THE BLAISDELL FAMILY OF MICHIGAN

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS BLAISDELL (1815-1884) OF BARRY COUNTY AND JOHN BLAISDELL (1820-1901) OF VAN BUREN COUNTY

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EARLY HISTORY OF THE BLAISDELL FAMILY IN AMERICA

RALF BLEASDALE, a Puritan of England, and the first of the Blaisdell name in America, sailed for the New World, together with his wife Elizabeth, and three year old son Henry, from Milford Haven, a Welsh port, aboard the "Angel Gabriel," on June 14, 1635. The voyage originated at Bristol, England and the chief port of destination was Pemaquid, Maine. The "Angel Gabriel" was one of a fleet of vessels owned by Sir Walter Raleigh. She was of Dutch design, "of 240 tons burthen" and"carried a heavy armament of sixteen guns." Accompanying the "Angel Gabriel" when she sailed, was another ship, the "King James." But soon after leaving Milford Haven, the ships separated, and the "Angel Gabriel" made the rest of the voyage alone. Whether the Bleasdales intended to disembark at Pemaquid, or to go on to Plymouth, is not known, but, as it turned out, any choice they may have had as to their place of debarkation was taken out of their hands.

On August 15, 1635, the "Angel Gabriel" made port at Pemaquid. But even as she lay at anchor she was overtaken by the "Great Storm" of that date, and was literally pounded to pieces on the rocks of Pemaquid Point. Concerning her arrival, early Pemaquid Papers from Original Documents have this to say: "Mr. Shurt had scarcely welcomed the good ship 'Angel Gabriel' to her anchorage before the fort, when in the fury of an easterly storm, the vessel and cargo were totally lost, some of the passengers not escaping death . . . This shipwreck has ever been remembered as one of the most disastrous events in the annals of Pemaquid." The "King James" was also overtaken by the storm, and sought refuge off the Isle of Shoals, barely escaping with her sails in shreds.

The Bleasdales were among those "Gabriel" passengers who escaped the sea, and shortly after their landing at Pemaquid, we find Ralf and his family, together with a number of their shipboard associates, settled at York, Maine, which was then known as "Agamenticus." In 1640 Ralf moved his family to the new town of Salisbury, Massachusetts, and in 1642, he sold his farm at York, to Mr. Robert Knight.

Ralf obviously was possessed of more than a common education and held positions of prominent civic responsibility in both York and Salisbury. Also, according to the standards of the day, he appears to have been a man of considerable means. There is a tradition that late in life he moved to Lynn, Mass., and that his death occurred there between 1648 and 1650. His wife, Elizabeth, thought to have been born Elizabeth Carpenter, survived him, and died in Salisbury, his widow, "about ye middle of August, 1667." He left one son, Henry, who was one of the original settlers of Amesbury, Mass., which was long the family center before numbers of its members began to trek westward along the early trails and to spread across the country. A second son, Ralf, died, unmarried, at about the age of twenty-four. A daughter, Sarah, born between 1635 and 1641, died Nov. 17, 1646, in Salisbury. Mary, a second daughter, was born January 5, 1641, and died in Haverhill, Mass., on May 29, 1681. She married (1) Joseph (or John) Stowers, and (2) William Sterling (or Starling), and had ten children, five by each marriage. Their names were Mary, Samuel, Joseph, Richard and

John Stowers; and Jonah, Jacob and Ruth Sterling; and twins whose names and sex are unknown. One of Ralf's early descendants returned to Maine, and became the progenitor of the great company of Maine Blaisdells.

The Blaisdell name has been variously spelled. The April 1905 issue of the Essex Antiquarian, published at Salem, Mass., included the first published Blaisdell genealogy and very pertinently gave a list of most of the various spellings of the name as shown in early records in Essex County, as follows: Blasdell, Blaisdell, Blaisdill, Blasdale, Blasdel, Blasdill, Blasedill, Blassdell, Blazdale, Blazdel, Blazdell and Blesdale. Other spellings of the name have also been found. Indeed, Ralf himself, after arriving in America, appears to have adopted the "Blasdell" spelling, or at least to have accepted it. The Essex Antiquarian, identifying him as "the American ancestor of this family," refers to him as "Ralph Blasdell, a tailor." Uniformity of spelling was evidently not a concern of those days.

THE BLAISDELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

On August 15, 1935, the 300th anniversary of Ralf Bleasdale's arrival in America, members of many Blaisdell lines met at York, Maine, organizing there a national association of Blaisdells, called THE BLAISDELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION. This organizational meeting of Ralf's descendants was held chiefly through the dedicated efforts of Dr. James Arnold Blaisdell, then president of Claremont Colleges, Claremont, California, Dr. J. Harper Blaisdell, M. D., of Boston, Mass., and Lowell Shepard Blaisdell, then of Elmhurst, Illinois, and later, of Phoenix, Arizona. These three founders of the Association are now deceased, but they will ever be remembered with deep appreciation by Blaisdell descendants, all of whom have drawn upon their vast knowledge of the general family, and depended upon their guidance and inspiration over the years.

National meetings of the BFA are held every fifth year, while local units of the organization convene annually. The members are kept in interim touch through the regular publication of an official organ entitled Blaisdell Papers.

The last national meeting of the BFA was held August 6, 7 and 8, 1965 at York and Pemaquid Point, Maine. The highlight of this quinquennial meeting was the unveiling of a bronze Memorial Plaque to "Old Ralf," as he is often referred to with respect and affection. The plaque, bearing the inscription and the Blaisdell emblem, is set in an outcropping of rock in Permaquid Park, near the lighthouse, facing the sea from which Ralf and his wife and small son so dramatically escaped on that long-ago day of August 15, 1635. There, this Memorial, placed by his descendants, will do Ralf honor as long as the rock-bound coast of Maine endures.

In keeping with the goals envisioned by our Founders, plans for the complete protection and perpetuation of the records of the Blaisdell Family Association are now being implemented. Without involving the Association or its members religiously, arrangements have been made for the microfilming of all Blaisdell records by the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, and for the storage of these microfilmed records in the vault of their underground Genealogical Library. This fire and bomb-proof library, with its 65,000 square feet of floor space, is located high in the rugged Rocky Mountain country, near the mouth of little Cottonwood Canyon which is 20.2 miles from downtown Salt Lake City.

We herewith present (1) the ancestors and descendants of Thomas Blaisdell of Castleton Township, Barry County, Michigan, and (2) of John Blaisdell of Arlington Township, Van Buren County, Michigan.

THE THOMAS BLAISDELL LINE

The ancestry of Thomas and John Blaisdell, half-brothers, who came to Michigan in the 1840's and 1850's, is taken from "A Working Outline of the Descendants of Thomas Jeremiah Blaisdell who Lived Late in the Eighteenth Century and Most of Whose Descendants Settled in New York State, to 1940," by James Arnold Blaisdell, DD., LLD.

1 THOMAS JEREMIAH BLAISDELL resided in Redding, Fairfield Co., Connecticut from 1786 to at least 1795, in Vermont, Smith's Basin, Town of Kingsbury, Washington Co., New York and Savannah, N. Y. He is believed to be a fifth generation (or possibly sixth) descendant of the original Ralf Bleasdale, the immigrant. Much time has been spent in an effort to find Thomas' precise place in the line of descent, but so far, we have been unsuccessful. He m. Isabel Finne. Children:

- i John Blaisdell b. 1782 (1850 census) resided in New York City and New Orleans, La., but mostly at Smith's Basin, N. Y. He m. Louise Collins at Cornwall, N. Y. They were the parents of six children: Jay, John Collins, Louisa, Saraph, Edgar and Jane.
- ii Thomas H. Blaisdell b. 1784 (1850 census) lived at Goodchild's Hotel in Savannah, N. Y., in 1850, unmarried.
- iii Dolly Blaisdell b. 1785, was in Savannah, N. Y., in 1850, age 65. She had a son, Samuel Allen.
- iv Lucretia Blaisdell m. _____ Allen, brother of Dolly's husband.
- 2 v Medad Blaisdell b. 1778 or 1781, of whom further:
- vi Peter Blaisdell m. Nancy Sherman
- vii Jerry Blaisdell
- viii Amelia Blaisdell b. 1798, d. unmarried in Savannah, N. Y., 1850, age 52; she lived with Dolly Allen's family.
- ix Libyus Blaisdell m. Christian _____

2 MEDAD-2-BLAISDELL (Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. 1778 or 1781, resided at Genoa, Cayuga Co., N. Y., Clyde and Savannah, Wayne Co., N. Y.; d. March 25, 1845, "in 67th year" (gravestone) or March 25, 1848 (Savannah Town Clerk's record). He is buried in a private cemetery on his farm, near Savannah, located on what is now known as "Reed Road." The present owner of the farm is Arthur Reed. Medad Blaisdell was a farmer. He m. (1) _____ (possibly Pomeroy); m. (2) Lydia Main, b. 1796, Mass., d. 1875, Savannah, N. Y. Children, first two by first wife:

- i Pomeroy Blaisdellb. 1814, presumably at Genoa, N. Y.; res. at Savannah and Clyde, N. Y.; m. ca 1837, Catherine _____; two children, Lydia b. 1848, d. 1866, bur. Ferris Cemetery, Savannah and Charles; there were probably others.
- 3 ii Thomas Blaisdell b. April 12, 1815 at Genoa, Cayuga Co., N. Y., of whom further:
- 4 iii John Blaisdell b. Jan. 14, 1820, at Savannah, Wayne County, New York. His descendants are carried out in the second part of this work.
- iv Jerry Grey Blaisdell b. Nov. 30, 1828 at Savannah, N. Y., resided at Clyde, N. Y., Reno, Nevada, and Sanger, California. He m. Julia A. Kipp. She was b. June 10, 1835 in Wayne Co., N. Y., and d. Jan. 7, 1911 at Reno, Nevada. Children: Matilda, Theodore Harvey, Henry Eugene, Julia Melissa, and John K., b. Jan. 7, 1869; d. October 25, 1871.

v Isabel Blaisdell b. 1832, Savannah, N. Y.; m. William Gay (a boatman), 1850. Child, Arvilla, d. April 9, 1866, aged 1-1-2.

vi Medad Blaisdell, Jr., b. 1834, Savannah, N. Y.; d. there 1891; occupation, farmer; m. Catherine Berger, Savannah, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1852; she d. June 5, 1899. No record of children. Medad, Jr., enlisted in the Union Army, August 14, 1862, at Brighton, Michigan, and served in Co. I, 22nd Michigan Infantry; discharged June 22, 1865.

vii Harvey Blaisdell b. 1836, Savannah, N. Y., resided at Montezuma, Cayuga Co., N. Y., and probably at Savannah. He m. (1) Rebecca _____; m. (2) Louisa _____. Child by second wife, William.

viii George W. Blaisdell b. 1839, Savannah, N. Y., resided there and at Montezuma. He m. Mary Kipp. Children: Delason and Eugene.

ix Cynthia Blaisdell was b. at Savannah; m. Alonzo Perkins and had a daughter, Sarah A., b. 1849.

THIRD GENERATION

3 THOMAS-3-BLAISDELL (Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. April 12, 1815 at Genoa, Cayuga Co., New York, and died Feb. 12, 1884 at Nashville, Michigan, ae 68-10-0. He is bur. in Lakeview Cemetery, Castleton Twp., Barry County, Michigan. He resided at Genoa and Savannah, Wayne Co., N. Y., at Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, from 1837-1840, at Clyde, Wayne Co., N. Y., and Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., N. Y., from 1840-1846, and at Nashville, Barry County, Michigan, from 1846 to 1834. Thomas Blaisdell was a farmer, but was also skilled in the milling, carpentry, and stone and brick masonry trades. He m. (1) Alice Hall, Dec. 31, 1840, presumably in Wayne Co., N. Y. She was b. Nov. 30, 1818 in New York State and died at Nashville, Michigan, March 26, 1861, ae 42-3-27; she is bur. in Lakeview Cemetery, Nashville.. Thomas m. (2) Charlotte Burdick, Feb. 19, 1865, presumably at Nashville; she d. in 1867. He m. (3) Mrs Tryphena (Gregg) Gillis, in 1869, at Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was the dau. of George Gregg. She d., a suicide by hanging, at the Kalamazoo State Hospital, March 28, 1878, age 51-2-16; bur in Castleton Twp., Barry Co., but not in Lakeview Cemetery; Thomas m. (4) Bertha D. Bock, Dec. 18, 1879, at Nashville. Daughter of John F. and Dorothea L. (Von Hauk) Bock, she was b. Dec. 15, 1858, near Berlin, Germany. Bertha survived her husband and remarried after 13 years. Children, first four by first wife, 5th child by fourth wife;

5 i DeWitt Blaisdell b. Jan. 29, 1842 at Clyde, New York

6 ii Hannah Blaisdell b. Oct. 23, 1843 at Seneca Falls, N. Y.

7 iii Polly Blaisdell was b. July 3, 1849 (Bible record) at Nashville, Michigan; July 21, 1849 (gravestone)

iv Thomas Blaisdell b. Dec. 6, 1851 at Nashville, Michigan; d. there Jan. 10, 1852, ae 0-1-4; bur. Lakeview Cemetery.

v Bertha Mathilda Blaisdell was b. Dec. 27, 1880 at Nashville, Michigan; d. unmarried July 1, 1905, at Memphis, Macomb Co., Michigan; bur. Memphis Cemetery, South Ridge Road; gravestone inscription, "B. M. Blaisdell."

FOURTH GENERATION

5 DEWITT-4-BLAISDELL (Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Jan. 29, 1842 at Clyde, Wayne Co., N. Y.; d. July 19, 1934 at Hastings, Barry Co., Michigan; bur. Yankee Springs Cemetery. He resided at Nashville, Barry Co., Cer-

esco, Calhoun Co., Inland Twp., Benzie Co., Sparta, Kent Co., and Hastings, Barry Co., Michigan; He was a farmer. He enlisted in the Union Army in the Civil War, May 15, 1862, at Hastings, and was assigned to Company G, 8th., Michigan Infantry Volunteers; reenlisted for unexpired term, Oct. 25, 1862, and was assigned to Company L, 3rd. Regt., U. S. Artillery; honorably discharged at Alexandria, Virginia, May 15, 1865. He m. (1) Josephine Miller, August 1865, at Nashville, Michigan. This marriage ended in divorce; there were no children. He m. (2) Margaret Ann (Mitchell) Franck, a widow, Feb. 5, 1879, at Battle Creek, by Rev. E. D. Young /See MICHIGAN HERITAGE VI: 207/. She was the dau. of Richard and Mary (Thompson) Mitchell, and was b. Oct. 15, 1849 in Canada; d. March 4, 1926. She is bur. in the Yankee Springs Cemetery. Children:

8 i Mary Jane ("Mae") Blaisdell b. Nov. 19, 1879
ii William Thomas Blaisdell b. Feb. 15, 1887; d. March 2, 1887; bur. Stony Point Cemetery near Nashville, Michigan.

6 HANNAH-4-BLAISDELL (Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Oct. 23, 1843 at Seneca Falls, N. Y., where she resided until 1846 when she moved to Nashville, Barry County, Michigan, where she d. on April 23, 1936, and is bur. in Lakeview Cemetery. She m. (1) Dorrance Burdick, in 1865; divorced 1867. She m. (2) in 1874, Samuel John Robinson, at Nashville where he d. in March 1896; bur. in Lakeview Cemetery. Children:

i Alice ("Allie") Julia Burdick was b. Sept. 30, 1866 at Nashville; d. there Feb. 25, 1932; bur. Lakeview Cem. Besides Nashville, she resided at Bear Lake and Plainwell, Michigan. She m. (1) Ernest Flewelling of Bear Lake, Michigan, in 1897; he d. in 1910. She m. (2) in 1917, Eugene McFarland of Plainwell, Michigan; he d. in 1922. No children by either marriage.
9 ii Bertha May Robinson b. June 10, 1876 at Nashville
10 iii Jessie June Robinson was b. April 27, 1878 at Nashville

7 POLLY-4-BLAISDELL (Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. either July 3 or or 21, 1849, at Nashville where she d. either August 7, 1942 or 1943 (gravestone and Bible records do not agree); bur. Lakeview Cem.. She resided at Nashville, Hastings and Honor, Michigan, and Canton, Ohio. She m. Reuben Kuhlman, April 21, 1867, at Nashville. He was b. Oct. 4, 1846 at Canton, Ohio; d. April 25, 1920 at Nashville where he is bur. in Lakeview Cemetery. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War; he enlisted Oct. 10, 1861, as a Private, and was assigned to the 64th Regiment, Co. I, Ohio Infantry Volunteers, and was honorably discharged as a sergeant, October 3, 1865. Children:

11 i William Thomas Kuhlman was b. Sept. 23, 1873
ii Harriet May Kuhlman was b. Sept. 17, 1880; d. Aug. 19, 1881 at Nashville; bur. Lakeview Cemetery
iii Ray Duane Kuhlman was b. March 19, 1883 at Canton, Ohio; d. there Nov. 20, 1883; bur. Canton.

FIFTH GENERATION

8 MARY JANE-5-BLAISDELL (DeWitt-4; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was called "Mae" and was b. Nov. 19, 1879, at Ceresco, Calhoun Co., Michigan. Her other places of residence were Nashville and Hastings in Barry County, Inland Twp., Benzie Co., and Sparta, Kent County, all of Michigan. In 1963 she was living at R. R. #1, Hastings, Michigan. On Aug. 22, 1906, she m.

Carl Potter at Frankfort, Benzie Co., Michigan. Son of Myron and Alice (Dean) Potter, he was b. Dec. 20, 1881 at Yankee Springs, Barry County. Children:

i Ronald Dean Potter b. April 5, 1908 in Homestead Twp., Benzie Co. Michigan; resided also in Sparta, Kent Co., and Rutland Twp., Barry Co., Michigan; occupation, custodian; residence (1963) 115 West Center Street, Hastings; unmarried.

12 ii Alta Potter b. August 5, 1910 in Homestead Twp., Benzie Co., Michigan

9 BERTHA MAY ROBINSON-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. June 10, 1876 at Nashville; d. Jan. 4, 1948 at Battle Creek; bur. Lakeview Cemetery, Nashville. Resided at Nashville, Clare, Clare Co., and Kalamazoo, Michigan. She m. Stephen Benjamin Mater, Dec. 4, 1895 at Nashville. He was b. March 9, 1872 at Canal Fulton, Ohio, and d. Dec. 19, 1941 at Marshall, Michigan; bur. Lakeview Cemetery. Children:

13 i Vada Edessa Mater b. Nov. 17, 1896 at Nashville

14 ii Lila Merrine Mater b. Sept. 15, 1898 at Nashville

10 JESSIE JUNE ROBINSON-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. April 7, 1878 at Nashville; d. there Feb. 20, 1928; bur. Lakeview Cemetery. She spent her entire life in Nashville and Woodland, Michigan. She m. (1) A. Hall, Feb. 9, 1898; divorced 1900; no children; m. (2) Arthur V. Meade, in 1901 at Woodland. He d. Oct. 25, 1958 at Nashville; bur. Lakeview Cemetery. Children:

15 i Kenneth Arthur Meade b. Oct. 9, 1904 at Nashville

ii Mabel Alice Meade b. March 3, 1907 at Nashville; d, unmarried, January 1, 1959 at Flint, Michigan

11 WILLIAM THOMAS KUHLMAN-5 (Polly-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Sept. 23, 1873 at Hastings, Michigan and d. at Nashville, July 11, 1953; bur. Lakeview Cem. Places of residence: Hastings, Honor, Detroit and Nashville, Michigan, Canton, Ohio, and winters at St. Petersburg, Florida; occupation, railway mail clerk on Michigan Central Railroad, Detroit to Chicago run, 1902-1932. He m. Adaline Lentz, Oct. 11, 1898, at Nashville. She was the dau. of Albert and Mary (Garlinger) Lentz; was b. July 27, 1876 at Nashville and d. there June 23, 1966; bur. Lakeview Cem. Children:

16 i Paul William Kuhlman b. May 15, 1906 at Detroit, Michigan

ii Elizabeth June Kuhlman b. June 3, 1914 (twin of Frank Stuart), resided in Detroit and Grand Rapids: occupation, secretary at Lear Sigler, Inc., Grand Rapids; m. (1) June 5, 1937, Percival Clayton Traies-Green at Detroit. He was b. at Kingsville, Ontario, Canada; divorced 1942; no issue. She m. (2) 1944, Carl Virgil Ware, b. Howard, Michigan; divorced 1954; no issue. She resumed her maiden name.

17 iii Frank Stuart Kuhlman (twin of Elizabeth) b. June 3, 1914.

SIXTH GENERATION

12 ALTA POTTER-6 (Mary Jane Blaisdell-5; DeWitt-4; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Aug. 5, 1910, in Homestead Twp., Benzie Co., Michigan. She also resided at Sparta, Kent Co., and Rutland Twp., Barry Co., Michigan, where she was living at Rte. #1, Hastings, in 1963; occupation, housewife and bookkeeper at Consumers Power Co., Hastings. Alta m. (1) Harry Lee Knickerbocker, Dec. 22, 1934, at South Bend, Indiana. He was b. Sept. 15,

1905 in Rutland Twp. They were divorced. She m. (2) Paul Campbell Gackler, April 18, 1953, at Trinity M. E. Chapel, Grand Rapids. He was b. May 18, 1916 at Stanwood, Mecosta Co., Mich., and is the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gackler. Child:

18 i Gerald LaMont Knickerbocker b. Jan. 6, 1936

13 VADA EDESSA MATER-6; Bertha May Robinson-5; (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Nov. 17, 1896 at Nashville where she lived until 1900 when she moved to Clare, Michigan where she remained until 1905 when she returned to Nashville where she lived until 1907; in Kalamazoo 1907-1912; in Marshall 1912-1922; 1922-1925 at Columbus, Ohio, 1928-1934 at Dayton, Ohio, 1934-1935 at Cincinnati, and since 1935 at Marshall, Michigan; occupation, housewife and cashier. July 9, 1920 she m. Aura Estes Smith of Marshall where he was b. Sept. 14, 1896, son of David A. and Mary (Estes) Smith. He is manager of a heating and air conditioning company. Children:

19 i Philip Robert Smith b. Feb. 24, 1923 at Columbus, Ohio
20 ii Carol Jessie Smith (twin) b. Sept. 3, 1928 at Dayton, Ohio
21 iii Mary Lou Smith (twin) b. Sept. 3, 1928 at Dayton, Ohio

14 LILA MERRINE MATER-6; Bertha May Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Sept. 15, 1898 at Nashville where she lived until 1900, at Clare, Michigan 1900-1905, Nashville, 1905-1907, Kalamazoo 1907-1912, Marshall, 1912-1919, Detroit, 1919-1920, Marshall, 1920-1923, Battle Creek, 1923-24, all in Michigan; in Oregon and Washington, 1924-1928, Marshall, 1928-1930, Grass Lake, 1930-1942, and Howell, Michigan, 1942 to date. She is a housewife and retail sales clerk. She married Harlow C. Grey, June 21, 1919, at Marshall. He was b. June 16, 1896 at Ann Arbor, son of Alfred and Ancy R. (Mills) Grey. Children:

22 i Anita Joan Grey b. Nov. 18, 1920
23 ii Shirley Jean Grey b. Aug. 1, 1922 at Marshall, Michigan

15 KENNETH ARTHUR MEADE-6; Jessie June Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Oct. 9, 1904 at Nashville. His other places of residence are Ypsilanti, Kalamazoo, Flint and Franklin, Wayne Co., Michigan where his address, in 1963 was 26725 Captains Lane. By profession a teacher, he was long associated with General Motors Corporation of Detroit where he was manager of the Educational Relations Section of their Public Relations staff, until his retirement, June 30, 1967. This autumn (1967) he will join the Continuing Education staff at Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, as Director of Postgraduate Professional Education programs related to science and engineering, thus furthering a lifelong career in the field of education. A complete biography of Kenneth Arthur Meade is found in Who's Who in America, Vol. 32, and in Who's Who in the Midwest. He m. (1) Gladys Louise Everts, Jan. 10, 1921, at Hastings, Michigan. She was b. Jan. 25, 1901 at Assyria, Barry Co., Mich., dau. of Floyd Fuller and Nora Belle (Bivens) Everts. This marriage ended in divorce in 1937. He m. (2) Adelaide Busse, Feb. 4, 1938, at Detroit. She was b. May 21, 1902, dau. of William Frederick and Elizabeth Ernestine (Kressien) Busse. Children, first four by first marriage:

24 i Robert Arthur Meade b. Aug. 22, 1921 at Nashville, Michigan
25 ii Kenneth Floyd Meade b. Aug. 3, 1925 at Ypsilanti, Michigan
26 iii Gerald Everts Meade b. Feb. 9, 1927 at Kalamazoo, Michigan
27 iv Carroll Richard Meade b. Sept. 12, 1928 at Kalamazoo, Michigan
v William Arthur Meade b. Oct. 6, 1943 at Detroit, Michigan

16 PAUL WILLIAM KUHLMAN-6; William Thomas Kuhlman-5 (Polly-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. May 15, 1906 at Detroit. He lived, also, in Venezuela, S. A., Rantoul, Illinois and Dayton, Ohio, where, in 1963, his address was 310 East Melford. His occupation - U. S. Radar instructor at Rantoul, Illinois and Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. He m. Minta Hazel Spees, Aug. 20, 1936 at Fulton, Tennessee. She was b. Nov. 7, 1916 at Palmerville, Tenn., dau. of Walter and Eliza (Perry) Spees. Minta d. Jan. 29, 1958 at Jackson, Michigan where she is bur. in Hillcrest Memorial Park. Children:

i David Paul Kuhlman b. Aug. 31, 1940 at Rantoul, Ill., and has also lived at Dayton, Ohio and Buffalo, New York, where he is a chemistry major at the University of Buffalo. He m. June 26, 1961 at Fairborn, Ohio, Glenda Joyce Combs, dau. of Burly and Dorothea Combs. Glenda was b. Oct. 20, 1943 at Lexington, Ky.

17 FRANK STUART KUHLMAN-6; William Thomas Kuhlman-5; (Polly-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Jeremiah Thomas-1) was b. June 3, 1914 at Detroit. He resides in Jackson, Michigan at 6888 Ann Arbor Road. He served in World War II in the U. S. Reserves in India, 3105th Signal Service Battalion, in the 236th Signal Service Co., Assam, the 3150th Signal Service Co., Pauys Kalsi and the 835th Signal Service Battalion, Karachi. He is a draftsman for the Consumers Power Co., at Jackson. He m. Amy Cecelia Parker, April 16, 1952 at Barnstaple, Devon, England. She was b. Nov. 7, 1914 at Oxford, England, dau. of Ernest and Lucy Parker. Children:

i Peter William Kuhlman b. Aug. 9, 1953 at Jackson, Michigan
ii Frances Jeanne Kuhlman b. Feb. 23, 1956 at Jackson.

/To be continued/

FAMILY REUNIONS IN SAINT CLAIR COUNTY AND THUMB AREA
JULY - AUGUST 1967

Sent by Cecile Keister - Marine City, Michigan

Mrs. Keister has sent us newspaper clippings from the Port Huron Times-Herald of family reunions held in the area. We will hold these items on file for a limited time, and will gladly forward any that are of interest to readers, upon receipt of an addressed, stamped envelope.

Ackerman - Port Austin
Anderson - Metamora
Arnold (16th) - Carsonville
Artman - Port Huron
Bailey - Goodells
Bennett - Marlette
Briolat - Ubly
Clor - Ruth
Collins (24th) - Yale
Cowley - Peck
Edgerton - Yale
Edwards - Harbor Beach
Fullmer (9th) - Sanilac
Graves - Sandusky
Howey-McLennan - Yale
Johnston - Peck
Kaercher - Buffalo, N. Y.
Kalbfleisch - Brown City
Kammer - Yale
King - Peck
Kreiner - Brown City
Lamiman - Croswell
Leipprandt - Harbor Beach
McDonald - East China
McVety - Cass City
Miller - Applegate
Miller (Eugene) - Sandusky
Mousseau - Kinde
Neal - Port Huron
Pohl-Nehmer - Yale
Ross - Goodells
Schommer-Ganley - Port Sanilac
Sheldon - Marysville
Stanton (18th) - Yale
Sutton - Goodells
Van Buskirk - Marysville
Voelker - Port Austin
Wedge - Applegate
Wellington-Jex - Sanilac
Wilson - Peck

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SEVENTH GENERATION

18 GERALD LAMONT KNICKERBOCKER-7; Alta Potter-6 (Mary Jane Blaisdell-5: DeWitt-4; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Jan. 6, 1936 at Hastings, Mich. He also resided at Freeport, Barry Co. He is an industrial worker with the E. W. Bliss Co., at Hastings where, in 1963, he resided at 2815 Heath Road, R. R. #1. He m. in 1955, Vivian Yvonne Blough who was b. Aug. 31, 1941 at Freeport, dau. of Roy and Beatrice Nora (Clum) Blough. Children:

i Dale Lee Knickerbocker b. April 5, 1956 at Hastings
ii Bruce Gene Knickerbocker b. May 16, 1957 at Hastings
iii Mark Gerald Knickerbocker b. Oct. 3, 1959 at Hastings

19 PHILIP ROBERT SMITH-7; Vada Edessa Mater-6; Bertha May Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Feb. 24, 1923 at Columbus, Ohio where he lived until 1928; at Dayton, 1928-1934, and Marshall, Michigan, 1935-1959. He d. there April 18, 1959; bur. Marengo Cem., Marengo Twp. He served in World War II as Technician, Grade 5, 433rd English Depot Co. He was inducted into service at Kalamazoo, March 19, 1943, and was stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, Alaska, and India. He m. Eleanor Louise Wilbur, June 6, 1953 at Marshall, Michigan. She was b. Jan. 22, 1920 at Union City, Branch County, Michigan, dau. of Lisle S. and Vera B. (Doolittle) Wilbur. Child:

i Julie Ann Smith b. Feb. 5, 1954 at Marshall, Michigan

20 CAROL JESSIE SMITH-7; Vada Edessa Mater-6; Bertha May Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Sept. 3, 1928 at Dayton, Ohio where she lived until 1934, at Cincinnati 1934-35, and since 1935 at Marshall, Michigan. She m. Lloyd Duane Wood, Oct. 6, 1951 at Trinity Episcopal Church, Marshall. He was b. there April 10, 1928, son of Clarence L. and Mildred I. (Maurer) Wood. He owns an insurance agency. Children:

i Cynthia Ann Wood b. July 29, 1956, Marshall, Michigan
ii David Lloyd Wood b. Oct. 13, 1960 at Marshall, Michigan
iii Theresa Lyn Wood b. June 2, 1962 at Marshall, Michigan

21 MARY LOU SMITH-7; Vada Edessa Mater-6; Bertha May Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Sept. 3, 1928 at Dayton, Ohio where she lived until 1934 when she moved to Cincinnati where she remained until 1935, going to Marshall, and in 1951 to Jackson, Michigan. She has resided in Long Beach and Michigan City, both in Indiana, from 1960 to date. She m. William Anthony Van Lanen, April 21, 1951 at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Marshall. He was b. Jan. 2, 1926 at Wrightstown, Wisconsin, son of Frank P. and Catherine (Van Der Heiden) Van Lanen. William is a sales engineer for the Clark Equipment Company. Children:

i Carol Jean Van Lanen b. May 31, 1952 at Jackson, Michigan
ii James Gregory Van Lanen b. Jan. 27, 1954 at Jackson, Michigan
iii Mary Kay Van Lanen b. July 8, 1955 at Jackson, Michigan
iv Susan Marie Van Lanen b. Nov. 25, 1957 at Jackson, Michigan
v Barbara Ann Van Lanen b. Nov. 24, 1961 at Michigan City, Ind.

22 ANITA JOAN GREY-7; Lila Merrine Mater-6; Bertha May Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Nov. 18, 1920, Detroit, Michigan. She resided in Marshall, 1920-1923, in Battle Creek, 1924, in Oregon, 1924-1928, Marshall, 1928-1930, Grass Lake, Michigan, 1930-1942, Leoni, Jackson Co., 1942-1946, and Grass Lake, 1946-1963. She practices her profession as a registered nurse. She m. William Alton Dakin, Jan. 24, 1942 at Leoni, Michigan. He was b. Sept. 23, 1920 at Michigan Center, Jackson Co. son of Vern and Ethel (Putman) Dakin, and is a mechanic. Children:

28 i David William Dakin b. Dec. 27, 1942 at Jackson, Michigan
29 ii Donald Vern Dakin b. Sept. 18, 1944 at Leoni, Michigan
30 iii Jean Anne Dakin b. Sept. 17, 1946 at Leoni or Grass Lake
iv Susanne Jane Dakin b. April 22, 1948 at Grass Lake, Michigan
v Philip Stephen Dakin b. Aug. 21, 1949 at Grass Lake
vi James Alen Dakin b. May 19, 1955 at Grass Lake

23 SHIRLEY JEAN GREY-7; Lila Merrine Mater-6; Bertha May Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Aug. 1, 1922 at Marshall, Michigan. She resided there in 1922-23, Battle Creek, 1923-24, Oregon and Washington States, 1924-1928, Marshall, Michigan, 1928-1930, Grass Lake, 1930-1942, Rogers City, Presque Isle Co., Michigan, 1942-1952, and Hawks, Presque Isle Co., 1952 to date. She m. Earl Fairbanks, III, Oct. 17, 1942 at East Lansing, Michigan. He was b. Nov. 1, 1918, son of Earl II and Georgia (Sekanina) Fairbanks. He is a veterinarian in the service of the State of Michigan. Children:

i Robert Earl Fairbanks b. July 24, 1943 at Rogers City; now a student at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Michigan
31 ii Michael Bruce Fairbanks b. Aug. 31, 1944 at Rogers City.
iii John Grey Fairbanks b. Feb. 13, 1947 at Rogers City.
iv Mark Grover Fairbanks b. Sept. 19, 1949 at Rogers City
v Charles Jay Fairbanks b. Nov. 1, 1950 at Rogers City
vi Randy Brian Fairbanks b. May 17, 1952 at Rogers City
vii Jack Edward Fairbanks b. Dec. 15, 1953 at Hawks, Michigan
viii Joseph Alan Fairbanks b. May 30, 1955 at Hawks, Michigan
ix Russell Austin Fairbanks b. June 25, 1956 at Hawks, Michigan
x David Lee Fairbanks b. Feb. 19, 1958 at Hawks, Michigan
xi Kathleen Ann Fairbanks b. June 10, 1959 at Hawks, Michigan

24 ROBERT ARTHUR MEADE-7; Kenneth Arthur Meade-6; Jessie June Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Aug. 22, 1921 at Nashville, Michigan. He resided at Nashville, Ypsilanti, Kalamazoo, Detroit, Flint, Flushing and Troy, Michigan, and Warren, Ohio where he lived at 3090 Foster Drive, N. E. in 1963. His occupation is Product Manager of the Sales Department of the Packard Electric Division of General Motors. He m. Susan Joyce Rothaar, Sept. 1, 1940, at Napoleon, Ohio. She was b. May 19, 1921, dau. of Earl and Aletha Mae (Seward) Rothaar. Children:

i Susan Wendy Meade b. Oct. 24, 1945 at Highland Park, Michigan
ii John Seward Meade b. Aug. 5, 1949 at Highland Park, Michigan.

25 KENNETH FLOYD MEADE-7; Kenneth Arthur Meade-6; Jessie June Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Aug. 3, 1925 at Ypsilanti, Michigan, and also lived in Kalamazoo, Flint, Nashville, East Lansing, and Detroit, Michigan. His present occupation is sales representative for General Motors Photographic Division of Detroit. He served in the Air Force as Staff Sergeant of the 498th Bomb Group and 509th Bomb Wing, from Nov. 23, 1943 to Feb. 2, 1950. He m. Bette Jean Hosmer, Feb. 27, 1944 at Fort Worth, Texas. She was b. June 3, 1924, dau. of Paul Burly and Frances (Robinson) Hosmer. Children:

i Vicky Jean Meade was b. Aug. 4, 1944 at Belleville, Illinois, and also lived in Nashville and Detroit, Michigan. She m. Claude Francis Townsend, Jr., Jan. 26, 1963 at Detroit. He was b. there Dec. 28, 1943, son of Claud Francis and Eva Mary (Urka) Townsend, Sr.

ii Pamela Anne Meade b. Jan. 10, 1946 at Battle Creek. Lived at Belleville, Illinois, Nashville and Detroit, Michigan; m. Kenneth Walter Danner, Aug. 28, 1964, at Livonia, Michigan. He was b. April 28, 1946 at Detroit, son of Hubert Kenneth and Dorothy Marie (Baily) Danner.

iii Kenneth Floyd Meade, Jr., b. Feb. 20, 1949 at Battle Creek.

iv Michael Paul Meade b. May 20, 1956 at Highland Park, Michigan

26 GERALD EVERTS MEADE-7; Kenneth Arthur Meade-6; Jessie June Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Feb. 9, 1927 at Kalamazoo. His other places of residence have been Flint, Detroit, Reno, Nevada and Sacramento, California; present occupation, driver for Western Greyhound Lines. In World War II he served as a corporal in the Sixth Army from April 4, 1949 at Camp Moxie, to Sept. 1946 at Camp Beal, California. He m. (1) Bonnie Jean Larson, 1946; divorced 1949; no children; m. (2) Mary Sheldon, 1949; divorced 1952; m. (3) Edith Wilkson, 1953; divorced 1957; m. (4) Maxine McCormack, July 29, 1958 at Reno, Nevada. She was b. Aug. 18, 1926, dau. of Edd and Eva McCormack. Children:

i Annette Louise Meade b. Dec. 7, 1950, Sacramento, Calif. (Child of second marriage)

ii Michael Gerald Meade b. May 20, 1952, Sacramento (2nd. marriage)

iii Karen Lee Meade b. Aug. 31, 1954, Sacramento (3rd marriage)

iv David Ray Meade b. Jan. 14, 1959 at Woodland, Calif. (4th marr.)

v Gerald Everts Meade, Jr. b. Sept. 5, 1960, Sacramento (4th marr)

27 CARROLL RICHARD MEADE-7; Kenneth Arthur Meade-6; Jessie June Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Sept. 12, 1928 at Kalamazoo, and also resided at Flint, Detroit, Marshall, and Birch Run, Michigan; present occupation, Superintendent of Maintenance, Foundry, Buick Motor Division of General Motors; m. Janice Elizabeth Chestnut, Aug. 14, 1948 at Marysville, Michigan. She was b. December 9, 1928, dau. of Chester Howard and Bernice (Graham) Chestnut. Children:

i Douglas Richard Meade b. Nov. 27, 1949 at Flint, Michigan; d. June 2, 1967 at Frankenmuth, Michigan

ii Randall Howard Meade b. Oct. 31, 1951 at Flint, Michigan

EIGHTH GENERATION

28 DAVID WILLIAM DAKIN-8; Anita Joan Grey-7; Lila Merrine Mater-6; Bertha May Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Dec. 27, 1942 at Jackson, Michigan. He resided at Leoni, 1942-1946, Grass Lake, 1946-1961, Ogden, Kansas, 1961-1962. In military service and stationed from 1962-1964, Friedburg, Hessen, Germany, Private First Class, assignment, Tank Gunner, Third Armored Division. He m. Lola May Cook, June 17, 1961 at Grass Lake, Michigan. She was b. Sept. 21, 1943 at Hastings, Michigan, dau. of Gaylord Raymond and Grace Lavon (Taylor) Cook. Children:

i David William Dakin, II b. Jan. 26, 1962 at Fort Riley, Kansas
ii Wade Philip Dakin b. Jan. 29, 1964 at Lansing, Michigan.

29 DONALD VERN DAKIN-8; Anita Joan Grey-7; Lila Merrine Mater-6; Bertha May Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Sept. 18, 1944 at Leoni, Michigan; m. Sept. 21, 1963, Mary Alice Hashley, at Grass Lake, Michigan. She was b. March 21, 1945 at Jackson, Michigan, dau. of Millard Albert, Ulia May (Cook) Hashley. Children:

i John Richard Dakin b. Aug. 15, 1964 at Jackson
ii Katherine Jean Dakin b. Sept. 8, 1966 at Jackson

30 JEAN ANNE DAKIN-8; Anita Joan Grey-7; Lila Merrine Mater-6; Bertha May Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Sept. 17, 1946 at Leoni or Grass Lake, Michigan; m. July 18, 1964, Clarence Neeley, at Grass Lake. He was b. Dec. 22, 1942 in Floyd Co., Kentucky, son of Burnes and Myrtle (Patrick) Neeley. Residence, Grass Lake, Michigan. Child:

i Brian Clarence Neeley b. June 9, 1965 at Jackson.

31 MICHAEL BRUCE FAIRBANKS-8; Shirley Jean Grey-7; Lila Merrine Mater-6; Bertha May Robinson-5 (Hannah-4-Blaisdell; Thomas-3; Medad-2: Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Aug. 31, 1944 at Rogers City, Michigan; is now a student at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. He m. at Moltke, Michigan, July 20, 1962, Geraldine Marie Torno, dau. of Carl and Mary (Carlson) Torno of Moltke Children:

i Troy Michael Fairbanks b. Dec. 6, 1962 at Rogers City, Michigan
ii Tracy Marie Fairbanks b. Oct. 19, 1964 at Kalamazoo

Acknowledgments:

Caldwell, Mrs. Wilbur, 12706 Strasburg, Detroit, Michigan: information about Bertha Mathilda
Fairbanks, Mrs. Earl, Hawks, Michigan: Hannah Blaisdell Line
Grey, Mrs. Harlow C., 410 East Grand River, Howell, Michigan: Hannah Blaisdell
Kuhlman, Mrs. W. T., 120 43rd Street, S. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan: Hannah Blaisdell line
Meade, Kenneth A., 26725 Captains Lane, Franklin, Michigan: Hannah Blaisdell line
Potter, Mrs. Carl, R. R. #1, Hastings, Michigan: DeWitt Blaisdell line
Smith, Mrs. Aura E., 901 North Mulberry, Marshall, Michigan: Hannah Blaisdell line.

ADDENDA

We are told by Kenneth A. Meade, great grandson of Thomas Blaisdell, and present owner of the Blaisdell Homestead, that Thomas purchased the property in 1838. However, no available record has revealed that he made any effort to clear any of the acreage prior to 1846. It would be interesting to know how it happened that Thomas purchased property in Barry County while living, as he apparently did, in Wayne County. In other words, what brought Thomas to Barry County? We have wondered if he might not have been attracted to that specific area by "relatives," (probably of the cousin-uncle-aunt relationship). This is just a thought based upon the following, which is of research record:

Lowell S. Blaisdell (one of the early genealogists of the BFA) has discovered a Mrs. Ann Blaisdell and daughter, Ann (m. Rufus Morris at the age of 50; he was b. Oct. 1854) and Elizabeth who m. Theodore Brownson or Cranson, in 1844, all of Assyria Township, Barry County, Michigan, in which county Thomas Blaisdell lived. These Blaisdells, however, were probably relatives of a Joseph S. Blaisdell, a prominent Freewill Baptist, and the first settler (1836) in Assyria Township, who came from Vermont. He died March 10, 1848, and is buried in the South Assyria Cemetery. History of Allegan and Barry Counties, p. 388, ff.

It will be observed that Joseph came from Vermont; that the family founded by Thomas Jeremiah came, according to family tradition, "immediately from Vermont," into eastern New York - Smith's Basin, Washington County; that Joseph came to Barry County in 1836, and that Thomas came to Plymouth, Wayne County, in 1837, thereafter going to Barry County. Could there have been a family connection? Perhaps the descendants of Thomas will have some recollection that will be a contribution here.

In Thomas' obituary there is a statement which is in obvious error, that "In 1840 he again came to Michigan . . ." The supported record shows that on December 31, 1840, after returning to New York, he married Alice Hall; that, at Clyde, Wayne County, New York, on Jan. 29, 1842, their first child, DeWitt, was born; that at Seneca Falls, Seneca County, New York, on Oct. 23, 1843, their second child, Hannah, was born, and that Thomas did not return to Michigan, with his family, until Hannah was three years old - perhaps in late 1846, but more likely not until the weather became settled in the spring of 1847. One record does specify 1846.

SUDDEN DEATH OF THOMAS BLAISDELL

Copy of the following clipping of the obituary of Thomas Blaisdell was found in the family Bible of his half-brother John and his wife, Lydia Louisa. The name and date of the newspaper were trimmed away; it was undoubtedly a Nashville, Michigan newspaper. VLB

At six o'clock Tuesday morning Mr. Blaisdell arose, and while yet seated upon the side of the bed, suddenly fell forward to the floor, striking upon his face. Mrs. Blaisdell, awakened by his fall, arose quickly, but only in time to see him gasp for breath and expire. Dr. Barber was summoned at once, and it was ascertained that life was indeed extinct.

Justice Feigner, acting in the capacity of coroner, empaneled a jury and proceeded to hold an inquest over the remains, to determine, if possible, the cause of death. Upon hearing the testimony of Mrs. Blaisdell, bearing upon the manner of his death, and the expert testimony of Drs. Barber and Young, the jury brought in a verdict to the effect that death resulted from heart disease. The funeral will be held from the M. E. Church at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Thomas Blaisdell was born in Genoa, Cayuga County, New York, April 12, 1815. His father was a farmer of limited means, unable to give his children more than the rudiments of an education. Thomas worked upon the farm until he attained his majority, when he apprenticed himself to a miller to learn that trade, and subsequently followed that calling for several years.

In 1837, having heard favorable reports of the young and growing Wolverine State, he came to Plymouth, Wayne County, and entered the employ of a miller named Holbrook, where he remained three years. He then returned east, and on the 31st of December 1840, was married to Miss Alice Hall. In 1840 he came again to Michigan and settled upon 160 acres in Section 15, Castleton, which he had purchased several years before, and which had remained unimproved until his arrival. With the aid of a carpenter, he built a house in the fall and having hired ten acres cleared, sowed it to wheat. The following spring he built a barn and began active warfare upon the forest which covered his possessions. In 1861 his wife died. She had borne him four children - two sons and two daughters, three of whom are now living. They are: DeWitt E., living near Battle Creek, Hannah, wife of S. J. Robinson of this village, and Polly, wife of Reuben Kuhlman. On the 19th of February, 1865, Mr. Blaisdell married Charlotte Burdick, but was again left a widower in 1867. In 1869, he m. Mrs. Phenie Gillis who died in 1878, and on December 18, 1879, he married Bertha D. Bock who survives him, and by whom he had one child, a daughter now three years old. In 1881, Mr. Blaisdell moved from his farm to the village where he has since lived. Mr. Blaisdell was a man of integrity, and was recognized as a successful farmer and good citizen.

HANNAH BLAISDELL ROBINSON

Obituary from the Nashville News, April 30, 1936. Mrs. Hannah Robinson, 92, died at her home here. Came to Castleton nearly 90 years ago; original Blaisdell farm remains in family.

Mrs. Hannah Blaisdell Robinson, who came with pioneering parents to Castleton Township nearly 90 years ago, and for the past 20 years has resided in Nashville where, living alone, she has actively and capably carried on her housewifely duties until the last few days of her life, passed away at her Phillips Street home at 7 p. m. Thursday, after a brief illness, at the age of 92.

Born in Seneca Falls, New York, on October 23, 1843, Mrs. Robinson, as Hannah Blaisdell, a little three year old girl, came with her parents, Thomas and Alice Blaisdell, by train, and by boat across Lake Erie, then by stage coach to Hastings, then a tiny village, to pioneer on land taken up from the government and located in Castleton, about five miles northwest of Nashville, her earliest remembrances of which were of Indian inhabitants and of a sawmill.

They had ordered a place cleared for a homesite, but through a misunderstanding the clearing was not on their land, so they had to make a place in the woods for this first home, a log cabin without floors or windows. The barn which her father built on the cleared 160 acres, is still standing. Like the stone house which followed the earlier cabin as the Blaisdell home, it now is the property of Mrs Robinson's son-in-law, Arthur Meade, who is himself a grandfather, making the fifth generation from the original pioneer owners.

When Hannah Blaisdell was 15 years of age, her mother died, and for 18 months she cooked for the laborers who were building her father's new stone house. All the timber was hewn by hand and the stones and sills hauled from the quarry near Ceresco. They went to Hastings for the mail and to Battle Creek to trade and to sell their produce. She received her education in the schoolhouse near her home.

In 1865 she was united in marriage with Dorrance Burdick, and to this union

was born one child, Alice Julia who passed away in 1932. In 1874 she was married to Samuel J. Robinson who died in March 1896. Two daughters were born to them: Bertha May (Mrs. Stephen Mater of Marshall) and Jessie June, deceased, former wife of Arthur Meade, the latter dying in 1928.

The greater part of her life was spent on the farm to which she came as a little girl. Mrs. Robinson was always interested in agriculture, and managed the farm for her husband who was employed by the Michigan Central Railroad. She was very active and enjoyed reading, sewing and taking care of her home. Although not affiliated with any church, she attended in former years and always read her Bible.

Surviving this truly remarkable woman are one sister, Mrs. Polly Kuhlman of Nashville; one daughter, Mrs. Stephen Mater of Marshall, four grandchildren, Mrs. Aura Smith of Marshall, Mrs. Harlow Grey of Grass Lake, Kenneth Meade of Detroit, and Miss Mabel Meade of Flint, nine great grandchildren, and other more distant relatives.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the home, with arrangements by Waldorff of Hastings. Rev. M. E. Hoyt, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiated, and Mrs. Lykins sang. The bearers were relatives, the two sons-in-law, Stephen Mater and Arthur Meade, a grandson, Kenneth Meade, a nephew, Will Kuhlman, while a great grandson, Robert Meade, was at the foot of the casket. The burial was at Lakeview cemetery.

Among those present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mater and Mrs. Aura Smith of Marshall, Mrs. Harlow Grey of Grass Lake, Miss Mabel Meade of Flint, Kenneth Meade of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Will Kuhlman of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Teeple and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Morrow of Keego Harbor, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crabb of Pewamo, Mrs. Libbie McKibben and Mrs. Doris Saunders of Cloverdale, and others.

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DEATHS IN CALHOUN COUNTY MICHIGAN DURING YEAR ENDING 1 JUNE 1850

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NAME	AGE	SEX	MS	BIRTHPLACE	DATE	OCCUP	RESIDENCE
Compton, C.	10/12	M		Michigan	Apr. 1850		Albion
Cook, Samuel	52	M	M	Illegible	Apr. 1850		Marengo
Cooley, Arabella	17	F	M	New York	Aug. 1849		Convis
Corelaine, Charles	55	M	M	England	Aug. 1849	Miller	Battle Creek
Cowles, Ruth	27	F	M	New York	Dec. 1849		Battle Creek
Cox, Anna Jewett	8	F		Michigan	Mar. 1850		Battle Creek
Crain, Charles	5	M		Michigan	Apr. 1850		Battle Creek
Cripman, Cristine	6	F		Michigan	May 1850		Marengo
Cross, E.	73	F	W	C. T.	Dec. 1849		Sheridan
Darling, Augusta	3	F		Michigan	Aug. 1849		Burlington
Davis, Jesse S.	20	M		New York	Feb. 1850		Sheridan
Davis, Simeon	27	M	M	New York	Oct. 1849	Farmer	Sheridan
Day, Abraham	28	M	M	New York	Apr. 1850	Farmer	Homer
Day, Artemus	10/12	M		Michigan	July 1849		Homer
Dean, Elizabeth	6/12	F		Michigan			Marshall
DeWitt, S. C.	10/12	F		New York			Marshall
Dickinson, Adnen	44	M		New York	Nov. 1849	Blacksmith	Battle Creek
Doty, Rachel	30	F	M	New York	Apr. 1850		Eckford
Dwinnell Korioske T.	2	M		Michigan	July 1849		Emmett
Dyer, Lucinda	26	F	M	New York	May 1850		Sheridan
Dyre, Sophia	17	F		New York	Aug. 1849		Clarence

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THINGS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW

THE MICHIGAN STORY

The Michigan Gazette, Volume I, No. 1, published by the Historical Collections of the University of Michigan, made its debut in August 1967. The first issue is appropriately dedicated to Dr. F. Clever Bald, retiring Director of the Collections. This issue also carries news of the progress of the building program, the year's activities, including the publication of A Pictorial History of the University of Michigan by Ruth Bordin, previously reviewed in MICHIGAN HERITAGE. A display using 120 pictures that illustrated this work, was made into an exhibit in the Rackham Building galleries to portray University history. The Chase Salmon Osborn papers, consisting of 180,000 documents, 267 scrapbooks, and diary volumes, covering the years 1889 to 1949 are described.

The Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society: We have received a copy of the By-Laws of this society of Lansing which begins its second year on January 1, 1968. Membership is open to anyone interested in genealogy, history or biography. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month except June, July, August and December, in the conference room of the Lansing State Journal Building. Dues are $3.00 per year. The President is Dr. Joseph Druse, 667 Virginia Street, East Lansing.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The State University College at Oneonta and the New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown, New York, announce two Cooperstown graduate programs for 1967-68; one is in history and the other in American folk culture. These one-year programs are presented by an outstanding faculty. For brochure, write Louis C. Jones, Director Cooperstown Graduate Programs, State University College Oneonta, Cooperstown, New York 13326.

Pennsylvania Germans: Dr. Arthur Graff publishes a thrice-weekly column in the Reading Times, Reading, Pennsylvania, about the German people of that area. One column gave a bibliography of source material on Pennsylvania-German immigration. Some references are to not well-known works but are available by search.

The Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation and the University of Delaware jointly sponsor a program of graduate study leading to a Master of Arts or a Doctor of Philosophy degree in United States History for students who plan careers in college teaching, or researchers in business, economic or technological history, or in historical agencies, societies, libraries, and restorations. The Hagley program combines the degree program of the University with the unique opportunities of the Foundation to do primary research. For further information, write Hagley Program, Department of History, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware 19711

1850 CENSUS PROJECT

The National Genealogical Society announces a discontinuance of the 1850 Tennessee Census Project, a pilot program which was described in these columns last year. The Society has withdrawn its sponsorship because the cost was of such magnitude that it could not be continued. Additional information will be published later.

THE BLAISDELL FAMILY OF MICHIGAN

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS BLAISDELL (1815-1884) OF BARRY COUNTY AND JOHN BLAISDELL (1820-1901) OF VAN BUREN COUNTY

By V. Leora Blaisdell - Paw Paw, Michigan

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JOHN BLAISDELL (1820-1901) OF VAN BUREN COUNTY

"John Blaisdell: Passing years have brought to this gentleman a goodly amount of this world's possessions, as the reward for continuous and well-directed labor in his chosen vocation. A member of the agricultural community, upon whom the prosperity of the world depends, he has devoted his life to securing an independence for his old age and has also aided in the development of Van Buren County, where he has a fine farm in Arlington Township. Not only as an enterprising farmer, but also as a valiant soldier who enlisted during the dark days of civil warfare and offered his life in defense of his country, he deserves to have his name perpetuated for future generations.

"The family of Medad and Lydia (Main) Blaisdell consisted of nine children, as follows: Thomas, who died in Barry County, this State; John of this sketch; Pomeroy, a resident of Clyde, New York; Jerry; Cynthia, who is the wife of Alonzo Perkins; Medad; Isabel; Harvey; and George. John was born in 1820 (January 14) in Wayne County, New York and grew to mature years in his native county, spending his youth in attendance at the common schools and aiding his father as his maturing strength would permit. In 1844, he was united in marriage to Miss (Lydia) Louisa daughter of Hezekiah and Jerusha (Bunce) Nichols, the former a native of Connecticut, b. 1785, and the latter born in Tully, N. Y., in 1794.

"Prior to her marriage, and for some years afterward, Mrs. Blaisdell resided in Wayne County. She was one of nine children, namely: James, deceased; Bartholomew; Chauncey; Phoebe A.; John W.; Daniel B.; Lydia L.; Harlo K.; and Sarah M. John W. served in the Mexican War, in 1846, and died on his return home. Mrs. Blaisdell is a lady of refinement, a devoted wife and tender mother. She has borne her husband two children: Sarah M., the wife of Christopher Staley, and William Henry who resides near the old homestead. In January 1859, Mr. and Mrs. Blaisdell removed West to Michigan, settling near where they now reside.

"In September 1861, Mr. Blaisdell enlisted as a Corporal in the Union Army, in Company C., Third Michigan Cavalry, and served in various important engagements, among them the Battles of New Madrid and Island No. 10. On account of general disability he was honorably discharged at Jackson, Tennessee, about 14 months after his enlistment and was placed upon the U. S. pension rolls. Since his return home he has devoted his attention closely to the supervision of the work on his farm and has brought his place of 160 acres to a high state of cultivation. He is a staunch Republican and is accorded a high place among his fellow-citizens as his character is above reproach and he is kindly disposed toward all. He does all in his power to promote the best interests of his township, materially, socially and morally, and has aided in bringing the county to its present high development. He is a member of Lincoln Post No. 19 GAR at Bangor, Michigan." (Portrait and Biographical Record of Kalamazoo, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties . . . .pp. 551-552. Chicago. Chapman Bros., 1892.

NOTE: From John Blaisdell's army papers, from accounts of Regimental records, and from correspondence concerning this Regiment, which is housed in the archives of the Michigan Historical Commission, one is led to what seems a well-based conclusion relative to the cause and extent of his illness and, finally, his disability discharge from military service. According to his army papers, his illness originated at New Madrid, Missouri, and was followed by a number of complications which hospitalized him for several months.

In a letter to the writer, from the archives of the Michigan Historical Commission dated 24 September 1962, appears the following: "You will note that Mr. Blaisdell's record shows he was sick for several months and finally discharged for disability. We find mention in the correspondence relating to this regiment of an epidemic of measles suffered by many men at about the time of their arrival at New Madrid, Missouri. Since the record does not list his name in this connection, we can only assume that this was the cause of Mr. Blaisdell's illness, and that he may not have recovered from it. You will note on the report the large number of men in this regiment who died from disease."

From the above it seems logical to suspect that John succumbed during the measles epidemic and that with the following complications, he could not withstand the rigors of combat. One regimental record shows that at about this point, the men were in the saddle for three days without intermission. (V. L. B.)

THIRD GENERATION

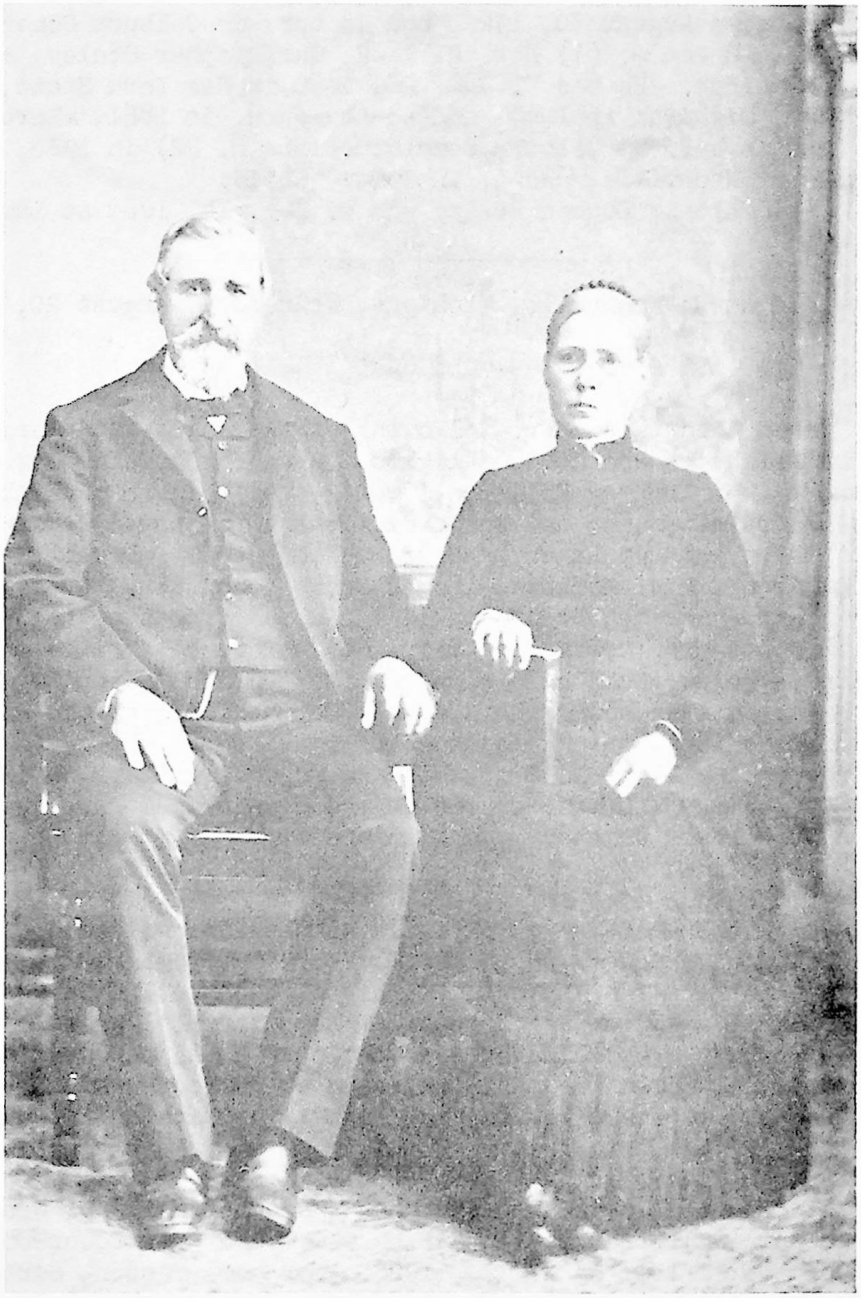
3 JOHN 3-BLAISDELL (Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. January 14, 1820, in the Town of Galen, near Savannah, Wayne Co., N. Y., the son of Medad and Lydia (Main) Blaisdell, and grandson of Thomas Jeremiah and Isabel (Finne) Blaisdell. He came to Michigan in January 1859, with his wife and two children, and settled in Arlington Twp., Van Buren County, near Lawrence, where he was a farmer. John was the brother of Thomas Blaisdell who preceded him to Michigan and settled in Castleton Twp., Barry County, near Nashville, and whose genealogy was presented in the Autumn and Winter 1967 Issues of MICHIGAN HERITAGE. John's grandfather, Thomas Jeremiah, was the founder of this family line and was believed to be, by the early genealogists of the Blaisdell Family Association, a fifth-generation descendant of Ralf (Bleasdale) Blaisdell, the first of the Blaisdell name in America, where he arrived at Permaquid, Maine, on August 15, 1635, with his wife Elizabeth and three year old son, Henry, who was destined to carry on the family name. John Blaisdell m., Jan. 7, 1844, (Lydia) Louisa Nichols, dau. of Hezekiah and Jerusha (Bunce) Nichols, at Red Creek, Wayne Co., N. Y., by Elder Coup. She was b. Nov. 8, 1827; d. April 27, 1901 and is bur. beside her husband in Colburn Cemetery, Arlington Township. John Blaisdell was a corporal in the Civil War; he enlisted 17 Sept. 1861, in Co. C., Third Regiment, Michigan Cavalry Volunteers, and was honorably discharged due to disability 15 Nov. 1862 at Jackson, Tennessee, and placed on the pension rolls. Children:

4 i Sarah M. Blaisdell b. Nov. 2, 1844, Wayne Co., New York

5 ii William Henry Blaisdell b. April 2, 1847 at Savannah, Wayne Co., New York.

FOURTH GENERATION

4 SARAH M.-4-BLAISDELL (John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Nov. 2, 1844 in Galen Township, Wayne Co., N. Y., where she lived until January 1859



JOHN AND LYDIA LOUISA (NICHOLS) BLAISDELL

when she came with her parents to Arlington Township, Van Buren Co., Michigan. She later resided in Lawrence Village and in Nashville, Barry Co., where she died August 30, 1920, and is bur. in Colburn Cemetery in Van Buren County. Sarah m. (1) Nov. 2, 1862, Christopher Staley, a farmer of Lawrence, Michigan. He was b. Jan. 28, 1840 in New York State, and came to Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1849, and to Lawrence, in 1861, where he d. May 27, 1904, and is bur. in Colburn Cemetery. She m. (2) in 1916, Livingston McKinnis of Nashville, who d. in 1919. Child:

6 i Arthur Eugene Staley was b. Aug. 14, 1863 at Lawrence, Michigan.

From The Nashville News, Nashville, Michigan, Wednesday, August 20, 1930:

OBITUARY

Sarah McKinnis died this a. m. following stroke; aged woman was found early this morning by neighbors who noticed lights. Mrs. Sarah McKinnis, aged 86 years, who lived alone at her home on Phillips Street, died at nine o'clock this Wednesday morning, a few hours after she had suffered a stroke of paralysis. Neighbors, noticing a light in the home at an early hour, called Deputy Sheriff Gail Lykins, who investigated and found Mrs. McKinnis in a serious condition. A physician was called but the stricken woman was beyond medical aid. A grandson, Leon Staley, of Dowagiac, was called but Mrs. McKinnis passed away before he arrived.

Mrs. McKinnis is survived by a step-daughter, Alice McKinnis, who now is on a tour of Europe, three step-sons, Charles and Eber McKinnis of the State of Washington, and Clarence McKinnis in a Kalamazoo hospital.

Funeral services will be held at the Hess Funeral parlors at ten o'clock Friday morning, Rev. A. L. Bingaman, pastor of the Evangelical Church, officiating. Burial will be in Colburn Cemetery, near Lawrence.

Unfortunately, the above reveals little of the circumstances or statistics covering the second marriage of Sarah ("Sally" or "Sate")(Blaisdell)(Staley) McKinnis. The information here was obviously furnished by some one in Nashville, who knew nothing of Sarah's Lawrence years, or of her own family, as none of her seven grandchildren, or great-grandchildren are mentioned among her survivors. We have learned, however, that Sarah was still residing in Lawrence, Michigan, in 1914, and that in 1916, she had become a resident of Nashville, Michigan. (VLB)

The following partial obituary, in Sarah's own handwriting, was written on the back of a circularizing letter mailed out by the Consumer's Power Company, from its Nashville (Michigan) office, on May 28, 1926. For some reason, Sarah did not complete the obituary, but left it to her grandson, Leon Staley, to do so. This paper was received by V. Leora Blaisdell, on January 16, 1964, from Sarah's great granddaughter, Ruby (Staley) Cushing. We do not know what the initial "M" stands for.

"Sarah M. Blaisdell was born in Galen Twp., near Savannah, Wayne Co., New York, Nov. 2, 1844, and came to Michigan with her parents (and her brother, William Henry) in January 1859. The family home was established in Arlington Twp., in Van Buren County, near the Village of Lawrence.

"She was married to Christopher Staley, in 1862 (Nov. 2). To this union, a son Arthur, was born, he dying at the age of 62, in 1925.

"In the year 1916, she was married to Livingston McKinnis of Nashville, Barry Co., he dying in 1919. Since that time she has lived in the home at Nashville, Michigan, alone. Leon, finish this ---."

Apparently, Sarah felt this "skeleton" outline was all that was necessary, and wanted Leon to complete her story from May 1926, on. However, no entries of Leon's appear to be of record.

The above is important, as it pinpoints: (1) the date that John Blaisdell brought his family to Michigan (various findings had implied, rather than stated, that it was 1860) (2) the year Sarah was married to Livingston McKinnis, and definitely what his first name was, also the year of his death. (The Barry Co. clerk reported that he had no record of this marriage). However, Sarah's granddaughter, Hazel (Staley) Chapman, says she knows the marriage took place in Nashville, and that she remembers her father and mother going there for the wedding.

Obituary from The Kalamazoo Gazette, October 29, 1962:

Mr. Raymond C. ("Ray") Staley, King Highway, Comstock [Kalamazoo suburb] passed away Sunday evening, October 28, at Bronson Hospital. Mr. Staley was born August 6, 1905 in Arlington Twp., Van Buren County, the son of Leon and Julia (Wiley) Staley. He moved from Dowagiac to his present home in 1957. Mr. Staley was a member of the First Christian Church of Dowagiac. He was united in marriage to Grace Brill of Hastings, July 20, 1940, who survives; also surviving are a son, James, and a daughter Janet, both at home, two brothers and one sister, Mrs. Robert Cushing, Rex and Richard, all of Dowagiac. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at two o'clock from the McLauchlin Funeral Home, Dowagiac, Rev. Charles Willard officiating. Interment in Riverside Cemetery. [Raymond was a greatgrandson of Sarah, and according to the family records, the Gazette has reversed the order of the first and middle names].

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5 WILLIAM HENRY-4-BLAISDELL (John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. April 2, 1847, at Savannah, Wayne Co., N. Y., from whence he moved with his parents to Arlington Twp., Van Buren County, Michigan, where he was a farmer, and died April 23, 1923. William Henry m., Aug. 1, 1869, Alida Francisco Barrett, dau. of Captain E. L. and Polly (Watrous)(Bristol) Barrett, of Paw Paw, Michigan, by Darius Barker, Presbyterian minister. She was b. July 2, 1851, at Paw Paw, and d. in Arlington Twp., April 17, 1934; bur. Colburn Cem. Children:

7 i Marian (called "Mae") Blaisdell b. July 23, 1871, Arlington Twp.
8 ii Jay Blaisdell b. Feb. 23, 1873, Arlington Township
iii Neva Lena Blaisdell b. Dec. 9, 1885, Arlington Twp.; d. Lawrence Twp., May 11, 1956, unm. bur. Colburn Cemetery.

FIFTH GENERATION

6 ARTHUR EUGENE STALEY-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Aug. 14, 1863 at Lawrence, Arlington Twp., Van Buren Co., Michigan, and resided at Route #2, Lawrence, where he d. June 25, 1925, and is bur. in Colburn Cem. He was a farmer. He m. (1) Ella Rhoades, probably at Lawrence. This marriage ended in divorce in 1888. Ella d. Aug. 28, 1946, and is bur. in the Hill Cem., Lawrence. Arthur m. (2) Aug. 14, 1889, Nellie May Leighty, presumably at Paw Paw where she was b. Sept. 17, 1868, dau. of Michael and Sarah (Beales) Leighty; she d. Jan. 20, 1956 and is bur. in Cuddeback Cemetery, Paw Paw. Children, all except first, by second wife, and all b. at Lawrence:

9 i John Leon Staley b. Aug. 2, 1884
10 ii Zell Lloyd Staley b. March 5, 1891
iii Ruth Ann Staley was b. Oct. 21, 1892, and resided at Lawrence from 1892 to 1936; Chicago, Ill., 1936-1946; Hartford, Michigan, 1946-48, and since then in Sarasota, Florida; occupation, housewife and retired registered nurse; m. June 20, 1936, Bryant Stanwood Procter, at Christ Episcopal Church, Waukegan, Ill., by Rev. Harold E. Gauster. Bryant was b. Oct. 12, 1889. No children.

iv Hazel Ada Staley was b. May 29, 1896 in Arlington Twp., Route #2, Lawrence, where she resided until 1920 at Bangor; 1920-24 in Grand Rapids, Michigan; 1924-1931 in Cleveland, Ohio; 1931-1935 in Twinsburg, Ohio, and since 1935 at Sarasota, Florida; She m. Oct. 14, 1920, William Alvin Chapman, who was b. May 20, 1895. No children.

11 v Grace Aileen Staley was b. June 3, 1900

12 vi Paul Clayton Staley was b. Aug. 14, 1902

vii Donna Staley b. August 26, 1906; died the same day

13 viii Gladys Reta Staley b. June 5, 1907

7 MARIAN-5-BLAISDELL (William Henry-4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. July 23, 1871, in Arlington Twp., Van Buren Co., and also resided in Lawrence Twp., where she d. Oct. 12, 1951; bur. Prospect Lake Cemetery; m. Sept. 12, 1894, Charles Edward Denton, a farmer, of Lawrence Twp. He was b. Feb. 1, 1869, son of John and Alice (Dowd) Denton, and d. Nov. 15, 1962; bur. beside his wife. Children, all b. Lawrence Township:

i Blanche Edna Denton was b. March 18, 1898, has resided all her life in Lawrence, except for brief periods when she taught in other areas. She received her teacher's certificate from Western State Teacher's College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1922, and her A. B. degree in Rural Education from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, in 1931. Majors for this degree were in Social Sciences, Geography and History. The minor was in English. Extension courses were later taken in 1938, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1956 and 1959. Miss Denton taught 18 years in five rural schools in Van Buren County, Michigan, and in the fifth and sixth grades in Capac, Michigan, 1937-38; at St. Charles, Michigan, 1939-40, Covert, Michigan, 1922-27; Pine Mountain Settlement School, Kentucky, 1927-29, and Lawrence, Michigan, 1951-1960. She retired in June 1960. She is affiliated with the Michigan Educational Association.

ii Beatrice Irene Denton was b. Sept. 30, 1900 in Lawrence Township. She received her A. B. degree from Albion College, her M. A. from the University of Michigan, and did considerable graduate work at Western Michigan University and the University of Colorado. She taught social studies in Grant, and Holland, Michigan, and psychology and sociology in the Community College of Benton Harbor. At her semi-retirement in 1963, she started work as a teacher, and then director of Adult Basic Education, given for those persons who had little or no opportunity for skills in reading, writing, and arithmetic. Miss Denton is a member of the National Education Association, the Michigan Education Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma, an International Honorary Society for women teachers. She gives many book reviews and is president of the Women's Society of her church. She and her sister have enjoyed trips to Alaska, Mexico, Europe and New Zealand. She lives with her sister Shirley in Benton Harbor.

14 iii Doris Alice Denton was born November 13, 1902

iv Shirley Mae Denton was b. Feb. 5, 1905 in Lawrence Twp. Other residencies in Michigan have been Grant, Marencisco, Kalamazoo Co., Byron, Rochester and Benton Harbor. In June 1933, she received her A. B. degree from Western Michigan University, and in August 1946, her M. A. After having taught early elementary

grades in the above places, she retired in June 1967. She is active in community and church work, and enjoys sharing her slides from her travels, with friends and community groups. She is a member of the Michigan Education Association, the National Education Association, and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

8 JAY-5-BLAISDELL (William Henry 4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Feb. 23, 1878 in Arlington Twp., where he d. June 2, 1941; bur. Colburn Cem. He m. (1) Alice Julia Parker, b. Oct. 12, 1874, dau. of Theodore C. and F. Adelaide (Hyde) Parker; divorced Nov. 4, 1905. [Alice Parker (Blaisdell) Leighty d. Nov. 5, 1961, at Paw Paw, age 87; bur. Hill Cem. Lawrence]. Jay m. (2) Dec. 6, 1905, Mildred Wiley of St. Joseph, Berrien Co., Michigan. She was b. March 17, 1887, at Cleveland, Ohio, dau. of Charles M. and Mary Louise (Broughton) Wiley. She d. Aug. 30, 1961 at Dowagiac, Cass Co.; bur. River side Cem., Kalamazoo. Children,(first two by first wife) all b. Arlington:

i (Velva) Leora Blaisdell b. Sept. 28, 1895

ii (Mark) Ray Blaisdell b. June 27, 1903; d. Feb. 5, 1904; bur. Colburn Cemetery.

15 iii Lynn Jay Blaisdell b. May 20, 1907

16 iv Gordon Wayne Blaisdell b. June 22, 1910.

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DEATHS IN CALHOUN COUNTY MICHIGAN DURING YEAR ENDING I JUNE 1850

Compiled from Federal Mortality Schedules
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NAME	AGE	SEX	MS	BIRTHPLACE	DATE	OCCUP	RESIDENCE
Eavins, E. E.	7/12	F		Michigan	Sep. 1849		Marengo
Edwards, Clarissa	23	F		Connecticut	Feb. 1850		Convis
Eldridge, Mary	61	F	M	Rhode Island	Oct. 1849		Tekonsha
England, Jobe	8/12	M		Michigan			Marshall
Fealy, Margaret	3/12	F		Michigan	Oct. 1849		Eckford
Flansburgh, Cornelius	46	M	M	New York	Mar. 1850	Farmer	Sheridan
Flood, John	38	M		Penna.		Shoemaker	Marshall
Freeman, Elias	56	M	W	Vermont	Apr. 1850		Marengo
French, Loney	9	M		New York	June 1849		Newton
Force, Henry	15	M		New York			Marshall
Furman, Elizur	21	M	M	Mass.			Eckford
Gay, Amos	12	M		New York	Aug. 1849		Sheridan
Goodrich, Clara	1	F		Michigan	July 1849		Sheridan
Goss, _____ I.	1/12	M		Michigan	Feb. 1850		Convis
Graves, Lydia L.	23	F	M	New York	Apr. 1850		Battle Creek
Gregg, Mary E.	9/12	F		Michigan			Tekonsha
Grinnell, Charlotte	24	F	M	New York	Feb. 1850		Convis
Goodacre, Mary A.	57	F	M	Mass.	Sep. 1849		Albion
Hall, Omer C.	3	M		Michigan	Sep. 1849		LeRoy
Hall, Sarah A.	23	F	M	New York	May 1850		Emmet
Hamilton, John	43	M	M	New York	Jan. 1850	Farmer	Bedford
Hampton, Anna M.	63	F	W	Penna.	Apr. 1850		Battle Creek

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PIONEER WOMEN TEACHERS OF MICHIGAN

MARY JANE BACON

By Hilda MacGregor and Jo-An Kelley

Contributed by International Delta Kappa Gamma Society - Beta Gamma Chapter

"What do they want? My pedigree?" This was the question posed by Mary Jane Whitmer Bacon of her son when Hilda MacGregor and Jo-An Kelley attempted to interview her relative to her experiences as a teacher.

Mary Bacon was 107 years old on October 12, 1967. Her life has been one of dedication to education, her family, her church.

After finishing two years of high school, she began teaching in 1877 at the Burr Oak Elementary School located northeast of Sturgis, Michigan, which she had attended as a student. She was paid ten dollars a month for her services as a teacher and "boarded around" with the various families whose sons and daughters were her pupils. She taught only during spring terms because the older boys came in winter, and a girl of seventeen was not considered able to cope with them. The schools at the elementary level were ungraded at that time, and the pupils progressed individually through the various readers.

Mary taught for three years and then stayed home to care for her mother. After her mother's death, she went to Valparaiso University for several summers. She paid two dollars a week for room and board and furnished her own wood. She is currently the oldest living alumnus of that university.

Later Mary Jane went to Paw Paw to teach a third grade where approximately ten other teachers were employed. The Bacon family has a photograph of the board of education members and the teachers at Paw Paw taken in 1891. The dress is of a different era, but the expressions of sincerity, hopefulness, and dedication on the faces of the young teachers look much like those on the faces of today's earnest novices. Mrs. Bacon stated that boards of education, wherever she was employed, were reluctant to raise salaries of teachers even as much as a dollar.

With the true professional spirit, Mary Whitmer attended teacher's conventions. Once, while riding the train to one of these meetings, she met Frank A. Bacon, who was superintendent of schools at Decatur. This friendship ripened and resulted in marriage. Mr. Bacon became superintendent of schools at Paw Paw, where Mary continued to teach in the early elementary grades.

From the time of her marriage, Mary Bacon subordinated her own talents to those of her husband. For a time Mr. Bacon was superintendent of schools at Wheaton, Illinois, and she did teach in the early elementary grades again. However, they soon decided to go to Illinois so that he could attend the University of Chicago, and this move ended her actual teaching experience. Vicariously, she has always been in education, sharing the experiences of her husband, and later, those of her son, and still later, those of her granddaughter.

After several intermittent moves, the Bacon family came to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Mr. Bacon taught history at Central High School for thirty-five years,

THE BLAISDELL FAMILY OF MICHIGAN

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS BLAISDELL (1815-1884) OF BARRY COUNTY AND JOHN BLAISDELL (1820-1901) OF VAN BUREN COUNTY

By V. Leora Blaisdell - Paw Paw, Michigan

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LINE OF JOHN BLAISDELL, CONTINUED

SIXTH GENERATION

9 JOHN LEON STALEY-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. August 2, 1884 in Arlington Twp., Van Buren Co., and resided at Lawrence, Michigan, 1884-1926, and at Dowagiac, Michigan from 1926, until his death, April 14, 1942. He is bur. Riverside Cemetery, Dowagiac. He was a farmer until 1926, and after that, an industrial worker at the Round Oak Stove Co., Dowagiac. He m. July 2, 1904, Julia Louise Wiley who was b. Dec. 14, 1886, at Royalton, Ohio, dau. of Charles Milton and Mary Louise (Broughton) Wiley. She d. Dec. 18, 1951 at Dowagiac and is bur. beside her husband. Children, all b. Lawrence, Michigan:

17 i (Cecil) Raymond (called "Ray") Staley b. Aug. 6, 1905
18 ii Rexford ("Rex") Lisle Staley b. April 27, 1908
19 iii Ruby Louise Staley b. April 13, 1912
20 iv Richard Milton Staley b. June 14, 1922

10 ZELL LLOYD STALEY-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. March 5, 1891 in Arlington Twp.; d. April 27, 1928. He m. Ruby Mason of Kilbourne, Wisconsin, who was b. Nov. 5, 1893 Children:

i Kenneth Staley b. Jan. 1, 1917, and in 1963 lived at 4383 Deland Road, Flushing, Michigan.
21 ii Myrna Staley b. June 22, 1919

11 GRACE AILEEN STALEY-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. June 3, 1900 in Arlington Twp., and resided at Lawrence, 1900-1920; at Grand Rapids, 1920-1950; at Bostwick Lake, Rockford, 1950-1963; d. there March 10, 1963; bur. Greenwood Cemetery, Grand Rapids; m. (1) 1918, Edward Bailey; divorced; no children; m. (2) Aug. 18, 1921, John Martin Klap, son of Peter and Nellie (Molhoek) Klap, at Grand Rapids. Child:

22 i John ("Jack") William Klap b. May 7, 1925 at Grand Rapids.

12 PAUL CLAYTON STALEY-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. August 14, 1902, in Arlington Twp., at Lawrence, and lived in Hartford, Van Buren Co., from 1923 to 1929; at South Bend, Indiana from 1929 to 1933; at Lawton, Van Buren Co., 1933-1945; at Paw Paw, 1945-1951, and at Kalamazoo since 1951, where he is a mechanic at the Yellow Cab Company. He m. (1) Violet Shaw; divorced; no children; m. (2) abt. 1923, Mary Ryan, at Watervliet, Michigan; divorced; she was b. 1905 and d. Aug. 13, 1960, at Winslow, Arizona; presumed to be buried in South Bend, Indiana; m. (3) Ruth Packer; divorced; no children; married (4) Ladorna Jean Ellis, May 11, 1946, at Angola, Indiana. She was b. June 21,

1925, dau. of Thomas I. and Anna F. (Parrish) Ellis, and is the owner-operator of a beauty shop at Parchment. Child (by second wife):

23 i Paula Joyce Staley b. May 13, 1924 at Hartford, Michigan.

13 GLADYS RETA STALEY-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. June 5, 1907 at Lawrence, Michigan where she lived until 1920; at Hartford, Michigan, 1920-1928; at Chicago Heights, Ill., 1928-1936; and at Peatone, Illinois, since; practical nurse; she m. (1) March 2, 1924, Clyde Selter, son of Frank and Ora (Smith) Selter, at Paw Paw where they were divorced in 1926; m. (2) Aug. 16, 1928, Charles William Schroeder, at South Bend, Indiana. He was b. Dec. 16, 1889 at Frankfort, Illinois, son of Louis and Elizabeth (Felton) Schroeder; d. April 20, 1958 at Peatone, Ill., where he is bur. in the Peatone Cemetery. He was a rural mail carrier. Children:

i Ruth LaJean (Selter) Schroeder was b. Feb. 22, 1926 at Hartford Michigan. She was not adopted by her stepfather but used his name. She resided in Hartford until 1929 when she went to Chicago Heights, Illinois where she remained until 1936; in Peatone, Illinois, 1936-1945; Chicago, 1945-1950; Cicero, Ill., 1950-1954; Stickney, Illinois, 1954 to date; a registered nurse, she m. July 1, 1950, Andrew Chervinko, at Saint Dionysius R. C. Church, Cicero. He is the son of Mathew and Marie (Truhan) Chervinko, both b. in Czechoslovakia. A machinist, Andrew served in World War II, Ordnance, European Theatre.

24 ii Charlotte Loraine Schroeder was b. July 11, 1929

25 iii Dixiana Maxine Schroeder was b. Nov. 7, 1930 at Chicago Heights

26 iv Nellie Jo Schroeder was b. June 17, 1938 at Peatone, Illinois.

14 DORIS ALICE DENTON-6 (Marian-5-Blaisdell; William Henry-4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Nov. 13, 1902 in Lawrence Twp. She m. Llewellyn Fabian Williams at Flint, Michigan, March 21, 1925. He was b. May 25, 1894 at Houghton, Michigan; d. Sept. 7, 1964 at Flint where he is bur. in Crestwood Memorial Gardens. Doris m. (2) Carleton J. McNaney of Jackson, Mich. 17 June 1967, at Flint. He was b. July 8, 1900 at East Grand Forks, Minn., son of Frank James and Cecelia Elizabeth (Foster) McNaney. Children, all born Flint, Michigan:

27 i Vivian Ann Williams b. Sept. 14, 1928

28 ii Kenneth Morgan Williams b. July 28, 1931

29 iii Patricia Mae Williams b. Feb. 13, 1933

30 iv Dorothy Jean Williams b. Jan. 3, 1936

15 LYNN JAY BLAISDELL-6 (Jay-5; William Henry-4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. May 20, 1907 in Arlington Twp.; also lived in Comstock, Michigan and is a retired manufacturer of office equipment; m. (1) Lily Ann Strong at Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was b. Jan. 25, 1912 at Gobles, Michigan, dau. of Lee and Pearl (Becker) Strong. This marriage ended in divorce; he m. (2) Ruth Eleanor McCarty, Jan. 9, 1937, at Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was b. Apr. 23, 1911 at Kalamazoo, dau. of Earl and Faye (Tucker) McCarty. Children, first two by first wife, all b. Kalamazoo:

31 i Lewis James Blaisdell b. March 6, 1929

ii Jerry Douglas Blaisdell b. June 14, 1933; d. Kalamazoo, Feb. 10, 1934; bur. Riverside Cemetery.

32 iii Barbara Faye Blaisdell b. April 25, 1938

33 iv David Lynn Blaisdell b. September 8, 1940
34 v Donald Keith Blaisdell b. Jan. 9, 1943

16 GORDON WAYNE-6-BLAISDELL (Jay-5; William Henry-4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. June 22, 1910 in Arlington Township, near Lawrence. Other places of residence in Michigan are Dowagiac, where he graduated from high school, Kalamazoo, Gobles, Bloomingdale, and again, Kalamazoo. In California he has resided at Deep Springs, Independence, Lynwood, Palmdale, Los Angeles Los Alamitos and Apple Valley where he presently resides. A professional teacher in the fields of science and mathematics, he received his B. A. degree from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo in 1933, and his M. A. degree in Education from the University of Michigan, in 1943. More recently he has taken advanced Education courses at the University of Southern California, thereby earning credits applicable to his doctorate degree. At Western Michigan University, he was affiliated with Omega Delta Phi (forensic and fraternal group) and Faculty selection on the basis of his scholastic accomplishment in science and mathematics gave him a membership in Kappa Rho Sigma, honorary campus society. Also, he was a charter member and Vice-president of Beta Eta Chapter, Phi Delta Kappa, National Professional Education fraternity. His professional organization memberships include: American Association of Physics Teachers, American Institute of Physics, American Society of Training Directors, Human Factors Society, Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, Michigan Education Association, and Michigan Industrial Education Society.

In Michigan, he has taught at Nashville, Augusta, Bloomingdale where he was high school principal for two years, and at Western Michigan University. In California he taught science and mathematics at the Owens Valley Unified Schools, at Independence and at Deep Springs Junior College. From August 1947 to June 1961, he was on the teaching and administrative staffs of the several departmental facilities of Northrop Aircraft, Inc., now known as Northrop Corporation, where he was successively instructor of science and mathematics courses in their Institute of Technology, Coordinator of Industrial training, and Technical Training Coordinator, Human Factors Engineer and Training Specialist, in that order for "Nortronics."

Mr. Blaisdell's textbook, "The Engineering Method: An Introduction," designed to facilitate a more rapid presentation and assimilation of the principles of mathematics and physics required in pre-engineering courses, is given high merit in Northrop's Institute of Technology. In September 1962, Mr. Blaisdell returned to teaching on the college level, becoming head of the Department of Physics at Victor Valley College, Victorville, California, and in August 1965, he became Dean of Instruction at this Institution.

Mr. Blaisdell m. (1) Esther Lyle Huntington, Dec. 1, 1934 at Charlotte, Michigan. She was b. abt. 1907 in Chicago, Illinois, dau. of Louis and Adah (Lyle) Huntington. This marriage ended in divorce in 1945. He m. (2) Nellie Mae Robinson, June 14, 1945, at Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was b. July 4, 1909, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dau. of William L. and Emma (Parks) Robinson. Child:

35 i Philip Wayne Blaisdell b. March 23, 1936 at Kalamazoo, Michigan

SEVENTH GENERATION

17 CECIL RAYMOND STALEY-7; John Leon Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. August 6, 1905 in Arlington Twp., where he resided until 1926 when he removed to Dowagiac to remain until 1958 when he moved to Kalamazoo where he d. Oct. 28, 1962; bur. Riverside Cem., Dowagiac; he m. July 20, 1940, Grace Thelma Brill, by Rev. Albert Butterfield of Hastings, Michigan. She was b. at Hastings Feb. 28, 1916, dau. of Albert L. and Esther (Lahr) Brill. She is a practicing registered nurse. Children b. at Dowagiac:

i Janet Esther Staley was b. Feb. 20, 1942 and in 1958 moved to Kalamazoo where she is an office secretary; m. May 25, 1963, at Central Christian Church, Kalamazoo, Lee Douglas Hoke who was b. March 31, 1938 at Allegan, Michigan, son of Walter and Ethel (Belden) Hoke; Lee is an industrial worker; no children

ii James Leon Staley was b. July 11, 1944, and moved in 1958 to Kalamazoo. He served in the U. S. Navy, Naval Reserve Group for two years; m. Aug. 29, 1963, at Central Christian Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Donna Sharon Elkins, dau. of Donald and Lillian (Perkins) Elkins, who was b. June 15, 1945 at Springfield, Missouri. No children.

18 REXFORD LISLE STALEY-7; John Leon Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. April 27, 1908 in Arlington Twp. In 1926 he moved to Dowagiac, Cass Co., where he resides and is an industrial worker. He m. Sept. 12, 1928, at South Bend, Indiana, Gale Frances Beeching, dau. of Frank and Jessie (Cross) Beeching. Children, all born at Dowagiac:

36 i Roger Rex Staley b. April 27, 1929

37 ii Marilyn Jean Staley b. Nov. 1, 1932

19 RUBY LOUISE STALEY-7; John Leon Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. April 13, 1912 in Arlington Twp., and lived at Lawrence until 1926, and since then at Dowagiac. She m. April 11, 1931, Robert Roscoe Cushing, at South Bend, Indiana. He was b. at Dowagiac Nov. 21, 1908, son of Claude D. and Maude (Heck) Cushing. Children, all born at Dowagiac:

38 i Thomas Edward Cushing b. Dec. 3, 1936

39 ii Nancy Louise Cushing b. Feb. 18, 1940

20 RICHARD MILTON STALEY-7; John Leon Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. June 14, 1922 at Lawrence, Michigan where he resided until 1926 when he moved to Dowagiac where he m. June 14, 1947, Charlotte Grace Hodgson, by Rev. Norvel Lyons. Her parents are John and Grace (Slack) Hodgson; she was b. Dec. 21, 1928 at Wakeley, Cass Co., Michigan. Children, all born at Dowagiac:

i Ruth Ann Staley b. January 13, 1948

ii Sandra Jean Staley b. Jan. 21, 1951

iii Robert Michael Staley b. June 18, 1953

iv Sharon Louise Staley b. Dec. 17, 1955

21 MYRNA STALEY-7; Zell Lloyd Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. June 22, 1919 and now resides at Okemos, Michigan. She m. March 18, 1939, Fred R. Hoskin who was b. Nov. 9, 1913 at Scheiber, Ontario, Canada. Children:

i Richard Roy Hoskin b. Dec. 29, 1942, Flint, Michigan
ii William Arthur Hoskin b. July 1, 1944 at Flint, Michigan

22 JOHN WILLIAM KLAP-7; Grace Aileen Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. May 7, 1925 at Grand Rapids, Michigan where he resides and is an insurance salesman. He served in the U. S. Air Force as First Lieutenant; m. Aug. 3, 1963, Janette A. Thurston, dau. of Benton and Evelyn (Stacey) Thurston; She was b. Nov. 23, 1940. Children, all b. Grand Rapids:

i Fletcher Thurston Klap b. Dec. 15, 1964
ii Stacey Janette Klap b. Dec. 1, 1965
iii Jordan Chapman Klap b. April 9, 1967

23 PAULA JOYCE STALEY-7; Paul Clayton Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. May 13, 1924 at Hartford, Michigan where she lived until 1927 when she moved to South Bend, Indiana, and in 1947 to Kalamazoo, Michigan and back to South Bend in 1951. In 1952 she moved to Plymouth, Indiana where she now resides. She m. (1) Feb. 14, 1942, Louis Edward Miller, at South Bend. He was b. Nov. 17, 1921-22, near Detroit, son of Louis Arnold and Lelia (Gutman) Miller. Divorced Oct. 1946. She m. (2) Aug. 24, 1947, at South Bend, Jay R. Buchtel who was b. Apr. 18, 1925 in Kosciusko Co., Indiana, son of Arthur Hart and Florence (Reed) Buchtel; co-owner of Buchtel's Hardware. Children, all born South Bend, Indiana:

40 i Mary Kaye Miller b. May 30, 1944
ii Jay Robert Buchtel b. Jan. 15, 1949
iii Ronald William Buchtel b. April 1, 1954

24 CHARLOTTE LORRAINE SCHROEDER-7; Gladys Reta Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. July 11, 1929 at Hartford, Michigan; lived in Chicago Heights, Ill., 1929-1937; Peatone, Illinois, 1937-1947; Chicago, 1947-1951; Los Angeles, California, 1951-1953; Peatone, Ill., 1953 to 1961, and Joliet, Ill., since; housewife and office secretary. July 17, 1954, she m. Henry Warren Reed, II, son of Henry Warren and Katie B. (Minninger) Reed. He was b. August 2, 1932 at Harleysville, Montgomery Co., Penna., and served in the 73rd Company, First Signal Group, Signal Corps, Korean War. Children:

i Henry Warren Reed, III b. Aug. 25, 1955, Manteno, Illinois
ii Katie Ann Reed b. Aug. 3, 1956, Joliet, Illinois
iii Sandra Ruth Reed b. May 1, 1961, Hazelhurst, Illinois
iv Debra Joan Reed b. Oct. 2, 1962, Joliet, Illinois

25 DIXIANA MAXINE SCHROEDER-7;Gladys Reta Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Nov. 7, 1936 at Chicago Heights, Ill., where she lived until 1936; Peatone, Ill., 1936-1952, and Steger, Ill., 1952 to date; she is a housewife and dancing instructor. Oct. 25, 1952, she m. Raymond John Butz at Peatone. He was b. July 8, 1923, son of Anthony and Anna (Yuskevitz) Butz. He is a draftsman and served in World War II as Technician 5th grade. Children all b. at Chicago Heights:

i Raymond John Butz, Jr. b. Feb. 8, 1954
ii Anthony Charles Butz b. Feb. 13, 1956
iii Joseph Edward Butz b. Sept. 18, 1957
iv Susan Jane Butz b. Oct. 9, 1959
v James Andrew Butz b. April 29, 1961

26 NELLIE JO SCHROEDER-7; Gladys Reta Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5; (Sarah M. -4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. June 17, 1938 at Peatone, Ill., where she is a housewife, news reporter and baton twirling instructor. She m. March 2, 1957 Gerald Frank Gersch, at Peatone who was b. at Kankakee, Ill., Sept. 1, 1937, son of Albert and Erma (Nolte, b. Germany) Gersch. [Erma Nolte was a sister of Konrad Adenauer's mother]. Gerald is an auto mechanic and served in World War II as a private in the 513th Engineering Company, Fifth Army. Children:

i Gerald Joseph Gersch b. Oct. 15, 1962, Hazelhurst, Illinois
ii Carolyn Sue Gersch b. Oct. 31, 1966 at Peatone, Illinois.

27 VIVIAN ANN WILLIAMS-7; Doris Alice Denton-6; (Marian-5-Blaisdell; William Henry-4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Sept. 14, 1928 at Flint, Michigan and also resided in Cleveland, Ohio. She is a dental technician and m. Aug. 20, 1949, Edward Patrick O'Brien who was b. Nov. 8, 1925. Children, all born Cleveland, Ohio:

i Kathryn Marie O'brien b. March 2, 1952
ii James Edward O'brien b. Nov. 14, 1953
iii Thomas Patrick O'brien b. Jan. 22, 1955

28 KENNETH MORGAN WILLIAMS-7; Doris Alice Denton-6 (Marian-5-Blaisdell; William Henry-4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. July 28, 1931 in Flint, Michigan where he is an industrial worker. He m. Sept. 2, 1950, at Angola, Indiana, Geraldine Lucille Darling who was b. Sept. 1, 1931 at Flint. Children, all born at Flint:

i Michael Kenneth Williams b. June 6, 1951
ii Terri Lynne Williams b. Oct. 2, 1953
iii Mark Llewellyn Williams b. July 1, 1963

29 PATRICIA MAE WILLIAMS-7; Doris Alice Denton-6 (Marian-5-Blaisdell; William Henry-4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Feb. 13, 1933 at Flint; a teacher, she has resided in Flint and Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. She m. Aug. 25, 1956 at Flint, RT Paullin, II who was b. March 7, 1935. Children, all born at Mt. Pleasant:

i Cathryn Lynn Paullin b. June 6, 1958
ii Linda Ann Paullin b. July 21, 1960
iii Cynthia Renee Paullin b. April 15, 1963
iv RT, III Paullin b. Dec. 2, 1964

30 DOROTHY JEAN WILLIAMS-7; Doris Alice Denton-6 (Marian-5-Blaisdell; William Henry-4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Jan. 3, 1936, at Flint. She m. Feb. 9, 1957, Carl Thomas Pendell who was b. at Flint Jan. 24,1937. Children, all born Flint, Michigan:

i Michele Jean Pendell b. Jan. 29, 1959
ii Sheryl Suzanne Pendell b. Jan. 29, 1959
iii Timothy Scott Pendell b. July 19, 1960
iv Bethany Ann Pendell b. Nov. 6, 1962
v Patrick Thomas Pendell b. Sept. 28, 1964

31 LEWIS JAMES-7-BLAISDELL;(Lynn Jay-6; Jay-5; William Henry-4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. March 6, 1929 at Kalamazoo, Mich., where he is now a sales manager. He served as a Paratrooper in the Pacific Theatre in World War II. He m. Sept. 10, 1950, Gloria Yrea Hutchinson who was b. April 12, 1929 at Kalamazoo. Children, born at Kalamazoo:

i Jerry Lynn Blaisdell b. Jan. 25, 1956
ii Bonnie Carol Blaisdell b. Jan. 25, 1956

32 BARBARA FAYE-7-BLAISDELL (Lynn Jay-6; Jay-5; William Henry-4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. April 25, 1938 at Kalamazoo and has since resided there and at Comstock and Richland. She m. Jan. 26, 1957, Robert Henry Rutledge at Comstock. He was b. July 29, 1936. Children:

i Robert Lynne Rutledge b. Sept. 5, 1957
ii Barry Lee Rutledge b. Jan. 15, 1960
iii Brenda Lou Rutledge b. Dec. 12, 1961
iv Bradley Lowell Rutledge b. April 17, 1964

33 DAVID LYNN-7-BLAISDELL (Lynn Jay-6; Jay-5; William Henry-4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Sept. 8, 1940 at Kalamazoo where he has since resided; occupation, heavy equipment operator. He m. Sept. 18, 1959, Nancy Elizabeth Woodin who was b. Dec. 13, 1942. Children:

i Brian Keith Blaisdell b. June 29, 1960
ii Karen Joy Blaisdell b. Sept. 12, 1962
iii Kelly Ann Blaisdell b. March 18, 1964

34 DONALD KEITH-7-BLAISDELL (Lynn Jay-6; Jay-5; William Henry-4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Jan. 9, 1943 at Kalamazoo where he is a sales supervisor. He m. Nov. 10, 1961, Mary Jane Kingsbury who was b. March 10, 1943 Children:

i Keith Elliot Blaisdell b. Sept. 1, 1964 at Comstock.

35 PHILIP WAYNE-7-BLAISDELL (Gordon Wayne-6; Jay-5; William Henry-4; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. March 23, 1936 at Kalamazoo; now resides in Hemet, California where he manufactures mobile homes. He m. Loraine Lee Shugers, dau. of Laurel and Jennie Shugers, Dec. 10, 1954 at Kalamazoo. She was b. March 23, 1936. Children, all born at Kalamazoo:

i Debra Lee Blaisdell b. Feb. 2, 1956
ii Scott Reed Blaisdell b. May 22, 1958
iii Michael Wayne Blaisdell b. July 10, 1961

EIGHTH GENERATION

36 ROGER REX STALEY-8; Rexford Lisle Staley-7; Leon Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Apr. 27, 1929 at Dowagiac and m. there Sept. 16, 1950, Beatrice Irene Charlotte Bray, dau. of John Russell and Rosena (Schuyler) Bray, by Rev. Norvel Lyons. She was b. Aug. 13, 1928 in Chicago. Children, all b. in South Bend, Indiana:

i Ellen Jean Staley b. Jan. 1, 1953
ii Mark Rex Staley b. Aug. 20, 1953
iii Lois Ann Staley b. Nov. 15, 1956

37 MARILYN JEAN STALEY-8; Rexford Lisle Staley-7; Leon Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Nov. 1, 1932 at Dowagiac. She m. there by Rev. Frank Kruger of Dowagiac, Oct 24, 1953, William Carrol Smith, b. Aug. 21, 1929 at Batesville, Arkansas, son of Clarence and Elsie (Langston) Smith. Child

i Judy Ann Smith b. Oct. 10, 1955, Dowagiac, Michigan.

38 THOMAS EDWARD CUSHING-8; Ruby Louise Staley-7; John Leon Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Dec. 3, 1936 at Dowagiac where he m. Carol Judy Pond who was b. there Sept. 1, 1943, dau. of Dick and Bessie (Keene) Pond. Child:

i Julie Ann Cushing b. Oct. 9, 1963 at Dowagiac.

39 NANCY LOUISE CUSHING-8; Ruby Louise Staley-7; John Leon Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. Feb. 18, 1940 at Dowagiac and now lives at Decatur, Michigan. Jan. 19, 1956, she was m. by Rev. Fr. Burger, to Bernard August Schonbok who was b. at Decatur, Sept. 9, 1934, son of Joseph and Frances (Lohroff) Schonbok. Children:

i Jeffrey Robert Schonbok b. June 27, 1957, Niles, Michigan
ii Debra Louise Schonbok b. Dec. 15, 1958, Dowagiac, Michigan
iii Douglas Joseph Schonbok b. Sept. 20, 1961, Niles, Michigan

40 MARY KAYE MILLER-8; Paula Joyce Staley-7; Paul Clayton Staley-6; Arthur Eugene Staley-5 (Sarah M.-4-Blaisdell; John-3; Medad-2; Thomas Jeremiah-1) was b. May 30, 1944 at South Bend, Indiana where she lived until 1947; at Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1947-1951; at South Bend, 1951-1952; Plymouth, Indiana, 1952 to 1962, and at Lafayette, Indiana, since; housewife and insurance claim clerk. She m. June 3, 1962, at Plymouth, Dennis Ralph Bollman who was b. there June 13, 1940, son of Ralph and Mary F. (Cain) Bollman. He is a student in the School of Engineering at Purdue University. Children b. at Lafayette, Ind.:

i Dennis Randall Bollman b. Feb. 7, 1964
ii Mary Katherine Bollman b. Sept. 14, 1966

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