

the early 1920's of that old house. When we bought the place, the house was a plain old log house and I commented on the fact that the main room was big enough to hold church in it. The garret had poplar boards most a yard wide as floor to it. Someone had tacked on a dining room and kitchen on the north side and we cobbled up two rooms and an upstairs room on the east, and put in water and electricity. My husband had the flu in 1918 and was in bed with a high fever for seven weeks and the doctor said he had had a terrible hemorrhage from his lungs, and he was not to work for a year. So, we moved back there to hibernate. He lived, and another fellow who had the same kind of hemorrhage went to work, and died. I raised garden, and chickens and started a cottage cheese, eggs, dressed chickens, flowers and vegetables, nut kernels and 'what have you' business and we stayed there nearly 30 years. That place is toward Pleasant Ridge from the church about a mile.

"Well, Gerardus' offspring spread about evenly all around the place. Only I never discovered all this until we sold the place and the new owner had pulled down the house, barn and hauled it away, and even cut down the pear, quince, and apple trees. He even dug out my lovely Dr. Van Fleet rose tree. Well, Gerardus' Uncle John Ryker or was it his brother (it was his brother), took up ground on down the Ridge, in section 30, and that is on both sides of the road where Brooklyn and Geneva Cull live. In fact the big two story stone house that was their first home was not pulled down till I was a grown up woman. But it is all gone now.

"John Ryker was one armed and spent most of his time racing horses around a race track where one of those big fields is now. His land must have reached down into the hollow on the east side of Eagle Hollow, for a while back a man who was raised in that district said his old ancestor, when he arrived - although he had come on foot, didn't rest until he had climbed the hill to pay Mr. Ryker for his piece of ground. John Ryker was Colonel John Ryker and whether the loss of his arm was a result of war or some other accident I don't know. Seems my great grandfather John G. ended up in the big house just east of the school and church. My grandfather helped take care of him in his old age, although he had a large family of his own. He moved from the farm that later was Uncle Ben's (Mary Stella Carr's grandpa), to a farm close to the present church. This was in 1878 when my dad was 10 years old. Uncle Ben's farm was in the northeast corner of section 20.

"It always makes me mad when they say the Rykers came in 1809. I have a newspaper clipping that says they came around 1804 and studied the situation, but were driven back to Kentucky about three

times until they finally came to stay in 1809 and 1811.

"Down on the ridge from Hanover College to the River Bluffs is called Rykers Point because some Ryker bachelors and other people lived there from way back, but I don't know who they were.

"My great grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812 and drew a pension for that." (This is the end of the informative letter sent to me by Aunt Carrie Ryker Melton, now 86 years old. She still resides near the new Rykers Ridge Cemetery on Rykers Ridge. FAR.)

"Doc Ryker was a country doctor who delivered most of the babies around Rykers Ridge and Manville, and was the last person in the Manville community to own and work a span of oxen. These oxen worked until shortly after 1900." (Quotation is from George Miller, with a copy of the topographical map of the Canaan Quadrangle.)

#### GERARDUS RYKER, JR. AND LEAH SMOCK RYKER

The family genealogy of Gerardus Ryker, Jr. and his wife Leah will be found on another page in the genealogy section of this work. We do know a little about the land they lived on in the Rykers Ridge area. The land is fairly level and the soil seems more than adequate for the production of good crops. When we visited there in 1973 and again in 1975 the fields of corn were high and the soybean crops seemed full.

Gerardus had married Leah in Mercer County, Kentucky, on May 5, 1791. The move to Jefferson County and Rykers Ridge was apparently sometime between 1808 and 1811, and a homestead was built on the southwest quarter of Section 20. The house or building in which they lived has been described in the letter from Aunt Carrie Ryker Melton and also in the history of the founding of the Rykers Ridge Baptist Church earlier in this work.

Leah Smock Ryker was undoubtedly a remarkable woman. After coming from Conewago, Pennsylvania to Kentucky, she was scalped in one of the Indian attacks on her home or settlement, but she lived to bear 14 children, most of whom were born in Kentucky. She lived until 1858 and was buried beside Gerardus, Jr. in the old cemetery on Rykers Ridge.

Gerardus was an active church member as well as one of the elders in the First Presbyterian Church of Madison. Members of his family

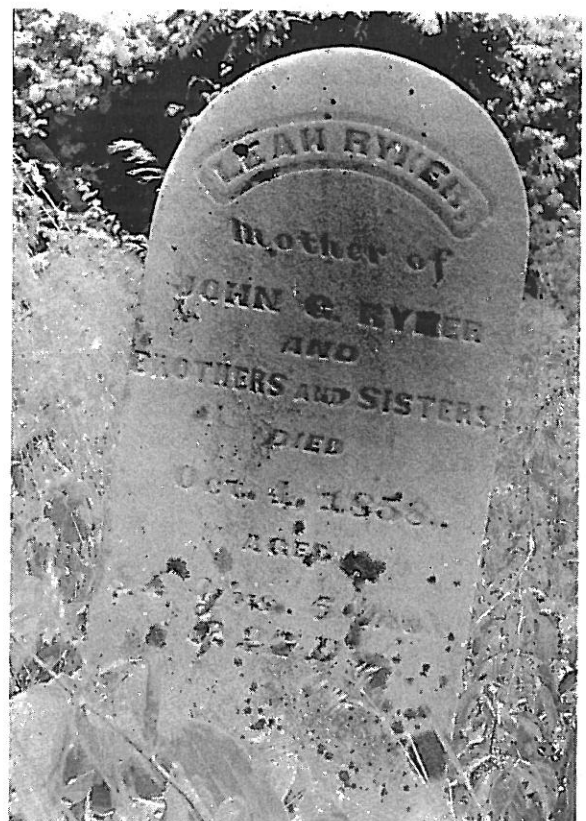




Homestead of Gerardus Ryker, Jr.  
Rykers Ridge, Indiana



Gravestone of Gerardus Jr.  
Born November 4, 1767  
Died January 7, 1839



Gravestone of Leah Ryker  
Born April 8, 1774  
Died October 4, 1858

RYKERS RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

The picture on the right was taken about 1939 and the one below in 1975 . The Church has not changed much except for the removal of two trees in the front and the trees on the side have grown considerably. An addition was built on the back of the Church several years ago but from the angle the picture was taken it does not show. Both of these pictures were taken by Walter Earl Ryker.



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were no doubt well reared in the precepts of religion.

"Gerardus Ryker (son of the Revolutionary soldier of the same name) was a Justice of the Peace in Jefferson County, Indiana. The Indiana Republican of March 8, 1817 contains two statements sworn before him." (This quotation was taken from Notes on Two Revolutionary Ancestors, Jacob Smock and Gerardus Ryker, by A. H. Tuttle.)

I have a copy of Gerardus' will, which was written August 12, 1837 and probated February 11, 1839. He died January 7, 1839. His will named three of his sons, John G., Samuel S., and William C. as executors of his estate. He named his beloved wife Leah as his main beneficiary, with all the real property as well as the house, furniture, farm equipment, etc. to be used for her benefit. He left a sum of \$100 each to his three daughters, Rachel Hughey, Mary Woodfill, and Leah Yates, this being equal to the amount he had given to each of his sons on their coming of age. The real property consisted of part of the southwest quarter and part of the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 4 north, Range 11, east, amounting to upwards of two hundred acres. If the property was sold the money accruing from the sale should be at Leah's disposal for her use during her lifetime, and lastly he wished all his children to have an equal share of all his estate. The will was witnessed by William Yates, Benjamin Emberson, and Jonathan Yates. The probate proceedings were held in open court on February 11, 1839.

#### MORE HISTORY OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA

The following is an article written by John Smock, second child of Samuel and Rachel Smock, entitled "Pioneers of Jefferson County", which was published in the Madison Courier, Madison, Indiana, in two parts, one on June 26, 1874, and the other on July 3, 1874.

"My mother was Rachel Ryker; her first husband was Henry Houghland and they had one son, Henry, who married Jane Peters of Jefferson County, and he died in Harrison County, Indiana; both were Methodists. Mother's second husband was William Robins. Both husbands were killed by Indians. There was one daughter by the second marriage who married Booth Thomas, and both died in Jennings County, Indiana.

"The same band of Indians who scalped young Robins took my uncle Peter and John Smock prisoners. One uncle, Mathew Smock, was killed by the Indians, Father was wounded in the arm at the same time; a cousin was tomahawked but recovered. His name was Isaac Robins (brother

of William Robins), an early settler of Jefferson County. The Indians holding my uncles captive were trailed to the river, where they crossed at Clifty Creek and stayed three days where the court house is now. Peter fared well with the Indians, but John not so well. They were with them over 18 months. General Wayne had a treaty with the Indians at Greenville. Grandfather Smock took a keg of rum to the treaty and brought the boys back. Both raised families. Peter was very strong and weighed 200 pounds. Both lived in Marion County, Indiana.

"I was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, on Fox Run, 1800. My father, Colonel Samuel Smock came to Indiana and lived at Smock's Big Spring, three miles southwest of Hanover, where the widow Morton now lives. The only family of whites nearer than 14 miles was Mason Watts; his wife Deborah was a sister of my mother's. They lived a half mile south of Hanover. Mrs. Watts made the first loom in the county.

"In 1805 we moved to Jefferson County. Uncle Samuel Ryker crossed the river at Monroe's Ferry, near the mouth of Corn Creek. W. Y. Monroe's father or grandfather kept the ferry. I slid down the bank on a bread tray - my last 'back rations in Kentucky.'

"Lands were not surveyed when we came. The roads were very bad. There were steady emigrations till 1812. In 1812 father and others built block houses.

"The cave at Big Spring was first explored by Isaac Hall and an Indian. Evan Thomas, who lived where James Cochrane now lives, had a tub of thread in the cave soaking the 'lev' out of it; a freshet washed the tub away. Several threads were found hanging on a rock at the mouth of the cave half to three quarters of a mile away. Isaac Hall and the Indian went hunting the thread and the tub.

"Samuel Smock was the first Justice of the Peace and the first Postmaster commissioned in Jefferson County. Smockville was the first office established. General Harrison was the Governor of the Territory; Thomas Posey of Virginia was the first Governor. A Mr. Harris surveyed. Thomas Harris carried the U. S. mail from Lawrenceburg to Jeffersonville; he lived on Hanover Pike.

"Big Spring proved to be the 16th section which was reserved for school purposes - so Samuel Smock entered 160 acres where Robert Taylor lived and died, swapped with William James for the place where George Milligan now lives. Mr. James and Mr. Earl, his brother-in-law, joined the Shakers and moved to Brearam on the Wabash.

"The Pigeon Roost Massacre caused many to leave. Some went to James Anderson's Fort. Our family, all but Father, went. He was at court in Madison as associate judge. Father came home and stayed at the Fort all night and mother came back next day. A family named Collins were the prime sufferers at Pigeon Roost.

"First we had to go to Kentucky for provisions or to Work's Mill in Clark County near Charlestown. Then Mr. Edwards built a mill on Clifty Creek; next Mr. William Ramsay built one on Ramsay's Fork of White River, then a mill where Kent is now. The first fruit trees were brought from Shelby County, Kentucky by father and Peter Van Cleave. Father had a hand mill where neighbors brought corn. Wolf traps were set - the bounty was \$2.00.

"Joshua Deputy said it cost him \$12.00 for failing to help one day to raise a house.

"At that time Jefferson, Jennings, and Scott Counties belonged to Clark County."

The following is an autobiographical story by Reverend David Van Cleave Smock, sixth child of Samuel and Rachel Ryker Smock, which was published in a local or Presbyterian paper in Iowa, dateline December 16, 1858.

"My father married in Kentucky, his cousin, Rachel Robins (she was the seventh child of Gerardus Ryker, Sr. and Rachel Demarest, born June 19, 1773, married January 5, 1791) - Ryker maiden name - who was a second time left a widow while very young. Her first husband was Henry Houghland. In 1805 my father with a young family migrated from Shelby County, Kentucky, to Indiana, which was then a wilderness. He settled four miles from the Ohio River on the farm where he died in 1833. He filled the offices of magistrate, judge of the court, colonel of the militia and was a member of the convention that framed the first constitution of Indiana. About the year 1820 he and my mother made a profession of religion in the Presbyterian Church. I remember when he first commended family worship, which he maintained regularly, morning and evening, till his death. I think all his children, eleven in number, were baptized at one time by the Reverend Orton Fowler, a missionary from New England. It must have been in 1821.

"Not long afterwards my father was elected and ordained a ruling elder first in the church at Madison while the Reverend T. Searle was pastor. In this office he served the church of Hanover for many years till his death. From the establishment by his pastor, Dr. Crowe, of the Hanover Academy, afterwards and now Hanover College, he was an



active trustee of that institution until his death. He was buried in the graveyard at Hanover.

"I was born November 13, 1808. The common schools of that day were but indifferent, but such education as they offered, I received. I was early fond of books and learned more, probably, from newspapers. These formed in me something of a literary taste. A post office for the accomodation of a large neighborhood was in early times established called Smockville; and my father was appointed Postmaster. I had thus the opportunity of reading a number of papers, some of them worthless or of injurious tendency, but others valuable. The Western Luminary was established at Lexington, Kentucky, I think by the Reverend John Breckenridge and was for many years conducted by Thomas S. Skilman. My father was a subscriber to that paper from the first and the reading of it was of great service to me in my early life.

"January, 1827 - my pastor, the Reverend J. F. Crowe, commenced a classical school mainly to raise up ministers for the West. I entered it as a student at the beginning, in his round-log house about 12 feet square. Before that Mr. Crowe had established a Bible class at our district school house in which I was interested. That manifestation of interest doubtless pleased him and inspired some hope that I might be of use if educated. He proposed to my father to send me to the school he was about to commence. After reflection it was submitted to me. I had three brothers older than myself and could be spared from the farm. My father had bought a farm four miles north-east of Madison a few years before and moved to it and lived on it two years to improve it, then sold it to invest the proceeds in wild land in Marion County for his children. The proposition was, if I preferred to go to school in lieu of 80 acres of land which his other children to receive. I eagerly embraced the proposition, as it was in the direction of my wishes and desires, but had scarcely been hoped for. I, however, wished to secure the best terms I could and consented provided I did not have to 'stop off in the middle.' Probably this was well considered, or proficentially ordered, for my father afterward found it a much more expensive undertaking than he had expected. He was probably as little able to 'count the cost' as I was. And circumstances changed during the six years from that time till his death. The country school grew up to a college of 200 students located in a smart, tasty village. Among all his other pressing demands my honored father often found it difficult to meet the bills for books, tuition, etc. Yet I do not remember during those six years being detained at home to assist on the farm more than 4 or 5 days. Then it was a case of emergency and being informed of it I cheerfully laid aside books for farming implements. I worked on the farm generally during vacations. I dwell a little on that turning point in life. I



believe it was in the fall of 1829 that I made a profession of religion and became a communicant in the church. I was so nearly resolved on another profession as to speak to a physician - Dr. Spear - about studying medicine under him. I, however, presented myself to the Presbytery as a candidate and was examined and received at Pisgah."

The following is part of an article entitled "A Brief History of Milton Township," by Robert Copeland, which appeared in the Madison Courier, Madison, Indiana, on June 12, 1947.

"... I now live on the Victor C. Buchanan farm. A paper mill was built on it which was owned by William, Charles and Silas Ryker. Their uncle, Jerodius (probably Gerardus) Ryker helped also in the building and running of this mill. The Rykers then lived in a house located where the creek now runs between the Buchanan farm and the Manville Christian Church. It was later washed away by the 1857 flood that destroyed or washed away most of the houses in Manville. The men, during this flood, cut huge trees, hollowed them out and make skiffs of them. They then carried the women and children to a huge tree in Manville, helped them up into the tree for safety. After the flood, Will and Charles Ryker built the house in which I now live. It was about this time that a contagious fever was spread through the community, killing most of the people, therefore breaking up the settlement."

#### ON WESTWARD TO MISSOURI

Jared Ryker, the eleventh child of Gerardus Ryker, Jr. and Leah Smock, owned land in Jefferson County, Indiana, for which I hold the original U. S. Land Grant or Patent. The property is described as follows: "The South half of the Northwest quarter of section two in Township three, of Range eight, East, in the district of lands subject to sale at Jeffersonville, Indiana, containing eighty-one acres and ninety hundredths of an acre." The land grant bears the signature of Martin Van Buren, President of the United States, and is dated August 2, 1838. The transaction of the grant is listed in the county Tract Book in 1836, but the Patent not granted until 1838. The certificate number is 9960, recorded in volume 20, page 416. We know also from the list in the Tract Book that Jared's older sister, Rachel, owned the north half of the same quarter section.

Jared Ryker and Bythinia Miller were married in Jefferson County, Indiana on February 20, 1834. We do not know whether or not they lived on this land, bought in 1836, and began to raise a family there.

Apparently they chose to make a life in the lands further west and emigrated with several other families from Jefferson County, Indiana.

According to a newspaper article from the Springfield, Missouri Leader and Press, of October 19, 1950, an article in the form of an informational letter appeared in the byline column of Lucille Morris Upton called "Waste Basket." Under the subtitle "The Old Trail" is the story of the family of David S. Wheat, who wrote the article. His great grandfather was Nathaniel Wheat, who settled in Jefferson County in 1825. His first son was David Wheat, born in 1819 in New Madrid, Louisiana Territory (now Missouri). He married Rachel B. Ryker, who was a daughter of Samuel S. Ryker, and their third child was John Samuel Wheat, born in 1843 and married in 1867 to Malissa Bradshaw. Their first child, David Samuel Wheat, born February 2, 1873, married Mary Ann Patterson. It was this last David Samuel Wheat who wrote the article in question.

After Missouri became a state in 1821, "people came into the territory on foot, by water and by caravan. In the summer and fall of 1848 a caravan of people whose people were named Wheat and Ryker, came out of Jefferson County, Indiana to Saint Louis." From this point there were two possible routes by which these families and others with them may have come into Lawrence County, Missouri, where they settled.

Among the earliest immigrants to the Springfield region were the Pettijohns and the Pattersons and their families from Tennessee, coming to and crossing the Mississippi River, thence the Arkansas, and on into the White and James River country. They arrived in the vicinity known as the Patterson Spring and cemetery on the James River in 1829. Pettijohn secured land from an Indian chief, but the Pattersons obtained information that the new territory was not opened for white people at this time. They went to St. Louis to the land office and were advised that the Springfield territory was not for settlement by whites. They returned afoot to Springfield, through forest and over prairies, over the trail of unknown age and where towns and villages were later located. Actually these were Indian trails. Early settlers called the route to Springfield the "Osage Trail." Later it was called the "Kickapoo Trail" and still later it was known as the "Springfield Road," and was the most direct route to St. Louis. When the railroad came in the late '50's and '60's it followed along this route, as do the present interstate highways now known as Highway 66 and I-44. This road was also known as the "Wire Road," so called because of the telegraph lines which followed the railroad.

"Roscoe P. Conklin gives the Butterfield Overland Mail Stage

route out of Springfield over College Street and Campbell Avenue from the square, thence for a distance of 10½ miles curving up to the southwest through Campbell, Wilson, and Brookline townships to the crossing of Wilson Creek, just above where Terrell Creek empties into it, thence out of Greene County and into Christian County, township 27, range 23, section 2; crossing the 37th degree parallel into the extreme northwest corner of Stone County over highway 13 into township 26, range 24, section 6, thence into Lawrence County, township 26, range 25, section 1, and on west through section 2, crossing the present Frisco Railroad into sections 3, 4, and 5, thence across the southeast corner of section 6, and on southwest through section 7, then 4 miles west and a mile south to the head spring of Spring Creek hollow into Capp's Creek into Shoal Creek, in the eastern half of Newton County.

"Nathaniel Wheat with his family and David Wheat, his married son with his family, settled southeast of the present town of Aurora, township 26, range 26, section 18. David Wheat's brother-in-law, by the name of Ryker located in section 5, just northeast of Aurora."

I have been trying to determine by research which of the two trails the Wheats, Rykers, and others of their caravan came over, but with little success. They may have come over through Tipton, directly west of St. Louis and then south to Springfield and southwest into Lawrence County, or they may have come the more direct route down the old Osage Trail or Springfield Road directly southwest of St. Louis. The Booneville Trail may have been the safer or easier to travel in a caravan, but the shorter Osage Trail must have offered some advantages.

It is to be noted that as in earlier settlements in Kentucky and Indiana there were a number of inter-related families usually making the journey west together. Such was the case, for from these well known families in Jefferson County, Indiana, came the Rykers, the Seburns, the Wheats, and the Woodfills, all of whom were pioneer settlers in Lawrence County, Missouri, with Aurora becoming the largest inhabited town in that county.

Here in 1852, Jared Ryker, eleventh child of Gerardus, Jr. and Leah Smock, brought his family and purchased the following land from Joseph and Hannah Rinker, who had obtained the land from the United States Government on December 4, 1849, as recorded in the records of the Lawrence County Recorder, Book C, Page 163:

"Know all men by these presents: J. Rinker and wife to Jarrod Ryker.

"This indenture made this twenty-third day of June, one thousand



insofar as it pertained to a man and his wife's ownership of real property. This is possibly of real interest to all of us in the present day about the early history of womens' rights.

My grandfather, John Milton Ryker, was born on the property just mentioned on September 23, 1855. As a small boy he knew from experience some of the rigors of the lives the pioneers of western Missouri had in clearing the land and grinding out a livelihood from the rocky soil. When I was a boy, I remember his telling me about the army of General Sterling Price, the Confederate general - a force of 13,000 soldiers as they marched past on the road past their homestead as he watched them go by from behind a rail fence. The Confederate army was on its way to Springfield, and they fought the Battle of Wilson Creek just about 10 miles southwest of that city. It was a very bloody battle and one of great importance in the course of the Civil War in the state of Missouri. This was in August 1862, when my grandfather was not quite seven years old.

Here in Aurora, Missouri, the Rykers, Wheats, Seburns, and Woodfills lived and prospered. They became highly esteemed and valued citizens of the community. As the family of Jared Ryker matured, married and had families of their own, they scattered to other regions of the country. Very few of them remained in the Aurora and Lawrence County area after the 1920's. The Old Cemetery on South Elliott Avenue and the newer Maple Park Cemetery, south of town at the end of Jefferson Avenue, contain the earthly remains of some of the original settlers as well as dozens of descendants of the prior mentioned families who were immigrants from Jefferson County, Indiana.

Now that our country has been more than well settled, as is the custom of youth, the younger generation has gone into nearly every state of these United States to seek better opportunities for themselves and their families. Some of them even tend to return to the areas of the east from which our ancestors came. Our heritage is one of pride for the vigor, courage, resourcefulness, and accomplishments of our people as they did their part in opening the western frontiers and trying to make our country a better and safer place to live.



## MORE HISTORY OF RYKERS RIDGE - JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA

This information was provided by Mary Stella Carr about some of the early day settlers of Rykers Ridge.

"I remember that Mother told of going across the field to great, great Grandfather Carr's (John - Permelia Ryker's husband) to get skinnings from his sorghum mill. They were cheaper than the regular syrup. The present road had not been put through there at that time. Also, she told of walking to school one January when it didn't get above freezing all month and making squeaking sounds as they walked through the snow. When they got inside it was hard to keep from "skating" across the floors because of the build-up of packed snow on their shoes. Evidently they did not have boots! They walked down the lane south of Grandpa Ben's place past Goley's place and on down the point and over the hill to Wolf Run and on up to school. She mentioned making home made soap and also apple butter in a big kettle outside the house. When she was a girl the house still had a big "walk-in" fireplace in the living room or what was the living room as I remember it. Grandma was ill with pneumonia one winter and Grandpa Ben kept a roaring fire going day and night to keep the room temperature even. He would roll in big logs for the fire. Grandma kept ducks and would make down pillows and feather beds. Mother was a teacher at the Carr School on great, great Grandfather Carr's place. Of course, water had to be carried in from a well and she had to go early and build her fire in the stove. Daddy's family had a dairy at one time and took milk to town to sell - much of it to individual families. Also, they had an ice house. A pond below the barn - or in a place over east of the barn, was used to cut the ice. Then they would put the blocks of ice in the ice house and use saw dust to insulate. I don't believe we would get much ice from that method now."

On page 86 of the History and Genealogy of the Ryker Family, I referred to the fact that John Carr and others of the Ryker family were instrumental in the operation of the Underground Railway in the freeing of the slaves from the south. The following article was written by Mrs. Bertha Callis, a Ryker descendant, and a present day resident of Rykers Ridge.

### THOUGHTS OF LONG AGO

Since this is the beginning of our one hundred fiftieth year (I presume the article was written in 1926), and we are asked to turn our thoughts backward, we find there are quite a few really interesting happenings in the history of our county. We know Madison as an old town, but there were a few brave souls who ventured into these parts even before Madison.



Several years before Indiana became a state, the sons of Gerardus Ryker walked into this territory and settled the entire ridge east of Madison, still known as Rykers Ridge. They were forced to go back for a short time due to Indian uprisings, but returned immediately to proceed with their new homes.

They built not only homes but the best roads in south Indiana, all of which are still in use. Second only to their homes came churches and school. They took good care of the rich soil and made it even more productive. At one time Rykers Ridge was known as the "Garden Spot of Southern Indiana".

There is much interesting history connected with the Ridge, but one that was not talked about much at the time was the Underground Railroad of slave times. The following poem is a true incident from the saga of the Ridge:

#### THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Grandfather stood on the brink of the hill  
His hand to his ear, listening, still,  
For the sound of an anvil ringing clear  
From the opposite bank of a river near,  
For then he knew that a boat would soon  
Be slipping into the bank, through the gloom.  
And he went down to the darkened shore  
To welcome a negro slave - or more  
Who would be gripped in the clutch of fright  
As he sought to escape in the dark of night.  
And he would be guided to Grandfather's farm  
To be fed, and bedded down in the warm,  
Or perhaps to be taken, in the darkness soft,  
To the Baptist Church, to be hidden in the loft,  
To wait until the time was right  
For him to go on in some other night.  
In the meanwhile, Grandma cooked food galore  
And placed it near to the church loft door,  
That they might be nourished, and gain each day  
The strength they would need to go on their way.  
How many thanks did my forefathers need?  
None! It was simply a Christian deed  
To them, a man was a child of God,  
Not to be beaten by whip or rod  
Of a cruel man at his every whim  
Under the impression that he owned him.  
But no one will ever be able to say  
How many prayers were sent back their way.  
This I know, my Grandparent's rest  
Was that of the tranquil, and daily blest.

Note: The "railroad" was run by "Deacon" Jared G. Ryker and his wife, Anne.

The following information was sent by Mrs. Fay Schoolcraft, of Shreveport, Louisiana. Her great Grandfather was William Robbins, one of the pioneers mentioned on page 83 of the History and Genealogy of the Ryker Family.

"My great grandfather, William Robbins, who later married Elizabeth Wildman, came to Indiana in the very early 1800's and for a time lived with his uncle \_\_\_\_\_ Ryker, near Madison. They later settled in Shelby Township near Canaan. I have reason to believe his uncle's first name was John, because John Ryker was one of the first members of the Jefferson County Grand Jury in 1812.

Somewhere along the line there was a Peter Ryker, and the story goes that great Grandmother was making pies. She had enough fruit for half a pie so rolled her crust, put the fruit on one side of the pan and folded the dough over it, and crimped the edges with her thumb. One of the small children watching her exclaimed, "That looks just like Uncle Peter's foot!" That saying has lasted down into the fourth generation of the Robbins family. All half-pies are "Peter-foot" pies!"

PART FOUR

LINEAGE SECTION

FROM

1619 A.D. TO 1976 A.D.

## IN AMERICA

### FIRST GENERATION

Line of Descent: Captain Jacob Simonsz de Rycke is thought to be the father of Jacob Rycken of the Netherlands, the father of Abraham (A-1), but he (Jacob) never came to America. According to some sources this is wrong since some of them claim Gysbert Rycken was the father of Abraham (A-1). We frankly don't know which is correct, but so far as we are concerned we accept, as do practically all of the sources, the fact that Abraham Rycken was the first of our line in America, regardless of the controversy about his father. (From the bottom of page 300 of the Annals of Newtown, the purported offspring of Jacob Rycken were:

- A-1. Abraham Rycken. Born in 1619 (some records say 1615).
- A-2. Maurice Rycken.
- A-3. Gysbert Rycken.
- A-4. Rynier Rycken.
- A-5. Hendrick Rycken.

Inasmuch as I have already gone into the history of our first ancestor in this country in previous pages of this work, we shall devote this page to what we know further about his family.

Abraham Rycken, and his wife, Grietie, a daughter of Hendrick Harmensen, were members of the Dutch Church as appears by a list dated 1649 and most of their children were baptised within Fort Amsterdam. Abraham Rycken died in 1689, having attained an age of more than three score and ten years. His wife remarried and we have no further information about her.

Their children were as follows:

- B-1. Ryck Abramsen. Born 1638, adopted the name of Lent and became the ancestor of the family of that name, removed to Westchester County, New York, and was one of the original patentees of the famous Ryck's patent.
- B-2. Jacobus. Born 1640, died in infancy. Baptised in New Amsterdam, father Abraham Rijck, sponsors Hans Hansen, Anneke Dominico (page 11. See B-3) (Page numbers are reference numbers from the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Volume 67. Apparently the page numbers are from the church records showing the baptismal information.)

## SECOND GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8).

"Abraham Rycken, Jr., (B-8), son of Abraham (A-1), was born in 1655 A.D., in New Amsterdam, and on January 10, 1682 married Grietie, daughter of Jan Gerrits Van Buytenhuysen of New York, by his inter-marriage with Tryntie, daughter of Jan Van Leyt, of Holland. He proved to be a man of intelligence, and inheriting the paternal estate, added considerably to the extent of his lands, his most important purchase being that of a third of the Tudor Patent on November 2, 1688 (see page 114 of the Annals of Newtown). His estate he settled on his sons Abraham and Andrew, November 10, 1733, and having been for a number of years entirely blind, he suddenly recovered his sight, and almost immediately expired, August 20, 1746 in his 91st year. A rude slab marks his grave in the family cemetery in the Poor Bowery." The following footnote pertains to the above-mentioned cemetery:

"This yard was early appropriated by the Ryckens and the Lents, and in all subsequent sales of the farm on which it is located, it has been duly reserved for those families. The late worthy owner of the farm, Mr. Isaac Rapelje, generously enlarged the ground by the gift of a strip of land adjoining. The premises now contain many graves of the departed; may no ruthless hand ever disturb their gentle repose." (Annals of Newtown.)

Grietie Rycken was born January 10, 1661 and died on November 15, 1732 at the age of 71.

Abraham Rycken, Jr., and Grietie had issue of eight children, five boys and three girls:

- C-1. Catherine Rycken. Born 1683. No further records.
- C-2. Margaret Rycken. Born 1685, died January 8, 1775. Married three times, first to Peter Braisted, second to Thomas Lynch, and third to Anthony Duane. She left no children and was over 90 years of age when she died.
- C-3. Mary Rycken. Born 1688, married Hasuel Van Keuren of Kingston.
- C-4. John Rycken. Born 1690, died in 1783. Married Geertie, daughter of Teunis Wiltsee of Newtown.
- C-5. Abraham Rycken. Born 1691, died February 23, 1770. Married Geesie Van Alst.
- C-6. Hendrick Rycken. Born 1696, died July 27, 1761.
- C-7. Andrew Rycken. Born 1699, died February 12, 1763.
- C-8. Jacob Rycken. Born 1702, died 1778. Married Catharine Pumroy on May 25, 1729.

### THIRD GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4).

According to James Riker's Annals of Newtown, "John Rycken (C-4), son of Abraham Rycken, Jr. (B-8), married Geertie, daughter of Teunis Wiltsee of Newtown, and after living some years in the later village removed, in 1744 to Closter, then Rockland County, New York, and now Bergen County, New Jersey, where he had bought a farm. The next year he erected a house on the spot where his grandson, Jacob Riker, now resides. Mr. Rycken and his partner were members of the Dutch Church, and they yet live in the memories of their descendants as devout Christians. He survived his partner two years, and died in 1783, aged over 90. Geertie Wiltsee Rycken was baptised at Flatbush on April 25, 1689 in Newtown, New York."

Their children were:

- D-1. Abraham Rycken. Born November 25, 1721, died February 9, 1820.
- D-2. Deborah Rycken. Married Daniel Martine. No other record.
- D-3. Margaret Rycken. Married Cov. Blauvelt. No other record.
- D-4. Mary Rycken. Married John Bell.
- D-5. Elizabeth Rycken. Married Abner Blauvelt.
- D-6. John Rycken, Jr. Born October 25, 1736. Married Margarett Blauvelt when he was 50 years old in 1786. He was a soldier in the Revolution and also served in the French War. He died October 6, 1828.
- D-7. Catherine Rycken. Born 1738. Married John Laurence and later John Ryder.
- D-8. Gerardus Rycken. Born November 16, 1740, died September 15, 1781. Gerardus married and before his father's death, removed to Kentucky; he has living descendants in Indiana, Missouri, and California.



#### FOURTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8).

Gerardus Riker (D-8), son of<sup>a</sup> John Rycken (C-4) and Grietie Wiltsee, married Rachel Demarest, daughter of Joost Demarest and Maria Meyer, on November 20, 1762 at New York. Gerardus Riker was born November 16, 1740 at Closter, New Jersey and after his marriage moved to Kentucky and settled in Shelby County. He died in the Indian battle at Boone and Floyds defeat on September 15, 1781, near Bull Skin Creek, Kentucky, the present Shelbyville, Kentucky, in Shelby County. It was at Squire Boone's "Painted Post Station" that 100 persons were either killed or captured. Rachel Demarest was born at Schraalsburg on January 9, 1743. Three of the sons of Gerardus Riker later moved to Jefferson County, Indiana, and their descendants still live there.

The children of Gerardus Riker and Rachel Demarest were:

- E-1. Jacob Riker. Married Polly Galloway, June 27, 1788. —?
- E-2. John Riker. Born January 18, 1764, baptised February 12, 1764, died November 22, 1848. Buried at Rykers Ridge, Indiana. No marker.
- E-3. Leah Riker. Born November 28, 1765, baptised December 25, 1765, married Emanuel Medak. Died November 24, 1844 in Jefferson County, Indiana.
- E-4. Gerardus Riker, Jr. Born November 4, 1767, baptised on December 6, 1767, died January 7, 1839.
- E-5. Samuel Riker. Born November 4, 1769, baptised December 3, 1769.
- E-6. Geertie Riker. Born August 6, 1771, baptised August 25, 1771.
- E-7. Rachel Riker. Born June 19, 1773, baptised July 18, 1773, married Henry Houghland on January 5, 1791.
- E-8. Peter Riker. No dates. —?
- E-9. Deborah O. Riker. Born January 23, 1777, baptised on February 16, 1777. Probably married Mason Watts on June 18, 1793. (History of Shelby County, Kentucky, by George L. Willis, Sr., published 1929, page 239.)
- E-10. Charity Riker. Born after immigrating to Kentucky in 1779-1781. (Note: all except Charity were baptised in Tappan, New Jersey, Dutch Reformed Church.)

Descendants of Gerardus Riker are eligible for membership in Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. In the Daughters of American

Revolution Lineage Book, Volume 108, page 227, under the name of Mrs. Cornelia Ryker La Bach, 107690 the following is shown:

"Gerardus Ryker in 1762 Rachel Demarest. B 1746. Gerardus Ryker (1740-1784) served as Ensign in Col. Theunis Dey's Bergen County, regiment of New Jersey Militia. He was born in Closter, New Jersey; died in Bull Skin, Kentucky."

Dr. Carey Ryker MacDonnell sent me the following information several years ago regarding the genealogy of Rachel Demarest:

"Jean des Marest, was born at Beauchamp, Picardy, France. He emigrated to Holland on account of Huguenot persecution about 1630. David des Marest, son of Jean des Marest, was born in 1620 and died in 1693. He married Marie Sohier, July 24, 1643, at French Church, Middleburg, Zeeland, on the island of Walcheren. He came to America on April 16, 1663 on the ship Bontekoe, from Mannheim, in Palatinate, where they had lived since 1651. They located on Staten Island for two years. While there David was appointed a magistrate, also delegate with Pierre Bellion to a conference concerning protection from the Indians. In 1664 he removed to New Harlem where he remained twelve and one-half years, and in 1676 the family removed again to the French Patent on the Hackensack. His will was made August 26, 1689 and probated July 30, 1697. Marie Sohier, wife of David des Marest, was the daughter of Francois Sohier from Neepe, a town of Hainault.

"David and Marie's fourth child, Samuel des Marest, was born August 5, 1656, baptised at Mannheim. He married Marie de Ruine(s) August 11, 1678 at Bergen, New Jersey. His will was written May 10, 1727 and probated October 19, 1728. He came to America with his parents. According to the History of Harlem, by James Riker, Jr., he was a private in the 2nd company of Harlem, November 7, 1673 (page 346), and a private in the 3rd company of Harlem, December 6, 1675 (page 368). His wife Marie was born January 1, 1662 at New Harlem. She was the daughter of Symon de Ruine, who was a corporal in the 3rd company of Harlem, 2nd Esopus War, June 12, 1663.

"Samuel and Marie's second child, David des Marest, was baptised October 3, 1681 at Bergen, New Jersey. He married Mattie (Maatie) de Beaune (de Bwan later) on November 10, 1705 at Hackensack. She was the daughter of Joost de Beaune and Elizabeth Drabe. The Holland Society yearbook quotes an entry from the 1st Book of Records, Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn, as follows (note variety of spelling):

Child of  
Mayke

Parents  
Joost de Baane  
Elizabeth Drabe

Witness  
Cornelius Wynhart  
Mayke Cornelius

Records of Joost de Beaune include: "The roll of those who have taken the oath of allegiance in Kings County, New York, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30th day his Magtsh Raigne, Amerogen Domine 1687, of New (Utrecht) Ujtreckt. Joost Debaene, four years in this country." Documentary History of New York, Volume E, page 659. Clerk of Bushwick in 1684, Schoolmaster and Clerk of New Utrecht about 1686, losing his position for a time in consequence of his opposition to Governor Leisler. Took oath of allegiance in New Utrecht in 1687, 1693, and 1698. Removed to Hackensack, New Jersey, 1709.

"The third child of David des Marest and Mattie de Beaune was Joost des Marest, baptised November 9, 1710, at Hackensack. He inherited a farm from his father, David, near Hackensack, and was living in New York on November 21, 1749. He died and was buried in New York on September 14, 1750. He married Marie Meyer, date not shown. His widow returned to the Schraalenburg Church of which her husband Joost had been a member, joining by confession of faith in 1751. Marie Meyer was the daughter of Adolph Meyer and Maria VerVeelen. She was born January 4 and baptised January 15, 1717. Her father, Adolph Meyer, was a well known office holder who arrived in New Amsterdam.

"The fourth child of Joost des Marest and Maria Meyer was Rachel, who was baptised January 9, 1743 at Schraalenburg. It was at this time the spelling of the des Marest family was anglicized to Demarest. Rachel Demarest married Gerardus Riker on November 20, 1762 in New York. They moved to Kentucky in the spring of 1780, and after the death of Gerardus she married John Van Cleave, according to a reference in the Boone Family, by Spraeker, page 558.

According to Lewis Eugene Jones' records, Gerardus Riker, after buying land near Bull Skin, Kentucky, lost it because of a defect in the title to it, records showing several land grants overlapping. Three of the sons of Gerardus Riker, Sr. and Rachel Demarest were John, Gerardus, Jr., and Samuel. These sons all took a large tract of land in Shelby Township (it was all a territory then), now Jefferson County, Indiana. John and Gerardus Jr. settled on a ridge near and above Madison, Indiana, which ridge now bears the name of Rykers Ridge. They all went back to Kentucky three times because of Indian uprisings, but returned to their homesteads when the dangers were over.

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## FIFTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4).

Gerardus Ryker, Jr. (E-4) married Leah Smock on May 5, 1791 in Mercer County, Kentucky. Gerardus was born in Closter, New Jersey on November 4, 1767. Leah Smock was born in the state of Pennsylvania on April 8, 1774. Gerardus died January 7, 1839 and Leah died October 4, 1858. Both are buried in the cemetery at Rykers Ridge, Indiana. A Bible, purchased by Gerardus and Leah Ryker on November 25, 1816, is now in the possession of Franklin A. Ryker, Long Beach, California. In this Bible are notations and birth dates of the following names:

Rachel Demaree, November 19, 1743  
Katherine Demaree, May 6, 1748  
Jacob Smock, born June 22, 1827.

The following were the children of Gerardus Ryker, Jr., and Leah Smock:

- F-1. Samuel Ryker. Born April 9, 1792 in Shelby County, Kentucky, died April 29, 1792.
- F-2. John G. Ryker. Born August 9, 1793 in Shelby County, Kentucky, died January 9, 1875. Buried at Rykers Ridge, Near Madison, Indiana.
- F-3. Jacob Ryker. Born June 29, 1795 in Shelby County, Kentucky, died July 4, 1795.
- F-4. Jacob S. Ryker. Born September 13, 1796 in Shelby County, Kentucky, died March 21, 1843.
- F-5. Samuel S. Ryker. Born January 20, 1799, died on March 14, 1839.
- F-6. Katherine Ryker. Born October 3, 1800, died October 22, 1828.
- F-7. Rachel Ryker. Born December 12, 1802, died in 1880 or 1884.
- F-8. Abraham Ryker. Born October 23, 1804, died on October 27 or October 29, 1884.
- F-9. William Crawford Ryker. Born October 3, 1807, died August 3, 1881.
- F-10. Polly Seburn Ryker. Born June 6, 1809, married Andrew Woodfill. No death date given.
- F-11. Jared Ryker. Born July 20, 1811, died December 28, 1891.
- F-12. Unnamed boy. Born July 1, 1814, died July 1, 1814.
- F-13. Peter Vancleave Ryker. Born May 10, 1816, died

December 26, 1893.

F-14. Leah Ryker. Born February 8, 1818. No further records shown.

Gerardus Ryker, Jr. was the first in our branch of the family to spell the name as we know it today. His father had spelled his name Riker.

Note: Polly Seburn Ryker (F-10), so listed in the births of the family Bible, was also named Mary. She was so named as a beneficiary in the will of Gerardus Ryker, Jr. as Mary Woodfill (wife of Andrew Woodfill). The entry in the Bible was probably not made at the time of her birth but sometime later when she had probably been nicknamed "Polly".

## SIXTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5).

Samuel S. Ryker (F-5), fifth child and fifth son of Gerardus Ryker, Jr. (E-4), and Leah Smock Ryker was born January 20, 1799 in Kentucky and died March 14, 1839 in Jefferson County, Indiana. He married Elinor Bergen on September 3, 1817 according to Jefferson County marriage records. She was the daughter of Christopher G. and Anna Vanosdol. Elinor was born February 4, 1802 in Henry County, Kentucky. After the death of Samuel S. Ryker, she married Garrett Conover Bergen, son of George and Margaret Bergen. Garrett was born in 1792 and had been previously married to Mary Banta, who died while on a visit to relatives in Vinton, Burton County, Iowa. He married Elinor Bergen Ryker on November 25, 1856, ceremony performed by J. Chambers in Jefferson County, Indiana. Elinor died May 22, 1892 and is buried in Forest Hill, Indiana.

The children of Samuel S. and Elinor (Bergen) Ryker were:

- G-1. Rachel Ryker, born December 7, 1820 and died on November 2, 1891. She was married to David Wheat, son of Nathaniel and Martha McCloud Wheat, on March 21, 1840 by J.H. Taylor in Jefferson County, Indiana. David Wheat was born December 12, 1819 and died February 4, 1897. Both are buried in Zion Cemetery located on Highway 39, between Aurora, and Mount Vernon, Missouri.
- G-2. Jared S. Ryker, born December 2, 1822 in Jefferson County, Indiana and died in 1895. He married Clarissa Bradshaw on April 14, 1853. She was born September 30, 1837 and died November 6, 1857. Jared S. Ryker married second time to Rebecca Elizabeth White, daughter of Jephtha and Maria White on January 10, 1861. She was born July 13, 1843 and died October 13, 1912.
- G-3. Mary Jane Ryker was born November 26, 1824 and died June 11, 1902. She was married to Cornelius Seburn on February 9, 1843 by J. Chambers. Cornelius was born October 23, 1821 and died August 9, 1894.
- G-4. William Ryker was born September 14, 1828 and died June 15, 1830.
- G-5. William C. Ryker was born December 28, 1830. Is he the William C. Ryker who married Ann Eliza Wilkins on January 1, 1852 in Jefferson County, Indiana? No death date known.



- G-6. Christopher Columbus Ryker was born February 20, 1833 and died August 16, 1896. Married first to Clara \_\_\_\_\_? His second marriage was to Mary A. Rout on May 25, 1868. Her birth date is unknown but she died April 13, 1921.
- G-7. Luticia (perhaps Leticia or Lulicia Ann) Ryker was born July 1, 1835 and died May 3, 1842. Buried at Republican Township, White River Cemetery, Jefferson County, Indiana.
- G-8. Samuel M. Ryker was born June 16, 1838 and died on March 22, 1879. He was married to Sarah Anderson on April 17, 1857 in Jefferson County, Indiana by J.H. Chambers.

The 1850 Census of Jefferson County, Indiana, Republican Township, page 475, household 177, family 182 lists:

Ellen Ryker	age 48	female		Kentucky
James Ryker	age 28	male	none	Indiana
William C. Ryker	age 19	male	farmer	Indiana
Christopher Ryker	age 17	male	farmer	Indiana
Samuel Ryker		male	farmer	Indiana

#### SOURCES

The Bergen Family, by Teunis G. Bergen, 1874, 555 pp; History and Genealogy of the Ryker Family, compiled by Lewis E. Jones, consisting of records of David J. Wheat of Springfield, Missouri, Mrs. Jessie Robinson of Aurora, Missouri, and Mrs. John Julian Ryker, of Clever, Missouri; and marriage records of Jefferson County, Indiana.

#### NOTE

ADDENDUM: This addendum consists of pages 110-1 and 110-2. They were added on January 24, 1980 as a result of information provided by members of the Wheat family. F.A.R.

SEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2).

Jared S. Ryker (G-2), second child of Samuel S. Ryker and Elinor Bergen was born December 2, 1822 and died in 1895. He married Clarissa Bradshaw on April 14, 1853. She was born September 3, 1837 and died November 6, 1857.

Their daughter was:

H-1. Clarissa Ryker, born November 4, 1857. She married Reverend George Masters on December 25, 1876 and is reported to have had a large family.

Jared S. Ryker married a second time to Rebecca Elizabeth White on January 10, 1861. She was the daughter of Jephtha and Maria White. She was born July 13, 1843 and died October 13, 1912.

Their children were:

H-2. Evva Ann Ryker, born November 28, 1861 and died August 22, 1934. She married Isaac J. Goodman.

H-3. Ellen Maria Ryker, born October 2, 1863.

H-4. Samuel Jephtha Ryker, born November 2, 1874.

Note: I have the original school record of school taught by J.S. Ryker beginning July 16, of 1860 and ending November 6th, 1860. It is my opinion that this is the same Jared S. Ryker who is mentioned above. Franklin A. Ryker. See 2 pages following page 117 in my book.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-3).

Ellen Maria Ryker (H-3), third child of Jared S. Ryker and Rebecca Elizabeth White was born October 2, 1863 and died March 17, 1897. She married Warren Harrington on March 10, 1881. His birth date unknown but he died March 14, 1944.

Their children were:

I-1. Leroy Harrington, born July 13, 1883 married Bessie Chapin.

I-2. Ada May Harrington, born November 3, 1885.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-3),  
(I-2).

Ada May Harrington (I-2), second child of Ellen Maria Ryker and Warren Harrington was born November 3, 1885, death date unknown. She married Reverend Thomas Edmund Prall on April 5, 1910. He was born September 2, 1873, death date unknown.

Their children are:

- J-1. Reverend William Warren Prall, born September 11, 1911.
- J-2. Eva May Prall, born July 5, 1913.
- J-3. Charles James Prall, born December 3, 1914.
- J-4. Grace Lydia Prall (twin), born August 7, 1919.
- J-5. Walter Harrington Prall (twin), born August 7, 1919.
- J-6. Anna Blanch Prall, born October 28, 1926.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-3),  
(I-2), (J-1).

Reverend William Warren Prall (J-1), 1st child of Ada May Harrington and Reverend Thomas Edmund Prall was born Sept. 11, 1911. He married Lenore Avery on December 23, 1941. Her birthdate is unknown.

Their children are:

- K-1. James Warren Prall, born January 31, 1945.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-3),  
(I-2), (J-2).

Eva May Prall (J-2), second child of Ada May Harrington and Reverend Thomas Edmund Prall was born July 13, 1913. She married Hugh Raymond Hembree on October 3, 1936. He was a major in the 75th Division of the U.S. Army. His birth date is unknown.

Their children are:

- K-1. Nancy May Hembree, born August 23, 1939.
- K-2. Jerry Lucille Hembree, born December 9, 1942.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-3),  
(I-2), (J-3)

Charles James Prall (J-3), third child of Ada May Harrington and Reverend Thomas Edmund Prall was born December 3, 1914. He was a major in the U. S. Marine Corps. He married Maurine Birdstrap, her birthdate unknown.

Their child is:

K-1. James Richard Prall, born July 4, 1944.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-4).

Samuel Jeptha Ryker (H-4), fourth child of Jared S. Ryker and Rebecca Elizabeth White was born November 2, 1874 and died in Springfield, Missouri on May 6, 1966 at the age of 91. He married Emma Viola Copening on December 24, 1899 at Niangua, Missouri. She was the daughter of Joseph Copening and Mary Ann Foster. Her birthdate unknown. She died December 15, 1962.

Their children are:

- I-1. John Julian Ryker, born October 30, 1900.
- I-2. William Russell Ryker, born September 7, 1906.
- I-3. Samuel Joseph Ryker, born March 22, 1912.
- I-4. Charles Raymond Ryker, born August 25, 1916.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-4),  
(I-1).

John Julian Ryker (I-1), first child of Samuel Jeptha Ryker and Emma Viola Copening, was born October 30, 1900 in Aurora, Missouri. He married Roxy May on March 17, 1923 in Springfield, Missouri. Her birth date not known.

Their children are:

- J-1. John Julian Ryker, Jr., born February 20, 1924.
- J-2. Ronald Bruce Ryker, born December 26, 1935.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-4),  
(I-1), (J-1).

John Julian Ryker, Jr. (J-1), born February 20, 1924. He married Edna Elizabeth Walton on December 31, 1944. Marriage place and birthdate unknown.

Their children are:

- K-1. Sandra Kay Ryker, born October 28, 1946.
- K-2. Juliana Elizabeth Ryker, born September 22, 1951.
- K-3. Jean Marline Ryker, born May 11, 1953.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-4),  
(I-1), (J-2).

Ronald Bruce Ryker (J-2), second child of John Julian Ryker and Roxy Nay, was born December 26, 1935. He married Nancy Gold. Place and date of marriage and her birthplace are unknown.

Their children are:

- K-1. Donald Derek Ryker, born September 17, 1960 in Kirkwood, Missouri.
- K-2. Karl Raymond Ryker, born September 5, 1962 in Kirkwood, Missouri.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-4),  
(I-2).

William Russell Ryker (I-2), second child of Samuel Jephtha Ryker and Emma Viola Copening, was born September 7, 1906. He married Lorene M. Burton on May 26, 1934 in Springfield, Missouri. Her date and place of birth are unknown. She died November 20, 1964 in Springfield, Missouri.

Their children are:

- J-1. Diana Lee Ryker, born June 8, 1936 in Springfield, Missouri.
- J-2. Donna Ann Ryker, born December 27, 1939 in Springfield, Missouri.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-4),  
(I-2), (J-1).

Diana Lee Ryker (J-1), first child of William Russell Ryker and Lorene M. Burton, was born June 8, 1936. She married Robert Aldrich on August 31, 1957. His place and date of birth are unknown.

Their children are:

- K-1. Deborah Lynn Aldrich, born September 10, 1958.
- K-2. Robert Daniel Aldrich, born March 7, 1964.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-4), (I-3).

Samuel Joseph Ryker (I-3), third child of Samuel Jeptha Ryker and Emma Viola Copening, was born March 22, 1912. He married Anola M. Svoboda in St. Louis, Missouri on November 23, 1940. Her birthplace and date of birth are unknown.

Their children are:

J-1. William Joseph Ryker, born January 11, 1943.

J-2. Richard Robert Ryker, born August 2, 1946.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-4), (I-3), (J-1).

William Joseph Ryker (J-1), first child of Samuel Joseph Ryker and Anola M. Svoboda, was born January 11, 1943. He married Pamela Howell on October 16, 1966 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Her date and place of birth are unknown.

Their children:

K-1. Kevin Howell Ryker, born March 3, 1971.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-4), (I-3), (J-2).

Richard Robert Ryker (J-2), second child of Samuel Joseph Ryker and Anola M. Svoboda, was born August 2, 1946. He married Donita Marie Ullsperger on April 28, 1972 in Pensacola, Florida. Her date and place of birth are unknown.

Their children are:

K-1. Barrett Thomas Ryker, born May 28, 1974 in Brunswick, Maine.

K-2. Bethany Ann Ryker, born July 18, 1976 in Kearney, Nebraska.



NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-4),  
(I-4).

Charles Raymond Ryker (I-4), fourth child of Samuel Jeptha Ryker and Emma Viola Copening, was born August 25, 1916. He married Reva Jean Leigh on November 1, 1939 in Halltown, Missouri. Her place and date of birth are unknown.

Their children are:

- J-1. Janette Katherine Ryker, born March 17, 1940.
- J-2. Ronald Charles Ryker, born March 2, 1943.
- J-3. Joseph Leigh Ryker, born February 2, 1950.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-5), (G-2), (H-4),  
(I-4), (J-1).

Janette Katherine Ryker (J-1), first child of Charles Raymond Ryker and Reva Jean Leigh, was born March 17, 1940. She married Jerry Max Aton on December 21, 1956 in Springfield, Missouri. His birth date and birthplace are unknown.

Their children are:

- K-1. Terri Lynn Aton, born December 6, 1957.
- K-2. Tom Max Aton, born November 9, 1958.

All the above are listed as living in or near Springfield, Missouri.

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To Whom It May Concern:

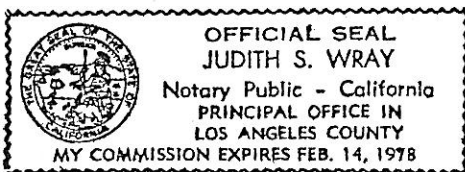
Following hereafter are Xeroxed copies of pages 677, 678, 679, and 680 of the family Bible of Gerardus and Leah Ryker, originally purchased on November 25, 1816. These pages are the family record of that family. This Bible is now in my possession.

*Franklin Alexander Ryker*  
FRANKLIN ALEXANDER RYKER

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
                                  )     ss.  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    )

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 1, 1976.



*Judith S. Wray*  
JUDITH S. WRAY, Notary Public in  
and for the County of Los Angeles,  
State of California.

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES.

MARRIAGES

This book was purchased 25 day  
of December 1836 By Gerardus  
Ryker Leah Ryker —

Gerardus Ryker and  
Leah Smock <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ married  
May 5<sup>th</sup> 1795 in Mercer  
County State of Kentucky

John J. Ryker March 1<sup>st</sup> 1814

Jacob S. Ryker March 1<sup>st</sup> 1836

Samuel S. Ryker Sep<sup>th</sup> 3 1838

Rachel Ryker June 20<sup>th</sup> 1839

Abraham Ryker Sep<sup>th</sup> 3 1824

Mary S. Ryker March 15 1827

Jared Ryker February 1834  
20.

Jared Ryker

M. Ryker

Leah Ryker

Peter W. Ryker December  
21 1837

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Gerardus Ryker was born  
in New Jersey State

November 4<sup>th</sup> 1767

Leah Smock was born in  
Pennsylvania State

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1774

Samuel Ryker our first  
son was born in Kentucky

State Shelby County 9<sup>th</sup> of <sup>file</sup> Apr  
1792

John G. Ryker our second son

was born in Kentucky 8<sup>th</sup> in

Shelby County August the 9. 1793

Jacob Ryker our third son was

born in Shelby County Kentucky

State June the 29 - 1795

Jacob S. Ryker our fourth son

was born in Shelby County Kentu<sup>ky</sup>

State Sept<sup>ber</sup> the 13 - 1796

Samuel S. Ryker our fifth son

was born in Shelby County State

of Kentucky January 20. 1799

Rathapine  
Mary Ryker our sixth child & first Daug<sup>hter</sup>

was born in Shelby County State of Kent<sup>ucky</sup>  
December 17<sup>th</sup> 1800

BIRTHS.

Richard Ryker was born  
December 12<sup>th</sup> 1802

Abraham Ryker was born  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1804

William Crawford Ryker  
was born October 30<sup>th</sup> 1807

Polly Sebourn Ryker was  
born June 6 - 1809

Jared Ryker was born  
July 20<sup>th</sup> - 1811

A son born July 1<sup>st</sup> - 1811

Peter Ryker was born <sup>the</sup> May 10 - 1811

Leah Ryker was born <sup>the</sup> Feb<sup>ruary</sup>  
8<sup>th</sup> 1818

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

DEATHS.

1192

1793  
1800  
1801

Samuel Ryker April 29  
Jacob Ryker July 4 - 1795  
Rumour Ryker May 5 - 1806  
A son July 1814

Jacob S Ryker departed  
this life the 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of March 1843  
and he was ordained  
a minister of the  
Baptist church at  
Hebron and vicar  
of church called Sparty

Leah Ryker departed  
this life October the 11<sup>th</sup>  
aged 84 years 5 months  
and 27 days 1858  
Samuel S Ryker  
departed this life March  
the 14 1839



Aurora Mo March 9 1820 [GSO] to the wife of his Grand Father  
Billie to Anna B Ryker

FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS.

DEATHS.

Katharine Smock

October 22 1848

Yeranus Tucker Deceased

This wife January the  
7th of 1839 aged  
71 years Two months  
and three days

~~Leate Ryker~~  
~~Departed their wife~~  
October the 5  
1858

## SIXTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11).

Jared Ryker (F-11), son of Gerardus Ryker, Jr. (E-4) and Leah Smock, married Bythinia Miller on February 20, 1834. According to Jefferson County, Indiana marriage records they were married by S. Gregg. They lived and died in Aurora, Missouri. Jared was born July 20, 1811 and died December 28, 1891. Bythinia Miller was born January 9, 1815 and died June 19, 1885. Both Jared and Bythinia are buried in the Old Cemetery in Aurora, Missouri.

Their children were as follows:

- G-1. Jacob Abe Ryker. Born January 23, 1835, died February 2, 1900.
- G-2. James Miller Ryker. Born July 10, 1837, died July 9, 1886.
- G-3. John Samuel Ryker. Born September 24, 1839, died July 4, 1849.
- G-4. Mary Leah Ryker. Born December 3, 1841, died November 22, 1911. She married George W. Rinker, one of the pioneer settlers of Aurora, Lawrence County, Missouri. He was born in 1837 and died in 1918, in Aurora, Missouri.
- G-5. George Andrew Ryker. Born April 21, 1844, died July 12, 1849.
- G-6. Peter Martin Ryker. Born July 14, 1846, died February 11, 1898.
- G-7. William Jackson Ryker. Born December 13, 1848, died May 22, 1930.
- G-8. Abraham Wiley Ryker. Born September 23, 1851, died January 11, 1932.
- G-9. A daughter. Born February 21, 1854, died February 22, 1854.
- G-10. John Milton Ryker. Born September 23, 1855, died February 13, 1933.

I have in my possession the school records of the above children. These records are for the school district No. 2, township 16, range 25, Lawrence County, Missouri for the period July 16 and ending November 6, 1860. Taught by J. S. Ryker for \$25.00 per month. There were 16 female children 5-17 and 44 male children ages 5-18. Jared Ryker (F-11) was a Justice of the Peace for Buck Prairie Township in Lawrence County, Missouri during the year 1860, for I have in my possession a subpoena for several persons to appear in his court for a trial. In addition, Ira Clarence Ryker (H-3) gave me Jared Ryker's billfold, which I value highly.

Report of three months school taught by J. S. Ryker in school district No. (2), Township No. (16), Range No. (25), Lawrence County, State of Missouri, beginning 16th of July and ending 6th of November 1860. For 25 dollars per month.

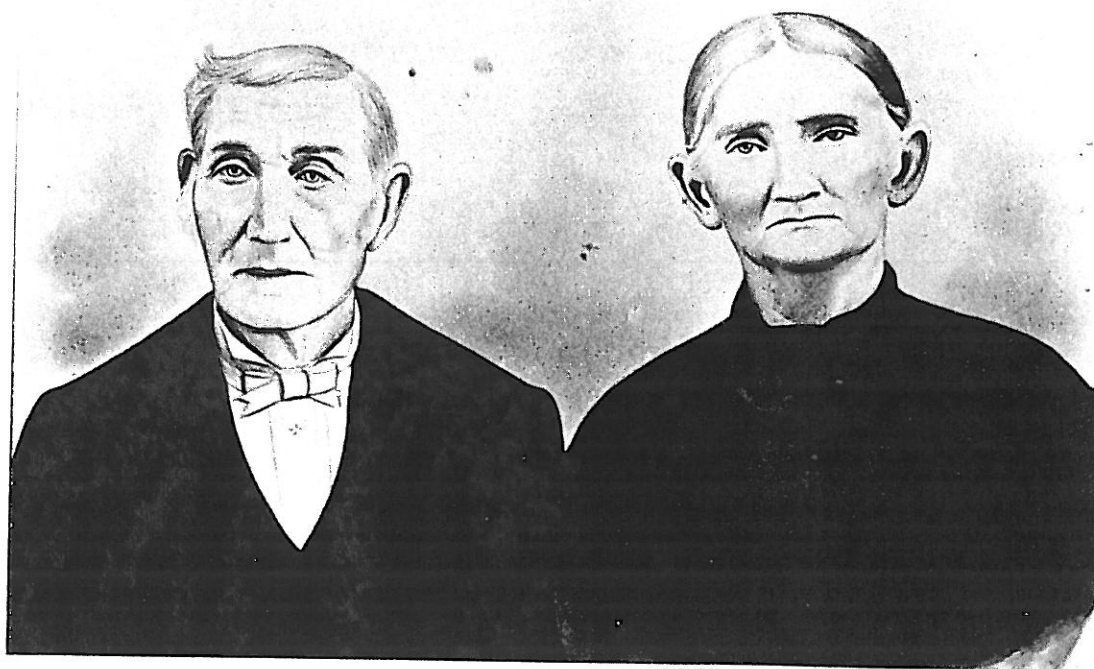
No.	NAMES OF <u>FEMALES</u>	Ages	First Attend- ance	Last Attend- ance	Whole No. of Days	In ABC's	Spelling	Reading	Writing	Arithretic	English Grammar	A List of <u>Text Books</u>
1	Martha A. Wheat	14	July 16	Nov. 5	25		x	x	x			Websters Speller
2	Minerva A. Seburn	14	" 16	Sept. 20	34		x	x	x			McGuffey's 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Readers
3	Sarah E. Seburn	10	" 16	Nov. 5	54		x	x				Rays Arith- metic
4	Mary C. Whan	10	" 16	Sept. 28	27		x	x	x			Part Third Grammar
5	Lucinda E. Whan	5	" 20	Oct. 3	20	x	x					Pinnea's Primer
6	Susan A. Teer	13	" 16	Nov. 6	42		x	x	x			
7	Lurana J. Teer	11	" 16	" 6	49		x	x				
8	Lean T. Teer	18	Oct. 1	Oct. 5	5		x	x	x			
9	Sarah E. Burnes	10	July 16	Oct. 10	42		x	x				
10	Mary A. McGuire	10	" 16	" 10	39		x					
11	Martha J. McGuire	8	" 24	" 10	31	x	x					
12	Julia E. Rogers	8	" 16	Nov. 6	55		x					<u>REMARKS</u>
13	Catharine E. Brown	9	" 16	" 6	45		x					Apologies for pro- tracted time of teaching three mon- ths.
14	Abigail Liles	11	" 17	Sept. 14	22		x					1st vacated two weeks for meet- ings.
15	Elizabeth C. Rickman	8	" 23	Oct. 4	22		x					2ndly, two and a half weeks for dislocated arm.
16	Artimeca Maxwell	10	Aug. 1	" 10	36		x					Scholars who have attended regularly have ad- vanced finely.
17	Minerva C. Wilks	10	" 6	Nov. 6	24		x	x				
18	Mahalia S. Liles	17	Sept. 17	" 6	10		x	x				
	<u>NAMES OF MALES</u>											
1	Matthew S. McNatt	12	July 17	Nov. 6	30		x	x	x	x		
2	Louis C. McNatt	10	" 16	" 6	60		x	x				
3	William P. McNatt	7	" 16	" 6	58		x					
4	Charles C. McNatt	5	" 16	" 6	56	x	x					
5	James M. C. McNatt	17	Aug. 25	Aug. 25	1			x	x	x		
6	John S. P. McNatt	15	July 25	" 17	10		x	x	x			
7	George W. Wheat	18	" 25	Sept. 4	5			x	x	x		
8	John S. Wheat	16	" 25	Oct. 10	9		x	x	x	x		
9	Abraham R. Wheat	12	" 16	Nov. 6	27		x	x	x			* * * *
10	Nathaniel M. Wheat	10	" 16	" 6	46		x	x				Total No. Females
11	Jacob R. Wheat	8	" 16	" 6	52		x					- 18
12	William C. Wheat	6	" 16	" 6	52		x					Total No. Males - 44



The two pages of this school record are verbatim copies in identical form of the school register mentioned on page 116 of the History and Genealogy of the Ryker Family, published in 1976

No.	NAMES OF MALES continued	Ages	First Attend- ance	Last Attend- ance	Whole No. of Days	In ABC's	Spelling	Reading	Writing	Arithmetic	English Grammar
13	Thomas H. Whan	13	July 16	Oct. 9	28		x	x	x	x	x
14	George W. Rogers	15	" 16	Nov. 6	46		x	x	x		
15	John W. Rogers	12	" 16	" 6	35		x	x	x		
16	William C. Rogers	10	" 16	" 6	50		x	x			
17	John W. Teer	15	" 16	" 6	38		x	x	x		
18	James B. Teer	9	" 16	" 1	40		x				
19	Eli J. McGuire	19	" 16	" 2	30		x	x	x		
20	Moses H. McGuire	17	" 16	Oct. 4	23		x				
21	Joseph A. McGuire	12	July 23	Aug. 10	15	x					
22	Charles N. Burnes	9	" 16	Oct. 10	43		x				
23	James T. Burnes	7	" 16	" 10	43	x	x				
24	Samuel H. Seburn	16	July 23	Nov. 6	35		x	x	x	x	
25	John W. Seburn	8	" 16	" 6	48		x				
26	David J. Seburn	5	" 16	" 6	59	x					
27	Andrew J. Ryker	6	" 16	Oct. 5	44	x					
28	Peter M. Ryker	13	Aug. 6	Nov. 6	34		x	x	x		
29	William J. Ryker	11	" 16	" 6	22		x	x	x		
30	Abraham W. Ryker	9	" 16	" 6	51		x				
31	John M. Ryker	5	" 16	" 6	59	x					
32	William L. Liles	11	" 24	" 6	32		x	x	x	x	x
33	Abraham F. Liles	7	" 16	Oct. 10	45		x				
34	Thomas J. Liles	5	" 16	" 10	46	x					
35	Wright L. Liles	14	Aug. 10	Nov. 6	36		x	x			
36	Nelson W. Rickman	18	" 23	Oct. 5	26		x	x	x	x	
37	Samuel S. Rickman	16	" 23	" 5	23		x	x	x	x	x
38	Jesse C. Rickman	10	" 23	" 5	16		x				
39	Isaac D. McKinley	16	" 30	Nov. 6	21		x	x	x	x	
40	Joseph G. McKinley	13	" 30	" 6	25		x	x	x		
41	Paul McKinley	10	" 30	" 6	25		x				
42	Lorenzo D. McKinley	6	" 31	" 6	21	x					
43	Gabriel S. Robinson	16	" 1	Aug. 17	12			x	x	x	
44	John Maxwell	8	" 1	Oct. 10	36		x				

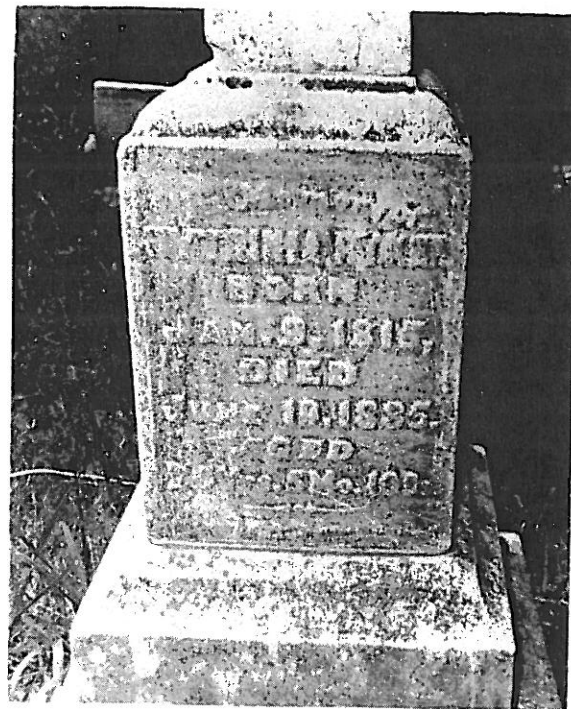
Also in my possession is the original land grant purchase from the United States government of Jared Ryker for the following property: "The south half of the northwest quarter of section two in township three of range eight, east, in the district of lands subject to sale at Jeffersonville, Indiana, containing eighty one acres and ninety hundredths of an acre." The land grant bears the signature of Martin Van Buren, President of the United States, and is dated August 2, 1838. The certificate number is 9960.



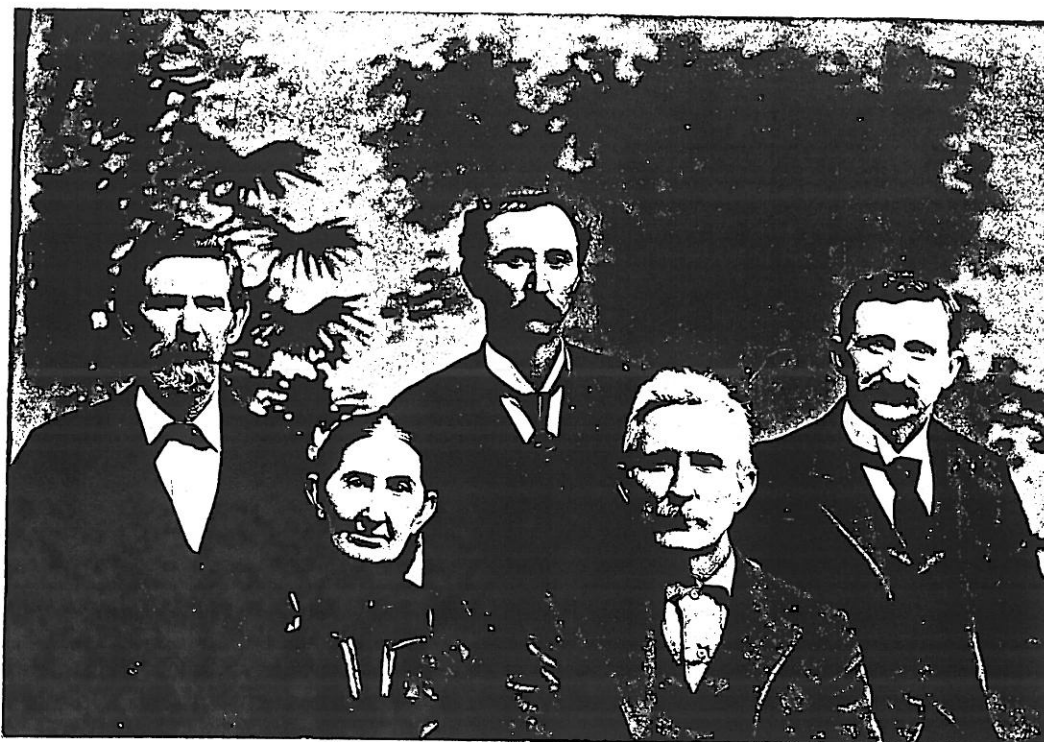
Jared Ryker  
Born July 20, 1811  
Died December 28, 1891

and

Bythinia Miller Ryker  
Born January 9, 1815  
Died June 19, 1885



Gravestone marker of Jared Ryker and Bythinia Miller Ryker in  
the Old Cemetery in Aurora, Missouri



These are some of the children of Jared Ryker, A-1, B-8, C-4, D-8, E-4, F-11, and Bythinia Miller. He was born in Shelby County, Kentucky on July 20, 1811 and died in Aurora, Missouri on December 28, 1891. She was born in the state of Virginia on January 9, 1815 and died in Aurora, Missouri on June 19, 1885. Both are buried in the old cemetery in Aurora, Missouri. They were married in Jefferson County, Indiana on February 20, 1834 by S. Gregg.

Children are left to right:  
Back row

William Jackson Ryker, 7th child, born December 13, 1848. Died May 22, 1930.

John Milton Ryker, 10th child, born September 23, 1855. Died February 13, 1933.

Abraham Wiley Ryker, 8th child, born September 23, 1851. Died January 11, 1932.

Front row

Mary Leah Ryker, 11th child, born December 3, 1841. Died November 22, 1911.

Jacob Abe Ryker, 1st child, born January 23, 1835. Died February 2, 1900.

RYKER MALE QUARTET, PICTURE ABOUT 1898



Top left:

George Franklin Ryker, A-1, B-8, C-4, D-8, E-4, F-11, G-10, H-1. Son of John Milton Ryker and Susanna Maria Cagley. He was born April 6, 1878 and died January 29, 1919.

Top right:

Phillip Arthur Ryker, A-1, B-8, C-4, D-8, E-4, F-11, G-7, H-4. Son of William Jackson Ryker and California F. Askins. He was born July 2nd, 1880 and died April 17, 1965.

Bottom left:

Samuel Jeptha Ryker, A-1, B-8, C-4, D-8, E-4, F-5, G-2, H-4. Son of Jared S. Ryker and Rebecca E. White. He was born November 2, 1874 and he died May 6, 1966.

Bottom right:

Jared Ellis Ryker, A-1, B-8, C-4, D-8, E-4, F-11, G-8, H-2. Son of Abraham Wiley Ryker and Stacey Ellen Long. He was born July 13, 1876 and died February 18, 1944.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-3), (J-1).

Melburn Vernon Ryker (J-1), first child of Cecil Carl Ryker (I-3), and Ora Wyatt, was born May 25, 1915 in Ryker, Arkansas. He married Maida Fern Grimsley who was born August 9, 1925, on February 9, 1946. They now live at 1102 Chestnut, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401.

Their children are:

K-1. Marilyn Sue Ryker, born February 4, 1948. She married A.E. Glider on July 13, 1977.

L-1. Wesley William Glider, born March 23, 1979.

K-2. Melba Jo Ryker, born January 30, 1951.

K-3. Melinda Kay Ryker, born April 1, 1957. She married \_\_\_\_\_.

All the above with the exception of Melba Jo Ryker, reside in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Melba Jo resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1).  
(H-1), (I-3), (J-2).

Estes Wesley Ryker (J-2), second child of Cecil Carl Ryker (I-3), and Ora Wyatt, was born February 15, 1917. He married Elizabeth Ellen Helm on January 7, 1948. They live at 2805 North 17th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma. 73501.

Their children are:

K-1. Elizabeth Ann Ryker, born October 11, 1948. She married Gerald Addison Martin on December 21, 1968.

Their children are:

L-1. Amy Lynn Martin, born October 7, 1970.

L-2. Jeffery Wyatt Martin, born February 3, 1975

L-3. Female twin. stillborn February 3, 1975

K-2. Carl Helm Ryker. Born August 23, 1953.

All the above reside in Lawton, Oklahoma. Estes Ryker is retired from the Civil Service. Elizabeth Ann Ryker works for S.W. Bell and her husband works with the U.S. Postal Service. Carl Ryker is a school teacher.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-3), (J-3).

Virgie Sophina Ryker (J-3), third child of Cecil Carl Ryker (I-3), and Ora Wyatt, was born September 15, 1919. She married Roy Broyles Armstrong on July 30, 1943.

Their children are:

K-1. Carolyn Kay Armstrong, born March 24, 1945. She married Richard William Chapman on June 9, 1967.

Their children are:

L-1. Stephen Broyles Armstrong, born July 27, 1972.

L-2. Mary Elizabeth Chapman, born December 6, 1976

K-2. Roy Michael Armstrong, born April 19, 1947. He married Rosanne Daniels on February 14, 1970. (divorced).

Their child is:

L-1. Jana Kay Armstrong, born February 1, 1971.

K-3. Ora Jane Armstrong, born January 14, 1954. She married Jack Stroud Frauenthal on October 2, 1978.

Their child is:

L-1. Julie Ann Frauenthal, born March 24, 1981.

Virgie and Roy live in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Roy is in management with Campbell Soup Company and they collect antiques as a hobby.

Carolyn and Dick live in Little Rock, Arkansas, where Carolyn is a school teacher and Dick is an attorney for the IRS. Recently divorced.

Mike lives in Center, Texas. Works for Campbell Soup Company as an accountant.

Jane and Jack live in Little Rock, Arkansas.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-3), (J-4).

Vida Mae (Vicky) Ryker (J-4), fourth child of Cecil Carl Ryker (I-3), and Ora Wyatt, was born January 1, 1921. She married William Curtice Altice of Waynesboro, Virginia on July 11, 1942 and they were divorced in 1946.

Their daughter is:

K-1. Cecilia Altice, born July 9, 1944. She married David Lloyd Adams on June 20, 1968. They were divorced in July, 1972.

Their son is:

L-1. James Alan Adams, born September 9, 1970.

She married Allen Russell Seay on February 9, 1973.

Their daughter is:

L-2. Ashley Anne Seay, born February 5, 1974.

Vida Mae Ryker married John Gordon Meiser in August 1948.

Their sons are:

K-2. James Gordon Meiser, born September 30, 1950.

K-3. John Gordon Meiser, born December 30, 1954.

Vicky was a registered nurse. Her husband and two sons have an employment agency (family business). She died of cancer at the Fayetteville City Hospital.

Cecilia graduated from law school at the University of Arkansas in 1981 and is now a practicing attorney.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-3), (J-5).

Mada Clacel Ryker (J-5), fifth child of Cecil Carl Ryker (I-3), and Ora Wyatt, was born December 7, 1924. She married Troy Melvel Wilson who was born October 29, 1923 on December 15, 1944.

Their children are:

K-1. Janis Ann Wilson, born July 24, 1950. She married David Lee Mantooth on December 15, 1972. Divorced in December, 1977.

Their children are:

L-1. Lee Ann Mantooth, born October 11, 1975.

K-2. Stanley Troy Wilson, born December 29, 1953. He married Kathey Ann Page on July 5, 1974.

Their children are:

L-1. Michael Sean Wilson, born October 12, 1977.

Mada and Troy are retired Air Force after having lived 8 years in Japan as well as numerous states in the U.S.

Janis is employed by a Pension Management firm in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Stanley is a Certified Public Accountant for Andover Oil Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-3), (J-6).

Charles Harrison Ryker (J-6), sixth child of Cecil Carl Ryker (I-3), and Ora Wyatt was born July 1, 1927. He married Glenda Clark (date unknown) and they were divorced.

Their daughter is:

K-1. Charlene Ryker, born in 1952. She married \_\_\_\_\_  
McNeal, (date unknown) and later divorced.

Their child is:

L-1. Charessa McNeal, born in 1972.

Charlene lives in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Her father, Charles, lives in Carthage, Missouri.

## SEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1).

Jacob Abraham Ryker (G-1), first son of Jared Ryker (F-11) and Bythinia Miller, was born January 23, 1835 in Jefferson County, Indiana. He died February 2, 1900. He came to Missouri along with his parents and lived in Ryker School District near Aurora, Missouri. He married Martha Ellen Wheat on February 23, 1854. He was buried near Ryker, Arkansas at Cave Mountain Cemetery.

Their children were:

- H-1. Thomas Jared Ryker, born April 24, 1855 near Aurora, Missouri. Died at Dutch Mills, Arkansas April 5, 1938.
- H-2. Nathaniel Calvin Ryker, born April 27, 1857 near Aurora, Missouri. Died November 29, 1921 in Eufaula, Oklahoma.
- H-3. George Washington Ryker, born March 6, 1859 near Aurora, Missouri. Died June 30, 1944 in Aurora, Missouri. He married Sarah Jane Cagley, daughter of John and Sarah Jane Cagley. She was born April 16, 1863. Her mother died six days after her birth.
- H-4. William J. Ryker, born April 27, 1861 near Aurora, Missouri. He died June 5, 1941 at Ozark, Arkansas. He married Emma (Pennington) Owens in 1908 at Ryker, Arkansas. (Note: My record shows he had only one child named Opal (Married Danny Adams?) or Opal Ryker Morgan. She lives at Mountain Top, Arkansas.)
- H-5. David Ryker, born in 1863 near Aurora, Missouri. He was killed in 1888 by a panther in an unknown place.

Note: Martha Ellen Wheat was the daughter of Nathaniel Wheat, who was born March 10, 1793 and died August 6, 1870, and Martha McCloud Wheat, who was born January 20, 1799 and died September 20, 1863.



The following story of Jacob Abraham Ryker was sent to me by his grandson, Thomas Humphrey Ryker, of Hartman, Arkansas.

After the marriage of Jacob Abraham Ryker to Martha Ellen Wheat in 1854 they lived in Lawrence County, Missouri in Ryker School District.

With the coming of the Civil War he joined the Union Forces and served as a captain. When he was asked at a later time why he chose the North, he said, "Well, I wanted to help save the Union, and besides, the Yankees got to me first." He fought at Wilson Creek, near Springfield, Missouri and then was sent south to fight at Pea Ridge, in Arkansas, and also at Prairie Grove, Arkansas. He was sent to lead a detachment of men east into Newton County.

Their mission was to capture Salt Petre Cave. This cave was high in the Ozarks near the head of Big Buffalo River. The Confederates were making gunpowder there from the salt petre in the cave.

They arrived just about noon while the Confederates were eating their lunch. They set up a cannon quickly before the Confederates should discover them. The fellows with the powder had kept up, but the others with the cannon balls were away up on the side of the Winding Stair Mountain.

Grandpa ordered the men to load the cannon with gravels. When it was fired the blast sounded like rifle fire covered by artillery. The Confederates thought they were surrounded by an overwhelming force and they surrendered their arms immediately. They asked where the remainder of the force was. When they were told there were no more men, one of them said, "Well, then, there's dinner enough for all of us." So they sat down and ate together.

The union forces destroyed the powder mill, then made their way over the "hump" to the head waters of the White River. They followed this river northwest to Fayetteville, then turned west to Prairie Grove.

The Union forces were now in control of Prairie Grove, so the soldiers were given passes to go to town. On one of these excursions, Grandpa met Josh Wood, a captain in the Southern Army. Since Grandpa was also a captain they became friends. Later Josh invited Grandpa to a party and here he introduced him to his younger sister, Emily. After the war and the death of his first wife, Martha, he came back south to Prairie Grove and married Emily Wood.

Then Grandpa and Josh pooled their resources and went into the lumber business. They ordered machinery from Springfield, Missouri and set up their mill on the west fork of the White River. When they had cut over all the available land there, Grandpa wanted to move their mill over to St. Paul, over on the east, or main fork, of the White River. Josh did not want to go that far from home, so he sold out to Grandpa and thus dissolved the partnership.

Grandpa moved the mill, and sent for my dad (Thomas Jared Ryker) to come to take Josh's place. They "cut out" there and then moved the mill to Cave Mountain, near the cave the Union forces had captured during the war. Here he built a fine home (for that time), and he and Grandma Emily lived there until his death in 1900. He was buried in the Cave Mountain Cemetery near "Ryker," the town that had been named for him.

After Grandpa's death, Grandma Emily went on living in the house with Uncle Will. He was Grandpa's youngest living son. He was unmarried and had been crippled by polio since he was four years old. In 1908, he decided to marry, so Grandma turned the property over to him and returned to Prairie Grove. Here her own family was well-to-do, and she owned property in her own name. She is now buried at Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

### EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1).

Thomas Jared Ryker (H-1), first son of Jacob Abraham Ryker (G-1) and Martha Ellen Wheat, was born near Aurora, Missouri on April 24, 1855, and died April 5, 1938 at Dutch Mills, Arkansas. He married Almeda May Shoemaker on February 14, 1877 in Aurora, Missouri. She was born March 18, 1859 at Dubuque, Iowa, the daughter of Isaac and Margaret (Montgomery) Shoemaker. She died May 28, 1947. Her brother, Humphrey Shoemaker, was a well-known painter and artist in Aurora. Both Thomas and Almeda are buried at White Rock Cemetery at Dutch Mills, Arkansas. They lived at various times in St. Paul, Arkansas, Boxley, Arkansas, Ryker, Arkansas, and Dutch Mills, Arkansas. He was a farmer, teacher, mill operator, singing master, and graduate of Verona Academy at Verona, Missouri. He was a Justice of the Peace for Ryker, Newton County, Arkansas, for 26 years.

Their children are:

- I-1. Claude Ryker, born 1878 at Emporia, Kansas, died in 1879.
- I-2. Winfield Clyde Ryker, born January 24, 1880 in Aurora, Missouri. Died in Moline, Illinois in 1967 or 1968.
- I-3. Cecil Carl Ryker, born March 18, 1882, in Aurora, Missouri. Died in Fayetteville, Arkansas on July 27, 1953.
- I-4. Ethel Willameta Ryker, born May 30, 1884 in Aurora, Missouri. Died in Sallisaw, Oklahoma.
- I-5. Harrison Jacob Ryker, born August 18, 1886 in Aurora, Missouri. Died December 22, 1967 in Tallequah, Oklahoma.
- I-6. Pearl Ruth Ryker, born September 26, 1888 in Ryker, Arkansas. Died February 17, 1923 in Coal Hill, Arkansas.
- I-7. Viola May Ryker, born January 1, 1890 in Ryker, Arkansas. Died October 16, 1918 in Emporia, Kansas.

- I-8. Frances Ryker, born 1892 in Ryker, Arkansas. Died November 1906 in Ryker, Arkansas.
- I-9. Edith Ryker, born 1894 in Ryker, Arkansas. Died in infancy, 1896 in Ryker, Arkansas.
- I-10. George Milton Ryker, born June 11, 1897 in Ryker, Arkansas. Now lives in Hartman, Arkansas.
- I-11. Thomas Humphrey Ryker, born at Boxley, near Ryker, Arkansas, April 4, 1902. Now living in Hartman, Arkansas.

The following story is from Thomas Humphrey Ryker pertaining to his father, Thomas Jared Ryker, and his mother, Almeda May Shoemaker Ryker:

My mother (Almeda May (Shoemaker) Ryker), said that when she was a young teenager, she began to date a wonderful young man named John Milton Ryker. Her dear friend, Susie Cagley, was also dating a wonderful young man whose name was Thomas Jared Ryker.

Now Mitt (John Milton's nickname) was Tommy's uncle, even though he was six months younger. These couples double dated - whenever the boys could scrounge a wagon and team to double date with.

Each couple wanted the back seat where they could give their full attention to each other while the ones in the front seat would have to divide their attention with the team. They took "turn about" driving.

One time while the boys were gone after a team, the girls got into the wagon. But they were in the wrong seats. They had forgotten whose turn it was to drive - or so they said. Someone suggested that they change partners for just that time. They did, and they never changed back. Almeda married Dad (Tommy) and Susie married Uncle "Mitt."

One Sunday later on, Mitt and Susie had the front seat while Tom and Almeda May had the rear one - just as far back as they could place it. The team bolted at a dry branch. When Uncle Mitt urged them, they jumped it and rushed up the hill. Near the top, everything seemed so quiet that Mitt and Susie looked around to investigate. There were Tom and May walking along carrying the spring seat between them.

(Compiler's note: John Milton "Mitt" Ryker and Susie Cagley Ryker were my grandparents.)

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-2).

Winfield Clyde Ryker (I-2), second son of Thomas Jared Ryker (H-1) and Almeda May Shoemaker, was born January 24, 1880 in Aurora, Missouri. He married Mary Ellen Allen in Ryker, Arkansas on January 18, 1900. He died in Moline, Illinois in 1967 or 1968.

Their children are:

- J-1. Carol Ryker, born 1902, died 1903.
- J-2. Clarence Ryker, born 1904 in Ryker, Arkansas. Now lives in Moline, Illinois.
- J-3. Earl Ryker, born 1906 in Ryker, Arkansas. Now lives in Moline, Illinois.
- J-4. Ardath Ryker, born 1908 in Fallsville, Arkansas. Now lives in Moline, Illinois.
- J-5. Gus or Gussie Ryker, born in 1910 in Fallsville, Arkansas. Died 1913 in Fallsville, Arkansas.
- J-6. Gladys Ryker, born 1912 at Fallsville, Arkansas. Died in 1920 in Fallsville, Arkansas.
- J-7. Gordon Thomas Ryker, born 1914 in Fallsville, Arkansas. Now lives in Moline, Illinois.
- J-8. Reatha Ryker, born 1916 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Now lives in Moline, Illinois.
- J-9. Marvin Ryker, born 1918, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Now lives in Moline, Illinois.
- J-10. Patricia Ryker, born 1924 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Now living in Moline, Illinois.
- J-11. Russell Shelton Ryker, born 1927 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Now lives in Moline, Illinois.

### NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-3).

Cecil Carl Ryker (I-3), third son of Thomas Jared Ryker (H-1) and Almeda May Shoemaker, was born March 18, 1882 in Aurora, Missouri. He died July 27, 1952 at Fayetteville, Arkansas and is buried at Dutch Mills, Arkansas. He married Ora Wyatt in 1914 in Ryker, Arkansas.

Their children are:

- J-1. Melburn Vernon Ryker, born in 1915 in Ryker, Arkansas. Now lives in Muskogee, Oklahoma.
- J-2. Estes W. Ryker, born in 1917 in Ryker, Arkansas. Now lives in Lawton, Oklahoma.
- J-3. Virgie Ryker, born in 1919 in Ryker, Arkansas. Now living in Fayetteville, Arkansas.
- J-4. Vida Ryker, born in 1921 in Ryker, Arkansas. Now living in Springdale, Arkansas.
- J-5. Mada Ryker, born in 1924 in Ryker, Arkansas. Now living in Fort Smith, Arkansas.
- J-6. Charles Ryker, born in 1928 in Ryker, Arkansas. Present residence unknown.

Note: Cecil Carl Ryker was remarried to Dollie (Julian) Mashburn in Fayetteville, Arkansas in 1944.

## NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-4).

Ethel Willameta Ryker (I-4), first daughter of Thomas Jared Ryker (H-1) and Almeda May Shoemaker, was born May 30, 1884 in Aurora, Missouri. She died in Sallisaw, Oklahoma February 26, 1971. She married Wesley B. Harrison on November 15, 1903 in Jasper, Arkansas.

Their children are:

- J-1. Mildred Harrison, born in Quincy, Arkansas on October 29, 1904. She married (1) Tom Trimble, (2) Robert L. Burchfiel. Now lives in Sallisaw, Oklahoma.
- J-2. Doyne C. Harrison, born in Quincy, Arkansas on April 20, 1906. He married Louise Hamilton on August 22, 1928. They now live in Vian, Oklahoma.
- J-3. Cliffie Doris Harrison, born in Quincy, Arkansas on May 3, 1908. She married (1) Ersel Devere Norfleet, (2) Dathel Arch Riggs.
- J-4. Donald Harrison, born in Cowell, Arkansas on August 10, 1910. Married Peggy Alene Johnson in January 1933 in Salisaw, Oklahoma. Now lives in Salinas, California.
- J-5. Melba Louise Harrison, born in Cowell, Arkansas March 27, 1913. Married Tony Corona October 9, 1936 in Monterey, California.
- J-6. Nola May Harrison, born in Cowell, Arkansas on September 4, 1915. She married James G. Baldrige August 2, 1936. (2) Obed Stephens, (3) Dick McElmurray, and (4) James G. Baldrige.
- J-7. Wesley Benjamin Harrison, Jr., born in Cowell, Arkansas September 4, 1917. Married Iva Hall in Sallisaw, Oklahoma on August 6, 1940. Now lives in Santa Barbara, California.

- J-8. Cecil Carl Harrison, born in Sallisaw, Oklahoma on October 20, 1919. Died September 25, 1944. Buried in Sallisaw, Oklahoma.
- J-9. Betty Harrison, born April 23, 1922 in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Married George B. Romans, Jr. on September 3, 1939 in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. They now live in Texas.



NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-5).

Harrison Jacob Ryker (I-5), fourth son of Thomas Jared Ryker (H-1) and Almeda May Shoemaker, was born August 18, 1886 in Aurora, Missouri. He died November 2, 1967 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He married Vester Brown in 1916 in Fallsville, Arkansas. He is buried in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Their children are:

- J-1. Argus L. Ryker, born in 1916 at Fallsville, Arkansas. Married Bessie at Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and now lives there.
- J-2. Versa Ryker, born 1918 at Fallsville, Arkansas. Married Elmer Young in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Now lives in Gibson, Oklahoma.
- J-3. May Ryker, born 1920 in Fallsville, Arkansas. Married in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Now lives in Oregon.
- J-4. Doris Ryker, born 1922 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Married in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Now lives in , Oklahoma.
- J-5. Eulos Ryker, born 1924 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Married Dorothy in 1946 in El Cajon, California, and lives there.
- J-6. Iris Flo Ryker, born 1928 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Married . Now lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- J-7. Wayman or Weyman C. Ryker, born in 1935 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Married in 1952 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Now lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- J-8. Billy J. Ryker, born in 1937 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Now lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

### NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-6).

Pearl Ruth Ryker (I-6), second daughter of Thomas Jared Ryker (H-1) and Almeda May Shoemaker, was born September 26, 1888 in Ryker, Arkansas. She died February 17, 1923 at Coal Hill, Arkansas. She married Robert Davis in 1908 in Ryker, Arkansas. She is buried at Hartman, Arkansas.

Their children are:

- J-1. Kenneth Davis, born in 1909 in Ryker, Arkansas. Married and now lives in Toledo, Ohio.
- J-2. Carl Davis, born in 1911 in Ryker, Arkansas. Married  
Died and is buried at Grayville, Indiana.
- J-3. Clyde Davis, born in 1913 in Ryker, Arkansas. Married (1) Nell Pach in Black Gum, Oklahoma,  
(2) in Dallas, Texas. He died in Dallas, Texas in 1972.
- J-4. Ruth Davis, born 1917 in Ryker, Arkansas. Died in 1921 in Hartman, Arkansas.
- J-5. Robert Harold Davis, born 1922 in Hartman, Arkansas. Married Winnie . Now lives in Dallas, Texas. (He was adopted by the Stallings family.)

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-10).

George Milton Ryker (I-10), fifth son of Thomas Jared Ryker (H-1) and Almeda May Shoemaker, was born June 11, 1897 at Ryker, Arkansas. He married Eula Boyd in 1920 in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. He is now living in Hartman, Arkansas.

Their children are:

- J-1. Harold Clemens Ryker, born January 16, 1922 in Aurora, Missouri. Married to Dorothy  
Now lives in California.
- J-2. Eugene Garland Ryker, born September 1, 1924 in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Married  
Now lives in California.
- J-3. Millicent (Millie) Ryker, born November 2, 1925 in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Married Richard Hynes in Torrance, California. Now lives in Torrance, California.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-10), (J-1), & (J-2).

Harold Clemens Ryker (J-1), first son of George Milton Ryker  
(I-10) and Eula Boyd, was born in Aurora, Missouri, January 16, 1922.  
He married Dorothy

Their children are:

K-1. Gary Ryker, born

K-2. Cheryl Ryker, born

Eugene Garland Ryker (J-2), second son of George Milton Ryker  
(I-10) and Eula Boyd, was born in Sallisaw, Oklahoma on September 1,  
1924. He married

Their children are:

K-1. James Ryker, born

K-2. Paul Ryker, born

K-3. Sharon Ryker, born

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1), (H-1),  
(I-10), (J-1).

Harold Clemens Ryker (J-1), first son of George Milton Ryker (I-10 ) and Eula Boyd was born January 16, 1922 in Aurora, Missouri. He married Dorothy Dungan in 1946. He now lives in Hermosa Beach, California.

Their children are:

- K-1. Cheryl Denise Ryker, born November 4, 1947 in Kansas City Missouri. Now lives in Hermosa Beach, California.
- K-2. Gary Marc Ryker, born November 29, 1949 in Kansas City, Missouri. Now lives in San Pedro, California.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-10), (J-2).

Eugene Garland Ryker (J-2), second son of George Milton Ryker (I-10), and Eula Boyd, was born September 1, 1924 in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. He married Dianna Sattalich on September 27, 1947. He now lives in San Pedro, California.

Their children are:

- K-1. James Anthony Ryker, born November 5, 1948 in San Pedro, California. He married Kyle Moore in 1975 and now lives in Long Beach, California.
- K-2. Paul David Ryker, born March 12, 1952 in Harbor City, California. Now lives in San Pedro, California.
- K-3. Elizabeth Ryker, born February 16, 1958 in San Pedro, California. Now lives in San Pedro, California.

Note: Eugene Garland Ryker divorced and then married Fern Louise Wantuch on September 1, 1971.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-10), (J-2), (K-1).

James Anthony Ryker (K-1), first son of Eugene Garland Ryker (J-2),  
and Dianna Sattalich, was born November 5, 1948 in San Pedro, California.  
He married Kyle Moore in 1975.

Their son is:

L-1. Ethan Eason Ryker, born August 4, 1976 in Harbor City,  
California. He now lives in Houston, Texas.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-10), (J-3).

Millicent (Millie) Ryker (J-3), first daughter of George Milton Ryker (I-10) and Eula Boyd, was born November 2, 1925 in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. She married Richard Hynes in Torrance, California. They now live in Torrance, California.

Their children are:

K-1.

K-2.



TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-10), (J-3).

Millicent Ryker (J-3), first daughter of George Milton Ryker (I-10), and Eula Boyd, was born in Sallisaw, Oklahoma on November 2, 1925. She married Richard D. Hines in 1947 and now lives in Escalon, California.

Their children are:

- K-1. Sharon Lynn Hines (a twin), born June 25, 1948 in San Pedro, California.
- K-2. Karen Lee Hines (a twin), born June 25, 1948 in San Pedro, California.
- K-3. Susan Marie Hines, born September 30, 1949 in San Pedro, California.
- K-4. Jane Carol Hines, born March 22, 1951 in San Pedro, California. She was married to Dr. Daniel Ray on December 25, 1981. She now lives in Encino, California.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-10), (J-3), (K-1).

Sharon Lynn Hines (a twin), first daughter of Millicent Ryker (J-3) and Richard D. Hines, was born June 25, 1948 in San Pedro, California. She married Robert Kent on September 30, 1970. They now live in San Diego, California.

Their children are:

- I-1. Rachel Amy Kent, born November 27, 1977 in San Diego, California.
- I-2. Jeffrey Thomas Kent, born July 18, 1979 in San Diego, California.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-10), (J-3), (K-2).

Karen Lee Hines (a twin), second daughter of Millicent Ryker (J-3), and Richard D. Hines, was born June 25, 1948 in San Pedro, California. She married Scott Costello on June 26, 1970. They now live in Stockton, California.

Their children are:

- L-1. Kimberly Karen Costello, born June 5, 1974 in Hayward, California.
- L-2. Kevin Kirk Costello, born January 31, 1977 in Hayward, California.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-10), (J-3), (K-3).

Susan Marie Hines (K-3), third daughter of Millicent Ryker (J-3), and Richard D. Hines, was born September 30, 1949 in San Pedro, California. She was married to Robert Frankel on August 19, 1978. They now live in Resed, California.

They are the parents of:

I-1. Tracy Louise Frankel, born May 11, 1980 in Reseda, California.

### NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-11).

Thomas Humphrey Ryker (I-11), sixth son of Thomas Jared Ryker (H-1) and Almeda May Shoemaker, was born April 4, 1902 at Ryker, Arkansas. He married (1) Mabel Durham in 1928 in Ryker, Arkansas. She was born July 17, 1903 in Sparks, Oklahoma, the daughter of Henry and Dolly (Curtis) Durham. They were divorced and he married (2) Vera Milam on January 15, 1949 in Oxnard, California. He has been a school teacher in Arkansas and California.

The children of Thomas Humphrey Ryker and Mabel Durham are:

- J-1. Anna Bernice Ryker, born July 21, 1929 in Swain, Arkansas. She married Dan Farese in 1946 in Portland, Oregon. She died October 26, 1948 in Rapid City, South Dakota.
- J-2. Robert Brady Ryker, born October 24, 1931 in Dutch Mills, Arkansas. Died January 1, 1932 in Dutch Mills, Arkansas.
- J-3. Thomas David Ryker, born December 23, 1932 in Dutch Mills, Arkansas. Died March 23, 1937 in Dutch Mills, Arkansas.
- J-4. Mildred Lee Ryker, born June 13, 1937 in Alma Arkansas. Married Wayne Bingaman in Hemet, California in 1953. Now lives in La Mirada, California.
- J-5. Billy George Ryker, born December 24, 1940 at Swain, Arkansas. Died there on that date.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-1), (I-11), (J-4).

Mildred Lee Ryker (J-4), second daughter of Thomas Humphrey Ryker (I-11) and Mabel Durham, was born June 13, 1937 in Alma, Arkansas. She married Wayne Bingaman in 1953 in Hemet, California.

Their children are:

- K-1. Margaret Jean Bingaman, born August , 1954 in Hemet, California. Now lives in La Mirada, California.
- K-2. Rita Faye Bingaman, born July , 1956 in Hemet, California. Now attending the University of California at Los Angeles, California.
- K-3. Thomas Wayne Bingaman, born September , 1959 in Drumright, Oklahoma. Now attending military school in Norwalk, California.

## EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1), (H-2).

Nathaniel Calvin Ryker (H-2), second son of Jacob Abraham Ryker (G-1) and Martha Ellen Wheat, was born near Aurora, Missouri on April 27, 1857. He was married to a woman whose name is not known, and had one son. This marriage ended in divorce. In 1901 he married Mary Williams in Newton County, Arkansas. She died October 4, 1918 and he died November 30, 1921. Both are buried in Molett Cemetery near Eufaula, Oklahoma.

Their children are:

- I-1. Herklase Ryker (by first marriage), further details are unknown.
- I-2. Jacob Andrew Ryker, born May 21, 1902 in Ryker, Arkansas.
- I-3. William Berton Ryker, born December 22, 1904 in Ryker, Arkansas.
- I-4. Russel George Ryker, born January 26, 1908 in Ryker, Arkansas.
- I-5. Martha Ryker, born October 16, 1910 in Hartshorne, Oklahoma.
- I-6. Emma Elizabeth Ryker, born August 22, 1913 in Hartshorne, Oklahoma.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-2).

Jacob Andrew Ryker (I-2), second son of Nathaniel Calvin Ryker (H-2) and Mary Williams, was born May 21, 1902 in Ryker, Arkansas. He married Eva McMasters in 1944 in Norman, Oklahoma. She died eight or nine years later. They had no children. He now lives in Norman, Oklahoma.



NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-3).

William Berton (Bert) Ryker (I-3), third son of Nathaniel Calvin Ryker (H-2) and Mary Williams, was born December 22, 1904 in Ryker, Arkansas. He married Nora Smith in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, date unknown. They were later divorced, though they were the parents of three children. He died in August 1967 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is buried there in Memorial Cemetery.

Their children are:

- J-1. William Berton Ryker, Jr., born 1932, married Zelma Jane Lance November 18, 1952.
- J-2. Maxine Ryker (no dates known), married Patrick Bradley. They have two children.
- J-3. Pauline Ryker (no dates known), married Allen Doty. They have two sons.

After his divorce, William Berton Ryker married Goldie Jordan in Coffeyville, Kansas in 1936.

Their children are:

- J-4. Richard Bert Ryker, born in 1936 in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He married Anita Kay Heatherton on December 23, 1966.

Their children are:

- K-1. Kisie Ryker, date unknown.
- K-2. Kay Ryker, date unknown.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-3), (J-1).

William Berton Ryker, Jr. (J-1), first son of William Berton Ryker (I-3) and Nora Smith, was born in 1932 in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He married Zelma Jane Lance in Huntsville, Alabama on November 8, 1952.

Their children are:

K-1. William Dee Ryker, born October 6, 1953 in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

K-2. Larry Don Ryker, born July 1, 1955 in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He married Joy Lillie Wall on June 18, 1976 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

All now live in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-4).

George Russel Ryker (I-4), fourth son of Nathaniel Calvin Ryker (H-2) and Mary Williams, was born in Ryker, Arkansas on January 26, 1908. He married Isabelle Marie Byrd, who was born in Springfield, Missouri.

Their children are:

- J-1. Thomas Russel Ryker, born December 26, 1937 in Ryderwood, Washington.
- J-2. Laura Lee Ryker, born January 25, 1940 in Ryderwood, Washington.

All now live in the state of Washington.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-4), (J-1).

Thomas Russel Ryker (J-1), first son of George Russel Ryker (I-4) and Isabelle Marie Byrd, was born December 26, 1937. He married Minnie Lou Porter in Toledo, Washington on September 29, 1957. She was born May 17, 1939 in Longview, Washington.

Their children are:

- K-1. Robert Russel Ryker, born March 18, 1959 in Longview, Washington.
- K-2. Randel Ray Ryker, born October 23, 1960 in Chehalis, Washington.
- K-3. Rose Marie Ryker, born March 16, 1963 in Chehalis, Washington.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-4), (J-2).

Laura Lee Ryker (J-2), first daughter of George Russel Ryker (I-4) and Isabelle Marie Byrd, was born January 25, 1940 in Ryderwood, Washington. She married Loren Dean Bowen in Toledo, Washington on April 30, 1960. He was born March 17, 1940.

Their children are:

- K-1. Mark Dene Bowen, born July 29, 1964 in Toledo, Washington.
- K-2. Allen Lee Bowen, born August 17, 1966 in Toledo, Washington.
- K-3. Douglas Ray Bowen, born September 24, 1969 in Toledo, Washington.

This family now lives in Toledo, Washington.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-5).

Martha Ryker (I-5), first daughter of Nathaniel Calvin Ryker (H-2) and Mary Williams, was born October 16, 1910 in Hartshorne, Oklahoma. She married King Lawson, who was born in Wainsboro, Tennessee on July 11, 1903. They were married April 28, 1933 in Maud, Oklahoma.

Their children are:

- J-1. Mary Lois "Jane" Lawson, born September 27, 1934 in St. Louis, Oklahoma.
- J-2. James Phillip Lawson, born January 27, 1938 in Maud, Oklahoma.
- J-3. Anna Lou Lawson, born March 7, 1940 in Maud, Oklahoma.
- J-4. Emma Jean Lawson, born March 29, 1942 in Maud, Oklahoma.
- J-5. Barbara Sue Lawson, born August 13, 1945 in Seminole County, Oklahoma.
- J-6. George Lee Lawson, born August 20, 1948 in Maud, Oklahoma.

They now live in Maud, Oklahoma.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-5), (J-1).

Mary Lois "Jane" Lawson (J-1), first daughter of Martha Ryker (I-5) and King Lawson, was born in St. Louis, Oklahoma, on September 27, 1934. She married Billy Jack Eaton at Snomack, Oklahoma on March 3, 1952. He was born in Cromwell, Oklahoma on July 16, 1932.

Their children are:

- K-1. Billy Jack Eaton, Jr., born July 1, 1953 in Odessa, Texas. He married Phyllis Ann Qualls in Odessa, Texas on September 7, 1973. She was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on February 27, 1955. They now live in the state of Washington.
- K-2. Michael Wayne Eaton, born April 6, 1956 in Borger, Texas.
- K-3. David Lance Eaton, born May 28, 1963 in Odessa, Texas.



ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-5), (J-1), (K-2).

Michael Wayne Eaton (K-2), second son of Mary Lois "Jane" Lawson (J-1) and Billy Jack Eaton, was born April 6, 1956 in Borger, Texas. He married Linda Catherine Hanks, born in Odessa, Texas on June 16, 1958. They were married on February 22, 1974.

Their children are:

L-1. Michael Wayne Eaton, Jr., born September 17, 1974.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-5), (J-2).

James Phillip Lawson (J-2), first son of Martha Ryker (I-5) and King Lawson, was born January 27, 1938 in Maud, Oklahoma. He married Carolyn Maryece Holland in Ciudad Acuna, Old Mexico on January 17, 1960 and a month later married again in Odessa, Texas on February 18, 1960. She was born in Rotan, Texas, April 2, 1942.

Their children are:

- K-1. James Phillip Lawson, Jr., born August 16, 1961 in Odessa, Texas.
- K-2. Leslie Ann Lawson, born January 7, 1965 in Odessa, Texas.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-5), (J-3).

Anna Lou Lawson (J-3), second daughter of Martha Ryker (I-5) and King Lawson, was born March 7, 1940 in Maud, Oklahoma. She married Peter Carroll Pitts, April 14, 1962 in Gainesville, Texas. He was born May 11, 1933 in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

Their children are:

- K-1. Bryce David Pitts, born September 26, 1968 in Midwest City, Oklahoma.
- K-2. Cortney Wells Pitts, born November 22, 1974 in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Note: Derek Lawson Pitts, adopted, was born February 2, 1967 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-5), (J-4).

Emma Jean Lawson (J-4), third daughter of Martha Ryker (I-5) and King Lawson, was born March 29, 1942 in Maud, Oklahoma. She married David C. R. Fletcher July 21, 1959 in Odessa, Texas. He was born October 30, 1941. They were divorced on February 15, 1960.

Their children are:

K-1. Selina Fletcher, born September 21, 1959. She was adopted by her mother's second husband on October 23, 1975 in Shawnee, Oklahoma and now bears the name Selina Emma Elizabeth Kalka.

Emma Jean Lawson Fletcher then married Lloyd Vincent Kalka in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on April 14, 1965. He was born in Bandero, Texas on June 23, 1938.

Their children are:

K-2. Angelina Kalka, born March 14, 1967 in Fort Worth, Texas.

K-3. Sabrina Kalka, born February 22, 1968 in Fort Worth, Texas.

K-4. Lloyd Vincent Kalka, Jr., born April 27, 1970 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-5), (J-5).

Barbara Sue Lawson (J-5), fourth daughter of Martha Ryker (I-5) and King Lawson, was born in Seminole County, Oklahoma on August 13, 1945. She married Harold Don Wilsie, who was born May 9, 1943 in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma on October 26, 1962.

Their children are:

- K-1. Anna Marie Wilsie, born September 10, 1963  
in Seminole, Oklahoma.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-5), (J-6).

George Lee Lawson (J-6), second son of Martha Ryker (I-5) and King Lawson, was born in Maud, Oklahoma on August 20, 1948. He married Dorothy Jean Jordan (one-fourth Sauk and Fox Indian) in Maud, Oklahoma. She was born in November 1949 in Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Their children are:

- K-1. Tonya Eve Lawson, born September 28, 1969 in Hanau Main, Germany. (George was serving in the U. S. Military Police there.)
- K-2. Dianna Mae Lawson, born February 17, 1971 in Seminole, Oklahoma.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2), (I-6).

Emma Elizabeth Ryker (I-6), second daughter of Nathaniel Calvin Ryker (H-2) and Mary Williams, was born August 22, 1913 in Hartshorne, Oklahoma. She married Theodore F. Estes in Maud, Oklahoma. He was born in Missouri on May 4, 1910. She died October 8, 1968.

Their children are:

- J-1. Donald Earl Estes, born February 15, 1935 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He died January 29, 1952.
- J-2. Glen D. Estes, born November 15, 1937. He married Mary Malone Wyche at Belmont Plantation near New Iberia, Louisiana. He died December 27, 1972 and is buried in Huntsville, Alabama.

Their children are:

- K-1. Jane Elizabeth Estes (no dates known).
  - K-2. Lee Estes (no dates known).
  - K-3. Guy Estes (no dates known).
- J-3. Benny Lee Estes, born August 22, 1938 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Married Muriel (last name, dates unknown).

Their children are:

- K-1.
- K-2.
- K-3.

They live in Church Point, Louisiana.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-5).

David Ryker (H-5), fifth child of Jacob Abraham Ryker and Martha Ellen Wheat, was born in 1863 near Aurora, Missouri. He was killed in 1888 by a panther in an unknown place. (This information given to Franklin Alexander Ryker in a letter from Thomas Humphrey Ryker, a nephew of David Ryker).

Jacob Andrew Ryker, second son of Nathaniel Calvin Ryker, in correspondence with Mrs. Marion Ryker Chiarello, of Buffalo, New York, said he had never heard that this David was married, but that he recalled it had been mentioned that Uncle David, with a friend, had gone to St. Louis, Missouri and joined a wagon train heading for Oregon and had died there.

In July 1971, Helen Ryker, of Buffalo, New York, had correspondence with Floyd L. Ryker, of 1621 Clark Avenue, North, Lewiston, Idaho, 83501 (descendant of David and Ella Ryker of Helix, Oregon): It now seems probable that the above David Ryker, is probably the fifth son of Jacob Abraham and Martha Ellen Wheat Ryker. (from draft by Helen Ryker.)

David Ryker married Ella \_\_\_\_\_ at an unknown place and at an unknown date and their child was:

I-1. Noah Jacob Ryker, born April 30, 1889 at Helix Oregon.

Compiler's note: The 1900 Soundex of federal census showed Noah J. Ryker, b. April, 1896, Oregon in the household of John Caplinger as stepson, in Helix Precinct, Umatilla County, Oregon. (National Archives, Washington, D.C.). Following this, Marion Ryker Chiarello, who already had knowledge of a Jacob and John Caplinger having taken the Barlow Road to Oregon, located in the Umatilla County records this:

Estate of D.J. Ryker, deceased - administered by widow, Sarah Ellen Ryker. He died intestate on November 9, 1891, leaving an estate of about \$200. She filed a bond for \$400. (Records of Probate, County of Umatilla, Oregon., January 24, 1893, Book G, page 187.) No one contested same. Noah Auspauch was surety on her bond. Personal property is listed, including "claim vs. U.S. for the sum of \$200, an amount overpaid on a pre-emption entry, 1887." A note for \$500 was also mentioned, with interest, made by Ellis Neece payable to D.J. Ryker. Noah Jacob Ryker, in her petition, is shown as an heir, age about 4, dated January 24, 1893.



NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-5), (I-1).

Compiler's note: This line is not finally proved to be that of David Ryker (H-5), but it is presumed to be from the information presently available to those of us researching Ryker genealogy.

Noah Jacob Ryker (I-1), first child of David Ryker and Ella \_\_\_\_\_ or (Sarah Ellen) \_\_\_\_\_ (from probate records on page 119-32), was born at Helix, Oregon on April 30, 1889. He died on December 7, 1960. He married Mable Vernice Triplett on March 6, 1911.

Their children were:

- J-1. Floyd Leroy Ryker, born July 13, 1921 at Peck, Idaho.
- J-2. Archie Edward Ryker, no further information.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
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TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-5), (I-1), (J-1).

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Floyd Leroy Ryker (J-1), first child of Noah Jacob Ryker and Mable Vernice Triplett, was born July 13, 1921 at Peck, Idaho. His first marriage was to Darlene Mae Jenks in December 1941.

Their children are:

K-1. Douglas Leroy Ryker, born June 1, 1942 at Lewiston, Idaho.

K-2. Deanna Darlene Ryker, born November 13, 1950 at Clarkston, Washington.

Floyd and Darlene were divorced in November 1953. He then married Ann Jackson in July 1954 and they were divorced in June of 1958.

Their child is:

K-3. Gerald Floyd Ryker, born June 4, 1955.

After Floyd and Ann Jackson were divorced, he then married Phyllis Hadley on June 23, 1959 at Tonasket, Washington. They now live in Lewiston, Idaho.

Compiler's note: Research for statistics on the previous three pages done by Helen Ryker and Marion Ryker Chiarello, of Buffalo, New York. F.A.R.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-1),  
(H-2).

George Washington Ryker (H-2), son of Jacob Abe Ryker (G-1) and Martha Wheat, married Sarah Jane Cagley, on October 5, 1882. He was born March 6, 1859 near Aurora, Missouri and died in Aurora on June 30, 1944. Sarah Jane Cagley was born April 16, 1863 in Howard County, Indiana. She died in Aurora, Missouri, on February 7, 1953.

Their children were:

- I-1. Alexander Melton Ryker. Born September 23, 1883, died August 28, 1892. Buried in Aurora, Missouri.
- I-2. Leslie Earl Ryker. Born April 20, 1885, died February 4, 1929. Buried in Aurora, Missouri.
- I-3. Richard Raymond Ryker. Born April 20, 1887, died August 16, 1887. Buried in Aurora, Missouri.
- I-4. Roy Ryker. Born January 28, 1889, died February 1, 1889. Buried in Aurora, Missouri.
- I-5. Herbert Leon Ryker. Born November 30, 1890, died August 21, 1895.
- I-6. Mary Ryker. Born June 30, 1897 in Aurora, Missouri. She married Claude Wheat, Sr. at Joplin, Missouri on August 20, 1945. Claude Wheat died in Aurora, Missouri and is buried in Maple Park Cemetery. Mary now lives in Aurora, Missouri.

Note: All the first five children are buried in the Old Cemetery in Aurora, Missouri.

SEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-2).

James Miller Ryker (G-2), son of Jared Ryker (F-11) and Bythinia Miller, married Permelia E. Munday on March 11, 1858. James was born July 10, 1837 and died July 9, 1886. Permelia was born in Mt. Vernon, Missouri on February 24, 1838, and died on June 8, 1915.

Their children were:

- H-1. Berthina Angaline Ryker. Born January 10, 1859 in Aurora, Missouri. Died January 27, 1862.
- H-2. John Samuel Ryker. Born February 1, 1861 in Verona, Missouri. Died August 2, 1937 in Aurora, Missouri.
- H-3. Mary Almira Ryker. Born March 3, 1863, died August 6, 1863.
- H-4. Rebecca Jane Ryker. Born October 27, 1868 in Verona, Missouri. Died December 9, 1931. She married David P. McKinley, who was born on January 27, 1863 and died September 29, 1923. They married on December 2, 1882. To them was born one son:

- I-1. Miller Arthur McKinley. Born August 20, 1888 and died August 9, 1890.

Rebecca Jane Ryker later married Theodore Jones after the death of David P. McKinley.

### EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-2), (H-2).

John Samuel Ryker (H-2), son of James Miller Ryker (G-2) and Permelia E. Munday, was born in Verona, Missouri, February 1, 1861. He married Martha Ellen Wheat on March 22, 1883. Martha Ellen Wheat was born in Aurora, Missouri on March 10, 1863 and died in Aurora, Missouri on March 26, 1930. John died in Aurora on August 2, 1937. Both are buried in Maple Park Cemetery in Aurora, Missouri.

Their children were:

- I-1. Adella Myrtle Ryker. Born April 16, 1884 in Aurora, Missouri. Married Irvin Wade Conner, born in Lebanon, Missouri January 8, 1882 and died in Aurora, Missouri October 28, 1941. They were married May 6, 1903. Irvin (Obe) Conner is buried in Maple Park Cemetery in Aurora, Missouri.
- I-2. James Washington Ryker. Born August 24, 1886 in Aurora, Missouri. Died and buried in Huntington, West Virginia.
- I-3. Benjamin Harrison Ryker. Born August 16, 1888 and died May 17, 1889.
- I-4. Sarah Letha Ryker. Born March 23, 1890 and died June 23, 1891.
- I-5. Raymond Webster Ryker. Born September 27, 1897 in Aurora, Missouri. Married Josephine Peterson in March 1922. Josephine died on March 30, 1925. They had no children. Josephine had one son by a previous marriage, who was adopted by Irvin (Obe) and Myrtle Ryker Conner and is named Robert Conner. Josephine is buried in Maple Park Cemetery in Aurora, Missouri. Raymond died and is buried in Albuquerque, New Mexico, exact date unknown.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-2),  
(H-2), (I-2).

James Washington Ryker (I-2), son of John Samuel Ryker (H-2) and Martha Ellen Wheat, was born in Aurora, Missouri on August 24, 1886. He married Ethel Jones in 1909.

They were the parents of one daughter:

J-1. Virginia Ryker. Born October 10, 1909 in Aurora, Missouri. Further information is unknown.

James Washington was divorced and married in 1925 to Lillie Thomas.

They are the parents of one daughter:

J-2. Wanda Mae Ryker. Born September 8, 1930 in Huntington, West Virginia.

Further information on this family is unknown at this time, except that James Washington Ryker died and is buried in Huntington, West Virginia.

## SEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-3), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), F-11), (G-6).

Peter Martin Ryker (G-6), sixth child of Jared Ryker and Bythinia Miller was born in Jefferson County, Indiana on July 14, 1846. He died on February 11, 1898 and is buried in Pottowatomie County, Oklahoma, near Tecumseh. He married Elizabeth Margaret Morris. He served in Company B, 15th Division of the Missouri Cavalry during the Civil War. After his marriage to Margaret Elizabeth Morris in 1866 they lived in Missouri. In about 1882 they left Aurora, Missouri and moved to Texas where Arra Martin Ryker (H-6) was born. Sometime later they went into Indian Territory, which is now the state of Oklahoma, Pottowatomie County.

When Peter Martin Ryker died on February 11, 1898, he was buried in a field on the place where they were living at the time. This was in Indian Territory since it did not become a state until 1907 when the territory was opened to homesteaders. William Newton Ryker, Peter's first son, was in the "run" on April 23 1889, and homesteaded a place in Pottowatomie County. White settlers were forbidden to settle in Indian Territory before that date but many of them did. The early settlers were called "Sooners", and that is why Oklahoma is called the Sooner State.

After the death of Peter Martin Ryker, his wife Elizabeth, drew a Civil War widow's pension for herself and two sons, Arra Martin Ryker and Fred Jacob Ryker. Her pension was \$8.00 a month; the two sons each received \$2.00 per month. These original papers are still in possession of the family.

The children of Peter Martin Ryker and Elizabeth Margaret Morris were:

- H-1. William Newton Ryker, born September 9, 1867.
- H-2. Mary Ellen (Molly) Ryker, born in 1870.
- H-3. Georgia Ann Ryker, born in 1874.
- H-4. Jared Milton Ryker, born January 16, 1877.
- H-5. John P. Morris Ryker, born March 2, 1880.
- H-6. Arra Martin Ryker, born October 29, 1883
- H-7. Fred Jacob Ryker, born January 25, 1889. died August 28, 1971.



EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-1).

William Newton Ryker (H-1), first child of Peter Martin Ryker and Elizabeth Margaret Morris, was born September 9, 1867 near Aurora, Missouri. He died March 29, 1936 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and is buried in Okeemah, Oklahoma. He married Mary Jane Cook on February 6, 1890 in Healdton, Oklahoma (Indian Territory). She was born on June 13, 1873 in Hillsboro, Texas and died August 19, 1972 in Norman, Oklahoma. She is buried in Okeemah, Oklahoma.

Their children are:

- I-1. Male child, died in infancy.
- I-2. James Flavel Ryker, born February 8, 1893 near Tecumseh, in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma.
- I-3. Flora Ellen Ryker, born October 17, 1897 near Tecumseh, in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma.
- I-4. Roberta Ryker, died in infancy.
- I-5. Jewel Ryker, born November 10, 1903 near Tecumseh, in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma.
- I-6. Arra Lester Ryker, born October 20, 1906 near Tecumseh, in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma.
- I-7. Arthur Jesse Ryker, born February 15, 1913 in Okemah, Oklahoma. Died in September 1915.
- I-8. Raymond Martin Ryker, born December 29, 1915 in Okemah, Oklahoma.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-1), (I-2).

James Flavel Ryker (I-2), second child of William Newton Ryker and Mary Jane Cook, was born February 8, 1893 near Tecumseh, Oklahoma. He died January 26, 1965 in Okemah, Oklahoma and is buried there. He married Mamie Florence Floyd, October 16, 1912. She was born March 1, 1894 in Indian Territory. She died June 14, 1949 in Joliet, Illinois and is buried in Okemah, Oklahoma.

Their children are:

J-1. William Glenn Ryker, born August 20, 1913 in Okemah, Oklahoma. He married Helen Pauline Scott.

J-2. Myrtle May Ryker, born May 17, 1916 in Okemah, Oklahoma. Died August 1, 1931.

J-3. ~~Mary~~ Margaret Ryker, born February 20, 1918 in Okemah, Oklahoma. Died, date un-

### Glenn Ryker

Glenn Ryker, 73, Odin, Illinois, died April 30 at the Jarman Hospital in Tuscola.

He was born Aug. 20, 1913 in Okemah, the son of Flavel and Mamie (Floyd) Ryker. On Oct. 24, 1933, he married Helen Scott and she survives in Odin.

Other survivors include daughters, Una Minton, Odin, and Glenda Faye Stephens, Bay City, Texas; brothers Homer Ryker, Dennison, Texas, and Pascal Ryker, Lexington. He was preceded in death by a brother, J. F. Ryker, and two sisters.

He was retired from Texaco as a roustabout and a pumper. He had liv-

ed in Odin since 1975 and prior to that, he had lived in the Salem and Effingham areas for 21 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge in Mason. Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Wilson Funeral Home in Odin with the Rev. Larry Shelton and the Rev. Ray Black officiating. Interment was in the Paradise Cemetery.

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NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-1), (I-3).

Flora Ellen Ryker (I-3), third child of William Newton Ryker and Mary Jane Cook, was born October 17, 1897 near Tecumseh (Indian Territory), Oklahoma. She married Cecil Lawrence Matlock on September 22, 1912 in Okfuskee County, Oklahoma. He was born July 26, 1892 in Texas. He died in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is buried in Okemah, Oklahoma.

Their children are:

- J-1. Lilly Inez Matlock, born September 20, 1913 in Okemah, Oklahoma. She married Lieburn Feazier. There was a second marriage to August V. Gray.
- J-2. Cecil Lawrence Matlock, Jr., born June 7, 1919 in Okemah, Oklahoma. He married Vinita Simpson.
- J-3. Velma Ione Matlock, born October 16, 1921 in Pryor, Oklahoma. Married Lonnie Conell. Married a second time to Leroy Sowder. Married a third time to William Ewertz.
- J-4. Wanda Avonne Matlock, born August 1, 1923 in Pryor, Oklahoma. Married J.S. Carper. Married a second time to Ellery Compton.
- J-5. Virginia Lee Matlock, born December 10, 1925 in Claremore, Oklahoma. Married Donald R. Brewer on April 12, 1945.
- J-6. Jo Anne Matlock, born December 25, 1929 in Cushing, Oklahoma. Married Frank Quinn. Married a second time to George J. Williams.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-1), (I-6).

Arra Lester Ryker (I-6), sixth child of William Newton Ryker and Mary Jane Cook, was born October 21, 1906 near Tecumseh, (Indian Territory) Oklahoma. He married Bethel Addis Wolf on July 20, 1929. She was born February 12, 1912 in Yellville, Arkansas.

Their children are:

- J-1. Norman Lester Ryker, born September 10, 1931 in Okemah, Oklahoma. He married Joyce Irene Maupin on February 4, 1961.
- J-2. William Eugene Ryker, born March 11, 1933 in Okemah, Oklahoma. He married Ruth Radack.
- J-3. Wilma Jerry Ryker, born November 18, 1934 in Okemah, Oklahoma. She married Saber Jackson.
- J-4. Mary Ellen Ryker, born February 3, 1938 in Okemah, Oklahoma. She married James Copeland.
- J-5. Cynthia Page Ryker, born February 9, 1942 in Okemah, Oklahoma. She married James Dowell.
- J-6. Joe Wayne Ryker, born February 28, 1947 in Okemah, Oklahoma. He married Janet Wilson.
- J-7. Stephen Ray Ryker, born August 12, 1953 in Okemah, Oklahoma.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-1), (I-8).

Raymond Martin Ryker (I-8), eighth child of William Newton Ryker and Mary Jane Cook, was born December 29, 1915 in Okemah, Oklahoma. He married Katherine Elizabeth Simpson, who was born July 16, 1917 in Ada, Oklahoma.

Their children are:

- J-1. Marilyn Kay Ryker, born May 7, 1937 in Okemah, Oklahoma. Married Jim Conner.
- J-2. Charles Nelson Ryker, born April 7, 1939 in Okemah, Oklahoma. He married Darlene Banks.
- J-3. Nathan Richard Ryker, born April 22, 1941 in Okemah, Oklahoma. He married Vicki Sharp.
- J-4. Breck Edward Ryker, born July 8, 1944 in Okemah, Oklahoma. He married Vickie McFarland.
- J-5. Mary Kathryn Ryker, born November 11, 1948 in Beeville, Texas. She married Eddie Allen Melvin.
- J-6. Carolyn Ann Ryker, born August 21, 1950 in Big Spring, Texas. She married Lloyd Caldwell.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-2).

Mary Ellen Ryker (H-2), second child of Peter Martin Ryker and Elizabeth Margaret Morris, was born in Aurora, Missouri in 1870. She married Jim Daniel Mackey, who was born August 23, 1860. They were married on February 28, 1888.

Their children were:

- I-1. Alice Mackey, born August 11, 1890.
- I-2. Nora Baker Mackey, born October 21, 1892. She married Earl Williams in 1937 in El Reno, Oklahoma. She died in 1949.
- I-3. Annie Mackey, born April 20, 1896.
- I-4. Loran William Mackey, born November 24, 1897.
- I-5. Edna Jane Mackey, born January 7, 1900.
- I-6. Maggie Odessie Mackey, born December 29, 1901.
- I-7. Arra Mackey, born August 29, 1906, died August 11, 1910.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-2), (I-1).

Alice Mackey (I-1), first child of Mary Ellen Ryker and Jim Daniel Mackey, was born August 11, 1890. She married John William Carver on August 12, 1912.

Their children are:

- J-1. James Homer Carver, born
- J-2. Loran Melton Carver, born
- J-3. William Harold Carver, born

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-2), (I-3).

Annie Mackey (I-3), third child of Mary Ellen Ryker and Jim Daniel Mackey, was born April 20, 1896. She married Frank Richardson on December 11, 1916 in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Their children are:

J-1. Reeford Richardson, born

J-2. Howard Richardson, born

J-3. Duward Richardson, born

J-4. Leo Richardson, born



NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-2), (I-5).

Edna Jane Mackey (I-5), fifth child of Mary Ellen Ryker and Jim Daniel Mackey, was born January 7, 1900. She married Howard Blonsit on September 19, 1931 at Yukon, Oklahoma.

They are the parents of:

J-1. Larry Joe Blonsit, born April 10, 1934.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-2), (I-5), (J-1).

Larry Joe Blonsit (J-1), first child of Edna Jane Mackey and Howard Blonsit, was born April 10, 1934. He married Barbara Cook on December 24, 1959.

Their children are:

K-1. Elizabeth Blonsit, born December 9, 1962.

K-2. Pete Blonsit, born February 1, 1966.

They live in Phoenix, Arizona.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-3).

Georgia Ann Ryker (H-3), third child of Peter Martin Ryker and Elizabeth Margaret Morris, was born in Aurora, Missouri in 1874. She married \_\_\_\_\_ Bradburn in Oklahoma, date unknown. He was killed in a shooting accident shortly after their marriage.

They became the parents of:

I-1. Myrtle Bradburn, no dates.

Georgia then married Joe Lewis, date unknown. Both Georgia and Joe are buried near Okeemah, Oklahoma where they reared their family.

Their children are:

I-2. Clementine (Clemmie) Lewis, born \_\_\_\_\_. She married Bill Rice. After his death; she now lives with her daughter Betty in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Their children :

J-1. Kenneth Rice, born \_\_\_\_\_.

J-2. Dale Rice, born \_\_\_\_\_.

J-3. Betty Rice, born \_\_\_\_\_.

I-3. Polly Lewis, born \_\_\_\_\_. Married Robert McFadden. They are the parents of two girls and one son. They now live in California.

I-4. Joan Lewis, born \_\_\_\_\_. Married Bunch Rogers.

Their children are:

J-1. Jack Rogers, born \_\_\_\_\_.

J-2. Helen Rogers, born \_\_\_\_\_.

J-3. Gerald Wayne Rogers, born \_\_\_\_\_.

J-4. Nina Ruth Rogers, born \_\_\_\_\_.

J-5. Tudy Rogers, born \_\_\_\_\_.

I-5. Jared (Jerdie) Lewis, born \_\_\_\_\_. Died in 1972.

I-6. Susie Lewis, born \_\_\_\_\_. Now lives in California.

I-7. Fern Lewis, born \_\_\_\_\_. Married Nelson Lambeth. This family now lives in Oklahoma.

Their children are:

J-1. Nicky Joe Lambeth, born \_\_\_\_\_.

J-2. A son \_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_.

J-3. A son \_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-3), (I-1).

Myrtle Bradburn (I-1), first child of Georgia Ann Ryker and  
Bradburn, was born . She married  
Boone Morrell.

They are the parents of:

J-1. Inez Morrell, born

J-2. Imelda Morrell, born

J-3. Anna Lee Morrell, born

EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-4).

Jared Milton Ryker (H-4), fourth child of Peter Martin Ryker and Elizabeth Margaret Morris, was born in Aurora, Missouri on June 16, 1877. He married Josie Lindley on July 23, 1906.

Their children are:

I-1. Cleo Leona Ryker, born October 14, 1909. Married Charlie White on April 1, 1928 at Alex, Oklahoma. Their child (adopted, not in the Ryker blood line) is Joe White, born July 3, 1937. Joe White married Melba Curfman on September 27, 1957 in Pampas, Texas. They have two children:

1. King White, born April 7, 1960.

2. Jay Jay White, born October 27, 1962.

I-2. Ellen Irene Ryker, born November 8, 1911.

I-3. Frank Freddie Ryker, born July 1, 1914, died June 12, 1931.

I-4. Truman Willie Ryker, born August 10, 1916.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-4), (I-2).

Ellen Irene Ryker (I-2), second child of Jared Milton Ryker and Josie Lindley, was born November 8, 1911. She married Rowdy Mitchiner Barksdale, Jr., on September 19, 1941 in El Reno, Oklahoma.

They are the parents of:

J-1. Sandra Kay Barksdale, born November 28, 1948.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-4), (I-2), (J-1).

Sandra Kay Barksdale (J-1), first child of Ellen Irene Ryker and Rowdy Mitchiner Barksdale, Jr., was born November 28, 1948. She married Stephen A. Newby on December 27, 1967 in Amarillo, Texas.

They are the parents of:

K-1 . Kelly Leigh Newby, born December 13, 1972.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-4), (I-4).

Truman Willie Ryker (I-4), fourth child of Jared Milton Ryker and Josie Lindley, was born August 10, 1916. He married Plina Burnett on December 22, 1945.

Their children are:

- J-1. Carolyn Sue Ryker, born June 25, 1946.
- J-2. Judy Ann Ryker, born August 9, 1953.
- J-3. Terri Jo Ryker, born November 2, 1954.
- J-4. Phyllis June Ryker, born June 23, 1956.



TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-4), (I-4), (J-1).

Carolyn Sue Ryker (J-1), first child of Truman Willie Ryker  
and Plina Burnett, was born June 25, 1946. She married Dave Selph.

Their children are:

K-1. Donna Lorene Selph, born December 8, 1968.

K-2. Jerri Christina Selph, born September 15, 1971.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-4), (I-4), (J-2).

Judy Ann Ryker (J-2), second child of Truman Willie Ryker and Plina Burnett, was born August 9, 1953. She married Larry Luther Reeder on August 2, 1971.

Their children are:

- K-1. William H. Reeder, born May 28, 1973.
- K-2. Terri Rena Reeder, born August 15, 1974.
- K-3. Tina Marsha Reeder, born December 5, 1975.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-4), (I-4), (J-3).

Terri Jo Ryker (J-3), third child of Truman Willie Ryker and Plina Burnett, was born November 2, 1954. She married Donald Ray Stacy on June 28, 1971.

They are the parents of:

K-1. Donald Ray Stacy, born July 29, 1974.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-4), (I-4), (J-4).

Phyllis June Ryker (J-4), fourth child of Truman Willie Ryker and Plina Burnett, was born June 23, 1956. She married Danny L. Harman on May 20, 1977.

They are the parents of:

K-1. A son , born March 11, 1978.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-3), (C-4), (D-3), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6), (H-5).

John P. Morris Ryker (H-5), fifth child of Peter Martin Ryker and Margaret Elizabeth Morris, was born March 2, 1880 and died November 30, 1949. He married Lenora Pearl Swarb, who was born March 4, 1887 and died February 17, 1920. They were married at Seminole, Oklahoma on January 19, 1902.

They lived in Oklahoma the remainder of their lives. Pearl Ryker died during the flu epidemic after World War I. She is buried in Fairview Cemetery, between Maud and Tecumseh, Oklahoma. When he died in 1949 he was buried beside his wife and infant son. They had been farmers in central Oklahoma and all their children were born near Maud, Oklahoma.

Their children :

- I-1. James Loran Ryker, Born December 28, 1903.
- I-2. Annie Lillian Ryker, born May 14, 1907.
- I-3. Mabel vera Ryker, born July 8, 1911.
- I-4. Molly Mildred Ryker, born October 31, 1913.
- I-5. Infant son, born February 17, 1920, died same day.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6), (H-5)  
(I-1).

James Loran Ryker (I-1), first child of John P. Morris Ryker and Lenora Pearl Swarb, was born December 28, 1903. He died October 13, 1966. He married Anna Lee Weems at Maud, Oklahoma.

They lived in Oklahoma for several years and then moved to California where they spent the remainder of their lives.

They were the parents of:

- J-1. Bobby Dean Ryker, born - no date. Died at birth.
- J-2. Billy Gene Ryker, born February 4, 1929.
- J-3. Donald James Ryker, born November 22, 1930. Died in 1972.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-2).

Annie Lillian Ryker (I-2), second child of John P. Morris Ryker and Lenora Pearl Swarb, was born May 14, 1907. She married Noel Elvin Richards on December 29, 1923 in Okemah, Oklahoma. He was born January 22, 1902.

Their children are:

- J-1. An infant son, born and died in 1925.
- J-2. Geneva Wanda Richards, born May 30, 1926, died in same month.
- J-3. Delbert Lawton Richards, born June 3, 1927.
- J-4. Noel Lee Richards, born October 19, 1929
- J-5. Ozeeta Richards, born November 28, 1933.
- J-6. Texon Carlton Richards, born September 17, 1935.
- J-7. Treva Ann Richards, born January 20, 1937.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-2), (J-3).

Delbert Lawton Richards (J-3), third child of Annie Lillian Ryker and Noel Elvin Richards, was born June 3, 1927. He married Lula Mae Bryson at Wewoka, Oklahoma on April 28, 1945. She was born January 1, 1929.

Their children are:

- K-1. Carolyn Mae Richards, born April 11, 1946.
- K-2. Rita Delette Richards, born June 10, 1949.
- K-3. Pamela Sue Richards, born August 18, 1953.
- K-4. Delbert Noel (Dee) Richards, born July 2, 1955.
- K-5. Iye Sand Richards, born August 24, 1961.



ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-2), (J-3), (K-1).

Carolyn Mae Richards (K-1), first child of Delbert Lawton Richards and Lula Mae Bryson was born April 11, 1946. She married Garry Mitchell Farley on July 19, 1962 in Gainsville Texas. They were later divorced.

Their child is:

L-1. Kelli Lu Ree Farley, born September 16, 1963.

After her divorce she married nonnie Wayne Williams on July 1, 1966. He was born February 8, 1944.

Their child is:

L-2. Kimberly Flynn Williams, born March 23, 1968.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-2), (J-3), (K-2).

Rita Delette Richards (K-2), second child of Delbert Lawton Richards and Lula Mae Bryson was born June 10, 1949. She married Charles Emmett Standridge on July 30, 1966. He was born July 18, 1944.

Their children are:

I-1. John Matthew Standridge, born November 9, 1968.

I-2. Kristen Dee Standridge, born December 7, 1971.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-2), (J-3), (K-3).

Pamela Sue Richards (K-3), third child of Delbert Lawton Richards and Lula Mae Bryson was born August 18, 1953. She married Larry Thomas Cooper on January 17, 1970. He was born February 9, 1949.

Their children are:

- L-1. Susan Raquel Cooper, born January 20, 1971.
- L-2. Larry Thomas Cooper, Jr., born April 22, 1975.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-2), (J-3), (K-4).

Delbert Noel (Dee) Richards (k-4), fourth child of Delbert Lawton Richards and Lula Mae Bryson was born July 2, 1955. He married Teresa Darlene Smith on December 28, 1974. She was born April 18, 1957.

Their children:

L-1. Brad Daniel Richards, born May 11, 1976.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-2), (J-3), (K-5).

Tye Sand richards (K-5), fifth child of Delbert Lawton Richards and Lula Mae Bryson, was born August 24, 1961. He married Janice Carol Townhill on August 4, 1978. She was born December 4, 1962.

They are the parents of:

L-1. Dustin Lee Richards, born February 21, 1979.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-2), (J-4).

Noel Lee Richards (J-4), fourth child of Annie Lillian Myker and Noel Elvin Richards was born October 19, 1929. He married Ruby Jo Harper on September 16, 1950. They were later divorced.

Their children are:

K-1. Daniel Lee Richards, born July 25, 1951.

K-2. Michael Dean Richards, born July 11, 1952.

After the divorce he married Vera Dean (Midge) Acre on January 27, 1958.

Their children are:

K-3. David Lynn Richards, born March 2, 1958

K-4. Robert Wade Richards, born June 27, 1961.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-2), (J-5).

Ozeeta Richards (J-5), fifth child of Annie Lillian Ryker and Noel Elvin Richards, was born November 28, 1933. She married -

Their child was :

K-1. Timothy Paul , born November 24, 1958.

Ozeeta had a second marriage to Jerald Dean Blassingame on April 25, 1963.

They are the parents of:

K-2. Tina Ann Blassingame, born February 26, 1969.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-2), (J-6).

Texon Carlton Richards (J-6), was born on September 17, 1935.  
He was the 6th child of Annie Lillian Ayker and Noel Elvin Richards.  
He married Colleen Bailey on June 30, 1957.

Their children are:

K-1. Terry Don Richards, born June 12, 1958.

K-2. Carla Renea Richards, born August 19, 1961



TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-2), (J-7).

Treva Ann richards (J-7), seventh child of Annie Lillian ryker and Noel Elvin richards, was born January 20, 1937. She married Darrel Frank Lott on July 29, 1955 in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. They were divorced in 1964.

Their children are:

- K-1. Darrell Paul Lott, born March 6, 1956 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.
- K-2. Ricky Shane Lott, born May 6, 1959, in Shawnee, Oklahoma.
- K-3. Charlotte Ann Lott, born May 31, 1960 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

After Treva's divorce she married Harold Roy Phippe, who was born May 11, 1936. they were married in Gainesville, Texas on June 1, 1965.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-1), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-2), (J-7), (K-1).

Darrell Paul Lott (K-1), first child of Treva Ann Richards and Darrell Frank Lott, was born March 6, 1956. He married Vicki Marie Maurer in the Nipona Baptist Church in Nipona, California. She was born May 21, 1958.

Their children are:

L-1. Sheila Marie Lott, born March 20, 1976.

L-2. Sara Kay Lott, born May 24, 1980.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-3), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-2), (J-7), (K-2).

Ricky Shane Lott (K-2), second child of Treva Ann Richards and Darrell Frank Lott, was born May 6, 1959. He married Mary Louis Huffman at the Little City Baptist Church in Madill, Marshall County, Oklahoma on May 26, 1977.

They are the parents of:

L-1. Brooke Nicole Lott, born January 17, 1980.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-3).

Mabel Vera Ryker (I-3), third child of John P. Morris Ryker and Lenora Pearl Swarb, was born July 8, 1911. She married Victor Wayne Richards on March 17, 1928 in the Methodist parsonage in Maud, Oklahoma. He was born September 15, 1907 in Kansas and died on November 11, 1978.

They spent the first 27 years of their marriage in Oklahoma, farming, working in the oil fields, and operating service stations, working in grocery stores, and driving trucks and school buses. In 1955, they moved to California working at various jobs until 1956 when Victor was employed by the Santa Clara School District as a custodian. He worked there until his retirement in 1969. At that time they moved to Jackson County, Oregon near Ashland, Oregon. He died there after a lengthy illness of heart trouble and cancer. She is still living near Ashland, Oregon. He is buried in Hillcrest Memorial Park on North Phoenix Road, Medford, Oregon.

Their Children, all born in Pottawatomie County near Maud, Oklahoma, are :

- J-1. Thurman Wayne Richards, born April 24, 1929.
- J-2. Betty Jo Richards, born April 8, 1931.
- J-3. La Vera Darlene Richards, born August 6, 1933, died November 4, 1933.
- J-4. Mabel Marie Richards, born October 2, 1937.
- J-5. Waymon Ray (Tom) Richards, born November 29, 1939.
- J-6. Johnnie Lee Richards, born April 6, 1942.
- J-7. Bobby Roy Richards, born July 3, 1944, died December 16, 1944.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (D-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-3), (J-1).

Thurman Wayne Richards (J-1), first child of Mabel Vera Ryker and Victor Wayne Richards, was born April 24, 1929 in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. He married Virginia Fay Blalock on September 13, 1947 in Seminole, Oklahoma. She was born July 3, 1929.

They lived in Seminole, Pauls Valley, and Guthrie, Oklahoma. He worked in the oil fields until 1962 and then moved Santa Clara, California and then lived in Cupertino until 1975. He was in the building construction business with his brother Tom. Virginia worked in electronic firms in California for several years. They moved to Jackson County, Oregon in 1975. They lived for a while in Talent and then moved to Medford where they now reside. The brothers Thurman and Tom are still in business under the name "T & T Construction".

Their children are:

- K-1. Sharon Fay Richards, born June 21, 1948 in Seminole, Oklahoma.
- K-2. Cleeta Joy Richards, born November 15, 1951 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.
- K-3. Gary Wayne Richards, born June 15, 1955 in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-3), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-3), J-1), (K-1).

Sharon Fay Richards ((K-1), first child of Thurman Wayne Richards and Virginia Fay Blalock, was born June 21, 1948 in Seminole, Oklahoma. She married Dennis Paul Delisle in Cupertino, California at St. Joseph's Church on July 13, 1968. He was born October 10, 1947.

She came to California with her parents in 1962. After their marriage Dennis continued his schooling and graduated with a B.S. degree in Accounting from San Jose University. Dennis and Sharon are co-owners of a firm called D.N.A. International, a world-wide marketing-management firm and includes some 7000 business units. The corporation that heads up supply is Amway Corporation. He is also on the board of directors of the Foundation of Moral Education. Sharon has also been a professional entertainer for 11 years. She toured the United states and Canada for part of those years and was able to fulfill a life-long dream. Other interests include their hobbies, music, physical activities and school interests of their children.

They now live in Morgan Hill, California.

Their children are:

- L-1. Annette Francoise Delisle, born October 3, 1973 in Mountain View, California.
- L-2. Dennis Frank Delisle, born July 16, 1976 in Mountain View, California.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-3), (J-1), (K-2)

Cleta Joy Richards (K-2), second child of Thurman Wayne Richards and Virginia Ray Blalock, was born November 11, 1951 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. She married John Charles on October 8, 1977 at the Valley United Presbyterian Church in Portola Valley, California. He was born November 27, 1951.

She graduated from Cupertino High School and studied Music for two years at DeAnza College in Cupertino. She spent 4 years in theatre in the Bay area and 1 year modeling after graduation from the John Robert Powers Modeling and Finishing School in Palo Alto. John is engineering manager at Monolithic Memories, Inc. in Sunnyvale, California. He graduated from Arizona State University with a Master of Science degree in Chemistry. They own a successful management and marketing firm, Charles International. They reside in San Jose, California.

They are the parents of:

- L-1. Kendra Faith Charles, born March 15, 1979 in Mountain View, California.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-3), (J-1), (K-3).

Gary Wayne Richards (K-3), third child of Thurman Wayne Richards and Virginia Fay Blalock, was born June 15, 1955 in Guthrie, Oklahoma. He married Patricia Fay (Duke) Adams on November 19, 1978 at Medford, Oregon. She was born May 31, 1952.

He became interested in music at the age of 12 and decided to become a professional. He became an accomplished guitarist, going on the road at the age of 19 playing guitar and singing. After his graduation from high school in Cupertino, California he attended DeAnza college majoring in music. He is now giving his talents to the field of religious music. He works for O & O Cutstock.

They now live in medford, Oregon.

Their children are:

Jason S. Adams, born April 22, 1972.

L-1. Tuesday Kellene Richards, born February 5, 1980 in medford, Oregon.



TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-3), (J-2).

Betty Jo Richards (J-2), second child of Mabel Vera Ryker and Victor Wayne Richards, was born April 8, 1931. She married Truman Wunningham on April 21, 1950 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was born December 15, 1928.

They lived in Oklahoma where he worked in the oil fields until 1962 when they moved to Monta Vista, California where he worked as a garage mechanic and ran a service station. She worked for electronic firms. They divorced in 1978. She now lives in Santa Clara, California while he lives in San Jose, California.

Their children are:

- K-1. Vicki Lynn Wunningham, born August 29, 1952 in Seminole, Oklahoma.
- K-2. Jack Wayne Wunningham, born August 19, 1954 in Guthrie, Oklahoma.
- K-3. Truman Wunningham, Jr., born November 24, 1957 in Guthrie, Oklahoma.
- K-4. Joe David Wunningham, born August 15, 1959 in Guthrie, Oklahoma.
- K-5. Patsy Diane Wunningham, born November 12, 1968 in Mountain View, California.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-3), (J-2), (K-1).

Vicki Lynn Winningham (K-1), first child of Betty Jo Richards and Truman Winningham, was born August 29, 1952 in Seminole, Oklahoma. She married David Marble in San Jose, California on February 19, 1970. He was born March 19, 1949.

Their children are:

- I-1. Lynn Marie Marble, born August 24, 1970 in Mountain View, California.
- I-2. David James Marble, born March 11, 1974 in Mountain View, California.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-3), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-3), (J-2), (K-2).

Jack Wayne Winningham (K-2), second child of Betty Jo Richards and Truman Winningham, was born August 19, 1954 in Guthrie, Oklahoma. He married Julie Lynn Olson on September 3, 1977 in Cupertino, California. She was born April 24, 1955.

They are the parents of:

L-1. Sharon Ann Winningham, born December 10, 1979 in Mountain View, California.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-3), (J-4).

Mabel Marie Richards (J-4), fourth child of Mabel Vera Ryker and Victor Wayne Richards, was born October 2, 1937. She married Richard Floy Martin in Seminole, Oklahoma on January 21, 1955. He was born September 5, 1935.

They lived in Kimbell, Nebraska while Richard worked in the oil fields and she finished high school. In 1955 they moved to Sunnyvale, California where he worked in construction work and for Libby's Cannery. In 1956 he started work for Icore Industries. That was followed by moves to Cupertino, California in 1958 and to San Jose in 1962. After the births of their children they moved to Talent, Oregon where they are presently living. They own and operate a Harley Davidson motorcycle repair shop there.

Their children are:

- K-1. Teresa Marie (Terrie) Martin, born December 22, 1956 in San Jose, California.
- K-2. Sandra Ann (Sandy) Martin, born July 7, 1960 in San Jose, California.
- K-3. Kimberley Suzanne (Kim) Martin, born October 21, 1965 in Mountain View, California.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-3), (J-4), (K-1).

Teresa Marie Martin (K-1), first child of Mabel Marie Richards and Richard Floy Martin, was born December 22, 1956 in San Jose, California. She married Gregory Ray Claflin at Cantrell-Buckley Park in Jacksonville, Oregon on June 11, 1977. He was born on March 11, 1953.

They lived for a while in Ashland, Oregon. He worked in construction while she attended Southern Oregon State College. After her graduation in 1979 she went to work for the Medford Mail Tribune, a local newspaper. In 1980 she received a scholarship to attend a university in Germany where they will be living for one year.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-1), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-3), (J-5).

Waymon (Tom) Ray Richards (J-5), fifth child of Mabel Vera Ryker and Victor Wayne Richards, was born November 29, 1939. He married Patricia Della Green on July 23, 1960 in Mountain View, California. She was born July 15, 1944.

He is a carpenter by trade and worked in building construction in California and continued in this field with his brother Thurman after he moved to Oregon.

Their children are:

K-1. Sherri Grace Richards, born October 26, 1961.

K-2. Darla Kim Richards, born May 6, 1965.

K-3. Thomas Brett Richards, born June 1, 1968.

Tom and Patricia Green were divorced and on December 15, 1978 he married Patti Lynn McGonagle in Medford, Oregon. She was born October 9, 1952. She has two children from her previous marriage.

Children by previous marriage:

Christina Marie Chaney, born August 20, 1971

Jerrimy Jesston Chaney, born April 3, 1973.

Tom and Patti Lynn are the parents of:

K-4. Nicholas Ray Richards, born September 3, 1980.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-3), (J-6).

Johnnie Lee Richards (J-6), sixth child of Mabel Vera Ryker and Victor Wayne Richards, was born April 6, 1942. He married Janice Patricia Budde on June 24, 1961 in Mountain View, California in the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

After they were married they adopted two children. Johnnie's interest in music led him to a short career with a band. They moved to Jacksonville, Oregon in the Applegate Valley in 1974 where he has changed his career from machinist to building contractor. She is working on a career in the field of medicine.

Their adopted children are:

Dennis Patrick Richards, born February 28, 1965 in San Jose, California.

Darren Paul Richards, born May 9, 1968 in San Jose, California.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-4).

Molly Mildred Ryker (I-4), fourth child of John P. Morris Ryker and Lenora Pearl Swarb, was born October 31, 1913. She married George Lester Richards at Earlsboro, Oklahoma on April 25, 1928. He was born March 21, 1906 and died July 18, 1980.

Their children are:

- J-1. Elnora Pearl Richards, born December 28, 1929.
- J-2. Loetta June Richards, born March 29, 1932.
- J-3. Infant daughter, born September 17, 1933.
- J-4. Lester Leon Richards, born October 4, 1935.
- J-5. Vernon Lowell Richards, born August 5, 1937.
- J-6. Donna Gaye Richards, born October 20, 1939.
- J-7. Clara Ann Richards, born October 19, 1941.
- J-8. Linda Kaye Richards, born September 23, 1947
- J-9. Randy Dale Richards, born July 23, 1954 in Seminole, Oklahoma.



TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-6), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-1).

Elnora Pearl Richards (J-1), first child of Molly Mildred Ryker and George Lester Richards, was born December 28, 1929. She married William Buck Bailey in Maud, Oklahoma on July 16, 1946. He was born March 20, 1920.

Their children are:

K-1. Johnnie Lester Bailey, born June 5, 1948.

K-2. Eddie Joe Bailey, born December 19, 1951.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-3), (C-4), (D-3), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-1), (K-1).

Johnnie Lester Bailey (K-1), first child of Elnora Pearl Richards and William Duck Bailey, was born June 5, 1948. He married Lee Ann McKeown on October 30, 1961 at Ada, Oklahoma.

their children are:

- L-1. Johnnie Scott Bailey, born May 9, 1966 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.
- L-2. Steven Ray Bailey, born May 11, 1970 in Hennesey, Oklahoma.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-2).

Loetta June richards (J-2), second child of Molly Mildred Ryker and George Lester Richards, was born March 29, 1932. She married Jesse Joe Nadeau who is 1/16 part Pottowatomie Indian in Shawnee, Oklahoma on June 27, 1950. He was born October 6, 1930.

Their children are:

- K-1. Leslie Vin Nadeau, born June 6, 1951.
- K-2. Rex Allen Nadeau, born October 23, 1953.
- K-3. Wayne Henry Nadeau, born July 11, 1955.
- K-4. Sherri Joetta Nadeau, born July 11, 1961.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-2), (K-2).

Rex Allen Nadeau (K-2), second child of Loetta June Richards and Jesse Joe Nadeau, was born October 23, 1953. He married Shirley Ann Harding at Seminole, Oklahoma on June 17, 1972. She was born October 15, 1954.

their children are:

- L-1. Carrie Renee Nadeau, born November 12, 1974 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.
- L-2. Michael Allen Nadeau, born July 6, 1979 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-2), (K-3).

Wayne Henry Nadeau (K-3), third child of Loetta June Richards and Jesse Joe Nadeau, was born July 11, 1955. He married Carmen Denise Robbins at Shawnee, Oklahoma on August 31, 1973.

Their children are:

- L-1. Nathan Wayne Nadeau, born February 23, 1974 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.
- L-2. Nickolas Joe Nadeau, born April 9, 1978 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-2), ((K-4)).

Sherri Joetta Nadeau (K-4), fourth child of Loetta June Richards and Jesse Joe Nadeau, was born July 11, 1961. She married Darrin Lee Wheeler at Earlsboro, Oklahoma on August 25, 1978.

They are the parents of:

L-1. David Lee Wheeler, born April 10, 1979 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-4).

Lester Leon Richards (J-4), fourth child of Molly Mildred Ryker and George Lester Richards, was born October 4, 1935. He married Vivian Ann Martin on July 9, 1955 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. She was born May 16, 1938.

Their children are:

- K-1. Vivian Marie Richards, born August 2, 1956 in Seminole, Oklahoma.
- K-2. Leon Duwayne Richards, born August 3, 1959 in Arkansas City, Kansas.
- K-3. Andrew Douglas Richards, born February 9, 1962 in Arkansas City, Kansas.
- K-4. Debra Elaine Richards, born July 5, 1963 in Arkansas City, Kansas.
- K-5. Barbara Ellen Richards, born December 6, 1967 in Wichita, Kansas.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-3), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-4), (K-2).

Leon Duwayne Richards (K-2), second child of Lester Leon Richards and Vivian Ann Martin, was born August 3, 1959 in Arkansas City, Kansas. He married Sheryl Lynn Platt on June 9, 1978 in Wichita, Kansas. She was born June 3, 1960.

They are the parents of:

I-1. Shelly Lynn Richards, born November 11, 1980.



TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-5).

Vernon Lowell Richards (J-5), fifth child of Molly Mildred Ryker and George Lester Richards, was born August 5, 1937. He married Ida Mae Skeen of Maud, Oklahoma on July 27, 1957.

He went through the schools in Oklanoma, graduating from high school in Pleasant Grove near Seminole, Oklahoma. In 1957 he moved to Meeker, Oklahoma and then worked as a welder in Oklahoma City for nine years. After that he started to work at the Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City, Oklahoma. He worked as an electronic auto pilot mechanic and then as an electroplater. In 1978 he went into the civil engineering unit as a welder.

Their children are:

K-1. Vernon Lowell Richards, Jr., born December 18, 1958.

K-2. Steven Carl Richards, born January 28, 1961.

Vernon and Ida Mae Skeen were divorced in 1968 and he married Josephine Teten Shaw On July 11, 1970 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where they now make their home. She was born February 8, 1940.

TENTH GENERATION

(Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-6).

Donna Gaye Richards (J-6), sixth child of Molly Mildred Ryker and George Lester Richards, was born October 20, 1939. She married Harold Leon Ebers in Wellston, Oklahoma on December 20, 1958. He was born July 23, 1939.

their children are:

- K-1. Harold Dewayne Ebers, born October 23, 1959.
- K-2. Sheila Gaye Ebers, born November 25, 1962.
- K-3. Jeffrey Don Ebers, born February 6, 1973.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-3), (C-4), (D-3), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-7).

Clara Ann Richards (J-7), seventh child of Molly Mildred Ryker and George Lester Richards, was born October 19, 1941. She married Robert Windell Wiley in August 1959 at Seminole, Oklahoma. He was born December 12, 1941.

Their children are:

- K-1. Troy Eugene Wiley, born June 27, 1960.
- K-2. Molly Ann Wiley, born May 30, 1961.
- K-3. Tresa Marie Wiley, born November 1, 1962.
- K-4. Robert Gerald Wiley, born October 23, 1969.
- K-5. Clara Ann (Annie) Wiley, born April 19, 1971.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-7), (K-2).

Molly Ann Wiley (K-2), second child of Clara Ann Richards and Robert Windell Wiley, was born May 30, 1961. She married Calvin Hobbs in California.

Their children are:

L-1. Christie Lynn Hobbs, born December 26, \_\_\_\_\_.

L-2. Houston Calvin Hobbs, born August 4, 1978.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-7), (K-3).

uresa Marie Wiley (K-3), third child of Clara Ann Richards and Robert Windell Wiley, was born November 1, 1962. She married Ben Piaze.

Their children are:

L-1. Andrea Marie Piaze, born November 6, \_\_\_\_\_.

L-2. Patricia Dawn Piaze, born November 8, \_\_\_\_\_.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-8).

Linda Kaye Richards (J-8), eighth child of Molly Mildred Ryker and George Lester Richards, was born September 23, 1947. She married Leroy Webb.

Their children:

K-1. David Forest Webb, born April 9, 1967.

K-2. Daniel Leroy Webb, born March 27, 1968.

Linda Kaye had a second marriage to Dale Clift and they are the parents of:

K-3. Lori Ann Clift, born November 6, 1971.

K-4. Linda Dale Clift, born November 22, 1972.

K-5. Shannon Gaye Clift, born June 10, 1974.

K-6. Dale Clift, born February 11, 1976.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-3), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-5), (I-4), (J-9).

Randy Dale Richards (J-9), ninth child of Molly Mildred Ryker and George Lester Richards, was born July 23, 1954 in Seminole, Oklahoma. She married Susan Elaine Strick on July 21, 1979 in Hennessey, Oklahoma. She was born on January 8, 1961.

Randy attended public schools in Shawnee, Oklahoma graduating in 1971. He worked for Fred Jones Ford in Oklahoma City for a while and then went to work for Well-Tec for several years. He is now employed by the Grace Oil Company and the family lives in Hennessey, Oklahoma.

They are the parents of:

K-1. Sadie Elaine Richards, born March 13, 1981.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6).

Arra Martin Ryker (H-6), sixth child of Peter Martin Ryker and Elizabeth Margaret Morris, was born in Texas on October 29, 1881. He married Mary Nancy Miller on May 21, 1889 in Maud, Oklahoma. They lived in Oklahoma, where all their children were born, until 1936. They then moved to Oregon and a few years later to Ojai, California where he died on August 7, 1957. He is buried in Ventura, California. Mary Nancy Miller Ryker moved to Springfield, Oregon where she lived until her death on December 4, 1976. She is buried there in Memorial Cemetery.

Their children were:

- I-1. Margaret Jewel Ryker, born September 23, 1908.
- I-2. Pearl Leora Ryker, born September 17, 1910.
- I-3. Clarence Freddie Ryker, born March 31, 1912, died in June 1913.
- I-4. Ruby R. Ryker, born June 24, 1914.
- I-5. Letha Lena Ryker, born June 16, 1916.
- I-6. Jessie Alice Ryker, born November 7, 1918.
- I-7. Mildred Marie Ryker, born May 31, 1921.
- I-8. Arra Martin Ryker, Jr., born June 12, 1923.
- I-9. Joseph Ryker, born October 31, 1925, died November 3, 1925.



NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-1).

Margaret Jewel Ryker (I-1), first child of Arra Martin Ryker and Mary Nancy Miller, was born September 23, 1908. She married Milton L. Bryson on December 23, 1926 at Tecumseh, Oklahoma. He was born on January 15, 1907. They lived in Oklahoma until 1935 when, because of the drought, and depression, they moved to Westfir, Oregon. They then moved to Springfield, Oregon in 1940, building a house at 253 West Centennial Boulevard, where they still reside.

Their children are:

- J-1. Vernon Lawrence Bryson, born September 27, 1927 in Maud, Oklahoma.
- J-2. Margaret Joyce Bryson, born January 14, 1930 in Konowa, Oklahoma.
- J-3. Bruce Alan (Randy) Bryson, born July 28, 1946 in Eugene, Oregon.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: ((A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-1), (J-1).

Vernon Lawrence Bryson (J-1), first child of Margaret Jewel Ryker and Milton L. Bryson, was born September 27, 1927. He married Mabel Marie Larson on November 26, 1947 in Springfield, Oregon. She was born December 10, 1929. They were divorced in 1963.

their children are:

- K-1. Vernon Lawrence Bryson, Jr., born July 15, 1949 in Eugene, Oregon.
- K-2. Milton Scott Bryson, born April 11, 1953 in Eugene, Oregon.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-1), (J-1), (K-1).

Vernon Lawrence Bryson, Jr. (K-1), first child of Vernon Lawrence Bryson and Mabel Marie Larson, was born July 15, 1949. He married Sherry Cope on December 14, 1967 in Springfield, Oregon. They now live in Coos Bay, Oregon.

Their children are:

- L-1. Russel Scott Bryson, born April 19, 1968.
- L-2. Ryan Richard Bryson, born May 9, 1972.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-1), (J-1), (K-2).

Milton Scott Bryson (K-2), second child of Vernon Lawrence Bryson and Mabel Marie Larson, was born April 11, 1953. He married Barbara Kay Calhoun on September 29, 1973 in Eugene, Oregon. They now live in Salem, Oregon.

They are the parents of:

I-1. Julie Kay Bryson, born November 10, 1974.

I-2. Jennie Marie Bryson, born July 26, 1976.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-1), (J-2).

Margaret Joyce Bryson (J-2), second child of Margaret Jewel Ryker and Milton L. Bryson, was born January 14, 1930. She married Wendell Wheeler Ray on October 23, 1948 in Springfield, Oregon. He was born March 2, 1927 in Eugene, Oregon. They lived in Eugene until 1975 when they moved to Hawaii but they now live back in Eugene, Oregon.

Their children are:

- K-1. Kelly James Ray, born October 2, 1949 in Eugene, Oregon.
- K-2. Harold Glen Ray, born April 5, 1954 in Eugene Oregon.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-1), (J-3).

Bruce Alan (Randy) Bryson (J-3), third child of Margaret Jewel Ryker and Milton L. Bryson, was born July 28, 1946. He married Ara Lelia Herbert on September 6, 1969 in Reno, Nevada. They were divorced in 1979. He now lives in Truckee, California and Lahaina, Maui.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-2).

Pearl Leora Ryker (I-2), second child of Arra Martin Ryker and Mary Nancy Miller, was born September 17, 1910. She married George Millard Christian on October 2, 1936 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was born March 1, 1909. They now reside in Portland, Oregon.

Their children are:

- J-1. Emil Lowell Christian, born March 12, 1938.
- J-2. Ivan Leon Christian, born August 29, 1940.
- J-3. Valera Louise Christian, born October 28, 1942.
- J-4. Jon George Christian, born September 19, 1946.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-6), (I-2), (J-1).

Emil Lowell Christian (J-1), first child of Pearl Leora Ryker and George Millard Christian, was born March 12, 1938. He married Marie Jose Buslat in Germany. They now live in Tacoma, Washington.

Their children are:

K-1. Rene Louise Christian, born October 19, 1959.

K-2. Robert Lee Christian, born November 25, 1962.



TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-2), (J-2).

Ivan Leon Christian (J-2), second child of Pearl Leora Myker and George Millard Christian, was born August 29, 1940. He married Katherine Glycer on March 16, 1964 in Portland, Oregon. They are now divorced and he lives in Oregon.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-2), (J-3).

Valera Louise Christian (J-3), third child of Pearl Leora Ryker and George Millard Christian, was born October 28, 1942. She married Roger G. Washburn on September 14, 1963 in Gresham, Oregon. They were divorced in 1976. She now resides in Portland, Oregon.

Their children are:

K-1. Warren Roger Washburn, born January 18, 1967.

K-2. Marla Pearl Washburn, born October 8, 1970.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-2), (J-4).

Jon George Christian (J-4), fourth child of Pearl Leora Ryker and George Millard Christian, was born September 19, 1946. He married Barbara Bedford on February 7, 1975 in Portland, Oregon where they now live.

They are the parents of:

K-1. John Bedford Christian, born March 14, 1977.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-4).

Ruby R. Ryker (I-4), fourth child of Arra Martin Ryker and Mary Nancy Miller, was born June 24, 1914. She married James N. Carriger on March 23, 1935 in Maud, Oklahoma. He was born February 1, 1911. They moved to Oregon and then to Ojai, California. He apparently died on June 8, 1953. Ruby then married Manuel Foyil on May 6, 1967 and they live in Ojai, California.

The children of Ruby and James Carriger are:

- J-1. Roberta Jane Carriger, born March 1, 1936.
- J-2. James Noel Carriger, born May 28, 1948. Now lives in Ventura, California.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-4), (J-1).

Roberta Jane Carriger (J-1), first child of Ruby R. Myker and James N. Carriger, was born March 1, 1936. She married Homer Nichols on August 17, 1952 in Reno, Nevada. He was born June 22, 1936. They live in Ojai, California.

Their children are:

- K-1. Gregory Kit Nichols, born June 4, 1953.
- K-2. Brian Wayne Nichols, born September 2, 1955.
- K-3. Ronald Allen Nichols, born December 30, 1959.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-4), (J-1), (K-1).

Gregory Kit Nichols (K-1), first child of Roberta Jane Carriger and Homer Nichols was born June 4, 1953. He married Jody Schriber on January 29, 1971 in Las Vegas, Nevada. They were divorced in 1978.

Their children are:

L-1. Jennifer Lynn Nichols, born February 23, 1972.

L-2. Nathan Anthony Nichols, born March 24, 1977.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-5).

Letha Lena Ryker (I-5), fifth child of Arra Martin Ryker and Mary Nancy Miller was born June 16, 1916. She married Gerald L. Lytle on September 7, 1935 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. She had a second marriage to George Bawcum on April 4, 1969 in Big Springs, Texas. They now live in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Letha and Gerald Lytle are the parents of:

- J-1. Jerry Allen Lytle, born March 9, 1945. He married Juanita White on March 23, 1971. She was born on September 19, 1944. She has a son, Ralph White, born June 9, 1970.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-6), (I-6).

Jessie Alice Ryker (I-6), sixth child of Arra Martin Ryker and Mary Nancy Miller, was born November 7, 1918. She married Charles Madison Randall on September 14, 1938 in Springfield, Oregon. He was born June 11, 1916. He died October 19, 1979. She still lives in Springfield, Oregon.

Their children are:

- J-1. Phillip Charles Randall, born August 11, 1939.
- J-2. Larry Karl Randall, born December 15, 1941.
- J-3. LeRoy Martin Randall, born August 26, 1943.
- J-4. Ronald Stephan Randall, born January 17, 1945.



TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-6), (I-6), (J-1).

Phillip Charles Randall (J-1), first child of Jessie Alice Ryker and Charles Madison Randall, was born August 11, 1939. He married Diane Joy Fretag on December 5, 1963 in Eugene, Oregon. They now reside in Springfield, Oregon.

Their children are:

- K-1. Brian Phillip Randall, born September 4, 1964.
- K-2. Michael Todd Randall, born January 13, 1967

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: {A-1}, {B-8}, {C-4}, {D-8}, {E-4}, {F-11}, {G-6},  
{H-6}, {I-6}, {J-2}.

Larry Karl Randall (J-2), second child of Jessie Alice Ryker and Charles Madison Randall, was born December 15, 1941. He married Sharon Lee Wright on November 22, 1962 in Springfield, Oregon where they now live. She was born June 26, 1944.

Their children are:

K-1. Cory Scott Randall, born May 10, 1963.

K-2. Christopher Paul Randall, born September 23, 1966.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent:: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-6), (J-3).

LeRoy Martin Randall (J-3), third child of Jessie Alice Ryker and Charles Madison Randall, was born August 26, 1943. He married Ramona Reah Brickly on January 25, 1970 in Reno, Nevada. They were divorced in 1976. LeRoy lives in Toledo, Oregon.

Their child is:

K-1. Thomas LeRoy Randall, born May 18, 1970.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-6), (J-4).

Ronald Stephan Randall (J-4), fourth child of Jessie Alice Myker and Charles Madison Randall, was born January 17, 1945. He married Agnes Frances (Dawn) Latimer on June 13, in Springfield, Oregon. They live in Eugene, Oregon.

their child is adopted:

Eda Marie Randall.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-7).

Mildred Marie Ryker (I-7), seventh child of Arra Martin Ryker and Mary Nancy Miller, was born May 31, 1921. She married Frank Bairett on February 27, 1938 in Vancouver, Washington. He was born March 9, 1914 and died May 16, 1956. They lived in Westfir, Oregon and then moved to Redding, California.

Their children are:

- J-1. Mary Lynn Bairett, born January 12, 1941.
- J-2. Richard Lee Bairett, born December 31, 1943.
- J-3. Margie Marie Bairett, born November 18, 1944.

Mildred had a second marriage to George Robert Barnard on June 7, 1958 in Reno, Nevada. They live in Redding, California.

They are the parents of:

- J-4. George Robert Barnard, Jr., born July 8, 1960.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-7), (J-1).

Mary Lynn Bairrett (J-1), first child of Mildred Marie Ryker and Frank Bairrett, was born January 12, 1941. She married Fred A. Drake on October 4, 1957 in Redding, California.

Their children are:

K-1. Alliana Kay Drake, born July 14, 1958.

K-2. Fred A. Drake, III (Nicky), born July 22, 1963.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-7), (J-2).

Richard Lee Bairrett (J-2), second child of Mildred Marie Ryker and Frank Bairrett, was born December 31, 1943. He married Carol Snyder on August 31, 1963 in Maybrooke, New York. They were divorced in 1979.

Their children are:

- K-1. Richard Lee Bairrett, Jr., born May 5, 1964.
- K-2. Brian Joseph Bairrett, born March 20, 1968.
- K-3. David Gered Bairrett, born May 23, 1970.
- K-4. Stephen Prescott Bairrett, born March 3, 1973.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-7), (J-3).

Margie Marie Bairrett (J-3), third child of Mildred Marie Ryker and Frank Bairrett, was born November 18, 1944. She married David L. Winters, on February 5, 1961 in Reno, Nevada. He was born on September 12, 1942.

Their children are:

- K-1. Kathi Marie Winters, born September 27, 1962. She married Darrell Sherrell on October 18, 1980.
- K-2. David Leon Winters, born January 14, 1964.



NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-8).

Arra Martin Ryker, Jr. (I-8), eighth child of Arra Martin Ryker and Mary Nancy Miller, was born September 12, 1923. He married Ruth Ellen Moeschler on June 9, 1948 in Nevada. She was born December 10, 1931. They moved from Ojai, California to Springfield, Oregon then to Pleasant Hill, Oregon.

their children are:

J-1. Arra Martin Ryker, III, born February 6, 1951.

J-2. Vickie Lynn Ryker, born July 21, 1952.

J-3. Elbert Louis Ryker, born September 6, 1955.

J-4. Daniel Wayne Ryker, born April 8, 1957.

J-5. Douglas Duane Ryker, born September 19, 1960.

Donna Jean Ryker, born February 25, 1961 (adopted)

J-6. Mary Katherine Ryker, born September 28, 1966.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-8), (J-1).

Arra Martin Ryker III (J-1), first child of Ara Martin Ryker, Jr. and Ruth Ellen Moeschler, was born February 6, 1951. He married Edith Mae Goodman on July 18, 1970 in Springfield, Oregon where they still live. She was born June 19, 1953.

Their children are:

K-1. Tracy Mae Ryker, born January 3, 1974.

K-2. Michael James Ryker, born October 26, 1975.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-8), (J-2).

Vickie Lynn Ryker (J-2), second child of Arra Martin Ryker, Jr. and Ruth Ellen Moeschler, was born July 21, 1952. She married Sidney C. Hamar on December 19, 1970 in Springfield, Oregon where they still live. He was born February 19, 1952.

Their children are:

- K-1. Timothy Allen Hamar, born November 8, 1972.
- K-2. Lisa Marie Hamar, born April 30, 1974.
- K-3. Katheryn Rachelle Hamar, born June 19, 1976.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-8), (J-3).

Elbert Louis (A1) ryker (J-3), third child of Arra Martin Ryker, Jr. and Ruth Ellen Moeschler, was born September 6, 1955. He married Lori Annette Jossart on September 6, 1975 in Springfield, Oregon where they now live. She was born December 5, 1956.

Their children are:

- K-1. Justin Elbert Ryker, born October 24, 1975.
- K-2. Dana Ann Ryker, born December 27, 1976.
- K-3. Rebecca Dawn Ryker, born April 14, 1979, died October 14, 1979.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6).  
(H-6), (I-8), (J-4).

Daniel Wayne Ryker (J-4), fourth child of Arra Martin Ryker, Jr. and Ruth Ellen Moeschler, was born April 8, 1957. He married Katherine Lynn Jarvis on June 9, 1979 in Springfield, Oregon. They now live in Denver Colorado. She was born December 25, 1960.

They are the parents of:

- K-1. Nicholas Wayne Ryker, born January 21, 1980 and died the same day.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-6), (I-8), (J-5).

Douglas Duane Ryker (J-5), fifth child of Arra Martin Ryker, Jr. and Ruth Ellen Moeschler, was born September 19, 1960. He married Robin Joy Hadley on June 19, 1979 in Springfield, Oregon where they now make their home. She was born May 7, 1962.

Their children are:

K-1. Douglas Duane Ryker, Jr., born May 10, 1979.

K-2. Christopher Tyson Ryker, born February 18, 1981.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-7).

Fred Jacob Ryker (H-7), seventh child of Peter Martin Ryker and Elizabeth Margaret Morris, was born January 25, 1889. He married Roda Gertrude Lindley. He died August 28, 1971.

They were the parents of:

I-1. Mary Margaret Ryker, born November 13, 1918.

NINTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6)  
(H-7), (I-1).

Mary Margaret Ryker (I-1), first child of Fred Jacob Ryker and Roda Gertrude Lindley, was born November 13, 1918. She married Al Aaron Abbott on December 8, 1944.

Their children are:

J-1. Aaron Alna Abbott, born January 27, 1945.

J-2. Charlene Dee Abbott, born July 14, 1948.

Mary Margaret Ryker had a second marriage to Stan Bloomquist.



TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-7), (I-1), (J-1).

Aaron Alna Abbott (J-1), first child of Mary Margaret Ryker and Al Aaron Abbott, was born January 22, 1945. He married Janet Fashiner on July 10, 1971 and they were divorced in 1973. He then married Marie Sangari on September 16, 1974.

Their children are:

K-1. Christine Marie Abbott, born September 30, 1975.

K-2. Andrea Rosemary Abbott, born November 2, 1979.

TENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-6),  
(H-7), (I-1), (J-2).

Charlene Dee Abbott (J-2), second child of Mary Margaret Ryker and Al Aaron Abbott, was born July 14, 1948. She married Don Roy Oneal on July 14, 1967. They were divorced in 1973.

They are the parents of:

- K-1. Michael Roy Oneal, born November 25, 1971. (He now goes by the name of Michael Bateman. After the divorce, Charlene married Chuck Bateman.)

## SEVENTH GENERATION

Line of Descent: (A-1), (B-8), (C-4), (D-8), (E-4), (F-11), (G-7).

William Jackson Ryker (G-7), son of Jared Ryker (F-11) and Bythinia Miller, was born December 13, 1848 and died May 22, 1930. He married California F. Askins on January 28, 1872. She was born July 10, 1856 and died April 5, 1935.

Their children are:

- H-1. George Miller Ryker. Born March 15, 1873, died March 30, 1964. Married Mabel C. Cannon on September 27, 1903.
- H-2. Jacob Milton Ryker. Born January 22, 1876, died November 6, 1876.
- H-3. Bertha Viola Ryker. Born September 8, 1877, died in June 1915. Married Sylvester Lewis Houck on August 15, 1900. Their children are:
  - I-1. Margaret Callie Houck. Born October 21, 1902.
  - I-2. Leta Roen Houck. Born October 31, 1904.
  - I-3. Marvin Oliver Houck. Born August 11, 1907.
  - I-4. Edward William Houck. Born March 21, 1909.
  - I-5. Erma Ethel Houck. Born June 12, 1911.
  - I-6. Bertha Viola Houck (a twin). Born June 19, 1915.
  - I-7. Viola Bertha Houck (a twin). Born June 19, 1915.
- H-4. Phillip Arthur Ryker. Born July 2, 1880, died April 17, 1965. Married Edna Keys on June 2, 1906. She died on November 2, 1960.
- H-5. Mary Caldonga Ryker. Born May 26, 1885. (Caldona contracted by use to Dona.) Married to Rueben James Zell, August 16, 1907 in Spokane, Washington. He was born October 24, 1882 in Spangle, Washington. His death date is not known. She is living in Burlingame, California. Their children are:
  - I-1. Harold Aldridge Zell. Born December 15, 1908.
  - I-2. Allen Francis Zell. Born July 30, 1910, died June 2, 1970.
  - I-3. Florence Patricia Zell. Born February 7, 1912.

## THE MOVEMENT TO THE FAR WEST

The following story was written by George Miller Ryker, first son of William Jackson Ryker and California Askins. It was written in the year 1940 to his children: Rodney Park Ryker, George Cannon Ryker, and Mary Dean (Ryker) Martin. It contains a vivid description of the trials of the early day pioneer family before the turn of the 20th century.

"This is a story about a boy I knew very well - myself. My name is George. A long, long time ago, to be exact it was March 15, 1873, I was born in a little log cabin in the southwestern part of the state of Missouri near a little town called Aurora.

I do not remember much about this log cabin, but mother and father have often told me about it. I do remember playing out in the sun and dirt beside the cabin. When I was a real little boy, father and mother moved "out west", about 150 miles into the southeastern part of Kansas, in Wilson County, near a town named Fredonia. At this time I was about five years old and can remember many things that transpired from that time until the present. I remember distinctly about a little brother, named Jacob, dying and being buried in a big hole in the ground. Father carried me in his arms and I put my arms around father's neck and cried, saying "don't put me in the big hole." I knew something terrible had happened but, of course, just like the grown up folks, could not understand it or know what it was all about.

It was about this time that I first ate tomatoes. Father held my hands and mother forced me to eat them from a spoon. After a few bites they began to taste pretty good and I liked them. From that time on I ate tomatoes and, in fact, almost anything mother gave me to eat. There were two things, however, that I did not learn to eat until I was a big boy. I will tell you about them and how I learned to like them when we get to it.

My father was a farmer, but did not own his farm. He rented. That is - the man who owned the farm would let father live in the house, and plant various kinds of grain and vegetables, cultivate them and give the owner a certain part of the crop and father would have the other part for his own. This part he would sell and get money with which to buy clothes and things to eat.

I can remember most clearly when I was six years old. Father had moved onto another farm. It seems that this was not very much of a farm. As I remember it there was only one room, but there was some kind of an upstairs room. At this time there was a man who lived with us. His name was Marsh and they called him Doc. Marsh. Marsh had started out to be a doctor, but why he was living with us on this poor Kansas farm I never knew. It was at this place that I had the first playmate I can remember. It was a little girl who was a little older than I was and lived on a farm nearby. Her father was a nursery man - that is, he grew trees and plants and sold them to other farmers. They had what I considered a fine big house and I visited there and the little girl often. It was at this time that I first took part in a public program. Father and mother were very proud when walked up to the speaker's platform, "spoke my little piece" without any mistakes, and came running back to them. I can remember the first lines of that little poem today,

"I'll never use tobacco, said little Robert Reed,  
I'll never use tobacco, it is a filthy weed."

I did not smoke tobacco until I was a man and never did chew tobacco.

It must have been while living on this farm that my first sister was born, because I can remember her playing with me while we lived at the next place. Her name was Bertha.

The next farm was a great advance for father. There was 160 acres of it, with a good house right in the center. There were at least three rooms downstairs and some rooms upstairs. I can remember well there was a front room, bedroom, and kitchen downstairs, but do not remember much about the upper floor. There was a big barn for the stock and a grove of trees. The trees were especially remembered because there were not many trees in that part of the country. This farm was three miles north of Fredonia and we could see the town from the front porch of the house. It was while living here that I first ate an orange. I had been to town with father and a cousin from Missouri who was visiting us. The cousin gave the orange to me and I sat in the back of the wagon and ate it as we were driving home. Here also I started going to school. The school house was across the field, not far from the house. The school teacher lived at our house and she and I would walk across the pasture to school every day. While we were living on this place, my

grandfather and grandmother from Missouri visited us. This was the time I seemed to have forgotten about "Little Robert Reed" for I tried to chew some of grandad's tobacco, but I found it truly to be a "filthy weed" and gave it up in disgust.

One day I went with mother to visit a neighbor. The mothers were visiting in the house while the children played outside. We all ran around the house with me far behind for I was the smallest. We ran past the dog which was lying on the ground. He jumped on me, knocked me to the ground and bit me on the right arm. The bite made a big sore which left a mark or scar which was on the arm all my life. Mother fixed up the sore arm the best she could but it did not heal as quickly as she thought it should, so one day I rode a horse to town, all by myself to see a doctor. He fixed it up and gave me some salve. The arm soon got well again and everything was fine, but all my life I was just a little bit afraid of strange dogs.

After living at this place three or four years, father and mother went back to Missouri. I went with father in a wagon and can remember sleeping on the ground at night under the wagon. We could not sleep in the wagon because it was filled with the furniture, beds, and other things. Mother, sister Bertha, and baby brother Arthur, went on the train. Arthur was born at the big house on the nice farm in Kansas. One night I was allowed to stay all night at one of the neighbors and when I came home the next day I had a little brother, Arthur. After we all got back to Missouri, we lived in another log cabin for about two years. It was a small place on a part of the farm belonging to my grandfather and not very far from the town of Aurora where father worked in a sawmill. I went to school here to a little school house in the woods not far from where we lived. I went to Sunday School at the church in town. It was not far and when the weather was nice I would walk. Other times I would go with father or an uncle who lived near. I can remember my grandfather and grandmother very well. They had a big house covered with vines and lots of big trees all around. There was a large barn and a smokehouse where they kept the meat. Out near the smokehouse was a great big black iron kettle, bigger than your mother's washing machine. This big kettle was used to boil clothes in after they were washed.

I liked living here. There were several little cousins living near about my age and size and we had lots of fun at grandfather's place or visiting with aunts and uncles.

The home of Aunt Mary and Uncle George Rinker was the favorite meeting place for all the young cousins. Aunt Mary was the only sister of my father and she had no children of her own and she seemed to like to have us there.

Father and mother were not too happy in their old home so after about two years they moved back to Kansas where father rented another small farm. This was not much of a farm. There was a small stone house with only one room. The stone was brown, it may have been sandstone. There was a little stream of water along one side where father and I did some fishing in the springtime and hunted rabbits and cut wood in the winter. It took lots of wood that winter for while the house was small they had to have two stoves in it to keep warm. That spring father and I plowed up a field and planted it to corn. The corn grew fast and looked fine. There was a little school house near where I went to school.

In this little stone house -- another little sister was born. They named her Mary Caldona, but always called her Dona. About this time some kind of a bug got into the corn and it all died and dried up. This made mother and father very sad. There was much talk about what to do, none of which I then understood. One day it was announced that they were going to sell everything they had, except their clothes and beds, and they were all going to Washington Territory. Mother's sister Doan had gone to Washington Territory previously in a covered wagon pulled by a mule team.

An auction sale was advertised. This is a sale where all the things to be sold are gathered together and offered for sale, one at a time, to the person who is willing to pay the most for it. This was a great occasion for me. Everything was placed in the yard, near the house. The auctioneer, the man who did the selling, stood up in the wagon and with a lot of fast talking and good jokes got the people in a good humor. Then he would offer some article for sale saying "how much am I bid?" This went on until everything was sold - all the chairs, table, beds, stoves, plows, cultivator, horses, cows, just everything there. When evening came there was nothing left. That night we all went to a neighbor named Purcell to sleep. They lived just a little way from the little stone house.

It was probably the next day that this neighbor took our family to town where we got on an immigrant train and started for Washington Territory. There were two young men who went with us. One was Harry Mortimer, but I do not re-



member the name of the other. On the train we traveled as tourists, that is we rode in a tourist car. The tourists used their own bedding and cooked their own meals in a little kitchen at one end of the car. The seats were pulled together at night, the blankets spread on them to form a bed on which the tourists slept.

Some of the men in the same car with our family had some guns with which they would shoot at the prairie dogs as we were crossing the Great Plains. These were little animals that would sit on the ground outside their burrow. It did not look like they ever hit any of them, but it was lots of fun for the men and fun to watch them shoot. One of the men riding in the same car lost his pocketbook, all his money and his ticket. At the next town, after he had missed it, the train was held while a sheriff searched everyone and all through the car, but it was not found. The man had to get off the train and send for more money before he could continue his journey. Mother always contended that a woman, with whom the man sat and visited nearly every day, stole the pocketbook, threw it out the window, and kept the money.

After several days travel, the train reached Washington Territory. At the town of Cheney, which was then a bigger town than Spokane Falls, Harry Mortimer and the other young men who came from Kansas got off the train to find some people they knew. More than 50 years after that Harry visited me at my home in Yakima. We had not seen one another in all those years but we had a great time talking about people and events that we had known and been interested in.

At Sprague we all got off the train. We had arrived. Sprague was chosen as the place to stop for the reason that mother had a sister, Aunt Doan Rinker, living out in the Big Bend Country. She had written that Sprague would be the nearest town to which she could come to meet us. Mother and us children all sat in the depot while father went to find a place where we could sleep. He was looking for a place where we could use our own blankets like we did on the train but the hotel men would not let us do that. It was getting late, the children were hungry and sleepy. We had not eaten any supper and mother was very tired from the long journey. After a long time father returned with the good news that he had found Aunt Doan and we were to stay at the same place where she was. Aunt Doan and a son name Philip, who



was the same age as I, had come with a wagon and team to meet us. The bedding and baggage was all piled into the wagon and taken to a little house on the hill, in the northern part of the town. There supper was prepared and, believe me, I was one hungry little boy. It was after dark before we had anything to eat, so you may know it was pretty late. This was July 17, 1885, and the time of year when the days are longest.

We must have stayed there two or three days. I do not remember much about it. I do not even remember the name of the kind lady who took us in, but I do know she was a neighbor of Aunt Doan's and that they had homestead claims near one another out in the Big Bend. I do remember that one morning, soon after our arrival, father with a roll of blankets on his back, started to walk to Walla Walla, to work in the wheat harvest to earn some money. It is as clear to me as if but yesterday, how father kissed us all goodbye, took up his pack and started off down the hill, a new man in a new and strange country, a wife and four small children to support, not a dollar in his pocket, but a smile upon his face, beginning life anew. It was about two months before we saw him again.

On a bright July morning, Aunt Doan, Cousin Phil, mother and her four children, with all their belongings in the wagon, began their journey to the Great Big Bend where Aunt Doan's homestead was located. The first night after leaving Sprague we made camp on Coal Creek, where the town of Harrington is now located. There was no town there at that time, just one house on a little hill nearby. The next night camp was made on the bunch grass prairie. There was no water there, but there was a small barrel of water in the wagon. The third day they passed by the Ranch of Wild Goose Bill located on a little stream of water near the place where the town of Wilbur is now located. I was very much interested in this place because Aunt Doan told us that Wild Goose Bill had an Indian Wife, and that no one knew what his real name was. A few miles from the Wild Goose Bill ranch we passed Broad Ax Springs and up the road a short distance, perhaps a half mile, we came to Aunt Doan's homestead. Here they met the oldest son, Washington, whom they called Wash, and a younger cousin named Alvin.

There was no real house on the homestead. There was a "dug out" in the side of a little hill with the front built up of sod. Sod is the grass dug up in sheets just as thick as the grass roots grow. These are piled one on top of an-

other to make a wall. There was one door and one small window in the front and a floor made of plank which Uncle Sam, Aunt Doan's husband, had split from logs. The roof was of small logs or poles, covered with straw, and this covered with dirt. This was the living room and bedroom. There was another room next to it which had no floor, just the dirt and no door or window; just a hole where a door and window were going to be put when Uncle Sam came home and had time to do it. The cooking and eating was done in this second room. The boys had two or three dogs and every-time they would run around the dug out, over the roof, the dust and dirt would rattle down and everything had to be cleaned off.

Mother did not like it here at all and several times she and I would have a good cry and wish that father would come and take us away. About all we had to eat was milk, for they did have some cows, and vegetables that grew in their garden. All the water had to be hauled from the Broad Ax spring in a barrel which stood out in the sun all day. There was not even any soap. I will bet you kids would like that. No soap, no water, and no bath. But mother had to have some soap with which to wash baby Dona's clothes, so one day when the boys went to the post office for the mail, I went along and with ten pennies I had, I got a bar of soap. I then received a good scrubbing myself and the baby's clothes were all washed nice and clean.

It was several miles to the country store and post office where one of the boys went once a week for the mail, and I usually went along. They had several horses and I was a good rider for so small a boy. On one of these trips to the post office, one of the Wild Goose Bill sons passed us on the road. I was afraid of him because he was part Indian, but Cousin Wash assured me that I was perfectly safe and that the Indian boy would not harm me. In fact he did not seem to notice us at all, but just galloped away over the hill.

We boys, Wash, Phil and I, did a great deal of horse-back riding. That was about all we had to do. When the water barrel was empty, we took two horses hitched to a little sled and drove to the spring and hauled it back full of water. We would take rides down into the canyon which lead to the Columbia River. In this canyon there were lots of big trees where Uncle Sam cut wood and timbers for the house and for the sheds in which the horses and cows were kept in the winter time. One day we rode all the way down

to the river where there was a little fruit farm. The farmer gave us some ripe peaches to take home.

After several weeks, letters were received from father and Uncle Sam saying they were leaving Walla Walla and would be back in about another week. They were riding horses and driving some cows so they traveled slowly. Everyone counted the days, and mother the hours, until they arrived. Uncle Sam and Aunt Doan tried to persuade father and mother to take a homestead near theirs and stay there. They did not like it there, so far from any town, and after a few days Uncle Sam took our family back to Sprague. I did not see any of my cousins again for several years.

I do not remember anything of the trip back to Sprague, but I do remember that father found a little house with two rooms in the southeast part of town where our things were unloaded from the wagon. A small cook stove was brought up from down town and that was all the furniture we had. There was a big wooden box in which the clothing and some of the bedding had been shipped from Kansas. From the boards of this box, father made a table. This was the only table the family had for several years. After two or three days father got a job with a railroad construction company and went to a place in Idaho to work. We did not get many letters from him but I went to the post office every day asking for mail. The postmaster, whose name was Burns, came to know me and asked me if some of the family was away. I told him about father being away, working for the railroad company, and he became interested and attentive.

It seems that the money father had left with mother was about all gone, because one day she sent me down to the railroad shops to see if I could get some of their clothes for her to wash. I found some who would let her do their washing. Water for the washing had to be carried from a well across the street and washing done by hand. It was with some of this money, earned by washing, that she bought the first chair we had. It was not much of a chair, just a plain wooden one, but it was better than a box. The beds were made right on the floor with no springs or mattress such as you know. The mattress was a big bag (tick) filled with hay which father had carried out from a livery barn, with a feather bed on top. In fact, this is the kind of bed we used for years.

After father had worked for the railroad company for one month and received his month's pay-check he came back to Sprague. He worked in a wheat warehouse for a while then got a

job at a lumber yard. Here he worked until we moved onto the homestead fourteen miles north of Sprague.

When school began I went to school in Sprague, in what I thought to be a fine big building. It had three rooms. A big one downstairs and two smaller rooms upstairs. I was in one of the upper rooms. My teacher's name was Maude Brace. She was a good teacher. The children all liked her and I learned a great deal from her. The old school house is still being used, but as a part of a new and modern school plant. Few people know that part of that building has been used for more than 50 years.

I also started going to Sunday School just as soon as mother could fix me up with some clean Sunday clothes. In fact, I went to two Sunday Schools nearly every Sunday. The Congregational in the morning and the Methodist in the afternoon. I liked the Congregational Sunday School best. My teacher there was Mrs. Kinnear, the wife of one of the merchants. I went to the Methodist Sunday School because some of the boys I played with went there.

In all the Sunday School entertainments, Christmas, Easter, and Children's Day, I usually had a part. I would recite a poem and take part in the little plays. In fact I seemed to like that part of the Sunday School better than the regular Bible lessons. However, I did study the lessons, and usually learned the memory verses or texts.

The public school was my joy and delight. I would just rather go to school than do anything else. At the beginning of my second year in this school, my teacher, Miss Brace, promoted me two grades at one time. This made some of the other kids pretty mad. They called me "teacher's pet". But that was not true for there were four or five advanced together the same way. None of them had any trouble keeping up with the class to which they were promoted.

Soon after we returned to Sprague that first summer, father found a little house belonging to a Missouri friend who was then living some place out in this western country. This house had but one room with a little lean-to shed at the back but the man said we could have it rent free, that is, we would not have to pay him anything for it. That meant quite a lot to father so he fixed it up some, papered the inside with old newspapers and built a bed for me and brother Arthur in the lean-to shed. We were very proud of our little room and a

bed of our own. The rest of the family lived and slept in the bigger room. We lived in this house until we moved onto the homestead about two years later.

The next summer, after school was out, we went out to a little farm, close to town to work for a man named Taylor. It was my job to ride a pony out in the hills and rocks and bring the cows in every night to be milked. Then next morning I would take some milk in a big can, carry it to town, and deliver it from house to house, a pint or a quart at each place. The milk was not put in bottles and cartons like the milk that comes to us today. I had to pour it out of the big can into a quart measure, being very careful that each place got just the right amount. Sometimes Mrs. Taylor would put in a little extra milk telling me if I had any left I could take it to mother. Mother was very glad to get this extra milk. I would always go by home after delivering the milk, to visit mother and play with my sisters and brother a little while. I always went home on Sunday when Mr. Taylor was at home and looked after the cows. I do not remember how much money Mr. Taylor paid me for this work but I do remember that mother and father were glad to get this little help.

The next summer I worked for another farmer living near town who had a bunch of cows. The work here was about the same, only I did not sell milk. I helped in the garden, fed the pigs and chickens, and every afternoon would take a pony and ride over the hills and around the lakes bringing the cows all home for the night. This farmer's name was Jones. He was a carpenter, working in town building houses.

You may think I never got to play and have fun, but I did. There were lots of boys to play with. Some of the best remembered are Ed Vest, Charley Campbell, Jess Newman, Albert Holland, Fred Fairweather, John Lasher, and others. We would take long walks, you call it hiking, out in the rocks to some of the little lakes and go swimming. It was great fun to explore the junk piles around the railroad company car shops, finding things we could use to make wagons and sleds. Another past time was gathering up tin cans, build up a little fire and melt the solder out of them. In those days all the joints in tin cans were fastened with solder. Holding the cans over a fire the solder would melt off and be collected on a piece of old iron. The solder would then be sold to the tin-smiths. We would also gather up all the empty whiskey bottles that could be found and sell them to the saloon keepers for five cents each.



Another sport, which was the greatest fun, was riding behind the ice haulers on our home made sleds. In the winter time, these ice haulers went out to the little lakes near the town, bringing back great loads of ice, which was piled up in huge ice houses, covered with saw dust, and kept for summer use. Folks did not have refrigerators, like your mother has, to keep the milk cold and make ice any time. All the ice had to be cut from the frozen lakes in winter. The ice harvest was almost as important then as the wheat and fruit harvest is now. I had a very good sled which my father had made for me. I had found some good iron to put on the bottom of the runners. A young man named Schneider, who had a blacksmith shop, made holes in the irons and fitted them on the sled. Then father fastened them on with screws. It was about the best sled any boy ever had. I would hook on behind one of the big ice hauling sleds and ride out to the lakes and back again. That surely was a lot of fun.

In Sprague there was no good hill for coasting on sleds. The only hill came right down to the railroad and when the boys came down on their sleds they would go across the tracks. The railroad men were afraid the boys would run into a train or engine and be killed, so they made them quit coasting.

One summer day we boys had an exciting time. A farmer from out south of town brought a herd of cattle to the stock yards to be shipped away on the train. The boys climbed up on the fence and watched while the cattle were being driven into the cars. Then we went to our homes and the farmer with the cowboys went into town where they were "paid off", that is the farmer paid them for their work. Late in the afternoon, about sunset, some of the cowboys started riding home. They had been in the liquor stores (saloons is what we called them), drinking liquor, and some of them were pretty drunk. They were shouting and singing and running their horses. When they were passing close to our house, one of the horses started to buck. He bucked and jumped around until the cowboy fell off in the dust. Some of the other cowboys caught his horse, got him into the saddle again and away they went. The one that had been thrown from his horse said he had lost some money in the road, so all the boys made a rush for the place to find it. They took sticks and rakes and raked over the dusty road until dark. Several pieces of gold money were found but I did not find any. The boy who found the most, John Costello, had a garden rake.

Another summer event was when the circus came to town. The big tent was put up on a flat piece of ground right close

to where I lived. I had never seen a circus and wanted very much to go. After much coaxing and teasing, (of course you children do not do that), mother said I might go and see if I could get a job working my way into the show. So away I ran to the circus grounds. One of the older boys whom I knew told me the man to see about getting a job. The man thought I was pretty small and asked me if I could carry a bucket full of water. I assured him I could, so the man told me to get busy. I worked with some other boys filling tubs in the dressing tents used by the performers. The tubs were all filled by the time the parade was over, then the man who had charge of the water boys took us all into the Big Tent, found good seats for us and I enjoyed my first circus.

It was about this time that I had my first suit of "store clothes". Before this mother had made all my clothes. I was earning one dollar every week working at the printing office Friday nights helping to print the Sprague Advocate. It was my job to push a big ink roller over the face of the type. Then the man, the printer, placed a big sheet of paper on top, roll it under the press, then roll it back again, and there you had one sheet of the paper printed. Sometimes it would take us half of the night to print the paper. But one dollar each week was lots of money for me and I was glad to get it. One Saturday night father took me to the Store of Gehres & Hertrich where we picked out a suit. I paid one dollar I had earned the night before and for four Saturdays I took my dollar I had earned to the store until the suit was paid for. I was more proud of that suit than any I ever had afterwards, because it was the very first suit and I paid for it all myself. The family traded at this same store for years, even after we moved to the homestead. In fact, I did the same after I grew up and had a family of my own.

There was a family named Vest who lived across the street from us. There was a boy named Ed about my age, twin girls named Mary and Martha, about the age of sister Bertha, a baby girl named Mabel nearly the same age as my baby sister Dona, and two older girls who were then young ladies. The Vest family were life-long friends and neighbors of our family.

After two or three years the Vest family moved onto a homestead fourteen miles north of Sprague. On some of his trips to town, Mr. Vest told father of a homestead a half a mile from his so father went out to look at it. He was pleased with it and went to the United States Land office and filed papers for it. He had a house built, Mr. Vest doing the building work.