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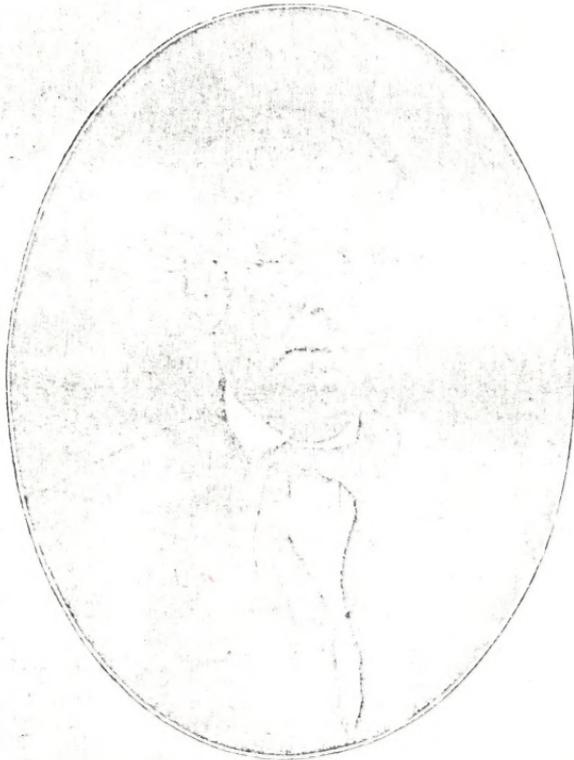
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**MAJOR LEVI REYNOLDS**  
BORN MAY 10, 1795  
DIED FEB. 1, 1871



# Family of Isaac and Mary Reynolds

Down to the Year 1859 A. D.

BY MAJOR LEVI REYNOLDS

Henry Reynolds came to America from the North of England, a Quaker preacher, with William Penn, and obtained a large tract of land from him in West Nottingham, Cecil county, Maryland. The brick meeting house, the brick of which was brought from England, dates from his time. He was the head of a large family of children; twenty-one sons and one daughter. Of these sons, Benjamin was one, who died early in life, leaving six sons, Stephen, Isaac, Jesse, Levi, John and David, and all died at a good old age, one in Maryland, four in Pennsylvania and one in Indiana.

Of these, Isaac was born August 7, 1766, and Mary, his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Cole, was born May 13, 1775. They were both born and raised near the village of Rising Sun, near which their ancestors and relatives repose. Mary, the wife of Isaac, had but one sister, Sarah. Their father, who was a colonel in the Revolution, died when they were quite young, and they were carefully raised by Quaker friends. In the year 1794 the said Isaac and Mary were married. In the year 1795 they left their native home with one child, Levi, who was born on the 13th day of May, 1795, exactly twenty years after the birth of his mother, and moved to Lost Creek valley, where he and his elder brother, Stephen, had previously bought a farm. While they remained in Pennsylvania Sarah was born March 6, 1797. The said Isaac was not only a wheelwright by trade but a miller, and in a short time he rented Aldrich's mill for four years and remained the time out. There on the 3rd day of May, 1799, was born Benjamin, and here too was born Ebenezer, the 23rd day of March, 1801. Maria was born on the farm



which afterwards belonged to John Anderson, in "Slim Valley," August 17, 1803. Matilda was born on the farm which formerly belonged to David Davidson, on the same stream that Sarah and Maria were born, on the 1st day of July, 1806.

In the year 1807 the said Isaac Reynolds left his busy pursuits in May of that year, and on horseback, to seek for a new home in the wilderness of the west, and looked complacently on the fertile lands and rich bottoms of the place he purchased second handed, where his son Ebenezer still resides, built a log cabin, covered and floored it, and returned to prepare for a home in the forests of Ohio. With his oldest son, Levi, who was born in Maryland, he made a visit to his mother in that state, the last one, and never saw her more. In May, 1808, perhaps the first day, with wagon and four horses, and the children living above named, they left the home of over twelve years, and in a little upwards of four weeks they landed at their new abode in the woods, where the howling of wolves and the screeching of owls made the night hideous. There they remained until the fall of the year 1837, when they moved to Monticello, where they settled on a spot selected by themselves, and where in the county of White nearly all their children preceded them. Father survived his settlement but a short time and died April 8, 1838. Mother died at the same place October 31, 1851.

I have given before the names, dates and places of birth of those children of Isaac and Mary Reynolds born in Maryland and Pennsylvania, and now proceed to give those of their children born on the homestead owned and occupied by brother Ebenezer in Ohio. John was born the 23rd of February, 1809; Isaac, July 23, 1811; Mary, March 6, 1814, and James Culbertson, the 14th of October, 1816. Thus are named the ten children of Isaac and Mary Reynolds. Maria died young. Ebenezer is the owner of the Ohio farm and resides upon it, and the remaining eight children reside in White county, Indiana.

Levi in his eighth year was drowned in the Monahela, near Zanesville, rescued and resuscitated. He cut his right foot so frequently and badly he was advised by his parents, in his nineteenth year, to cease the business of a farmer and



return to Pennsylvania. He served a term in the Northwestern army in the War of 1812 before by age he was required to take up arms.

Sarah was married to George A. Spence, Esquire.

Benjamin has had two wives and a large family of children.

Ebenezer resides on the homestead farm in Ohio. He was twice married, had a number of children and has lived a careful, frugal, honest and industrious life.

Maria died young and sleeps in death in the churchyard of Lost Creek Presbyterian Church.

Matilda, who was married to John B. Orton, of Somerset, Ohio, remains a widow, and owns and occupies the land and residence of her parents, Monticello, Indiana. She has two sons and one daughter.

John is a farmer. He has a family of four children.

Isaac first commenced business in Monticello, Indiana, as a merchant. He has a family of five children.

Mary intermarried with William Wright; has no children.

The old Quaker names failed to be applied to the youngest son, and James Culbertson was named for a Presbyterian clergyman of that name of much worth and ability.

NOTE.—I remember well my mother's dress, which was preserved till I was nine or ten years old. The dress had long trains. I remember when my hair was put up in a queue, and when it was getting out of fashion my mother quietly cut the queue from Uncle David before he was married, and how perplexed he was about it. I remember my father's knee buckles, shoe buckles and breast pin, and when, in 1807, they were manufactured into silver teaspoons in old Lancaster. I remember when my father wore ruffles in his bosom and wristbands and had his hair powdered, and the fine appearance he made on a fine horse in a "Light Horse Company." This dress I believe was in accordance with the Revolutionary custom.



## MOTHER AND HER FAMILY

She and her sister Sarah, only children, were left orphans when quite young, their father, who was a colonel in the Revolution, having died in their early years. They were both carefully raised and schooled with Quaker friends. Mother is spoken of elsewhere. Her sister married Major Azzur Wright, of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania. She was a member of Rev. John Hutchinson's Presbyterian congregation of Mifflin, in the burying ground of which church her remains lie. She had four children, two of whom only survive—Sarah, now wife of Nathaniel Hull, of LaFayette, Indiana, and Rachel, wife of Nelson Loughry, Esq., of White county, Indiana. Never shall I forget the parting of these two sisters one mile this side of Lewistown. They never saw each other after.

The mother of these sisters married again, a man by the name of James, an Irishman, supposed to be of good education. They had two children, a son and a daughter. The son died young and the daughter, Rebecca, still survives and is the excellent companion of John Hammond, Esq., of Perry county, Ohio. They all moved to Perry county, Ohio, in the year 1895, and the mother lived but four weeks after their settlement, and died on the farm where her daughter and family still reside. Till the last she preserved her Quaker customs and was characterized by her neatness and plainness of dress as long as she lived. She was buried in the only place where any white person was buried in that new settlement at that time, on the place of a Mr. Millen, within about a mile of Somerset. Her daughter, Rebecca, and her living husband, John Hammond, Esq., had ten children.

[No date appears on the manuscript of the above sketch, but it is supposed to have been written about 1869.]



Subsequent History  
of the  
**Reynolds Family in White County**

BY A. R. ORTON

It has been said that "those who do not treasure up the memory of their ancestors do not deserve to be remembered by posterity." There is nothing more praiseworthy than regard and reverence for ancestors, and there is nothing perhaps so elevating in our esteem those whom we call heathen than the high regard in which they hold parents and the aged. And perhaps there is no sensation so gratifying as that produced by the recollection of the commendable characters of those who have preceded us in the line of ancestry. It is fitting, therefore, that at least a partial record should be preserved of those who have gone before us, and it is with some such sentiment that I have prepared the statements which follow in relation to the ancestry of the Reynolds family, being a continuation of a history by Major Levi Reynolds.

I commend to their living descendants the memories of our immediate ancestors, with the testimony from my personal knowledge of their worthiness to be held in the highest esteem. I can say, I think, with unbiased judgment, that the descendants of Isaac and Mary Reynolds can look back with pardonable and commendable pride upon the lives and characters of these pioneers and their nine sons and daughters.

I do not remember having seen the grandfather, but have the impression that he was a man of equable temperment, industrious habits and unflinching integrity. I have, however, a very distinct recollection of grandmother. Her general disposition, quiet and conciliatory manner, patient and submissive spirit under bodily suffering (for she was for a long



time before her death physically dependent upon my mother), and withal her firmness and decision in holding and expressing opinions of right and duty—these have made a lasting impression upon my memory, and to those who believe in heredity, the possession of these qualities account in a great measure for their especial prominence in each of her descendants. I can almost see her now, after the lapse of more than sixty years, sitting helpless in the chair which I still possess, with her quiet, peaceful, cheerful smile and cordial greeting, forgetful of her afflictions in her sympathy for others. Can you, who have known her posterity, fail to realize how, in a greater or less degree, these characteristics have been reproduced?

I would not fail to notice especially her keen, quiet sense of humor and good cheer, qualities which are not inimical to the deep, serious, earnest, fervent piety which she so largely possessed, for she was indeed a "mother in Israel" in the fullest and truest sense. I remember her proud and satisfied expression upon the occasion of the visit of any of her sons and daughters.

I believe the influence of such a mother is impressed ineffaceably upon the lives of those who come in contact with her. You cannot get away from it. In passing I would say the natural sequence is, pure mothers, pure lives, pure government.

In speaking of the individual lives of the sons and daughters, opinions and estimates may not always be correct; in fact, in speaking of others, especially of the dead, the old adage "nulla nisi bona" should be the rule; both panegyric and censure should be avoided.

LEVI, the older son, was never married. When I first knew him he was about fifty years of age. At that time my mother accompanied him to Indiana from Ohio, a distance of about three hundred and fifty miles, with a single horse and open buggy, on a visit to relatives here at that time. He was the courteous old-time gentleman of whom, if we look around, we will not find many such now. He had a very pardonable family pride, always equally ready to praise or censure, and



also to advocate and defend what he deemed right and denounce the wrong. He was born May 16, 1798; died Feb. 1, 1871.

SARAH married George A. Spencer, a very estimable man, irreproachable in life and character. She possessed in a high degree the predominant family traits of persistent energy, unselfish regard for others, and family loyalty. They were among the pioneers of the county, coming here before the Indians had gone. Their home was a general and favorite resort. Their house was the place for holding the elections in the county, and I think the first sessions of court in the county were held at their house. The lawyers, who had to come a long distance on horseback, were loud in their praise of "Uncle George's hospitality and Aunt Sallie's entertainment." The Indians were frequent callers, and although friendly, there were many scares, and it is said that on one occasion Aunt Sallie, in her haste, threw one of the young children, whom she was nursing, in the bread basket for safety. Aunt Sallie made almost weekly visits to Monticello on "Old Fly," a horse kept for her exclusive use, and as this was before the time of improved roads, bridges and ditches, you may imagine what courage and fortitude was required.

I will always remember the patriarchal greeting of Uncle George, the approving smile and hearty welcome of Aunt Sallie, and the always abundant larder so grateful to a boyish stomach after a tramp of six miles. I was a frequent visitor at their home in after years, and I trust Uncle George's fervent prayers and practical exposition of the Scriptures at the morning and evening worship had their impression upon my life. Of all the men I have ever known none came as near being perfect as George A. Spencer. It is an honor to call him Grandfather. *He should be named Saint George.*

Aunt Sallie was born March 6, 1797; died Dec. 17, 1867. Uncle George was born Jan. 16, 1794; died Jan. 10, 1867. Their family consisted of:

Maria, born 1823; died January, 1845; who married Charles W. Kendall, born March 12, 1815; died Aug. 29, 1875, to whom was born George Spencer Kendall, Dec. 16, 1817, who married, Sept. 26, 1867, Mary Caroline McConnell, born



Dec. 9, 1842, to whom were born Herbert Stewart, May 20, 1869, died Oct. 16, 1870; Effie Margaret, born Sept. 24, 1871, died April 22, 1877; Stewart Ross, born June 16, 1874, died April 29, 1877; Clara Louisa, born April 25, 1880; married to Walter C. Huston.

Lucinda, born Feb. 26, 1819, died Feb. 23, 1850; married Nov. 25, 1840, to Levi S. Dale, born Jan. 26, 1812; died March 8, 1857; to them were born George Spencer, March 1, 1843, died Jan. 22, 1849; Maria A., born Sept. 10, 1845, died Nov. 30, 1849; Frank C., born March 18, 1848, died April 30, 1885; married to Lucy Keefer Jan. 11, 1870, who died Feb. 29, 1872; married Francenia Haines Aug. 27, 1880.

Eliza, born Aug. 2, 1824; died in 1901; was the second wife of Charles W. Kendall. I would not fail to notice with becoming emphasis the quiet, unassuming, substantial life of Charles W. Kendall, whose influence was always found upon the side of righteousness and the good of society. I remember him especially in connection with church work. He was one of four who always made up the deficiency of church expenses. I recall vividly his characteristic smile, and shrug of the shoulders as he would say when the matter of a deficit of church expenses was presented to him, "Boys, this is pretty tough, but it is all right," and cheerfully pay his proportion. Their children were:

Walter R., born March 1, 1846, died March 27, 1894; married April 28, 1870, to Martha E. McConnell, born Nov. 27, 1814, to whom were born Schuyler T., March 22, 1872, (married Oct. 21, 1911, to Blanche Brunswick, born Oct. 24, 1879); Frederick Charles, July 9, 1875; Dean, Dec. 13, 1877; Dale, Aug. 23, 1885, who died Dec. 4, 1897.

Maria, born Sept. 23, 1850; died Aug. 20, 1885; married July 2, 1872, to Philip Asbury Hull, died September, 1894; whose children were Bertha Eliza, born Jan. 25, 1874, married June 26, 1901, to John R. Ward, born April 1, 1872, (to whom were born Helen Catharine, Oct. 22, 1902; Philip Hull, Oct. 26, 1906, died Oct. 29, 1906. Granville Hull, Feb. 4, 1911, and John Kendall, July 5, 1913); Mabel Catharine, born Nov. 12, 1875, who was married Nov. 12, 1898, to Albert Eugene Kane, born May 27, 1875, (to whom were born Albert Hull, March 8, 1907, died March 21, 1907; Helen



Mabel, May 17, 1908; and Virginia Alice, Jan. 22, 1912; Alice Maria, born Dec. 1, 1878; married Frank S. Lane, September, 1904; and Warren Kendall, born Sept. 10, 1905; married Aug. 31, 1912, to Alta Hadason, born June 25, 1887, to whom was born Mary Elizabeth June 20, 1913.

Howard, born Aug. 25, 1848, died Nov. 25, 1913; was married to Mary Balmer in 1894. Was president of the city council of Duluth several terms and also a member of the State legislature of Minnesota.

Sarah, born Feb. 2, 1856, who married May 3, 1881, Albert W. Loughry, born June 9, 1847, whose children are Howard, born March 21, 1882, now Lieutenant U. S. A.; Maynard, born April 17, 1889, and Chester, born Oct. 28, 1893.

Charles, born Dec. 25, 1863, who married Isabel McKenzie.

May, born March 8, 1864, who was married April 26, 1893, to Harris B. McDowell, born Sept. 5, 1859, to whom were born Helen Kendall, March 7, 1894, Charles Kendall, Jan. 21, 1896, Edwin Spencer, Oct. 24, 1901, and Harris Brown, Jr., Feb. 10, 1906.

Matilda O., daughter of George A. and Sarah Reynolds-Spencer, was born Sept. 3, 1827, died Jan. 12, 1901. She was married April 25, 1847, to Lucius Pierce, who was born July 26, 1817, and died Dec. 21, 1893. To them were born: Clara, Jan. 31, 1849, who married Sept. 6, 1871, Dr. John H. Shaker, born Feb. 16, 1843, to whom were born Harry M., July 14, 1872, who married Harriet Mohr, Oct. 23, 1912; Flora M., June 4, 1875; Mary Isabel, Jan. 30, 1885; Charlotte, Jan. 2, 1885, and Janet A., April 20, 1891; George, March 13, 1851, died Sept. 11, 1854; Jessie, Sept. 5, 1853, died Jan. 12, 1859; Sallie S., June 15, 1858; Harry M., March 11, 1862, who married, Aug. 18, 1893, Rosa Conevars, born Oct. 10, 1872; Jessie E., born April 20, 1868.

Calvin C., born Aug. 6, 1829, died Feb. 14, 1898, who married Mrs. Sarah Havens, born March 26, 1836, died Sept. 1, 1913; their children were Mary, born 1859, died 1861; Will, born 1861, died 1866; Fred, born July 25, 1862; Charles C., lawyer, born Jan. 6, 1868; Margarette Rae, born April 13, 1875, who married Charles W. Rubright.



Isaac Luther, born Jan. 19, 1832; died Oct. 27, 1865.

George W., born Jan. 7, 1834; died Aug. 17, 1876, who married April 14, 1868, Eliza Ann Bunnell, born March 11, 1837, died October, 1872; to whom were born Julia, August, 1859, who married Dec. 10, 1879, John H. Peet, born June 25, 1856, died Sept. 27, 1894, (to whom were born Ethel, Oct. 5, 1880, who married Sept. 18, 1907, Earl Nordyke, to whom were born Spencer, Aug. 4, 1908, Bertha Julia, Nov. 21, 1885, Horace S., April 27, 1891, died March 21, 1892); Miran B., March 16, 1864, who married July 5, 1882, Eva McClane, born Jan. 18, 1864, (to whom were born George McClane, Oct. 27, 1888, and Mary Eva, Aug. 10, 1897); Thomas, June 10, 1869; married Lyda Kenton, born May, 1869, (to whom were born Vance, April 30, 1890, Richard, Sept. 1, 1892; Helen, Aug. 18, 1896); second marriage Dec. 12, 1899, to Ella Tevis, born May 29, 1877, (whose children are Thomas M., born May 16, 1904; Ethel, March 20, 1909; Jesse Julia, Feb. 25, 1910, died Aug. 4, 1911).

BENJAMIN was also one of the pioneers of the county, closely and prominently identified with its early settlement, a man of indomitable energy and of great natural resources. He was interested in a stage line from LaFayette to Michigan City, an enterprise the management of which, at that time, when there were no improved roads and but few bridges, required as much executive ability as the construction and maintenance of railroads at this time. He was also employed in the selection of canal and swamp lands donated by the government to the state, which brought him into close relations with state officials, for whom his house was a place of frequent entertainment. His home was a place of general resort, and the courteous manner and whole souled hospitality of "Uncle Ben" and "Aunt Jane" had a wide reputation. He was born May 3, 1799, and died June 6, 1869. He was twice married. The name of the first wife was Julia Ann Collier, who was born Jan. 10, 1801, and died Oct. 17, 1837. The children of this union were:

Isaac, born April 8, 1831, who married May 15, 1861, Catharine Herron, born July 23, 1811, died Aug. 7, 1901, (to



whom were born Hattie Jane, March 30, 1862, died June 20, 1866); Benjamin, born June 4, 1863, died March 30, 1893, who married Lillian Williams, Feb. 15, 1893; (to whom were born Leo, April 27, 1894; Homer Isaac, April 10, 1896; Nellie, Nov. 8, 1898); Georgiana, born 1865, died June 29, 1869; Charley, born April 11, 1867, who married Estella Littlefield, (to whom were born Lloyd, Jan. 4, 1891; Earl, March 14, 1892; Edith, March 4, 1894; Ruby and May, Lea and Leo); Walter Russell, born Nov. 9, 1869, who was married Nov. 29, 1898, to Mattie Rapp, born July 20, 1878; Hettie Maria, born Dec. 15, 1872, who married Oct. 15, 1883, James Gerrond, born Sept. 30, 1858, (to whom were born Bess Bernice, Feb. 1, 1890; Millie May, May 16, 1891; Opal Winnie, March 17, 1894; James Ray, Aug. 30, 1895; Roy Neal, June 10, 1898, and Beryl, Jan. 3, 1901); Levi, born Jan. 12, 1874, who married April 9, 1897, Alice Gay, born Feb. 7, 1870, died Aug. 4, 1901, (to whom was born Mayne Catharine, Dec. 6, 1901); second marriage to Mary Etta Brewer, Dec. 23, 1901, (to whom were born Bennie, May 13, 1908; Glen, August --, 1910, and Harry, March 16, 1912); May, born May 2, 1876, who married Oliver Gay, Dec. 9, 1904, (to whom were born Oka, Sept. 5, 1905; Earl, Nov. 21, 1906; Fay, June 7, 1908; Dick, March 16, 1910; Dan, Jan. 1, 1912); George, born Dec. 30, 1878, who married, June 15, 1902, Goldie M. Rider, born May 16, 1884, (to whom were born Johnnie Lee, March 5, 1903; Ben Frank, Sept. 30, 1904); Nellie Burr, born March 26, 1882, who married, Feb. 14, 1906, Edward Austin Kepley, born Feb. 21, 1878, (to whom were born Ralph Darue, Jan. 1, 1907; Ray, March 13, 1908, and Bernice Edra, Sept. 25, 1909).

Mary, born in 1829, died Jan. 28, 1904; who married March 20, 1851, Henry Ash, born Dec. 25, 1826, died March 8, 1908, (to whom were born Benjamin C., in 1854, who married Sarah A. Brisbane, 1874, to whom were born Harry C., Brisbane and Paul, residence 2703 Aldrich Ave., Minneapolis); Julia A., born Jan. 7, 1854; who married, Jan. 9, 1876, Charles H. Bates, born April 12, 1850, to whom were born Eva L., Jan. 1, 1878, died Dec. 14, 1892; Charles A., Aug. 22, 1880, (married Kalkauer Kocer, Jan. 31, 1906, to whom was born Morice K. Bates, Dec. 10, 1908, residence Gamble, S. Dak.);



Mary E., born Sept. 24, 1883, married A. M. Laudman May 26, 1909, residence Pine Ridge, S. Dak.; M—— M., Oct. 16, 1885, married N. G. Alcock, May 7, 1913, residence Pueblo, Col.; Ward B., Feb. 17, 1895; Carrie W., died when about five years of age; Mollie F., died when about three years of age; Harry C., born October, 1859, married Lou VanLuvan, born 1854; Lizzie M., born Jan. 27, 1864; married John C. Eccles, (to whom were born John Eccles, Jr.; Manton, Charles B. and Mary M.); William B., born Feb. 14, 1860, married August, 1905, Lou VanLuvan (widow of Harry C.), residence, San Diego, Cal.

William Reynolds married Katharine Fox, to whom were born Harry, 1864; died Jan. 24, 1904; married Elizabeth Eggner, born 1866, died Jan. 10, 1897, to whom were born Eliza Mabel, 1886, who married Dec. 14, 1902, Edward Pinkerston, residence Seattle, Wash., (to whom were born Eugene, 1906; Frank W., March 24, 1889, and Elizabeth, Jan. 31, 1894); Margaret, born 1866, who married James Fitzpatrick, born 1891, died February, 1909, to whom were born Carrie, 1892; Frank (deceased); Eliza (deceased); Fred, 1884, who in 1900 married Emma Rogers, born 1883, to whom were born Harold, March 17, 1904; Lucile, 1907, and Clifford.

Matilda, born Dec. 7, 1832, died Jan. 30, 1852, was married March 20, 1851, to Joseph D. Cowdin, born Nov. 15, 1828, died May 13, 1909, to whom were born Elizabeth Maria, Dec. 24, 1851, who married July 27, 1868, Laban H. Litchfield, born March 24, 1839, died Sept. 27, 1872, to whom was born Only T., May 13, 1870, who married Sept. 6, 1896, Anna Bushnell, born Sept. 27, 1871, whose children are Berna, born July 24, 1897; Clarence Bushnell, May 2, 1903; second marriage March 26, 1874, to Clarence Headly VanTassel (born Feb. 24, 1819, died Sept. 1, 1906), to whom were born Joseph McVay, Feb. 27, 1875, and Mina Cowdin, Dec. 24, 1877, who was married June 21, 1899, to Hiram Ellsworth Brisbine (born Nov. 11, 1860); to whom were born Margaret Mina, June 22, 1901; Elizabeth Mary, Nov. 9, 1902, died July 17, 1905; Evelyn Josephine, Jan. 15, 1907; Kathalyn VanTassel, April 27, 1908; Harry, June 13, 1885; Clarence, July 14, 1887 (died Sept. 12, 1887).



Maria, born Dec. 7, 1832, died Jan. 28, 1903, was the second wife of Joseph D. Cowdin, to whom she was married Jan. 4, 1853. He was a man of unquestioned integrity, unusual acquirements and business capacity, who was honored with many offices of trust and confidence by his fellow citizens. To them were born Julia M., Oct. 5, 1853, died Aug. 4, 1894, who married Oct. 6, 1872, Robert H. Calvert, born Nov. 2, 1818 (to whom were born Earle C., Nov. 22, 1873, and Leon, Oct. 29, 1875); Mary J., born Nov. 27, 1854, married Aug. 18, 1875, to William L. Roach, born March 24, 1853 (to whom was born Mamie C., Sept. 3, 1876); Josephine A., born Feb. 11, 1856, married Feb. 15, 1875, Mavis Taylor (to whom were born Julia C., Jan. 6, 1876; John B. Sept. 5, 1878; Margaret M., May 21, 1883, and Josephine, Sept. 15, 1885); Margaret D., born Nov. 20, 1857, died March 14, 1897, married March 24, 1884, to Hiram L. Brisbane (to whom were born Dawes E., Nov. 4, 1886, and Hiram, Jr., March 14, 1897); Joseph R., born May 9, 1861, who married Lula Vianco Oct. 17, 1887; William L., born June 8, 1874, married Oct. 25, 1899, to Julia B. Gross, born Jan. 10, 1877 (to whom were born William G., Feb. 10, 1901, and Harriet B., May 18, 1903); Thomas L., born June 26, 1878, married March 15, 1898, to Jocella G. Roach, born Nov. 18, 1877 (to whom were born Mary Margaret, Sept. 18, 1903, and Thomas J., Feb. 11, 1905).

Uncle Benjamin's second wife's name was Lydia Jane Gardner, a daughter of Major Gardner, a Register of the United States Land Office, in Pulaski county, and prominent in the affairs of that county. She was born Feb. 21, 1820, and married April 2, 1840. To them were born Ellen M., June 14, 1841, died June 2, 1856; John G., born Dec. 12, 1844, died July 13, 1899; married Jan. 6, 1868, to Hettie E. Callow (born Nov. 22, 1848), to whom were born Earl, Oct. 28, 1868, who married Nellie Donegan, Aug. 12, 1913; Joseph C., who married Bessie Adella Durant, Sept. 4, 1912; Levi 1st, born March 24, 1846, died April 29, 1850; Benjamin, born Feb. 11, 1848; Levi 2nd, born March 7, 1850; married Sept. 23, 1879, Mary L. Cooper, born Jan. 16, 1857, died June 16, 1886 (to whom were born Roy H., Oct. 7, 1880, died Feb. 4, 1897; Glen Cooper, Aug. 10, 1882, died Dec. 28, 1883; Roy, June 26,



1884, died Jan. 4, 1901; Carl, March 15, 1886, died May 19, 1886); Nancy Jane, born Feb. 7, 1852, married George Wolverton (to whom were born Ella, who married Burdell Baker, to whom was born Burdell and Guy); Sallie Cole, born Feb. 11, 1854, married Jacob Raub (born Oct. 3, 1835), March 28, 1871, to whom were born Edwin Benjamin, Dec. 23, 1871, who married Martha Drapier; Joseph Reynolds, March 10, 1873; George Andrew, Jan. 14, 1874, married Lucy Ream; Charles Jacob, born Jan. 23, 1879; Clyde Webster, born Sept. 1, 1885 -.

Ellen Moore Reynolds, born April 18, 1856; died March 25, 1860.

EBENEZER was born March 23, 1801, died Dec. 2, 1861. He remained in Ohio, occupying the old homestead. I was not so intimately acquainted with him, having removed to Indiana when I was twelve years of age, but sufficiently to know that he possessed the family characteristics, emphasising especially those of integrity, economy and sound judgment. My recollection of him is especially distinct in connection with the fact of his removing my mother and her family from Ohio to Indiana with a two-horse team and covered wagon, a memory which, considering the roads at that time, is not easily effaced. The undertaking, while not especially hazardous, was of no mean proportions. He was inclined to join the rest of the family in their residence in Indiana, but the associations of the old homestead in Ohio were too attractive, and he remained in Ohio while all of his family except two came to Indiana. He was thrice married.

The first wife's name was Maria Elizabeth Yost, born Sept. 26, 1805, died Oct. 3, 1839; married Aug. 12, 1825. To them were born:

Calvin, June 27, 1826, who died April 5, 1892, a man of remarkable industry and the strictest integrity, who married Georgiana Sill, born Jan. 1, 1827, daughter of William Sill, a most distinguished citizen and pioneer of the county, to whom were born Ebenezer, Sept. 7, 1855, who married Ella Christy, to whom were born Everett and Bertha; William Milton, born May 10, 1859; Minnie, born March 8, 1862.



who married Charles McMurtrie (to whom was born George) and afterward married Harry Detwiler; Levi, born Nov. 25, 1859, who married Clara Burns Nov. 29, 1883, born Dec. 25, 1858 (to whom were born Ruby, Oct. 6, 1894; Clyde, June 6, 1896; Minnie, June 8, 1898, and Lula, Dec. 15, 1905); Embree, born Nov. 26, 1869, who married Nov. 22, 1899, Gertie Hood; born May 23, 18—; Mary, born Aug. 16, 1873, who married Charley Gladden (born Jan. 16, 1877) Nov. 28, 1901.

William, born Jan. 13, 1828.

Isaac, born Jan. 7, 1830, died March 12, 1904, who married Polly Ann Schock (born Jan. 20, 1838), to whom were born Anna, who died in infancy; Clement, July 16, 1863, who married, Aug. 2, 1891, Sarah Ann Marquit, born Oct. 2, 1871, to whom were born Icis May, April 17, 1892 (died April 25, 1892); Oley Inice, April 25, 1893; Orton L., Aug. 6, 1894; Mary Ann, March 20, 1899; Raley Edna, Nov. 18, 1897 (died Oct. 12, 1899); George Ephraim, Dec. 21, 1899; Ida Bell, Oct. 12, 1903, and Paul R., May 21, 1905; Alfred C., born Oct. 3, 1873, died June 1, 1906; married Aug. 24, 1897, Rose Marquit (born August, 1869), to whom were born Robert D., July 17, 1898, and Ethel M., June 17, 1900.

Minerva J., born Jan. 17, 1832, died Oct. 19, 1870, who married Feb. 24, 1853, Israel Cooper, born June 17, 1834, to whom were born Maria E., who married Silas Yost (to whom were born Guy, who married Nellie Maud Reynolds, to whom were born Uhl Wilson Yost and Donald A.

Maria M., born June 17, 1834, died March 24, 1858; married Oct. 2, 1851, Thomas Johnson.

John Y., born Sept. 16, 1836, died May 2, 1879, who married Feb. 16, 1859, Mary A. Biggs, born Jan. 25, 1841, died Sept. 24, 1891, to whom were born Clara M., Nov. 24, 1859, who married Dec. 25, 1883, Ephraim Wysong, to whom were born George, who married Iris Stephens, born April 28, 1889 (to whom was born Harry); Effie May, born March 27, 1888, who married Roland Hughes (to whom were born Xenoclea, Maxine, Marjorie, Fred and Emma); Addie, born Sept. 16, 1863; who married Dec. 30, 1880, William Hanawalt, born June 11, 1855 (to whom were born Clyde, Nov. 12, 1884; Grace, May 30, 1887; Lottie, March 16, 1889; Minnie, Aug.



13, 1884; Curtis, October 16, 1895; Harry, November 9, 1895, and Ralph, Aug. 31, 1908); Elmer, born April 26, 1865; Loretta, who married Richard Markle; Myrtle May, born June 2, 1870, died Sept. 16, 1897; Jesse Hammond, born Feb. 11, 1873 (married May 18, 1907, to Nora Cowin, born March 1, 1884); Bessie, born Nov. 12, 1876, who married George Wirt, to whom was born Leatha.

Alfred W., lawyer, was born Sept. 16, 1839; married to Louisa Magee (born May 3, 1841), to whom was born George, Oct. 6, 1875, who married Madge Robison, to whom was born Janice.

The second marriage of Ebenezer was to Martha Wright (born Dec. 5, 1810, died June, 1850), to whom were born:

James Culbertson, Jan. 1, 1842, who married Mary A. Ansell, to whom was born William W., July 11, 1868, who married Anna D. Wysong, to whom was born Grace V., Feb. 1, 1900.

Mary Rebecca, born Aug. 21, 1847, who married Joseph C. Wilson.

The third marriage of Ebenezer was to Mary Sellers, Aug. 10, 1859.

MARIA, a sister of Ebenezer, was born Aug. 17, 1803, and died in infancy.

MATILDA was born July 1, 1806, and died July 2, 1879. It is a matter of great joy to me that I can bear testimony to such a beloved mother. She was the smallest and most delicate of all the family, and yet notwithstanding she was called upon to experience unusual sorrow, suffering and affliction, lived next to the longest in age. The constant care of an afflicted daughter for thirty years, and the nursing of an aged mother for a number of years, besides all the cares incident to a life inadequately provided for financially, would bring sadness and sorrow. Yet she was always ready to respond to every call for sympathy and aid. A life like this, aside from the warrant of Scripture, would seem to argue a life hereafter, in which the inequalities here would be compensated



by an infinitely wise and loving Father. How much we have to regret that the self-sacrificing lives of mothers are not appreciated, and in some measure requited in this life! If I could do nothing more in making these sketches and sketches to preserve these memories than to emphasise the sentiment, "Love your mothers," I would be amply repaid.

She married John B. Orton (born Feb. 23, 1780, died July 23, 1844), a lawyer of "the olden time," when the profession was characterized by a desire to promote sound learning, good morals and personal integrity, before the succeeding time of accumulated opinions and decisions, so helpful to the modern profession, and before the time also when the influence of wealth and social position were so potent to prevent the proper administration of justice. American jurisprudence, then a mere blazed path in the wilderness, has now become a great highway of learned decisions. As an instance, expressive of his personal and professional life, a person came to his office seeking counsel in order to defeat the ends of justice. After hearing his statements my father ejected him with the remark, "Your touch is contamination; your very presence is pollution." How rare, alas, do we find such examples in later times!

He represented his district in both branches of the legislature without solicitation on his part. His epitaph as written by his fellow citizens was, "God's noblest work, an honest man." He had inscribed over the entrance of the court house the old Latin legend, "Justicia fiat ruat cælum." Their children were:

Julius T., born February 26, 1832, died October 20, 1860—a short life, but long enough to show a most remarkable character. Possessed of a gifted intellect, unswerving integrity, and a most independent and chivalrous spirit, to have been called from us, especially at a time when our country needed such qualities, seemed to us a great calamity. He was among his associates mentally and physically "facile princeps." Dr. Spencer, who knew him as a classmate in college and in every day life, in a paper at the Presbyterian centennial described him as "our friend and hero, our Apollo and Hercules."

Alfred Reynolds Orton, born Nov. 5, 1833, married Dec.



27, 1859, Addie C. Parker (born Nov. 23, 1838), to whom were born Ora, Oct. 6, 1863; Julius T., Oct. 6, 1869, who married Mary Hills, born June —, 1869, (to whom were born Marjorie Marion, July 13, 1898, and Richard Scott, Feb. 21, 1903); Emma, born Nov. 16, 1871, died Aug. 12, 1877.

Mary W., born Aug. 13, 1844, died Feb. 6, 1883.

JOHN, born Feb. 23, 1809, died March 5, 1864. While possessing the general characteristics to be noted in each member of the family, he had a more lively, buoyant disposition, shown by a penchant for giving nicknames to persons of his acquaintance, expressive of some peculiarity of their persons or lives, and designating places in the then monotonous wilderness by which they are still known. He was the soul and life of all social gatherings. He called his farm, being situated at the confluence of the Monon and the Tippecanoe rivers, "Indian Bottom," it having been a gathering place for Indians in past years. He was also possessed of remarkable industry and energy, which may have led to his comparatively short life, as he died younger than any of the others. He also was one of the pioneers of the county, and with his family suffered the privations incident to that life. Having suffered the loss of many fine horses by disease, he returned to Ohio, but family ties drew him back to Indiana, where he spent the remainder of a prosperous life.

I have a very distinct recollection of "Indian Bottom," as his farm was known, for it was there I received my initiation to Hoosierdom by having the ague. I was never certain whether it was produced by the peculiar odor of the new corn or by my wrestling, as a boy, with the tall stalks, but it led to my perpetual abandonment of cutting corn as a business.

He was twice married. The first wife was Priscilla Cain, born March 4, 1812; married Sept. 16, 1830, died Dec. 15, 1861. She was a woman of most gentle, quiet, lovable spirit. Their family consisted of:

Levi, born Aug. 20, 1831, died Aug. 17, 1897, married April 1, 1858, to Margaret McCuaig (born May 24, 1832, died Jan. 28, 1911); to whom were born Mary Bell, May 31,



1859, died Sept. 16, 1878; Priscilla, born Aug. 19, 1852, married June 14, 1893, to S. C. Orr, born Dec. 19, 1860 (to whom were born Ethel Louise, Sept. 6, 1900, died June 25, 1933; Neal, June 28, 1865, died Feb. 13, 1874; Louisiana, July 29, 1868, died Oct. 5, 1869); Lottie, born Sept. 29, 1871; Charlie Cass, born Jan. 9, 1875, died Feb. 20, 1876.

William Orton, born April 18, 1834, died April 4, 1858.

Philema, born May 4, 1836 (deceased).

Mary Louisa, born May 18, 1838, married Sept. 8, 1859, to Benjamin D. Paul (born April 20, 1834, died Nov. 20, 1873), to whom were born Mary, who married Burton Kingsbury (to whom was born Burton Paul, May 26, 1888, married April 6, 1912, to Grace Evangeline Edmondson, who was born April 22, 1887, to whom was born Patricia Louisa, Feb. 2, 1913); Julius, who married Hattie Murphy, to whom was born Benjamin.

Sarah Spencer, born Jan. 8, 1842, died April 22, 1859.

David, born April 1, 1844, died Jan. 12, 1847.

Josephine, born June 12, 1846, died July 18, 1851.

Lewis Cass, born April 29, 1851, married Oct. 18, 1878, to Ella M. Wickersham, born June 23, 1855, to whom were born Alfred, Oct. 16, 1878; Gertrude Adelia, Sept. 15, 1886, married Oct. 18, 1905, Alfred G. Gray, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1858 (to whom were born Alfred J., Oct. 27, 1906, died July 26, 1907; John, Jan. 28, 1908, died June 4, 1909; William Lewis, Nov. 2, 1909; Donald Albert, Aug. 30, 1913); Bertha Esther, born Aug. 21, 1884, married Aug. 21, 1904, to Royal Galbreath, born Dec. 21, 1879 (to whom were born Isabel, April 30, 1905; Louis Henry, May 31, 1909; Capitola Lucile, Nov. 13, 1911); Louisa Pearl, born Aug. 15, 1888, married Aug. 22, 1911, to Harry F. Phillips, born Aug. 22, 1886 (to whom was born Harry Lewis, June 26, 1913); Capitola Jane, born Feb. 1, 1892; Levi, born Oct. 15, 1897; Frank Kenneth, born Oct. 29, 1899.

Jane, born Sept. 29, 1854, died April 22, 1901, married Dec. 18, 1873, to Robert R. Breckenridge, born Nov. 21, 1844, died June 16, 1911; their children were George Cass, born Sept. 10, 1875, married Feb. 9, 1898, to Lulu Harvey, born Dec. 14, 1874 (to whom were born Ethel C., Dec. 4, 1898, and Edith B., Sept. 19, 1901); Mabel, born Dec. 26, 1877, died



May 21, 1878; Lucy, born Nov. 3, 1883, married Dec. 20, 1905, to George C. Hibner, born Nov. 23, 1882; Amy, born Aug. 12, 1885, married Feb. 22, 1910, to George F. Stevens, born Aug. 18, 1886 (to whom were born Russell P., Nov. 11, 1910, and Bethel Beulah, Aug. 27, 1913); Fessie J., March 14, 1889.

John's second wife was Mary Yost Wilson, to whom he was married Nov. 19, 1862.

ISAAC was born July 23, 1811, died June 3, 1877. He was of a kind, genial, unassuming disposition. His life differed from that of the other brothers, in that it was devoted to mercantile pursuits, while theirs were chiefly that of the farmer. He had a sympathetic nature and was always ready and quick to respond to all calls of benevolence and charity. Although not of an aggressive spirit, he was in the front of all schemes of public enterprise and improvement, and to him and his brother James C. the town of Monticello, and especially the Presbyterian church, are largely indebted for their progress and growth. But it is too true that communities are too slow to recognize and acknowledge their indebtedness to benefactors. A character such as his, however, leaves an indelible impression upon the lives and hearts of those who come in contact with it, more effective and permanent than monuments of metal or stone.

He married Mary Jane Hughes, daughter of a physician in Ohio, born Sept. 10, 1812, died July 5, 1885. I was an inmate of their home and that of her sister, Mrs. Doctor Brearley, being employed as clerk in the store of Reynolds & Brearley, and can testify to the lovely and affectionate domestic life of their homes, such homes as make permanent the institutions of our government, the foundations which insure the stability and permanance of our national life. To them were born:

Ophelia, Feb. 27, 1839, married June 1, 1864, to Daniel D. Dale, who was born May 13, 1836, and died March 13, 1886, to whom were born Charles, Feb. 26, 1865, who married R. Estella, June 23, — (to whom were born Dorothy D., June 17, 1892; Lawrence D., Aug. 10, 1894, and Kathryn



L., Oct. 27, 1896); George R., born Feb. 17, 1847, who married Lena M. — (to whom were born Mary O., Aug. 27, 1902; George R., Jr., May 27, 1904, and Elizabeth, Oct. 29, 1909); Bertha M., born May 28, 1870, and Ida, born March 10, 1880.

Mary Cole, born Nov. 5, 1811, died May 13, 1899.

Albert, born Aug. 7, 1845, married Oct. 7, 1863, to Elizabeth B. Blake, born May 4, 1850, died Nov. 11, 1904, to whom were born Guy, May 26, 1870, who was married Aug. 27, 1891, to Eva Cram, born in 1871 and died March 16, 1909 (to whom was born Albert, July 20, 1895); Charlie, Aug. 26, 1877, who married Aug. 26, 1902, Sarah Gephart, born Nov. 14, 1877 (to whom was born Margaret, Feb. 4, 1910); Margaret, Feb. 12, 1888, married Aug. 11, 1908, to Herman T. Powers, born Aug. 29, 1886 (to whom were born Herman R., Nov. 9, 1909, and Irvin A., Nov. 5, 1911).

I am quite sure it will meet with the approval of all who knew them if I place a flower upon the graves of Ophelia and Mary Cole. Ophelia, of marked intellect and quiet grace—no word of unkind criticism ever passed her lips. And Mary Cole, whose strong musical voice and always reliable presence did so much to maintain and give tone to the choir of the Presbyterian church, and who smoothed the pathway of her mother's declining age. These sisters are now singing the anthems of the higher and better life.

Julia, a younger sister of these, was born in February, 1850, and was married June 29, 1870, to John C. Blake, born Dec. 14, 1845, to whom was born Ethel, March 5, 1873.

Ellen Moore, another sister, was born May 9, 1855, and was married June 4, 1873, to Sanford F. Southard, who was born March 31, 1847, and died Dec. 3, 1886, to whom were born Cora, June 3, 1874; Alice, June 5, 1876 (died Aug. 5, 1876), and Fred, Nov. 25, 1877.

MARY was born March 6, 1814, and died March 3, 1877. She was married to William Wright, born June 9, 1814, died June 30, 1877. Her husband, William Wright, was a man of an exceptionally kind and genial disposition, inasmuch that he drew to himself many warm personal friends.



I think it can be safely said, "He had no enemies." The confidence and esteem in which he was held was shown by his being elected Sheriff of the county. She, perhaps, more than any of the others, possessed a chivalrous family pride. She made the joys and sorrows of each one a personal matter. It may have been because she had no children of her own upon whom she could bestow her affections. She had great pleasure in entertaining her friends. A warm welcome always awaited all comers, especially those of the family, to her home and that of her generous and warm hearted companion. The value and effect of a life does not always consist of acts performed, but the spirit which prompts the action is often more potent than the results accomplished. She did not have any children, but the children of the other families were always sure of a warm greeting from Aunt Polly and Uncle Billy.

JAMES C. was born Oct. 14, 1816, and died March 27, 1877. He married Miranda Sill March 15, 1849, who was born Feb. 10, 1829, and died Jan. 4, 1898. She was the daughter of one of the first and most prominent citizens of Monticello and White county, who held consecutive terms of three of the most important offices of the county, namely, that of Clerk, Auditor and Recorder. She was a most sympathetic and helpful companion.

Being the youngest of the family, he had the care and protection of grandmother until his marriage. He had learned the trade of saddler with Uncle Wright, which calling he followed industriously and profitably. Making judicious investments in real estate, he accumulated large property, and while constantly engaged in business pursuits, did not forget the welfare and interests of others, especially of the poorer class of people, among whom he had many warm personal friends. He was elected to the offices of Sheriff and Treasurer of the county. He was eminently a man of public spirit, and particularly concerned in regard to the material and spiritual interests of the church. He donated the site of the present High School building, and from personal knowledge I can say that without his personal gifts and untiring energy



the Presbyterian church would not possess its present imposing and commodious building. His family was as follows:

William Edwin, born May 2, 1850, married May 8, 1872, to Julia Imes, to whom were born Clyde, July 5, 1873, who married Pearl Mosely Nov. 28, 1895, born April 25, 1875 (to whom were born Vernon, July 24, 1897; Julia Virginia, Nov. 13, 1901, and John M., Aug. 27, 1904); Fern, born June 23, 1878, who married May 7, 1905, Rudolph Wetzel (to whom were born Norma Louise, Sept. 24, 1906, and Howard R., June 17, 1909).

Mary E., born April 2, 1852, married July 5, 1874, to Dr. Robert J. Clark, born May 24, 1844, died March 1, 1909, a man of unquestioned integrity and independence of character and of rare skill and ability as a physician and surgeon, to whom were born Cornelia R., April 17, 1872, who married June 20, 1900, Lloyd Logan, born Nov. 30, 1871, died Feb. 5, 1904 (to whom were born Catharine R., April 21, 1901, and Robert, Aug. 14, 1902); and Fred, born Jan. 16, 1875, married May 30, 1909, to Frances Nanning.

Ashbel P., born May 27, 1854, married May 30, 1878, to Rilla Black, born Feb. 4, 1853, to whom were born Delbert, March 27, 1879; Lenna C., May --, 1881, and Sylvia E., July 6, 1887.

Ida, born Oct. 6, 1856, who married March 13, 1879, Jesse Reynolds Elder, born March 6, 1852, to whom was born James Reynolds, Feb. 11, 1880, who married April 22, 1903, Edna V. Schock, born Feb. 15, 1886 (to whom were born Esther Elizabeth, March 25, 1904; Edgar Ernest, Nov. 15, 1906, and Dorothy Edith, March 3, 1908).

James C., born Dec. 11, 1859, who married Feb. 12, 1885, Elizabeth Hoff, born Sept. 10, 1865, to whom were born Carrie D., June 5, 1886, and James Robert, Jan. 31, 1889.

Carey M., born Jan. 6, 1860, married Nov. 28, 1893, Hattie Jackson, born Sept. 29, 1868, to whom were born Agnes, June 13, 1896, and Josephine, Oct. 19, 1910.

Edith, born Feb. 14, 1867, who married William S. Rhyan, born April 23, 1865, to whom were born Hillis C., July 1, 1892, and Walter, Jan. 21, 1902.



The families were accustomed to holding each year reunions at their various homes. On one of these occasions Uncle Levi made the following record: Weight of the sons and daughters of Isaac and Mary Reynolds, who all assembled and dined with their sisters, Matilda and Mary, the 4th day of September, 1855: Levi Reynolds, 208; Sarah Spencer, 138; Benjamin Reynolds, 162; Ebenezer Reynolds, 181; Matilda Orton, 118; John Reynolds, 181; Isaac Reynolds, 175; Mary Wright, 170; J. C. Reynolds, 156.

Levi died Feb. 1, 1871, aged 75 years, 8 months, 21 days.

Sarah died Dec. 17, 1867, aged 70 years, 9 months, 11 days.

Benjamin died June 6, 1869, aged 70 years, 1 month, 3 days.

Ebenezer died Dec. 2, 1861, aged 60 years, 8 months, 9 days.

Matilda died July 2, 1879, aged 73 years, 1 day.

John died March 5, 1864, aged 55 years, 12 days.

Isaac died June 3, 1877, aged 65 years, 10 months, 10 days.

Mary died March 3, 1877, aged 62 years, 11 months, 27 days.

James C. died March 27, 1877, aged 60 years, 5 months, 13 days.

I have thus sought to preserve the history of this remarkable family, whose record so signally verifies the truth of the Scripture in Psalm 37:25. A good name is a more gratifying and satisfactory inheritance than all the honor and wealth obtainable by any worldly possession. It has been altogether the performance of a most pleasurable duty - a duty not only as regards the memories of the departed, but as relates also to the welfare of society. The lives of those who occupy prominent and influential positions in society and which are always used to promote what is right and ennobling, without contention, are a public benefaction and should not be forgotten.

ALFRED REYNOLDS ORTON.









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