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HISTORY OF  
ISAAC P. CARTER FAMILY  
AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

COMPILED BY HIS GRANDSON

HOWARD CARTER

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## PREFACE.

This little book is dedicated to the descendants of Isaac P. and Joanna (Gay) Carter in the hope that in the future some one who is more capable will take it up and write a more complete history of the family than I have been able to do.

I have written several letters in my endeavor to find out who our ancestors were, and where they came from, and have only succeeded in getting the names of my great grand-parents, Edward Carter and Esther Powers. In getting the names and date of birth, marriage and death of others, I have been dependant on other friends, and I am very thankful to them for their services; and while there may be some mistakes, and some of the history came from father to son, in the main I am satisfied that it is very near correct.

Isaac P. Carter and his children spent their lives in a new country with but little of this world's goods and I have tried to show the conditions of life that surrounded them and the hardships and inconveniences of that life with only the bare necessities of life; and especially the labor the female portion had to perform in preparing food and clothing for the family and the poor chance they had for an education and religious instructions.

HOWARD CARTER.



*Edward Carter.*

For some years I have desired a better account and history of the Carter family and to know where our ancestors came from and their nationality. It is the belief of some of us that we are descendants of Robert Carter, whose name is engraved on the Plymouth Rock monument. There is no record of the family that far back that I can find. My great grand-father's name was Edward Carter, of English descent. I have no record of his birth, marriage or death.

My great grand-mother's name was Esther Powers, Scotch-Irish descent, where or when born I failed to find out. The best accounts I have say that they were residents of Hollis, N. H., and in all probability were married there and moved to the District of Maine where their children grew up and married. Of the children born to this union I have the name of my grand-father, Isaac P., born April 27, 1770, he being the only one of the family that went west and settled in Ohio. Jonathan, Thomas and John of Waldo county; Edward of Etna, and Susan who married a Cunningham of Belmont, all lived and died in the District of Maine.

Robie, of the next generation, and Martha E., his wife, daughter of Green Carter, came to Illinois about 1862, and after staying there some years went to White Sulphur Springs, Mont., where they died. Others of the family went to Montana and engaged in cattle raising, but I do not know their names.

My great grand-parents on my grand-mother's side were David Gay and Thankful Howard of English descent. I have no date of their births, marriage or deaths. They were residents of Nova Scotia and married there. They came to the District of Maine about the time of the Revolutionary War, where their children grew up and married. My grand-mother, Joanna Gay, and one of her brothers came to Ohio about 1815 and lived there the rest of their lives. Others of the family staid in the District of Maine, so far as I know.

We have reason to believe that our ancestors were religious people of the New England Puritan stock. The children of Isaac P. Carter attest to that fact, for they were noble, hard-working men and women. All engaged in farming, clearing and improving a new country and laid a good foundation upon which future generations might build.



## (FIRST GENERATION.)

*Isaac P. Carter.*

Isaac P., son of Edward and Esther (Powers) Carter was born April 27, 1770, at Hollis, N. H. Died Sept. 18, 1826, Muskingum county, Ohio.

I know nothing of his early life, but suppose the family moved to the District of Maine previous to 1793, as we find them there at that time.

Joanna, daughter of David and Thankful (Howard) Gay, born in Nova Scotia, January 14, 1771, of English descent. Died April 22, 1841, Zanesville, Ohio. She came with the family in early life to the District of Maine where she grew up to womanhood and was married to Isaac P. Carter, July 3, 1793. They settled near Northport, Waldo county, and engaged in clearing out a heavily timbered country, farming part of the time and getting out timber for shipbuilding, with an occasional trip along the coast. To this union four sons and five daughters were born, viz:

Howard, July 28, 1794, Northport, Waldo county, Maine; died June 16, 1796, Northport, Waldo county, Maine.

Joanna, Sept. 13, 1795, Northport, Waldo county, Maine; died Dec. 14, 1885, Montville, Waldo county, Maine.

Isaac Gay, Sept. 6, 1797, Northport, Waldo county, Maine; died Jan. 29, 1869, Mathews, Grant county, Ind.

Olive, Oct. 18, 1799, Northport, Waldo county, Maine; died Sept. 19, 1844, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana.

Martha, Nov. 6, 1802, Northport, Waldo county, Maine, died Feb. 7, 1855, Palo, Linn county, Iowa.

Samuel Hillman, Mar. 10, 1808, Northport, Waldo co., Maine; died May 18, 1838, Grant county, Ind.

Thankful, April 13, 1810, Northport, Waldo county, Maine; died May 15, 1862, Palo, Linn county, Iowa.

Esther Ann, July 1, 1814, Northport, Waldo county, Maine; died June 20, 1865, West Lima, Richland county, Wis.

David Gay, Dec. 20, 1817, Columbus, Franklin co., Ohio; died Oct. 1, 1880, West Lima, Richland county, Wis.

I have no way to find out about the family life while in the District of Maine, only what father told us. The winters were long and the snow was deep. It had to be tramped down to



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make the road so they could travel, and to do this teams of oxen were out in the snow and packed it down until the road was as high as the fences and then the snow blew off to the sea. Perhaps the rigorous winters and the poor farming country had something to do in causing them to leave that country for a more congenial climate. In 1815, the family consisting of father, mother and six children, started for Ohio, leaving one child (Joanna) married in Maine. There were no railroads nor suitable waterways to travel upon at that time. The only way was to go with teams and wagons, so the trip occupied about all of one summer. He said that after crossing the mountains in Pennsylvania they came to the Allegheny river where lumber was rafted down to the Ohio river and on down to Cincinnati, so they got their horses, wagons and family on a raft and helped run it to Marietta, Ohio. Here they got off and went northwest to Perry county. After a short stay there they went to Franklin county. While there, father helped to lay out the town of Columbus. The state bought the land and the town was laid out in the woods. A few years after they went to Muskingum county, where they located on land and cleared it up for a home. The experience of a new country was their lot and their children got but very little schooling and none of the comforts of life that are enjoyed by their grand-children.

They were members of the Baptist church and the children were taught to love and serve the Lord. Some of them held to the Baptist belief through life, while others went to the M. E. and other churches, but all were good Christian citizens as their children in future generations show.





## (SECOND GENERATION.)

*Joanna (Carter) (Foster) Carter.*

Joanna, first daughter of Isaac P. and Joanna (Gay) Carter, was born Sept. 13, 1795, at Northport, Waldo county, Maine; died Dec. 14, 1885, at Montville, Waldo county, Maine.

What is now the state of Maine was at this date called the District of Maine and was governed by the laws of New Hampshire. It was of course a new country and a great many were engaged in getting out timber for shipbuilding. Not being a good country for farming, potatoes and fish were a good part of their diet.

Here she spent her childhood and youthful days and being the oldest of the family, she had but little of the pleasures of childhood or youth; but a great deal of hard work fell to her lot. At an early age she worked away from home to make a living and thought best to marry and have a home of her own. She was married Sept. 28, 1812, to Thomas D. Foster, a widower with four children. He was born Oct. 8, 1782, at Bristol, Maine; died July 30, 1835, at Montville, Waldo county, Maine. I cannot find the names of his parents nor his nativity.

Twelve children were born to them:

Robert M., June 28, 1813, Montville, Waldo county, Maine; died July 17, 1834, Montville, Waldo county, Maine.

Esther C., Sept. 17, 1814, Montville, Waldo county, Maine; died Oct. 31, 1889, Montville, Waldo county, Maine.

Ann C., Nov. 17, 1816, Montville, Waldo county, Maine; died Oct. 13, 1848, New York City, New York.

Eliza J., July 20, 1818, Montville, Waldo county, Maine; died Oct. 16, 1852, Belfast, Waldo county, Maine.

Thomas D., June 6, 1820, Montville, Waldo county, Maine; died June 27, 1820, Montville, Waldo county, Maine.

Ebenezer, May 7, 1821, Montville, Waldo county, Maine; died Oct. 25, 1861, Montville, Waldo county, Maine.

Sarah G., Aug. 6, 1823, Montville, Waldo county, Maine; died Aug. 13, 1825, Montville, Waldo county, Maine.

Isaac H., April 5, 1826, Montville, Waldo county, Maine; died Sept. 18, 1826, Montville, Waldo county, Maine.



Thomas A., Feb. 20, 1827, Montville, Waldo county, Maine; died Nov. 27, 1896. (Place not known.)

Olive P., Dec. 31, 1830, Montville, Waldo county, Maine; died Aug. 27, 1847, Montville, Waldo county, Maine.

Arthur C., Nov. 19, 1833, Montville, Waldo county, Maine; died Oct. 15, 1858, Montville, Waldo county, Maine.

Joanna A., May 21, 1835, Montville, Waldo county, Maine; died Oct. 1, 1835, Montville, Waldo county, Maine.

They lived in Montville and here their children were born, and here he died, leaving a large family for the widow to care for. She was the only one of the family that did not go to Ohio.

She married her cousin, Green Carter, Sept. 30, 1838, a widower with four children, born Aug. 24, 1798, Northport, Waldo county, Maine; died March 1, 1877, Montville, Waldo county, Maine. To this union one child was born, Ira Frank, Oct. 17, 1839, Montville, Waldo county, Maine; died May 20, 1898, Belfast, Waldo county, Maine.

In 1840 her brother Isaac went to visit her from Indiana, the only one of the family that went back to Maine on a visit. It was slow traveling then compared to the present. Only 100 miles by railroad. Steamboat from Cleveland, Ohio, to Buffalo, N. Y. Canals, stage coaches and horse back for the rest of the trip which took about all summer. Letters at that time cost 25 cents postage payable by the receiver, and but few letters were sent. He did not know she was married, so both of them were surprised.

In 1854 both of them visited Indiana where most of her brothers and sisters lived, and it was a visit highly appreciated by all of us. When Ira was born she was mother and step-mother of twenty-one children.

During the thirty-nine years of their married life their children grew up and got homes of their own, leaving them some years by themselves which were spent very pleasantly. One of her grandsons in speaking of the last years of their lives, says that "he was a lovable old man and very kind to my grandmother. A man of honor, enjoying the confidence and respect of the community in which they lived." Of her he says that "she was one of God's choicest productions." She lived and died in Waldo county. After keeping house sixty-five years,



she was very loath to quit, but as none of her relatives could come and live with her, she went and lived with one of her grandsons. She was a very pious woman of the Baptist faith and the writer well remembers the kind instructions and loving letters that he received from her. When she died, he felt that he had lost a dear aunt indeed. May God help us to follow Jesus as she did and do good work for the Master.

### *Isaac Gay Carter.*

Isaac Gay, second son of Isaac P. and Joanna (Gay) Carter was born Sept. 6 1797, Northport, Waldo county, Maine; died Jan. 29, 1869, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.

He with his father's family came to Ohio when he was about eighteen years old and settled in Perry county. Here he became acquainted with Harriet, fourth daughter of Joshua and Sarah (Chapman) Josselyn of English descent, born June 9, 1802, in Waldo county, Maine; died April 1, 1863, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. She came to Ohio with her father's family in 1817. Moving was then done in wagons drawn by horses. They settled in Perry county where she was married to Isaac G. Carter, Dec. 16, 1819. To this union ten children were born:

Edward, Nov. 16, 1820, Zanesville, Muskingum co., Ohio; died Nov. 16, 1820, Zanesville, Muskingum co., Ohio.

Ira Josselyn, March 15, 1822, Zanesville, Muskingum co., O.; died March 21, 1899, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.

Howard, April 7, 1825, Zanesville, Muskingum county, O. died 19—.

Joseph Aug. 2, 1828, Zanesville, Muskingum county, O.; died Feb. 1, 1901, Griswold, Cass county, Iowa.

Elijah, Nov. 28, 1830, Zanesville, Muskingum co., Ohio: died , 19—.

John Hooper, Nov. 25, 1832, Zanesville, Muskingum co., O. died 19—.

Albert, May 2, 1835, Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio. died May 13, 1837, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana.

Lewis, July 13, 1839, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana, died April 13, 1902, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana.

Oliver Perry, May 11, 1842, Matthews, Grant county, Ind., died July 13, 1871, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana.





*Isaac G. Carter.*





Alfred, Sept. 15, 1844, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana, died Oct. 19, 1844, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana.

After their marriage they moved to Zanesville where he engaged in making brick and building houses in that new town. And although they had but little of this world's goods, in 1830 they bought a farm of 106 acres seven miles west of Zanesville and engaged in farming. In 1834 they sold their farm and that fall went on horseback in company with others to northern Ohio in search of a place to make a home, but not finding anything to suit them they went on to Indiana and bought land in the southeast part of Grant county, paying \$200 for 111 acres and entering 160 acres at \$1.25 per acre. It was all heavily timbered land consisting of oak, walnut, sugar tree, elm, beech, hickory, ash, poplar, spice brush and other kinds of timber and brush. In April 1835 he, with his two oldest sons, Ira and Howard went to the land—two hundred miles—a trip of ten days and put up a cabin eighteen feet square, put a roof on it, hewed puncheons and put in a floor, chinked the cracks, but did not get a chimney built nor any mortar in the cracks. They deadened some timber, rented some land, and raised some corn, then went back to Ohio. In September of that year they put all their belongings on two two-horse wagons and moved to their new home on the bank of the Mississinewa river. The family then consisted of the father, mother and six boys, the oldest a little over thirteen years and the youngest four months. Two cows were driven to the new home, which were very useful to the family.

The clearing of the land, all green timber, in a country subject to fever and ague, was a hard job; but by hard work they had ten acres fenced and partially cleared so that they put it in corn the next spring. But there was so much green timber left on the land that the crop did not amount to much. The writer well remembers of going to mill seven to ten miles with a sack of corn on a horse and he on top of it. Starting early in the morning—first there got his ground first—and many times we went home without it and back after it another day.

The chief diet was corn prepared in different ways, and pork with occasionally some game; in short, "hog and hominy." In 1842 they moved into a brick house they put up that year and finished it off the next year, glad to get out of the cabin. The



first cooking stove they owned was bought in 1845 and was a good one in the way of cooking. The boys only got to go to school three months in the year, and the older ones did not study grammar any, yet five of the seven that grew to manhood taught school. Religiously Mr. Carter was raised in the Baptist faith, but some years after their marriage he joined the M. E. church which she joined while quite young, and they lived to see their seven boys that grew up members of the church and good, honest citizens. No preachers among them nor any to hold important offices in state or county, but many of the school and township offices.

### *Olive (Carter) Heal.*

Olive, second daughter of Isaac P. and Joanna (Gay) Carter, was born Oct. 18, 1799, Northport, Waldo county, Maine, died Sept. 19, 1844, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana.

Her childhood days were spent in the bleak, cold climate of the District of Maine. In 1815 she, with her parents, came to Ohio, stopping first in Perry county. After a short stay there they moved to Franklin county, then to Muskingum county. Her young womanhood being spent in the above named counties, she sharing the hardships and privations of a new country with the rest of the family, and being the oldest girl at home she was deprived of what little school there was, for parents among the common people did not think it necessary for a girl to have any education, except to spell, read and write. But being an apt scholar and a woman of good sense, in spite of all the difficulties that surrounded her, she wrote a memoir of her life, which her brother finished after her death, and one of her sons rewrote, intending to have it published, but did not get it done, and the manuscript was destroyed when his house burned.

William Heal, son of David Heal, a native of France, was born Oct. 29, 1791, District of Maine, died April 16, 1847, Delaware county, Indiana.

At nine years of age he went to live with Ephraim Fletcher, where he grew to manhood. He went as a substitute for Mr. Fletcher's son, who was drafted in the war of 1812. After he was discharged he enlisted in the regular army and served three years. Soon after he was discharged from the army he went to



Ohio, walking all the way, and was married to Olive Carter, Dec. 24, 1818. Muskingum county, Ohio. To this union nine children were born, six sons and three daughters:

Sarah Joanna, March 30, 1820, Muskingum county, Ohio; died Sept. 17, 1898, Lansing, Mich.

Isaac C., December 22, 1821, Muskingum county, Ohio; died July 28, 1822, Muskingum county, Ohio.

David, Nov. 5, 1823, Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio; died Oct. 23, 1904, Delaware county, Indiana.

Martha, March 4, 1826, Zanesville, Muskingum county O.; died Feb. 8, 1847, Rock Island, Illinois.

James M., July 20, 1828, Muskingum county, Ohio; died April 19, 1886, Grant county, Indiana.

John Wilson, Feb. 12, 1831, Delaware county, Indiana; died 19—.

William, Feb. 19, 1832, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind.; died March 19, 1900, Viola, Richland county, Wisconsin.

Harriet, April 3, 1833, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana; died Oct. 28, 1886, Marion, Grant county, Indiana.

Ephraim Fletcher, March 28, 1838, Delaware county, Ind.; died Dec. 15, 1844, Delaware county, Indiana.

The first years of their married life were spent in Muskingum county, Ohio. A part of the time he and his brother-in-law, Isaac G. Carter, were engaged in making brick and building houses in Zanesville, and other work incidental to clearing up and improving a new country.

In 1829 they with their family of four children moved to Indiana and settled in the northeast part of Delaware county on the Mississinewa river, a new country, heavily timbered, plenty of fever and ague, but neighbors scarce. Deer and other wild animals were plenty and some Indians on hand for neighbors. It was no small job to clear out a farm.

They builded their cabin on high land above a beautiful spring of water. The bottom land appeared the most attractive for farming purposes and the first clearing was done there and, as they were just getting started and a beautiful piece of corn growing, a heavy rain fell July 3, 1834, and raised the river so that it spoiled all the corn on the bottom land which was a great loss to them. But he was not one to get entirely discouraged,



so while the water covered so much of their cleared land he went to work clearing up the high land.

They had one of the best sugar camps in the country and the writer well remembers the good times he had in occasionally helping at the sugar camp and eating sugar. He was a man without any education, but he saw the necessity of it, and before there were any schools they opened their house and she taught her own and her neighbors' children what she could. The first school house built in their neighborhood was built on their land and the boys made good use of it so that three of them taught in the common schools of the country.

I have no words to describe the labor and sacrifice of this noble couple, especially the mother, who had the spinning and weaving to do to clothe her family. Their house was always open to all that came and he was always ready to attend the sick.

The missionaries of the M. E. church always found a home there and meetings were held in their house until a log church was built on land adjoining theirs and called Olive Branch, in her honor. The church is now gone and they lie buried on land that they gave for a cemetery adjoining the church lot; but the memory of their good deeds is still cherished by all that knew them.

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### *Martha (Carter) Jobs.*

Martha, third daughter of Isaac P. and Joanna (Gay) Carter, was born Nov. 6, 1802, Northport, Waldo county, Maine; died May 18, 1855 Palo, Linn county, Iowa.

She with her parents and family came to Ohio the year she was thirteen years old and endured all the hardships of the new country to which they came. It was like making a home in the wilderness when they commenced to make a home in Muskingum county, Ohio; but they succeeded by hard work.

The clothing worn was mostly home spun and was made by the female portion of the family, and the girls learned all the business of raising and preparing the flax for the loom and weaving it into linen for sheets and wearing apparel. The wool was carded by hand, and spun by the girls and woven into jeans and linsey for the boys and flannel for the girls. A garment made of this





kind of goods and sewed with flax thread of their own make was of some service and lasted a long time. She was married Dec. 7, 1823, to William Jobes. (The records of the family were destroyed by fire in Linn county, Iowa, and some of the following dates are only approximately correct.) Of his parentage, or when or where born, I have nothing farther than that the family came from Virginia. He died about 1846 at Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana. No children were born to this union. They lived in Muskingum county, Ohio, nine or ten years and then moved to Delaware county, Indiana, bought some land and made them a home in the new country. While he was clearing out a farm she kept the loom going supplying goods for the neighbors and friends. Farming not suiting him, they sold out their farm and went to Wheeling, a small town nearby, and he engaged in freighting to Cincinnati, in which business he was engaged at the time of his death. Soon after his death she moved to Grant county near where her brother Isaac lived.

She married John Lewis the winter of 1848, a widower and old acquaintance, and went with him to his home in Linn county, Iowa, in a wagon that winter. He was a noble man, a leader in the Methodist church, and did what he could to make her last days pleasant and happy. She was one of God's noble women, and although she had no children to bless her memory, many of her nephews and nieces remember her kindness to them and she will not be forgotten while they live.

Religiously she was strong in the Baptist faith in which she was raised. They are now both gone, he living a few years longer than she, and we trust will meet again in the resurrection of the just.

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### *Samuel Hillman Carter.*

Samuel Hillman, third son of Isaac P. and Joanna (Gay) Carter, born March 10, 1808, Northport, Waldo county, Maine; died May 18, 1838, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana.

The year he was seven years old he came with his parents and family to Ohio, stopping first at Marietta. After a few years spent in looking for a suitable place to locate they took up a piece of unimproved land in Muskingum county. Here he grew to manhood, sharing the privations and hardships with the rest of the family of making a home in the woods, which was a hard



job. He had a very poor chance to go to school and got but little education or church privileges. In the twentieth year of his age he was married to Martha Jobes, Sept. 9, 1827, Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio. I cannot find out the names or nativity of her parents, only the Jobes family came from Virginia. She was born Feb. 8, 1811, in Virginia; died Aug. 8, 1834, Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio. To this union three children were born:

William, Nov. 24, 1828, Zanesville, Muskingum county, O.; died April 4, 1888, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa.

Isaac J., Aug. 27, 1830, Zanesville, Muskingum county, O.; died July 1, 1897, Elwood, Madison county, Indiana.

Asa, Sept. 26, 1832, Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio; died 19—.

They settled near the home of his parents and fixed them a good home, but that dread disease, consumption, fastened on this beautiful young mother and she was soon called to leave her husband and boys for others to care for. He got a widow lady and her daughter to move into the house and care for them a while; but as that was not very satisfactory he sought another companion and was married to Mary Owings, April 25, 1835, daughter of Richard and Nancy Owings, English descent, born July 26, 1814, (place not known) died April 28, 1891, Grant county, Indiana. To this union two children were born:

Richard, March 6, 1836, Zanesville, Muskingum county, O.; died March 5, 1837, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana.

Joanna, July 23, 1837, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana; died 19—.

In the fall of 1836 they moved to Grant county, Indiana, and lived that winter in a house he rented of his brother Isaac. The next spring they put up a house on land of their own, expecting to clear out a farm, but consumption was fastened upon him before he left Ohio. It affected his throat so that he could not speak except in a whisper the most of the time he was in Indiana. He died May 18, 1838, leaving her to care for four children, with but little cleared land and nothing to help them but what they earned and raised. But she faithfully did the best she could till she married Mason Brown, Nov. 15, 1844, by whom she had five children and lived to a good old age, loved and respected by all who knew her.



The boys went with other friends and relatives to live and grew to manhood, good, honest men and citizens of the country. Isaac went to the army during the Civil War and did good service for his country till he was honorably discharged at the close of the war.

Mr. Carter and wife joined the M. E. church soon after they came to Indiana, and he lived faithful to his Master the few months he was permitted to live, and dying left good evidence of eternal life through Jesus his Lord.

Mr. Brown made no profession of religion and she, having a poor chance to attend church, soon lost her identity with the M. E. church, but held to the faith of the Baptist church, in which doctrine she was raised. She was a good woman, a faithful mother, and her children honor and bless her name.

### *Thankful (Carter) (Jewett) Blackburn.*

Thankful, fourth daughter of Isaac P. and Joanna (Gay) Carter, born April 13, 1810, Northport, Waldo county, Maine; died May 15, 1862, Palo, Linn county, Iowa.

She with her parents and family came from Maine to Ohio in 1815, settling first in Perry county, but soon after they got land in Muskingum county and made them a home. There she grew to womanhood, in a heavily timbered country where it was hard to get the necessaries of life, and the hardships of a new country were her lot. Church and school privileges were not good, and she got but little education.

Nathan Jewett, son of Amos Jewett, place of birth and date not known, died Jan. 1, 1829, Muskingum county, Ohio.

He was married to Thankful Carter, Dec. 21, 1825, in Muskingum county, Ohio. To them two children were born:

Isaac Thomas, Nov. 13, 1826, Muskingum county, Ohio; died March 29, 1896, Washington county, Ohio.

Samuel Hillman, June 11, 1828, Muskingum county, Ohio; died Jan. 31, 1877, Morgan county, Ohio.

Nov. 2, 1831, she married James Blackburn, son of Joseph Blackburn, of Pennsylvania. Born May 8, 1808, Pennsylvania, died Dec. 20, 1876, Palo, Linn county, Iowa. To this union ten children were born:

Joanna, September 7, 1832, Morgan county, Ohio; died 18—.



Joseph, June 5, 1834, Muskingum county, Ohio;  
died March 5, 1835, Muskingum county, Ohio.

David C., February 7, 1836, Muskingum county, Ohio;  
died 19—.

Rebecca C., March 10, 1838, Muskingum county, Ohio;  
died 19—.

Martha Ann, September 19, 1840, Muskingum county, Ohio;  
died 19—.

Thankful Samantha, March 20, 1843, Morgan county, Ohio;  
died 19 .

Margaret Jane, January 12, 1846, Morgan county, Ohio;  
died 19 .

Zacheus Taylor, November 21, 1848, Morgan county, Ohio;  
died 19 .

John William, April 19, 1852, Palo, Linn county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

Olive H., September 24, 1854, Palo, Linn county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

The most of their first years of married life was spent in Muskingum county, but in 1841 they bought land in the north-east part of Morgan county and engaged in clearing and farming in a very hilly, heavily timbered country. It was no small job to make a farm and get a living. There were no cooking stoves at this time, and the cooking was all done on an open fire. Their clothing was home-made, and the spinning of wool, flax and tow, and the weaving of it into cloth and making it into garments kept the women and girls busy, and all engaged in this important business. In the fall of 1849 they sold all their possessions in Ohio and moved to Iowa, going by water down the Muskingum and Ohio rivers to Cairo, and up the Mississippi to Muscatine. There were no railroads then in this part of Iowa, so they hired teams to take them to her sister, Martha, twelve miles above Cedar Rapids, on the Cedar river, arriving there Nov. 10. Here they found a home with her sister and her noble husband (John Lewis) for the winter. They were financially broke, so Mr. Lewis furnished the provisions for the family, which consisted of father, mother and seven children, which were thankfully received, and they in return for the kindness did what work they could for him during the winter. In the spring they moved on a farm and went to farming. Prosperity followed





their labors and before many years passed they had a farm of their own. After her death he married a widow, with whom he spent the rest of his life. No children were born to this union and the others soon grew to manhood and womanhood and went to homes of th ir own, leaving the old folks alone. They were members of the Methodist church, and the instruction given to the children brought most, if not all, of them into the same church.

Samuel Hillman Jewett was a preacher in the Free Methodist church.

### *Esther Ann (Carter) Smith.*

Esther Ann, fifth daughter of Isaac P. and Joanna (Gay) Carter, was born July 1, 1814, at Northport, Waldo county, Maine, died June 20, 1865, West Lima, Richland county, Wisconsin.

She was the youngest of the family when they moved from Maine to Ohio. Her childhood and youthful days were spent with the family, she sharing all the hardships or making a home in a new country, seven miles west of Zanesville. But being raised in a new country did not keep her from getting married, and before she was eighteen years old was married to Matthew R. Smith, May 24, 1832, Muskingum county, Ohio. He was the son of William and Catherine (Smith) Smith, born Oct. 4, 1809, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, died Dec. 1, 1883, in Tennessee. His father was born in Wales, his mother in Ireland. To this union fourteen children were born:

Isaac, April 8, 1833, Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio;  
died 19 .

Martha, Nov. 15, 1834, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind.;  
died ~ 19 .

John, Nov. 7, 1836, Wheeling, Delaware, county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Mary Ann, Nov. 22, 1838, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Melinda Jane, Jan. 6, 1841, Wheeling, Delaware co. Ind.;  
died Dec. 20, 1868, West Lima, Richland county, Wis.

George Wash., Mar. 3, 1843, Wheeling, Delaware co., Ind.;  
died 19 .



David C., June 26, 1845, Wheeling, Delaware co., Ind.;  
died 19 . /

Amanda Caroline, Dec. 7, 1847, Wheeling, Delaware co. Ind.;  
died 19 .

Joseph Lewis, Aug. 26, 1849, Wheeling, Delaware co. Ind.;  
died 19 .

Lucetta, Nov. 24, 1851, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind ;  
died June 13, 1881, West Lima, Richland county, Wis.

Wm. Melvin, Jan. 16, 1854, Wheeling, Delaware co., Ind.;  
died May 18, 1864, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana.

Sarah Joanna, May 7, 1856, Wheeling, Delaware co., Ind.;  
died June 27, 1856, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana.

Olive, June 10, 1857, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana;  
died June 10, 1857, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana.

Esther Ellen, July 27, 1858, Wheeling, Delaware co., Ind.;  
died 19 .

The first two years of their married life was spent in Muskingum county, near the homestead, but during the year 1834 they moved to Indiana and bought land all heavily timbered in Delaware county and put up a small cabin for a home. The country was very level, and as the clearing was often finished in the spring of the year it was a difficult job to burn the brush and logs on account of their water-soaked condition, and the crop did not amount to much where there was so much green timber left standing on the ground. But by renting some cleared land a few miles away and clearing their's as fast as they could, they succeeded in making a living, if the food was of the coarsest quality. No fruit except what grew wild, so crab-apples were at a premium for sauce and dried pumpkins and pumpkin butter was a good thing for winter time and there was usually an ample supply of that kind of goods on hand. During the thirty-one years they lived in Indiana they added more land to their first purchase. and cleared out a farm, put them up a good frame house and barn, and the children grew up and some of them married. No shoe stores to buy shoes at, but the leather was bought or hides tanned into leather, and the shoemaker often came to the house to make the shoes, and such shoes were of some service and lasted till spring, but sometimes the shoemaker did not get around till Christmas to make shoes for the bare feet. Wolves in Indiana were called timber wolves and were larger



and more ferocious than the prairie wolves of Iowa or the coyotes west of the Missouri river, and often during the night they would run the dog to the door and the dog and wolves would make the night hideous with their barking and howling, making the mother fearful for the safety of herself and children.

In 1864 they sold the farm and in the spring of 1865 moved in a wagon, camping out by the way, to Wisconsin and settled near West Lima, Richland county. In June, 1865, the wife and mother died. The children, except Martha, moved to Wisconsin and were with her at the time of her death. The next year he married a widow lady and the family moved to Fancy Creek, near Richland Center. The children grew up and by the help of the father all got homes of their own, which some of them sold and went to Iowa, but the most of them stayed in Wisconsin. In the year of 1883, he moved with his family of five children (four living, one dead by his second wife) to Tennessee, where he died and was buried December 1, 1883. They were both raised in the Baptist faith. He never made a public profession of a Christian life, but she was one of God's noble Christian mother's and did what she could to instruct the children to love and serve the Lord and a good part of them follow the mother's Christian example and all are good citizens.

### *David Gay Carter.*

David Gay, fourth son of Isaac P. and Joanna (Gay) Carter, was born Dec. 20, 1817, in Columbus, Franklin county, Ohio; died Oct. 1, 1880, West Lima, Richland county, Wis.

In his childhood he, with his parents, moved to Muskingum county, where they settled on an unimproved piece of land to make them a home and here he grew to manhood. Church and school privileges were not good and his chance for an education very limited, but making the best use of what he had, he got as good an education as the country afforded. He became acquainted with Ruhamah Bayles, daughter of Aden and Sarah Bayles, born May 12, 1818, in Frederick county, Virginia, died April 8, 1905, West Lima, Wis.

They were married June 24, 1841, in Muskingum county. To this union six children were born:

William Harrison- April 19, 1842, Muskingum county, Ohio; died Feb. 5, 1879, West Lima, Richland county, Wisconsin.



Samuel Hillman, Nov. 18, 1843, Muskingum county, Ohio;  
died 19 .

George, March 17, 1847, Upland, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Calvin, June 21, 1848, Upland, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Sarah Adeline, July 4, 1850, Upland, Grant county, Indiana;  
died Oct. 29, 1888, West Lima, Wis.

Alonzo Theodore, Feb. 7, 1853, Upland, Grant county, Ind. ;  
died 19 .

They lived a few years in Muskingum county, Ohio. but thinking they could do better farther west, in the fall of 1844, they moved to Grant county, Indiana. Here he bought a partly improved farm of eighty acres and fixed it up for a home, but the restless spirit which so many Americans possess, caused him to sell that farm, and in the spring of 1856 he started west again, with the intention of settling in southern Wisconsin, near Brodhead, but not finding anything to suit them they went to Linn county, Iowa. He then went to Mahaska county looking for a home and on his way back to Linn county, bought a farm in Keokuk county, near Sigourney, to which he moved his family in June, 1856. Not being satisfied with that place, in the fall of 1858, they traded that farm for land in Marshal county, Indiana. Went back to their old home in Grant county and stayed with friends till the next spring, when they moved to their farm in Marshal county and fixed it up for a home, and lived there till the spring of 1865. They went again to Wisconsin and bought land near West Lima, Richland county. This moving was all done in wagons and was a tiresome job, but the restless spirit of American life urged them on to find something better and give their children a better chance for making a living.

There were some improvements on this land, and by clearing out more of it and putting up a better building they soon had a pleasant, convenient home, and being better satisfied the children almost all settled near the old home which they own yet. She is living with her son, George, a widower, where she has a pleasant home, beloved by all who know her for her loving, gentle, forgiving disposition. He was a good man, a good neighbor, conscientious in all his dealings with his fellowmen, a firm believer in the doctrines of the Baptist church to which he was very much attached, and he with his kind, amiable wife made a pleasant home for their children, which they loved very much.





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(THIRD GENERATION.)

*Ira Josselyn Carter.*

Ira Josselyn, second son of Isaac G. and Harriet (Josselyn) Carter, (son of Isaac P. Carter) was born March 15, 1822, Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, died March 21, 1899, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana.

The first years of his life were spent in the county of his birth, most of the time on a farm, seven miles west of Zanesville. The spring he was thirteen years old he came with his father to Grant county, Indiana, where his father had bought land, all heavily timbered. His father rented some cleared land and he helped to tend a crop of corn and put up a cabin in the woods and deaden some timber on his father's land. They went back to Ohio in July, and in September the family moved to the cabin in the woods. His young manhood was spent in clearing and farming among the trees, stumps and roots, and many a time he got a lick on the shin by a broken root while following the plow. The breaking plows were made of cast iron and did not scour very well.

After the ground was plowed, they took one horse to a big shovel plow and furrowed it out one way. Then one man furrowed the other way, one man dropped the corn and three or four boys with hoes covered it up. Eight acres was a good day's work. No harrowing was done, and after the corn was up big enough to plow, the same plow was used on that rough, cloddy ground, going two or three times in a row with two or three following to uncover and hoe the corn. No one thought of raising corn without hoeing it.

I will give you a description of clearing the first ten acres on his father's farm in Grant county, Indiana. The timber was thick and all sizes from brush to trees one hundred feet high. What a man could span with one hand at breast high and under were grubs, and it took a man three or four days to grub an acre. This brush was then piled in heaps, and the small timber to about one foot through cut down, the brush all being piled together and burnt. Enough of the timber that split well was made into rails to fence the field. The fallen trees and other stuff was then cut into lengths of about twelve feet, ready for



piling to burn. This was our work in the winter. In the spring the log rolling was done, a job on which the neighbors helped. A team of oxen or horses with five or six men with handspikes made a good gang for rolling logs. The burning of the heaps, consisting of logs wet and partly rotten, filled in with the green poles, was no easy job. All the chunks were picked off the ground to get the fire started and it required close attention to get them burned up.

The standing timber was girdled and left to die. Oak trees would die the first year, beech, sugar trees and white elm would come out in leaf for two or three years.

We went in among the stumps and standing timber to plow and raise corn. Birds and ground squirrels took some of it as soon as it was through the ground and as soon as it was in roasting ear the blackbirds, squirrels and raccoons would get a part of it, leaving but little for the farmer. In the course of three or four years the timber left would get dry and be cut down and the clearing finished, except the stumps, which lasted several years, walnut being the last to go.

No pastures being fenced, the cows and horses were turned out in the woods with a good bell on and the farmer had to go for his horses before he commenced work in the morning. Ira had his full share of that to do and many a mosquito bite he got while listening for the bell. The fall after he became of age he visited the scenes of his childhood, coming back in the spring of 1844, after spending the winter with relatives there. Most of the trip was made on foot.

July 25, 1844, he was married to Eliza Ann Corn, third daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Sade) Corn. Mr. Corn was of Scotch descent and came from the state of Georgia. Miss Sade was of English descent and came from Kentucky.

Eliza Ann Corn was born June 5, 1825, Rush county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

She came with her parents and family to Grant county when she was about twelve years old, where she grew to womanhood. They lived in a very level, heavily timbered country, full of slashes where the water could not run away on account of the timber and logs and dried up there, causing plenty of fever and ague.

The trip from her home to his father's home after the wed-



ding was made on horseback, the bride and groom going before and other couples following about four rods apart to keep from splashing mud and water on those before when going through the slashes, where the water was knee deep to to the horses in places.

To this union eleven children were born:

Permelia Jane, Sept. 24, 1845, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.;  
died Feb. 19, 1846, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.

Harriet Catharine, Nov. 6, 1846, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.;  
died Aug. 9, 1854, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.

Gilbert, Nov. 12, 1848, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.;  
died Sept. 16, 1849, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.

Joseph Newton, July 24, 1850, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.;  
died 19 .

Olive, Dec. 19, 1852, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Levi Lewis, April 13, 1855, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.;  
died 19 .

Mary Elvira, Oct. 2, 1857, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.;  
died 19 .

Isaac Lyman, Oct. 30, 1860, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.;  
died 19 .

Selina Doretha, Feb. 10, 1862, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.;  
died Nov. 21, 1879, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.

Jerusha, Jan. 18, 1866, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Anna Augusta, Sept. 26, 1868, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.;  
died 19 .

His father helped him to eighty acres of land worth two hundred dollars. They put up a log house and went to work to clear out a farm, which was no small job. After working on the land a few years they sold it and bought eighty acres nearby that was better improved. They built them a good house and barn and she lives there yet. After he came to Indiana his residence was within two miles of the homestead all of the time and at his death he was the oldest continual resident of the township. He was a good citizen, teaching school part of the time. He was justice of the peace for several years. He was



appointed postmaster of Trask postoffice Oct. 1. 1865, and held the office continually for twenty-seven years and gave it up when he felt too old to attend to it. He took an active part in the improvement of the country and schools which were very much better than he enjoyed. At his death he and his children owned most of the old homestead. The children are good citizens and all live near the old home.

His parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and early in life he united with that church. His wife was born of parents that held to the Baptist church. After their marriage she united with the Methodist church with him and when the time came to build a church in the neighborhood they donated to the church a lot for that purpose, besides helping in other ways with the church building. Their children hold to the Methodist church, but with the exception of one have not taken a decided stand by church relationship, but are good neighbors and honest citizens.

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### *Howard Carter.*

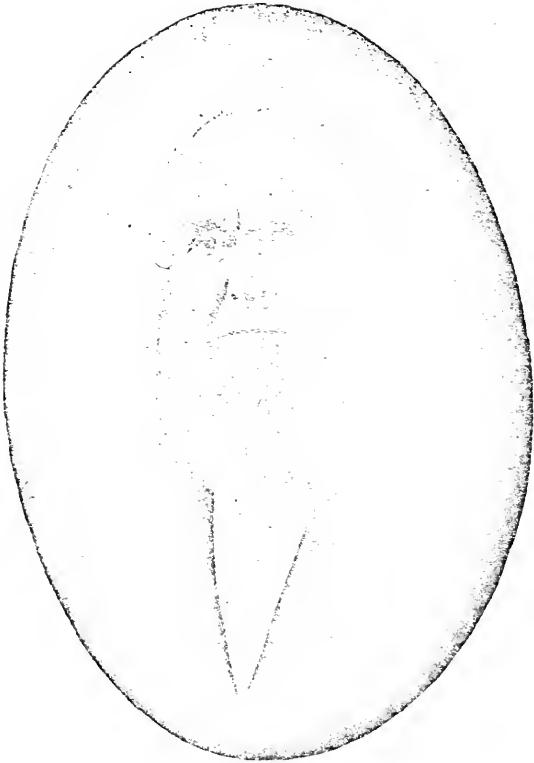
Howard, third son of Isaac G. and Harriet (Joselyn) Carter (son of Isaae P. Carter) was born April 7, 1825, Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, died *may 5, 1907.*

I was born in the east part of the county, but at my first recollection we were living on a farm seven miles west of Zanesville. We had plenty of apples on the farm and among the incidents of my early life I remember helping to gather the apples and hauling them in my little wagon and helping to make cider. We pounded the apples in a large trough and pressed them in a wooden press—and how I liked the cider.

In 1834 father sold that farm and went to Indiana and bought land in Grant county. The next spring I was ten years old and in company with father and my elder brother went to the land in wagons—one two-horse and one one-horse. On this trip I first saw a friction match, and also a new country, bad roads and rough corduroy bridges. We went back to Ohio in July and in September 1835, the family, consisting of father, mother and six boys, moved to the land and into the unfinished cabin in the woods. When I look back to this time I know that I did not realize the work and difficulties that were before us in







*Howard Carter.*



making a farm in that heavily timbered country. We had no school to go to that winter, but we all had axes and had the privilege of cutting and piling as much brush as we wanted to, and this was the start of the second decade of my life. My time till I was of age was spent in this hard work and farming among the trees, stumps and roots, of which work I did my full share.

I went to school about three months during the year to what I now think was a very poor school in which spelling, reading, writing, and arithmetic were all that were taught. During my school days I never saw a girl study arithmetic and but one pupil study grammar and that for a single term.

During the thirty years I lived in Indiana fever and ague was a very common complaint, always worse in the fall of the year and often some one would have an occasional attack of it during the winter which we called wintering the ague. But in spite of the hardships of a new country, we had our chopping and quilting parties when the boys would chop and pile brush to help some neighbor with his clearing and the girls would do some quilting, ending with a social party at night which all enjoyed. Log rollings and house raisings also brought us together, adding to the enjoyments of life.

After I was of age I visited the scenes of my childhood in Ohio, going in a wagon as there were no railroads then. I look back to that visit and think of the country cousin visiting his cousin in town and I was that country cousin.

About 1847 I commenced to run a threshing machine which father and a neighbor bought for one hundred and twenty-five dollars. It was a four horse power machine and our outfit consisted of two men, four horses and two wagons on which the machine was loaded when we moved it. Two hundred bushels of wheat was a good day's work. The machine did not clean the grain. The straw was raked off with hand rakes as it came from the machine and the grain piled up on the barn floor, chaff and all, or put in rail pens, the cracks being stopped with straw. It was cleaned afterwards with fanning mills made for that purpose and we did not know how many bushels we had threshed till it was cleaned up and the farmer made report. This was about the first threshing done by machinery in that country, and the first in some neighborhoods. Men, women and children came to see the threshing machine run.



Father helped me to eighty acres of heavily timbered land worth two hundred dollars, which I commenced to improve, but having a chance to sell it at an advance, I sold it and bought another eighty acres for \$900 in a better location with a house and stable on it and some cleared land. I boarded with a neighbor and farmed the land one year, but thought best to have a housekeeper, and was married to Eleanor Lyon, Feb. 18, 1851, a neighbor girl, second daughter of James and Nancy (Slater) Lyon, born Jan. 22, 1831, Morgan county, Ohio, died Nov. 24, 1870, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa. The Lyon family were natives of Virginia, English descent. We went to house-keeping a few weeks after we were married, and to this union nine children were born:

Nancy Mahala, Jan. 24, 1852, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Sarah Jane, July 1, 1853, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Harriet Joanna, Mar. 3, 1855, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died Nov. 27, 1870, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa.

Leroy Perry, Feb. 4, 1857, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Rhoda Caroline, Nov. 6, 1858, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Mary Alice, Oct. 12, 1860, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

William Elvin, Oct. 12, 1862, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.;  
died May 1, 1887, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa.

George Henry, April 8, 1865, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.;  
died 19 .

Eva Isadora, July 25, 1867, Mt. Pleasant, Henry co., Ia.;  
died 19 .

We improved the farm by remodeling the house and putting up a good barn, cleared out more of the land and put in ditches to drain it and bought another eighty acres joining it. A good school house was put up on the farm and the children had a good chance for schooling, and Sunday school and preaching in the school house. But having the ague so much of the time in the family, I wanted to go to a healthier country. So we sold the farm in 1864 for \$4000 and started west, seeking a place for



a home. Not finding anything in Illinois to suit me, I went on to Henry county, Iowa, and bought 160 acres of unimproved prairie land paying \$1600 for it.

In the latter part of May, 1865, we started to move to our land in Iowa—two wagons, four horses, a family of eight children, camping out by the way—a trip of about three weeks. We found kind friends to meet us here and moved a house I had bought onto the land and built a temporary addition to it to accommodate us. I hired a man to break out forty acres of the land but it was too late to raise a crop that year. It took one and three-fourths of a mile of fencing to fence the land, four board fence, about 20,000 feet of fencing lumber and two thousand feet to build a stable and wagon shed. The summer was spent in fencing and other improvements. That fall and winter I got up material to build a house, which we built the next year, costing \$1500 and moved into it in Sept. 1866, well satisfied with our move as we were in a better and healthier country and had better society, schools and church privileges. Financially, I was not a success in life, but I raised my family on the land I owned and the increase in the value of land has put me ahead some as, I sold the farm in 1904 for \$12,000, and it was clear of debt.

Feb. 12, 1888, I was married to Mrs. Martha (Smith) Lewis and went and lived with her on the Lewis farm in Washington county till they sold it in 1894. We then went to Washington where we now live. We have a cow, some chickens and a good garden, making plenty of work for old people, and are very well satisfied with our condition in life.

My parents, as well as those of the wife of my youth, were members of the Methodist church, and early in life we joined the church and the fourteen years we lived in Indiana our house was a home for the preachers of that church. Preaching and Sunday school was held in the school house on the farm and we did what we could for the cause of the Master, both there and in Iowa, where we moved and I thank God that I was permitted to see all of my children in early life decide to serve the Lord.

In 1872 I was permitted to hear the doctrine of the Second coming of the Lord preached and a thorough searching of God's word convinced me of the truthfulness of the doctrine, but as there was no church near by that name, I never became identi-





fied with it and after my marriage to Mrs. Lewis I became identified with the (Old) Christian church to which she belonged.

### *Joseph Carter.*

Joseph, fourth son of Isaac G. and Harriet (Josselyn) Carter (son of Isaac P. Carter) was born Aug. 2, 1828, Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, died Feb. 10, 1901, Griswold, Cass county, Iowa. When seven years old, he with his father, mother and five brothers moved in wagons to Grant county, Indiana, and as the mother in a family of boys needed some help about the house he helped her during his boyhood days more than any of the rest of the boys which took some of the hard work of clearing up the farm off of him. But as he got older he did his part of the work at clearing and farming among the roots and stumps. He was a stout young man, always ready and willing to do his share of the work, and engage in the ball games and other sports of his school days and as better teachers were employed we had better schools and he got to study grammar and other studies that made him a better scholar than his older brothers. He taught several terms of school in the winter very successfully. The winter after he became of age he went to Ohio to visit the scenes of his childhood and relatives there. The trip was made on horseback. After he came back in the spring he went to work at the carpenter trade working for a contractor for two years when he and his cousin, James Heal, went to work at the business together, taking the responsibility of contracting and putting up some strong, durable buildings.

A description of the first barn they put up will be of interest to some in the prairie country. It was fifty-eight feet long, twenty-two feet wide, with a shed ten feet wide on one side, sills twelve inches square and part of them the whole length of one tree; sleepers were made of trees about a foot through hewed on one side. The posts were eighteen feet long and ten inches square. The plates on top of posts were made of hickory trees the whole length and were ten inches square. Most of the ties were eight inches square. This timber was all hewed out. The braces were sawed four inches square and a part of the ties were four inches square.



The timber in the shed part was most all eight inches square and the rafters were made of poles hewed on one side. The roof was made of oak wood shingles, thirty inches long, riven out and shaved by hand. Weather boarding was all hard wood, five-eighths of an inch thick. It took some timber and some work to build such a barn as that.

Rhoda Mahala Parrell, daughter of Enoch and Esther (Sappington) Parrell, born July 16, 1834, Pike county, Ohio; died 19 .

Mr. Parrell was born in Virginia, Miss Sappington in Ohio; when but a child she came with her parents to Grant county, Indiana, and there she grew to womanhood where the forest had to be cleared away to make a comfortable home. Her mother was a tailoress and made coats for the neighbor boys to help support the family. She made the best use of the schools she could and had a fair education for the times.

Joseph Carter and Rhoda Mahala Parrell were married Nov. 24, 1853, Grant county, Ind. To this union four children were born:

Lyman Orlando, Oct. 13, 1854, Grant county, Indiana; died Nov. , 1854, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.

Enoch Norman, Oct. , 1855, Grant county, Indiana; died Aug. , 1859, Brodhead, Green county, Wisconsin.

Sylvania Caroline, April 10, 1858, Brodhead, Wisconsin; died Feb. 19, 1882, Traill county, North Dakota.

Walter, April 3, 1867, Brodhead, Green county, Wisconsin; died 19 .

His father helped him to eighty acres of land but he preferred working at his trade to clearing out a farm, so they sold out and in the spring of 1856, moved in wagons to Brodhead, Wis. Here they bought property and he worked at his trade and also learned the cooper trade. But he was not satisfied to live in town and in Feb. 1880, they packed their goods and put all on the cars and moved to Griswold, Cass county, Iowa, where he had bought some land which they improved and soon had them a comfortable home in the country. The daughter married and went to Traill county, North Dakota, where she died, leaving a young babe which the grandma went and got with the intention of raising, but it soon passed over with its mother leaving only one child (Walter) who is now married and



has two children. He lives in Wahpeton, S. Dakota, where he has a good position in a bank.

In Feb., 1864, Joseph Carter enlisted in the army thinking that all able-bodied men would have to go before the war closed, but it closed before he got into active service. He went east and was present at the grand review of soldiers at Washington at the close of the war, glad to get off so soon.

They were good, honest citizens, loved and respected by their neighbors and all that had dealings with them. Raised by Methodist parents, early in life they became members of that church and were earnest, devoted workers in the Master's vineyard. But while in Wisconsin they heard the coming of the Lord and kindred doctrines preached and accepted that doctrine, as the First Day Adventists preach it, fully believing that whether they lived 'till the Lord came or not, they would have a home in the renewed earth when He did come.

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### *Elijah Carter.*

Elijah, fifth son of Isaac G. and Harriet (Josselyn) Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter, was born Nov. 28, 1830, in Muskingum county, Ohio, about seven miles west of Zanesville, died, , 19 .

He, with his father's family, came to Jefferson township, Grant county, Indiana, in September, 1835, when he was about five years old, and settled in the thick woods on the western bank of the beautiful Mississinewa river. In his boyhood days he took part with his father's family in clearing up a large and beautiful farm. On the 7th day of April, 1850, he went to Marion, Grant county, Indiana, to learn the blacksmith trade with one Daniel Malotte. After working at his trade in Marion for about two and a-half years, he set up a shop of his own in the fall of 1852 on the southwest corner of his father's farm and on the state road leading from Marion to Muncie. About July 1, 1852, he was made postmaster of Trask postoffice, Grant county, Ind. His salary or rather his per cent for keeping the postoffice was on an average about \$1.00 per month or \$12.00 per year. He was postmaster during the civil war and until Sept. 30, 1865, when his brother Ira took charge of the postoffice.



In 1853 he became acquainted with Miss Mary Jane Coate, of English and German descent. She was the first born daughter of William and Rachel Coate, and was born Jan. 26, 1839, in Jonesboro, Grant county, Ind. ;  
died                   , 19   .

History says she was the first white child known to have been born in the city limits of Jonesboro. In the fall of 1854, she with her father's family moved to Springville, Lynn county, Iowa, going all the way in a wagon drawn by two yoke of oxen.

Elijah Carter and Mary Jane Coate were married April 26, 1855, in Marion, Lynn county, Iowa, by a Methodist minister by the name of Rufus Ricker. To this union were born three children, two sons and one daughter:

George Bowers, April 23, 1856, Grant county, Indiana; died May 1, 1856, Grant county, Indiana.

Rufus Ricker, May 10, 1857, Grant county, Indiana; died May 10, 1857, Grant county, Indiana.

Lutitia Virginia, April 12, 1858, Grant county, Indiana; died Oct. 18, 1884, North Manchester, Wabash county, Indiana.

They lived a little more than ten years in Jefferson twp., Grant county, Indiana, when being dissatisfied with a shop in the country they moved to Jonesboro, Grant county, Indiana, in November, 1865, and bought them a home where they are still (1905) living, and he working at his trade.

When he opened a shop of his own, blacksmiths made all their horseshoes and horseshoe nails, often working after night to do it; but now they buy them ready made and the blacksmiths do not know how to make a shoe or nail.

Elijah Carter was a very kind man, scarcely ever getting out of humor and would suffer loss rather than have any difficulty with anyone. To meet and get acquainted with him was to respect him for his sterling character. Born and raised in the Methodist church, in his early years he joined that church and through life was a consistent member of that faith. Mrs. Carter was raised in the Friends church and the characteristics of that people were shown in her actions through life. After their marriage she united with the Methodist church and being good singers, and she an organist, they helped very much in the church service. Her daughter learned music from her mother





and took charge of the organ, releasing her mother from that work.

With but one grandchild and one great grandchild of their posterity alive, they are living alone, beloved and respected by all.

### *John Hooper Carter.*

John Hooper, sixth son of Isaac G. and Harriet (Josselyn) Carter, (son of Isaac P. Carter) was born Nov. 25, 1832, Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio; died \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_.

The fall he was three years old, he with his parents and family moved to Grant county, Indiana, where they had a cabin on the bank of the Mississenewa river. A large portion of one end was cut out for a fire-place, the hearth, jambs and back-wall were made of moist clay well pounded down, the chimney of split sticks laid in mortar made of the same clay, puncheon floor made of split timber hewed on one side, split boards for a door and two holes in the wall for windows. They built a good brick house, two stories high, and moved into it late in the fall of 1843, and from that time on had a very comfortable home.

He remained with his father and mother till he was twenty-five years old, helping to clear out the farm and cultivate the same. At the age of twenty-two he went to Ohio and visited the scenes of his childhood and saw the log house in which he was born. He taught school two winters, a three months term, receiving \$20 per month and board yourself, or board around among the scholars.

Bathsheba Johnson, daughter of Gabriel and Nancy Johnson, was born April 14, 1834, Tuscarawas county, Ohio; died April 19, 1866, St. Joe, Champaign co., Illinois. Her parents were born in the United States. She came with them to Grant county, Indiana, in 1836, where she grew to womanhood. Her father settled on a public road and kept tavern where movers in wagons were entertained on their way to their new homes. A new country does not always bring good society, but as a general thing the settlers are kind and ready to help each other in time of need.

The schooling she got was in the first school house built in the neighborhood where the children did not get a very good education.



John Hooper Carter and Bathsheba Johnson were married March 16, 1858, Grant county, Indiana.

To this union two children were born:

Isadora Aurelia, Dec. 28, 1858, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.; died June 20, 1865, St. Joe, Champaign county, Illinois.

Allsworth Thinandus, Nov. 14, 1861, Grant county, Ind.; died 19 .

In 1856 he bought a farm near the homestead and commenced to improve it and to this place he brought his bride, soon after they were married and began housekeeping. They lived on this farm 'till 1864; when they rented it out, sold off their personal property and moved on the cars to Brodhead, Wis., to try his luck. The next spring they moved to St. Joe, Ill., and he worked at the carpenter trade and also kept a grocery. Here their daughter died in June, 1865. Soon after her death they moved into a part of the store building he had built at Burr Oak Grove.

The next spring the wife and mother died, leaving him with his boy not five years old. He took the child to Indiana and left him with his brother Lewis and went back to Illinois. After trading off his store goods he returned to Indiana where he went into the same business near his old home.

In about eighteen months he traded this stock for a farm and the farm for a stock of goods in New Cumberland, Grant county, Indiana, where he had a stock of general merchandise for over thirty years and had the postoffice eighteen years. He was township trustee for several years and tried for the nomination for county treasurer, but failed to get it and that ended his political career.

While he was keeping store in New Cumberland (now Matthews] he felt the need of a housekeeper.

Lizzie Barnhouse, daughter of Henry and Matilda (Evins) Barnhouse, was born May 7, 1849, West Virginia; died 19 .

When about six years old her father and mother died, leaving her an orphan indeed. A kind aunt took her to Grant county, Ind., where she had a good home in good society and grew to womanhood.

John Hooper Carter and Lizzie Barnhouse were married



Oct. 18, 1871, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. To this union one child was born:

Zora, December 19, 1883, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died                   , 19     .

They went to housekeeping in his house and had a very pleasant home until they sold out and moved to Muncie to have a better chance to educate their daughter in music. He turned his attention to improving the town where he had put up some good buildings. He also had some property in Hartford City and the gas wells at Matthews. He now has a store in Fowlerton where he is doing a good business.

Mr. Carter is a good man, an honorable citizen and one who has done much for those about him. He and his first wife were brought up by Methodist parents and early in life joined that church, she at twelve years old. He joined at a meeting in his father's barn. The regular preaching service at that time was held in his father's house as there was no church or school house in the neighborhood in which to hold meetings.

Miss Barnhouse joined the Presbyterian church before she was married and is still a faithful member of that denomination. They are good people and have many friends that love and respect them for the good they have done and are still doing.

### *Lewis Carter.*

Lewis, eighth son of Isaac G. and Harriet (Josselyn) Carter, (son of Isaac P. Carter) was born July 13, 1839, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.; died April 13, 1902, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. His early life was spent on the farm with his parents and brothers. Several of them being older than he was, he did not have the hard heavy work to do that they did and being of a very pleasant disposition he enjoyed his boyhood very well, being a friend and friendly to all.

The schools of the country had improved greatly during the passing years. He attended regularly and received the best education they afforded. He taught school for a time and was a successful teacher.

In his young manhood he enjoyed the sports of the times, one of which was to see who could jump the farthest at three jumps. He did not allow any one to beat him at that sport and would hardly take time to eat if any jumping was going on.



Rachel McKeever, daughter of Moses and Sarah (Moore) McKeever, was born July 13, 1840, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.; died June 21, 1884, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. Her parents came from Virginia and were of Scotch descent. Lewis Carter and Rachel McKeever were married April 24, 1862, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. To this union two sons were born:

Charley Simpson, Oct. 25, 1866, Matthews, Grant co., Ind;  
died 19 . . .

Milo Otis T., Nov. 12, 1869, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 . . .

They were born on farms that joined and grew up together, attending church, school and places of amusement and pleasure together and were lovers all their lives, making a happy marriage. They went to housekeeping near the homestead. His mother died the next April and they moved to the home farm, where they lived until after his father's death; when he bought a part of the farm and lived there several years; but financial embarrassment caused them to sell out and after that they lived on rented land.

After she died, he kept house with his boys until July 29, 1886, when he was married to Miss Mary Louisa Sargent, born May 31, 1850, in Green county, Ohio; died, , 19 . . .

She was the second child of Rev. David and Eliza C. (Babb) Sargent. Rev. and Mrs. Sargent were natives of Virginia. To this union two children were born:

Oren Ray, June 7, 1887, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 . . .

Rachel Vada, June 16, 1888, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 . . .

They went to housekeeping near Matthews and their residence ever since has been in or near that town, where she and her children now live. During his life he was a few times out of the state; but his residence was all of his life within five miles of the place where he was born.

Mr. Carter and both wives were raised by Christian parents and in early life professed religion and joined the Methodist church. They were faithful workers in the Lord's vineyard. He was a good singer and an earnest worker for the Master and was able to help both church and Sunday school with his singing and





teaching. He lived to see the companion of his youth die happy in the Lord with full hope of immortality and eternal life and the companion of his age lived to see him pass to the beyond, as he lived, always happy in the Lord. She and his children miss a kind and loving husband and father and we all mourn the loss of one of the most upright, conscientious and devoted Christian men.

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### *Oliver Perry Carter.*

Oliver Perry, ninth son of Isaac G. and Harriet (Josselyn) Carter, (son of Isaac P. Carter) was born May 8, 1842, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.; died July 13, 1871, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.

He was the youngest of a family of seven boys that grew to manhood on the home farm. The farm was now cleared out and the stumps and roots mostly gone, and there were better plows and tools on the farm. The scythe and hand rake had given place to the mower and revolving hay rake. The grain cradle was gone and the reaper that the grain was raked off of by hand did the cutting of the grain. Hand corn planters with which a man could plant six to eight acres a day, after it had been marked out both ways had superseded the dropping by hand and covering with the hoe. The one horse double shovel plow was taking the place of the big shovel plow and the ground was put in better condition with the harrow so that the hoeing of corn was going out of date. These are some of the things that had come to us in the last twenty years as an improvement in the mode of farming.

But with all of this there was plenty of work to do and Oliver Perry Carter always did his share, helping his mother with her work about the house when he could.

As the country improved there were better schools and the surroundings were more pleasant than those his older brothers enjoyed. The old log school house was abandoned and a good frame building twenty-four feet square, three windows on each side, good seats with desks had taken its place. School was taught both winter and summer; grammar and history, studied by both boys and girls, was taught and it was thought by some a good thing to give the girls a good education, which was a great



change in fifteen years.

Matilda McKeever, daughter of Moses and Sarah [Moore] McKeever was born April 1, 1848, Matthews, Grant, county, Ind.; died 19 .

The McKevers were from Virginia, Scotch descent.

Oliver P. Carter and Matilda McKeever were married April 30, 1866, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. No children were born to this union. They were born on adjoining farms, attended the same church and schools all of their school days, getting a good education for the times and living so near each other, they were together in the parties and socials of the neighborhood during their single lives.

The few years of their married lives were spent at or near the homestead and they were never very far from there. He was afflicted with consumption a good part of the time, so that he could not do much hard work; but was always patient, knowing that his time in this world was short. A loving wife, a kind brother and a sister-in-law attended on him during his sickness; but the call came and he had to go.

Raised by religious parents, they early joined the Methodist church and were faithful to the Master all their lives.

A few years after his death she married Lewis Littler, son of Sarah J. Heal and Joel Littler by whom she has three children. They moved to Anderson, Madison county, Ind., where they had a pleasant home, he working at the carpenter trade. A few months ago death again deprived her of a kind and loving husband, leaving her a widow again. Soon after her husband's death she went to Oregon to live with her children where she will be cared for. She is a woman who is worthy of their care.

### *The Old Log School House.*

The following by Elijah Carter is a description of the first school house built in the school district where he lived in Jefferson township, Grant county, Indiana, and where he and his brothers attended school every winter commencing December, 1838, and ending March, 1850. It was built in the woods with no public road near it, the pupils coming to it in every direction along paths through the woods. Three months school in the winter and two short terms of summer school paid for by subscription



were taught in this house. The winter of 1850 and 1851 the school was taught in a vacant dwelling house and by the next winter a good frame school house was built with upright windows and plenty of them. Good seats with desks for two were then provided.

### DESCRIPTION.

The old school house was built of round logs, and after being built, it was scutched or hewn down on the inside. The cracks between the logs were chinked and then daubed with clay or common mud and clapboards nailed over the cracks on the inside only. It had what was called a puncheon floor. The house was, I think, 18 by 20 feet in size, the long way being east and west. It contained three windows in all. One window in the north side, one in the south side and one in the west end. The north and south windows each contained 24 panes of glass 8 by 10. The west window had 18 panes of glass of the same size. The long way of the windows was horizontal instead of upright. At the north window was placed a plank or shelf 18 or 20 inches wide which extended the full length of the building, the outer edge being a little the lowest. At the south window was placed a similar shelf which extended from the southwest corner of the room to about a foot or 18 inches east of the east end of the south window. These were called writing desks and were used for that purpose, and on these the pupils threw the most of their wraps and luncheon. A rough bench about 12 feet long and two and a half feet high with four legs and no back, was placed at each of these desks upon which the pupils sat when writing. The west window had no desk and served only to give light. All the seats, except one, were simply puncheons or slabs with four legs to them and no backs. One bench 8 or 10 feet long was made out of plank, and had a back to it. It was made expressly for the girls. This bench was furnished by Moses McKeever, who had three or four little girls.

In the east end of the house was the large fire place and the door. The door was made of plank and swung back in the south east corner of the room on wooden hinges. It also had a wooden latch, lifted from the outside by a latch string. The fireplace was large enough to take in a back log about six feet long and the jambs and back wall were built of moistened clay, well ham-



mered with the end of a "Negro maul" to make them solid. The hearth was also made of moistened clay, well hammered and lasted a long time. It had a clapboard roof with knees and weight-poles. The house, at the time it was built, stood on land that belonged to Nathan Lewis and was just south of Thomas Dean's farm.

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### *David Heal.*

David, second son of Olive Carter and William Heal, (daughter of Isaac P. Carter) was born Nov. 5, 1823, Muskingum county, Ohio; died Oct. 23, 1904, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind.

His childhood days were spent in the county of his birth without any permanent home. In the fall of 1829 he, with his parents, moved to Delaware county, Ind., where his father entered government land at \$1.25 per acre. Their house, a cabin, was built on the bank of the Mississinewa river. They had few neighbors and part of them were friendly Indians. In this home he grew to manhood, having all the difficulties of a new country to contend with. His first school in Indiana was taught by his mother in their own house. Before he was of age a school house was built at one corner of the farm and a Methodist church at another, both log buildings. He got a good education for the times and taught several terms of school.

The spring of 1835 his uncle, Isaac Carter, and two boys about his age came from Ohio to Indiana to raise a crop of corn and make some improvement on land he had bought. They made their home at his house the few months they stayed and the friendship that sprang up between the boys while hoeing corn, hunting and fishing along the river was genuine and as the family moved to the country the next fall, it was permanent and lasting, adding very much to the pleasures of his young manhood days.

Ann Caroline Rigdon, daughter of Eli and Sarah T. (Dickson) Rigdon, was born May 24, 1831, Guernsey county, Ohio; died Jan. 7, 1878, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind., English descent.

She came with her parents to Indiana when she was three years old. Her father settled on Lick creek and put up a mill





which was a very primitive affair, yet many went to it with a sack of corn on a horse to get it ground into meal. Here her girlhood days were spent, going to school but very little and having an occasional turn of the ague as the fall of the year came around.

David Heal and Ann Caroline Rigdon were married May 21, 1846, Wheeling, Ind. To this union two children were born:

George Eugene, Nov. 13, 1853, Delaware county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Ann Lacy, Sept. 11, 1856, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind. ;  
died 19 .

They went to housekeeping in a house on the farm. The next year his father died and in the settlement of the estate, the farm was divided among the heirs. He bought some of the shares that joined his and put up a hewed log house and as time passed on he built a good frame house and barn and made other improvements to make a pleasant home. He had a part of the sugar camp and made sugar while he was able and usually had a bowl of it on the table while he lived. His home after he came to Indiana in 1829, until his death Oct. 23, 1904, was all of the time on the same farm.

He traveled some and saw other parts of the United States, and one time went to the state of Maine to see his father's people; but he soon got tired of traveling and visiting and came home to rest. His visits were always very short. He was Justice of the Peace several years and held other township offices. He was a Republican in politics, always taking part in elections, anxious for the betterment of the country and society. His friends were always welcome to his house and home and yet his actions towards them would make those not acquainted with him think he was a very selfish man; but he was not. He was at home and he wanted others to feel at home with him without any trouble to him. He was a very honest, upright man, never in debt to bother him; had a little farm, well tilled, a comfortable home and did not bother himself to add to his possessions, but enjoyed what he had to the fullest extent. His son married soon after his mother's death and moved into the house with him and he and his faithful wife remained with him and cared for him the rest of his life. He enjoyed smoking very well and for many years he had a room warmed and lighted by gas in the old house where



he left a gas jet burning day and night so as to be handy. He had torch lights to burn gas out in the yard, but thinking that wasteful of gas he had them taken down.

Theirs was a happy marriage; they were faithful and true to each other and obedient children made a happy family. Her parents were Baptists; but she went with him to the Methodist church which he joined in early life and continued a faithful member of the same all his life, serving as circuit steward a part of the time. They had no enemies and were loved and honored by all.

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### *William Carter.*

William, first son of Samuel Hillman and Martha (Jobes) Carter, (son of Isaac P. Carter) was born Nov. 24, 1828, Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio; died April 4, 1888, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa.

His childhood days were spent near where he was born; but in the fall of 1836 he with his parents and family went to Grant county, Ind. Here his father bought land and commenced to improve it; but having weak lungs, he fell a victim to consumption before William was ten years old. He was the oldest of four children and with his stepmother was left to make a living in the woods with but little cleared land, and you may be sure they had a tough time of it even in spite of the help of very kind neighbors. The stepmother was a hard worker and good manager so they got along very well for the chance they had.

His stepmother married again after a little over six years of widowhood and he went and lived with a neighbor.

Jemima Jane Hillyard, first daughter of Jacob and Martha (Eviston) Hillyard, was born Jan. 15, 1834, Guernsey co., Ohio; died                   , 19           , German descent.

She moved with her parents and family to Delaware county, Ind., when she was twelve years old and being the oldest girl in the family the mother needed her very badly to help about the household duties and to care for the children, so she did not get to go to school very much and is a very poor scholar.

William Carter and Jemima Jane Hillyard were married Sept. 15, 1850, Delaware county, Indiana. To this union three daughters were born:



Martha Ann, Oct. 26, 1852, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Emily Jane, May 17, 1854, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Olive May, March 27, 1866, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

He bought his stepmother's interest in the home farm and went to housekeeping in the old house. They did very well while they stayed here, and acquired some property; but thinking they could do better farther west they sold out in 1855 and in the spring of 1856 he and his uncle David and families started in wagons for Brodhead, Wisconsin.

Not finding anything there to suit them they went on to Linn county, Iowa, and stopped with relatives there until he and his uncle made a tour to Mahaska county, hunting a place to locate. On their way back his uncle bought a farm and the crop partly put in near Sigourney, in Keokuk county. They all went to this farm and that fall he went to Henry county and bought eighty acres of unimproved prairie land paying \$1,600 for it. In February, 1857, they moved to Henry county and put them up a good frame house as soon as possible. He traded his horses for oxen and went to breaking prairie and improving the farm. The posts he got near Trenton and had to haul them nine miles and with an ox team it was a busy day's work to get a load. He hauled his fire wood from the same place and the lumber from Mt. Pleasant to build a four board fence, white oak posts and pine lumber. His money did not come from Indiana as soon as he expected and after he got the material on the ground for the fence, he could not get \$3.00 to buy a keg of nails to put it up with. These difficulties were very trying on the new settler. Other difficulties of the close times were to get something to eat and wear. His wife and a neighbor woman went to town together with a little trade and both wanted calico for a dress and as they did not have enough to get two dress patterns, she let the other woman have her money to get her a dress; she waiting until another time for hers. It was by the very closest living at this time that they saved their land which afterwards made them such a beautiful farm and home. A few years of close living and then the Civil war came on. Money was plentiful, so in 1865 they put up a good barn, leaving the prairie stable cov-



ered with slough grass to go down and not many years after they put up a better house with cellar under it and had a very convenient farm and home which he enjoyed to the fullest extent. He was not anxious to add to it; but helped their children, as they left home, to homes of their own and theirs was a pleasant family.

They were members of the Methodist church. In 1872 they heard the doctrine of the First Day Adventists preached and accepted it as Bible truth and lived the same, the children following the parents. He was a man of an upright character whose word was as good as his bond.

When she sold her interest in the homestead to her son-in-law, she reserved a room in the house for her own use where she now lives. She is a woman who has been kind to others and done much to help the sick and needy and many bless her name for the kindness they received from her.

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### *Asa Carter.*

Asa, third son of Samuel Hillman and Martha (Jobes) Carter (son of Isaac P. Carter) was born Sept. 26, 1832, Muskingum co., O.; died 19 .

His mother died before he was two years old. His father married in the course of another year. When four years old he went with his father and family to Grant county, Indiana. They settled in a heavily timbered country and before there was much improvement made. The father died, leaving the stepmother and four children to make a living, with but little cleared land and but little personal property. She was a hard workin womang, a good manager and they succeeded very well, two of the boys being older than he. The stepmother married again when he was about twelve years old and he went and lived with an uncle for a few years, when he quit the farm and went to Marion and learned the wagon maker trade.

Agnes Thomas, daughter of Lewis and Lydia Thomas, was born Nov. 11, 1826, Orange county, Ind.; died March 14, 1869, Fairmount, Indiana, Welch descent.

Asa Carter and Agnes Thomas were married April 27, 1852, Marion, Grant county, Ind. To this union seven children were born:





Lewis Hillman, July 21, 1853, Grant county, Indiana; died, , 19 .

Nathan Q., Aug. 8, 1855, Grant county, Ind.; died May, 1865, Salem, Lee county, Iowa.

William, Aug. 8, 1857, in Missouri; died, March, 1859, Missouri.

Quincy, August 8, 1857, Missouri; died, Aug. 8, 1857, Missouri.

Isaac N., October 20, 1860, Henry county, Iowa; died 19 .

Jemima L., Jan. 8, 1863, Henry county, Iowa; died December , 1890, Grant county, Ind.

John A., January 22, 1865, Salem, Lee county, Iowa; died 19 .

They settled near the homestead in Grant county, Indiana, and he worked at his trade about four years, when he packed up and went to northern Missouri for a few years and then to Iowa, where his brother lived in Henry county. Soon after he got them a home in the north part of Lee county, a few miles south of Salem, in a good neighborhood of the Friends.

He made a loom that he thought would make him a fortune and sold out and went to Indiana where he thought he could sell them. He only made one loom and found out that it was a failure. Yet he was always contented with what he had and expecting something better. They settled in Fairmount and as he was a good workman he got plenty of work and soon had a nice little home. Here the wife and mother died and he soon felt the need of a woman to keep the family together.

Jane McCully, daughter of Wilson and Christine (Sweeney) McCully, was born July 28, 1833, in Pennsylvania, German descent: died 19 .

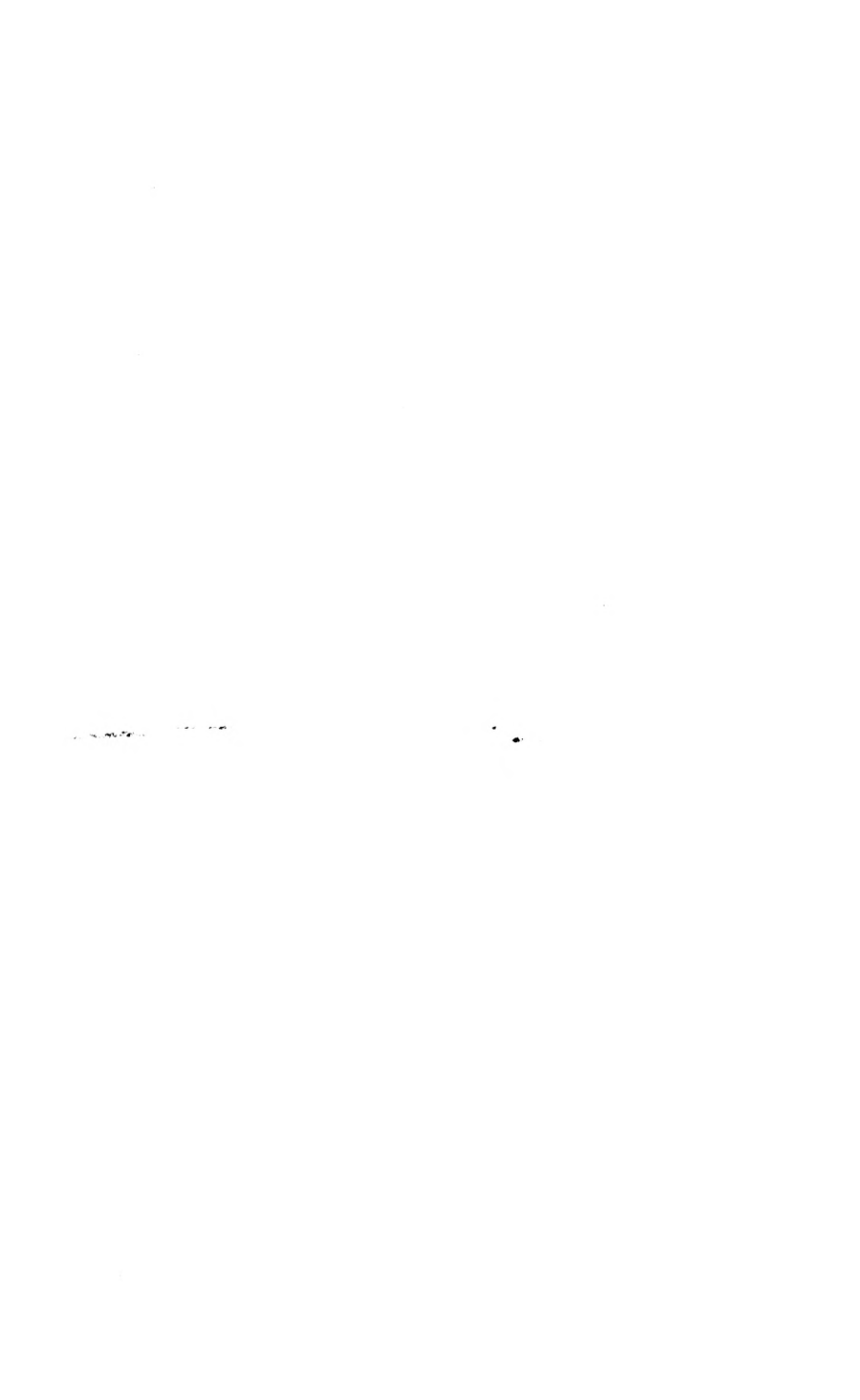
Asa Carter and Jane McCully were married Sept. 9, 1869, Fairmount, Indiana. To this union three children were born:

Robert B., August 4, 1870, Fairmount, Indiana: died 19 .

Harmom E., December 7, 1875, Fairmount, Indiana: died 19 .

Kett, December 15, 1878, Fairmount, Indiana: died 19 .

They settled in Fairmount and as she was a prudent, saving



housekeeper and saved what they got, they soon had things more comfortable about them and a good home.

He worked at his trade or anything in the wood work line that was needed to be done and part of the time at gardening for the factory hands. He was a singular man, always contented with what he had and expecting something better in the near future and willing to help or divide with the needy. Agnes was a member of the Friends church and remained in the church all of her life, never worrying or complaining about the things of this life. Lewis Hillman, their son, was a successful preacher of the Wesleyan Methodist church, his labors causing many to commence a Christian life. Jane, I knew but little about and yet I know that she was faithful to a mother's duties and is honored for what she has done.

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### *Joanna (Blackburn) Lewis.*

Joanna, first daughter of Thankful (Carter) [Jewett] and James Blackburn [daughter of Isaac P. Carter,] was born September 7, 1832, Morgan county, Ohio; died 19 .

The first seventeen years of her life were spent in Morgan and Muskingum counties and as her parents were in limited circumstances, she did not have an easy time in her young days. The work of housekeeping fell heavily on her and she also early learned to run a spinning wheel and work a loom. Owing to the busy cares of life and the poor schools of the times she got but little education. When she went to church, she walked along the poorest kind of roads or perhaps by-paths over the hills, through the woods.

In the fall of 1849 she with her parents and family went to Linn county, Iowa, the trip being made on the rivers via Marietta, Cincinnati, Ohio, Cairo, Illinois, and Muscatine, Iowa, and in wagons to Palo on the Cedar river above Cedar Rapids. They arrived at their destination on the 10th of November, tired and worn out and some them sick. She shared the hospitalities of a kind aunt and uncle during the winter. Finding plenty of work to do in a better country with better surroundings life to her appeared more real



and pleasant, with the privilege of attending school where better teachers were employed.

William Lewis, first son of John and Elizabeth (Dewey) Lewis, natives of Ohio, was born August 10, 1826, Muskingum county, Ohio; died Jan. 2, 1880, Palo, Linn county, Iowa.

When about ten years old he came with his parents to Indiana and settled in Blackford county, where his father put up a log building for a mill house. The stone for doing the grinding was one of the hardest kind of boulders or niggerheads which he got near the Mississinewa river. In this mill he ground both corn and wheat. The bolt for bolting the flour was turned by hand. They lived here only a few years when they went to Iowa and settled on the Cedar river in what is now Linn county, twelve miles above Cedar Rapids, taking a claim before it was surveyed and buying it when it came into market. In this new country he spent his young manhood days.

Joanna Blackburn and William Lewis were married Nov. 21, 1852, Palo, Linn county, Iowa. To this union five children were born:

John Dewey, August 18, 1854, Palo, Linn county, Iowa; died March 2, 1893 Palo, Linn county, Iowa.

Thankful Elizabeth, Feb. 1, 1856, Palo, Linn county, Iowa; died 19 .

Minerva Esther, Nov. 3, 1859, Palo, Linn county, Iowa; died April 2, 1863, Palo Linn county, Iowa.

Charles Wesley, October 20. 1862, Linn county, Iowa; died 19 .

Lucy Ellen, January 30, 1867, Palo, Linn county, Iowa; died March 14, 1867, Palo, Linn county, Iowa.

A short time after they were married he with others went to Texas to look at the country in view of settling there; he was gone six months and came home well satisfied to stay in Iowa. They put up a cabin on land he had entered of the government, partly timber and partly prairie, and went to work to make a farm. Prosperity followed their labors and as the years passed on they built them a good barn and a two story house and had them a very comfortable home and a profitable farm. The barn was struck by lightning and burned down causing considerable loss, but not seriously affecting their business or prosperity.

Here their children were born and grew up, got married and



settled on farms nearby. The country improved as they grew up and they soon had many of the comforts of life they did not enjoy in their younger days. Schools were better and more months taught in the year.

They were raised by Methodist parents and early in life they joined that church and were faithfully devoted to the cause of the Master by their means and service in church. And when the time came to build a church in the neighborhood they cheerfully donated the land for the purpose, besides helping in every way as much as they could. She has now passed her threescore and ten years; but the cause of the Lord and her love for the welfare of others lies near her heart and the influence of her loving, Christian life is a help to the community where she lives and they are glad to have her with them. Her home is with her daughter, Thankful E. Eaheart, on a farm that joins the homestead.

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### *David C. Blackburn.*

David C., second son of Thankful (Carter) (Jewett) and James Blackburn (daughter of Isaac P. Carter) was born February 7, 1836, Muskingum county, Ohio; died 19 .

His boyhood days were spent in Muskingum and Morgan counties. In the fourteenth year of his age he went with his parents, taking the rivers for a route to Muscatine, Iowa, and in wagons to Palo a few miles above Cedar Rapids on the Cedar river, where his parents located and went to work in earnest to make a living. Prosperity followed their labors and they soon had a comfortable home and here he grew to manhood in a better country with better schools and pleasanter surroundings than they had in Ohio.

Elizabeth Richards, first daughter of Daniel and Sarah Ann (Lewis) Richards was born May 8, 1842, Palo, Linn county, Iowa; died 19 .

Her parents were of German descent. At the time of her birth her parents had settled on land that the government had not surveyed yet; but when it was surveyed and came into market her father bought the land that made them a beautiful farm





and here she grew to womanhood in a new country with its many drawbacks and poor schools in a large family. She was the oldest girl and no doubt the mother found plenty of work for her to do which she cheerfully and faithfully did while she stayed with them. It was a very fertile country, part prairie and part timber and it was not very long until they had plenty about them and good neighbors.

David C. Blackburn and Elizabeth Richards were married May 17, 1860, Palo, Linn county, Iowa.

To this union four children were born:

Clarence, February 21, 1861, Palo, Linn county, Iowa; died Nov. 2, 1862, Palo, Linn county, Iowa.

Harriet, May 20, 1864, Palo, Linn county, Iowa; died 19 .

Sarah Vienna, November 12, 1865, Linn county, Iowa; died 19 .

Richard Harry, February 14, 1872, Palo, Linn county, Iowa; died 19 .

They went to housekeeping near her father's farm and lived there eighteen years, but thinking a farm in the west would be better for them they went to Nebraska in 1878 and took a homestead in the Platte River valley near Lowell, in Kearney county. Here they had some things to discourage them. Their land proved to be of a very poor quality and crops failed on account of dry weather and damage by hail storm. They had a hard time to get the necessaries of life and thinking they could do better renting, they left the homestead and lived on rented land for several years, the girls having some hay land in the valley to which they attended.

They now have a fruit farm, eleven miles from Kearney, where they are doing well.

The children are grown up and married and have homes of their own, leaving them in the home alone. They were all raised by the strict rules of the Methodist Episcopal church and joined the church in early life, she being converted at fourteen years of age and has faithfully served the Master ever since, always thanking and praising God for the blessings of this life they enjoy and the hopes of eternal life when Jesus comes to take his ransomed ones home.



*Martha (Smith) (Lewis) Carter.*

Martha, first daughter of Esther Ann Carter and Mathew R. Smith (daughter of Isaac P. Carter) was born November 15, 1834, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana; died, \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_.

The writer first saw her in May, 1835, when her parents lived in a small, low log cabin they built the winter before in the woods. They had just commenced to clear out a farm in a country where neighbors were scarce and far between, but plenty of deer and other wild game. She, being the oldest girl of a large family, there was always plenty of work for her to do. The men were always busy at the clearing and farming so that they did not help the women, but let them do the milking and spin and weave the most of the clothing they wore. Cooking was all done on an open fire in a place in the wall fixed over a fireplace. Tallow candles or some lard in a saucer furnished all the light they had except the fire light.

She very well remembers the first dress that was bought for her, made of calico, and she felt proud of it, having worn homemade goods before this event. The first school she attended was a mile from home. The land was very level and often nearly covered with water. A school house was built near them when she was ten years old. That made things some better, but her education was very limited. She and another girl tried to study arithmetic, but as it was not popular gave it up in a few days and that is all of that study by girls she saw in her school days and very little study of grammar by any one.

In these surroundings she grew to womanhood and enjoyed her young life very well, not knowing there was anything better for any one. Horseback riding on a farm horse, or walking was the way she went from place to place and most of it was done on foot.

Jesse Lewis, fourth son of William and Dorothy (Hedrick) Lewis, German descent, was born Nov. 23, 1832, Ross county, Ohio; died Dec. 15, 1877, Washington county, Iowa. He with his parents came to Indiana when he was ten years old and settled near where the Smiths lived so his surroundings were very much like theirs. It was not all work and no play; the young



folks had their parties and gatherings and enjoyed themselves as well as young people do now.

Martha Smith and Jesse Lewis were married March 3, 1854, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind. To this union eleven children were born:

Amanda Olive, April 9, 1855, Delaware county, Ind.; died July 29, 1885, Washington, Washington county, Iowa.

Mathew Wharton, Aug. 6, 1856, Delaware county, Indiana; died 19 .

Thomas Jefferson, Oct. 14, 1858, Wheeling, Delaware co., Ind; died 19 .

Melvin Pete, Nov. 30, 1860, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind; died 19 .

George Elmer, Aug. 24, 1862, Delaware county, Indiana; died 19 .

Allen, August 15, 1864, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind.; died Feb. 17, 1866, Washington county, Iowa.

Samuel Cocklin, Aug. 16, 1867, Washington county, Iowa; died , 19 ,

Clark Abbott, June 24, 1869, Washington county, Iowa; died Sept. 23, 1889, Washington county, Iowa.

James Wesley, May 27, 1871, Washington county, Iowa; died 19 .

Kate Emily, April 21, 1873, Washington county, Iowa; died April 16, 1891, Washington county, Iowa.

Allie Esta, April 30, 1865, Washington county, Iowa; died 19 .

Her father gave her two hundred dollars with which they bought forty acres of land, going some in debt. The first improvement on this land was the cutting of logs for a cabin. They moved on the land that fall and he worked away from home at the carpenter trade the next year.

She also got of her father a cow and other things for house-keeping to the amount of sixty dollars worth. Bought a cooking stove and some other things (second hand) and went into a small cabin to live.

A description of this stove may be interesting. It was among the first sold in that country and was called a step stove. In front low down was the firebox for wood, over the fire were two holes for cooking, a little higher up and back were two more



holes and the oven for baking was a drum in the pipe. It was a good stove for that day.

They sold that land and bought a piece better improved. Prosperity followed their labors and they gained some property. In 1864 they sold out in Indiana and the next spring went to Washington county, Iowa, arriving there the first of June. Their moving outfit consisted of one two horse wagon, one colt that was led. In the party were the father and mother and six children, camping out by the way.

Here they bought one hundred and twenty acres of land with improvements on it, but did not get possession until the next fall. They lived that summer in a house nearby, he working at his trade.

The boys were soon large enough to do the farming and he worked at his trade most of the time. In a few years they put up a good barn and house, besides other improvements and did a good part in building a church on the farm. They bought other land and at his death in 1877, they had four hundred acres of land. The property was left for her to run until the children were all of age and she and the boys ran it very successfully. Chopping and hauling wood in the winter helped them out, so that they had the four hundred acres of land clear of debt and plenty of personal property when the estate was settled in 1894.

Some of the children had married and gone into other business and none of them wanted to farm, so they sold the farm taking property in Washington as part pay, which she took at the settlement and where she now lives with Howard Carter, whom she married Feb. 12, 1888, free from the hard work that fell to her lot all of her life. The fireplace has given way to the furnace, the cooking stove to the beautiful steel range, tallow candles to kerosene lamp, gas or electric lights. Ready made clothing has crowded the spinning wheel and loom to the attic and yet with all of these good improvements at hand, people are no happier nor do they enjoy life any better than they did fifty or sixty years ago.

They were members of the (Old) Christian church and their children all joined that church and were baptized in early life. They are now scattered and away from the church of their choice and some of them joined other churches for a church home and are doing good work in the cause of the Master wherever they are.





She is the happy mother of six sons and one daughter, who are good Christian citizens with no bad habits.

*Mary Ann (Smith) Poorman.*

Mary Ann, second daughter of Esther Ann Carter and Mathew R. Smith, (daughter of Isaac P. Carter) was born November 22, 1838, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana; died 19 .

She was born in a farm house and here she grew to womanhood. She knew something of the work of making a farm in a woodland country. Theirs was a busy place. Sheep were raised along with other stock and the spinning of the wool and weaving it into cloth for the family was the work of the girls and women. She was strong in the arm and quick on foot and could spin two dozen cuts (two days' work) a day for weeks at a time and help milk the cows twice a day and not get tired.

In the spring of 1865 she went with the family to Vernon county, Wis. Constant work and short terms of school made her careless about attending when there was school and consequently her education was very limited.

Isaac Decatur Poorman, son of Jacob N. and Eliza Poorman, was born September 30, 1843, Delaware county, Indiana; died 19 .

His early life was spent at school and on the farm and in 1861 he accompanied his parents to Vernon county, Wisconsin, where he worked for his father clearing up a farm; but he was anxious to join the army and as soon as he was old enough, November 27, 1863, he enlisted in the Second Wisconsin Cavalry, Company G, and served his country until he was discharged in November, 1865, at Horton, Texas, and returned home, New Years, 1866.

Mary Ann Smith and Isaac Decatur Poorman were married October 31, 1867, Richland Center, Wis.

To this union five children were born:

Rosetta May, August 17, 1868, Vernon county, Wis.; died May 10, 1894, near Chicago, Illinois.

Almeda, March 28, 1870, West Lima, Vernon county, Wis.; died 19 .



Elza Bird, Sept. 26, 1873, West Lima, Vernon county, Wis.;  
 died 19 .  
 Alma Bertha, Sept. 26, 1873, West Lima, Vernon county, Wis.;  
 died 19 .  
 Mathew Ludlow, February 21, 1879, Vernon county, Wis.:  
 died 19 .

They built a cabin on land he owned and went to improving it. It was all heavily timbered. It took work and time to get a farm so that they could raise stock and grain profitably. There were a great many hooppoles in the woods and the cutting and hauling of them to market at Lone Rock, forty miles, and later to Richland Center, twenty miles, was a business that brought them some money. While he was engaged in hauling, there was no weather too cold for him to go, even if it was thirty degrees [or more] below zero. She was quick at cooking as she was at spinning in her younger days and the many hands they had about them while engaged in the hoopole business had to hurry if they got their hors-s fed and harnessed before she rang the bell for breakfast.

The hoopole business is a thing of the past, and the farm is now a good place to raise stock and grain. The children are mostly married and gone. They are not doing so much work, but enjoy the fruits of their labor, conscious that in their busy life they have done their part in the improvement of the country and helped to make the surroundings better for those that follow. Neither of them made a public profession of a Christian life, but they are good citizens of the country.

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### *Malinda Jane (Smith) Burt.*

Malinda Jane, third daughter of Esther Ann Carter and Mathew R. Smith (daughter of Isaac P. Carter) was born Jan. 6, 1841, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana; died Dec. 20, 1868, West Lima, Wis.

She grew up at the home of her parents, engaged with the duties of the farm and household work of a farm and hers was a busy life with many of the pleasures and attractions that come to busy young people in the country home.

William Burt, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Burt, was born about 1840, in Ohio; died in 1903, West Lima, Wis.



He came to Indiana with his parents during his minority and helped his father in improving the farm.

Melinda Jane Smith and William Burt were married Oct. 6, 1861, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana. To this union three children were born:

Lillie Ann, August 22, 1862, Delaware county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Emma, February 25, 1864, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind. ;  
died 19 .

Charles Merideth, May 23, 1866, Vernon county, Wisconsin;  
died 19 .

They went to housekeeping near the home farm and engaged in clearing land and farming. During the civil war he enlisted in the army as a recruit and went out to do service for his country; but not being able to stand the exposure of army life, he was discharged and sent home in about three months. They then sold out and in 1864, moved to Vernon county, Wisconsin. He bought land near West Lima and went to work to improve a farm and as clearing land is a hard job, it is best to turn in everything that will make a little money to help along. So the hoopoles were cut and hauled to market, the sugar trees were tapped every spring and sugar made and as he was one of the best sugarmakers in the country, the sugar that Bill Burt made always found a ready market which helped to furnish the necessities of life while the clearing was going on. By careful living and close attention to business they soon had a comfortable home. The wife and mother dying, left him in a bad fix with three small children; but he married again and kept the children together until they were grown up, when he gave them their part of the land purchased with the money they got of her father and two of her children live on it.

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### *David Carter Smith.*

David Carter, fourth son of Esther Ann Carter and Mathew R. Smith (daughter of Isaac P. Carter) was born January 26, 1845, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

He spent the first twenty years of his life on the farm where he was born, helping to clear up and improve a farm and his lot









until they got a cabin put up on their own land, near a beautiful spring of water and a running brook and here all of their children were born.

They sold their farm about 1897 and bought another near Readstown in Vernon county, and moved to it and here the wife and mother died. His daughter, Effie, and her husband moved their family into the house to care for him and the children and have now bought the farm. Most of the children are now old enough to care for themselves. He and the youngest are making their home with Orville at Bloomington, Ill., 1905. The facilities for schooling were good and all got a fair education, the oldest studying for a doctor. Another went to high school and attended college one year then quit and got married and went to farming, teaching school in the winter and was a successful teacher.

He was raised by a good Missionary Baptist mother and she by devoted members of the Disciple church which she joined in early life. He is a very kind dispositioned man of sterling character, but never publicly professed religion. She was one of God's noble women, always kind and loving and theirs was a pleasant family. Some of the children are members of the church and earnest workers in the Master's vineyard.

### *Amanda Caroline (Smith) Hyatt.*

Amanda Caroline fourth daughter of Esther Ann Carter and Mathew R. Smith (daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born December 7, 1847, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana:  
died 19 .

Her childhood days and youthful years were spent on the farm where she was born, helping about the farm and farm home, taking part in milking the cows and making butter, also spinning flax and wool for the family clothing.

In the eighteenth year of her age her father thought best on account of the failing health of her mother to move to Richland county, Wis., which they did in the spring of 1865, the wife and mother dying a few weeks after they arrived.

The ties of home being severed she began teaching school, which business she followed for three years.

Valentine Gilbert Hyatt, son of Alfred King and Christiana (Clark) Hyatt was born Dec. 29, 1848, Delphi, Carroll county, Ind:  
died 19 .



Mr. Hyatt was of Welch and French descent, Miss Clark was of Irish and German descent. The year he was six years old he came with his parents to Richland county, Wis. The country was almost in its native state and mostly timbered land and he helped to improve the farm, surrounded with all the disadvantages of a new country.

Amanda Caroline Smith and Valentine Gilbert Hyatt were married Dec. 20, 1868, Richland county, Wis.

To this union twelve children were born:

Willma Alice, October 4, 1869, West Lima, Wisconsin;  
died 19 .

Florence Alpha, December 16, 1870, Richland Center, Wis.;  
died 19 .

Alfred Mathew, Dec. 12, 1872, Richland Center, Wisconsin;  
died Feb. 18, 1878, Richland Center, Wis.

Christiana Amanda, Dec. 5, 1874, Sauk county, Wisconsin;  
died 19 .

Samuel Wesley, June 5, 1876, Reedsburg, Sauk county, Wis;  
died 19 .

Esther Olive, Nov. 5, 1878, Richland Center, Wisconsin;  
died 19 .

Clark Isaac, April 30, 1880, Richland Center, Wisconsin;  
died 19

Mollie Selena, August 2, 1881, Richland Center, Wisconsin;  
died 19 .

Martha Amelia, March 26, 1883, Richland Center, Wisconsin;  
died 19 .

Ada Louisa, August 18, 1884, Richland Center, Wisconsin;  
died 19 .

Mae K., May 20, 1886, Farnsworth, Lane county, Kansas;  
died 19 .

Valentine Glenn, September 20, 1890, Farnsworth, Kansas;  
died 19 .

They first settled in Richland county and their residence the first eighteen years of their married life was in that county, except five years at Reedsburg, Sauk county. Financially they were not very successful and among the losses was their house by fire one bitter cold night with the mercury twenty degrees below zero, they barely escaping with their lives. He had car-



ried some of the children out in their bed and fortunately a man came along in a sled and took them to a neighbor's, but not until his feet were badly frozen.

In 1886 he went to Lane county, Kansas, and took a homestead, she going with the family early the next spring. The goods were packed and shipped on the railroad and all going by the same conveyance to Grainfield, Gove county, forty miles north of their homestead. He had a dugout prepared for them and they went to it in wagons. A large family in a very small room and their fuel, the buffalo chips of the plains, made things look discouraging.

Dry weather and poor crops made it a harder place to get the necessaries of life than her mother and grandparents had in the woods where they had to do the spinning and weaving to clothe the family. The girls worked in the tavern at Dighton and one of them went to teaching school and the boys herded cattle and all went to help support the family. They stayed on the homestead until they proved up and got the deed for the land and then went to Pueblo, Colorado. He and part of the family having gone on before, she and others went the fall of 1891. Here was one of the most trying times of their lives. They could not get a house and had to live in a tent, boarded up at the sides, but with a tent roof on it. The children took the measles, two of them were bad, she procured medicine and doctored them herself and through the blessings of God they all got well, strong and hearty. The next spring they rented a house and she went to keeping boarders. He got work as manager of a brickyard at good wages and they got some start this year. Then they rented the Smelter hotel and boarded the men that worked in the smelter, having as many as seventy men part of the time. They ran the hotel about six years and she did most of the cooking and managing, the children and a little hired help doing the rest. The children wanted her to quit the hotel and as some of them were married and others had positions and good wages, they bought her a house and lot and she moved into it the fall of 1899. After a few weeks she was very well satisfied with the change and has since taken things easy and this January, 1905, she is at Tabasco, Colorado, where he has a job at twenty dollars per week. They have two small rooms and she does the cooking for them and they enjoy the fruits of their labors.



He is a man of no bad habits, always kind to his family and got the highest wages when he worked, always looking for something better. He has done considerable prospecting in the mountains for the precious metals and spent many days digging for them, but as yet has not found anything satisfactory, but still holds a claim in the mountains of New Mexico. He was raised by parents that were members of the Wesleyan Methodist church, but never made a profession of religion.

She is one of God's noble women, raised by a Missionary Baptist mother. She taught her children to love and serve the Lord. She is proud of them and they thank God for such a mother and bless her name.

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### *Joseph Lewis Smith.*

Joseph Lewis, fifth son of Esther Ann Carter and Mathew R. Smith (daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born August 26, 1849, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana; died, , 19 .

His childhood and boyhood days were spent on the home farm in a large family where all were keast busy at work, the boys clearing and farming. Sometimes the girls helped in the clearing in order to get the necessaries of life. Three months in the year was about all he got to go to school and as boys went bare-footed in the summer, he did not go to Sunday school very much. In the spring of 1865 he with his parents moved to Wisconsin and settled in Vernon county, near West Lima. This was a new country, heavily timbered and very hilly; but the many beautiful springs of water induced settlers to take it up and improve it. The family moved to Fancy Creek, Richland county, he going along and helping his father until he became of age.

Caroline Delilah Peckham, daughter of Levi and Mary (Clarck) Peckham, English descent, was born Aug. 7, 1850, Galio co., O; died 19 .

She with the family moved to Richland county, Wisconsin, when she was sixteen years old. Her parents were farmers so she was raised on a farm.

Joseph L. Smith and Caroline D. Peckham were married Dec. 15, 1870, Richland county, Wis. To this union nine children were born:





Levi Mathew, Oct. 24, 1871, Richland county, Wis.; died Sept. 23, 1872, Fancy Creek, Wis.

Mary Louie, May 26, 1873, Richland county, Wis.; died May 23, 1887, Keota, Iowa.

Martha Ellen, July 31, 1875, Richland county, Wisconsin; died 19 .

John Leonard, March 5, 1878, Washington county, Iowa; died 19 .

Lester Orr, July 15, 1880, Washington county, Iowa; died 19 .

Ira Jordon, August 9, 1884, Washington county, Iowa; died , 19 ,

Alva Bunker, March 14, 1886, Washington county, Iowa; died 19 .

Alta Verne, March 10, 1889, Washington county, Iowa; died 19 .

Clark Anson, April 28, 1893, Washington county, Iowa; died 19 .

His father helped him to buy some land on Fancy creek and they put up a cabin and went to work to improve it, but hilly, rough, stony land was hard to make into a farm. The beautiful land of Iowa attracted his attention, so he sold out and moved to Washington county, September, 1876. They settled on a rented farm north of West Chester in Washington county, buying a small tract nearby. In 1886 they bought a farm adjoining Keota on the east where they lived about eleven years. Part of that time he was a partner in the grain and lumber business in Keota. In 1897 he traded for a farm on Skunk river twelve miles south of Keota, getting about two acres for one of his prairie land. The next trade was for land in South Dakota, but he concluded he did not like that and did not move there, but traded it for a good farm in Audrain county, Mo. This he moved to in November, 1902. This was a good farm in a good country, but land speculators got about him and persuaded him to trade for timber land ninety miles south of St. Louis, Mo. Some difficulty arose about the location which they settled by him taking a farm in Iron county, Mo., where they now live and like the country very well.

Her parents were members of the United Brethren church, which she joined in her youth. He was raised by a Missionary Baptist mother, but joined the church with his wife. Not living



near the church of their choice, they did not attend as often as they would like to have done, but they were loyal to the church, the church paper being a regular visitor in their home. A good neighbor and an upright man, he has done much good in the world and their children are following them in the church and doing work for the Master.

### *Lucetta (Smith) Jordon.*

Lucetta, fifth daughter of Esther Ann Carter and Mathew R. Smith (daughter of Isaac P. Carter) was born Nov. 24, 1851, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana; died June 13, 1881, West Lima, Richland county, Wis. The first fourteen years of her life were spent at her home in Indiana and as the country improved the comforts of life increased and the schools improved. In the fifteenth year of her age she went with her parents to Vernon county, Wisconsin. Here she grew to womanhood in a new country, but the spinning wheel and loom were left in Indiana and she did not work at that business as her older sisters had done. The necessaries of life were more easily procured, leaving more time for attending school.

Wesley Smith Jordon, son of Timothy Shane and Martha Jane (Babb) Jordon, was born Nov. 29, 1850, Delaware co., Ind.; died 19 .

His parents were natives of the United States. He came with his parents to Vernon county, Wis., and followed the occupation of his father, helping him on the farm and in the clearing and cutting hoopoles.

Lucetta Smith and Wesley Smith Jordon were married July 4, 1871, West Lima, Wis. To this union two sons were born:

Loyal Grafton, February 14, 1875, Vernon county, Wis.; died 19 .

Mathew Shane, July 29, 1879, Vernon county, Wisconsin; died 19 .

They settled near West Lima, on land he owned which they cleared up and farmed and by economical living soon had a comfortable home where she spent her short married life.

After she died he took the children to his mother, who cared for them until he married Miss Marshall, who was a good house-keeper and all a good stepmother could be to the boys, who respect her as they should. He was raised by members of the



Disciple church, she in the Baptist faith, but neither of them made a public profession of religion. They were kind, obliging neighbors, good, honorable citizens, loved and respected by all with whom they associated.

### *John Smith.*

John, second son of Esther Ann Carter and Mathew R. Smith (daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born November 7, 1836, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana; died 19 .

Born in a small log cabin in the woods with barely the necessities of life, he grew up to be a stout, hearty boy, enjoying life with his brothers and sisters.

In the twelfth year of his age, he with the rest of the family, took the whooping cough which was followed by lung fever which was very hard on him, but from which his body recovered and he grew to be a large, stout man, but his mind never recovered. He went to school, but could not learn, nor was he ever able to comprehend the duties of life. He would work part of the time and take an interest in the work, acting as manager of the whole business and so they all got along with him with but very little trouble. But in business matters he was incompetent and was constantly guarded.

His father left him and his property in the hands of his brother-in-law, Isaac D. Poorman and his faithful wife, with whom he lived twenty-nine years and was well and faithfully cared for. As he grew older he would at times think some one was trying to harm him in the night and hearing of a home for the feeble minded at Viroqua they took him there on trial and he liked the place and people so well he is there yet (now over four years). He talks about the cattle and hogs as if he owned the whole thing and it could not be run without him and all are glad that he is contented and happy.

### *Esther Ellen (Smith) Getty.*

Esther Ellen, eighth daughter of Esther Ann Carter and Matthew R. Smith (daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born July 27, 1858, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana; died 19 .

The year she was seven years old she moved with her parents and family to Wisconsin and located near West Lima in a



small cabin in a woodland country, where her mother died a few weeks later, leaving her in the care of sisters and brothers. Her father married again and she went to live with him in his home on Fancy creek, Richland county, staying with him until August, 1868, when she went to live with her sister, Mary Ann, who now had a good home and to whose care she had been given by her mother before her death. Here she did her share of the household duties and attended good schools where she got a fair education.

In 1874 she went to Reedsburg, Sauk county, and attended high school one year, but failing health compelled her to return to her home with her sister, after which she made two visits to Iowa, where her sister, Martha, lived, one time staying over a year. She was a jolly, lively girl, enjoying life to the full with her many friends.

James Edward Getty, fourth son of Joseph and Elizabeth (McClannahan) Getty, was born October 10, 1858, West Lima, Richland county, Wisconsin; died 19 .

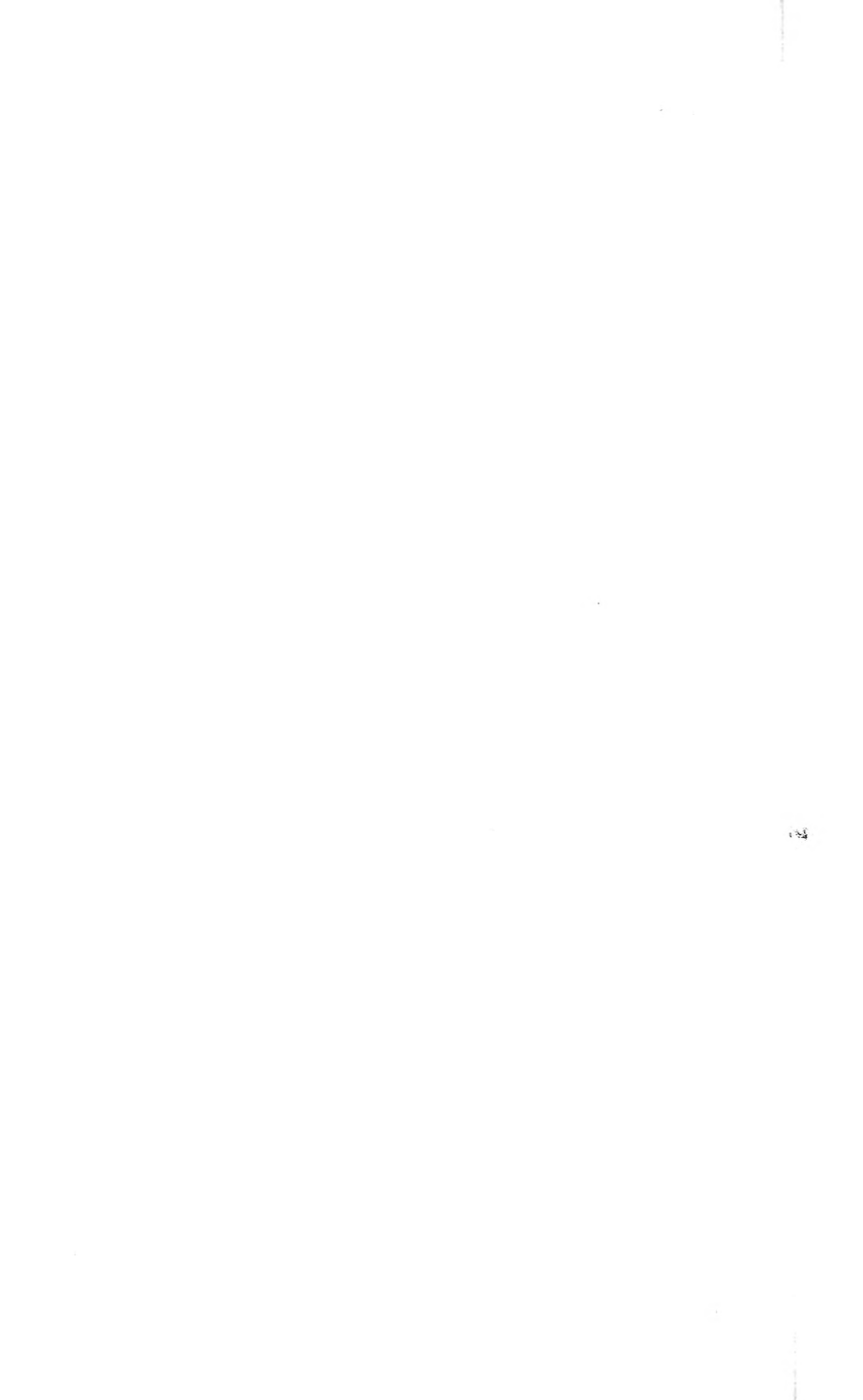
He was of Irish and Scotch-Irish descent. He grew to manhood on the farm on which he was born and engaged in all the work of clearing up a farm in a timbered country and farming in his boyhood and mature years. His schooling was not neglected and he got a good common school education and was well posted on current events. After his father's death, he bought the other heirs' interest in the home farm and lived on it with his mother.

Esther Ellen Smith and James Edward Getty were married March 17, 1888, West Lima, Richland county, Wis. One child was born to this union:

Leland George, March 12, 1893, Richland county, Wis.; died 19 .

They went to housekeeping on his farm and engaged in farming and stock raising in earnest. Prosperity has followed their labors and they now have a good, well furnished house and a good farm for sheep raising and dairying in which business they are now engaged.

She was raised in the Baptist faith, but in later life her associations were with the Disciples and she united in church fellowship with them, and is well satisfied with her church home. He was raised in the Methodist belief to which doctrine he holds,





but never united with any church. In his reading he has not neglected the Bible and has a good understanding of it, which he freely imparts to others. They are good citizens, always willing to help the needy, and the instruction of his mother is carried out and no hungry person is turned away empty from their door.

### *George Carter.*

George, third son of David Gay and Ruhamah (Bayles) Carter [son of Isaac P. Carter], was born March 17, 1847, Upland, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

In the tenth year of his age he accompanied his parents in their move to Iowa and afterwards to Richland county, Wisconsin, in 1865. He remained with his parents helping to improve the farm until he was of age, when he commenced to improve a farm of his own on land near the homestead. He got a very good education for the times and his surroundings were pleasant, but most of the time he lived in a new country where the timber had to be cleared away to make a farm and he had plenty of hard work to do while growing up.

Mary Ann Farmer, daughter of John and Mary [Bell] Farmer, was born Nov. 17, 1849, Columbia county, Ohio; died Sept. 22, 1897, Wakeeney, Trego county, Kan. Mr. Farmer was a native of Maryland, Miss Bell of Pennsylvania. I have no date of the time she came to Wisconsin, but find her here a grown girl in Richland county in 1870, living with her parents.

George Carter and Mary Ann Farmer were married Oct. 8, 1879, Viroqua, Wis. No children were born to this union.

They went to housekeeping on the farm in Richland county, Wis., where he had a house for that purpose where they remained until the fall of 1884, when they rented the farm and October 20th, started in a wagon camping out by the way, to Kansas and spent about one year traveling most of the time in Kansas and Nebraska.

In the fall of 1885 they took us a homestead in Trego county, Kansas. He took great pains to improve this land, first living in a sod house, but ten years after built a neat little frame house close to the sod house which they thought was the safest place in case of a storm or tornado. They planted hedge, fruit and



forest trees only to see them stunted or die. Some years they had fair crops, but too many failures to be successful farming. Prairie fires came very close to them and she took what little water and milk they had and with a mop wet the dry grass and saved their buildings.

He kept the homestead about sixteen years and sold it for \$1,200, not a financial success. She died in the fall of 1897, when he took her remains back to Wisconsin for burial.

They were making arrangements for both to go to California when she was taken sick and her dying was a severe shock on him. After the burial he went back to Kansas, settled up his business and went to California to attend to some interests he had in a fruit lot, but not liking the situation he sold out and went to Oregon to visit his mother, spending about a year before he got back to Wisconsin, where he and his mother have since been living together. She is now very helpless and gets the needed attention from him and a granddaughter who lives with them.

He was raised in the Baptist faith to which he holds. His wife united with the Methodist Episcopal church when about twenty-five years old and remained a faithful Christian woman through life. Theirs was a happy marriage and they enjoyed life together.

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### *Sarah Adeline (Carter) Looker.*

Sarah Adeline, only daughter of David Gay and Ruhamah (Bayles) Carter (son of Isaac P. Carter), was born July 4, 1850, Upland, Grant county, Ind.; died Oct. 29, 1888, West Lima, Richland county, Wis.

She was the only girl of the family and was the pet and yet was not a spoiled child, being of such a pleasant disposition. The year she was six, she went with her parents and family to Iowa and afterwards went with them in their various moves until they settled in Richland county, Wis., the year she was fifteen years old. The spinning of flax and wool was a thing of the past in farm houses, so she did not learn that business, but busied herself with household duties and going to school, where she had a chance to get a good education.



Skyles Woodburn Looker, seventh son of Edmond Burke and Martha (Russell) Looker, was born May 10, 1847, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania; died 19 .

Mr. Looker was of English, Miss Russell of German descent. At the age of four years, he with his parents moved to Fulton county, Ohio, where he grew up. He was so anxious to join the army during the Civil war, that he enlisted twice, but was not permitted to go on account of his age. After he was of age he went to Kansas to see the country; also worked on a farm in Indiana and in the lumber camps of Michigan.

The spring of 1870 he came to Richland county, Wisconsin, and engaged in clearing and improving the country.

Sarah Adeline Carter and Skyles Woodburn Looker were married Nov. 26, 1874, Richland county, Wisconsin. To this union seven children were born:

Ruhamah Arvilla, Nov. 27, 1875, Richland county, Wis.; died , 19 ,

Melvorn Dennis, August 15, 1877, Richland county, Wis.; died 19 .

Amelia Frances, July 21, 1879, Richland county, Wis.; died 19 .

Lorena Alice, April 4, 1881, Richland county, Wisconsin; died 19 .

Roscoe Clark, October 4, 1884, Richland county, Wis.; died 19 .

Lottie, November 1, 1887, Richland county, Wisconsin; died 19 .

Lillie, November 1, 1887, Richland county, Wisconsin; died, , 19 .

He bought a farm in the town of Bloom and built a fine house which was a home in every sense of the word and they lived a pleasant happy family until the death of the wife and mother, leaving him with the little ones which was sorrow indeed. He hired a woman to come and help care for the children so that he could keep them together, but found it difficult to keep a hired woman, he married Adella Outland July 4, 1889. It was a difficult undertaking for her to take care of a large family of small children, but seeing their need, her love for them constrained her to do it and she faithfully did her part by them



and they cherish the memory of a hard working, kind hearted, well meaning woman who taught them to cook and do the house-work, fitting them for the duties of life. She was not permitted to live long and enjoy the fruits of her labor, dying Oct. 7, 1902. The girls were then able to go on with the work and keep house for their father. Mr. and Mrs. Looker united with the Methodist church soon after their marriage. He is a man of good character, honest in all his dealings with his fellowmen and accumulated property so they had a good living. She was a good girl, a kind woman, a loving wife and mother and a faithful servant of the Master.

### *Calvin Carter.*

Calvin, fourth son of David Gay and Ruhamah (Bayles) Carter (son of Isaac P. Carter), was born June 21, 1848, Upland, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

The year he was eight years old the family moved to Iowa and he was with the family a dutiful son when they settled in Richland county, Wis., near West Lima, the year he was seventeen. His work was farming and helping to improve the country. He attended school faithfully and got a very good education for the times.

Eliza H. Guthrie, daughter of James Guthrie, was born Oct. 22, 1851; died Dec. 26, 1889, Vernon county, Wis. (I failed to find out her mother's name or where she was born or their nativity.

Calvin Carter and Eliza H. Guthrie were married during the year 1874, Richland county, Wis. To this union five children were born:

Marion Carter, March 28, 1876, Richland county, Wisconsin; died 19 .

Elsie H., January 21, 1879, Richland county, Wisconsin; died 19 .

Lulu May, September 15, 1881, Vernon county, Wisconsin; died 19 .

Loyal David, March 10, 1886, Vernon county, Wisconsin; died 19 .

Josie, September 18, 1887, Vernon county, Wisconsin; died 19 .





They first settled near the homestead and farmed on the home farm and for a few years had the care of his mother. About 1885 he bought land in Vernon county, north of West Lima and moved on it and improved a farm. After the wife and mother died he and the children kept house and kept the children together until they grew up. Some of them are now married. He now has a home in Clarke county and his youngest daughter is keeping house for him. He is a very modest man, having but little to say, living in love and charity with all his neighbors, always ready to help the needy, honest and upright in all his dealings.

He was raised in the Baptist faith, but her religious belief is not known to the writer.

### *Alonzo Theodore Carter.*

Alonzo Theodore, fifth son of David Gay and Ruhamah (Bayles) Carter (son of Isaac P. Carter), was born February 7, 1853, Upland, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

In his childhood and boyhood days he was with the family in their different moves until 1865, when they settled in Richland county, Wis., near West Lima. Here he grew to manhood, working on the farm and attending good schools. He got a very good education. Entering politics, he made an unsuccessful run for one of the county offices.

Sarah Geneve Hamilton, daughter of Peter and Bridget Hamilton, [natives of Ireland] was born December 23, 1856, Troy, Walworth county, Wisconsin; died 19 .

She came with her parents to Richland county, Wisconsin, during her minority, her parents settling on a farm near Richland Center, where she grew to womanhood, surrounded with such pleasures, enjoyments, school and church privileges as a new country affords.

Theodore Alonzo Carter and Sarah Geneve Hamilton were married Nov. 24, 1881, Richland county, Wis. To this union four children were born:

David Gay, October 8, 1882, Richland county, Wisconsin; died Feb. , 1887, Richland county, Wis.



George Thomas, May 27, 1884, Richland county, Wisconsin;  
died 19 .

John Runyan, Sept. 1886, Richland county, Wisconsin;  
died 19 .

Frederick Gay, Feb. 28, 1888, Richland county, Wisconsin;  
died 19 .

They settled on the homestead and engaged in farming, and remained there about ten years, living in the house with his mother part of the time, when they moved to Chicago, Illinois. He engaged in mercantile business, she at housework, sewing and sending the children to school. They stayed in the city about ten years when they moved back to Wisconsin and are now living on the homestead and engaged in farming. He was raised in the Baptist faith, but I do not know that he ever joined any church. She was raised in the Roman Catholic church and remained a faithful member of that church.



## FOURTH GENERATION.

*Nancy Mahala (Carter) Snell.*

Nancy Mahala, first daughter of Howard and Eleanor (Lyon) Carter (son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born Jan. 24, 1852, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

Her childhood days were spent on the farm where she was born with plenty of work to do. As she was the oldest of the family the housework and the care of the children fell heavily on her. There was a school house close by, where she attended school. In the fourteenth year of her age, she went with her parents to Henry county, Iowa, a nice prairie country, where they soon had a good farm and a comfortable home in good society, with good school and church privileges.

Her mother had a loom and she became an expert carpet weaver. The weaving of other goods had passed away and the time had come that most parents thought girls ought to have a good education which she got in the common schools, but her school days were cut short by the death of her mother in 1870, when it fell to her lot to take care of the house and younger children, the youngest being three years old. This she faithfully did until others got large enough to take charge of the house and let her go to Howe's Normal school at Mt. Pleasant and prepare herself for teaching in the public schools, in which business she was engaged the most of the time until she was married. Boarding most of the time at home, she had the oversight of the other children all the time.

William Henry Snell, son of Henry and Emmeline Clark Snell, was born January 10, 1840, Dearborn county, Indiana; died 19 .

His parents were natives of the United States. His early life was spent where he was born until 1848, when his parents moved to Bureau county, Illinois, where he grew to manhood, going to school and working on a farm. He also learned the wagon maker trade and worked at it several years. In 1861 he was married to Clarissa Atwood. Three children were born to them:

Timothy Eugene, September 29, 1863, Bureau county, Ills.; died Feb. 21, 1865, Bureau county, Ills.

Clara Augusta, August 31, 1866, Bureau county, Ills.; died Jan. 18, 1882, Henry county, Iowa.



Austin Henry, June 24, 1871, Bureau county, Illinois; died. 19 .

He moved his family to Henry county, Iowa, in 1875 and settled on a farm near Swedesburg. Herethe wife and mother died. He took her back to Illinois for burial and left the children there to be taken care of and came back and worked on the farm. Nancy Mahala Carter and William Henry Snell were married November 20, 1879, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. To them one child was born:

Ralph Howard, October 8 1882, Stuttgart, Arkansas; died 19 .

She taught school in Washington county the winter after they were married and he went back to Illinois and stayed until the next March, when he came back to Iowa and they went to housekeeping on his farm east of Swedesburg. They improved the farm by putting in tile and erecting a good barn. Prosperity followed their labors and they soon had plenty about them; but he thought he would like to live in a warmer climate, so late in the fall he and his brother-in-law, George H. Carter, started with a team and carriage to go to St. Charles, Louisiana. When they arrived at Keokuk they got all on a steamboat and went to Memphis, Tenn., getting off on the west side of the river they drove to Stuttgart, Arkansas, where he traded the team for a farm and came back to Iowa. The next winter he made a trip to St. Charles and another to Arkansas and came home satisfied that Arkansas was the place to go and they moved there in January, 1890. The moving was done by loading a car with horses, farming utensils and household goods, a man going along to take care of the horses. Five years residence satisfied them that this was a poor country for farming and they traded their place for land in Nebraska and July 27, 1897, they started with two mule teams to move to Holt county, Nebraska. One of the mules died a few days after they started; they got shafts for the buggy and went on, camping out by the way. The trip occupied forty-five days. They arrived at their new home among entire strangers and moved into a house that for sometime had been occupied by a very trifling lot of renters that had but few neighbors. Nothing better was expected from Arkansas, so the neighbors still kept away. His hand got sore with what the doctors called a frog felon and





was so bad that she had to dress it every hour for several weeks. It laid him up all winter and when farming time came, she had to help him about hitching up the team and to do other work. During the spring and summer they went to church and became acquainted with a better class of people and soon had plenty of good neighbors.

He was raised by a devoted Christian mother who instructed her children in the way of life and salvation. Her parents were Methodists and early in life she united with that church and was a devoted Christian girl. When twenty years old she heard the coming of the Lord preached by the First Day Adventists and, being convinced that it was Bible truth, she accepted it with all her heart. This led her to study the Bible for more light, which led to a deeper work of grace in the heart and a better knowledge of His Word, which she could readily communicate to others.

In the Sunday school she is an exceptionally good teacher for the little children. In all her life she has been an earnest teacher in the Sunday school whenever she could attend. She is now a member of the Christian Advent church and doing good work for the Master and many thank the Lord for the good instruction they received from her.

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### *Sarah Jane (Carter) Seberg.*

Sarah Jane, second daughter of Howard and Eleanor (Lyon) Carter (son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born July 1, 1853, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

Her childhood days were spent on the farm where she was born, going to school and enjoying other duties and pleasures of children. In the eighth year of her age she went with the family to Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa, where she grew to womanhood on a farm that her father was improving on prairie land. Ready made clothing had crowded the spinning wheel and loom to the attic. The kerosene lamp had taken the place of the tallow candle, but as yet no organ had got into this home, where there was plenty of work and vocal music, which with going to school in better schools and longer terms than we had in Indiana, occupied the time of the children as they were growing up.

John Seberg, first son of Andrew P. and Mary E.



Seberg, was born May 11, 1847, Sweden, Europe;  
died 19 .

He came to the United States in his childhood days with the family and settled in Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1857. A few years later they moved to Henry county where he became acquainted with his future wife. He enlisted in the army at Quincy, March 8, 1865, Company H, Twenty-eighth Illinois Infantry and although very young he served until after the close of the war, being discharged March 8, 1866, at Brownsville, Texas.

Sarah Jane Carter and John Seberg were married Sept. 18, 1870, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa. To this union ten children were born:

Mamie Eleanor, December 21, 1871, Henderson county, Ill.,  
died 19 .

Mattie Jane, April 7, 1875, Henderson county, Illinois;  
died 19 .

Hattie Grace, May 23, 1877, Henry county Iowa;  
died 19 .

Lewis Alfred, August 29, 1879, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19

Harlan Clyde, November 16, 1881, Henry county, Iowa;  
died June 15, 1882, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa.

Henry Earl, May 19, 1883, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

Maud Willhemina, March 26, 1890, Kearney county, Neb.;  
died August 16, 1896, Kearney county, Neb.

Mabel Arsina, March 26, 1890, Kearney county, Neb.; died  
July 13, 1890, Kearney county, Neb.

Effel May, April 19, 1892, Kearney county, Neb.; died Au-  
gust 1, 1892, Kearney county, Neb.

Andrew, Sept. 26, 1894, Kearney county Neb.; died Sept.  
26, 1894, Kearney county, Neb.

They went to housekeeping in the neighborhood where they were married. In the fall of 1871 they moved to Henderson county, Illinois, and engaged in farming and feeding cattle for another man. The spring of 1876 they moved back to Henry county, Iowa, and went to farming.

He and his brother-in-law, Leroy P. Carter, bought an eight horse power separator thrashing machine and ran it very suc-



cessfully while they stayed in Iowa, but that was hard work both on men and horses. January, 1884, they moved to Kearney county, Nebraska, settling near Axtel. They farmed with varied success, part of the time doing a big business on a large farm and part of the time pretty hard up for a living.

They remained in Kearney county about sixteen years, when they moved to Franklin county, where he had bought a quarter section of unimproved land a few miles south of Upland. This they have improved by building a good house and barn and other improvements for comfort and have 70 acres in cultivation where they now live in comfort, anxious to have their friends visit them as they are all alone, the children married, or away from home, or at school.

She was raised by Methodist parents and early in life united with the church. His parents were members of the Lutheran church, but he united with the Methodist people before they were married and they are still members of that church and doing what they can to help others to a better life. One of their sons is now at school, studying in view of entering the ministry.

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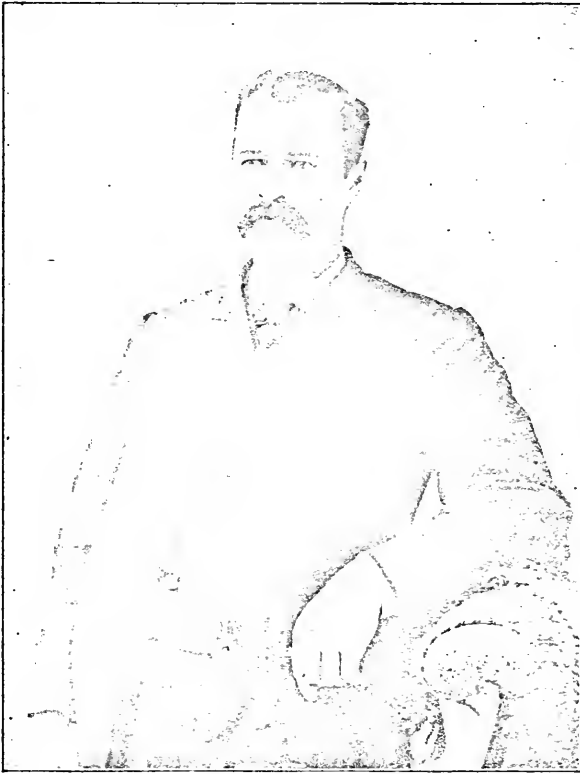
### *Leroy Perry Carter.*

Leroy Perry, first son of Howard and Eleanor (Lyon) Carter (son of Isaac G. Carcer, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born February 4, 1857; Matthews, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

His childhood days were spent on the farm with his parents and as there was a good frame school house on the farm he attended school as soon as he was old enough to go. The year he was eight years old he went with the family to Mount Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa, moving in wagons, camping out by the way. Here he grew to manhood on a prairie farm. As soon as he was old enough he took a team and assisted in plowing and harrowing and was not bothered with stumps and roots as his father was when he commenced to plow. A school house stood nearby where he attended school. Later he went to Mt. Pleasant to school and received a good education for a farmer's boy.

After he was of age, his father helped him and his brother-in-law to get an eight horse power separator threshing machine which they ran for a few years very successfully. Getting tired





*Leroy P. Carter.*





of farm work he took a notion to railroad work and after learning telegraphy by working a year or more in Chicago and elsewhere, he went to Minnesota to follow his chosen profession. The winter was coming on and he being in rather poor health, he concluded to try outdoor work for the winter. Securing work as a teamster, he hauled and delivered wood in St. Paul during the winter of 1882 and 1883. The winter was a very severe one, but the outdoor work proved to be very beneficial to his health and in the spring he secured work on the St. Paul and Duluth railroad, first as extra man, then in St. Paul as night operator the summer of 1883. He went to Hinkley in the fall as night operator, but was soon advanced to day work as operator and later to car clerk which position he held until Jan. 1, 1887, when he went to Sandstone Junction to take the agency there, staying there until May, 1888, when he was sent to Sandstone as agent. This office was discontinued in May, 1890. He was then sent to Barnum where he remained a little over six years.

Margaret Frances MacKenzie was born Jan. 21, 1863, Dalhousie, Mountain, Pictou county, Nova Scotia; died Nov. 2, 1900, Duluth, Minnesota.

Her father was born in Scotland. Her mother was the daughter of Scotch parents. They were among the first to settle in this mountainous country, covered with hemlock and spruce and here is where she spent her young life. She attended the district school, walking about two miles to the school house and was prominent in the literary society, also a loyal member of the Good Templars. In conversation she was witty and had an answer for every one and her pleasant way of speaking made friends of all she associated with.

When about seventeen years old her mother was stricken with inflammatory rheumatism which left her a cripple all her life. For two years the daughter laid aside the joys of young people and was the constant companion of a helpless mother and only when the latter could get about did she relax her vigils. The family looked on her as an angel of mercy. A few years later, at the death of an older sister, she took charge of her five helpless children, taking care of them and taking the two youngest to their father, who had moved to Sandstone, Minnesota. There she met the railroad agent, who became her future husband. During her visit here, they frequently met and got better acquainted and afterwards corresponded.



In 1889 she went east, after spending one summer visiting her sister. She stopped at Boston, Mass., where she was employed by Mrs. Hemminway, a woman of wealth whose kind deeds of philanthropy are known far and near. Her business was to attend to and repair the clothing when it came from the laundry and put it away and help in the dining room, especially when they had a large company for dinner. While she was here the time was set for their marriage in July, 1892.

Leroy Perry Carter and Margaret Frances MacKenzie were married July 5, 1892, Boston, Massachusetts. To this union one child was born:

Howard Alexander, Sept. 25, 1895, Barnum, Minnesota;  
died 1 .

They went to her home in Nova Scotia on a visit and although some of her friends had tried to dissuade her from marrying a Yankee, they were kindly received. After a visit there they left for Minnesota, via Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington City, then west visiting his friends in Indiana and Iowa (his old home), then on to Barnum, Minnesota, where he took up the work he had laid down six weeks earlier.

They went to housekeeping in the depot up stairs and had been there a little over two years when the terrible Minnesota forest fires of Sept. 1, 1894, occurred in which several small towns were burned and a vast scope of the country burned over. The small town of Sandstone was among them. Her brother-in-law, Mr. Gunn and family, lived there and saved themselves by going to the river and remaining in the water from five to ten P. M. In the morning everything that would burn was in ashes. The potatoes and onions were roasted in the ground. Part of the family came to their home the next day, nearly naked, to be dressed and cared for. Mr. Gunn took the typhoid fever and she and his daughter cared for him through the fever. The girl took it and after several weeks' sickness died and thus this noble woman was called to care for her sister's girl, whom she cared for when her sister died.

In September, 1896, Mr. Carter was sent to Twentieth Avenue station in Duluth, where he worked until the station was discontinued in 1901. He worked as extra man at Rush City and Harris until March, 1902, when he was sent to Forest Lake,



where he is now located, 1905. He has seen the road he has worked for so long taken in by the Northern Pacific and he with it and is the oldest man in time of service (except two) on his division of the road. He has seen other men in both high and low position come and go, yet he still has his office and plenty of work to do.

Their married life was one of continued happiness and they were always contented with what they had. She made two trips to her Nova Scotia home and in 1899, when her mother died, he accompanied her home. The severe strain on her nerves during her mother's sickness from which she never fully recovered, left her in a bad condition to ward off an attack of typhoid fever which soon ended in her death. She was fully conscious and calling her husband to her, calmly gave him instructions about raising her boy and made arrangements about the funeral and burial, selecting the place in Hickory Grove cemetery, Henry county, Iowa, by the side of his mother. All of her instructions were carried out.

After the burial his sister, Alice, went back to Duluth with him to keep house and help care for the boy and they have lived together ever since and get along nicely.

He was raised by Methodist parents and early in life manifested a desire for the better life and later by his devotion to Sunday school and church work. She was raised by strict Presbyterians, who always have their children study the shorter catechism. Their diet as children was plain and simple, consisting mostly of "oatmeal and souse." They both engaged in church and Sunday school work in the Presbyterian church, the few years she lived. She now rests from her labors and her good works follow her. He is now superintendent of the Sunday school at Forest Lake and took an active part in building a church in that town which is now completed.

### *Rhoda Caroline (Carter) Tallman.*

Rhoda Caroline, fourth daughter of Howard and Eleanor (Lyon) Carter (son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born Nov. 6, 1858, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

In the seventh year of her age she with her parents and family moved in wagons, camping out by the way, to Henry



county, Iowa, where they settled on a piece of raw prairie land in a small house and commenced to make a farm by hiring forty acres broken out. The next year they put up a nice cottage and moved into it in September, 1866. Here she grew to womanhood, in good society with plenty of the comforts of life. They had good schools about seven months in the year where all the necessary branches were taught to both boys and girls alike and at a suitable age she attended a select school at Mt. Pleasant and qualified herself for teaching. She taught several terms in the public schools of the county to the satisfaction of the school board.

She and her younger sisters had charge of the housework while their older sister, Nancy, went to Mt. Pleasant to school to qualify herself for teaching and while she was away teaching. This work was done to the satisfaction of her brothers and sisters, her father often washing the supper dishes that they might attend the literary society.

Frank Carroll Tallman, second son of Benjamin and Mary Jane (Carroll) Tallman, was born July 17, 1860, Henry county, Ia.;  
died 19 .

Mr. and Mrs. Tallman were of German descent. Frank grew to manhood in the neighborhood where he was born, helping his father on the farm and attending the country schools, church and Sunday school, where his future wife did and so were acquainted in their youth.

Rhoda Caroline Carter and Frank Carroll Tallman were married Oct. 20, 1881, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa. To this union six children were born:

Pearl Carter, August 22, 1882, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

Ralph Benjamin, Nov. 1, 1884, Osborne county, Kansas;  
died 19 .

Lucy Ethel, Oct. 5, 1887, Downs, Osborne county, Kansas;  
died 19 .

Glenn Howard, November 11, 1889, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

Mabel Eleanor, September 26, 1896, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

Versa Mae, May 5, 1898, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19 .





Soon after their marriage they went Burlington and he went to work for the railroad as car cleaner, night work, but not liking the business they came back to Henry county and rented a farm and engaged in farming. The fall of 1882 they went to Osborne county, Kansas, and engaged in farming, remaining there five years with rather poor success, losing their entire crop of small grain and most of their corn by a hail storm the last of June, 1888.

Tired and disgusted with Kansas, she came back to Iowa in September on a visit, while he in company with others went west as far as Washington looking for a place to make a home, but not finding any that suited him he came back to Iowa, arriving in December and the next spring went to farming with varied success. The winter of 1901 he traded for an interest in a livery barn in New London and moved a part of their household goods there, leaving part in the house they moved from which caught fire and burned up all of their goods as well as those of the family that lived in the house, the latter escaping in their night clothes. This was a very serious loss to them, they then having a family of six children. The livery business did not prove a success in his hands, so they sold out and went to Mt. Pleasant in 1902, getting a house just outside the corporation where they now live. He works at the carpenter trade in the summer and in winter works with a bridge gang on the railroad. The two oldest boys have good places to work, the younger ones going to school and working what they can during vacation. They are making a good living.

She was raised by Methodist parents and early in life took a decided stand in the cause of the Master and has done what she could in His service. While at New London she thought best to unite with the Disciple church, to which she now belongs and is earnestly engaged in church and Sunday school work. Her daughter has also joined the church and her mother is pleased to have her engaged in the good work for others. She is a very modest woman who sees the work that ought to be done and regrets her inability to do it both in the family and church, yet she knows that the Master is with her and trusts he will not let her feeble efforts fail. He was raised by Christian parents, but never made any profession of religion.



### *Mary Alice Carter.*

Mary Alice, fifth daughter of Howard and Eleanor (Lyon) Carter (son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born October 12, 1860, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

In the fifth year of her age she went with the family to Henry county, Iowa, where her parents settled on a piece of prairie land and soon had a pleasant home. Here she grew to womanhood, surrounded with the comforts of life, in good society, with good school and church privileges and received an education qualifying her to teach in the public schools of the county. But she preferred dress-making to teaching and went and learned that trade.

Her mother died when she was two years old, after which the work and care of the house was done by the girls. The older ones being married or teaching, she took charge of the house in 1880.

In January, 1881, her father brought a maiden aunt of his, helpless with age, to be cared for which added to the cares and household duties, her part of which was well and faithfully done the few months the aunt lived.

Her father married in 1888 and went to live on his wife's farm, leaving his farm in charge of her and her brother, George, which they worked until her brother married in 1894. She still made her home there, but worked for her married sisters, helping them in making clothing and other things needful. Always cheerful and independent, the things of this life did not bother her, the most of her work and earnings being donated to those in need or given in presents to her nieces and nephews or where it would add to the happiness of others.

Her sister-in-law died in November, 1900, leaving her brother, Leroy, with a boy five years old to be cared for. She went home with him to Duluth, Minnesota, to keep house for him and help care for the boy and is with him still at Forest Lake, Minn. In early life she united with the Methodist church and is a devoted Christian woman. There is no church of her early choice at Forest Lake and she has formed a churchhome with the Presbyterian people, helping them all she can. The minister is boarding with her and all are doing what they can to make the church a power for good in that beautiful little town on the bank of Forest Lake, twenty-five miles north of St. Paul.



*George Henry Carter.*

George Henry, third son of Howard and Eleanor (Lyon) Carter [son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter] was born April 8, 1865, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana; died 19

When six weeks old his parents started to move to Henry county, Iowa, in wagons, a trip of three weeks, camping out by the way. The trip did not hurt him in the least and he arrived in Iowa well, hearty and getting fat. Here he grew to manhood in good society in a good, healthy country, working on the farm and going to school enough to occupy his time. Improvement in the mode of farming and tools to farm with made it possible for one man to do more farm work than several could do years ago. Gang or sulky plows with three or four horses to the plow, harrows sixteen to twenty feet wide, drawn by four or five horses, self-dropping cornplanters, harvesters that bind the grain and leave the sheaves in bunches, are some of the things that have come to us in the past few years that make it possible for one man to raise a great deal of grain. He and his sister, Alice, had the management of the home farm for six years, during which time he did the farming and ran a threshing machine, buying a complete steam threshing outfit and fixed up a feed mill to grind corn and chop feed. The number of threshing machines in the country soon did the work with but little financial profit to machine owners.

Allie May Jacobs, daughter of Joseph Lawson and Rachel Annie (Carl) Jacobs, was born July 18, 1869, Henry county, Ia.; died 19

She grew to womanhood on the farm where she was born and being among the oldest of a large family, mostly girls, she saw the necessity of preparing herself for the duties of life besides the work in the house and on the farm. She, therefore, studied hard in the country school and got well advanced in her studies. She then went to Mt. Pleasant and attended a training school for teachers until she was competent to teach in the public school of the county, which business she followed three or four years very successfully.

George Henry Carter and Allie May Jacobs were married



March 28, 1894, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa. No children were born to this union.

He took her to his home on his father's farm where he was engaged in farming, threshing grain in its season and grinding chopped feed for the neighbors during the winter. The fall of 1895 he bought a grain elevator at Pekin, Jefferson county, Iowa, made a public sale and sold off what property he did not want in his new business and moved to Pekin the last of November and engaged in the grain, seed, coal and tile business. The business being new to him he made some mistakes at the start, but getting better acquainted with the business and gaining the confidence of the people, he built up a profitable trade. In January, 1904, he entered into partnership with I. M. Lewis and in connection with the elevator they have a store of general merchandise, farm implements, wagons and buggies and are doing a good business.

His wife has done her part well by keeping boarders most of the time and traveling men make their house their stopping place. She also busied herself raising chickens and has helped to pay for the home they now have.

He was raised in a family of Christian people and in his youth united with the Methodist church. Her parents held to the Baptist faith, but she is now a member of the church with him and they are doing what they can to help others to a better life.

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### *Eva Isadora (Carter) Anderson.*

Eva Isadora, sixth daughter of Howard and Eleanor [Lyon] Carter [son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter], was born July 25, 1867, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa; died 19 .

She grew up on the farm where she was born, where she had plenty of exercise, but was not required to work very hard. The society was good and she had plenty of room to romp and play. The organ had taken the place of the spinning wheel of former days and the girls were taught to play which they sometimes reluctantly did, but not in this case. She got a good education in the country schools and then went to Mt. Pleasant to qualify herself for teaching, but did not teach.

Alfred Henry Anderson, sixth son of John and Sarah





[Sprague Anderson, was born Apr. 1, 1859, Henry county, Iowa; died 19 .

During his minority his parents, natives of the United States, resided in Henry and Washington counties, he staying with them until they went to Kansas in 1883. He worked by the month part of the time and later at putting in tile drains at which he was a skilled hand. His surroundings were good and he contracted no bad habits.

Eva Isadora Carter and Alfred Henry Anderson were married Jan. 4, 1888, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa. To this union five children were born:

John, Feb. 12, 1889, Mount Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa; died Feb. 12, 1889, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa.

Clarke Leslie, May 10, 1891, Cowley county, Kansas; died 19 .

Hazel Dove, December 7, 1894, Cowley county, Kansas; died 19 .

Floyd Manly, November 28, 1899, Henry county, Iowa; died 19 .

Kenneth Dale, September 13, 1904, Henry county, Iowa; died 19 .

They lived in the house on the Carter farm and helped to farm the home place for two years. In February, 1890, they went to Cowley county, Kansas, where he had land. This moving was not done in wagons, but horses, wagons, farming utensils and household goods were put in a car and taken by rail, one man going with it to attend to the horses, the family going on the passenger train; a quick way to move; but costing more money. Here he engaged in farming; but finding Kansas a poor country for the business they sold out and in September, 1895, moved in company with other families in wagons, camping out by the way to the old home in Henry county, Iowa.

The home farm was for rent and they moved into the house that winter and ran the place successfully for eight years, when the farm was sold and as they had no house on their own land they rented a place joining the home farm and moved on it, where they now live.

They attend the Methodist church which she joined in her youth. She is devoted to the cause of the Master. He never made any profession of religion; but is a kind, moral man, willing to help others in the duties of life.



### *Joseph Newton Carter.*

Joseph Newton, second son of Ira Josselyn and Eliza Ann (Corn) Carter, (son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born July 24, 1850, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Born in a farm house, he grew to manhood on a farm at which work his young manhood was spent. The trees were most all gone on the farm land and stumps and roots rotting and going very rapidly. It was not so annoying to plow as it was some years earlier. Dropping corn by hand had given way to the hand planter. The double shovel plow with one horse to draw it, was far better than the big shovel plow that we used some years before. The hoe was not used to raise corn and the grain cradle and scythe for cutting grain and grass were among the things of the past.

Nancy Jane Patterson, daughter of William and Phoebe (Gard) Patterson, was born June 21, 1851, Blackford county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

The place of her father's birth is not known. Her mother was born in Ohio.

A girl born and living on a farm with the best surroundings has plenty of hard work to do. They had the cows to milk in her day, besides taking care of the milk and making butter, but these things brought out the best that was in them and prepared them for the future duties of life which they were to occupy.

Joseph Newton Carter and Nancy Jane Patterson were married Sept. 21, 1871, Blackford county, Indiana. To this union eight children were born:

Irena Velletta, Aug. 18, 1872, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Maleva Lillian, April 21, 1874, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Laura Belle, Dec. 19, 1875, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Stella Lutitia, Nov. 14, 1878, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Arthur Orlando, Apr. 2, 1881, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Joseph, Sept. 14, 1885, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died Sept. 14, 1885, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.



Bertha Annetta, March 15, 1887, Grant county, Indiana;  
 died 19 .

Minta May, April 13, 1889, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. ;  
 died, 19 .

They went to housekeeping on a farm near his father's house and did some farming and later he started a tile factory and made drain tile for a few years and also worked at the carpenter trade. Getting tired of the tile business, they got property in Upland and he devoted his time to working at the carpenter trade. His son, Arthur O., works in a glass factory and is a glass blower by trade.

His parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to the doctrines of which he holds. She is a member of the Christian church and four of the girls are members and while all of the family are good honest citizens, I am glad that some of them are willing to acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Master.

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### *Olive (Carter) Kibbey.*

Olive, third daughter of Ira Josselyn and Eliza Ann (Corn) Carter (son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born December 19, 1852, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
 died 19 .

She grew up to womanhood in the neighborhood where she was born in a busy home where there was plenty to do. The mother was still using the loom, but the spinning wheels were a thing of the past and she did not learn to spin wool or flax to make clothing for the family. But the time had come that parents wanted their girls to have as good an education as the boys and that required a great deal of time at the school house which was about forty rods from her home, giving her a good chance to go to school, of which she was quick to take advantage.

John Ephraim Kibbey, son of Jonah and Rebecca [Garrison] Kibbey, was born May 25, 1850, Clinton county, Ohio; died Aug. 24, 1904, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. His parents were born in Ohio.

He was the son of a farmer and he grew up accustomed to the work on a farm and came with the family in 1870 to Grant county, Indiana, where his father purchased a good farm and engaged in farming.



Olive Carter and John Ephraim Kibbey were married Jan. 1, 1873, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. To them ten children were born:

Clarence Albert, November 29, 1873, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Erret Osmer, Aug. 4, 1875, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. ;  
died 19 .

Clinton J., Aug. 5, 1877, Grant county, Ind. ; died April 14,  
1882, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.

Ira Ephraim, Oct. 11, 1879, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. ;  
died 19 .

Charles Preston, January 21, 1882, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Rolland Clayton, October 9, 1883, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Cora Avis, Nov. 6, 1885, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Bessie Ann, Jan. 1, 1889, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. ; died  
Feb. 12, 1889, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.

John Ray, March 4, 1894, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Carrie Emectia, October 15, 1896, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

They built a house on his father's land and went to house-keeping there, helping to farm his father's place. After the death of his father in 1892, they moved into the house on the homestead where their children grew up. Some of them are now married and have homes of their own, while she is left on the homestead with a part of the family.

He was a man of business, a great worker, always anxious for the improvement of the country and for anything to benefit society or schools. When the road was graded and graveled, he took some of the bridge contracts that were difficult to perform, which he did to the satisfaction of the county.

She had the care of a large family and was a kind, gentle mother and did what she could to raise them to be good citizens and to honor their father and mother. All of them are settling near the homestead.

The Kibbey family were Methodists in belief, but none of





them were church members. She is a good woman, but not a member of church.

### *Levi Lewis Carter.*

Levi Lewis, third son of Ira Josselyn and Eliza Ann (Corn) Carter [son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter], was born April 13, 1855, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

He grew to manhood where he was born, working on a farm that was most all cleared out and the stumps gone, so that he was not annoyed with stumps and roots as his father was while plowing in his young manhood days. They had good society and a good school house nearby, where he attended school and received a fair education for the country schools.

Mary Amanda Slater, daughter of William and Mary Tacy (Marks) Slater, was born May 5, 1858, Matthews, Grantco., Ind.; died , 19 ,

Her parents were natives of the United States. She grew up in the township where she was born in a home where there were plenty of this world's goods to supply the necessaries and comforts that make a happy life. But there is always plenty of hard work to do on a farm, which with going to school, kept all busy while growing up.

Levi Lewis Carter and Mary Amanda Slater were married Oct. 1, 1882, Grant county, Indiana. To this union one child was born:

Dora Ethel, May 24, 1884, Delaware county, Indiana; died 19 .

Soon after thir marriage, they visited some of her relatives in western Illinois and his uncle and family in Iowa, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, which was a very pleasant surprise and unexpected visit and was enjoyed by all concerned.

After their return to Indiana they bought a farm in Washington township, Delaware county, which they improved with new buildings and in other ways where they now have a fine grain and stock farm in a good country, with gravel roads and so far away from any large town that the professional hunter with his gun and dogs scarcely ever visits them.

In religious belief he holds to the doctrine of the Methodist Episcopal church, but never became a member. She united with



the Methodist church in her youth and follows the example of her parents by remaining in the church through life, doing what she can for the Master, both by precept and example.

*Mary Elvira (Carter) (Hardy) Hiatt.*

Mary Elvira, fourth daughter of Ira Josselyn and Eliza Ann (Corn) Carter, (son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born Oct. 2, 1857, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

She grew up at her home on a farm where she had the necessities of life and many of the comforts in a good comfortable house, where the mother taught her girls to do the work about the house in such a way that they might become good housekeepers and take care of themselves. School and Sunday school were held close to her home which she attended and profited thereby.

Noah Hardy, son of Otha and Jane (Dawden) Hardy, was born Sept. 13, 1850, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana; died Jan. 26, 1887, Grant county, Indiana. His father was born in Ohio.

He grew to manhood in the neighborhood where he was born on a farm and was a farmer by occupation. He had the privileges of the country school and got a fair education.

Mary Elvira Carter and Noah Hardy were married Feb. 2, 1874, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana. To this union three boys were born:

Orville Perry, Aug. 1, 1877, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Walter Scott, Dec. 12, 1879, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Hiram, Nov. 4, 1881, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

His father helped him to a piece of land heavily timbered which they improved and made them a home where their children were born and where he died. She remained on the farm and by the help of kind friends and the boys she kept them together and made a living.

Elmer Ellsworth Hiatt, son of Amos and Savanna (Dillon) Hiatt, was born February 27, 1862, Delaware county, Indiana;  
died 19 .



His parents were born in Highland county, Ohio.

He grew to manhood near where he was born. A boy on a farm has plenty to do and many of the comforts of life fall to his lot while attending to the duties of farm life.

Mary Elvira Carter Hardy and Elmer Ellsworth Hiatt were married Nov. 11, 1892, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana. To this union no children were born.

They rented the farm and went to Fairmount to live and care for his aged mother where the writer saw them in 1896 in a comfortable house, her boys making their home there and working in the glass factory or going to school.

In religious belief they all were instructed in the Methodist Episcopal church, but I do not know whether they were workers in the church or not and would like to be better informed on this point.

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### *Isaac Lyman Carter.*

Isaac Lyman, fourth son of Ira Josselyn and Eliza Ann (Corn) Carter [son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter], was born Oct. 30, 1860, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

He was raised on the farm where he was born and under the care of his parents learned the business and duties of a boy on a farm. The corn was planted with planters, either by hand or horse power, two rows at a time. The hoe was no longer used in the cornfield. The ground was put in good order by harrowing and rolling, so that the hoe was not needed. Grain was sown by seeders drawn by horses and had largely supplanted hand sowing and was cut and bound by harvesters and put in bunches for shocking, doing away with the grain cradle and binding by hand. The mower and horse rake had taken the place of the scythe and hand rake which enabled a man to do a great deal more farming than one could do a few years ago.

Mary Nancy Wilcoxon, daughter of John and Mary (Williams) Wilcoxon, was born August 29, 1858, Delaware county, Indiana; died Jan. 19, 1900, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. Her parents were natives of the United States.

Her childhood and youthful days were spent in Indiana,



which is a very level country. Long ditches have been dug to carry off the surplus water, with the result that fever and ague are not a common thing as they were some years ago and on that account it is a desirable country in which to live.

Isaac Lyman Carter and Mary Nancy Wilcoxon were married Oct. 2, 1884, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana. To this union six children were born:

Glen G., Aug. 15, 1885, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Alwilda Blanch, Feb. 18, 1887, Grant county, Ind.; died  
May 24, 1888, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.

Ira Emery, Nov. 17, 1888, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

John Burrel, July 22, 1890, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Asa Gilbert, May 24, 1894, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Mary Ann, Oct 13, 1896, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

They made their home with his parents for a while as he was farming on his father's farm, but afterwards in a house nearby where he could attend to the farm and stock. After his father's death in 1899 they moved into the house with his mother, where she helped to care for the children after their mother died.

Margaret Ann Fitch, daughter of John Linder and Sarah Ann [Wiley] Fitch, was born Feb. 26, 1869, Marion county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Her father was born in Kentucky and her mother in Indiana.

Isaac Lyman Carter and Margaret Ann Fitch were married Dec. 31, 1903, Grant county, Ind. To this union one child was born.

Louis Harold, Sept. 10, 1904, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

He took his new wife to his house on the homestead where they are now living. All three of the above named parents were born of religious parents of the Methodist Episcopal church and whether they are all members of church or not I cannot say, but suppose their intentions are good for a better life and trust they are doing what they can in the cause of the Master by helping others in the way of salvation, through Jesus our Lord.





*Jerusha (Carter) Crouse.*

Jerusha, sixth daughter of Ira Josselyn and Eliza Ann (Corn) Carter (son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born January 18, 1866, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

She was one of a large family born in a country home and grew to womanhood on a farm and her's was a busy life as there was always plenty to keep idle hands busy. Good society, good school and church privileges, with pleasant surroundings makes a good place for boys and girls to grow up and become good, honorable citizens.

John Reuben Crouse, son of William Hampton and Nancy (Allen) Crouse, was born July 22, 1865, Indiana; died 19 .

His grandfather was German, his grandmother French, his mother English descent. I have no account of his young life, but suppose he was a farmer's son and came to Grant county during his young manhood days where he met his future wife.

Jerusha Carter and John Reuben Crouse were married Feb. 2, 1889, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. To this union five children were born:

William, November 5, 1889, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.; died Nov. 5, 1889, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.

Ira Josselyn, March 6, 1892, Alexandria, Indiana; died 19 .

Zora Avus, March 29, 1894, Matthews, Grant county, Ind; died 19 .

Clyde Bryan, December 1, 1896, Fairmount, Indiana; died 19

Nancy Ann, May 18, 1899, Fairmount, Indiana; died 19 .

As far as I know their residence has all of the time been on a farm and he engaged in farming where the writer saw them in 1896, when he visited them near Fairmount and all of the time in Grant county except the few years they were at Alexandria in Madison county.

She was raised by Methodist parents and holds to the doctrine of that church. His parents were members of the Baptist church to which doctrine he holds.



*Amy Augusta (Carter) Helms.*

Amy Augusta, seventh daughter of Ira Josselyn and Eliza Ann (Corn) Carter, (son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born Sept. 26, 1868, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

She was the youngest of a large family and perhaps not required to do as much work as her older sisters did, yet the mother took good care not to have her spoiled. She grew up in the house on the farm where she was born and had every chance to make a noble woman that a kind family, good society, school and church privileges afforded and she improved the opportunity.

Wilbert Alvin Helms, son of James Finley and Nancy Jane [Williams] Helms, was born July 1, 1864, Wayne county, Ind.;  
died , 19 ,

His parents were also born in Wayne county, Indiana. I do not know the time he came to Grant county nor anything about his young life, but suppose his father was a farmer and he grew up a farmer and came to Grant county some time in the eighties.

Amy Augusta Carter and Wilbert Alvin Helms were married Sept. 29, 1888, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana. To this union six children were born:

Clide Elbert, July 15, 1889, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Orie Dale, August 15, 1892, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Carter Luteller, Oct. 12, 1894, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died, 19 .

Nancy Ann, Feb. 17, 1897, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died Sept. 28, 1899, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.

Amy Ivalou, Sept. 26, 1899, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Lloyd Alvin, Jan. 1902, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

They went to housekeeping in the neighborhood near her father's home soon after they were married and have lived there ever since, good honest citizens beloved by their neighbors.

They were brought up in Christian homes and are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are doing what they can to let their light shine that others may see the way of life and acknowledge Jesus as their Savior.



### *Lutitia Virginia (Carter) Kilgore.*

Lutitia Virginia, daughter of Elijah and Mary Jane (Coate) Carter, [son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter,] was born April 12, 1858, Grant county, Ind.; died Oct. 18, 1884, North Manchester, Ind.

She was possessed of a very mild, gentle and loving disposition and was therefore much beloved by every person who really knew her and being what might be termed a natural musician, was able at the age of two years to sing many tunes by note and having captured or gained a correct knowledge of the musical scale, she could apply the notes correctly to any tune she had earned. In her youthful days she was one of the finest and best soprano singers, her voice being extremely clear and penetrating. She could always be heard no matter how many were singing with her. She was organist for the Methodist Episcopal church at Jonesboro for a number of years and the chorister was known to remark that when she presided over the organ the music was sure to be all right. She was a musical prodigy in learning to play the organ so correctly at so early an age and by far excelled any other of the family in her musical attainment in her childhood.

Marshal D. Kilgore, of English descent, was born June 22, 1852, Port Washington, Tuscarawas county, Ohio;  
 died 19 .

Lutitia Virginia Carter and Marshal D. Kilgore were married April 3, 1878, Jonesboro, Grant county, Indiana. To this union three daughters were born:

Zella Verne, March 27, 1879, Marion, Grant county, Ind.;  
 died Feb. 15, 1901, Jonesboro, Grant county, Ind.

Maggie May, Dec. 28, 1880, Wabash, Wabash county, Ind.;  
 died 19 .

Metta Marie, Nov. 18, 1883, Wabash county, Ind.; died  
 Sept. 15, 1897, Jonesboro, Grant county, Ind.

Before he was married he learned to run a railroad engine, but after their marriage he ran stationary engines at Marion, Wabash and North Manchester where they were living when she died.

After her death he gave their three children to her father



and mother, who took care of them until they were nearly grown, two of them dying at their home with their grandparents in Jonesboro, Indiana. While the children were growing up he had a watchful care for them, helping freely with his means to their support and visiting them as often as he could. He went west to get work and wanting one of them to keep house for him, Maggie May left Jonesboro, July 24, 1897, for Butte, Montana, for that purpose and nearly five years later was married to John P. Dunston, April 8, 1902, Butte, Silver Bow county, Montana. They have one child, Margaret, born January 24, 1903, a very bright and promising daughter. Maggie May and her child are the only living descendants of Elijah and Mary Jane Carter and it was a great pleasure for the old folks to spend six weeks at their home in Montana last summer.

Lutitia Virginia Carter was a good Methodist girl and woman. His religious belief is not known to the writer.

### *Ellsworth Thinandus Carter.*

Ellsworth Thinandus, first son of John Hooper and Bathsheba (Johnson) Carter (son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born Nov. 14, 1861, Matthews, Grant co., Ind.; died 19 .

In 1864 he with his parents moved by railroad to Brodhead, Wisconsin, and the next spring to St. Joe, Champaign county, Illinois, where his mother died April 19, 1866. His father took him back to Indiana and he got a good home with his uncle Lewis until his father married and took him to his home in Matthews, where his father was keeping a general store and he got a good home. He did not like the work in the store very well but busied himself with other work during his school days and then went to work on a farm.

Edna Craw, first daughter of Richard and Margaret [Watson] Craw, was born Dec. 12, 1869, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana; died 19 .

She was a farmer's daughter and her childhood and youthful days were spent near where she was born. There were many things to make work easier to perform than in pioneer days, yet the young people were busy at work and school preparing themselves for the duties and business of life.

Ellsworth Thinandus Carter and Edna Craw were married





Feb. 4, 1887, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana. To this union five children were born:

Beulah M., Nov. 4, 1887, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Lottie L., Nov. 22, 1889, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

John Richard, Aug. 11, 1892, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Marie N., Jan. 1, 1897, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Watson, Nov. 22, 1902, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

They settled on a farm near where she was born that their parents helped them to buy and engaged in farming and stock raising. Prosperity followed their labors and they now have a well stocked and improved farm.

They were raised by Christian parents and were regular attendants at church and Sunday school and early in life united with the Methodist Episcopal church and are earnest workers for the good of others in the cause of Jesus, Who has done so much for them.

### *Charley Simpson Carter.*

Charley Simpson, first son of Lewis and Rachel (McKever) Carter (son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born October 25, 1866, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

He was the son of a farmer, born and raised on a farm, helping his father at the farm work. His home was a pleasant one, where he was permitted to attend church and Sunday school with his parents and his surroundings such as make a pleasant life. His education was secured in the common schools of the country where he was taught the branches that fitted him for the ordinary duties of life.

Mary Lavina Benbow, daughter of Adam Henry and Catharine [Gibson] Benbow, was born March 15, 1870, Muncie, Delaware county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Her ancestors are traced back to English, Irish, German and Welch.



Her home all her life has been in the counties of Delaware and Grant, where she went to school what she could and after she was fourteen years old she worked as a domestic in a neighbor's family during the summer and went to school during the winter term and was working in Grant county the six months prior to her marriage, which work qualified her for the duties of a farmer's wife.

Charley Simpson Carter and Mary Lavina Benbow were married August 17, 1892, Matthews, Grant county, Ind. To this union five children were born:

Zoma Vaughn, Oct. 1, 1893, Wheeling, Delaware co., Ind.;  
died 19 .

Hazel Zelma, Dec. 13, 1895, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Enid Delphine, Sept. 7, 1897, Gaston, Delaware county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Gertrude Marie, Dec. 9, 1899, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Gladys, June 2, 1902, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died Dec. 16, 1902, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.

They settled on a farm and worked at farming until 1899, when on account of high rent of land he quit farming and went to work for the railroad, working there five years, the last year acting as track foreman on a section. They now live in Matthews and he has employment in a hardware store.

He was raised by Methodist parents and early in life united with that church. Her parents were members of the United Brethren church and she was a good Christian girl and now belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and in Sunday school and church work they are helping themselves and others to a better life.

### *Milo Otis T. Carter.*

Milo Otis T., second son of Lewis and Rachel (McKever) Carter, (son of Isaac G. Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born Nov. 12, 1869, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

He was born and grew to manhood on a farm. The ground being nearly clear of stumps and roots it was much pleasanter work than it was some years ago. His was a very pleasant



home, where he enjoyed life and its pleasures as well as any of his associates. A good part of his time was spent in school, preparing for the duties of life.

In March, 1891, he went to Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Ia., and helped his cousin, George Carter, that year at farm work, returning to his Indiana home in March, 1892. He spent two years in Indiana and during the time attended the World's Fair at Chicago in October, 1893.

In March, 1894, he went to Santa Paula, California, and worked on a ranch three years. But he wanted something better than that and went to San Francisco and attended college, taking a six months' course in electrical engineering, after which he went to Los Angeles and engaged as motorman on the street railway.

In August, 1899, he went back to Santa Paula and bought a small ranch and renting more land went to ranching in earnest for himself.

Mary Edna Dundas, first daughter of Chas. Dwight and Letitia [Day] Dundas was born Oct. 26, 1872, Auburn, Nemaha, Co., Neb.; died 19 .

Her young life was spent in Nebraska in studies and other duties of life and thinking the occupation of nurse was a good business for a young woman, she prepared herself for that business and went to Pomona, California, in June, 1896, to practice her chosen profession and it was at Santa Paula that she first met her future husband.

Milo Otis T. Carter and Mary Edna Dundas were married Nov. 22, 1899, Pomona, California. One child was born to this union:

Venice Olinda, March 19, 1901, Santa Paula, California; died 19 .

They went to housekeeping on the ranch and their first year on the ranch they raised and marketed \$2,000.00 worth of lima beans, In July, 1901, they purchased the Santa Paula bakery and confectionary store and continued in that business until March, 1904, when they sold out and fitted up a camp wagon and on May 10th they started overland "seeing California" and after driving over five hundred miles they settled on a ranch near Modesto, Stanislaus county, California, and are engaged in the poultry and dairy business, glad to have a home.



His parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Sunday school and early in life he united with the church and was an earnest worker in the Master's cause in his early manhood days and we suppose he took his religion with him to California and is still engaged in church work. We know nothing of her parents, but feel confident that a girl who would choose the profession of nurse was rightly brought up and anxious to help suffering humanity and we hope will do much good in the world in her chosen profession.

### *George Eugene Heal.*

George Eugene, son of David and Ann Caroline [Rigdon] Heal, (son of Olive Carter, daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born Nov. 13, 1853, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana; died 19 . . .

He grew up on the farm where he was born where there were plenty of the comforts of life. He was the only son of kind and indulgent parents, whose aim was to show their children that they loved them. His young days were spent in going to school and in work on the farm and his home life was pleasant, which he appreciated very much.

Mary Ida Fergus, daughter of Warren and Nancy Jane Fergus, was born December 6, 1861, Page county, Iowa; died 19 . . .

Her father was born in Indiana. She came with her parents during the first year of her age to Indiana, where they settled on a farm in Grant county. Here she grew to womanhood, surrounded with plenty of the comforts of life, good society, good schools and church privileges.

George Eugene Heal and Mary Ida Fergus were married April 14, 1878, Grant county, Ind. To this union two children were born:

Caroline Jane, April 11, 1884, Delaware county, Indiana; died 19 . . .

Alma Merle, October 20, 1893, Delaware county, Indiana; died 19 . . .

They went to housekeeping in his father's house, David Heal being a widower at the time. The son in speaking of his residence there says: "My wife and I have cared for him twenty six years. I have never lived without him and I only lacked a





few days of fifty-one years old when he died." His occupation has always been farming and he still lives on the farm, a kind and obliging neighbor and a good citizen.

Raised by Methodist parents they are attached to that church and will be remembered for the good they have done.

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### *Ann Lacy (Heal) Watson.*

Ann Lacy, daughter of David and Ann Caroline (Rigdon) Heal (son of Olive Carter, daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born September 11, 1856, Delaware county, Indiana; died 19 .

She grew up in a home on the farm where she was born with plenty of the comforts of life about her and yet nothing extravagant, where parents and children had love and confidence in each other and where all did their part of the work cheerfully and faithfully. She attended school and got a good common school education. Theirs was a very pleasant home.

Rensalier B. Watson, son of John and Harriet (Adsit) Watson, was born March 15, 1854, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

He was born and raised on a farm where he grew to manhood attending to the work incident to farming and raising stock. The hard work of clearing out a farm is past and he knew but little about grubbing and clearing, but still the duties of life call for vigilance and industry to make a success in life even if we do not have to do the same kind of work that the pioneers did.

Ann Lacy Heal and Rensalier Watson were married Nov. 1, 1879, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana.

They went to housekeeping on a farm near his old home. Starting out with well strong bodies and plenty to commence with they soon had a comfortable home. Her father had been taking care of Mr. Bouy, a bachelor, for some years, but getting old he wanted them to take him which they did while he lived, a job which required care and attention which they faithfully performed and which service he promptly paid for every few months taking a receipt therefor.

Religiously they were both raised by prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church to which doctrine they still hold and I trust are doing good work for the Master.



### *Martha Ann (Carter) Montgomery.*

Martha Ann, first daughter of William and Jemima Jane (Hillyard) Carter, (son of Samuel Hillman Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born Oct. 26, 1852, Matthews, Grant Co., Ind.;  
died 19 .

In 1856, she with her parents moved in wagons to Keokuk county, Iowa, and after staying there until February of 1857, they moved to Henry county, where her father bought prairie land for a home. Here she grew to womanhood and learned something of the labor of making a home on the prairie, often helping her father at the farm work.

Eliphalet Cozad Montgomery, son of John Walker and Mary L. (Cozad) Montgomery, was born July 11, 1844, Mercer Co., Pa.;  
died 19 .

His parents were natives of the United States. He grew up on a farm and farming was his occupation. When about eighteen years old, he came with his parents to Illinois and engaged in raising hedge plants. The spring of 1866 they moved to Henry county, Iowa, and engaged extensively in raising hedge plants for four years.

Martha Ann Carter and Eliphalet Cozad Montgomery were married Nov. 15, 1870, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa. To them eight children were born:

Willie, Oct. 29, 1871, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa;  
died Nov. 3, 1871, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa.

Jestin Irvine, April 14, 1873, Henry county, Iowa; died Jan. 27, 1876, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa.

Lulu Bell, May 14, 1875, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

Archer Emmett, January 31, 1878, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

Ralph Eveston, January 23, 1880, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

Mima Lucinda, April 10, 1884, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

William Walker, December 26, 1889, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

Emma Mildred, March 13, 1893, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19 .



After their marriage, they went to the west part of the state where he worked that fall and winter, coming back in the spring. Her father helped them to get a home where they were soon pleasantly located with good neighbors, good school and church privileges and where their children were born. About 1895 they sold their nice prairie farm and bought a place four miles west of Mt. Pleasant, where they are near a church and school house and have a well fixed, comfortable home.

Lulu Bell taught in the common schools of the county most of the time for nine years, failing health causing her to quit teaching. She is now married and has a comfortable home. Archer E. and Ralph E. are both married. The former has had a good position at the County Infirmary the past three years. Ralph has a nice position with the Western Wheel Scraper Company at Aurora, Illinois. Mima L. graduated in the country school when fifteen years of age, when on account of her mother's failing health she had to quit her studies and take charge of the work at home, which she cheerfully and faithfully did for two years, when her mother's health permitted her to return to her studies and she is now in the Academy at Mt. Pleasant, preparing herself for teaching. The two youngest are at home with the old folks.

He was raised by United Presbyterian parents and instructed in the rules of that church and before their marriage he united with the Methodist church, but did not instruct his children as faithfully in the way of life as he had been. She was brought up by Methodist parents and afterwards embraced the faith of the First Day Adventists to which she strongly holds. All honor to a noble Christian mother who has raised a large family and taught them their duty to their Savior and as far as any of them have failed to honor their parents and serve the God their mother served, so far have they failed of making the best of their lives for which they will have to give an account to God.

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### *Emily Jane (Carter) McConnell.*

Emily Jane, second daughter of William and Jemima Jane [Hillyard] Carter, (son of Samuel Hillman Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), born May 17, 1854, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;

When two years old, she with her parents, went to Henry



county, Iowa, where they settled on prairie land to make a farm and where she grew up with the country in a good neighborhood, enjoying the advantages of good schools and pleasant surroundings. As the housework did not need her services, she helped on the farm and could husk fifty bushels of corn as quickly as her father could.

Randolph D. McConnell, son of Alexander and Elizabeth Tallman McConnell, was born April 22, 1851, Clarington, Ohio; died 19 .

His parents were natives of the United States. He came with them when he was four years old to Henry county, Iowa, where they settled on prairie land that was rapidly filling up with a good class of citizens. Here he grew up with the country, with surroundings calculated to make noble men of the boys.

Emily Jane Carter and Randolph D. McConnell were married Sept. 25, 1872, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa.

One child was born to this union:

William Alexander, October 31, 1878, Henry county, Iowa; died October 31, 1878, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa.

They settled on a farm joining her father's and for over twenty years the three sisters and families lived in homes not half a mile from the homestead, a contented happy family; but now one lives four miles west of Mt. Pleasant, one on the homestead farm and this family in Mt. Pleasant. All have plenty to supply them with the comforts of life and they live to enjoy it.

She was raised by Methodist parents and he was brought up under the influence of Methodism and during their married life have been engaged in the work of the church. Since moving to Mt. Pleasant they have attended the Disciple Christian church and while not so actively engaged in church work as they were before they went to town, are conscientious Christian citizens.

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### *Olive May (Carter) Anderson.*

Olive May, third daughter of William and Jemima Jane (Hillyard) Carter, (son of Samuel Hillman Carter, son of Isaac P. Carter), was born March 27, 1866, Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co., Ia.; died 19 .

She grew to womanhood on the farm where she was born and was taught to do the work about the house and farm as girls





should be that are intended for useful women in the country. There was plenty in the home and the family lived to enjoy it without any bluster to get more and she had the privilege of attending a good country school all her school days in a neighborhood of kind Christian people.

James Leonidas Anderson, fifth son of John and Sarah (Sprague) Anderson, was born March 25, 1857, Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co., Iowa; died 19

The Andersons were born in the United United States. His early life was spent in the counties of Henry and Washington on the farm and his occupation was farming. His surroundings were good and he received a good common school education.

Olive May Carter and James Leonidas Anderson were married Nov. 14. 1883, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa. To this union three sons were born:

Hillman, Sept. 22, 1886, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa; died Sept. 22, 1886, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa.

Jesse William, Sept. 6, 1889, Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co., Iowa; died 19

Guy Lester, Aug. 9, 1891, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa; died 19

They went to housekeeping on her father's farm in a house that was provided for that purpose in which they lived and did the farming from year to year, her father not being able to do much work. After his death in 1888 they bought the other heirs interests in the farm and had all except two rooms that her mother has to live in and all the family get along very nicely together.

Her parents are Methodists. She is a professor of religion, but declines uniting with the church until he goes with her. He is friendly to the Methodists and attends church with her. He is an honest man, a good neighbor, who never has any difficulty with those with whom he has dealings.

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### *Thankful Elizabeth (Lewis) Eaheart.*

Thankful Elizabeth, daughter of Joanna Blackburn and William Lewis (daughter of Thankful Carter, daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born February 1, 1856, Palo, Linn county, Iowa; died 19



The farm on which she was born was prairie and timber land that her parents were improving and she grew to womanhood in a new country. But it does not take as long to improve land of this kind as it does in heavily timbered land and when she was grown up they had a good house and barn and a well improved farm with plenty around them to make them comfortable. Ready made clothing had done away with the spinning and weaving in the family and instead of that work she went to school, where all of the necessary branches were taught to prepare one to teach in the common schools of the country and music was not neglected as there was an organ in most of the houses.

Sylvester Eaheart, son of John and Elizabeth (Stephenson) Eaheart, was born May 27, 1848, LaPorte county, Indiana; died 19 .

His mother died when he was a baby and his uncle took him to raise and brought him to Linn county, Iowa, when he was a small boy, where he grew to manhood in a good country that was rapidly improving and where the chances for an industrious young man were good to get land for a home and he embraced the opportunity.

Thankful Elizabeth Lewis and Sylvester Eaheart were married April 4, 1875, Palo, Linn county, Iowa. One child was born to them.

Elmer Y., February 10, 1876, Palo, Linn county, Iowa; died 19 .

They are living on a part of her homestead farm and have a good home with plenty about them to make a comfortable living. Her mother is living with them where she expects to spend her days in their pleasant home.

They both united with the 'Methodist Episcopal church in their youthful days and are yet in that church, earnest workers in Sunday school and church, doing what they can for the Master by helping others to a better life.

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### *Amanda Olive (Lewis) Beenblossom.*

Amanda Olive, first daughter of Martha Smith and Jesse Lewis, (daughter of Esther Ann Carter, daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born April 9, 1855, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana; died July 29, 1885, Washington county, Iowa.



The spring she was ten years old she with her parents and family moved in a wagon, camping out by the way to Washington county, Iowa, where they had bought a farm five miles south of Washington. The farm was partly improved, but the building of a new house and barn and clearing the brush and wood off of the land made plenty of work for all of them of which she did her full share.

Before she was of age she learned to cut and make the children's clothes while the mother was busy at other duties of the home which suited her better, occasionally weaving a web of cloth or carpet for the family. There was a school house on the farm, where she attended school, but the many cares of life prevented her from attending regularly enough to get a good education.

Perry Beenblossom, son of Nelson and Clarrisa (Jacobs) Beenblossom, was born Feb. 29, 1856, Washington county, Iowa; died 19 .

His parents were natives of the United States. He grew to manhood in the neighborhood where he was born, attending church and school and the amusements of their young single life with his future wife. In large families with the care and expense of food and clothing and with the desire to lay up something for them in the future, the schooling is sometimes neglected, as was the case with these families, but their learning made good citizens of them and they made their way to financial success.

Amanda Olive Lewis and Perry Beenblossom were married August 22, 1880, Washington county, Iowa. To them two children were born:

Harry Alva, October 5, 1881, Washington county, Iowa; died 19

Annie Maud, May 19, 1884, Washington county, Iowa; died 19 .

They went to housekeeping on a farm that joined the homestead and engaged in farming, remaining there two years, when they went to an eighty acre farm that they had purchased on the prairie a few miles southwest of Ainsworth, paying what was then called a high price for it, but it is now worth three times as much and although they went in debt for it he paid it out in good time and now has a well improved farm. She was not permit-



ted to stay very long with him to help him in his pleasant home, as consumption took her away ere five years of married life was passed. One of his sisters that stayed with them during her sickness, took charge of the house and the six or seven years he was a widower, took care of the children for him so that they had a good home. He married Miss Elizabeth Stewart, of Benton county, who took charge of the house and was a good stepmother to the children, teaching them to do the work about the house and poultry yard, as she was a woman that worked hard and took care of what they had. One of the children is now married and the other in Chicago, a stenographer in a business house, an occupation which she likes to work at and the old folks have the house and farm to themselves.

Their parents were members of the [Old] Christian church and they grew up attending church and school together, both uniting with the church in their youth and were faithful attendants at church and Sunday school always ready to do their part. She was one of God's noble women, beloved and honored by those who knew her and her children bless God for a good mother. After his second marriage he and his wife attended the Methodist Episcopal church in Washington, uniting with that church.

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### *Matthew Wharton Lewis.*

Matthew Wharton, first son of Martha Smith and Jesse Lewis, (daughter of Esther Ann Carter, daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born August 6, 1856, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind.; died

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His boyhood days were spent near the place of his birth, among the trees, brush and logs. In the spring of 1865 he accompanied his parents and family in their move in a wagon, camping out by the way, to their new home in Washington county, Iowa, five miles south of Washington. His father was a carpenter by trade and while working away from home left the work of the farm to his boys and he, being the oldest, the most of it fell on him and this was the work he was engaged in while he grew to manhood and so busy was he at the work that he did not go to school except during the winter and only received a limited education. After the death of his father in 1877, he and his mother had full control of the farm and stock which they ran





very successfully by hard work, cutting and hauling wood to town during the winter for ten years to help out.

Mary Lurena Amspoker daughter of David Lyon and Sarah Jane (Nelson) Amspoker, was born Sept. 15, 1862, Washington Co., Ia.; died 19 .

Her father was improving a farm on the prairie while she was growing up and she was taught to do work about a farm house. She was a close student in the country schools and by attending school in Washington qualified herself to teach in the public schools of the county, which she did for three years very satisfactorily.

Matthew Wharton Lewis and Mary Lurena Amspoker were married Jan. 21, 1887, Washington county, Iowa. To this union four children were born:

Lulu May, Nov. 21, 1887, Grainfield, Gove county, Kansas; died 19 .

Myrle, Nov. 22, 1890, Grainfield, Gove county, Kan.; died August 7, 1892, Grainfield, Gove county, Kan.

Otis Matthew, Sept. 11, 1892, Grainfield, Gove county, Kan.; died 19 .

Martha Vera, Oct. 31, 1894, Grainfield, Gove county, Kan.; died April 9, 1899, Grainfield, Gove county, Kan.

Soon after they were married they went to Grainfield, Gove county, Kansas. They built a small house on their land south of Grainfield and intended to engage in farming. Neighbors were very scarce and it was too lonely for them there so they moved the house and all there was in it to Grainfield and he engaged in repairing wagons, pumps, etc., and added to his business pumps and farm implements for sale and doing an occasional job of carpenter work. Later they bought the grain elevator with wind mill to grind chop feed and engaged in the grain, feed, flour and coal trade. Trading his land for a stock of dry goods, they engaged in store keeping, adding a stock of groceries. The store and elevator made too much work for him and she attended the store most of the time. After a few years they sold the store and later their dwelling with the intention of going into business at Roann, Indiana, but the climate did not agree with him and after spending one winter, most of the time under the doctor's care, he thought he would have better health in Kansas and went back to Grainfield and built them a nice cottage



and fixed up for comfortable living. She was very anxious to locate in Indiana or Iowa, hoping to have better society to raise their children in, but on account of his failing health went back to Kansas and is glad that he has good health again.

His parents were members of the (Old) Christian church. Her's were United Presbyterians. They both united with the church of their parents in their youthful days. Not finding any church of their choice in Grainfield, they attended the churches there, mostly the Methodist Episcopal and have been and are now devoted workers in Sunday school and church work, doing what they can to make those they associate with better men and women and are rejoiced to see several of them unite with the church the past winter which they hope will be a help to them in the church work which fell heavily upon them.

### *Thomas Jefferson Lewis.*

Thomas Jefferson, second son of Martha Smith and Jesse Lewis, (daughter of Esther Ann Carter, daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born Oct. 14, 1858, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind.; died 19 .

In the seventh year of his age he moved with his parents to Washington county, Iowa. Here he grew to manhood on a busy farm where the boys had a team and plow as soon as they were able to manage one. Attending school only during the winter, did not give him a very good education, but he makes good use of what he has as he is passing through life. After he was of age, he helped during the winter to cut and haul wood to the town of Washington, a business that they engaged in and that brought them considerable money besides clearing the land.

Rosa E. Beenblossom, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Sparr) Beenblossom, was born March 26, 1863, Washington county, Ia.; died 19 .

She grew to womanhood in the neighborhood where she was born, in good society of religious people and where she could attend school and church and enjoy privileges that many were deprived of some years ago. Her mother dying, she and her sister had charge of the housework for a few years.

Thomas Jefferson Lewis and Rosa E. Beenblossom were married Feb. 27, 1883, Washington county, Iowa. To this union four children were born:



Dollie Arvista, August 8, 1884, Washington county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

Daisy Grace, June 21, 1886, Washington county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

Jesse Lloyd, Nov. 18, 1888, Washington county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

Maggie Edna, Oct. 23, 1894, Ainsworth, Washington Co., Ia.;  
died 19 .

They went to housekeeping on a farm in Oregon township, Washington county, and engaged in farming with good success and remained there seven years, when they rented the farm and moved to Ainsworth where they had bought an elevator and engaged in the grain, coal and tile business. Later his brothers entered into partnership with him and they took in the lumber business and had a good trade until in 1899 they sold out and he went to Roann, Wabash county, Indiana, Jan. 1, 1900.

There he bought an elevator and again engaged in the same business and also furnished building material, partly from native timber as they have a saw mill and buy timber and saw it into lumber, his brother, S. C., joining in the business in 1903.

Their parents were members of the [Old] Christian church with which they united in early life and were faithful attendants at the services of the church and Sunday school while near enough to attend. While at Ainsworth they were too far away to attend the church of their choice and attended the Methodist Episcopal church and became members of the same, their children uniting with them. This noble family are doing good work in the Master's vineyard and something better is hoped for and expected of them in the future.

### *Melvin Peat Lewis.*

Melvin Peat, third son of Martha Smith and Jesse Lewis, (daughter of Esther Ann Carter, daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born Nov. 30, 1860, Wheeling, Delaware county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

In the fifth year of his age he came with his parents and family to Washington Co., Ia., where they settled on a farm five miles south of Washington. Here he grew to manhood and grew up with the country. There were great improvements in farming as well as other things in his boyhood days. In a large fam-



ily, mostly boys, it fell to his lot to help the mother in her work more than any of the others and she was very sorry to have to give him up when he hired out and went away from home to work, but she hired a girl and quit depending on boys for help in the house.

Florence Luetta Hardin, daughter of Marcus Austin and Margaret Elizabeth [Willson] Hardin, was born April 1, 1864, Sussex county, New Jersey; died 19 .

Her parents were natives of the United States. She came with her parents when a little girl to Washington county, Iowa, where they settled on a farm in the east part of the county, near Ainsworth. Here she grew to womanhood, the only girl in a family of boys and so pleasant was her disposition that she was the pet of the family. A good student in school, she received a good common school education.

Melvin Peat Lewis and Florence Luetta Hardin were married December 25, 1884, Washington county, Iowa. To them five children were born:

Ethel Olive, December 21, 1885, Washington county, Iowa; died , 19 ,

Lillian Effie, September 26, 1887, Washington county, Iowa; died 19 .

Floyd Hardin, April 19, 1890, Washington county, Iowa; died 19 .

Merlyn Evan, June 21, 1894, Ainsworth, Iowa; died, 19 .

Stanley Jarrell, April 2, 1900, Oskaloosa, Iowa; died 19 .

They settled on a farm near Ainsworth and engaged in farming and by good management and hard work made a success of it. But thinking some other business would suit them better, they sold off their stock and farming tools and moved to Ainsworth, September, 1892, and in company with his brother, T. J., they bought an elevator and engaged in the grain and lumber business. They remained there until 1899, when on account of close competition they sold out and went to Oskaloosa and built a transfer warehouse and went to handling farm machinery in company with his brother, James, and later put in a large stock of wagons, buggies, pumps and general farm machinery and are do-





ing a profitable business. They have not neglected the education of their children. Their oldest daughter is now in Burlington, attending Elliott's Business College, studying bookkeeping, short hand and type writing.

His parents were members of the (Old) Christian church, with which he united early in life and he still holds his membership in that church, but as no church of his choice is near him he attends other churches and helps to support them. Her parents were Baptists with which church she united in early life and still remains faithful to her church duties. They are good honest Christian citizens, doing what they can in the Master's vineyard and helping others to a better life.

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### *George Elmer Lewis.*

George Elmer, fourth son of Martha Smith and Jesse Lewis, (daughter of Esther Ann Carter, daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born Aug. 24, 1862, Wheeling, Delaware county, Ind.; died 19 .

He was born on a farm and when three years old came with his parents to Washington county, Iowa, and settled on a farm where he grew to manhood in good society with good school and church privileges, engaged in farming and other employment that made good honest men of the boys. For six years he had the management of the farm and stock for his mother which was done to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Hattie Anna Heal, daughter of William and Mary (Burt) Heal, was born Feb. 22, 1869, Richland county, Wisconsin; died Oct. 7, 1894, Keota, Keokuk county, Iowa.

She was not a strong child and grew up to be a delicate little woman, but very ambitious and willing to do her part at home or at school. Quick to learn and willing to impart to others what she knew, as soon as she was old enough, she went to teaching in the public schools of the county where she was born, but the work was too hard for her delicate body and she had to quit and go at other work.

George Elmer Lewis and Hattie Anna Heal were married Jan. 13, 1892, Richland county, Wisconsin. One child was born to them:



Carl, January 14, 1893, Washington county, Iowa; died September 21, 1893, Richland county, Wisconsin, while on a visit to her father's home.

They lived on his mother's farm and attended to the business of the farm two years when he sold his share of the stock and went to Keota, taking a partnership in lumber and grain business for eleven years. Here his wife died in less than a year, which was a sad stroke for him and during his stay there fire at two different times destroyed a part of their property, but still they came out some ahead.

Daisy B. Ritchey, daughter of Edward M. and Ellen (Henkle) Ritchey, was born April 22, 1877, Keota, Keokuk Co., Iowa; died 19 .

She grew to womanhood in the town where she was born in a pleasant home. Helping her mother and attending school occupied the time of her single life.

George Elmer Lewis and Daisy B. Ritchey were married Jan. 3, 1898, Keota, Keokuk county, Iowa. To this union three children were born:

Hubert Henkle, Oct. 25, 1898, Keota, Keokuk county, Iowa; died 19 .

Eva Lucille, June 21, 1900, Keota, Keokuk county, Iowa; died 19

Raymond Donald, Jan. 15, 1902, Keota, Keokuk county, Ia.; died 19 .

They built them a good up-to-date house near her father's, finishing it off with hot air heat, bath room and electric lights and went to housekeeping in it. In March, 1904, they sold their grain and lumber business in Keota, and he went to Bloomington, Illinois, and bought an elevator with feed mill attached and is now engaged in grinding and selling grain, feed, flour, and meal, by wholesale and retail. He took possession of the business there in June, 1904, and in September moved his family there, after renting his fine house for a year and renting a house in Bloomington to live in.

He was raised in the (Old) Christian church and early in life united with it. Hattie was a member of the Disciple church, but joined with him after their marriage. She was a loving devoted Christian woman, always seeking and helping the young people to a better life. Daisy was raised by Baptist parents, but as



there was no church of his choice in Keota, he joined the Disciple church and became a firm believer in their doctrines, an earnest worker in church and Sunday school and is a man looked up to for good example and advice.

### *Samuel Cocklin Lewis.*

Samuel Cocklin, sixth son of Martha Smith and Jesse Lewis, (daughter of Esther Ann Carter, daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born August 16, 1867, Washington county, Iowa; died 19 .

He grew to manhood on the farm where he was born and the work of farming attending to the stock with the cutting of brush and wood for the market kept all all hands busy when they were not attending school which was not neglected. After he was of age he attended Elliott's Business College at Burlington and graduated in bookkeeping and business course and came home spoiled for a farmer, and worked for a while in the bank at Ainsworth until something better came to hand.

Martha Elizabeth Bradford, daughter of Miles and Emma Curby [Cole] Bradford, was born May 13, 1870, Washington county, Iowa; died 19 .

She grew to womanhood in the neighborhood where she was born with pleasant surroundings and other things that tend to develop a noble character in a girl and fit her for the duties of life and her training was very useful to her in the near future. Her mother dying when she was about eighteen years old, cut her school days short, she taking charge of the housekeeping and with the gathering and canning of fruit and berries she worked very hard, but at entirely different kind of work from what her grandmothers did with the spinning wheel and loom and making clothing for the family.

Samuel Cocklin Lewis and Martha Elizabeth Bradford were married Feb. 17, 1892, Washington county, Iowa. To them three daughters were born:

Hazel May, October 9, 1893, Ainsworth, Iowa; died 19 .

Myra Emma, August 23, 1896, Ainsworth, Iowa; died Feb. 3, 1902, West Chester, Washington county, Iowa.



Mildred Lorena, April 3, 1904, Roann, Wabash county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

They went to housekeeping a few days after they were married in a house near Ainsworth and later traded it for a house in town. He worked for a while in the bank and afterwards bought a one-third interest in the grain and lumber business with his brothers and continued in business there until the fall of 1898 when they sold out and he bought one-half interest in a general store at West Chester and engaged in storekeeping. In August, 1902, they sold their store and went to Roann, Wabash county, Ind., and bought a half interest in a grain and lumber business with his brother, the firm name being T. J. Lewis & Brother. He is a hard working man, a good manager and they have a large and profitable business. Last year they built them a good comfortable house and now have a pleasant home.

He was raised in the (Old) Christian church and early in life became a member thereof. She was a devoted Methodist from her youth and after they got away from their home church he cast his lot with the Methodist and they are both earnest devoted workers in church and Sunday school.

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### *James Wesley Lewis.*

James Wesley, eighth son of Martha Smith and Jesse Lewis, (daughter of Esther Ann Carter, daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born May 27, 1871, Washington, county, Iowa; died 19 .

He was born in a farm house and grew to manhood on the farm where he was born working at farming. He had a good chance to attend school and received a fair common school education. When about twenty years old, he went to Burlington and attended Elliott's Business College, graduating in a business course in the spring of 1892, when he went to Grainfield, Kansas, and worked with his brother in the grain and implement business until June, 1893, when he sold out and returned to Iowa and engaged in farm work.

Loie Ann Hopping, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Ann [Snyder] Hopping, was born April 15, 1872, Washington Co., Iowa; died 19 .

She grew to womanhood on the farm where she was born





surrounded with such comforts of life as tended to make her contented and happy, attending the schools of the country and had an organ in the home to cheer the lonely hours.

James Wesley Lewis and Loie Ann Hopping were married March 13, 1894, Washington county, Iowa.

They went to housekeeping on the homestead farm and engaged in farming. The spring of 1895 they went to West Chester, where he entered into partnership with R. C. Ferguson and ran a store of general merchandise very successfully for five years. Their next move was to Oskaloosa where he and his brother built a transfer warehouse and repair shop for threshing machines and other farm machinery. Later they bought hardware and handle all kinds of farm machinery with buggies, pumps and windmills.

He was raised by parents that belonged to the (Old) Christian church with which church he united in his youth. Her parents were Methodists. After he got away from the church of his youth, he cast his lot with the Methodists and they are loyal members of that church and doing good work for the Master.

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### *Allie Esta Lewis.*

Allie Esta, third daughter of Martha Smith and Jesse Lewis, (daughter of Esther Ann Carter, daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born April 30, 1875, Washington county, Iowa; died , 19 ,

She grew to womanhood on the farm where she was born, but being a delicate child she did not make a strong girl or woman and was favored on account of her not being strong. In the spring of 1892 she went to Gove county, Kansas, hoping a change of climate would be beneficial to her health, her mother and stepfather going the next September to stay with her until the next spring, when they fitted up a wagon and camping outfit and drove to Pueblo, Colo., and after visiting Manitou and other places returned to Grainfield about the middle of June, tired and disgusted with traveling that way in the dust and wind which hurt her eyes, they being weak and sore.

The prospect for a crop was so poor that her brother sold out his interest in the elevator and loading a car with his and his mother's stuff went back to Iowa, she going at the same time. She had been afflicted with sore eyes for a year and had doctored



them with the local doctors and had been kept out of school and when her mother got back to Iowa in September, 1893, her eyes were in bad shape. She went to Chicago and was treated by a lady doctor for seven weeks and came home to continue the treatment, which she did all winter, without any cure. The summer of 1894 she was under the treatment of Dr. Lynn of Mt. Pleasant, making several trips to his office across the country without any good results.

In April, 1895, she went to Oskaloosa and took treatment of Dr. Lukens which was of a heroic nature, causing great pain and blindness for a few days. She did not stay very long and came home with glasses to help her out. About a year after this one of her fellow patients at Oskaloosa wrote that he had been cured by Dr. West at Allerton and urged her to try him, which she finally consented to do and after a short treatment which was not severe, she felt satisfied she was better and came back to take treatment at home with good results. She was under his care for some years and got well. She was anxious for an education, but was so long out of school and not strong bodily, she could not make a success at school. But by persistent study at home she has a fair knowledge of bookkeeping, short hand and type writing. She has learned dressmaking and worked at it for some years, but cannot stand that work very well. She thinks she has failed in the business of life, because so many things were against her, but we know that what was done was neatly and well done.

She is now at Bloomington, Illinois, helping her brother and cousin as bookkeeper in the grain, flour, feed and meal business.

She is a member of the (Old) Christian church and has been since her girlhood days and has always been a devoted servant of the Master.

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### *Martha Ellen (Smith) Weekley.*

Martha Ellen, second daughter of Joseph Lewis and Caroline (Peckham) Smith, (son of Esther Ann Carter, daughter of Isaac P. Carter), was born July 31, 1875, Richland county, Wis.; died 19 .

She came to Iowa with her parents when about one year old and they located near West Chester and a few years later on a



farm just east of Keota, where she grew to womanhood in good society and in a pleasant home.

Lewis Orr Weekly, son of Solomon and Minnie (Coleman) Weekley, was born July 18, 1871, in Illinois. His parents were natives of United States.

He came with his parents to Iowa when quite young, where they located on a farm near Keota in a good country with good society, and good schools in which he grew to manhood working away from home a part of the time and taking care of himself and learned to take care of his earnings.

Martha Ellen Smith and Lewis Orr Weekley were married Feb. 23, 1893, Washington county, Iowa. To this union four children were born:

Howard Douglas, Sept. 4, 1895, Washington county, Iowa;  
died 19 . . . . .

Edna Blanch, August 26, 1896, Washington county, Iowa;  
died 19 . . . . .

Ethel May, July 25, 1898, Washington county, Iowa;  
died , 19 , . . . . .

Belva Verne, June 27, 1902, Washington county, Iowa;  
died 19 . . . . .

They first located near the homestead and their residence has all the time since their marriage been in Washington county and he engaged in farming.

They were both raised by Christian parents, members of the United Brethren church with which church they early in life united and are faithful, honest Christian citizens.



## FIFTH GENERATION.

The names used in this generation will be the names of the great grandchildren of Isaac G. Carter and the geneology will only be run back to him.

*Howard Alexander Carter.*

Howard Alexander, only child of Leroy P. and Margaret Frances (MacKenzie) Carter, (son of Howard Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter), was born September 25, 1895, Barnum, Minn.; died 19 .

His mother took him on a visit to the home of her birth in Nova Scotia while a baby and at the death of his mother in 1900 his father brought him to her funeral and burial at Hickory Grove, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa.

His Aunt Alice went back to Minnesota to keep house for his father and he has had a good home and care since his mother's death. They are now living at Forest Lake where his father is station agent for the railroad. He attends both day and Sunday school and is receiving instruction that we trust will make a good Christian citizen of him.

*Mamie Eleanor (Seberg) Husband.*

Mamie Eleanor, first daughter of Sarah Jane Carter and John Seberg, [daughter of Howard Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter], was born December 21, 1871, Henderson county, Illinois; died 19 .

A few years after her birth her parents moved to Henry county, Iowa, and in January, 1884, they moved to Kearney, Nebraska, where they had rented a large farm and here she grew to womanhood in a new country on the plains. She worked away from home as a domestic part of the time and did not receive a very good education.

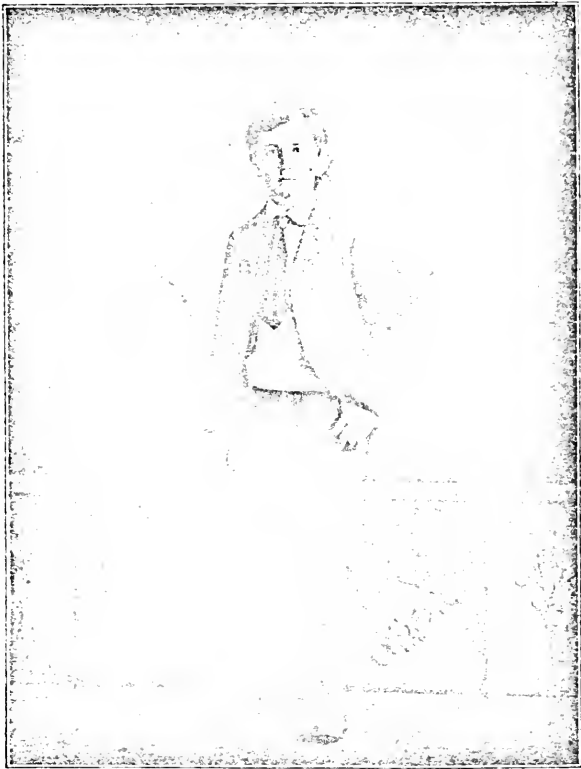
John Riley Husband, son of John S. and Nancy H. [Jordan] Husband, was born December 5, 1860, Taylor county, Iowa; died 19 .

He is of German descent.

When quite young he moved with his parents to Rooks county, Kansas, where he grew to manhood and learned the trade







*Howard A. Carter.*



of plasterer and cistern builder and was engaged at that business in Nebraska when he met the girl who became his future wife.

Mamie Eleanor Seberg and John Riley Husband were married Jan. 9, 1894, Kearney county, Neb. To this union four children were born:

Lula Albertie, May 25, 1895, Rooks county, Kansas;  
died 19 .

John Vernon, October 27, 1896, Rooks county, Kansas;  
died 19 .

Gracie Jane, August 1, 1898, Rooks county, Kansas;  
died 19 .

Nancy May, January 17, 1901, Harlan county, Nebraska;  
died 19 .

They went to houskeeping in Rooks county, Kansas, and after living there five years they moved to Harlan, Nebraska, afterwards to Kearney county. He farmed and worked at his trade part of the time. They now live in Alma, Neb., where they have a pleasant home and he is busy building houses in that little town.

She is a devoted Christian woman, a member of the Methodist church. He has never made a public profession of Christianity, but talks and acts very favorably to the teachings of the Bible.

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### *Mattie Jane (Seberg) Christiansen.*

Mattie Jane, second daughter of Sarah Jane Carter and John Seberg, (daughter of Howard Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter), was born April 7, 1875, Henderson county, Illinois;  
died 19 .

She was brought to Henry county, Iowa, while a baby and after a few years taken to Kearney county Nebraska, where she grew to womanhood. And although the days are passed when the girls and women spun the wool and flax and wove the cloth to make the family clothing, her home was not the home of the greatest plenty and in her young womanhood she worked as a domestic to clothe herself and yet this work prepares girls for good housekeepers if their education is neglected on account of it which is often the case.

Charley P. Christiansen, son of Andrew C. and Marie P. (Fred-



erickson) Christianson, was born Oct. 12, 1871, Kenosha Co., Wis.;  
died 19 .

His parents were natives of Denmark, Europe. He came to Kearney county, Neb., during the seventh year of his age where he grew to manhood in a country that was just settling up and sod houses were a very common thing as well as stables covered with the grass that grew on the plains. Only the necessities of life with plenty of hard work and little schooling made him a good farmer.

Mattie Jane Seberg and Charley P. Christiansen were married July 9, 1892, Kearney county, Nebraska. To this union three children were born:

Raymond Levi, Sept. 12, 1893, Kearney county, Nebraska;  
died 19 .

Nettie Lenora, Sept. 1, 1900, Kearney county, Nebraska;  
died 19 .

Pearl Mae, May 16, 1903, Kearney county, Nebraska;  
died 19 .

They went to housekeeping in Minden where he engaged in the livery business, but not making a success of it they sold out and went to farming and now have a good place well stocked and plenty about them to enjoy the blessings of life.

She was raised by Methodist parents. His parents were Baptists and some time after their marriage they united with the Baptist church and are devoted Christian workers in the Master's vineyard.

### *Hattie Grace (Seberg) Christiansen.*

Hattie Grace, third daughter of Sarah Jane Carter and John Seberg, (daughter of Howard Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter), was born May 23, 1877, Mount Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa;  
died 19 .

In the seventh year of her age she went with her parents to Kearney county, Nebraska, where she grew to womanhood working away from home part of the time to provide herself with clothing. The society in this new country was very good, but school privileges were too meager for a girl to get a good education.

Frank Christiansen, son of Andrew C. and Marie P. (Fred-



erickson (Christiansen, was born March 27, 1879, Kearney Co., Neb.; died, 19 .

He is of Danish descent.

He grew to manhood near where he was born, working on a farm in very good society and attended school as much of the time as he could.

Hattie Grace Seberg and Frank Christiansen were married April 4, 1900, Kearney county, Nebraska. Two children were born to this union:

Hazel Newetta, Jan. 1, 1902, Kearney county, Nebraska; died 19 .

Viola Marie, May 22, 1904, Kearney county, Nebraska; died 19 .

They went to housekeeping on the homestead farm where they have a pleasant home and are engaged in farming and raising stock.

She was raised by Methodist parents. His parents were Baptists and since their marriage they have united with the Baptist church with the intention of bettering their own condition, and that they may help others to a better life.

### *Lewis Alfred Seberg.*

Lewis Alfred, first son of Sarah Jane Carter and John Seberg, [daughter of Howard Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter], was born August 29, 1879, Mount Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa; died 19 .

In the fifth year of his age he went with his parents and family to Kearney county, Nebraska, where they settled on a rented farm and while he was growing up they lived in four different places in the county and part of the time on a large new farm in a sod house. Work was always plenty, but the accommodations for a pleasant farm life were not good and the chance for a schooling very poor. He is now engaged as manager of the Farmers elevator at Upland, Franklin county. A man beloved on account of his pleasant disposition and honest, upright character he has the confidence of all who know him. He is a Methodist in belief but has not publicly acknowledged Jesus as his Savior.

### *Henry Earl Seberg.*

Henry Earl, third son of Sarah Jane Carter and John Seberg





[daughter of Howard Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter], was born May 19, 1883, Mount Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa; died 19 .

In the first year of his age his parents moved on the railroad to Kearney county, Nebraska, where he grew to manhood in a home where there were none of the extra comforts of life and where there was a poor chance to get an education, but his desire for good education was strong and he did the best he could in the common schools. During his minority he was permitted to work away from home part of the time and he saved his money with the intention of attending college and is now in his first year at Lincoln in college.

In early life he united with the Methodist Episcopal church and has been faithful in his church work, hoping that he may be better qualified for service as he expects to fit himself for the ministry.

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### *Irena Velletta (Carter) Wright.*

Irena Velletta, first daughter of Joseph Newton and Nancy Jane (Patterson) Carter, son of Ira J. Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter), was born August 18, 1872, Matthews, Grant Co., Ind.; died 19 .

She grew up in the county where she was born and while she enjoyed many of the comforts of life, yet she had to work for a living, but was not deprived of the school privileges of the country which were good.

Cornelius Maimer Wright, son of Lorenzo Dow and Mary (McWilliamson) Wright, was born March 6, 1871, Clinton Co., O.; died 19 .

They are natives of the United States.

He came to Indiana during his minority and settled on a farm in Blackford county.

Irena Velletta Carter and Cornelius Maimer Wright were married July 2, 1891, Grant county, Indiana. To this union five children were born:

Jessie E., March 16, 1893, Blackford county, Indiana; died 19 .

Clarence Clinton, March 8, 1898, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .



Gracie Gertrude, October 21, 1899, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Johnnie Alfred, January 4, 1901, Grant county, Indiana;  
died August 20, 1901, Grant county, Indiana.

Bessie May, August 20, 1903, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Since their marriage they have lived the most of the time near the homestead. They now live in town where they own a house and lot and he works at the carpenter trade.

She was raised in the Methodist faith and joined the church while young. His parents were Baptists and he holds to that belief.

### *Malevia Lillian (Carter) Wilcoxon.*

Malevia Lillian, second daughter of Joseph Newton and Nancy Jane (Patterson) Carter, son of Ira J. Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter), was born April 27, 1874, Grant county, Indiana;  
died , 19 .

Her childhood and youthful days were spent in the county where she was born and the busy cares of life and schooling occupied her time, under circumstances that taught her the duty of honest labor to make a living.

Zachary Taylor Wilcoxon, son of John and Mary (Williams) Wilcoxon, was born March 8, 1871, Delaware county, Indiana;  
died 19

His parents were natives of Ohio.

His young life was spent near where he was born, living on a farm in a good country with good schools and society, that brings out noble manhood.

Malevia Lillian Carter and Zachary Taylor Wilcoxon were married Feb. 20, 1895, Grant county, Indiana. To this union three children were born:

Alva Carl, March 1, 1896, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died - 19 .

Clarence Wilmer, January 13, 1898, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

George Lloyd. Dec. 5, 1903, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

Since their marriage they have lived on a farm near the homestead and engaged in farming, which is a good business, but one that requires diligent labor to make it successful.



She was raised under the influence of Methodism and is a member of that church. His parents held to the Methodist doctrine, but I do not know as he ever united with any church.

### *Laura Belle (Carter) Harris.*

Laura Belle, third daughter of Joseph Newton and Nancy Jane (Patterson) Carter, (son of Ira J. Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter), was born Dec. 12, 1875, Matthews, Grant Co., Ind.; died 19 .

She grew up in a home where there was not the greatest plenty of the comforts of life. She was taught that it required diligent study and labor to get a comfortable living in the world where there is so much competition.

Samuel Monroe Harris, son of George Washington and Sarah D. Hollis Harris, was born Jan. 20, 1874, Hamilton Co., Neb.; died 19 .

He came to Indiana during his minority where he met Miss Carter, who became his future wife.

Laura Belle Carter and Samuel Monroe Harris were married Nov. 21, 1892, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana. To this union five children were born:

Paul Leander, April 18, 1894, Matthews, Grant Co., Ind.; died 19 .

Alma Cecil, Sept. 22, 1896, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.; died 19 .

Eva May, April 12, 1898, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

Joseph Truman, Sept. 22, 1899, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

Nancy Belle, December 28, 1902, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

I regret that I have not the information as to where they have lived and their occupation since their marriage, but as I do not have it I will let it pass as well as some others. At present his occupation is that of a teamster. In church belief they are Methodists.

### *Stella Lutitia (Carter) Lynch.*

Stella Lutitia, fourth daughter of Joseph Newton and Nancy Jane (Patterson) Carter, (son of Ira J. Carter, son of Isaac G.



Carter), was born Nov. 14, 1878, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.  
died 19 .

She grew to womanhood in the county where she was born. She was taught to work and saw the need of it to make a living. She also attended school and received a good common school education.

Charles Daniel Lynch, son of Edward Washington and Mary Lucas Lynch was born August 17, 1871. Miama county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

His parents were natives of the United States.

His home was in Indiana during his minority where he grew up in good society and with opportunities to make a good and useful citizen.

Stella Lutitia Carter and Charles Daniel Lynch were married Dec. 24, 1896, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana. Two children were born to this union:

Roy Edward, June 8, 1899, Grant county, Ind.; died June 16, 1899, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.

Chester Lloyd, June 1, 1901, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

They settled on a farm and engaged in farming and stock raising and now have thier own country home.

They are Methodists in belief and I hope they are workers in the Master's vineyard.

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### *Arthur Arlando Carter.*

Arthur Arlando, first son of Joseph Newton and Nancy Jane (Patterson) Carter, (son of Ira J. Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter,) was born April 2, 1881, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

His life has mostly been spent in the county where he was born going to school and helping his father what he could. The many glass factories of the country give an opportunity for boys to get employment and he has worked at the business until he has the trade well learned.

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### *Clarence Albert Kibbey.*

Clarence Albert, first son of Olive Carter and John Ephraim Kibbey, [daughter of Ira J. Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter], was





born November 29, 1873, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

He grew to manhood on the farm where he was born and he still lives on the home place with his mother. His life being spent at farm work and his opportunities good he has made a success of the business. He attends the Methodist church.

### *Erret Osmer Kibbey.*

Erret Osmer, second son of Olive Carter and John Ephraim Kibbey, (daughter of Ira J. Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter), was born August 4, 1875, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

He grew up on the farm, attending to the work that boys generally do who live in the country where there is plenty of room to romp and play as well as work with good schools where all can get a fair education.

Sarah Catharine Throckmorton daughter of Benj. and Mary Eliza (Teeters) Throckmorton, was born May 17, 1875, Pike Co., O;  
died 19 .

Her parents were natives of Ohio.

Born in Ohio her girlhood was spent there. Coming to Indiana before she was grown to womanhood, she had pleasant surroundings and the necessary comforts of life.

Erret Osmer Kibbey and Sarah Catharine Throckmorton were married Dec. 25, 1901, Grant county, Indiana. One child was born to this union:

Lloyd T., October 11, 1902, Matthews, Grant county, Ind.;  
died 19 .

They first settled near his home on a farm, but later bought a place near Fairmount where they have a good home and are farming and raising stock.

He is a Methodist in belief, but not a member of that church while she belongs to that organization.

### *Ira Ephraim Kibbey.*

Ira Ephraim, fourth son of Olive Carter and John Ephraim Kibbey, [daughter of Ira J. Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter), was born October 11, 1879, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

He was the son of a farmer and has made that his life work



and with the improved machinery makes it a more pleasant occupation than in former years.

Maud Carmin, daughter of Phuna and Nora (Kirkwood) Carmin, was born October 4, 1884, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

Her young life was spent near where she was born. She had the necessaries of life and they tend to make useful women of the girls.

Ira Ephraim Kibbey and Maud Carmin were married Oct. 16, 1901, Grant county, Indiana.

They own a farm near the homestead where they are engaged in raising grain and stock. They hold to the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church.

### *Charles Preston Kibbey.*

Charles Preston, fifth son of Olive Carter and John Ephraim Kibbey, [daughter of Ira J. Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter,] was born January 21, 1882, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana; died , 19 .

The boys all appear to like their home and he with others is helping with the farming and stock on the home place. He is a good honest, hard working boy and attends meetings at the Methodist Episcopal church.

### *Orville Perry Hardy.*

Orville Perry, first son of Mary Elvira Carter and Noah Hardy, (daughter of Ira J. Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter), was born August 1, 1877, Grant county, Indiana; died 19 .

His young life was spent on the farm where he was born. His father died before he was ten years old, leaving the mother with three boys and he being the oldest the work fell heavily on him and his mother, but they got along by the aid of kind friends.

Flay Caroline Heinbaugh, daughter of David N. and Eliza Jane (Carpenter) Heinbaugh, was born Aug. 25, 1881, Grant Co., Ind.; died 19 .

Her parents were born in the United States. Her young life was spent in a well improved country with good schools, good society and the necessary comforts of life to make a girl contented and happy.



Orville Perry Hardy and Flay Caroline Heinbaugh were married Dec. 20, 1899, Grant county, Indiana. One child was born to them:

Eva Jane December 7, 1900, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Their residence has always been Grant county. They now own a good home in Fairmount and he is working at the telephone busines and is doing well.

His religious instruction was Methodist, and she was raised in the Friends church.

### *Walter Scott Hardy.*

Walter Scott, second son of Mary Elvira Carter and Noah Hardy, (daughter of Ira J. Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter), was born December 12, 1879, Matthews, Grant county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

His life has been spent near the place of his birth where he has the privileges of good schools and other things to help him to form a good character. The writer knows but little about him, but expects the best at all times. He is now at Fairmount and employed on the telephone line.

### *Maggie May (Kilgore) Dunstan.*

Maggie May, second daughter of Lutitia Virginia Carter and Marshall D. Kilgore, (daughter of Elijah Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter), was born Dec. 28, 1880, Wabash county, Indiana;  
died 19 .

Her mother died when she was a small girl and she and her sisters were taken to her grandparents, Elijah Carter and wife, in Jonesboro where she was well cared for and grew to womanhood. In the seventeenth year of her age she went to Butte, Montana, to keep house for her father and there she met her future husband.

John Pickens Dunstan, son of Thomas Henry and Anna Pickens Dunstan, was born August 1, 1879, Butte, Montana;  
died 19 .

His parents were English descent. He grew up in that wild mountainous country and I know nothing about what he followed for an occupation.

Maggie May Kilgore and John Pickens Dunstan were married April 8, 1902, Butte, Montana. One child was born to them:



Margaret Lutitia, January 24, 1903, Butte, Montana;  
died 19

They are living in Butte at present.

In her young days she was a regular attendant of church and Sunday school and we trust the instruction there received is being carried with her through life by a devoted Christian woman.

### *Pearl Carter Tallman.*

Pearl Carter, first son of Rhoda Caroline Carter and Frank Carroll Tallman, (daughter of Howard Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter), was born Aug. 22, 1882, Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co., Ia.; died 19 .

His parents took him to Osborne county, Kansas, where he spent a few years of his young life, returning to Iowa the fall of 1888, where he grew to manhood working on a farm and attending school what time he could. He now makes his home at his father's and is working with a gang of hands on the telegraph line of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad.

### *Ralph Benjamin Tallman.*

Ralph Benjamin, second son of Rhoda Caroline Carter and Frank Carroll Tallman, (daughter of Howard Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter,) was born November 1, 1884, Osborne county, Kan.; died 19 .

In the fourth year of his age he with his parents and family moved to Henry county, Iowa, where he has resided ever since, working on a farm most of the time and a short time in a livery barn in New London. He now makes his home with his parents at Mt. Pleasant and is working at carpentering with the intention of learning the trade. He did not get a very good education.

### *Lucy Ethel Tallman.*

Lucy Ethel, first daughter of Rhoda Caroline Carter and Frank Carroll Tallman, [daughter of Howard Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter , was born October 15, 1887, Osborn county, Kansas; died 19 58.

She came to Iowa when about one year old, her parents settling in Henry county near Mount Pleasant. Here she grew to womanhood surrounded by such things as tended to make useful women of the girls. She had an organ in the home that she was





taught to play. There were good schools all of the time which she made use of. She is now in a training school at Mt. Pleasant preparing herself for a teacher.

She was instructed by a Godly Christian mother with whom she went to church and Sunday school. They are both members of the Disciple Christian church at Mt. Pleasant and doing good work for the Master.

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### *Glenn Howard Tallman.*

Glenn Howard, third son of Caroline Carter and Frank Carroll Tallman, (daughter of Howard Carter, son of Isaac G. Carter), was born Nov. 1, 1889, Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa; died 19 .

His life has mostly been spent on a farm the past few years in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant. He is quite a reader for a boy, an earnest student and is now attending school in town with the determination of getting a good education.



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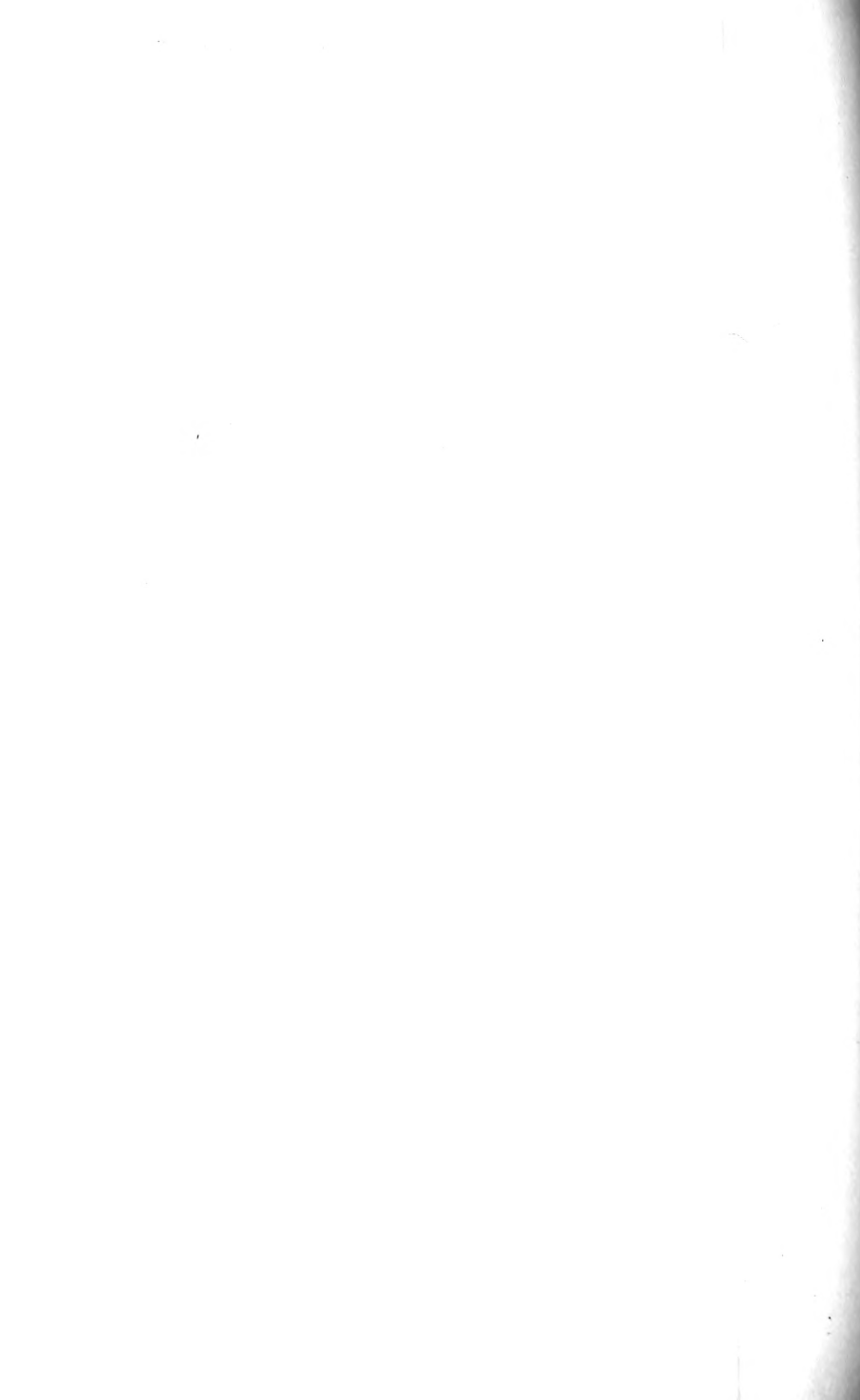
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