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Peebles

Some Account of Martha Doudna late of Richland
County, Wisconsin.

Martha Doudna who departed this life the 25th day
of September, 1885; was born the 19th day of November, 1814
(in Prince George County, Virginia) aged 70 yrs. 10 mo. and
9 days. She was the daughter of Mordicai and Deborah
Peebles of Prince George County, Virginia. Her mother's
maiden name was Deborah Simons. She was Mordicai
Peebles' 2nd wife. He being a widower with three children,
namely, Edna, Burwell and Mary Peebles. Martha's father
died when she was about 12 years of age, leaving her mother
with six children, three of her own and three step-
children. Edna, Burwell and Mary Peebles, step-children
and William, Martha and Susannah Peebles, her own.
In the summer 1828, the widow and five children moved
to Ohio and settled in Belmont County. Edna Huntt
married in Prince George County, Virginia. Deborah
Simons was in her 18th year when she married Mordicai
Peebles. In the Spring of 1829, the widow married Richard
Fancett, a widower with 7 children, namely Elizabeth
Garnetson (she being married), Sarah, Mary, Rachel,
Ruth, Cibilla and Samuel. Richard and Deborah had
three children, namely Eli, Jane and Deborah Fancett,
making a family of fifteen children who managed to
get along without much trouble. The Peebles were Friends
or Quakers for four generations. They originally came
from England, Peter Peebles of England a Quaker

Preacher was Mordcai's Father. Deborah Simmons was the daughter of Anderson Simmons, he married her mother when she was 18 and he 62 years old. Huldah Simmons's maiden name was Huldah Ladd, she was left a young wealthy widow with one child. She married a young man named Paul Seers who managed to spend all her property that he could get hold of. Huldah Seer's mother's grandmother was a preacher among Friends in good standing, having travelled extensively both in America and Europe.

Mordcai Peck's mother's maiden name was Mouna Hargrave, a sister of William Hargrave who took an active part in the War of the Revolution. Richard Fancett after his marriage with Deborah Peck's settled at Stillwater.

Monthly meetings of Friends in Belmont County, Ohio.

Richard and Deborah were married in Friends meeting house in the Spring of 1829. Richard Fancett was a

Quaker in good standing. In March 1829, I first saw Martha, she came to my Father's with a cousin of mine, Henry Doudna's daughter, Henry Doudna was her guard

ian. I had but little acquaintance with her till the Spring of 1832. In the Spring of 1833, the first day of May, we were married in the House at Stillwater in the house where her mother and step-father were married in 5 years before.

Caleb Engle and Sarah Fancett, Benjell Peck's and Asenath Todd, Joel Ganeton and Elizabeth Fancett were married in the same House. And after we were married in the House, Austin Simpson and Abilla Fancett.

Joseph Smith and Mary Fancett, William Peibles and Rachel Plummer, all the above named persons were married in the large Brick Church at Stillwater.

The next day after the wedding, we went home and to keep my house, the 2nd day of May 1833. We lived together 52 yrs. 4 mo. 28 days. We had eleven children, eight of whom are living, namely Deborah Megill, John Doudna Thomas Doudna, Martha Cypheria Doudna, Isaac H.

Doudna, Wm. F. Doudna, Frank Doudna, Edgar Doudna Marian Kiepler deceased, Burrell Doudna deceased, Benjamin S. Doudna deceased. He was killed at the battle

of Prairie Grove, Arkansas. In the Spring of 1861 we move to Wisconsin, settled in the town of Marshall where she

died the 28th day of September 1885, after a painful illness of 28 weeks. She was buried in the Presbyterian Burying Ground at Fancy Creek the 30th of September

1885. Aged 70 years, 10 mo. and 9 days. Martha was in her 14th year when she came to Ohio. They had a large number of relations at Stillwater who persuaded them to stay there. They intended to go to Wilmington, Ohio, when they left Virginia, having a number of relations there also

I was in my 23rd year when we were married, she in her 19th year. We lived together 52 years, 4 mo. and 28 days.

As both families are large I will give some account of my relations. My Father was born in North Carolina in the year 1767, died November 1861. My mother died in 1820. her maiden name was Mariana Hall, daughter of Isaac Hall of

North Carolina. The Halls were Quakers in England and in America. Having settled in North Carolina when it was a British Province. John and Marian Doudna had eight children namely, Charity, Anna, Achsa, William, John, Isaac, Lydia and Elisha. My Father's mother's maiden name was Sarah Willoughby, the name of my grandfather was John. They had a large family nearly all of whom lived to be old. Horia Doudna, the only living one of the family is 93 years old. His mother lived to be 85 years old. At the time of her death, she had 90 children, grandchildren and great ^{and great great great} grandchildren. Burrill Pebles, Martha's half brother died last December. Mary Patten half sister died several years ago. Martha was the last of the family that came from Virginia. Eli Fancett and Deborah Kestis half brother and sister are the last of the family that are living. John Doudna my grandfather came to America when a young man, he was a soldier under General Wolf at the storming of Quebec and was one of the Guard that were there to guard the city after it surrendered. He was of Norman descent. He came to Ohio in 1804 but did not live long. He had five sons, Henry, John, Knowas, Horia and Joel, five daughters, Sarah Farmer, Mary Hall, Annie Seers, Gilpha Edgerton, Asenath Rowell, all have raised families. My sister Lydia Doudna never was married. She died of consumption young. I have written the foregoing account for our children as they are connected with two large families.

Isaac Doudna.