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Their Descendants in North America

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The writing of this book has come about because of the author's desire to know more about his ancestors and, as the undertaking progressed, from his modest satisfaction in being descended from many forbears who had a part in developing our wonderful country from its earliest beginnings.

It required great courage for these pioneers to leave their homes, friends and relatives and immigrate to the strange, unknown wilderness of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. At that time a voyage across the Atlantic was a venture which only the most courageous dared to undertake. Having arrived, only great fortitude enabled them to survive in their new, strange and savage surroundings. They were determined to master their new land and create a new way of life for themselves, one in which they would have greater individual equality and freedom. They wished this passionately for themselves and for their posterity. Freedom, - what a wonderful heritage! Surely one may properly take pride in the bond of blood relationship with such men and women.

It is the writer's purpose to record herein the genealogy of EDMUND and MARY BLOSS from Colonial Times to the present. Although information concerning the lives of our early American ancestors is meager, we will include that which is available. Undoubtedly, there are many facts among undiscovered and unknown records and other sources of information which, if available, would add greatly to the interest of this work. Nevertheless, the writer has been able to compile some history and vital statistics of lasting interest to members of the family, information which no doubt would otherwise have become irretrievably lost.

In the preface to his book, Bloss Genealogy 1887, James O. Bloss says: "The following brief and defective memoranda are published mainly to invite attention and criticism, and as a nucleus around which others may build a more substantial and pretentious edifice. The facts here given have been mainly derived from church and town records, though the earlier generations

are taken from Savage's Genealogical Dictionary and Bond's Watertown; the later generations have been gathered from a somewhat extensive correspondence with those of the name wherever found.

A curious if not suggestive circumstance, is the fact that in a large proportion of the letters received, reference was made to a tradition, supposed by the writer to be universal in the family, to the effect that the spelling of the name BLOSS was a corruption of BLOIS, and that the family was of French extraction....."

The present writer, in addition to examining original records, has also corresponded extensively with members of the family and others in assembling and checking facts. While the final result is far from perfect, it does preserve some of the family history for those interested either now or in the future.


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ORIGINS OF FAMILY NAMES

Personal names doubtless originated with the invention of spoken language, although the date of their first use is lost in antiquity. For thousands of years given or common names were the only designations that men bore. In the dawn of historic times, when the world was less crowded than now and every man knew his neighbor, only one title of address was necessary. Gradually, with the passing of centuries and the increasing complexity of civilized society, a need arose for more specific designations. While the root of our system of family names may be traced back to early civilized times, actually the hereditary surname as we know it today is a comparatively recent development, dating from about nine hundred years ago.

A surname is a name added to a given (baptismal or Christian) name for the purpose of making it more specific and for indicating family relationship and descent.

As early as Biblical times, certain distinguishing appellations were occasionally employed in addition to the given name, viz., Joshua the son of Nun, Judas of Galilee, and John the Baptist. In ancient Greece, daughters were named after their fathers, as Chrysis, the daughter of Chryses; and sons' names were usually an enlarged form of father's, as Hieronymus, son of Hiero. With the rise of their civilization, the Romans felt the need for some hereditary title. Therefore they invented a complex system whereby every patrician traced his descent by taking several names. None of these, however, exactly correspond to surnames as we know them, for the clan name, though hereditary, was also given to slaves and other dependents. This system was excellent but temporary for the overthrow of the Western Empire by barbarian invaders brought its end and a reversion to the primitive custom of a single name.

The ancient Scandinavians and, for the most part, the Germans had only individual names; nor, strictly speaking, were there any family names among the Celtic peoples. But, as family and tribal groups grew in size, individual names proved inadequate and the need for supplementary designations began to be felt.

Among the first to be employed were such terms as the Strong, the Hardy, the Stern, the Dreadful-in-Battle. The nations of northern Europe soon adopted the practice of adding the father's name to the son's, as Oscar son of Ossian, Oscar son of Carnuth, and Dermid son of Duthno. In the sense of hereditary designations, true surnames in England date from about the year 1000. Mostly, they were introduced from Normandy, although there are interesting records of Saxon surnames prior to the Norman Conquest. Perhaps the oldest known surname in England is Hwita Hatte, a keeper of bees, whose daughter was Tate Hatte. During the reign of Edward the Confessor (1042-1066) there were Saxon tenants in Suffolk bearing such names as Suert Magno, Stigand Soror, Siuward Rufus, and Leuric Hobbensune (Hobson). The Domesday Book of 1085-1086 shows a more general use of surnames; some are curious combinations of Saxon forenames with Norman family names.

By the end of the twelfth century, hereditary names had become common in England, but not universally used even as late as the middle of the fifteenth century. However, late in the fifteenth century, during the reign of Edward V, England passed a law to compel certain Irish outlaws to adopt surnames: "They shall take unto them a surname, either of some Town, or some Colour, as Black or Brown, or some Art or Science, as Smyth or Carpenter, or some Office, as Cooke or Butler." And as late as the early eighteenth century, a somewhat similar decree compelled Jews in Germany and Austria to add a German surname to the single names which they then bore.

Thus it has come about that family names may be classified according to their origin. One of the larger classes derives from the given name of the father. Such names were formed by adding either a prefix or suffix denoting either son of or a diminutive. English names terminating in son, ing, and kin (from the Norse sonr, ingr, kyn) are of this type, as are also the host of names prefixed with the Gaelic Mac, the Norman Fitz, the Welsh ap, and the Irish O'-literally "a descendant of." Thus John's sons became Johnsons; William's sons, Williamsons or Wilsons; Richard's sons, Richardsons or Richards (the final "s" of Richards being a contraction of "son"); Neill's sons,

MacNeills; Herbert's sons, FitzHerberts; Thomas' sons, ap Thomases (ap has been dropped from many names of which it was formerly a part); and Reilly's sons, O'Reillys. Names of this type are common not only in the British Isles, but also in the Netherlands, Germany, the Scandinavian countries, and throughout many other parts of the world.

Another class of surnames, those arising from some bodily or personal characteristic of its first bearer, apparently grew out of what were originally nicknames. Thus Peter the strong became Peter Strong, Roger of small stature became Roger Little or Roger Small, black-haired William became William Black and blond Alfred became Alfred White. From among the many names of this type, only a few need be mentioned: Longhead, Lilywhite, Legrand, Lover, Long, Short, Gladman, Wise, Fairchild, Greathead, Hardy, and Youngman. Perhaps names such as Fox and Wolf also belong in this group, although some suggest that they may be of an ancient totemistic origin instead.

A third class of surname, perhaps the largest, is derived from the bearer's place of residence. Such names were popular in France at an early date and were introduced into England by the Normans, many of whom were known by the titles of their estates on the Continent and later by the titles of their English possessions. The surnames adopted by the nobility were mainly of this type, being used with the particles de, or de la or del (meaning "of" or "of the"). The Saxon equivalent was the word atte ("at the"), employed in such names as "Edmund atte Lane," "John atte Brook," and "William atte Bourne." A vestage of this usage survives in the names Atwell, Atwood, and Atwater. In other cases the Norman de or de la were substituted,--examples, "de Blois," and "de la Grange"; and again in others, such as Wood, Briggs, and Lane, the particle was dropped.

The surnames of some of the pilgrim fathers illustrate place designations. For instance, Winthrop means "from the friendly village"; Standish, "a stony park"; Endicotte, "an end cottage"; and Bradford, "at the broad ford." The suffixes "ford," "ham," "ley," and "ton," denoting locality, frequently occur in names such as Ashford, Bingham, Burley (Burleigh) and Norton.

One family in England bears the name By-the-Sea because the first member of the family was discovered as an infant lying on the beach.

While England was enjoying comparative peace under Edward the Confessor, there arose a fourth class of surnames derived from occupation, and nearly all occupations are represented. The earliest of these seem to have been official names, such as Bishop, Alderman, Mayor, Fawcett (judge), Reeve, Chamberlain, Chaplain, Sheriff, Chancellor, Deacon, Latimer (interpreter), Marshall, Sumner (summoner), and Parker (park-keeper). Trade and craft names, although of the same general type, were of somewhat later origin. Currier was a dresser of skins, Webster a weaver, Wainwright a wagon builder, and Baxter a baker. Such names as Shepard, Archer, Smith, Taylor, Barber, Butcher, Farmer, Mason, Carter, Cooper, Carpenter, and Miller are self-explanatory.

Bird life, too, has provided family names through nearly all of the alphabet, beginning with Bird and ending with Wren. Fish have inspired Grayling, Bass, Ling, Pike, Roach, Salmon, and Whiting, while weapons have produced Gunn, Spear, and Spareshot. Undoubtedly, Spooner comes from spoon, and Pitcher from the kitchen utensil.

Many surnames of today which seem to defy classification or explanation are corruptions of ancient forms which have become distorted almost beyond recognition. For instance, Longfellow was originally Longueville, Wrinch was Renshaw, Troublefield was Tuberville, Longshanks was Longchamps, Diggles was Douglas, and Snooks was Sevenoaks. Such corruption of family names, from ignorance of spelling, variations in pronunciation, or merely from the preference of the bearer, tend to baffle both the etymologist and the genealogist. Shakespeare's name is found in some twenty-seven different forms, and the majority of English and Anglo-American surnames have, in their history, appeared in four to a dozen or more variant spellings. Bloss is such a name and is believed to have evolved from de Blois, as explained elsewhere herein.

In America, the melting pot of all nations, a greater variety of family names exists than anywhere else on earth. Surnames of every race and nation are repre-

sented, although most are of English, Scotch, Irish, or Welsh origin.

Those of us who trace our surnames back to colonial ancestors, or even beyond to foreign lands, may rightly take pride in this heritage. However, the importance of a name is not its romantic origin nor its literal interpretation, but is the way it has been worn by its bearers. One's name should be more than a means of distinguishing one person from another. It will have this greater significance only to the extent that each bearer lives honorably and usefully, and contributes constructively to his community and to the society in which he lives.

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ORIGIN of NAME, BLOSS

and

ITS INTRODUCTION to NORTH AMERICA.

The name BLOSS is believed to have been derived in the eleventh century from the Norman-French name Blois. In 1066 during the conquest of England by the Normans, the name was taken from France into England by Stephen, Count of Blois and Chartres. He was married to Adela, daughter of William the Conqueror, and is generally believed to be the ancestor of the family in England. His and Adela's third son, Stephen, became King of England in 1135-1154.

William de Blois, 12th century, said to be the natural son of King Stephen, is regarded as the ancestor of many of the Blosses of county Suffolk.

Charles Wareing Bardsley in his Dictionary of English-Welch Surnames, says: "That the Suffolk Bloss is a variant of Blois, the well known city of France, is incontestable."

Other families of this name existed at early dates in the English counties of Suffolk, Norfolk, Middlesex, Lincoln, Norwich and London. They were mostly of the landed gentry and yeomanry of Great Britain.

Among other early records in England are the names of William de Bloes (or Blois) of Lincolnshire in the year 1273; John Bloys (or Blowes) of Norfolk County in 1497; Thomas and Prudence Bloyse (or Blossse) of Norwich in the latter part of the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries.

From Fuller's Worthies of England (first printed in 1662), under the chapter Suffolk, there appears the name of Thomas Blossse as sheriff in the twenty-second year of the reign of Charles I, (1647).

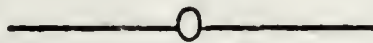
The evidence is strong that Edmund Bloss was a member of the Blossse family of Ipswich, Suffolk Co., England. According to Matthews the BLOSS record appears in The Visitation of Suffolk, 1612. This was a system used by the College of Heralds to check arms and

pedigrees. Officers of the College visited the various counties and called upon all users of arms to appear before them and prove their rights for such use.

The following is the portion of the Suffolk County Visitation of 1612, with which we are concerned:

"BLOSSE of Ipswich and Belsted Hall.

- *Thomas Blosse of Ipswich, co. Suff., ob. 1342, mar. and had issue.
- Thomas Blosse of Ipswich, son and heir, who died 1390, mar. and had issue,---
- Thomas, son and heir, who died 1454, mar. and had issue Thomas, son and heir; (Alice, second wife to Richard Frere of Occolt.
- Thomas Blosse of Ipswich, son and heir to Thomas, ob. where he was Baylye, 1522, mar. Joane, da. of Robert Conham of Swaffham in Norf., and by her had issue,--Thomas son and heir; Toby, second son; three da.
- Thomas Blosse, Alderman of Norwich, son and heir to Thomas, mar. Mary, da. ofBowde and widow of ... Barker, and had no issue.
- Toby Blosse of Ipswich, Portman, second son of Thomas of Ipswich, mar. Elizabeth, da. of Thomas Sicklemore of Ipswich, Portman, and hath issue,---Thomas, son and heir; Tobias, second son; eight da.
- Thomas Blosse of Belsted Hall, co. Suff., Gent., son and heir-apparent, mar. Mary, da. of ... Cage of Ipswich, Portman, and as yet hath no issue, 1620."

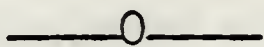


John Matthews states that our EDMUND was probably the son, Edmund, mentioned in the will of Robert Blosse of Reydon, Ipswich, 1630, and that this Robert was a grandson of Thomas of Reydon, a direct descendant of *Thomas Blosse of Ipswich, who died in 1342.

Burke's General Armory, 1851, describes the Bloss, Bloss arms. They are also given in Crozier's General Armory, a Registry of American Families Entitled to Arms, by William Armstrong Crozier.

BLOSS Arms: Gules, three dragons passant in pale ermine, a crescent for difference.

Crest,—A demi-angel holding in the dexter hand a griffin's head erased.



These facts do not show conclusively from which of the ancient English families EDMUND was descended. It is generally believed that families of the name were of common ancestry at a remote period; and it is considered incontestable that the Suffolk BLOSS is a corruption of the French de Blois.

The name is found on ancient records in various spellings; on the Cambridge, Mass. records it is BLOSS; on the passenger list of the FRANCIS the spelling is BLCSSÉ; in his Genealogical Dictionary, Savage has it BLOIS or BLOYS; the Connecticut records have it variously--Bloys, Bloyce, Bloice, Bloise, Bloiss, Bloss, Blois, and BLOSS. Other variants found are Bloyse, Blows, Blowes, and Bloes. However, BLOSS is the generally accepted form of the name in America today.

Probably the first Bloss to immigrate to America was EDMUND, who is believed to have come from the county of Suffolk, England to Watertown, Massachusetts where he was admitted freeman on May 22, 1639, according to the earliest records of him. However, according to Bond, it is presumed that he had been here some time before 1634, since that is the year his wife Mary, aged forty, and his son Richard, aged eleven, came over on the good ship FRANCIS from Ipswich, England. It is not improbable that Edmund came to the Colony in 1630 with Governor John Winthrop.

Early Colonial records also mention Francis Bloyce as being admitted freeman, June 2, 1641. It is not incredible that he was a brother of Edmund. Boston records of Cambridge state that he was buried,

29.7.1646. (Savage gives the date as Sept. 29, 1646). He was evidently married as an appraisement is on record in the probate office in Boston as follows:-----
 "Francis Blossse, widow, Inventory £14. 10. 8. date, 7. 10, 1647." However, no mention is made of who his widow was, nor of any children.

In 1636, a Thomas Bloyse (or Bloss) is said to have emigrated from England to Elizabeth City, Va., but no definite record of his immediate descendants have been found.

The writer has encountered several Blosses of German ancestry residing in the United States, who have been here only one, two, or a few generations. One such, whose name has been spelled variously as Blaus, Bloce, Bos, and Bloss, is descended from a Hessian soldier who stayed in the U. S. after the American Revolution and settled in West Virginia.

The descendants of Edmund and Mary Bloss have spread to practically every state of the Union and have aided as much in the growth of the country as their ancestors did in founding the nation. They have been noted for their ambition, integrity, resourcefulness, and for their moral and physical courage.

Among those of Edmund's descendants who fought in the American Revolution were Stephen and Samuel of Mass.; James, Joseph and Amasa of Connecticut; and Walter of New Hampshire. There were doubtless others.

Richard, Hiram, James, Joseph, John, Samuel, Thomas, and William are some of the Christian names most highly favored by the family for its males.

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EDMUND AND MARY BLOSS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

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1 EDMUND¹ BLOSS, it is said, was born in 1587; he died at great age, supposedly in April, 1681, when he was 94. He came to the Massachusetts Bay Colony at its inception, or soon thereafter, supposedly from Suffolk County, England and settled at Watertown, Mass., prior to 1634, where, according to the records, he was admitted freeman May 22, 1639. His was the fourth name on the list of twenty-two names, not alphabetically arranged. He was the grantee of five lots in Watertown. His wife, Mary, at the age of 40, with their young son, Richard, aged 11, joined him at Watertown. They sailed from Ipswich, England on the good ship "FRANCIS" (John Cutting, Master) on April 10, 1634. According to the passenger list, she carried 44 adults from 60 to 19 years of age and 40 minors from 15 to 2. The division of ages was based on the requirement that, before sailing, all over a specific age must take an oath of allegiance and supremacy to the Crown. It was administered in His Majesty's custom house at Ipswich. On the same day, another ship, the "ELIZABETH", (William Anderson, Master) sailed for the Massachusetts Bay Colony with 102 passengers. Mary died on May 29, 1675. Shortly thereafter, on Sept. 27, 1675, when approximately 88 years old, Edmund married Ruth, daughter of Hugh Parsons, who settled in Springfield, Mass. in 1649. He lived about six years after this marriage; Ruth survived him about 30 years, dying Dec. 1711. At a meeting of the selectmen of Watertown, Dec. 21, 1711, it was "----- ordered four gallons of wine also sugar and spice that Ruth Bloss (who lies dead) may have a decent funeral." Edmund and Mary had:

2. i. Richard², b. 1623 in England.

2 RICHARD² BLOSS (Edmund¹), born in England in 1623; died Aug. 7, 1665, probably at Watertown, Mass., age about 42 yr. Inventory: Aug. 17, 1665, £123. 3. 10. In 1634, at age 11, he came from Ipswich, Eng. with his mother to join his father in Watertown. At age 29, in 1652, according to Middlesex County Court records, he took the oath of fidelity (ffidelity) at Watertown. He was a serjeant. On Feb. 10, 1658, at age 35, he married Michal (Micael) Jennison, 18 years of age. She was born in the Colony, Dec. 17, 1640, the daughter of Robert Jennison and Grace, his second wife. Jennison came from England to the Colony with its newly elected Governor, John Winthrop, in 1630 and settled at Charlestown; in 1636 he moved to Watertown and was admitted freeman, May of 1645. Michal survived Richard 48 years and died July 14, 1713, aged 72. About two years after Richard's death, on July 11, 1667, Michal married John Warren, a captain, and had seven children by him, surviving him 10 years. Richard and Michal had:

3. i. Richard³, b. Dec. 7, 1659.
- ii. Mary, b. Dec. 11, 1661.
- iii. Michal, b. April 3, 1664; d. Apr. 14, 1752, aged 88 yr.; m. Apr. 2, 1685 when 21, John Adams of Medfield, Mass., who d. at Watertown, Mass., 1752, and by whom she had 12 children: Samuel, b. Feb. 25, 1684-5; Marie, b. Mch. 11, 1687; Patience, b. Mch. 21, 1690, d. May 28, 1698; Ruth, b. Dec. 10, 1691; Josiah, b. Oct. 4, 1693 and d. young; John, b. Dec. 14, 1695; Isaac, b. Jan. 30, 1697; Richard, b. Sept. 28, 1699; Joshua, b. July 22, 1701 and d. Apr. 1, 1706; Abigail, b. Apr. 23, 1703 and d. May 14, 1706; Bethia, b. Feb. 8, 1704-5 and d. Apr. 15, 1706; Captain Michael, b. Mch. 1, 1706, d. 1776, m. Sarah Shuttleworth and had: Mary Adams b. 1732 at Killingly, Conn. All recorded at Medfield, Mass. Michal's husband was a first cousin of Joseph Adams, who was the grandfather of John Adams, second president of the United States. John Adams, Michal's husband, was brought to Medfield when a boy. He is first mentioned on the town books when appointed "hog-reave" in 1686. This needful, but undesirable office was

usually given by the towns-people, as a joke to the newly married man. From this time on, he is always recorded as "John, son of Peter Adams" to distinguish him from two of his first cousins: John Adams, The Miller, son of Henry Adams; and John Adams, The Cordwainer, son of Edward Adams.

3 RICHARD³ BLOSS (Richard²Edmund¹), born Dec. 7, 1659; married, Sept. 26, 1688, Ann, daughter of James and Lydia (Wright) Cutler, of Cambridge Farms, now, 1887, Lexington. Admitted freeman, April 12, 1690, and owned land which in 1887 was the old or lower graveyard at Waltham, Middlesex Co., Mass. Church records at Killingly, Conn. state that this Richard was one of the original members of the church of Killingly and that he was admitted by letter from the church at Watertown, Mass., May 21, 1716.

Richard and Ann had:

4. i. Richard⁴, b. Jan. 25, 1700-1.
5. ii. James, b. Nov. 3, 1702. --
6. iii. Samuel, b. Jan. 26, 1704-5.
- iv. Ann, b. Aug. 10, 1707; m. Jan. 9, 1723, Isaac Jewett.

4 RICHARD⁴ BLOSS (Richard³Richard²Edmund¹), born Jan. 25, 1700-1; married, Nov. 10, 1725, Ruth Mackintyre. No record of children or death of either of these, though in the Killingly church record appears the following: "March 11, 1761. Departed this life, the wife of Serj. Bloss aged about 52." As pointed out by James O. Bloss, this would have made her birth in 1709, and doubtless refers to the wife of this Richard. Under date of 1738, the church book records: "Brother Blois (with*) freed from payment of anything for the support of the Lord's table." The following is from James O. Bloss: "Miss Larned says: 'The star was probably affixed later, but I am inclined to think he became a Baptist.' The same record mentions the marriage, June 29, 1758, of Richard Bloss to Sarah Barrit. It seems highly probable that this was a son of Richard⁴, though no record of

his birth is found. It is, therefore, assumed that Richard⁴ and Ruth Mackintyre had:

7. i. Richard⁵."

⑤ JAMES⁴ BLOSS (Richard³Richard²Edmund¹), born Nov. 3, 1702 in Killingly Conn.; died June 3, 1790, age 77. After marriage he moved to the adjoining town of Gloucester, Gloster Co., R.I. By his will of July 26, 1789, recorded in Chepachet, R.I., and probated Feb. 7, 1801, about 11 years after his death, it appears that he was married twice but the name of his first wife was not given and only the Christian name of his second wife, Sarah.

James and his first wife had:

- i. Abigail⁵; m. Sept. 30, 1749, John Younglove; m. 2nd. Sept. 13, 1770, Ebenezer Atwood.
- 8. ii. James; d. 1776.
- iii. Anne; m. 1759, Ephraim Ellingwood of Woodstock
- iv. John; m. Mar. 9, 1758, Hannah Allen of Pomfort.

James and his second wife, Sarah had:

- v. Ebenezer.*
- vi. James*; obviously b. after the death, in 1776, of his half brother, James,⁸
- vii. Job.*

* These were minors when their father made his will in 1789.

⑥ SAMUEL⁴ BLOSS (Richard³Richard²Edmund¹), born Sept. 26, 1704-5; m. Sept. 4, 1727, Martha Barker, widowed daughter of Isaac Barker. Samuel and Martha had:

- i. Simeon⁵, b. Nov. 22, 1728; d. Nov. 11, 1736.
- 9. ii. Samuel, b. April 7, 1731.
- iii. Martha, b. Mar. 12, 1733; m. Jan. 21, 1760 to Samuel Buck.
- iv. Zeruiah, b. Feb. 28, 1735.
- v. Simeon, b. Jan. 8, 1737; d. Nov. 1756.
- vi. Richard, b. April 19, 1739.
- vii. Hannah, b. Feb. 13, 1741-2.

10. viii. Francis, b. March 6, 1742-3.
 11. ix. Amasa, b. Feb. 25, 1745.
 x. Priscilla, b. Jan. 20, 1746-7.

7 RICHARD⁵ BLOSS (Richard⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹),

date of birth and death unknown; on June 29, 1758, married Sarah Barrit, probably daughter of Benjamin Barrit. Richard moved from Killingly, Conn. to Royalton, Vermont. He and Sarah had:

- i. Jude⁶, b. March 15, 1759.
 ii. Martha, b. March 24, 1761.
 iii. Zeruah, b. May 22, 1763.
 12. iv. Reuben, b. July 22, 1765.
 v. Simeon, b. Jan. 11, 1768.
 vi. Benjamin, b. July 10, 1770.
 vii. Selah, b. Nov. 25, 1773.

8 JAMES⁵ BLOSS (James⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹), born

at Killingly, Conn.; lived in Hebron, Tolland Co., Conn. In the summer of 1776, his young son, Joseph, who had enlisted in the militia before he was 17, was called out to go to the defense of N. Y. City against the British, who had landed on Long Island; but James, though exempt from military service, arranged to substitute himself with his ox team; both to be employed transporting baggage. While thus engaged, he died of Camp Fever in the fall of 1776 at New Rochelle, N.Y.; his grave is unknown. He married, June 8, 1756, Miss Elizabeth Clough, b. 1773-d. June 26, 1803, the daughter of Jonathan and Mary Clough. After the death of James, she married Kilbourne. James and Elizabeth had:

- i. Elizabeth⁶, b. Sept. 24, 1757.
 13. ii. Joseph, b. Sep. 29, 1759.
 iii. Sarah, b. 1762; d. 1840, aged 78.
 14. iv. James, b. March 27, 1764.
 v. Salome, b. 1766.
 vi. Eliza, b. Nov. 30, 1769; m. first Harrison, by whom she had: Mortimer A. F. Harrison, b. May 3, 1804, who m. Electa Cheney and died at Rochester, N.Y. Dec. 9, 1861; no children.
 Harrison d. and Eliza m. William Murphy

vii. Anne, b. 1772; m. Ephraim Hubbard of Egremont, Berkshire County, Mass.; d. 1802, no children.

viii. Jesse, b. Nov. 10, 1775, at Hebron, Conn.

9 SAMUEL⁵ BLOSS (Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹), born

April 7, 1731; married Mary Winter, April 25, 1758. By the Killingly town records, it would appear that he moved to Plainfield, Cheshire County, N. H.

Samuel and Mary had:

15. i. Zadoc⁶, b. Oct. 24, 1758.
16. ii. Walter, b. July 20, 1760.
- iii. Gloe, baptized Aug. 11, 1762. (Church records).
- iv. Selah, " Oct. 19, 1768. " "
17. v. Dorman, " Jan. 1771. " "
18. vi. Aaron, born May 29, 1772.

10 FRANCIS⁵ BLOSS (Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹), born

March 6, 1742-3; died Dec. 18, 1824; on July 22, 1769, at Bethlehem (Woodbury), Connecticut, he married Esther Thompson, who died Feb. 24, 1827, aged 79. He moved from Killingly, Connecticut and settled in Bethlehem society in 1765-6.

Francis and Esther had:

19. i. Samuel⁶, b. Jan. 30, 1769; d. Dec. 3, 1834.
- ii. Simeon, b. May 8, 1770; d. Dec. 1, 1773.
- iii. Philena, b. Jan. 13, 1773; m. Elnathan Goddard.
20. iv. Thompson, b. June 16, 1776; m. Rhoda Howe; d. December 17, 1809, aged 33.
- v. Lucey, b. May 28, 1778; m. Oliver Root.
- vi. Martin, b. Aug. 14, 1780; d. March 2, 1793.
- vii. Polly, b. Dec. 5, 1782, m. Jeremiah Peck.
- viii. Eleanor, b. June 9, 1785; m. Heman Paine.
- ix. Esther, b. Nov. 6, 1787.
- x. Nancy, b. Aug. 29, 1790; d. March 16, 1793.

11 AMASA⁵ BLOSS (Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹), born

Feb. 23, 1745; married Sarah Davis, daughter of D. Davis; served six days with American Revolutionary forces as a private from Killingly, Connecticut.

Amasa and Sarah had:

21. i. Davis⁶.

12 REUBEN⁶ BLOSS (Richard⁵-Richard⁴-Richard³-Richard²-

Edmund¹), born July 22, 1765, at Killingly, Conn.; married Phoebe Dutton, who died Sept. 6, 1842, aged 73. He died Sept. 3, 1822, aged 57. They had:

- i. Simeon⁷, b. 1794; d. Mar. 7, 1821, unmarried.
- ii. Polly, b. ____; m. Hatzell Brewer.
22. iii. Richard, b. April 13, 1798.
23. iv. Reuben, b. 1804.
- v. Elizabeth, m. Joel B. Fox; d. Nov. 3, 1857.

13 JOSEPH⁶ BLOSS (James⁵-James⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹),

born in Thompson, Conn., Saturday, Sept. 29, 1759, died at Brighton, N.Y. (now part of Ward Twenty-One, Rochester), Feb. 15, 1838, age 78. He enrolled in the Militia while living in Hebron, Tolland, Co., Connecticut, before the age of seventeen. He

was called to the defense of N.Y. City in the summer of 1776. However, his father arranged to go instead, dying in the service. In November of the same year, after passing his 17th birthday, he was drafted at Hebron for three months service, joining the Company of Capt. Griswold from Windsor, in the Conn. regiment of Col. Enos, which immediately marched to Budd Orchard. He was stationed there and at New Rochelle until his enlistment expired.

As he left his home for the army with his flintlock musket on his shoulder, he had not gone but a few steps when his mother, recently widowed by the death of JAMES in the cause of the Revolution, called: "Joe, don't you get shot in the back!"

In the spring of 1777 he volunteered for eight months under Capt. Augustine Collins, joining the regiment commanded by Col. Ely at New London, Conn., where he stayed until he was transferred to Little Compton, Rhode Island. Here he served in the army under General Spencer, who was engaged in repelling the invasion of that state.

Next, his regiment was ordered to join that of Col. S.B. Webb at Norwalk, Conn., and to proceed by boats on a secret expedition to Long Island. The passage across Long Island Sound during the night was very boisterous. The vessel containing both

Colonels and several other officers was captured, but the vessel containing Joseph and others escaped and landed in the Harbor of Stony Brook where they found the enemy gone. While they were away from their ship, it was grounded by wind and tide. Therefore, they were compelled to go to Southhold, then on to Oyster Pond Point, where, after several days, they obtained transportation to New London in the privateer sloop, Mumford and the schooner, Spy. Next he volunteered for three months garrison duty in Fort Griswold, Groton, on the opposite side of the river, Thames, from New London.

In 1779-80 he went to live with a connection in East Hampton Parish, Conn., in Chatham. While there he was called out because a large force was about to land in New Haven, Conn. (the British landed in New Haven July 5, 1779), and was stationed at East Haven, Conn.

In 1780, as a substitute for Mr. Post, he joined the grand Army at Peekskill on the Hudson River and was attached to the Co. of Capt. Savage in the Artillery, commanded by Col. Lamb. On account of his attainments in reading, writing and accounting he was detached to the Quarter Master's Dept. in the Brigade of Artillery, Gen. Knox, under the direction of Joseph Howe. While in this service, the Postmaster, who was a comrade in the "mess", persuaded him to carry the mail to Morristown, N.J., where another portion of the army was encamped. While on one of these trips, in the winter, he personally delivered dispatches to General George Washington, who ordered a glass of brandy from his private stores for the young soldier. He witnessed the execution, as a spy, of Major Andre at Tappan, New York, Oct. 2, 1780. In the fall of 1781 he was on coast guard duty.

In 1833 he was granted a pension, as of 1832, of \$96.00 per year payable in gold semiannually. He was placed on the pension rolls of N. Y. State for service as a private and sergeant in the Connecticut and Continental Line.

On Monday, Oct. 4, 1790, he married Miss Amy Wentworth Kennedy in New Canaan, Columbia Co., N. Y. Amy was born at Milton, Mass., April 5, 1768 and died at Brighton, N.Y. (now Rochester), Oct. 10, 1827, age 59. She was the daughter of Andrew and Amy (Wentworth) Kennedy.

Joseph and his brother, James, moved from Thompson, Conn. to Alford, Berkshire Co., Mass., in 1779 and established themselves there as merchants.

About 27 years later, in 1816, Joseph moved to Brighton, N. Y., where he was one of the founders of its Congregational Church, which he served as Deacon. At the death of his brother-in-law, Deacon Amos Graves, he purchased a part of the Deacon's farm. Joseph and Amy had:

- i. Harriet Wentworth⁷, b. at Alford, Mass., Sept. 26, 1792; m. July 7, 1836, at Brighton, N.Y., her first cousin, Amos Graves, (she was his second wife), son of Deacon Amos and Hannah (Kennedy) Graves; she died March 20, 1865, without children.
24. ii. William Clough, b. Jan. 19, 1795.
- iii. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Dec. 15, 1797; d. at Brighton, N.Y. Jan. 18, 1845; m. at Brighton, N.Y., June 16, 1817, Samuel Olmsted Cogswell of Richmond, Mass., son of Cogswell who lived and died at Richmond, Mass.; they had: Polly Ann, b. Oct. 18, 1818, d. Oct. 7, 1856; Samuel B., b. Sept. 17, 1820, d. in U.S. Army, 1863; Henry M. b. Sept. 2, 1824, d. May 19, 1846; Joseph Hubert, b. Sept. 2, 1828, was Lieut. Col. of 150th., N. Y. Vol. Infantry; Charlotte M., b. Apr. 23, 1833.
- iv. Amy Kennedy, b. Feb. 6, 1800 and d. April 4, 1866; m. April 8, 1823, Isaac Moore, founder of Clover Street Seminary; they had: Jacob, b. May 5, 1825, d. June 6, 1831; Amy, b. Jan. 14, 1827; Francis, b. Oct. 22, 1828, d. April 11, 1845; Isaac, b. Oct. 10, 1831; Mary, b. May 20, 1833; Jacob, b. Dec. 28, 1835; Caleb, b. April 1, 1840, was Major of 8th N.Y. Vol. Cavalry, and d. March 1869.
25. v. Joseph Bayard, b. Jan. 11, 1802.
- vi. Olive Goodwin, b. Feb. 4, 1804; d. Feb. 5, 1869.
26. vii. James Orville, b. Nov. 14, 1805.
- viii. Charlotte Maria, b. July 11, 1808; m. Feb. 3, 1836, Ezra Rosebrugh; d. June 20, 1885.
- ix. Theodore Edwin, b. Jan 18, 1811; d. Feb. 4, 1811.

- x. Celestia Angenette, b. Mar. 7, 1812; m. Mar. 12, 1849, Isaac Brewster; d. Oct. 13, 1855. She was principal of Clover Street Seminary at Rochester, N.Y., and was a woman of considerable literary ability; she wrote Bloss's Ancient History, a valuable textbook, also the Heroines of the Crusades, published in 1854 by Alder, Beardsley & Co., Auburn, N. Y.

14 JAMES⁶ BLOSS (James⁵ James⁴ Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹),

born Mar. 27, 1764, probably in Thompson, Conn.; died at Alford, Mass., Mar. 26, 1812, age 48; married July 27, 1797, Rowena Kellogg, who died Sept. 9, 1849, age 75. She was the dau. of Amos Kellogg. On Sept. 23, 1814, she remarried, this time to Andrew Patterson. James, with his brother, Joseph, moved from Thompson, Conn. to Alford, in 1789 and established themselves there as merchants.

James and Rowena had:-

27. i. James Marcus⁷, b. May 22, 1798; d. July 29, 1845.
 ii. Grotius, b. April 16, 1800; d. April 5, 1833.
 iii. Eliza Rowena, b. Sept. 3, 1803; d. Dec. 21, 1854; married Kempshall.
 iv. Alexander Hamilton, b. June 18, 1807; d. June 13, 1830, aged 23 yrs.
 v. Timothy Kellogg, b. Dec. 17, 1809; d. Mar. 25, 1871.
 vi. Clarissa Euphelia, b. June 14, 1812; m. at Kelloggsville, Ohio, Nov. 11, 1835, Heman Ticknor, and had: Harriet C., born Jan. 16, 1837; Sidney, b. Aug. 31, 1838; Marcus H., b. July 19, 1842. She died at Williamsfield, Ohio, July 20, 1842, the next day after the birth of her son, Marcus.

15 ZADOC⁶ BLOSS (Samuel⁵ Samuel⁴ Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹),

born at Killingly, Connecticut Oct. 24, 1758; died at Parishville, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., March 25, 1844; married in 1782, Mehitabel Conant, who was born Oct. 16, 1758, and died Mar. 11, 1850.

He lived at Irasburg, Vt. before moving to Parishville, N. Y. Zadoc and Mehitable had:-

- i. Achsah⁷, b. Feb. 1783; d. Aug. 24, 1818; married, 1805, her first cousin, Samuel Bloss, 30.
28. ii. Orra Conant, b. Jan. 15, 1786.
- iii. Mary, b. Aug. 4, 1789; living in Canada, 1887.
- iv. Sally, b. July 1, 1793; d. May 3, 1884.

16 WALTER⁶ BLOSS (Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-

Edmund¹), born July 20, 1760, probably in Plainfield, Cheshire Co., N.H. (J. O. Bloss gives it as Killingly, Conn.); died in Vermont, 1817, aged 57; married, 1783, Hannah Wilder (1760-1851), who lived to age 90. He lived at Dalton, N. H. During the American Revolution, he served as a private in Col. Jonathan Chase's regiment of N. H.

Walter and Hannah had:-

- i. Aaron⁷.
29. ii. Chester W. (1784-1864).
30. iii. Samuel, b. Dec. 30, 1785.
- iv. Josiah.
- v. Hannah.
- vi. Polly.

17 DORMAN⁶ BLOSS (Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-

Edmund¹), born at Killingly, Conn., in January of 1771; died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Phoebe (Bloss) Bucher in Rockford, Indiana, 1823, aged 52 yr.; married, first, Luanie Cutler, in Oneida County, N.Y.; married, second, Susannah Scott, widow of ___ Coates, probably in Tioga County, Pa. about 1814. In 1818, at the age of 47, he left Pennsylvania and came to the newly formed (1816) State of Indiana. His oldest son, Silvan, possibly married and probably about 20 yr. old and his youngest daughter, Cloa, a baby, stayed in Pa. The other children, 4 older girls and 3 younger boys, the youngest a baby of one yr. came along to the new State of Indiana. Dorman was accompanied on his westward move by two brothers-in-law, Isaac Scott, his new wife's brother and Cyrus

Douglas, husband of his wife's sister, Lydia Scott. They came down the Ohio River on a flat boat and raft, landing on the banks of the Ohio near Charlestown, Clark County, Indiana and moving on to Jackson County where they settled near to each other close by the village of Brownstown. Dorman was a millwright; he built a dam on the east fork of White River, at Rockford, and then built the first water mill there. It burned down afterwards. Rockford was about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Seymour on what was the J.M. & I. railroad. Dorman was also a Methodist preacher and was reputed a good speaker. His death came very suddenly and shortly after building the water mill; he was buried on the north side of White River in a rude cemetery on a bluff about 2 or 3 miles from Rockford. There has been no stone left (1886) to mark his grave. Dorman and his first wife, Luanie, had:

- i. Phoebe⁷, m. Woodmancy Beecher and lived at Rockford, Ind.; they had a large family. All now believed dead. Hannah, the youngest, would be 57 yr. old now (1886); at one time, when about 19 or 20 yr. old, she lived in the home of her uncle, Isaac Scott Bloss.
- ii. Axie, m. Denis and moved to Vincennes, Ind.
- iii. Silvam, probably married and remained in Pa.
- iv. Roxey, m. Olds and lived in Jackson Co., Ind. She had one daughter.
- v. Ruby, m. Cyrus Douglas, lived near Danville, Ill.; had large farm and raised large family.
- vi. Alford; went to northern Ills.; was a farmer and accumulated considerable property.
- vii. Cloa, (or Choah or Chole); was baby when her mother died so was taken by her grandmother Cutler and stayed in Pa. when the family moved west to Indiana.

Dorman and his second wife, Sussannah (Scott) widow of Coates, had:

31. viii. Hiram H., b. Feb. 8, 1815, Tioga Co., Pa.
32. ix. Isaac Scott, b. April 21, 1817, Tioga Co., Pa.
- x. Louvisa, b. Jan. 1, 1820, in Ind.; m. Jan. 26, 1837 in Jackson Co., Ind., Harrison Kelly, b. Mar. 16, 1813 in Butler Co., Ohio. Lived in

Owen Co., Ind. from 1840 to 1857, then Green Co., until 1864 then back to Owen County. In 1885 they moved to Emporia, Kansas and lived with their two sons, Scott and Ryland. They were members of the Christian Church. All the male members of the family were Republicans except the father, Harrison, and one son, Ryland. They had: (1) FRANCIS M., b. Jackson Co., Ind., Jan. 1, 1838, m. Theresa Todd, Green Co., Ind., Sept. 13, 1860, d. June 8, 18-3, no children; (2) OLIVER WOODRUFF, b. Jackson Co., Ind., May 6, 1839, was carpenter, m. Elizabeth L. Gray, Jan. 12, 1862, lived in Terre Haute, they had: George Arthemus, Mary, William, Ella, Jennie and Frank; (3) ISAAC MATHER, b. Feb. 1, 1841 in Owen Co., Ind., d. Nov. 2, 1841; (4) PATRICK SULLIVAN, b. Owen Co., Ind., Dec. 24, 1844, d. Sept. 5, 1845; (5) HANNAH ADALINE, b. in Owen Co., Ind., July 17, 1847, m. Lorenzo Dow Sink, a farmer, Jan. 8, 1865, in Owen Co., Ind., and in 1876, moved to farm purchased in Sullivan Co., Ind. They had: Sarah Louvisa, Charles, Albert, William Grant, Lillian Viola Kelly, Mariette Kelly, and Bessie Kelly; (6) JOHN TAYLOR, b. in Owen Co., Ind., Dec., 11, 1849, was a tinsmith, m. Eunice Ophelia Davis, Nov. 18, 1868, in Edinburg, Ind., where they lived most of their married life, later moving to Indianapolis. They were Methodists. They had: Matie and Richard Scott; (7) DORMAN SCOTT, b. in Owen Co., June 25, 1852, was a teacher then Asst. Supt. of Schools at Evansville, Ind., 1876-1881, and Supt. 1881-85, then was Professor of Natural History, State Normal School, Emporia, Kan., in 1885, -he was still a bachelor in 1886; (8) RYLAND BRUCE, b. Owen Co., June 19, 1855, m. Amanda Baker in Owen Co., May 25, 1878, taught school, graduated from medical college at Louisville, Ky., and soon after entered in the drug business at Patricksburg, Ind., then, in 1885, moved to Emporia, Kan., where he continued in the drug business, and had two daughters.

xi. Dorman, b. 1822, in Jackson Co., Ind.; d. young.

* (18) AARON⁶ BLOSS (~~Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-~~

~~Edmund¹~~), born at Whitestown, Oneida Co., N.Y., May 29, 1772; died of palsy Mar. 24, 1843 at Covington, Tioga Co., Pa., age 71, approx. He married Ruah Lounsberry at Covington, Pa. In 1801 he moved from Oneida Co., N.Y. to Pennsylvania, and settled in that part of Lycoming Co., which, later, March 26, 1804, was separated into a new county, Tioga.

Here, in 1802, he acquired 400 acres of virgin land and built the first house in what is now BLOSSBURG. Later, he acquired 400 more acres. The United States Department of Commerce, Board of Geographical Names, advises: "This place was originally named Peter's Camp. It was later renamed Blossburg in honor of Aaron Bloss who settled there in 1806."

(correct date, 1802.) Aaron was a courageous, hardy and athletic man possessing, to an unusual degree, those qualities that make for a successful pioneer. His business acumen was soon revealed by turning his home into a hotel. It became famous at once among travelers between the north and west branches of the Susquehanna River. When bituminous coal was discovered on his land, he began mining operations which became important to the economy of the area; at the time, they were recognized as model operations. It is interesting to note that the New Mexico coal mining operations, started jointly in 1880 by the Maxwell Land Grant and the Santa Fe Ry. Co., was manned chiefly by miners brought there from Blossburg, Pa. Both the mines and the settlement about it took the name of Blossburg. In 1906, a mine disaster led to the abandonment of the mines; the present (1952) community and mine of Brilliant, N.M. occupy approximately the same spot. Much of the same veins are being worked.

Aaron had a great sense of humor and a ready stock of anecdotes, many of which were spiced with his personal experiences as a pioneer and hunter. He had that rare ability to summon from his memory at a moment's notice an appropriate tale for any occasion.

Interesting sidelights: Pickney City, Alabama was named after one of the first settlers, but since most of them were from Blossburg, Pa., the name was changed to Blossburg sometime after 1900. In 1833 the town of Mullan, Montana was established

* See page 90 for more information on Aaron Bloss.

on the Northern Pacific R.R., but because there was a town of that name in Idaho on the same railroad, the name was changed to Blossburg at the suggestion of Geo. T. Wicks, a mining engineer from the coal mining town of Blossburg, Pa.

Aaron and Ruah had:-

33. i. Everett W.⁷, b. Sept. 20, 1800.
 ii. Lloyd, b. 1802; d. 1828; m. Hulda S. Harkness and had two children who died young.
 iii. Eliza, b. 1805; d. 1824; m. Gilbert Grandy.
 iv. Caroline, b. July 24, 1818; d. Nov. 24, 1852; m. Oct. 1, 1834, Joseph Bennet, who died April 7, 1835. She had: Jane, b. July 2, 1835 who m. George McNeil. In 1838 she m. a second husband, James B. Husted, by whom she had five children.

Aaron and Ruah had five other children, all of whom died young.

19 SAMUEL⁶ BLOSS (Francis⁵ - Samuel⁴ - Richard³ - Richard² -

Edmund¹), born Jan. 30, 1769; died Dec. 3, 1834, age 65; married, Nov. 14, 1793, Deborah Allen, who died Jan. 18, 1865, age 84. Samuel and Deborah had:

34. i. Charles A.⁷, b. Aug. 19, 1795; d. Mar. 6, 1869.
 35. ii. Russel Bushrod, b. Sept. 7, 1796; d. Aug. 27, 1862.
 iii. Ruth M., b. July 15, 1798; m. Reuben Mitchell.
 iv. Polly Althea, b. July 8, 1801; d. Nov. 19, 1879; m. Gideon Allen. They had: William H., who m. Lavinia A. Moss; Ruth M., who m. Carr Watson; and Catherine, who m. James Kelly.
 v. Dotha Deborah, b. Aug. 7, 1803; m. Lemar Bishop, and had; William; Edward N., who m. Harriet Minor; and Eliza, who m. Hamon W. Judson.
 vi. Esther Catherine, b. Jan 29, 1806; m. Josiah G. Minor. No children.
 36. vii. George Thompson, b. March 20, 1808; d. Jan. 11, 1849.

- viii. Lucy Lemira, b. May 20, 1810; m. 1st, Samuel F. Peck, and 2nd, James B. Shedmore.
- ix. Susan E., b. Nov. 16, 1815; m. Nathan Pierce, and had: Susan; Lucy; George; Francis; Fox; Mary.

(20) THOMPSON⁶ BLOIS (Francis⁵Samuel⁴Richard³Richard²Edmund¹), born June 16, 1776; died Dec. 17, 1809; married, Feb. 14, 1808 at Plymouth, Conn., Rhoda, daughter of Zacheus Howe. She was born March 1, 1781, and died June 12, 1864. He was a lawyer and lived at New Haven, Conn. His parents spelled their name BLOSS, but, being satisfied that the correct spelling was "BLOIS", he changed it. Thompson and Rhoda had:-

37. i. John Thompson⁷, b. Sept, 22, 1809.

(21) DAVIS⁶ BLOSS (Amasa⁵Samuel⁴Richard³Richard²Edmund¹), married Abigail, daughter of Thomas Conklin. They had:-

38. i. Samuel⁷.

(22) RICHARD⁷ BLOSS (Reuben⁶Richard⁵Richard⁴Richard³Richard²Edmund¹), born April 13, 1789; married at Royalton, Vermont, Jan. 23, 1824, Gratia Parkhurst; moved to Troy, N.Y., in 1840, and died Sept. 13, 1863. He was a physician. Richard and Gratia had:

39. i. Jabez Parkhurst⁸, b. Jan. 15, 1827
40. ii. Richard Dana, b. March 25, 1832.
- iii. Reuben, b. June 4, 1835; d. Aug. 6, 1872.

(23) REUBEN⁷ BLOSS (Reuben⁶Richard⁵Richard⁴Richard³Richard²Edmund¹), born 1804; died March 1873, at Rochester, N.Y.; married, 1827, Mary A. Billings. Reuben and Mary had:

i. Mary J.⁸, m. Solomon G. Phillips.

24 WILLIAM CLOUGH⁷ BLOSS (Joseph⁶-James⁵-James⁴-Richard³

Richard²-Edmund¹), born Jan.

19, 1795, at West Stockbridge, Mass.; died Apr. 18, 1863, at Rochester, N.Y., age 68; at age 28, on June 19, 1823, he married Mary Bangs Blossom (1799-1880).

In his youth William taught school in Maryland and North Carolina, and there acquired a lasting distaste for human slavery. He probably came to Brighton, N.Y. with his parents in 1816 at the age of 19 or soon thereafter. That historic community is now (1958) part of the 21st Ward of Rochester. When only 25 years old he opened a tavern there in a two and one-half story, sturdy brick building. It was a good location because the Erie Canal, which was completed within the next five years, passed by its doors. The old towpath was so close to the building that the whiffletrees of the tow horses and mules rubbed the mortar from some of the stones in its base. Trade boomed along the canal's route, but William's benefit therefrom lasted only about one year; for, in 1826, being convinced that the use of spirituous liquors was evil, he arranged a gathering of his temperance friends at the tavern to witness the dumping of the entire contents of his bar, worth hundreds of dollars, into the canal. The dumping took place at the rear of his inn, which he then promptly abandoned. The old building stood at 1933 East Ave., a Brighton landmark until it was demolished in 1936 to make way for a gasoline station. In its back yard was a pump from which generations of canalers quenched their thirst. One such was a young barge hand, James A. Garfield, who subsequently became President of the U.S.A.

In 1830 he moved from his old tavern home to a dwelling located at the present (1948) site of the Cutler Building on East Ave., near Main Street. A plate bearing the date, 1830, and embedded in the sidewalk in front of this building commemorates the move.

A century before Alcoholics Anonymous was conceived, his new home on East Ave., was a haven for inebriates struggling to free themselves from the drink habit. He was instrumental in establishing a Temperance Society in all towns of Monroe County.

He was one of the originators of the Anti-Slavery movement, and, in 1834, published one of the first anti-slavery papers, The Rights of Man. His East Ave. home became one of the most important local stations of the Underground Railroad, a hiding place for scores of fugitive slaves following the North Star to Canada and freedom. Years later his son, Joseph, (Joe) told of being led by his father to the woodshed of their home where an escaped Negress was hiding. William bade his son place his fingers in the deep welts cut into the woman's back by a slaver's vicious lash. Then, in tones his son never forgot, he said: "I am subject to a fine of \$1,000.00 and imprisonment for six months for giving this woman a crust of bread or a cup of water, for not arresting her, or for aiding her in any way to escape from her master. But, I shall disobey this law, and when there is another like it, do you also disobey it."

He was a member of the New York State Legislature at Albany from Monroe County for three terms, 1845-'46 and '47. He was the first to introduce an amendment, to the State Constitution providing for equal suffrage rights for Negroes. During his first term in the Legislature, in rebuke of the color prejudice of the day, he left his seat among the whites in a house of worship at a communion service, seated himself with the segregated blacks, and partook of the sacrament with them. In 1856 during the campaign of Gen. John C. Fremont for President, he originated and circulated a map showing the area and aggressions of the slave power. This was so convincing and unanswerable that it was barred from the Southern mails.

Each of the colonists sent to the Kansas Territory by the Massachusetts Emigrant Aid Society was given a rifle as a part of his equipment. In 1856, William supplemented this gift with a Bible and a spelling book, "--to establish civil and religious liberty in Kansas."

In 1838, when Susan B. Anthony was still a teenager, he advocated the ballot for women.

He favored unrestricted immigration.

For years he was a self appointed chaplain of the county jail and his ministry to the needy, destitute and helpless continued throughout his entire life.

He was a thinker in advance of his times, an orator

on whose words the people hung, a fiery and uncompromising fighter, who boldly championed causes which he considered right and tirelessly opposed those he considered evil. Above all he was kind and understanding in his dealings with others. He was no Pharisee; he was a reformer.

His name is perpetuated in a Tenth Ward Street of Rochester near the old exposition grounds. He is also remembered in a more permanent and impressive way by a massive granite monument 15 feet high standing at the end of Hoyt Place alongside the gate of Brighton Cemetery. It was erected by his son Joseph B. Bloss in 1893, thirty years after his death.

Perhaps his greatest tribute is the William Clough Bloss Club of Rochester, N.Y., founded Feb. 24, 1908, 45 years after his death. Now, 1958, 50 years later, it is still in existence, dedicated to keeping alive the high ideals exemplified by his life and deeds.

His business ventures never prospered greatly. He got back his East Avenue home in his own name only three years before his death.

He lived to rejoice in the triumphant conclusion of his fight against human slavery, which was ended by the Emancipation Proclamation of Pres. Abraham Lincoln. William and Mary had:

- i. Harriet Wentworth⁸, b. June 22, 1824; d. Oct. 16, 1825.
- ii. Elizabeth House, b. June 24, 1826 at Brighton, N.Y.; m. Oct. 24, 1850, George C. Buell; died March 3, 1863. They had: Edward Norton, b. Sept. 20, 1851, d. May 28, 1870; Mary Blossom, b. June 9, 1853, m. William Holt Averill; Paul Clifford, b. Sept. 1857, d. young; George C., b. July 3, 1859; Elizabeth B., b. Feb. 19, 1863, d. Oct. 9, 1864.
- iii. Caroline Augusta, (D.A.R. No. 4,456), b. Sept. 6, 1828 at Brighton, N.Y.; died 1909; m. at Rochester, N.Y., Sept. 20, 1849, Charles H. Webb. They had: William Watson, b. Sept. 16, 1850, m. June 25, 1879, Mary Henrietta Clark, dau., of Freeman Clark; Charles Howard, born July 2, 1854, d. Oct. 23, 1859; Florence Eliza-

beth, b. June 3, 1856, d. Oct. 15, 1859; Amy Caroline, b. Apr. 23, 1858, d. Oct. 24, 1859; Caroline Bloss, b. Feb. 1, 1872, d. Sept. 28, 1875.

41. iv. William Wirt, b. March 25, 1831, at Rochester, New York.
 42. v. Henry Culver, b. July 16, 1833, at Rochester, New York.
 43. vi. Joseph Blossom, b. Nov. 22, 1839, at Rochester, New York.

25 JOSEPH BAYARD⁷ BLOSS (Joseph⁶James⁵James⁴Richard³
Richard²Edmund¹), born at

West Stockbridge, Mass., Jan. 11, 1802; died March 24, 1883, at Detroit, Mich., age 81; married April 2, 1828, Caroline Augusta Bush. He was a prohibitionist, vigorously opposed to the use of alcohol as a beverage in any form. They had:

- i. Caroline Louise⁸, b. June 15, 1829.
 44. ii. John Brown, b. Dec. 1, 1830 at Rochester, N.Y.
 iii. Theodore Edwin, b. Mar. 3, 1833 at Rochester.
 iv. Edwin Charles, b. Oct. 22, 1834, at York, Livingston Co., N.Y.
 v. Harriet, b. 1837; d. 1839.
 vi. Caroline Francis, b. Aug. 1839; m. at Detroit, Mich., W.H. McCourtie, of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

26 JAMES ORVILLE⁷ BLOSS (Joseph⁶James⁵James⁴Richard³
Richard²Edmund¹), born at

Alford, Mass., Nov. 14, 1805; died Dec. 4, 1869, age 64; married at Brighton, N.Y., Nov. 11, 1834, Eliza Ann, who was born Dec. 10, 1810 and died April 3, 1880, aged 79. She was the daughter of Roswell Lockwood. They had:

- i. Sarah Louise⁸, b. Aug. 4, 1835 at Brighton, N.Y.; d. Nov. 22, 1853, age 18.
 ii. Henry Lockwood, b. Nov. 23, 1836 at Brighton, N.Y.; m. 1865, Annie Moor of Philadelphia, Pa., moved to Wheatland, N. Dak. no children.
 iii. Charlotte Sophia, b. Sept. 16, 1838 at Massillon, O.; m. Mar. 25, 1868 at Rochester, N.Y.,

- the Rev. James A. Daly, and had: Grace Bloss, b. Oct. 25, 1869; Merwin Taylor, born Oct. 6, 1871; Warren Cox, b. July 19, 1874.
- iv. James Orville, b. June 19, 1840; d. Nov. 23, 1847.
- v. Charles Finney, b. Jan. 9, 1842; d. young.
- vi. John Jay, b. Oct. 11, 1843 at Brighton, N.Y. He was a quarter-master sergeant in the 8th N.Y. Vol. Cavalry, and was killed at the battle of Winchester, Va., Sept. 19, 1864.
- vii. Celestia Agenette, b. Sept. 1, 1845, at Brighton, N.Y.; m. Feb. 2, 1875, Louis P. Gage of Painesville, Ohio; no children.
- viii. James Orville, b. Sept. 30, 1847, at Rochester, N.Y.; d. Dec. 15, 1918; member Union League Club of N.Y. City, 1880 until death and served on Executive Committee in years 1896-7-8 and was listed with Club as merchant at 129 W. 36th St., N.Y. City. -- This is one of the leading social and political organizations of the Nation. It was incorporated by the N.Y. State Legislature in 1865.-- He was also a member of the Metropolitan Club of N.Y. City; he resided at 21 E. 47th St., N.Y. City.
- ix. Harriet Eliza, b. Dec. 28, 1849 at Rochester, New York.

27 JAMES MARCUS⁷ BLOSS (James⁶--James⁵--James⁴--Richard³

Richard²Edmund¹), born May 22,

1798; died July 29, 1845, at age 47; married at Kelloggsville, Ohio, June 23, 1832, Mrs. Louisa (Kellogg) McClung, daughter of Judge Amos Kellogg and Pauline (Dean) Kellogg, who was born Jan. 22, 1808 and died Oct., 26, 1869, age 61. James and Louisa had:

- i. Rowena⁸, b. June 24, 1833 at Kelloggsville, O; m. Nov. 7, 1867, Hervey W. Hickok, and now (1887) living in Aurora, Hamilton Co., Neb.; member D.A.R. No. 3,639.
- ii. Paulina, b. Dec. 17, 1835, m. Nov. 16, 1854, Edward P. Baker, and Had: Lucius Kellogg, b. Aug. 16, 1855; Edward Bloss, b. Jan. 22, 1865.
45. iii. James Grotius, b. April 6, 1838.
- iv. Clarissa, b. May 17, 1840; d. Mar. 11, 1860.
- v. Hamilton, b. May 5, 1843; d. July 7, 1843.
- vi. Marcus Greenleaf, b. Dec. 4, 1845; d. 2-22-1865.

28 ORRA CONANT⁷ BLOSS (Zadoc⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-

Richard²-Edmund¹), born at Lebanon, N.H., Jan. 15, 1786; died Sept. 12, 1869, at Branch Hill, Ohio, age 83; married, at Lunenburg, Vt., Dec. 25, 1814, Mary Davis, who was born at Chesterfield, N.H., April 14, 1794, and died at Walnut Hill, O., Dec. 9, 1885, age 91. They had:

- i. Laura Platina,⁸ b. at Irasburg, Vt.; m. at Oswego, N.Y., Bertram Rounds, and had five children; d. 1878.
- ii. Luthera Theresa, b. at Brownington, Vt., 1822; m. 1st, at Syracuse, N.Y., Charles J.S. Lawrence, and had: Kate A., who m. James Marshall Lathrop, in Goshen, N.Y., June 22, 1874, d. July 17, 1882; Herbert Eugene, who m. Louise Rounds; m. 2nd, Dr. Roswell Roderick Chapin.
46. iii. George Manor Davis, b. May 2, 1827.

29 CHESTER W.⁷ BLOSS (Walter⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴ Richard³

Richard² Edmund¹), born 1784; died in 1864, age about 80; married 1821, when about 37, Sally Ide (1788-1863), who died at about 75.

They had:

- i. Abby P.⁸ b. 1825; died 1905, age about 80. She m. 1846, Sharp Hemphill (1813-1882) and had;---Alice, b. in Rochester, Pa., D.A.R. No. 86,291, who m. John Mitchell Thornily; Edith, b. in Rochester, Pa., D.A.R. No. 90,618, m. Harvey E. Twitmyer; Jean S. b. in Rochester, Pa., D.A.R. No. 96,910.

30 SAMUEL⁷ BLOSS (Walter⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-

Richard²-Edmund¹), born Dec. 30, 1785; died Jan. 2, 1876, aged 90 yr.; married 1805 at Plainfield, N.H., his first cousin, Achsah Bloss, daughter of Zadoc Bloss, No. 15. She died Aug. 24, 1818. They moved from New Hampshire to Vermont in 1812, thence to Canada in 1814-15 and from there to Parishville, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y. where he died.

They had:

47. i. Elvin Winter,⁸ b. Sept. 30, 1806.
- ii. Walter Wilder, b. Nov. 29, 1808; d. 1882; he

married and had: Zelin, who m. James Kelly and lived at West Parishville, N.Y.; Maria, who m. William Spear and lived at West Parishville, N.Y.

iii. Zadoc G., b. Feb. 19, 1810; m. and had: Anna, who m. Chestnut.

iv. Harriet M., b. Jan. 27, 1812; living, 1887, at Irisburg, Vermont.

v. Clista M., b. Oct. 23, 1813; d. Mar. 2, 1819.

48. vi. Leonard Brown, b. Nov. 9, 1815; d. Oct. 1885.

After the death of his first wife, Achsah, he married Polly Jones in 1820 and they had:

vii. Achsah, living, 1887, at Parishville, N.Y.; never married.

viii. Samuel, d. 1865.

ix. Chester W., a wheelwright; moved to Texas, where he had a shop. He died and left his estate to four of his brothers, Samuel, George, Harrison and Milo. He is supposed never to have married.

x. Hannah, d. in infancy.

xi. Abigail, b. 1835, d. 1915, age about eighty; never married.

49. xii. George, b. 1837; d. 1916.

xiii. Hannah, b. d. m. James Burton.

50. xiv. Harrison Henry, b. 1843; d. 1908.

51. xv. Milo B., b. 1846; d. 1915.

xvi. Martha, b. 1848; d. 1905; m. James McCabe, who was b. 1840 and d. 1907. They had: two sons, Albert and Samuel; and two dau., Etta and Lena.

31. HIRAM H.⁷ BLOSS (Dorman⁶--Samuel⁵--Samuel⁴--Richard³--Richard²--Edmund¹), born Feb. 8,

1815 in Tioga Co., Pa.; died, at age 78 of bronchitis on Saturday, July 22, 1893 at 9:00 P.M., in the home of his son, Hiram A. Bloss, at 337 Clark St., Clay Center, Kan. He is buried there in Greenwood Cemetery. He was married in Jackson Co., Ind., at age 22, by Rev. Walter Benton, on Sept. 24, 1837, to Miss Lucinda Mooney Parker, age 18. She was born Dec. 11, 1818 in Jackson Co., Ind., near Brownstown,

and died in their home on Dexter St., Clay Center, Kansas, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1891 at 8:00 p.m. age 73, and is buried there beside Hiram in Greenwood Cemetery. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church when 19 and continued an active and devout member for life. She left 32 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Hiram was about three years old when his parents moved to Indiana and about eight when he was left an orphan by the death of his father, Dorman. He attended the public schools of Indiana which were primitive and short termed, at that time. When quite young he was apprenticed to the saddler's trade at Brownstown, Ind. Being dissatisfied with his treatment, he ran away, returning to Pennsylvania (probably to relatives) where he learned the trades of carpentry and plastering. He then returned to Jackson Co., Indiana, married and engaged in his newly acquired trades, at which he was very successful. The year 1855 was to be an eventful one for him. In the early part, he secured a contract to plaster the newly built Kansas Territorial Capitol at Pawnee (now extinct) on the Fort Riley Reservation; the work was completed in time for the first session of the Territorial Legislature, which met July 2, 1855. Then, later in the year, he decided to join the search for gold in California. There were three choices for getting there, all fraught with many dangers. He could go overland, a long, hard and dangerous trek since there were no railroads west of the Mississippi River. He could go across the Isthmus of Panama, which was infested with yellow fever and bandits. And he could go by boat around Cape Horn. By this time his family had grown to six children; five girls, the eldest, Amanda, 15 and one son, Dorman, two. It is not known whether he left before the birth of his second son, Hiram, on Oct. 4, or immediately afterwards, but it is presumed he left afterwards. At any rate, he elected the water route around the Horn and, sometime late in the year, 1855, sailed from New York City. Such trips made in sailing vessels were long, uncomfortable and very hazardous, requiring from six to nine months to complete. (The Clipper Ships made it in about 90 days). The accommodations aboard ship were seldom as advertised. The quarters were cramped

and often passengers had to sleep in shifts as the space had been oversold. Many became ill and died en route.

Hiram's search did not result in finding gold in paying quantities; he returned home by an overland route, arriving in the fall of 1858 after an absence of three years.

In the early 1850's, gold was discovered in the western part of Kansas Territory (now E. Colorado), and by 1857 the great rush to these new diggings was on; prospectors and others flocked there by the thousands. The excitement throughout the country was at fever pitch. People came from all parts of the world. It has been estimated that, between 100,000 and 200,000 left the East and Middle West in the year 1859 to journey across the plains to the land of golden fortune. They came by every conceivable means, but mostly they came by covered wagons (prairie schooners) many painted with the legend "Pike's Peak or Bust". Hiram's love of adventure and the lure of gold was irresistible so he started for this new Eldorado in 1859. However, his 3rd son was born in July and his two older boys had scarcely known their father, so he got no further than the Eastern part of Kansas Territory when he decided to abandon the trip and settle there. Accordingly, that fall he brought his wife and family of eight children to a homestead on Mill Creek, Riley Co., Kansas Territory. While living here, three of his daughters were married and the Civil War was fought to a conclusion. The husbands of his oldest two daughters, Thomas G. Ryan and John Dixon, volunteered to serve in the Union Army. To facilitate the welfare and safety of all three families, Hiram moved to larger quarters further down Mill Creek. This decade, from about 1855 to 1865, was the most turbulent in the history of the State. The two factions of the slavery question were very determined and trouble was frequent and often vicious. There was also some danger to the settlers from Indian raids; several occurred in the neighborhood. On one occasion, about 1865, while living on Mill Creek, the women and children of the Bloss clan were evacuated by one son-in-law, John Dixon, while

Hiram and the other son-in-law, Tom Ryan, stayed to defend their homes.

After the war, in about 1867, Hiram moved his family to Manhattan, Kansas, where he had contracted to plaster the first permanent building of the Agricultural College, founded in 1863; now, 1958, Kan. State College of Agriculture and Applied Science. After completing this contract, which took about one year, he purchased a relinquishment to a 160 acre homestead adjoining the townsite of Clay Center, in Clay Co., Kansas and settled there with his family in 1868. (In 1870 there were only 7 houses in Clay Center). Hiram farmed a few years. Then, as the town grew, he sold land for town lots. He built a home on Dexter St., and established a furniture and undertaking business, which he managed with the aid of his son, Hiram, in addition to his contracting and plastering.

The demands of the times were such that common chairs and bedsteads were received knocked down and unfinished. These required the services of skilled cabinet makers to complete. In the undertaking department most coffins were made to measurements furnished by the purchaser who usually waited for the job to be finished and took delivery on the spot. At the time of Hiram's death, the most beautiful part of Clay Center was built on his old farm.

Hiram and Lucinda had:

- i. Martha Ann⁸, b. in Rockford, Ind., July 7, 1838; d. Aug. 30, 1842.
- ii. Amanda Josephine, "Mandy", b. in Rockford, Ind. May 28, 1840; d. in 1927, aged 87; m. at age 21 on May 29, 1861, Thomas G. Ryan, farmer, Civil War veteran, real-estate and insurance. They lived in Clay Center, Kan. and had: Ida, b. 1863; d. July 13, 1901, age 38; m. John B. Paro and had daughter, Ava and son, Leland.
- iii. William Parker, b. Aug. 14, 1842; d. Nov. 8, 1844.
- iv. Margaret Sussannah, "Suse", b. March 27, 1844 in Rockford, Ind.; d. Jan. 11, 1921, aged 76, at Modesto, Cal., and is buried there; m. at age 19, on Oct. 2, 1863, John Dixon of Riley, Kan., who promptly joined the Union Army. They had:

Herbert, who m. and had son, Beecher and dau., Juanita, unmarried in 1917; Minnie, m. Alex. White in Kan., moved to Modesto, Cal. and had son, Fay also John, and daughter, Ivy; Ella, m. Charley Morris and had 3 sons, lived at Stockdale, Kan., died tragically by burning through accidental ignition of turpentine; Harry, m. 1914 and had: 2 sons and 2 dau.

- v. Louisa Jane, b. Jan. 6, 1846; d. Jan. 14, 1847.
- vi. Elizabeth Ellen, b. Nov. 17, 1847, in Rockford, Ind., died Jan. 26, 1886, age 38; m. March 12, 1865, John C. White of Riley Co., Kan., and had: 2 or 3 sons.
- vii. Celestus Ann, "Les", b. Nov. 3, 1849, in Rockford, Ind.; d. 1914, age about 65, at Topeka, Kan., and is buried there; m. Feb. 28, 1869, at age 19, A. James Shaffer, a Civil War veteran and traveling salesman. They had: William; Oscar, m. Bessie; Maude, m., lived in Topeka, Kan.; Mable; Blanche; Pearl.
- viii. Nancy Alice, b. in Rockford, Ind., Sept. 10, 1851; d. about 1918 in Miami, Okla. and is buried there, age about 67; m. Jan. 10, 1870, at age 18, Wesley Kress, Clay Center, Kan., where they lived until moving to Miami, Okla. She was possessed with considerable artistic talent. ^{m. HALLMARK and lived in MODESTO, CALIFORNIA.} They had: dau., Nell, and others, one married son was miner and lived in Miami, Okla., and had dau., Nora, b. about 1902.
52. ix. Dorman Elwood, "Bub", b. Sept. 18, 1853, in Rockford, Ind.; d. Dec. 1929, age 76.
53. x. Hiram A. "Thack", b. Oct. 4, 1855, in Rockford, Ind.; d. Feb. 12, 1938, age 82.
- xi. Isaac William, "Babe", b. July 23, 1859, in Rockford, Ind.; d. suddenly Dec. 9, 1935, in Brooklyn, L.I., N.Y., at age 75, and is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Section 35, Range 0, grave No. 1, Middle Village, L.I., New York; married, by John Henry Brown, at Dallas, Texas, Mar. 8, 1889, Elsie M. Weidner, who was b. Nov. 11, 1871, in Magdeburg, Germany. They had no children. In later years he married a widow, Mrs. Hennan, of Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1917 they

were living there at 409 Dean St. He was a mason and plasterer; physically large, six feet tall and weighed 210 pounds.

32 ISAAC SCOTT⁷ BLOSS (Dorman⁶ Samuel⁵ Samuel⁴ Richard³

Richard² Edmund¹), born Apr. 21,

1817, in Tioga Co., Pa.; died suddenly of a heart attack on his farm Nov. 14, 1892, aged 75; buried, Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center, Clay Co., Kansas; married, March 22, 1838, at age 21, Miss Agnes A. McKnight, age 19, of New Philadelphia, Washington Co., Ind. Agnes was born July 28, 1820 and died Sept. 22, 1862, aged 42; she is buried in New Philadelphia Cemetery. Four years later, on Sept. 6, 1866, at age 49, he married Miss Jane Matilda McKnight, 23 years his junior. She was born Oct. 16, 1840 in Jackson Co., Ind., and was a first cousin of Agnes. Her father, William McKnight, was a native of Mercer Co., Ky., and of Scotch-Irish descent; her mother, Jane, was of German ancestry, born in Washington Co., Ind. Jane died in the home of her daughter, Mrs. May Mall, in Wichita, Kan., Aug. 14, 1928, aged 88, and is buried beside Isaac. She had lived in Oklahoma from 1909 until her death.

Isaac was brought to Washington Co., Ind. from Tioga Co., Pa. by his parents when an infant of less than two years. He was orphaned in 1823 at the age of six by the death of his father, Dorman. When old enough he was apprenticed to Homer Douglas, his first cousin, to learn the tanner's trade. He continued at this until past the age of eighteen, then, without his employer's consent, he went to New Philadelphia to work in William Hamilton's tannery and soon took charge of the business. After his marriage in 1838, he established a tannery of his own three miles east of New Philadelphia. When his wife died in 1862, he moved with his family to New Philadelphia but continued to operate his tannery until 1869 when he decided to follow his brother, Hiram, to Kansas, a newly formed (1861) and fast growing state. With his young wife and infant son, a baby in arms, he settled on a homestead of 160 acres in section 22, Hayes Twp., Clay Co., about five miles northeast of Clay Center, where he lived until his

death 23 years later. Here he raised his second family, four boys and two girls.

There were only seven houses in Clay Center when Isaac arrived in the county and only a few settlers in the township. Dougouts, sod houses and log houses were the only types of residences. So sparsely was the country settled that deer and antelope frequented their farmyard. The country was in a primitive state. However, conditions improved rapidly and soon Isaac's farm was producing abundantly and was equipped with substantial buildings and many other improvements.

At one time Isaac was Trustee of Hays Township; at another, was its Tax Assessor for several years. These were rugged times and Isaac either walked or rode horseback to perform his duties; there were few roads in existence and these were unimproved dirt. He was also a Justice of the Peace in Clay Center for a term of two years.

Both Isaac and Jane were charter members (about 1870) of the First Presbyterian Church, Clay Center, and Isaac was a Ruling Elder and leading member for many years. His education, and that of both his wives, was obtained in the public schools of Ind.

Isaac and his first wife, Agnes, had:

54. i. John McKnight⁸, b. Jan. 21, 1839; d. April 26, 1905.
- ii. Elizabeth Jane, b. Jan. 23, 1842; died very suddenly, Apr. 15, 1864, age 22, of spotted fever; for several terms, taught school successfully; was very large and fat, weighing over 225 pounds; never married.
- iii. Margaret A., b. Oct. 31, 1844; died, 1895; m. Willis W. Tattock, May 1, 1870, and lived on a farm near New Philadelphia, Ind. They had: Arminta, Elbert Bloss, Claudius and Ernest.

Isaac and Jane, his second wife, had:

55. iv. Schuyler Colefax, b. Oct. 7, 1869; d. Nov. 25, 1945.
56. v. William Scott, b. Oct. 13, 1871.
- vi. May Elois, b. Aug. 5, 1873, Clay Co., Kan.; d. Sept. 2, 1953, aged 80, of heart failure, and is buried beside "Newt" in Wichita Park Cemetery, Wichita, Kan.; m. Newton Albert

Mall, Sept. 20, 1899 at Clay Center. They owned and operated a farm near Green, Kansas until Feb. of 1909, when they moved to Fairview, Major Co., Oklahoma, where they owned and managed several farms. In 1917 they sold out and moved to Wichita, Kan. where "Newt" worked in the Santa Fe railroad shops until his death in 1936. Prior to Wichita, they were Presbyterians, there they became Evangelical United Brethren. They had: one son, adopted, b. Feb. 26, 1905, now (1952) living in Wichita, Kan. and he had three children, John and two girls all graduates of college.

vii. Hiram Herman, b. Dec. 24, 1874 on a farm in Clay Co., Kan.; d. at age 76 in Long Beach, Calif., on July 26, 1950 of a heart ailment which had bothered him for several years; buried Rush Cemetery, Fairview, Okla. beside his wife. In October, 1914, at the age of 40, he married Mrs. Elizabeth Lester, who d. May 1, 1950 in Long Beach. Hiram was not quite 18 years old when his father died. He stayed on the farm with his mother and in 1909, moved with her and his sister, Susannah, to a farm near Fairview, Oklahoma, where he farmed and raised stock successfully until a failing heart forced him to retire. He was a charter member and Elder of the Fairview Presbyterian Church.

viii. Alva Lee, b., in Clay Co., Kan., Jan. 26, 1877; married, at age 35, Jan. 29, 1912, Edna P. Boyce, who died Feb. 14, 1949; attended Clay Center High School; graduated Northwestern State College, Alva Okla.; LL.B. University of Kan.; teacher; lawyer; rancher; retired, 1949, age 72; now, 1958, living with adopted son, Richard, in Tulsa, Okla. Alva and Edna had no children, but they adopted: Dorothy P. b. Oct. 16, 1917, who m. Charles L. Wright; Richard L. b. June 20, 1922, grad. Southwest High School, Tulsa, Okla., carpenter, m. Jan. 2, 1942, Lucy R. Barnes and had: Gary L. b. Nov. 10, 1944; Leona K., b. July 22, 1946; Gwendolyn Sue, b. Aug. 24, 1949.

- ix. Sussannah M., b. Feb. 16, 1882 on a farm in Clay Co., Kan.; m. Edward Stennitt Davison June 6, 1917; lived with parents on farm until graduated from Clay Center H.S., 1905; taught school; trained for nursing at Chicago, Ill.; did nursing in Kan. and Oklahoma; moved to Long Beach, Calif., June, 1941; has son, Stennitt Bloss, b. June 19, 1921, who m. Helen Koons, Dec. 1939 and had: (1) Mary Louise, b. 1940 and (2) Louis Edward, b. Feb. 1943; he married, second, Opal Lindhaur; he served in 97th infantry W.W.II and was in both Europe and Japan. Now, 1957, owns and operates a poultry and egg farm at Yucipia, Calif. for the Long Beach market.

33 EVERETT WINTER⁷ BLOSS (Aaron⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³

Richard²-Edmund¹), born Sept. 20, 1800; died Sept. 29, 1882; married Jan. 20, 1825, at Covington, Pa., to Lydia Walker. They had:

- i. Juliet E.⁸, b. May 24, 1826; m. Aug. 24, 1843, Joseph Husted, and had: Cornelia L., b. July 2, 1846; Wilmot D., b. April 15, 1856; Lyman S., b. July 7, 1858; Leila I. b. Apr. 3, 1870.
- ii. Josephine M., b. Jan. 27, 1828, m. Jan. 1854, William Slingerland.
- 57.iii. Randolph F., b. Sept., 6, 1830.
- 58.iv. Warren W., b. March 10, 1835.
- v. Clara A., b. April 8, 1844.

34 CHARLES A.⁷ BLOSS (Samuel⁶-Francis⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³

Richard²-Edmund¹), born Aug. 19, 1795; died Mar. 6, 1869, age 73; married Nancy Lambert, who was born July 29, 1799. In 1841 he was a member of the Connecticut Legislature. They had:

59. i. Samuel Lambert⁸, b. July 1, 1820.
- ii. Nehemiah Lambert, b. Feb. 20, 1828; d. Jan. 18, 1914 in Bethlehem, Connecticut. On April 20, 1877 he married a widow, Alice Catherine Atwood, who had a daughter, Agnes M. They had no children. In 1881 he too became a member of the Connecticut Legislature.
60. iii. Charles, b. December 27, 1829.

35 RUSSEL BUSHROD⁷ BLOSS (Samuel⁶Francis⁵Samuel⁴
Richard³Richard²Edmund¹), born
Sept. 7, 1796; died Aug. 27, 1862, age 66; m. Almira
Morris, and had:
i. Joseph S.⁸, b. _____; d. Oct. 16, 1849.

36 GEORGE THOMPSON⁷ BLOSS (Samuel⁶Francis⁵Samuel⁴
Richard³Richard²Edmund¹), born
March 20, 1808; died Jan. 11, 1849, age 40; married,
1836, Emily Brown. In 1845 he was a member of the
Connecticut Legislature. They had:
i. Sarah Jane⁸, b. May 20, 1837; m. Henry Kelly.
ii. Mary, b. _____; m. Charles M. Daniels.
iii. Charles, b. Nov. _____ 1847; m. Ella Stone.

37 JOHN THOMPSON⁷ BLOIS (Samuel⁶Francis⁵Samuel⁴
Richard³Richard²Edmund¹), born
Sept. 22, 1809, at New Haven, Conn.; died June 9,
1886, age 76, at Jonesville, Mich., where, on May 4,
1845, he married Ormina M. Warriner, who died Dec.
1, 1872, aged 51. He lived in Connecticut until
1833. Then, after residing for a short time in So.
Carolina, Tennessee and Ohio, in 1836 he moved to
Michigan. In 1832 he entered the law office of
George N. Briggs, Lanesborough, Mass. From there
he went to Lenox, Mass., continuing his law studies,
and having as a fellow student, Hon. David Davis of
Illinois. In Michigan, he located in Detroit where
he taught in the Detroit Academy three years, moving
in 1839 to Jonesville. In 1840, he was elected
register of deeds, serving 2 years. He was circuit
court commissioner for 8 years and a justice of the
peace for Fayette Township for 21 years. In 1875,
he was elected a member of the American Association
of Science at Detroit. He was a man of great in-
telligence, unquestioned integrity; public spirited,
and to an unusual degree he enjoyed the confidence
of the community. John and Ormina had:
i. Alma M.⁸, b. July 26, 1847; d. Apr. 2, 1850.

- ii. Edwin Thompson, b. Feb. 12, 1851; m. Oct. 25, 1882, at Chillicothe, Missouri, Florence V. Patterson. In 1872, moved to Chicago, where he now (1887) resides.
- iii. Ida Hortense, b. March 14, 1854.
- iv. Warren S., b. July 30, 1862.

38 SAMUEL⁷ BLOSS (Davis⁶-Amasa⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-

Edmund¹), born _____; died ____; married, 1838, Hannah Maria (1816-81) dau. of Benjamin Ferris and Anna M. (Schieffelin) Ferris. They had:

- i. Emily Maria⁸, b. 1851; d. 1910; m. 1880, Henry Augustus du Bois, M.D. (1840-97). They had: Ernest Blois, b. Apr. 29, 1884, at San Rafael, Calif., and who m. Jan. 9, 1919, Helen Catherine Heberton, b. at Philadelphia, Pa., June 10, 1887, the dau. of Rev. Edward Payson Heberton.

39 JABEZ PARKHURST⁸ BLOSS (Richard⁷-Reuben⁶-Richard⁵-

Richard⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹),

born at Royalton, Vt., Jan. 15, 1827; married, Jan. 6, 1856, at Troy, N.Y., Catherine Van Schaack. He is (1887) a physician, practicing in Troy.

Jabez and Catherine had:

- i. Frederick Selden⁹, b. Nov. 17, 1857.
- 61. ii. Richard Parkhurst, b. Oct. 11, 1859.
- iii. Gratia Lucy, b. June 17, 1870.

40 RICHARD DANA⁸ BLOSS (Richard⁷-Reuben⁶-Richard⁵-

Richard⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹),

born at Royalton, Vt., March 25, 1832; married at Troy, N.Y., April 20, 1881, Ida Wylie. He was a Major in the 2nd N.Y. Vol. Infantry, Union Army, of the Civil War. He was a practicing physician in 1887, with offices in Troy, N.Y. They had:

- i. Richard H.⁹, b. Dec. 8, 1884.

41 WILLIAM WIRT⁸, Major, BLOSS (William C.⁷Joseph⁶

James⁵James⁴Richard³Richard²

Edmund¹), born at Rochester, N. Y., Mar. 25, 1831; died Sept. 3, 1892 of anemia after a lingering illness of eight months in his Woodland Park home near Chicago, Ill., age 61; buried in Oakwood Cemetery there; Married, at Cincinnati, Ohio, June 2, 1855, Louise Kate Skinner, who was born in Marietta, Ohio in 1836 and died in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 25, 1906, at age 70.

Rochester was a frontier town when William was born, the Erie Canal having been completed only six years previously. He received his early newspaper training on the Rochester Express. In 1859 at the age of 28 he was editor of an antislavery newspaper at Leavenworth, Kansas. This was during the most difficult and dangerous times in the development of the Kansas Territory. Slavery was a highly controversial subject and the two factions were at bitter odds. Flare-ups were frequent and often vicious. William was attacked twice in his Leavenworth office by pro-slavery men and on one of these occasions shot and severely wounded. He gained local fame along the Missouri River by leading a rescuing party from Leavenworth across the river to a house near the Missouri town of Weston, where they stormed the place with axes and firebrands and carried back to the free soil of Kansas Territory a recaptured slave.

Soon after Sumter, William joined the 108th New York Volunteer infantry, receiving a commission of second lieutenant. He was desperately wounded at Antietam Sept. 17, 1863, while planting the fallen colors of his regiment in the face of the enemy. He was left on the field and officially reported missing, with marked recommendation in the dispatches of the commanding brigadier general. His wounds forced him to retire from the army with the rank of captain. Years later these old wounds contributed to his death. After his retirement he was breveted Major, 108th N.Y., Volunteers.

In 1865 Major Bloss, with his younger brother, Henry, established the Titusville Morning Herald, the first daily paper in the oil producing region.

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In 1874 he returned to Kansas City as managing editor of the Journal. From 1878 to 1883 he was Chief of the Editorial Staff of the Kansas City Times. He was first to advocate Oklahoma statehood, and was the original Oklahoma "Boomer". Through his editorials in the Times and by personal contact with Captain "Oklahoma" Payne, he did much of the early labor leading to Oklahoma statehood.

In 1884 he became the owner of the South Chicago Free Press in which he began a South Chicago annexation boom and maintained a vigorous campaign which finally resulted in it becoming a part of Chicago. He also led in the movement by Chicago to annex Hyde Park.

At the time of Major Bloss' final illness he was editor of the Chicago Graphic.

William and Louise had:

62. i. William Wirt Jr.⁹, b. Oct. 7, 1856.
63. ii. Harry Hubbell, b. Jan. 1860.
- iii. Violet, b. June 11, 1869 at Marietta, Ohio; d. Feb. 27, 1911 at St. Louis, Mo.; married Philander Hiram Chandler at Chicago, Ill.

42 HENRY CULVER⁸ BLOSS (William C.⁷ Joseph⁶ James⁵ James⁴

Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born

July 16, 1833 at Rochester, N.Y.; died suddenly of a heart attack, Wed. Feb. 15, 1893, at his home on Oak St. in Titusville, Pa. On Oct. 24, 1867, he married Miss Sarah Ann Mackie, born 1840, of Wareham, Mass. He read law and was admitted to the bar in Rochester, N.Y., but followed it as a profession only a few years. Later he was admitted to the bar in Crawford Co., Pa. In the winter of 1865, with his older brother, Major William Wirt Bloss, he came to Titusville, purchased the office of a weekly paper and founded the Titusville Weekly Herald; also the Titusville Morning Herald, the first daily paper in the oil producing area of the U.S. No one was better nor more favorably known in the oil region than he. In 1883 he became sole owner and editor of both papers. As a writer he possessed perfect taste; his diction was pure, his expression

always appropriate and felicitous. He was, in fact, a master of clear, vigorous English; and a charming and accomplished writer. Few men could equal him, when he set his well-stored mind to the task, in producing a commentary tersely expressed and full of power. Being fond of art, he had a keen eye for beauty in all forms. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. While he never sought political office, he took a lively interest in politics and was one of the leading Republicans of Crawford Co., using his influence to promote the interests of his party and those whom he deemed worthy of preferment. He served on the City Councils and on the Board of School Controllers; and he lived to see the public schools become the pride of the city. He took an active interest in the establishment of local industries.

On June 5, 1892, Oil Creek, swollen by a cloudburst, flooded the lower part of Titusville. Several oil tanks failed. The liberated oil, covering nearly the entire surface of the flooded area, became ignited; then the fire and flood together destroyed about 60 lives and fully one-third of the City, whose population was about 8,000. Henry's interest in public affairs was especially significant at this time, when, in addition to his own business, he took an active interest in improving the conditions of the flood and holocaust victims. He raised subscriptions and labored to induce the Federal Government to improve the conditions of Oil Creek. As a matter of fact, he worked himself to death during this period; he suffered a sunstroke and other damages to his health from which he never fully recovered.

He was a delightful companion and charming conversationalist with a comprehensive view of many subjects. Henry and Sarah had:

64. i. Joseph Mackie⁹, b. Sept. 24, 1868; d. May 30, 1956.
65. ii. Edward Buell, b. Oct. 21, 1870; d. 1944.
- iii. Elinor Elizabeth, b. July 19, 1873; d. Feb. 12, 1877.
- iv. Mary Frances Wentworth, b. March 2, 1878, at Titusville, Pa.; m. Roscoe F. Fertig; D.A.R.

No. 150,329; now, 1958, living, Titusville, Pa.

43 JOSEPH BLOSSOM⁸ BLOSS (William C.⁷ Joseph⁶ James⁵ James⁴ Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹),

born Nov. 22, 1839 at Rochester, N.Y.; died July 8, 1926, age 86; married first in 1888, at age, 49, Mary Glenn Hooker of Rochester, N.Y., who died Aug. 30, 1890, seven weeks after the birth of their first child. His second wife, whom he married in 1896, was Ella Welch of Port Hope, Ontario, Canada. She was born Sept. 18, 1865 and died Dec. 13, 1955, at the age of 90.

Canal boats and stagecoaches were the usual means of travel when Joseph was born; the first railroad reached Rochester afterwards. Joseph grew up with the town during its transition from a frontier village to an important city. He was a partner in the Rochester firm of George C. Buell & Co., wholesale grocers, until he retired. He then remarried and traveled around the world for a year. Afterward, he devoted his leisure in promoting the various causes in which he was interested. During his boyhood, he frequently accompanied his crusading father to temperance, abolition and other meetings on social and political problems of the times. On one occasion he was taken to the "Old Court House" to hear John Brown the abolitionist. These early experiences made a deep and lasting impression on young Joe; and he became, in his turn, an advocate of temperance, women's suffrage, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, antislavery and other liberal causes. He had the courage to stand for these controversial matters when most of the population were as yet uninterested, much less aroused to action. On two occasions he brought Mrs. Emmeline Parkhurst and her daughter, Sylvia, to Rochester where they lectured. He was one of the founders of the Labor Lyceum. In 1904 he led a movement opposing the proposal for a personal income tax. In 1915 he became Chairman of the Republican Progressive Committee for his district and attended the National Progressive Convention in Chicago. He was a personal friend and supporter of Theodore Roosevelt. The record of his life shows plainly that he knew the

merits of the causes which he advocated. He was no idle visionary, but was an optimist, gifted above the average with enthusiasm and the spirit of progress.

In personal appearance, he was of medium height, thickset, with eyes of brown, and an ever ready smile. He maintained robust and vigorous health until about one month before his death. A few days before this final event, he said: "If I could live my life over again, I would not change it in any way." By his first wife, Mary, he had:

- i. Mary Glen⁹, b. July 12, 1890; m., April 23, 1914, Roger Sherman Vail who d. Sept. 21, 1937. They had: Roger S. Jr., b. July 4, 1915, m. and had dau., Mallory Ann, b. Aug. 22, 1947; Henry Bloss Vail b. Dec. 9, 1916, m. Carolyn King and had dau., Catherine Heath, b. March 31, 1949, -dau., Mary Bloss, b. June 20, 1950, -son, Joseph King, b. Dec. 6, 1955; Joseph Blossom Vail, b. Apr. 18, 1923, and d. July 25, 1935. After Vail's death she m. Ralph Austin Bard; they now, 1958, reside at 650 Lake Rd., Lake Forrest, Ill.

By his second wife, Ella, he had:

66. ii. William Clough, b. Feb. 16, 1898.
- iii. Joseph Blossom Jr., b. Feb. 13, 1900, in his father's home, 334 Oxford St., Rochester, N.Y., where he now, 1958, resides; grad. East H.S., Rochester; A.B. Cornell Univ. 1922; engaged in the securities business for many years; since 1948, associated with B. Forman Co., retailer women's wear, Rochester; member Third Presbyterian Church, the Cornell Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, and the University Club of Rochester. Married Doris Elizabeth Steele, Feb. 9, 1957.
- iv. Henry Welch, b. Mar. 17, 1902; d. Dec. 22, 1932 at Palma de Mallorca (Majorca), Spain; m. Margerthe von Plenge Jan. 26, 1932, in Rome, It.; attended Cornell Univ. two years; for several years was a free-lance writer in Paris, France.

44 JOHN BROWN⁸ BLOSS (Joseph B.⁷-Joseph⁶-James⁵-James⁴

Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹), born at Rochester, N.Y., Dec. 1, 1830; married, at Washington, D.C., Oct. 12, 1858 to Sarah Rebecca, dau. of John M. and Amanda E. (Betts) Gilbert. Enrolled and served in the defenses of Washington, D.C. as occasion required from 1861 to 1865, and is now, 1887, living there. John and Sarah had:

- i. Caroline Amanda⁹, b. in Washington, D.C., June 29, 1860; d. 1943; m. _____ Fristoe; D.A.R. No. 35,174.
- ii. Amy, b. Oct. 3, 1863; d. Apr. 7, 1864.
- iii. John Gilbert, b. Aug. 9, 1865; d. Aug. 16, 1866.
- iv. Joseph Bayard, b. Oct. 3, 1867.
- v. Mary, b. Mar. 31, 1872; d. Jan. 3, 1875.
- vi. Gilbert, b. Dec. 18, 1873.

45 JAMES GROTIUS⁸ BLOSS (James M.⁷-James⁶-James⁵-James⁴

Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹), born at Kelloggsville, O., Apr. 6, 1838; married, August 25, 1864, Catherine Rector. In 1887 living in Chicago.

James and Catherine had:

- i. Sidney McClung⁹, b. Apr. 17, 1866.
- ii. James Imhoff, b. Mar. 27, 1869.
- iii. Rowena M., b. Jan. 6, 1871.
- iv. Roy S., b. Jan. 28, 1875.
- v. Fred Adams, b. May 28, 1881.

46 GEORGE MANOR DAVIS⁸ BLOSS (Orra C.⁷-Zadoc⁶-Samuel⁵

Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹), born at Irasburg, Bennington Co., Vt., May 2, 1827; died tragically Sunday evening, May 28, 1876, age 49. Married at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 2, 1854, Miss Elizabeth McCormick, daughter of General McCormick, one of the earliest of the Methodist preachers in Ohio. It is said that his grandfathers on both sides of his family, were soldiers in the Amer. Revolution. His maternal grandfather was Manor Davis, for whom he was named. When George was three years old, his father, Orra, who had been in government employ

during and subsequent to the war of 1812, removed to Watertown, N.Y., and, eight years later, from there to Oswego, N.Y. While living here George attended the Oswego Academy, whose principal, Hiram H. Brady, afterwards became a well-known educator in Ohio and the first Ohio State School Commissioner. George made the study of history his specialty, spending most of his school hours, and all of his spare time out of school, in its careful perusal. At the time he left the academy, in 1846, he was reckoned by his teachers and fellow students the best-read pupil in history the school had ever produced. During all his subsequent life he never gave up his study of history.

At the age of nineteen he commenced the study of law in the office of Grant & Allen. Judge Allen was then one of the prominent members of the New York bar, and shortly after became Attorney General of the State, afterward being elevated to a seat in the Court of Appeals. In 1850, young Bloss, then barely 23 years of age, was admitted to the bar. At that time he held a position in the Oswego post office. Shortly after this he moved to Syracuse, where he had his initiation into his future life's work, in helping with the editing of the Palladium, a daily Democratic journal. Here, while waiting for the practice which so tardily comes to a young lawyer, he was frequently called upon to manage the paper in the absence of the editor. It was here that he acquired his terse and forcible style of diction which has characterized his editorials ever since.

In the year 1852 he removed to Cincinnati, with the intention of practicing law. Almost the day of his arrival, he secured, through his cousin, G. B. Aspinwall, an introduction to Messrs. Faran & Robinson, proprietors of the Enquirer, and, having already had experience in editorial writing, he volunteered to occasionally furnish matter for their columns. They were not long in discovering his abilities, and soon offered him a place on their editorial staff. Young lawyer Bloss accepted the position on a temporary basis, never thinking that the connection would not be terminated until twenty-four years later, when it was ended by his sudden death.

Until 1866 George was night manager of the Enquirer. It was his custom to stay at the office until the last

hour preparing the telegraphic matter and writing editorial comment. Night work was exceedingly distasteful to him, so much so that he arranged to do day work only. At this time he purchased a small farm about 20 miles northeast of Cincinnati, at a point on the Little Miami Railroad known as Branch Hill; here he built a home from which he commuted to his Cincinnati office daily. He was very proud of his unpretentious country home and was never more happy than when he could take an acquaintance home with him on a Saturday afternoon to spend the week end. Many of the most prominent men of Ohio passed pleasant visits with him in this manner. He was a good liver, and no one who ever shared the hospitality of his home ever forgot the man or the occasion.

He had about 1000 books in his home library. Each had been selected with great care and good judgment. His evenings at home were usually spent either reading or writing.

During the later years of his editorial connection with the Enquirer, he was not depended on for any regular amount of work. His twenty-four years of service had earned him a favored position. He was seldom persuaded to write an article contrary to his personal convictions, even though party policy demanded it. It was common for him to write a morning editorial in direct contravention to something published that very day by an associate editor. His writing was rapid, compressed, sometimes rhetorical, but oftener crowded with facts and cold logic into short, terse sentences. It was never labored. He wrote freely, easily, with noble instincts and a fund of information at his pen's end such as no other newspaper writer in the West --- perhaps none in the country --- possessed.

In addition to his newspaper work, vast as it was, he found time to do a great deal of outside literary undertakings. He wrote speeches for politicians, essays for friends, and resolutions for political conventions. He never failed to be on hand at a Democratic State Convention with a prepared platform full of high principle and Ciceronian rhetoric. He wrote The Life of Pendelton, and in 1875 published a collection of his non-partisan editorials, entitled Historical and Literary Miscellany; publishers, Robert Clarke & Co., of Cincinnati, O. At the time of his

death, he was engaged in writing A History of Political Parties in the United States . Since there was no such work in existence and since George was so well qualified to produce it, the belief was that it would have been a great literary success.

George was a man of great simplicity. Thoroughly democratic, he was always on the side of the poor in every battle.

After crossing the Alleghenies, he never returned East; and, save for an occasional business trip to the State Capital, Columbus, O., he never traveled far from home.

He was a man of striking appearance. Short, about 5'-6", and light, about 120 lbs., he still possessed an outstanding personality that marked him for favorable attention on all occasions.

George's last day of life was a beautiful spring Sunday. Thoughts of a sudden and tragic death only a few hours away must have been farthest from his mind. First off, he visited for an hour with his good friend and nearest neighbor, General Thomas Powell. He then spent an hour or so on his own front porch conversing with friends and members of his family. He read aloud items from the Sunday Enquirer, which his youngest son "Bertie" had delivered to the house. He remarked about the many restful and happy days of retirement on his small country estate he anticipated for the future. He then boarded a local train for Loveland, 2 miles away, where his 83 year old mother lived with his sister, Mrs. Laura Chapin. After a visit with them, he called on his friend, Mr. M.S. Williamson, with whom he spent the afternoon, helping with arrangements for the town elections which were to take place the next day and were the first since its incorporation as a village. He was greatly interested in local as well as state politics. It was not unusual for him to spend a day or so to assist his favorite candidate or preferred measures. As usual, his friend and host accompanied him nearly all of the two miles' stroll homeward. It was their custom to walk along the railroad tracks, which, at that stage in the development of our country, afforded the best walking conditions. The friends parted and a few minutes later, when, within sight of his own home, the south bound Miami Express, coming from behind, rounded

a sharp curve and was almost on top of him before he heard its shrill warning whistle. He was walking between the rails of one of two sets of parallel tracks, completely immersed in thought and totally unaware of impending tragedy. When the danger suddenly penetrated his preoccupation, he turned around, doubtless to ascertain on which of the two tracks the train was coming, then jumped. He did not completely clear the on-rushing locomotive; the cylinders struck and hurtled him several yards into a bramble patch. When picked up his left leg and neck were broken. He had died instantly. Within a few minutes a crowd had gathered. Among them were two of George's sons, Orra age 17 and Bertram age 10, also a niece. They had rushed to the scene from George's home, only a few yards away.

George was buried Tuesday, May 30, 1876, in the churchyard of the Universalist Church of Miamiville, Ohio. His grave is on a hill overlooking the Little Miami River amid scenes he loved and within the community and state he had served so long and well.

George and Elizabeth "Lizzie" had:

67. i. George Clifford⁹, b. May 27, 1855.
- ii. Orra Conant, b. May 21, 1859.
- iii. Bertram Rounds, b. Sept. 30, 1866.
- iv. Alice Key Pendleton, b. Sept. 30, 1871; d. Nov. 26, 1879.

47 ELVIN WINTER⁸ BLOSS (Samuel⁷ Walter⁶ Samuel⁵ Samuel⁴

Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born

at Plainfield, N.H., Sept. 30, 1806; died about spring of 1893 at Parishville, N.Y., and is buried in Chapel Hill Cemetery there. He married Mercy Ann Russell Jan. 8, 1840 at Parishville, New York, where they lived. They had:

- i. Albro E.⁹, b. Sept. 17, 1845; m., 1873, Mary Hatch; had one dau., who d. in infancy.
68. ii. Orra E., b. March 8, 1852.
- iii. Ida A. b. Nov. 1, 1854; d. 1869.

48 LEONARD BROWN⁸ BLOSS (Samuel⁷Walter⁶Samuel⁵Samuel⁴

Richard³Richard²Edmund¹), born

Nov. 9, 1815, probably in the Province of Quebec, Canada; married Margaret Elizabeth Powers, daughter of Orlando Powers, in Province of Quebec, Canada, in 1847. They had:

69. i. Orlando Powers⁹, b. July 7, 1848 in Lachute, Quebec, Canada.
- ii. Albert Hutchins, b. Mar. 20, 1852 in Parishville, N.Y.; m. Myrtle _____ in 1906; died in Powersville, Iowa, July 1922.
- iii. Kate, b. Aug. 7, 1863 in Parishville, N.Y.; m. Fred Fuller; d. Oct. 4, 1898.

49 GEORGE⁸ BLOSS (Samuel⁷Walter⁶Samuel⁵Samuel⁴Richard³

Richard²Edmund¹), born 1837; died

1916, age about 79. He married Jane L. Parker, who was born 1838 and died 1906, age about 68.

He farmed near Parishville, N.Y. They had:

- i. Jennie Parker⁹, b. 1860; d. Oct. 1952, age 92; married William Hart (1835-1916).

50 HARRISON HENRY⁸ BLOSS "Harry" (Samuel⁷Walter⁶Samuel⁵

Samuel⁴Richard³Richard²Edmund¹),

born 1843; died 1908, age about 65. He married Jane Ingram, who was born 1845 and died 1925, aged about 80. He was a farmer. They had:

- i. Nellie⁹, b. 1868; d. 1887.
- ii. Patty, b. 1872; 1958, living in Watertown, N.Y.
- iii. Alforetta, b. 1874; d. 1955.
- iv. Chester W., b. 1876; d. 1956. He never married.
- v. Margaret, b. 1884; m. George J. Woods. They had six dau. and three sons. Living, 1958, in Saint Regis Falls, N.Y.
- vi. Walter W., b. 1886; m. Gladys A. Page, who d. Feb. 7, 1952. They had no children. He served as justice of peace, two terms as Town Superintendent of Parishville, N.Y., and since 1922, as tax assessor. Now, 1958, semi-retired.

51 MILO B.⁸ BLOSS (Samuel⁷ Walter⁶ Samuel⁵ Samuel⁴ Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born 1846; died

1915, age about 69. He married Elizabeth Kerr, who was born in 1849 and died in 1928, age about 79.

He was a farmer. They had:

- i. Alice⁹, b. 1870; m. Rufus Howe; they had: son b., 1898; she died of childbirth in 1901.
70. ii. Samuel Harrison, b. July 3, 1873.
- iii. Hattie, b. 1877; m. Allen Sevey; d. 1903, of childbirth. They had a son b. about 1903.
- iv. Lizzie, b. 1883; m. Wilbur Wilson; d. 1909 of childbirth.
- v. Grace Elizabeth, b. 1889; m. _____ Wilson; 1958, lives in Beaver Meadow, N.Y.

52 DORMAN ELWOOD⁸ BLOSS "Bub" (Hiram H.⁷ Dorman⁶ Samuel⁵ Samuel⁴ Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹),

born Sept. 18, 1853 in Rockford, Jackson Co., Ind.; in 1929, at age about 76, he died in Fort Dodge, Kan., and is buried there. He came from Indiana to the Kansas Territory in 1859, at the age of six.

He attended the public schools of Kansas. He was a railroad worker doing supervisory duties of a mechanical nature. In personal appearance he was about six feet tall and weighed about 200 lbs. He was a Christian and took an active interest in many religious affairs. Bub, as he was affectionately known to family and friends, married, first, Julia Smith, from whom he became separated. They had:

- i. Minnie⁹, b. Mar. 10, 1875; m. J.R. Matlack.
- ii. Lulu, b. July 12, 1877; m. Dr. Stokes.

He married, second, Alice _____, and they had:

- iii. John, died in infancy.
- iv. Leonard, b. July 15, 1892.

53 HIRAM A.⁸ BLOSS "Thack" (Hiram H.⁷ Dorman⁶ Samuel⁵ Samuel⁴ Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹),

born Oct. 4, 1855 in Rockford, Jackson Co., Indiana, near Seymour; died from exhaustion complicated by chronic bronchitis and colitis at 10:30 A.M. Sat.,

Feb. 12, 1938, in his home in Norge, Grady Co., Okla., aged 82; buried nearby in Rose Hill Cemetery, Chickasha, Okla. Married, Aug. 5, 1877, in her country home, Miss Anna Eliza Powell, daughter of Richard and Nancy W. (Jones) Powell, who left their native Tennessee and settled on a 160 acre homestead near Mayday, Riley Co., Kan., in 1870. Anna was born Dec. 13, 1855, in Union Co., Tenn., on her father's 400 acre plantation, which was bounded on one side by a small stream, tributary to Lost Creek, and was located between the Clinch and the Powell rivers, about 8 mi. north of Maynardville. She died Sept. 8, 1944 in her Norge home, age 88 yrs., and is buried beside Hiram in Rose Hill Cemetery.

In her youth Anna was a beautiful, petite, brunette, about 5'-2" and 110 lbs. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. While she was unalterably opposed to the use of tobacco and alcohol, she did not seek to impose her views on others, excepting the immediate members of her family. She was a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and took an active interest in her local chapter. Her life was dedicated to the welfare and education of her family. She was of strong character, disposed always to look on the brighter side of all situations, and could usually find a silver lining in every cloud.

During the Civil War her father also owned and operated a ferry on the Clinch River, near the plantation. Her half brother, Kendred Bering Jones, fought with the Union Forces; he was imprisoned for a time in the infamous Andersonville prison.

Both Hiram and Anna attended the Kansas public schools and the Clay Center High School. Both attended teachers institutes, and both taught school at least one term.

Hiram was 4 years old in the fall of 1859, when his parents moved to Kansas Territory from Indiana and settled on a 160 acre homestead. Their first Kansas home was a log house. The land was virgin and the living conditions primitive. Hiram's first schooling was in the public territorial schools, held in log buildings erected by the patrons. In the beginning the terms were of three months duration, which was all the patrons could voluntarily afford. He also attended grade schools in a little schoolhouse on Wildcat Creek in Manhattan, Kan., while living there in 1867-8.

It was here, at the age of 13 that he first saw a railroad train. He grew to adulthood on a farm adjoining the frontier town of Clay Center, Kan., which had its first settler in the month of May, 1862. There was no post office there until 1869. The town grew very slowly at first. In 1866 it became the county seat of Clay Co.; in 1875 it was incorporated as a 3rd. class city with 350 inhabitants.

Hiram grew up with the town which gradually absorbed his farm home and became the most beautiful part of the city by the late 1800's.

During his teens Hiram was employed in his father's furniture and undertaking store. Here he learned cabinet making, upholstering, finishing and interior decorating. Having a natural aptitude for the arts and crafts, he became proficient in all these. He was especially talented in the fine arts.

After marriage Hiram engaged in painting and interior decorating. Having been a student of fine art and also of photography, which, at the time, was in its infancy, he engaged briefly in both these occupations.

Ever since Edmund Bloss settled in Watertown, Mass., members of the family were among those early pioneers who kept pushing our frontiers westward. Hiram's grandfather, Dorman, pioneered in both Pennsylvania and Indiana, and his father, Hiram H., in California and Kansas. It was natural, therefore, for Hiram to join the westward movement when Oklahoma Territory was opened for settlement. In this he had the enthusiastic approval of his wife, Anna, who was also of pioneer stock. Accordingly, Hiram participated in the "run" into the Cherokee Outlet on Sept. 16, 1893. This land has been commonly, though erroneously, called the "The Cherokee Strip". You could begin your race from any place along the four borders of the "Strip", the popular name for the new land, a rectangle about 165 miles east and west and 58 miles north and south. Hiram was accompanied in this venture by Charlie Morris, husband of his niece, Ella

(Dixon) Morris. They spent six weeks at Hunnewell, Kansas near the Oklahoma Border in preparation and waiting for the opening day. Participants were required to register at Federal Land Office booths set up along the borders of the Strip. After staking a claim, the person was required to "file" on it at the nearest Territorial Land Office. In order to complete filing he was required to produce his registration credentials which authorized him to make the run in the first place. This was a precaution designed to prevent "Sooners" from making illegal entry and thus taking unfair advantage. Another such precaution was patrolling the border by U.S. troops. Those in the sector with Hiram were notified early in the afternoon of Sept. 15th that the registration booths were open for business. Lines formed. Some stood in line all day and night. Registration was finished by midmorning of the 16th. The participants lined up along the border awaiting the starting signal, the firing of cannon, which occurred at 12 o'clock noon. Thousands participated. There were all sorts of conveyances; buggies, surreys, carts, covered wagons, bicycles, horses, mules, and many were on foot. Hiram made the run on a two-wheeled, chariot like rig improvised from the tongue and front wheels of a farm wagon. This was an ingenious contrivance. It could cover any terrain that horses could travel. Hiram staked a claim in the vicinity of Pondcreek on the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River, in the afternoon of the 16th and camped there that night. In the morning complications developed which prevented him from filing on this claim. However, a short time later he filed on a 160 acre homestead $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of Kremlin (originally Wildhorse) in Garfield County. Here he built a home and resided for seven years. In 1901 he sold this place and moved to Apache, Caddo Co., Oklahoma Territory. Here he established a retail store dealing in general merchandise. In 1903 he purchased a half section of land in Grady Co., five mi. east of Cement, where he resided about 15 years. Here he farmed and raised cattle until he retired in 1918 and moved to Norge, Okla., where he resided until his death.

Although Hiram was not of rugged build, he enjoyed good health. He was just 1" short of 6ft.; weighed about 135 pounds; had grey eyes and dark brown hair. He was talented in many ways. He composed many religious hymns and frequently wrote both the words and music. But his greatest pleasure and ability were found in the field of art. He was an excellent draughtsman and produced many beautiful pictures in oils, charcoal, pastels, and crayon. His work was realistic and of professional quality. His crayon portraiture was especially good as he had the rare ability to achieve a real likeness of his subject.

Both Hiram and Anna were lifelong active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had:

71. i. Claude Marion⁹, b. Fri., May 24, 1878.
 ii. Kenneth Scott, b. Mon., Jan. 23, 1882 in Clay Center, Kan.; never married; now, 1959, living in Norge, Okla.
72. iii. Wirt Willard, b. Wed., May 25, 1887.
73. iv. Richard Ralph, "Dick", b. Thur., Apr. 24, 1890.
 v. Clelah B., b. Sat., Jan. 23, 1892 at 337 Clark St., Clay Center, Kan.; attended pub. schools of Oklahoma, Oklahoma College for Women at Chickasha; taught school one year; m. Dec. 21, 1913, Emmett H. Tucker, who is now, 1959, a retired railroad blacksmith living in San Angelo, Tex.; she and her husband are active members of the Methodist Church. They had: (1) Emmett Bloss, b. Sept. 26, 1914 at Chickasha, Okla.; m. June 3, 1937 at San Angelo, Tex., Miss Bernice Mona Murray and have adopted son, Emmett Andrew, b. Dec. 9, 1955; residence, San Angelo. (2) Anna Joy, b. Apr. 18, 1916 at Chickasha, Okla.; m. at San Angelo, Tex., Jan. 1, 1943, Byron Frank Byrd, a carpenter, and had: Mary Helen, b. Oct. 28, 1943, who was 3 days old when her father left for military service and, at their next meeting, two years old when he was discharged, a master sergeant; they live in San Angelo. (3) Richard Roy, b. Oct. 18, 1926, graduated Lakeview High School, 1944 at San Angelo, and immediately thereafter, on June 24, married his high school sweetheart, Mary-nelle Lewis, and shortly afterwards joined

the U.S. Navy and served in World War II on L.S.T.-924. His service No. was 3583843018. They had; dau. Pamela Kay, b. Feb. 22, 1946, in San Angelo Clinic Hospital. Her father, on duty in the Navy, did not see her until after his discharge in April of 1946. They had a second dau., Susan Dianne, b. Sept. 23, 1947 in Shannon Hospital, San Angelo, Texas.

- vi. Hazel, b. Sun. Sept. 23, 1894 on a farm near Kremlin, Okla. Territory; attended Oklahoma Public Schools; Oklahoma College for Women at Chickasha; graduated Central State College at Edmond, Okla., 1918. Taught two terms of school in Grady Co., Okla. Married by Rev. Clifford B. James of the Christian Church on Dec. 7, 1918, to George Washington Thomas of Chickasha, Okla. Thomas was a merchant, farmer, dealer in grain and cotton, rancher, and cattleman. He owned a 6000 acre cattle ranch in ^{COMANCHE AND} Caddo Cos., Okla., also many smaller farms. He was a member of the 12th Oklahoma State Legislature, 1928-30, the only Republican ever elected in Grady Co., to a public office in a county wide election. He was a member of the Christian Church, Masonic Lodge, NORGE School Board, the Grady Co. Cattleman's Ass'n., the Oklahoma Cattleman's Ass'n., the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Ass'n. Inc., and a charter member of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. He was a director of the First National Bank of Chickasha. He was a friend and supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, having donated jointly with his wife, Hazel, on June 11, 1935, 160 acres of land located eight miles west of Apache, Okla., to the Black Beaver Council Inc. of the B.S.A. for their use as a camp. (Now Camp George Thomas). Thomas was born in Reedsville, Kan., Feb. 12, 1876 and died in Chickasha, Okla., Aug. 10, 1957, age 81, and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery. Hazel and George had: (1) John Harper, born July 20, 1920 at Norge, Okla. He attended Chickasha High School; Wentworth Military

Academy; Univ. of Okla., B.S. in M.E., 1941; Univ. of Wisconsin, M.S. in M.E., 1950; member engineering faculty Univ. of Okla. from 1941 to 1957 with time out for service in U.S. Navy, 1942-46; member, Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity, and the American Soc. of Mech. Eng.; m. June 13, 1951 at Clyman, Wis., Miss Mary Ellen Stanton, graduate Univ. of Wisconsin; 1949, B.S. in education, Mem. Pi Lambda Theta sorority; they have son, George Wash. Thomas III, b. Feb. 2, 1955 at Norman, Okla., and dau. Hazel Helen also dau. ELLEN MARY, b. Thursday, Aug. 4, 1960 at Chickasha, Okla. b. June 21, 1957; They now, 1957, live in Chickasha Okla. (2) George Washington Jr., b. Jan. 13, 1925 at Chickasha. He attended Western Military Academy, Alton, Ill.; Univ. of Okla.; Univ. of Colo.; Northwestern Univ. Medical School with B.S. and M.D. in 1951. Member Phi Kappa Sigma also Phi Beta Pi fraternities. Commissioned Feb. 1, 1945, flight officer U.S.A.A.F.; honorably discharged Oct. 21, 1945. He interned at Swedish Hospital, Seattle, Washington, 1952 and later at San Francisco, Cal. Married, June 23, 1952, Seattle, Miss Mary Lou Handley, graduate, Univ. of Iowa, 1952 and member Alpha Chi Omega sorority. He is now, 1959, a specialist in anesthesiology, Seattle, Wash. They have two daughters: Ann C., b. Nov. 27, 1953 and Jane Leslie, b. May 27, 1955.

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JOHN McKNIGHT⁸ BLOSS (Isaac S.⁷ Dorman⁶ Samuel⁵ Samuel⁴ Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹).

born Jan. 21, 1839 in Washington Co., Indiana; died suddenly during sleep of a heart ailment, April 26, 1905, age 66; buried Beech Grove Cemetery Muncie, Ind.; married, 1st, Sep. 7, 1865, Emma L. McPheeters of Livonia, Ind., who died in Topeka, Kansas 1887; married 2nd, Sept. 19, 1893, Mary Agnes Woods of Eugene, Oregon, who survived him 19 yr., dying 1924 at Muncie, Ind. In 1860 he graduated from Hanover College with A.M. and M.D. degrees. He enlisted in the Civil War as a private in the 27th Indiana Vol. Infantry (in his company no man was less than 6ft); he was promoted to sergeant then to captain. In 1862 at Fredrick, Maryland he was the discoverer of "Lee's Special Order No. 191". McClelland, General of the Army of the Potomac, could have crushed Lee

if he had taken advantage of the lost information, as it was he let days elapse before attacking, the result being the somewhat dubious and very costly victory for the Union Forces at Antietam. In Aug. of 1863 he was sent with his regiment to New York City during the riots there; later, was transferred to Gen. Hooker's Army Corps, to the west, whence he went with Gen. Sherman on his "march to the sea".

Most of his life was spent in educational activities. In 1881 he was elected on the Indiana Republican ticket for a two year term as State Supt. of Public Instruction. While in this office he inaugurated the consolidation of township schools in the State; this system prevails today and has now spread to other states. At various times he was Supt. of City Schools for Evansville, and Muncie, Indiana, and for Topeka, Kansas. He was President of State Agricultural College of Oregon (now, 1959, Oregon State College) at Corvallis from June 1, 1892 to 1896, when he resigned. He was selected as President from 40 candidates. During his administration, despite the prevalence of hard times, he was able to secure legislative appropriations of fifty thousand dollars per year, to build a men's dormitory (now Kidder Hall), an agricultural building, a mechanical and other buildings, and to increase the library collection to 2300 volumes and the faculty to twenty-three members. He was a 32nd degree Mason and Knight Templar. There were no children by his second wife, but John and Emma had:

- i. Nannie Bloss⁹, b. Oct. 15, 1866 at New Philadelphia, Washington Co., Ind.; graduate Muncie High School June 5, 1885; married Dumont Lotz a graduate in chemistry from Purdue Univ.; she d. about 1948 in Royerton, Ind. They had: Margaret, Helen, Dorothy, and John Bloss, who is County Treasurer, 1957, Delaware Co., Ind.
74. ii. William Herschel, b. Apr. 4, 1869 at Orleans, Orange Co., Ind.; d. June 22, 1921.

55 SCHUYLER COLFAX⁸ BLOSS (Isaac S.⁷-Dorman⁶-Samuel⁵
Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹),
born Oct. 7, 1869 in Salem, Washington Co., Indiana;

died of a heart attack at age 76 on Nov. 25, 1945 in Winfield, Cowley Co., Kansas and is buried there in Highland Cemetery. He was brought to Kansas from Indiana while yet a baby of less than one year and settled with his parents on a farm homestead near Clay Center, Kansas where he grew to manhood. He attended the country schools and graduated from the Clay Center High School; he then went to the Kansas State Teacher's College at Emporia, for one term. In 1894 he received an A.B. degree from the University of Kansas at Lawrence, and in 1897 an A.B. degree from Harvard University. At one time during his struggle for an education, he was principal of the old McKinley School of Clay Center. His attendance at college was interrupted now and then to teach, since he paid his own way.

After graduating from Harvard in 1897, he came to Winfield, Kansas that same summer to be principal of the high school, which office he held until 1905. While holding this position he studied law in the office of J.E. Torrance; and, upon retiring as principal, was admitted to the Bar in 1905. He practiced law in Winfield until Aug. 15, 1945, when he was appointed district judge, which office he held until his death in Nov. of that same year.

He was a member of the Kansas State Legislature six terms during the 1930's and was speaker of the House of Representatives in 1935-36. He also served as State Parole Attorney and advisor to the Governor for 1943-4 and 45. The death of Judge Bloss did not go unnoticed. The Governor of Kansas, Andrew F. Schoeppel, said, "He was a modest man, unassuming, honest, and fearless. I never heard him speak ill of any man nor swerve from any course he believed right. His monument in Kansas will endure for many years; his death leaves Kansas and all of us poorer, since he put into life much more than he took out." Schuyler was married on Sept. 4, 1899 to an eighth grade teacher in the Winfield schools, Miss Lillian Stewart, who survived him about seven years, dying May 6, 1952. She is buried beside him in Winfield. They had:

75. i. Stewart Scott⁹, b. Aug. 10, 1900.

56 WILLIAM SCOTT⁸ BLOSS (Isaac S.⁷~~Dorman~~⁶~~Samuel~~⁵
Samuel⁴Richard³Richard²Edmund¹),

born Oct. 13, 1871 in Clay Co., Kan.; graduated from Clay Center High School; attended Kansas University one year; married July 27, 1903, at Lincoln, Kans., Miss Sophia K. Rearwin, b. July 19, 1874, in Cuba, New York. She attended Lincoln High School and the Salina Business College, Salina, Kan., then taught typing and shorthand in the Beatrice Business College, Beatrice, Neb., until married.

Scott was a traveling salesman of machinery and supplies for a period of forty years the last 34 of which were with the R. Herschel Mfg. Co. of Peoria, Ill. His territory included Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska. He retired in August, 1940, age 69; now (1959) lives at 412 C St., Central City, Neb.

Scott and Sophia had:

- i. Helen B.⁹, b. Sep. 22, 1905 at Omaha, Neb.; attended Central High School at Omaha and Omaha U. for three years; taught school; m. Emery Hastings, deceased; they had son, Keith, b. July 22, 1938 at Lincoln, Neb.; she taught school again; married, 2nd, Charles Carper and now (1957) lives in Lovell, Wyoming.
- ii. Katherine J., b. May 22, 1908 at Omaha, Nebraska; graduated from Central High School there and from Omaha Municipal Univ., A.B. degree; taught school; m. Roy O. Walker of Oconto, Neb., July 27, 1935; they had: (1) Keaton Scott, b. May 13, 1937 at Oconto; (2) Stewart Bloss, b. July 7, 1938 at Salina, Kan.; (3) David William, b. May 4, 1944 at Central City, Neb., where they now (1952) live. Katherine taught high school music and history; in 1955 she was elected to the faculty of Neb. State Teachers College, Kearney, Neb.; she has an M.A. degree from this school.

57 RANDOLPH F.⁸ BLOSS (Everett W.⁷~~Aaron~~⁶~~Samuel~~⁵
Samuel⁴Richard³Richard²Edmund¹),

born at Blossburg, Pa., Sept. 6, 1830; married, Apr. 19, 1855, Mary Ferriter, and had:

- i. Edie,⁹ b. Apr. 5, 1861; m. July 21, 1879, Judson D. Burr, and had Hermon, b. July 25, 1881.

ii. Myrtle, b. April 5, 1867.

58 WARREN W.⁸ BLOSS (Everett W.⁷-Aaron⁶-Samuel⁵-
Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹-),
born Mar. 10, 1835 at Blossburg, Pa.; married Jan. 1,
1857, Mary Ett. Doud, and had:

- i. Willard W.⁹, b. Mar. 8, 1858; d. June 18, 1864.
- ii. Alvah Lafayette, b. July 19, 1859.

59 SAMUEL LAMBERT⁸ BLOSS (Charles A.⁷-Samuel⁶-Francis⁵-
died April 1, 1897 at age 77 Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹-),
born July 1, 1820; married, 1843, Mary J. Pierce.
He now (1887) occupies the original place where
Francis⁵ first settled when he moved to Woodbury,
Conn., from Killingly. He was a member of the Con-
necticut House in 1860 and of the Senate in 1875.
They had:

- i. Sarah L.⁹, b. Feb. 14, 1844; m. Hiram Atwood.
- ii. Kate P., b. Oct. 2, 1845; m. Frank P. Hayes.
- iii. Mary E., b. Jan. 27, 1848; d. June 20, 1849.
- iv. Amanda H., b. Dec. 23, 1852; m. Amos C. Lake.
- v. George F., b. June 4, 1854.
- vi. Francis S., b. Jan. 20, 1856; d. Dec. 21, 1856.
- vii. J. Minnehaha, b. Sept. 1, 1857.

On April 21, 1861 his wife, Mary, died at age 38.
In 1863 he married Mary Tyler. They had no issue.

60 CHARLES⁸ BLOSS (Charles A.⁷-Samuel⁶-Francis⁵-Samuel⁴-
Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹-), born
Dec. 29, 1829; married May 19, 1852, Fanny Hurd.
They had:

- i. Walter⁹, b. Dec. 29, 1853; d. Sept. 30, 1883.
- ii. Nathan H., b. Feb. 2, 1858.
- iii. Dora Amelia, b. Feb. 19, 1865.

61 RICHARD PARKHURST⁹ BLOSS (Jabez P.,⁸ Richard⁷ Reuben⁶

Richard⁵-Richard⁴-Richard³-

Richard²-Edmund¹-), born at Troy, N.Y. Oct. 11, 1859; married, Aug. 30, 1882, Elizabeth Pearl, of Troy.

They had:

- i. Richard Peard¹⁰, b. April 19, 1884.

62 WILLIAM WIRT⁹ BLOSS Jr. (William W.,⁸ William C.,⁷

Joseph⁶-James⁵-James⁴-Richard³-

Richard²-Edmund¹-), born Oct. 7, 1856 at St. Louis, Mo.; died there June 24, 1930; married, Oct. 3, 1883, at St. Joseph, Mo., Mary Kearny, who was born July 10, 1856 at St. Joseph, and died July 6, 1940 at St. Louis, aged 84. She was a granddaughter of Major-General Stephen Watts Kearny, Mexican War soldier and first Military Governor of California. She is buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery. William was an editorial writer for the St. Louis Times.

He and Mary had:

- i. Kearny¹⁰, b. Mar. 23, 1887 at Kans. City, Mo.; now, 1958, living at Piedmont, Mo.; m. July 16, 1914 at St. Louis, Mo., Miss Sadie Newman Jones, dau. of James Bruckner Jones and Katherine Elizabeth Jones. Sadie was b. July 7, 1887 in the old family home (a King's Grant) near Charlottesville, Va. Kearny attended public schools and commercial college. As a boy sold Saturday Evening Post; this resulted in a job with the home office in Philadelphia. For seven years he traveled the entire U.S.A. establishing agencies for this publication. Later was circulation Mgr. for St. Louis Times. In 1921, joined Rand McNally in Chicago, Ill. as traveling sales representative for twenty states, which position he held for 34 years, until his retirement in 1955; member Episcopal Church. They have no children.
76. ii. William Webb, b. Oct. 5, 1889 in Chicago, Ill.
- iii. Mary Blossom, b. Oct. 20, 1892 at Kansas City, Mo.; attended Ferry Hall prep school, Lake Forest, Ill., and Washington Univ., St. Louis, Mo.; quit college in junior year to take job in journalism. During World War I, wrote

for St. Louis Times; worked in France in volunteer relief work after the armistice; served one year for Red Cross as paid relief worker in Northern France. Afterwards served Red Cross in Corpus Christi, Texas, following a tidal wave and hurricane; then advertising director for a Chicago furniture chain of 17 Midwestern stores; m., Jan. 5, 1928, Chicago, Richard A. Bullock, realtor of St. Louis, Mo., where she has since resided and has been active in many public affairs: United Charities; Community Fund; United Fund; director, YWCA; director, Missouri Social Hygiene Association; director, International Institute of Planned Parenthood Association. In 1947 at the age of 55 she returned to college for a B.A. degree, making Phi-Beta-Kappa.

63 HARRY HUBBEL⁹ BLOSS (William W.⁸-William C.⁷-
Joseph⁶--James⁵--James⁴--Richard³

Richard²--Edmund¹--), born Jan. 1860 in Rochester, N.Y.; died June 1934 in Westboro, Mass., where he was editor of the Westboro Chronotype, a weekly newspaper. He was, at different times, Sunday editor of the Chicago Chronicle and of the New York Herald. He married Miss Gertrude Emma Fiske at Worcester, Mass., on Sept. 30, 1895; she was b. Feb. 13, 1870 in Worcester, Mass., and died Dec. 23, 1954.

They had:

77. i. Harold Fiske¹⁰, b. Dec. 13, 1896.

64 JOSEPH MACKEY⁹ BLOSS (Henry C.⁸-William C.⁷-Joseph⁶
James⁵--James⁴--Richard³--Richard²--

Edmund¹--), born Sept. 24, 1868 at Titusville, Pa.; died there, after long illness, May 30, 1956 and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery there. Married, April 22, 1896, Elizabeth Clark Rowe (Lizzie), who died Dec. 23, 1953. He was attending Cornell Univ. when his father died and was recalled to assume the management of The Titusville Herald of which paper his

father was co-founder, owner and publisher. Under his management, the paper grew from a four page handset job to a 12 page four-linotype paper printed on web perfecting press. Ill health caused him to sell his paper in 1922. Later, with health restored, he again became active in business and community affairs. He was Titusville Postmaster from 1903 to 1916, serving under Presidents "Teddy" Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce for 62 years and served as its Executive Secretary; he was active in Y.M.C.A. work and was on its board of directors for 36 yrs. serving two terms as president; he was a director of the Second National Bank for 38 years, 34 of which he served as Vice-President. He was an oil producer; a charter member and past president of the Titusville Rotary Club, a charter member and past president of the Titusville Country Club and its golf champion in 1903. He helped organize the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Drake Oil Well and was a member of the Advisory Board, Drake Well Memorial Park. He was a life long member of St. James' Memorial Episcopal Church and served it as vestryman, senior warden and treasurer for many years. He was a director of the Titusville Hospital and of the Benson Memorial Library, and held a life membership on the National Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. He was a staunch member of the Republican Party. The Titusville Rotary Club sponsored a luncheon in his honor Nov. 27, 1951, designating it "Joe Bloss Day" at which time they bestowed upon him the honorary title "Mr. Titusville". Throughout his entire life he devoted himself unsparingly and unselfishly for the betterment of his town, community, and country.

Joseph and Elizabeth had:

- i. Elizabeth Blossom¹⁰, b. Nov. 29, 1908, Titusville, Pa.; m. Arthur William Clinger, Oct. 9, 1933 and had: (1) Arthur William Jr., b. July 20, 1934, who m. Lillian Wattjer Aug. 30, 1957; (2) Suzanne Elizabeth, b. Sept. 6, 1935.

65 EDWARD BUELL⁹ BLOSS (Henry C.,⁸William C.,⁷Joseph⁶
James⁵-James⁴-Richard³-Richard²

Edmund¹), born Oct. 21, 1870 in Titusville, Pa.; died in 1944 after a paralytic stroke and long illness in his Riverside, Cal. home. By his wish, he was cremated and buried in Titusville, Pa. In 1913 in New York City, he married Miss Belle M. Brindley, who died in 1925. He graduated from Harvard University in 1894 and later from Harvard Law School. He was an outstanding athlete in track and field. After graduation he practiced law in New York City and elsewhere. Shortly after the death of his wife he closed his N. Y. law office in 1927 and lived successively for short periods in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Phoenix, Ariz., San Diego, Cal., and since 1931, in Riverside, Cal. He was a Mason, Member of the Harvard Club of N.Y. City, and a life long member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He wrote and published numerous short stories and one book, Tales of Petrolia and Elsewhere. Edward and Belle had:

i. William Wentworth¹⁰, b. June 29, 1913 in Leonia, N.J.; unmarried, 1958, and living in Huntington Park, Cal.

78. ii. Andrew Mackie, b. May 10, 1915.

66 WILLIAM CLOUGH⁹ BLOSS (Joseph B.,⁸William C.,⁷
Joseph⁶-James⁵-James⁴-Richard³

Richard²-Edmund¹), born Feb. 16, 1898 in Rochester, N.Y., attended grade and high school. He enlisted in the 4th Field Artillery Feb. 1, 1918, and was over seas but saw no front line service. Was honorably discharged at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., Feb. 19, 1919. He married twice; first, to Mary Carpenter (1900-36) from whom he was divorced in Sept. 1922; second, to Neva Rose, at Wewoka, Okla., Dec. 19, 1926 and from whom he was divorced in St. Louis, Mo., April 30, 1941. He is a member of the American Legion and the Presbyterian Church. He worked for Kingwood Oil Co. of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, from 1920 to 1938; now (1958) retired and living in St. Louis, Mo. He and his first wife, Mary, had:

i. Betty Jane¹⁰, b. Apr. 29, 1922 in Evanston, Ill.,

m. William John Boling at Pacific, Mo., Aug. 1, 1942; they have dau., Barbara Blythe, b., St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 29, 1944; also an adopted dau., Lynn, b. 1953.

67 GEORGE CLIFFORD⁹ BLOSS (George M.D.⁸-Orra C.⁷-Zadoc⁶-
Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-

Richard²-Edmund¹), born at Cincinnati, O., May 27, 1855; married at Cincinnati, Dec. 21, 1881, Dorothea Agnes Devlin, where he now (1887) resides.

They had:

- i. Bertha Agnes¹⁰, b. Sept. 26, 1882.
- ii. Clifford Lawrence, b. July 19, 1886.

68 ORRA E.⁹ BLOSS (Elvin W.⁸-Samuel⁷-Walter⁶-Samuel⁵-
Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹),

born March 8, 1852; died Apr. 12, 1937, age 85; buried in Rose City Cemetery, Portland, Ore., beside his first wife, Mary Abby Johnson, who died Dec. 20, 1910, and to whom he was married in 1875. He next married Mrs. Ettie Severin, Aug. 2, 1915, from whom he was divorced in July 1919. He then married Mrs. Mary Price in June of 1931. She died Mar. 19, 1935.

Orra moved to Portland from New York State in the year 1908. His wife, Mary, and his daughter, Jessie, age 27, and son, Frank, age 18, followed him Nov. 30, 1909. No children were born to Orra by either his second or third wife. Orra and Mary had:

79. i. Guy Eugene¹⁰, b. in Parishville Center, N.Y., Nov. 17, 1880.
- ii. Jessie Anna, b. Aug. 25, 1882 in Parishville, N.Y.; moved to Portland, O. in 1909; m. Ralph Delmar Adams, Feb. 5, 1919. Had no children. Living at 3932 S.E. 34th Ave., Portland 2, O. (1958).
- iii. Frank Parker, b. in Groton, Mass., Nov. 5, 1891; moved to Portland at age 18; served on Mexican Border in 1916 with Battery A, Oregon National Guard. Joined U.S. Navy Feb. 15, 1917, and served throughout World War I; discharged July 19, 1919. He never married; was

a radar inspector in a shipyard at Vancouver, Washington during World War II.

69 ORLANDO POWERS⁹ BLOSS (Leonard B.⁸-Samuel⁷-Walter⁶-
Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-

Edmund¹-), born July 7, 1848 in the home of his maternal grandfather, Powers, in Lachute, Quebec, Can. where his mother, a Canadian girl, had gone to be with her mother for the birth; died in Kansas City, Mo., Mar. 10, 1939, age 90; married, Sept. 7, 1869, Miss Mary Frances Morgan, dau. of W.W. and Hannah Elizabeth (Ferren) Morgan of Potsdam, N.Y. She was b. in Manchester, N.H., Jan. 9, 1851 and d. in K.C., Mo., Sept. 22, 1902, age 51. Soon after birth, Orlando moved with his parents to Parishville, N.Y., thence to Potsdam, N. Y. In 1875, at age 27, he moved to Montreal, P.Q., Canada, where he was Deputy Consul General for the U.S. Govt. for 10 years. In 1885 he moved to Kansas City, where he joined his father-in-law, W.W. Morgan, in the clothing business, until 1903. He served as secretary to two mayors of Kansas City, Mo. and also for the Scottish Rite Bodies of that city for 30 years. He was retired from this work five months before his death, at the age of ninety. Orlando and Mary had:

80. i. William Morgan¹⁰, b. Sept. 12, 1870 in Potsdam, New York.
81. ii. Fred Leonard, b. June 4, 1872, in Potsdam.
- iii. Bessie Madge, b. Mar. 7, 1880, in Montreal, P. Q., Canada; m. Guy Eugene Bloss #79, a second cousin, in Okanagan, Washington, on Mar. 18, 1952; now, 1958, living in Portland, Oregon.

70 SAMUEL HARRISON⁹ BLOSS (Milo⁸-Samuel⁷-Walter⁶-
Samuel⁵-samuel⁴-Richard³-

Richard²-Edmund¹-), born in Parishville, N.Y. July 3, 1873; married Miss Mamie Cassada Apr. 25, 1907. He is a retired blacksmith, living (1958) in Parishville, New York. Samuel and Mamie had:

- i. Marie, b. July 6, 1910. She m. St. Dennis and

had 3 dau.: (1) Vanita, who m. Briggs and had 2 boys; (2) Rita, who m. Laurence and had 2 girls; (3) Esther, who m. Greenwood and had 2 girls.

ii. Helen, b. June 16, 1919. She m. Stafford, and lives in Whitsfield, Vt. They have: Roger, b. 1940; Nancy, b. 1943; Kendel, b. 1950.

71 CLAUDE MARION⁹ BLOSS (Hiram A.⁸Hiram H.⁷Dorman⁶--

Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²--

Edmund¹--), born Fri. May 24, 1878 at Clay Center, Clay Co., Kan.; died at the Okmulgee Hospital at Okmulgee, Okla., June 14, 1938, from a blocked intestine, age 60. Married at Apache, Okla. Territory, Apr. 20, 1904, Miss Daisy Beck of Narka, Kan. Claude graduated from Clay Center High School, then taught school a short while. He attended the Univ. of Oklahoma for one year at Norman, Oklahoma Ty. On May 30, 1908, he graduated, with honors, from the College of Medicine, Univ. of Texas at Galveston.

He practiced medicine at Tecumseh, Pottawatomie Co., Okla. for 5 years; then, for the next 25 years at Okemah, Okfuskee Co., Okla., where, at the time of his death, he owned and operated a modern, well equipped and staffed clinic.

Throughout his career he frequently took special courses in various phases of his profession. He studied X-ray at New Orleans; eye, ear, nose and throat at Mayo Brothers, Rochester; and took a post graduate course at New York City.

During World War I, he was a 1st Lt., U.S. Army Medical Corps. He served one year as Mayor of Okemah; 8 years as Health Officer of Okfuskee Co. He was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Okemah; charter member the Okemah Kiwanis Club; Okemah Golf Club; member of the Southern Med. Assn.; Oklahoma Medical Association; Mason B l u e Lodge, Royal Arch Commandery, Okemah, Tulsa Akdar Temple Shrine; M.W.A.; W.O.W.; Amer. Legion; Okemah Chamber of Commerce; Okemah School Board; and at the time of his death was Secy. of the Okfuskee Co. Medical Association. He had investments in oil and real estate. He and Daisy had:

82. i. Claude Marion Jr.¹⁰, b. July 26, 1910.

72 WIRT WILLARD⁹ BLOSS (Hiram A.⁸ Hiram H.⁷-Dorman⁶
Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-

Edmund¹-), born Wed., May 25, 1887 at Clay Center, Kan.; attended public schools in Kremlin and Apache in the Oklahoma Territory; married, 1904 at Chickasha, Indian Territory, Miss Mary Ora Hanegan, from whom he was divorced, March 1924. After marriage he railroaded 20 years, mostly for the "Rock Island" at Enid, Okla., where he was roundhouse foreman.

In the summer of 1928 he took employment with the Jeffrey Mfg. Co., at Columbus, Ohio, as a machinist. In Sept. of 1930, he became a journeyman machinist with The International Derrick and Equipment Co., at Beaumont, Texas. In 1943 he became Gen'l. Supt. of Manufacturing for this firm. After a long illness in 1945, he resigned his superintendency. He continued his employment in a less strenuous capacity, assuming foremanship of the tool jigs and fixture department, where he is still active at the age of 71. He is a Master Mason. His principal hobby is fishing. He will retire in the spring of 1959.

On Sept. 14, 1940, he married Mrs. Retta Muriel (Bryson) Larson, widow of Christian H. Larson, of Beaumont, Texas. The marriage was performed in the Parsonage of the Christian Church at Lake Charles, La. They now (1959) reside at 2675 Liberty Ave., Beaumont and both are active members of the First Christian Church of that city.

Wirt and his first wife, Ora, had:

- i. George Loren¹⁰, b. June 14, 1905 at Chickasha, I.T. He was accidentally killed Oct. 14, 1908, when he fell from a surrey which overran him, inflicting injuries that were fatal within a few hours. He is buried in Apache, Okla.
83. ii. Donald Keith, b. Aug. 10, 1906 at Chickasha.
84. iii. Myrl Wirt, (twin) b. Feb. 5, 1909.
85. iv. Earl Ralph, (twin) b. Feb. 5, 1909.
86. v. Cecil Willard, b. Dec. 27, 1917.
87. vi. Clyde Charles, b. Dec. 20, 1919.
88. vii. Marvin Hansel, b. Sept. 19, 1923.

73 RICHARD RALPH⁹ BLOSS "Dick" (Hiram A.⁸ Hiram H.⁷

Dorman⁶ Samuel⁵ Samuel⁴

Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born Thursday, Apr. 24, 1890 at Clay Center, Clay Co., Kan.; now, 1959, living in Beaumont, Jefferson Co., Texas. Married, Sat., Mar. 31, 1917, Miss Julia Coffman LaGrange of Parkersburg, W.Va., born Oct. 28, 1892, dau. of Wm. Barrett LaGrange (b. 1845; d. 1905) and Emma Stewart (Zirkle) LaGrange (b. Dec. 11, 1861; d. Sep. 22, 1944), in the parsonage of the Baptist Church, New Rochelle, N.Y. "Julie," as she is affectionately called, is a happy extrovert, noted for her quick wit, even disposition, poise, great sense of humor and love of people. She is blond, 5'-5" tall and weighs 130 lbs. She graduated from the Parkersburg High School with high honors, 1910. She was raised in the Baptist Church and Dick in the Methodist, he being baptised at Apache, Oklahoma Territory in 1902. Later they both joined the Episcopal Church wherein Julia is an active worker. She is a very successful home-maker, wife, mother, and now a deeply loved grandmother of four boys and four girls. She is a member of the D.A.R.; serial number 306,157.

Dick was educated in the public schools of Oklahoma Territory and at the University of Oklahoma at Norman, where he studied mechanical engineering. Most of his expenses were defrayed by jobs on the campus and elsewhere during school and vacations.

He taught mathematics and coached athletics at the Sixth District A. & M. School of Barnesville, Ga., in 1912 and at the Parkersburg High School in 1913.

He then entered the engineering department of the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., at Buffalo, N. Y. The manufacture of airplanes was a very young and small business then, supported almost entirely by military orders from Britain and France, who were then engaged in World War I. The United States was not yet awakened to the need for military aircraft. Leaving Curtiss he joined the Standard Aero Corporation, Plainfield, N.J. as an aeronautical engineer and was soon promoted to Production Manager. He then went with Boeing Airplane Co., Seattle, and from there to the U.S. Army, McCook Field, now Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio, where he was employed

in testing and analyzing various aircraft; ours, the enemy's and those of our allies. Here he compiled and edited, for use by the U. S. Army, the original manual on the design, manufacture, testing, and care of aircraft propellers.

After the war he was appointed Chief Engineer for the Parkersburg Rig & Reel Company, manufacturers of oil well equipment. In Oct. of 1921, he joined a competitive firm, The International Derrick and Equipment Company, Columbus, Ohio, as Vice Pres. of Engineering and Manufacturing. He continued with this firm for thirty years. A heart ailment in 1951 forced his retirement, at age 61. In 1936 he was elected President of The International Derrick and Equipment Co., of Texas. This company was merged with Dresser Industries Incorporated in 1944.

Richard has been granted over 100 U. S. patents. Most of these had to do with machines for drilling oil or gas wells, or for producing and storing oil or gas. Some of his inventions are still in use.

In 1931 he was named in Who's Who in Engineering. In 1937-9 he was a Director of the Oil World Exposition, of Houston, Texas. During his active business career, he held memberships in several professional organizations: Society of Automotive Engineers; American Society for Testing Materials; American Institute of Steel Construction; American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He was a member of the American Petroleum Institute for over thirty years, serving as Chairman of the Manufacturers Committee on Rigs and Derricks, and at a later date as Chairman of the Manufacturers Committee on Rotary Drilling Equipment. He is a past member of the Beaumont Rotary Club, The Town Club, and the Beaumont Country Club. At present he is a member of the Round Table Club, The Beaumont Club, Beaumont Art Museum, Beaumont Art League, and the "NOMADS," (National Oil-equipment Manufacturers And Delegates Society) an organization with membership limited to those who have traveled in foreign lands in the interests of the petroleum industry.

He was Chairman of the Aviation Committee, of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce for ten years, and was the leader in promoting the Jefferson County Airport, serving as Chairman of its Advisory Committee until his retirement.

Until then his hobby had been flying. He was one of the first few business executives to own and operate his own planes, the first of which he purchased in August of 1932, a three place, Model 9, Fleet biplane, license No. NC-13,921, powered by a 125 hp. Kinner B5 air cooled radial engine. He holds a low aviator's license number, 32,865, also a low membership number, 1148, in the AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Ass'n.).

Since retirement he has pursued another hobby, oil painting. His work has won local recognition and prize awards. He is 6'-0" tall, brunette, brown eyes, black hair, and weighs 190 lbs.; blood type A, Rh Pos.

Julia's blood type is B, Rh Pos.

Richard and Julia had:

- i. Betty Anne,¹⁰ b. Wed. May 1, 1918 at 10:00 A.M. in the Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio; blood type, AB, Rh Pos. Education: Columbus, Ohio Public Schools; Columbus School for Girls, a private school; Bexley High School, Columbus; Ohio State University, freshman year; University of Texas, Austin, where she graduated cum laude in 1939 from the School of Business Administration, degree, B.B.A. Scholastic honors: high school, National Honor Society; college, Beta Gamma Sigma, a scholastic fraternity of business school. Betty is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority and of the Junior League. Married, Sept. 6, 1941, in the Episcopal Parsonage, Galveston, Texas, Lt. Robinson Paul Butler, U.S. Naval Air Force, who was accidentally killed, May 10, 1944 in an air collision, while leading his squadron in an early dawn simulated attack over Kauai Island of the Hawaiian Group. His was a replacement squadron for Aircraft Carrier Princeton, which went on to do brilliant service in the Pacific. Lieut. Bob Butler, son of T.J. Butler prominent industrialist of Austin, Texas, was a high school graduate of that city, an engineering student at University of Texas and at the A.& M. College of Texas. He played basketball in both high school and college and was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Prior to going overseas he was a naval flying

instructor stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Betty and Bob had: (1) Robinson Paul Jr., b. Jan. 6, 1943 at Corpus Christi; (2) Richard Martin, b. Nov. 27, 1944 at St. Therese Hospital, Beaumont, Texas.

On April 27, 1946, in her parent's home at 2217 Harrison Avenue, Beaumont, Texas, Betty married Charles Fletcher Turbiville, a widower with a young son, Charles Ernest, b. Oct. 18, 1945. C.F. Turbiville is a graduate of Tivy High School, Kerrville, Tex. He is a very successful automobile dealer of San Antonio, Texas, and has various other interests comprising oil, real estate, and stocks. Civic and church affairs receive a fair share of his time.

The entire family are members of the Episcopal Church. After their marriage, Betty and Charles adopted each other's children. The Butler boys' names were changed to: (1) Robinson Butler Turbiville; (2) Richard Butler Turbiville. Then Betty and Charles had: (4) Tom Bloss, b. Fri., Aug. 13, 1948 at Houston, Tex. They now, 1959, live in San Antonio.

89. ii. Richard Ralph Jr., b. Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1920.

74 WILLIAM HERSCHEL⁹ BLOSS (John M.⁸ Isaac S.⁷ Dorman⁶-
Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-

Edmund¹-), born April 4, 1869 at Orleans, Orange Co., Indiana; died suddenly of a heart attack June 22, 1921 at Mansfield, Ohio, age 52 yrs.; buried in Beech Grove Cemetery, Muncie, Ind.; married June 20, 1900, Martha Faye Best of Oaklandon, Ind., and who now, 1957, lives in Muncie. Will attended the Indiana Public Schools, graduating from Muncie High School in 1886. That same year he entered Indiana University at Bloomington, quarterbacking, that fall, the school's first football team. In 1887 he entered Washburn College at Topeka, Kansas. Later he re-entered Indiana University where he was captain of the football team. He remained there until 1890 when he took employment by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad to do location work in Arizona and New Mexico. In 1892 he was playing-coach and quarterback for Oregon State College, of which institution his father was president. He joined the U.S. Army at Vancouver, Wash., on Sept. 1, 1893 and

served four years. He was 1st sergeant, Company K, 160th Indiana Vols., in the Spanish American war, serving in Cuba in 1898. Later he was Chief Engineer for Indiana Union Traction Co. Member: Elks, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, American Society of Civil Engineers; and 32nd Degree Mason, Knights Templar.

He was a large, well liked, energetic man and a brilliant mathematician. At the time of his sudden death, he was Sales Manager for the Ohio Brass Co., of Mansfield, Ohio. William and Martha had:

90. i. William Herbert¹⁰, b. Mar. 14, 1905; d. May 14, 1942.

91. ii. John Milnor, b. May 1907.

iii. Virginia Louise, b Sept. 27, 1909 at Indianapolis, Ind.; m. July 21, 1928 at Springfield, Ill., Norman J. Maldaner by whom she had: (1) Susan Louise, b. Dec. 13, 19..at Springfield, Ill.; (2) Martha Sandra, b. at Springfield, Ill. She was divorced in 1940 and on June 6, 1944, at Laguna Beach, Calif., she m. Theron M. Schrock, a pharmacist. Now, 1957, living in Muncie, Indiana.

75 STEWART SCOTT⁹ BLOSS (Schuyler C.⁸-Isaac S.⁷-Dorman⁶-
Samuel⁵--Samuel⁴--Richard³--Richard²-

Edmund¹--), born Aug. 10, 1900; educated in Winfield, Kan. public schools, graduating from high school in 1918; served four months with the U.S. Army in World War I; graduated, 1922, from University of Kans. with A.B. degree, and in 1924, with L.L.B. degree; practiced law with father, 1924 until 1936, when he was appointed District Judge of Cowley Co., Kan., which office he held until Aug. 15, 1945; practiced law in Lincoln, Neb. from then until Feb. of 1948, when he moved back to Winfield and resumed his law practice. He married, Feb. 10, 1927, Helen Jack, who died Jan. 16, 1938. He remarried on Aug. 12, 1941, wedding Ethel Towsley Ford of Lincoln, who had three children: Robert, Virginia and Bruce Ford.

Stewart and Helen had:

i. Betty Hunter¹⁰, b. Dec. 21, 1928; m. stepbrother, Bruce Ford, Feb. 11, 1951 and had: 3 daughters;

Barbara, Joan and Kathy; they now, 1957, reside in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

76 WILLIAM WEBB¹⁰ BLOSS (William W.⁹ William W.⁸

William C.⁷ Joseph⁶ James⁵ James⁴

Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born Oct. 5, 1889 in Chicago, Ill.; married, Aug. 3, 1919 at Cairo, Ill., Elsie, b. April 23, 1899, dau. of Edward and Alice Kern. He is a high school graduate. He is a member of the Christian Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans of World War I and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is editor of the Cairo Citizen. William and Elsie had:

i. Mary Alice¹¹, b. May 13, 1920 at Cairo, Ill.; m. Esthel Earl Stroube at Cairo, Feb. 15, 1947. They have: (1) Mary Kearny b. Aug. 23, 1948 at Frankfurt, Germany; (2) Laura Anne, b. Nov. 2, 1955 at San Jose, California.

92. ii. William Edward, b. March 5, 1922 at Cairo, Ill.

77 HAROLD FISKE¹⁰ BLOSS (Harry H.⁹ William W.⁸

William C.⁷ Joseph⁶ James⁵ James⁴

Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born December 13 1896; served in the U.S. Navy, World War I, 1917-19; taught printing in Beverly, Mass. Trade School for 18 yrs. Now, 1958, part owner of Monotype Printers Service, Inc., of Boston, Mass. In 1923, he married Miss Gladys Webb, who was born in Boston, Mass., June 27, 1897. They had:

93. i. Harold Fiske Jr.¹¹, b. July 24, 1923.

78 ANDREW MACKIE¹⁰ BLOSS (Edward B.⁹ Henry C.⁸

William C.⁷ Joseph⁶ James⁵ James⁴

Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born May 15, 1915 at Leonia, N.J.; married Winefred Williamson, 1955 at Huntington Park, Cal. He is now, 1958, a physician and surgeon in Hollydale, Calif. They have:

i. Drew Wentworth¹¹, b. June 7, 1957.

79 GUY EUGENE¹⁰ BLOSS (Orra E.⁹-Elvin W.⁸-Samuel⁷-
Walter⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-

Richard²-Edmund¹-), born in Parishville Center, N.Y., Nov. 17, 1880; moved from N.Y. to Portland, Ore. in 1905. Married Anna M. Benuit May 27, 1913 at The Dalles, Ore., and they were divorced May 1, 1918 at Astoria, Ore. On Mar. 18, 1952 Guy married his second cousin, Bessie Madge Bloss, in Okanagan, Wash. They reside in Portland, Ore., where Guy owns and operates a metal stamping and forming factory.

Guy and his first wife, *Anna, had:

- i. *Vincent Guy,¹¹ b. June 27, 1914 at Long Beach, Washington.
- ii. *Elvin Eugene, b. June 14, 1917 at Astoria, Oregon.

*Anna married P.H. Bartlett, changed her son's names to Bartlett and lived in Canon City, Colorado. At one time Vincent lived in New York City.

80 WILLIAM MORGAN¹⁰ BLOSS (Orlando P.⁹-Leonard B.⁸-
Samuel⁷-Walter⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-

Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹-), born Sept. 12, 1870 in Potsdam, N.Y.; died July 28, 1894 in Kansas City, Missouri at age 23; married Aug. 30, 1890, in Kansas City, Miss Louise Bullard, dau. of A.F. Bullard of that city. They had:

94. i. Albert William,¹¹ b. May 21, 1894 in Kansas City, Missouri.

81 FRED LEONARD¹⁰ BLOSS (Orlando P.⁹-Leonard B.⁸-
Samuel⁷-Walter⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-

Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹-), born June 4, 1872 in Potsdam, N.Y.; died Oct. 2, 1900 in Kansas City, Mo., age 28; married, Aug. 14, 1895, Miss Margaret Mather in Kansas City. They had:

95. i. Leonard Conant Mather¹¹, b. Oct. 5, 1896 in Kansas City, Missouri.

82 CLAUDE MARION¹⁰ BLOSS Jr. (Claude M.⁹ Hiram A.⁸

Hiram H.⁷ Dorman⁶ Samuel⁵ Samuel⁴

Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born July 26, 1910 at Brown, Oklahoma; attended public schools at Okemah, Okla., Kemper Military School at Boonville, Mo., and University of Okla. at Norman. He graduated from the Medical College of the U. of Okla., at Oklahoma City in June of 1937, M.D. degree. Married Pauline Hunt of Okemah, Okla. They were divorced. Information on children not available. His third marriage was to Beatrice Walker at Rogers, Ark., Aug. 17, 1947. Claude Jr. was, at one time, an examining physician employed by The Prudential Insurance Co. of America, at Houston, Texas. Later he practiced medicine at Okmulgee, Okla. He and Beatrice had:

- i. Hannah,¹¹ b. July 2, 1952.

83 DONALD KEITH¹⁰ BLOSS (Wirt W.⁹ Hiram A.⁸ Hiram H.⁷

Dorman⁶ Samuel⁵ Samuel⁴ Richard³

Richard² Edmund¹), born Aug. 10, 1906 in Chickasha, Indian Territory (Oklahoma); married, July 22, 1932 at Kingfisher, Okla., Miss Viola Thompson, who was b. May 19, 1916 at Aline Okla.; living, 1958, in Enid, Okla., where he is employed by Checkered Cab Company. They have:

- i. Billy Don,¹¹ b. Nov. 29, 1933; m. Marlene C. Korte July 28, 1957 in Kansas City, Kansas.
- ii. Verne Marie, b. Aug. 16, 1936 at Jet, Okla.; m. David Ferguson, Aug. 20, 1953 at Enid. They have: (1) Donna Ruth, b. Dec. 22, 1955; (2) David Keith, b. June 24, 1957.
- iii. Edna Louise, b. Sept. 17, 1937 at Goltry, Okla. m. Melvin F. Webber April 4, 1954 at Enid. They have: (1) John Earl b. June 2, 1955. Melvin is serving in U.S. Army in Germany, with rank SP/3, serial No. RA 25,781,645.

84 MYRL WIRT¹⁰ BLOSS (Wirt W.⁹-Hiram A.⁸-Hiram H.⁷

Dorman⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-

Richard²-Edmund¹), born Feb. 5, 1909 at Guymon, Texas Co., Okla., the older of twin boys by 45 min. Married at Okla. City, Oct. 27, 1929, Miss Thelma Cleo McIntire, who was b. in Byars, Pottawatomie Co., Okla., Aug. 29, 1909. Myrl has worked for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., continuously, since 1927. He started as a linesman and is now, 1959, a technician. They have resided at 2004 Elgin St., Muskogee, Okla., for the past 22 years. They have:

96. i. Myrl Wirt Jr.¹¹, b. Jan. 5, 1931 at Pawhuska, Okla.
97. ii. Marvin Lee, b. July 21, 1934 at Dewey, Okla.
iii. Marion Dean, b. Feb. 15, 1938 at Muskogee.

85 EARL RALPH¹⁰ BLOSS (Wirt W.⁹-Hiram A.⁸-Hiram H.⁷

Dorman⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³

Richard²-Edmund¹), born Feb. 5, 1909 at Guymon, Texas Co., Okla., the younger of twin boys; married at Cherokee, Okla. Aug. 11, 1932, to Miss Maxene Replogle, who was born June 26, 1916 at Blackwell, Okla. They live, 1959, in Enid, Okla., where Earl is employed by the City. They have:

- i. Max Earl¹¹, b. Jan. 13, 1934 at Jet, Okla.; m. Joyce Smothers July 7, 1956 at Tallequah, Okla.
98. ii. Clyde Keith, b. Sept. 22, 1938.
iii. Darrel Eugene, b. Oct. 20, 1943 at Jet, Okla.
iv. Carolyn Sue, b. June 20, 1947 at Anes, Okla.
v. Shirley Anne, b. Jan. 16, 1951 at Enid, Okla.

86 CECIL WILLARD¹⁰ BLOSS (Wirt W.⁹-Hiram A.⁸-Hiram H.⁷

Dorman⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-

Richard²-Edmund¹), born Dec. 27, 1917 in Enid, Garfield Co., Okla.; married, April 10, 1940, Miss Mildred Pauline Taylor at Woodville, Tex. She was born at Brownwood, Tex. May 3, 1921 and grad. from South Park High School of Beaumont, Tex. in 1939. Cecil graduated from Beaumont High School in 1936.

At present, 1959, he is working at his trade, electric welding, in the "Golden Triangle" Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Orange, Texas.

Cecil and Mildred have:

- i. Randel Wirt,¹¹ b. Jan. 17, 1945 at Beaumont.
- ii. Mary Anne, b. Nov. 18, 1948 at Beaumont, Tex.
- iii. Michael Ray, b. Dec. 1, 1953 in Harrison, Roane Co., Tenn.

87 CLYDE C.¹⁰ BLOSS (Wirt W.⁹Hiram A.⁸Hiram H.⁷Dorman⁶-
Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹),

born Dec. 20, 1919 at Enid, Okla.; moved with his father to Beaumont Texas in 1930 and attended the public schools there. Married, Dec. 20, 1940, Mrs. Ola Vee (Goodson) Sykes, who had baby daughter, Mary Ellen Sykes. He served in World War II from Feb. 2, 1945 until Oct. 1947. He trained at Camp Hood, Texas and served in the Philippine Islands, and Kobe and Tokyo, Japan. His serial No. was 38,593,929. When discharged his rank was Technical Sergeant.

Clyde began a career as a machinist while in his teens. He advanced to sales and service and now, 1959, is Assistant Service Manager for IDECO, manufacturers of oil well drilling equipment. He lives in Dallas, Texas. Clyde and Ola, "Penny" have:

- i. Cynthia Clydene¹¹, b. Dec. 19, 1942 at home of Penny's parents in Logansport, La.; m. Louis Willis
- ii. William Glenn, b. Jan. 30, 1950 at St. Therese Hospital, Beaumont, Tex. 1959 and had son, Louis Darren, b. May 19, 1960.
- iii. Richard Wirt, b. Oct. 30, 1951 at the Beaumont Infirmary, Beaumont, Tex.

88 MARVIN HERSHEL¹⁰ BLOSS (Wirt W.⁹Hiram A.⁸Hiram H.⁷
Dorman⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-

Richard²-Edmund¹-), born Sept. 19, 1923 at Enid, Garfield Co., Okla.; married Nov. 11, 1943 at Wichita, Kan., Miss Donna Lee Lash, who was born, Oct. 25, 1922 at Nash, Okla. He attended high school at Jet, Okla. At the age of 19, he volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy and was sworn in at Okla. City, May 19, 1943. He has served aboard battleships, USS

Idaho (BB 42) and the USS Texas (BB 35) during the years 1943 through 1947. He next served at New Orleans, La., until June of 1950, when he was ordered to duty with Commander Naval Forces Far East at Tokyo, Japan, until March 1953. From then until 1956 he was on duty at Master Jet Base, Oceana, Va. Beginning in Jan. of 1957 and continuing to present, 1958, he is serving aboard USS Twining (DD 540), Flagship of Destroyer Division 172. Marvin and Donna have:

- i. Cynthia Lee¹¹, b. Feb. 19, 1947 at Portsmouth, Va.
- ii. David Marvin, b. Mar. 30, 1948 at New Orleans, Louisiana.
- iii. Kathleen Lois, b. June 4, 1953 at Portsmouth, Virginia.

89 RICHARD RALPH¹⁰ BLOSS Jr. "Dick" (Richard R.⁹--

Hiram A.⁸--Hiram H.⁷--Dorman⁶--
Samuel⁵--Samuel⁴--Richard³--Richard²--Edmund¹--), born Nov. 23, 1920 at 1:00 a.m. in City Hospital, Wood Co., Parkersburg, W.Va.; now, 1959, living in Kimball, Nebraska.

In the fall of 1921 he moved with his parents to Columbus, Ohio, where he attended grade schools and two years at Bexley High School. In the fall of 1936 he moved with his family to Beaumont, Texas, where he finished high school, lettering in football, basketball and swimming. He graduated in the spring of 1938 and that fall entered Rice Institute at Houston, Texas, where he received the degree of B.S. in mechanical engineering in May of 1942; the graduation date being set forward one month for all students who enlisted in any branch of the military service; World War II was now underway. Dick joined the air force, being formally enlisted July 8, 1942, his serial No. being O-759,174. He was placed on the inactive reserve, United States Army Air Force, "U.S.A.A.F.," until Feb. 7, 1943 when he began active cadet training at the Santa Ana, Cal. ground school for 9 weeks; then, 9 weeks of primary flight train-

ing on Pt-17s, (Stearmans) at "Tex" Rankin's Aeronautical Academy, Squadron 43-J, Tulare, California; then, 9 weeks of basic training on BT-13s, (Vultees) "vibrators" at Lancaster, Cal.; finally, 9 weeks of advanced training on AT-17s, (Twin Engined Cessnas) at Douglas, Arizona, where he graduated and was commissioned 2nd Lieut., Nov. 3, 1943. The same day he was ordered to report on Nov. 13, 1943 to Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas. During the intervening ten days, he was married. The wedding took place on Nov. 7, 1943 in the Crown Heights Methodist Church at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and was performed by Rev. John R. Abernathy, friend and pastor of the groom's grandparents for many years.

The bride was Miss Madaline Alice Sneed, who was born Feb. 10, 1924 in Muskogee County, Okla. She attended the public schools of Muskogee and Oklahoma City, and Hockaday at Dallas, Texas, a private school for girls; then Oklahoma A. & M. at Stillwater. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

At San Antonio, Dick was ordered to Douglas, Arizona, where he was a flight instructor on twin engine aircraft from Nov. 15, until May of 1945. He was then promoted to 1st Lieut. and ordered to Del Rio, Texas for overseas training on AT-26s, a Douglas designed and built twin engine, attack fighter of an improved design for overseas fighting. He and his crew were still in training on V-J Day, (victory over Japan) Sept. 2, 1945. He was separated from the service in November 1945 and went to Oklahoma City, where he engaged in the nursery business with his father-in-law. He sold his nursery interests in 1953. Dick received pilot's license No. 48,433-40 in 1940 from the Civil Aeronautics Bureau, renewed in 1958. He is now, 1959, engaged in the oil business as Manager of Drilling Operatings for Lewis Brothers Inc., Denver, Col. Richard and Madaline have:

- i. Julia Hopell, b. Wed. Nov. 1, 1944 in Douglas, Arizona Hospital.
- ii. Marian Charity, b. Tues. May 15, 1947 in St. Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma City.
- iii. Angela Faith, b. Fri. Feb. 10, 1950, St. An-

thony Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

iv. Dana Catherine, b. Fri. May 2, 1952 in St. Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

v. Richard Sneed, b. Fri. May 6, 1960 at 5:52 a.m. M.S.T., in Kimball County Hospital, Kimball, Neb.; weight, 8 lbs. 4 ozs.; length, 21 inches.

90 WILLIAM HERBERT¹⁰ BLOSS (William H.² John M.⁸ Isaac⁷
Dorman⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-

Richard²-Edmund¹-), born March 14, 1905 at Anderson, Indiana; died May 14, 1942 at Nashville, Tennessee; buried next to his father in Muncie, Ind.; married Mary Beulah Percival, Jan. 31, 1924, of Thorntown, Ind.; she is now, 1957, married to J.J. Davis, Professor of Entomology, Purdue University. William graduated in electrical engineering, Purdue University in 1924; fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega. He was employed by several electrical manufacturing concerns between graduation and the onset of World War II. At the beginning of the war he entered the Armored Corps as Captain, having been commissioned in the reserve on graduating from college. He was Liaison Officer for the Armored Corps during the construction of Camp Campbell, Ky. He was killed in an automobile accident while on active duty north of Nashville, Tenn. William and Mary had:

99. i. William Herbert¹¹, b. July 18, 1928 at Indianapolis, Ind.

100. ii. Robert Wylie, b. Apr. 9, 1932 at Indianapolis.

91 JOHN MILNOR¹⁰ BLOSS "Jack" (William H.²-John M.⁸
Isaac⁷-Dorman⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴

Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹-), born May 7, 1907 at Indianapolis, Ind.; married Wilma L. Nelch, Springfield, Ill., at French Lick, Ind., June 29, 1929. He graduated from Missouri Military Academy, attended Westminster College at Fulton, Mo. and Millikin University at Decatur, Ill.; Member Episcopal Church, Elks, and American Society of Civil Engineers, now, 1957, engaged in private practice of civil engineering, at Paris, Ill.

John and Wilma had:

- 101. i. John McKnight¹¹, b. Aug. 4, 1931 at Springfield, Ill.
- ii. Sally Elizabeth, b. Oct. 17, 1934, at Springfield, Ill.; attended Millikin University at Decatur, Ill.; sorority, Pi Beta Phi; married July 10, 1954, James Harry Acklin, M.D. Paris, Ill., he is now, 1957, an intern at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Ill., where they live.

92 WILLIAM EDWARD¹¹ BLOSS (William W.¹⁰ William W.⁹
 William W.⁸ William C.⁷ Joseph⁶

James⁵ James⁴ Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born Mar. 5, 1922 at Cairo, Ill.; married June 25, 1948 at Paducah, Ky., Leslie Frances Alexander, who was born Mar. 26, 1926. She has a masters degree in music from Stephens College, Columbia Mo. William graduated from Cairo High School and attended Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. He is now, 1958, program manager of Paducah Radio Broadcasting Co.

William and Leslie have:

- i. William Stephen¹², b. Aug. 31, 1950 at Paducah.

93 HAROLD FISKE¹¹ BLOSS Jr. (Harold F.¹⁰ Harry H.⁹
 William W.⁸ William C.⁷ Joseph⁶

James⁵ James⁴ Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born July 24, 1923; married Dec. 16, 1948, Rosamund Preston, who was b. Mar. 19, 1919, and graduated from Beverly Massachusetts High School, Class of 1937, and from Boston School of Dental Nursing in 1939, and attended one year at Simmons College. She is an Episcopalian; a Republican; Member Diana Chapter 101 Eastern Star; and President P.T.A. 1957-58. She is a direct descendant of John Balch, who came to Beverly, then Salem, in 1623, and whose house, built in 1638, is preserved by the Balch Associates.

Harold graduated from Beverly H.S. in 1942; was on active duty, U.S.N.R. from Sept. 1942 until Apr. 1946, also from Aug. 1950 to Oct. 1951; qualified

in submarines with highest rating, Sonarman, First Class; Episcopalian; Republican; Licensed Private Pilot, 1947; past director Beverly Jaycees; past Commodore, Jubilee Yacht Club; presently, 1958, engaged in the printing business. Hobbies: printing, sailing, flying, sports cars.

Harold and Rosamund have:

- i. David Morton¹², b. July 11, 1949 in Beverly, M.
- ii. Dianne Elizabeth, b. May 18, 1951 in Key West, Fla.

94 ALBERT WILLIAM¹¹ BLOSS (William M.¹⁰-Orlando P.⁹-

Leonard B.⁸-Samuel⁷-Walter⁶-

Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹-), born May 21, 1894 in Kansas City, Mo.; died Oct. 1, 1955 in Los Angeles, Calif.; married Edna Long in Chicago in May of 1919. They were divorced in 1923. In 1926 he married Nina Walsh in Los Angeles, who still lives there, 1958. William and Edna had:

- i. William Bullard¹², b. Aug. 8, 1921 in Chicago, Ill.; he married Eva _____ in Los Angeles, Cal. in 1946. They adopted Eva Lynn, infant, Dec. 1947; now, 1958, lives in Whittier, Calif.

95 LEONARD CONANT MATHER¹¹ BLOSS (Fred L.¹⁰-

Orlando P.⁹-Leonard B.⁸-

Samuel⁷-Walter⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-

Edmund¹-), born in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 5, 1896; died suddenly of a heart attack, Feb. 10, 1946, in Rutland, Vt., age 49. He was orphaned at the age of 4 by the untimely death of his father. His mother had a millinery business and was able to raise and educate him with some aid from her father. In personal appearance, Leonard was 5'-6½" tall, wt. 175 lbs. and had medium brown hairs and eyes.

Education: East Orange High School; Stevens Inst. of Tech., Hoboken, N.J., M.E. 1920 (Lawrence Prize); was Capt. of football team, 1919 and the basketball team in 1920. Member: A.S.M.E.; Delta Tau Delta

Fraternity; Masonic Fraternity (Commandery, Consistory, Shrine). Who's Who in Engineering, 1925-31. Protestant; Republican. His professional engineering experience embraced construction, fuel surveys, combustion, production management, sales and advertising. Married, July 7, 1928, Miss Mary Eliza Bryant of Glasgow, Ky., daughter of Joseph Aaron Bryant and Clara (Allen) Bryant. She graduated from Glasgow High School in 1916 and from Georgetown College in 1920, then taught school in Kentucky and Georgia until marriage. She is member of D.A.R., and Society of Mayflower Descendants. After her husband's death she returned, with her two sons, to Glasgow and taught school from 1947 to 1956.

Leonard and Mary had:

102. i. Leonard Conant Mather Jr.¹², b. July 17, 1929 in Boston, Mass.
103. ii. Bryant Allen, b. Apr. 7, 1932, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

96 MYRL WIRT¹¹ BLOSS Jr. (Myrl W.¹⁰-Wirt W.⁹-
Hiram A.⁸-Hiram H.⁷-Dorman⁶-
Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹-), born Jan. 5, 1931 at Pawhuska, Okla.; married Aug. 1, 1952 at Aiken, S. Car., Doris Evelyn Lindell, who was b. Aug. 27, 1932. He is now, 1952, corporal, U.S. Army, 45th Infantry Div., 45th Reconnaissance Co.; served in U.S., Japan, and Korea; Serial # N.G. 257,461 B.

- i. Stephen Wirt¹², b. Thursday, Feb. 18, 1960.

97 MARVIN LEE¹¹ BLOSS (Myrl W.¹⁰-Wirt W.⁹-Hiram A.⁸-
Hiram H.⁷-Dorman⁶-Samuel⁵-Samuel⁴-
Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹-), born July 21, 1934 at Dewey, Okla.; married, June 12, 1954 at Muskogee, Okla., Nancy Jane Weaver, daughter of T. W. Weaver. Both Marvin and Nancy are graduates of Muskogee Central High School, he in 1952, she in 1954. He is now, 1954, employed by Western Electric Company at St. Louis, Mo. Served required term in U.S. Army under draft laws. Mustered out in Nov. 1958. Marvin and Nancy have:

- i. Vicky Dianne¹², b. Dec. 4, 1958.
- ii. Kibley Darren, b. Sunday, June 5, 1960;

98 CLYDE KEITH¹¹ BLOSS (Earl R.¹⁰ Wirt W.⁹ Hiram A.⁸
Hiram H.⁷ Dorman⁶ Samuel⁵ Samuel⁴
Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born Sept. 22, 1936 at
 Jet, Okla.; married Carol Chase, Feb. 20, 1957.
 They have:

i. Earl Wayne¹², b. Aug. 15, 1957.

99 WILLIAM HERBERT¹¹ BLOSS (William H.¹⁰ William H.⁹
John M.⁸ Isaac⁷ Dorman⁶ Samuel⁵
Samuel⁴ Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born July 18,
 1928 in Indianapolis, Ind.; married, 1951, Gretchen
 Leeds of Buffalo, N.Y., now, 1957, divorced. He
 attended Purdue University; in 1951 graduated from
 U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., and at once
 joined the 101st Air-borne Division at Camp Camp-
 bell, Ky. He was in active combat in the Korean
 War. Now, 1957, he is a Captain, 77th Special
 Forces Group, stationed near Paris, France.
 William and Gretchen have:

i. Caroline Ann¹², b. Feb. 26, 1952, Buffalo, N.Y.

100 ROBERT WYLIE¹¹ BLOSS (William H.¹⁰ William H.⁹
John M.⁸ Isaac S.⁷ Dorman⁶ Samuel⁵
Samuel⁴ Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born April 9,
 1932 at Indianapolis, Ind.; married Linda Spear
 July 17, 1954 at West Lafayette, Ind.; graduated,
 1954, DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.; fra-
 ternity, Alpha Tau Omega; church, Episcopal. He
 was Cadet Colonel of R.O.T.C. at DePauw, and served
 two years as 2nd Lt. in the Air Force after gradu-
 ation. Now, 1957, employed by Bell Telephone Co.,
 Indianapolis, Inc. Robert and Linda have:

i. William Herbert¹², b. March , 1956.

101 JOHN McKNIGHT¹¹ BLOSS (John M.¹⁰ William H.⁹
John M.⁸ Isaac S.⁷ Dorman⁶
Samuel⁵ Samuel⁴ Richard³ Richard² Edmund¹), born
 Aug. 4, 1931 at Springfield, Ill.; married, Feb. 4,

1953, Bette Walls of Paris, Ill.; attended Millikin University; graduated from College of Agriculture, Univ. of Ill., 1954; member Elks, Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and Episcopal Church. After graduation, served in Veterinary Corps, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Now, 1957, is employed by Wilson Packing Co., Albert Lea, Minnesota.

John and Bette have:

- i. Elizabeth Ann¹², b. Sept. 28, 1953 at Champaign, Illinois.
- ii. John Michael, b. Sept. 28, 1955 at San Antonio, Texas.

102 LEONARD CONANT MATHER¹² BLOSS Jr. (Leonard C.M.¹¹---

Fred L.¹⁰ -Orlando P.⁹ -Leonard B.⁸---

Samuel⁷ -Walter⁶ -Samuel⁵ -Samuel⁴ -Richard³ -Richard²---

Edmund¹), born July 17, 1929 in Boston, Mass.; married at Glasgow, Ky., Baptist Church, April 10, 1955, Miss Dorothy Pearl Hutchinson, of Danville, Ky., a registered nurse (1954) from Norton Memorial Infirmary, of Louisville, Ky. He attended high school in Providence, R.I., Rutland, Vt., and Glasgow, Ky., where he graduated in 1947. He holds an A.B. degree from Georgetown College of Georgetown, Ky., 1954. Graduate Study in Physics, University of Kentucky, 1957. Member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Republican Party, and Baptist Church, Southern. His hobbies are photography and scale models.

During high school he was prominent in athletics; he was a member of the Rhode Island State Badminton Championship Team, a member of the Vermont State Football Championship Team, 1945, and the Vermont State Baseball Championship Team, 1946.

During his senior year in college, 1954, he was class treasurer, runner-up in the most popular boy contest, and was voted "Mr. Georgetonian."

Presently, 1956-58, teaching physics, biology, and general science in Springfield, Kyentucky High School, where he is also head coach of baseball and track, and assistant coach of football and basketball. In 1958 he was named baseball coach of the year by the Mid-Kentucky Conference.

Leonard and Dorothy have:

i. Susan Lynn¹³ b. Dec. 17, 1956 at Louisville, Ky.

(103) BRYANT ALLEN¹² BLOSS (Leonard C.M.¹¹—Fred L.¹⁰—

Orlando P.⁹—Leonard B.⁸—Samuel⁷—

Walter⁶—Samuel⁵—Samuel⁴—Richard³—Richard²—Edmund¹),

born April 7, 1932 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; married June 7, 1955, Bette Anne Dalton of Bowling Green, Ky., a music teacher. Education: Glasgow Kentucky High School; B.S. degree cum laude, 1954, from Georgetown College; M.D. degree, University of Louisville School of Medicine, June 8, 1958; now, 1958, interning at St. Joseph Infirmary, Louisville, Ky. He received an award in biology in high school. played football and managed the basketball team. In college he was on the Dean's list; was a member of Beta Beta Beta Honorary Biology Fraternity, the Gamma Epsilon Chemical Fraternity, the tennis team, the Greater Baptist Student Union Council, and the Kappa Alpha Fraternity; he was also active in drama productions. In medical school, he was Vice President of the local Christian Medical Society, and a member of the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity. He is a Republican, a member of Baptist Church and sings in the choir.

His hobbies are photography, music, stamps, tennis and golf.

Bryant and Bette have:

i. Catherine Anne¹³ b. Nov. 13, 1956 in Louisville, Kentucky.

ii. Harold Allen, b. Aug. 12, 1958 in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Aaron lived in the original Blossburg home and operated it as a hotel until 1820. He then built a larger home where he continued his hotel business until 1835 when he returned to Covington and operated a hotel there on the southwest corner of the public square until shortly before his death.

The following is taken from History of Tioga County, published in 1883 by S. W. Munsell & Company of New York, City.

In 1801 Aaron Bloss settled at Covington, and five years later he purchased Peters Camp where the German and English immigrants had encamped in 1793 when they were being conducted to a western New York by Benjamin and Robert Patterson. This camp was near the bridge across the Tioga River. The southern portion of the present (1883) borough of Blossburg.

Aaron Bloss was a hardy, courageous and athletic man, composed of the material needed in making a successful pioneer. He erected a dwelling which was afterwards used as a hotel, being located midway on the Williams Road between Williamsport and Palared Post, his tavern soon became famous along the route between the north and west branches of the Susquehanna River. In 1820, he built a larger hotel. In the meantime he had opened the coal mines of which an account will be found in the general history of the county. He remained at Peters Camp many years, and changed the name to Blossburg about the year 1831. Upon his land were found not only bituminous coal but iron ore, fire clay and glass sandrock. He returned to the township of Covington, and died there March 24, 1843, aged 64 years.

In many respects Aaron was a remarkable man. Possessing a fund of humor and a treasury of hunting anecdotes, he would captivate his listeners by telling stories. He was a shrewd business man, and alive to the flattering prospects of his wilderness home.

The township of Bloss was organized in 1843 being taken from Covington Township and the Borough of Blossburg was organized in 1871, being taken from Bloss Township, as was the Township of Hamilton. About all that remains (1883) of Bloss Township is the mining village of Arnot and its near surroundings.

Notes:

Deacon Isaac Lounsberry, son of John Lounsberry, b. Dec. 21, 1757, came to Canot Camp in 1806. He was a Revolutionary soldier and died April 4, 1851, aged 94. He married Susanna Wright and they had 14 children. I do not know if he was related to the Aaron Lounsberry whom Aaron Bloss married.

The following is taken from page No. 1107 of History of Tioga County, Brown & Company.

33 Everett Winter Bloss, born September 20, 1800 in Whitestown, Oneida County, New York; died September 29, 1882 at the home of J. D. Burr in the borough of Blossburg, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, aged 82 years; married January 20, 1825, at Covington, Pennsylvania, Lydia Walker, daughter of Isaac Walker. Lydia was born May 27, 1807 in New Hampshire and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clara A. Everett, Sept. 16, 1887 at the age of 80.

Everett was reared in Blossburg. In his youth he was an expert hunter. In early manhood he spent some time at the carpenter's trade; he also worked at shoe-making. In 1839 he moved from Blossburg to a farm on the river, a short distance above Covington, and five years later located on the present (18??) Bloss farm, where he purchased 120 acres of forest land. Here he passed the remainder of his life engaged in clearing and improving the property.

Everett and Lydia had:

- i. Juliet E.⁸ b. May 24, 1826; m. August 24, 1843, Joseph Husted of Covington Township, and had; Cornelia L., b. July 2, 1846; Wilmot D., b. April 15, 1856; Lyman S., b. July 7, 1858; Lelia I., b. April 3, 1870.
- ii. Josephine M., b. January 27, 1828; m. January 1854, William Singerland.
57. iii. Randolph F.
58. iv. Warren W.
- v. Clara A., b. April 8, 1844; m. John Everett of Covington, Pennsylvania.

57. Randolph F. Bloss, (see page 54) born in Blossburg, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, September 6, 1830; died on the homestead in Covington Township, October 3, 1896, aged 66 years; married, April 19, 1855, Mary Ferriter, a native of Ireland. Randolph was nine years old when he moved with his parents from Blossburg to Covington Township. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; in politics, he was a Republican. Randolph and Mary had

- i. Edie ⁹, b. August 8, 1861; d. August 14, 1895; m. July 21, 1879, J. D. Burr of Blountsboro and had: Vernon, b. July 25, 1881. Edie was an earnest Christian.
- ii. Myrtle E. b. April 5, 1847; d. February 1, 1900, aged 57. She suffered from a spinal ailment from early womanhood.

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Mary Bloss, fifth child of Dorman Bloss and Louisa (Cutler) Bloss, was born in Tioga County, Pennsylvania and died December 15, 1866; married, January 27, 1825, Cyrus Douglas of Vermillion County, Illinois, who was born in Vermont and who died December 20, 1880 at Fairmont, Illinois. (See History of Vermillion County, 1879, Beckwith, Chapman Brothers, Vermillion County, Illinois, Also Portrait and Biographical Album, 1889.) They had several children one of whom was Julia Douglas, born December 2, 1828 at Danville, Illinois, and died August 19, 1885 at Garden Grove, Decatur County, Iowa. Julia married Samuel Metier in Vermillion County, Illinois and they moved to Garden Grove, Iowa, where some of their descendants now (1961) live. Samuel was born October 16, 1826 in Clermont County, Ohio and died November 9, 1904 at Garden Grove, Iowa. Julia and Samuel had Alvin H. Metier,⁹ born in Garden Grove and died in Des Moines, Iowa; he married Fanny Barnett and they had Bloss Metier,¹⁰ the oldest son, now (1961) living in Houston, Texas; and Diana Metier, born in Weldon, Iowa; she married James Wade and they had Harriett Wade,¹¹ born in Weldon, Iowa; she married Gene Brad, who now (1961) lives at 1010 W. Pleasant Knoxville, Iowa.

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Afford Bloss,⁷ sixth child of Dorman Bloss and Louisa (Cutler) Bloss; married Sarah Ann Lyons January 8, 1835 at Danville, Illinois

34 Charles A. Bloss,⁷ was born August 19, 1795; died March 6, 1869, age 73; buried in Carmel Hill Cemetery, Bethlehem, Litchfield County, Connecticut; married Nancy Lambert, who was born July 29, 1799, and died December 26, 1888, age 89. She was buried, also, in Carmel Hill Cemetery. The census of 1850 gives Charles' occupation as farmer. In 1841 he was a member of the Connecticut State Legislature. Charles and Nancy had:

59. i. Samuel Lambert⁸, b. July 1, 1829,
 ii. Nehemiah L., b. February 20, 1828; d. January 18, 1914 at approximate age of 86 in Bethlehem, Connecticut. On April 20, 1877, at the age of forty-nine, he married Alice Catherine Atwood, a young widow of twenty-three, who was born in 1854 and died in 1915, and who had a daughter, Agnes M., by her first husband. Agnes lived with her mother and stepfather, being loved and cherished by them as an only child. She married Burnett H. Johnson, and now (1960) is widowed and living in Bethlehem, Connecticut. In 1881 Nehemiah followed the pattern set by his father and elder brother, Samuel, and was elected to membership in the Connecticut State Legislature. Nehemiah and Alice had no children.
60. iii. Charles, b. December 27, 1829.

59 SAMUEL LAMBERT BLOSS, born July 1, 1829; died April 1, 1897, age 77 years, married, 1843, Mary J. Pierce, who died April 21, 1861 at age 38. Later he married Mary Tyler, but they had no children. In 1837 Samuel was living in the original place where Peabody Bloss, his great-grandfather, first settled when he moved to Woodbury, Connecticut from Killingly (Dorville), Connecticut. He was a member of the Connecticut House in 1850 and of the Connecticut Senate in 1875. Samuel and Mary had:

- i. Samuel L., b. February 18, 1844, d. _____
 married Miriam A. Atwood

- ii. Catherine P., b. October 2, 1845; d. prior to November 9, 1911; m. Franklin P. Hayes and they had: Abner P. and George.
- iii. Mary E., b. January 27, 1848; d. June 20, 1849.
- iv. Amanda H., b. December 23, 1852; d. _____; m. _____, Amos C. Lake.
- v. George F., b. June 4, 1854; d. _____;
- vi. Francis S., b. January 20, 1856; d. December 21, 1856.
- vii. J. Minnehaha, b. September 1, 1857; d. _____; She evidently changed her name to Minnie so that is the one she was known by in her adult life. She married Joel H. Atwood, and was a devisee of her uncle Nehemiah's will. She lived in Watertown, Litchfield County, Connecticut. They had: (1) Henry, d. young; (2) Henry 2nd.; (3) Gladys; (4) Dorothy.

60. CHARLES BLOSS⁸, born December 29, 1829; died _____; married, May 19, 1852, Fanny Hurd. They had:

i. Walter⁹, b. December 29, 1853; d. September 30, 1883.

75a. ii. Nathan H., b. February 2, 1858.

iii. Dora Amelia, b. February 19, 1865; d. prior to to November 9, 1911.

75a. NATHAN H. BLOSS⁹ (Charles⁸-Charles A.⁷-Samuel⁶-

Francis⁵-Samuel⁴-Richard³-Richard²-Edmund¹), b. February 2, 1858; died _____; married Dora Parmelia Hill and they had:

75b. i. Walter Franklin¹⁰, b. _____; d. _____; married Marjorie Atwood, and they had: one daughter, Elizabeth Claire, who married _____ Ronald Barbour. They now, 1960, live in Miami, Florida. They have no children.

75c. ii. Arthur Eggleston, b. _____; Married _____, Eunice Moore, and they had: one daughter, Doris Nettie, who married _____ William G. Molnar and now live in Asgford, Connecticut and have children: (1) Tracy Louise; (2) Beverly Hill; (3) George William; (4) Nancy Ruth; (5) Sheryl Eunice.

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