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Salem, Ohio 44460
October 16, 1977

Jay P. Roller, M.D.
14 Green Wing Teal Road
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29928

Dear Dr. Roller,

Your letter of September 30th to Mrs. Blake was sent on to me as I am the person collecting data for the family history update.

Yes, the Everton forms are exactly the type we are planning to use. Our present plans are to put out a loose-leaf notebook consisting of family group sheets, numbered in a way a person can work in either direction from a given family, plus an index.

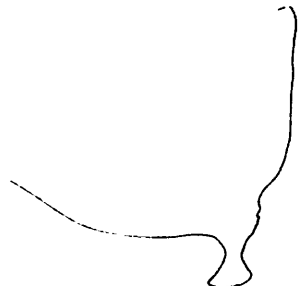
I would appreciate copies of any family group and ancestor charts you have. Small amounts of historical information are fine but not necessary.

Mrs. Patty Roller Mangus gave me a copy of your ancestor chart recently. I would mention two things:

1. Jacob Roller (from Germany) wife's full name was Mary Agnes Hammer. I got this from his will.
2. Columbiana County, Ohio marriage records show a William Roller marrying Agnes Teeters, December 20, 1810. The date seems likely for your G.G. Grandfather, William, #32 on page 123 of your ancestor chart. Possibly the Teeters girl used two first names, Nancy or Agnes. Do you have any comments?

I am enclosing copy of the First Reunion notice.

I also have a picture of 1920 reunion with these people tentatively identified, which I imagine are your family. Dr. Clyde Roller in back row holding unidentified girl about 6 years old. William E. Roller (elderly man) in front row seated next to possibly Dr. Clyde Roller's wife.. Both of these persons holding twin boys identified as Dr. Clyde Roller's sons. Any comments please!



I read your name in the Ohio Genealogical Report one time. If you are still a member, please look on page 91 in the 1977 Fall Issue. I made F.F.O. this year with three generations of Rollers.

Yours truly,



Thad A. Lora
Louis E. Lora
Margaret Jane Roller
Simon Roller
Jacob B. Roller
Baltzer Roller
Jacob Roller

Roller Family Reunion

DEAR SIR:— Yourself and family are respectfully invited to attend a Basket Picnic and Reunion of

THE ROLLER FAMILY.

To be held in HENRY WALTER'S GROVE, one-half mile west of Washingtonville, Mahoning County, Ohio, on

THURSDAY, The 3d Day of JUNE, 1880.

You are also requested to invite all known blood kin of the ROLLER family that may be in your community to attend. Address all communications to the Secretary.

By order of Committee

Washingtonville, O., April 10, 1880.

J. M. WALTER, Secretary.

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Jay P. Roller
 Address 4301 Schrubb Dr.
 City, State Dayton OH
 Date 1971

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____ on chart No. _____.

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

4 Jay C Roller
 (Father of No. 2)
 b. 31 Oct 1876
 p.b. Dowling, Wood Co OH
 m. 18 Jul 1901
 d. 03 Jan 1960
 p.d. Pemberville, Wood Co OH

2 Jay (Jacob) Paul Roller
 (Father of No. 1)
 b. 22 Jun 1907
 p.b. Dowling, Wood Co OH
 m. 20 Mar 1940
 d.
 p.d.

5 Maude Adele Hampton
 (Mother of No. 2)
 b. 14 Jul 1880
 p.b. Plain Tw Wood Co OH
 d. 21 Feb 1970
 p.d. Columbus, Franklin Co OH

1 Jay Michael Roller
 b. 22 Oct 1946
 p.b. Boston, MA
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

6 John Wesley Winsett
 (Father of No. 3)
 b. 08 Feb 1875
 p.b. Warrick Co IN
 m.
 d. 04 Jan 1923
 p.d. Warrick Co IN

3 Olive Raaf Winsett
 (Mother of No. 1)
 b. 21 Jan 1911
 p.b. Warrick Co IN
 d.
 p.d.

7 Bertha Ellen Raaf
 (Mother of No. 3)
 b. 26 Apr 1876
 p.b.
 d. 19 Aug 1951
 p.d. Mendota IL

8 William Roller
 (Father of No. 4)
 b. 08 Jun 1847
 p.b. Biglick Tw Hancock Co OH
 m. 26 Mar 1871
 d. 08 Sept 1928
 p.d. Dowling Wood Co OH

9 Martha Ruckman
 (Mother of No. 4)
 b. 12 Apr 1848
 p.b. Biglick Tw Hancock Co OH
 d. 14 Jul 1931
 p.d. Dowling Wood Co OH

10 Warren Watson Hampton
 (Father of No. 5)
 b. 29 May 1850
 p.b. Plain Tw Wood Co OH
 m. 26 Jul 1879
 d. 12 Jun 1901
 p.d. Middleton Tw Wood Co OH

11 Malinda Alinda Jackson
 (Mother of No. 5)
 b. 12 Jun 1861
 p.b. Troy Tw Wood Co OH
 d. 14 Dec 1939
 p.d. Middleton Tw Wood Co OH

12 Lentford F. Winsett
 (Father of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

13 Mary Perigo
 (Mother of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

14 Frederick C. Raaf
 (Father of No. 7)
 b. 02 Sept 1849
 p.b. Wurttemberg Germany
 m. 1871
 d. 1928
 p.d. New Salisbury IN

15 Lucy M. Sutton
 (Mother of No. 7)
 b.
 p.b. Dec 1889
 d.
 p.d. Newtonville IN

16 Michael Roller
 b. 22 Mar 1822 (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 m. 07 Sept 1846
 d. 13 Aug 1886
 Elizabeth Swindler

17 Elizabeth Swindler
 (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 15 Feb 1824
 d. 08 May 1902

18 James Ruckman
 (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 29 Nov 1807
 m. 06 May 1832
 d. 26 Oct 1892

19 Hannah Hoffman
 (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 06 Apr 1811
 d. 28 Feb 1903

20 Joseph Hampton
 (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 25 Nov 1825
 m. 16 Nov 1847
 d. 26 Mar 1895

21 Eliza Jane Wilson
 (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 18 Dec 1829
 d. 18 Mar 1903

22 Sherman Andrew Jackson
 (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 03 Feb 1829
 m. 30 Dec 1852
 d. 10 Jan 1865

23 Jane Elizabeth Furry
 (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 27 Mar 1835
 d. 1913

24 Harley Winsett
 (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

25 _____
 (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

26 _____
 (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

27 _____
 (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

28 Jacob Raaf
 (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

29 _____
 (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

30 _____
 (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

31 _____
 (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

(Spouse of No. 1)

b.
 p.b.

d.
 p.d.

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Name of Compiler Jay P. Roller

Address 4301 Schrub Dr.

City, State Dayton, OH

Date 1971

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Chart No. 2

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

34 Michael Roller
(Father of No. 2)

b.
p.b. PA
m.
d.
p.d. Columbiana Co OH

32 William Roller
(Father of No. 1)

b.
p.b.
m.
d. 29 Dec 1849
p.d. Biglick Tw Hancock Co OH

35 Nancy Weston
(Mother of No. 2)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d. Columbiana Co OH

16 Michael Roller

b. 22 Mar 1822
p.b. PA
m. 07 Sept 1846
d. 13 Aug 1886
p.d. Biglick Tw Hancock Co OH

36 _____
(Father of No. 3)

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

33 Nancy Teeters
(Mother of No. 1)

b.
p.b.
d. 02 04 1842
p.d. Biglick Tw Hancock OH

37 _____
(Mother of No. 3)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

Elizabeth Swindler

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 15 Feb 1824
p.b.
d. 08 May 1902
p.d. Hancock Co OH

38 Jacob Roller

(Father of No. 4)
ca 1724
p.b. Wurttemberg Germany

m.
d. ca Jan 1804
p.d. Huntindgon Co PA

39 Mary Hammer
(Mother of No. 4)

b.
p.b. Wurttemberg Germany
d.
p.d. Huntindgon Co PA

40 _____
(Father of No. 5)

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

41 _____
(Mother of No. 5)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

42 _____
(Father of No. 6)

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

43 _____
(Mother of No. 6)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

44 _____
(Father of No. 7)

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

45 _____
(Mother of No. 7)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

46

b. (Father of No. 6,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

47

b. (Mother of No. 8,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

48

b. (Father of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

49

b. (Mother of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

50

b. (Father of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

51

b. (Mother of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

52

b. (Father of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

53

b. (Mother of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

54

b. (Father of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

55

b. (Mother of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

56

b. (Father of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

57

b. (Mother of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

58

b. (Father of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

59

b. (Mother of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

60

b. (Father of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

61

b. (Mother of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

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Ancestor Chart

Chart No. 1

Name of Compiler Patricia R. Mangus
 Address 37096 Butcher Rd.,
 City, State Salem, OH 44460
 Date 24 Dec 1973

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____ on chart No. _____.

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

4 Ernest Ira Roller
 (Father of No. 2)
 b. 13 Mar 1869
 p.b.
 m.
 d. 29 Nov 1939
 p.d.

2 Harry Lee Roller
 (Father of No. 1)
 b. 14 Aug 1900
 p.b.
 m. 17 Aug 1926
 d. 25 Jun 1961
 p.d.

5 Mary Ann Cool
 (Mother of No. 2)
 b. 25 Jan 1870
 p.b.
 d. 1964
 p.d.

1 Patricia Roller Mangus
 b. 02 Dec 1928
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

6 Jens Peter Jensen
 (Father of No. 3)
 b. 20 May 1860
 p.b. Horslund, Denmark
 m. 10 Jul 1884
 d. 30 Jan 1922
 p.d. Salem, Columbiana Co OH

3 Esther Jensen
 (Mother of No. 1)
 b. 31 Mar 1903
 p.b.
 d. 30 Sept 1952
 p.d.

7 Laura Belle Bosten
 (Mother of No. 3)
 b. 31 Jul 1862
 p.b. Rainsburg PA
 d. 17. Aug 1943
 p.d.

Frank Mangus, Jr.
 (Spouse of No. 1)
 b. _____
 p.b. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

8 Samuel W. Roller
 (Father of No. 4)
 b. 30 Apr 1826
 p.b.
 m. 03 Nov 1855
 d. 30 Mar 1902
 p.d. Mahoning Co OH

9 Sarah E. Hole
 (Mother of No. 4)
 b. 29 Oct 1832
 p.b.
 d. 21 Apr 1909
 p.d.

10 Philip Cool
 (Father of No. 5)
 b. 1830
 p.b.
 m.
 d. 1902
 p.d.

11 Rachel Calvin
 (Mother of No. 5)
 b. 18 Dec 1839
 p.b.
 d. 12 Dec 1930
 p.d.

12 Jens Jensen Gravers
 (Father of No. 6)
 b. _____
 p.b. Horslunde Denmark
 m.
 d. _____
 p.d.

13 Gertrud Nielson
 (Mother of No. 6)
 b. _____
 p.b. _____
 d. _____
 p.d.

14 John Bosten
 (Father of No. 7)
 b. 1829
 p.b. _____
 m.
 d. 08 Jun 1864
 p.d.

15 Elizabeth A.
 (Mother of No. 7)
 b. 06 Dec 1834
 p.b. _____
 d. 30 Sept 1920
 p.d.

16 Michael Roller
 b. 11 May 1798 (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 m.

17 Isabel Calvin
 (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. 20 Mar 1861
 b. _____
 d. 28 Mar 1881

18 Nathan Hole
 (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. _____
 m.

19 Sarah Armstrong
 (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 b. _____
 d.

20 Jacob Cool
 (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 15 Jun 1795
 m.

21 Susan Roller
 (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. 07 Feb 1871
 b. _____
 d.

22 John T. Calvin
 (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. _____
 m.

23 Mary Ketch
 (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 b. _____
 d.

24 Rummelhoff
 (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. _____
 m.

25 Jens Jensen Gravers
 (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 b. _____
 d.

26 Gertrud Nielson
 (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. _____
 m.

27 Jens Jensen Gravers
 (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 b. _____
 d.

28 John Bosten
 (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. _____
 m.

29 John Bosten
 (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 b. _____
 d.

30 Elizabeth A.
 (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. _____
 m.

31 Elizabeth A.
 (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 b. _____
 d.

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 City, State Salem, OH 44460
 Date 24 Dec 1973

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Chart No. 2

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

34 Jacob Roller

(Father of No. 2)
 b. ca 1724
 p.b. Wurttemberg Germany
 m. ca 1750
 d. ca Jan 1804
 p.d. Huntindgon Co PA

32 John Roller

(Father of No. 1)
 b. 04 Mar 1757
 p.b.
 m.
 d. 24 Jan 1819
 p.d.

35

(Mother of No. 2)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

16 Michael Roller

b. 11 May 1798
 p.b.
 m.
 d. 20 Mar 1861
 p.d.

36

(Father of No. 3)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

33 Catherine Smith

(Mother of No. 1)
 b. 1768
 p.b.
 d. 1831
 p.d.

37

(Mother of No. 3)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

Isabel Calvin

(Spouse of No. 1)
 b.
 p.b.
 d. 20 Mar 1881
 p.d.

38

(Father of No. 4)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

39

(Mother of No. 4)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

40

(Father of No. 5)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

41

(Mother of No. 5)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

42

(Father of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

43

(Mother of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

44

(Father of No. 7)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

45

(Mother of No. 7)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

46

(Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

47

(Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

48

(Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

49

(Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

50

(Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

51

(Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

52

(Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

53

(Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

54

(Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

55

(Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

56

(Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

57

(Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

58

(Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

59

(Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

60

(Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

61

(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

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 City, State Salem, OH 44460
 Date 24 Dec 1973

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 21 on chart No. 1.

Chart No. 3

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

34 Jacob Roller
 (Father of No. 2)
 b. ca 1724
 p.b. Wurttemberg Germany
 m. ca 1750
 d. ca Jan 1804
 p.d. Huntingdon Co PA

32 Baltzer Roller
 (Father of No. 1)
 b. 11 Oct 1758
 p.b.
 m.
 d. 30 Nov 1841
 p.d. Mahoning Co OH

35 Mary Hammer
 (Mother of No. 2)
 b.
 p.b. Wurttemberg Germany
 d.
 p.d. Huntindgon Co PA

21 Susan Roller
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

36
 (Father of No. 3)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

33 Alsie Rose
 (Mother of No. 1)
 b. 03 Mar 1764
 p.b.
 d. 06 Feb 1847
 p.d.

37
 (Mother of No. 3)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

Jacob Cool
 (Spouse of No. 1)
 b. 15 Jun 1795 d. 07 Feb 1871
 p.b. p.d.

38
 (Father of No. 4)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

39
 (Mother of No. 4)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

40
 (Father of No. 5)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

41
 (Mother of No. 5)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

42
 (Father of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

43
 (Mother of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

44
 (Father of No. 7)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

45
 (Mother of No. 7)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

b. (Father of No. 8,
 m. Cont. on chart No. _____
 d.

b. (Mother of No. 8,
 d. Cont. on chart No. _____

b. (Father of No. 9,
 m. Cont. on chart No. _____
 d.

b. (Mother of No. 9,
 d. Cont. on chart No. _____

b. (Father of No. 10,
 m. Cont. on chart No. _____
 d.

b. (Mother of No. 10,
 d. Cont. on chart No. _____

b. (Father of No. 11,
 m. Cont. on chart No. _____
 d.

b. (Mother of No. 11,
 d. Cont. on chart No. _____

b. (Father of No. 12,
 m. Cont. on chart No. _____
 d.

b. (Mother of No. 12,
 d. Cont. on chart No. _____

b. (Father of No. 13,
 m. Cont. on chart No. _____
 d.

b. (Mother of No. 13,
 d. Cont. on chart No. _____

b. (Father of No. 14,
 m. Cont. on chart No. _____
 d.

b. (Mother of No. 14,
 d. Cont. on chart No. _____

b. (Father of No. 15,
 m. Cont. on chart No. _____
 d.

b. (Mother of No. 15,
 d. Cont. on chart No. _____

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Genealogist

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April 22, 1974

Mrs. Gene Mozley
327 Bon Air Drive
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Mrs. Mozley:

As requested by your letter of March 8th with remittance of \$15.00, a survey of records in my library has been made and many references are found which supports the "Historical Sketch of the Descendants of Jacob Roller", 1929, as furnished. This report will deal primarily with your ancestors John and Michael Roller, sons of Jacob, Senior.

Inscriptions from headstones located in cemeteries in Tyrone Township, Blair County, have been copied in recent years but none found for Jacob, Senior or Jacob, Junior. The headstone for Philip is found in the Presbyterian cemetery at Arch Spring and reads died May 17, 1839, aged 71 years, 1 month and 19 days. His wife Jane died August 10, 1831, aged 66 years, 10 months.

The records giving the year of death for Jacob Roller, Senior as 1781 ^{probably Jacob Jr.} is incorrect as his will is recorded at Huntingdon, county seat of Huntingdon County, Vol. 1, page 228, dated March 1803 and probated January 23, 1804. He mentioned Catherine Wiskee, spinster, as housekeeper, and children:

Jacob (deceased)
Michael
John
Baltzer
Mary Igou
Margaret Burley
Philip
Henry
Calib

Executors: sons Michael and Henry.

Item 314, in my rental library, Biographical Encyclopedia of Blair County, by Wiley and Gardner, 1892, devotes several pages to the Roller family and on page 577 gives Peter as the youngest son. Possibly he died single prior to the death of his father.

Strassberger's, Pennsylvania German Pioneers, Vol. I, page 438, mentions the arrival of one Jacob Roller who took the oath of allegiance to Great Brittain at the courthouse in Philadelphia on 28 August 1750, being imported on the Ship Two Brothers from Rotterdam. This could have been your ancestor but proof is lacking.

The Pennsylvania Archives, lists one Jacob Roller as being assessed with 2 horses and one cow, in Berks County 1767. Jacob Roller, Senior is first assessed in Bedford County in the year 1776 indicating settlement in 1775 as the assessments were made the previous year. At that time he was assessed with an occupation and as an inmate (renter). Prior to the above year his name appears in the assessment of Hopewell Township, Bedford County, for the years 1774 and 1775. Huntingdon County was formed from Bedford County in 1787 and Blair County from Huntingdon in 1846.

The Archives lists military service during the Revolutionary War for John Roller as follows:

Third Series, Vol. XXIII, page 232, John Rowler, Private, Rangers on the Frontier, Capt. James Johnson, Bedford County, 1778-1783.

Fifth Series, Vol. IV, page 249, John Rowler, Private, Depreciation Pay, Bedford County Militia. Page 612, John Rowler, Private, Continental Line, Bedford County Militia.

The Military services for Michael Rowler appears in the Third Series, pages 232 and 237, as a Private, Rangers on the Frontier, Capt. James Johnson, Bedford County Militia, 1778-1783.

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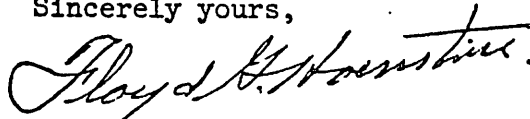
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I have a complete record of the assessments of the Sinking Valley area which shows John Roller as first assessed in 1785 with two horses as an inmate, Sinking Valley, Tyrone Township, until 1795. Michael is assessed in 1779 as a Single Freeman, until 1805.

The area of Sinking Valley was reserved as a Manor by the Penn Family and land was not sold there until after the Revolutionary War when the Penn rights were extinguished. Fort Roberdeau was erected in Sinking Valley in 1778 and it is likely that members of the Roller family participated in its construction and the protection it offered; however, the Roller family constructed a log fort near their residence. The encounter with the Indians and the death of Jacob, Jr., probably in 1781, are told in Jones' History of the Juniata Valley.

Kindly advise if I can be of further service.

Sincerely yours,



Floyd G. Hoenstine

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FORT ROLLER

This was another one of the many fortifications built in Blair County at or about the time of the erection of Fort Roberdeau, many of them being private enterprises and this was one of them. We find that Jacob Roller, a frontier man of more than average hardihood, energy and daring, was for many years, during the Revolutionary period, a very prominent figure in the locality of Hollidaysburg and surrounding vicinity, and it was he who erected this fort or stockade, for the defense of his family and his neighbors from the Indians. This may have been a fort, but we are inclined to the belief that it was only a stockade. This fort or stockade must have been contemporaneous with or later than Fort Roberdeau, for there could have been no defence in Sinking Valley prior thereto, as General Roberdeau has to take a military force with him.

It is stated that there is an original petition in existence from the people in the Juniata region asking protection from the savages, which was read in the Pennsylvania Assembly, February 14, 1781, and which contains the name of Jacob Roller and other names, still familiar in Sinking Valley and in all parts of this county. When they sought protection then, they probably undertook to protect themselves by building the forts and stockades that figure in our early history. These forts were of the Revolutionary period, rather than of an anterior one.

Mr. Jones, in his History of the Juniata Valley, refers to this fort. He also refers to an encounter by Roller with the Indians in which he came out the victor and the savages dreaded him very much on account of his well known and successful fighting proclivities. Indeed, he was in continual quarrel with the redskins and his name was a terror to them.

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The time of Roller's death is not positively known; Mr. Maguire thought it was in the fall of 1781. From after discovered evidence, three Indians came down from the mountain, avoiding the fort of the father, which was located at the head of Sinking Valley and passed on down through the Valley to the house of Rebault, whom they tomahawked and scalped.

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FAMILY GROUP No. 3-D Husband's Full Name William Roller

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
His Will #300 Docket A, p-95, Pro Ct Hancock Co Findlay, OH; Vol 2, p-90 #403; Graham Cem.; Birth-day dates of children from records of Margaret Roller Burnap, Liberty St Findlay, OH	Birth			1785			PA	
	Chr'nd							
	Mar.	20	Dec	1810		Columbiana Co	OH	
	Death	29	Dec	1849	Big Lick Twp	Hancock Co	OH	
	Burial				Graham Cem	Hancock Co	OH	
	Places of Residence	Big Lick Twp			Hancock Co		OH	
	Occupation	Farmer			Church Affiliation		Methodist	Military Rec. War 1812
	Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.	(2) Margaret Pugh		m- 29 Sep 1847				
	His Father	Michael Roller			Mother's Maiden Name		Nancy Weston	

Wife's Full Maiden Name Nancy Agnes Teeter

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth			1788		Mahoning Co	PA	
Chr'nd							
Death	02	Apr	1842	Big Lick Twp	Hancock Co	OH	
Burial				Graham Cem	Hancock Co	OH	
Places of Residence	Big Lick Twp			Hancock Co		OH	
Occupation if other than Housewife				Church Affiliation		Methodist	
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Date	1971		Her Father	Mother's Maiden Name			

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Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
4-A	1 Mary Wilson Moses McAnelly Full Name of Spouse* (McAnelly d 1852)	Birth	22	Sep	1812		Columbiana	PA	
		Mar.							
		Death					Hancock Co	OH	
		Burial					Hancock Co	OH	
4-B	2 Agnes Weston John Moore Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	24	Nov	1814		Columbiana Co	OH	
		Mar.			1833		Richland Co	OH	
		Death							
		Burial							
4-C	3 Wilson Monroe Mary Thomas Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	03	Feb	1817		Columbiana Co	OH	
		Mar.	22	Aug	1839				
		Death	18	Apr	1871	Big Lick Twp	Hancock Co	OH	
		Burial							
4-D	4 Susan (1) Thomas J Anderson Full Name of Spouse* (2) John Darrah	Birth	20	Jun	1819		Columbiana Co	OH	
		Mar.	04	May	1841				
		Death							
		Burial							
4-E	5 Michael Elizabeth Swindler Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	04	Mar	1822		Richland Co	OH	
		Mar.	07	Sep	1846		Hancock Co	OH	
		Death	15	Aug	1886	Arcadia	Hancock Co	OH	
		Burial				Arcadia Cem	Hancock Co	OH	
4-F	6 George Washington Susannah Harrison Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	22	Feb	1824		Richland Co	OH	
		Mar.	16	Oct	1845		Hancock Co	OH	
		Death	16	Aug	1905	North English	Keokuk Co	IA	
		Burial					Keokuk Co	IA	
4-G	7 Lucinda George W. Hemming Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	06	Jul	1826		Richland Co	OH	
		Mar.	16	Oct	1865				
		Death							
		Burial							
4-H	8 Charlotte Hugh Matherson Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	22	May	1829		Richland Co	OH	
		Mar.					Hancock Co	OH	
		Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once, No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

William Roller married Nancy Teeters December 20, 1810. Natives of Pennsylvania, they came to Ohio in early days and resided in Columbiana county and twelve years in Richland county before coming to Hancock county. In the fall of 1833, William Roller and his son-in-law, John Moore, came to Biglick township, Hancock County and cut timber and built a cabin on a farm in section 15 and in 1834 brought out their families and here the William Rollers' spent the remainder of their days. (1)

They were the parents of the following children:

Mary Wilson Roller	born 22 Sep 1812	m	Moses McAnelly
Agnes Weston Roller	born 24 Nov 1814	m	John Moore
Wilson Monroe Roller	born 03 Feb 1817	m	Mary Thomas (22 Aug 1839)
Susan Roller	born 20 Jun 1819	m	John Darrah
Michael Roller	born 02 Mar 1822	m	Elizabeth Swindler
George Washington Roller	22 Feb 1824	m	Susannah Harrison
Lucinda Roller	born 06 Jun 1826	m	George Hemming
Charlotte Roller	born 22 May 1829	m	Hugh Matherson (1)

William Roller married a second time to Margaret Pugh. She had three children by a previous marriage. They were Isaac, Jackson and Rachel. (1)

Hugh Moore, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, came to America about the year of 1800 and settled in Pennsylvania and married Susan Buckwalter (Brookwalter) of Pennsylvania. They came to Richland County, Ohio, in 1828. (1)

They were the parents of the following children.

John Moore	b 16 Oct 1808	m	Agnes W. Roller	1833
William Moore				
Nancy Moore		m	William Nelson	
Amanda Moore		m	William Cole	

(1)- From the records of Margaret Roller Burnap, 626 Liberty St., Findlay, OH.

Soon after coming to Big Lick township William Roller was elected Justice of the Peace and the General Assembly of 1836 appointed him Associate Judge of Hancock County a position he held for thirteen years. He entered 1,120 acres of land in the fall of 1833, most of which was inherited by his children. He and his wife died in this township. Of his children, the eldest son, Michael resides on Section 7, and two of his daughters Mrs. John (Agnes) Moore and Mrs. Moses (Mary) McAnelly, are also living in the township. Mr. Roller won and retained many friends during his residency in the County. (2)

(2) "HISTORY of HANCOCK COUNTY" by Warner, Beers and Co. Pub 1886, p-372.

SEATTLE WN. SEPT. 23 1971.

DEAR PAUL AND FAMILY;-

THANKS FOR YOUR NICE LETTER OF 13TH. SEPT. 71. IT WAS MOST INTERESTING AND I KNOW ONE CAN SPEND A LOT OF TIME DELVING INTO PAST HISTORY. WANT TO WISH YOU ALL A LOT OF SUCCESS AS IT MUST BE VERY TRYING AND MOST TIRESOME.

I HAVE WRITTEN A LITTLE INFO. I'AM ENCLOSING. THIS WAS WRITTEN FOR MARTHA HAM AND I MADE SOME COPIES ONE OF WHICH WILL SEND YOU. THE HEADING ON MARTHA'S LETTER SHOULD BE SELF-EXPLANATORY FOR WHAT I ENDEAVOUR TO WRITE YOU.

I NEVER KNEW THE CAUSE OF JULIUS RUSSELL ROLLERS DEATH. I WAS ONLY FOUR YEARS OLD AT THE TIME BUT IN LATER YEARS I ASKED FATHER WHAT CAUSED HIS DEATH. HE SAID THEY REALLY NEVER KNEW. THEY DID HAVE THE BEST COUNTRY DR. NEAR AT HAND BUT HE DID NOT KNOW THE CAUSE OF DEATH. HE AT BEST WAS A FRAIL CHILD AND THE TOWN OF RAGO WAS BUILT ALONG CACHE RIVER AND A TERRIBLE SWAMP. I RECALL FATHER HAMMERED ICE IN A GUNNYSACK TO BREAK IT UP. THIS WAS PUT IN CANS AND PUT ABOUT THE BODY IN ORDER TO PRESERVE IT UNTIL GRANDFATHERS ALEX PEARD AND WM. ROLLER COULD COME FROM OHIO FOR THE FUNERAL.

I HAVE NO RECORDS ON MOTHER AND FATHERS MARRIAGE OR J.R.'s BIRTH. WHEN FATHER SOLD THE HOUSE IN KARNAK ILL THE WHOLE HOUSE WAS CLEANED OUT. WHAT BECAME OF THE RECORDS I DO NOT KNOW BUT A LOT OF PICTURES WERE MISSING ALONG WITH AN OLD VELVET PICTURE ALBUM. THEIR COULD BE OTHER REASONS WHY THESE THINGS WERE MISS-ALONG WITH RECORDS. MOTHERS DEATH AND BURIAL RECORDS WERE NOT FILL-OUT AT HER DEATH. FATHER AT THIS TIME JUST HAD TOO MANY PROBLEMS SO THIS WAS NOT DONE. MY TRIP BACK THERE AT THAT TIME WAS A LONG AND A HURRIED ONE AS I LIVE SO FAR AWAY. WHEN YOU MENTIONED THIS IN YOUR LETTER, I DID LOOK UP THE RECORD AND FOUND NOTHING BUT THE GUEST LIST FINISHED.

J.R.ROLLER AS YOU KNOW WAS BORN AT STONY RIDGE AND FATHER TAUGHT SCHOOL THERE AND AT SCOTTS PRAIRIE OR SOUTH PRAIRIE. I HEARD HIM SPEAK OF THIS AND ALSO KNOW SOME OF THE GIRLS OR HIS SISTERS WENT TO HIS SCHOOL. I HAVE TWO EXAMINATIONS HE TOOK TO TEACH SCHOOL IN WOOD CO. THEY WERE ISSUED AT BOWLING GREEN, ONE 1895 AND ONE 1899. AFTER SCHOOL TEACHING FATHER BOUGHT A THRESHING-MACHINE AND ENGINE. AT THE END OF THE FIRST SEASON HE HAD THE ENGINE OUT DIGGING DITCHES OR ROAD GRADING. THE SEPARATOR WAS STORED IN THE BARN WHERE THEY LIVED. (NOW THIS IS SUPPOSITION.) I THINK CLYDE AND RAY WERE OUT IN THE BARN PLAYING WITH MATHEAS AND SET THE BARN A FIRE. THEY RAN ABOUT A MILE TO WHERE FATHER HAD THE ENGINE AND WERE SO WINDED THEY COULD NOT TALK AND BY THE TIME THEY COULD IT WAS TOO LATE TO SAVE THE SEPARATOR. HE HAD NO WAY OF PAYING FOR THE RIG HAVING ONLY THE ENGINE LEFT. SO I THINK HE LEFT THE COUNTRY AND WENT TO RAGO ILL.. SO HERE AT RAGO J.R.R. WENT TO HIS FIRST SCHOOL. WHEN WE MOVED TO KARNAK IT WAS SUCH A NEW TOWN THEY HAD NO SCHOOL SO J.R.R. WENT TO BELKNAP SOME THREE MILES NORTH OF KARNAK. HERE HE MET BERNICE MARTIN WHOSE FATHER DOUGLAS TAUGHT THE SCHOOL. WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS BUILT AT KARNAK HE FINISHED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT KARNAK. HE WENT TO BROWNS BUSINESS COLLEGE AT CAIRO ILLINOIS FOR SIX MONTHS AND ABOUT 1912 OR 13 WENT TO WORK FOR MAIN BROS. BOX AND LBR CO. IN DEC. 1914 OR CLOSE TO THAT DATE HE MARRIED BERNICE MARTIN. TO THIS UNION A DAUGHTER MARY EILEEN WAS BORN AND LIVING ONE YR. SIX MO. AND EIGHTEEN DAYS. THIS HAPPENED THE SUMMER OF 1917. IN THE LATE FALL OF SEVENTEEN OR EIGHTEEN HE VOLUNTEERED HIS SERVICES FOR THE FIRST WORLD WAR AND WAS SENT TO CAMP CUSTER MICH. HERE HE HAD PASSED HIS EXAMS FOR OFFICERS TRAINING AND THE DAY BEFORE HE WAS TO GO UP TO TRAINING SCHOOL THE WAR ENDED. HE RETURNED TO MAIN BROS WHERE HE

Dunbridge, Henry Sterneman of Bowling Green, Mrs. Mary Jameson of Dowling, Mrs. D.C. Van Voorhis of Bowling Green, James Roller of Karnak, Ill. and son Roy; Mr. Sams of Delta, and James Beard of Portage. The speech-making was concluded by Mr. Roller, who expressed his high appreciation of the honor bestowed upon himself and companion. He closed with feeling words of good, fatherly advice to the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Roller are held in high regard throughout the community because of the true neighborly spirit they have always manifested. In times of sickness, misfortune and death, their kindly ministrations were always freely given. No cry of distress ever came to them unheeded. Both Mr. and Mrs. Roller manifested a keen interest in the religious, educational and civic life of the community.

The writer recalls that 42 years ago, when he first taught the old Belleville Ridge school, Mr. Roller was one of the school directors. This position he held continuously for many years. He served efficiently as trustee of Middleton township and later as a member of Wood county for two terms, his administration being marked by high type of executive ability resulting in needed reforms. No one ever had occasion to doubt his integrity.

passed on, thus forming a link between this earth-life and the Heavenly home on the other side.

The golden wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Roller proved one of rare and unalloyed pleasure to the 91 participants. Friends and relatives were present from four states. The noon hour was marked by a most sumptuous feast of a great variety of the bounties of real farm life. The wedding cake, which weighed seventeen pounds, was baked by Miss Ruth Maine, a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roller.

The afternoon was given over to games on the spacious lawn, to singing old familiar songs and to felicitous talks. Mr. and Mrs. Roller were recipients of two excellent comfortable rockers and gold eye glasses as tokens of esteem from their children. Alex Beard of Bowling Green, a life long friend of Mr. and Mrs. Roller, was unable to be present owing to infirmities of age, but sent both Mr. and Mrs. Roller a gold coin as an expression of his regard for their true worth as friends and former neighbors. Many other tokens of esteem were received by the honored couple.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roller are grandparents of 39 children and great-grandparents to three. Five grandchildren and one great-grandchild have

Mr. and Mrs. William Roller Married Fifty Years
Neighbors and other Friends join with the
Roller clan in celebrating the Happy Anniversary.

The fine country home of Mr. and Mrs. William Roller, just east of Dowling, was the scene of a very happy gathering last Saturday, March 26, it being the occasion of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roller. The weather was well suited for such an event, being bright and balmy, and quite inviting for out-of-door pleasure and sports.

A remarkable feature of the gathering was the fact that all of the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Roller were present to honor their parents and participate in the festivities of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Roller established their first home where they still reside, within two weeks after they were married. They were both born and reared in the same neighborhood east of Findlay in Hancock County. Shortly before their wedding day, Mr. Roller bought the farm where they established their home. Here they

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JACOB ROLLER

Jacob Sr
JACOB

FAMILY GROUP No. 1

Husband's Full Name ROLLER, JACOB

for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Roller Reunion, Washingtonville, Ma-
honing County OH, Aug 15, 1929.; Pro Ct Huntingdon, PA.; Co Recdr Mahoning & Columbiana CO'S

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		Chr'nd							
		Mar.	Jan	1804		Tyrone Twp			
		Death	ca.	1803		Tyrone Twp	Huntingdon Co., PA		
		Burial	? on his farm near Ft Roller, Huntindgon Co., PA						
Places of Residence		Tyrone Twp Huntingdon CO PA							
Occupation		Farmer							
Church Affiliation									
Military Rec.		Rev- 1776							
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.									
His Father		Mother's Maiden Name							
Wife's Full Maiden Name		AGNES MARY HAMMER							
Wife's Data		Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife	
Birth					Wurttemberg	York	Germany PA		
Chr'nd									
Death		ca.	1803				Huntingdon Co., PA		
Burial		as above for Jacob							
Places of Residence									
Occupation if other than Housewife									
Church Affiliation									
Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.									
Date		Feb. 1970							
Her Father		Mother's Maiden Name							

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M	1 Jacob, Jr	Birth						PA	
2-A	Susan Weston Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					? York		
		Death	03	Aug	1783	Killed by Indians		PA	
		Burial							
M	2 Michael	Birth						PA	
2-B	Nancy Weston Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death			c 1827		Columbiana	OH	
		Burial	Luthern Cem- Washingtonville, Columbiana Co., OH						
M	3 John	Birth	04	Mar	1757			PA	Rev. 1776
2-C	Catherine Smith Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death	24	Jan	1819		Mahoning Co.,	OH	
		Burial	Luthern Cem- Washingtonville, OH						
M	4 Balser	Birth	11	Oct	1758			PA	
2-D	Alsie Rose Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death	30	Nov	1841		Mahoning Co.,	OH	
		Burial	Luthern Cem- Washingtonville, Mahoning Co., OH						
M	5 Philip	Birth	c 28	Mar	1776			PA	
2-E	Jane Moore Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					? Blair	PA	
		Death	17	May	1829	Holidaysburg	Blair	PA	
		Burial	Presby. Cem Arch Springs Blair PA						
M	6 Henry	Birth						PA	
2-F	Nancy Rickett Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death					Fairfield Co.,	OH	
		Burial							
M	7 Caleb	Birth						PA	
2-G	Elizabeth Hardy Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death	26	May	1826				
		Burial	Luthern Cem- Washingtonville, Mahoning Co., OH						
F	8 Margaret	Birth						PA	
2-H	John Burley Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death	01	Oct	1821			PA	
		Burial							
F	9 Mary	Birth						PA	
2-J	Joshua Igoe Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death	01	Oct	1831				
		Burial							
M	10 Peter	Birth							
2-K	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

MARRIAGE RECORD:
William Roller
Agness Teeters
20 December 1810

(Nancy Agnes Teeters)

State of Ohio, this is to certify that
James McCreary
was married the 9th of September in the
1810 by me a Justice of said County given
under my hand this 10th day of November
1810
James McCreary
State of Ohio, this is to certify that
William Thomas
was married the 10th day
December 1810 both of State & County of
by me a Justice of said County given
under my hand this 19th day of December
1810
James McCreary
Recorded the 29th Dec^r 1810

State of Ohio, this is to certify that
William Roller
was married the 20th day of December
1810 by me a Justice of said County given
under my hand this 10th day of January
1811
Recorded and Compared the 3rd Dec^r 1811
James McCreary
State of Ohio, this is to certify that
William Roller
was married the 20th day of December
1810 by me a Justice of said County given
under my hand this 10th day of January
1811
Recorded the 10th day of January 1811

State of Ohio, Columbiana County, ss. I
do certify that on the 20th December 1810
William Roller and Agness Teeters was joined in
marriage by me a Justice of said County given
under my hand this 10th day of January
1811
Recorded the 10th day of January 1811

Marriage Record:
William Roller
Agness Teeters
20 December 1810
(Nancy Agnes Teeters)

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PROBATE DIVISION

RECORD OF MARRIAGES
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LISBON, COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO.

STATE OF OHIO, Columbiana County County,,fs I do

hereby certify that on the 20th December 1810, William

Roller and Agnefs Teeters were joined in the banns of
matrimony before me. Jacob Roller, J.P.

Recorded the 16th January , 1811

R. Beall

Clk.

Agnefs Teeters was also recorded in later years as Nancy Teeters
Agnes Teeters.

THE STATE OF OHIO

Columbiana County

Court of Common Pleas
Probate Division

I, the undersigned Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, within and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the certificate of Marriage of the parties therein named, as the same appears on the Record of Marriages, Vol. 1 Page 87 required by the laws of Ohio to be kept in said Court. And I further certify that I have carefully compared the foregoing copy with the original record, and that the same is a full and correct transcript thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed

the seal of said Court, at Lisbon

Ohio, this 28th day of November 19 83

CHARLES A. PIKE

JUDGE

(seal)

By: *Henry H. Smith*

Deputy Clerk

LAST WILL
OF
MICHAEL ROLLER

I Michael Roller of Green township in Columbiana County of State of Ohio being weak in body but of sound mind and perfect memory do this twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six make and publish this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following (that is to say) It is my will and I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid and fully satisfied out of some part of my personal property. Item. I give unto my beloved wife Ann Roller one mare called Jenny and two cows take her choice of my stock of cattle, six sheep her choice of them also. I also give her the old house to live in during her life or widowhood. I also give unto my beloved wife her yearly maintenance of support during her life or widowhood to be proceeding from issuing out of the plantation wherein I live in the manner hereafter directed. And I further give unto my all my household and kitchen furniture of whatever kinds it may be. All the above mentioned property I give unto my beloved wife in lieu of her dowry in my estate. Then I give unto my son Jacob Roller and my son William Roller and my son Henry Roller four dollars each to be paid them in twelve calendar months next after my decease they having received their full share or parts of my estate before. Item. I give unto my son-in-law Jacob J. Roller one hundred and eighteen dollars to be paid him in four years next after my decease. Item. I give unto my two grandsons Robert O. Deer (ADAIR) and Michael O. Deer (ADAIR) ten dollars each to be paid them in six years after my decease. I give unto my granddaughter Nancy O. Deer (ADAIR) one hundred and eighty dollars the one half of which to be paid her in eight years next after my decease and the balance or remainder in two years from the first payments. Item. I give and bequeath unto my two sons Thomas Thomas and James Roller the plantation whereon I now live containing three hundred and twenty three acres be the same more or less to be equally divided in quantity and quality but James shall have the new house I live in and the barn on his parts or share of the land to them their being and assigns forever. Nevertheless the said plantation shall be charged and chargeable with the fore mentioned legacies to be issuing and payable out of said plantation or promises by my two sons Thomas and James Roller in equal proportions between them to be paid by them to the above named legatees and or before the times above specified for the payment of said legacies and they the said Thomas and James Roller shall furnish their mother yearly during her

widowhood an equal proportion between them a sufficiency of provisions fit and suitable for a woman of her age and condition and what clothing she may stand in need of. and also furnish her with a sufficient quantity of firewood at her door yearly cut in suitable length for her fireplace and furthur James shall let his mother have the use of the old stable if she requires it and also find pasture for the stock I gave her and hay to keep them through the winter. And lastly I ordain, constitute and appoint my trusty friends Josaph Zimmerman and Henry Zimmerman Executors of this my last Will and Testement and thereby revoke and uterly disannual all former Wills by me made. Professing and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testement. In witness whereof I have hereunto my hand and Seal the day month and year before written.

Signed Sealed published and
declaired by the said Michael
Roller as his last Will and
Testement _____

his
Michael (M) Roller
mark



In presence of us.

Jesse Holloway /S

Henry Stauffer /S

John Headley /S

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two years. In 1795 he was married to Eleanor Stockdale, and reared three sons and four daughters, two of the latter dying young. Mary, a daughter, remained single, and died at the age of eighty-two years. Eleanor, the other daughter, became the wife of the Hon. John C. Bucher, of Harrisburg, dying March 6, 1881, at the age of eighty-three years. John S., the oldest son, a well known citizen of Spruce Creek; Samuel, the second son, owner of the Etna iron works in Catharine township; and Thomas M., the other son, resident of Montreal, Canada.

JACOB ROLLER settled in the upper part of the valley, in Tyrone township, prior to the revolution. He was of German descent, and came from York county. His eldest son, Jacob, was killed in the township by Indians. Other sons—John, Henry, Baltser, and Caleb—moved to the west. One of his daughters married Joshua Igo, of the Tuckahoe valley, and another, John Burley, of Bald Eagle valley. Peter was the youngest son, and Philip, the next older in age, married Jane Moore, daughter of Joseph Moore, and lived first on the old Roller place, but later moved into Morris township, living on the present Perry Moore farm, where he died about 1840. Of fourteen children, eleven attained mature years: daughters, Nancy, who was married to Thomas Reese, a silversmith at Water Street, and for her second husband, Chris. Hewitt, of Williamsburg; Elizabeth became the wife of James Dysart, of Franklin township; Ann, of Daniel Hewitt, of Alexandria; Jane, of George Henderson, who removed to the west; Sarah, of Lewis Knode, of Porter; Ellen, the youngest, mar-

ried John M. McCoy, who became a citizen of McVeytown. The sons of Philip Roller were Joseph, who lived near Williamsburg; George; Caleb, married Mary Dean, and settled on Clear creek; Joshua, married Elizabeth Moore, was a merchant at Williamsburg, and the father of Dr. Roller, of Hollidaysburg. The youngest son, John Milton, died when a youth.

ROBERT W. ROBISON, a successful farmer, and one of the present school directors of Frankstown township, is a son of James and Elizabeth (Curry) Robison, and was born in Blair county, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1855. His grandfather on the paternal side, James Robison, settled in early life on a farm near Frankstown, on which he resided until his death. He was a whig in politics, married and reared a family of five children: James, Harriet, Margaret, Abraham, and Allen. The eldest son, James Robison (father), was born in Frankstown township, where he followed farming for many years before his death. He was a republican in politics, and held the township offices of supervisor, auditor, and school director. He married Elizabeth Curry, a daughter of James Curry, and to their union were born fourteen children: Maud, Maggie, Winfield, Squires, Blair, Forest, who died in infancy; Robert W.; Sarah C., deceased; Lilly, now dead; Lizzie, Blanche, Gertrude, Andrew, and Archey.

Robert W. Robison grew to manhood in his native township, received a good English education, and was engaged in teaching for four years in Frankstown township. At the end of that time he quit teaching to embark in farming, which he has followed

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Dr. J. A. Murphy was born in Juniata County, Penn., in 1824, being the son of John and Sarah (Beidleman) Murphy, also of the same State; the former a trader, born April 16, 1793, and deceased February 1, 1856. The mother was born November 11, 1794, and died July 1, 1824. Our subject was reared in Mifflintown, Penn., and was educated in that place, and studied medicine under Dr. Freu, and graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1848. He practiced for two years, and in 1849 located in Sullivan County, where he now resides, and has practiced with marked success. On December 14, 1852, he married Eleanor V., the daughter of Jacob and Sophia (Speece) Teeter, the former born in Washington County, Va., and the latter in Campbell County. The father died September 11, 1848, and the mother February 3, 1861. Our subject's children are Edwin S., born March 28, 1854, and deceased July 29, 1874; Mary S., Sarah F., Henry C. and Joseph L. Henry C. was educated in King's College, and graduated in 1882, and in 1886 from Jefferson Medical College. He is now practicing medicine at Bluff City, Tenn. Joseph L. is a student at Roanoke College, Virginia, where he is preparing for the ministry. The entire family are Lutherans.

James A. Neil, was born in Scott County, Va., February 22, 1825, the son of Grimes and Elizabeth (Bond) Neil, the former a Virginian of Scotch-Irish stock, the son of Hamilton Neil. The father, a hatter by trade, became a wealthy farmer, and died in 1839, at the age of fifty-two years, a highly esteemed man. The mother was born in this county, the daughter of William Bond, who was of Irish origin. She was a devoted Christian, and died in 1876, at the age of eighty-nine years. Our subject was educated at Emory and Henry College, Virginia, and in early life was a merchant. For the last thirty years he has been successful as a farmer, and now owns 300 acres of land. In 1853 he married Mary W., daughter of Benjamin Cloud, of Sullivan County. Their children are Nannie E., Anna B., James C. and William D. Our subject is a Presbyterian and an earnest Republican.

S. A. Newland, farmer, was born in Sullivan County, June 11, 1852, the son of Joseph and Rebecca (Anderson) Newland, the former born November 13, 1809, in this State, the son of Joseph, Sr., a Virginian of Irish origin. The father was an extensive farmer and stock dealer, and also a successful financier and merchant. Although beginning a poor man he was at his death, October 27, 1867, a wealthy man. He was a Presbyterian. The mother, born in Scott County, Va., June 2, 1818, is the daughter of Isaac C. Anderson, and is still living in this county. Our subject, the third son of four sons and six daughters, was educated at King's College, Bristol. Our subject was left fatherless at fifteen, and when eighteen began for himself, and the following year took charge of the home farm, which he has since cultivated, with excellent results. January 6, 1886, he married Helen, a daughter of Jesse Brown. They have had one daughter. He and his wife are Presbyterians.

Samuel Pearce, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Sullivan County, September 25, 1818, the son of William and Elizabeth (Smith) Pearce, the former born in Baltimore, June 17, 1788, the son of Joshua, who was of English origin. The father came to Tennessee in his tenth year, and was a farmer of this county. The grandfather was a soldier of the Revolution. The mother was born December 29, 1788, the daughter of Caleb Smith, an Englishman and a pioneer farmer of East Tennessee. The parents were Baptists. Our subject was reared near his present home with country advantages, and has always been devoted to agriculture on an extensive scale. December 15, 1836, he married Elizabeth, a daughter of David Roller. They have reared many adopted children. He and his wife are highly respected and esteemed people.

John Pearce, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Sullivan County, January 31, 1851, the son of Jacob and Elmira (Duncan) Pearce, the former a native of this county, the son of William Pearce. The father was a thriving farmer, and died at the early age of twenty-eight years. The mother, a native of this county, is the daughter of Alfred Duncan, a prominent citizen. She reared five sons and one daughter. Our subject, the eldest, received few advantages, and on account of his father's death when he was three years old, he has always been dependent on himself, but has made a success as a farmer. In 1876

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he married Mollie E., a daughter of W. E. Jones, of this county. She was born December 22, 1860, and their children are Samuel W., John E., Anna L. and Alvin G.

N. H. Reeve was born in Greene County, February 20, 1847, the son of Jesse S. and Naomi (Worley) Reeve, the former born in 1814, in this State, and of Scotch-Irish origin. For ten years he was a merchant at Rheatown, and in 1863 went to Abingdon, Va., on account of his Southern sympathies, but in 1868 returned to Blountville as a merchant, and died in 1872. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He sustained a loss of about \$20,000 by the war. The mother was born near Bristol in 1822, and was the daughter of Nathan Worley. She died in 1859, a devout Christian. Our subject, the eldest of four children, was reared in Rheatown, Abingdon and Blountville, and was educated at Jefferson Academy, at the latter place. In 1869 he began the study of medicine with Dr. N. T. Dulaney, of Blountville, and in 1874 graduated from the Medical department of the University at Nashville. He then began practice with his preceptor, at Blountville, and two years later removed to what is now Bluff City. In 1886 he removed to Bristol and established himself in his present extensive practice. Adelia M., a daughter of Jacob K. Snapp, became his wife in 1874. She was born March 25, 1847, near Blountville, and was the youngest daughter of her parents, who died in her infancy. She was educated at the Martha Washington College, Virginia, graduating in 1866, and was under the care of her brother, Col. James P. She early became a member of the Methodist Church, and was an esteemed and cultured lady. Four of their six children are living.

Will Roller, farmer and stock raiser, was born in this county, December 15, 1855, the son of Martin and Elizabeth (Pearce) Roller, the former a native of Sullivan County, but now a farmer of Washington County. The mother, a native of 's county, is the daughter of William Pearce, and has reared four sons and three daughters. Our subject was educated at Washington College, and since early life has been a successful farmer and dealer in stock. In the former occupation he is associated with his brother, and they carry on the business on an extensive scale.

John W. Sells was born in Sullivan County, Tenn., April 14, 1823. His father, born in Washington County, Va., was the son of John Sells, also a Virginian. His mother was a native of this county, and was the daughter of David Bushong. Of a family of five sons and four daughters, two sons are deceased. The father died in 1862. After receiving the educational advantages offered by the county at that time, Mr. Sells was for several years a farmer; but, following in the footsteps of his father, he became a farmer, and now has an estate of 230 acres, located on the banks of the Holston River. He was married in 1847 to Rebecca, daughter of William Bond. They have three sons and four daughters. Mr. Sells is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is in favor of prohibition. His residence is one of the old land-marks, being noted as having been the house in which the first Methodist conference west of the Alleghany Mountains was held. It commands a view of the building in which the famous David Crockett spent his childhood.

George W. Sells, sheriff, was born in this county, April 9, 1826, the son of Samuel and Sarah (Bushong) Sells, the former born in Washington County, Va., in 1795, the son of John Sells. The latter was a farmer, millwright and carpenter, and came to this county when a young man, and died in 1861. The mother, born about 1802, in this county, was the daughter of David Bushong, and died about 1847. Both parents were Presbyterians, of which church the father was an elder. The father afterward married Cynthia Willoughby. Our subject, the fourth of nine children, was educated at Paperville, and remained on the farm until his election as constable, in which capacity he served seven years. After the war he became deputy sheriff, and a year later was elected sheriff, and served two years. After farming until 1886, he again became sheriff, and in September moved to Bristol. In 1867 he married M. M., a daughter of Samuel McCrary. She was born in 1847. Their children are Lucy E., Samuel R. and George C. Our subject and his wife are Presbyterians.

W. A. Sparger, proprietor of the Bristol Cotton Mills, was born at Mount Airy, N. C.,

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charge of a steam hammer. In 1879 Mr. McDade married Sarah A. Shotts, a native of Armstrong county, of German descent, and their children are: Frederick, Bertha, Annie, Robert and Frank. Mr. McDade has secured a comfortable home by his industry, his property including two acres of land, on which he built a house in 1884. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P. and R. A.; he is a Presbyterian and a republican.

T. L. HUGHES, steamboat-engineer, post-office Groveton. Since 1790 this family have been identified with Allegheny county. William Hughes, at that date, immigrated to this county from New Jersey, his native state, with his wife and children, and purchased nearly five hundred acres in Robinson township. He was remarkable for his great strength and physical endurance. Adam Hughes, his son, was born in 1785, and at the death of his father inherited two hundred of the five hundred acres. He married Margaret Logan, of Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pa., whose parents were of Scotch-Irish descent, and came to Western Pennsylvania in an early day. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hughes, four now living: T. L. (the subject of this memoir, born in 1829), Mary A., Sarah A. and Eliza Jane. T. L. is now the only male survivor of the family. He owns thirty-six acres of the original tract purchased by his grandfather. He was born and reared on a farm, but for the last thirty-five years has followed steamboat engineering on the waters of the Ohio and Mississippi. He married, in 1865, Teresa, daughter of William Jones. He is a Freemason and a republican.

JAMES COLE, gardener, postoffice McKee's Rocks, was born Oct. 18, 1825, on Neville island, this county, a son of James, Sr., and Elizabeth Cole. James, Sr., and his four brothers, Rufus, Ivery, George and William, came from Maine to this county in 1814, traveling from the lake by wagon, and first stopped in this county in the old stone tavern where the Park House now stands, in the Ninth ward of Allegheny City. These brothers (now deceased) purchased three hundred acres on Neville island, about one-third of the entire island. James, Sr., was a farmer on Neville island until 1832, when he purchased property in Allegheny City and resided until 1843, engaged in general merchandising. In that year his health failed and he returned to his old home on Neville island, where he spent the balance of his life, dying Dec. 6, 1865, at the age of seventy-four years. He was twice married; first to Elizabeth, daughter of Lewis and Eleanor Davis, and she died Jan. 16, 1839, aged thirty-four years, the mother of the following-named children: James, Eleanor (wife of James Rafferty) and Lewis. In 1841 Mr. Cole married Mary W. Aubrey, of Allegheny City, who bore him one child, William, now a promising physician in Allegheny City. The subject of this memoir was reared on the old homestead on Neville island. He married, Jan. 16,

1854, Margaret M., daughter of William and Mary Jackman, of Ohio township, this county, and by this union there were three children: Harry A., Mary L. (wife of Samuel Frazier) and Elizabeth D. Mrs. Cole died Aug. 27, 1882, at the age of fifty-six years. Mr. Cole came to Stowe township in 1866, where he purchased thirty acres of land adjoining McKee's Rocks village, and has fitted up a beautiful home. Like his father, he has passed an active, useful life. He was the first justice of the peace on the organization of Neville township.

H. R. LONG, farmer, postoffice Mt. Lebanon, was born in Allegheny county, in 1811. James Long, the pioneer of this family, came from east of the Allegheny mountains at an early day and purchased a large tract of land. Born to this early settler were four sons and four daughters. Of these John was born in Allegheny county. He married Annie Gilkenson, who bore him three sons and two daughters. James, the eldest, was born in 1801. He was a blacksmith by trade, and in 1838 married Sarah Richardson, daughter of Hugh and Catherine Richardson, and to them were born two children, of whom our subject is the only survivor. James died in 1846, aged forty-five years. H. R. has always led a farmer's life. He received his education at the public schools and Mt. Lebanon Academy. He was married, in 1872, to Ella J. Lea, daughter of Robert Lea, of this county, and has a family of six children: John R., Sadie Bell, Robert Lea, Annie J., Ella Myrtle and Mary D. Mr. Long owns about 120 acres of land, under a good state of cultivation, which was formerly the James Martin property. He has served his township as auditor. He is a member of the U. P. Church, and is a democrat.

R. LEWIS ROLLER, manager, West Elizabeth, is a son of J. H. and Mary A. (Rhule) Roller, and was born in Williamsburg, Blair county, Pa., in 1857. He was educated at Lewisburg University, after which he studied law for a year, and then entered the railroad office at Altoona; afterward he was engaged as bookkeeper for the Hollidaysburg Iron and Nail company, of Hollidaysburg, and for Cavett & McKnight, of Pittsburgh. Close application to business having impaired his health, he traveled extensively through the west and south, and finally entered the employ of Joseph Walton & Co., at West Elizabeth, as bookkeeper, a position he held four years, when he was made manager of their immense stores at this place. He married, in 1887, Miss Iba H., daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Smith, of West Elizabeth. Mr. Roller is a member of the Pittsburgh Masonic lodge, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church of West Elizabeth, of which he is trustee.

JAMES A. EWING, merchant, postoffice Walker's Mills, was born in this county in 1844, and is a direct descendant from Squire James Ewing, the pioneer of the name, who settled in Allegheny county. Alexander, the

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people. His wife is the eldest daughter of Mrs. William Fletcher, a prominent resident of Wood county. She is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, of Scotch Ridge. They have no children living.

STEPHEN SCHALLER. In the beautiful and historic country of Switzerland, this gentleman was born in February, 1846. His father, Benjamin Schaller, was also a native of "the land of the Alps," and there followed the occupation of farming until 1851, when he came to Wood county, Ohio, accompanied by his family. Here he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1862. His wife bore the maiden name of Rosanna Hanning, and their family numbered nine children—Benjamin, Frederick, Simon and Alexandra, all farmers of Perrysburg township; Lewis, an agriculturist of Middleton township; Barbara, wife of John Mosier; Stephen; Augustus, a farmer of Middleton township; and Rosie, the wife of John Isch, of Lake township.

Mr. Schaller, whose name introduces this review, accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, and attended school in Middleton township. He early became familiar with farm labor on the old family homestead, where he continued until twenty-six years of age, and was then employed on neighboring farms for two years. With the capital thus acquired he purchased eighty acres of land, covered with timber and water. He drained the place, cleared it of the trees, and to-day possesses one of the best equipped farms in Middleton township. A good barn furnishes ample shelter for his grain and stock, the latest improved machinery facilitates his labors, and a pleasant residence stands as a monument to his diligence and enterprise. He is a self-made man in the best sense of that term, and the success that crowns his efforts is certainly well-merited.

Mr. Schaller gives his political support to the Democratic party, and, though he has never been an office-seeker neglects no duty of citizenship, and gives a hearty support to those measures calculated to prove of public benefit. In 1879, at Whitehouse, Waterville township, Lucas county, he married Sarah Moser, daughter of Christ Moser, a native of Switzerland, living in Grand Rapids, Ohio. The children of this marriage are Louisa, Herman, Andrew, Ernest, Bertha, Cora, and Elmer.

WILLIAM ROLLER is the owner of one of the most highly improved farms of the county, and his name stands among the first on the roll

of Middleton township's leading agriculturists. A native of the Buckeye State, he was born in Biglick township, Hancock county, June 8, 1848, and is a son of Michael Roller, who was born in Ashland county, Ohio, March 4, 1822. The grandfather, William Roller, was associate judge of Hancock county, and one of its honored pioneer settlers, while his brother (L. Roller) was the first white man to locate in Scott township, Sandusky county. The father of our subject removed from Ashland to Hancock county, in 1835, and was one of the pioneers of that locality. His father entered 1,200 acres of land from the government, giving to each of his children a farm of 160 acres. He married Elizabeth Swindler, of Jefferson county, Ohio, and they became the parents of nine children: William; Mrs. Sarah Spar, widow of Allen Spar, a farmer of Hancock county; Mary A.; Philimena, wife of Jefferson Huffman, a farmer of Michigan; George W. and Henry, agriculturists of Hancock county; Ida, wife of Samuel Taylor, a Hancock county farmer; Lorana, wife of Edward Vicker; and one who died in infancy. The father of this family was a prominent and highly esteemed citizen, and died on the old homestead in 1885. In politics he was a Democrat, and for a number of years served as township trustee. His widow is still living on the old farm in Hancock county.

William Roller was educated in the common schools, and worked on the home farm until twenty-four years of age, when he came to Wood county, and began farming for himself. Of the ninety-six acres of land which he purchased, and which are now situated in the center of a petroleum field, twenty were cleared, but the remainder was in its primitive condition. With characteristic energy he began to improve this, has drained it by ditching and tiling and now the once wild land yields to him a handsome return for his care and labor, while various improvements stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He has a very pleasant country home, erected at a cost of \$2,000, and a barn, the cost of which was \$1,000, affords ample shelter for the stock, of which he raises good grades. He possesses an unflinching perseverance that is not daunted by obstacles, and his resolute purpose and energy have been the essential factors in his success.

In politics, Mr. Roller is a Democrat, and has served as trustee of Middleton township for one term, and was the Democratic candidate for county commissioner on two occasions, which shows his high standing with his party. He is a prominent, faithful and active worker in the Methodist Church at Dowling, is serving as trus-

tee and steward, and has been both a teacher and the superintendent of the Sunday-school. His home life is pleasant and he has an interesting family. In 1871 he married Martha Ruckman, who was born in Hancock county, April 2, 1847, one of the eight children of James and Hannah (Huffman) Ruckman. Seven children grace their marriage: James T., a very intelligent young man, and a successful school teacher in Dowling; Elizabeth, widow of Charles Clark; Florence, Jay, Mary, Michael and William.

HARRISON B. WOOD, one of the wide-awake and enterprising citizens of Liberty township, was born on October 16, 1852, in this State, and is one of the fourteen children of John J. and Ruhana (Severence) Wood. During his early boyhood his parents removed to Illinois, and he attended school in Astoria, that State; but completed his education in the district school of North Manchester, Wabash Co., Ind. When a youth of sixteen he began to earn his own living by carrying the United States mail from North Manchester to Lagro, Ind., following that pursuit for two years. He afterward worked as a farm hand and in sawmills, and, in 1871, took up his residence in Fulton county, Ohio.

Two years later, Mr. Wood was there married to Elizabeth Crile, and to them has been born a daughter, Lillie, now the wife of Charles Bowen, of Jackson township. They began their domestic life on an eighty-acre farm, which Mr. Wood purchased and operated for some years. He then removed to Henry county, where he carried on the sawmill business, four miles northwest of Grand Rapids, Ohio. In 1886 he brought his family to Wood county, and purchased a farm of forty acres near Bowling Green, which he conducted for about four years. He sold this and bought a sawmill in Center township. Afterward he purchased eighty acres of land in Liberty township, twenty acres of which he later disposed of. He has added to the farm, however, until it now comprises 160 acres, upon which he has erected a large and substantial dwelling and good barns. He has greatly improved the property, and now has one of the most desirable farms in the community. He operates a sawmill upon his place, and also owns one in Jackson township.

Mr. Wood owes his prosperity entirely to his own efforts. A resolute purpose and enterprising perseverance have overcome the obstacles he has met, and his own industry has given him a place among the substantial citizens of his adopted county. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and, while serving as constable of Fulton county

for five years, he proved his efficiency as a public officer.

LUTHER S. PUGH, a successful and enterprising farmer of Richfield township, Henry county, is a native of Weston township, Wood county, born February 3, 1848, son of John Pugh.

Mr. Pugh attended the district schools when a boy, and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-seven years old. In 1871, however, he had commenced life for himself with a capital of \$200, purchasing eighty acres in Milton township, which he improved. In 1872 he bought the sixty-eight acres on which he now resides. In 1883 he secured eighty acres more, to which he added, in 1888, 109 acres, and in February, 1891, 104 acres, making a total of 441 acres, all of which are improved, and on which Mr. Pugh has erected barns, sheds, outhouses, etc. One hundred acres of this land is in timber.

On April 13, 1875, our subject was united in marriage, in Weston township, with Miss Harriet Martin, a daughter of James Martin, and a sister of William Martin, of Weston township. To Mr. and Mrs. Pugh have been born five children, as follows: Rufo M., April 8, 1878; John J., June 12, 1880; William Otis, December 12, 1885; David R., December 30, 1888; Effie S., October 11, 1892. In connection with his farming interests Mr. Pugh has one of the finest stone quarries in the county. Thousands of tons of stone have been used in many of the buildings in Weston, Custar and other towns, and the business brings him in from one to two thousand dollars a year. About forty loads of stone are taken from the quarry every day. He is also a breeder of cattle, and has an excellent stock of Aberdeens, some of which took first prize at the Wood County Fair. Mr. Pugh is one of the most practical farmers in the county, and is looked upon as the leading agriculturist in Richfield township. He is a hard worker, and cleared 125 acres of land, cutting the rails from the timber himself, making a record in one season of 6,000 rails. In this work he has often been seriously injured; his legs have been broken several times, and on two occasions he set the broken parts himself. At another time he had two of his ribs broken.

Mr. Pugh is well known for his philanthropy, and is a liberal contributor to all worthy purposes. On every occasion he has donated twenty-five cents on every dollar's worth of stone purchased from him for church-building purposes. He is progressive, industrious, and one of the substantial citizens of Henry county; he is a

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Ref. History of Wingham, Mass.

Peter Wright
b Norfolk, England 1590-1600
m Alice
To America, Sangre, now Lynn,
in Mass. Colony. 8-1638

Gideon Wright
m Elizabeth Townsend dau. of
Thomas Townsend, who was in
Lynn, Mass. in 1638

Isiah Harrison 1666
b Isle of Wight, Eng.??
d Head of Shenandoah V. 1738
m Elizabeth Wright 1688

Sasuel Lincoln, Emigrant from
Hingham, Eng. to Am. b. 1602
d Hingham, Mass. 5-26-1690
m Martha Lewis 2-24-1622
d 4-10-1693
To Boston 6-20-1637
Apprenticed to Frances Laws.
Sailed with Master to New Eng.
1633 in John & Dorothy of
Ipswich or Rose of Yarmouth.

Mordecai Lincoln # 1. 4th son
b Hingham, Mass. 6-14-1657
To Sciata 1704
d 11-8-1727
m 1-Sarah Jones of Hull, Mass.
d before 1703
m 2-Mary Gannett 4-14-17

Peter Tallman, in Portsmouth,
Rhode Island. In Newton, L.I.N.Y.
6-27-1651

d
m 1-Ann, Taunton, Mass.
m 2-Joen Bridges

George Boone # 1 England 1625 George Boone # 2

b
d
m Sarah Uppey from England

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for the 19th and 50th Reunion, August 15, 1929.

2-Settlers by the Long Gray Trail by J. Huston Harrison.
pages 189 360 361 304 439 121 etc etc.

J.H.H.

3-17th Century Isle of Wight by Boddie. page 652 etc.

B.I.W.

4-The Boose Family by Spraker.

B.F.

5-Cousins by Worth Ray. page 509 etc

T.C.

6-Records of Hingham

H.H.

7-Records of Oyster Bay, L.I. New York, lists the family and
dates.

O.B.

8-Records of Abraham Lincoln by Lea and Hutchinson

L.W.

9-Records of Rock River Conference (brother Ministers R.R.C.
and Laymen)

10-Records of Parents and Grandparents.

11-Records of my gr gr Grandfather Walker's Bible Record.

Jacob Roller
b Cuttenburg, Germany 1720-25
m Mary Hammar
b Cuttenburg, Germany

Michael Roller
b York Co., Penn. ??
m Nancy Weston
b

John Harrison
b
d Linville, Virginia
m Phoebe
b
d Linville, Virginia 10-8-1791
Ref. J.H.H. page 189

Zebulon Harrison
b Long Island, N.Y. 1718
d Long Island, N.Y. 1792
m Morristown, N.J. 7-23-1747
Margaret P. Cravens wid. b 1724
d Rockingham Co., Va. 1800
Ref. J.H.H. page 189 birth, death, marriage

John Harrison
b Rockingham Co., Va. 1749
d Rockingham Co., Va. 1788

Mordecai Lincoln # 2
b 2-24-1686
d 5-12-1736
m 1-Hannah Salter 1711-1714
d after 1720
m 2-Mary Robeson

John Lincoln (Virginia John)
b 5-3-1716
d Rockingham Co., Va. liv. 1773
m Rebecca Flowers to 1792
(Virginia John) Lincoln, brother
of Ann Lincoln (Tallman),
My gr gr gr Grandmother &
Pres. Lincoln's gr Grandmother

m Hannah Lincoln 1772
b Rockingham Co., Va. 3-9-1743
d Will probated 1803
Ref. J.H.H. pages 360-361
Old Burnt Look, p 47, Circleville, Va.
1803 Rockingham Court.

Capt. Abraham Lincoln, brother of Ann
b Berks Co., Penn. 5-3-1744
m 1-Mary Shipley 2-Bethsheba

Benjamin Tallman
b Portsmouth, R.I. 6-28-1684
d Warwick, R.I. 5-20-1759
m 1-Patience Durfee
b Portsmouth, R.I. 9-23-1708
m 2-Deborah Cook 1724

William Tallman
b Portsmouth, R.I. 3-25-1720
d Harrisonburg, Va. 3-13-1791
m Ann Lincoln, Berka 10-20-1740
b Chester Co., Penn. 3-6-1725
d Augusta Co., Va. 12-22-1812

Benjamin Tallman
b Berks Co., Penn. 1-9-1745
d Pickaway Co., Ohio 6-4-1800
Ref. J.H.H. page 439 marriage

George Boone # 3
b Stock, Exeter, England 1666
m Mary M. Maugridge 1689
d Exeter, Berks Co., P. 2-2-1740

Benjamin Boone, Eng. to Am. 1719
b 7-16-1700
Exeter, Berks Co., P. 10-14-1762
m 1-Ann Farmer 1726
m 2-Susannah d 11-5-1734

m Dinah Boone 11-9-1724
b Berks Co., Penn 5-10-1719
d Pickaway Co., Ohio 7-25-1802

Squire Boone bro. to Benjamin
b Bradinch, Eng. 11-25-1696
m Sarah Morgan 6-13-1720

Daniel Boone, 1st cousin to Squire
b 10-23-1721
m Rebecca Bryan 3-24-1740
b 1-9-1739

Ref. Minutes & Workers of
The ... Conference.
(Brother Ministers & Laymen)

Elmore Walker
b abt 1735-40
d abt 1757-60
m Mary Insalle
b abt 1735-40

James O'Brien ???
m Katherine Barnhart or ...
These names are traditional

Richard Walker Bible Record
b Buckingham Co., Va? 3-5-1740
d 3-5-1740
m 1-Martha Smith 6-15-1740
b 11-19-1740
d 8-1-1740
m 2-Mary Broyles 9-1-1740

Leah ...
Liv. in N. Carolina, Dutch ...

...

... 7-14-1855
... of ...
... brother, Ben Coxson.)
... was born in 1800.)

?? Columbian
nio ???

George Washington Roller
b Columbiana Co., O. 2-22-1824
d North English, Ia. 8-16-1905
m Hancock Co., Ohio 10-16-1845

Henry Harrison
b Rockingham Co., Va. 3- -1775
d Pickaway Co., Ohio 11-15-1825
m
Ref. J.H.H. page 439, marriage,
page 360, birth, Will of
Hannah Lincoln.
Marriage bond, Rockingham Co. Va.
Sealed and dated this 27th day
of October, 1802 Benjamin
Tallman gave his consent. n
Death, Family Record of
Susannah Harrison (Roller) of
North English, Iowa.

* Michael Roller
b Hancock Co., Ohio 2-14-1850
d North English, Ia. 7- 1-1928
m
Ref.
* Old Bible Record
of Geo. W. Roller,
North Eng. Iowa.

*
m Susannah Harrison 6
b Pickaway Co., Ohio 11- 7-1825
d North English, Ia. 1-16-1876

Thomas Lincoln b 1780 d 1851
m 1-Nancy Hanks b 1784 d 1818
m 2-Sarah Bush, 1819 d 1864

Abraham Lincoln 16th President.
b Buffalo, Hardin Co., Ky. 2-12-1809
m Mary Todd

m Susannah Tallman 10-27-1802
b Rockingham Co., Va. 2- -1783
d Pickaway Co., Ohio 11-18-1825
Ref. J.H.H. page 439, birth.
Death, Family Record of
Susannah Harrison (Roller) of
North English, Iowa.

Original Bible Records.

Pleasant O'Brien
b Washington Co., Tenn. 4-16-1827
d Newport Twp. Ia. Co. Ia. 4-4- 1866
m Bledsoe Co., Tenn. 12-5- 1824
Martha Hickman Walker
b Granger Co., Tenn. 7-20-1803
d Oxford , Iowa 1- 3-1880

John Washington O'Brien
b Bledsoe Co., Tenn. 10- 1-1827
d North English, Ia. 2-17-1905
m Green Co., Ind. 1- 9-1851

Ref. Original Bible Record
of J.W. O'Brien, No. Eng. Ia.

Eliza Ellen O'Brien 7-17-1855
b Johnson Co. Iowa
d North English, Ia. 11-30-1931

Ref. Old Original Bible Record
of J.W. O'Brien of No. Eng. Ia.

Old Family Letters.

Joel Sexson
b Grayson Co., Va., 5-23-1800
d

Mary Ann Sexson
Green Co., Indiana 7- 7-1831
d North English, Ia. 1- 5-1900

Abigail Davis
b Whitley Co., Ky. 12-18-1805

* Ben Sexson, bro. of Joel Sexson,
married Patsy Davis, sister of
Abigail Davis, our gr Grandmother.

Brothers & sisters, first cousins & born

Nancy Jane Roller
 George Co., O. 12-7-1846
 North English, Ia. 4-6-1933
 Napoleon Roller
 Hancock Co., Ohio 2-5-1848
 Ft Collins, Colo. 4-29-1924

Michael Roller
 Hancock Co., Ohio 2-17-1850
 North English, Ia. 7-1-1928
 Iowa Co., Iowa 12-26-1872
 Eliza Ellen O'Brien
 Johnson Co., Ia. 7-17-1854
 North English, Ia. 30-1933

William Henry Roller
 Hancock Co., Ohio 3-10-1852
 Ft. Collins, Colo. 4-23-1918
 Christina Zelle
 New York City 1855
 Ft. Collins, Colo. 2-23-
 Anna Amelia Roller
 Iowa Co., Iowa 1-25-1855
 8-7-1858

John Ross Roller
 Iowa Co., Iowa 8-21-1857
 Bettendorf, Iowa 3-26-1929
 Hannah Smith
 Keokuk Co., Iowa 11-21-1861
 Bettendorf, Iowa 4-27-1941

Wilson Moore Roller
 Iowa Co., Iowa 3-10-1860
 Keokuk Co., Iowa 3-27-1921
 Iowa City, Iowa 11-21-1881
 George Washington Roller
 Iowa Co., Iowa 8-2-1864
 Farmdale
 Orlita
 Margaret
 Gemette Gillebrat 3-19-1890
 Keokuk Co., Iowa 1-21-1870
 North English, Ia. 6-15-1943

Albert Westburn Roller
 Iowa Co., Iowa 3-15-1866
 Iowa Co., Ia. 11-4-1868
 Mary Elizabeth Roller
 Iowa Co., Iowa 3-16-1869
 5-11-1942
 6-18-1905
 Adopted
 Items Chases
 Mrs Johnson
 P Lorraine, Mrs
 Iowa Co., Iowa

FIRST COUSINS

Brothers & Sisters
 Albert Leslie R. 9-5-1873
 Minnie Jane Roger 11-12-1871
 Roy E. Turnpseed 2-6-1882
 Music Teacher 1864
 Arthur M. Miller 6-20-1900
 Ardie Gamble 1895
 Solomon N. Kennedy 4-3-1877
 John C. Mahannah 12-2-1877
 Teacher 4-5-1881
 Martha Alda Roller 8-25-1884
 Clifford O'Brien 1-4-1887
 died 6-4-1888
 Michael Dean Roller 2-28-1889
 Gladys Carson 9-22-1890
 Ruth Orlita Roller 4-5-1891
 died 6-30-1892
 Ruby Abigail Roller 4-5-1891
 Elmer G. Husted 8-30-1891
 8-27-1891
 Iowa Clara Roller 6-21-1893
 Gene Wilman 12-2-1895
 News Autumn Moore 2-2-1895

George Roller
 Lucinda Roller
 Florence Roller
 Le Roy Roller
 Nellie Grace R.
 Fern R.

Ira Ross Roller 10-10-1881
 Ethyl Suter
 Iowa Phelps
 Jasper Warner
 Richard Hangles
 5-8-1883

Frank Roller
 Oka
 Gladys
 Walter
 Mary

Farmdale
 Orlita
 Margaret
 Hable
 Helen
 Doris

Frank Miller
 Jack Lavelle
 Eeryl Long
 Teugan Elliott
 Constant Gelfer
 Harold Hines

sorted

Emma Hopp 9-25-1885
 Jesse Johnson 9-25-1887
 Roy Pritchard 8-27-1893
 Orla Greener 8-20-1895
 Thomas East 8-11-1901
 8-7-1894
 7-23-1895
 1-3-1891
 10-16-

Frank Miller
 Jack Lavelle
 Eeryl Long
 Teugan Elliott
 Constant Gelfer
 Harold Hines

Harold Hines
 Constant Gelfer
 Teugan Elliott
 Eeryl Long
 Jack Lavelle
 Frank Miller

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of parents of Jesse Walker, brother of
Walker, given in "Worthies and Workers
of the Rock River Conference." (Brother Ministers
and Laymen.)

* Elmore Walker b abt 1735-4
Liv. Buckingham Co., abt 177
Mary Lasalle abt 1758-6

We do not know when or where Elmore Walker was born. We judge dates given above by the date of enlistment of the oldest son, James Walker, who enlisted in the Revolutionary War as a "Beardless Boy", at the beginning of the war, and served until its close having received the rank of captain. James enlisted from Buckingham Co., Virginia. It is probable that his parents were living there at that time. Ref. A letter written in 1911, by Elmore Walker's granddaughter, Lavina Walker (Dickson), of Iowa City, Iowa.

Jesse Walker, son to Elmore Walker, was an early day preacher and a minister and missionary to the Indians.. He was born in Buckingham Co., Virginia, June 9th, 1766. He died at Racine, Wisconsin October 5th, 1835. He was later reinterred at Elainfield, Illinois and a monument erected there in his honor in 1911. He married Susannah Webley 1772, or about that date. She was born in Salisbury District, Rockingham Co., North Carolina in 1757. She died in 1832 at Belleville, St. Claire Co., Illinois.

Richard Walker is the one we are most interested in. He was born on March 30, 1770 in Buckingham Co., Va. we think. He married Martha Smith on June 15, 1793. We know nothing of Martha Smith only that she had two brothers, Joseph and Henry. The next we know of Richard, he is living in Bledsoe Co. Tenn., a widower, his two daughters, Jena and Martha Hickman Walker keeping house for him. He had lived in Granger Co., Tenn. as his daughter Martha was born there in 1803. His wife, Martha Smith, died in August, 1823. Martha Hickman Walker was married to Pleasant O'Brien in 1824 and Richard Walker was married to Mary Broyles, his second wife, in 1825. Pleasant O'Brien moved to Indiana in 1829 and to Newport Twp. Iowa City, Ia. in 1851. J.W.O'Brien came from Indiana to Iowa in 1852, when Pleasant O'Brien was a tiny baby.

Richard Walker's Family Bible Record Follows:

Richard Walker, born March 30, 1770, married June 15, 1793 to Martha Smith. She was born on October 19, 1776.

- Joseph Smith Walker.....son to us, born April 14, 1795.
- Jena Walker.....daughter to us, born October 25, 1797.
- Elmer Walker.....son to us, born September 3rd, 1800.
- Martha Hickman Walker.....daughter to us, born July 20, 1803.
- Richard Walker.....son to us, born February 27, 1806.
- George Washington Walker.....son to us, born Dec. 21, 1809.

Martha...Richard Walker, son to us, Richard and Martha Walker, deceased March 9th, 1807.
Martha Walker, my wife, deceased August 1823, who I promised that if the Lord would by my help, I would try to meet her in Heaven. Elmer, son to us, deceased April 12, 1851.
Richard Walker, deceased Aug. 16, 1859, age 89 years, 4 months and 16 days.

Richard Walker and Mary Broyles, my second wife, were married Sept. 1, 1825.

- Martha Walker.....daughter to us born August 17, 1826.
- Richard Walker.....son to us born Oct. 20, 1827.
- Martha Walker.....daughter to, born Oct. 20, 1827.
-daughter to us, born April 14, 1830.
-daughter to us, born March, 1832.
-and Jesse Walker, twins to us, born January, 13, 1836.
-daughter to us, born July 20, 1833.
-daughter to us, born October 20, 1840.

1-James Walker, Capt. Rev. War. 1-Joseph Smith W. b 4-14-1795
2-Jesse W. b Va. 6-9-1766 2-Jena Walker b 11-25-1797
m Susannah Weblsy b N.C. 17573-Elmore Walker b 9-3-1800

1-Richard Walker O'Brien
b Eledsoe Co., Tenn. 11-16-1825
m Louisa Phillips

3-Richard Walker
b Buckingham Co. 3-30-1770
d 8-16-1859
m Martha Smith 6-15-1793
b 11-19-1776
d 8-1823

4-Martha Hickman Walker
b Granger Co., T. 7-20-1803
d Oxford, Iowa 1-3-1880
m Eledsoe Co., T. 12-5-1824
Pleasant O'Brien
b Wash. Co., Tenn. 4-16-1802
d Newport, Ia. City 4-4-1866

2-John Washington O'Brien
b Eledsoe Co., Tenn. 10-1-1827
d North Eng. Ia. 2-17-1905
m Green Co., Ind. 1-9-1851
Mary Ann Seeson
b Green Co., Ind. 7-7-1831
d North Eng. Ia. 1-5-1900

5-Richard Walker
b 2-27-1806
d 3-9-1807
6-Rev. George W. of Indiana
b 12-21-1809

3-Joseph Wayne O'Brien
b Monroe Co., Ind. 11-3-1829
d Oxford, Iowa 7-4-1902
m Monroe Co., Ind. 12-8-1857
Hester Ann Logan
b Montgomery Co., I. 12-16-1838
d 2-20-1897

SECOND MARRIAGE

HALF BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Richard Walker
m 2-Mary Broyles 9-1-1825
b 9-5-199

7-Elizabeth Walker
b 8-17-1826
d infancy

4-David Walker ?? 1780
m Phoebe Finley ??

Broyles
8-Daniel Walker 10-20-1827
9-Margaret Ann W. 10-20-1827

5-Elmore Walker

10-Mary Walker
b 4-13-1830
m John Wittenburg, Texas 777

5-Tanda Walker

11-Lavina Walker
b 3-1832
m John Dickson 6-19-1862
b N.Y. 10-8-1827
d Oxford, Iowa 1-9-1898

7-Zecharias W.

12-Flavous Josephus
b 1-13-1836

8-Jane Walker
m 1-Mr. Arnet
2-Mr. Mills

13-Jesse Walker
Rhea Co., Tenn. 1-13-1836
d Durham, N.H. 10-16-1916
m Elizabeth Buckley
m North English, 1-1874
b Hancock Co., O. 11-16-1843
d Iowa Co., Ia. 2-6-1888

9-Susan Walker
m Mr. James

1-Dick Walker
m Pearl
1-Geraldine Walker
m Roy Bong
2-Jessie Walker

10-Elizabeth Walker
m Mr. Pecary or Pecary

2-Aime Walker
m Charles Simons
1-Elmer Sisters
m Warren Smith

14-Tennessee Walker
b 7-20-1838

15-Funice Walker
b 10-20-1840

4-Pleasant Warren O'Brien
b Monroe Co., Ind. 11-6-1831
d Castle Rock, Colo. 9-12-1911
m Monroe Co., Ind. 11-5-1868
Margaret Agnes Smith
b Co., Downs, Ireland 8-1-1886
d Castle Rock, Colo. 8-10-1914

5-Eliza Jena O'Brien
b Monroe Co., Ind. 10-2-1833
d
m Thornton Ford
b
d

6-Elizabeth Elmira O'Brien
b Monroe Co., Ind. 3-6-1836
d Denver, Colo. 11-2-1922
m Hugh McCleery 4-29-1858
b Ireland 6-4-1839
d Oxford, Iowa 2-24-1911

7-Martha Ann O'Brien
b Monroe Co., Ind. 9-6-1838
m Benjamin Whittington

8-Susan Katherine O'Brien
b Monroe Co., Ind. 8-16-1840
d Oxford, Iowa 2-10-1920

9-Mary Ellen O'Brien
b Monroe Co., Ind. 7-2-1843
d Texas 1918
m Robert Speers 1868
b Fallanena, Ireland 1841
d Texas 1918

10-Elmer George O'Brien
b Monroe Co., Ind. 8-24-1845
d Wellington, Kansas 7-26-1927
m Julia Ann Whittington 1-28-1868
b Sumnerfield, Ohio 7-17-1840

William Sexson
 b Ireland ???
 d Kentucky
 m
 Leah Free
 b Live in North Carolina

Mr. Davis
 m Rebecca Lovin

1-Joel Sexson b 5-23-1800
 b Grayson Co., Va.
 d Indiana
 m Indiana

 m Abigail Davis
 b Whitley Co., Ky.
 b 12-18-1805
 d Indiana

1-Rebecca Lovin Sexson
 b Whitley Co., Ky. 7-13-1823
 d Bloomfield, Ind. 8- 8-1903
 m Addington Walker

 Mary Ann Sexson
 b Green Co., Ind. 7- 7-1831
 d North English, Ia. 1- 5-1900
 m Green Co., Ind. 1- 9-1851
 John Washington O'Brien
 b Eledsoe Co., Tenn. 10- 1-1827
 d North English, Iowa 2-17-1905

2-Lemmel Boon Sexson
 b Whitley Co., Ky. 10-16-1824
 d Switz City, Ind. 6-14-1914
 m Mary Alexander
 2-Man Leonard
 3-Kate Leonard d 11- 1925

COPY OF OLD LETTER

" Dear Niece Feb.17,1902

Grandfather Sexson came from Ireland, just he and one brother, Ben Sexson. Those are all the names I ever heard of who came to this country. I think their parents came with them but I do not know if they were living when Grandfather was stolen by the Indians when he was a little child in Virginia or North Carolina and kept for 15 years before he got away."

Popcorn, Indiana
 August 31, 1902

" Dear Niece

You asked if Grandfather's name was William. Yes, his name was William Sexson.

After father died, I wanted to ask him so many things. Mother told me many things and she came here to live with Mr. Long.

She is 79 years old and does not remember the particular things that I asked her. I can only say that he rode to the Indian country with her father and I am sure he was there. I do not know where he was buried, but I am sure he was buried in the Indian country. I never saw his grave. I am sure he was buried under an apple tree in the Indian country, a place he chose himself. I am sure it was marked with a tree trunk headstone and a cross and compass on it."

From Your Aunt Leave Rainbolt.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ABIGAL DAVIS

- 1-William Davis
- 2-Polly Davis
- 3-m Mr. Parks
- 3-Patsy Davis
- 4-Linnie Davis
- m Mr. Edwards

BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF JOEL SEXSON

- 1-Ben Sexson
- m Patsy Davis, sister of Abigail Davis.
- 2-Archie Sexson
- 3 Isaac Sexson
- 4-Enoch Sexson
- 5-Free Sexson
- 6-Jacob Sexson
- 7-James Sexson
- 8-Wm. Sexson
- 9-Harrel Sexson
- 10-Eson Sexson
- 11-Ollie Sexson
- m Mr Snyder
- 12-Peggy Sexson

3-John Granville Sexson
 b Whitley Co., Ky. 4-27-1826
 d Perkins Co., Nebr. 3-13-1896
 m Patsy Walker
 d 5-20-1896

4-Isaac Free Sexson d infancy

5-William Alexander Sexson
 b Monroe Co., Ind. 2-19-1829
 d infancy

6-Eliza Leah Sexson
 b Monroe Co., Ind. 2-19-1829
 d Indianapolis, Ind. 8-12-1899

7-m Ellis Brandon
 d age 80

7-
 8-Pamela Jane Sexson
 b Monroe Co., Ind. d infancy

9-Golena Rowin Sexson
 b Monroe Co., Ind. 1- 31-1833
 d infancy

10-Oliva Ellen Sexson
 b Monroe Co., Ind. 1- 31-1833
 d Bloomfield, Ind. 5-24-1910
 m Solomon Rainbolt
 d 2- 4-1857
 2-25-1899

11-Carroll Speed Sexson
 b Monroe Co., Ind. 12- 7-1833
 d In Civil War. Single

12-Joel Danton Sexson
 b Monroe Co., Ind. 5-18-1833
 m Mary Lamb

13-Benjamin Swift Sexson
 b Monroe Co., Ind. 3- 4-1836
 d Indianapolis, Ind. 3-22-1896
 m Lucy Freeman
 1-16-1837
 b 1842
 d 9- 1842

My Mother & brothers & sisters
 1-Jeal Pleasant O'Brien
 b Green Co., Ind. 11-6-1861
 d North Eng. Ia 5-17-1903
 b Millersburg, Ia 7-25-1876
 Emma Isabelle Williams
 b North Eng. Ia. 9-7-1856
 d Canoga Park, Cal. 8-13-1953

My bro.sis.& First Cousins
 Joseph Columbus O' 7-4-1877
 Mary Alta O'Brien 9-28-1878
 Ida Belle O'Brien 11-19-1880
 John Williams O'B 1-15-1883
 Lois Zelma O'Brien 9-14-1884
 Abbie Ellen O'Brien 5-4-1888
 Clarence Glen O'B 5-29-1892
 Homer Pleasant O'B 1-20-1894

Married
 Carolina Hoyman 7-16-1877
 died 8-8-1882
 Teacher
 Ethel Fay Barry 10-3-1889
 Mrs Elis. Miller 7-18-1884
 Guy Messenger 5-18-1888
 Frances L. Watland 7-18-1898
 Marie M. Keamey 11-17-1898

2-Elisa Ellen O'Brien
 b Johnson Co., Ia. 7-17-1854
 d North Eng. Ia 11-30-1933
 b Iowa Co., Iowa 12-26-1872
 Michael Roller
 b Hancock Co., Ohio 2-14-1850
 d North Eng. Iowa 7-1-1928

Albart Leslie R. 9-5-1873
 Effie Bell Roller 1874
 Nellie Susannah R. 8-17-1876
 Mary Edith Roller 3-19-1878
 Jessie Ethel R. 4-5-1880
 Richard Ernest R. 4-5-1880
 Inez Irene Roller 6-27-1882
 Martha Alda Roller 8-25-1884
 Clifford O'Brien R. 1-4-1887
 Ruth Orlita Roller 4-5-1891
 Ruby Abigail Roller 4-5-1891

Minnie J. Troger 11-12-1871
 Roy B. Turnipseed 2-6-1882
 Music Teacher
 Arthur Miller 3-3-1876
 Solon N. Kennedy 4-3-1877
 Myrtle Gamble 8-3-1883
 J. Clark Mahannah 12-2-1877
 Teacher NIED. 1944 OR 1900-ORING
 died 6-4-1888
 died 6-30-1892
 1-Elmer G. Husted 8-30-1891
 2-Earl VeVerka 7-28-1891
 Gladys Carson 9-22-1890
 Gene Wiman 12-2-1895
 Neva Autumn Moore 2-2-1895

MARTHA LIVED IN SEATTLE
 AND TAUGHT SCHOOL FOR
 YEARS. WE KNEW HER
 FROM 1930 UNTIL DEATH.
 WM. A. ROLLER, SON OF J. T.
 ROLLER, G. SON OF WM OF
 DOWLING OHIO. G. & SON OF
 MICHEL ROLLER.

Michael Dean Roller 2-28-1889
 Iowa Clare Roller 6-21-1893
 Wilson Napoleon R. 12-6-1896

Jessie M. Goodwin 1-3-1887
 Julia Walty 4-9-1885
 died 12-20-1888
 Grace Belle Butler 1-10-
 Wm. Ellis Clark 3-17-1882
 Alma Coe Morgan 1-3-1891
 Jesse McIntire 6-20-1887
 Teacher
 Ben Bedford 12-12-1894
 Louise C. Bedford 11-22-1896
 Bert Croy 2-2-1901
 died 8-15-1902

3-Richard Speed O'Brien
 b Johnson Co. Iowa 12-17-1856
 d Gallatin, Mo., 10-24-1933
 b Sigourney, Iowa 9-3-1879
 Jessie Hall
 b Keckuk Co., Ia. 1-6-1862
 d Gallatin, Mo. 12-24-1938

Robert Wilson O'B 9-10-1880
 Roscoe Willis O'B 5-17-1882
 Susan Luella O'B 10-5-1883
 Leon Edwin O'Brien 1-31-1885
 Mary Louise O'B 7-28-1886
 Frank Leslie O'B 7-14-1888
 Edith Estell O'B 3-20-1890
 Jessie Irene O'B 1-27-1892
 Elva Lillian O'B 5-29-1894
 Charles Richard O'B 6-10-1896
 Eunice Maud O'Brien 5-7-1899
 Esther Leona O'B 4-27-1902

Hugh L. Dalton 7-17-1883
 Bessie Nottingham 10-25-1887
 Clarence Lanham 3-4-1883
 Teacher
 1-Mable McKinney
 2-Freda Griese
 Warren Macy
 Ruth Trotter 2-

4-Martha Abigail O'Brien
 b Johnson Co., Iowa 3-4-1859
 d Lincoln, Nebr. 8-7-1928
 b Iowa Co., Iowa 2-15-1880
 Wm. John Mahannah 9-7-1856
 b Lincoln, Nebr. 1944

Delphia Grace M. 2-9-1881
 Harry Guy Mahannah 12-15-1883
 Nellie Fern M. 10-13-1885
 Mary Blanch M. 3-28-1888
 Charles Clifford M. 11-22-1889
 Eulalia Sophia M. 11-21-1899
 Wm. Richard M. 12-21-1902

Leo Smith 1-8-1885
 1-Sidney Olecott 7-5-1885
 2-Washington Yala
 3-Harvey Olecott
 Ethel Monty
 Anna Isabelle Miller 2-1887
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5-Baby Boy died infancy
 6-John Granville O'Brien
 b Iowa Co., Iowa 5-28-1863
 d St Croix Falls, W. 4-5-1947
 b Flora Evans 9-12-1883
 b 1-25-1889

Zelma Ione O'Brien 7-9-1889
 Mary Opal O'Brien 3-5-1891
 John David O'Brien 11-6-1897
 Earl Lorraine O'B 1-12-1898
 Clie Marie O'Brien 11-14-1901
 Cleone O'Brien 6-27-1919

Tom Mulhern
 Teacher

7-Anna O'Brien
 b Johnson Co., Ia. 2-18-1865
 d North Eng. Iowa 3-18-1948
 8-Elizabeth O'Brien
 b Johnson Co., Ia. 6-8-1871
 d Johnson Co., Ia. 2-12-1945

Joseph Boon O'Brien, twin to Mary, died infancy, Sept. 1872.

Michael Roller Died Sunday, July First

Michael Roller, son of G. W. and Sarah Roller was the third of a family of ten children composed of seven boys and three girls. He was born in Belmont Co., Ohio, February 14, 1846, and died at North English, Iowa, July 1st, 1925, at the ripe old age of 78 years, 4 months and 17 days.

When but 5 years of age he came with his parents, in a covered wagon to Iowa where his father had previously purchased from the government the land now known as the G. W. Roller farm, 2 and 1/2 miles north of North English. Here he grew to manhood, leading his parents through the struggles and hardships encountered in those early pioneer days, in establishing a home on the frontier, attending the country schools when he could be spared from home.

On October 26, 1872, he was married to Eliza O'Brien, daughter of James O'Brien and 9 daughters. One son and 1 daughter died in infancy and Alvin died November 27, 1925.

His occupation of working at the farm made a short time and attending a few terms of school his usual work. He had been ill of some kind in this he took great interest and a modest pride. He was energetic and painstaking in every field, being a model of workmanship. Early in life he united with the church and was true to its obligations to the community.

In 1919 he moved from North English where he had lived a quiet life. He had been in poor health for several months, gradually sapping his strength, and came however quite suddenly last Sunday morning, when but a few minutes warning he passed to his eternal reward. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and eleven children who will greatly miss him as a kind and loving husband and father and as a counsellor whose advice was always cherished by his children.

The surviving children are: A. L. Roller of Graham, Texas; Mrs. R. E. Turnipsced of Sioux Falls, S. D.; Miss Nellie Roller of Mt. Pleasant, Ia.; Mrs. Art Miller of North English; Mrs. S. N. Kennedy of Laredo, Mo.; R. E. Roller of Enterprise Oregon; Mrs. J. C. Mahannah of Cedar Rapids; Martha A. Roller of Seattle Wash.; Mrs. Earl Viverka of North English; Mrs. Jean Wiman of Imogene, Iowa; and Wilson N. Roller of Cedar Rapids. Besides these he leaves two sisters, Nancy Jane Roller of North English and Mrs. Mary E. Johnston of Ames, and three brothers John R. of LeClaire, Ia., Wilson N. of Canada, and Geo. W. of North English.

ELIZA ROLLER EARLY SETTLER DIED THURSDAY

Was One of the Pioneers of Iowa County; Attained Age of 79 Years, 4 Months and 13 Days.

Mrs. Eliza Roller died at her home on Thursday morning, Nov. 30th, about 9 o'clock, following an illness of many month's duration.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist Church at 1:30 Saturday afternoon with the Rev. J. H. Krenmyre of Montezuma conducting the services and assisted by the Rev. Edward Bellows. Interment was made in the North English cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Richard Owen, Orval Fry, Lloyd Blekford, Jack Lavelle, C. C. Gaiser, and Frank Mullin.

Obituary

Eliza Ellen O'Brien, daughter of Mary Ann and John W. O'Brien, was born near Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa, on July 17, 1854 and died at her home in North English, Iowa, November 30, 1933, at the age of 79 years, 4 months and 13 days.

She came with her parents to Iowa County near Homestead when she was a small child.

about 1856 they moved to the O'Brien farm, north of town, from which place she was married to Michael Roller on December 26, 1872.

Her entire life was spent in this community. She moved to North English in the year 1920. She was the mother of fourteen children, 5 sons and 9 daughters; 3 sons and 1 daughter having preceded her in death.

The children surviving are: Lee, He Roller of North English; Mrs. Effie Turnipsced of Sioux Falls, S. D.; Mrs. Edith Miller, North English; Susie Roller, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Jessie Kennedy, Laredo, Mo.; Mrs. Inez Mahannah, Cedar Rapids; Martha Roller, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Ruby Veverka, Montezuma; Mrs. Clara Wiman, of Shenandoah, Iowa; and Wilson Roller, Dubuque, Iowa.

Two sons, Dean and Richard, passed away several years ago. A son and daughter died in infancy.

She was left a widow on July 1, 27. She is survived by two sons, 1 eight daughters, one sister, two brothers and numerous relatives and friends.

Her life in the community was felt as that of a faithful Christian with a heart full of love and a welcome for all could be felt.

Martha Roller's father & mother.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

the board of lady commissioners; a writer of both prose and verse; address, Harrisonburg.

Price, Wm. T.: Clergyman, editor, and author; born near Marlinton, W. Va. (his present home), July 19, 1830; from 1869 to 1885 was a citizen of Rockingham—pastor at New Election. During this period he published the *Young Virginian* (q. v.); he also took much interest in education (see page 302, above). He has contributed extensively to periodicals, and is author of:

"Memoirs of Rev. John Pinkerton" (pastor of Mossy Creek Church, Va.).

"Memoirs of Dr. J. H. Scott" (of Beverly, W. Va.).

"History of Pocahontas County."

"Semicentennial History of Greenbrier Presbytery."

"On to Grafton." Etc.

Richcreek, W. A.: A resident of Bridgewater; for many years a contributor to the press, local and national.

Rohr, Will S.: Under pseudonym "Singlesticks" wrote "The Mountaineer," a tale of the war, published as a continued story in 1866 in the *Old Commonwealth*; in 1868 was associate editor of the *Southern Musical Advocate*, in which he published "Wishtaneta," a serial, founded on a legend of the Joe's Creek Valley.

Roller, John Edwin: Born near Mt. Crawford, 1845, son of Peter S. and Frances Allebaugh Roller; graduate, Va. Military Institute, 1863; soldier, C. S. A.; member of Va. Senate, 1869-1873; appointed major-general of the 3d division of the Virginia militia, January, 1872; lawyer, lecturer, antiquarian. He has made a collection of rare books, manuscripts, etc., that cannot, perhaps, be duplicated in America. Among his published addresses are the following:

1900—"The Reformed Church in Schlatter's Day."

1907—Address before Neff-Rice Camp, U. C. V., New Market, Va.

1909—Address of welcome, made at Harrisonburg before the annual conference of the Church of the Brethren.

See page 282 above.

A HISTORY OF

Roller, Robt. Douglas: Born in Rockingham, near Mt. Crawford; received degree of D. D. from W. Va. University. 1894; now rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston. has served in various honorable and responsible positions in the councils of the church; author:

"Richardson—De Priest Family" (8vo, 50 pp.); gave valuable assistance to Bishop Peterkin in the preparation of "A History and Record of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of West Virginia" (8vo, 876 pp., 1902). Dr. Roller is a brother of Gen. John E. Roller, of Harrisonburg.

Salyards, Joseph (1808-1885): Scholar, teacher, philosopher, poet; writer of prose and verse; in 1874 his chief work "Idothea; or, The Divine Image" (16 mo, 308 pp.), was published by Henkel, Calvert & Co., New Market.—See pages 288-292, above.

Showalter, William Joseph: Journalist and author; born near Dale Enterprise, July 10, 1878; present address, Washington City. For a number of years Mr. Showalter has been one of the best known syndicate writers of the national capital. His schooling was received at Bridgewater, Mt. Clinton and other places in Rockingham, and his first experience in newspaper work in Harrisonburg. His great book, "The American Government" (1911), written for F. J. Haskin, is attracting unusual attention. His articles on the Panama Canal are regarded as among the best, if not the best, published. One appeared in the National Geographic Magazine for February, 1912. Mr. Showalter is now publishing a large volume on the Panama Canal. His reputation is becoming not only national, but international.

Snell, Walstein M.: Born in Harrisonburg, Oct. 7, 1888; business man and occasional author:

1911—"The New Tutor" (played in Harrisonburg; sold to a New York firm).

1912—"The Artist's Model" (played in Harrisonburg).

1912—"The Freshman's Prestige" (in preparation).

Strayer, Joseph S.: Born in Rockingham, 1853; died near Port Republic, July 25, 1896; wrote much, and very well

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Brothers for a time, next by McConnell & Church about four years, was with George C. Campbell & Company, and also with L. S. Cole & Company.

Mr. Butler has had about ten years' experience in the grocery business. He now carries a full line of fish, staple and fancy groceries, and is one of the most popular business men of Niles.

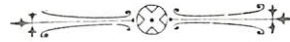
October 14, 1834, at Girard, he was united in marriage with Dora B., a daughter of Joseph and Caroline Lintz. They have one child, Charles Raymond. In political matters, Mr. Butler affiliates with the Republican party, and socially is a member of the Knights of Pythias, No. 138, of Niles.



PROF. FRANK J. ROLLER, superintendent of the public schools of Niles, was born in Washingtonville, Columbiana county, Ohio, a son of Rev. John R. Roller, who was born in Mahoning county, this State, in 1819. The latter was a son of General J. B. and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Roller. The parents had eight children; two of the sons were soldiers in the late war: Samuel J., a member of the One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Infantry, was a prisoner at Andersonville nine months; and William A. was also a member of an Ohio regiment. The father died in 1891, at the age of ninety-seven years. Rev. J. R. Roller was reared and educated in Ohio, has been a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, and is a member of the East Ohio and formerly of the Pittsburg Conference. He was married at the age of twenty-one years, to Hannah Coy, a native of Mahoning county, Ohio, and a daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Boyer) Coy, natives of

Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Roller had six children, viz.: Anna, the wife of J. R. McLaughlin, of Blair, Nebraska; Jennie, wife of Hon. C. N. Snyder, of Columbiana county, Ohio; Mattie, of Niles; Edward I., now of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, South America; Frank J., our subject; and Aaron, deceased at the age of two years. Mrs. Roller died November 12, 1887.

Frank J. Roller was graduated in the classic course at Mt. Union College in 1881. He took charge of the Niles schools as superintendent in 1888. He has twenty-one teachers on his staff. He is now a member of the Trumbull County Board of Teachers' Examiners, has been active in institute work, and is regarded as one of the best educators of the county. The Professor is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican.



WILLIAM W. ROSENSTEEL, a prominent and well-known business man of Mineral Ridge, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1848, a son of Phillip and Phoebe Rosensteel, he a native of that city, and of German and Irish ancestry. He married Phoebe Wright, a native of that place. They had nine sons and two daughters. Three of the sons were soldiers in the late war: Jacob, a member of Hampton's battery of Pittsburg, was discharged as Sergeant; R. C., a member of the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, served over two years, and after the war returned home to Pittsburg. He came to Mineral Ridge in 1889, and was accidentally killed in October, 1891, leaving a widow and four children.

W. W. Rosensteel, the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated in Pittsburg.

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Pemberville, Ohio.

Sept. 23, 1928.

Dear Children:

Well I am all alone,
Hampton and Paul went to
doveling, Papa and Howard
walked out to see if they
could locate any hickory
nuts, if there are any. Mary
Vee, Ellen and Eunice went
for a walk, Joan, Maude, and
Kenneth went to Kopers and
Bernice goes the week ends
to Aunt Percie's, she is
having her teeth fixed up
and then stays over with
Aunt Bernice. She had her
teeth very good but want
to have one fixed and then

Cleaned and the dentist
told her it would take
\$50⁰⁰ to fix her teeth, but
she is having it done, and
will go without some other
things.

I did not go to Grandma
Ward's today as they were
going to Floyd Ward's for
the day, and then I was
just a little glad to be
able to stay at home as I
have been away every
Sunday for so long, but
Kleen always wanted me
to go see her, always would
say, "Maudie I am so glad
you came." I was there
Monday night, and she
died at 5 o'clock Tuesday
morning. I wanted to
stay all night but she

2.
I forgot to tell you George
De Varona, 2 Merritt Jameson
Uncles Mike and Will sang for
Kellie's funeral and Grace
De Varona played
said no you will have
enough to do to get the
children ready for their
grandfather's funeral, so
you go home, but come
back after that. She was
always so unselfish and
thoughtful for others. She
talked to Gracelpa Ward
for about an hour before
she died. She had so
many friends, 26 Great
pieces with cards on to
be answered besides
others. A beautiful one
of Lillie from those
people that she visited
in Washington, one from
the New York Central office

in Cleveland, one from
the Bell telephone girls in
Toledo, O., I will not try to
tell you all of them.

Grandpa had such a lot
of beautiful flowers too
I haven't been there since
he was buried. I have
had so much to do since
I came home, I haven't
had any peaches yet and
would like some pears and
grapes.

I was very glad to know
that Grandma has such a
fine baby bag, I have material
for a little nest to send
to it, I am going to let
her make it she can
work a pretty little design
and tat or crochet a little
ruch and sew nests for

it she does such nice work and I don't have time, I tried to get a slicer but could not get one but maybe later.

yes it will be lonely for grandma Roller this winter but she is going to stay there and I guess Aunt Mary Ann too as they do not know what else to do with her. She would not go with the girls.

We have quite a lot of these big white bush beans, you know like we raised down there. I had string beans and chicken for dinner today. I have 64 cans

34
of tomatoes canned and
I don't know how much
soup but will make more
and some preserves.

O. I must tell you Mrs. Roper
made my Cleopatra veil last
week so I could go to a
party, last Thurs. at the
home Mrs. ^{(Anna) Wags.} (Judge) Frise in
B.G. it was an "old friends
party" her sister Daisy, from
California. The party consisted
of girls raised in Cambridge
when we were girls. I will
send you the clipping if
I can get one so you
can see who all was
there. we had a fine time
She has a wonderful home
Her husband took up a whole
roll of films to get a picture
of us if they could, it wasn't

a very good day for taking pictures, she said if they were good she would send each of us one. Her daughter had just returned from Europe and she showed us the things she brought back and explained about them and we had a fine lunch at 1. P.M. I will send you a piece of my dress and the rose colored is my slip. Aunt Pearl was sick and could not eat any of the lunch.

I know she was sorry, Ha! Ha! yes Hampton and Hannah have had a birthday, Hampton is 24 and Hannah 7 she can remember and use

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more large words than
any two of the others.

We were sorry that Fernie's
wheat was spoiled I hope
it isn't as bad as they thought.
I think your father vaccinated
his calves against black leg.
Will you hear who Mr Brinkley
will marry? Paul sure
laughed to think you that
Phillip should have the experienced
interior decorating, on the
Carter home. What does
Mercede do? Forrest Night
was operated on, last week,
for append., George Garrow is
studying to teach now.

If you have left over rice or
can cook some, take some
hamburger and brown it
and add a small can of your
tomato soup and your rice

you know about how
much rice would make
you a dinner I suppose
a 1/2 to 3/4 lbs. would be meat
enough and if you don't
use your soup brown your
onions with it and some
strained tomato.

Monday Morning

I'm not going to
write any more only
say good bye

Lovingly
Mama

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14 Oct. 1917

Juniata, Pa. Oct 14

dear Sam: - I really
wants to write to you and
did not know how to
start it, so I knew you
would know this is from
me and when I write you.

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good Bye

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Dear Soma:- Irene
wants to write to you and
didn't know how to
start it so I knew you
would know this is from
her. I went over to Mr.
Crosen to pick up
apples. Mr. Sours
took Papa to the mower
Mama made some
Taffy.

Good By
from
Irene

HUSBAND'S NAME RICHARD FERNE MARSHALL
 When Born MARCH 20, 1929 Where ARCOLA, VA.
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died _____ Where _____
 When Buried _____ Where _____
 When Married APRIL 20, 1984 Where ARLINGTON, TEXAS
 Other Wives (if any) Number (1) (2) etc. (1) JANE LARUE MOYER
 His Father EMMETT FERNE MARSHALL His Mother's Maiden Name ZELMA BERNIS ROLLER

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME CAROL ANN GOWEN
 When Born GAINSVILLE, TEXAS Where OCTOBER 25, 1942
 Christened NOVEMBER 1968 Where BEDFORD, TEXAS
 When Died _____ Where _____
 When Buried _____ Where _____
 Other Husb. (if any) Number (1) (2) etc. DONALD VERNON OSTRANDER (DIVORCED)
 Her Father WILLIAM O. GOWEN Her Mother's Maiden Name THELMA LUELLA TAYLOR

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			State or Country	WHEN DIED			Married
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	3											Date _____ To _____
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327 Bon Air Drive
Sidney, OH 45365

August 27, 1986

Jay P. Roller, M. D.
14 Green Wing Teal Road
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Dear Jay,

Ray and I attended the 107th Roller Reunion near Salem July 27th and enjoyed the occasion very much. Sorry you could not be there this year; we missed you. Among the attendees were Mrs. Bertha Roller Ash, 98 years old and amazingly agile and sharp, and Elizabeth Shearer with whom I had corresponded several times but had not previously met. A visitor, Rev. Robert Roller, of the Church of the Brethren in New Philadelphia, OH, came in the afternoon. He is a descendant of Johannes Roller (d. 1816) who lived in Virginia not far from Johan Peter Roller (d. 1797). As you know, in the early years of the reunion there were visits by members of the Johan Peter line but so far as I know this is the first ever from Johannes' family.

Mr. Glatzle recently sent information he has found on Rollers who came to the U. S. in the 1800's. One of these immigrant families was the ancestral line of Dr. Wendell F. Roller, now retired, who lives in Illinois. He is of the family which lived in Montgomery Co., OH and pronounced the name differently. I recall you met two sisters of this line some years ago. This family of Rollers came from Balingen, approximately 30 miles from Kuppingen, where our Jacob came from.

Dr. jur. Ernst Roller who made an exhaustive study of the origin of the family name also was of the Balingen branch. He thought there might be a connection between the Roll and Roller names but was unable to find proof. Also he tried to find a connection with "Roller," a son of Machtolf, governor of Gltstein, but did not find any. I'm sure Ernst Roller, a highly educated man of the legal profession with a strong interest in tracing his family name, left no stone unturned in his research. Unfortunately we will probably never know how the Roller surname evolved. The word "roller" has various meanings and usages in the German language as well as in English so there do not seem to be any clues in the word. Many names can be translated but not ours. So we will always wonder, won't we?

It seems that at the time our Jacob came to America there were three concentrations of Rollers, at Kuppingen, Wildberg and Balingen and vicinities. Of course there were Roller families in other locations as well. I'm surprised how many there were.

It is very difficult, if not impossible, to get proof of family data earlier than the 1500's due to the lack of records. Perhaps those with nobility in their ancestry can go further back but I don't believe we can claim such distinction. We are extremely fortunate to have learned all we have about our Roller and Hammer ancestors. Without Mr. Glatzle's expertise, diligence and interest, we would never have traced Jacob and Mary beyond Pennsylvania. I am delighted and amazed at our good fortune.

Thad Lora had planned to present to the reunion a report on a coat button which was once owned by our immigrant Jacob. This was to include a picture and information on who has held it down through the years. Unfortunately Thad was unable to prepare the paper because of additional information received just a short time before the reunion and his extra heavy schedule at work. In fact, when we were there he had worked long hours for three weeks without a single day off and was required to work the day of the reunion. He was exhausted. So we'll have to be patient and wait for the button story.

Did you hear from the reunion secretary about the article and chart I presented to the reunion? She was to handle distribution of the copies to those who were not present. To be sure that you receive a copy I am enclosing one herewith. It even includes some new pieces of information received from Mr. Glatzle since the reunion. I never dreamed we would learn so much about our ancestors who lived so long ago and far away.

We have been very aware of the severe dry weather conditions your part of the country has suffered this summer. Did you have a garden planted as usual? I hope it was not a complete loss.

This year we did not take my mother to Salem as we thought it was too long a trip for her. For someone nearly 88 she is in reasonably good health but is unsteady on her feet and her memory becomes less reliable all the time. She is still in her own home, where of course she is happiest, and my brother lives with her. Ray and I do a lot of supervision and manage all her business affairs. It keeps us busy.

I hope you and Olive have been well. We would be pleased to hear from you. Perhaps you will be visiting in Ohio one of these days; if so, please stop by to see us. Ray sends his best regards to you both.

Sincerely,



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Report of Mr. Glatzle's research
Ancestor chart

OUR ANCESTORS JACOB ROLLER AND MARY AGNES HAMMER

Research into the origins of our immigrant ancestors Jacob Roller and Mary Agnes Hammer reveals that they came to America from Kuppingen and Oberjesingen, Wurttemberg. These are neighboring villages one mile apart located about 20 miles southwest of Stuttgart, West Germany.

The Christian name "Jacob" was used repeatedly by the Roller families in numerous communities of 18th century Wurttemberg; however, there was a baptismal record for only one Jacob Roller in Kuppingen in the decade 1720 to 1730, the time period of our ancestor's birth. This was the son of Cunradt Roller and his wife Magdalena Funk who, according to church records, had a family of four children:

Maria Barbara	born 28 October 1708,
MAGDALENA	BORN 26 OCTOBER 1712, DIED 13 FEBRUARY 1717,
Magdalena	born 30 October 1718, DIED 6 MARCH 1737,
Anna Maria	born 26 March 1722,
Jacob	born 6 July 1727.

We do not yet have documentation that precisely identifies this Jacob as our ancestor Jacob Roller who arrived in America on the Ship Ranier 26 September 1749. Collateral evidence, nevertheless, leads us to believe they are one and the same person. Until positive documentation is found we prefer to stamp this report and ancestor chart "tentative" with regard to the Roller data from Germany. The search for proof continues.

Cunradt Roller was a citizen and tagelöhner (day laborer) in Kuppingen. He died 9 January 1742 when Jacob was 14-1/2 years old. Guardianship records following Cunradt's death show he was survived by:

his widow Magdalena,
 dau Maria Barbara, wife of Michel Walz(en), residing in Nagold,
 dau Anna Maria, aged 18 years,
 son Jacob, aged 16 years.

Apparently his daughter Magdalena had died earlier, probably about 1734 or 1734 as there was a notation about her in the Kuppingen church communicants record in 1735, not clearly legible, and she was not mentioned thereafter.* Jacob Beerstecher, cow herder and citizen of Kuppingen, was appointed guardian to the minor children, Anna Maria and Jacob, to protect their rights of inheritance.

* SHE DIED 6 MARCH 1737.

Nearly three years later Cunradt's widow Magdalena died leaving Jacob an orphan at about 17-1/2 years of age. At the time of his mother's death Jacob was working as a servant (farm hand) in the village of Haiterbach according to the Kuppingen register of 1744. This is confirmed by the Haiterbach register of that year which lists Jacob Roller, servant.

We have always understood that our ancestor Jacob Roller came from a family of poor means. This is certainly substantiated by the legacy received by Jacob and his two surviving sisters. Following the death of their mother each of them received one-third of one-half of a small cottage "near to the church." Other items were one children's Bible, one gospel booklet, one psalter booklet, some clothes, bed ware, very poor furniture and utensils, all burdened with charges such as land tax, duties and others. There was also a pharmacy bill in Herrenberg in the amount of 2 fl 41 kr. Ultimately; no one received any groat but, in fact, each of the three children had to pay taxes of 1 fl 11 kr.

Mary Agnes Hammer, who would become Jacob's wife, was born 25 February 1725 in Oberjesingen in the parish of Kuppingen. She was the ninth child of Hans Melcher Hammer and Margaretha Nisslin. Hans Melcher Hammer was a kuchenbäcker (pastry cook), as his father had been, in the village of Oberjesingen.

In 1749 Jacob Roller, at about 22 years of age, left his homeland for distant shores. He sailed from Rotterdam on the Ship Ranier which arrived at Philadelphia on 26 September 1749. Although his signature on the ship's passenger list appears to read Jacob Boller, a comparison with his signature on a deed written 19 May 1796 in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, which also appears to read Jacob Boller, convincingly identifies him as our ancestor. On this same passenger list is the name Hans Melcher Hammer, Mary Agnes' brother, who would later become Jacob's brother-in-law.

According to family tradition, Jacob was a redemptioner and worked three years to pay his passage to America. It appears that during this three year period Hans Melcher Hammer returned to his home in Oberjesingen to bring his family to America. Kuppingen parish records show six children born from 1739 through 1747 to Hans Melchior Hammer and Maria Elisabetha Hämmerlin. They sailed on the Ship Nancy arriving 16 September 1751 at Philadelphia. A comparison of Melcher's signatures on the Ranier and Nancy passenger lists assures us they were written by the same man.

Also arriving 16 September 1751 on the Ship Nancy were Johannes Kohler and family from Kuppingen. Johannes' wife was Maria Agatha Hammer, sister to our Mary Agnes Hammer and Hans Melcher Hammer. Because women and children were not named on passenger lists we have no proof but can logically guess that our Mary Agnes came with her brother and sister and their families. Information on these families was obtained from church records in Kuppingen and "The Adolph Gerber Lists" which were compiled primarily from church records in Germany bearing a notation the families had "gone to America." Unfortunately, it was not customary to make such notations with regard to single individuals.

After Jacob Roller fulfilled his three-year obligation he was married on 8 January 1753 to Mary Agnes Hammer. Their marriage is recorded in the Parish Register, Vol. I, of St. Michael's Church (Lutheran), Germantown, Pennsylvania:

Jacob Roller ein Jung Geselle aus der Gemeine u. Maria Agnes Hammerin, Melchior Hammers ledige Tochter aus der Gemeine sind 3 verschiedene mahl ausgerufen u. d. 8 Jan. 1753 copulirt word.

Baptismal records in the same church register include Jacob and Mary Agnes' sons Johan Jacob Roller, born 14 February 1754, and Johann Melchior Roller, born 27 July 1755. It appears that "Johann Melchior" became known as "Michael." Of interest is another baptismal record at St. Michael's Church, that of Maria Elisabetha, born 29 April 1756, daughter of Johannes Kohler and wife Maria Agatha Hammer. This indicates that the families from Kuppingen stayed near together in the Germantown area.

Family tradition tells us that Jacob Roller and family lived in York County, Penna. for some years before moving west to settle in the Sinking Valley. This is confirmed by a baptismal record at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, York, Penna. for Jacob's son Heinrich, born 27 March 1767. Hammer and Kohler families also lived in York County when our Roller family was there.

We are greatly indebted to our good friend Herr Hans Glatzle of Göppingen, West Germany for his ceaseless dedication to the search for our ancestors. There were many Jacob Rollers in numerous villages in Wurttemberg; the problem was to identify the correct one when we had little specific data to work with. Herr Glatzle, who has been involved in genealogical research for many years, accepted the challenge and for several years travelled the area

contacting Rollers, Hammers, various officials and genealogists, and diligently searching church, civil and archival records. What began as a favor to a friend became a passionate drive to find Jacob. We shall be forever grateful to him. Herr Glatzle is now known as an authority on the Roller families of old Wurttemberg.

After identifying the parents of Jacob Roller and Mary Agnes Hammer and their home villages, Herr Glatzle continued to research both lineages back for several generations into the 1500's. This interesting data is shown in part below and more fully in the accompanying ancestor chart.

Our Roller lineage

Hieronymus Roller
 m. Magdalena ?
 d. before 1579
 res. Kuppingen

Caspar Caleb Roller
 b. 13 Dec. 1572 - Kuppingen
 m. 11 Nov. 1609 - Maria Anselmi
 d. 22 Mar. 1639 - Kuppingen

Hieronymus (Onymus) Roller
 b. 29 Dec. 1613 - Kuppingen
 m. 3 June 1645 - Margaretha Maisch
 d. 3 Mar. 1695 - Kuppingen

Caspar Roller
 b. 12 Feb. 1651
 m. 12 Nov. 1678 - Magdalena Seeger - Kuppingen
 d. 10 Nov. 1705

Cunradt (Conrad) Roller
 b. 1 Feb. 1680 - Kuppingen
 m. 8 Nov. 1707 - Magdalena Funk - Kuppingen
 d. 9 Jan. 1742 - Kuppingen

Jacob Roller
 b. 6 July 1727 - Kuppingen
 m. 8 Jan. 1753 - Mary Agnes Hammer - Germantown, Penna.
 d. ca Jan. 1804 - Sinking Valley, Penna.

Our Hammer lineage

Hans Hammer

Konrad Hammer
 m. Katharina ?
 res. Oberjesingen

Melchior Hammer
 m. 6 Oct. 1574 - Annelin Nufer
 res. Oberjesingen

Melchior Hammer
 b. 6 May 1593
 m. (2nd) 29 Oct. 1637 - Catharina Berstecher
 d. 8 Mar. 1663

Melchior Hammer
 b. 9 Aug. 1658
 m. 5 May 1680 - Barbara Supper - Kuppingen
 d. 9 June 1726
 res. Oberjesingen

Hans Melcher Hammer
 b. 10 Mar. 1685 - Oberjesingen
 m. 24 June 1709 - Margaretha Nisslin
 d. 1746/7
 res. Oberjesingen

Maria Agnes Hammer
 b. 25 Feb. 1725 - Oberjesingen
 m. 8 Jan. 1753 - Jacob Roller - Germantown, Penna.
 d. 1796-1803 - Sinking Valley, Penna.

There is an interesting postscript to the search for our Jacob. As Herr Glatzle checked the multitude of records available he noted the lack of an index of the many emigrants from Wurttemberg. His interest in compiling such a reference tool resulted in his receiving an honorary appointment at the Hauptstaatsarchiv in Stuttgart. Working three days per week, he thus far has compiled an index, now being computerized, of tens of thousands of emigrants, and he is still working on it. Herr Glatzle is able to read the old documents although handwriting and word usage have changed greatly through the years. His index will help untold numbers of descendants in the search for their German ancestors.

Our thanks go also to Robert B. Roller of Media, Penna. for finding Jacob and Mary Agnes' marriage record and to Dorothy Y. Coffman of Malvern, Penna. for finding the birthdates of Jacob (Jr.) and Michael.

We all look forward to the discovery of more information to add to the family history so ably prepared for the 1929 Roller Reunion. Typical as our forebears may have been among our nation's pioneer settlers, these are our very own and we are ever fascinated by the story of their lives.

15 June 1986

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Seven Generations Of The

JACOB ROLLER - MARY AGNES HAMMER

Family

All Roller and Hammer information in Germany provided through research by Herr Hans Glatzle of Göppingen.

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1 JACOB ROLLER

Born 6 July 1727
Where Kuppingen, Württemberg
When Married 8 Jan. 1753
Died ca Jan. 1804
Where Sinking Valley, PA, Huntingdon (now Blair) Co.
Marr. Germantown, PA

Jacob Roller b. 10 Feb. 1754
Michael Roller b. 10 Feb. 1755
John Roller b. 14 Mar. 1757
Baltzer Roller b. 11 Oct. 1758
Mary Roller b. ca 1761
Margaret Roller b. ?
Caleb Roller b. ca 1766
Henry Roller b. 27 Mar. 1767
Philip Roller b. 28 Mar. 1768

3 (MARY) MARIA AGNES HAMMER

Born 25 Feb. 1725
Where Oberjesingen, Wurttt.
When Married 8 Jan. 1753
Died 1796-1803
Where Sinking Valley, PA, Huntingdon (now Blair) Co.

4 CUNRAD ROLLER

Born 1 Feb. 1680
Where Kuppingen, Wurttt.
When Married 8 Nov. 1707
Died 9 Jan. 1742
Where Kuppingen, Wurttt.
Marr. Kuppingen, Wurttt.
Tagelöhner (day laborer)

5 MAGDALENA FUNK

Born ca 1687
Where
When Married 8 Nov. 1707
Died 15 Nov. 1744
Where

6 (MELCHIOR) HANS MELCHER HAMMER

Born 10 Mar. 1685
Where Oberjesingen, Wurttt.
When Married 24 June 1709
Died 1746/7
Where
Res. Oberjesingen, Wurttt.
Kuchenbeck (baker)

7 MARGARETHA NISSLIN

Born 16 July 1682
Where
When Married 24 June 1709
Died ?
Where

CASPAR ROLLER

Born 12 Feb. 1651
Where
When Married 12 Nov. 1678
Died 10 Nov. 1705
Where
Marr. Kuppingen, Wurttt.
Res. Kuppingen, Wurttt.

MAGDALENA SEEGER

Born ?
Where
When Married 12 Nov. 1678
Died
Where
"MADLENA"

JACOB FUNCK

Born ?
Where
When Married
Died ?
Where
Res. Reusten

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Born
Where
When Married
Died
Where

12 MELCHIOR HAMMER

Born 9 Aug. 1658
Where
When Married 5 May 1680
Died 9 June 1726
Where
Marr. Kuppingen
Res. Oberjesingen
Kuchenbeck (Baker)

13 BARBARA SUPPER

Born ca 1658
Where
When Married 5 May 1680
Died 1 Dec. 1735
Where
From Nufringen

14 ULRICH NISSLIN

Born ca 1643
Where Switzerland
When Married 19 Sept. 1671
Died 22 Nov. 1725
Where
Marr. Kuppingen
Res. Oberjesingen
"The Swiss"
d. at age 82y 18w 3d
Celebrated golden wedding 30 Nov. 1721.

15 AGATHA KOPP

Born 25 Jan. 1650
Where
When Married 19 Sept. 1671
Died 12 Dec. 1728
Where

16 (ONYMUS) HIERONYMUS ROLLER

Born 29 Dec. 1613
Where Kuppingen, Wurttt.
When Married 3 June 1645
Died 3 Mar. 1695
Where Kuppingen, Wurttt.

17 MARGARETHA MAISCH

Born ?
Where
When Married 3 June 1645
Died ?
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18 CONRAD SEEGER

Born ?
Where
When Married
Died ?
Where
Res. Unterjettingen

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24 MELCHIOR HAMMER

Born 6 May 1593
Where
When Married 29 Oct. 1637
Died 8 Mar. 1663
Where
Schneider (tailor)
(2d wife)

25 CATHARINA BERSTECHER

Born 19 Sept. 1618
Where
When Married 29 Oct. 1637
Died ?
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When Married
Died
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28 CONRAD NUSSLIN

Born
Where
When Married
Died
Where

29 ?

Born
Where
When Married
Died
Where

(BARTHOLOMAUS) BARTLIN KOPP

Born
Where
When Married
Died
Where

31 MAGDALENA ?

Born
Where
When Married
Died
Where

32 CASPAR CALEB ROLLER

b. 13 Dec 1572 Kuppingen
d. 22 Mar 1639 Kuppingen
m. 11 Nov 1609
33 MARIA ANSELMI
b. Malmshelm
d. 19 Nov. 1635

34 MICHEL MAISCH

b. ? d. 15 June 1637
res. Oberjesingen

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64 HIERONYMUS ROLLER

b. ? d. bef. 1579, farmer, Kuppingen

65 MAGDALENA ?

66 JOHANNES ANSELMI

Res. Malmshelm

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Eighth Generation

96 son of 192 HANS HAMMER
98 son of 196 MICHEL NUFER
102 son of 204 CASPAR AIGLIN (AICHELIN)
103 dau of 206 JACOB-ANTONY DONGUS

COLUMNIST'S FAMILY TREE GETS THE AX

DEAR ABBY: As the mother of 10 children, grandmother of one, aunt of 20, great-aunt of two, and cousin of everybody west of the Mississippi, I have spent years explaining to my offspring the difference between first, second and third cousins, first cousins once-removed, etc. Since my children read "Dear Abby" faithfully, I now have to start all over again.

You told "All Mixed Up" that according to "Webster's New International Dictionary," "the child of one's first cousin is properly called 'first cousin once-removed' but often popularly 'second cousin.'" I wish you had gone on to explain that while that may be "popular," it is not correct.

As you (if not Mr. Webster) know, your first cousin once-removed (one generation removed) is the child of your first cousin; second cousins would be your child and child of your first cousin. As second cousins are children of first cousins, third cousins are children of second cousins. A first cousin twice-removed would be your first cousin's grandchild (who would, of course, be your grandchild's third cousin, and your child's second cousin once-removed).

Abby, when you're trying to marry off 10 children, and you're related to everybody west of the Mississippi you have to know these things.---TERESA BLOOMINGDALE, OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

DEAR TERESA: Thanks for telling me in words instead of sending me a genealogical chart. That's where I got into trouble in the first place. I was doing splendidly with my chart until I

"Ruminations"

By the Descendants of Jay C. and Maude Hampton Roller

During the summer of 1968 (July 26th), Sherman and I spent a few days in Toledo, Ohio. Grandma Roller at that time was staying with Mary Vee and Stanley Eberhart. I taped our conversations on two different occasions. The following is what I have pieced together from playing the tapes April, 1982 and is written in the first person as Grandma (Maude Hampton Roller) talked.

"My wedding dress was light blue, trimmed in white. The dress was long but not dragging the floor. With this I wore a navy blue vest and black patent leather, high top shoes.

"Jay and I were married July 19, 1901 by the Methodist preacher in Waterville, Ohio, in the preacher's home. The Presbyterians did not have a preacher at that time. Mary Roller Garrow, a sister of Jay, and Wilbur Shoemaker stood up with us. Lizzie, Jay's sister, went with us and as far as I remember no other family members were present.

"Jay didn't give me a wedding ring when we were married but one day before we went to live in Virginia, in 1912, he came home with the one I have now. People didn't have bridal showers or parties in those days

"After we were married we went to Grandma Hampton's (Eliza Jane Hampton) home and spent our wedding night. The next night we went to my home and the next night to Jay's home. Then the next day we went to Toledo and bought furniture.

"We went to a furniture store where Jay knew one of the clerks. We bought two beds, a dresser, and carpeting for the dining-room

and the two bedrooms. The dining-room served as a living room. Our furniture cost \$125.00 and we paid for it on time.

"I tell you, for someone who got married I certainly didn't know how to cook! Oh, I knew how to clean, but not cook!

"We always cooked two pounds of beans in my home, one day we would have soup, then the next day baked beans. Jay wanted to know how many pounds of beans he should get at the store and I said two pounds. I cooked the whole two pounds and we had beans, beans, and more beans! I finally said, 'Jay, do you think your folks would take some of the beans?' Grandma Roller was very nice and sympathetic, she never ever said a cross word to me. Jay laughed about the beans and his Mother said, 'Look here young man, she is doing the best she can and I never want to hear another word about the beans! Nothing more was ever said, no matter what I cooked.

"Pa said not long before he died (January 3, 1960), (I guess a lot of things were going through his mind) 'You know Ma, we wouldn't have had anything if you hadn't managed.'

"Our first stove didn't amount to much. It was little and came with the furniture we bought when we were married. Jay went to Findlay one day to have something removed from his face. After surgery Jay went to a place that sold great big cook stoves. People cooked with wood or coal. Pa bought one and had it sent to the house. It was so nice, was all iron, had lids and was a good baker and cooker. The stove lasted a long time.

"Zelma was born on one of Grandpa Roller's farms; we didn't

live there long. Hampton was born in Dowling. Elizabeth came next, then Paul and Irene were also born in Dowling. We started to buy a house and had to pay so much a month on that---maybe \$5.00 or \$10.00, I don't remember.

"Bernice was born (1911) in Haskins. We moved there so Jay could go to work in the oil fields for the Ohio Oil Company. Pa made \$45.00 a month. He drove a buckboard to the fields, had two wild ponies to pull it. He left home before light and worked until after dark.

"When Bernice was six months old, we moved to Sterling, Virginia. Jay and Clyde Clark moved the furniture and loaded it on a box car in Stony Ridge, along with two big horses and a cow. They went on ahead of us.

"We lived in a log house for two or three years (Mary Vee and Howard were born there). It had two big fireplaces and had an upstairs but I never was upstairs. Later on Pa oversaw building of the big house. Ellen, Joan, Maude and Hannah were born in this home.

"I was a very busy person, everyday was the same, all I knew was what went on in those four walls.

"We raised chickens, turkeys, and geese but when we raised turkeys we didn't raise geese. I told Jay he had to build a fence. I wasn't going to have those dirty things for all those little girls to have stuff between their toes.

"I would make nine big loaves of bread a week and two big pans of rolls, cornbread and biscuits if we had 'a colored table'

(black hired hands). I sometimes had field hands to cook for. One time it rained for a week, the men would come everyday and they knew the grain was wet but they would come anyway and stay until after dinner. When the children were coming along, lands I didn't have any appetite! Food made me sick and I thought 'my goodness I don't see how people can eat all the time.'

"Sterling, Virginia was the nearest shopping area and the store at Arcola. During the war, the man that ran the store in Sterling sold Jay a barrel each of sugar and flour. He told Jay, 'You have a large family so whenever you need things let me know.' Jay never skimped on what we needed.

"Jay would take the children to Leesburg in the buckboard. One time Zelma, Hampton and Paul went to Leesburg to a Fair.

"You could catch a train in Sterling for Leesburg or Washington D.C. After Hannah was born I had to have an operation at Sibley Hospital, in Washington, D.C. Jay would get up early, do his chores and then catch the train and come everyday to see me.

"Pa got a black girl, Cinderella, to do the washing and she took right away to Zelma. Zelma was about nine years old at the time.

"Cinderella taught Zelma to darn. I wish you would have seen it! She would just pull the hole together. My grandmother taught me to darn so the edges of the hole would be on the inside. One day I told Zelma she could patch and she never looked to see if anything matched. It was like putting something red on something green. So I had to tell her not to do it that way but Cinderella

thought Zelma was the smartest little girl because she could mend stockings.

"Before I married I taught school for two years; grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 in a two-room school house in Dowling. When I went to school it was a one-room school. I made \$30.00 a month and taught all the "common branches" reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic. We really had to work hard to get it all in. In the afternoon we had grammar, geography and history. I had 40 students and only had one discipline problem that I can remember.

"I had a big boy in the class, an Allen boy, not that that made any difference. His folks worked in the factory. The boy got sassy about noon one day and said, 'I will tell my mother and she will come over here.' The mother was as dark as I-don't-know-what, with her hair streaming down her back. I told him to tell his mother to come right on and I'll meet her at the door with the stove poker. (We had a stove in the school that took four foot-length wood.) She never came, she was afraid to come.

"I don't remember the ages of the students; they were from families at the factory and very poor. Being poor didn't make any difference to me, I taught them what I had to teach them. Everyone was poor, even me. I didn't get rich teaching school.

"When Zelma was little we lived next door to the minister. He and his sister lived together. We visited back and forth. They were visiting us one night and Zelma took her first step. When the minister was back a week later Zelma was running all over the place. The minister thought that was so strange, here last week she had

taken only one step and now she was running all over.

"Jay Roller Marshall was our first grandchild; born July 18, 1925. I took Maude and Hannah to Virginia to see Zelma, Ferne and Jay. (We had moved back to Ohio in 1924.) I don't know how long we stayed, maybe two weeks. Bernice was the 'head one' at home. Irene was at Aunt Bernice's working in the restaurant. Bernice was playing basketball then. Well she would put supper on to cook (I think she had cabbage every night, maybe potatoes) and away she would go to play basketball and let dinner burn. Now Jay had lots of patience and he never said anything when I would go see Zelma and the baby. My, he, baby Jay, was a pretty little fellow. He is a good looking man yet!"

Grandma (Maude Hampton) Roller died February 21, 1970. My mother, Zelma; my brother, Jay; my sister, Carolyn and I flew to Ohio to attend the funeral.

Maude Marshall Henderson
(Granddaughter)
April, 1982

Hampton's Interests After Retirement

Hampton Roller can restore rifles, clean and adjust clocks, cane chairs, raise a garden and make pretty decent wine.

He retired from railroad maintenance twelve years ago, and at age seventy-six gardens, repairs electrical equipment for himself and neighbors, works in the tool shop in his basement and feeds the winter birds. He and his wife enjoy the friendship of the family next door, the three young children stopping by the

barn during the day or after school when they see them out.

Interest in guns started as a boy hunting squirrel in Virginia and later in northwest Ohio when the family returned to the former home of the parents. Gun groups that met for practice shoots and display of guns increased his interest. Library references were obtained and books purchased for information.

Repairs were usually on old guns made by individuals rather than factory made guns. He once built up a missing hammer and nipple on a squirrel rifle with the stock of curly maple. This beautiful gun had been built by a mute man at Napoleon, Ohio.

A custom made rifle from Allentown, Pennsylvania, used for hunting deer and other big game, was restored by remaking a lock plate (an inlay of brass), building up the stock with wood inlay and replacing the wood spring to the latch of the patch box. The gun had originally been a flint lock, later converted to a cap lock (percussion lock).

Hampton said the patch box on the gun held patches of leather, denim, linen, or other cloth to wrap around gunpowder. This caused the powder ball to spin when fired and, when originally devised, enabled outshooting other gunmen. When gunpowder was scarce, as when a hunter or pioneer traveled away from the settlement for a time, the lead was recovered from the killed animal and reused.

Other guns, some of whose makers etched their name on the metal of the gun, Hampton restored by cutting away bad wood in the stock and replaced with good inlay. On some guns he replaced the cap-lock with a flintlock like the rifle had originally.

On a pistol with a twelve inch barrel and a metal thistle design inlay he restored a butt plate hand-made of brass and hand-made the metal bands.

He one time built a gun from a barrel and lock he purchased. He fit the barrel in the stock, made the front and rear sights and added a patch box from a 1912 gun, added two eight-point star inlays made for him by a gun collector and added several other metal inlays of his own making. He added a hand-made butt plate.

A reference he used often for gun history, design and parts was The Kentucky Rifle by Dillin.

Two powderhorns were made from steer horns provided by a Lindsey, Ohio, farmer exhibiting cattle at a Wood County fair. The core of the horn was removed by burying in the ground two to three days. Then the horns - he prefers white ones - were boiled, scraped, cleaned and polished. The large end was capped with wood and held in place by brads. After cutting the small end, from which gun powder would be poured if used, it was drilled, filed and capped with a hand-made moulded metal piece.

The two horns were given to Joan and Dennie Enright and hang as a pair above their fireplace.

He built a wood gun rack, tailor-made for display of nine different size guns.

Some techniques for gun restoration were learned in his railroad maintenance by observing blacksmiths mold metal.

Hampton put old wall clocks back in use by cleaning and regulating the time. He repaired antique school and home clocks

and at present is working on one that gives the day of the month. He says old clocks tolerate a lot of use but must be handled gently and kept in balanced position. He made the wooden shelves on which the clocks in his home sit.

Old furniture such as kitchen and dining room chairs with cane bottoms, a rocking chair, and a spinning wheel were remade. The County Extension office supplied government bulletins with instructions for chair caning and finishing furniture. Once the paint and varnish were removed the wood was left with a plain satiny finish to show the grain of the oak, maple or cherry wood.

He once made a picture frame of wood from the gray, weather-beaten family barn that had stood where his family lived. The wide hole of a barn nail is in the frame as evidence of the barn nailing in the late eighteen hundreds.

His interest in the history of railroading grew during his railroad years. In the kitchen of his home is a wall lamp from a Hocking Valley Railroad station. The lamp could also have been a caboose or coach lamp, he said. The lamp was cleaned, restored to the original kerosene burning, and the lamp bolted to the wall as it had been in the railroad station. In restoring old lamps, he kept them in their oil burning state and did not convert to electrical use.

He tends his small grape arbor in the spring and summer and in the fall makes wine supplemented with grapes from arbors near Lake Erie. With a number of years of practice and consultation from other home wine-makers he produces a nice flavored, moderately

dry, dark wine.

His summer garden, grown on the black soil of his back lawn, supplies onions, radishes, and lettuce early in the season with peas, beans, tomatoes, cabbage, and potatoes for midsummer, fall and winter. He no longer has strawberry and raspberry patches from which he supplied berries for relatives and friends a number of years.

He has a somewhat unique interest in the protection and development of single weeds that turn up on the lawn close to the house. Last year he cultivated a poke weed that stood six feet high, had large green leaves and dark purple berries on a red stalk. This was an impressive looking weed that sprung up close to a red rambler rose causing his wife to worry about the survival of the rose.

One year he protected a common mullein, beautiful with large yellow leaves, standing three feet or more with its long, yellow flowered spike. Another year a prickly bull thistle, topped with its pretty reddish-purple flower grew on the lawn.

His home is across the road from a river bank and on a spring day several years ago a wood duck fell down the house chimney. The scared duck was cowering in a dark spot in the basement when found. With the help of neighbor children the duck was picked up, taken outdoors and let go. The duck swung away in a semicircle toward a grove of trees in back of the house, probably to join its group later.

Sparrows, starlings, juncos, doves, chickadees, bluejays and

occasionally cardinals come to his winter bird feeder. Last summer a baby rabbit came and went from the front steps and shrubs. Even crickets were rescued and put safely outdoors if they blundered by mistake into the house.

Ellen A. Roller
February, 1981

Maude (our daughter) says out of nearly 80 years I should be able to tell more than one tale. So I will tell of the time we went down to the "Old Barn" (in Virginia) one Sunday morning in early spring. It was cold, we all had our winter over-coats on. It was just Hampton, Paul, Irene and I.

Irene and I were looking for eggs so I crawled over into "Old Fred's" manger full of hay. Fred and Barney were our favorite team of work horses. I was bending over scratching around for eggs when Fred just bent over and bit me on my seat through my winter coat and all.

Well, I rolled out of that manger scared to death that I would die before I got home. I started running to the Old House and Irene trying to keep up with me. When we got there I told papa and mama what it was all about and they just laughed and laughed.

Irene and I were talking about it a year or so ago and Irene said she kept wondering how anyone so near death could run so fast.

Two reasons I remember about seeing Halley's Comet was that Grandpa Roller drove over to Haskins from Dowling (Ohio) where we

had moved in October of 1909. Irene had been born in May of that year. I think the comet appeared in the winter of 1910. (1910 is correct. It is due back in 1986.) I don't remember what month but it was cold.

All of us got up, it seems like four o'clock in the morning. It was still dark and we stood looking out an upstairs window. Grandpa Roller, Mama, Papa, Hampton, Paul and I. All at once Grandpa said, "Maude, go get the baby so she can say she has seen Halley's Comet." So Papa held Irene up to see it. I knew then we had seen something important and Mama told us we could see it again when we got older, that it would come back again.

I guess we children went back to bed and Mama got Papa's breakfast so he could go to work. He always left around that time.

Papa had two little gray, western, wild horses he drove hitched to a buckboard. He worked in the oil fields. He put in long days pumping oil. I don't know what he made a day but remember Mama saying it was considered good wages.

Zelma Roller Marshall
Aldie, VA
April 15, 1982

I remember:

Zelma's coming home weekends from Pleasant Valley, Virginia where she taught, and how she would take over and help Mama with all of us. Mr. Ferne Marshall giving Zelma a big box of candy that she left in her room and I helped myself to it. It was delicious even though I felt guilty eating it. We were proud of

Zelma that she was a school teacher like Mama was before Mama married Papa.

Hampton taking Bernice and me squirrel hunting in the woods. We talked and laughed and he vowed never to take us hunting again. He was always kind to us even though we tried his patience.

Paul reading us Blue Beard and we would be frightened by all the expression he gave to reading it. How proud we were of him when he graduated from Medical School, University of Louisville, Kentucky.

Irene having to go to the hospital to have her appendix out. It was the first any of us had ever had to go to the hospital and was a big decision for Papa and Mama to let her go. Ben Middleton, a neighbor, took them in his car - I believe to Leesburg, Virginia.

Bernice going to nurses' training in Toledo and getting home-sick and Hampton taking her back to Toledo Hospital. In three years she finished her training and was an excellent surgical nurse.

Going to Mr. Sam Crosin's and Aunt Polly, his wife, and Miss Mate their daughter giving us big sugar cookies with a big fat raisin in the center. I didn't want the cookie but I did want the delicious raisin. Papa insisted if you took the cookie you must eat it all as it was an "insult" not to.

Irene going to Bowling Green to finish high school and working at the Tea Room for Aunt Bernice and Uncle Lew. I went there to work the last year of my high school. I graduated from Bowling Green High School.

Always thinking what a good student Ellen was and how she worked and studied and received a scholarship to Bowling Green State University. Then she transferred to Ohio State University for her degree in nursing. We were proud of her.

Joan going to Bowling Green State University for her degree in home economics and at the same time working for Mrs. Grace Wagner the Wood County Home Extension Agent. I thought Mrs. Wagner made her work hard.

The first car Joan bought and learned to drive. I thought she could do anything and I still do.

Always thinking Maude was pretty with her black eyes and dark hair. She and Joan being together all through school, then Joan went to Bowling Green State University and Maude went to Davis Business College to become a secretary.

Hannah! Now there is another story. We thought she was cute and bright. She took unmerciful bossing and advice from everyone but withstood it all and was her own person then as she is now.

How we argued with the Martins in Virginia that Papa was "prettier" than Henry Martin, their father, -as anyone could plainly see.

How pretty Mama looked in her long blue serge skirt and white blouse when she was dressed up.

How Papa made us thin corn as soon as we were big enough and his helping the youngest one by reaching over and doing a few hills so you could keep up, but making you work right along also. He made us hold the bags for grain (I never felt I did it right).

The sale when we moved from Virginia to Ohio. The sad part was selling the animals, especially blind Billy, wanting to be sure whoever bought him would be kind to him. The beautiful big black stallion Ciauga - admiring him but fearful of him. I can't remember the name of the man who took care of him.

Papa taking us to school in the bob sled when the snow was deep. I think Barney and Fred were the horses that pulled the sled.

Papa and Mama taking us to the Irvins for Sunday dinner. I thought it nice the way Mr. Irvin had the plates stacked at his place and served the food.

Mama stressing good manners. Miss Sadie was their daughter, later married Mr. Ben Middleton. We thought Miss Sadie pretty. She wore a crocheted collar she had made that looked like a cluster of grapes and I thought it elegant.

Mr. Ben Middleton having the first car I ever remember anyone we knew having; also a Mr. Creighton had one.

The hunters coming out from Washington to hunt on the farm. They would bring Mama a present.

Aunt Pearl with Fern, Ruth, Grover and Bill, and Grandma Hampton coming to visit in Virginia. Ruth had beautiful brown curls; we thought she was pretty.

Hampton going away to Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. We thought it far away and we missed him. This was after we came to Ohio.

Paul coming to Ohio with Uncle Geroge Main to go to school. The schools were better in Ohio than Virginia at that time after

you got beyond the seventh grade.

Howard going down town Toledo to enlist for service in World War II. His picture was in the Toledo Blade with other first enlistees.

We never received presents on our birthday but Mama always baked our favorite cake. My favorite was hickory nut with carmel icing.

Mary Virginia Roller Eberhart
September, 1982

Memories of my Grandparents:

William and Martha (Ruckman) Roller of Biglick Township, Hancock County, Ohio, were married at West Independence, Ohio on the 26 of March 1971. Shortly thereafter they journeyed by wagon north to Wood County, Ohio, settling on a ninety acre tract of land which he and his father Michael had purchased the fall before. This tract is situated in the northeast corner of Middleton Township, then known as Belleville Ridge. There had been about six acres cleared on this tract prior to their arrival. The buildings consisted of a log house and barn. Grandfather was handy with the ax. Each winter he would clear about three or four acres of timber and then prepare it for planting crops.

For several winters he hauled ship timber from the surrounding area to the river front in Perrysburg. There it was lashed together and towed to Sandusky and Lorain, Ohio and used in the building of lake ships. He also helped to grade on the old Toledo and Ohio

Central Railroad when it was put through. He received no pay for his team and labor because the stockholders went bankrupt at pay time.

In later years when his sons grew up he purchased twenty acres southwest of the intersection of the Dowling road and the McCutchenville pike^{1/} better known today as U.S. Route 199. They cleared the twenty acres of timber and put it under cultivation. They later sold it and purchased an eighty acre tract south of the Carter road which is owned by a son, Michael.

Grandfather was active in local affairs and a lover of politics. He served on various local boards and also served two terms as Wood County Commissioner on the Democratic Party ticket around the years of 1908 and 1911. He and Grandmother were faithful workers in the Methodist church, attending regularly and seeing that their children were brought up in a Christian home.

In later years he turned the farming of the home place over to his son William.

Grandfather passed away in September 1928 and Grandmother in July of 1931. Both are buried in the New Belleville Ridge Cemetery, a short distance from where they lived out a long, happy and useful life.

The above history was gained by talking and associating with my Grandparents while I lived with them in 1917-18, and from 1924 until their death.

^{1/} At one time this road was known as the "Eleven O'clock" road because its north-south direction was in the eleven o'clock position on the face of a clock.

Gas Explosion on the William Roller Farm

A gas explosion while drilling for oil on William's farm as related to me by his son Michael, 13th of September, 1970.

About 4:00 A.m. one day in July, 1896, his brother William woke up, looked out the window and saw a bright glow in the southwest. Investigating a little closer, he discovered it was the new well being drilled on the home place. He ran back, woke up Mike who in turn rushed down the hall and woke up Nute Defrance, the afternoon driller, and his tool dresser and told them the well was on fire. Then Mike and Willie grabbed their clothes and shoes and took off toward the well. They met Jim Corbett and Al Ferringer coming toward the house. Al in front, his clothes practically all burned off, his leather boots, the thick part of his shirt cuff and shirt collar remained. The skin that was exposed to the blast was burned black. Skin on his hands was slipping off while trying to put out the fire on his clothes by wallowing in a pool of exhaust water from the drilling engine which was at a scalding temperature. Ferringer was burned the worst because he was down at the boiler where the gas from the well was ignited. Corbitt was on the other drilling platform at the time. Of course, the fire came back to the well so he was burned also.

When Corbett came up to where Willie and Mike met Al Ferringer, he looked back at the burning drilling rig and made the remark that there goes the gold watch and eighty dollars he had in his extra pair of pants that he left hanging in the rig when he came on duty at midnight four hours earlier.

They helped them to the house. Nute Defrance, the afternoon driller and his tool dresser assisted. They were placed on cots in the living room and called the doctor. Mike said that he came with a big jar of vaseline which he applied to their bodies but they both expired that evening. All four of these men were boarders at Grandmother's place. Mike said they came in here from the east, perhaps Pennsylvania, as they were all experienced men but those two took a long chance and lost.

Jim Corbitt, the driller, told them before he died that about 3:00 A.M. he struck a gas pocket while drilling. It began to come to the surface but he supposed it would not amount to too much, but the flow kept increasing. He said he mentioned maybe they should pull the tools and bank the fire under the boiler but instead they drilled a little longer. The air was heavy which had a tendency to hold the gas close to the ground. Finally, he told Al Ferringer to bank the fire while he brought the stem and bit to the surface. At the time it let loose, Ferringer was at the boiler trying to bank the fire as Corbitt was raising the tools to the surface.

Mike said those were sad times around the old home place because one week earlier, almost to the day, they had a boiler explosion on the same farm which took place not over two hundred yards northwest of this site when three other men lost their lives; Elmer Clark, Arlo Brown and a man by the name of Miller. Clark was better known by the name Charley. Arlo Brown and Miller were killed instantly. Charley lived until that evening. He died at the same house, Grandmother's. He was married to Mike and Willie's

sister, Elizabeth, and the father of Clyde Nelson Clark who was about two years old when his father was taken.

Mike also briefed me on the story relating to the boiler explosion. He said, Jay, his brother (my father) was teaming in the oil field during that period and was on his way to pick up a drilling stem where the gas explosion took place. Mike was with him. They were approaching the lease where the boiler was and were within one hundred yards of it when the boiler let loose. The front end was torn loose from the fire box and it came sailing through the air about ten feet above ground. It was in a partially wooded area. It finally struck a fairly large tree, breaking it off and coming to a stop about forty feet in front of Jay's team of horses. Mike said Jay and he ran over to the site. Jay took one look and told him to go over to Dowling and get the doctor, then to go home to tell Lizzie, their sister. He said that he ran all the way to Dowling, notified the doctor, then ran up home to tell Lizzie and then back to the site of the accident. When he arrived back Nobel Cordrey asked him if he notified Jim Brown. He said "no". Noble said, "Why not" Arlo Brown was killed too." The whole mixup was that Jay did not give Mike a chance to look around to see for himself how many and who were involved. Mike was the errand boy that day. The accident happened in 1897. Mike was about sixteen years old and Willie was about thirteen. Willie died in 1960 as did Jay, and Mike died in 1979 at ninety-seven years old, the last living one to witness the accident.

J. Hampton Roller
September , 1979

Berry picking meant much to our family when we were living on a three hundred acre farm in northern Virginia from 1912 to 1924. Ours was a closely knit family consisting of three boys and nine girls. The second girl, who was the third oldest child, died from what may have been pyloric stenosis at the age of five months. She was unable to retain any food though many formulas were tried as well as breast feeding with continuing failing results. Now back to the berry picking. We did not grow any fruit on the farm as the orchard had just been planted and was not at the bearing fruit stage. So when the dew berries and the black berries ripened in the fields and woods in mid-June, all of us were given buckets that formerly held Arbuckle coffee and smaller buckets that held Karo syrup at one time. Now they were used to put the berries in as they were picked.

The dew berries grow close to the ground, which, I suppose, is why they are called such. Black berries grow much higher by three to five feet. Besides the scratches from the thorns on the plants, the greatest concern to all was the chiggers, also called "giggers" and red bugs, and snakes. Of the latter the water Moccasin and cooperhead were of the most concern because they were poisonous. We rarely saw either of these but frequently saw black snakes, blue racers and garden snakes. They would frighten you terribly as they slithered through the grass and leaves trying to get away from you.

Chiggers were terrible. They would get on you from the grasses and other vegetation. To protect ourselves, we wore old hose on our arms and kerosene soaked rags on our wrists and ankles. When we

returned home, we would remove the protective garments and wash with soap and water. That helped but by this time the near microscopic red bugs had embedded themselves into the skin wherever the clothes were fitting tightly. They could be irritating so badly that you could not get a good nights sleep.

Processing the berries was quite a job. They were canned by several methods because refrigeration as we know it today was not available in any of the rural homes. Generally, two quart cans were used for a family of our size. The berries could be eaten as they were removed from the can or they could be made into pies, or thickened and recooked and eaten on hot biscuits. It was not uncommon to have fifty or one hundred cans processed and stored in the cellar for the winter. The quantity was determined by the availability of the berries which was determined by the amount of rainfall during the growing season.

Most of our fresh fruit was given to us by our closest neighbor, Mr. Sam Crosen, whose farm was separated from ours by the road. His was an old orchard and bore much fruit. There were two others who lived with him, his second wife, Miss Polly, and his daughter, Miss Mate. He did have a hired black man, Tenney (Tennessee) Corum, who lived with him and did all of the farming. One could hear Tenney laugh loud and frequently as he was very pleasant and seemed always happy.

Some of the kinds of apples we got from Mr. Crosen were Grimes Golden, Stamen Winesaps, York Imperial, Yellow Transparent, Maiden Blush and perhaps others. It was a pleasure to go after apples as

Miss Mate would usually give each of us a piece of pie, a piece of cake or cookies and milk. We were always thirsty mainly because we got to lower the bucket down a dug well and draw up the coolest and sweetest water there was to quench a thirst. They were such nice people.

The oldest of us children attended a one-room school about a mile and a half from our house. Beside the road near a slight downgrade was a stark, dead tree, the broken top rotting on the ground close by. No waving branches, no shimmering leaves seemed in harmony with the turkey buzzards sitting in their catatonic state contemplating their next foray after some dead animal to sustain their stark and dreary lives. Oh! but how gracefully they could soar thru the sky riding on the thermal waves with only the slightest adjustment of their wing tips.

The school was built on land owned by a Mr. Bear and was so named, but, you have guessed it, to the students it was called "the Bears den."

We carried our lunch in the old standby buckets, the one gallon Arbuckle coffee buckets and the smaller Karo syrup buckets. The sandwiches were made with sausage, or boiled or fried eggs, sugar cured ham, chicken, fried or roasted pork and beef. This was incased between two slices of mother's homemade bread, called light bread by our classmates who were all native southerners. They used biscuits or cornbread but the same kinds of meats. Sometimes there would be jelly, jam or honey sandwiches or on rare occasions peanut butter when available at the stores. All the rest was home

grown or homemade. Fruits in season were carried also for the lunches. In the spring when the wild onions began to grow the cows would eat them and the milk would be strongly flavored so that it was almost unbearable and the butter made from the cream was equally unpalatable.

School generally started in early September and closed in April or early May. The school building sat in a swamplike area. Before school opened in the fall the parents and their sons joined to clean up the grounds around the school and do the necessary repairs. The yard was bright golden yellow from the blooming goldenrod and the spanish needles or bootjack thistles, so called because they looked like a bootjack used to help remove one's boots. The weeds were cut by scythes just as our forefathers did before the McCormick reaper was invented. The weeds, shrubs and berry bushes were raked, piled and burned. If there was a potential place for the pooling of water, it was trenched and drained into the closest stream.

The local environment contributed to our general education along with the didactic information obtained in the class room. One of the most fascinating and never ending delight was to observe a flying squirrel gliding from a higher tree to another one or to the ground. They could not fly upward except at the end of the glide as they were landing. There were raccoons, opossums, muskrats, rabbits, red and gray foxes, red and gray fox squirrels, and perhaps others. Spring was a delightful time as the small streams were filled with clear, cold water trickling along where

we could race our boats whittled from wood. In more quiet waters were great masses of frog eggs encased in gelatinous balls. The frogs sang in the evening in great choruses. Now and then the bull-frog would let loose with his great booming voice reminiscent of a bull bellowing in a nearby pasture. Soon the eggs would hatch into pollywogs which did not look at all like frogs. However, soon they would sprout legs, lose their tail and take the form of a frog. When they got to croaking they reminded you of an orchestra giving a concert.

O for festal dainties spread,
Like my bowl of milk and honey,
Pewter spoon and bowl of wood,
On the door-stone, gray and red!
O'er me, like a regal tent,
Purpled - curtained, fringed with gold,
Looped in many a wind-swung fold;
While for music came the play
Of the pied frogs' orchestra;
And, to light the noisy choir,
Lit the fly his lamp of fire.
I was monarch; pomp and joy
Waiting on the barefoot boy!*

Owl's nests were located in old hollow trees. To see a red-headed woodpecker flying from tree to tree pecking for worms was

*John Greenleaf Whittier "Barefoot Boy with Cheeks of Tan."

a never ending delight. Besides the owls there were hawks, crows, and buzzards of different kinds. If you were fortunate enough to find a buzzard's nest, to see the white chicks was a revelation as the adults were black or dark brown with a grotesque red or black head.

All of our teachers were women of intrepid character. They usually had to walk a mile or more from their boarding place to school. In the winter they would have one of the older boys come early and build a fire in the Franklin stove for which she would pay him ten cents a week. She was paid about sixty dollars per month. The big boys did not begin school until after Thanksgiving when the crops had been harvested, and they quit in February when it was time to plow the fields and start the planting of new crops.

The enrollment of the student body was about a dozen when school began but was increased by a half-dozen or more when the older boys returned to school. Sometimes a family would move into the community who had a large family and then the census would exceed the capacity of the one-room school.

None of the teachers had completed high school education. Most of them, after completing the grade school, attended a six-week preparatory course for teaching at one of the normal schools or universities. Some of these fine women who taught us were; Miss Lillian Moran, Miss Mable McKinney, Miss Mary Frame, Miss Virginia Anderson and Miss Edith Smith. There may have been others whose names I have forgotten.

Drinking water was obtained from farm-home wells about a

half mile from the school. Two students would go for it as it would be very tiresome for one to carry it by himself. They did not always return within the allotted time as license was taken at times to play in the streams, floating homemade boats, or tracking animals if there happened to be snow on the ground. At recess an attempt would be made to rout the animal from it's lair. There were many interesting activities so that time passed rapidly and when you got back with the water you had to give up your recess as punishment for being gone so long. The residents of the place where the water was drawn were the following families at various times: the Greer Family whose children were Arnold, Clyde, Nora, and Patty; the Rollins family of Fanny, Ruth and Ralph; and the Harvey Crosen family whose children were Mamie, Ray, Carl, Madge, Cora, Mary, and Floyd.

There were several elderly people living in our neighborhood who were always addressed as Aunt or Uncle. They were Aunt Martha Redman, Uncle Jake Sprague, Uncle Dan Hogan and his wife Aunt Kate. All got this distinction as they were former slaves. They were fine people and to us children they had an aura that enhanced their image.

And how did it all come about that we were in Virginia on a farm in late winter of 1912? George Main, who had married our father's sister, Florence, had purchased a farm in Loudoun County in northern Virginia about 5 miles from the small town of Sterling. Father and Uncle George reached an agreement where our father would farm it for him. In Ohio our father had been an oil pumper

of oil wells for the John D. Rockefeller interests. The wells were quite far apart and he started at dawn and did not return until dusk. Preparations were begun at once to move the family which consisted of Zelma, Hampton, Pual, Irene and Bernice. A team of horses were purchased: Barney, a Percheron and Fred, a Clydesdale. They were two fine horses. A milk cow, named Star, was also purchased. The necessary farm equipment was bought. Pa and his nephew, Clyde Clark, moved with the equipment, furniture, and other necessities on the freight train. They preceded the rest of the family by several days. In preparing for the departure, the family stayed with Grandpa and Grandma Roller. Grandpa was to accompany Mama and us children on the train.

The night before the departure, I (Paul) got the bottle of castoria, which contained a mild laxative for infants, and drank an unknown amount. This threw great fright into everyone except the drinker as they did not know whether he would become sick or have severe bowel movements. Nothing happened adversely and we all left with Grandpa at the appointed time. Not being satisfied with the previous disturbance after getting into our sleeping compartment I became fascinated with the electric lights and pulled the chain, switching the lights on an off and stopped only after being threatened with punishment.

The next day the train pulled into Union Station in Washington D.C. where we were united with our father. The steam from the engine, the clanking of bells and the movement of trains on the nearby tracks were very impressive as well as frightening to us.

After getting out of the station, we saw before us a large paved plaza with a fountain in the center. Street cars were noisily running on three rail tracks--the middle one carried the electricity which fed the motor. All of us boarded a street car and went to the Washington and Old Dominion station where we boarded the electric interurban for the trip to Sterling. Clyde met us there in a wagon in which we all rode to our new home on the farm. It was dark when we arrived there and we had to wait until morning to see our house and surroundings.

It was an old house, a few farm buildings, and an old orchard whose main purpose was to make a nice home for the many blue birds. The animal barn and machine shed were about four hundred yards from the house. A new house and barn were built some four years later.

The old house was two stories. The living and dining room were one room. On one side there was a large fireplace that could accomodate a four foot log. All of the rooms were small. The front porch ran the full length on the east side of the house. Our water was pumped from a dug well. The refrigeration of butter, milk and other perishables was in a spring-house, this was a small building through which ran water from a spring just outside the entrance. When entering the building, it was advisable to look all around as snakes frequently came into it. On more than one occasion water moccasins came in and a moccasin does not give ground gracefully. Also, it was not an infrequent happening to find a large bull-frog hopping around.

One night about eleven o'clock the air became electrified

when the telephone rang. When Pa answered it he heard the voice of one of the young neighbor ladies, Flora Bradshaw, asking him to come hurriedly to their home to help locate her sister Stella who was an invalid following the birth of a daughter a few months previously. Flora had put her sister to bed and then left the room to get a glass of water. While in the kitchen she heard the screen door slam and she immediately ran back to Stella's room which she found empty. The sisters had talked between them that if they ever wished to commit suicide, they would jump into a very deep, open dug-well near the house, but no longer in use. After calling to her sister, she hurried to the balcony, looked toward the well only to see her sister, who was wearing a white gown, disappear into it.

Our father hurriedly dressed, lit a lantern, and headed for the Bradshaw home about a mile and a half away through a dense forest and a very rough road. On the way he went by a tenant house on the farm (our old house) where a black family, Charley Jackson and his wife, Cinderella and children lived. Father awakened Charley and asked him to go with him to help Flora recover her sister.

They worked through the night; however, it was not until early morning that they were able to bring the body to the surface of the water where they were able to secure a rope around the body and reclaim it from the well.

A short time prior to this the family had another tragedy. The oldest of the Bradshaw girls, Bertha, went to visit another cousin some distance away taking a niece, Pauline Elmore, with her.

Now the Bradshaw house sat on an elevation above the public road which ran at the base of the hill. The road was interrupted by a stream that had to be forded as there was no bridge across it. However, at this ford there were many large rocks requiring a driver of a vehicle to maneuver adroitly to keep from hitting them. A quarter of a mile or so from the crossing the horse pulling the buggy became frightened and ran away. Bertha was unable to regain control of the horse and when they came to the ford a wheel hit one of the rocks so violently that the little girl was thrown out and fatally injured. Bertha was distraught by this accident so that she required hospitalization.

Christmas was a beautiful time in Virginia. At school a portion of a day was set aside for the entire student body to go to the woods and the cliff, which was a high bank on one side of the creek that flowed through the woods. We would gather boughs from the fir and pine trees and other colorful branches to take back to the school and make wreaths and garlands to decorate the school. Into the latter we wove crows foot or trailing pine and teaberry or wintergreen, sometimes incorrectly called partridge-berry, which we would chew the leaves for its flavor. At this season of the year they had spicy, red berries and were also known as checkerberries. If we found any hickory nuts, butternuts or black walnuts that seemed suitable, we would collect them and arrange in the wreaths and garlands.

It was easy to get a Christmas tree that was just right as the fields were filled with many red cedar trees of all sizes and

shapes. When the satisfactory one was found it was felled and dragged to the school where it was substantially braced in place by the large boys. Then came the big moment when everyone helped to trim the tree. The decorations were made by stringing popcorn in long ropes, tinsel, colored paper cut in small strips and made into long chain links. Figures of angels, Santas and animals were fashioned from colored work paper.

It was customary to have Christmas programs with the parents present and all the children speaking a piece and singing carols. After the program, the teacher gave the students a small box of candy and perhaps an apple. The students proudly gave the teacher her present which she graciously accepted, thanking everyone. The best part of the giving of gifts was the realization that we would be free a week or ten days from school and we could roam the fields and woods doing many things we longed to do. It was a real Christmastide..

There were times when the entire family had an outing. A picnic would be planned for a Sunday when all of us would go to a place in the woods or nearby and have a feast of fried chicken, potato salad, cake or pie and lemonade. One of our favorite places selected was at the back end of the farm near Harvey Jackson's house which was on the other side of the fence on Mr. Meyer's farm. There was a nice, strong, cold flowing spring at the edge of the woods which was good and refreshing. We would do this during the berry picking time, also. Mother, Father and the small children, along with the food would go in the surrey pulled

by a team of horses, usually Maude and Dan. They were unharnessed and tethered where there was good pasture and plenty of water and shade.

An old English custom was still observed for a number of years in our locality, an area that maintained ancestral customs. It was called a tournament, or joust or tilt. A knight, mounted on a horse, held a lance-like pole pointed at the front end. He rode along a prescribed course at a rapid pace and impaled a small ring that was suspended from an arm attached to each of three poles that were the same distance from each other. The rings were attached to the arm in such a manner that when they were impaled they would be easily released. Each knight rode the course three times and the one who garnered the most rings in the fastest time was judged the winner. The winning knight selected his "Queen" who was crowned with a wreath of flowers, usually daisies or any flowers in season. With the Queen by his side he led the first dance to the music played by local musicians on violins and banjos. A local person would call the square dances.

Ice cream socials provided another diversion in the community. They were generally sponsored by the school or church. If the ice cream was purchased, it would be vanilla, strawberry or chocolate. If it were homemade, there would be a variety of flavors as banana, peach or lemon. The cakes were always beautifully decorated and very easy to eat. Since those who attended had very little money the heaping dishes were bought for a nickle or a dime. A large slice of cake went for a nickle.

Ours was a delightful family with a census of thirteen. It was a game of give and take, attack and counter-attack, one or two opposing not necessarily an equal number, castigating and praising but shortly after the encounter there was a calm and forgiveness. At times, our father or mother intervened. Other than our sister Elizabeth, we all grew to adulthood and became quite respectable citizens.

There is one who contributed more than he ever knew to help me attain the goals in my life. Uncle George Main came by our house in late August on the way to one of his farms, "Algoma", in Buckingham County, Virginia. He came to talk about the farm my father managed for him. While there he spoke to my parents about my returning to Ohio with him and to reside with his family and help with the chores and other jobs on the farm. His older sons were going to Bowling Green to high school, fifteen or more miles away. They would leave early in the morning and return at dusk. A new consolidated school was newly opened that fall for the students of Webster township in which they lived. My parents gave their consent and Pa took me to Washington where I joined my uncle on his return trip home. Through his and Aunt Florence's kindness, I was able to attend high school and further my education.

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Growing up and being in the second half of a large family; eleven children to be exact, was much different than growing up with my older brothers and sisters.

For one thing the family moved from a farm in Loudon County, Virginia, to a small village in Ohio called Scotch Ridge. Ellen was seven years old, Joan six, and I was five years old. Hannah, the youngest sister was two years old. I know Papa had a job, I believe he worked in a quarry over at Dowling but the job I remember best was when he was janitor at Webster Township School. My growing-up years were centered around family, church and school.

Papa spent many long hours over at the school, especially in the winter time keeping the school clean and warm for the children. During the summer (lucky he had so many children) it was his responsibility to ready the school house for school to start in September. Any of us that were home would help. We washed all the windows inside and out, there seemed to be hundreds. There were wood floors to be scrubbed and oiled to keep the dust down (this had to be done during Christmas vacation too), restrooms washed and cleaned. That was the main job, but along with that there were home jobs such as milking our cow (Joan did a good job milking) which involved separating milk. This meant keeping the separator clean. I used to help crank the separator and I could make it say anything I wanted it to--the only thing, it generally said the same thing over and over!

We always had a big garden. Papa looked to see that we had plenty of canning (poor Mama, many hot days she would be standing

over the kitchen stove canning tomatoes, green beans, peaches or whatever was available) but also garden enough for the family across the road, the Ropers, which was made up of five boys and one girl. Their father had died when they were young children and it was something for their mother to provide for them. I'm sure Papa taught Mrs. Roper and the boys how to garden as he would plow and prepare their garden for them to plant their vegetable seeds. They had other provisions for their family but Papa thought it most important for everyone to help provide for themselves. These were ways to keep all us young kids busy and out of trouble. There were also times Papa would take us to the corn fields to hoe weeds. It seemed as if we no sooner got the field finished and we would start all over again. He would take on tomato picking and pickle picking to keep us busy. Many times I wondered if we didn't throw more pickles and tomatoes at each other (the preacher's kids - McCanns, were in on these escapades, too) than we put into the baskets. Not all our life was work, we had lots of good times too.

We had a very good friend in Scotch Ridge. His name was Frank Davidson, a bachelor for a very long time. He and his brother, Art, ran the little country Store and just up the highway, about a mile and a quarter, was an old stone quarry full of water. Well, Frank was a good swimmer so every afternoon in the summer he would drive through town, pick up all the children that were allowed to go that would be standing at the side of the road waiting and watching for him, to take us to the quarry to swim. Frank had a lot of patience with us. One of the things that I thought outstanding was that he

would take gallon cans, seal the lids on them, cut large inter-tubes in one-and-half inch bands, put them around the cans and fasten a belt on it so he could tie the cans on the backs of each of us. This acted as our life preserver. We wore them for about one summer in shallow water while Frank was teaching the older kids how to swim. In the second summer he worked with the younger ones and in all I think he taught about fifteen town children to swim. One of the special things he did was the he brought each of us a stick of Black Jack gum (guess it didn't sell very well in the store) which was another thing we always looked for.

It was a special day in the fall or early winter when we would butcher. Several men would come in to help prepare for butchering. This involved getting the water boiling, putting the barrel in a slanting position in order to dip the pig in and out of the boiling water, getting a table ready to scrape the hair off the pig, then having a pulley ready to hang the pig. This was something for us little girls to see. Papa didn't always let us see him shoot the pig in the head but we would sneak around to see it anyway. If the shot didn't quite do the job someone would hit the pig in the head. After the scalding and scraping they would butcher, take the insides out and save the liver, then cut up the pig. Then it was fun to make sausage. Aunt Lizzie would come down to help and we would cut and grind the meat for sausage. The best part was seasoning, frying small portions and tasting to see if we had the right amount of seasoning it it. It was a treat to have a fresh sausage patty between homemade bread. We also

scraped and cleaned casings for link sausage. Mama would fry the sausage down and can it for winter meat supply. We also bought a quarter of beef and canned that. It was a lot of work but tasted so good. Papa saw to it that we were well fed children.

I've told something about school and home, now about church. Our United Presbyterian church was located on one of the four corners of Scotch Ridge. Since we didn't own a car for a long time we never got to go many places, except to Grandma Ward's at Dunbridge and Grandma Roller's at Dowling, church was our most fun thing to do. It gave us a chance to dress up, go to Sunday School and participate in the activities. We had a choir and any of the young people that would, whether you had a good voice or not, could be in it. Lillian Witte Davidson was Choir Director and was very faithful in keeping us together. We sang every Sunday. We also had a Young Peoples Society which lasted as long as the Rollers, Ropers and Dunipaces lived in town. The preachers usually had three or four children and with others interested we had around twenty or twenty-five attending. We would meet every Sunday night, and once a month go to some family's home for entertainment. This meeting was special because we always had refreshments.

Also, at various times of the year we would have an Area church conference. Young people from Toledo; Findlay; Belefontaine; and Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and other places would get together for two days. The host church would provide lodging for the guests and it was always fun to have someone stay overnight at our house. Our Young People's Society, with the help of parents, would hold

ice cream socials to earn money for us to attend these different functions. I believe the Womens' Missionary Society are still holding ice cream socials.

We were involved with cleaning the church everyweek. Come Saturday morning Ellen, Joan, Hannah and I would all go to work sweeping, placing hymnals in place, dusting and preparing for Sunday worship. We often took time out with Ellen playing the piano and the rest of us singing. Sometimes Joan would play the piano. She could play by ear and I often think about how Papa would ask Joan to play some of the old hymns that he loved so much. Then on Sunday morning we had to ring the church bell. First time to remind our neighborhood to get ready for church, they only had a half hour. The second bell ringing was to remind them services would start. Sometimes we had to run like the dickens to get there to ring the bell on time.

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