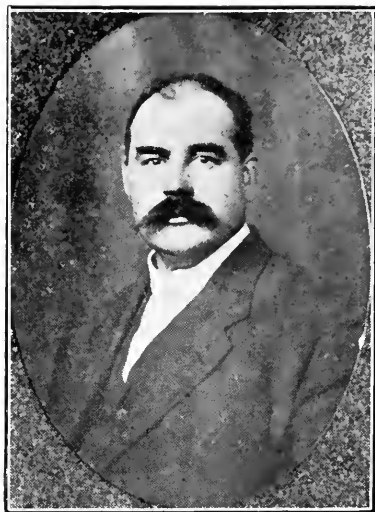
100. EFFIE SWIGER (5)—. J. TISTLE (4), ABEL (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Effie, d. of J. Tistle and Elizabeth (Wileox) Swiger, was born on Flag Run, Harrison county, West Va.; m., Dec. 1, 1893, J. Lee Strother, she being his second wife. For several years they lived on Flag Run, on a farm, but have recently bought and settled on a farm near West Milford, Harrison county. He is a farmer and stockman, having been extensively engaged in the buying and shipping of live stock to the Eastern markets. To her union were born five children. They were:

- 195 (1) Claude Strother, b. 11-2-1894; unmarried.  
196 (2) Walter D. Strother, b. 8-11-1896; unmarried.  
197 (3) E. Glenn Strother, b. 10-25-1897; unmarried.  
198 (4) Lizzie F. Strother, b. 10-18-1899; unmarried.  
199 (5) Effie Lee Strother, b. 3-18-1910; unmarried.

106. MUTA U. SWIGER (5)—. JOHN B. (4), HENRY (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Muta, second and only living son of John B. and Mary A. (Rhodes) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Marion county, W. Va., Oct. 1, 1871. He attended the public schools of Marion



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county and worked on his father's farm, until he became possessed of the idea of becoming a jeweler. He entered, 1892, "The Hutchinson School for Watch Makers," from which he was graduated; returned to Shinnston, where he began the practice of his new profession, as jeweler, in which he has been most successfully engaged in Shinnston ever since. He is unmarried.

107. MINNIE E. SWIGER (5)—, JOHN B. (4), HENRY (3).  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Minnie E. only d. of John B. and Mary A. (Rhodes) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Aug. 28, 1872; m., May 25, 1892, Charles L., son of Judge Harmer, of Shinnston, and a brother of Tyson and William J. S. Harmer, undertakers, of Shinnston, and Hon. Harvey W. Harmer, of Clarksburg. He is a farmer on Shinn's Run, in Clay district, where he and family now re-

side. To their union have been born two children, one boy and one girl, who live with their parents. They are:

200 (1) Harden R. Harmer, b. 7-12-1899.

201 (2) N. Blanche Harmer, 5-4-1903.

109. LAFAYETTE SWIGER (5)—. SOLOMON (4), GEORGE (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lafayette, oldest son of Solomon R. and Melvina J. (Martin) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va., Feb. 17, 1870; m., Feb. 18, 1892, for his first wife, Fannie P., d. of Thomas W. and Amanda (Hustead) Rogers, of Dola. He first settled and lived on a part of his father's farm on Laurel Run, where his first wife died a short while after their marriage. For his second wife he married, April 12, 1894, Regina Lang (See Regina), a d. of Sebastian and Saphrona (Hall) Lang, of Dola. He and his second wife lived on Laurel Run, where he and his first wife lived, till she died. He is still living, a widower, near Dola.

Child by first wife:

202 (1) Chester Swiger, b. 3-28-1893; unmarried; at home.

Children by second wife:

203 (1) Clara D. Swiger, b. 4-2-1895; unmarried; at home.

204 (2) Jennings L. Swiger, b. 5-11-1898; unmarried; at home.

205 (3) Thelma Swiger, b. 3-28-1902; unmarried; at home.

110. WILBER E. SWIGER (5)—. SOLOMON (4), GEORGE (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Wilber E., second son of Solomon and Melvina J. (Martin) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, Dec. 20, 1872; m., Aug. 2, 1899, Anna Bungardner, of Illinois, where they were married. He first settled in Illinois, where he was engaged in farming, but later returned to his father's farm, on a part of which he now lives, near Dola. They have no children.

111. JOHN R. SWIGER (5)—. SOLOMON (4), GEORGE (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

John R., third son of Solomon and Melvina J. (Martin) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, Feb. 3, 1874; m., Nov. 15, 1899, Lattie, d. of Joseph Jenkins, of Morgantown. He was a graduate of the Law Department of the West Virginia University at Morgantown, and an active attorney of Clarksburg until his death of consumption in 1900. His wife still lives at Morgantown. No issue.

113. VANCHE M. SWIGER (5)—. SOLOMON R. (4),  
GEORGE (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Vanchie, oldest d. of Solomon and Melvina J. (Martin) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, Jan. 18, 1878; m., May 4, 1899, Ferd N., son of John G. and Mary (Bog-gess) Rogers, and a brother of Dr. Weaver Rogers, of Montana, and Harper Rogers, the present city clerk of Clarksburg. He is a farmer, residing on a farm, near Dola.

Children:

- 206 (1) Frank J. Rogers, b. 12-11-1903.  
207 (2) Clarence A. Rogers, b. 1-19-1908.  
208 (3) Ralph E. Rogers, b. 2-9-1912.

114. SUSAN N. SWIGER (5)—. SOLOMON R. (4), GEORGE  
L. (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Susan N., d. of Solomon and Melvina J. (Martin) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, July 30, 1880; m., Nov. 6, 1904, Willie F., son of John W. and Malissa (Gains)

Payne, of Dola. Willie F. is a coal miner, and he and family of five children live on a part of the Solomon Swiger farm, near Dola.

Children:

- 209 (1) Homer Payne, b. 10-28-1905.
- 210 (2) Warren S. Payne, b. 2-16-1910.
- 211 (3) Elva A. Payne, b. 8-9-1911.
- 212 (4) John W. Payne, b. 9-1-1913.
- 213 (5) Russell Payne, b. 4-6-1907.

115. DAVID SWIGER (5)—. SOLOMON R. (4), GEORGE (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

David, son of Solomon R. and Melvina J. (Martin) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va., Dec. 27, 1882; m., May 10, 1906, Mary, d. of George and Louisa (Bachus) Webb, farmers of Sardis district. He is a farmer, and he and wife and two children live on a part of his father's farm, near Dola.

Children:

- 214 (1) Okey Swiger, b. 6-10-1907.
- 215 (2) Oran Swiger, b. 10-1-1909.

116. OMAR T. SWIGER (5)—. SOLOMON R. (4), GEORGE (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Omar T., son of Solomon R. and Melvina J. (Martin) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, April 8, 1884; m., Sept. 5, 1906, Leora Allen, a d. of William G. Allen (See William), a farmer of Sardis district. He is a farmer and lives on a part of his father's farm, near Dola, where, by his marriage, he has three children, all of whom are living with their parents. They are:

- 216 (1) O. Chester Swiger, b. 6-18-1908.
- 217 (2) Clyde A. Swiger, b. 7-30-1910.
- 218 (3) Clarence Swiger, b. 6-29-1913.

117. JULIA A. SWIGER (5) —, SOLOMON (4), GEORGE (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Julia A., d. of Solomon and Melvina J. (Martin) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va., Aug. 18, 1888; m., Nov. 2, 1906, Thomas, son of Felix and Emma Williams, formerly of Wilsonburg. He is located at Rosebud, where he is engaged in the mining of coal.

Their children are:

- 219 (1) Kenneth R. Williams, b. 6-1-1907.
- 220 (2) Evelyn H. Williams, b. 12-3-1909.
- 221 (3) Wilber T. Williams, b. 5-6-1912.
- 222 (4) Thomas R. Williams, b. 11-19-1914.

118. IDA A. SWIGER (5) —, SOLOMON (4), GEORGE (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Ida A., d. of Solomon R. and Melvina J. (Martin) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va., Dec. 18, 1890; m., Dec. 22, 1907, Russell, a son of Andy and Mary (Swiger) Bates (See Mary Swiger), farmers of Isaac's Creek, Sardis district. He is engaged in the business of coal mining at Rosebud, where he and family live.

Their children are:

- 223 (1) Donovan Bates, b. 10-16-1908.
- 224 (2) Sibyl Bates, b. 12-1-1910.

119. ROBERT A. SWIGER (5) —, SOLOMON (4), GEORGE (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Robert A., youngest son of Solomon R. and Melvina J. (Martin) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, Jan. 27, 1893. He married Fannie D. Whiteman, Dec. 24, 1912. She was a daughter of Amlin Whiteman, a farmer of Rock

Camp, Sardis district. Robert and wife first settled on a part of his father's farm, near Dola, where they now reside with one child. She is:

225 (1) Leota M. Swiger, b. 11-19-1913.

120. CHARLES O. SWIGER (5)— EDMOND (4), JOHN, JR., (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Charles O., only son of Edmond and Romanza (Criss) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, West Va., Oct. 10, 1866; m., Nov. 30, 1886, Verna E., d. of Peter Bolton, a farmer of Coon's Run, near Adamsville. In the early part of his life he was engaged in farming, on a farm in Clay district, which was given to him by his father; later in life, removed his family to Fairmont, where he was engaged in the retail shoe business, and where he died in 1912. His widow and six children still live, his widow living at Fairmont.

Children:

226 (1) Mabel R. Swiger, b. 4-22-1890; m., Aug. 2, 1912, William Cornwell, living at Monongah. She was formerly a teacher.

227 (2) Nellie Lee Swiger, b. 2-3-1892; m. Seymour Anderson.

228 (3) Gertrude Swiger, b. 8-4-1894; unmarried; with mother.

229 (4) Russell Swiger, b. 4-4-1896; unmarried; with mother.

230 (5) Ruby Cleo Swiger, b. 6-1-1904; unmarried; with mother.

231 (6) Harold E. Swiger, b. 5-3-1901; unmarried; with mother.

121. GEORGE SWIGER (5)— ABEL (3), JOHN, JR. (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

George, son of Abel and Mary (Smith) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., March 19, 1858; m., April



11, 1878, Mary, d. of Harrison and Nancy Dean, farmers of near Boothsville, Marion county. He was a blacksmith at Eldora, Marion county, where he died of typhoid fever at the age of 42 years. His wife still lives, a widow, on a farm near Boothsville, Marion county. They had no children.

122. HANNAH SWIGER (5) — ABEL (4), JOHN, JR. (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Hannah, oldest d. of Abel and Mary (Smith) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Nov. 2, 1860; m., Oct. 9, 1909, Benjamin T., son of Bashaba Tucker, of Booths Creek, Marion county. He was a farmer, and he and wife are still living at Eldora. No issue.

123. JANE SWIGER (5)—, ABEL (4), JOHN, JR. (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jane, second d. of Abel and Mary (Smith) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Dec. 31, 1862. She m. Homer Patton, Dec. 4, 1897, a farmer of Middleville, Taylor county, where they lived until both died. To them was born one child, it having died in infancy.

124. HENRY E. SWIGER (5) — ABEL (4), JOHN, JR. (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Henry, second son of Abel and Mary (Smith) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, West Va., Nov. 25, 1865; m. Mollie, d. of Joseph and Katherine Winters, farmers of

Boothsville, Marion county. He is a farmer, near Boothsville, where he and family now reside.

Children:

232 (1) George Swiger; ob. infans.

233 (2) John Swiger.

234 (3) And others.

125. WAITMAN T. SWIGER (5)—. ABEL (4), JOHN, JR (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Waitman T., youngest son of Abel and Mary (Smith) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, West Va., Sept. 26, 1869; m., Dec. 7, 1891, Cora A., a d. of George and Harriet Frum, of Monongalia county, West Va. He and family are living at Bridgeport, where he is engaged in the business of blacksmithing and general repair work. His wife was born Aug. 27, 1872. Their union has been blessed with one son:

235 (1) Herbert Swiger, b. 9-7-1892; unmarried; with parents.

126. NORMAN E. SWIGER (5)—. HAMILTON G. (4), JOHN, JR. (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Norman E., oldest son of Hamilton G. and Elizabeth (Franklin) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Feb. 2, 1863; emigrated with his father's family to Nebraska, after which he married, Dec. 30, 1897, Mary E. Reigen, who was born Aug. 14, 1875. She was a daughter of Jacob and Lena T. (Luella) Reigen. After marriage, he emigrated to Iowa, where he is engaged as contracting carpenter. His exact location is 110 Oak St., Red Oak, Iowa.

Children:

236 (1) Ethel E. Swiger, b. 10-8-1901; unmarried; with parents.

237 (2) Clarence J. Swiger, b. 10-13-1903; unmarried; with parents.

146. JEDEDIAH SWIGER (5) —. GEORGE W. (4), JACOB (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jedediah, son of George W. and Emily (Prunty) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Nov. 7, 1851; m., April 4, 1872, Olive G., d. of Samuel Short, a farmer of Shinnston. He was a farmer, having first settled on a farm in Clay district, till after his wife died, when he removed to Shinnston, where he now lives, a retired farmer. No children.

148. CLARISSA SWIGER (5)—. GEORGE W. (4), JACOB (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Clarissa, d. of George W. and Emily (Prunty) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., April 28, 1857. At the age of 29 years, May 1, 1886, she married Jacob Miller, of Worthington, Marion county, West Va. Jacob Miller was a son of Peter Miller, of France. Peter Miller was married twice, having had eighteen children by his first wife, and six by his last wife. Jacob was a son by his last wife, who together with Mary and Christopher, accompanied their father, Peter, on his journey of emigration from France to America in the year 1863. Christopher and Mary married, settled and lived in Ohio, where they have descendants. Jacob is dead. Clarissa still lives at Haywood.

Children were:

- 238 (1) George Miller, b. 7-26-1888; m. Edna, d. of John C. and Sarah C. Whiteman (See John S.), May 30, 1907. He is a farmer living on his father-in-law's farm in Clay district. Children:
- 239 (1) Ralph E. Miller, b. 6-30-1909.
- 240 (2) Earl H. Miller, b. 10-21-1911; ob. infans.
- 241 (3) Allen J. Miller, b. 9-18-1913.

- 242 (2) Clarke Miller, b. 9-10-1890; m. Dora, d. of Jerry E. and Rosa B. (Swiger) Powell, of Haywood, June 3, 1911. He is a miner, now working in the mines at Haywood. One child:
- 243 (1) Burl Miller, b. 9-9-1912.
- 244 (3) Herschel Miller, b. 11-11-1892; m., 9-14-1912, Mary E., d. of Thomas F. and Lora A. (Martin) Robinson, of Haywood. He is a miner, now living at Haywood. One child:
- 245 (1) Howard R. Miller, b. 5-18-1913.
- 246 (4) Thomas Miller, b. 1-4-1895; ob. infans.
- 247 (5) John Miller, b. 6-23-1896; unmarried; with mother.
- 248 (6) Frank Miller, b. 10-14-1898; ob. infans.

149. DORA SWIGER (5)—, GEORGE W. (4), JACOB (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Dora, d. of George W. and Emily (Prunty) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Aug. 20, 1861; m., Aug. 13, 1878, George Coon, a farmer of near Monongah, Marion county., where he still lives. To her union was born one child, who after marrying and giving birth to two children, died near Boothsville.

Child:

- 249 (1) Etta Coon; m. John, son of William Seese, a farmer of Clay district. He is a farmer, now living near Boothsville. Children:
- (1) Dora Seese; m. Earl Deem, a farmer of Bridgeport.
- (2) Minnie Seese; m. ————.

150. ROBERT SWIGER (5)—, GEORGE W. (4), JACOB (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Robert, son of George W. and Emily (Prunty) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, West Va., Feb. 12, 1864.

He married, Nov. 2, 1885, Rosa, d. of Sanford Conoway. He is a farmer, he and family now living on Coon's Run, in Clay district. To his union have been born the following children:

- 250 Georgia Swiger, b. 11-22-1886; m. Joe Davis.
- 251 Clarence H. Swiger, b. 10-23-1892; unmarried; at home.
- 252 Goldie M. Swiger, b. 10-24-1895; m. Charles Wilson.
- 253 Nellie B. Swiger, b. 1-3-1889; m. Harry Coon, of Worthington.
- 254 Florence E. Swiger, b. 3-3-1899; unmarried; at home.
- 255 Pearl Swiger, b. 7-14-1904; unmarried; at home.
- 256 Howard H. Swiger, b. 9-25-1907; unmarried; at home.
- 257 Carol L. Swiger, b. 12-25-1912; baby.

151. LUTHER SWIGER (5)—, GEORGE W. (4), JACOB (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Luther, seventh child of George W. and Emily (Prumty) Swiger, was born on a farm in Clay district, Harrison county, West Va., July 13, 1866; m., Aug. 20, 1889, Sarah, a d. of Van B. McIntire, a farmer of near Enterprise, Marion county. His wife was born Feb. 23, 1870, and she and husband first settled on Laurel Run, near Enterprise, where they were engaged in farming for a number of years. Later in life they removed to Shinnston, where they now live.

Children:

- 258 (1) Dora A. Swiger, b. 6-25-1894; m., Feb. 3, 1912, Wayne O., son of George W. and Ellen (Barnes) Coon, farmers of Monongah. He was first employed by Consolidation Coal Co.; gave up that position and and is now a student in the "Baltimore College of Dental Surgery," at Baltimore. His wife and son are living at Shinnston. Child:
- 259 (1) Walter W. Coon, b. 11-4-1912.
- 260 (2) Glenn W. Swiger, b. 4-9-1898; unmarried; at home.

152. HUGH SWIGER (5)—. GEORGE W. (4), JACOB (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Hugh, youngest son of George W. and Emily (Prunty) Swiger, was born on his father's farm in Clay district, Harrison county, West Va., May 1, 1871; m., Dec. 19, 1891, Cora E. Dunham, born Aug. 5, 1873, and a d. of James Dunham, a farmer of Boothesville, Marion county. He and wife first settled on a farm in Clay district, but have recently removed from the farm into Shinnston, where he and family now reside. To his union have been born four children, viz:

- 261 Letha O. Swiger, b. 8-29-1893; is a teacher employed at the Gypsy school, Clay district.  
262 Dale D. Swiger, b. 1-4-1895; unmarried; at home.  
263 Madge M. Swiger, b. 2-3-1899; unmarried; at home.  
264 James Swiger, b. 3-2-1913; unmarried; at home.

154. ARTHELY SWIGER (5)—. ZACHEAS (4), JACOB (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Arthely, d. of Zacheas and Clementina (Bice) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Sept. 1, 1851; m., Sept. 4, 1873, Alva, son of Thomas Griffith, a farmer of near Nuzum's Mills, on the Valley River. To them were born two children.

Children:

- 265 (1) Zillah Griffith; m. Anthony Vincent.  
266 (2) Maude Griffith; m. Columbus Phillips, now living in Fairmont, where he works in the woolen mills.

155. SYLVESTER SWIGER (5)—. ZACHEAS (4), JACOB  
(3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Sylvester, son of Zacheas and Clementina (Bice) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Sept. 16, 1854;

m., Sept. 17, 1871, Maggie Knight, of near Shinnston. He is engaged in the wood factory at Parnesville, Marion county, where they both live. No children.

153. WILLIAM M. SWIGER (5) - ZACHEAS (4), JACOB (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

William M., second son of Zacheas and Clementina (Pice) Swiger, was born on Grass Run, Harrison county, Va., Aug. 15, 1857; m., Oct. 28, 1879, Arthalinda, d. of Jasper and Burihema (Kimble) Stout, of Shinnston, West Va. She was born May 18, 1854. Her parents were born Nov. 30, 1820, and Oct. 8, 1824, respectively. William M. and family first settled and lived in Shinnston; thence to Bridgeport; thence to Mt. Clare; thence to Doddridge county. From Doddridge county they removed to South Zanesville, Ohio, where they now live.

Children:

- 267 (1) Ora E. Swiger, b. 12-22-1880; a teacher; unmarried.  
 268 (2) James W. Swiger, b. 3-11-1883; m., for his first wife, Edna Furbee, who was born March 8, 1886, and died Feb. 8, 1908. To this union was born one son, Paul, who died 2-5-1908. For his second wife he married, June 20, 1911, Dessie Smith, by whom he had one son. He is now living in Clarksburg, West Va., where he is engaged as contracting mason. Child by first wife:  
 269 (1) Paul Swiger; ob. infans.  
 Child by second wife:  
 270 (1) Alfred Edgar Swiger, b. 4-9-1912.  
 271 (3) Carress B. Swiger, b. 9-23-1886; m., 10-18-1911, Verma B. Smith, a sister to his brother's (James) wife. He is a brick mason, and he and family live in South Zanesville, Ohio. One child:  
 272 (1) Russell C. Swiger, b. 5-26-1913.  
 273 (4) Herschel L. Swiger, b. 3-19-1892; unmarried; at home.

157. JOHN A. SWIGER (5)—. ZACHEAS (4), JACOB (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

John A., son of Zacheas and Clementina (Bice) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., March 8, 1862; m., June 20, 1889, Martha, a d. of John and Mary (Jones) Slater, of England. John Slater was a blacksmith by trade in Worfftershire, England. Having become dissatisfied with his trade and with his country, he and wife emigrated to America, landing in New York City, in the year 1879. The next year the daughters, Martha and two others, also emigrated to America. The family removed from New York City to Niles, Ohio; thence to Fairmont, West Va., where Mr. and Mrs. Swiger now live and where he is engaged as brick contractor. Three children bless their home.

Children:

- 274 (1) Goldie M. Swiger, b. 6-18-1890; graduate of Fairmont State Normal School; taught school for three years; at present, stenographer for Consolidation Coal Co., Fairmont; unmarried.
- 275 (2) Manceer G. Swiger, b. 6-9-1891; unmarried; engaged with father in brick construction work.
- 276 (3) Rual B. Swiger, b. 2-4-1897; unmarried; graduate of Fairmont High School, 1915; engaged in father's business.

158. GEORGE W. SWIGER (5)—. ZACHEAS (4), JACOB (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

George W., son of Zacheas and Clementina (Bice) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, West Va., May 6, 1865; m., Nov. 10, 1890, Ella, d. of Thompson and Clara (Meadows) Davis, farmers of Doddridge county, W. Va. He first settled on a farm in Doddridge county; thence to a place near S - lem, where his wife died of dropsy, 7-22-1914; thence to Pike



St., Fairmont, where he lives a widower. At the present time he is janitor at the Y. M. C. A. building.

Children:

- 277 (1) Cecil W. Swiger, b. 3-4-1892; m., 4-15-1914, Estelle, d. of William and Cora (Ward) Faulkner, farmers of Big Isaac Creek, Doddridge county. He settled at Salem, where he is engaged in a confectionery. He is now living in Clarksburg. Children:
- 278 (1) Walter G. Swiger, b. 9-12-1915.
- 279 (2) Alta Swiger, b. 1-1-1898; unmarried; at Fairmont.
- 280 (3) Kenneth Swiger, b. 7-22-1900; unmarried; at Fairmont.
- 281 (4) Ruth Swiger, b. 8-11-1906; unmarried; at Fairmont.

159. REBECCA SWIGER (5)—ZACHEAS (4), JACOB (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Rebecca, d. of Zachas and Clementina (Bice) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, Va., Aug. 29, 1859; m., April 11, 1878, Charles O., son of Philip and Julia (Bogges) Parker, farmers of Marion county. He was first a farmer, but now is living at Fairmont, N. Pike St., where he is engaged in the transfer business. To this union was born six children, three girls and three boys.

Children:

- 282 (1) Madie Parker, b. 4-6-1888; m. Jasper F. Rice, and lives at Fairmont.
- 283 (2) Homer C. Parker, b. 2-26-1890; m. Anna Curley; living at Fairmont.
- 284 (3) Jay C. Parker, b. 2-26-1882; m. Rosa Prickett; living at Fairmont.
- 285 (4) Fred W. Parker, b. 5-2-1879; m. Lulu Walsom; living at Fairmont.
- 286 (5) Gladys M. Parker, b. 5-8-1897; unmarried; at home.
- 287 (6) Freda Parker, b. 3-8-1901; ob. infans.

160. LUCY SWIGER (5)—. ZACHEAS (4), JACOB (3),  
JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lucy, youngest d. of Zacheas and Clementina (Bice) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, W. Va., Jan. 15, 1868; m., Aug. 11, 1887, Jesse S. Gaston, a farmer of Doddridge county, W. Va. He and wife settled on a farm in Doddridge county, where she died of an affection of the stomach.

One child:

- 288 Clemine Gaston, b. 1-1-1887; m. Aaron Hildman, a farmer of Doddridge county, where they now reside.

169. CHARLES T. SWIGER (6)—. JASPER (5), JOHN (4),  
THOMAS (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Charles T., son of Jasper and Katherine (Lang) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, W. Va., May 30, 1879; m., April 17, 1906, Jammis Maxwell, a d. of Edward Maxwell, now of Glenwood, near Clarksburg. He and family live at Wilsonburg, near his father, where he is employed by the Hope Natural Gas Co.

Children:

- 289 (1) Maple Swiger, b. 3-6-1907; at home.  
290 (2) Charles Swiger, b. 12-16-1912; at home.  
291 (3) Robert R. Swiger, b. 12-8-1914; at home.

170. VERDIE L. SWIGER (6)—. JASPER (5), JOHN S. (4),  
THOMAS (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Verdie L., d. of Jasper and Katherine (Lang) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Nov. 30, 1888; m., Nov. 30, 1901, Claude Hamilton, son of Norval Hamilton, a farmer of Kansas. He is a driller of oil and gas wells, having drilled in many wells

near Wilsonburg. He and family are living near Wilsonburg. To their union have been born the following children:

- 292 (1) Harry H. Hamilton, b. 2-17-1902,
- 293 (2) Lucy E. Hamilton, b. 11-7-1906,
- 294 (3) French D. Hamilton, b. 12-30-1907,
- 295 (4) Jasper N. Hamilton, b. 4-11-1909,
- 296 (5) Frank H. Hamilton, b. 7-3-1911,
- 297 (6) Ruth A. Hamilton, b. 11-17-1913.

171. JOHN S. SWIGER (6)—. JASPER (5), JOHN S. (4),  
THOMAS (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

John S., son of Jasper and Katherine (Lang) Swiger, and a namesake of his grandfather, John S. Swiger, was born in Harrison county, W. Va., April 13, 1863. He married, May 18, 1911, Elsie, d. of George Davis, a farmer of Doddridge county. He is engaged in the business of coal mining at Wilsonburg, where he lives. No children.

226. MABEL R. SWIGER (6)—. CHARLES O. (5), ED-  
MUND (4), JOHN (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Mabel R., oldest d. of Charles O. and Verna E. (Bolton) Swiger, was born in Clay district, Harrison county, West Va., April 22, 1890; was m., Aug. 2, 1912, to William Cornwell, of Monongah. She was formerly a teacher in Marion county. Her husband is engaged in the business of cleaning, dyeing, remodeling and pressing of clothing, at Monongah, where they live.

Children:

- 298 (1) William H. Cornwell, b. 6-18-1913,
- 299 (2) Virginia E. Cornwell, b. 2-26-1915,

227. NETTIE LEE SWIGER (6) — CHARLES O. (5), EDMUND (4), JOHN (3), JOHN (2), WILLIAM (1).

Nettie Lee, second d. of Charles O. and Verna E. (Bolton) Swiger, was born on a farm in Clay district, Feb. 3, 1892; m. Seymour, son of B. T. Anderson, of Shinnston, W. Va. They live in East Shinnston, where he is engaged in farming. One child:

300 (1) Lillian Anderson, b. 1913.

### FAMILY OF MARY

MARY SWIGER (2) — WILLIAM (1).

Mary, oldest daughter of John William and Mary Swiger, of Germany, was born in Loudoun county, Va., emigrating from there to Pennsylvania with her father and mother when she was a girl.

She removed with her mother and other brothers and sisters from Pennsylvania to Harrison county, Va. Her sister Elizabeth, having married James Kelley, she removed with them to near Brown, on Little Tennile Creek. While living with them she came in contact with one Samuel Shinn, who was then living on Tennile Creek, where he was a large land owner, having patented 500 acres extending in a long, narrow strip from the mouth of Little Elk Creek to the mouth of Middle Run, near Wallace; also received from the Commonwealth of Virginia a patent for a smaller tract on Laurel Run, near Brown. He had some tenants on his land, among whom was one John Chaney, who lived where Almira Griffin now lives. Chaney met with financial reverses, soon falling behind with rents which he failed to pay until Shinn forced him to give a fine riding horse, which he (Chaney) prized very highly, in payment for rents.

Shinn, it is said, had become infatuated with Mary Swiger, who was a pretty woman with a fine physique, dark hair and

eyes, and for this reason turned the horse over to her for her own personal use and pleasure.

Having met Mary Swiger riding the horse one day, Chaney was led to believe that it was through her influence that Shinn forced his ownership of the horse, and he swore vengeance on her.

A few days after this John W. Swiger, then a very small boy, and who yet lives at Sardis, chanced to be traveling along the creek road to Brown, and on the bank of the creek, near where Ed Martin now lives, he saw the lifeless form of a woman. Further examination revealed the fact that it was the body of Mary Swiger, with her head sunken into the sand and finger printes on her throat plain to be seen. Her body was buried in the cemetery on Laurel Run.

Before her death she became the mother of five children, four of whom being born before her marriage. The marriage records of the Commonwealth of Virginia show that she was married, March 31, 1808, to Samuel McCamie.

#### Children:

- 1 (1) Absolom Swiger, b. 4-12-1799; m., (1) 1-17-1822, Polly Asbury; (2) 12-6-1853, Jane Orr.
- 2 (2) Matilda Swiger, b. 5-2-1800; m., 1828, Thomas Davidson.
- 3 (3) Olive Swiger; unmarried; d. of consumption.
- 4 (4) Edith Swiger; m., 1836, John B. Davidson, a brother of Thomas.

#### Children by husband, Samuel McCamie:

- 5 (1) Wilson Swiger, who retained the name of his mother, rather than that of his father; reason unknown.

#### 1. ABSOLOM SWIGER (3)---. MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Absolom, oldest son of Mary Swiger and --- Shinn, was born near Brown in Harrison county, Va., April 12, 1799. He married, Jan. 17, 1822, for his first wife, Polly Asbury, of Pine Grove (now North View). She was born Feb. 26, 1806, and died

1850, being the mother of eight children. He and wife first settled on Laurel Run, on a tract of land given to him by Samuel Shinn, in a cabin which still stands. His first wife having died, Mr. Swiger married, Dec. 6, 1853, Jane Orr, who was born in Ireland, and whose father and mother, Nicholas and Ann Orr, were the ancestors of the Orrs now living in Sardis district.

Absolom Swiger was a very peculiar man in many respects, a miser, who hoarded gold in many out-of-the-way places.

Known to have money, he was robbed one night by unknown persons of several hundred dollars in gold. However, he was thought to have much more, and while lying on his death bed he was asked by some member of his family where they would find his money. His only reply was: "Bad men have caused me to put my money where it will be very hard to find."

After his death a thorough search revealed money hidden under the rafters of the house and in the logs of the house, holes having been first bored, the coins placed therein, and then pins were driven in and cut off smooth with the logs. An ordinary box, sold at the sale to his nephew, George W. Swiger, for fifty cents, proved on being inverted to contain a false bottom in which there were \$800, all in gold. The money was promptly returned to the heirs.

#### Children by first wife:

- 6 (1) Elizabeth Swiger, b. 4-26-1824; m. Jesse Talkington, 10-7-1841.
- 7 (2) Elias Swiger, b. 4-14-1826; m. Elyiza Saulesbury.
- 8 (3) Susanna Swiger, b. 9-24-1827; m. Henry Talkington, 3-31-1842.
- 9 (4) Edith Swiger, b. 9-24-1825; thrown from horse and killed in early womanhood.
- 10 (5) Elijah Swiger; ob. infans.
- 11 (6) Nancy Swiger; m. Salathial Swiger. (See Salathial).
- 12 (7) George W. Swiger, b. 8-4-1836; m. Eliza Stout.
- 13 (8) Lavina Swiger, b. 8-4-1836; m. Elias Lyon, 3-5-1851.

## 2. MATILDA SWIGER (3) —, MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Matilda, oldest daughter of Mary Swiger and ——— Shimm, of Brown, Harrison county, was born May 2, 1899, near Brown, Harrison county, Va.; m. Thomas Davidson, a Universalist preacher, who lived and preached in Philadelphia, Pa. Before her marriage, she gave birth to one child, John W. Swiger, Dec. 10, 1824, who yet lives at Sardis, West Va., and who says that his father was B. Hurst. After her marriage, Jan. 4, 1827, she and husband removed to Tennile Creek, where they were engaged in farming. By her husband she had two children. Of these two children, nothing is known, for they left home in early manhood and were never heard from again. Supposed to be dead.

## Children:

- 11 (1) John W. Swiger, b. 12-10-1824, m. (1) Mary E. Harbert; (2) Mary Haggerty.
- 15 (2) Zebedee Davidson.
- 16 (3) Matthias Davidson.

## 4. EDITH SWIGER (3) —, MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Edith, youngest daughter of Mary Swiger and ——— Shimm, was born in Sardis district, Va., near Brown; m., 1836, John B. Davidson, brother of her sister's (Matilda) husband, of Philadelphia. He was a farmer and settled in Harrison county, Va., where they both died, she having died of tuberculosis. No children.

## 5. WILSON SWIGER (3) —, MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Wilson, youngest son of Mary Swiger and Samuel McCamis, was born near Brown, Va.; m., Aug. 25, 1833, Sarah Swiger (See Sarah), a d. of John and Elizabeth (Petrick) Swiger, and a granddaughter of William and Mary, of Germny.

He was a farmer and settled on Isaac's Creek, near the old Bates homestead. To them was born one son:

- 17 (1) William G. Swiger, b. 8-14-1838; m., 9-9-1850, Amanda Hughes.

6. ELIZABETH SWIGER (4)—, ABSOLOM (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Elizabeth, oldest daughter of Absolom and Polly (Asbury) Swiger, was born near Brown, Harrison county, Va., April 26, 1824; m., Oct. 7, 1841, Jesse Talkington, and first settled on the head waters of Big Elk Creek, where he became famous as a deer and bear hunter; was also a farmer, and had 14 children, most of whom are living.

Children:

- 18 (1) Absolom Talkington; ob. infans.  
 19 (2) Marietta Talkington, b. 12-3-1845; m. John Price; both dead.  
 20 (3) Jane Talkington, b. 7-27-1844; m. Henderson Robinson, of Bingamon.  
 21 (4) Martha Talkington, b. 1-27-1852; m. George Wier.  
 22 (5) George Talkington, b. 6-7-1843; m. (1) Harriet Hall; (2) Rosa Lee Hall.  
 23 (6) Luther Talkington, b. 1-30-1862; m. Odell Garrett.  
 24 (7) Henry H. Talkington, b. 4-4-1858; m. Rosa Lyon; separated.  
 25 (8) Lloyd M. Talkington, b. 11-23-1863; d. in early manhood of consumption.  
 26 (9) Sarah E. Talkington, b. 3-4-1860; m. J. R. Talkington; live in Fairmont.  
 27 (10) Serenna Talkington, b. 4-13-1855; m. Taylor Wier; living in Clarksburg, where her two daughters, Mrs. Zebidee Morris and Mrs. Sheridan Griffin, also live.  
 28 (11) Malissa Talkington, b. 5-28-1848; m. Henderson Hel-dreth.



- 29 (12) Webster Talkington, b. 9-7-1853; m. Mary Dye.  
30 (13) Francis M. Talkington, b. 1-30-1851.  
31 (14) William H. Talkington, b. 7-5-1856; m. Elizabeth Harbert.

7. ELIAS SWIGER (4)—, ABSOLOM (3), MARY (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Elias, oldest son of Absolom and Polly (Asbury) Swiger, was born near Brown, Harrison county, Va., April 14, 1826; m. Eliza L., d. of Robert and Harriet Saulesberry, of Wales, British Isles. Robert and Harriet emigrated to America in a sail-boat in the year 1850, bringing seven children with them, and settled in Sardis district on a farm. Elias was a farmer and stockman, having lived on Laurel Run, near Brown, till he died of stomach trouble. His wife died about the year 1911 at the age of 86 years.

Children:

- 32 Sarah Swiger, b. 12-2-1849; unmarried; d. of consumption in early womanhood.  
33 George W. Swiger, b. 6-23-1851; m. Catherine Moore.  
34 Henry A. Swiger, b. 5-25-1853; m. Louisa Ash.  
35 Harriet Swiger, b. 2-2-1855; m. J. Nelson Swiger. (See Nelson).  
36 Mary Swiger, b. 8-27-1856; m. Elbert Allen.  
37 Joanna Swiger, b. 7-18-1858; m. James Hill.  
38 Robert Bruce Swiger, b. 9-13-1867; m. Elizabeth Newlon. (See Elizabeth).  
39 Clinton Swiger, b. 8-8-1870; m. Ada Dennison.  
40 Ida Swiger, b. 9-23-1865; m. Rensaler M. Rogers.  
41 William Swiger, b. 10-3-1862; m. Virginia Baker.  
42 Orlando M. Swiger, b. 10-3-1860; m. Elizabeth Hawker.  
43 Louella Swiger; ob. infans.

8. SUSANNA SWIGER (4)—, ABSOLOM (3), MARY (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Susanna, second daughter of Absolom and Polly (Asbury) Swiger, was born on Laurel Run, Sardis district, Va.: m., March 31, 1842, Henry Talkington, of Fishing Creek, Wetzel county. He was a farmer and settled on Fishing Creek, where to him and wife were born six children, three boys and three girls; all but one are dead.

Children:

- 44 David Talkington.
- 45 Elias Talkington.
- 46 Sarah Talkington.
- 47 Ruhama Talkington.
- 48 Jesse Talkington; living.
- 49 Mary Talkington.

12. GEORGE W. SWIGER (4)—, ABSOLOM (3),  
MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

George W., youngest son of Absolom and Polly (Asbury) Swiger, was born on Laurel Run, near Brown, in Harrison county, Va., Aug. 4, 1836.

When a boy the deer and bear were very thick in the section of the country in which he lived, and he was early impressed with the spirit of hunting. He says one of the first and most indelible impressions made upon his mind was when standing with his mother one morning on the back porch of the house, he saw thirteen deer as they jumped over a nearby fence, one by one, having been scared by his mother's cough. He killed the last deer, a five pronged buck, ever killed in Harrison county; and the last one ever killed in Eagle district, he killed on Peter's Knob.

Later in life, when game grew scarce in that section, he made frequent visits to the mountains of West Virginia, in search of game, where on one occasion he became lost in the

Laurel thickets and had to remain out all night, and on the next morning retraced his steps made in the snow on the day previous to his camp. He has killed more than a hundred deer.

He married, Dec. 6, 1855, Eliza, daughter of Benjamin and



GEORGE W. SWIGER.

Lydia (Pitcher) Stout, farmers of Bridgeport, West Va. He first settled on Laurel Run, near Brown, where he has been engaged in farming all his life.

Since the above was written, the subject died at the Kessler Hospital from the effects of an operation for an affection of the bladder, and was buried by the side of his wife on Laurel Run, she having preceded him to the grave six years.

Children:

- 50 (1) Lydia Jane Swiger, b. 11-24-1856; m. Allen Taylor Swiger.
- 51 (2) John L. Swiger, b. 10-22-1858; m. (1) Zimena Griffin; (2) Maude Harbert; (3) Alice Lewis.
- 52 (3) Susan E. Swiger, b. 1-24-1861; m. (1) James Robinson; (2) James Knox (3) Luther Kelley.
- 53 (4) Lott Swiger, b. 10-11-1865; m. Maggie Pell.
- 54 (5) Cora Swiger, b. 5-3-1871; m. Andrew Moore.
- 55 (6) Delia F. Swiger, b. 5-9-1873; m. Owen Moore.

13. LAVINA SWIGER (4)—. ABSOLOM (3), MARY (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Lavina, youngest daughter of Absolom and Polly (Asbury) Swiger, was born near Brown, Va.; m., March 5, 1851, Elias Lyon, a farmer of Doddridge county, where he and wife lived and died. They had twelve children, most of whom are much scattered, and we are unable to secure further history. Among the children were:

- 56 (1) Julia Ann Lyon, of Ohio.
- 57 (2) Verna Lyon, of Doddridge county, who had a son, Willis.
- 58 (3) "B" Lyon, a coal miner.

14. JOHN W. SWIGER (4)—. MATILDA (3), MARY (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

John W., oldest son of Matilda and — Hurst, was born, Dec. 10, 1824, on Little Tennile Creek, near Brown, Harrison county, Va.; m. for his first wife, June 3, 1848, Mary E. Harbert,

and by her had five children, three having died in early infancy. He and wife settled on a farm on Little Elk Creek,



JOHN WEBSTER SWIGER.

where Addison Rittenhouse now lives. He married for his second wife, Mary Haggerty, June 27, 1875, but by her had no children. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army, and was

in the first battle of the Civil War at Philippi, West Va. Despite his years, he yet lives at Sardis, being a man of remarkable vitality. He attended the first Swiger reunion at Hepzibah, 1915, he being the oldest living representative of the Swiger family.

The Clarksburg Telegram in its issue of June 1, 1915, gave of the subject the following account:

"John Webster Swiger, one of the oldest residents of the county and a veteran of the Civil War, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

"Although past ninety years old, Mr. Swiger comes to the city regularly to transact business and never uses a cane. He was in the first battle of the Civil War, fought at Philippi. He fought under the banner of the South-land."

Children:

59 (1) Louisa V. Swiger, b. 10-26-1849; m. Oakey J. Rittenhouse, 11-3-1868.

60 (2) Mattie Swiger, b. 1-12-1862; m. Dr. Frum.

17. WILLIAM G. SWIGER (4)—, WILSON (3), MARY (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

William, only son of Wilson and Sarah (Swiger) Swiger, was born on Isaac's Creek, Sardis district, Harrison county, Va., Aug. 4, 1838; m., Sept. 9, 1850, Amanda Hughes, of Coon's Run, Clay district. He was a farmer and stockman, sending many cattle to the Eastern markets. In those days there were no railroads reaching the Eastern cities, which were the market-places for the live stock of this section, so they had to be driven to the market. While Mr. Swiger, in company with Truman Elliott, was on his way to Baltimore with a large herd of cattle, and while crossing the Allegheny Mountains, he met his death. A hard rain came up, which was accompanied by much

thunder and lightning. The two men found shelter under different trees, the lightning striking the one under which Mr. Swiger was sheltering, killing him instantly.

Children:

- 61 Amaziah Swiger, b. 9-9-1851; m. Mary I. Harbert.
- 62 Wilson J. Swiger, b. 3-24-1854; m. Emeline Hurst.

33. GEORGE W. SWIGER (5) = ELIAS (4), ABSOLOM (3),  
MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

George W., oldest son of Elias and Eliza (Saulesberry) Swiger, was born, June 23, 1851, on Laurel Run, Sardis district; m., Aug. 26, 1874, Catherine, a d. of Van S. and Bashabe (Smith) Moore. She was born in Simpson district, Feb. 3, 1858, and still lives, a widow, in Clarksburg, her husband having died at the St. Mary's Hospital of an affection of the stomach in 1913. They first settled after marriage in Sardis district; removed to Buckhammon; thence to Laurel Run; thence to Clarksburg, where he and his wife separated before he died.

Children:

- 63 Bertha Swiger, b. 7-25-1875; m. W. H. Richards.
- 64 Alma Swiger, b. 3-18-1882; m. Aubrey W. Martin.
- 65 Wilber Swiger, b. 7-30-1890; unmarried; educated in the Clarksburg public schools; was a compositor on the Clarksburg Exponent, resigning that position to accept a similar one with the Fairmont Times Co., at Fairmont. Returning to Clarksburg, he accepted a position again as compositor on the Clarksburg Exponent, where he is now engaged.
- 66 Mary Marie Swiger, b. 11-24-1893; ob. infans.
- 67 Joe Swiger, b. 8-28-1897; unmarried; with mother.

34. HENRY A. SWIGER (5) = ELIAS (4), ABSOLOM (3),  
MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Henry, second son of Elias and Eliza (Saulesberry) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, May 25, 1853; m., March 21,

1878, Lonesa, d. of Isaac P. R. and Sarah A. Ash, farmers of near Wilsonburg. They lived for several years near Sardis; removed to Gregory's Run; from Gregory's Run to Clarksburg, where he and wife now live.

Children:

- 68 Elberta Swiger, b. 2-19-1879; m. Alexander Davisson.
- 69 Loyren Swiger, b. 5-1-1882; m. Margaret M. Grover.
- 70 Belvia Swiger, b. 7-27-1884; m. Dr. D. E. Ritter.

36. MARY SWIGER (5)— ELIAS (4), ABSOLOM (3),  
MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Mary, third daughter of Elias and Eliza (Saulesberry) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Va., Aug. 27, 1856; m., Sept. 1, 1872, Elbert, a son of Pindle and Mariah (Swiger) Allen (See both), of Doddridge county. He was a farmer in early life, later changing his occupation to that of shoemaker.

To Mary's union were born:

- 71 Taylor Allen, b. 10-26-1875; m. Savannah Robey. (See Savannah).
- 72 Willie G. Allen, b. 10-26-1880; m. — Ross, of Wilsonburg.
- 73 Chester Allen, b. 11-2-1889.
- 74 Archie Allen, b. 7-14-1891.
- 75 Leie Allen, b. 11-10-1884; m. George Shrader. (See Shrader).
- 76 Roy Allen, b. 8-9-1891.

37. JOANNA SWIGER (5)— ELIAS (4), ABSOLOM (3),  
MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Joanna, fourth daughter of Elias and Eliza (Saulesberry) Swiger, was born, July 18, 1858, on Laurel Run, near Brown, West Va.; m., March 5, 1877, James Hill, of Bridgeport, West Va. He was a farmer and first settled and lived on Laurel Run, on a part of the old Swiger homestead, till his wife died of con-



sumption. He married a second wife. They both now are living near Bridgeport, West Va.

Children by first wife:

- 77 (1) Charles Hill; d. in young manhood of fever.
- 78 (2) Arthur Hill.
- 79 (3) Oris Hill.
- 80 (4) Henry Hill.
- 81 (5) Gordon Hill.

38. ROBERT BRUCE SWIGER (5) = ELIAS (4), ABSOLOM (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Robert Bruce, son of Elias and Eliza (Saulesberry) Swiger, was born on Laurel Run, in Sardis district, Harrison county, West Va., Sept. 13, 1867; m., 1893, Elizabeth, d. of Rev. William J. and Mary (Harbert) Newlon, now of Clarksburg. He was formerly a farmer, having lived for several years on the old Hamilton Allen farm on the head waters of Flag Run, Sardis district. He removed to Clarksburg, on Waldeck St., Broad Oaks, Clarksburg. He is collecting agent for the Home Furnishing Co., Clarksburg.

Children:

- 82 Lola M. Swiger, b. 6-17-1894; graduate of Clarksburg High School and Fairmont State Normal School; will teach (1916) Alta Vista School, Clarksburg.
- 83 Flossie Swiger, b. 12-13-1895; unmarried; employe of Parsons-Souders Department Store, Clarksburg.
- 84 Robert N. Swiger, b. 1-27-1905; unmarried; at home.
- 85 Della L. Swiger, b. 10-21-1899; ob. infans.

39. CLINTON SWIGER (5) = ELIAS (4), ABSOLOM (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Clinton, youngest son of Elias and Eliza (Saulesberry) Swiger, was born near Brown, in Sardis district, Oct. 8, 1870; m., April 25, 1889, Ada Dennison, d. of Ed. L. Dennison, of Big

Rock Camp Run, near Olive. His wife was born Feb. 15, 1882. He first settled near Olive; removed from there to Northeastern Ohio; thence to Morgantown, West Va., where he is engaged in the insurance business.

Children:

- 86 (1) Nettie B. Swiger, b. 2-24-1890; m., 10-8-1908, L. G., son of Thomas Brand, a carpenter of near Morgantown. He lives in Morgantown, Monongalia county, where he is a barber. One child.
- 87 (1) Harold Brand, b. 3-3-1911.
- 88 (2) Hugh Swiger, b. 12-21-1893; m., 2-15-1914, Mabel Fonley.
- 89 (3) Mabel C. Swiger, b. 6-3-1897; m., 11-16-1912, Ralph E., son of Perry E. and Mattie E. (Smell) Baker, farmers near Morgantown. She and husband were located (1915) in Clarksburg, where Mr. Baker was proprietor of the New City Market, on Court St. They removed from Clarksburg to Marion county. Child:
- 90 (1) William P. Baker, b. 10-14-1914.
- 91 (4) Willa Belle Swiger, b. 10-7-1900; unmarried; at home.

40. IDA SWIGER (5)—. ELIAS (4), ABSOLOM (3),  
MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Ida, youngest living daughter of Elias and Eliza (Saulesberry) Swiger, was born on Laurel Run, Harrison county, West Va., Sept. 23, 1865; m., Feb. 27, 1887, Rensaler, son of John G. and Melvina (Bogges) Rogers. He and family of three children lived near Dola, where he has been engaged in farming all his life. Having been in poor health for the past few years, Mr. Rogers is less active in his profession. He was born Dec. 8, 1856.

Children:

- 92 (1) J. Hazel Rogers, b. 7-11-1888; m., and lives with his father and mother.

- 93 (2) Ebert E. Rogers, b. 4-4-1890; unmarried; at home.  
 94 (3) Huey Rogers, b. 4-6-1896; unmarried; at home.

41. WILLIAM SWIGER (5) . ELIAS (4), ABSOLOM (3),  
 MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

William, son of Elias and Eliza (Saulesberry) Swiger, was born on Laurel Run, Harrison county, Va., Oct. 3, 1862; m., Oct. 3, 1892, Virginia, d. of Elias Baker, farmer of Buffalo Creek, near Mannington. William is a farmer, living near Mannington.

Children:

- 95 (1) Paul Swiger; a teacher.  
 96 (2) Jessie Swiger; at home.

42. ORLANDO M. SWIGER (5) . ELIAS (4), ABSOLOM  
 (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Orlando, son of Elias and Eliza (Saulesberry) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, near Brown, in Harrison county, Oct. 3, 1860; m., Jan. 30, 1887, Elizabeth Jane Hawker, a d. of Owen and Ruanna (Cunningham) Hawker, of Binghamon Creek. He is a farmer and first settled on a part of his father's farm. He removed to the old brick home of Justin Rittenhouse, which he bought, where he and wife are living.

Children:

- 97 (1) Delbert C. Swiger, b. 7-12-1888; ob. infans.  
 98 (2) Edna E. Swiger, b. 6-17-1889; m., 11-9-1910, Wilbert D. Coffman.  
 99 (3) Dessie A. Swiger, b. 4-7-1892; ob. infans.  
 100 (4) Lula M. Swiger, b. 7-6-1894; m., 7-5-1911, Claude A. Coffman.  
 101 (5) Hobart A. Swiger, b. 4-3-1897; unmarried; at home.  
 102 (6) Virgil C. Swiger, b. 4-30-1899; unmarried; at home.  
 103 (7) Henry W. Swiger, b. 4-5-1906; unmarried; at home.  
 104 (8) Clarence H. Swiger, b. 11-29-1908; ob. infans.

50. LYDIA JANE SWIGER (5) . GEORGE W. (4), ABSO-  
LOM (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lydia Jane, oldest daughter of George W. and Eliza (Stout) Swiger, was born on Laurel Run, Harrison county, Va., Nov. 24, 1856. She married, Feb. 29, 1872, Allen Taylor Swiger (See Allen Taylor), at the age of 15 years. She



MRS. ELIZA STOUT SWIGER.

was converted and joined the Baptist Church when she was young and has been a most consecrated church member ever since. Though always of a weak body, her many evidences of

faith in God, manifested by her great perseverance, has been a stimulus to us. These, let us ever remember, "Lest we forget, lest we forget."

She, now a widow, lives at the old home with her oldest son, Francis W., and wife.

Her mother, Eliza (Stout) Swiger, was the daughter of Benjamin and Lydia (Pitcher) Stout, who lived at Bridgeport, spending their last days there. The other children of Benjamin and Lydia were:

(1) Lulitia Stout: m. (1) Elias Talkington; (2) Rev. Harrison Garrett; husbands both dead; lives at Johnstown, West Va. No issue.

(2) Delia Stout: m. Buhl Queen; first lived at Bridgeport, near Oral; removed to Johnstown, where they now live. Children:

- (1) Mande Queen, m. — Minter; live at Adamston.
- (2) Percival Queen; m. and had children; now dead.
- (3) Emmott Queen; at home.
- (4) John Queen; m.; killed by explosion of gasoline at Clarksburg.
- (5) Pearl Queen; stenographer in Clarksburg.
- (6) Hattie Queen, d. of typhoid fever.

(3) Mary Stout; unmarried; at Johnstown.

(4) Alma Stout; unmarried; d. at age of 50 years.

(5) Hannah Stout; unmarried; at Johnstown.

(6) Eveline Stout; m. William Traugh; lived at Fairmont, where her husband died. She still lives at Fairmont. Children:

- (1) Charlie Traugh; married twice; had children; in West.
- (2) Harvey Traugh; m. and has children; at Fairmont.

Children of Lydia J. and Allen Taylor Swiger:

105 (1) Francis W. Swiger. (See Francis).

106 (2) Ira L. Swiger. (See Ira).

51. JOHN L. SWIGER (5)—. GEORGE W. (4), ABSOLOM (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

John L., oldest son of George W. and Eliza F. (Stout) Swiger, was born on Laurel Run, Harrison county, Va., Oct. 22, 1858; m. for his first wife, Zimena Griffin, a d. of James Allison and Jane (Boggess) Griffin, of Jones Run, Jan. 25, 1883. He first settled on his father's farm on Laurel Run. His first wife having died of tuberculosis, he married, June 19, 1899, Maude, a d. of Judson Harbert (See Judson), of Marshville, from whom he was soon separated. He married for his third wife, March 11, 1908, Alice A., a d. of George A. Lewis, a farmer of Johnstown, West Va., with whom he is living on Laurel Run, Sardis district.

Children by first wife:

- 107 (1) Bessie Swiger, b. 11-24-1883; m., 10-5-1902, Henry, son of T. C. and Mary C. (Williams) Bennett, of Brown. He is a merchant, in the mercantile business with his father at Brown, where they have a large general store. He is a great grandson of Dr. William R. Bennett. (See Dr. William R.). Children:
- 108 (1) Catherine Bennett, b. 7-28-1903.
- 109 (2) H. Baxter Bennett, b. 6-19-1913.
- 110 (3) James Allison Bennett, b. 7-10-1914; namesake for his great grandfather, James Allison Griffin.
111. (2) Carr Swiger, b. 7-21-1889.

Carr Swiger ran away from home and joined the U. S. Army. Nothing was heard from him for several years. His father becoming anxious about his welfare, wrote to the U. S. Representative in Congress, the Hon. M. M. Neely, asking him to try and locate his son. The following reply was received, which was first received by Mr. Neely in answer to his inquiry of the War Department:

May 14, 1915.

Hon. M. M. Neely,  
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 13th instant, in which you request that a search be made for the purpose of locating one Carr B. Swiger, son of John L., of Dola, West Va., I have the honor to advise you as follows:

The records show that Carr B. Swiger enlisted November 18, 1913, at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, and was serving as a private, 155th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, on April 30, 1915, the date of the latest report received concerning him.

His mail address is as follows:

Carr B. Swiger, 155th Company, Coast Artillery Corps,  
Fort Williams, Cape Cottage, Maine.

Respectfully yours,

The Adjutant General.

Carr Swiger attended the Mountain State Business College at Parkersburg, taking a course in telegraphy, before he joined the army, and because of his knowledge of telegraphy, he has been advanced to a higher position, as wireless operator. He is yet located in Maine.

112 (3) Stanley Swiger, b. 12-12-1891; ob. infans.

52. SUSAN E. SWIGER (5) =, GEORGE (4), ABSOLOM (3),  
MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Susan E., second daughter of George W. and Eliza (Stout) Swiger, was born Jan. 24, 1861, in Sardis district, near Brown; m. first time, Nov. 16, 1879, James Robinson, son of William, of Wallace, from whom she soon separated; m. second time, Oct. 16, 1887, James Knox, a merchant and son of James Knox, Sr., a farmer of Oakwood, Ill. By him she bore six children. They

lived in Illinois; then removed to West Virginia; thence to Illinois, where he died of consumption. While in the West she married, July 25, 1899, Luther Kelley, a farmer of Indiana, from whom she separated. He left home and has never been heard of since. The widow now lives at Brown, where she keeps a boarding house.

Children:

- 113 (1) Hazel Knox, b. 2-10-1887; m. a Dunbar for his second wife, with whom he lives.
- 114 (2) Belva Knox, b. 2-26-1889; d. in Clarksburg of typhoid fever.
- 115 (3) Orville Knox, b. 1-27-1891; a glass worker at Columbus, Ohio; unmarried.
- 116 (4) Gladys Knox, b. 5-31-1893; ob. infans.
- 117 (5) Nela Knox, b. 9-4-1895; m., 9-15-1915, John E. Brock; they live at Brown.
- 118 (6) Nola Knox, b. 9-4-1895; a twin to Nela; m., 2-14-1912, Homer Rechline, a teacher, who now lives at Enterprise. They have:
  - (1) Virginia Rechline, b. 6-26-1913.

53. LOTT SWIGER (5)—, GEORGE (4), ABSOLOM (3),  
MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lott, youngest son of George W. and Eliza (Stout) Swiger, was born near Brown, in Sardis district, Oct. 11, 1865; m., Nov. 5, 1890, Maggie, d. of Kelso and Zipporah A. Pell, farmers, who lived at Bridgeport, Harrison county. He was first a farmer, settling on a part of his father's farm on Laurel Run; removed from there to Fairmont; thence, to Boothsville; thence, to Fairmont. From Fairmont he removed to Dillwyn, Va., 1912, where he is now engaged in the real estate business.

Children, born at Fairmont, are:

- 119 (1) Robert Swiger; twin; ob. infans.
- 120 (2) Raymond Swiger; twin; ob. infans.



- 121 (3) Paul V. Swiger, b. 11-10-1897; unmarried; at Richmond, Va.  
 122 (4) Charles A. Swiger, b. 11-5-1900; unmarried; at home.  
 123 (5) Zipporah Pell Swiger, b. 3-28-1902; at home.

54. CORA SWIGER (5) —, GEORGE W. (4), ABSOLOM (3),  
 MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Cora, third daughter of George W. and Eliza (Stout) Swiger, was born on Laurel Run, near Brown, May 3, 1871; m., June 15, 1890, Andrew, son of Andrew Moore, Sr., a farmer of Simpson Creek, Harrison county. He has been traveling salesman for the Smith-Race Grocery Co., of Fairmont, for the last twenty years. Living now at Shinnston. One child:

- 124 (1) Carroll Moore, b. 9-21-1897; unmarried; at Shinnston.

55. DELIA F. SWIGER (5) —, GEORGE W. (4), ABSOLOM (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Delia F., youngest child of George W. and Eliza (Stout) Swiger, was born on Laurel Run, Harrison county, West Va., May 9, 1873; m., May 20, 1908, Owen, son of Richard Moore, a farmer of Granesville, Marion county, West Va., she being his second wife. She had two children, one by her husband, as follows:

- 125 (1) Genevieve Swiger (McIntire), b. 6-6-1895; unmarried; at home.  
 126 (2) James Moore, b. 8-24-1910; at home.

59. LOUISA V. SWIGER (5) —, JOHN W. (4), MATILDA (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Louisa, oldest daughter of John W. and Mary E. (Harbert) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Oct. 26, 1849; m., March 3, 1868, Okey J., a son of Bennett and Zephia

(Shinn) Rittenhouse. He and wife first settled on a farm on Flag Run; removed from there to Pt. Comfort, where he now lives and where he is a contracting carpenter.

Children:

- 127 (1) Ashby Rittenhouse, b. 4-7-1868; m. Narcissa Swiger.  
(See Narcissa).
- 128 (2) Anna Rittenhouse, b. 7-28-1873; unmarried; at home.
- 129 (3) L. Earnest Rittenhouse, b. 2-19-1871; m. Martha  
Grapes, of Clarksburg. He is a contracting car-  
penter; has one daughter:  
(1) Dorothy Rittenhouse.
- 130 (4) Robert C. Rittenhouse, b. 9-22-1877; ob. infans.
- 131 (5) Brantley Rittenhouse, b. 11-14-1881; m. Sue Cofer,  
of Parkersburg; living at Clarksburg.
- 132 (6) Flora Rittenhouse, b. 9-16-1879; m. Harry Morrison.  
living at Wilsonburg.
- 133 (7) Grover C. Rittenhouse, b. 8-1-1884; ob. infans.
- 134 (8) Clyde F. Rittenhouse, b. 3-21-1887; m. Ethel Baker;  
living in Philadelphia.

60. MATTIE SWIGER (5) — JOHN W. (4), MATILDA (3),  
MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Mattie, youngest daughter of John W. and Mary E. (Harbert) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Jan. 1, 1862; m., 1885, Dr. L. D. Frum, of Simpson Creek, Harrison county. She and husband lived at Sardis, where he enjoyed a large practice of his profession. He died of a complication of diseases in rather early life, since which, she has been keeping a boarding house at Sardis. Her father lives with her.

One son:

- 135 (1) Delbert Frum, b. 12-19-1885; m. Lottie B. Shreve  
(See Lottie), 6-9-1907; living at Sardis.

61. AMAZIAH SWIGER (5) - , WILLIAM G. (4), WILSON (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Amaziah, oldest son of William G. and Amanda (Hughes) Swiger, was born on Isaac's Creek, Sardis district, Va., June 9, 1851; m. for his first wife, Mary L. Harbert, born Jan. 10, 1852, died April 22, 1908. He was a very large man, a farmer, and lived and died on Isaac's Creek, of typhoid fever, July 22, 1877. After his death, his widow married for her second husband, Andrew Bates, a relative of John Bates, of Wetzel county, who married Mary Swiger, a d. of Christopher. (See Mary). By her second husband she had: Russell, who married Ida Swiger (See Ida); Guy, who married Lelia, d. of Warren Carrico; Dessie, m. William, son of John Ashcraft; Glen, who married Sarah, d. of John Bates.

Amaziah's children were:

- 136 Amanda E. Swiger, b. 12-26-1869; m. David Rogers, 7-17-1890.  
 137 Henry F. Swiger b. 2-16-1872; unmarried; manager of the Rosebud Fuel Co. store at Rosebud.  
 138 Lillie B. Swiger, b. 4-9-1874; m. Jacob D. Fortney, 4-16-1891.  
 139 Lucretia Swiger, b. 2-8-1877; ob. infans.

62. WILSON J. SWIGER (5) - , WILLIAM G. (4), WILSON (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Wilson J., second and youngest son of William G. and Amanda (Hughes) Swiger, was born on Isaac's Creek, in Sardis district, March 24, 1854; m., June 17, 1875, Emaline, a d. of Lemmel and Martha Hurst, of Sardis. He first settled at Sar-

dis; thence, removed to Stealey Heights Addition to Clarksburg, where they are now living. They had ten children, as follows:

- 140 (1) Sarah Swiger, b. 6-8-1876; m., 10-4-1898, Emory Coffman, a son of Elmore and Mary E. (Riggs) Coffman, born Nov. 9, 1876, at Meadowbrook, Harrison county. He is traveling salesman for the Uniontown Wholesale Grocery Co., of Uniontown, Pa. They live in Stealey Heights, and have four children:
  - (1) Margaret Coffman, b. 7-23-1900.
  - (2) Mabel Coffman, b. 3-14-1902.
  - (3) Robert Coffman, b. 8-18-1904.
  - (4) Edna Coffman, b. 3-10-1908.
- 141 (2) Myrtle Swiger, b. 10-10-1878; m. Charles, son of Nicholson Hardman, of Wilsonburg, where he lives and where he is engaged in mining. One child.
- 142 (3) William Swiger, b. 2-15-1880; m., 3-22-1912, for his first wife, Leie May Johnston, d. of Sydney Johnston, of Adamston. To them were born three children. She having died at age of 36 years, he m., 12-13-1914, Agnes Williams, a d. of Norman and Gay Williams, of Reynoldsville. No issue by last wife. They live in Stealey Heights, where he is employed by Clarksburg Ice Co. Children:
  - 143 (1) Mabel Swiger, b. 1903; ob. infans.
  - 144 (2) Marie Swiger, b. 8-7-1905; at home.
  - 145 (3) Ray Swiger, b. 10-27-1910; at home.
  - 146 (4) Grayson Swiger, b. 7-19-1885; m., 4-4-1911, Flossie, d. of Jefferson Perine; lives on Milford road, near Clarksburg, where he is engaged in the business of carpentering. Children:
    - 147 (1) Charles Swiger, b. 8-4-1912.
    - 148 (2) Roy Swiger, b. 1-10-1915.
  - 149 (5) Frank Swiger, b. 6-6-1894; unmarried; employee of the Clarksburg Ice Co., Clarksburg.

150 (6) Mary E. Swiger, b. 12-1-1897; m. 6-13-1914, James R., son of W. Peter and Dora (Stout) Ratliff, of Burnsville, Braxton county. He lives in Stealey Heights, where he is engaged as contracting mason. One child;

(1) Helen Virginia Ratliff, b. 11-14-1914.

151 (7) Bertha Swiger, b. 10-26-1900; d. at 14 years.

152 (8) Lloyd Swiger, b. 3-1-1889; ob. infans.

153 (9) Bessie Swiger, b. 6-11-1891; ob. infans.

154 (10) Ora Swiger, b. 11-3-1883; m. 9-2-1907, Darl, son of James and Emma (Dixon) Hardy, of Perry county, Ohio. She and husband live in Stealey Heights, where he is employed by Clarksburg Ice and Storage Co., Clarksburg. Children:

(1) Clarence Hardy, b. 3-31-1905.

(2) Mary S. Hardy, b. 10-8-1911.

(3) Mildred Hardy, b. 6-18-1908.

(4) William E. Hardy, b. 7-29-1913.

63. BERTHA SWIGER (6) —, GEORGE W. (5), ELIAS (4),  
ABSOLOM (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Bertha, oldest daughter of George W. and Catherine (Morris) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, July 25, 1875; m. Sept. 25, 1902, W. H. Richards, a son of Phipps and Tabitha (Shinn) Richards. He and wife live in Clarksburg, where he is engaged in the retail meat and provision business, his business being located on Third St. One child;

155 (1) Moore S. Richards, b. 7-27-1906.

64. ALMA SWIGER (6) —, GEORGE W. (5), ELIAS (4),  
ABSOLOM (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Alma, second daughter of George W. and Catherine (Moore) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, West Va., March

18, 1882. She was graduated from the Clarksburg Business College, after which she accepted a position as bookkeeper in the Parsons-Souders Store; resigning this position, she accepted a similar position with the Sutter Roofing Co., Clarksburg. On Sept. 22, 1913, she married Aubrey W. Martin, a son of Theodore (See Theodore) and Amanda (Cunningham) Martin, now of Lumberport. Mr. Martin is a former teacher, having taught as principal in the Clarksburg schools for several years. He gave up teaching and went to New York, where he studied music under some of New York's most noted vocalists; returned to Fairmont, where he held the position of musical director in the Fairmont State Normal School. In the year 1914, he and family removed to Oxford, Ohio, where he accepted a position as musical director in Oxford University.

Children:

- 156 (1) Mary Ellen Martin, b. 6-14-1914.
- 157 (2) Miriam Moore Martin, b. 7-27-1915.

68. ELBERTA SWIGER (6)—, HENRY A. (5), ELIAS (4), ABSOLOM (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Elberta, oldest daughter of Henry A. and Louisa (Ash) Swiger, born in Sardis district, Feb. 10, 1879; m., July 24, 1899, Alexander, son of Robert and America Davisson, farmers of Marshville, West Va. He is a farmer and teamster, living near Sardis, on what is known as the old homestead of Peter Ash. He is the present secretary of the Board of Education of Sardis district.

Children:

- 158 (1) Nelle Davisson, b. 3-4-1900.
- 159 (2) Fay Davisson, b. 5-13-1902.
- 160 (3) Harold Davisson, b. 12-16-1904.
- 161 (4) Darwin Davisson, b. 4-12-1907.
- 162 (5) Ivan Davisson, b. 9-9-1908.
- 163 (6) Ruth Davisson, b. 10-2-1911.
- 164 (7) Ralph Davisson, b. 9-20-1914.

69. LOYREN SWIGER (6) — HENRY A. (5), ELLAS (4),  
ABSOLON (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Loyren, only son of Henry A. and Louisa (Ash) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, West Va., May 1, 1882; came from the farm on Gregory's Run and located in Clarksburg, where he had a cleaning and pressing establishment; entered into partnership with his uncle, R. B. Swiger, in the harness business. On Sept. 19, 1906, he married Margaret, d. of Thomas Groves, of Winterburk, Pa. She was born Dec. 19, 1886. He and family live in Adamston, but he is working in Clarksburg, where he is now engaged as manager of a shoe repair shop, on Second St.

Children:

- 165 (1) Loyren K. Swiger, b. 4-13-1909.  
166 (2) Henry A. Swiger, Jr., b. 6-24-1913.

70. BELVIA SWIGER (6) — HENRY A. (5), ELLAS (4),  
ABSOLON (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Belvia, youngest daughter of Henry A. and Louisa (Ash) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, July 27, 1884; m., July 27, 1902, Dr. D. E. Ritter, born Dec. 31, 1875, and a son of John and Jane Ritter, of near Marshville. She and husband now live in Adamston, West Va., where he is engaged in the practice of medicine, having his office in the Goff Building at Clarksburg.

Children:

- 167 (1) Genevieve Ritter, b. 6-26-1903.  
168 (2) Lillian Ritter, b. 1-25-1907.  
169 (3) Brencie Ritter, b. 1-31-1910.

98. EDNA E. SWIGER (6)-, ORLANDO M. (5), ELIAS (4), ABSOLOM (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Edna E., oldest daughter of Orlando M. and Elizabeth Jane (Hawker) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, June 17, 1889; m., Nov. 9, 1910, Wilber Douglas Coffman, b. June 4, 1887, third son of E. L. and Frances O. (Harbert) Coffman, farmers of Rosebud, Eagle district. He is a farmer and stockman and lives with his father, both of whom are interested in the breeding of fine cattle. One child:

- 170 (1) Ray Douglas Coffman, b. 8-2-1914.

100. LULA M. SWIGER (6)-, ORLANDO M. (5), ELIAS (4), ABSOLOM (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lula M., second and youngest daughter of Orlando M. and Elizabeth Jane (Hawker) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, July 6, 1894; m., July 5, 1911, Claude A., son of E. L. and Frances O. (Harbert) Coffman, and a brother to her sister's (Edna) husband. He was born Feb. 21, 1883; now residing on Nolan's Run, where he is engaged in farming. No children.

136. AMANDA E. SWIGER (6)-, AMAZIAH (5), WILLIAM G. (4), WILSON (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Amanda E., oldest daughter of Amaziah and Mary I. (Harbert) Swiger, was born on Isaac's Creek, Harrison county, West Va., Dec. 26, 1869; m., July 17, 1890, David W. Rogers, who was born Aug. 22, 1849, d. June 2, 1913. He was a farmer; lived and died on the head waters of Shinn's Run.

Children:

- 171 (1) Carl Rogers, b. 11-21-1892; unmarried; with mother.  
 172 (2) L. Clark Rogers, b. 2-19-1895; unmarried.  
 173 (3) Mabel P. Rogers, b. 5-21-1902; unmarried.  
 174 (4) Mary V. Rogers, b. 3-24-1907; unmarried.



138. LILLIE B. SWIGER (6)—, AMAZIAH (5), WILLIAM G. (4), WILSON (3), MARY (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lillie B., second daughter of Amaziah and Mary L. Garbert Swiger, was born in Sardis district, on Isaac's Creek, April 9, 1874; m., April 16, 1891, Jacob D., son of Joshua Fortney, a farmer of Lumberport. He was born Feb. 14, 1867, and is a farmer, residing now on Isaac's Creek, Sardis district.

Children:

- 175 (1) Leslie Ray Fortney, b. 3-9-1892; m. Mamie Garrett, 3-30-1913, who was born Aug. 30, 1892. He is now located at Rosebud, where he is engaged as book-keeper for the Rosebud Fuel Co., of that place. One child.
- (1) Leslie Wayne Fortney, b. 1-22-1914.
- 176 (2) Edith Leota Fortney, b. 5-21-1895; m., 1-30-1913, Russell Pigott (See Russell), who was born Aug. 30, 1891. He is a farmer and lives on Isaac's Creek, Sardis district.
- 177 (3) Ollie Cleo Fortney, b. 12-13-1898; unmarried; at home.
- 178 (4) Vonda Opal Fortney, b. 11-21-1901; ob. infans.

## FAMILY OF ELIZABETH.

ELIZABETH SWIGER (2)—, WILLIAM (1).

Elizabeth, daughter of John William and Mary Swiger, was born in Loudoun county, Va.; emigrated to Pennsylvania with her father and mother about the time of the Revolutionary War, removing with them, after the War was over, to Harrison county, Va. After having met with some disappointment in life, she met and married, Aug. 1- 1790, James Kelley, who was reared on a farm in Clay district, near the old homestead of Samuel Shinn, on Shinn's Run. She removed with her husband to a little cabin just above where Addison Rittenhouse now

lives, where she died at about the age of sixty years, after having given birth to twin children.

To her were born six children, as follows:

- 1 (1) Jesse B. Swiger, b. 6-10-1788, whose middle name was the same as the first name of his supposed father; m. Kasandra Brown.
- 2 (2) Sarah Kelley; d. at age of 18 years.
- 3 (3) Nancy Kelley; m. Richard Roberts, and lived in Tyler county.
- 4 (4) Thomas Kelley; m. (1) —Gaiteral; (2) Elizabeth Weekley, and lived in Tyler county.
- 5 (5) Jacob Kelley, twin to Thomas; d. at 16 years.
- 6 (6) Amelia Kelley, who was the father of Jesse Kelley, who was the father of Jerdon, Sebastian, Levi and others, of Sardis district.

# 1. JESSE SWIGER (3)—. ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jesse, oldest son of Elizabeth Swiger, whose father was said to be — Allen, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va., June 10, 1788. He lived with his mother and step-father till about the age of 20 years, when he married, Jan. 2, 1812, Kasandra, d. of Jabey and Nancy (Holland) Brown. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Swiger's mother, was born in Maryland, 1760, her parents having removed from Maryland to Morgantown, Va., where she met her husband, Mr. Brown, who had emigrated from New Jersey. Mr. Brown was a Revolutionary soldier, having enlisted at the age of sixteen years, not as a gunner, but as a teamster for General Washington. He died at the age of 76 years of an affection of the lungs; his wife, at the age of 86 years, of paralysis.

When Jesse Swiger was born, the nearest and only cabin on Little Tennile Creek, East of his father's, was standing near where Harrison Husted now lives; and none on the West.

nearer than Middle Island, on McElroy Creek, Doddridge county.



JESSE SWIGER.

Jesse Swiger was a farmer and a great hunter, having killed more than four hundred deer and bear. He lived on Ten-mile Creek, near Brown.

To his union were born ten children, all of whom are dead, except Harriet and Israel.

Children:

- 7 Hiram Swiger, b. 1811; m., 12-8-1840, Barbara Bolton.
- 8 Thomas Swiger, b. 1815; ob. infans.
- 9 Elizabeth Swiger, b. 1818; m., 9-19-1847, Jerdon Hall.

- 10 Mariah Swiger, b. 1816; m. Pindle Allen. (See Pindle).
- 11 Rachel Swiger, b. 1820; m. Doddridge Allen. (See Doddridge).
- 12 Jabey Swiger, b. 1828; m. Abbey Harbert.
- 13 Israel Swiger, b. 2-11-1831; m. Phoebe Dye.
- 14 Matthew Swiger, b. 3-5-1835; m. Sarah Jane Loy.
- 15 Harriet Swiger, b. 5-12-1837; m. John Harbert.
- 16 John T. Swiger, b. 8-15-1843; m. (1) Phoebe Ann Hall;  
(2) Rachel Allen. (See Rachel).

7. HIRAM SWIGER (4)—. JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Hiram, son of Jesse and Kasandra (Brown) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, near Brown; m., Dec. 8, 1840, Barbara Bolton. She was a noted singer. He first settled on Laurel Run, near Brown, where he was engaged in the business of blacksmithing; removed from there to Doddridge county, where he and wife died at the ages of 72 and 76, respectively.

Children:

- 17 (1) William Franklin Swiger; was a soldier in the Union army, and in the battle of Winchester, where he was killed in the year 1864. Lafayette Swiger (See Lafayette) was killed in the same battle. Franklin's body was removed from the battlefield and now reposes in the National Cemetery at Grafton, where his grave is marked.
- 18 (2) Zachariah Taylor Swiger; m., 6-25-1872, Elizabeth Green; (2) Roanna Morgan, 1882.
- 19 (3) Kasandra Swiger; lost her eyesight at 28; unmarried; d. at 51 years.
- 20 (4) Saloma Swiger; m. John Greene, of near Centerpoint, Doddridge county; had one child; all are now dead.

9. ELIZABETH SWIGER (4) = JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Elizabeth, daughter of Jesse and Kasandra (Brown) Swiger, was born, 1818, in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va.; m., Sept. 19, 1847, Jerdon Hall for his second wife. Jerdon was the father of the Rev. L. D. Hall, of Harrison county. Elizabeth and husband removed to Wood county, West Va. He was a farmer, and he and wife both died near Parkersburg.

10. MARIAH SWIGER (4) = JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Mariah, daughter of Jesse and Kasandra (Brown) Swiger, born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va., 1816; m., April 12, 1845, Pindle Allen, son of Joshua and Becca (Whiteman) Allen, of Doddridge county. (See Pindle). He was a farmer and lived and died in Doddridge county.

Children:

- 21 (1) Silas Allen.
- 22 (2) Jesse Allen, twin.
- 23 (3) Joshua Allen, twin.
- 24 (4) Elbert Allen; m., 11-27-1874, Mary Swiger. (See Mary).

11. RACHEL SWIGER (4) = JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Rachel, d. of Jesse and Kasandra (Brown) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va., near Brown, 1820; m., April 17, 1849, Doddridge Allen (See Doddridge), of Dod-

dridge county, West Va. They lived at Centerpoint, Doddridge county, where were born to them four children, two boys and two girls, the sons yet living. They were:

- 25 (1) Edgar Allen,
- 26 (2) Harriet Allen,
- 27 (3) Amanda Allen,
- 28 (4) Nelson Allen,

12. JABEY SWIGER (4) —, JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Jabey, son of Jesse and Kasandra (Brown) Swiger, was born, 1828, in Sardis district, near Brown; m., Nov. 9, 1848, Abbey Harbert, of Harrison county. He was a noted Baptist preacher; lived in Jackson county, West Va., and did most of his pastoral work there; established many churches, and was considered not only a good man, but a man having superior knowledge of the Scriptures, of which he was a hard student. He and wife died in Jackson county. His children, four in number, are scattered and we have no further knowledge of them.

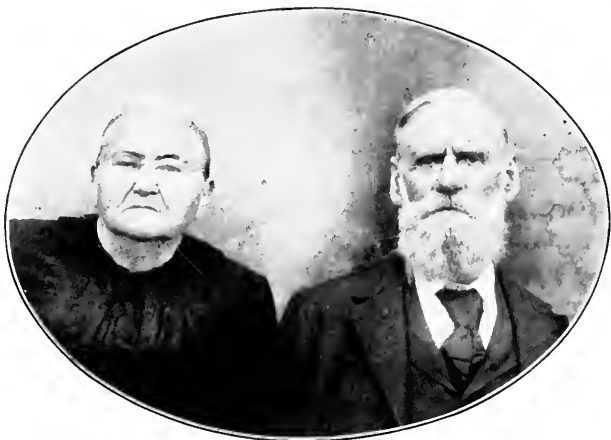
Children:

- 29 Erwin A. Swiger; m. Abigail, d. of Samuel Harbert, of Sardis district, Harrison county, West Va.
- 30 Harriet Ann Swiger,
- 31 One girl,
- 32 One girl,

13. ISRAEL SWIGER (4) —, JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Israel, son of Jesse and Kasandra (Brown) Swiger, was born, Feb. 11, 1831, in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va.; m., April 10, 1851, Phoebe, d. of Walter and Agnes (Ford) Dye, who were formerly from Virginia, having moved to a place

near Wallace in an early day. Mrs. (Ford) Dye was born, Dec. 13, 1831; d. Jan. 23, 1910. Israel has been engaged in the business of farming all of his life, and is still quite an active man, for a man of his years; living near Wallace. He has the most remarkable memory of any person with whom we have ever come in personal contact. At the age of sixty-five years he was



ISRAEL AND PHOEBE (DYE) SWIGER.

unable to read without the very strongest glasses; since, he has regained his sight until now he can read the finest print without the aid of glasses.

His children, seven in number, are living. They are:

- 33 Malissa A. Swiger, b. 2-4-1852; unmarried; at home.
- 34 Susan C. Swiger, b. 2-25-1854; m. Jefferson Robey.
- 35 Victoria Swiger, b. 2-24-1856; m. Francis M. Harbert.
- 36 Filmore Swiger, b. 8-5-1857; m. Bashaba Pell.
- 37 Frederick M. Swiger, b. 2-11-1859; m. Olive Ford.
- 38 Cratis E. Swiger, b. 12-18-1865; m. Minnie Tucker.
- 39 Orlando Swiger, b. 2-4-1867; ob. infans.

14. MATTHEW SWIGER (4) —, JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Matthew, son of Jesse and Kasandra (Brown) Swiger, was born March 5, 1835; m., Sept. 15, 1859, Sarah, d. of William Loy, b. Dec. 11, 1841. He was a farmer, settled and lived near Brown, where he died. His widow still lives.

Children:

- 40 Jasper B. Swiger, b. 7-20-1861; m. Mary Edgell.
- 41 William N. Swiger, b. 3-29-1863; ob. infans.
- 42 Elmer E. Swiger, b. 1-10-1865; m. (1) Mary Nuzum; (2)
- 43 Cleotha N. Swiger, b. 7-12-1867; m. Delphia Watkins.
- 44 Amanda C. Swiger, b. 9-5-1869; unmarried; living at Adamston.
- 45 Marshall F. Swiger, b. 1-31-1873; m. Lucy B. Rogers.
- 46 Lloyd E. Swiger, b. 6-18-1875; m. Bessie Orr.
- 47 Anna M. Swiger, b. 8-12-1879; m. John Davis.

15. HARRIET SWIGER (4) —, JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Harriet, daughter of Jesse and Kasandra (Brown) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, near Brown, May 12, 1837; m., May 12, 1853, John W. Harbert, a farmer of Rock Camp, who was born July 25, 1831, and died Saturday, Nov. 11, 1914. Other brothers and sisters of John Harbert were A. Judson, who married Elizabeth Shaban, and lived at Marshville; Malinda, who married Renben Strother, and lived at Sardis; Rhoda, married Thomas Drummmond, a Baptist preacher, of Sardis district, who was shot in the Civil War; Millie, married John McIntire, of Rock Camp; James A., a cripple, who never married. Harriet



(Swiger) Harbert still lives at the old home on Rock Camp, where she enjoys good health. She attended the first Swiger reunion at Hepzibah, Oct. 17, 1915. (See photo.).

Children:

- 48 Edgar Harbert, b. 5-6-1855; ob. infans.
- 49 Lloyd Harbert, b. 1-27-1859; m., 9-16-1886, Ariel, d. of F. M. and Ann (Rogers) Smith, farmers of Simpson Creek, Harrison county. They had born to them one son:
  - 50 (1) Aubrey A. Harbert, b. 2-3-1888; m. Marguerite Woodburen, formerly of England. He and wife are located at Cleveland, Ohio, where he is general manager of a window glass factory.
- 51 Jesse Harbert, b. 9-28-1861; ob. infans.
- 52 Kasandra Harbert, b. 1-5-1866; m. Salathiel Swiger. (See Salathiel).
- 53 Cora B. Harbert, b. 4-15-1868; m. Grant Swiger. (See Grant).
- 54 Anna Harbert, b. 8-30-1871; m. John Dennison, son of E. L. and Elizabeth (Morris) Dennison, farmers of Harrison county. They first settled in Clarksburg, where the husband died. She is still living in Clarksburg. Children:
  - 55 (1) Eppa L. Dennison; m. Ethel Skinner, of Bristol, where they live.
  - 56 (2) Vista P. Dennison.
  - 57 (3) Jay Dennison.
  - 58 (4) Worthy Dennison.
  - 59 (5) Ezra Dennison.
  - 60 (6) Ruth Dennison.
  - 61 (7) Willard Dennison.
  - 62 (8) Genevieve Dennison.
- 63 Wilda Harbert, b. 12-3-1873; unmarried; at old home.
- 64 Ada Harbert, b. 11-12-1876; ob. infans.

65 Mary Harbert, b. 5-9-1857; m., 1-5-1865, Rev. William, a son of John and Mariah C. (Allen) Newlon, who has been a very active man in his pastoral work, and now lives in Broad Oaks (Clarksburg), West Va., at an advanced age. His maternal grandfather, Joseph Allen, was a Methodist Protestant preacher. Rev. Newlon's first wife was Harriet, a daughter of James and Ann (Rightmire) Bailey, of Taylor county, by whom he had:

(1) S. M. Newlon.

(2) R. D. Newlon.

(3) M. B. Newlon, who lives in Stealey Addition to Clarksburg.

By his second wife he had:

66 (1) Elizabeth Newlon, b. 1-3-1876; m. R. B. Swiger. (See R. B.).

67 (2) Emsie Newlon, b. 2-18-1877; m. Late, son of Matthew and Columbia (Lawson) Goodwin, now of Broak Oaks.

68 (3) Amoretta Newlon, b. 5-14-1881; unmarried; employee of the D. M. Ogden Co., Clarksburg.

69 (4) J. Hawker Newlon, b. 2-4-1889; m. Bertha, d. of Frank G. and Mary (Berry) Bland.

70 (10) Charles Harbert, b. 5-30-1879; m. Ora, d. of Temp and Katherine (Dye) Whiteman, farmers of Sardis district. He is a farmer and lives on the waters of Big Rock Camp, near the old home. Children:

71 (1) Ora Harbert.

72 (2) Mary Harbert.

73 (3) Alta Harbert.

74 (4) Georgia Harbert.

16. JOHN T. SWIGER (4)—. JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

John T., son of Jesse and Kasandra (Brown) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va., near Brown, Aug.

15, 1813; m., Jan. 15, 1835, Phoebe Ann Hall, a daughter of Elisha Hall, of Little Tennessee Creek, Harrison county, for his first wife. She was born July 14, 1812, and died Jan. 3, 1863. She had no children. For his second wife he married, April 11,



JOHN T. SWIGER.

1844, Rachel, daughter of Joshua Allen (See Joshua), of Doddridge county. John T. was a farmer and one of the three famous hunters of the Swiger family, having, according to his own account given a short time before his death, killed more than three hundred deer and bear. He lived on a farm on Laurel Run, in Eagle district, near Dola, where he died at an advanced age. To his second union were born five children, four of whom are

still living. The picture opposite, which is a fairly good likeness of him, was taken several years before his death.

Children:

- 75 A. Gilbert Swiger, b. 8-21-1845; m. Josephine Robinson.
- 76 J. Nelson Swiger, b. 6-5-1848; m. Harriet Swiger. (See Harriet).
- 77 J. Allen Swiger, b. 4-11-1851; m. (1) Nancy Pigott; (2) Martha Boggess.
- 78 Louisa Swiger, b. 2-22-1858; m. D. D. Robinson.  
Two died in infancy.

18. ZACHARIAH T. SWIGER (5)—. HIRAM (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Zachariah T., son of Hiram and Barbara (Bolton) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, near Brown, in Harrison county, Va.; m. for his first wife, June 25, 1872, Anna, d. of Isaac N. and Sarah A. Greene, farmers of Doddridge county. He settled in Doddridge county, where he still lives. His first wife having died, he married, 1882, Roanna, d. of James and Caroline Morgan, farmers of Doddridge county. To his first union were born three children, two girls and one boy. By his second wife he had seven children, most of whom live.

Children:

- 79 (1) Mary Swiger; m. Elijah Beverlin, a farmer of Smithfield, where they live, and have:
- 80 (1) Glenn Beverlin.
- 81 (2) Carl Beverlin.
- 82 (2) Floyd C. Swiger; m., Dec. 28, 1899, Sina, d. of Jacob Mahana. He works in the oil fields of Doddridge county, and lives near Centerpoint. Children:
- 83 (1) Vena Swiger.
- 84 (2) Carlos Swiger.

- 85 (3) Clara Swiger; m., Aug. 30, 1897, Riley Yeater, of Salem, West Va. He is a machinist at Salem, where he lives and has six children, all of whom are living, except Clare. Children:
- 86 (1) Orval Yeater,
- 87 (2) Lawrence Yeater,
- 88 (3) Everett Yeater,
- 89 (4) Clare Yeater; deceased.
- 90 (5) Otis Yeater,
- 91 (6) Bernadine Yeater.
- Children by second wife:
- 92 (1) James B. Swiger; m., 6-21-1906, Loma, d. of John and Maragret (Edgell) Welch, of Doddridge county. He is now employed at Hazel-Atlas Glass Factory, at Clarksburg, as machinist. He and family live on Baltimore St. Children:
- 93 (1) Linden Swiger, b. 3-16-1907,
- 94 (2) Harold Swiger, b. 5-8-1908; deceased,
- 95 (3) Meryle Swiger, b. 11-22-1909,
- 96 (4) Wilmoth Swiger, b. 10-5-1911,
- 97 (5) Marie Swiger, b. 1-15-1915,
- 98 (2) Athilla Swiger; m. Pierce Conoway, of Smithfield, West Va., where he and his family live, and where he is employed by the Rope Natural Gas Co. Children:
- 99 (1) Birchie Conoway,
- 100 (2) Ralph Conoway,
- 101 (3) Orie Swiger, b. 4-25-1891; m., March 1, 1916, Lillian Bragg. He is employed by the Hazel-Atlas Glass Co., at Clarksburg, West Va.
- 102 (4) Francis M. Swiger; unmarried; at home,
- 103 (5) William Swiger; employed by Hazel-Atlas Glass Co.
- 104 (6) Rozanna Swiger; unmarried; at home,
- 105 (7) Freeman Swiger; unmarried; at home.

34. SUSAN C. SWIGER (5)—. ISRAEL (4), JESSE (3),  
ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Susan, daughter of Israel and Phoebe (Dye) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, near Brown, Feb. 25, 1854; m., May 28, 1872, Jefferson Monroe Robey, who was born June 11, 1831, and a son of James Allison and Nancy (Percil) Robey, she being his second wife. Mr. Robey was a farmer and later in life removed from Caldwell Run, where he first settled, to a farm near Sardis, where he lived till he died. Susan C. still lives, being now with her daughter, Mrs. Claude Robinson, at Rosebud.

Children:

- 106 (1) Ora Robey, b. 6-9-1875; m., 10-2-1892, Calder F., son of Marshall and Anna (Clarke) Bailey, farmers of Taylor county. They live at Salem, Harrison county, West Va., where he is engaged in the mercantile business. Children:
- 107 (1) Muriel Bailey, b. 11-5-1893; graduate of Salem College; unmarried.
- 108 (2) Afton Bailey, b. 6-22-1895; unmarried.
- 109 (3) Paul Bailey, b. 12-27-1898; unmarried.
- 110 (4) Mildred Bailey, b. 7-10-1901; unmarried.
- 111 (2) Mande Robey, b. 12-2-1877; m., 9-2-1900, Claude Robinson (See Claude), a son of C. D. and Savilla (Bartlett) Robinson, of Rosebud, West Va. He is a farmer on a farm near Rosebud, where he and family live. Children:
- 112 (1) Ruth Robinson, b. 6-2-1903.
- 113 (2) Esther Robinson, b. 12-11-1906.
- 114 (3) Anna Robey, b. 7-16-1880; d. in early womanhood of a complication of diseases.
- 115 (4) Paul Robey, b. 7-29-1885; d. in early manhood of diphtheria.

- 116 (5) Carl Robey, b. 2-13-1893; m., 6-0-1911, Bessie Lewis, and lives at Sardis, West Va., where he has two children. He and his wife have separated. Children:
- 117 (1) Helen Robey, b. 6-6-1912.
- 118 (2) Mabel Robey, b. 9-7-1913.

35. VICTORIA SWIGER (5) — ISRAEL (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Victoria, daughter of Israel and Phoebe (Dye) Swiger, was born, Feb. 24, 1856, in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va.; m., Oct. 18, 1877, Francis M., son of Benjamin Harbert, a farmer of Sardis district. She and husband are living on Big Ten-mile Creek, near the old homestead of Benjamin Swiger, where he (Mr. Harbert) is engaged in farming.

To this union have been born two children, both boys.

Children:

- 119 (1) Ouel W. Harbert, b. 10-2-1883; m., 3-27-1906, Florence E., d. of Allen Ridgeway, of Clarksburg. They now live in Clarksburg, where he is engaged in the business of plumbing. No children.
- 120 (2) Arwin Fay Harbert, b. 7-11-1890; m., 8-12-1909, Pearl, a d. of Jacob W. Gerrard, farmer of Gregory's Run. He is a farmer and lives with his parents, near Sardis, where they have two children:
- 121 (1) Zelma M. Harbert, b. 12-1-1912.
- 122 (2) Francis M. Harbert, b. 8-29-1914.

36. L. FILMORE SWIGER (5)— ISRAEL (4), JESE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

L. Filmore, son of Israel and Phoebe (Dye) Swiger, was born Aug. 5, 1857; m., Oct. 31, 1894, Bashaba W., daughter of

Kelso and Zeppora (Wamsley) Pell, farmers of Bridgeport, West Va. He is a farmer, living with his father, near Wallace.

Children:

- 123 (1) Olga K. Swiger, b. 4-1-1897.
- 124 (2) Lena Swiger, b. 5-23-1898.
- 125 (3) Annah Swiger, b. 4-24-1900.
- 126 (4) Guy Swiger, b. 6-3-1903.

37. FREDERICK M. SWIGER (5)—. ISRAEL (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Frederick M., son of Israel and Phoebe (Dye) Swiger, was born near Brown, in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va., Feb. 11, 1859; m., Sept. 15, 1881, Olive F., d. of James and Tabitha (Davis) Ford, farmers of Doddridge county. He first settled at Brown; thence, to Doddridge county; thence, to Salem, where he is now engaged in the business of farming and dairying.

Children:

- 127 (1) Oran W. Swiger, b. 1-12-1882; m. Nannie Clarke, of Pennsylvania.
- 128 (2) Otis F. Swiger, b. 5-15-1884; m. Mary Winters, of Rhode Island.
- 129 (3) Fred E. Swiger, b. 4-22-1892; unmarried; at home.
- 130 (4) Roy D. Swiger, b. 11-25-1897; unmarried; at home.

38. CRATIS E. SWIGER (5)—. ISRAEL (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Cratis E., son of Israel and Phoebe (Dye) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Va., near Brown, Dec. 18, 1865; m. Minnie, d. of Jedediah Tucker, farmer of Marietta, Ohio. He first settled at Brown; to Wood county, where he was a blacksmith;



to Kanawha county, where he is engaged, at present, in drilling for oil and gas. He separated from his first wife and married — Nichols.

Children by first wife:

- 131 (1) Eonie Swiger; m. Otis T. Rose; at Williamstown.
- 132 (2) Leota Swiger; m. Virgil Shriver, of Mannington.
- 133 (3) Phoebe Swiger; at Marietta, in store.
- 134 (4) Hazel Swiger; unmarried; at Marietta, in store.

40. JASPER B. SWIGER (5)—, MATTHEW (4), JESSE (3),  
ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jasper B., son of Matthew and Sarah Jane (Loy) Swiger, born, July 20, 1861, in Sardis district, Va.; m., Nov. 20, 1890, a daughter of Thomas P. and Celia (Robinson) Edgell, of Sardis district; was a farmer; separated from his wife. His children are scattered and we have no further information concerning them. He is still living, making his home at John W. Harbert's, on Rock Camp.

Children:

- 135 (1) Ila Swiger.
- 136 (2) Gracie Swiger.
- 137 (3) Pearl Swiger.
- 138 (4) Otto Swiger.

The above children were committed to the humane home at Elkins. Since, Gracie has been adopted by a family in Detroit, Michigan, and Ila has a home in Pennsylvania.

42. ELMER E. SWIGER (5)—, MATTHEW (4), JESSE (3),  
ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Elmer, third son of Matthew and Sarah J. (Loy) Swiger, was born Jan. 10, 1865; m., Sept. 27, 1892, Mary, daughter of Charles A. and Sarah J. Nuzum, farmers of Rock Camp. He was a farmer in Sardis district, where he lived, till he died.

Sept., 1901. His widow married for her second husband, Charles Stewart, of Rock Camp, where they now live.

Children:

139 (1) Ferman Swiger; a farmer; unmarried; with mother.

43. CLEOTHA N. SWIGER (5)—. MATTHEW (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Cleotha N., son of Matthew and Sarah J. (Loy) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, West Va., July 12, 1867; m., May 30, 1889, Delphia, daughter of W. A. and Mary Watkins, of Brown. He was a farmer and he and wife lived at Brown till he committed suicide by shooting himself. His wife was born July 24, 1869, and now lives with her three sons at Adamston, West Va.

Children:

140 Carl M. Swiger, b. 4-23-1890; unmarried; chauffeur in Clarksburg.

141 Dallas L. Swiger, b. 10-30-1893; m. a d. of Blackburn Cunningham, a farmer of Cunningham's Run, Harrison county. He and wife live in Clarksburg, where he is employed by the S. C. Watkins Co.

142 Earnie L. Swiger, b. 2-10-1902; unmarried; at Adamston.

45. MARSHALL F. SWIGER (5)—. MATTHEW (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Marshall F., son of Matthew and Sarah J. (Loy) Swiger, was born Jan. 31, 1873, in Sardis district, Harrison county, West Va.; was married, June 22, 1902, to Lucy, daughter of Marcine and Sarah Rogers, of Brown. He is a farmer and he and family live on Caldwell Run, near Brown, West Va.

Children:

143 (1) Frank A. Swiger, b. 8-10-1905; unmarried.

- 144 (2) Denzil W. Swiger, b. 3-28-1907; unmarried.  
 145 (3) Donla A. Swiger, b. 3-19-1911; unmarried.  
 146 (4) Ruby M. Swiger, b. 5-1-1914; unmarried.

46. LLOYD E. SWIGER (5) , MATTHEW (4), JESSE (3),  
 ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lloyd E., son of Matthew and Sarah J. (Loy) Swiger, was born, June 18, 1875, in Harrison county, West Va.; m., March 15, 1913, Bessie Orr, of Taylor county. He is a farmer, now living on Little Rock Camp, Sardis district. They have no children.

47. ANNIE M. SWIGER (5) , MATTHEW (4), JESSE (3),  
 ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Annie M., youngest child of Matthew and Sarah J. (Loy) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, near Sardis, Aug. 12, 1879; m., Aug. 11, 1899, John Davis, a farmer and son of Joshua Davis, a farmer. He is living at Enterprise, West Va., and has three children.

Children:

- 147 (1) Burl Davis.  
 148 (2) Earl Davis.  
 149 (3) One other.

75. A. GILBERT SWIGER (5) , JOHN T. (4), JESSE (3),  
 ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

A. Gilbert, oldest son of John T. and Rachel (Allen) Swiger, was born on Laurel Run, in Eagle district, Harrison county, Va., Aug. 21, 1845; m., 1869, Josephine, a d. of George W. Robinson, a farmer of Jones Run. He first settled on the hill

above Rosebud, on a part of his father's farm, removing from there to his present location, nearer Rosebud. His wife died of asthma several years ago.

To his marriage have been born the following children:

- 150 Camisee D. Swiger, b. 1-2-1870; m. Fannie Harbert.
- 151 Julius Swiger, b. 10-13-1871; ob. infans.
- 152 Narcissa Swiger, b. 11-21-1873; m. Ashby Rittenhouse.
- 153 Ernest Swiger, b. 1-24-1878; m. Joy Pew.
- 154 Stanley Swiger, b. 1-16-1883; m. Maude Pigott.

76. J. NELSON SWIGER (5)---, JOHN T. (4), JESSE (3),  
ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

J. Nelson, second son of John T. and Rachel (Allen) Swiger, was born on Laurel Run, Eagle district, Harrison county, Va., June 5, 1848; m., March 14, 1872, Harriet (See Harriet), a d. of Elias and Eliza (Saulesberry) Swiger, farmers of Brown, West Va. During the greater part of his married life, he lived on Big Tennile Creek, above Lumberport, where he operated a saw mill and grist mill. Removing from there, he settled at the old homestead of his father, where he is engaged in the pursuit of farming.

His children are:

- 155 Anna Swiger, b. 2-6-1877; m. Wesley Brook.
- 156 Savilla Swiger, b. 2-20-1878; m. Jerome F. Harbert.
- 157 John G. Swiger, b. 6-5-1879; m. Ethel Watson.
- 158 Emma Swiger, b. 1-1-1884; m. Charles S. Harbert.
- 159 Allie Swiger, b. 3-3-1895; unmarried; at home.

77. J. ALLEN SWIGER (5)---, JOHN T. (4), JESSE (3),  
ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

J. Allen, son of John T. and Rachel (Allen) Swiger, was born, April 11, 1851, on Laurel Run, Eagle district, Harrison county, Va.; m., April 8, 1875, for his first wife, Nancy, d. of

Seth and Mary Ann (Gandy) Pigott, farmers of near Brown. His first wife having died, leaving him a widower without children, he m., Jan. 5, 1888, Martha, d. of George and Mary (Coffman) Boggess, farmers of Jones Run. He has been a farmer all his life, living now with his second wife at Dola. No children.

78. LOUISA SWIGER (5) —, JOHN T. (4), JESSE (3),  
ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Louisa, daughter of John T. and Rachel (Allen) Swiger, was born, Feb. 22, 1858, on Laurel Run, Eagle district; m., Oct. 20, 1881, D. D. Robinson, a farmer and son of John R. Robinson, of Jones Run, Harrison county. In later life they lived on the head waters of Laurel Run, near the old Swiger homestead, till he died of asthma and paralysis. His wife still remains a widow, living on Laurel Run. No children.

127. ORAN W. SWIGER (6) —, FREDERICK M. (5), ISRAEL (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Oran W., son of Frederick M. and Olive S. (Ford) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, West Va., Jan. 12, 1882; m., July 22, 1908, to Nancy M., d. of Alexander and Sitha (Winck) Clarke, farmers, who reside near Everett, Bedford county, Pa. He and family live in Salem, West Va., where he is engaged in the general mercantile business, having for his partner a Mr. Ford, under the firm name of Ford & Swiger.

Children:

- 160 (1) Virginia Swiger, b. 4-22-1912; unmarried.

128. OTIS F. SWIGER (6) —, FREDERICK (5), ISRAEL (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Otis F., son of Frederick M. and Olive (Ford) Swiger, was born at Salem, Harrison county, West Va., May 15, 1884; m.,

Nov. 23, 1907, Mary Helen, d. of E. A. and Mary (Benjamin) Witter. He first settled in Salem, where he and family now live, and where he is engaged in the hardware business in partnership with Charles A. Randolph and L. D. Lowther, working under the firm name of the Salem Hardware Co. Rev. Witter, is a native of Rhode Island, where he first began his ministerial work. Since, he has been in Nebraska, New York State and Salem, West Va., where he was pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church for several years. He removed from Salem to his native state, where he is now engaged in ministerial work.

Children:

- 161 (1) Aldelbert M. Swiger, b. 8-8-1908; unmarried.
- 162 (2) Paul B. Swiger, b. 12-9-1910; unmarried.
- 163 (3) Samuel W. Swiger, b. 1-15-1912; unmarried.
- 164 (4) Mary Helen Swiger, b. 7-2-1915; unmarried.

130. ROY D. SWIGER (6)—, FREDERICK (5), ISRAEL (4),  
JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Roy, youngest son of Frederick M. and Olive (Ford) Swiger, was born at Salem, Harrison county, West Va., Nov. 25, 1897. Since the history of his family was procured, the following account, taken from the Salem Express of June 29, 1916, is here given:

"Roy Swiger, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Swiger, of near this city, and Miss Celia Jarvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jarvis, of Wolf Summit, hied away to Oakland, Md., last week and were united in marriage. As they were only about nineteen years old, there was some parental opposition to their marriage, so they took the shortest cut to settle the question. They will live in Salem."

150. CAMISEE D. SWIGER (6) — A. GILBERT (5), JOHN T. (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Camisee D., oldest son of A. Gilbert and Josephine (Robinson) Swiger, was born, Jan. 2, 1870, in Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va. He was a farmer, and married, June 12, 1890, Fannie, d. of Al J. Harbert, of Eagle district. After marriage, he settled and lived on a part of his father's farm, near Rosebud, where he died in middle life of typhoid fever. His wife was born, Aug. 7, 1879, and still lives with her father at Lumberport.

Children:

- 165 (1) Artie Swiger, b. 4-10-1891; m. Wayne Hornor.  
 166 (2) Archie Swiger, b. 4-11-1893; m. Eva Davis.  
 167 (3) Aubrey H. Swiger, b. 2-20-1895; unmarried; at Lumberport.  
 168 (4) Bonnie M. Swiger, b. 3-6-1897; unmarried; at Lumberport.  
 169 (5) Odbert Swiger, b. 7-31-1899; unmarried; at Lumberport.

152. NARCISSA SWIGER (6) — A. GILBERT (5), JOHN T. (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Narcissa, only daughter of A. Gilbert and Josephine (Robinson) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va., Nov. 21, 1873; m., Dec. 25, 1892, Ashby W., son of Oakley J. and Louisa (Swiger) Rittenhouse, of Eagle district, and settled on the farm of his father-in-law. Since, he removed to Gregory's Run, Sardis district, where he is farming and prominently engaged in the buying and selling of livestock. They had eight children, five boys and three girls.

Children:

- 170 (1) Willis A. Rittenhouse, b. 10-11-1893; unmarried.  
 171 (2) Carlie E. Rittenhouse, b. 8-28-1894; unmarried.

- 172 (3) Alta M. Rittenhouse, b. 2-24-1897; unmarried.  
 173 (4) Argyle M. Rittenhouse, b. 11-19-1899; unmarried.  
 174 (5) Imogene Rittenhouse, b. 11-9-1905; unmarried.  
 175 (6) Hollis S. Rittenhouse, b. 9-12-1903; unmarried.  
 176 (7) George Brent Rittenhouse, b. 2-12-1908; unmarried.  
 177 (8) Ruth L. Rittenhouse, b. 7-17-1913; unmarried.

153. ERNEST SWIGER (6) — A. GILBERT (5), JOHN T. (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Ernest, oldest son of A. Gilbert and Josephine (Robinson) Swiger, was born near Rosebud, Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va., Jan. 24, 1878. He began teaching school early in life; later, attended and graduated from the Mountain State Business College at Parkersburg. He first accepted a position as bookkeeper with the First National Bank of Salem, resigning that position to accept a position as general bookkeeper and assistant manager with the Waldo Hotel Company at Clarksburg, where he has been engaged for the last ten years. He married, May 21, 1913, Joy, daughter of Jasper and Lillie M. (Cullimore) Pew, of Clarksburg. They now live on N. Chestnut St., Clarksburg. One child:

- 178 (1) Ernest Cullimore Swiger, b. 3-31-1914; babe.

154. STANLEY SWIGER (6) — A. GILBERT (5), JOHN T. (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Stanley, youngest child of A. Gilbert and Josephine (Robinson) Swiger, was born near Rosebud, Harrison county, West Va., Jan. 16, 1883. He attended the Mountain State Business College, from which he was graduated, first accepting a position as bookkeeper with the Hutchinson Coal Co., at Fairmont. Resigning his position at Fairmont, he accepted a position as bookkeeper with the West Virginia Bank, Clarksburg. He married, Oct. 2, 1913, Maude, daughter of Frederick M. and



Harriet (Rittenhouse) Pigott, after which he accepted a position as bookkeeper and assistant cashier with the Clarksburg Trust Co., of Clarksburg, where he is now engaged. No children.

155. ANNA SWIGER (6) — J. NELSON (5), JOHN T. (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Anna, oldest daughter of J. Nelson and Harriet (Swiger) Swiger, was born on Big Tennile Creek, near Lumberport, Harrison county, West Va., Feb. 6, 1877; was married, Oct. 22, 1893, to Wesley Brooks, a farmer and son of Allen M. and Sarah (Talkington) Brooks, of Lumberport, West Va. He first settled on a part of his father's farm in Eagle district, but removed from there to North Western Ohio; thence, to Lumberport on the farm of his father, where he now lives, engaged in farming.

Children:

179 (1) Nina Brook, b. 8-2-1894; unmarried; at home.

180 (2) Esther Brook, b. 10-18-1907; unmarried; at home.

156. SAVILLA SWIGER (6) — J. NELSON (5), JOHN T. (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Savilla, second daughter of J. Nelson and Harriet (Swiger) Swiger, was born Feb. 20, 1878, in Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va. She married, Nov. 26, 1893, Jerome F., son of John A. and Susanna (Coffman) Harbert, farmers of Jones Run. He first settled on his father's farm on Jones Run, removing from there with his brother-in-law, Wesley Brooks, to North Western Ohio; removed from there to the place where he first settled, where he died of typhoid fever in middle life. His widow lives with her parents.

Children:

181 (1) Delbert Harbert, b. 1-11-1895; ob. infans.

182 (2) Okey Harbert, b. 2-24-1898; unmarried; making his home at John Hammond's, Gregory's Run.

183 (3) Lola Harbert, b. 9-13-1904; unmarried; with mother.

157. JOHN G. SWIGER (6)—J. NELSON (5), JOHN T. (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

John G., oldest and only son of J. Nelson and Harriet (Swiger) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va., June 5, 1879. He worked as a contracting carpenter, before his marriage, and since, has been an employee of the Fayette Coal Co., at Dola. He married, Oct. 25, 1911, Ethel daughter of James A. and J. Anna (Nicholson) Watson, farmers of near Parkersburg. His wife is a sister to Miss Mande Watson, a teacher in the Clarksburg public schools.

Children:

184 (1) Eleanor Swiger, b. 9-29-1912.

185 (2) Julia Anna Swiger, b. 6-18-1915.

158. EMMA SWIGER (6)—J. NELSON (5), JOHN T. (4), JESSE (3), ELIZABETH (2), WILLIAM (1).

Emma, third daughter of J. Nelson and Harriet (Swiger) Swiger, was born near the old Swiger Mill, on Big Tennile Creek, Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va., Jan. 1, 1884; m., Nov. 1, 1903, Charles S. Harbert, born May 24, 1879, a son of John A. and Sarah Ann (Coffman) Harbert, farmers of Jones Run. He is a brother to his wife's sister's (Savilla) husband. He is a farmer and carpenter and lives on Jack Run, Eagle district.

Children:

186 (1) Edith Harbert, b. 3-5-1906; unmarried.

187 (2) Hayward Harbert, b. 4-1-1908; unmarried.

188 (3) Ray Harbert, b. 2-4-1910; unmarried.

189 (4) Wayne Harbert, b. 1-5-1912; unmarried.



## JACOB SWIGER (2)—. WILLIAM (1).

Jacob, third son of John William and Mary Swiger, of Germany, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, about the year 1770. He emigrated to Pennsylvania with his father and mother, where he remained until the Swiger family removed from there back to Virginia, locating in Harrison county.

By this time Jacob had grown into manhood, and we see by the marriage records of the Commonwealth of Virginia that he was married, Aug. 6, 1793, to Nancy "Baens." His first wife's (Nancy) father came from Pennsylvania and settled near Brown, Harrison county, Va., about the same time the Swiger family returned to Virginia.

Soon after marriage, he settled on what is now known as the old Swiger farm, near the mouth of Gregory's Run, in a cabin, the main part of which is still standing; acquired several hundred acres of land and considerable tangible property, as the appraisement bill of his property will show. (See miscellaneous).

In a very old volume, "A Reminiscent History of Northern West Virginia," which is in possession of a member of the Swiger family, we find the following reference to Jacob Swiger:

"Jacob Swiger came thither from Pennsylvania in a very early day and located in the woods near Sardinis, where he improved a farm on which the remainder of his life was spent. He was of German-Dutch descent; was a man of fine physique and vigorous constitution, and his children inherited these qualities, seven of whom lived to be over eighty years of age. He became quite a noted Nimrod and many of the wild animals that roamed the woods of West Va. at that time fell victims to his unerring aim. His wife's father was a Pennsylvanian, and on coming to this section located and spent the rest of his life on Temmle Creek."

His first wife having died, he married for his second wife, Sept. 11, 1833, Nancy Richardson, a widow, by whom he had no children. He was a consistent reader of and believer in the

Bible, having read it through more than fifteen times. He was a very large man, having weighed more than three hundred pounds. He rode to Clarksburg one very hot day, was overcome by the heat, and died the same day in Clarksburg at an advanced age.

To his first marriage were born:

- 1 Jeriah Swiger, b. 6-4-1799; m. Ruth Claspell Wilson, of Pa.
- 2 Nancy Swiger, b. 5-21-1812; unmarried; d. 12-5-1872, at Elisha Hall's.
- 3 John Swiger, b. 7-25-1800; m. Mary McIntire.
- 4 Jacob Swiger, Jr., b. 7-5-1814; m. (1) Saphrona Hall; (2) Elizabeth Gain; (3) Martha Bennett, 5-23-1850.
- 5 Maleena Swiger, b. 8-10-1816; m. Thomas Bartlett.
- 6 Sanford Swiger; m. Mary Brown.
- 7 Reuben Swiger, b. 7-11-1811; m. Catherine Tucker.
- 8 Mary Ann Swiger, b. 2-11-1796; m. Dr. William R. Bennett.
- 9 Austin Swiger, b. 10-28-1818; m. Mary Green.
- 10 "Stuffield" (Christopher) Swiger, b. 9-4-1804; m. Susan Black.
- 11 Sarah Swiger; m. Elisha Hall for his second wife.

# 1. JERIAH SWIGER (3)—, JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jeriah, oldest son of Jacob and Nancy (Bachus) Swiger, was born, June 4, 1799, in Eagle district, Harrison county, Va.; m., April 17, 1817, Ruth Claspell Wilson. Her mother was a Pennsylvanian whose father was a red headed Irishman, born in Ireland. Jeriah was a farmer, having acquired nearly two thousand acres of land surrounding the head waters of Lambert's Run, where he lived and died. Like his grandfather, William, he owned and operated a large distillery, distilling both brandy and whiskey. His wife was born June 6, 1804, in Pennsylvania, and died, March 5, 1882. He lived to the advanced age of 81 years, and died in the year 1880.

Children:

- 12 Lewis Swiger, b. 7-1-1822; m. (1) Agnes Morrison; (2) Lucretia Harbert.

- 13 Norval Swiger, b. 8-8-1834; m. Minerva Fittro.
- 14 Ruth Swiger, b. 12-1-1836; m. Frederick W. Harbert.
- 15 Mary Ann Swiger, b. 1-1-1820; m. John J., son of Starlin Bartlett.
- 16 Lemuel Swiger, b. 1-20-1818; m. Clarissa, d. of John Allen.
- 17 Emily J. Swiger; m. John W. Hurst.
- 18 Harriet S. Swiger, b. 11-29-1824; m. William Hustead.
- 19 Sarah Swiger; m. Hamilton Allen.
- 20 Laura Swiger, b. 5-5-1840; m. Notley S., son of Andrew Bates.
- 21 Jacob Swiger; ob. infans.

### 3. JOHN SWIGER (3)—, JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1)

John, second son of Jacob and Nancy (Baehus) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, Va., July 25, 1800; m., Jan. 27, 1825, Mary Eleanor McIntire, b. July 3, 1803. He was a farmer, and first settled on a farm on Little Tenmile Creek, now owned by Orlando Swiger; was a very large man, as were all of his children. He and wife died, where they had lived all their life, 1870 and Sept. 1889, respectively.

#### Children:

- 22 Jacob Swiger, b. 11-19-1825; ob. infans.
- 23 Elizabeth Swiger, b. 11-9-1826; never married; d. at 72 years.
- 24 William Swiger, b. 9-14-1828; ob. infans.
- 25 Joseph E. Swiger, b. 5-6-1830; d. at age of 22.
- 26 Almeda Ann Swiger, b. 10-6-1831; ob. infans.
- 27 George W. Swiger, b. 4-30-1833.

George W. Swiger became intoxicated, met one Steigler on the hill between Laurel and Caldwell Run, near Brown, Harrison county; engaged him in a quarrel and murdered him; for which he was tried and convicted before a court in Harrison county and sentenced to the state penitentiary at Richmond. When the prisoners in the Southern prison were freed, at the

beginning of the War, he was enlisted in the Southern Army, and it is said that when he and several other former prisoners endeavored to desert the army and escape, they were shot.

- 28 Rebecca P. Swiger, b. 12-30-1834; d. at 15 years.
- 29 Jasper Newton Swiger, b. 10-24-1836; m., 12-26-1869, Maria Chaplin.
- 30 Abijah C. Swiger, b. 2-11-1841; m., 7-19-1865, Sarah Wells; was murdered at Clarksburg, Sept. 24, 1871.
- 31 Waldo P. Goff Swiger, b. 8-7-1842; a namesake of Waldo P. Goff, of Clarksburg; ob. infans.

#### 4. JACOB SWIGER, JR. (3) — JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jacob, third son of Jacob and Nancy (Baehus) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county Va., July 5, 1814. Like his father, he was a very religious man, and read the Bible a great deal. In his boyhood he was the possessor of a Bible, which is now in the possession of J. N. Swiger, Dola. In this book we find these lines:

"Jacob Swiger is my name,  
Single is my station;  
Tennile is my dwelling place,  
And Heaven my expectation.

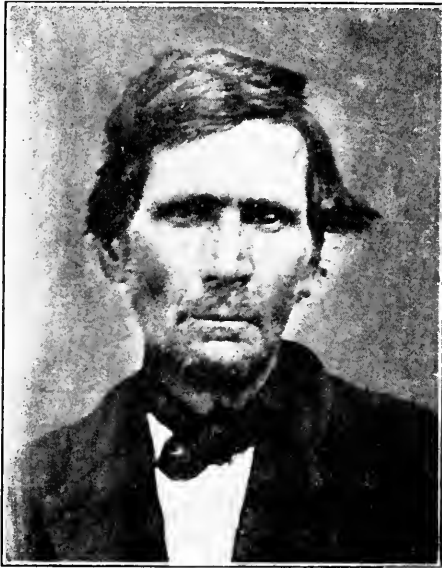
JACOB SWIGER,

Mar. 24, 1833."

He was married three times, having married for his first wife, Aug. 29, 1829, Saphira White Hall, d. of Elisha, by whom he had two children; for his second wife, he married Elizabeth, d. of John Gain, of Katy's Lick, June 25, 1837, by whom he had no children; and for his third wife, he married, May 23, 1850, Martha, widow of Orien, son of Dr. William R. Bennett, of Brown, and had children by her.

Martha's children by first husband were: T. C. Bennett,

merchant, now living at Brown; Al P. Bennett, living at Brown; and William O. Bennett, deceased.



JACOB SWIGER, JR.

Jacob was a farmer, and lived and died near Dola, Harrison county.

Children by first marriage:

- 32 (1) Phoebe Ann Swiger; m., Oct. 31, 1850, John F. Martin,  
a preacher of the Gospel and a doctor; lived and  
died on Little Tenmile Creek, near Brown, where  
he reared a large family.
- 33 (1) Theodore Martin, b. 11-8-1851; m. Amanda Cun-  
ningham, of Sardis.
- 34 (2) Galilio Martin, b. 7-15-1857; m. Victoria Harbert,  
of Lumberport.
- 35 (3) Gemima Martin, b. 4-13-1859; m. Samuel Wil-  
liams, of Brown.



- 36 (4) Louretta Martin, b. 7-18-1870; m. James Long, of Jones Run.
- 37 (5) Charles Martin, b. 12-2-1865; m. Hattie Griffin, of Jones Run.
- 38 (6) Henry Lee Martin, b. 2-19-1864; m. Emma, d. of Allison Griffin.
- 39 (7) Lloyd Martin, b. 12-4-1867; m. Cora, d. of Seth Harbert.
- 40 (8) Arthur A. Martin, b. 7-27-1853; unmarried; d. of fever.
- 41 (9) Tabitha F. Martin, b. 11-11-1855; m. Phipps Coffman, Dola.
- 42 (10) Theodosia Martin, b. 8-6-1861; m. a Mr. Coffman, of Kansas.
- 43 (2) Emma Swiger; ob. infans.

Children by third wife:

- 44 (1) Filmore Swiger; m., Aug. 20, 1873, Christina E. Taggart, of near Mannington, Marion county; was a farmer in Marion county, where was born to his union one child; all are dead. Child:
- 45 (1) Lillian Swiger; unmarried; d. in early womanhood.
- 46 (2) Jacob Swiger; m., Oct. 24, 1880, Anna Hess, of Marion county, West Va.; was a very large man, a teamster, and died at Wallace, where he lived, of typhoid fever. His widow married for her second husband Taylor Robinson, of Wallace, where they now live. Children:
- 47 (1) Cree Swiger, b. 11-8-1898; m. Delphia Dawson.
- 48 (2) Jake Swiger, b. 9-8-1891; unmarried; at Wallace.
- 49 (3) Lillie Swiger, b. 8-20-1882; m. Chas. Swiger. (See Chas.).
- 50 (4) Boyd Swiger, b. 2-13-1884; unmarried; at Wallace.

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- 51 (3) Ruhama Swiger, m. 5-6-1877, John, son of William and Ruhama Stewart, of Rock Camp. John was a farmer in Sardis district. Both are dead. Children:
- 52 (1) Claude Stewart; m. and lives at Wallace.
- 53 (2) Camisee Stewart; m. and lives at Wallace.
- 54 (3) William Stewart; m. and lives at Wallace.
- 55 (4) Blaine Stewart; ob. infans.

5. MALCENA SWIGER (3)—, JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Maleena, oldest daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Bachus) Swiger, was born Aug. 10, 1816; m., March 10, 1835, Thomas, son of Starlin and Rebecca (Allen) Bartlett. Thomas was a farmer, settled and lived, till his death at an advanced age, on Little Elk, Sardis district, where he reared a large family of children. He was born March 2, 1800; died Sept. 8, 1899, after having been blind for several years, during the latter part of his life. His wife is remembered not only for her motherly characteristics, but for her remarkably good memory, which she retained till her death, 1896.

Children:

- 56 Austin Bartlett, b. 4-15-1837; unmarried; at old home.
- 57 Jacob Bartlett, b. 9-27-1840; unmarried; at old home.
- 58 Elisha Bartlett, b. 7-27-1849; m. Elizabeth, d. of David Stout.
- 59 Starlin Bartlett, b. 4-7-1851; ob. infans.
- 60 Silas Bartlett, b. 5-15-1853; m. Angeline, d. of Jesse Hall, on Little Elk.
- 61 Mary Bartlett, b. 3-15-1835; unmarried; died in womanhood.
- 62 Nancy Bartlett, b. 1-22-1852; unmarried; deceased.
- 63 Virginia Bartlett, b. 3-27-1844; unmarried; d. in womanhood.
- 64 Sarah Bartlett, b. 10-20-1846; m. John F., son of Leonard Martin.

- 65 Harriet Bartlett, b. 3-27-1855; m. John M., son of Jefferson Hall.  
 66 Saphrona Bartlett, b. 1-3-1857; unmarried; deceased.

Austin and Jacob, of the above children, have lived together at the old home, since the death of their parents. When we called upon them for the above information, they both lamented the fact of the present European war, and expressed as their belief, that it is the result of the nations forgetting God, and failing to appreciate His goodness. They have in their possession a writing desk, in a good state of preservation, which was given to their grandfather, Starlin Bartlett, when he was a boy, by his father.

6. SANDFORD SWIGER (3)—, JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Sanford, son of Jacob and Nancy (Bachus) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, Va.; married, Jan. 24, 1828, Mary Brown, and first settled on a farm on the head waters of Shinn's Run, Eagle district, where George W. Pigott now lives. In about the year 1860, he and his family (all except Amen) removed to Illinois, where he spent his remaining years.

Children:

- 67 (1) Julia Swiger; m. Miner Schoolcraft, of Illinois.  
 68 (2) Clarissa Swiger; m. James W. Ashcraft, a farmer of Jones Run, who after one son was born to his marriage, moved to Illinois, where he lived till he died. Child:  
 69 (1) Edwin Ashcraft, who took advantage of the early opportunities of an education, married a woman of wealth, and now is a noted lawyer of Chicago. (See letter, Miscellaneous).

- 70 (3) Amen Swiger; m., Oct. 7, 1860, Tabitha, d. of William Robinson, of Sardis district, by whom he had three children, one of whom married a Parrish, and another married a Robinson. He married a second time, Feb. 3, 1881, to Ruhama B., d. of John and Melvina Rusk.
- 71 (4) Jeriah Swiger; was last heard from in year 1912. He was then married, living in the State of Washington, age about 70 years.
- 72 (5) Elmus Swiger; enlisted in the Union Army, 1861; was soon captured and thrown into prison at Alexandria, Va., where he died, 1864. It is supposed that he died from ill treatment and starvation. His body was shipped to Wilsonburg and hauled from there to Brown Cemetery by Israel Swiger. Sebastian Lang cut the stone which marks his grave. (See Sebastian).
- 73 (6) William Harrison Swiger; was a noted educator and teacher; removed to the Western states and traveled extensively. We suppose he married somewhere in the West.

7. REUBEN SWIGER (3) - JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Reuben, son of Jacob and Nancy (Bachus) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, Va., July 11, 1811; m. Catherine Tucker, of Ohio. He was a farmer and lived and died on Big Rock Camp, near Olive, Dec. 9, 1891. To his union were born:

- 74 F. Lawson Swiger; b. 6-15-1832; m. Ellen, d. of Christopher Swiger.
- 75 Cleotha N. Swiger, b. 6-8-1837; m. (1) Prudy Fittro; (2) Minerva, widow of Norval Swiger, and a d. of Martin Fittro.

- 76 James Swiger; went to Wheeling in 1861 to be mustered into the army; while changing his clothing, putting on regulation uniform, he dropped dead. It is supposed that a full sense of the realization of the great danger that he would soon be in, caused heart failure.
- 77 Salathiel Swiger, b. 8-29-1833; m. (1) Nancy Swiger; (2) Kasandra Harbert.
- 78 One boy; ob. infans.
- 79 One girl; ob. infans.
- 80 One boy; ob. infans.

8. MARY ANN SWIGER (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Mary Ann, oldest daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Bachus) Swiger, was born, Feb. 11, 1796, in Eagle district, Harrison county; m., Nov. 20, 1817, Dr. William R. Bennett, of Brown, son of Abraham and Catherine (Roberts) Bennett, and a grandfather of T. C. Bennett, the present postmaster and merchant at Brown. Dr. Bennett was born Jan. 14, 1796.

Children:

- 81 (1) Elzie Bennett.
- 82 (2) Orien Bennett, who is the father of T. C. Bennett, of Brown.
- 83 (3) Malinda Bennett; m. a Kelley.
- 84 (4) Minza Bennett; m. Ham Hustead for his first wife.
- 85 (5) Oliver Bennett; m. Martha Keller.
- 86 (6) Alva Bennett; m. Sarah Hustead.
- 87 (7) Dexter Bennett; m. Sarah Sanlesberry, a sister of Elias Swiger's wife (See Elias), and Mrs. Justin Rittenhouse.
- 88 (8) Selecta Bennett; m. James Hustead, a brother of Ham, son of John, and moved to Missouri, 1862.

## 9. AUSTIN SWIGER (3).—JACOB (2). WILLIAM (1).

Austin, son of Jacob and Nancy (Bachus) Swiger, was born, Oct. 28, 1818, in Harrison county, Virginia; m., Jan. 28, 1851, Mary C. Greene; settled on the farm of his birth and remained there till his death, Jan. 3, 1897. He is a man now remembered by the elder generations more particularly because of his remarkably good memory, yet many of his children have become insane. His family, most of whom are living, are much scattered, and it has been impossible to secure a better record of them.

## Children:

- 89 (1) Nancy Swiger, b. 3-6-1851; m. a Hustead, of Tyler county; became insane, and committed suicide.
- 90 (2) Savilla Swiger, b. 3-21-1853; m., 11-16-1882, Jeremiah Robey, of Lumberport, for his second wife, and had:
- 91 (1) Savannah Robey, b. 8-24-1883; m., 8-10-1902, Taylor, a son of Elbert Allen, of Brown, and had children. They live at Lumberport.
- 92 (2) Mahala Robey, b. 11-27-1884; m. 9-22-1910, Arthur, son of Charles Martin, of Shinn's Run, and had children.
- 93 (3) Manerva Robey, b. 12-26-1885; graduated nurse from Kessler Hospital, Clarksburg; m., 6-4-1913, Chester D. Rector.
- 94 (4) Heseekiah H. Robey, b. 4-12-1889; m., 11-9-1914, Gertrude Workman; live at Lumberport.
- 95 (5) Isabella Robey, b. 4-16-1889; unmarried.
- 96 (6) Frances Robey, b. 1-3-1891; unmarried.
- 97 (7) Ezra B. Robey, b. 9-12-1892; unmarried.
- 98 (8) Stanley Robey, b. 3-16-1895; unmarried.
- 99 (9) Columbia Robey, b. 10-8-1898; unmarried.
- 100 (10) Jeremiah Robey, b. 3-10-1887; m., 3-11-1909, Leota, d. of Seymour and Rosa Stark, and a granddaughter of Almira (Swiger) Griffin.

- 101 (3) Benjamin F. Swiger, b. 1-15-1855; m., 6-25-1884, an Underwood, of Tyler county; living in Clarksburg, and has;
- 102 (1) Dessie Swiger, b. 5-15-1885; unmarried.
- 103 (2) Bert Swiger, b. 1-24-1877; unmarried.
- 104 (4) William R. Swiger; unmarried; living at Clarksburg.
- 105 (5) Scott Swiger; m. Rosa, d. of William L. Swiger, of Lumberport; became insane; sent to asylum at Weston, where he yet remains much improved in health. Wife is dead. No children.
- 106 (6) Laura J. Swiger, b. 12-3-1857; m. William Edgell, of Tyler county, and had children. She lost her mind.
- 107 (7) Sarah F. Swiger, b. 5-8-1863; m. James Flynn and have children; living at Gore, near Clarksburg.
- 108 (8) Josiah Swiger, b. 4-10-1865; unmarried; deceased.
- 109 (9) Austin A. Swiger, b. 4-12-1867; m. Julia Lyon, of Tyler county; laborer; living in Clarksburg, West Va.
- 110 (10) Louisa V. Swiger, b. 3-20-1869; m. an Underwood, of Tyler county, and had children.
- 111 (11) Boyd Swiger, b. 5-12-1871; m. May Huff; has two or three children, and live near Wolf Summit.
- 112 (12) Rolly J. Swiger, b. 5-17-1874; unmarried; killed by train at West Union.

10. CHRISTOPHER SWIGER (3) — JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Christopher, son of Jacob and Nancy (Bachus) Swiger, was born Sept. 4, 1801; m. Susan Black, born May 27, 1810; removed to Illinois, then back, and settled near the mouth of Caldwell Run, near Brown, Harrison county, West Va. He was a farmer, and had eight children, four boys and four girls. He died Aug. 22, 1882; she, Aug. 11, 1856.

Children:

- 113 Ed L. Swiger, b. 6-10-1831; m. Elizabeth Green.

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- 114 Ellen Swiger; m. (1) Hamilton Hustead; (2) Lawson Swiger.
  - 115 Hamilton Swiger; m. Angeline McCleanton, of Barbour county.
  - 116 Mary E. Swiger, b. 6-24-1839; m. (1) James Davis; (2) James Shrader.
  - 117 William H. Swiger; m. Harriet Davidson.
  - 118 George Swiger; m. (1) Alice Mooney; (2) Genevieve Davis.
  - 119 Delilah R. Swiger, b. 1-20-1842; m. George L. Martin.
  - 120 Margaret Swiger; m. Joseph Thompson, April 8, 1858.

#### 11. SARAH SWIGER (3) —, JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Sarah Swiger, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Bachus) Swiger, was born on Big Tenmile Creek, near the mouth of Gregory's Run; m., Sept. 9, 1829, Elisha Hall for his second wife. He was born on Little Tenmile Creek, near Dola, where he was engaged in the pursuit of farming until his death. He married for his first wife Catherine Bennett, d. of Dr. William R. Bennett, of Brown. Dr. Bennett m. Mary Ann Swiger, a sister of the subject. To Sarah's union were born six children, four boys and two girls, as follows:

- 121 (1) Silas Hall, b. 11-25-1832; m. Melvina, d. of Philip Martin, of Fairmont. He was a farmer, a famous story-teller, and lived on Little Tenmile Creek, near Dola; was a soldier in the Union Army. Children:
- 122 (1) Marcellus Hall; m. Eliza Harr.
- 123 (2) Hulda J. Hall; m. James McNeamer.
- 124 (2) Hulda J. Hall; m. Jahu Robinson, who lives on Shinn's Run, and has a large family of children.
- 125 (2) Saphrona Hall, b. 2-18-1837; m., May 21, 1868, Sebastian Lang, of Bavaria, Germany, she being his second wife.



Sebastian Lang was born in Bavaria, Germany, Aug. 23, 1823; was a marble cutter by trade, and went to Italy, where he worked at his trade for two years; returned to Germany,



SEBASTIAN LANG.

and was there arrested and convicted for being a spy and traitor; was thrown into prison, there to await the day of his execution. On the morning following his imprisonment, when the prison barber entered the prison, he noticed and recognized

Lang as his old friend, but gave no sign of his recognition. He at once began silently scheming; and after the day's work was done in the prison, he began planning in some way to rescue his friend from the awful death which he had been condemned to die on the previous day. He knew that there was a sixteen inch sewer line leading three hundred feet from the prison to the river; that there was then a German boat resting in the harbor bound for America, due to leave in two days; that he had money which he would gladly use to secure his friend's passage to America, if only he could secure his release from the prison. These thoughts he wrote down on a small piece of paper, folded it closely and securely. On the next morning when he entered the prison again, he called Lang to the chair, and while cutting his hair, carefully and cautiously slipped the little note from his vest pocket, down under the shirt collar of his friend, at the same time whispering, "Be careful." Doubtless as these words were whispered, Lang realized the importance of the note, and some time in the day, managed to get an opportunity to read it. That night during the midnight hours, Sebastian Lang was slowly but surely wending his way down the darkened and dirty sewer, scarcely large enough to permit a man's body to pass through, to freedom. Lang hastened to the house of a friend, borrowed clothing, and made his way to the ship, which was due to leave a little later on the same morning. He was met there by his friend, the prison barber, who gave him money to pay his fare to New York City, to which place he came. He worked in New York for a short while; removed from there to Fairmont; from Fairmont he came to Clarksburg, in which section of the country he came in contact with his first and second wife. He married for his first wife the daughter of Turner and Lucy Payne, who were grandparents of Amos Payne, now living in Clarksburg.

#### Children by first wife:

- 126      (1) Charlie Lang; m. Louisa Hall; live in Buckingham county, Va., where he owns eleven hundred acres of land.

- 127 (2) Catherine Lang; m. Jasper Swiger. (See Jasper).  
Children by second wife:
- 128 (1) Regina Lang, b. 6-25-1869; m. Lafayette Swiger.  
See Lafayette.
- 129 (2) Mary Lang, b. 12-17-1870; m. James Holland.
- 130 (3) Theresa Lang, b. 9-11-1873; m. George H. Williams, and had, Walter Williams.
- 131 (4) Charlotte Lang, b. 9-30-1875; m. Frank Williams.
- 132 (5) Elnoria Lang, b. 6-5-1878; fell in post-hole, head foremost, and died.
- 133 (3) Elisha P. Hall, b. 1-12-1839; m., March 27, 1859, Elizabeth, d. of William Nay, of Rock Camp, and a sister to his brother's (Fabens) wife; was a farmer and now lives near the old salt well on Simpson Creek. Children:
- 134 (1) Alvira Hall, b. 2-2-1860; m. A. J. Moran.
- 135 (2) Sarah Hall, b. 3-29-1861; m. Elnore Harbert.
- 136 (3) Macelelland Hall, b. 8-12-1862; m. Sarah Gifford.
- 137 (4) John Hall, b. 7-27-1866; m. Lottie Ross, of Pa.
- 138 (5) Louisa Hall, b. 10-21-1861; m. Charlie Lang.
- 139 (6) Emanuel Hall; m. Rosa Halderman.
- 140 (7) James Hall; m. twice.
- 141 (8) Benjamin Hall; m. Emma Keener.
- 142 (9) Belle Hall; m. "Dick" Jasper.
- 143 (4) Fabens E. Hall, b. 1-20-1841; m., 12-3-1863, Sarah J. Nay, d. of William and Nancy Nay. He enlisted in the Union Army, Aug. 6, 1862, and fought in many of the hottest fights of the war; was in the engagement at Winchester, at which time Lafayette Swiger was killed; helped Sherman gain his decisive victory at Cedar Creek, Va.; remained with the armies till after the capture of Fort Greeg at Petersburg, it being the last fort captured in the Civil War. After the death of his first wife, he married, Feb. 12, 1913, Mollie Rodgers, the widow of John G. Rodgers, of Dola, where they are both now living. Children by first wife:

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- 144        (1)    Saphrona S. Hall, b. 3-28-1866; m. (1) Bowan Williams; (2) Silvester Pitts.
  - 145        (2)    Emma J. Hall, b. 8-8-1887; ob. infans.
  - 146        (3)    William S. Hall, b. 4-13-1869; m. Lena, d. of Lee Strother, and had one child; mother died of consumption.
  - 147        (4)    Loretta Hall, b. 9-15-1872; m. Allison Criss.
  - 148        (5)    Joe Hall, b. 2-9-1874; m. Katherine Carrico.
  - 149        (6)    Estella May Hall, b. 7-24-1877; m. J. Camisee Swiger. (See Camisee).
  - 150        (7)    Mary I. Hall, b. 12-13-1879; m. Harvey Wells.
  - 151        (8)    Ada Hall, b. 10-26-1882; m. Lawrence Pitts.

12. LEWIS SWIGER (4) —, JERIAH (3), JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Lewis, second son of Jeriah and Ruth (Wilson) Swiger, was born July 1, 1822; m., for his first wife, Hester Agnes Morrison, June 13, 1850. She was born May 27, 1830. His second wife was Lueretia Harbert, born June 23, 1839, whom he married Dec. 30, 1857. Lewis was a farmer, having lived on Big Tennile Creek, near the mouth of Rock Camp, till his death of paralysis, April 26, 1888.

Children by first wife:

- 152    Truman Swiger, b. 5-20-1851; m. Surelda C. Hinstead.
- 153    Missouri Swiger, b. 4-22-1856; m. ——— Bates.
- 154    Florence L. Swiger, b. 4-4-1854; m. Dr. S. A. Cavalier.
- 155    Columbia Swiger, b. 10-19-1852; m. George W. Ogden.

Children by second wife:

- 156    William J. Swiger, b. 2-19-1859; ob. infans.
- 157    Lemuel E. Swiger, b. 9-4-1860; ob. infans.
- 158    Amanda E. Swiger, b. 3-29-1862; ob. infans.
- 159    John J. Swiger, b. 2-9-1867; ob. infans.

- 160 Frances Swiger, b. 10-21-1863; m. Rev. George, son of John Griffin.
- 161 Sherman G. Swiger, b. 12-29-1865; m. (1) Cora D. Harbert; (2) Lucie Vincent.



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- 162 "May" Swiger, b. 2-9-1867; m. Camisee Allen.
- 163 Norvel L. Swiger, b. 3-21-1869; m. (1) Lillie Martin; (2) Sarah Casto.
- 164 Joseph Ernest Swiger, b. 8-27-1871; m. Dorothy Stewart.
- 165 Omar Wilson Swiger, b. 4-30-1873; m. Effie L. Pigott.
- 166 Howard H. Swiger, b. 11-17-1876; m. Zella, d. of Luther and Mary Laverna (Davis) Kyle.
- 167 Robert L. Swiger, b. 11-27-1880; m. Stella M. Ritter.
- 168 Iva Swiger, b. 4-12-1883; m. Walter L. Hoyey.

13. NORVEL SWIGER (4)—. JERIAH (3), JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Norvel Swiger, son of Jeriah and Ruth (Wilson) Swiger, was born, Aug. 8, 1834, in Harrison county, Va.; m. Minerva Fittro, July 22, 1857, d. of Martin Fittro, of Sardis district, Harrison county. He was a farmer and a deacon in the Baptist church; settled on a part of his father's farm, and lived there till he died. His widow married for her second husband Cleo-  
tha N., son of Reuben Swiger. She died without children by her second husband, in about the year 1910, of cancer. Her husband still lives on Sycamore Creek, near Clarksburg. The subject had children, one boy and two girls, who still live. They are:

- 169 Elsworth Swiger, b. 6-29-1862; m. Mary E. Wickenhoover.
- 170 Belle Swiger, b. 4-15-1857; m. Emory S. Shreve.
- 171 Jennie Swiger, b. 3-10-1858; m. Jasper S. Kyle.

14. RUTH SWIGER (4)—. JERIAH (3), JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Ruth Swiger, daughter of Jeriah and Ruth (Wilson) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, Dec. 1, 1836; m., Dec. 11, 1856, Frederick W. Harbert, son of Noah Harbert, of Jones Run, Harrison county. He was a farmer, b. May 22, 1835, and he and wife settled and lived on Rock Camp till she died; after which he moved about from place to place in Harrison county, till he died, in about the year 1912, near Lumberport; had eleven children, several of whom are yet living.

Children:

- 172 Edgar Harbert, b. 12-2-1860; m. Olive Hannah. (See further).
- 173 Alden Harbert, b. 8-27-1862; m. Ella Thompson.
- 174 Louisa Harbert, b. 11-3-1864; m. Daniel Bates.
- 175 Virginia Harbert, b. 10-2-1866; m. Russell Lindsey.

- 176 Ella J. Harbert, b. 8-17-1868; ob. infans.  
 177 Noah J. Harbert, b. 11-25-1870; m. Annie Kellison.  
 178 Rosa B. Harbert, b. 10-26-1871; m. (1) Wilbert Loy;  
       (2) ———— .  
 179 Rebecca Harbert, b. 10-10-1873; unmarried; at home.  
 180 Emma R. Harbert, b. 12-4-1874; m. John Carter.  
 181 Frederick W. Harbert, b. 4-18-1876; ob. infans.  
 182 Mary E. Harbert, b. 11-9-1877; m. at Reynoldsville.

Edgar Harbert, son of Frederick W. and Ruth (Swiger) Harbert, born Dec. 2, 1860; was a school teacher of Harrison county of much ability and popularity; m., April, 1885, Olive, d. of William Hannah, of Scotland. William Hannah came to Harrison county, Va., in the year 1829; took out his naturalization papers at Clarksburg, Va., in the year 1834, and married, Aug. 6, 1843, Agnes Shinn, a d. of Clement and Lucretia (Shinn) Shinn. William Hannah was the father of Clement, Mary, Nelson, Jesse and Tabitha Hannah, all of Sardis district, Harrison county. Edgar and wife had three children, one boy and two girls. Children:

- 183 (1) Fessie Harbert, b. 11-3-1886.  
 184 (2) Frederick L. Harbert, b. 11-27-1887; m. Grace Flo-  
       gerey, and had;  
 185 (1) Ralph Harbert; unmarried.  
 186 (3) Maggie Ruth Harbert, b. 11-1-1889.

15. MARY ANN SWIGER (4) . JERIAH (3), JACOB (2),  
 WILLIAM (1).

Mary Ann, daughter of Jeriah and Ruth (Wilson) Swiger, was born, Jan. 1, 1820; m., Sept. 9, 1841, John J. Bartlett, born April 21, 1819, son of Starlin and Rebecca (Allen) Bartlett, farmers of near Hepzibah. Rebecca was a d. of Eve (Swiger) Allen, a d. of William and Mary Swiger. John Bartlett was a farmer, lived and died on the waters of Peter's Run, Harrison

county, West Va., where his son, J. C., now lives. Children were:

- 187 (1) J. C. Bartlett, b. 10-13-1845; m., March 11, 1877, Mandora Criss, b. 11-11-1854, d. of Aaron and Jane (Davis) Criss, of Jones Run. He is a farmer, and



MARY ANN (SWIGER) BARTLETT.

still lives in the same house in which he was born, on the waters of Peter's Run, near Rosebud. His wife, a very large woman, died of pneumonia fever, 1912. Children:



- 188 (1) Ora Bartlett, b. 4-23-1878; m. C. M. Hickman;  
live now at Wanatchee, Wash.
- 189 (2) Mary Bartlett, b. 5-29-1879; unmarried; at home.
- 190 (3) Jahn Bartlett, b. 6-19-1880; oh, infans.
- 191 (4) Ira Bartlett, b. 5-22-1886; m. Lona D. Hickman;  
they soon separated, after which she died.



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- 192 (5) Nannie Bartlett, b. 4-24-1890; d. in early woman-  
hood.
- 193 (6) Aaron Bartlett, b. 12-12-1888; unmarried; at  
home.
- 194 (7) Belya Bartlett, b. 10-18-1897; unmarried; at  
home.

- 195 (2) Quintilla Partlett, b. 1-25-1848; m., 5-22-1866, Alstorplus, a son of Albertus and Anna (Wood) Boggess, who were farmers, and were born April 19, 1797, and June 14, 1798, respectively. Mr. Boggess was a farmer, and lived on the waters of Little Tennile Creek, near Lumberport, Harrison county, West Va.; late in life lost his mind, hanged himself, Oct. 13, 1897. His wife died June 17, 1909. Children:
- 196 (1) Beatrice Boggess, b. 4-17-1867; m., 6-2-1889, Thadus T. Griffin.
- 197 (2) Mary S. Boggess, b. 9-4-1868; unmarried; living at home.
- 198 (3) Annie M. Boggess, b. 3-12-1870; unmarried; at home.
- 199 (4) Robert A. Boggess, b. 8-2-1871; m., 12-9-1903, Zina Heldreth.
- 200 (5) Elizabeth Boggess, b. 5-17-1873; m., 11-19-1903, James Robinson.
- 201 (6) Iona Boggess, b. 12-5-1874; m., 12-13-1899, Charlie Murray.
- 202 (7) S. Byrd Boggess, b. 1-8-1877; m., 10-28-1900, Charles Foreman.
- 203 (8) John A. Boggess, b. 10-13-1879; unmarried; at home.
- 204 (9) R. Wood Boggess, b. 7-1-1880; m., 12-18-1912, Ethel, d. of Allison Griffin.
- 205 (10) Ada L. Boggess, b. 4-21-1883; m., 3-12-1905, Arlie Murray.
- 206 (11) S. Carroll Boggess, b. 12-28-1884; m. a Mr. Lancaster, and now lives in Broad Oaks Addition to Clarksburg.
- 207 (3) Savilla Bartlett, b. 6-26-1856; m., 1-23-1873, Camisee D., son of George Robinson, of Jones Run. He settled on a farm at the mouth of Peter's Run, in Eagle district, Harrison county, where he still lives. Savilla, his wife, died, April 12, 1908, of a

complication of diseases. After the death of his first wife, Camisee m. for his second wife, Etta, the widow of the late George Elliott, of Eagle district. Children by first wife:



HOWARD ROBINSON.

- 208 (1) Howard Robinson, b. 4-6-1874; m., 5-9-1909, Bertha, d. of Benj. and Margaret (Hall) Miles, farmers of Buckhannon, West Va. He is a former teacher, and the present assessor of Harrison county, living at Clarksburg, West Va. One child:
- 209 (1) Ethel Robinson, b. 3-28-1910.
- 210 (2) Herschel Robinson, b. 7-28-1875; m., 10-3-1900, Allie, d. of George and Sarah Etta Elliott, of Rosebud, Harrison county; is a stockman and farmer, living in Eagle district, Harrison county. Children:
- 211 (1) Blanche Robinson, b. 3-15-1906.
- 212 (2) Madge Robinson, b. 4-9-1909.
- 213 (3) Claude Robinson, b. 11-3-1877; m. Maude Robey, (See Maude).
- 214 (4) Guy Robinson, b. 10-12-1879; d. 8-4-1906, of typhoid fever.
- 215 (5) Elsie Robinson, b. 2-18-1891; d. 9-28-1905, of typhoid fever.

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- 216 (6) Ashby Robinson, b. 8-21-1893; is now attending  
"The University of Pittsburgh, School of  
Dentistry."
- 217 (4) Amanda Bartlett, b. 5-3-1843; m. Lafayette Hurst,  
1860, son of Shaderick and Catherine (Fittro)  
Hurst, farmers of Wilsonburg. He is a farmer,  
and both live on Limestone Run, near Wilsonburg,  
where they first settled. Children:
- 218 (1) Virginia Hurst; m. Henry, son of Isaac Lynch.
- 219 (2) William L. Hurst; m. Eva Laughery.
- 220 (3) May Hurst; ob. infans.
- 221 (4) One boy; ob. infans.
- 222 (5) Nathan G. Bartlett, b. 12-1-1853; m. Eliza, d. of Cal-  
vin Hustead, Sept. 16, 1875; was a farmer in early  
life, but later removed from the farm to Clarks-  
burg, Clay St., where he and family now live.  
Children:
- 223 (1) Ada Bartlett, b. 2-28-1877; unmarried; in civil  
service at Washington, D. C.
- 224 (2) Walter L. Bartlett, b. 4-11-1881; m., 7-26-1907,  
Audra Cork.
- 225 (3) Verna Bartlett, b. 7-30-1879; m., 12-29-1909, Ash-  
ton Wayne Kidwell. He is deceased.
- 226 (4) Wade H. Bartlett, b. 12-7-1885; m. 10-9-1912,  
Margaret M. Elder.
- 227 (5) Mattie F. Bartlett, b. 7-21-1891; unmarried; em-  
ployed in Wheelock's Furniture Store, in  
Clarksburg.
- 228 (6) Iva E. Bartlett, b. 2-13-1883; m., 6-28-1906, Ed-  
ward William Laubenstein, and had: Cath-  
erine.
- 229 (7) Hollie B. Bartlett, b. 5-28-1897; unmarried.

16. LEMUEL SWIGER (4)—, JERIAH (3), JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Lemuel son of Jeriah and Ruth (Wilson) Swiger, was born Jan. 20, 1818; m., Dec. 24, 1840, Claresy Allen, d. of John and Sarah (Bartlett) Allen (See John Allen), and a granddaughter of Barnes and Eve (Swiger) Allen. He settled on a farm on the waters of Peter's Run, Harrison county, where he lived till he died in early life, May 19, 1860, of typhoid fever. His wife died July 7, 1877. To his union were born nine children.

Children:

- 230 Erastus Swiger, b. 12-2-1841; m. Rebecca, d. of George Coffman.
- 231 Almira Swiger, b. 10-30-1843; m. Benjamin, son of John Griffin.
- 232 Allen Taylor Swiger, b. 6-12-1849; m. Lydia Jane, d. of George W. Swiger.
- 233 Columbia Swiger; m. Ed. son of Philip Martin.
- 234 J. Ashville Swiger, b. 12-27-1850; m. Matilda, d. of Seth Pigott.
- 235 Sarah Swiger, b. 10-2-1852; ob. infans.
- 236 Dora A. Swiger, b. 6-6-1858; m. Harrison Hustead.
- 237 Louisa Swiger; d. in early womanhood of consumption.
- 238 Cornelia Swiger, b. 5-30-1845; m. John M., son of John W. Coffman.

17. EMILY J. SWIGER (4)—, JERIAH (3), JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Emily J., daughter of Jeriah and Ruth (Wilson) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va.; m., Dec. 29, 1859, John W., son of Shaderick and Catherine Hurst. He was a farmer, and he and wife settled near Jarvisville, Harrison county, where he reared a large family, most of whom are living, and where they have many grandchildren living. They both lived to an advanced age, and died at Jarvisville.

18. HARRIET S. SWIGER (4)—. JERIAH (3), JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Harriet, daughter of Jeriah and Ruth (Wilson) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, Va.; m., Sept. 18, 1845, William Hustead, a farmer, who first settled and lived on a farm on Isaac's Creek, in Sardis district, Harrison county. He was a son of Rev. John and Jennie Hustead. Both are dead.

Children:

- 239 (1) John S. Hustead, b. 2-23-1850; m., 5-2-1889, Dora D., d. of John R. and Magdalene (Isa) Cropp, farmers of Simpson Creek. He and his wife are farmers, and live on the waters of Isaac's Creek, Sardis district, where they have:
- 240 (1) Serena Hustead, b. 3-4-1890; unmarried; d. at 23.
- 241 (2) America Hustead, b. 3-14-1892; unmarried.
- 242 (3) Georgia M. Hustead, b. 5-31-1894; unmarried.
- 243 (2) Jeriah L. Hustead, b. 5-24-1851; m., 10-27-1895, Nannie, d. of Joshua D. and Mary Fortney; is a farmer, and he and family are now living on a farm near Monongah, Marion county. Children:
- 244 (1) Belya J. Hustead, b. 1-4-1897; unmarried.
- 245 (2) Hughey D. Hustead, b. 3-13-1898; unmarried.
- 246 (3) Roy F. Hustead, b. 2-24-1901; unmarried.
- 247 (4) Thebma H. Hustead, b. 7-12-1907; unmarried.
- 248 (3) Lewis C. Hustead, b. 4-25-1848; m., 2-28-1878, Rosa Lee Boggess, a d. of George and Mary (Coffman) Boggess, and a sister to J. Allen Swiger's wife. (See Allen). He is a farmer, now living where he first settled, on a farm on Isaac's Creek. They have no children.
- 249 (4) Columbus Hustead, b. 9-11-1868; m., (1) 4-3-1892, Byrd Bates, d. of Andrew J. and Delilah Bates; (2), 10-15-1895, Ella M. Cropp, a sister to his brother's (John) wife; (3), 11-22-1911, May Croffard. He had children by his first and second wife only. Children by first wife:

- 250 (1) Leslie Hustead, b. 5-26-1893; m.; a farmer of Sardis district.
- Children by second wife:
- 251 (2) Bessie Hustead, b. 8-27-1896; unmarried.
- 252 (3) Mary M. Hustead, b. 6-15-1898; unmarried.
- 253 (4) Maud A. Hustead, b. 6-15-1898; unmarried.
- 254 (5) Ethel V. Hustead, b. 10-28-1899; unmarried.
- 255 (6) Walter G. Hustead, b. 2-8-1902; unmarried.
- 256 (7) Charles G. Hustead, b. 7-30-1903; unmarried.
- 257 (8) Maggie M. Hustead, b. 3-5-1908; unmarried.
- 258 (5) L. Victoria Hustead, b. 7-21-1853; m. Jerdon Carter, a farmer of Harrison county, and reared a large family of children, all of whom live in Harrison county. Children: (1) Chas. Carter; (2) Tillman Carter; (3) John; (4) Joe; (5) Jesse; (6) James; (7) Mollie; (8) Maggie; (9) Thomas; one died in infancy.
- 259 (6) Ruth L. Hustead, b. 2-4-1860; m. (1), 2-22-1883; (2) 9-20-1903, W. E. Cottrill. Her first husband, son of Monzo and Emily Coffman, was a farmer and lived on Isaac's Creek, where she yet lives, with her second husband. Children by first marriage:
- 260 (1) Grace E. Coffman, b. 2-2-1885; ob. infans.
- 261 (2) Elsa W. Coffman, b. 8-13-1887; ob. infans.
- 262 (3) Emzie M. Coffman, b. 5-7-1891; ob. infans.
- 263 (4) Hazel A. Coffman, b. 10-10-1894; unmarried.
- 264 (5) Beulah G. Coffman, b. 5-19-1896; unmarried.
- 265 (6) Anna M. Coffman, b. 5-24, 1898; unmarried.
- 266 (7) Argyl Ray Coffman, b. 9-27-1900; unmarried.
- 267 (7) Leora Hustead, b. 7-24-1855; m., 4-13-1876, J. Seymour, son of George L. and Elizabeth Pigott, of Shinn's Run, Eagle district. He is a farmer, and first settled on the waters of Laurel Run, from which place he removed to his present location on Isaac's Creek. Children:
- 268 (1) Alice Pigott, b. 5-25-1878; ob. infans.

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- 269 (2) Flavius Pigott, b. 8-1-1879; m. and lives at the old home on Laurel Run.
- 270 (3) Florida S. Pigott, b. 8-17-1880; unmarried.
- 271 (4) Anna M. Pigott, b. 3-23-1882; d. in early womanhood.
- 272 (5) Homer S. Pigott, b. 2-24-1886; m. Florence, d. of Columbus Harbert, of Jones Run. He lives in Philadelphia.
- 273 (6) Ona B. Pigott, b. 7-24-1888; ob. infans.
- 274 (7) Lillian Pigott, b. 2-28-1890; ob. infans.
- 275 (8) Russell S. Pigott, b. 8-30-1891; married.
- 276 (9) Earl R. Pigott, b. 2-27-1893; married.
- 277 (10) Arley D. Pigott, b. 8-18-1894; unmarried.
- 278 (11) Otto L. Pigott, b. 10-13-1897; unmarried.
- 279 (8) Mary Jane Hustead, b. 4-20-1862; m., 3-29-1894, A. B., son of W. N. and R. J. Yates, of Harrison county. He is a farmer and lives at the old Hustead home on Isaac's Creek, where they have one child:
- 280 (1) Gladys P. Yates, b. 5-16-1905; unmarried.
- 281 (9) William E. Hustead, b. 5-13-1864; m., 10-23-1887, Ella, d. of L. J. and Martha Allen. He is a farmer, and he and family live near Jarvisville, Harrison county, West Va. Children:
- 282 (1) Calder G. Hustead, b. 8-30-1888; unmarried.
- 283 (2) Albert M. Hustead, b. 12-9-1893; unmarried.
- 284 (3) Selbey R. Hustead, b. 4-4-1897; unmarried.
- 285 (4) Lucy L. Hustead, b. 1-24-1902; unmarried.

19. SARAH SWIGER (4)—. JERIAH (3), JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Sarah, daughter of Jeriah and Ruth (Wilson) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, Va.; m., Nov. 6, 1849, Hamilton, son of John and Sarah (Bartlett) Allen. He was a farmer and lived and died on the headwaters of Flag Run, Sardis district. After his first wife died, he married Lavina



Swiger Gifford, a d. of Abel and Elizabeth (Haney) Swiger. John Allen, father, was a noted Baptist preacher, having preached throughout the northern and western parts of Virginia.

Children:

- 286 (1) W. E. Allen, b. 1853; m., 1874, Martha A., d. of Seth and Mary Ann (Candy) Pigott, farmers of Sardis district. W. E. is a farmer and carpenter, now living at Wallace. Children:
- 287 (1) Stella Allen; m. Bruce Bennett, who now lives on Flag Run.
- 288 (2) Emma Allen; ob. infans.
- 289 (3) Seth Allen; married.
- 290 (4) Alma Allen; married.
- 291 (5) Nannie Allen; married.
- 292 (6) Stanley Allen; married.
- 293 (7) Bertha Allen; married.
- 294 (8) Matilda Allen; married.
- 295 (9) Charles Allen.
- 296 (10) Larnie Allen.
- 297 (11) Mabel Allen.
- 298 (12) Sadie Allen.
- 299 (2) Virginia Allen, b. 1851; ob. infans.
- 300 (3) Emily Allen, b. 1856; ob. infans.
- 301 (4) John J. Allen, b. 1858; m., 1885, Nancy A., d. of Benjamin Sandy, of Sardis; was a farmer, and lived on Flag Run, where he died, March 9, 1893. His wife re-married and now lives in Sardis. One child:
- 302 (1) Belya M. Allen, b. 1889; ob. infans.
- 303 (5) Lloyd M. Allen, b. 10-5-1861; m. Anna J. Ash, 11-16-1882; is a farmer and stockman, living on Gregory's Run, where he has been living for the past 16 years. Children:

- 304 (1) Dessie L. Allen, b. 11-2-1883; m., 2-12-1908, C. G.,  
son of John Hammond, farmer of Gregory's  
Run. He is a farmer, living on Gregory's  
Run.  
Dessie's children are:
- 305 (1) Everett M. Hammond, b. 3-30-1910.
- 306 (2) Lloyd W. Hammond, b. 9-22-1911.
- 307 (2) Sylvia V. Allen, b. 1888; unmarried; at home.

20. LAURA SWIGER (4)— JERIAH (3), JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Laura, daughter of Jeriah and Ruth (Wilson) Swiger, was born May 5, 1840; m., Dec. 26, 1865, Nofley S. Bates, born Feb. 7, 1846, son of Andrew and Delilah (Swiger) Bates, of Doddridge county. (Delilah was the daughter of Christopher and Eleanor (Bacus) Swiger). He was a farmer, and lived on the waters of Lambert's Run till his wife died of paralysis, Aug. 29, 1900, when he removed to Clarksburg, where he now lives with his youngest son, Emory. To this union were born:

- 308 (1) Minerva J. Bates, b. 2-3-1867; m., 8-9-1888, John W.,  
son of Jacob D. Fortney. He is a merchant, now  
residing at Lumberport. His children are:
- 309 (1) Nofley S. Fortney, b. 6-21-1889.
- 310 (2) Arizona F. Fortney, b. 1-17-1891.
- 311 (3) Naomi E. Fortney, b. 5-28-1892.
- 312 (4) Lillie B. Fortney, b. 4-21-1894.
- 313 (5) Elsie B. Fortney, b. 10-26-1895.
- 314 (6) Rellah D. Fortney, b. 6-26-1897; deceased.
- 315 (7) Lawrence P. Fortney, b. 11-2-1898.
- 316 (8) Joshua D. Fortney, b. 5-3-1900.
- 317 (9) Arlo Bates Fortney, b. 11-20-1901; deceased.
- 318 (10) Alma M. Fortney, b. 2-3-1903.
- 319 (11) Bessie M. Fortney, b. 3-24-1905.
- 320 (12) John M. Fortney, b. 5-8-1907.
- 321 (13) Beatrice M. Fortney, b. 4-14-1909.

- 322 (2) Louisa B. Bates, b. 3-28-1868; m., 2-15-1884, James H. Ash, of Doddridge county. He is a farmer and now lives in the old Bates home on Lambert's Run. Children:
- 323 (1) Ira P. Ash, b. 4-7-1886.
- 324 (2) Elma Ash, b. 1-21-1888.
- 325 (3) Notley R. Ash, b. 4-15-1890.
- 326 (4) Laura E. Ash, b. 3-29-1892.
- 327 (5) Rymer R. Ash, b. 3-6-1894.
- 328 (6) Loula V. Ash, b. 11-23-1896.
- 329 (7) Ranza B. Ash, b. 1-26-1899.
- 330 (8) Lona D. Ash, b. 2-7-1902.
- 331 (3) Apama Bates, b. 10-13-1869; m., 3-1-1894, Thomas Jefferson Swiger, b. 1-1-1870. He is a farmer on Lambert's Run, where he lives. His wife died, 7-15-1906. Children:
- 332 (1) Lelia E. Swiger, b. 2-10-1896.
- 333 (2) Sylvia Swiger, b. 9-18-1899.
- 334 (3) Clark Swiger, b. 9-29-1900.
- 335 (4) Earl Swiger, b. 3-21-1905.
- 336 (4) Charles L. Bates, b. 2-7-1871; m., 8-12-1914, Blanche Locke, b. 7-24-1884. He is a physician, and lives at Smithfield, where he is engaged in the practice of his profession. No children.
- 337 (5) Cora L. Bates, b. 11-6-1873; d. 8-2-1906.
- 338 (6) Clarence S. Bates, b. 7-4-1874; m., 1-13-1897, Allie A., d. of Jesse F. and Virginia (Harbert) Coffman. He is a physician, living at Lumberport, where he is engaged in the practice of his profession. Children:
- 339 (1) J. Sellman Bates, b. 12-21-1901.
- 340 (2) Everett Brice Bates, b. 9-2-1904.

- 341 (7) Emory H. Bates, b. 12-30-1876; m., 9-19-1900, Bessie L., d. of Jesse F. and Virginia (Harbert) Coffman. She was born 2-5-1877. He is at present, President of the Board of Education of Coal district, Harrison county, West Va., and lives near Adamston. (Children:
- 342 (1) Clyde Dennis Bates, b. 8-4-1901.
- 343 (8) Hattie Bates, b. 11-8-1878; unmarried; deceased.
- 344 (9) Clara E. Bates, b. 9-22-1879; unmarried; deceased.
- 345 (10) Lydia Esther Bates, b. 2-24-1883.

29. JASPER N. SWIGER (4.—), JOHN (3), JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Jasper N., son of John and Mary Eleanor (McIntire) Swiger, was born on Little Tennile Creek, in Sardis district, Oct. 24, 1836; m., Dec. 26, 1869, Maria Chaplin. He first settled as a farmer in Sardis district, but later removed to Unionville, Putnam county, Mo.; still lives, a retired farmer, hale and hardy. He visited relatives in Harrison county this year (1915). All children living but two, Alice and Maria.

Children:

- 346 John William Swiger, b. 11-14-1870; m., 2-19-1900, Aolia Nancie Clark.
- 347 Emma Estella Swiger, b. 10-18-1872; m., 1892, Richard Jewell.
- 348 Ella Swiger, b. 10-18-1872; m., 2-25-1899, Leonard A. Sealf.
- 349 Alice Rosa Swiger, b. 1-28-1875; ob. infans.
- 350 Arthus E. Swiger, b. 5-16-1876; m., 12-30-1900, Stella Williams.
- 351 Mary E. Swiger, b. 5-30-1880; m., 12-23-1900, John P. Kelly; deceased.

30. ABIJAH C. SWIGER (1) = JOHN (3), JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Abijah C., son of John and Mary Eleanor (McIntire) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Feb. 11, 1811; m., July 19, 1865, Sarah M. Wells, who is yet living in Marion county, West Va. He was a farmer and lived in Harrison county; was a man of superior strength and well trained in the science of boxing. His fate was a pitiful one, as will be seen by the following story, which was told to the author by one of the party, whose name is mentioned therein:

"In September, of the year 1875, Abijah Swiger was attending the Fair at Clarksburg. As was very common in those days, there was the usual drinking, carousing and fighting going on. A Mrs. Earnest, a widowed lady, was running a 'speak-easy' on the corner of Pike and Fourth Streets, where the Waldo Hotel now stands. Among the young men who happened to be near this corner at this time, about eight o'clock in the evening, were John Hawker, Abijah Swiger, J. C. Bartlett, Watt Dye, T. C. Bennett, A. J. Bennett, Elias Swiger and Samuel Williams, some of whom were drinking, more or less. John Hawker, a very strong man, had had some trouble, previously, with the Clarksburg police. They were watching for him, and when they saw him, they tried to arrest him. Since it was then rather dark, Hawker seemed to have dodged the police, and they caught Abijah Swiger, many think by mistake, and began beating and kicking him. His friends told the police that he was killed, but they heeded not, and dragged him to jail, while he was begging and moaning most pitifully. When in jail, he continued to beg for water, but not a drop did he get. J. C. Bartlett and other of his friends, believing that he was in a dying condition, asked that they might have an opportunity to attend to his wants, but they were bluntly refused. On the next day he was given over to his friends, beaten black and blue, with his ribs broken loose from his backbone, and a stab in his side. He died at his home the next day."

Abijah and wife had born to them five children; those living live in Missonri, with the exception of Thomas Jefferson.

Children:

- 352 (1) Lourenah Swiger, b. 10-30-1865; m. Matthew Stier.
- 353 (2) Newton E. Swiger, b. 3-28-1867; m. (1) Frances M. Quinn, 11-25-1891; (2) ————.
- 354 (3) Richard Nelson Swiger, b. 9-16-1868; m. ————.
- 355 (4) Thomas Jefferson Swiger, b. 1-1-1870; m. Apama Bates. (See Apama).
- 356 (5) One girl; ob. infans.

74. LAWSON SWIGER (4)—. REUBEN (3), JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Lawson, oldest son of Reuben and Katherine (Tucker) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va., June 15, 1832; m., Dec. 25, 1858, Ellen Swiger, a d. of Christopher, who was a brother of Lawson's father, Reuben. Lawson was a farmer, and still lives at an advanced age, near Olive, Harrison county. His wife died several years ago, having first married Hamilton Hustead, who was killed by a blow on the forehead, inflicted by Heseekiah Criss, when a boy, in Clarksburg.

Since the above was written, the Clarksburg Telegram in its issue of June 1st, 1916, gave the following account of the subject's death:

"F. L. Swiger, aged 83 years, a well known retired farmer, died at his home at the mouth of Rock Camp Run, near Sardis district, after a few days illness caused by a general breakdown and a severe attack of lagrippe.

"The deceased man is survived by two sons and three daughters. The sons are F. T. and G. N. Swiger. The daughters are Miss Malissa Swiger, at home, Mrs. R. G. Fouty and Mrs. Maggie Moon, of Sardis.

"The funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Baptist church at Sardis, and the burial will be in the Junior Order Cemetery."

His children were:

- 357 Willie Swiger, b. 1-10-1859; ob. infans.
- 358 David Swiger, b. 9-22-1861; ob. infans.
- 359 Malissa Swiger, b. 6-11-1864; unmarried; at home.
- 360 George W. Swiger, b. 1-12-1869; m. Minnie Williams.
- 361 F. Tillman Swiger, b. 3-18-1872; m. Ada Laughery.
- 362 Ruletta Swiger, b. 2-12-1875; m. (1) Leander Smith; (2) Roy Fouty.
- 363 Maggie Swiger, b. 2-13-1878; m. (1) Ollie Hardman; (2) Blaine Moran.

75. CLEOTHA N. SWIGER (4)—, REUBEN (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Cleotha N., second son of Reuben and Katherine (Tucker) Swiger, was born June 8, 1837; m., July 22, 1866, Prudy, d. of Samuel Fittro, farmer of near Wilsonburg, Harrison county. He is a farmer, still living on Sycamore Creek, near Clarksburg, having outlived two wives, his second one being Manerva Swiger, the widow of Norval J. Swiger, of Lambert's Run, whom he married Dec. 12, 1899.

Children:

- 364 (1) Lummie L. Swiger, b. 7-19-1867; m. John Wilcox.
- 365 (2) Lucie Swiger, b. 11-6-1872; m. "B" Yates.
- 366 (3) Mary Selia Swiger, b. 2-10-1877; m. Samuel C. Pitts.
- 367 (4) Samuel A. Swiger, b. 10-3-1879; ob. infans.

76. JAMES SWIGER (4)—, REUBEN (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

James Swiger, son of Reuben and Katherine (Tucker) Swi-

ger, never married. He volunteered his services in the United States Army in the year 1862; went to Wheeling to be mustered in, and while he was in the act of changing his usual clothing, putting on the U. S. soldier's uniform, he dropped dead. His death is supposed to have been caused from the fright of the unusualness of the occasion and the fearfulness of the future.



SALATHIAL SWIGER.

77. SALATHIAL SWIGER (4)—, REUBEN (3), JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1)

Salathial, son of Reuben and Katherine (Tucker) Swiger, was born Aug. 20, 1833; m., March 26, 1855, Nancy Swiger, d. of Absolom and Polly (Asbury) Swiger, of Brown. Polly (Asbury) was born in Pine Grove, now known as North View Addition to Clarksburg. Mr. Swiger is a merchant, now living at Olive, Sardis district, Harrison county, West Va., where he



lives with his second wife and only son: is well preserved, with the exception of poor eyesight, having been unable to read for several years. His second wife, Kasandra Harbert, whom he married, — — —, is the only wife by whom he had children.

The above picture, though dim, is a very good likeness of him, and shows him groping his way from his home to his store, just as the camera was snapped by his son.

Children:

368 Harold Swiger, b. 1-3-1889; unmarried; with father.

113. ED L. SWIGER (4)---, CHRISTOPHER (3), JACOB (2),  
WILLIAM (1).

Ed L. Swiger, oldest son of Christopher and Susan (Black) Swiger, was born June 25, 1830; m., Feb. 12, 1851, Elizabeth Green, d. of Jesse Green, b. 1788, and d. Sept. 24, 1868. He was a farmer and first settled near the old salt works on Big Ten-mile Creek; removed from there to near Sardis, on the same creek, where he died of old age, May 20, 1914. His widow still lives at an advanced age.

Children:

- 369 (1) Susan L. Swiger, b. 12-8-1852; m. John S. Cottrill, 5-20-1870.
- 370 (2) Marshall Swiger, b. 2-9-1854; unmarried; at home.
- 371 (3) Absolom Swiger, b. 2-26-1857; unmarried; teamster at Clarksburg.
- 372 (4) Elmore Swiger, b. 12-17-1856; m. Lizzie Bonnel, 12-1-1881.
- 373 (5) Jerome Swiger, b. 6-19-1861; m. Elizabeth J. Marsh, 7-10-1884.
- 374 (6) Sarah E. Swiger, b. 5-8-1858; m. Henry Brown, 5-10-1878.
- 375 (7) George M. Swiger, b. 4-30-1863; m. Ida Strickler.
- 376 (8) Helen Swiger, b. 5-25-1871; m. Johnnie A. Burns, 3-22-1900.

- 377 (9) Seldon Swiger, b. 4-22-1883; unmarried; at home.  
 378 (10) Alice G. Swiger, b. 8-31-1866; m. William P. McBee,  
 1883.  
 379 (11) Luititia Swiger, b. 4-15-1860; ob. infans.

114. ELLEN SWIGER (4)—. CHRISTOPHER (3),  
 JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Ellen, daughter of Christopher and Susan (Black) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va.; m., Jan. 6, 1848, for her first husband, Hamilton Hustead, a son of Rev. John Hustead, of Sardis district, Harrison county, by whom she had one daughter, Harriet, who married Peter Gain, of Salem, where they now live. For her second husband, she m. Lawson Swiger, an account of which is given elsewhere. (See Lawson).

Child:

- 380 (1) Harriet Hustead, b. 1-28-1849; m. Peter Gain.

115. HAMILTON SWIGER (4)—. CHRISTOPHER (3),  
 JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Hamilton, son of Christopher and Susan (Black) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va.; m. Angeline McClelanton, of Barbour county. He was of an unsettled disposition, and roamed about from place to place; claimed that he had been married three times before he married Angeline, but this was doubted by his nearest relatives. He was a farmer, and finally settled on a farm near Quiet Dell, Harrison county, where he died. His widow still lives.

116. MARY E. SWIGER (4) — CHRISTOPHER (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Mary E., daughter of Christopher and Susan (Black) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Va.; m., May 24, 1859, James Davis, for her first husband. He was a farmer and son of William and Elizabeth Davis, of Harrison county. After the death of her first husband, she married, Nov. 25, 1869, David Shrader, a farmer, with whom she now lives at Brown, West Va. When she gave the above information, the date of her first marriage, 1859, she recalled the fact that that was the year of the Great Frost, the like of which was never known before nor since in this country.

Children by first husband:

- 381 (1) Ai E. Davis, b. 3-17-1860; m. Harriet Shrader.
- 382 (2) Francis M. Davis, b. 12-28-1861; ob. infans.
- 383 (3) James W. Davis, b. 2-21-1864.

Children by second husband:

- 384 (1) George E. Shrader, b. 8-27-1870.
- 385 (2) Matilda Shrader, b. 6-6-1872; deceased.
- 386 (3) Lillie Shrader, b. 9-26-1874.
- 387 (4) John E. Shrader, b. 3-11-1877.
- 388 (5) Delilah J. Shrader, b. 3-30-1879.
- 389 (6) Ella A. Shrader, b. 4-19-1882.
- 390 (7) Mary A. Shrader, b. 4-13-1899.

117. WILLIAM H. SWIGER (4) — CHRISTOPHER (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

William, son of Christopher and Susan (Black) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va.; m., March 2, 1861, Harriet Davidson, a d. of John W. and Nancy Davidson. He was a farmer, and first settled in Barbour county; removed from there to Wood county, near Parkersburg, where he spent the remainder of his life. He had a small family.

118. GEORGE W. SWIGER (4)—. CHRISTOPHER (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

George W. Swiger, son of Christopher and Susan (Black) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va.; was a Union soldier in the Civil War, after which he returned to his native county, and married, 1872, Alice Mooney for his first wife. To this union were born four children. His first wife having died, he married Genevieve Davis, by whom he also had four children. He has now retired from active life, and lives at Charleston, West Va.

Children by first wife:

- 391 (1) Dollie L. Swiger; m. Matthew Mercer, a miner in Kanawha county.
- 392 (2) Montimore Swiger; lives at Hanley, Kanawha county; conductor from Hanley to Staunton, Va.
- 393 (3) A. Bertie Swiger; was disappointed in life, committed suicide by jumping into Kanawha river.
- 394 (4) Spicie Swiger.
- 395 (5) Thomas H. Swiger; unmarried; conductor from Hanley to Charleston, West Va.

Children by second wife:

- 396 (1) Ottie Swiger; unmarried; mechanic at Charleston.
- 397 (2) Maude Swiger; unmarried; at Charleston.
- 398 (3) Lillie E. Swiger; m. Thomas Thackery, who is foreman on street work, Huntington, West Va.
- 399 (4) Flossie Swiger; d. at 14 years.

119. DELILAH SWIGER (4)—. CHRISTOPHER (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Delilah, daughter of Christopher and Susan (Black) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va.; m., Nov. 3, 1859, George L. Martin, b. 10-24-1838, a son of Leonard and

Julia Ann Martin. He was a farmer and lived on Little Ten-mile Creek, near Brown, where he and his wife both died, he in 1910.

Children:

- 400 (1) Tena J. Martin, b. 12-23-1876; m., 7-22-1894, L. O. McIntire.
- 401 (2) Leonard Martin, b. 7-8-1860; m. (1) Ollie Watkins; (2) Ida Watkins, 5-10-1888.
- 402 (3) George McClelland Martin, b. 11-27-1861; m., 11-20-1887, Virginia, d. of George Robinson, a farmer of Jones' Run. He is a farmer, now living on the waters of Shinn's Run, Eagle district, where he has born to his union six girls. Children:
- 403 (1) Loma E. Martin, b. 1-13-1889; m., 8-21-1908, Vance L. Boggess, who is now employed in the Phillips Sheet and Tinsplate Co., Clarksburg.
- 404 (2) O. Alice Martin, b. 6-9-1891.
- 405 (3) Mamie M. Martin, b. 2-15-1893; m., 4-4-1915, Samuel B. Davidson.
- 406 (4) Georgia S. Martin, b. 8-28-1895; m., 2-26-1915, Gale L. Bland.
- 407 (5) Lochel H. Martin, b. 6-6-1901.
- 408 (6) Mildred V. Martin, b. 5-17-1907.
- 409 (4) Miona F. Martin, b. 6-5-1874; m., 6-6-1892, A. E. Miller.
- 410 (5) Lucretia Martin, b. 5-12-1872; m., 12-21-1890, U. C. Edgell.
- 411 (6) Ellen Martin, b. 4-28-1868; m. Elsworth, son of J. M. Coffman.
- 412 (7) Anna C. Martin, b. 8-17-1880; ob. infans.
- 413 (8) Virginia A. Martin, b. 3-3-1864; m. Lloyd M. Hustead.
- 414 (9) Wilda B. Martin, b. 5-23-1878; m. Harry Philipps.
- 415 (10) Alice Martin, b. 4-23-1866; m. Lemuel, son of Ahnira (Swiger) Griffin; both d. of consumption.

- 416 (11) Samuel J. Martin, b. 8-10-1870; m. 2-22-1886, Wilda Cunningham.  
 417 (12) Lela Martin, b. 10-26-1882; m. John O'Donnell.  
 418 (13) Delphia B. Martin, b. 5-31-1886; m. Allen Hays.

120. MARGARET SWIGER (4)—. CHRISTOPHER (3),  
 JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Margaret, daughter of Christopher and Susan (Black) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va.; m., April 8, 1858, Joseph Thompson, a farmer of Sardis district, who still lives at an advanced age. He is the son of John and Frances (Gray) Thompson, born in Clay district, Oct. 4, 1836.

Children:

- 419 (1) Lloyd Thompson, b. 3-26-1866; m. Florence Righter.  
 420 (2) Harriet Thompson, b. 1-2-1860; m. Lafayette Harbert, who reared a large family of children, among whom is William, a minister in Ohio; and Lida, married Bessie, a d. of Charles and Fanny (Boice) Boggess, and lives on Peter's Run.  
 421 (3) Floyd Thompson, b. 9-1-1867; m. Sarah Stout.  
 422 (4) Elsworth Thompson, b. 10-26-1871; m. Hattie Moran.  
 423 (5) Ella Thompson, b. 1-26-1870; m. Alden Harbert.  
 424 (6) Claudius Thompson, b. 10-22-1878; m. Anna Bennett.  
 425 (7) Mattie Thompson, b. 5-9-1873; d. in early womanhood of consumption.  
 426 (8) Rosa Thompson, b. 8-30-1876; d. in early womanhood of consumption.

152. TRUMAN SWIGER (5)—. LEWIS (4), JERIAH (3),  
 JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Truman, son of Lewis and Agnes (Morrison) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va., May 20, 1851;

m., April 15, 1875, Surilda, d. of Cornelius and Tabitha Hustead, of Isaac's Creek. He was a farmer and lived on the waters of Flag Run, in Sardis district, till his death, March 14, 1898, of pneumonia.

Children:

- 427 (1) Ora M. Swiger, b. 5-26-1878; m., 6-2-1901, Alva W. Grogg,  
 428 (2) Florida B. Swiger, b. 5-7-1876; m. Joseph T. Laughery.

153. MISSOURI SWIGER (5) —, LEWIS (4), JEREMIAH (3),  
 JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Missouri, daughter of Lewis and Agnes (Morrison) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va., April 22, 1856; m. ——— Bates.

154. FLORENCE SWIGER (5) —, LEWIS (4), JEREMIAH (3),  
 JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Florence, daughter of Lewis and Agnes (Morrison) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Va., April 4, 1854; m., Sept. 10, 1876, Dr. Silas A. Cavalier, whose father is not known. He first was a public school teacher, beginning at the age of 18 years; continued teaching till 1891, when he entered "Baltimore University School of Medicine," from which he was graduated; located at Wallace, removing from there in the latter part of his life, to Beverly, West Va., where he is now located. He was born May 27, 1851.

Children:

- 429 (1) John P. Cavalier, b. 6-19-1877; m. Virginia Ashcraft,  
 a d. of Jefferson Ashcraft, of Doddridge county.

Having graduated from the "Baltimore University School of Medicine," he first began the practice of his profession at Rinehart; removed from there to Tyrone, Mo., where he is now located.

- 430 (2) Charles L. Cavalier, b. 3-1-1879; m., 7-2-1913, Armatha J. Drummond for his second wife. He is now engaged as field manager by the Washington Gas Co., of Clarksburg, and located near Brown, West Va.
- 431 (3) Hugh A. Cavalier, b. 1-25-1884; d. at 12 years.
- 432 (4) Bertha A. Cavalier, b. 6-30-1886; unmarried; music teacher, Beverly, West Va.
- 433 (5) Ben H. Cavalier, b. 9-27-1888; unmarried. At the age of 21 years ran away from home, enlisted in U. S. Army for term of three years. After serving his term of enlistment, he returned home, remaining there till Sept., 1914, when he again enlisted in the U. S. Army. He is now located at Boston, Mass., where he is engaged in the planting of mines in the waters of the ocean, for coast defense.
- 434 (6) Lizzie B. Cavalier, b. 4-4-1892; ob. infans.
- 435 (7) Claude C. Cavalier, b. 12-18-1881; unmarried; graduated from "Illinois School of Photography;" is living at home with father, where he is engaged in the practice of his profession.

155. COLUMBIA SWIGER (5)—, LEWIS (4), JERIAH (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Columbia, daughter of Lewis and Agnes (Morrison) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, Va., Aug. 15, 1838; m., Nov. 4, 1880, George Ogden, son of Dr. William R. Ogden, of Sardis, West Va. He was born, Aug. 15, 1838; is a farmer, and he and wife still live, at Wallace. He is a descendant of one of the earliest pioneer families, west of the mountains, his maternal



grandfather having been one of the first settlers in Sardis district. Dr. William R. Ogden (father) was born in Maryland, Sept. 12, 1804, and married Elizabeth Shinn, who was born Sept. 29, 1804, in Harrison county, Va. Another son of Dr. Ogden is R. S. Ogden, who was a merchant at Sardis for many years, and who yet lives with his daughter in Clarksburg.

(Children of Columbia (Swiger) Ogden:

- 436 (1) Alma Ogden, b. 8-10-1881; m., 11-4-1903, Oda, son of William and Aehsah (Coffman) Reynolds, and live at Lumberport, and have:
- 437 (1) Dale O. Reynolds, b. 6-24-1904; unmarried.
- 438 (2) Reva J. Reynolds, b. 5-17-1906; unmarried.
- 439 (3) Lena M. Reynolds, b. 10-30-1908; unmarried.
- 440 (4) Jenice L. Reynolds, b. 11-10-1911; unmarried.
- 441 (2) Anna Ogden, b. 12-7-1883; unmarried.
- 442 (3) Bertha Ogden, b. 2-16-1886; m., 3-7-1905, William O., son of William and Elizabeth (Hall) Stewart, of Pittsburgh; is a general mechanic, Pittsburgh.

Children:

- 443 (1) Thelma Stewart, b. 1-13-1906; unmarried.
- 444 (2) Wilma O. Stewart, b. 5-17-1908; unmarried.
- 445 (4) Florence Ogden, b. 3-4-1888; m., 11-29-1905, Theodore E., son of Charles Kemp, of Pittsburgh, Pa., where they live. One child:
- 446 (1) Wilber H. Kemp, b. 9-2-1906; unmarried.
- 447 (5) Vance Ogden, b. 4-14-1891; m., 6-28-1913, Georgia L., d. of Curtis W. and Leboda J. (Talkington) Davis; lives at Wallace.

160. HESTER FRANCES SWIGER (5)— LEWIS (4),  
JEREMIAH (3), JACOB (3), WILLIAM (1).

Hester Swiger, daughter of Lewis and Lucretia (Harbert) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, West Va., Oct. 21, 1863; m., Oct. 26, 1882, Rev. George D. Griffin, b. Nov.

24, 1859, son of John Griffin, a farmer of Nolen's Run, Harrison county. He first was a farmer on Jones Run, taking a very active part in church work; later began systematic study of the Scriptures at a Theological Seminary in Kentucky; since, he has been in active ministerial work, and now lives at Belington, West Va.

Children:

448 (1) Harry Lewis Griffin, b. 10-11-1883; m., 12-22-1914, Lucille Meredith Moutoun, of Lafayette, La.; is a graduate of West Va. University (1909); did post-graduate work, 1910, at Chicago University; is now at the head of the department of history at Louisiana State University, at Lafayette, La.

449 (2) Mamie L. Griffin, b. 6-5-1885; educated at West Va. University and Broadus College; m., 7-9-1910, Arthur G. Shannon, of West Union, Doddridge county. He is traveling salesman for Kane-Keyser Hardware Co., Belington, West Va. They have one daughter, and live at Buckhannon, West Va. Child:

(1) Frances Louise Shannon, b. 6-9-1911.

450 (3) Bertha A. Griffin, b. 6-15-1887; educated at West Va. University and Fairmont Normal; m., 6-21-1913, Charles B. Woodruff, of Moundsville, where they now live. He is traveling salesman for a grocery concern of Wheeling, West Va. One son:

(1) Charles Boyd Woodruff, b. 9-30-1914.

451 (4) Flo Lois Griffin, b. 1-26-1890; graduate of West Va. Wesleyan College (1913); is at present teacher of German and Latin in Belington High School.

161. SHERMAN SWIGER (5)—. LEWIS (4), JERIAH (3).  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Sherman G., son of Lewis and Lucretia (Harbert) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Dec. 24, 1863; m.

for first wife, April 11, 1886, Cora D. Harbert, d. of John and Harriet (Swiger) Harbert, of Rock Camp, Sardis district, Harrison county. They first settled on Rock Camp, but later removed from there to Point Comfort, Clarksburg, where his wife died, April 5, 1907. He then married, for his second wife, March 28, 1908, Lucie Vincent, d. of Isaac and Margaret (Hall) Vincent, of Marion county. He is engaged in the mercantile business at Point Comfort, and lives in Adamston.

Children by first wife:

- 452 (1) S. Ammon Swiger, b. 1-22-1888; m. Edith, d. of George and Mary Gabert.
- 453 (2) L. Spurgeon Swiger, b. 3-21-1890; m. Nettie, d. of Camisee and Jennie Hurst.
- 454 (3) Gladys E. Swiger, b. 5-3-1892; m. Charles A. Anglin.
- 455 (4) Charles B. Swiger, b. 11-15-1895; unmarried; at home.
- 46 (5) Ralph Swiger, b. 9-2-1898; unmarried; at home.
- 457 (6) John L. Swiger, b. 3-8-1902; unmarried; at home.
- 458 (7) Ray G. Swiger, b. 2-13-1905; ob. infans.

Children by second wife:

- 459 (1) Sherman G. Swiger, b. 7-14-1911.
- 460 (2) Glenn V. Swiger, b. 10-14-1914.

162. "MAY" SWIGER (5) —, LEWIS (4), JERIAH (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

"May" Swiger, daughter of Lewis and Lueretia (Harbert) Swiger, was born Feb. 9, 1867, in Sardis district, Harrison county, West Va.; m. Camisee Allen. (See Camisee).

163. NORVAL L. SWIGER (5) —, LEWIS (4), JERIAH (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Norval, son of Lewis and Lueretia (Harbert) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, March 21, 1869; m. for

his first wife, April 14, 1889, Lillie, d. of Dolphus and Sarah F. (Plant) Martin, farmers of Sardis district. She having died in rather early life of a complication of diseases, he married for his second wife, Dec. 8, 1912, Sarah Casto, a widow with children, of North View, near Clarksburg. From her he soon separated. He had children by his first wife only; is a farmer, living on his brother's farm, a farm originally owned by Jacob Swiger.

Children by first wife:

- 461 (1) Anna M. Swiger, b. 2-10-1890; m. George W. Lynch, son of Jasper and Harriet (Robinson) Lynch, from whom she soon separated. No issue.
- 462 (2) Allie B. Swiger, b. 8-30-1892; m. Orlet, son of John and Alice (Williams) Root, farmers of Sardis district. He is a miner and lives at Lost Creek. One son:
- 463 (1) Norval Root, b. 10-30-1913.
- 464 (3) Carl A. Swiger, b. 5-21-1895; unmarried; is Corporal in Coast Artillery in Hawaiian Islands; enlisted May 28, 1914.
- 465 (4) Dorothy L. Swiger, b. 9-25-1901; unmarried.
- 466 (5) Beatrice L. Swiger, b. 12-23-1904; unmarried.
- 467 (6) Bernard L. Swiger, b. 9-26-1909; unmarried.

164. JOSEPH ERNEST SWIGER (5)—, LEWIS (4),

JERIAH (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

J. Ernest Swiger, son of Lewis and Lucretia (Harbert) Swiger, born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Aug. 27, 1871; m., March 17, 1901, Dorothy Stewart, d. of John E. and Emily J. (Hudkins) Stewart, born July 17, 1878. She was graduated from the West Virginia Conference Seminary, 1898; became teacher in the Art department of Broadus College, at Philippi. The subject was formerly a teacher, having graduated from Broadus College, at which time he first became ac-

quainted with his wife. He and family now live in Brook Oaks, Clarksburg, where he is engaged in the mercantile business.

Children:

468 (1) Edith P. Swiger, b. 9-20-1903; pupil in Clarksburg schools.

469 (2) Evelyn H. Swiger, b. 8-7-1907; pupil in Clarksburg schools.

165. OMAR W. SWIGER (5) —, LEWIS (4), JERIAH (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Omar W., son of Lewis and Lucretia (Harbert) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, West Va., April 30, 1875; was m., May 7, 1896, to Effie L., d. of Elam Pigott, a farmer of Cunningham's Run. His wife, born July 29, 1873, had several brothers and sisters, among whom are Ernest L. Pigott, ex-assessor of Harrison county, and Mrs. Dr. A. O. Flowers, of Clarksburg. The subject is a very successful merchant and farmer, having an extensive mercantile business at Wallace, where he lives, and is the present owner of several hundred acres of land, all of which originally belonged to his grandfather, Jeriah Swiger. One child:

470 Burtice Holden Swiger, b. 10-14-1900; unmarried; at home.

166. HOWARD SWIGER (5)—, LEWIS (4), JERIAH (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Howard, son of Lewis and Lucretia (Harbert) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Nov. 17, 1876; m., Oct. 6, 1898, Zella, a daughter of Luther and Mary Laverna (Davis) Kyle, farmers of near Salem, West Va. He first settled at Sardis and entered into the mercantile business; thence to Adamston; thence to



OMAR W. SWIGER.

Morgantown, where he now lives and where he is engaged in the sale of dairy products. His wife has a brother and sister living in Clarksburg, viz., Charles E. Kyle, principal in Clarksburg Schools, and Mrs. Homer Strosnider.

Children:

471 (1) Ernest Lyle Swiger, b. 11-21-1899; unmarried.

167. ROBERT SWIGER (5)—, LEWIS (4), JERIAH (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Robert L., son of Lewis and Lueretia (Harbert) Swiger, was born Nov. 27, 1880, in Sardis district, Harrison county; m., Oct. 11, 1900, Stella M., daughter of W. Banks Ritter, a farmer of Sedalia, Doddridge county, born Sept. 7, 1883. Robert L. first entered into business with his brother, Omar W., at Wallace, after which he secured the position of traveling salesman for the "New Martinsville Grocery Co.," of New Martinsville, which position he has held with profit to both himself and the Company. He lives in Clarksburg.

Children:

472 (1) Clarence C. Swiger, b. 7-11-1901; unmarried; at home.

473 (2) Clyde F. Swiger, b. 2-13-1905; unmarried; at home.

474 (3) Wayne Swiger, b. 10-30-1906; unmarried; at home.

168. IVA SWIGER (5)—, LEWIS (4), JERIAH (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Iva, youngest daughter of Lewis and Lueretia (Harbert) Swiger, was born April 12, 1883, in Sardis district; m., Sept. 5, 1902, Walter L. Hoyey, a barber of Wallace, West Va. He was a son of James M. and Mary (Downs) Hoyey, farmers of

Down's Station, Marion county, West Va. To their union have been born three boys and two girls.

Children :

- 475 (1) Jessie Lee Hoyey, b. 9-5-1903; unmarried.
- 476 (2) Lynn W. Hoyey, b. 8-28-1905; unmarried.
- 477 (3) Rymer D. Hoyey, b. 2-22-1909; unmarried.
- 478 (4) Lois L. Hoyey, b. 7-31-1912; unmarried.

169. ELSWORTH SWIGER (5)—. NORVAL (4), JERIAH (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Elsworth, only son of Norval and Manerva (Fittro) Swiger, was born June 29, 1862; m., Sept. 4, 1891, Mary E. Wickenhoover, born July 2, 1872, a d. of Henry and Fannie (Ferguson) Wickenhoover, of Germany. Henry was born in Germany; came to the U. S. with his father and mother and other brothers and sisters when but twelve years old. When they were sailing for America one of the children died on board the ship and they threw the body overboard. Henry represented Harrison county in the West Virginia Legislature one term. Elsworth Swiger first was a farmer, having first settled on his father's farm; but since has been employed by the Philadelphia Gas Co. He and family now live in Clarksburg.

Children :

- 479 (1) Freda Swiger, b. 8-14-1894; unmarried; at home.
- 480 (2) Fannie Swiger, b. 7-25-1895; unmarried; at home.
- 481 (3) Manerva Swiger, b. 4-17-1897; unmarried; at home.
- 482 (4) Hattie Swiger, b. 4-2-1903; unmarried; at home.
- 483 (5) Edmund Swiger, b. 9-9-1908; unmarried; at home.
- 484 (6) Mary E. Swiger, b. 12-6-1901; unmarried; at home.
- 485 (7) Anna Swiger, b. 12-18-1880; m. Ed. Shoemaker, from whom she soon separated. When last heard of she was working in a large department store in New York City.



170. BELLE SWIGER (5) — NORVAL (1), JERIAH (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Belle, youngest daughter of Norval and Manerva (Fittro) Swiger, was born April 15, 1857; m., Nov. 23, 1882, Emory Shreve, born Nov., 1858, a son of Fielding Shreve, a farmer of Lambert's Run. He is a farmer, now living on a part of the farm previously owned by his father-in-law, Norval Swiger.

Children:

- 486 (1) Smith C. Shreve, b. 9-6-1883; unmarried; d. of diphtheria.
- 487 (2) Lottie B. Shreve, b. 1-20-1886; m. Delbert L., son of Dr. L. D. and Mattie (Swiger) Frum, of Sardis.  
One child:  
(1) ——— Frum.
- 488 (3) Lula M. Shreve, b. 4-30-1887; m., 4-8-1907, Delbert L., son of Samuel Williams, a farmer of Crooked Run.
- 489 (4) Beulah M. Shreve, b. 11-25-1888; m., 12-22-1906, Fred, son of Edgar Hamrick, a farmer of Crooked Run.
- 490 (5) Mamie M. Shreve, b. 11-18-1895; m., 6-29-1912, Ardie D., son of Samuel Lauham, a farmer of Rock Camp.
- 491 (6) Norval W. Shreve, b. 3-7-1890; ob. infans.
- 492 (7) Fielding Shreve, b. 11-5-1891; m. Flossie Snow.
- 493 (8) Fay Shreve, b. 11-5-1891; ob. infans.
- 494 (9) Daris Shreve, b. 12-4-1893; d. of diphtheria.
- 495 (10) Harry D. Shreve, b. 7-14-1897; unmarried; at home.
- 496 (11) Elsworth E. Shreve, b. 7-29-1899; ob. infans.
- 497 (12) Robert B. Shreve, b. 10-3-1903; ob. infans.

171. VIRGINIA SWIGER (5) — NORVAL (4), JERIAH (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Virginia, daughter of Norval and Manerva (Fittro) Swiger, was born March 10, 1858, in Eagle district, Harrison com-

ty, Va.; m., Oct. 11, 1877, Jasper S. Kyle, who served as County Supt. of Schools for one term. He first settled on a farm on Lambert's Run, at which time he was engaged in farming, also extensively engaged in buying and selling coal lands. Later in life he and family removed from the farm to Clarksburg, West Va., where he is engaged in the real estate business.

Children:

- 498 (1) Gladys Kyle, b. 12-24-1878; m., 6-17-1898, Albert L. Smith for her first husband, and had one child. She soon separated from her first husband, and married for her second husband Richard Shurtleff, of Fairmont, Marion county, where they live, and where he is engaged in the retail shoe business.

Child by first husband:

- 499 (1) Edward Smith, b. 4-17-1900; living with mother.

Children by second husband:

- 500 (1) Virginia Shurtleff, b. 7-1-1906.  
 501 (2) Richard Shurtleff, b. 6-6-1909.  
 502 (2) Lydia Kyle, b. 8-12-1881; m., 6-28-1906, Dr. W. H., son of Joseph and Sarah (Whiney) Hill, of Trail Run, Ohio, born 3-15-1876. Dr. Hill is a prominent dentist, now located in the City of Clarksburg, where he enjoys a large practice. No children.  
 503 (3) (3) Jessie Kyle, b. 4-27-1883; m., 4-8-1908, Edward H., son of W. F. and Emma A. (Kooler) Kintzer, of Wolemsdorf, Berks county, Pa. He and family live in Clarksburg, where practically all his time is given to the more modern and popular Socialistic Movement, he being secretary of the Socialist Party of West Va. Children:  
 504 (1) Edward H. Kintzer, b. 1-24-1909.  
 505 (2) Genevieve R. Kintzer, b. 2-19-1910.  
 506 (3) Gertrude A. Kintzer, b. 9-24-1911.  
 507 (4) William K. Kintzer, b. 8-17-1913.

- 508 (4) Emma Kyle, b. 2-23-1885; m., 11-2-1906, Bruce Johnson, of Clarksburg, from whom she soon separated; now living with parents. No issue.
- 509 (5) Hattie P. Kyle, b. 2-13-1887; m., 4-11-1909, Samuel



ERASTUS SWIGER.

O. Feaster, b. 6-17-1882, and now living in Clarksburg, where he is engaged in the business of life insurance. Children:

- 510 (1) Anna Pauline Feaster, b. 6-19-1911.
- 511 (2) Baby, boy, b. 7-7-1912; ob. infans.
- 512 (6) Anna Kyle, b. 11-6-1888; m., July 9, 1913, Clyde Bland, of Doddridge county, West Va. He was formerly a barber in Clarksburg; but recently has entered into the insurance business, in which business he is meeting with much success. No issue.
- 513 (7) Hazel Kyle, b. 4-21-1890; d. at 15 years.
- 514 (8) Brooks Kyle, b. 8-11-1894; unmarried; at home.
- 515 (9) Willa Kyle, b. 4-17-1895; in Clarksburg High School.

230. ERASTUS SWIGER (5)—. LEMUEL (4), JERIAH (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Erastus, son of Lemuel and Clarissa (Allen) Swiger, was born on Peter's Run, Eagle district, Dec. 2, 1841; m., June 14, 1864, Rebecca, daughter of George and Sarah A. Coffman, of



MRS. ERASTUS SWIGER.

Cherry Camp, Harrison county. He was a farmer and settled on a part of his father's farm on Peter's Run, where he died, 1880, in middle life, of tuberculosis. He had four children, only two of whom now live.

Children:

- 516 (1) Seymour Swiger, b. 6-2-1865; m. Belle West, Dallas,  
Wood county.  
517 (2) Sherman Swiger, b. 5-5-1866; ob. infans.  
518 (3) Cecil Swiger, b. 8-8-1868; m. Molly C. Cunningham.  
519 (4) J. Camisee Swiger, b. 3-22-1870; m. Estella May  
Hall.

231. ALMIRA SWIGER (5) —. LEMUEL (4), JERIAH (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Almira, daughter of Lemuel and Clarissa (Allen) Swiger, was born on Peter's Run, Eagle district, Oct. 30, 1843; m. Benjamin, son of Rev. James Griffin, of Nolen's Run, Harrison



ALMIRA (SWIGER) GRIFFIN.

county. He enlisted in the Union army in '61, and fought bravely to preserve the Union. After the war he returned to his home on Little Tenmile Creek, near Brown, where he died of a complication of diseases, July 28, 1879. The widow still lives at the old homestead at Brown.

Children:

520 (1) Lemuel J. Griffin; m., March 21, 1886, Alice, d. of George L. and Delilah (Swiger) Martin, and had

one daughter, Pearl, who married Charles Bennett, of Wallace, where they live. Lemuel and wife both died of consumption.

- 521 (2) Permelia E. Griffith, b. 4-25-1866; m. Sebastian, son of Jesse Kelley. He and family live at Brown, where he is engaged in the business of stone and brick contracting. Children:
- (1) Ebert Kelley.
  - (2) Arnold Kelley; m. and has one son, Kenneth Kelley.
  - (3) Ila Kelley.
  - (4) Willis Kelley.
  - (5) Refa Kelley.
- 522 (3) James A. Griffin, b. 6-12-1868; m., Oct. 19, 1890, Rosetta, d. of Fletcher and Martha (Rogers) Robinson, farmers of Jones' Run; is a farmer and carpenter, and lives on Little Tennile Creek, near Brown, where he has the following children:
- (1) Cline Griffin; m., and has: Letha Griffin.
  - (2) Lester Griffin; m., and has: Garnet Griffin.
  - (3) Holbert Griffin.
  - (4) Lona Griffin.
  - (5) Benjamin Griffin.
  - (6) Freda Griffin.
  - (7) Vista Griffin.
  - (8) Esther Griffin.
- 523 (4) Rosa Griffin, b. 1-17-1871; m., May 29, 1890, Seymour, son of Moses Stark, a farmer of Lumberport. He is a prosperous farmer, and lives near Lumberport, Harrison county, where he has the following children:
- (1) Leota Stark; m., and has: Ralph, Pearl and Margaret Robey.
  - (2) Nola Stark; unmarried; at home.
  - (3) Argil Stark; unmarried.
  - (4) Harold Stark; ob. infans.

- 524 (5) George Griffin, b. 12-16-1872; m., Sept. 24, 1896 Mary, d. of John Hammond, a farmer of Gregory's Run, Sardis district. He is a farmer and lives near Brown, where he has the following children:
- (1) Mabel Griffin.
  - (2) Elva Griffin.
  - (3) Delma Griffin.
  - (4) John Griffin.
- 525 (6) Florence May Griffin: d. in young womanhood of a complication of diseases, probably pneumonia fever.



L. D. GRIFFIN.

- 526 (7) Lloyd D. Griffin, b. 11-26-1877; m., 5-1-1902, Alberta, d. of John C. and Malvina (Boggess) Rogers, farmers of Dola, West Va.; received his first education in the public schools, after which he taught several terms; enrolled as a student in the "Mountain State Business College" at Parkersburg, from which he graduated; accepted a position as book-keeper and assistant cashier of the West Virginia Bank, of Clarksburg, where he remained till the beginning of the political campaign of 1916, when he became a candidate for the important office of sheriff of Harrison county. He received the nomination by a good majority, and is now busily en-

gaged in his campaign for election. (He was elected.) Children:

- (1) Joe R. Griffin, b. 9-25-1903; at home.

232. ALLEN TAYLOR SWIGER (5)—. LEMUEL (4),  
JERIAH (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Allen Taylor, second son of Lemmel and Clarissa (Allen) Swiger, was born June 12, 1849, in Eagle district, Harrison county, Va.; m., Feb. 29, 1872, Lydia J. Swiger, age 15, a d. of George ... and Eliza (Stout) Swiger, of Brown. He married at the age of 23 years, and settled on a part of his father's farm on Peter's Run; soon became interested in the Sabbath school and church work, having read the Bible through many times; was a fluent speaker in public, especially when he was dealing with Religious and Moral subjects; had been superintendent of Sabbath school for 30 years, having taken up the work directly after his conversion; lived on Peter's Run on the farm of his birth all of his life, till he died, Mar. 17, 1914, of dropsy and paralysis.

Children:

- 527 (1) Francis W. Swiger, b. 2-19-1875; m. Jessie Morrison.  
528 (2) Ira L. Swiger, b. 7-7-1878; unmarried.

233. COLUMBIA SWIGER (5)—. LEMUEL (4), JERIAH  
(3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Columbia, daughter of Lemmel and Clarissa (Allen) Swiger, was born on Peter's Run, Eagle district; m., Dec. 24, 1868, Ed, son of Philip Martin, a farmer of Little Tennile Creek. He is a farmer, first settled and he and family still live near Brown,



West Va. To their union have been born five children, four girls and one boy, all of whom are living.

Children:

- 529 (1) Clarissa Martin, b. 5-31-1870; m., 9-1-1892, William, son of Charles and Sarah (Cunningham) Johnson. Her husband is the present constable of Sardis district, having been defeated at this election (1916) for Justice of the Peace. Children:
- 530 (1) Delbert R. Johnson, b. 6-15-1893; unmarried.
- 531 (2) Emmett C. Johnson, b. 6-18-1900; unmarried.
- 532 (2) Carrie Martin, b. 12-30-1873; unmarried; at home.
- 533 (3) Emma Martin, b. 2-4-1874; m. Andrew, son of Capt. Lee, of Marion county, West Va. He is engaged in the lumber business at Beverly, West Va., where they live, and have two children, as follows:
- 534 (1) Paul Lee; unmarried.
- 535 (2) G. Dene Lee; unmarried.
- 536 (4) Myrtle Martin, b. 2-25-1880; m. Offa Hyre, of Randolph county, who is a mail carrier at Mont Rose, Randolph county, West Va., where they now live. No issue.
- 537 (5) Robert Martin, b. 2-15-1885; m. Stella Riley, of near New Martinsville. He is an employee of the Hope Natural Gas Co., at Wallace, where he is located. No children.

234. J. ASHVILLE SWIGER (5) — LEMUEL (4), JERTAB (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

J. Ashville, son of Lemuel and Clarissa (Allen) Swiger, was born Dec. 27, 1850, on Peter's Run, Eagle district, Harrison county, Va.; m., Jan. 11, 1875, Matilda a d., of Seth and Mary Ann (Gandy) Pigott, of near Brown, West Va. They settled

on a part of his father's farm on Peter's Run, where he and his wife alone now live, the three children living elsewhere.

538 (1) Delphia Swiger, b. 11-2-1878; m., Oct. 8, 1914, Sylvester R., son of A. J. Michaels, who was a farmer and stockman of Dola, West Va. Sylvester R. manifested an appreciation of live stock and their values very early in life, and ever since a boy he has been actively engaged in the buying and selling of live stock. He is an extensive shipper, sending many carloads of cattle and sheep to the eastern markets each year. They live on Laurel Run, in Eagle district. No children.

539 (2) Leora Swiger, b. 3-18-1880; m., July 10, 1915, George Gray, who had been an employee of the Hope Natural Gas Co., located in Clarksburg, for years. She, before her marriage, was an employee of the same company, as stenographer, which position she had held for several years. They live on a small farm near Rosebud, Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va. They have no children.

540 (4) Oran Swiger, b. 5-22-1885; ob. infans.

541 (5) Arlen G. Swiger, b. 11-9-1886; is a graduate of the Fairmont State Normal School; entered the Law Department of the State University at Morgantown, West Va., from which he was graduated with honors; was elected for two terms to represent his county in the State Legislature (1912-1916) was appointed by Gov. Hatfield (1915) as a member of the State Board of Regents. He is now located in Sistersville, West Va., where he first began the practice of law, and has a large practice. He is unmarried.

236. DORA A. SWIGER (5)—. LEMUEL (4), JERIAH (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Dora A., daughter of Lemuel and Clarissa (Allen) Swiger,

was born June 6, 1858, in Eagle district, Harrison county, Va.; m., Dec. 27, 1877, Harrison Hustead, a son of George and Ruhama (Pennett) Hustead, farmers of Little Tennile Creek. They settled and lived at the mouth of Caldwell Run, near Brown, where he still lives with his second wife, his first wife having died of pneumonia, possibly consumption, 11-22-1886. Ruhama was a daughter of Dr. William R. Bennett. (See Dr. Bennett).

Children by first wife:

- 542 (1) Florida V. Hustead, b. 12-9-1878; d. in girlhood.  
 543 (2) Henry A. Hustead, b. 11-27-1880; m. Gussie, d. of Isaac L. and Maggie (Maxwell) Davisson. Isaac L. Davisson is one of the present Commissioners of Harrison County Court. Henry and family of two children live at Wallace, where he is the present efficient manager of the store of Omar W. Swiger. Children:  
 (1) Agnes M. Hustead, b. 3-27-1908.  
 (2) G. Wayman Hustead, b. 3-2-1910.

Children by second wife:

- 544 (1) Virgie Hustead.  
 545 (2) Hallie Hustead.  
 546 (3) Onda Hustead.

238. CORNELIA J. SWIGER (5)—, LEMUEL (4), JERIAH (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Cornelia J., daughter of Lemuel and Clarissa (Allen) Swiger, was born on Peter's Run, Eagle district, Harrison county, Va., May 30, 1845; m., Nov. 16, 1865, John M., son of John G. and Achsah (Bogges) Coffman, in the same year he returned from the Army of the United States. He enlisted in the Union cause in the year '61, was in many of the hottest battles and was said to have been one of the bravest soldiers that ever enlisted.

During his early married life he and wife lived on Gregory's Run, removing from there to a farm on Shinn's Run, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They both were active in church work, being members of the Tennile Baptist Church. He died suddenly, July 18, 1904, at Webster Springs, where he had gone to regain lost health. His wife died, Nov. 4, 1912, of a complication of diseases, at the old home.

Henry Coffman (grandfather) came to this country in an early day and settled near Uniontown, Pa. In 1804 he m. Elizabeth, d. of Major Benjamin Robinson, a Revolutionary soldier, who lived on Robinson's Run. They had nine boys and two girls. The boys were: Robinson, John G., William, Henry, Jesse, Augustus, George, David and Benjamin Coffman.

John G. Coffman (son of Henry) was born May 30, 1815; m., 1838, Achsah Boggess. He was a farmer and large land owner, and he and wife lived on Robinson's Run till their death at advanced ages, Dec. 8, 1892, and Jan. 23, 1900, respectively. To their union were born fourteen children, thirteen boys and one girl. They were:

Jesse F., m. Virginia Harbert; John M., m. Cornelia Swiger; Luther H., m. Ida Cunningham; James T., m. Mary Ann Shaw; George B., m. Rosa Weekley; Benjamin, m. Emily Harbert; Lonzo, m. — Harbert; Theopholis, unmarried, killed in the Civil War; Newton, unmarried, deceased; Charles, unmarried, deceased; E. Lee, m. Frances Harbert; Elizabeth, m. E. F. Rogers; Frederick, ob. infans; Francis, ob. infans.

Children of Cornelia and John M. Coffman were:

- 547 (1) Allison E. Coffman, b. 9-8-1866; m., 1887, Mary Ellen, d. of George L. and Delilah (Swiger) Martin, of near Brown. His first wife having died, he m. Nellie Duall, with whom he now lives at the old home on Shinn's Run, where he is employed by the Carnegie Gas Co. Children by first wife:
- (1) Emsie Coffman, b. 10-10-1893; m. Russell Chambers, of Huntington, West Va.
- (2) Opal Coffman, b. 3-20-1898; unmarried; at home.
- 548 (2) Seldon E. Coffman, b. 6-14-1870; ob. infans.

549 (3) Charles G. Coffman, b. 8-30-1875; m., 11-10-1909, Alma, d. of Frank B. and Florence (Gray) Haymaker, of Clarksburg; graduated from Salem College, 1898; from the Law Department of the West Virginia University, 1909; nominated for Mayor of Clarksburg, 1906; State Senator, 12th Senatorial district, 1908-1912; member and present secretary of Republican State Executive Committee. He and wife live in Clarksburg, Clay St., where he has a large practice at law. His union has been blessed with one child;

(1) Frank Haymaker Coffman, b. 11-10-1911.

550 (4) Cora E. Coffman, b. 11-20-1881; m., 1901, Leslie, son of Thomas and Amanda (Mason) Hawker, of Shinnston. He and wife located in Shinnston, where he was engaged in the hardware business till his death, which occurred on the road between Clarksburg and Shinnston, when the automobile in which he was riding over-turned and killed him instantly. His wife married for her second husband, Oct. 11, 1915, T. E., son of James and Mary (Saeger) Hill, of Saeger Town, Crawford county, Pa. Mr. Hill is "right of way man" for the Hope Natural Gas Co., with offices in the Empire building, Clarksburg. Mr. and Mrs. Hill live in Shinnston. Children by first husband;

(1) Wayne Coffman Hawker, b. 5-22-1903.

(2) Marlin Hawker, b. 3-20-1905.

316. JOHN W. SWIGER (5) . JASPER (4), JOHN (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

John W., oldest son of Jasper N. and Maria (Chaplin) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, West Va., Nov. 14, 1870; was married, Feb. 9, 1900, to Aolia Nancy Clark, born at Bushville, Ill., May 21, 1877. He removed from Harrison county, West

Va., to Missouri at the same time his father did; is a farmer, now living at Philip's Coal Co., Okla.

Children:

- 551 (1) Eliza Ann Swiger, b. 10-10-1900; ob. infans.
- 552 (2) Elsie Maria Swiger, b. 10-10-1900; ob. infans.
- 553 (3) Edna Pearl Swiger, b. 11-23-1901; ob. infans.
- 554 (4) Dorothy I. Swiger, b. 2-8-1903; ob. infans.
- 555 (5) Thelma Swiger, b. 3-12-1905; unmarried; at home.
- 556 (6) Zelma Swiger, b. 9-7-1907; unmarried; at home.
- 557 (7) Ruby M. Swiger, b. 6-7-1913; babe.

347. EMMA E. SWIGER (5)—. JASPER (4), JOHN (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Emma E., oldest daughter of Jasper N. and Maria (Chaplin) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, West Va., Oct. 18, 1872; removed to Missouri in girlhood with her father and mother; m., 1892, to Richard Jewell, who was born in Kansas, Jan. 9, 1863. To her union have been born four children. Her husband is a farmer, now living in Unionville, Mo.

Children:

- 558 (1) John J. Jewell, b. 3-16-1893; m., 1-8-1915, to Zayda Pryor, of Excelsior Springs, Mo.
- 559 (2) Jessie May Jewell, b. 3-19-1902; unmarried; at home.

348. ELLA C. SWIGER (5)—. JASPER (4), JOHN (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Ella C., second daughter of Jasper N. and Maria (Chaplin) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, West Va., Oct. 18, 1872; m., Feb. 25, 1899, to Leonard A. Sealf, of Putnam county, Mo. Four children have been born to her union, the oldest of which,

Harry W., having been born in Sullivan county before they removed to Putnam county, where they now live. Her husband is a farmer.

Children:

- 560 (1) Harry W. Scalf, b. 8-7-1902; unmarried.
- 561 (2) Zelta E. Scalf, b. 10-11-1904; unmarried.
- 562 (3) Jewell D. Scalf, b. 8-10-1907; unmarried.
- 563 (4) Harold O. Scalf, b. 10-9-1910; unmarried.

350 ARDUS E. SWIGER (5) . JASPER (4), JOHN (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Ardus E., second son of Jasper N. and Maria (Chaplin) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, West Va., May 16, 1876; removed from West Va. in boyhood with his father, as did his sister, Ella C., to Missouri, where he was married, Dec. 30, 1900, to Stella Williams, of Newton, Mo., born Feb. 27, 1878. Three children were born to them while living in Putnam county, Mo., after which they removed to Cameron, Mo. Stella (mother) died in "Grace Hospital," Kansas City, Mo., July 7, 1913.

Children:

- 564 (1) Jean W. Swiger, b. 9-9-1903; unmarried.
- 565 (2) Joe E. Swiger, b. 10-23-1905; unmarried.
- 566 (3) Janet Anabelle Swiger, b. 3-28-1911; ob. infans.

351. MARY E. SWIGER (5) . JASPER (4), JOHN (3),  
JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Mary E., youngest daughter of Jasper N. and Maria (Chaplin) Swiger, was born in Jackson county, West Va., which shows that her parents must have lived for a while at least in Jackson county, West Va., before removing to Missouri. She was born May 30, 1880, having removed from West Va. with

her parents to Missouri.; m., Dec. 23, 1900, John R. Kelley, a farmer of Putnam county, Mo. He was born Feb. 22, 1879.

Children:

- 567 (1) Ora Pearl Kelley, b. 5-12-1902; unmarried.
- 568 (2) Ralph Kelley, b. 1-22-1904; unmarried.

353. NEWTON E. SWIGER (5)—. ABIAH (4), JOHN (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Newton E., oldest son of Abijah and Sarah (Wells) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, West Va., March 28, 1867; removed from his native state in young manhood to Missouri, where his uncle, Jasper N., had gone some few years previous. He was first married, Nov. 25, 1891, to Frances M. Quinn, who was born in Putnam county, Mo., Dec. 29, 1874, and died, March 7, 1900. He married for his second wife Cornelia Brisendine, Dec. 25, 1900. She was born Feb. 9, 1881. Newton E. is a farmer, living in Missouri.

Children by second wife:

- 569 (1) Emmet Swiger, b. 6-28-1902; ob. infans.
- 570 (2) Dora M. Swiger, b. 10-28-1903.
- 571 (3) Elva I. Swiger, b. 6-24-1906.
- 572 (4) Edith L. Swiger, b. 6-2-1910.
- 573 (5) Ethel M. Swiger, b. 12-22-1913.

Children by first wife:

- 574 (1) Gladys Elender Swiger, b. 11-6-1892; d. at 18 years.
- 575 (2) Two others; ob. infans.

360. GEORGE W. SWIGER (5)—. LAWSON (4), REUBEN (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

George W., son of Lawson and Ellen (Swiger) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, near Olive, Jan. 12,



1869; was married, Dec. 22, 1889, to Minnie, d. of Samuel and Lavina (Weekley) Williams, of near Wilsonburg. He is engaged in the mining of coal at Chiefton Mine, near Wilsonburg, where he and family are now living. To his union have been born seven children, three boys and four girls, as follows:

- 576 (1) Ray Swiger, b. 10-29-1892; m., 12-24-1914, Mary Marks, d. of Lemuel, of Flemington, West Va. He is a coal miner and lives at Chiefton. No children.
- 577 (2) Aubrey Swiger, b. 1-23-1895; unmarried.
- 578 (3) Ocie Swiger, 11-15-1890; m., 9-21-1911, John, son of Abraham Trader, of Wirt county, West Va. He is a miner, living at Chiefton. Children:
- 579 (1) Fay Trader, b. 10-8-1909.
- 580 (2) Bertha Trader, b. 2-15-1912.
- 581 (3) Violet Trader, b. 1-28-1915.
- 582 (4) Maude Swiger, b. 3-8-1905; unmarried.
- 583 (5) Flossie Swiger, b. 10-12-1898; unmarried.
- 584 (6) Samuel Swiger, b. 1-28-1903; unmarried; miner.
- 585 (7) Tessie Swiger, b. 8-11-1907; unmarried.

361. F. TILLMAN SWIGER (5)—, LAWSON (4), REUBEN (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

F. Tillman Swiger, son of Lawson and Ellen (Swiger) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, near Olive, March 18, 1872; m., March 18, 1893, Ada Laughery, b. April 9, 1873. She was a daughter of John Laughery, of Ohio. Tillman lives at Olive, on a part of his father's farm, where he is engaged in farming.

Children:

- 586 (1) Carl Swiger, b. 5-13-1894; unmarried.
- 587 (2) Clyde Swiger, b. 7-2-1898; unmarried.
- 588 (3) Dorsey Swiger, b. 12-12-1904; unmarried.
- 589 (4) Belma Swiger, b. 10-4-1906; unmarried.

- 590 (5) Orlie Swiger, b. 7-31-1908; unmarried.  
 591 (6) Stanley Swiger, b. 6-29-1911; unmarried.  
 592 (7) Clifford Swiger, b. 4-7-1913; unmarried.  
 593 (8) Icie Swiger, b. 8-8-1896.

362. RULETTA SWIGER (5)—. LAWSON (4), REUBEN  
 (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Ruletta, daughter of Lawson and Ellen (Swiger) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, near Olive, Feb. 12, 1875. She married, Sept. 9, 1896, for her first husband, Lee Smith, son of Leander and Quintilla (Ogden) Smith, of near Olive, Harrison county. He was a merchant at Olive, till he died in middle life of consumption of the lungs. She married for her second husband, Roy Fouty, of Olive, where they now are living.

Children by first husband:

- 594 (1) Rule Smith, b. 6-19-1897; living with mother.  
 595 (2) Mary Smith; ob. infans.  
 596 (3) Ida Smith; ob. infans.

Children by second husband:

- 597 (1) James Fouty, b. 11-29-1907.  
 598 (2) Evelyn Fouty, b. 10-3-1901.  
 599 (3) Mildred Fouty, b. 7-25-1914.  
 600 (4) Robert Fouty, b. 7-25-1914.

363. MAGGIE SWIGER (5)—. LAWSON (4), REUBEN (3),  
 JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Maggie, youngest daughter of Lawson and Ellen (Swiger) Swiger, was born near Olive, in Sardis district, Feb. 13, 1878; m., Jan. 21, 1898, for her first husband, Ollie, son of Samuel Hardman, of Sardis district. To this union were born three

children. For her second husband she married Blaine Moran, a coal miner, from whom she has separated. To this union were born two children.

Children by first husband:

- 601 (1) Earl Hardman, b. 1-1-1899.  
602 (2) Arthur Hardman, b. 4-11-1901.

Children by second husband:

- 603 (1) Maude Moran, b. 4-29-1906.  
604 (2) Marie Moran, b. 11-24-1903.

364. LUMMIE L. SWIGER (5)—, CLEOTHA (4), REUBEN (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lummie, oldest daughter of Cleotha and Prudy (Fittro) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, West Va., July 19, 1867; m., 10-20-1892, John, son of Isaac and Nancy (Richards) Wilcox, farmers of Sycamore Creek, Harrison county. They live on the waters of Sycamore Creek, where he is engaged in farming. To his union have been born one child, a girl.

Children:

- 605 (1) Nellie Wilcox, b. 5-30-1898.

365. LUCIE SWIGER (5)—, CLEOTHA (4), REUBEN (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Lucie, second daughter of Cleotha and Prudy (Fittro) Swiger, was born Nov. 6, 1872, in Harrison county, West Va.; m., 11-21-1897, "B," son of Nelson and Rebecca (Maple) Yates, farmers formerly of Tyler county, but now of Sycamore Creek, Harrison county. "B" is a farmer and he and wife now live on a part of his father's farm on the waters of Sycamore Creek.

To this union have been born four children, as follows:

- 606 (1) Gail Yates, b. 10-11-1899; ob. infans.

- 607 (2) Fay Yates, b. 3-3-1902.  
 608 (3) Lynd Yates, b. 8-3-1911.  
 609 (4) Madge Yates, b. 8-20-1913.

366. MARY S. SWIGER (5)—. CLEOTHA (4), REUBEN (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Mary S., youngest daughter of Cleotha and Prudy (Fittro) Swiger, was born Feb. 10, 1877, in Harrison county, West Va.; m., 5-8-1897, Clevinger, son of Stephen and Mahalla (Weekley) Pitts, farmers of Tyler county, West Va., but now of Adamston. Her husband is a farmer, living on the old home place on Sycamore.

Children:

- 610 (1) Bessie Pitts, b. 11-13-1898.  
 611 (2) Maurice Pitts, b. 2-2-1906.  
 612 (3) Maude Pitts, b. 2-28-1909.  
 613 (4) Gordon Pitts, b. 11-29-1907; ob. infans.

369. SUSAN L. SWIGER (5)—. ED L. (4), CHRISTOPHER (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Susan L., oldest daughter of Ed and Elizabeth (Greene) Swiger, was born Dec. 8, 1852; m., May 20, 1870, John S. Cottrill, a farmer of Bristol, West Va., where they live and have children.

372. ELMORE SWIGER (5)—. ED L. (4), CHRISTOPHER (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Elmore, son of Ed and Elizabeth (Greene) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, near Sardis, Dec. 17, 1856; m. Elizabeth Bonnell, Dec. 1, 1881. He is a conductor on a street car in Lexington, Ky., where he lives and has children.

373. JEROME SWIGER (5)—. ED L. (4), CHRISTOPHER (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Jerome, son of Ed and Elizabeth (Greene) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, near Sardis, June 19, 1861; m., July 10, 1884, Elizabeth J., d. of Dianna Marsh, of Gregory's Run. He is a carpenter by trade, and he and family now live near Wilsonburg, West Va. To his union have been born 10 children, all of whom are living, except Henry Clay, who died of typhoid fever.

Children:

- 614 (1) Henry Clay Swiger, b. 4-22-1885; d. 2-12-1907.
- 615 (2) Chester R. Swiger, b. 7-14-1888; m., 7-17-1908,  
Maude Cunningham, whose grandmother on her  
father's side was Emily J. (Swiger) Hurst.
- 615½ (3) Lela B. Swiger, b. 6-24-1890; m., 5-14-1910, Edgar E.  
Strother.
- 616 (4) Lucille Swiger, b. 2-23-1892; unmarried.
- 617 (5) Walter E. Swiger, b. 3-23-1893; unmarried.
- 618 (6) Lester O. Swiger, b. 8-28-1894; unmarried.
- 619 (7) Celia P. Swiger, b. 11-23-1896; unmarried.
- 620 (8) Gertrude Swiger, b. 5-28-1901; unmarried.
- 621 (9) Robert C. Swiger, b. 10-22-1903; unmarried.
- 622 (10) Howard C. Swiger, b. 12-25-1905; unmarried.

375. GEORGE M. SWIGER (5)—. ED L. (4), CHRISTOPHER (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

George, son of Ed and Elizabeth (Greene) Swiger, was born near Sardis, Apr. 30, 1863; m., Dec. 20, 1888, Ida Strickler. He was a farmer and a coal miner, located at Glen Falls, where he was supposed to have been murdered by an unknown person. To his union was born one son, and the city directory of Fairmont for the year 1914, shows that mother and son were then located on Park avenue. Nothing further is known of them.

376. HELEN SWIGER (5)—. ED L. (4), CHRISTOPHER (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Helen, daughter of Ed and Elizabeth (Greene) Swiger, was born in Sardis district, near Sardis, May 25, 1871; m., March 22, 1900, Johnnie Burns, an oil well driller. She and husband live on a farm near Sardis. No children.

452. AMNON SWIGER (6)—. SHERMAN G. (5), LEWIS (4), JERIAH (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Amnon, son of Sherman G. and Cora D. (Harbert) Swiger, was born Jan. 22, 1888, on Rock Camp, near Sardis; m., July 5, 1909, Edith, d. of George and Nancy Gabert, of Pennsboro, Ritchie county, West Va. He is a glass worker, and is now located at Mammington, where has been born to him and wife:

- 623 (1) Ray Swiger, b. 8-10-1909.  
624 (2) Panline Swiger, b. 11-0-1912.  
625 (3) Travis Swiger, b. 3-0-1914.

453. SPURGEON SWIGER (6)—. SHERMAN G. (5), LEWIS (4), JERIAH (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Spurgeon, son of Sherman G. and Cora D. (Harbert) Swiger, was born on Rock Camp, March 21, 1890; m., June 8, 1908, Nettie, d. of Camisee and Jennie (Griffith) Hurst. He is engaged in the mercantile business with his father at Pt. Comfort, near Clarksburg. He and family live in Adamston.

Children:

- 626 (1) Grant Swiger, Jr., b. 9-18-1910.  
627 (2) Chester Swiger, b. 1-19-1915.

454. GLADYS SWIGER (6) —, SHERMAN G. (5), LEWIS (4), JERIAH (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Gladys, daughter of Sherman G. and Cora (Harbert) Swiger, was born in Harrison county, West Va., May 3, 1892; m., April 15, 1913, Charles Anglin, of Philippi, Barbour county. He was a fireman on the B. & O. Railroad at Clarksburg, where they lived until his wife's death of tuberculosis, about two years after their marriage. Since, he has removed to his former home in Barbour county. No children.

516. SEYMOUR SWIGER (6) —, ERASTUS (5), LEMUEL (4), JERIAH (3), JACOB (3), WILLIAM (1).

Seymour, son of Erastus and Sarah A. (Coffman) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va., June 2, 1865; m. for his first wife, Belle West, of Dallas, Wood county, 1888. He was a farmer, having moved about from place to place. He died of an affection of the lungs, perhaps tuberculosis, at the age of 36 years. To his union were born:

- 628 (1) Harry Swiger, of Farmum.  
 629 (2) Walter Swiger.  
 630 (3) Emory Swiger; in U. S. Army.  
 631 (4) Ada Swiger; m. and lives at Sistersville, West Va.  
 632 (5) Ross Swiger; in U. S. Army.  
 633 (6) One died in infancy.

518. CECIL SWIGER (6) —, ERASTUS (5), LEMUEL (4), JERIAH (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Cecil, son of Erastus and Sarah A. (Coffman) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va., Dec. 10, 1866; m. Mary C., d. of Franklin and Susan L. (Boone) Cunningham, May 1, 1892. Susan L. Boone was a cousin of Daniel

Boone, the pioneer of Kentucky. He is superintendent of mines at Dola, where he and family now resides.

Children:

- 634 (1) Zelma A. Swiger, b. 2-6-1893; m., 10-23-1913, George R. Morris, son of L. T. Morris, of Parkersburg, West Va. He is at present located at Dola, where he is ticket agent for the Shortline Railroad Co.
- 635 (2) Carl A. Swiger, b. 4-26-1894; a soldier in the U. S. Army, and located in the Panama Canal Zone.
- 636 (3) Ollie M. Swiger, b. 10-23-1898.
- 637 (4) Jesse E. Swiger, b. 10-31-1899.
- 638 (5) Rebecca Swiger, b. 6-28-1905.
- 639 (6) Two died in infancy.

519. J. CAMISEE SWIGER (6)—. ERASTUS (5), LEMUEL (4), JERIAH (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Camisee, son of Erastus and Sarah A. (Coffman) Swiger, was born in Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va., March 22, 1870; m. Estella May, a d. of F. E. and Sarah (Nay) Hall, 1900. He and wife first settled on Little Tenmile Creek, where he was superintendent of the Gilbert mine, near Rosebud; later bought a farm in Buckingham county, Va., to which he moved and where he now resides.

Children:

- 640 (1) Marie Swiger, b. 9-11-1901; ob. infans.
- 641 (2) Pauline Swiger, b. 3-21-1905.
- 642 (3) Jessie Swiger, b. 3-11-1909.
- 643 (4) Christine Swiger, b. 11-22-1912.

527. FRANCIS W. SWIGER (6)—. A. TAYLOR (5), LEMUEL (4), JACOB (3), WILLIAM (1).

Francis W., oldest son of Allen Taylor and Lydia J. (Swiger) Swiger, was born on Peter's Run, in the house in which



he now lives, Feb. 19, 1875; m., May 9, 1916, at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church at Clarksburg, by the Rev. Dr. W. C. Taylor, Jessie Alberta, d. of Ashton M. and Sarah J. (Nixon) Morrison, farmers yet living on Lambert's Run, Harrison county, and who were born, Dec. 28, 1834, and Oct. 11, 1837, respectively.

He is a farmer, having worked on his father's farm practically all his life. Mrs. Swiger, born Feb. 10, 1878, is the youngest of ten children, five boys and five girls, all of whom are living. They are:

- (1) Arabella; m. Chas. D. Elliot, Wilsonburg.
- (2) Ida; unmarried; at home.
- (3) Lee; m. Minnie Reynolds, of Mattoon, Ill.; at Winslow, Ariz.
- (4) Moses J.; m. Cora Slocum, of Shinnston; at Shinnston.
- (5) Nannie; m. Lewis Davis, of Lost Creek; at Lost Creek.
- (6) Ernest R.; m. May Mines, of Clarksburg; at Warren, Ohio.
- (7) India; unmarried; at home.
- (8) Indus; m. Anna Burke, of Louisville, Ky.; at Jeffersonville, Ind.
- (9) Henry A.; m. Mary Farrell, of Fairchance, Pa.; at Uniontown, Pa.
- (10) Jessie A.; m. Francis W. Swiger.

Mr. Swiger and wife are now living with his mother at the old home on Peter's Run. No children.

528. IRA L. SWIGER (6)— J. A. TAYLOR (5), LEMUEL (4), JERIAH (3), JACOB (2), WILLIAM (1).

Ira L., youngest son of A. Taylor and Lydia J. (Swiger) Swiger, was born July 7, 1878, on a farm on the waters of Peter's Run, Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va. He worked on his father's farm, attending the public schools until

about eighteen years of age, when he began teaching; attended the State Normal School at Fairmont, after which he spent three years in the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio. Returning from there, he accepted the district supervisorship of schools in his home district (Eagle), giving up that position to accept the Republican nomination of County Supt. of Schools of Harrison county, which was tendered him by his party in 1910. Having been defeated for the office of Supt of Schools in the general election, as were all other Republican candidates in that election, he accepted a position as principal in the Clarksburg schools, where he has been engaged ever since, until in the latter part of the school term of 1915-1916, when he resigned that position to make an active campaign for the Republican nomination for the office of Assessor. He was nominated by a handsome majority over his two opponents, Charles Randall, of Shinnston, and Frank P. Martin, of Hepzibah; and after his humble efforts are spent in the completion of this history, he hopes to enter upon a successful and systematic campaign for his election in November next.

(He was elected by a majority of 617).

#### LIBY SWIGER (2)—. WILLIAM (1).

Liby, daughter of John William and Mary Swiger, of Germany, was born in Loudoun county Va.; removed from there with her father and mother to Fayette county, Penn.; removed from Fayette county, Penn., back to Virginia, with her father and mother, locating with them in Harrison county, where she married Christopher Ash. Christopher Ash emigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania, thence to Harrison county, Va., sometime after the Swiger family had located there. He never could speak but broken English, and since his wife was of German parentage, both spoke their mother tongue. He was a truck farmer, having settled on Gregory's Run, on a farm now owned by Jesse F. Coffman. It is said he raised a great many turnips and many bushels of buckwheat: was also a great hun-

ter, and a story of his daring, which follows, was related to us by one whose father knew him well:

While hunting with Christopher Swiger, his brother-in-law, who then lived on Katy's Lick Run, near where the present bridge crosses Tennile Creek at Sardis, he espied a very large poplar tree in which there was a large hole about 30 feet from its base. He remarked to Mr. Swiger that he believed there were coons in that tree. There was a tall sapling standing near the poplar tree, the top of which reached above or up to the supposed coon's den. They felled this sapling over against the larger tree, and Christopher Ash climbed to the large hole. No sooner had he climbed to the large hole and looked in to survey the hollow of the tree, than an old she bear, being as anxious to see out as he was to see in, put her head out, striking his. Realizing the perilousness of his position, he started to descend, crying in his broken English, to Swiger, who had already taken aim at the bear, "Crass, no shote."

Liby and husband had several children, among whom were five boys. They were:

- 1 Adam Ash; m., 1825, Hannah Hughes; lived in Harrison county.
- 2 Coonrod Ash; m. 1822, Elizabeth Marsh; lived in Sardis district.
- 3 Peter Ash; m., 1812, Catherine Wigner; lived in Sardis district.
- 4 Jacob Ash; m., 1815, Isabella Marsh; settled in Tyler county.
- 5 John Ash; m. Anna George; settled and lived in Tyler county, where he and brother, Jacob, have many descendants.

#### EVE SWIGER (2) . WILLIAM (1).

Eve Swiger, youngest daughter of John William and Mary Swiger, was born in Loudoun county, Va.; emigrated with her father and mother, when but a very small girl, to Fayette coun-

ty, Penn. After a few years residence in Pennsylvania, and after the war was over, the Swiger family removed back to Virginia, locating in Harrison county. There she married Barnes Allen, a son of Joshua B. Allen, her step-father.

They first settled and lived with the Allen family, near the old Hepzibah Church, till the death of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, after which Barnes built another cabin on the farm on what is now known as the Allen homestead, near Hepzibah.

In these early days the pioneer farmers depended upon the wild game of the forest for their supply of meats, and after Barnes Allen had left his home one Saturday evening in pursuit of game, he saw the light of fire reflected in the sky in the direction of his home. He hastened back to the ruins of his home, finding that it had been set on fire by the Indians, a few bands of whom yet roamed in that section of the country.

Mrs. Allen had been alarmed by the barking of the dogs, and fled to a beech tree, standing in the edge of the woods which surrounded their home, where she succeeded in concealing herself. By means of a bird call, Mr. Allen signalled to his wife, she responding and receiving his assistance in being rescued from her unpleasant and dangerous position.

They then made their way to their nearest neighbors, five miles away, where they spent the night. On the next day Mr. Allen and his neighbor, Mr. Sheehan, started for the fort at Bridgeport, and while going up Simpson's Creek, were shot at by the Indians, who lay in ambush opposite the old Joshua Smith home.

There was a large, overhanging, shelving rock at that point, which may yet be seen, and the Indians had encamped there for the night. Upon being attacked, Mr. Allen dropped his gun, and Mr. Sheehan shot and severely wounded one of the Indians, who was later killed by a return party from the fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen had born to them:

- 1 Joshua Allen, b. 11-24-1787; m. Becca Whiteman, 1818.
- 2 Israel Allen; m. Rachel Whiteman.

- 3 Stephen Allen, b. 2-2-1799; m. (1), 1822, Sabria Smith; (2) Nancy F. Mayse.
- 4 Catherine Allen; m. Starlin Bartlett, 1817.
- 5 John Allen; m. Sallie, a cousin of Starlin, and a d. of John and Ann Bartlett.
- 6 Rebecca Allen; m. Thomas Partlett, 1807.

1. JOSHUA ALLEN (3) . BARNES (2), JOSHUA B. (1).

Joshua Allen, oldest son of Barnes and Eve (Swiger) Allen, was born in Harrison county, Va., Nov. 24, 1787; m., Oct. 15, 1818, Pecca Whiteman, who was born Jan. 15, 1799. He was a farmer, and received a large grant of land from the Commonwealth of Virginia. After marriage, he removed to Centerpoint, Doddridge county. He and his brother, Israel, who settled there before Joshua, were, perhaps, the first residents of that section of the country. From him and his brother Israel all of the Allens now living in Doddridge county have descended.

Children:

- 7 Pindle Allen, b. 2-8-1822; m. Mariah Swiger (See Mariah), 4-12-1845.
- 8 Doddridge Allen, b. 2-8-1822; m. Rachel Swiger (See Rachel), 4-17-1840.
- 9 Israel Allen, b. 1-20-1824; m. Rebecca Langfit.
- 10 Osborn Allen, b. 3-21-1826; m. Jane Langfit.
- 11 Washington Allen, b. 7-30-1828; m. Barriet Smith, 12-21-1851.
- 12 Stephen Allen, b. 1-24-1836; m. a d. of Solomon Frum.
- 13 Abel Allen, b. 9-24-1844; d. at 15 years.
- 14 Rachel Allen, b. 7-30-1819; m. John T. Swiger (See John T.). She died 2-21-1901.
- 15 Eve Allen, b. 11-18-1830; m. Winter Hutton.
- 16 Elizabeth Allen, b. 4-18-1833; m. John Frum, Bridgeport, West Va.

2. ISRAEL ALLEN (3)—. BARNES (2), JOSHUA B. (1).

Israel, son of Barnes and Eve (Swiger) Allen, was born in Harrison county, Va.; m., 1843, Rachel Whiteman, a sister to his brother's (Joshua) wife; moved from the old Allen settlement, where he was born, near Hepzibah, and settled on a farm at Centerpoint, Doddridge county, where he followed the pursuit of farming until his death at an advanced age. His first wife having died, he married the second wife, by whom he also had children.

Children by first wife:

- 17 Barnes Allen; m., 7-2-1849, Nancy Agnes Baker.
- 18 John Allen.
- 19 Rebecca Allen.
- 20 Jesse Allen.
- 21 Marshall Allen.
- 22 One died in infancy.

Children by second wife:

- 23 "B" Allen; the only child who is yet living. He married the second time, after which he moved to Webster Springs, Webster county, West Va.

Children by first wife:

- 24 (1) Florence Allen; m. a Hill, of Doddridge county.
- 25 (2) Mary Allen; m. J. W. Trough, Doddridge county.
- 26 (3) J. D. Allen; m. Clara Helmie.
- 27 (4) Sarah Allen; m. Ora Fleming, Rinehart.
- 28 (5) Richard E. Allen; unmarried; at Centerpoint.
- 29 (6) Pearl Allen; m. Flossie Swiger. (See Flossie).
- 30 (7) Dexter Allen; m. Fannie Curtis.
- 31 (8) Nellie Allen; Haden Rush.

3. STEPHEN ALLEN (3)—. BARNES (2), JOSHUA B. (1).

Stephen, son of Barnes and Eve (Swiger) Allen, was born in Harrison county, Va., Feb. 2, 1799; m. (1) Sabria Smith, a

cousin, Aug. 29, 1822; (2) Nancy F. Mayse, Oct. 11, 1852. He first settled on a farm near Hepzibah, where he lived till he died, Feb. 9, 1875. His second wife was the daughter of James



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and Polly (McDonald) Mayse, who were originally from Scotland. By his first wife he had one son:

32 (1) Edmund Allen; d. at 8 years.

Children by second wife:

33 (1) James F. Allen, b. 8-20-1854; m., 9-14-1876, Alice S., d. of Calvin and Arthie (Gore) Garrett; first settled on a part of the Allen farm, near Hepzibah,

but later in life removed to Clarksburg, where he now lives, a retired farmer. Children:

- 34 (1) Lida Allen, b. 6-14-1878; m., 11-30-1898, Chas. B. Stout; living in Clarksburg. Children:
  - (1) Benjamin B. Stout, b. 6-14-1905.
  - (2) Therman A. Stout, b. 9-22-1899.
- 35 (2) Roberta Lee Allen, b. 4-9-1880; m., 10-12-1904, Carl L., son of Charlie and Catherine Hornor. One child:
  - (1) Louise C. Hornor, b. 4-23-1912.
- 36 (3) Mary M. Allen, b. 8-1-1883; m., 4-19-1906, Paul S., son of Charlie and Catherine Hornor. One child:
  - (1) Paul Allen Hornor, b. 6-16-1908.
- 37 (4) Wayne F. Allen, b. 9-16-1885; m., 10-23-1907, Bessie, d. of Frederick M. and Harriet (Rittenhouse) Pigott. Children:
  - (1) Mary E. Allen, b. 12-29-1908.
  - (2) James F. Allen, b. 2-22-1911.
  - (3) Martha L. Allen, b. 1-23-1914.
- 38 (5) Therman Garrett Allen, b. 5-29-1888; ob. infans.
- 39 (6) Alice G. Allen, b. 9-22-1891; m., 6-23-1915, Wilson P. Barlow.
- 40 (7) Nancy Mayse Allen, b. 7-20-1894; unmarried; at home.
- 41 (2) Stephen C. Allen was born near Hepzibah, in Harrison county, Virginia; m. for his first wife Lydia, d. of Calvin and Arthie (Gore) Barrett, Nov. 16, 1881. His first wife having died, he married, June 3, 1888, Cora, d. of Calvin and Arthie (Gore) Garrett; is a retired farmer, living in Clarksburg.

By his first wife he had one child:
- 42 (1) Garrett Allen, b. 9-22-1882; m. d. of Harman T. Shere.

Children by second wife:
- 43 (1) Lynn L. Allen, b. 1-7-1895; unmarried; at home.



- 44 (2) Genevieve Allen, b. 3-8-1900; unmarried; at home.
- 45 (3) Boyd M. Allen; m., 1883, Clara, d. of Lloyd and Alice (Gore) Reynolds. He is a farmer, living at Hepzibah. His wife is dead. Children:
- 46 (1) Stanley R. Allen; unmarried; at Pittsburgh.
- 47 (2) Marie Allen; unmarried; at home.
- 48 (4) Nancy E. Allen; m., 1883, Dr. M. J. Bartlett, son of Jedediah W. and Eve (Mine) Bartlett. He was born near Gypsy Grove; is now a practicing physician in Clarksburg. Children:
- 49 (1) Lalia Bartlett; m. James M. Haggerty, in Waldo drug store, Clarksburg.
- 50 (2) Lena Bartlett; m. Loyd Graves; living in Clarksburg.
- 51 (3) Eve Bartlett; m. Boyd Fleming; living in Clarksburg.
- 52 (5) Emma A. Allen; m., 1885, Ellis, son of James M. and Nancy (Thompson) Lyon. He is a farmer, living at Hepzibah, West Va. Children:
- 53 (1) Carl Lyon; m. Janet Hendrickson, and has one child. They live with his parents.

#### 4. CATHERINE ALLEN (3) =, BARNES (2), JOSHUA (1).

Catherine, daughter of Barnes and Eve (Swiger) Allen, was born in Harrison county, Va., near Hepzibah; m., 1817, Starlin, a son of Thomas and Sarah Bartlett, farmers of Harrison county, Va.

Their children were:

- 54 (1) Thomas Bartlett.
- 55 (2) Monterville Bartlett; m. Martha, d. of Job Martin.
- 56 (3) Albertis Bartlett; m. Abbigail Johnson.
- 57 (4) John Bartlett; m. Mary Ann Swiger. (See Mary Ann).
- 58 (5) Martha Bartlett; m. John Travor.

- 59 (6) Louise Bartlett; m. Beverley Riley.  
 60 (7) Cecelia Bartlett; m. John S. Whitescarver.  
 61 (8) Loyy Bartlett; m. John Turner.

5. JOHN ALLEN (3)—. BARNES (2), JOSHUA B. (1).

John, son of Barnes and Eve (Swiger) Allen, was born near Hepzibah, Harrison county, Va., and was a "Hard Shell" Baptist preacher, having preached the greater part of his life throughout north western Virginia. He married, Dec. 22, 1807, Sallie, a cousin of Starlin Bartlett, who died 9-26-1856. They lived on the waters of Isaac's Creek, in Sardis district, but later removed to West Milford, where he and wife both died.

Children:

- 62 (1) Bartlett Allen; m. Tabitha, d. of John Richardson, and also a sister of Simon Allen's wife, whose likeness will be seen elsewhere in this book. He and wife settled near the mouth of Gregory's Run; removed from there to West Milford, where his father had lived, and remained there till his death; had several children, among whom were:
- (1) Fred Allen.
  - (2) Bill Allen.
  - (3) James Allen.
  - (4) And others.
- 62 (2) Anlin Allen; m. a lady in Ohio, where they settled and lived.
- 64 (3) Washington Allen; m. (1) ———— Cornwallis; his first wife having died the same year of their marriage, he married for his second wire, Druzilla Ward, from whom he soon separated. He was a carpenter by trade, and spent a great deal of his time in trying to invent a perpetual motion. He lived for years, a widower, in almost constant seclusion on Shinn's Run, Eagle district, until in the

latter part of his life, becoming sick and infirm, he moved to the home of his nephew, Lloyd Allen, of Gregory's Run, where he died. No issue.

- 65 (4) Hamilton Allen; m. Sarah, d. of Jeriah Swiger. (See Sarah).
- 66 (5) Clarissa Allen; m. Lemuel Swiger. (See Lemuel).
- 67 (6) Annie Allen; m. Peter R. Swiger. (See Peter R.).
- 68 (7) Fannie Allen; m. Absolom Harbert, and lived on Jones Run, where he was engaged in farming all his life, having died with Bright's disease at an advanced age. Children:
  - 69 (1) Sarah Harbert; m. Seth Harbert, and lived on Nolan's Run, where they had born to them the following children, all of whom are living: Children:
    - 70 (1) Cora Harbert; m. Lloyd Martin. (See Lloyd).
    - 71 (2) Virginia Harbert; m. Jesse F. Coffman.
    - 72 (3) Verda Harbert; m. John Lanham.
    - 73 (4) Etta Harbert; m. Lemar Robinson.
    - 74 (5) Frances Harbert; m. E. L. Coffman.
    - 75 (6) "Bud" Harbert; m. Lona Moore.
    - 76 (7) J. T. Harbert; m. Susan Boggess.
    - 77 (8) Arthur Harbert; m. Bertha Robey.
    - 78 (9) Effie Harbert; m. Roy Shreve.
    - 79 (10) Freda Harbert; m. James Robey.
  - 80 (2) Clarissa Harbert; m., 1860, (1) Frederick A. Robinson, a teacher, and had children. Children:
    - 81 (1) Douglas Robinson; m. and lives at Lumberport.
    - 82 (2) Alice Robinson; m. Clay T. Hedges.
    - 83 (3) Clay Robinson; m.; now deceased.
    - 84 (4) Bernice Robinson; m. Johnie Barnes.
  - 85 (3) Emily Harbert; m., 1864, Benjamin Coffman; no issue.
  - 86 (4) John A. Harbert; m., 1864, Sarah Ann Coffman, and had:

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- 87 (1) Amoretta Harbert; m. Russell Stark.
- 88 (2) Claudie Harbert; m. (1) Temp Fletcher; (2) Jacob Harbert.
- 89 (2) Jerome Harbert; m. Villa Swiger. (See Villa).
- 90 (4) Charles S. Harbert; m. Emma Swiger. (See Emma).
- 91 (5) Manerva Harbert; m. Herschel Murray.
- 92 (6) Anna Harbert; unmarried; deceased.
- 93 (7) John C. Harbert; m. Vesta Stark.
- 94 (5) Ai Harbert; m., 1867, Martha Griffin, d. of John, and lives at Lumberport. Children:
- 95 (1) Laura Harbert; m. F. M. Robinson.
- 96 (2) Fannie Harbert; m. Camisee Swiger. (See Camisee).
- 97 (6) Luther Harbert; m., 1867, Jane Lucas, of Shinnston. He is a farmer, living in Sardis district. Children:
- 98 (1) Bertha Harbert; m. Robert Rittenhouse.
- 99 (2) George Harbert; m. a d. of Morgan Lodge, of Bridgeport.
- 100 (3) Basil Harbert; unmarried; at home.
- 101 (7) Eliza Harbert; m., 1866, William Rogers, of Jones Run. Children:
- 102 (1) Susan Rogers; m. William Lyon.
- 103 (2) Alden Rogers; m. a d. of Morgan Lodge.
- 104 (3) Howard Rogers; is married.
- 105 (4) Hattie Rogers; is married, living in Fairmont.
- 106 (5) William Rogers.
- 107 (6) James Rogers; living in western state.
- 108 (8) Hamilton Harbert; m. Etta Rogers; is a farmer, living on Jones Run, where he has the following children:
- 109 (1) Hattie Harbert; m. Jno. C. Coon.
- 110 (2) Guy Harbert; m. Sallie Harbert.
- 111 (3) Arlin Harbert; m. Alea Bock.

- 112 (4) Zana Harbert; d. in young womanhood of  
diphtheria.
- 113 (5) Glenn Harbert; unmarried; at home.
- 114 (6) Sarah Harbert; m. Homer Coffman.



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- 115 (9) Columbus Harbert; m., 1870, Dora Robey; is a  
farmer, living on Jones Run. Children:
- 116 (1) Ira A. Harbert; m. (1) Iva Drummond; (2)  
Virginia Pigott.
- 117 (2) Inez Harbert; m. John L. Bender.

- 118 (3) Daisy Harbert; m. Gail Lyon; she is deceased.
- 119 (4) Lloyd Harbert; m. and lives in California.
- 120 (5) Vergil Harbert; unmarried; at home.
- 121 (8) Eliza Allen; m., 1836, Restore Shinn. (See "History of the Shinn Family in Europe and America.")
- 122 (9) Simon Allen, b. 2-14-1819, in Harrison county, Va.; m., 6-13-1844, "Polly" Richardson, a d. of John Richardson, and a sister to his brother's (Bartlett) wife; settled on a farm on Big Tennile Creek, where he and wife resided till their death, he dying of cancer of the face. His wife was born 10-14-1825, and still lives at the old home with her son, William. When we visited her to get this information she was sitting in the corner of her room, sewing. When asked if she enjoyed life, she said: "Yes, I try to enjoy myself each day by asking my Blessed Master to open my eyes that I may see and do His will." When asked at what time in life she had the greatest enjoyment, she said: "When I was younger, and able to attend the protracted meetings in the Methodist Church; but it makes no difference what church, just so it is a Protestant Church. Tell the people God has been good to me, even though I realize I haven't much more time to live." Children:
- 123 (1) Lafayette Allen, b. 5-24-1846; m., 1867, Martha, a d. of Isaac Ash, a farmer of Gregory's Run, and a descendant of Christopher and Libby (Swiger) Ash. He was a Union soldier in the War of '61, and the picture which his mother is holding (opposite page), is one of himself which he sent her from the front. It not only shows his thoughtfulness of his mother, but also, a mother's appreciation and fondness for her son. After he returned from the front he was engaged in the manufacture of shoes

and boots, his shop being located on Gregory's Run. He removed from there to a farm on Big Buffalo Creek, where he spent the remaining years of his life, having died, 1-15-1896. Children:

- (1) Ella Allen, b. 10-14-1868.
- (2) Emma Allen, b. 7-24-1871.
- (3) Livingston Allen, b. 12-23-1875.
- (4) Custer Allen.
- (5) James G. Allen.
- (6) Rosa Allen.
- (7) Ida Allen.

- (2) Fidella Allen, b. 10-4-1847; m. James, a son of Anderson Harbert, who was a farmer of near Marshville. He is a farmer and resides on a farm in Sardis district. Children:

- (1) Mary Harbert.
- (2) Sarah Harbert.
- (3) Elsie Harbert.
- (4) Lucie Harbert.
- (5) George Harbert.
- (6) Zelphia Harbert.

- (3) William G. Allen, b. 11-18-1862; m., 6-29-1884, Nora J., a daughter of Lemuel Swiger, a farmer of near Sardis, Harrison county, West Va. He is a farmer, now residing on the old homestead of his father, on Big Tenmile Creek, near Sardis. Children:

- (1) Golden Allen, b. 5-29-1885; m., 10-0-1907, Daisy Bramer, a daughter of Benjamin, a farmer of Sardis district. Children:
  - (1) Iven Allen, b. 12-30-1909.
  - (2) Dorman Allen.
  - (3) L. Louise Allen.
- (2) Nathan Allen, b. 7-29-1885; unmarried.
- (3) Leora Allen, b. 8-6-1887; m., 9-5-1906, Omar Swiger (See Omar), a son of Solomon R.

Swiger, a farmer of near Dola, West Va. He is a farmer, and now resides on a part of his father's farm. Children:

- (1) O. Chester Swiger, b. 6-18-1908.
- (2) Clyde A. Swiger, b. 7-30-1910.
- (3) Clarence W. Swiger, b. 6-29-1913.
- (4) Mary Allen, b. 2-6-1891; m., 10-29-1914, Delbert, a son of Dolph Martin, of Adamston, Harrison county. No issue.
- (5) Delvia Allen, b. 9-9-1894; m., 12-1-1913, William, son of Andrew Dissitt, of Littleton, Wetzel county, West Va.. She and husband live with her father.
- (6) Simon Allen, b. 1-8-1895; unmarried.
- (7) Odbert Allen, b. 2-20-1895; unmarried.
- (8) Violet Allen, b. 10-9-1904.
- (10) Katy Allen; died, unmarried.

6. REBECCA ALLEN (3)—. BARNES (2), JOSHUA B. (1).

Rebecca Allen, daughter of Eve (Swiger) Allen and Barnes Allen, was born near Hepzibah, Harrison county, Va.; married Thomas, a son of John Bartlett, 1897. John's and Starlin's fathers were brothers. Rebecca and husband moved to some of the southern states and nothing further is known of her than the fact that she was the oldest daughter of the family and lived to be more than 90 years old.

7. PINDLE ALLEN (4)—. JOSHUA (3), BARNES (2),  
JOSHUA B. (1).

Pindle Allen, son of Joshua and Rebecca (Whiteman) Allen, was born Feb. 8, 1822, in Harrison county, Va.; was a twin



brother to Doddridge Allen; was a farmer and married, April 12, 1845, Mariah Swiger. (See Mariah).

Children:

- (1) Silas Allen.
- (2) Jesse Allen.
- (3) Joshua Allen.
- (4) Elbert Allen; living in Illinois.
- (5) Luther Allen.
- (6) Emily Allen; living in Illinois.

8. DODDRIDGE ALLEN (4)—, JOSHUA (3), BARNES (2),  
JOSHUA B. (1).

Doddridge, son of Joshua and Rebecca (Whiteman) Allen, was born in Doddridge county, Va., Feb. 8, 1822, he being a twin brother to Pindle; m., April 17, 1840, Rachel Swiger. (See Rachel). Children all living but Amanda.

Children:

- (1) Edgar Allen.
- (2) Harriet Allen.
- (3) Amanda Allen.
- (4) Nelson Allen.

9. ISRAEL ALLEN (4)—, JOSHUA (3), BARNES (2),  
JOSHUA B. (1).

Israel, son of Joshua and Rebecca (Whiteman) Allen, was born in Doddridge county, Jan. 20, 1824; m. Rebecca Langfit; first settled in Doddridge county, on a part of his father's farm, near Centerpoint, where he died. His wife still lives at a very

advanced age in Doddridge county. All the children are dead, except Lee and Martha, who live in the county of their birth.

Children:

- (1) Benton Allen; m. ——— Underwood.
- (2) Lee Allen; a bachelor; farmer in Doddridge Co.
- (3) Martha Allen; m. Frank Smith.
- (4) Savilla Allen; unmarried; d. of consumption.
- (5) Florence Allen; m. ——— Ash.
- (6) Sarah Allen; unmarried.

10. OSBORN ALLEN (4)—, JOSHUA (3), BARNES (2),  
JOSHUA B. (1).

Osborn, son of Joshua and Rebecca (Whiteman) Allen, was born in Doddridge county, March 21, 1826; m., 12-20-1849, Jane Langfit. He was a farmer in Doddridge county till he died, Dec. 5, 1908. His wife died Feb. 8, 1899.

Children:

- (1) Valentine Allen, b. 1-13-1851.
- (2) Stephen Allen, b. 8-2-1853.
- (3) May B. Allen, b. 8-2-1853.
- (4) Silas B. Allen, b. 2-28-1856.
- (5) William Allen, b. 2-28-1856.
- (6) Columbus J. Allen, b. 5-2-1858.
- (7) Robert E. L. Allen, b. 11-28-1867.
- (8) Orilous O. Allen, b. 1-26-871.

11. WASHINGTON ALLEN (4)—, JOSHUA (3), BARNES  
(2), JOSHUA B. (1).

Washington, son of Joshua and Rebecca (Whiteman) Allen, was born in Doddridge county, Va., July 30, 1828; m., Dec.

21, 1854, Harriet, d. of Capt. Smith, a farmer of Rock Camp; removed from Doddridge to Harrison county, Sardis district, where he was engaged in farming, where he died, Oct. 28, 1909, of Bright's disease.

Children:

- (1) Osborn Allen, b. 5-9-1869; m. and d. of cancer.
- (2) Camisee Allen, b. 9-22-1865; m. May Swiger, (See May).
- (3) Matilda Allen, b. 12-29-1861; unmarried.
- (4) Ruletta Allen, b. 11-3-1872; m. Aaron Hall.
- (5) Jane Allen, b. 5-21-1867; m. Irwin Strother.
- (6) Columbus Allen, b. 4-14-1856; graduate of West Va. University.

12. STEPHEN ALLEN (4) —, JOSHUA (3), BARNES (2),  
JOSHUA B. (1).

Stephen, son of Joshua and Rebecca (Whiteman) Allen, was born in Doddridge county, Va., Jan. 24, 1836; m. a d. of Solomon Frum; removed to Braxton county; thence to Webster county, where he died; had four or five children, among whom were:

- (1) Sylvester P. Allen, who is a doctor of medicine, now located at Webster Springs.
- (2) Almira Allen; m. Daymon Ash, of Doddridge county, where they now live.

15. EVE ALLEN (4) —, JOSHUA (3), BARNES (2),  
JOSHUA B. (1).

Eve, daughter of Joshua and Rebecca (Whiteman) Allen, was born in Doddridge county, Va., Nov. 18, 1830; m. Winter Hutson, a farmer; had several children, among whom was Re-

becca, who married "B" Allen, son of Israel, who now lives at Webster Springs. They are both dead.

Children:

- (1) Rebecca Allen; m. "B" Allen.
- (2) Elizabeth Allen.

16. ELIZABETH ALLEN (4)—, JOSHUA (3), BARNES (2),  
JOSHUA B. (1).

Elizabeth, daughter of Joshua and Rebecca (Whiteman) Allen, was born in Doddridge county, April 18, 1839; m. John Frum, a farmer of near Bridgeport, West Va. He and wife first settled near Bridgeport, where they had several children, among whom was Jedediah.

SILAS B. ALLEN (4)—, OSBORN (3), JOSHUA (2),  
BARNES (1).

Silas B., son of Osborn and Jane (Langfit) Allen, was born in Salem, Harrison county, Va., Feb. 28, 1856; graduated from the dental department of the University of Maryland in 1905, after which he practiced his profession three years at Parkersburg; removed from there in 1908 to Morgantown, where he now enjoys a large practice in dental surgery. He married, 1892, May Julia, d. of William Wright, of Parkersburg.

Children:

- (1) R. Wayne Allen, b. 11-23-1899.
- (2) Harold Edson Allen, b. 3-15-1904.

L. CAMISEE ALLEN (5)—, WASHINGTON (4), JOSHUA  
(3), BARNES (2), JOSHUA B. (1).

Camisee, second son of Washington and Harriet (Smith) Allen, was born near Brown, Harrison county, W. Va., Sept. 22,

1865. He married "May," d. of Lewis and Lucretia (Harbert) Swiger, March 7, 1880. He is a great-grandson of Parnes and Eve (Swiger) Allen, and his wife is a great-granddaughter of the same two. His wife was born in Sardis district, Harrison county, Feb. 9, 1868. To them have been born the following children:

- (1) Tensie Allen, b. 4-27-1889; m., 12-14-1910, Benson Ward, of West Milford, and has:
  - (1) Lloyd Ward, b. 4-18-1912.
  - (2) Claude Ward, b. 9-6-1914.
- (2) Orval Allen, b. 10-5-1900; unmarried; at home.

MISCELLANEOUS
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FAMILY GROUP



## MISCELLANEOUS.

The picture on preceding page was taken, October 17, 1915, at the old Hepzibah Church, on the occasion of the first reunion of the Swiger family.

The church, one side of which is shown in the picture, stands near the site on which a former church stood, in which each member of the original Swiger family worshipped.

Back Row (left to right), Israel Swiger, of Wallace; Cleotha N. Swiger, of Clarksburg; William E. Swiger, of Shinnston; Belle (Swiger) Shreve, of Clarksburg. Front Row (left to right), John W. Swiger, of Sardis; Lueretia (Harbert) Swiger, of Wallace; George W. Swiger, of Brown; Israel Swiger, of Rinehart; Harriet (Swiger) Harbert, of Sardis.





THE HOME OF THE AUTHOR.

“How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood,  
When fond recollection presents them to view;  
The orchard, the meadow, the deep tangled wildwood,  
And every loved spot which my infancy knew.”



WHEN WE WERE BOYS.

In the early days, when the country was sparsely settled, the wolves were a great menace to the farmers. This was especially true with the farmers of Harrison county, because many of them had large numbers of sheep and hogs; and a wolf has a peculiar liking for fresh mutton and pork.

The little yellow volume of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in which the records of the killing of wolves from 1785-1805 in Harrison county were kept and from a photograph of a page of which the following cut was made, contains the records of the killing of seven hundred twenty wolves. John, Jacob and Christopher Swiger, each, have many to their credit.

Undoubtedly there were some young wolves killed in this time, yet the records invariably show each one to have been an "old" wolf. This word (old), no doubt, reflects the hatred which the people had for the wolves, rather than to distinguish between their ages.

The prices paid by the County Court of Harrison county for killing one "old" wolf, ranged from 12 s. 6 p., when money was scarcer, to \$6 in later years.

It will be noticed from the above cut that the price paid for killing "one old wolf" was paid in English money.

The United States commenced the coinage of gold and silver in 1793. The people were a long time learning the decimal system of coinage, and not until about the year 1800 do the records show that the trading was done to any considerable extent in dollars and cents.

Then, the dollar was rated as six shillings; the half dollar, at three shillings; the quarter dollar, at one shilling six pence; the 12½ cent piece, at nine pence; and the 6¼ cent piece, at 4½ pence.

28. Dec. 1797	Then Granted by John Bartlett Esq. as Warrant to Thomas Bartlett for killing one Old wolf	12. 6
3. Oct. 1799	Then Granted by Henry Copple Esq. as Certificate Jacob Swiger for killing one old wolf	12. 6
Peter Han- niman Aug. 9. 1798	Then Granted by James Neal Esq. as Certificate to Peter Hannan for killing one Old wolf	12. 6
Sept. 9. 1797	Then Granted by Jonathan Coburn a Certificate to Jacob for killing one Old wolf and by Jacob Esq. to J. Coburn and to Jacob Esq. to Isaac Williams.	12. 6



water of Lambert's run, a drain of the West Fork and bounded as followeth, to-wit—Beginning at the white oak on a line of Land, surveyed for Thomas Laidley and running then with the reverse of said line, south 35 degrees E 51 poles to a hickory, then north 64 E 60 poles to a chestnut oak. North 10 degrees W 123 poles, passing a corner of a survey of 60 acres, made for said Swiger and with the line of the same, crossing a drain to a whiteoak on said line, then N 58 degrees W  $23\frac{1}{2}$  poles to a whiteoak on a line of a survey made for John P. Euwall; then with said S. 19 degrees W. 127 poles crossing the aforesaid drain to the beginning.

WILLIAM FITZRANDOLPH D. S.

THOMAS HAYMOND S. II. C.

Warrant No. 4588 delivered.



Harrison county was formed in the year 1784, and, of course, the county officers, among whom was the Assessor, soon took charge of the affairs of the county.

The preceding cut was made from a photographic copy of one of the first, possibly the first, assessment lists of Harrison county. It is the oldest record of Harrison county now in existence, and shows the negroes, horses and "cattill," all listed together.

The records of the Commonwealth of Virginia show that the following land grants were made by that Commonwealth to members of the Swiger family:

Vol. 4, p. 512, to Jacob Swiger, Nov. 10, 1817, 60 A., on head waters of Lambert's Run.

Vol. 5, p. 23, Absolom Swiger, June 3, 1823, 100 A., Laurel Run.

Vol. 5, p. 60, Jacob Swiger, May 4, 1825, 40 A., Lambert's Run.

Vol. 5, p. 68, John Swiger, Dec. 15, 1825, 40 A., Coon's Run.

Vol. 5, p. 69, John Swiger, Dec. 16, 1825, 65 A., Hornor's Run.

Vol. 5, p. 114, Wilson Swiger, Jan. 19, 1832, 30 A., right hand fork Tennile Creek.

Vol. 5, p. 184, Jeriah Swiger, Nov. 18, 1834, 90 A., between Tennile Creek and Lambert's Run.

Vol. 5, p. 195, Jesse Swiger, June 26, 1835, 70 A., right hand fork Tennile Creek.

Vol. 5, p. 213, Absolom Swiger, Oct. 6, 1835, 19 A., left hand fork of Laurel Run.

Vol. 5, p. 227, John Swiger, Jan. 7, 1836, 8½ A., between Hornor's and Coon's Runs.

Vol. 5, p. 250, Sanford Swiger, Apr. 11, 1836, 100 A. right hand fork of Jones' Run.

Vol. 5, p. 252, John Swiger, Jr., Nov. 14, 1836, 35 A., Coon's Run.

Vol. 6, p. 29, Wilson Swiger, May 4, 1838, 9 A., right hand fork Tennile Creek.



Vol. 6, p. 118, Wilson Swiger, June 18, 1842, 50 A., Tennile Creek.

Vol. 6, p. 234, John Swiger, Mar. 28, 1845, 60 A., Caldwell Run.

Vol. 6, p. 296, Henry Swiger, Mar. 7, 1848, 48 A., between Sweep and Purdy's Runs.

## WILL OF BARNES ALLEN

(Exact copy).

In the name of god amen I Barnes Allen of the County of Harrison and Commonwealth of Virginia being Sick and weak in body But of Sound Mind and Disposing Memory for which I thank my God and calling To mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous To Dispose of all Such Wordly Estate as it has Pleised god to bless me with I Give and bequeath the same in manner Following That is to say

First my will is that my first debts and Funeral Expenes be paid as Spedely as Can be Conveniently done After my Decease

Secondly I will To my wife Eve all my moveable Estate Including my Negro woman and Children during her Natural life or as long as she Remains my Widow I also will to my wife Eve the full use and Income of the plantation I now live upon also all Notes due me at my Decease which I also will To her during her Natural life or as long as she remains my widow—and after my wife Decease or after she should mary I will the same as Follownig

Thirdly I will to my son John Allen Four Hundred Dollars Which Sum shall be paid out of the Estate I have left to my Wife as Soon as it possably can be done Which Sum of Four Hundred Dollars I Will to my son John Allen and his heirs forever Fourthly I will to my son Joshua Allen One Hundred and Fifty Acres of land or thereabouts lying at three Forks of Middle Island Creek in Harrison County Virginia and being

the land he now lives upon I will the said One Hundred and Fifty acres of land to my son Joshua and his heirs forever

Fifthly I will To my son Israel Allen one Hundred and Fifty acres of land Adjoining of his Brother Joshua Allen lying and being In Harrison County Virginia at Three Forks of middle Island Creek being the land he now lives upon I will the said one hundred and Fifty acres to my son Israel Allen and his heirs forever

Sixthly I will to my Daughter Catherine married to Starlin Bartlett Ten Dollars To be paid To her after my wife Decease in Property and if my Daughter Should depart this life before she Receives Said Ten Dollars in that case her Husband and her heirs are not to be paid Said Ten Dollars

Seventhly I will To my Daughter Rebecca married to Thomas Bartlett Fifty Dollars To be paid to her after my wifes death In property and if my Daughter Rebecca Bartlett Should Depart this life before her mother decease or before the property is paid in that case the said Fifty Dollars are not to be paid to her husband or her heirs.

Eighthly I will to my son Stephen Allen plantation I now live upon containing Three Hundred and Fifty Acres Thereabouts that is after my wifes Decease or after She Should Marry and all that property that should Remain After Satisfying my son John Allen Four Hundred Dollars willed by me to him and Ten Dollars To my Daughter Catherine and Fifty Dollars To my Daughter Rebecca after thare three legessee and deducted and my Just Debts and Funeral expence of Settling My Estate that is after my Wife Decease or after she Should Marry I will to my son Stephen Allen To him and his heirs forever in case he should have no heirs I will the same To his three Brothers and lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my friends Joshua Smith and my son Stephen Allen Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other or

former Wills or testaments by me here to fore made

In witness whereof I have here un to set my hand and Affixed my seal This Eighteenth day of February Eighteen Hundred and Twenty

his  
BARNES    x    ALLEN    (Seal)  
mark

Signed sealed published and Declared as and for the last Will and testament of the Above Named Barnes Allen in presence of us John Righter, Josiah Henderson Sr, William Martin.

#### WILL OF JACOB SWIGER

(Exact copy).

In the name of God amen, I Jacob Swiger of the County of Harrison, and state of Virginia do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

1 I desire that all my just debts and funeral Expences be paid  
2 After the payment of my debts and funeral expences I give to my wife Nancy Swiger one third part of my estate both real and personal for and during the time her natural life and after her deceased I give the same to my children hereinafter mentioned, I will to my wife all my lands so long as shee remains my widow until my youngest child becomes twenty one years of age allso all my House hold furniture, beds and bedding together with my kitchen furniture and mettle and my three horsecratures and four Cows the choice of my cows two twoyearolds and a hiefer calf and twenty head of my sheep, all my hogs and all my farming ntentials and tools to gather with all my notes and accounts standing due me or otherwise and my reasons for leaving this property in this way is to support and Educate my children untill they become of age at my wife's own discretion.

3 After my youngest child becomes 21 years of age I give to my four sons George W. Zacheaus Thomas L. and Jacob A. Swiger all my lands to them and their heirs forever

4thly I give to my daughters all my moveable estate after my youngest child becomes 21 years of age to be equally divided Except my daughter Susanna that has got a bed and bedding and some other house hold property that I charge her \$15. for and interest, the same to come out of her portion of the estate

5thly all the rest of my Estate both real and personal of what nature or kind soever it may not be herein before particularly disposed of I desire may be Equally divided among my several children herein before named which I give to them their heirs Exetors, administrators and assigns for ever

6thly and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Nancy Swiger Exetors (and Thomas) of this my last will and testament, hearby revoking all other or former wills and testaments by me made

In witness whereof I heremto set my hand and affix my seal this 18th May in the year of our lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty two

“Signed sealed published declared by Jacob Swiger as and for his last will and testament in the presence and hearing of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses

JACOB SWIGER (Seal)

JAMES WATKINS

ABEL WHITEMAN

ABEL SWIGER

## WILL OF JACOB SWIGER, JR.

(Exact copy).

In the name of God, Amen. I, Jacob Swiger of the county of Harrison and State of West Virginia do make this my last will and testament as follows (that is to say) My desire is to be buried with as little expense as desensy will permit, and that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

And I give the one third part of my lands, tenements hereditaments whatsoever situate, lying and being in the County and state of West Virginia with their appurtenances unto my dear wife Martha F. Swiger for and during her life. And from and after her decease I give and devise the same to my three children equally, namely Millard F. Swiger, Ruhama R. Swiger and Jacob W. Swiger and their heirs forever. All that tract or piece of land lying in the county of Harrison and State aforesaid which I purchased from Jacob Veech, David D Stout and of William McAnter unto my three children their heirs forever

And I give to my daughter Phebe Ann Martin the sum of Nine hundred dollars, it being her equal portion of my estate.

And I give all my household goods and furniture, plate, china ware, household linen, books and prints and all the household utensils in my house in Harrison county and State of West Virginia where I now reside and my house situated in the county and State aforesaid for her own use. And I give the custody tuition and guardianship of the persons of such of my children as shall be under the age of twenty-one years at the time of my death to my said wife M. F. Swiger And John McAntire Jointly during their respective minorities And I nominate and appoint my said wife and John McAntire exetor and executrix of this my last will and testament and my will is and I do hereby direct that all the rent of the two thirds of the above named tract

piece of parcel of land shall be paid to their guardians during their minority and applied for their maintenances education and support.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 12th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty five.

his  
JACOB x SWIGER  
mark

Attest.

DAVID D. STOUT

THOMAS C. BENNETT

“WILL OF WILLIAM BAEKUSS”

(Exact copy).

(1814)

In the name of God amen I William Baekus revoking all other poport This to be My Last will and Testament I first Give to and bequeath to My Wife Mary Baekas one third part of all My property both rail and personal to have and to hold during her Natural Life 2 I give to My second Son William Baekas two dollars as his full part and share of all My Estate both rail and personal 3 I give two My daughter Nansy Swiger two dollars as her full share of My Estate both rail and personal 4 I give two My daughter Elenor Swiger two dollars as her full part of My Estate both rail and personal 5 I give to My two youngest Sons Lanford & thomas Baekas all My lands to be Equally divided between the two according to quantity and quality 6 I give to My two youngest Daughters Sally & Seary Baekas forty Dollars Each to be paid to them equally By My two Youngest Sons Lanford and Thomas in two years after my Decease 7 I give to My oldest Son Henry Baekas twenty Dollars to be paid him in one year after My Decease by two youngest Sons Lanford and Thomas Baekas 8 I also Leave two My

three Youngest Children Thomas Sally & Seary Backas all My personal property to have and to hold out of which they are to pay all of My Debts & Legessis above mentioned I appoint My Wife Mary Backas and My Son Lanford My Executors of this My Last Will & Testament Witness My hand & Seal this April 13, 1814

his  
WILLIAM x BACKAS  
mark

JACOB ISRAEL  
DAVID TICHANAL  
MORDECAE MADDEN  
BENJAMIN M MADDEN

William "Backuss" came from Germany and first settled in Pennsylvania. He and family removed from Pennsylvania to Harrison county, Va., about the same time the Swiger family did, and it is most probable that the two families were acquainted while they were living in Pennsylvania, since Christopher and Jacob Swiger, soon after coming to Harrison county, married "Elenor" and "Nansy Backas," respectively.

To show the household articles in use, and the personal property belonging to a well-to-do farmer of pioneer days, the two following lists are taken from the appraisement lists of Barnes Allen and Jacob Swiger, both of whom lived in Eagle district, Harrison county, West Va. These are exact copies:

April 20, 1820

#### Barnes Allen Appraisement Bill

By virtue of an order of Court to appraise the personal Estate of Barnes Allen, directed we have proceeded after being first sworn as the law directs to value the estate here given.

	\$
27 Hogs	35.00
7 piggs	50
22 Steers and spade heffers	264.00

4	yearling Calves	10.00
6	two year old cattle	24.00
5	cows and one calf	24.00
	Flaxin sheaf	4.00
45	Bushes of wheat	22.00
52	" " "	26.00
1	Ridale and 3 tubs	1.50
43	Rye	21.00
A	Quantity of hay	10.00
6	empty barrels	3.10
1	Waggon	32.00
	gears	6.00
	Plough and acquepage	8.00
100	Bu of corn	41.00
1	Cow hyde	2.00
1	Shovel plough	1.33
3	Sythes	3.00
9	Bu potatoes	3.75
3	Bee hives	6.00
5	horse creatures	250.00
1	grine stone	75
16	sheep	26.00
1	Hog	3.00
	Total	860.74
1	cutting box	2.00
1	harrow and churn	5.00
4	Axes 2 garding hose horse shoes and loose iron	13.00
1	hand saw 4 Augres drawing knife etc.	3.00
1	Tub Pack sadale and lumber and Pot mettle	11.00
2	tubs, one big wheel	2.00
1	loom and tackling	10.00
1	churn	1.00
1	Hackel	1.00
2	2 baskets	50
3	bags	2.00
3	buckets	1.00
2	bells	1.25



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21½	bu salt	5.00
1	bu corn	50
1	hoe	1.00
1	conk shell	50
1	hoe	25
1	conk shell	50
1	hoe	25
23	geese	7.66 23
1	keg old lard	3.00
1	old saddle	1.00
1	cupboard	3.50
1	cupboard	9.00
1	Rifle gun	20.00
	Stelyards	2.00
1	table	1.00
8	chairs	2.00
2	little wheels	3.00
	Tin and pewter	2.00
1	bed bedding and bead stead	25.00
1	Do Do Do	25.00
	Do Do Do	30.00
1	Chest	1.50
1	Rule	1.00
	flax threat and wool yarn	12.00
1	bed bedding and bedstead	16.00
2	tubs feathers	5.00
	Candle Spooles	2.00
	shoe makers tools	4.00
1	Saddle	15.00
	Clothing	100.00
1	Negro woman and child	300.00
1	Claim on Tyler County	19.50
1	" " Benjamin Robinson	2.77
	John Mausby account	5.25
	Joseph Hartman	5.00
	Thomas Allen	3.44

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Jonathan Coburn note	305.00
„ „ „	697.00
Josiah Henderson „	27.00
Israel Allen book account	10.00
Cash on hand	5.37½
Oats Stack	7.00
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Total	2512.05½

JAMES BARTLETT  
JOHN REYNOLDS  
DAVID TICHNAL

We do certify that the foregoing inventory contains all the personal extate of the said Barnes Allen deceased that has come to our hand. given under our hands this 15 May 1820

STEPHEN ALLEN  
JOSHUA SMITH  
executors.

#### APPRAISEMENT BILL

(Exact copy).

Jacob Swiger Estate

Pursuant to your order to us directed after being sworn for the purpose we appraise the following property, to wit

	\$
One cubard and cubard ware	10.00
One clock	1.00
One looking glass	50
One nife box and stand table	1.25
One lot of books	3.00
One bet and beding	12.00

One other bet and bedding	7.00
One lot of bed clothing	15.00
Two small chests	1.50
One Kettle	1.75
One big wheel	75
One washing tub and pickling tub	37½
Two pr. horse gairs and one pack saddle	5.00
One wheel and real	1.75
One man's saddle	5.00
Tow sickles	62½
Tounge chains and Breast chains	1.50
Two hay forks	87½
One bed and bedding	3.00
One lot of bed clothing	3.00
One loom and apparatus	7.25
Two wire sives and two old tubs and half bushel	1.25
Two baskets and cradle	50
One Woman's saddle	9.00
Two tables	1.50
One lot of chairs and dresser ware	2.50
One dresser and dresser ware	1.00
One pair of Selyards and small chest	1.50
One copper kettle	1.50
One lot of potmettle containing tea three pots and skillet	3.00
Four big kettles and bails	8.00
One shovel plow two hoes and madoe and shovel	2.75
One log chain and log sled	3.00
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	134.62½
Two chopping Axes	1.75
One barshire plow double tree and Swingle threes and elevis	4.75
Twenty one head of sheep	10.25
One wheat fan	10.00
Two tubs and flap brake	50
One Gray horse	32.50

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One soril horse	32.50
One yearling colt	18.00
Four calves	4.50
Five head of hogs	4.00
Six hay stacks	15.00
Thrice wheat stacks and one mow full	37.50
One hundred dozen of wrye	10.00
Five head of hogs	5.50
One black sow	5.50
One white cow	9.00
One pied cow	8.50
One black cow with white back	10.00
One speckled cow with horns	9.50
three two year old steers	17.00
One red Bull	5.00
One yearling heifer	3.18 $\frac{3}{4}$
One square and one pair sheep shears	50
Eight sheep	6.50
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	256.43 $\frac{3}{4}$

One note of hand on Elisha M. Snider calling for ten dollars due 1st April 1842	10.00
One other note on Elisha M. Snider for one barrel of salt due 1 of November 1842 rated at five dollars	5.00
One note on William P. Haney for fifty five dollars due the 3 day of May 1842	55.00
One due bill on John Curry for Seventeen dollars and fifty cents due the 15th of February 1842	17.50
One attendance bill on John O Marty for one dollar and fifty cents due in 1840	1.50
One note on Isaac Boice and John J. Boice for one dollar and 56 cents due Dec. 25 1841	1.56
One note of hand on Nathan Ogden for two dollars and 91 cts and due 20th Sept 1842	2.97
One lot of hogs 14 head	15.00

One lot of corn 250 bushels	62.50
One lot of oats supposed to be 20 dozens	2.00
To 25 lbs of Nails supposed to be	1.50
Total	565.59 1/4

We the undersigned appraisers of the above list of the raising and taking care of the above named wheat rye oats and corn and gras to be worth \$58.50

Pursuant to an order of Court June Term we the under-named appraisers after being first duly sworn do appraise the personal estate of Jacob Swiger deceased Shown to us by Nancy Swiger and report to court the above given under our hands December the 8th 1842

ABEL WHITEMAN

PETER B RIGHTER

his

JOHN x ROBINSON

mark

Harrison County Court Feb. Term 1843 The appraisement bill of the Estate of Jacob Swiger was admitted to record

Attest ELI MARSH CLK.

Jacob Swiger estate Sale Bill

Sale bill 1842. The Sale Bill of the property of Jacob Swiger Deceased by Nancy Swiger executrix of said Swiger as follows:

	\$
Nancy Swiger Black steer	6.75
" " " "	6.50
" " " cow	8.50
" " 4 calves	5.35
Total	27.10

I do hereby certify that the foregoing sale bill is correct,  
given under my hand this the 18th day of February 1843

her

NANCY    x    SWIGER

mark

Recorded Feb. term of Court 1843.

A Return of Marriages Made by the  
Rev. John Whipple for the year 1793  
— Joseph Chaceworth. —

Andrew Fletcher and Elizabeth Bibbey  
Married February 21<sup>st</sup> 1793

Benjamin Lells and Anne Dougherty  
Married March 5<sup>th</sup> 1793.

Josh Elsworth and Rachel Bibbey  
Married 10<sup>th</sup> of April 1793.

Peter Fletcher and Mary Bonnett  
Married 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1793.

Samuel Beard and Giffell Cunningham  
Married 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1793.

Benjamin Richards and Rebecca Elsworth  
Married 9<sup>th</sup> of January 1794.

A Return of Marriages Made by  
the Reverend John Denham

Josiah Tucker and Mary Currier  
Married March 14<sup>th</sup> 1793.

Ezekiel Thomas & Temperance Cheney  
Married 9<sup>th</sup> July 1793.

Josh Swiger & Nancy Davis  
Married August 6<sup>th</sup> 1793.

The preceding cut is made from a photographic copy, exact size, of one page of a much worn volume in which all marriages were recorded, occurring in the territory of Harrison county, Virginia, in the years 1785-1808.

In this volume are found the record of the marriages of the children of John William and Mary Swiger, that of Jacob being shown on this page.

This is a hand made book, more than a century and a quarter old, whose records were written with a quill. Note the ragged and worn edges in the picture.

Rev. War Section.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
WASHINGTON

February 28, 1916.

Mr. Ira L. Swiger,  
463 Lee Street,  
Clarksburg, West Va.

Sir:

In response to your letter dated the 16th instant, you are advised that from the papers in the claim of John Swiger (or Swiger) Sur. File No. 15,998 Rev. War, it appears that he was born April 25, 1759, in Loudoun county, Virginia, and resided in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, from the time he was about 18 years of age.

He was allowed pension for service as Indian Spy in Pennsylvania, during the Revolution, on his application executed December 14, 1833, while a resident of Coon's Run, Harrison county, Virginia.



Upon investigation of his claim by the United States Attorney, November 21, 1834, he states that he served short tours against the Indians in Jackson's Fort, Green county, Pennsylvania, after the Revolution.

His name was therefore dropped from the pension roll March 13, 1835.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) E. C. TIEMAN,

Acting Commissioner.

Because of the great number of men who had already been granted pensions, and the increasing number of applications for pay for services rendered during the Revolutionary War, in about the year 1830, the officials of the government became alarmed. Thinking that such a heavy annual tax would bankrupt the nation, they directed the United States Attorney to thoroughly investigate the claims of not only those who had been granted pensions, but of the applicants as well. The result was that many of the names were dropped from the pension roll on technicalities, and but comparatively few applications were favorably reported upon thereafter.

Doubtless John Swiger's name was dropped for above reasons.

Christopher Swiger, the oldest of the three brothers of the Swiger family, was also a soldier in the Revolution, but never a pensioner.

In a "Special Report of the Department of Archives and History of Virginia, for 1911," by H. J. Eckenrode, Archivist, in a list of the 10,000 soldiers of Virginia, who did service in the Revolutionary War, we find both the names of John and Christopher Swiger; and the latter's name appeared on a manuscript list with others that were paid off at Pittsburgh (Fort Pitt), after the War.

The following poem, written several years ago by a member of the Swiger family, describes the awful conditions, brought about by intoxicating liquors, which existed in a West Virginia town at that time:

### THAT ONLY DIME.

Tonight I am sitting  
In a little darkened room,  
Looking through my window,  
Seeing signs of gloom.  
I wonder what it means,  
A hearse driving in sight,  
For we not often see  
Such a thing at night.

The rain and snow is falling,  
The streets are dark and muddy,  
And now a bier is passing,  
Following it a buggy.  
To me there comes a sadness,  
As they pass along,  
While down in that dark alley,  
I hear a drunkard's song.

The one who's in that bier,  
Where she now sweetly sleeps,  
Is one who's often heard  
The words a drunkard speaks.  
In her home she's suffered,  
From toil, both hard and long,  
And curses from her husband,  
Muttering an angry song.

He went home late tonight,  
Muttering an ugly song,  
I saw him through my window,  
As he staggered along.  
He finally reached his home,  
And staggered through the door,  
Saying, "Damn you," to his wife,  
"Of money give me more."

She, through fear and trembling,  
Gave him her only dime,  
Wondering what she'd do  
When asked another time.  
She hastily grabbed her babe,  
And round it threw her arm,  
For he said, "Give me more,  
Or I will do it harm."

From her, he snatched the babe,  
Threw it on the floor,  
And from the mother's body  
Her clothes and hair he tore.  
When she, bleeding and exhausted,  
Started to leave the room,  
He said, "Damn you, now leave,  
And you must do it soon."

She grabbed her darling babe,  
Went running to the door,  
When with his mighty fist,  
He felled her to the floor.  
Continued drink had made him  
A maniac, raving wild,  
With no love for his wife,  
No pity for his child.

From the floor he picked the babe,  
Threw it another time,  
Then went to the saloon,  
To spend that only dime.  
He killed his loving wife,  
A virtuous mother dear,  
Yes, the loving mother,  
Who passed in the bier.

And now I think of babes  
Of other mothers dear,  
And wonder how they're treated  
By those whose songs I hear.  
They, too, have heard the news  
Of this atrocious crime,  
But down in that dark alley  
They're spending their only dime.

Tonight in that dark alley,  
 I hesitate to tell,  
 I hear, too, songs of women,  
 Whose souls are billed for Hell.  
 They're wretched, ragged, dirty,  
 There in a little room,  
 Where many a thing has happened  
 To fill the world with gloom.

Oh, men, why do you do  
 Such awful things as these?  
 Spend your dimes and let  
 Your family starve and freeze.  
 You know that without you  
 There'd be no mothers fair,  
 Nor would there be in Hell  
 Any more drunkards there.

And women, pray tell me,  
 Why play you such a role?  
 Making men more wicked,  
 In the end lose their soul.  
 A great responsibility  
 Upon you, too, is laid,  
 For were it not for you  
 There would be no babe.

#### A DRUNKARD'S DYING PRAYER.

Sunshine of life, now let me have,  
 For I am growing gray;  
 I feel the weight of years of sin,  
 For light I will now pray.

A wicked life is nearly spent,  
 And time seems dark each day;  
 And for more sunshine in my life,  
 For it, I will now pray.

Quite clear in days of solemn thought,  
 When lights of life grow dim,  
 I see in life where I have erred,  
 And now I plead with Him.

Could I but halt, start life anew,  
I'd give to God my heart;  
Then in the last days of my life,  
Things would not seem so dark.

Oh that first glass of sparkling wine,  
Why was I led to drink?  
For I knew then not what it meant,  
As now, so near the brink.

Two bended knees it's given me,  
Two eyes, both dim, cast down;  
It has not placed shoes on my feet,  
Nor stars upon my crown.

I now stand trembling in the dark,  
Listening for Gabriel's horn;  
Calling me to the Judgment seat,  
There to hear but scorn.

I've lost my chance, the last day's gone,  
And I poor wretch, am old;  
Too weak in heart for God's great gift,  
My birthright I have sold.

You, who yet are young in years,  
With eyes bright, hair not gray;  
Put down the cup and touch it not,  
For it will never pay.

May when I die these words be cut  
On a stone placed at my head;  
Forever there for erring man,  
To be by thousands read.

For I'm in Hell 'tis evident;  
Around me drunkards lie,  
And may these words direct men's souls  
Where ne'er they'll say good-bye.

The scene as described in the following poem was pictured to the author, when he was but a boy, by an old sailor. He told

the story so earnestly and impressively that it made an indelible impression upon the youth's mind, and years after it was told to him, he wrote it in verse.

### A STORM AT SEA.

A father went out one night at sea,  
For he was duty bound  
To go where'er his master said,  
And guide the ship around.

The night was dark, the breakers rolled,  
The wind was raging high;  
And dancing white-caps could be seen  
From lightning in the sky.

A light-house stood upon the beach,  
To which loved ones had gone;  
For, by them, was father loved,  
With love sincere and strong.

They climbed up to the highest point,  
Looked out upon the sea;  
The pilot's wife, his boy and girl,  
Hoping the ship to see.

The mother thought she saw the ship,  
Though yet so far away,  
Bat'ling with the wind and waves,  
Which o'er the sea did play.

They hastened down, went near the shore,  
And with an aching brow,  
The mother said: "Oh, Grace, do look!  
For you can see it now."

The lightning flashed, the thunder rolled,  
The mother whispered low;  
While she stood at the water's edge  
And watched the sinking bow.

"Oh, God, reach down thy guiding hand  
And save the ship for me;  
For 'tis, I know, a sinking ship,  
Out in an angry sea."

Again there came a lighted sky,  
With it a view, a sound,  
Which brought a hope to longing hearts,  
Who loved with love profound.

The strong wind brought a trumpet note,  
A sound both dear and clear;  
Which said, "Oh, Wife, I'll soon be home,  
For me now do not fear."

"This ship is guided by the hand  
Of Him who knoweth all;  
By Him who went on board the ship  
And saved the praying Paul."

#### THERE'S YET A CHANCE.

The hearts that swell from stories told,  
Of the goodness of the past,  
Are hearts that have a promise yet,  
And need not feel outcast.

Yes, 'tis well, since a gift of God,  
That we this feeling keep;  
For when it's gone man's lost his charm,  
And further sin doth seek.

But loaded hearts with sin's remorse,  
From which they're often sad,  
Is proof to us that we have yet  
A chance to make them glad.

For the sinful heart that's lost all sense  
Of moral right and shame,  
Has lost all hope of righteousness,  
And Heaven can't regain.

If but two days we have to live,  
We'll make the best come last,  
If we'll but turn and lessons learn,  
From darkest shades we've cast.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF RACES AND FAMILIES OF MANKIND.

All races, and families of people like the Swiger family, have different and distinct characteristics by which many of either can be identified.

No race of the human family has retained their racial characteristics as have the Jews, and by these we know them wherever we see them.

The Chinese can be identified by their peculiar shaped eyes and the mode in which they wear their hair; the Japanese, by their short stature and sallow complexion; the Irish, by their keen wit and church affiliations; the Negroes, by their blackness; and the North American Indians, by their coarse, dark hair and facial peculiarities.

The family name of Morgan, Rockefeller or Gould, suggests to us wealth, or vice versa; the name of Hatfield or McCoy suggests to us a people of pugilistic tendencies.

If the reader will but think for a moment, he will think of many things that characterize the different families around about him. It may be a characteristic of morality or immorality, stoutness or thinness, intelligence or ignorance, liberalism or conservatism, drunkenness or sobriety, and hundreds of others that might be mentioned, all of which go to make up some dominant characteristics, peculiar to some race or family which make personalities of nations and families. And by these, either, in many cases, may be identified.

Dr. Eastman, a full-blooded Sioux Indian, was appointed by President Roosevelt to re-name the Indians of that tribe, giving to each of them a family name. From the recognition ex-



tended to him, it is an evident fact that he was an educated man, yet he enjoyed the chanting powwows of his tribe with whom he associated.

Another young man of the Sioux tribe, who was graduated with honors from the famous Carlisle school, after having returned to and been associated with his less intelligent kinsmen for some time, remarked: "No matter how long I might be in school away from the dancing and hunting of my tribe, I should never cease to reflect with pleasure to the good old times at home."

Medical scientists tell us that the influence of the father upon the child, if a male, is greater than that of the mother. If this be true, we can readily see why the characteristics of the people of the same family name bear resemblance to each other.

Did the mother's influence generally equal or exceed that of the father, families would soon lose all of their family characteristics, because a member of one family rarely marries a member of the same family.

Some races, of course, as well as individuals of families, have retained those marks of identification more exactly than others. It depends to a great degree, upon the physical and mental characteristics of the father and mother of nations and families, and the susceptibility of their posterity to the climatic conditions and environments of the different parts of the earth to which they have gone.

The more distinguishing characteristics of the Swiger family are that they are humble and patriotic, loving home and country; stout and hardy, all of the seven children of the original family having lived to be more than eighty years old. Most of them are farmers, there being but few professional men and women among them. They have dark hair and dark or dark-brown eyes, and according to the averaged estimates of thirty or more of the most intelligent and observing members of the family in the different sections of the country, there are no Catholics or Infidels among them; that in their church and

political affiliation, 80% are Baptists and 90% of them are affiliated with the Republican party.

To strengthen the argument of the foregoing, let it be remembered that the seven children of the original Swiger family attended church in the old Hepzibah Baptist Church at Hepzibah.

In searching through the early records of Greene and Fayette counties, Pennsylvania, we often observed the name of "Swigart," which, at first, led us to believe that there were more than seven children in the original Swiger family in America; and that those, other than the seven children who removed from Pennsylvania to Virginia, had remained in Pennsylvania. But, after much inquiry, we learned, as the following letter will show, that the "Swigart" family is a different family of people.

It is supposed, however, since the two family names are so similar, that their original ancestors were the same.

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Clarksburg, W. Va.

I have your letter of recent date inquiring of our family. The name you will note is a little different. We have always spelled ours Swigart, although, I am told there were people who originally spelled it Scheweigart. We are of German stock, however my grandfather, Samuel Swigart, with two brothers, Peter and John, settled in Mifflin county near McVeytown about eighteen hundred or earlier. Their father hailed from

Burks county and was unable to speak English at one time—so I heard my father say. So far as I know, they came from Germany along in seventeen hundred. I find there are people of this name in a number of the German counties of Pennsylvania, also in Armstrong county in the western part of the State, but I do not know much about them. My own people, in Mifflin county and places to which they have gone, are mostly members of the Dunkard Church, humble folk, loving home and family, and are engaged in various kinds of honorable industry.

I have access to some data in regard to them, but as the name is different, I presume it would not be of special interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) W. J. SWIGART.

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463 Lee Street,

Clarksburg, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing subscription for two copies of the history of the Swiger family.

I cannot understand how you have been encouraged to un-

dertake such an enterprise, but I shall be very much interested in reading the result of your work.

I came to Illinois at the close of the war and have simply grown up with the country and have been too busy to think or learn anything about my ancestors and am at times ashamed of my ignorance in this regard. I know my grandfather's name was Sanford Swiger and I somewhere have an old picture of himself and my grandmother and I can remember the names of my mother's brothers and sister.

I know still less about my father's family and I should be pleased to encourage some enterprising gentleman to undertake to write the history of that family, as I can remember when a child being told of some experiences and some remarkable performances in the Indian times, in Virginia, of my ancestors on the Ashcraft side. Whether they were true or simply fairy stories, I do not know.

There must be some of the old settlers in Clarksburg who would remember me. I am inclined to believe that Gen. Goff and I were in school when the war broke out, but he has no doubt forgotten me before this.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) EDWIN M. ASHCRAFT.

EMA, Sr.—EJ

Had all the answers to the many hundred letters the author has sent out, been so indicative of interest in his undertaking as the foregoing, it would have been most gratifying.

As has been stated in the Introduction, there has been manifested recently a great interest in the early history of the pioneers of this country to whom we are relatively connected. This interest has resulted in the organization of many family reunions, one of which is that of the Swiger family.

At Shinnston, Oct. 5, 1915, a few interested members of the

Swiger family met and formed a temporary organization. The minutes of the meeting follow:

"At a mass meeting of the Swigers of the United States, called for this date, for the purpose of organizing a Swiger Family Reunion, the following persons were present:

"Ira L. Swiger, of Clarksburg; William E. Swiger, Luther C. Swiger, Hugh H. Swiger and Muta U. Swiger, all of Shinnston.

"The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ira L. Swiger, and the following temporary officers were elected: Hugh H. Swiger, temporary chairman; Muta U. Swiger, temporary secretary.

"It was agreed that we hold a Swiger Family Reunion at the Hepzibah Baptist Church, Harrison county, W. Va., on October 17, 1915. All Swigers and their relatives are requested to be present and take part in making this a permanent organization.

"There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet at Hepzibah Church, October 17th, 1915."

(Signed) Temporary Secretary.

The following account of the first Swiger reunion appeared in the Clarksburg Sunday Telegram in its issue of Sunday, October 24th, 1915:

The first reunion of the Swiger family, and the largest ever held in Harrison county by any single family, was held at the old Hepzibah Church, Sunday, Oct. 17, 1915.

Because of regular church services being held in the church Sunday morning, the program was not begun until after the noon hour, which hour was perhaps one of the most enjoyable of the day. Baskets by the score, brought from far and near, were filled to their capacities with good things to eat, and at the noon hour it was a most pleasant sight to see the children, the middle-aged and the very old gathered around the

tables in one family reunion, bound together by the ties of relationship and good will toward men, enjoying the fruits of their labor.

It was an ideal October day, and at almost every corner of the tables old men and women were kept busy answering questions of relationship put to them by eager young men and women of the family, whom, in many instances, they had never seen before. They also related many stories of hunting and fishing, and darings of the Indians of the early days, which so thrilled the hearts of the young as to make them almost regret that they were not born sooner.

The meeting was presided over by Ira L. Swiger, and the program was rendered most pleasingly. It consisted of addresses by the Hon. Charles G. Coffman, of Clarksburg, and Hon. William J. S. Harmer, of Shinnston, and music rendered by D. L. Swiger, John M. Knox, "Jack" Harris and John Morgan.

Each of the six children of the original family had, among the 395 persons present, representatives. Among the oldest descendants, who attended the meeting, were William E. and Jedediah, of Shinnston, of the family of John; Cleotha N., of Clarksburg, of the family of Jacob; Israel, of Rinehart, and William L., of Lumberport, of the family of Christopher; George W., of Brown, and John Webster (the oldest living member), of Sardis, of the family of Mary; Israel and sister, Harriet (Harbert) Swiger, of Wallace, who are grandchildren, of the family of Elizabeth; Emma (Allen) Lyon, who represented the family of Eve and who is a grandchild.

It was voted unanimously to make the meeting an annual affair, and officers were elected as follows: President, Omar W. Swiger, of Wallace; secretary, L. D. Griffin, of Clarksburg; treasurer, William E. Swiger, of Shinnston, into whose hands a neat little sum of money was placed to defray the expenses of the next meeting; and historian, Ira L. Swiger, of Clarksburg.

After singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the meeting was adjourned to meet again next year at a time

and place to be selected by a committee of three, whose appointment the president was given power to make at some future time.

Following are the names and addresses of most of those who attended the first reunion of the Swiger family at the old Hepzibah Church, Sunday, October 17, 1915:

E. H. Bates	Clarksburg
Mrs. Bessie L. (Coffman) Bates	Clarksburg
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Omar W. Swiger	Wallace
John M. Knox	Clarksburg
D. L. Swiger	Adamston
John G. Swiger	Dola
B. T. Southern	Terra Alta
J. Allen Swiger	Dola
J. B. Swiger	Wallace
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Florus Reynolds	Hepzibah
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