

Zenas Lake (1760's-1841/2)
of Hunterdon Co., N.J., Hamilton Co., Ohio,
and Marion Co., Ind.,
and Some of His Descendants

*Including Many Descendants of His Son Elisha Warford Lake (1799-1881).
Who Died in Rice Co., Kans.*

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A Genealogy of the Lake Family, by Arthur Adams and Sarah A. Risley, 1915, tells of the settlement of Gravesend (now in Brooklyn), Long Island, New York, in 1643 by a company of English people under the leadership of Lady Deborah Moody. A John Lake either accompanied Lady Moody when she came to Gravesend from Salem, Mass., or he joined the settlers in Gravesend soon thereafter. Adams and Risley suggest that it is more probable that John Lake came with Lady Moody from Salem, because there were several Lake families in Massachusetts. Also, Thomas Spicer, the father-in-law of John Lake, seems to have followed a similar path to Gravesend.

According to Adams and Risley, the children of John Lake and his wife, Anne Spicer Lake, were John, Daniel, Margaret, Elizabeth, Michal [female], and William. John Lake, Jr., remained in Gravesend and was the ancestor of many Lakes who stayed in that area. Daniel was the ancestor of many Lakes on Staten Island. William was the ancestor of Lakes who were at Great Egg Harbor, N.J.

It seems highly probable -- but it is certainly *not* proven -- that Zenas Lake (1760's-1841/2), the subject of this manuscript, somehow descended from John Lake, Sr., and Anne Spicer Lake of Gravesend.

Zenas Lake was probably born in Hunterdon Co., N.J.¹, 1760-70. The fact that he appears on no records before 1792 would seem to suggest that he was probably born in the late 1760's rather than earlier in the decade. He was probably the son of John Lake (- 1808), whose will was probated in Hunterdon County.

In 1978, the Corresponding Secretary of the Hunterdon County Historical Society wrote to professional genealogist John W. Haines as follows:

¹Confirmation of the state of his birth appears in the 1880 Census, Lincoln Twp., Rice Co., Kansas, p. 258, in which Zenas' son Elisha (the last-named person in the household headed by Elisha's son-in-law Sanford Wright) is listed as born in New Jersey with father and mother both born in New Jersey.

I have checked Mr. [Hiram E.] Deats' Notebooks² for Zenus³ Lake. I noted under one John Lake who died 1808:

"Children by inference from probate records" Zenus (Zenias) and Reuben. He noted the Docket File #03731, which, I presume, is in the Surrogate Court here in Hunterdon, lists a payment to Zenus Lake of \$202.69 in the settlement of John Lake's estate.

New Jersey Archives Abstracts of Wills lists a John Lake, died 1808 in Alexandria Township, Hunterdon. This is no doubt the one to which Mr. Deats referred in the above note.

A "Lake Notebook" at the Hunterdon County Historical Society, Flemington, N.J., lists Zenas Lake as a member of the Hunterdon County Militia of 1792 as a resident of Amwell Township. This is the earliest record I have found thus far for Zenas.

Zenus⁴ Lake is listed in Amwell, Hunterdon County⁵ in 1793.

He is found as Zenias⁶ Lake with 100 acres in the Tax Ratables for Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County, for 1803. On that record, he is listed on the line following a John Lake (possibly his father; possibly the John Lake who died 1808).

In the Office of the Surrogate, Hunterdon County Hall of Records, Flemington, N.J., there is a file, Docket #03731 with an administrator's bond filed 14 April 1808 signed Zenes Lake [sic]: "Account called John Lake . . . late of the Township of Tinicum," of the State

²Mr. Deats published the book of Hunterdon County marriages and was a well known historian and genealogist in Hunterdon County.

³Sic.

⁴Sic.

⁵Norton-NJ, p. 181.

⁶Sic.

⁷The Township of Tinicum is in Bucks Co., Pa., across the Delaware River from Hunterdon Co. Frances W. Waite, a professional genealogist in Bucks County, searched for me for records of John Lake there but was unsuccessful. She reported (23 Oct. 1991) that she found no Lake in Red Hill Presbyterian Church, no Lake in Tohickon Union Church, no Zenas Lake in Davis's *History of Bucks County*, no Lake in Battle's, no Lake in Bucks County Tax Records 1693-1778. In *Pennsylvania Archives*, Series 3, the only John Lake entries were for a John (and others) Lake (XXIU:246) in Luzerne Co. Warrantees for 400 acres in 1794 and (XXV:27 + 566) John (and others) Lake in Franklin County Warranties for 400 acres in 1794 and a John Lake for 50 acres in Bedford County

of Pennsylvania, dec'd. . . . paid Derrick Hoagland for digging grave . . . By an account against Reuben Lake one of the testates⁸ son's⁹ not paid by him on vendue list \$15.17. Docket #03732 is about a John Lake estate but mentions no Zenas.

In the Archives & History Bureau, New Jersey State Library, from Hunterdon County, Administrations Book 1, p. 49, there appears the following:

State of New Jersey, Hunterdon County.

I George C. Maxwell Surrogate of the County of Hunterdon do certify that on the fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight Administration of the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of John Lake late of the county of Hunterdon who died Intestate, was granted by me to Luther Opdycke Esquire of the County of Hunterdon who is duly authorized to administer the same, agreeably to Law. Witness my hand and seal of office the fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight.

George C. Maxwell, Surrogate

Penalty of Bond \$600.00

Sureties John Taylor and Zenas Lake

in 1815; none of these seems to be "our" John Lake. She found no Lake indexed in Bucks County Will Abstracts 1684-1825, no Lake genealogy in the Bucks County Historical Society Book Catalog, no Lake family genealogy in the Bucks County Historical Society Manuscript Catalog, no Lake in Soldiers--American Revolution, Bucks County. She found no Lake in Tinicum Township tax lists: 1807-1826 are missing, but she found no John Lake from 1783 to 1806. She found no Lake in the 1790 census for Bucks County and no Lake in Quaker meetings in Bucks County. In Solebury Tax Records, she found no Lake in 1796-1798 but did find a John Lake with 100 acres, 2 horses, and 2 cattle in 1799, 1800, 1801, and again in 1805. Unfortunately, 1806-1825 are missing. She found a John Lake in 1826 and a John Lake, an F. Q. Leake [sic], and a Reuben Lake in 1827. Because we believe that John Wright, supposed father of Zenas Lake, died by 1808, any John Lake found after that date could not be "ours" anyway. But the John Lake in Solebury Township 1799-1805 *may* be "ours." Also, note that the *Reuben Lake* found in 1827 in Bucks County *may* have been the same Reuben Lake who is presumed to have been Zenas' brother. The possibility exists, of course that *his* descendants may know something more about the common ancestry of Reuben and Zenas.

⁸Sic.

⁹Sic.

Also, in the Archives & History Bureau, New Jersey State Library, there is the following record¹⁰:

A True and Perfect Inventory of all and Singular the Goods and Chattles¹¹, rights, and Credits, of John Lake Late of Alexandria in the County of Hunterdon and State of Newjersey¹², Deceased; Made this 29th Day of April 1808 . . . [most of inventory omitted here] . . .

Zenias Lake on Vandue [sic] List . . . [\$] 30.09 . . .

State of New Jersey Hunterdon County

Luther Opdycke Esquire, Administrator of John Lake deceased being duly sworn according to law did depose & say that within writing contains a true & perfect inventory of all and singular the goods chattels & credits of the said John Lake deceased as far as have come to his knowledge or possession or to the objection of any person or persons for his use.

Sworn at Flemington the 4th
day of May 1808 before me
George Maxwell
Surrogate

Luther Opdycke

No marriage for Zenas Lake has been found in New Jersey. He is not listed in *Hunterdon County Marriages, Beginning 1795*. Nor is he listed in *N.J. Marriages, 1665-1800*. I believe his wife's maiden name was possibly Warford.¹³ Evidence includes the fact that Warford was the middle name of his son Elisha Warford Lake. There was an Elisha Warford in Hunterdon County--quite possibly the father-in-law of Zenas Lake. The census

¹⁰File 2319-J.

¹¹*Sic.*

¹²*Sic.*

¹³ There is one piece of evidence that Zenas' wife might have been named Elizabeth, but I am reluctant to put much faith in it. A card at the Carroll County [Indiana] Historical Society lists Isaac Lake (born 1809 in New Jersey) as the son of "Elijah & Elizabeth Lake." Zenas' will refers to Isaac as his son. If the source of "Elijah & Elizabeth Lake" was half correct, Zenas' wife might have been Elizabeth.

listing indicates that Zenas' wife was born 1770-80¹⁴, and we know from the 1880 census listing of her son Elisha in Kansas¹⁵ that she too was born in New Jersey.

Zenas Lake left New Jersey in 1820 or earlier. He is found in the 1820 Federal Census in Crosby Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio. That census¹⁶ lists 2 males under 10, 2 males 10-15, 2 males 16-25, 1 male 45+, 2 females 10-15, 3 females 16-25, 1 female 45+.

Zenas Lake entered 83.30 acres (W 1/2, NW 1/4 of Section 34)¹⁷ of land in Marion Co., Ind., on 25 July 1821 and, on that basis, has been accepted as a pioneer ancestor by the Society of Indiana Pioneers.

He is found in the 1830 Federal Census¹⁸ in Marion Co., Ind. That census lists 1 male 10-15, 3 males 15-20, 1 male 30-40, and 1 male 60-70, 2 females 15-20, 1 female 50-60.

*Genealogy of the Lake Family*¹⁹ by Adams and Risley includes an appendix with an account of a trip taken in 1830 by Mark Lake and Daniel Lake Collins. It includes this paragraph:

We took breakfast at the sixth at one Zenas Lake's on White River, two miles west of Indianapolis. Here we were used well. He came from New Jersey. There seemed to be a family likeness in his features and in other respects, which made us think he was a descendant of our forefathers.

There is a Zenas Lake found in the 1840 Federal Census²⁰ in Centre Twp., Marion Co., Ind. That census lists the household head age 60-70 and wife 50-60; although Zenas, Sr., was still alive, the ages listed would indicate that this must be Zenas, Jr., and wife.

¹⁴ Finding their son Elisha Warford Lake in the 1880 census in Kansas (probably in Lyons, Rice Co.) would tell us where Elisha thought his mother was born.

¹⁵ See earlier footnote.

¹⁶ Page 185.

¹⁷ Now within the city limits of Indianapolis.

¹⁸ Page 363.

¹⁹ Page 285.

²⁰ Page 406.

The will of Zenas Lake [Sr.] was probated in Marion Co., Ind., 9 Aug. 1842, and recorded in Book B, p. 126. The will mentions, in the following order, daughter Ruth Heiss; daughter Nancy Johnson, son Elijah²¹ Lake, daughter Priscilla Breckenridge, daughter Hannah Atherton, daughter Mary Camel [Campbell], daughter Sarah Bonner, grandson Zenas Lake, son Elisha Lake, son Zenas Lake, son Isaac Lake, son Samuel Lake, grandson George Washington Lake²². The full text follows:

ZENAS LAKE'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I Zenas Lake of Marion County and State of Indiana do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life and as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same in the following manner to wit: I direct first That all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first money that shall come to the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate real or personal. I do also direct that a fair valuation or appraisal be made by three judicious neighbors of all my said Estate including my household furniture and after being Singed with their names that a copy of the same be given by them to each of my Executors. I also direct that all my Stock and plantation utensils be sold by public auction and on such terms as shall be considered most advisable by my Executors And that all the real estate of which I shall die seized or possessed shall be sold to my Executors for its reasonable value for cash or on such credit and the amount thereof secured in such manner as is usual in like cases to insure the full and punctual payment thereof And to effectuate this my intention I hereby vest my Executors with full power and authority to dispose of my real estate in fee simple or for a term of years or otherwise in as full and ample a manner in every respect as I could myself do if living.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ruth Heiss²³ heirs twenty five dollars to be paid to her by my Executors as soon as that amount comes into their hands.

²¹ In a previous edition of this manuscript, I said that Elijah Lake should be Elisha Lake, but Elijah's name appears both in his father's will and in a list of people paid from the estate.

²² He m. 8 Feb. 1844, Marion Co., Ind., to Melissa Bridges [Marion Co. Marriage Book 4, p. 74.]

²³ The DAR produced a typed copy of Will Books A and B which is in the Indiana State Library. The typed copy of this will therein says "to my daughter Ruth heirs . . ." and omits Ruth's last name, Heiss. It appears, however in the handwritten version in the Will Book itself. To complicate matters, I was told in a letter dated 26 March 1976 by the Deputy Clerk of the Probate Dept., Marion Circuit Court, that the departments's index file of "all" estates listed only one estate for a Zenas Lake -- that being for Zenas, Jr. She reported on that date that "our record books A & B are not available to me." Four days later she wrote again to say that the missing books had been found, and she sent a photocopy of the will of Zenas, Sr.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Johnson twenty five dollars to be paid by my Executors as soon as that amount comes into their hands.

I also give and bequeath to my Son Elijah Lake the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars to be paid by my Executors as soon as that amount comes into their hands.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Priscilla Breckenridge the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid by my Executors as soon as that amount comes into their hands.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Camel²⁴ the sum of Two hundred dollars to be paid by my Executors to her as soon as that amount comes into their hands.

I also give and bequeath to my grandson Zenas Lake Son of Isaac Lake one hundred dollars to be loaned out by my Executors as soon as that amount comes into their hands at lawful interest and until the principal amounts to two hundred dollars at which time the whole amount of two hundred dollars is to [be] by my Executors paid to him.

I give and bequeath to my Son Zenas Lake the sum of Three hundred dollars to be paid by my Executors to him as soon as that amount comes into their hands.

I give and bequeath and it is my will and desire that all the money arising from the sale of my real and personal estate not herein Specially devised and particularly granted to any of the persons herein named be equally divided among my Sons Elisha Lake, Isaac Lake, Samuel Lake and Zenas Lake and George Washington Lake my grandson. But should George Washington Lake my grandson die without issue then and in that case so much of my Estate as is herein bequeathed to him and which he may possess at the time of his death shall be equally divided among all my children herein named.

I do hereby ordain constitute and appoint my two sons Elisha Lake and Zenas Lake my executors of this my said will and testament hereby revoking all my former wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this to be my last will and testament and do set my hand and seal to it this third day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty two.

his
Zenas Lake (seal)
mark

Witness James Forser Martin Martindale.

We the undersigned did hear the above will read to Zenas Lake and saw him sign it with his mark and fix his seal to it and acknowledge the same to be his last will and testament in our presence James Forser Martin Martindale.

The State of Indiana, Marion County - Probate Court of said County August Term 1842 Be it known on the ninth day of August in the year 1842 Martin Martindale came personally into open court the court aforesaid and being duly sworn upon his oath deposeth

²⁴[Campbell].

and Saith that Zenas Lake published and declared the within and foregoing instrument of writing to be his last will and testament That his name was signed thereto by James Forser in the presence and by the express direction of the said Zenas Lake the divisor who then made his mark thereto That the same was done on the day of the date of the said instrument and that he deponent and James Forser then attested and subscribed the same as witnesses in the presence of said divisor and in the presence of each other And further Saith not.

Martin Martindale.

In witness of which I Robert B. Duncan, Clerk of said hereunto Set my hand the said 9th day of August 1842.

R. B. Duncan.

Recorded August 9, 1842.

Jane E. Darlington²⁵, C.G.R.S., has abstracted additional probate records relating to the estate as follows²⁶:

[E]xecutors file \$12,000 bond secured by Martin Martindale, Adam Wright, and Elias N. Shimer securities . . . Elisha W. Lake of Putnam County an executor . . . 11 August 1842 filed inventory: claim v. Joseph Lake estate, judgement vs. Rezin Howard and J. Myers, due bill vs. Samuel and Zenas Lake, William McQuat, James M. and James Forsee, Sr., lease of farm to James W. Hilton . . . appraised by James McIlvaine, William McCaw, and Henry Todd . . . 8 September proof of sale notice to be 10 September by John Koontz put up at John Carlisle's, one at fork of Crawfordsville and Michigan state roads, and one at West's mill in Centre Township . . . sale clerk was Joseph Little . . . 31 March 1847 filed accounts current: received cash from Moses Fatout, administrator of Joseph Lake June 1843; paid Charles C. Campbell, Willis G. Atherton, Priscilla Brackenridge, Ruth Ayres, William and Nancy Johnson, Zenas and Elijah Lake, William W. Weaver, James Cox, William H. Morrison and Company, Livingston Dunlap, J. P. Chapman, Peter Francis, Lewis C. Lewis, James W. Hilton (for fencing), McCaal; 15 August 1849 final accounts; Elisha W. Lake, surviving executor; paid: Charles Bonner, guardian of William, Mary, Martha, Francis, Charles, and Hellen, children and infant heirs at law of Sarah Bonner, deceased . . . settled.

²⁵ Report dated 23 Feb. 1992.

²⁶ Ms. Darlington's style is to put the surnames in all capital letters; I have, instead, followed the style of this manuscript. This is from August 1849 term -- Zenas Lake, Sr., deceased, pp. 440-46.

The order of Zenas' children is unknown. They are listed below in the order they are listed in his will. After 9, in order to continue the numbering with single digits, the letters A, B, and C are used for the 10th, 11th, and 12th children. In an earlier edition of this manuscript, because I substituted the name Elisha for Elijah, Elisha was listed as the 3rd child, and all of his descendants had numbers beginning with 3. That all changed, of course, once Elijah was listed as the 3rd child.

Descendants of Zenas Lake

1 Ruth Lake, m. ___?___ Heiss.

2 Nancy Lake, m. William Johnson²⁷.

3 Elijah Lake.

4 Priscilla Lake, m. ___?___ Breckenridge.

5 Hannah Lake, m. Willis G. Atherton.²⁸

51 Zenas Morrow²⁹ Atherton.³⁰

6 Mary Lake, m. 16 Feb. 1831, Marion Co., Ind.³¹, to Charles C. Campbell; d. aft. 25 Jan. 1849.³²

7 Sarah Lake, m. 8 Sept. 1830, Marion Co., Ind.³³, to Charles Bonner; d. 1849 or earlier.

71 William Bonner.

²⁷ He received payment from his father-in-law's estate.

²⁸ There is no Willis Atherton in the 1840 Indiana census index.

²⁹ Is this the correct spelling of the middle name?

³⁰ Received \$100 in will of uncle, Zenas Lake, Jr. There is no Zenas Atherton in the 1840 Indiana census index.

³¹ Marion Co. Marriage Book 1, p. 116.

³² Shared in bequest from brother Zenas Lake, Jr.

³³ Marion Co. Marriage Book 1, p. 63.

- 72 Mary Bonner.
- 73 Martha Bonner.
- 74 Francis Bonner.
- 75 Charles Bonner.
- 76 Hellen Bonner.

8 Elisha Warford Lake, b. 17 July 1799, New Jersey; m. 17 Feb. 1828, Marion Co., Ind., to Rebecca Hanna Nugent³⁴; res. 1830 at Marion Co., Ind.³⁵; an 1832 land entry for him in the Crawfordsville land district records at the Indiana State Library is the only known record of his middle name; on 9 Nov. 1832 he entered land in Section 22, Burlington Twp., Carroll Co., Ind.³⁶; apparently did not leave Marion Co., Ind., until after the birth of his daughter Mary Elsa Lake on 28 March 1833; moved by 1834 to Carroll Co., Ind.³⁷; from 1835 to 1839 he was a Justice of the Peace in Jackson Twp., Carroll Co., Ind.³⁸; in 1835 bought land at Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Ind., and he was appointed inspector of elections and the first election was at his house³⁹; moved in 1839 to Putnam Co., Ind.⁴⁰; res. 1840 at Putnam Co., Ind.⁴¹; res. 1850 at Floyd Twp., Putnam Co., Ind.⁴²; bought 80 acres in Hamilton Co., Ind., 10 Aug. 1853⁴³; moved 1853⁴⁴ or 1854⁴⁵ to Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.⁴⁶;

³⁴ Born 8 Jan. 1797 in South Carolina (probably in Laurens District), she was the daughter of Joseph Hanna and Sarah Adair, Ohio and Indiana pioneers. She came with them to Hamilton Co., Ohio, in 1801 and then to Franklin Co., Ind., in 1804. She had married (1st) William Nugent, by whom she had at least one daughter, Rosanna, before he died. (Rebecca's obituary says she had three children by the first marriage, but her first husband's will mentioned only Rosanna.) She married (2nd) Elisha Warford Lake. She died 12 July 1873, in Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind. Her tombstone is in Section 1, Row 15, of the Cicero, Ind., cemetery. I have a great deal more information about the Hanna family and other ancestors of Rebecca.

³⁵ Federal census, p. 363.

³⁶ The 1882 *History of Carroll County, Indiana*, p. 270, lists him as one of the early settlers of Burlington Twp.

³⁷ His wife's obituary gives 1834 as the year of the move, but it is likely they moved in 1832 when they bought the land; there are other errors in the years in the obituary.

³⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 298.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 81.

⁴⁰ Wife's obituary.

⁴¹ Federal census, p. 823.

⁴² Federal census, p. 394R.

⁴³ Hamilton Co., Ind., Deed Book R, page 117. He also was the grantee in approximately 11 other deeds recorded in Hamilton County up through 1866.

listed as "Eli Lake," age 60, b. NJ, farmer, \$4,000 value of real estate, \$400 value of personal property, in 1860 Federal Census, Hamilton Co., IN, Clay Twp., pg. 4, roll #263, P.O. Cicerotown, dwelling and family #29⁴⁷; listed as "Elisha M. Lake," age 70, farmer, \$15,000 value of real estate, \$1,000 value of personal property, b. "NY," in 1870 Federal Census, Hamilton Co., IN, Jackson Twp., P.O. Cicero, roll #319, M593, pg. 130A, 12 July, dwelling #53, family #56⁴⁸; listed 1874 in *People's Guide . . . Directory of Hamilton Co., Ind.*, p. 174, as a retired farmer, 1 1/2 miles southeast of Cicero, Democrat, Lutheran; deeded part of lot #3 and 4 in square #2 in Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind., to daughter Caroline Lake "Collins" on 15 Sept. 1873⁴⁹; moved in April 1876⁵⁰ to Kansas, where two of his sons-in-law had apparently received land for military service; res. 1880 at Wildwood, Rice Co.⁵¹, Kans. (with daughter Mary⁵²) (when he witnessed signature of son-in-law William Cornelius Summers on a claim for invalid pension); listed as Elisha Lake, age 80, born N.J. in 1880 census⁵³ in Lincoln Twp., Rice Co., Kans., in household headed by his son-in-law Sanford Wright, husband of his daughter Hannah Lake Wright; d. 23 Apr. 1881; bur. Lyons Cemetery, Lyons, Rice Co., Kans. *The Lyons Republican* newspaper apparently did not run full obituaries in this period, but the issue of Thursday May 5, 1881, contained this single brief reference: "Last week M. W. Miles was called upon for four coffins. One for . . .; one for E. W. Lake, aged 82, who died Saturday, April 23d, at the residence of his son-in-law, S. S. Wright; . . ."

⁴⁴*People's Guide . . . Directory of Hamilton Co., Ind.*, p. 174.

⁴⁵Wife's obituary.

⁴⁶Wife's obituary.

⁴⁷Jane Eaglesfield Darlington, C.G.R.S., 29 Feb. 1992.

⁴⁸Jane Eaglesfield Darlington, C.G.R.S., 29 Feb. 1992.

⁴⁹Hamilton Co., Deed Book 20, pages 28 and 31, cited by Jane Eaglesfield Darlington, 29 Feb. 1992. He was the grantor in approximately 14 other deeds recorded in Hamilton County back to 1856.

⁵⁰Letter from Helen G. Mathews of Lyons, Kans., Oct. 1991.

⁵¹*Up From the Sod: The Life Story of a Kansas Prairie County*, 1968, by Horace Jones, says (p. 33) that, "The Santa Fe Trail, which passed entirely through what is now Rice county[,] is far more important both to the early growth of the county and to its history than most of us now realize. To many the Trail was just a vague route that wagon trains used in the 1860s and early 70s, often with resulting battles with the Indians . . ." William Cody, known as "Buffalo Bill," was given a job in Rice County by the Kansas Pacific railroad in 1867 killing buffaloes to feed the large force of workers. Cody died in 1917. [*Up From the Sod*, pp. 71-72.]

⁵²Note that in the same year in the census he was living with his other daughter, Hannah.

⁵³The families of Elisha's two living sons-in-law, William Summers and Sanford Wright, are both listed on p. 258 of the 1880 census for Lincoln Twp., Rice Co., Kansas. Elisha Lake, age 80, is the last-named person in the Sanford Wright household. The listing shows Elisha as born in New Jersey and his father and mother also both born in New Jersey.

- 81 Juliann⁵⁴ or Julia A.⁵⁵ or Julian⁵⁶ Lake, b. 3 Jan. 1829⁵⁷ or 3 Feb. 1829⁵⁸; must have been one of the two females under the age of 5 living with Elisha and Rebecca in the 1830 census (the other was Rosanna Nugent, Rebecca's child by her first marriage to William Nugent); res. with parents in 1850 census in Putnam Co., Ind.; d. 13 Sept. 1854⁵⁹; bur. Cicero Cem., Hamilton Co., Ind., sec. 1, row 14, gs 4.
- 82 Caroline Lake, b. 27 Dec. 1830, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.; m. 4 May 1848, Putnam Co., Ind., to [Dr.] Isaac Spencer Collings⁶⁰; res. 1880 at Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.⁶¹; d. 11

⁵⁴So listed in list of tombstone inscriptions in *Cicero Cemetery, Jackson Twp.*, by James and Velma Correll, as cited by Jane Eaglesfield Darlington, C.G.R.S., report of 23 Feb. 1992.

⁵⁵So listed in 1850 census in Putnam Co., Ind.

⁵⁶So listed on an undated typewritten sheet of letterhead stationery of "Geo. Six, Bonded Abstracter, Lyons, Kansas," passed down in the family of Donald W. Branham, and sent to me by Mr. Branham with a letter of 25 Sept. 1992. This sheet, referred to in subsequent footnotes as the "Geo. Six sheet," had some additional handwritten notes by Mr. Branham's mother, the late Lila Wright Branham (number 84A3 in this manuscript). Among her uncles and aunts were George Six and his wife, Bessie M. "Bess" Wright Six (1869-1906) of Lyons; one of them probably typed the sheet. Although Mr. Branham's mother lived until 1990, the last handwritten addition to the sheet is dated 1954. Judging from the fact that there are handwritten additions dated 1936 and 1940, perhaps the sheet was typed in the 1920's or 1930's.

⁵⁷Geo. Six sheet from Donald W. Branham, 25 Sept. 1992.

⁵⁸Date calculated from tombstone inscription.

⁵⁹Tombstone inscription.

⁶⁰He was b. 16 Oct. 1827, Floyd Twp., Putnam Co., Ind.; res. 1850 at Adams Twp., Hamilton Co., Ind., where he was a laborer, age 22; received a *Doctorem in Arte Medica* degree from *Universitas Iowensis* in Keokuk dated 25 Feb. 1857; res. 1860 at Adams Twp., Hamilton Co., Ind., where he was a physician, listed (incorrectly) as age "34"; enrolled as Captain, Company I, 109th Regiment Indiana Volunteers, at Boxley, Hamilton Co., Ind., 9 July 1863; mustered out 17 July 1863; commissioned as Assistant Surgeon, 57th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, on 12 March 1865; promoted to rank of Surgeon, 57th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, on 1 July 1865; served at that rank with that unit until his death; d. 10 Sept. 1865 in army hospital at Camp Irwin on Placido Creek, about 12 miles west of Port Lavaca, Tex.; bur. on the north bank of Placido Creek. He was the son of William C. Collings and Sarah Monnett Collings. [See *The Collings, Richeys and The Pigeon Roost Massacre*, by Constance A. Hackman, Leona M. Lawson, and Kenneth R. Scott, 1980, p. 968 and earlier pages, and *Monnett Family Genealogy (an unreliable genealogy)*, by Orra Eugene Monnette, 1911, p. 989 and earlier pages.]

⁶¹Listed (age 49) in federal census, p. 277, in same household with Preston Six (37), "Almira" Six (28), Edna Six (6), and Lester "M." Six (4).

March 1915, Lyons, Rice Co., Kans. The following obituary appeared in the 16 March 1915 issue of the *Lyons Daily News*, Lyons, Rice Co. Kans.⁶²:

"Caroline Lake, daughter of Elisha and Rebecca Lake, was born Dec. 27, 1830, in Indianapolis, Indiana. While quite young she moved with her parents to Putnam County, Indiana.

"On May 4, 1848, she was married to Isaac Spencer Collins[.] Mr. and Mrs. Collins moved to Hamilton County.

"Her husband died in Texas at the close of the Civil War. There was born to this union 3 children --- two sons and a daughter[:] W. Zenas Collins of Cicero, Indiana, Mrs. Elmira R. Six of Lyons, Kansas; and F. C. Collins of Indianapolis, Indiana. All living and present at the funeral today.

"Mrs. Collins had three sisters, one of whom is living, Mrs. Hanna⁶³ Wright of Lyons; Mrs. Mary Sommers; and another sister⁶⁴, died in September.

"Mrs. Collins was raised in the United Presbyterian church. After her marriage she united with English Lutheran church in Cicero, Indiana, and remained a member of this church until her death.

"She has been an invalid for 49 years.

"She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmira Six in Lyons the morning of March 8th, 1915. Age 84 years, 12 years, and 12 days."

Note discrepancies and a shorter death notice from March 11, 1915, from the same newspaper:

"Mrs. Caroline Collins died at the home of her daughter Mrs. E. R. Six this morning at 3 o'clock after a lingering illness of a number of years -- age 84 years, 2 months, and 13 days. Funeral services will be held at the home on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Rash of the Christian Church."

⁶²I copied this from a piece of paper typed by my mother based on material sent by Valeta Kerns Wisuri (a genealogy correspondent about the Collings family) in 1963. Mrs. Wisuri had received the material some time earlier from Mrs. John Buller of Lyons, and Mrs. Wisuri wanted the material returned. My mother underlined several numbers at the end of the obituary, noting them as "possible mistakes."

⁶³ As indicated elsewhere, I wonder if she used this spelling. Obviously Hannah is a more common spelling, but given her Hanna family ancestors, perhaps her given name really was Hanna.

⁶⁴ I believe this must have been Julia.

- 821 Elisha William Zenas Collings,⁶⁵ b. 22 June 1849, Ladoga, Clark Twp., Montgomery Co., Ind.; mustered in as a musician with Company I, 109th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers on 9 July 1863 and mustered out on 17 July 1863⁶⁶; m. c. 1870⁶⁷, Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind., to Mary Eurilla Andrews; was the druggist who owned a drugstore in partnership with Dr. F. M. Warford in Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.⁶⁸; d. 27 May 1919, Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.; bur. Cicero Cem. as "William Zenas Collings."
- 8211 William Asbury Collings, b. c. 1875, Indiana; is listed with parents in the 1880 census at age 5; said to have studied at DePauw University and to have studied law at Ann Arbor, Mich., and/or at Columbia University; was President of the First National Bank of Crawfordsville; was State President of the Indiana State Bankers Assn. in the 1940's; no children; d. in Fla. c. 1962.⁶⁹
- 8212 Nina Collings, b. 1879, Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.; d. 21 June 1968, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind. (unmarried); bur. Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.
- 8213 Roy T. Collings, b. 1881; bachelor; d. 1947; bur. Cicero Cem. Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.
- 8214 Clara Collings, b. 17 Feb. 1887 (twin), Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.; m. (1907?), Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind., to Largent Lamont Meek; he was a drug salesman who d. ca. 1942 and lived in Vincennes, Ind.; d. 28 Nov. 1974, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.
- 82141 James William Meek, b. 25 Feb. 1909, Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.; m. 29 Oct. 1932, Bloomington, Ind., to Lois Margaret Wheeler; he graduated from Purdue University in 1932 with a B.S. in Chemistry; chemist for Eli Lilly from 1936 to 1974; res. 1991 at Apt. D, 2002 E. Stop 12 Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46227.
- 821411 Marilyn Sue Meek, b. 8 May 1934, Effingham, Ill., m. (day?) (month?) 1956, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind., to

⁶⁵ Apparently named for his maternal grandfather (Elisha Warford Lake), his paternal grandfather (William C. Collings), and his maternal great-grandfather (Zenas Lake).

⁶⁶According to *Hamilton County and the Civil War*, p. 158, which lists him as "Zenith" Collings. This is the same company of which his father was Captain.

⁶⁷According to James William Meek, as relayed by David William Toll.

⁶⁸The 1880 *History of Hamilton Co., Indiana*, p. 126, mentions the drugstore as "Warford & Collings." I have a tiny old glass bottle marked "W. Z. Collings, Druggist, Cicero, Ind."

⁶⁹One note, based on a conversation in 1963 with Nina Collings, says he died in February of 1963, possibly in Winter Haven, Fla.

- Bryan Toll, Jr.; d. 12 June 1968, Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Ind.
- 8214111 Lori Dee Toll, b. 4 Sept. 1959; m. 8 March 1980, First Christian Church, Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Ind., to Thomas Brown; res. 1991 at Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Ind.
- 82141111 Jennifer Rene Brown, b. 19 Apr. 1982.
- 82141112 Kelly Ann Brown, b. 20 Nov. 1984.
- 82141113 Bryan Thomas Brown, b. 6 Jan. 1988.
- 8214112 David William Toll⁷⁰, b. 8 May 1962, Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Ind.; m. 27 May 1989, Parkside Baptist Church, Columbus, Bartholomew Co., Ind., to Pamela Kay Brown; he graduated May 1989 from Indiana University; res. 1992 at 531 Third St., Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Ind.
- 82141121 Shelby Elizabeth Toll, b. 27 Apr. 1991, Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Ind..
- 8214113 Bryan Douglas Toll, b. 30 June 1966; served with U.S. Navy; res. 1991 at Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Ind.; unmarried.
- 821412 Marcia Ann Meek, b. 4 Aug. 1938, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.; m. (1st) to John Highland (div. 1979); m. (2nd) 1981 to Gil Berggren; she is a buyer for Hughes Aircraft; res. 1991 in Canoga Park, Calif.
- 8214121 John Michael "Mike" Highland, b. 11 May 1973, Canoga Park, Calif.; works for Rand Corp. and is a musician; unmarried; res. 1991 at Canoga Park, Calif.
- 8214122 Daniel Highland, b. 23 June 1966, Canoga Park, Calif.; sound mixer for Fox Television in Los Angeles; unmarried; res. 1991 at Canoga Park, Calif.
- 82142 John Robert Meek, b. 1916, Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.; m. 29 May 1940 to Kathryn ___?___; he was in finance with Eli Lilly for 31 years; retired to Bradenton, Fla.; res. 1991 at Bradenton, Fla.

⁷⁰ Named for his grandfather.

- 821421 William Robert Meek, b. 19 Nov. 1941, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.; m. (1st) (when?) (where?) to Margaret Cousins; m. (2nd) 9 May 1970, Natchitoches, La., to Juanita Davis; res. 1992 at 916 87th St. N.W., Bradenton, FL 34209.
- 8214211 Christopher Davis Meek, b. 12 Dec. 1970, Huntsville, Madison Co., Ala.
- 8214212 Bradford Thomas Meek, b. 14 Sept. 1972, Sanford, Lee Co., N.C.
- 8214213 Shea Katherine Meek, b. 17 July 1976, Dallas, Tex.
- 821421 William Meek, b. ca. 1951, Bradenton, Fla.
- 8214211
- 8214212
- 3214213
- 821422 Kathryn Meek, b. ca. 1953 to Martin Rosen; res. 1991 at Bradenton, Fla.
- 8214221 (daughter), b. ca. 1982.
- 3214222 (son).
- 8215 Harry A. Collings, b. 17 Feb. 1887 (twin), Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.; no children; apparently widowed c. 1948, went to Florida after wife's death; remarried c. 1962; was retired drug salesman; res. 1968 at Sarasota, Fla.; no children.
- 822 Elmira Rosalie Collings, b. 2 Aug. 1851, Poland, Clay Co., Ind.; m. 4 Sept. 1872, Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind., to Preston Six; res. 1880 at Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.⁷¹; d. 5 Feb. 1926, Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.; bur. Lyons Municipal Cemetery.
- 8221 Edna May Six, b. 27 July 1873, Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind., m. 27 Nov. 1895, Lyons, Rice Co., Kans., to John W. Layton; d. 23 Dec. 1945, San Antonio, Tex.

⁷¹ In federal census cited above in footnote to reference to Caroline Lake Collings.

- 82211 [Col.] Eugene Berry Layton, b. 13 Nov. 1900, Rice Co., Kans.; m. 15 Aug. 1926, San Antonio, Tex., to Le Ellen Sparks; d. ca. 1960 (at age 60).
- 82212 Estoria Irene Layton, b. 26 June 1903, Rice Co., Kans.; m. 4 Sept. 1924, Houston, Tex., to Ernest K. Spahr; moved to Texas in 1917; one adopted child [b. ca. 1934]; res. 1963 at 2344 Southgate Blvd., Houston, 25, Tex.; husband then worked for Investors Diversified Services.
- 8222 Lester Norton Six, b. 1876; m. 17 Nov. 1897, Lyons, Kans., to Blanche J. Pierson; d. 22 June 1945, Chase, Rice Co., Kans.; no children⁷².
- 8223 Elza Carlin Six, b. 23 Apr. 1883, Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.; m. 30 Oct. 1906, McPherson, McPherson Co., Kans., to Marie Blackman; d. 15 May 1962; bur. at McPherson.
- 8223x⁷³ Preston Six.
- 8223x Marjorie Evon [sic] Six⁷⁴, b. 3 May 1908, ⁷⁵ Rice Co., Kans.; m. Fred M. Root.
- 8223x1 William Carlin Root m. 29 May 1958 to Wanda Swenson.
- 8224 Blanche Six, b. 10 Aug. 1885 (twin), Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.; m. 28 Sept. 1910, Lyons, Rice Co., Kans., to Luther J. Cotten [or Cotton?].
- 82241 Claude Marine Cotten, b. 13 Nov. 1911, Rick Hill, Bates Co., Mo.; m. Sept. 19?? to Jane Bradenberg; res. 1963 at Independence, Kans.
- 82242 Paul Wilber Cotten, b. 4 Jan. 1914, Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.; res. 1963 at Philadelphia, Pa.
- 82243 Palmer Luther Cotten, b. 21 Nov. 1917, Lyons, Kans.; res. 1963 at Russell, Russell Co., Kans.; farmer.

⁷² Letter from Helen G. Mathews, Oct. 1991.

⁷³ The "x" indicates no information about the order of birth of these two children because we do not know Preston Six's birth date (and, as explained in the footnote below, there is doubt about whether Marjorie Evon is a daughter).

⁷⁴ The births of first cousins appear to have been intermixed in the family bible record of which I have a photocopy, so it is impossible to tell Marjorie Evon's parents. Given that she was born a year and a half after Elza Carlin Six's marriage and that she gave her son the middle name of Carlin, this seems the most logical assumption.

⁷⁵ State birth records began in Kansas in 1911, but county clerks have earlier records, so the County Clerk of Rice Co., might be able to provide a birth record that will identify her parents.

8225 Elsie Six, b. 10 Aug. 1885 (twin), Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.; m. (1st) 9 Dec. 1916, Great Bend, Barton Co., Kans., to Robert Thomas Campbell; m. (2nd) to ___? Ransom; d. 21 Dec. 1961, Anthony, Harper Co., Kans.; bur. Kingman Cem. (next to 1st husband).

82251 Helen May Campbell.

82252 William Campbell.

32253 Austin Jay Campbell.

8226 Homer Jay Six, b. 6 Dec. 1888, Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.; m. 24 Dec. 1911, Erie, Neosho Co., Kans., to Grace Adkinson or Adinson⁷⁶.

82261 Helen May Six, b. 2 Feb. 1913 or 1915, Erie, Neosho Co., Kans.; m. 2 June 1935 to Lawrence Lynn Hatcher.

82262 William Preston Six, b. 13 Jan. 1917, Lyons, Kans.; m. 27 Oct. 1945 to Ira M. Smeltzer.

82263 Austin Jay Six, b. 3 July, 1917⁷⁷, Erie, Neosho Co., Kans.

82264 Homer Eugene Six, b. 27 Jan. 1925, Independence, Montgomery Co., Kans.

823 Franklin Chandler Collings, b. 7 Feb. 1855, Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.; m. 24 Apr. 1878, Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind., to Eugenia Edson⁷⁸; res. 1880 at Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.⁷⁹ when he was a railroad clerk; d. 5 July 1915, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.; bur. Crown Hill Cem., Indianapolis.

⁷⁶ It appears as such in a family bible.

⁷⁷ It does not make sense for this child to have been born 3 July if he had an older brother born 13 Jan. One or the other of these boys may have been attributed here to the wrong parents. If one of them was not the son of Homer Jay Six, he apparently was the son of Elza Carlin Six. I will try to obtain birth records of the boys to try to confirm the parents.

⁷⁸ She was the daughter of Turner Edson and Phebe Adelaide Farrington Edson. She was born 15 Apr. 1858 in Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Ind., and died 21 Dec. 1930 in Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.

⁷⁹ Federal Census, p. 280.

- 8231 Irene Collings, b. 29 June 1879, Cicero, Hamilton Co., Ind.; m. 20 June 1899 to Lewis Jesse Brown⁸⁰; d. 7 Oct. 1932, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.; bur. Crown Hill Cem., Indianapolis. An obituary⁸¹ for her said:

"Mrs. Irene Brown Dies; Funeral Will Be Today"

"Mrs. Irene Collings Brown, 53 years old, a resident of Indianapolis half a century, died in her home, 3838 North Pennsylvania street, Thursday night. Death followed a brief illness.

"Mrs. Brown was a member of the Woman's Department Club, the Violet Demaree Study Club and the Third Church of Christ, Scientist. She was born in Cicero and came to Indianapolis when she was an infant.

"Funeral services will be held in the home at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

"Survivors are the husband, Lewis J. Brown, and two daughters, Miss Gertrude Brown and Mrs. Josephine Wright, of Indianapolis."

- 82311 Gertrude Mabel Brown, b. 1 June 1903, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.; m. 15 Aug. 1950, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind., to Alexander "Alec" Dick; d. 2 March 1983, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.; bur. Crown Hill Cem., Indianapolis.

- 82312 Josephine Brown, b. 8 Dec. 1910, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.; m. (1st) 21 June 1930, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind., to Harold Estle⁸² Wright (div. 26 May 1960); res. 1934-1951 at Miami Beach, Dade Co., Fla.; m. (2nd) 11 May 1963, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind., to Harold Estle Wright⁸³; d. 9 Oct. 1965, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.; bur. Crown Hill Cem., Indianapolis.

- 823121 Jacquelin Wright, b. 13 Aug. 1933, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.; m. 21 Dec. 1957, Indianapolis, Marion Co.,

⁸⁰He was the son of George Wells Brown and Margaret Patterson Brown. He was born 27 June 1873 near the village of New Salem in Noble Twp., Rush Co., Ind., and died 15 June 1960, in Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.

⁸¹From a clipping with no newspaper name or date, but undoubtedly from an Indianapolis newspaper.

⁸²This spelling of Estle was used on his birth certificate and his birth announcement, and the same spelling was used by his uncle Charles Estle Wright, for whom he was named. In the latter half of his life, although he rarely used a middle name, he spelled it *Estel*.

⁸³He was the son of Harry Edgar Wright and Essie Sims DeLon Wright. He was born 9 Jan. 1910 in Pensacola, Escambia Co., Fla., and died 26 Dec. 1966, in Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.

Ind., to James Failey Frenzel, Jr. (div.); is a real estate agent in Bergen Co., NJ; res. 1992 at 14 Beechwood Road, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423.

8231211 James Failey Frenzel, b. 18 Sept. 1959, Brooklyn, N.Y.; m. 19 May 1984, Durham, Durham Co., N.C., to Karen Zeferjahn; is an engineering professor at the Univ. of Idaho; res. 1992 at 1774 Lexington Ave., Moscow, ID 83843.

82312111 Rachel Zeferjahn Frenzel, b. 13 May 1989, Durham, Durham Co., N.C.

32312112 Derek Zeferjahn Frenzel, b. 25 Oct. 1991, Moscow, Latah Co., Idaho.

8231212 Gregory Wright Frenzel, b. 10 March 1964; Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N.J.; m. 30 Dec. 1989, South Orange, N.J., to Regina Mary Degnan; in the Foreign Service in Mexico City; 1992 address is U.S. Embassy, Mexico, Box 3087, Laredo, TX 78044-3087.

823122 Jay Brown Wright, b. 20 Dec. 1940, Miami Beach, Dade Co., Fla.; m. 10 Oct. 1970, Syracuse, Onondaga Co., N.Y., to Yolanda Tamburrino; is a professor of communications law at Syracuse University; res. 1992 at 416 Brooklea Dr., Fayetteville, NY 13066-1404.

8232 Ethel Fay Collings, b. 14 Dec. 1885; m. 2 Oct. 1906, to Alwin Raymond Moses; d. 27 May 1928, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.; bur. Crown Hill Cem., Indianapolis.

32321 Raymond Moses, b. ca. 1910.

82322 Franklin C. Moses, b. c. 1914?; engineer and surveyor; res. 1983 at 7 West Clinton St., Frankfort, Ind 46041.

82323 Helen Eugina Moses, b. ca. 1921, m. 26 Jan. 1946, First Christian Church, San Francisco, Calif., to F. Raymond Walker; res. 1963 at 9830 Creemore Dr., Tujunga, Calif. 91042.

823231 Stephen James Walker, b. 15 May 1949, Glendale, Calif.

823232 David Lloyd Walker, b. 7 Nov. 1950, Monrovia, Calif.

823233 Judy Ann Walker, b. 17 Aug. 1956, Monrovia, Calif.

- 83 Mary Elsa Lake,⁸⁴ b. 28 March 1833, Marion Co., Ind.; m. 31 Dec. 1848, Greencastle⁸⁵, Putnam Co., Ind., to William Cornelius Summers⁸⁶; res. 1880 census in Lincoln Twp., Rice Co., Kans.; res. 1888 at Wildwood, Rice Co., Kans. (when husband filed Declaration for Original Invalid Pension based on Civil War Service); res. 1891 at Chase, Rice Co., Kans. (when husband filed another application for invalid pension based on Civil War service); res. 1898 at Lyons, Rice Co., Kans. (when she filed widow's claim for pension); d. 20⁸⁷ Sept. 1914, North Salem, Hendricks Co., Ind.; bur. Lyons Cem., Lyons, Rice Co., Kans. Richard H. West sent Helen Kurtz Wray a handwritten copy of an undated obituary:

"Mary Lake Summers, second⁸⁸ daughter of Elisha and Rebecca Lake, was born in Marion County, Indiana, March 28 - 1833. Died at the home of her daughter September 20 - 1914. Aged 81 years 5 months and 25⁸⁹ days. She was united in marriage to William C. Summers December 31 - 1848. To this union were born 11 children, 8 boys and 3 girls. The husband and two sons and one daughter having preceeded [sic] her to the better land. In the spring of 1873 the Family moved to Rice county Kansas. She lived there until 1899 after which she lived with the children. She joined the Presbyterian church at Groveland early in life but after moving to Kansas united with the Methodist church at Chase. She leaves 2 sisters, 8 children, 19 Grandchildren and 13 Great grandchildren besides a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

831 Ethan B. Summers, b. 1850; m. Martha Allucia "Lucia" Kurtz; died 16 Jan. 1919.

⁸⁴ All information on this line from Mrs. Helen Kurtz Wray, 596 W. Clinton St., Danville, Ind. 46122, 30 Dec. 1991 or from information she sent subsequently (including some from Richard H. West of Houston, Tex.).

⁸⁵ According to paper in National Archives pension file.

⁸⁶ William Cornelius Summers was b. 14 Nov. 1830, the son of Cornelius Summers and Elizabeth Hadden [source: family group sheet from Helen Kurtz Wray, 30 Dec. 1991]. He died in Nov. 1898. Helen Kurtz Wray (letter of 25 Jan. 1992) said "one of the family stories is that Great Grandfather William C. Summers was visiting his daughter, Mary Florence Summers Kurtz, [in Indiana] in the fall of 1898 and while eating a meal became choked and died before the doctor arrived. Grandmother Mary Florence summers Kurtz took her youngest child (Kye Wendell Kurtz) and Great Grandfather's body back to Kansas on the train." However, the pension file (WC 483-325) for William C. Summers in the National Archives includes a "Record Proof of Death of Soldier" saying he died 28 Nov. 1898 in Lincoln Twp. [Rice Co.] Kans., and refers to records in the "county Health Officer's books" in Rice County as saying he died of obstruction and ulceration of bowels due to chronic diarrhea. Note that that record says he died 28 Nov. There is a discrepancy between that and a note from Norma Miller, City Clerk, of Lyons (19 Jan. 1991) indicating (either from Lyons Cem. records or from the tombstone, apparently) that he died on 25 Nov. 1898.

⁸⁷ This is the date on her Indiana death certificate, notwithstanding the fact that officials in Lyons (using cemetery records or tombstone) said she died 27 Sept. 1914. The handwritten record of her death in the pension file of her husband at the National Archives is difficult to read, but it seems to say 27 Sept. too.

⁸⁸ This definitely is contrary to the evidence that her older sisters included both Julia and Caroline.

⁸⁹ The death certificate says 23 days, which seems correct.

- 832 Elisha L. Summers, b. 1853; res. 1880 at Lincoln Twp., Rice Co., Kans.⁹⁰; m. Delia "Dely" Summers⁹¹; d. 27 Feb. 1929.
- 833 Daniel T. Summers; not listed in parents' household in 1880 census.
- 834 Mary Florence "Mollie" Summers, b. 1 Mar. 1860, Putnam Co., Ind.; listed in parents' household in 1880 census in Lincoln Twp., Rice Co., Kans.; m. 18 Sept. 1884, Putnam Co., Ind.,⁹² to Edwin Morton Kurtz; d. 19 March 1948, North Salem, Hendricks Co., Ind.
- 8341 Blanche Elsie Kurtz, b. 20 Feb. 1886; m. 21 Sept. 1902, Springfield, Ill., to Harry Orval Page; moved March 1917 from North Salem, Ind., to Wyoming; d. 24 Aug. 1950 (auto accident), Wyoming.
- 83411 Maynard Morris Page, b. 3 Aug. 1903; m. 12 July 1926, to Eleanor Rose Rozelle; moved 1936 to Priest River, Idaho.
- 834111 Maynard Keith Page, b. 22 Sept. 1930; m. (1st) Jo Locke (div.); m. (2nd) Joan Maurer⁹³.
- 8341111 Kathleen Yvonne Page, b. 26 Apr. 1954; m. Ed Millspaugh.
- 83411111 Shawn Millspaugh, b. 1 June 1974.
- 83411112 Courtney Millspaugh, b. 20 Apr. 1976.
- 8341112 Colleen Eyvette Page, b. 27 March 1958; d. 12 May 1979.
- 8341113 Sharon Colette Page, b. 27 Dec. 1961.
- 834114 Maynard Mark Page, b. 20 Oct. 1964.
- 834112 Mollie Karen Page, b. 24 Feb. 1936; m. (when?) (where?) to James D. Hansen, b. 27 May 1935.
- 8341121 Lori Kay Hansen, b. 15 May 1956.

⁹⁰In household enumerated after parents' household (same page); he was listed as 28 years old.

⁹¹Could he have had more than one wife? In the 1880 census his wife is identified as Laurena Summers, age 26, born Indiana, father born Kentucky, mother born Indiana.

⁹²Is this accurate? It is odd that she would have gone from Kansas back to Indiana to be married.

⁹³Which one was the mother of the children?

- 8341122 Terri Lynne Hansen, b. 18 Jan. 1958; m. (when?) (where?) to Mitchel Ayres.
- 83411221 Christopher Ayres, b. 22 Jan. 1979.
- 8341123 Kelly Rae Hansen, b. 20 June 1960; m. (when? where?) to Raymond Maust.
- 8341124 Kevin Douglas Hansen, b. 14 May 1962.
- 83412 Gerald Kurtz Page, b. 15 May 1905 (where?); m. 2 May 1932 (where?) to Alice Morgan; d. 21 Apr. 1976 (where?).
- 834121 Noel Lewis Page, b. 26 Sept. 1934; m. (when?) (where?) to Doris Grant.
- 8341211 Cynthia Page.
- 8341212 Vernon Page.
- 8341213 Linda Page.
- 8341214 Donna Page.
- 8341215 Terry Page.
- 8341216 Carol Page.
- 8341217 Kala Page.
- 834122 Evelyn Marie Page, b. 6 May 1936; d. in infancy.
- 834123 Maxine Vivian Page, b. 16 Aug. 1937; m. (when?) (where) to Paul Snell (div.).
- 8341231 Steve Snell.
- 8341232 Randy Snell.
- 83413 Mary Kathryn Page, b. 22 Aug. 1906 (where?); m. (1st) 9 Dec. 1926 (where?) to Logan Joseph Brimmer (div.); m. (2nd) (when?) (where?) to Carl Smith; m. (3rd) (when?) (where?) to Everett Disney; m. (4th) (when?) (where?) to William Russell; d. (day?) Nov. 1979 (where?).

834131 Gene Logan Brimmer, b. 12 Oct. 1927 (where?); m. (1st) 1945 (where?) to Emma Abelt (div.); m. (2nd) June 1975 (where?) to Carley Storm.⁹⁴

8341311 Kathy Brimmer.

8341312 Valda Brimmer.

834132 Ray Orval Brimmer, b. 28 Nov. 1929 (where?); m. (1st) (when?) (where?) to Donna Jolley; m. (2nd) (when?) (where?) to Joan ___.⁹⁵

8341321 Judy Brimmer.

8341322 Roger Brimmer.

834133 Jerry Wayne Brimmer, b. 9 Apr. 1932 (where?); m. (when?) (where?) to Mabel Sampson (div.).

8341331 Jimmy Brimmer.

8341332 Timothy Brimmer.

8341333 Tommy Brimmer.

8341334 Laura Brimmer.

834134 Peggy Lea Brimmer, b. 21 Nov. 1933 (where?); m. (when?) (where?) to Chester Whitney.

8341341 Kim Joy Brimmer, b. (when?) (where?); m. (when?) (where?) to James Watts.

83413411 Jamie Watts.

83413412 Kayla Watts.

834135 Patsy Jean Brimmer, b. 27 Sept. 1936 (where?); m. 22 Aug. 1956 (where?) to Dennis Lelan Nicholson.

8341351 Leala Deneice Nicholson, b. 13 Apr. 1959; m. 7 March 1981 (where?) to Garlin Earl Granier.

83413511 Oren Levi Granier, b. 7 March 1987.

⁹⁴Which wife is the mother of the children?

⁹⁵Which wife is the mother of the children?

8341352 Patrick Lelan Nicholson, b. 9 July 1964; m.
(when?) (where?) to Robin __?__.

83413521 Jeanna Carol Lynn Nicholson.

83413522 Walter Logan Nicholson, b. 17 Nov.
1990.

8341353 Marvin Lee Nicholson, b. 13 Dec. 1968.

83414 Doris Muriel Page, b. 1 June 1911 (where?); m. (1st) 27 Oct. 1926
(where?) to Sanford Lee Hedger (div.); m. (2nd) 19 July 1933
(where?) to Louis Eric Huseby; d. 2 Sept. 1968 (where?).

834141 Warren Lee Hedger, b. 2 Dec. 1927 (where?); m. (1st) 3
July 1948 (where?) to Clara Mae Eaton (div.); m. (2nd) 8
Feb. 1971 (where?) to Mae Elizabeth "Liz" __?__. ⁹⁶

8341411 Wayne Lee Hedger, b. 2 Nov. 1949.

8341412 Douglas Alfred Hedger, b. 5 Feb. 1951.

8341413 Mike Allen Hedger, b. 2 Sept. 1953.

8341414 [adopted] Julia Marie Hedger, b. 16 Feb. 1965.

8341415 [adopted] Warren Clay Hedger.

834142 Betty Bernice Hedger, b. 15 March 1930 (where?); m. 21
Aug. 1949 (where?) to Walter Louverne Nicholson.

8341421 Leonard Earl Nicholson, b. 13 June 1950; m.
(1st) 15 Nov. 1968 (where?) to Rene Diana Bradley
(div.); m. (2nd) 13 Sept. 1980 (where?) to Penny
Lea Focks.

83414211 Teresa Rene Nicholson, b. 30 May
1969; m. __ Oct. 1988 (where?) to Ford
Levi.

834142111 Fatu Duke Levi, b. 1 Jan.
1990.

83414212 Lee Eric Nicholson, b. 16 Apr. 1974.

⁹⁶He has grandchildren (by which child or children?) named Brandy Dawn Hedger (b. 14 Dec. 1974) and Wayne Lee Hedger (b. 23 Aug. 1982).

- 8341422 Larry Eugene Nicholson, b. 1 Nov. 1952; m. 29 Sept. 1972 (where?) to Virgalene Rosalee Wilks.
- 83414221 Lonnie Gene Nicholson, b. 19 Feb. 1974.
- 83414222 Kimberly Louise Nicholson, b. 14 June 1976.
- 83414223 Luke Edward Nicholson, b. 23 Dec. 1979.
- 8341423 Bonnie Louise Nicholson, b. 18 Jan. 1955 (where?); m. 6 Aug. 1976 (where?) to Robert Wesley Triplett.
- 83414231 Jeremy Lee Triplett, b. 25 Oct. 1977.
- 83414232 Christopher Lee Triplett, b. 17 Nov. 1983.
- 83414233 Laura Beth Triplett, b. 30 Dec. 1985.
- 834143 Eric Orval Huseby, b. 28 July 1934 (where?); m. 5 June 1955 (where?) to Anette Jeannie Davis.
- 8341431 Kelly Eric Huseby, b. 22 June 1956; m. 14 Dec. 1974 (where?) to Sue Bellin.
- 83414311 Kelly Shane Huseby, b. 14 Apr. 1976.
- 83414312 Cody Eric Huseby, b. 5 Dec. 1978.
- 83414313 Amber Rae Huseby, b. 8 Sept. 1980.
- 8341432 Mark Louis Huseby, b. 25 Dec. 1959; m. 2 Jan. 1976 (where?) to Terry Ridinger.
- 83414321 Travis Louis Huseby, b. 10 July 1976.
- 83414322 Trenton Jene Huseby, b. 30 June 1979.
- 834144 Donna Dee Huseby, b. 6 Feb. 1936 (where?); m. 16 June 1953 (where?) to Charles Lawrence McAmis.
- 8341441 Wesley Charles McAmis, b. 31 Jan. 1956; m. 23 Feb. 1977 (where?) to Patsy Ann Conzelman.
- 83414411 Shelly Rae McAmis, b. 19 Nov. 1978.

- 83414412 Tawnya Jo McAmis, b. 25 June 19__.
- 83414413 Katie Dawn McAmis, b. 19 June 1983.
- 8341442 Willis Dee McAmis, b. 30 Dec. 1958; m. 7 May 1977 (where?) to Denise Rene Bussell.
- 83414421 Jeremiah Lon McAmis, b. 17 May 1978.
- 83414422 Tabitha Dawn McAmis, b. 29 Dec. 1988.
- 8341443 Sherry Kay McAmis, b. 5 Aug. 1960; m. 18 Aug. 1978 (where?) to Dale Wood.
- 83414431 Craig Sander Wood, b. 11 June 1979.
- 83414432 Cassandra Deann Wood, b. 4 Sept. 1981.
- 83414433 Wade Dale Wood, b. 18 June 1988.
- 83414434 Whitney Kay Wood, b. 8 Aug. 1990.
- 83415 Henry Edwin Page, b. 9 July 1915 (where?); m. (1st) 31 July 1933 (where?) to Lola Nellie Huseby (div.); m. (2nd) (when?) (where?) to Myrtle French; [children are all by first wife].
- 834151 Orville Eric Page, b. 22 March 1934 (where?); m. (when?) (where?) to Darlene Graham (div.).
- 8341511 Luzena Kay Page.
- 8341512 Penny Louise Page.
- 834152 Jay David Page, b. 23 Nov. 1935 (where?); m. (when?) (where?) to Shirley McAmis.
- 8341521 Karen Ray Page.
- 8341522 Minnie Mae Page.
- 8341523 Dennis Jay Page.
- 834153 Jane Lois Page, b. 30 July 1938 (where?).

834154 Loyd⁹⁷ Edwin Page, b. 11 June 1941 (where?).

8342 Lora Ellen Kurtz⁹⁸, b. 27 Jan. 1891; m. 30 June 1915 to Harrison West; d. 14 Aug. 1978.

83421 Robert Morton West, b. 8 Nov. 1918, Fort Worth, Tex.; m. 11 July 1942, Dallas, Tex., to Maggie Lee Wilkie.

834211 Robert Morton West, Jr., b. 18 Jan. 1944, Dallas, Tex.; m. 29 Dec. 1971, Dallas, to Gail Mae Galvani (div. 1989).

8342111 Christal Renee West, b. 12 May 1976, Dallas, Tex.

8342112 James Robert West, b. 30 June 1978, Dallas, Tex.

8342113 April Lee West, b. 29 Apr. 1981, Clifton, Tex.

8342114 Quincy Parker West, b. 9 May 1985, Clifton, Tex.

834212 John Charles West, b. 3 Nov. 1947, Dallas, Tex.

83422 Billy Kurtz West, b. 13 Apr. 1920, Dallas, Tex.; m. (1st) 5 May 1941, to Kathryn Wright (div.); m. (2nd) 16 Aug. 1974, to Ima Rial.

834221 Barbara Kathryn West, b. 16 Sept. 1942, Dallas, Tex.; m. 4 June 1960 to Leslie Ben Meyer (div. 1964).

8342211 Sherry Meyer, b. 8 Aug. 1961; m. 23 May 1987 to Steven Jordan.

834222 Carole Ann West, b. 26 Jan. 1946, Dallas, Tex.

834223 Billy Kurtz West, Jr., b. 13 Dec. 1953, Dallas, Tex.; m. 3 Jan. 1981 to Victoria Haugh; first child due 24 Dec. 1990.

83423 Betty Lou West, b. 24 July 1921, Dallas, Tex.; m. 7 Sept. 1946, Dallas, Tex., to John Ernest Ellard, Jr. (div.).

834231 John Ernest Ellard, III, b. 1 Dec. 1947, Dallas, Tex.; m. 27 Jan. 1979 to Karen Lynn Greenway.

⁹⁷Not Lloyd?

⁹⁸Information on her descendants is from Richard H. West via Helen Kurtz Wray.

- 8342311 Michelle Marie Ellard, b. 9 Jan. 1980.
- 834232 Lora Jane Ellard, b. 12 Nov. 1954, Dallas, Tex.; m. 10 Feb. 1972 to Anthony T. Pollinzi (div.).
- 8342321 Joanna Elizabeth Pollinzi, b. 9 Sept. 1972.
- 83424 Mary Ann West, b. 20 Nov. 1922, Dallas, Tex.; m. (1st) 20 Feb. 1944 (where?) to John William Gross (div.); m. (2nd) 3 Aug. 1947 (where?) to C. A. Wilborn.
- 834241 Michael Barnet (Gross) Wilborn⁹⁹, b. 26 Apr. 1945, Dallas, Tex.; m. (1st) (when?) (where?) to Cynthia Ann Halbert (div.); m. (2nd) 1 July 1980, (where?) to Rhonda Janette Rogers.
- 8342411 Gregory Paul Wilborn, b. 21 Aug. 1969 (where?).
- 8342412 Nichlas¹⁰⁰ Barnett Wilborn, b. 7 Sept. 1981 (where?).
- 8342413 Morganna Lecann Wilborn, b. 23 Feb. 1985 (where?).
- 834242 Christopher "Chris" Alan Wilborn, b. 14 Dec. 1948, Dallas, Tex.; m. 17 May 1980 to Cynthia Susan Vickerson (div.).
- 83425 Richard Harrison West, b. 13 May 1927, Dallas, Tex.; m. (1st) 23 Nov. 1955, Denton, Tex., to Margie Ann Lewter (div. 1962); m. (2nd) 4 Feb. 1967, Sugarland, Tex., to Bonnie Lynn Koontz; res. 1992 at 4312 Greeley, Houston, Tex. 77006-5904.
- 834251 Terry Lynn West, b. 24 Nov. 1956, Dallas, Tex.; m. 27 Aug. 1977, Mesquite, Tex. to Robert Selman Liner.
- 834252 Ronald Karl West, b. 24 June 1959, Denton, Tex; d. 12 May 1986, Pecos, Tex.; bur. Collinsville, Tex.
- 834253 Sherry Lee West, b. 12 Feb. 1962, Dallas, Tex.; m. 21 May 1989, Denton, Tex., to Whitner Dieterich.

⁹⁹Michael was adopted by C. A. "Craig" Wiborn/Wilborn.

¹⁰⁰Not Nicholas?

- 83426 John Philip West, b. 20 Sept. 1928, Dallas, Tex.; m. 27 Feb. 1954 to Carla Jean Kirchhaine.
- 834261 Philip Gene West, b. 21 Aug. 1956, Dallas, Tex.
- 834262 David Glen West, b. 25 Jan. 1963, Dallas, Tex.
- 8343 Osie Fay Kurtz, b. 4 Sept. 1893, Hendricks Co., Ind.; [married 3 times]; m. (1st or 2nd or 3rd?) Earl Masten; (dates and places of other husbands? names of other husbands?); d. 5 May 1985, Danville, Hendricks Co., Ind.; bur. North Salem, Hendricks Co., Ind.
- 83431 Roy E. Masten, b. 9 June 1911, Ind.; d. 23 Oct. 1985, Ind.
- 83432 Violet Jeannett Masten, b. 9 Oct. 1913, Ind.
- 8344 Lyell August Kurtz, b. 5 Aug. 1895, Hendricks Co., Ind.; m. at Danville, Ind., to Mary Dorcie Page; d. 8 March 1953, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.; bur. North Salem, Hendricks Co., Ind.
- 83441 Donald Eugene Kurtz, b. 27 Nov. 1922, Hendricks Co., Ind.
- 83442 Helen Louise Kurtz, b. 2 Dec. 1923, Hendricks Co., Ind.; m. 10 Jan. 1954, Winamac, Pulaski Co., Ind., to William Dean Wray; res. 1992 at 596 W. Clinton St., Danville, Ind. 46122.
- 8345 Herschel Hall Kurtz, b. 21 Apr. 1897; unmarried; d. 3 Oct. 1918; bur. North Salem, Hendricks Co., Ind.
- 8346 Kye Wendell Kurtz, b. 24 Sept. 1898; m. 1 Sept. 1926 to Milda Luzena Ver Douw; d. 9 July 1988; bur. North Salem, Hendricks Co., Ind.
- 835 William Summers¹⁰¹, b. c. 1862, Indiana; listed as 18 in parents' household in 1880 census.
- 836 Sarah Evelyn "Sade" Summers; b. c. 1864, Indiana¹⁰²; listed as age 16 in parents' household in 1880 census; m. Frank Becker; res. in or near Chicago, Ill.
- 837 Laurel or Laurrel¹⁰³ Summers, b. c. 1866, Indiana¹⁰⁴.

¹⁰¹He was not included in editions of this manuscript before May 1992, because he was not on the family group sheet I received from Helen Kurtz Wray (30 Dec. 1991), but I added him after finding him on the 1880 Soundex card.

¹⁰²Approximate birth year and state from 1880 census index.

¹⁰³So-spelled in Soundex index for 1880 census listing.

838 Alvin Summers, b. 1 Jan. 1872, Indiana¹⁰⁵; m. Mina May __?__¹⁰⁶; d. 15 Oct. 1948; bur. Lyons Cem., Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.¹⁰⁷

84 Hannah Lake, b. 27 May 1835, Indiana¹⁰⁸, (age "13" in 1850 census); m. 10 Jan. 1852, Putnam Co., Ind., to Sanford S. Wright¹⁰⁹; moved to a farm near Lyons, Rice Co., Kans., in April 1876; res. 1880 census¹¹⁰ in Lincoln Twp., Rice Co., Kansas; later moved into town of Lyons; d. 28 Dec. 1921¹¹¹ or 27 Dec. 1921¹¹² at Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.

841 Mary Emma Wright, b. 9 Dec. 1852, Indiana; listed as "Emma," unmarried and living in parents' household at age 28 in 1880 census; m. __?__ Hanna¹¹³; res. at Lyons, Kans.; had no children; d. 27 March 1940.

¹⁰⁴Calculated from his age of 14 in Soundex index to 1880 census when he was living with his parents. (On an earlier list sent to me by Helen Kurtz Wray (30 Dec. 1991) he appeared in a different position in the list of children; I moved him when I found the census listing. State from same index.

¹⁰⁵State is from 1880 census index.

¹⁰⁶B. 31 Oct. 1875; d. 17 July 1950; bur. Lyons Cem.

¹⁰⁷All of the dates for Alvin come from officials at Lyons Cemetery. Helen Kurtz Wray had listed him as born before Mary Florence "Mollie" Summers, but he seems to be almost 12 years younger, so I moved him down in the order.

¹⁰⁸The "city or town" line for her birthplace is left blank on her death certificate.

¹⁰⁹He was born 1 March 1831, in Indiana [according to 1880 census listing], son of Nellie [according to information copied from a family bible by Helen Wright Mathews—who listed no given name for Sanford's father], died 4 Apr. 1901, age 70y, 1m, 4d; apparently buried at Lyons, Kans. [Letter from Helen Wright Mathews, Oct. 1991]. He served in the Civil War from Indiana and subsequently collected a Civil War pension. The Geo. Six sheet sent by Donald W. Branham, 25 Sept. 1992, says that Sanford S. Wright was the son of Willis Wright. Given the accuracy of the other information on the Geo. Six sheet, that is almost certainly correct. There were two households in Indiana in 1830 (the year before Sanford was born) headed by men named Willis Wright. One of them was in Putnam County (where the Lake family lived) and the other in Union County, some distance away. There was apparently another Sanford Wright, possibly born the same year, who was the son of Payton/Peyton P. Wright who belonged to a Wright family that went from Bedford Co., Va., to Kentucky, to Ralls Co., Missouri. At this writing, I am unable to determine if these two men were related in any way.

¹¹⁰According to Soundex index; I am waiting for a full copy of the census page.

¹¹¹Date on death certificate.

¹¹²Date on Geo. Six sheet from Donald W. Branham, 25 Sept. 1992.

¹¹³It may not be accurate that she married. Rev. Joseph A. Comer, in notes sent 16 Sept. 1992, said that his mother referred to this woman as "Aunt Emma," and he wrote "a spinster who may have been a school teacher in her early years; later kept house for (847) John after a separation from his wife."

- 842 Maritta¹¹⁴ or Marietta "Retta" Wright, b. 30 Dec. 1854, Indiana; apparently married 1880 or earlier because she was not listed in her parents' household in the census of that year; m. ___?___ Embree; res. at Forgan, Okla.; d. 26 Apr. 1923.
- 842x Clara Embree, d. 1992 or earlier.
- 842x Dora Embree, d. 1992 or earlier.
- 842x Claude Embree, d. 1992 or earlier.
- 842x Leslie Embree, d. 1992 or earlier.
- 843 Joseph A. Wright, b. 1 Nov. 1857, Indiana; apparently left his parents' household 1880 or earlier, because he is not listed in his parents' household in the census of that year; res. at Blackwell, Okla.?; d. 20 June 1936.
- 843x Eltie Wright, d. 1992 or earlier.
- 843x Bert Wright, d. 1992 or earlier.
- 843x Clifford Wright, d. 1992 or earlier.
- 843x Don Wright, d. 1992 or earlier.
- 843x Ida Wright, d. 1992 or earlier.
- 843x Beulah Wright, d. 1992 or earlier.
- 844 Nancy [C.?] Wright¹¹⁵, b. 22 Jan. 1860, Indiana; apparently married 1880 or earlier, because she is not listed in her parents' household in the census of that year; m. ___?___ Caldwell; res. at Blackwell, Okla.; d. 9 March 1953.
- 844x Otis Caldwell, d. 1992 or earlier.
- 844x Cara Caldwell, d. 1992 or earlier.

¹¹⁴So spelled on Geo. Six sheet from Donald W. Branham, 25 Sept. 1992.

¹¹⁵On the Geo. Six sheet sent by Donald W. Branham, 25 Sept. 1992, she is identified in the typewritten listings as "Nancy C. Wright," and there is a handwritten notation that "Nancy Caldwell Wright" died on 10 Mar. 1953. But I had received previous information that would have indicated that her *married* name was Caldwell – thus she should have been listed as "Nancy Wright Caldwell," and should never have been "Nancy C. Wright." Perhaps she had a second *given* name beginning with a C.?

845 Julian or Juliann¹¹⁶ "Julia" Wright, b. 9 Aug. 1862, Indiana; listed as "Julia", age 17, in parents' household in 1880 census; m. ___?___ Adams; d. 27 Nov. 1904.

8451 Otto Adams, d. 1992 or earlier.¹¹⁷

8452 Alto Adams, d. 1992 or earlier.

846 Elisha W. (full middle name?) Wright, b. 2 Jan. 1865, Cicero¹¹⁸, Hamilton Co., Ind.; m. (1) 6 March 1889, Chase, Kans., to Hettie C. Foote¹¹⁹; m. (2) Emma or Clema ___?___; was a commission cattle buyer¹²⁰; d. 21 May 1951, Colorado Springs, Colo.; bur. 23 May 1951, Lyons, Rice Co., Kans. An obituary in an unidentified publication sent by Alicia L. Harp says:

Elisha W. Wright was born in Hamilton County, Indiana, January 2, 1865. In the Spring of 1876, his father moved the family to Central Kansas, where he secured three hundred and twenty years of virgin prairie land. The land is still held by the members of his family. Here Mr. Wright grew to manhood, getting that fundamental pioneer education that could be obtained from schools provided in those early days.

Mr. Wright lived in Rice County, Kansas, until the Spring of 1920, when he moved to 312 East Caramilio, of this City¹²¹, where he left to join his beloved ones gone on before, departing this life, Monday, May 22, 1951.

This good man was on the Board of The First Methodist Church for many years, and also was a member of the Board at the time of his decease. This is a symbol of his Christian leadership, his many years of sonship with God in Christ. A fine father, a good husband, and a splendid brother has left

¹¹⁶So spelled on Geo. Six sheet from Donald W. Branham, 25 Sept. 1992. On the typewritten part of that sheet, she is listed as "Juliann A. Wright" with a birth date; immediately following on the same line, also typed in, is her name appearing as "Julia A. Wright Adams" with a death date. If the A stood for Ann, then she should never have been listed as "Juliann A." Possibly, however, she had another given name beginning with A.

¹¹⁷Either Otto or Alto apparently was an ancestor of Alvin Adams, who retired as a National Basketball Association professional basketball player with the Phoenix Suns, according to notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992.

¹¹⁸This and other information on Elisha and his descendants is from Alicia L. Harp (letter and enclosures of 30 March 1992).

¹¹⁹B. 21 Apr. 1867, Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.; d. 1931, prob. Colorado Springs, Colo.; bur. 1931, Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.

¹²⁰Notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992.

¹²¹Colorado Springs, Colo.

us sad, but with much hope. He will be deeply missed by loved ones, and a large number of discriminating friends.

Ray Wright, his only son of Bakersfield, California, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters survive him. Ray is taking the body on to Kansas, where it will be laid to rest beside Hettie Wright, his mother. He is very much helped and sustained by his dear Aunt, Miss Alice Foote.

8461 Ray Elbert Wright, b. 26 July 1890, Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.; m. (1st) 10 Oct. 1920 (where?) to Grace Joy Taylor; m. (2nd) (day and month?) 1932 (where?) to Edna Sword; (died? when? where?).

84611 Frank T. (full middle name?) Wright, b. (when?) (where?); (married?); (address?).

84612 Ross E. (full middle name?) Wright, b. (when?) (where?); res. 1992 at 3117 Olympic Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308.

84612x Alicia L. (full middle name?) Wright, b. (when?) (where?); m. (when?) (where?) to Richard Harp; res. 1992 at 1611 Longhorn Dr., Garden City, KS 67846.

847 John Franklin¹²² Wright, b. 28 March 1867, Indiana; m. (date?) (place?) to Nancy Ellen Conary¹²³; she left him about 1918 and moved to Los Angeles, after which his older sister Emma kept house for him; res. at Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.; grew up to be a cowboy on the Cimarron Trail, then owned and operated a produce house, then was elected to be a city or county judge in Lyons¹²⁴; d. 3 Feb. 1950 or 6 Feb. 1950¹²⁵.

8471 Everett Wright, b. (when?) (where?); m. (when?) (where?) to Margaret ___?___; d. (when?) Denver, Colo.¹²⁶

84711 Everett Wright, Jr., b. 1924?, Baltimore? or Boston?¹²⁷

¹²²Middle name is from notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992.

¹²³Name and other information about this marriage from notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992. She died about May of 1944 or 1945 and is buried in Los Angeles.

¹²⁴Notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992.

¹²⁵Geo. Six sheet from Donald W. Branham, 25 Sept. 1992, appears to say 6 Feb., but the handwriting is difficult to read.

¹²⁶Notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992.

¹²⁷Notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992.

84712 Alice Mary Wright, b. 1926, somewhere in Colorado; div.?¹²⁸

8472 George Luther Wright, b. 6 Sept. 1901 (where); m. (when?) (where?) to Mary Louise Van Boskirk¹²⁹ d. 1992 or earlier.

84721 Eugene Max Wright, b. (when?) (where?), m. (when?) (where?) to Cathy ?¹³⁰; res. 1992 at 2409 W. 76th St., Prairie Village, Kans. 66208.¹³⁰

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84722 Marilyn Wright, b. (when?) (where?) m. (when?) (where?) to ?¹³² Bolton; res. 1992 at 7121 S. W. Fountain Dale Rd., Topeka, Kans. 66614.¹³²

847221 Charles Bolton, b. (when?) (where?).

8473 Edith Hannah¹³³ Wright, b. 16 Nov. 1898, Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.; m. 5 Oct. 1920, Lyons, Rice Co., Kans., to Joseph Agee Comer¹³⁴, d. 31 July 1983; bur. Laurel Oaks Cemetery, Windsor, Mo.¹³⁵

84731 June Eilene Comer, b. 19 Apr. 1922, Calhoun, Mo.; m. 10 May 1941, Kansas City, Mo., to Hollis Nathaniel Hartley¹³⁶; res.

¹²⁸Notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992.

¹²⁹B. 1912; d. 20 Nov. 1979; bur. Memorial Gardens, Johnson Co., Kans.

¹³⁰Notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992.

¹³¹Rev. Comer's notes, 16 Sept. 1992, said they have 1 son and 1 daughter, order not specified.

¹³²Notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992.

¹³³Middle name mentioned in letter from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 29 Feb. 1992, as "Hannah," the usual spelling of that given name. In his notes of 16 Sept. 1992, however, he spelled it "Hanna," which would be the spelling of her ancestors' surname.

¹³⁴B. 11 Jan. 1894, Windsor, Mo.; d. 3 Dec. 1972; bur. Laurel Oaks Cemetery, Windsor, Mo.

¹³⁵Notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992.

¹³⁶B. 4 Nov. 1920; d. 8 Oct. 1980. (Either birth or death was at Lee's Summit, Mo.)

(winter) 1992 at 1400 FM 509 # 4965, San Benito, TX 78586-9730.¹³⁷

847311 Phyllis Ann Hartley, b. (when?) (where?); m. (when?) (where?) to ___?___ Chrisman; res. 1992 at (street address?), Sunny Vale, Calif.

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847312 Nancy Jo Hartley, b. (when?) (where?); m. (when?) (where?) to Ron (Ronald?) Rooks; res. 1992 at 510 E. 77th St., Kansas City, MO 64131.

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847313 Gayle Sue Hartley, b. (when?) (where?); m. (when?) (where?) to ___?___?___; res. 1992 at Lee's Summit, Mo.

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8473132

847314 Russell Hartley, b. (when?) (where?); m. (when?) (where?) to ___?___?___; res. 1992 at Olatha (?), Kans.

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84732 [Rev.] Joseph A. Comer, b. 12 Dec. 1923, Redding, Iowa; m. 17 June 1951, Kansas City, Mo., to Helen Frances Alcorn¹³⁸; ; res. 1992 at 10 Wesley Court, Marionville, MO 65705.

8474? "Baby sister."¹³⁹

¹³⁷Notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992.

¹³⁸B. 17 Apr. 1921.

¹³⁹Notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992, say that his mother told him that she lost a baby sister to an epidemic around 1900, but he does not know a name or date.

848 Bessie M. "Bess" Wright¹⁴⁰, b. 29 Oct. 1869, Indiana; m. George Six; res. at Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.; had no children [?]¹⁴¹; d. 1 Dec. 1960.

849 Belle J. Wright or Juriah Belle Wright¹⁴², b. 4 Oct. 1871, Indiana; had no children; d. 6 Feb. 1895 or 6 Feb. 1893¹⁴³.

84A¹⁴⁴ Charles Corbin Wright, b. 29 Sept. 1874, Cicero, Hamilton Co., IN; m. 14 March (at Perry, Okla.?) to Alice Aletha Shuler¹⁴⁵; "came to Kansas and thence to Oklahoma in a covered wagon"¹⁴⁶; was "a plumber, a cowboy, broke horses, a carpenter and a farmer"¹⁴⁷; res. at Perry, Okla.; d. 17 May 1954; bur. Lyons Municipal Cem., Lyons, Kans.

84A1 Marjorie Bell Wright, b. 5 Dec. 1900 (where?); d. 14 July 1901 (where?).

84A2 Hazel Gertrude Wright, b. 31 May 1902, Sand Creek, Okla.; m. 2 May 1924, Sapulpa, Okla., to Everett Richard Hull¹⁴⁸; res. Ferndale, Calif.; d. 28 Aug. 1974, Ferndale, Cal.; bur. Ferndale Cem.

84A21 Richard Kenneth Hull, b. 1 Mar. 1925, Sand Springs, Okla.; m. 5 Oct. 1973, Reno, Nev., to Cora H. Blachly¹⁴⁹; res. 1992 at 82 Valley Ave., Fortuna, CA 95540-9720.

¹⁴⁰ Lived next door to Elmira Rosalie Collings in Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.

¹⁴¹ Letter from Helen Wright Mathews, 12 Feb. 1992, said, "Belle, Emma and Bessie had no children." However, to the contrary: Notes from Rev. Joseph A. Comer, 16 Sept. 1992, say that he recalls visiting Aunt Bess Six in 1932 and he remembers being introduced to several cousins ("all young ladies to me").

¹⁴² So identified on Geo. Six sheet from Donald W. Branham, 25 Sept. 1992.

¹⁴³ Geo. Six sheet from Donald W. Branham, 25 Sept. 1992.

¹⁴⁴ Regarding the numbering system: in each generation, if there are 10 or more children, the 10th child is numbered "A," the 11th child is numbered "B," etc.

¹⁴⁵ B. 10 Oct. 1870; dau. of William Shuler and Lucinda Tilberry Crow; d. 1955, Oklahoma City, Okla.; bur. Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.

¹⁴⁶ Letter from Charles E. Branham, 15 Apr. 1992.

¹⁴⁷ *Ibid.*

¹⁴⁸ B. 20 Apr. 1901, Perry, Okla. [according to Richard K. Hull] or Cleveland, Okla. [the latter according to notes postmarked 8 July 1992, Reno, NV, apparently from Mary Alice Hull Albonico]; d. 25 May 1975, Eureka, Cal.; bur. Ferndale Cem.

¹⁴⁹ B. 6 Jan. 1920.

84A22 Mary Alice Hull, b. 20 Feb. 1929, Sterling, Kans.; m. 3 Feb. 1950, Ferndale, Cal., to Peter Albonico¹⁵⁰; res. 1992 at 925 Paiute Lane, #J, Susanville, CA 96130.

84A221 Gary Paul Albonico, b. 1 Jan. 1951, Eureka, Cal.; m. 27 Apr. 1974, Willow Creek, Cal., to Julie Collins; res. 1992 at 472-200 Debi Dr., Susanville, CA.

84A2211 Nicklus¹⁵¹ Paul Albonico, b. 20 Sept. 1975, Reno, Nev.

84A2212 Marcus Paul Albonico, b. 26 Apr. 1983, (where?).

84A222 Julane Kay Albonico, b. 4 Mar. 1953, Eureka Cal.; m. 27 July 1974, Willow Creek, CA, to Albert Ulmer; res. 1992 at 2045 N. 1600 W., Oak Harbor, Wash.

84A2121 Aaron Ulmer, b. 2 Dec. 1976, Oak Harbor, Wash.

84A2122 Amy Lyn Ulmer, b. 15 July 1978, Oak Harbor, Wash.

84A23 Robert Lee Hull, b. 25 Sept. 1935¹⁵² or 1936¹⁵³, Fortuna, CA; m. (when?) (where?) (to whom?); res. 1992 at 115 Silver View Court, Vallejo, CA 94590.

84A231 Robbie¹⁵⁴ (middle name?) Hull, b. 31 Dec. 1967, (where?); d. __ Nov. 1985, (where?).

84A232 Heidi (middle name?) Hull, b. 19 June 1971, (where?); m. 13 June 1992, (where?), to Timothy Tatom¹⁵⁵; res. 1992 at (street address?) Vallejo, CA.

¹⁵⁰B. 24 Sept. 1926, Eureka, Cal.; d. 10 June 1986, Willow Creek, Cal.

¹⁵¹Correct spelling?

¹⁵²According to Richard K. Hull.

¹⁵³According to notes postmarked 8 July 1992 from Reno, NV, apparently from Mary Alice Hull Albonico.

¹⁵⁴Robert?

¹⁵⁵Tatum?

- 84A3 Lila Wright, b. 13 June 1904, Sand Creek¹⁵⁶, Grant Co., Okla.; registered nurse; m. 3 July 1925 to Donald Wilton Branham¹⁵⁷; res. Oklahoma City, Okla., most of her life; d. 10 Aug. 1990, Oklahoma City, Okla.; bur. Rose Hill Cem., Oklahoma City.
- 84A31 Donald Wright Branham, b. 5 March 1927, Oklahoma City, Okla.; m. 10 Aug., 1948, Enid, Okla., to Ruth Louise Manson; res. 1992 at 4310 Reamur Drive, Dallas, Tex. 75229.
- 84A311 Donald William Branham, b. 1 Oct. 1949, Dallas, TX; m. 12 May, 1973, Danbury, TX, to Rebecca Peltier; res. 1992 at 10129 Timber Trail, Dallas, TX 75229.
- 84A3111 Donald Wilborn Branham, b. 22 Oct. 1975, Dallas, TX.
- 84A3112 Charles William Branham, b. 14 Aug. 1978, Dallas, TX.
- 84A3113 Maxwell Wright Branham, b. 2 Apr. 1983, Dallas, TX.
- 84A312 Beth Branham, b. 11 May 1953, Dallas, TX; m. 14 July 1975, Dallas, TX, to Kerry Len Krauss (div.); res. 1992 at 13118 Highwood, Houston, TX 77079.
- 84A3121 Joseph Ryan Krauss, b. 22 Feb. 1981, Denver, CO.
- 84A3122 Melanie Krauss, b. 16 Apr. 1988, Houston, TX.
- 84A313 Amy Branham, b. 4 Apr. 1959, Dallas, TX; m. 9 Aug. 1986, San Antonio, TX, to Lyndon Diller Burnett; res. 1992 at 438 Thorain, San Antonio, TX 78212.
- 84A3131 Anne Burnett, b. 31 Jan. 1988, San Antonio, TX.
- 84A3132 Lila Burnett, b. 16 Jan. 1992, San Antonio, TX.
- 84A32 Charles Ernest Branham, b. 24 Feb. 1929, Oklahoma City, OK; m. (1st) (day and month?) 1951, (where?) to Jane Melugin (div.); m. (2nd) 22 Sept. 1979, Oklahoma City, OK, to Sharlene Stockard; res. 1992 at 12908 Castlerock Court, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73142.

¹⁵⁶Town no longer exists, according to 10 June 1992 letter from Charles E. Branham.

¹⁵⁷B. 12 July 1900 (where?); M.D. (urologist); d. 1961.

- 84A321 Charles Ernest Branham, Jr., b. 1 July 1954, Oklahoma City, OK; d. 5 June 1986, Oklahoma City, OK; bur. Rose Hill Cem., Oklahoma City, OK.
- 84A322 Jane Marie Branham, b. 12 Nov. 1957, Oklahoma City, OK; m. 8 Jan. 1983, (where?) to Steven Darrow Singer; res. 1992 at 1111 Sequoyah¹⁵⁸ Drive, Enid, OK 73703.
- 84A3221 George Wilton Singer, b. 16 July 1987, (where?).
- 84A3222 Victoria Ann Singer, b. 14 Jan. 1991, (where?).
- 84A323 Elizabeth Ann Branham, b. 10 Oct. 1960, Oklahoma City, OK; m. 20 June 1987, Oklahoma City, OK, to Andrew George Ritger; res. 1992 at 2657 East Wilshire, Eugene, OR 97405.
- 84A324 Georgia Branham, b. 6 May 1964, Oklahoma City, OK; m. 25 May 1991 (where?) to William Ronald Tipton; res. 1992 at 11435 West Patterson Place, Littleton, CO 80127.
- 84A33 Georgia Branham, b. 28 Dec. 1933, Oklahoma City, OK; registered nurse; m. 7 Sept. 1957, Oklahoma City, OK, to William Orlando Smith, Jr., (div.); res. 1992 at 2251 South Grape St., Denver, CO 80222.
- 84A331 William Orlando Smith, III, b. 14 Aug. 1959, Kansas City, MO; m. (day and month?) 1981, Tulsa, Okla., to Patricia "Trish" Knox¹⁵⁹; petroleum engineer; res. 1992 at 7029 Townsend Dr., Highland Ranch, CO 80126.
- 84A3311 William Ryne Smith, b. 24 Feb 19 __, (where?).
- 84A332 Malcolm Bromley Smith, b. 6 Aug. 1960, Kansas City, KS; m. (day and month?) 1982, Boulder, CO, to Margaret O'Connor¹⁶⁰; mechanical engineer; res. 1992 at 3800 Elizabeth Drive, Carrollton, TX 75007.
- 84A333 Paul Andrew Smith, b. 17 Sept. 1961, Kansas City, MO; m. (day and month?) 1989, Steamboat Springs, CO, to Toni

¹⁵⁸Spelling?

¹⁵⁹Occupational therapist.

¹⁶⁰Corporate executive.

Rogers¹⁶¹, arborist; res. 1992 at 1301 South Forest Way, Denver, CO 80222.

84A3331 Dylan James Smith, b. 24 Sept. 1989, (where?).

84A3332 Kyle Matthew Smith, b. 3 March 1992, (where?).

84A334 Lila Suzanne Smith, b. 11 Sept. 1963, Oklahoma City, OK; m. 3 Aug. 1991, Arvada, CO, to Gary Kevin Smith¹⁶²; manager, May _?_ Co.; res. 1992 at 8930 W. 87th Place, Arvada, CO 80005.

84A335 Kiffin Matthew Smith, b. 3 Aug. 1967, Denver, CO; college student (communications and business); res. 1992 at 2251 South Grape, Denver, CO 80222.

84B Zenas Kansas Wright, b. 22 Feb. 1877 or 23 Feb. 1877¹⁶³, Kansas; res. at Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.; d. 28 Apr. 1960.

84B1 Helen G. (full middle name?) Wright, b. (when?) (where?); m. (when?) (where?) to John (middle name?) Mathews; res. 1992 at R.F.D. 3, Box 69, Lyons, Kans. 67554.

84B11 Max Wright Mathews, b. 24 Oct. 1947, (where?); d. __ (specific day?) Dec. 1969, (where?).

85 Martin VanBuren¹⁶⁴ Lake, b. 14 Nov. 1837 (where?)¹⁶⁵; d. 20 Sept. 1842 (where?)¹⁶⁶.

¹⁶¹Arborist.

¹⁶²B. 1959, New Jersey; lawyer.

¹⁶³Geo. Six sheet from Donald W. Branham, 25 Sept. 1992.

¹⁶⁴Typed without a space on the Geo. Six sheet, but the president's name is spelled as three words: Martin Van Buren.

¹⁶⁵Presumably in Carroll Co., Ind., where his parents lived from 1834 to 1839.

¹⁶⁶Presumably Putnam Co., Ind., where his parents lived from 1839 until 1853 or 1854.

¹⁶⁷Geo. Six sheet from Donald W. Branham, 25 Sept. 1992. This is the only reference I know of for this child's name, but it fits with the obituary of Rebecca Hanna Nugent Lake saying that she had six children (one of whom was by her first husband). Actually, the obituary said she left "an aged sorrowing husband and six children to mourn their loss," but we already knew that her oldest daughter by Elisha Warford Lake predeceased her. I assume the obituary writer had information that she had six children and erroneously assumed they were all still alive at the time of Rebecca's death. Other errors in the obituary have been noted.

- 9 Zenas Lake, Jr.; a Zenas Lake, presumably this one rather than his father, bought land in Sec. 13, Jackson Twp., Carroll Co., Ind., on 14 Nov. 1830¹⁶⁸; also bought land in Sec. 17, Washington Twp., Carroll Co., Ind., 30 Oct. 1833¹⁶⁹ (this section of Washington is the only section removed from Section 13 of Jackson Twp.); probably the same Zenas Lake who was listed in the 1840 census in Marion Co., Ind., p. 406; wrote will 25 Jan. 1849, filed 13 Feb. 1849, Marion Co., Ind.; mentioned no wife or children in will. The will said:

The last will and testament of Zenas Lake of Marion County, State of Indiana, made this 25th Jany. 1849. I Zenas Lake being weak in body of feeble health and apprehensive of approaching dissolution, and being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make ordain and publish this my last will and testament. I direct that after my decease my executor hereinafter appointed shall pay my debts and funeral expenses out of the first money that comes to his hands, next that he shall procure and erect at my grave suitable tombstone, also procure and erect at the grave of my brother now deceased Joseph P. Lake suitable tombstones. I give and bequeath unto Zenas Lake son of Isaac Lake, Zenas Marion Atherton son of Willis G. Atherton and George W. Lake son of Nancy Lake each the sum of One hundred dollars to be paid to each of them, upon arriving at the age of Twenty one years respectively. And in the event of the decease of either one of them, then his said Legacy shall be paid to his heirs. The rest and residue of my property both real and personal of every name and discription¹⁷⁰, I give and bequeath to Elisha W. Lake, Isaac Lake, Samuel Lake and Mary Campbell, and to their heirs and assigns forever to be equally divided among them share and share alike. I hereby appoint Elisha W. Lake the executor of this my last will and testament. I hereby revoke all wills and codicils by me heretofore made.

Zenas Lake (seal).

Signed and sealed by the said Zenas Lake and declared to be his last will & Testament in the presense¹⁷¹ of Lucian Barbour, [I.?] M. W. Langsdale. The State of Indiana, Marion County . . . Before the Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the County aforesaid, personally came Lucian Barbour of said County and of lawful age, who being duly sworn before said Clerk, upon his oath saith that he is one of the subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and testament of Zenas Lake late of said County of Marion deceased. That said Zenas Lake on the day of the date of said will, signed, sealed, published and declared the same, as it is within written to be his last will and testament, that said testator was at said time of the full age of twenty one years as he affiant verily believes, was of sound disposing mind and memory and not under coercion and restraint, that the same was so executed, signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of affiant and I. M. W. Langsdale the other subscribing witness thereto, who with affiant subscribed the same as witnesses thereto in the presense of the testator and at his request and in the presence of each other and further saith not. Lucian Barbour. In Witness of which I Robert B. Duncan Clerk of the Probate Court aforesaid, hereunto affix the seal of said Court at Indianapolis and subscribe my name this . . . day of February A D 1849. R. B. Duncan The State of Indiana, Marion County . . . I Robert B. Duncan Clerk of the Probate Court of the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing last will and testament of Zenas Lake

¹⁶⁸Carroll County History, p. 297.

¹⁶⁹Carroll County History, p. 342.

¹⁷⁰Sic.

¹⁷¹Sic.

deceased has been duly admitted to Probate before me, that the same was duly proved by the examination under oath of Lucian Barbour one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and that a full and complete Record of said will and the proofs and examinations of the witnesses by whom the same was proven, has been made in Will Record B, Marion County on pages 216 + 217. In Witness of which I hereunto affix the seal of said Court and subscribe my name at Indianapolis this 13th day of February A D 1849. R. B. Duncan Clerk.

That on the 13th day of February in the year 1849 Elisha W. Lake the executor therein named executed and filed in the Office of the Clerk of said Court, an affidavit showing the time of the death of said testator and the amount of his estate to be administered under said will.

State of Indiana, Marion County . . . Samuel Lake being duly sworn before the Clerk of the Probate Court of the County aforesaid upon his oath saith that Zenas Lake departed this life in said County Testate as he believes, on the 26th day of January 1849. That said Zenas Lake left a personal estate to be administered, the probable value as he is informed and believes of One hundred and Sixty dollars, and further saith not. Singed Samuel Lake, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of February 1849. R. B. Duncan Clerk.

A¹⁷² Isaac H. Lake, b. 1809¹⁷³, N.J.¹⁷⁴; came to Carroll Co., Ind., before 1835¹⁷⁵; res. Jackson Twp., Carroll Co., Ind., 1850 census¹⁷⁶; m. (1st) 24 Feb. 1833, Marion Co., Ind.¹⁷⁷, to Lavina¹⁷⁸ or Levina¹⁷⁹ Logan; apparently m. (2nd) 17 Dec. 1851, Carroll Co., Ind.¹⁸⁰, to Harriet Byram; res.

¹⁷²As explained earlier, the letters A, B, and C, are used here to designate the 10th, 11th, and 12th children, so that only one space is used for that "number." Again, the order of the children is not known; they are listed in the order in which they were mentioned in their father's will, except for Joseph P., who was not listed in his father's will.

¹⁷³Could calculate from age at death.

¹⁷⁴Letter from Chester H. Sease, 5 March 1964. The Carroll County [Indiana] Historical Society has a card for Isaac Lake showing handwriting of two different people with "(DAR)" written in the bottom right corner. It says (in the second handwriting): "Parents: Elijah & Elizabeth Lake." Until I see evidence for that, I'm inclined to believe that he is, as I assumed before, the son of Zenas, who called him his son in his will.

¹⁷⁵He has to have been there by that date to have been eligible for the Old Settlers Society of Carroll County; the *Carroll County History*, p. 164, says he was a member of the Society in 1867.

¹⁷⁶Page 367; household 727. Family included Isaac, 41; Lavina/Viney, 37; Zenas, 18; Elisha, 13; Mary J., 10; William, 7; Lucinda 2/12. [Carroll County (Indiana) Historical Society].

¹⁷⁷Marion Co. Marriage Book 1, p. 193.

¹⁷⁸Name on tombstone at Paint Creek Cem., Carroll Co., Ind.

¹⁷⁹So spelled on marriage record.

¹⁸⁰Carroll Co., Ind., Marriage Record Book 2, p. 294.

1860, township "36," Carroll Co., Ind., federal census; d. 1 Oct. 1870, age 61-8-16; bur. Paint Creek Cem., Jackson Twp., Carroll Co., Ind.

A1 Zenas Lake¹⁸¹, b. c. 1832, Indiana; is probably the Zenas Lake age 26, listed in township "36," Carroll Co., Ind., in 1860 federal census, p. 444¹⁸²; m. 10 Nov. 1853, Carroll Co., Ind., to Jane Cline¹⁸³.

A11 Florence B. Lake¹⁸⁴, b. c. 1854, Ind.; m. 23 Oct. 1873, Carroll Co., Ind., to George W. Jones.¹⁸⁵

A12 F. P. Lake, b. c. 1855, Ind.

A13 E. H. Lake, b. c. 1857, Ind.

A14 Orlando Lake, b. c. 1858, Ind.

A15 Mary Lake, b. 1860, Ind.

A2 Elisha Worrell¹⁸⁶ Lake, b. 6 Jan. 1837, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.; m. 15 March 1860, Carroll Co., Ind., to Catherine Ann Crockett¹⁸⁷; had 5 children, of whom 2 survived at his

¹⁸¹ Received \$100 in will of uncle Zenas Lake, Jr.

¹⁸² This information from Indiana Historical Society 1860 Indiana Census Alphabetical Listing by County, 855, furnished by Carroll County Historical Society. The Lakes listed on that same page were E. H. Lake, age 3; F. P. Lake, 5; Florence Lake, 6; Harriet Lake, 26; Isaac Lake, 51; Jane Lake, 26; John F. Lake, 7; Mary Lake, 6 months; Orlando Lake, 2; Zenas Lake, 26. I need to see the page to make sure that the children are put with the correct parents, but the names and estimated years of birth for this family are assumed, for now, from their listing on that page.

¹⁸³ Carroll Co., Ind., Marriage Record Book 2, p. 421.

¹⁸⁴ There may be some confusion here. It may be that Florence and/or one or more other children attributed here to Zenas and Jane may in fact have been children of Zenas' father, Isaac Lake, by his second wife, Harriet Byram.

¹⁸⁵ Carroll Co., Ind., Marriage Record Book 6, p. 521.

¹⁸⁶ A card for his wife (Catherine Ann Crockett Lake) in the records of the Carroll County [Indiana] Historical Society gives the middle name Worrell or Elisha W. Lake and also for their son Ollimus Worrell Lake. I do not disbelieve the Worrell middle name, but I had always expected to find out that he was named Elisha Warford Lake after his uncle Elisha Warford Lake.

¹⁸⁷ Carroll Co., Ind., Marriage Record Book 5, p. 24.

death¹⁸⁸; res. township "263", Carroll Co., Ind., 1860 federal census, p. 394; d. 7 or 13 or 14¹⁸⁹ Dec. 1908; bur. Paint Creek Cem., Carroll Co., Ind.

A2x Levisa Pearl Lake, m. Bruce Wallace; res. 1908 at Camden, d. 1908 or later.

A2x Ollimus Worrell Lake; res. 1908 at Centralia, Ill.; res. 1920 in California.

A2x Louella Lake, b. 6 Dec. 1863; d. 9 Sept. 1864; bur. Paint Creek Cem., Carroll Co., Ind.

A2x Died 1908 or earlier.

A2x Died 1908 or earlier.

A3 Mary J. Lake, b. c. 1840, Ind.; m. 1 Jan. 1857, Carroll Co., Ind., to Michael Blue.

A4 William B. Lake, b. c. 1843, Indiana; m. 3 Oct. 1867, Carroll Co., Ind., to Lydia J. Wright.¹⁹⁰

A4x Clara Mae Lake, b. 4 Feb. 1874; d. 7 Jan. 1878; bur. Paint Creek Cem., Carroll Co., Ind.

A4x Estella Lake, b. 6 Dec. 1877; d. 16 Dec. 1878; bur. Paint Creek Cem., Carroll Co., Ind.

A5 Lucinda Lake, b. 1850, Indiana.

A6 John Franklin Lake, b. 30 Sept. 1852, Ind.; m. 14 Feb. 1884, Carroll Co., Ind., to Matilda Heiney¹⁹¹; d. 1 March 1925; bur. Paint Creek Cem., Carroll Co., Ind.

B Samuel Lake; probably the Samuel Lake who res. 1840 at Marion Co., Ind., federal census, p. 288; d. aft. 25 Jan. 1849.¹⁹²

C Joseph P. Lake, the only known child *not* listed in his father's will; possibly the same Joseph Lake who bought land in section 18, Washington Twp., Carroll Co., Ind., on 9 Nov. 1932¹⁹³; m. 8 March

¹⁸⁸Newspaper obituary, *Carroll County Citizen-Times*, Dec. 19, 1908 [Carroll County Historical Society].

¹⁸⁹ Three cards at Carroll County [Indiana] Historical Society give three different days as date of death (but are consistent on the month and year); one says he died "in home in Delphi, Ind.," another says he died "in home at Camden, Ind.," and the third says he died in Camden.

¹⁹⁰ Carroll Co., Ind., Marriage Record Book 6, p. 21.

¹⁹¹ Carroll Co., Ind., Marriage Record Book 8, p. 305.

¹⁹² Shared in bequest from brother Zenas Lake, Jr.

¹⁹³ That was the same day his brother Elisha bought land in Burlington Twp., Carroll Co.

1840, Marion Co., Ind.¹⁹⁴, to Sarah Fatoot; might be *either* the Joseph Lake in Rush Co., Ind., (p. 265) or in Tippecanoe Co. (p. 442) in 1840 Indiana Census index; probably (given that he is not mentioned in his father's will) d. before 3 July 1842; definitely d. before 11 Aug. 1842, when Joseph P. Lake's estate paid money to his father's estate.¹⁹⁵

C1? Possibly George Washington Lake¹⁹⁶. Zenas Lake Sr. mentioned two grandsons in his will written in 1841: "Zenas Lake Son of Isaac Lake" and "George Washington Lake" [not otherwise identified]. Given the fact that Joseph P. Lake was apparently the only child not named in the will of Zenas, Sr., it is possible that Joseph P. was the father of George Washington Lake.

I have not figured out where the following people belong in the manuscript:

(1) Zenas Lake, Jr., willed \$100 to George W. Lake (probably a nephew, given the other requests) [probably the same George W. Lake who bought land in Sec. 15, Burlington Twp., Carroll Co., Ind., on 15 Apr. 1835, according to *Carroll County History*, p. 278; Elisha W. Lake (possibly the uncle of this George W.?) bought land in Sec. 14 in 1832], identified as the son of Nancy Lake. That identification would suggest that Nancy's husband was a deceased brother of Zenas, Jr.—possibly Isaac Lake.

(2) Lydia A. Lake m. [Carroll Co., Ind., Marriage Record Book 5, p. 55] John Hurless, Carroll Co., Ind. Pearl Lake m. [Carroll Co., Ind., Marriage Record book 11, p. 254] 6 Nov. 1900, Carroll Co., Ind., to James B. Wallace.

(3) These people bur. Paint Creek Cem. (more information in record sent by Carroll Co. Historical Society): Katie Weeds Lake (1894-1964), wife of Clarence Lake (1886-1965); Lucinda Lake (1849-1850) "s/s Lavina d/o I.H."; Sarah M. Lake (1845-1849), dau. of T.H. & L.; William H. Lake (1913-1921), son of Clarence.

¹⁹⁴ Marion Co. Marriage Book 3, p. 68.

¹⁹⁵ His brother Zenas Lake, Jr., in a will written 25 Jan. 1849, provided that his executor "erect at my grave suitable tombstone, also procure and erect at the grave of my brother now deceased Joseph P. Lake suitable tombstones."

¹⁹⁶ M. 8 Feb. 1844, Marion Co., Ind., to Melissa Bridges [Marion Co. Marriage Book 4, p. 74].

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