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Dover, Delaware,

May 2, 1923.

This is to certify that John Cornwell Jr. (Conwell)
was in the Artillery Company of the 3rd. Brigade of the
State of Delaware as a Private, July 12, 1796.

Witness:

Edna B. Travers

Signed:

Walter G. Tatnall

State Archivist.

May 23rd, 1972

Mrs. Wayne S. Clark, Sr.
1331 Lincoln Street
Portsmouth, Ohio, 45662

RE: CONWELL

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Thank you for your letter of April 24, 1972, concerning the Conwell line. My father, Charles Ross Barefoot, was quite interested in genealogy, and if he were living, I am sure he would have been able to give you much more information than I am capable of giving. Among my father's papers I find the following:

Our common ancestor, Yeats Conwell and his wife, Rebecca (Fisher) Conwell, established the Conwell family in Sussex County, Delaware. They came to Ready Island in Delaware Bay on April 15, 1693. Rebecca was the daughter of William Fisher, Esq. a large and wealthy plantation owner in Sussex County, Delaware, who preceded his daughter, Rebecca to the Colony. William Fisher represented Sussex County in the Provincial Assembly of Delaware in 1699 and again in 1700. Yeats Conwell and Rebecca, his wife, were the parents of four (4) children, viz:

- (1) William Conwell - married Sarah Smith.
- (2) John Conwell, born March 1706. Died 1787. Married first, Comfort Claypool. Married second, Susanna Grove.
- (3) Elise Conwell. Died in 1780. He married Michael Claypool (Sister of Comfort aforesaid). The Claypool sisters were the daughters of Jeremiah Claypool and his wife, Sarah (Shepherd) Claypool.
- (4) Hanna Conwell. Married Abraham Gann.

Issue of John and Comfort (Claypool) Conwell

- (1) William Conwell, born about 1736. Died 1782. He was a lieutenant Colonel in the Revolution. Was commissioned as such in the 3rd Regiment of Delaware Militia August 31, 1778. His wife's name was Sarah.
- (2) Elise Conwell born 1736. He served as a corporal in the French and Indian war. He apparently predeceased his father, without issue.
- (3) John Conwell. Born 1742. Died 1811. Married Petty Waller in 1765. He served as a lieutenant Colonel in Sussex County Militia, having been commissioned in Col. David Hall's Battalion on Sept. 16, 1775.

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(4) Joseph Conwell (twin brother of Elias). He married and left issue. He also predeceased his father who died in 1782.

(5) Lidda Conwell. Birth date unknown to me. Date of death unknown. She married Thomas Coulter.

Issue of John and Betty (Waller) Conwell as mentioned in his will:

- (1) Mary Conwell - married August Miller.
- (2) John Conwell - Born 1766. Died 1840 Married Sarah Clark.
- (3) Charles Conwell. Baptized June 11, 1769. Married Sally Bell.
- (4) Betsy Conwell. Baptized February 21, 1773.
- (5) George Conwell. Baptized May 1774.
- (6) Deborah Conwell. Married John Rowland
- (7) William Conwell.
- (8) Sarah Conwell. Unmarried when her father executed his will.

Issue of John Conwell (1766-1840) and his wife Sarah (Clark) Conwell (1771) (1841) Married about 1787 (this John Conwell did sign his name John Conwell 66):

- (1) Charles Conwell
- (2) William Conwell
- (3) Asa Conwell
- (4) Henry Conwell
- (5) David Conwell. Died prior to Feb. 1858
- (6) Asbury Conwell
- (7) Ann Conwell. Married Eli Messick
- (8) Louise Conwell (1806-1875) Married Dr. Wm. E. Shockley. This Louise Conwell is my maternal great-great-grandmother.
- (9) Mary Conwell. Died March 9, 1841
- (10) Elizabeth Conwell. Died March 9, 1841

Mrs. Wayne S. Clark, Sr.

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I have no idea where O.D. Conwell would be or even if he is living. I do find his letter most interesting. My records and his records are essentially the same. The birth date of John Conwell (son of Yeats) is reported by him as April 14, 1699. My records indicate that this John was born March 1700. My records indicate that John Conwell and Comfort (Claypool) Conwell had five rather than three children. His son John, who died in 1811 (as reported by O.D. Conwell) was married to Betty (Elizabeth?) Waller in 1765 which may be of some help to you.

The John Conwell 66 (son of John and Elizabeth (Betty?) Waller) is reported by O.D. Conwell as having been married to Sarah Waller. My records indicate that he was married to Sarah Clark.

I hope that the foregoing information will be of some assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

CRBJr/mbh

Charles R. Barefoot, Jr.

Delaware Military Archives Vol. 1, page 25. lists among a roll of recruits, enlisted in Capt. John Wright's Company, for service in the French & Indian War, date of muster May 11th, 1759, the following:
"Corporal Elias Conwell, age 20, born in Sussex County."

Delaware Archives Vol 111, pages 1337 and 1339, Revolutionary War Records, lists Elias Conwell in the Delaware Militia in 1781.

WILL RECORDS OF SUSSEX COUNTY, DELEWARE.

ELIAS CONWELL:

Made his will Dec. 22nd, 1781

Will probated Aug. 14th, 1782

No wife mentioned

Children

George,

Sarah, married William King

Fisher,

Elias,

David,

Jeremiah,

Will records of Sussex County, Will Book 3, page 308, Georgetown, Court house

ELIAS CONWELL:

Made his will Jan. 23rd, 1786

Will probated Feb. 17th, 1786

Wife Leah.

Children

John,

Ace,

Elias,

Alleta,

Will records of Sussex County, Will Book 5, page 70, Georgetown, Court house

JOHN CONWELL:

Made his will April 24th, 1782

Will probated July 22nd, 1782

Wife Susannah.

Children

John,

William,

Joseph,

Sidda Coulter, wife of Thomas Coulter.

Will records of Sussex County, Will Book 3, page 304, Georgetown, Court House

JOHN CONWELL:

Made his will Aug. 21st, 1811
Will Probated Sept. 16th, 1811
Wife Betty or Betsey.

Children

Mary, married Augustus Miller.
Charles, married Salley Bell.
Betsey, married Melby Sempler.
Deborah, married John Rowland.
Sarah,
John,
George,
William,
Jeremiah,

Will records of Sussex County, Will Book 6, page 465, Georgetown, Court House.

John I or S CONWELL:

Made his will Sept. 1st, 1838
will probated Sept. 27th, 1838
Wife Charity.
Father Elias.

Children

Susan,
Asa,
John,
Elizabeth,

Will records Sussex County, Will Book 9, page 146, Georgetown Court House.

WILLS NOT EXAMINED, for lack of time

William Conwell, Will Book 2, page 295.
William H. Conwell, Will Book, 7, page 700.
William Conwell, Will Book 8, page 98.
Avery Conwell, Will Book 8, page 275.
Joseph Conwell, Will Book 12, page 482.
John I. Conwell, Will Book 18, page 390.

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 Consideration \$
 Acknowledged the day of 194.....
 Before N. P.
 Recorded the day of 194.....
 By Recorder
 In Deed Book No. Page &c.
 Estate Conveyed
 Warranty

TO

Description:

Elias Conwell made is will Dec. 22nd
 1781. will admitted to Probate Aug 17th 1782
 No wife mentioned

Children

George

Sarah married William Henry

Fisher

Elias → John D.

David

Jeremiah

Will Record of Sussex County Delaware
 Will Book B page 308.
 Court House Georgetown.

Deed

Dated the day of 194.....
 Consideration \$
 Acknowledged the day of 194.....
 Before N. P.
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 By Recorder
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 Warranty

TO

Description:

Elias Conwell made his will January 23rd 1896 will admitted to Probate Feb 17th 1906.

wife Leah Conwell

Children

John

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Elias #

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 By Recorder
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 Estate Conveyed.....
 Warranty ..

TO

Description:

John Conwell, made his will 24th of April
 1782. will was probated July 22nd 1782
 wife Susannah Conwell.

Children

John
 William
 Joseph

Bridgette Coulter wife of Thomas Coulter

Will Records of Sussex County Delaware
 will Book No-3 page 304.
 Court House Georgetown.

Deed

Dated the.....day of.....194.....
 Consideration \$
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 Before.....N.P.
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 By.....Recorder
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 Estate Conveyed.....
 Warranty ..

TO

Description:

John Conwell Son of John Conwell (d.)
 made his will Aug 21st 1811. will was probated
 Sept 16th 1811. Wife Betty or Betsey Conwell
 Children

Mary married Augustus Miller

Abner " Sally Bell

Betty " Melly Simler

Deborah " John Rawland.

Sarah

John

George

William

Jeremiah

Will Records of Sussex County Delaware
 Will Book No 6 Page 766
 Court House, Georgetown.

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Acknowledged the..... day of..... 194.....
Before..... N. P.
Recorded the..... day of..... 194.....
By..... Recorder
In Deed Book..... No..... Page..... &c.
Estate Conveyed.....
Warranty.....

Description:

John J. Conwell made his will Sept 1st 1838. will admitted to Probate Sept 27th 1838.

wife Charity Conwell
Father Elias Conwell

Children

Susan

Asa

John J.
Elizabeth

will records of Sussex County Delaware
will Book No 9 Page 1146
Court House. Georgetown.

second wife Sarah Clark dau of John
Clark
had Louisa

Deed

Dated the.....day of.....194.....
Consideration \$.....
Acknowledged the.....day of.....194.....
Before..... N. P.
Recorded the.....day of.....194.....
By..... Recorder
In Deed Book..... No..... Page..... &c.
Estate Conveyed.....
Warranty.....

TO

Description:

~~1811~~ John Canwell Book 6 page 466-
1838 John J Canwell Book 9 page 146
1782 John Canwell Book 2 page 1304
John J Canwell Book 18 page 390

1828 William Canwell Book 8 page 95
1868 Joseph Canwell Book 12 page 482
William Canwell Book 2 page 296-
1781 Elias Canwell Book 3 page 308
~~William Canwell Book 5 page~~
1836 Avery Canwell Book 8 page 276-
Elias Canwell Book 5 page 70
William H. Book 7 page 200

1331 Lincoln Street
Portsmouth, Ohio
45662
April 24, 1972

Mr. Charles Ross Barefoot, Jr.
232 Spitzer Building
Toledo 4, Ohio

Dear Mr. Barefoot:

I see in the SAR Register, that you are a descendant of John Conwell of Delaware. I am enclosing a copy of a letter my mother received in 1916, and never thought of again until just recently.

I thought you might be on our John's line and might fill in some of the gaps. Or that you might know where I could find C. B. Conwell or his descendants.

I would appreciate any information you can send me. Or any place I might get the information on the Conwells.

Thank you,

Mrs. Wayne S. Clark, Sr.

January 22, 1959

Dear Mr. Barefoot:

Thank you for your letter and check. I did not make the trips to Philadelphia and Georgetown as I thought it best to get your approval first.

Two interesting letters came to me with this information. First, a Lewis friend and Cornwall descendant sent this, from a chart made years ago by a Mr. A. C. Wilson which lists the following children for Mrs. "66" and Eliza Cornwall: Charles, W^m; Asa, Asbury, Henry, Eliza, Fizzie and Ann. He notes that John's wife was a Miss Waller,

and that their sons Wm and Asbury went west. As one daughter was Eliza, certainly Lizzie must have been Louisa. My friend, who has seen the Murray-Corwell book, said that Mrs. Milne, who compiled it, shows that John "66" married a Miss Walker and had Charles and Lisa - and thus the line stops. I was disappointed not to find this book at The Historical Society of Pennsylvania from where I am writing this letter.

A D. A. R. collection of Bible records filed at the Delaware Archives refers to John Corwell (d. 1811) as the lieut. col. This is not in the Bible record,

but an addition made by the compiler.
 There is no question in my mind that
 Lt. Col. Wm. Cornwall was identical with
 the brother of Mum (d. 1811), of Mrs.
 Barefoot's line. This Wm., called "Esquire"
 in the records, left among his personal
 belongings (Sussex, Delaware, Inventories,
 Hall of Records, Dover) "A silver mounted
 Dirgh" (dirk?), a pair of holsters and a
 small pistol, two ruskets and a bayonet,
 and 2 vols. of "Smith's Military guide."
 Unfortunately the inventory of Mum (d. 1811),
 his brother, was not so accommodating.
 "Col." Wm. was the intellectual of the

family from his library which includes:
Universal History, "Whitby's Paraphrase
on New Testament," "Jure Divino, a
Satyr," "Memoirs of Europe," "Cord's Epistles,"
"New Turkish Monasteries and Votaries" and
other literary sounding tomes. He owned
clever Negro slaves, a riding carriage,
and a large "Church of England" family
Bible.

It is hard to analyse the picture
with so many of the same names until
I can put the facts together, but, I
believe, that John Couriel, the son of
Elias, died in 1768 from the fact that
there is an inventory dated Nov. 29, 1768,
for John Couriel Junr., and Elias Couriel

was administrator. It indicates the ringings
 of a seafaring man: $\frac{1}{2}$ of a schooner, £90;
 horse and saddle, £8; silver watch, £7-5;
 etc.

Mr. Davis Miller wrote that
 as far as he knew no one had found out
 more about the Shockley family. According
 to him Wm. B. Shockley said that his
 mother was a Shockley and his father
 a Carlisle. This may account for the fact
 I have been unable to find mention of
 him in our records at Dover.

I assume that the letter you sent
 me containing Bible records is the only
 copy that you know - I am therefore

taking the liberty of filing a photostatic
copy here at The Genealogical Society of
Pennsylvania, and have also had the
archives at Barr. copy it.

There is a good Claypoole genealogy
here at this society which includes
the children of Jeremiah Claypoole.
It does not give ^{his daughter} Comfort's marriage, but
other records which I have found poor
this. My ^{Delaware} friend has a note that
Betsy, the wife of Wm Courrell II, and
brother of Wm Co, was also a Claypoole.

I shall check some of the records
here on my own and let you know the
result. I thus want to compile the
material for you.

Sincerely yours,
Jed. Manning

Feb. 10th, 1959

Mr. George V. Massey
55 King Street
Dover, Delaware.

Dear Mr. Massey:

Received your compilation of the Conwell family and wish to thank you for your fine work, herewith is my check for \$225.00, per your statement.

I am convinced that John Conwell (1740-1811) was the one appointed Lieut.Col. in David Hall's Battalion, by the Council of Safety of Delaware, in 1775, as it was stated by Emoline Shockley Rinard and Francis Bales that the father of John Conwell 66 was an officer in the Revolution, and my wife's mother Sarah Thomas, daughter of Emoline Shockley Rinard stated that he held high rank.

The grand daughters of John & Sarah Conwell, viz: Mrs Rinard and Mrs. Bales, and my wife's mother Mrs. Thomas, daughter of Emoline Shockley Rinard, said they thought Sarah Conwell's (Louisa's mother) maiden name was Clark, and this belief came of a statement of Louisa Conwell Shockley who once said that at a party in her father's home, "her uncle John Clark got drunk and got to dancing", I realize however that Louisa's uncle John Clark could have been an uncle by marriage, but for the want better proof or tradition, I shall hold the maiden name of Conwell to be that of Clark.

My wife's mother who visited us for at least a month every year supplemented what Bavis Miller in his letter to you said in relation to William B. Shockley's father being a Carlisle and his mother a Shockley, my wife's mother stated that her grand father William B. Shockley's father was a Carlisle, that his mother was a Shockley, that his father (Carlisle) and mother were divorced when William was a baby, and that William was adopted by his mother's brother, whether this is fact or fiction I do not know and perhaps never will know, in all probability, William was born out of wed lock and his children and grand children who were a proud clan wanted to keep this in the back ground, neverthe less William B. Shockley was one of the leading and highly respected citizens in Henry County, Indiana, I am told that he had a brilliant mind and was a writer of note, I was also told that Hogie Carmichael composer of Star Dust and Frederick Marsh the opra singer were two of his descendents.

If I thought it would be worth a try, I might sometime in the future have a search made in relation to my great, great, great grand father William Barefoot who according to family tradition and Magazine of American Genealogy published by Institute of American Genealogy page 381, served as a private in Captain Watterson's Co., (Later Thomson's) Delaware Militia, in 1778.

However it is said that he and a brother came to Chester County, Pennsylvania, from North Carolina, with their families about 1775. Chester County, Pa., borders on the state of Delaware, it is tradition that the maiden name of William's wife was Polly Palmer, that his son Benjamin (1764-1829) my great, great grand father, named his son Job Palmer Barefoot in honor of his maternal grand father Palmer, the Barefoot's came to America from England in 1635. It is also family tradition that William Barefoot, the soldier, some years after the Revolution, became a Government timber inspector and while away on one of his trips was murdered or killed by Indians as nothing was ever heard from him again so the date of his death can never be determined. Mrs. Gertrude Woods of Lake Side, N.Y. wrote me that there is a Revolutionary Grave Marker at grave of Benjamin Barefoot, our great, great grand father in the Leacock church yard in Lancaster Co., Pa., however the Pa. Archives fails to list Benjamin Barefoot as serving in the Revolution, the earliest record we have of him is his listing on the tax duplicate of Chester County, Pa., in 1765. Benjamin Barefoot was a country doctor.

If a search as above stated is ever to be made the Barefoot family of which there are many will have to kick in towards the expense, as I shall not bear same alone.

Again thanking you for your services, I am,

Sincerely Yours

Charles R. Barefoot.

February 7, 1959

Dear Mr. Barfoot:

I am enclosing my report on the Cornwall family. A friend kindly checked at Georgetown at the Orphan's Court, and Recorder's office concerning the disposal of the estate of Wm Cornwall 66, the results of which you will find incorporated in this account. She said that there were a number of deeds between Wm, 66 and his brothers, about 1812, which evidently pertain to partitioning the land inherited from their father.

SW

You will see that I have discarded
the Courell-Clark marriage, ^{that I sent first,} for in
comparing the signatures of Wm S. Courell,
who married the widow Clark from the
guardian accounts of the Clark children,
and ^{that of} Wm S. Courell 60, they are not
at all similar. Wm 60, in the several
instances that I have seen, always signed
with the "60".

My feeling at present is that the
families of Courell and Courell were
distinct, at least in name. It is a
fact, that the myth was started to the
effect Yeates Courell was a son of

Francis Cornwall - nor could I find a marriage
 of Francis to Mary Yeates where Mrs. Milner said
 it was.

The Presbyterian records from Lewis and
 Cool Spring, in Sussex County, which are
 copied and indexed at the Genealogical
 Society in Philadelphia, refer to Col.
 William Cornwall in connection with a
 daughter's marriage. Unfortunately there is no
 such reference to Col. Min. I believe
 this Col. Min to be Mrs. Barfoot's ancestor,
 but with the possibility of contemporaries,
 Minns, even though we may have eliminated
 Chaison Min, one cannot say conclusively
 yet. It is possible the deeds may enlighten

us, or bounty land records at Washington.

I hope that you like the account.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. Massey "

January 17th, 1959.

Mr. George V. Massey, 11
55 King Street
Dover, Delaware.

Dear Mr. Massey:

Enclosed is my check for \$512.50 to cover your work as per your statement of January 13th.

I often heard my wife's mother say in relation to two John Conwells that Louisa Shockley's father was referred to among the members of her family as John Conwell 66 and that his great grand son living in Henry County, Indiana was referred to as John Conwell 76 it appears their birth days were the same dates 110 years apart. I also heard her say that Louisa Conwell Shockley's grand father served in the revolution.

In going over your notes I find that Elias Conwell had a son John born Sept 27th 1743, and that John Conwell who married Comfort Claypool had a son John born c 1740 died c1811, now I am at a loss to know which one of these John Conwells was appointed Lieut. Col. in David Hall's Battalion of Delaware Troops in 1775, the John Conwell born in 1743 would have been 32 years of age at the time, the John Conwell born in 1740 would have been 35 years of age at the time. The John Conwell, son of Yeats, born in 1712, would have been 63 years of age at the time and I do not believe a 63 year old would have been commissioned an officer in the continental army.

Mr. Massey if you have not as yet made the trips to Georgetown and Philadelphia I respectfully request that you defer this portion for the time being, as I am faced with income tax, city income tax and other taxes and want to get a breathing spell for a while.

Very truly yours

Charles R. Barefoot.

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GEORGE V. MASSEY, II
GENEALOGIST
~~PHONE 2344~~
DOVER, DELAWARE

January 1, 1959

Dear Mr. Barefoot:

Your letter and check were here when I arrived last night from an extended business trip. I shall be glad to accept your commission, and hope to start at once. Should I assume that you are interested exclusively in the Cornwell lineage, and not Shockley?
(Jan. 3.) After starting this letter, I thought it would be well to spend Friday at the Archivist's Department to familiarize

(RR)

myself with the possibilities. I found the marriage bond of William B. and Louisa (Conwell) Shockley, dated January, 27, 1825, in Sussex County (Dela. Marriages vol. 41, p. 257).

The administration account of

John Clarke, dated April 2, 1799, shows that his widow Sarah, was named administratrix, and that she later married John S. (?)

Conwell who became co-administrator. (Sussex, Delaware, Wills and Administrations, vol. 64, pp. 185-186.)

On Dec. 24, 1836, a marriage bond was executed for John T. Conwell and Charity Toftland (Dela. Marriages vol. 46, p. 114.)

John T. Conwell executed his will Sept. 1,

1838 (proved Sept. 27, 1838. See Del. Wills vol. Q 66, p. 124). He directed his executors to sell his farm in Broadkill Neck, "it being a tract of land my Father Elias Conwell died seized and possessed of," now in ^{the} tenure of Robert Stephenson. His wife, Charity, was to have the furniture that came by their marriage, and \$100 in cash. The residue of his estate was to be equally divided between his four children: Thos, Elizabeth, Susan, and Ara. He mentioned a legacy to certain of his children from Jonathan Havelock. The account of distribution lists heirs.

John T. Conwell, James M. Carey and his wife
Elizabeth, Albert Holland and his wife
Susan, and Asa F. Conwell. (Board July
20, 1843. vol. A 66, p. 129). A further settlement
states that the testator's land in Broadkille
Mch was sold to James Carey, "Joseph."
(Ibid., p. 130.). David Hazard, who
was governor of Delaware, witnessed John T.
Conwell's will.

I can understand how a married
daughter could have been provided for,
and therefore not mentioned in her father's
will. My concern, however, is for proof
that, ^{this} John T. Conwell (d. Sept., 1838)
was the father of Louisa (Mrs. Wm. B.

Shockley). From your letter I assume that the family was confident of this fact. I wonder if there is more evidence in your wife's papers? It is quite possible the proof lies in our records.

The will of Wm W. Conwell (executed Oct. 8, 1820; proved Feb. 23, 1821), of Broadkirk Hundred, Sussex County, named 2 daughters, Uoja; the children of Dan L. Conwell, and the children of Elias Conwell, ^{as heirs,} This is from the index card. It is possible the settlement papers will divulge more.

The will of Elias Conwell (executed Jan. 23, 1796; proved Feb. 17, 1796), farmer, of Broadkirk Hundred, Sussex County,

named his wife Leah executrix, and gave her
the use of his property during her widowhood.
If she married she was to receive her legal
share. The ^{remaining} estate, at her marriage or death,
was to be divided between the testator's children:
John, "Abe," Elias, Abetta, and the one his
wife expected. (Orla. Wills, vol. 166, p. 98).

After his death his widow, Leah,
married John Riley. They, and John L.
Conwell, acted as guardians for the younger
children. John L., as eldest son,
evidently purchased the interests of
his brothers and sister in the farm. The
deeds should help very much on this.

(Sussex Co. Chancery Case C #19: Cony
et ux vs. J. Ingram, ex'or, shows that

Elias Courrell's wife Leah was the daughter of John Ingram, the elder. I have not examined these papers. It is possible that the I. in John Courrell's name was for this family.)

Pursuing the possible antecedents of this Elias Courrell (d. Jan., Feb., 1796), there was an earlier Elias, and several Johns with sons of the same ^{Christian} names. These will have to be clarified, for it looks as though this Elias (d. 1796) was a grandson of Yeats Courrell. No probate record is filed at the Archives for Yeats Courrell under that spelling, or ^{under} Cornwall as the name also appears. This does not mean that

it is not there, or at the county seat
of Sussex, which is Georgetown. (The remaining
original papers being at Dover, and the
recorded volumes at Georgetown).

Two enlightening early wills on the
subject are those of Thomas and Rebecca
Cornwallis. He died testate in 1727/8,
and named his wife, Rebecca, and daughter-
in-law, and sons-in-law (stepchildren),
Hannah, ^{and} ~~Mr.~~ William Cornwall. When
his widow died in 1746/7, she named
her children, ~~Mr.~~ ^{and} Elias Cornwall, and
Hannah Gumm; grandchildren Thomas
and "Yeats" Cornwall; and referred to her
deceased father William Fisher. I
failed to say that "Yeats" Cornwall was

referred to as former husband of Rebecca
 Cornwallis ^{by} ~~the~~ William Cornwallis. (Dele.
 Wills, vol. A 66, p. 226; will of Rebecca; and
 p. 227 for will of Wm. C.).

The will of Wm. Fisher, Esq., who
 was evidently a member of the first
 Provincial Assembly for the Three Lower
 Counties on the Delaware in 1708 (C. H. B.
 Turner, Some Records of Sussex County Delaware,
 p. 45), named his wife Rebecca, children
 Elias Fisher, and Rebecca Cornwell,
 and grandchildren, Wm. and Hannah
 Cornwell. He also named a granddaughter
 Mary Foor, and "cousins" Elias Cornwell
 and Henry Fisher, as well as a grandson,

John Cornwall. (Executed Dec. 10, 1725; proved Dec. 22, 1725. Vol. A 71, p. 159, DeLo. Wills).

There were at least two early Fisher families in the vicinity of Lewis in Broadkin Hundred, Sussex County, and possibly three. One family came with Wm. Penn on the famous Welcome, and they are written up in Anna Wharton Smith's, Genealogy of the Fisher Family 1682-1895. This book does not include "our" early William Fisher, but states that he owned land adjoining the dwelling plantation of Thomas Fisher (1669-1713) of the Welcome family. The latter's land was "Island," and "Bright's Island," in Broad Creek Neck. (Smith, Fisher Family, 18).

Tentative Chart

Yeates' Cornwall (Cornwall)

b.
d. c. 1729/30

Rebecca Fisher

b.
d. 1746/7

(Daughter of Wm. Fisher, Esq. Her second husband was Wm. Cornwallis.)

Elias² Cornwall

b. 1715 (?)
d. 1782

George Fisher Elias³ David Sarah Jeremiah

b.
d. 1796

M.
Leah Ingram
(Herid. 2, Nun Riley)

(Children of ~~John~~ I. Elias and Leah
Conwell)

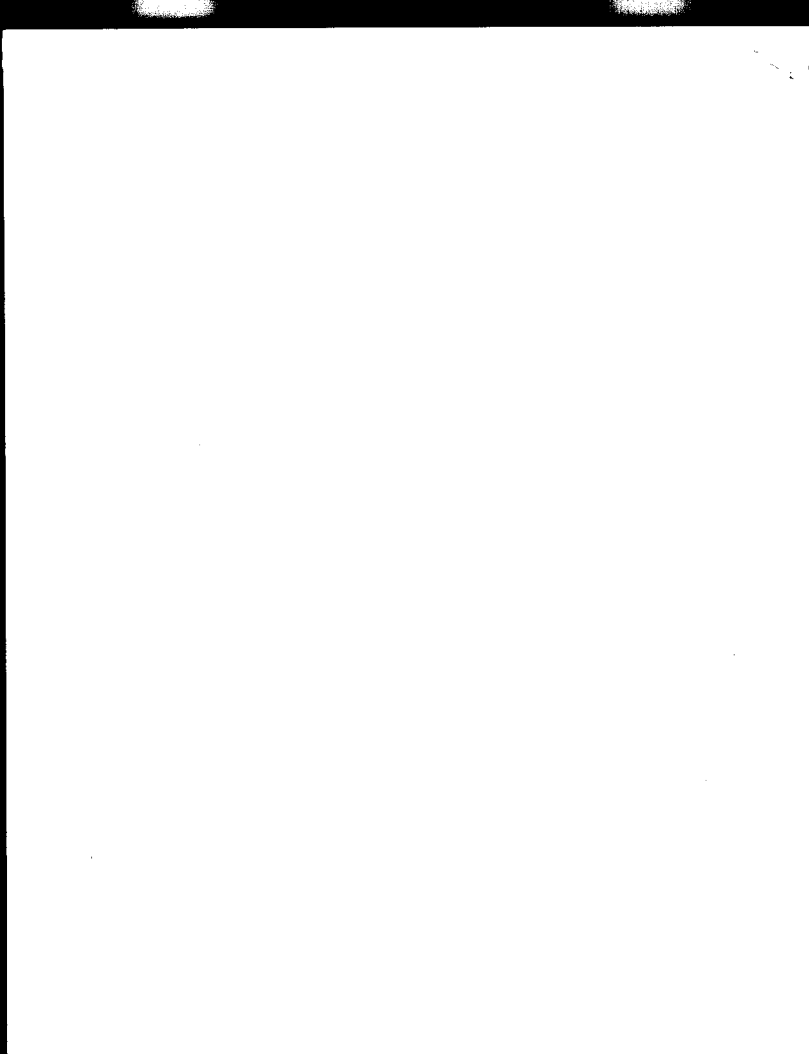
John (I.) [*]	Aca	Elias	Aletta	(Custom when its father executed will.)
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There are other facts which I
did not include. These are the highlights.
The deeds, warrants and surveys,
Orphan's Court records, etc. should
disclose much more of this history, and
furnish proof for the weak links in
the pedigree. To me it is an interesting
quest. It is my feeling that this
group of intermarried families were
substantial land owners, and office

holders, in the colonial period. William Fisher, by the way, is a qualifying ancestor for both the Colonial Dames, and Colonial Wars (men's society with similar requirements). I did not attempt to ^{find (Evolutionary and other} service, for Elias, and the other Couwells as I wish first to establish the lineage.

I am returning part of your papers, but would like to ask Mr. de Valinger, if I may, to copy these records to file with the vital statistics at the Delaware Archives. I wonder where the original Bible could be. Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,
 J. D. Massey II



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PITTSBURGH, PA. Sept. 30, 1916.

Mrs. O. G. Bond,
1026 Court St.,
Fremont, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Bond:-

Your favor of the 24th inst. was duly received and I was very glad to receive it, as I had made several attempts to reach you, as your own brothers did not seem to have your right address, or at least did not give it to me. I had a pretty good outline of your father's family but was never able to get him to answer a letter and your brothers, while they did answer one or two of my letters never went to the trouble to give the details of the family in births, deaths, names, etc. as you did. As I have it now from you it is complete and I can turn my inquiries in other directions, and I thank you very much for the information given me.

The Conwell family, or nearly all of it in this country, comes from Sussex Co., Delaware, and not from New York as you seem to think. There are still several families of Conwells in Delaware, some of whom I visited last summer in my searches for family history.

I am only too glad to give you the information you ask as to the family beyond your grandfather. No one has ever been able, so far as I can learn, in tracing the family beyond the first settler of the name in this country--that is we cannot trace it back to Europe, or do not know from what part of Europe they came.

The first to land in this country, was Yeates Conwell and his wife Rebecca Fisher who landed at Lewes, Delaware on April 15, 1699. There is a deed on record at Georgetown, Del., in which Yeates' father-in-law deeds to his daughter, Rebecca, the wife of Yeates Conwell, 100 acres of land. Mr. Fisher had evidently come over ahead of Yeates and Rebecca.

Yeates and his wife had four children:--

William, who is my ancestor

John, said to have been born the night before landing--which would be April 14th, 1699. He is your ancestor.

Elias
Hannah

Your descent is as follows:-

John, B. Apr. 14, 1699

1st Comfort Claypoole

2nd Susanna

D 1782

He had three children to each wife--the oldest child of the second wife was named John--also your ancestor

John II B ? in Del.
 M Elizabeth
 D in Aug. or Sept. 1811
 He had 9 children, the 6th one being named John III

John III (called John "68" because born in 1768)

B Sept. 17, 1768 in Dela.
 M Sarah Waller
 D Feb. 23, 1840
 They had eight children--the eldest one being named

Charles II (I call him Chas. 2nd because he had an uncle Charles I)
 B ? in Dela.
 M 1st Leah Jones
 2nd Jennings Jeffers
 D Sept. 2, 1843
 He had three children to the first wife and seven to the second one--the fourth being Charles III

Charles III
 B Oct. 2, 1833
 M Mary W. Scott
 Living in Cincinnati, Ohio

This gives you the connection as far as I have been able to dig it out as yet. There are some missing dates and some names of wives--this is last names, but the hope of getting them in some way is not yet given up by me.

I have traced out the family of David Hazard Conwell at Carlisle, Ill. pretty well. His son, Marshall, of whom you spoke, still lives there and has helped me a good deal.

Your grandfather has a sister who is still living--Mrs. Elizabeth Fowler, Milton, Dela.

I am now trying to trace the descendants of his brother (half-brother) William of whom you also spoke; and am getting a little start. I am told he lived and died at Pittsburg, Kansas.

There is a big branch of the Conwell family who trace their descent to Conwell at Xenia, Ohio--some say he was John Conwell, and others say given me the name Arthur, and still others William. I wish I could get it traced out to my own satisfaction, but have not succeeded so far.

Allow me to again thank you for your information. If there is anything else you wish to know about the family, and I can answer your question I would be only too glad to do so.

Yours very truly,

Enc. B

O D Conwell

Nov. 22nd, 1958.

Mr. George V. Massey
55 King Street
Dover, Delaware.

Dear Mr. Massey:

I desire your services in looking up data on the Conwell family of Sussex County in your State, particularly the antecedents John Conwell, III, also known as John I. Conwell, father of Louisa Conwell Shockley, who was born in Sussex County, January 1st, 1806, she married Dr. William B. Shockley, also of Sussex County, he was born March 21st, 1801, they were married Jan. 27th, 1825.

John Conwell, third, a/k/a John I Conwell father of Louisa Conwell Shockley was born in Sussex County in 1766, and died there in 1738 or 1740, his wife's first name was Sarah, however we are uncertain as to her maiden name, some of the children of William B. And Louisa Shockley said it was Clark, but did not know if Sarah was the first or second wife of said Jon Conwell, III.

Said William B. Shockley and his wife left Sussex County sometime between May 20th, 1827 and Oct. 1st, 1828, as their family bible shows that their daughter Sarah Ann was born in Sussex County, Delaware, May 20th, 1827, and their son Elisha H. born in Ohio, Oct. 1st, 1828, as near as can be ascertained they were married in Sussex County, January 27th, 1825.

It was related by the children of William B. & Louisa Schockley that their grand father John Conwell was quite a lot older than his wife Sarah, and that their grand father John Conwell III. a/k/a John I. Conwell's father and grand father both carried the first name John, and that John Conwell their grand father had a brother William. It was also stated by some of the Shockley children that their great grand father Conwell was a soldier in the Revolution.

How much is basic in fact other than the old bible record of Dr. William B. Shockley & Louisa his wife in relation to births and deaths I do not know. I enclose herewith a letter written by Harriett Francis Bales, daughter of William B & Louisa Shockley, which is self explanatory, these papers were among other papers my wife now deceased had in her possession.

My wife was a great grand daughter of Dr. William B. Shockley and Louisa Conwell his wife, and the grand daughter of Emoline (Shockley) Rinard their 6th, child, born in 1835 died in 1918, and the information above was related by her and her sisters.

My son Charles R. Barefoot, Jr. is interested in his mother's line, while he is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution on his paternal side of the house and his mother a member of the daughters of 1812 on her paternal (Thomas) side he would like more information on his mother's maternal side.

I trust the enclosed letter and papers might be of some value in your search of the records, after they have served their purpose, if any, kindly return same to me.

William B. Shockley, husband of Louisa Conwell was a practicing physician in Henry County, Indiana, for many years, he died February 6th, 1876, his wife Louisa (Conwell) Shockley died May 31st, 1873, however I have no information as to his antecedents.

I also enclose my personal check for \$50.00, as a retainer in re: starting your research.

Very truly yours

Charles R. Barefoot.

HENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
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NEW CASTLE, INDIANA

February 12, 1929.

Charles, R. Barefoot, Esq.,
571 Spitzer Building,
Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Compatriot Barefoot:-

Following up some correspondence between us three or four months ago, may I make the suggestion that you write regarding the Conwell ancestry of Mrs. Barefoot, through her ancestor, Louisa Conwell Shockley, to Miss Laurel Conwell Thayer, Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.

I find that her mother was of the Delaware Conwells who emigrated at early date to Fayette County, Indiana, adjoining Henry County on the south. She seems to have a good deal of Conwell family history and may be able to show connection with the Henry County branches and their descent from the Revolutionary War officer from Sussex County, Delaware, from which apparently all the Indiana Conwells and Shockleys have come.

This is merely a suggestion growing out of a recent interview with Miss Thayer. Our association was of a social rather than professional nature, which explanation I offer because Miss Thayer is the very efficient and attractive Probation officer of the women's police court of Indianapolis. I have long known her, our mothers having been friends in their younger days, but this conversation occurred at a Sunday night social function and it wasn't any Methodist watch party, either. Nuff said. Luck to you.

Very truly yours

Clarence H. Smith

Historian, Indiana Society, S.A.K.

HENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
614 SOUTH FOURTEENTH STREET
NEW CASTLE, INDIANA

August 21-1928.

Mr. Charles R. Barefoot, Genealogist,
Anthony Wayne Chapter, S.A.R.,
Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Barefoot:-

Kindly accept my hearty thanks for the roster of members of Anthony Wayne Chapter, S.A.R. of Toledo, which you mailed to me last week. I do not wish to impose upon your generosity, but may I not be favored with a copy of the new roster which you say is in process of publication?

I do not know if it is considered objectionable to belong to more than one local Chapter but we have a member whom we do not want to lose and yet who ought to belong to your Chapter, being resident of Toledo. You will find his lineage in the June, 1928 Minute Man. He has gone in on descent from Capt. James Stevenson. He ought to file supplemental on descent from Samuel Boyd. He is Mr. Leroy Gregory Peed, in charge of Overland Sales Co. We don't want you to take him away from us- his "old home town", but I wish he might be in touch with the Society at Toledo- he is a very fine man.

My effort at securing information from Mrs. Louise Shockley Ryman, of which I was so hopeful, was a failure. Since the destruction of their home by fire last April she does not have her family data where she can locate it, though she says it was not destroyed. She thinks she is not of the Conwell-Shockley branch. Her people all came from Dover, Delaware at an early day to Highland County, Ohio where her paternal grandfather died in 1832. She thinks if it were John L. Conwell, instead of John I. there would be greater likelihood of the families being the same as one of the family was Littleton Shockley who settled near the Delaware-Hancock County, Ind. line, not far distant from this Henry county. She thinks it probable that Dr. William Shockley and her father were cousins but she does not know of any Conwell connections - speaks of intermarriage with Brittingham family - says when the brothers came to Ohio and Indiana another brother William, went to Flemingsburg, Kentucky. She suggests that you write to Mrs. Grace Gray, 58 West Burton Place, Chicago, Ill.

I have found William Shockley, the physician,

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NEW CASTLE, INDIANA

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as Dalton, which was in the adjoining county of Wayne. This caused me to fail to find him in my first search. He is listed as a native of Delaware aged 58 years, his family consisting of wife, Louisa, native of Delaware, age 54 years and the children John, 21- Franklin, 19, Asa, 15 Sarah, 13- Nancy, 11- Harriet, 6. One of these was presumably Mrs. Barefoot's mother. Not far distant from the Doctor lived Elisha Shackley, aged 32 and Mary, his wife and four children. Probably he was son of William and Louisa- all these children were given as born in Indiana.

You, of course, have all the data I found but it may lead to something better. I am wondering if the John listed could have been a well-known teacher of Henry County, whose widow is still living and whose daughter is the wife of Ross Lockridge, our Indiana historian and star lecturer on George Rogers Clark. If you have never had him your Chapter would do well to have him address you. He is very forceful.

Will send you another Chapter when I find anything after a visit to court-house here, but I feel your only hope is thro' Delaware church and court records.

Again thanking you for the booklet,

Sincerely

Clarence H. Smith

6419 W. 33rd St.
Berwyn, Ill.,
Mar. 12, 1951

Chas R. Barefoot
3835 Hazelhurst
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Mr Barefoot:-

Gilbert Cornell, now passed away, told me a couple years ago when I was inquiring about my ancestry that years ago a Mrs. Barefoot, daughter of Emma Rinard, of Toledo, Ohio was trying to trace the Cornell line back to the Rev. War.

My grandmother was Nancy E. (Shockley) Miller, a daughter of Wm. B and Louisa (Cornell) Shockley, and therefore a sister of Emma Rinard.

Two years ago C. V. Cornell of Uhrichsville, Ohio, sent me information on one line of the Cornells from the time they landed at Lewes, Del. to John Cornell III, Born Sept. 17, 1766. Died Feb 22, 1840.

Now if you are the Barefoot family which Gilbert Cornell referred to will you please inform me if you have any information that would state that John Cornell III was Louisa Cornell's father. Also information on Wm. B. Shockley's folks.

Sincerely yours
Baris L. Miller

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December 17, 1957

Barefoot and Barefoot
759 Spitzer Building
Toledo 4, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 11th and you are advised that the Docket shows no Conwell. All of our records prior to 1799 are on file at the Hall of Records in Annapolis, Maryland.

Sorry I could not be of more help to you in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Kathryn J. Corddry
Register of Wills.

KJC:aw

GILBERT CONWELL

R. R. No. 4

NEW CASTLE, INDIANA

Aug. 21, 1928.

Charles R. Barefoot,
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of recent date wish to say that I talked to a granddaughter of William Conwell yesterday. William Conwell was a brother to Mrs. Dr. Shockley, and she said that she always heard that her great-grandfather, who was John I. Conwell never came to Indiana.

I handed your letter to the Curator of the Henry County Historical Society, and he said that he would investigate the matter, and examine the early records of the County and let me know what he found if any thing. If I find any information on the matter I will let you know.

Very Truly Yours.

Gilbert Conwell.

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NEW CASTLE, INDIANA

August 14-1928.

Charles R. Barefoot, Esq.,
870-872 Spitzer Building,
Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Sir and Compatriot:-

Mr. Gilbert Conwell of this county has placed in my hands the letter which you have written to him under date of Aug. 10th in which you seek assistance in obtaining Conwell data that will aid Mrs. Barefoot in establishing her right to D.A.R. membership.

Mr. Conwell thought that I might be of assistance because I serve as Secretary of the local Chapter, S.A.R., the largest in Indiana, which we call the Patrick Henry Chapter. I am also historian of the Indiana State Society and curator of our Henry County Historical Society, so many people call upon me for such assistance. In fact I have the honor of having secured more than half of the members in our newly organized Chapter, D.A.R. which now has a membership of over ~~eighty~~ sixty. Twenty-two of these are relatives of mine who went in through the service of an ancestor of ours whom I "dug up", last fall in Frederick County, Maryland. I have done all this because I delight in the work, and I tell it now so you may rest assured that I am going to put forth every effort to gain the information that you want.

I am especially interested in your inquiry because there was a branch of the Shockley family and one of the Conwell family, through the marriage of Mary Jane Conwell to Eli Messick, that were warm friends of my own people. They were members in early days of the Presbyterian church in New Castle and I think have lost caste in the eyes of most of their present-day descendants in this part of the country because of that fact.

I believe I may be able to get more help from Mrs. Louise Snockley Ryan, of Lewisville, than from any other source. Her father was Rev. A.M. Shockley, Presbyterian minister, and it is probable she has been given the name Louise for some ancestor. I remember that she once told me that she was eligible to membership to D.A.R. but I never asked through what line. Doubtless it was through this John Conwell. I shall get in touch with her soon.

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2.

I believe we may be able to get a number of Henry County descendants of the Conwell and Shockley families interested in joining either S.A.N. or D.A.N. if we can establish their eligibility.

In your letter to Mr. Gilbert Conwell you speak of his ancestor being John I. Conwell, servitor in the war of 1812, who was the father of Louisa Conwell Shockley. From this I assume that said John I. Conwell was the father of George Washington Conwell, who married Mary Jane Messick both natives of Delaware, and by her became the paternal grandfather of Mr. Gilbert Conwell.

Eli Messick had married first in Delaware and had several children but name of first wife is not known to me. She died in 1833 and for his second wife he married Ann Conwell. In 1837 they emigrated to Indiana. By these two wives he had nine children. For a third wife he married Susan Swan, whom I can remember well in the middle eighties, though I was less than ten years of age, as "old Mrs. Messick". Eli Messick is listed as having served in the War of 1812 "at the age of thirteen". Now what relationship existed between Mary Jane ~~Conwell~~ Messick, wife of George W. Conwell and Ann Conwell, wife of Eli Messick?

Shall see what I can find out at any Henry County records, but it is not probable anything helpful can be found except through church records in Delaware. Shall keep you posted as to what I find out.

With hope that together we may find the desired data,

Sincerely yours,
Clarence H. Smith
Cubator.

CHARLES R. BAREFOOT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
870-872 SPITZER BUILDING
PHONE ADAMS 3913
TOLEDO, OHIO

August 10th, 1928.

Register of Wills

~~Clerk of Sussex County Orphans Court
Georgetown, Delaware.~~

Dear Sir:-

Kindly advise if the Probate records in
your Court date back to the year 1790 and oblige,

Very truly yours,

Charles R. Barefoot

CRE:RM

*Yes, our wills date back
to about 1700*

*Respectfully
G. Warrick Maxwell
Register of Wills*

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

WASHINGTON

January 10, 1927.

Mr. Charles R. Barefoot,
Attorney at Law,
870-872 Spitzer Building,
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 30th, and my reply of
August 4th, 1926:

You will find inclosed copies of the data returned for
two heads of families named John Conwell found enumerated in
Sussex County, Delaware, at the Census of 1810, and for Jacob
Thomas, head of a family, as enumerated in Silver Creek township,
Greene County, Ohio, at the Census of 1830.

The schedules for Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as returned
at the Census of 1800, have been carefully examined, but no head of
a family named Benjamin Barefoot was found enumerated therein.

Prior to and including the Census of 1840, the name of the
head of the family only was returned, together with the number of
persons in the family shown by certain age groups and by sex.

Very truly yours,



Director.

Inclosures 2.

LWZ.

CENSUS OF 1810

Peter Hall

Schedule of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to

Name of county, parish, township, town, or city,
where the family resides. Sussex Co., Delaware.

Names of heads of families. John Conwell John Conwell, J.

Free white males:

Under 10 years of age.....	2	.....	0
Of 10 and under 16.....	1	.....	1
Of 16 and under 26, in- cluding heads of families..	0	.....	0
Of 26 and under 45, in- cluding heads of families..	1	.....	0
Of 45 and upwards, in- cluding heads of families..	0	.....	1

Free white females:

Under 10 years of age. ..	2	.....	0
Of 10 and under 16.	1	.....	0
Of 16 and under 26, in- cluding heads of families.	1	.....	1
Of 26 and under 45, in- cluding heads of families.	1	.....	1
Of 45 and upwards, in- cluding heads of families.	0	.....	1

All other free persons, except
Indians not taxed. 0 0

Slaves. 1 2

*The number of persons within my division consisting of the hundreds of Baltimore, Dagsborough, Indian River, Rehoboth & Broadkill appear on the schedules hereto annexed. Subscribed by me this twenty-fifth of December, 1810.

Peter Hall, Assistant to the Marshal of Delaware.

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THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES COMMISSION
OF DELAWARE

Dover, Delaware,

May 2, 1923.

This is to certify that John Conwell was Lieut.
Col. in David Hall's Battalion of Sussex County, taken
from the Minutes of the Council of Safety, Saturday Sept.
16th. 1775, the original record of which is in the
possession of the State of Delaware.

Witness: Edna B. Travers

Signed

Walter G. Tatnall

State Archivist.

*Is this John Conwell, the father of John Conwell II and the
grand father of Fousa Conwell Shockey,?*

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Notes On The Cornwall-Cornwell Family
of Sussex County, Delaware

Elias Yeates - Mary Hudson
(?)

Francis Cornwall — Mary [Yeates?]
b. b.
d. 1691 d.

Sh. rid. 2, c. 1693, Josias
Worceat

(?)

Yeates Cornwall

Rebecca Fisher

Francis Mary

b. b.
d. before Mar. 24, 1727

d. c. 1745
m. 2. Wm Cornwallis

Pier Wolf

(She was dau. of Wm. Fisher, Esq.
See Fisher)

John

Elias

Hannah

b. c. 1712
d. 1782

b. 1715(?)
d. 1782

b.
d.

1. Euphrat Claypoole
2. Susannah

Rachel Claypoole
b. 1721
d. 1767

Abraham Jun-
(son)

(Proof is lack-
ing that
Yeates was
the son of
Francis)

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Mary [Yeates?]

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(?)

Yeates Cornwall

b.
d. before Mar. 24, 1727

Rebecca Fisher

b.
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M.

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John

b. c. 1712
d. 1782

1. Comfort Claypool
2. Susannah

Elias

b. 1715(?)
d. 1782

M. Rachel Claypool
b. 1721
d. 1767

Hannah

b.
d.

M.
Abraham Jun
(m)

I. Francis Cornwall is thought to have come from Virginia, and said to have married Mary, the daughter of Elias and Mary (Hudson) Yeates. It has been assumed that Wm. Cornwall, who emigrated to the Barbadoes from England in 1635, was his father. The proof for all this is lacking in "The Courrell Family," by Capt. T. C. Courrell (Copy at Hall of Records, Down). Capt. Courrell quotes from The Murray-Courrell Genealogy, by Winifred Courrell Murray Milne, which I have not seen.

The first reference to Francis Cornwall that I have found at the Hall of Records, is his commission as justice of the county of Sussex in 1684 (Court Records 1680-

1699 Sussex County, unpagged front part)

He was again commissioned justice in 1686, and in 1687 was named high sheriff. His death occurred before 12th 9 mo. (Nov.), 1691, when letters of administration on his estate were granted to his widow, Mary. ("Wills Administrations and Marriages - Kent & Sussex Counties & Lancaster 1683-1695," p. 135.). Mary Cornwall married Josias Westcoat before Sept. 7, 1693, when they appeared in court as joint administrators of the Cornwall estate. (Court Records Sussex Co. 1680-1699, pp. 435, 436.).

their supposed son,

II. Yeates Cornwall (Cornwall), married Rebecca, the daughter of Wm. Fisher, Esq. (d. c. 1725). Fisher, a large landowner, ^{and} county official, represented Sussex County in the Provincial

Assembly. In his will, executed Dec. 10,
1725, he left his 700 acre dwelling
plantation to his son, Elias, with ^{more} 100 acres
in Slaughter's Neck. He willed 100 acres
to his grandson, John Courell (I), and
75 to his granddaughters Hannah, and
Elias Courell. After the Testator's wife,
Rebecca, received her thirds, the remaining
slaves and horned cattle went to his
son and daughter, Elias Fisher, and
Rebecca Courell. (Orl. Wills B. 71, p. 159,
over,). William Fisher had given an
eleven hundred acre estate, called
"Dyer's Delight," to his daughter,

Rebecca Courrell, who in turn, willed it to her children. This was the "major plantation" of John Courrell I which he divided between his sons, Wm., Esq., and John Courrell II, the father of John, 66.

II. Yeates Courrell died before Jan. 24, 1727, when Wm. Cornwallis executed his will and named his wife, Rebecca, and children in-laws (step children), Hannah, John, and Wm. Courrell. He said that if he and his wife had future issue, her issue by Yeates Courrell were excluded, ^{from his estate.} (A 66, 227). The will of Rebecca Courrell, made Oct. 7, 1745, bequeathed the 800 acre plantation where his son John Courrell

land, "being the land formerly belonging to
my dead father William Fustus called
Dyers delight," and also 100 more acres,
to his ^{said} son Jim Conwell. She left 200 acres
of Dyers' Delight to her son Elias Conwell,
and cash to her daughter, Hannah Fustus.
(A 66, p. 226). (There we are on pretty firm
ground.)

Children of Yeates, and Rebecca
(Fustus) Conwell;

1. Jim (D) who married Comfort
Claypoole, and Susannah ———, and had issue.
2. Elias, who married Rachel Claypoole,
and had issue.
3. Hannah, who married Abraham Fustus
4. William, who married and had issue.

Claypole - Shephard - Arroy Line

Norton Claypole, Esq. — Rachel
 b.
 d.

Norton Claypole was an early settler
 in the vicinity of Lewis, Sussex County.
 He was a land-owner, and county official.
 His brother, James, was a prominent
 Philadelphia merchant. Their father had been
 a member of Parliament, and an elder
 brother was married to the daughter of
 Oliver Cromwell. (The Pa. Mag. of Hist. and
 Bio., I, 354).

Capt. N. Arroy

Hercules Shephard — Mary Arroy

Jeremiah Claypole, Esq. — (1) Sarah Shephard #
 b. 23da. 10 mo. 1685*
 d. c. 1745
 (2) Mary (over)

Geo. John Comfort Rachel
Courrell Courrell
(wif. of Wm) (wif. of Elias)

(The will of Jeremiah Claypole, dated May 9, 1745, names, among others, his wif. Mary, sons, Geo., and John, and daughters, Comfort Courrell and Rachel Courrell, A 64, 231. The will of John Claypole, M. 28, 1777 - Dec. 1, 1777, names his friend and nephew, Wm. Courrell, guardian to his children, and executor. The estate was settled by Abraham Courrell, the exr. of Wm., Esq. Bible Recs., Del., D. A. R., IV, 216, list birth of Elias, son of Wm. and Comfort Courrell, Apr. 17, 1738.)

* Court Records 1680-1699 Sussex County, p. 24
(copying) (Birth rec. of Jeremiah Claypole)

† Sarah Shephard, the first wif. of Jeremiah Claypole, and evidently the mother of

his married daughters Comfort and Rachel^V
Covell, was the daughter of Hercules
Shepherd, another Colonial Official,
and his wife Mary, the daughter of
Captain John Curry, president judge at
the Whorekill in Delaware Bay
(Edwin Jaggett Sellers, Captain John
Curry President Judge at the Whorekill
and his Descendants (Philadelphia,
MDCCC#CVIII), 45. (Shepherd was
judge of the Orphan's Court, and member
of the Assembly.)

January 13, 1959

Dear Mr. Barefoot:

Thank you for your letter, and for the enclosure. I have written to Mr. Baird Miller to know where he got his dates concerning John Conwell III (Sept. 17, 1766 - Feb. 22, 1840). It seems more than a coincidence that these dates, 1766-1838 or '40, should be preserved in two branches of the family. When I received your letter I had been working on a different premise, that Louisa (Conwell) Shockley (b. 1806), the daughter of John and Sarah Conwell (Bible record), was the daughter of John Conwell "66", who died intestate in Broadhollow Hundred, Sussex County, shortly before Apr. 7, 1840, when his widow, Sarah Conwell gave bond as

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administratrix with Ashby Courll. Sarah Courll,
the widow, died before Jan. 5, 1841, when Ashby
Courll gave bond as administrator with
David Willbrauh.

The heirs of Wm Courll "66" indicated
(and are not necessarily complete),
by our records here, were David (who died
before Feb., 1858), Asa, and Ashby. The Bible
records that you sent, which I am having
copied to file at the Archers Department here,
list among the children of Wm. B. and Louise
(Courll) Shockley, David C. (b. 1832), and
Asa C. (b. 1845). The administrator's account
of David Courll (d. 1858), and Asa Courll
was administrator, lists "Cash rec'd of Jas. C.
Robbins in full for sd. dec'd's share of a certain
tract of land purchased by said Robbins of heirs
of Wm Courll of sixty six dec'd..." (Louise C.
Shockley had sons David C., and Asa C.)

I can think of no other explanation for this unusual appendage to John Courrell's name but the date of his birth.

"John Courrell 66 gave bond as administrator for Betty Courrell (his rother), Nov. 25, 1815.

His brother George, was co-administrator. Their bondsmen were George Courrell, Sr., and Jeremiah Courrell. Betty Courrell had been executrix of the will of her husband, John Courrell, who died in 1811. this (d. 1811).

The will of John Courrell, farmer, of Sussex County (vol. A 66, p. 117) left one third of his real estate, including his house, etc., to his wife Betty for her life, also personal estate. The remaining two thirds, and his wife's thirds, ^{of his land,} ^{at her death,} were to be equally divided between his sons, John, George, William, and

Jeremiah. He also named other children.

This John, I believe to have been the son of

John Courrell ^(I) who died testate in 1782,

"aged and infirm," leaving a widow, Susannah

(his second wife), a grandson Abraham Courrell

(son of his deceased son, Wm.), a son John

Courrell (who inherited the land where he

then dwelt), and John's son, John, Jr. (66);
daughter, Fidda, wife of Thomas Coulter; granddaughters, Hannah Courrell;

also grandchildren: Jacob, Rachel, Alice,

and Rebecca Courrell, children of his deceased
son Jacob. (A 66, p. 116). He also named his brother,
Elias Courrell.

John Courrell I. ^{c. 1735} — Comfort Claypoole (see
Yellow Chart I)
b. c. 1712
d. 1782
b. c.
d. after May 9, 1745
(2) Susannah

Wm., Sgt. Elias *
b. Apr. 28, 1738
d. 1782
d. before 1782
(No issue)
Abraham

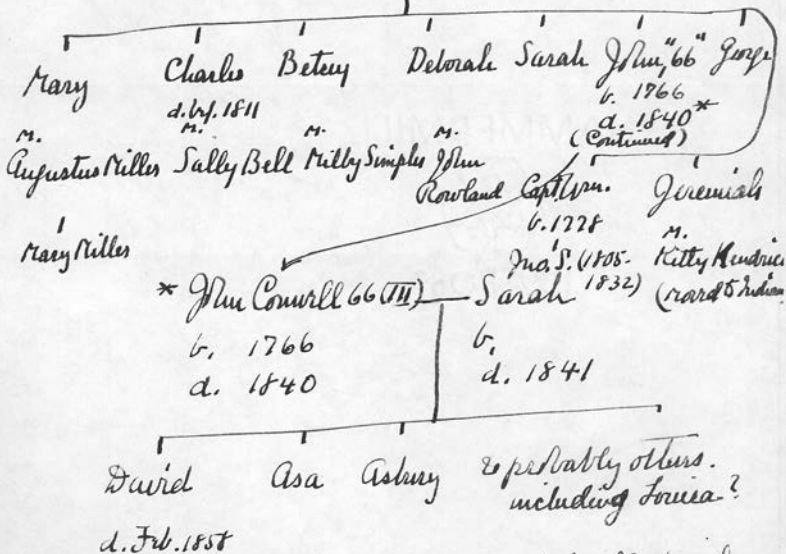
John (Jr.) II
b. c. 1740
d. 1811
m. Betty
d. 1815
1 (Continued)

Fidda
m.
Mrs. Coulter

David
d. before 1782
Hannah

* This was evidently the corporal.

Mun Courrell, Jr. II — Betty
 b. c. 1740 b.
 d. 1811 d. 1815



This possibility conforms with the family
 traditions that Mun III had a brother, William,
 and was the third Mun Courrell in the line.

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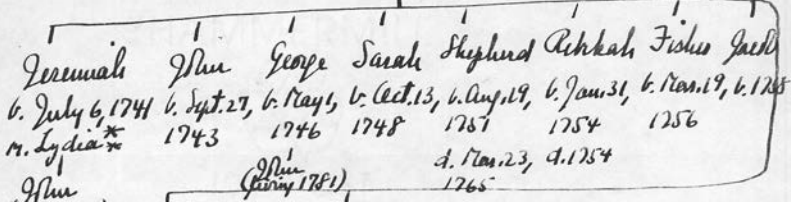
This is the Nun I [Ingram] Courrell line:

Aug. 25, 1740

(Brother)
Nun, I)

Elias Courrell
b. Oct. 10, 1715(?)
d. 1782

Rachel Claypoole (See yellow chart I)
b. Jan. 15, 1721
d. July 21, 1767
(dau. of Jeremiah and Sarah Claypoole)



John
(living 1781)
* She rth.
Tott
Claw

Elias
b. Jan. 5, 1760
d. Jan., Feb. 1796

David Claypoole
b. Nov. 14, 1766

Teah Ingram (daughter of Nun.)
b.
d.
(The vid. 2 Nun Reiley)

John [I.] *
b. June 7, 17[85?]
d. Sept. 1838

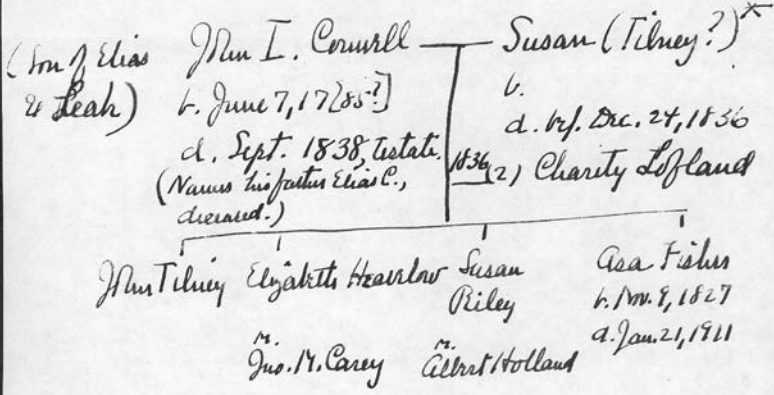
Asa Elias
b. Apr. 29, 1787
d. Aug. 29, 1807

Elija
b. Feb. 9, 1796
(posthumous)

Alitta (X)
b. 1792

* (continued) (These dates are from Bible records published)

in Publications of the Genealogical Society of
Pennsylvania (Jan., 1906), III, pp. 271, 272, 273,
 274. On p. 273 is ^{the} following, "Grandfather Yeates
 Cornwall & Rebrkah his wife & North a
 Mercey April 15th 1699 - anchor at Redy
 Island the same day they come - Drawn
 from an old book he fetcht with him....".



* Jonathan Howland names his niece, Susan Cornwall,
 wife of Wm I. Cornwall, in his will, dated Jan. 31, 1821, and
 leaves bequests to Wm T., Elias, and Elizabeth H., children of Wm I.
 Cornwall.

I have covered the material here at
the Delaware Archives pretty thoroughly including
Courts, ^{Clark,} and Shockley wills, administrators,
bonds, inventories, and guardian accounts. I
have also checked other allied families to see
what their records revealed. The next two
steps will be to examine the Sussex County
records at the Pennsylvania Historical and
Genealogical Societies, ^(in Philadelphia) here, at the latter
(they are housed in the same building), is the
only cross-index of Sussex County wills,
down to 1850, as well as ^{indexes} copies of Sussex Church
records which we do not have here, and other
key records. The deeds, and recorded Orphans'
Court records at Georgetown, the county seat
of Sussex, should disclose much more data.
The library at the Pennsylvania Historical

Society is considerably larger than those in
 Down, and should enable me to check
 certain references concerning Francis and
 Mary (Yeates) Cornwall in the published Virginia
 records. I should estimate two days at
 most at Philadelphia, and about that
 in Georgetown. The final report should
 be completed in three ^{more} days, totaling five days
 in all. The additional expenses, when
 away from Down, are about fifteen dollars
 a day, plus transportation which would add
 about five dollars to Philadelphia, and two
 or three, to Georgetown.

I am enclosing some notes which
 give some idea of my general progress
 concerning the background of both Mrs
 Cornwall "66" (1766-1840), and Mrs. Ingram

Cowrell (1785-1838), and already has
fuller notes with which to develop this sketch.

It is an interesting group of families
who played important roles in the seventeenth
and eighteenth centuries history of the area.

In reviewing this case, I am
anxious to check the deed to James C.
Adkins from the heirs of John Cowrell 66,
and other Cowrell - Shockley deeds in
Sussex, as well as other possibilities
concerning Dr. Wm. B. Shockley. There
should be obituary notices for him and
his wife in Strury County, and there
could be a biographical sketch in some
local history?

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely,

Ed. R. Massey

March 2, 1959

Dear Mr. Barefoot:

Your very nice letter was here when I returned yesterday from Philadelphia. I certainly agree on the unreliability of county histories in general, though as you point out by adding or subtracting a few generations their statements can at times be reconciled to facts.

I assume that you have seen the following reference in the Delaware Archives: Military and Naval Records (Wilmington, Del., 1912), vol. II, 814. A list of delinquents "At Our Muster On Iron Hill Octobr 31/1778" (long list, including William Barefoot - certified by Alexander Thomson and marked

"Returns of Capt Watters Company afterwards Thompsons.
Iron Hill is near the town of Newark in New
Castle County and not far from what then
was Chester County (later divided into the
counties of Chester, and Delaware.)

As you know so many of our records
have been lost and destroyed that those
that we have are often fragmentary. I
have found some muster-rolls for companies
of Revolutionary militia in Lancaster that
are not published in the Pennsylvania
Archives. Another possibility ^{from} pension
and bounty land records where a
brother or associate testified, or is mentioned

as serving with a soldier in a certain outfit.
 These, however, are uncertain possibilities connected
 with the same. I have even found pages
 of Bible records, and genealogical charts
 appended to these records. It would be
 interesting to know what brought the Barefords
 up here from North Carolina. There seems
 to have been a fairly large migration from
 this area to North Carolina. For example
 the Polks from Somerset County, which then
 adjoined Sussex in Pennsylvania (now
 Delaware), went there via Pennsylvania
 in the mid-~~sevent~~ eighteenth century
 (the family of President Polk, and Leonidas
 Polk), and so did the Cannons,

ancestors of the Cannon-Tourt family - who
hailed from Horchester County, part of
which is now in Sussex, Delaware. One of
the Cannon settlers in the Delaware area had
the good grace to name a tract of land
Ickford, ^{indiv. pr.} a parish partly in Oxford, and
partly in Buckinghamshire, England. There
one finds memorial brasses to the Cannons
as early as 1460. But the descendants
with us know ~~no~~ ^{are} interested enough to
spend ~~enough~~ on research to establish the
line, and the Tourt family uses an arms irrelevant at all.

The marriage of Sarah Clarke, widow,
to one of the New Cornwells, is listed in
the Presbyterian Church records for the
Jewes area in 1800. This was the widow

of Mrs Clarke (^{and} possibly Mrs Draper). But I
 do not think that this Mrs S. Courrell is
 identical with Mrs 66, because their signatures,
 within a few years only, are very different -
 the one ^{signed} John S. Courrell, & the other
 John Courrell 66 (I am doing this from
~~my~~ memory, but the difference is ^{enough} marked.)
 There was still another Mrs S. Courrell at
 the time. ^{One was Mrs Spencer Courrell, son of George.} The Abigail Clarke diary gives
 the marriage of Mrs Courrell and Sally
 Clarke in 1792. This could be the right one.
 The several other charts and traditions that
 the wife of Mrs 66 was a Waller bring
 in another problem. She, too, could have been
 a widow, Mrs Clarke. Looking at wills,

guardian accounts, and other obvious sources
for the solution, ^{with negative and confused results,} I abandoned the quest because
of the time element. Since you wrote about the
family tradition concerning ^{the week} Jim Clarke getting
drunk and dancing at the house of Dan 66,
and a similar incident appears in Alletta
Clarke's diary, this may shed more light.
A friend in Sioux, who descends from the
Cornells, and kindly found the few
references in your report from forgetfulness
for me, writes that a woman in Kansas
just wrote asking about her Cornell
line. She is ^{descended} from Asbury Cornell (1811-1857),
the son of Dan (d. Feb. 22, 1840) and
Susan Waller (d. Dec. 30, 1841)*, who married
Susan A. Pepper. He died in Illinois, and his
* These are the woman's dates, and names.

wife in Iowa. The woman claims to have
 proof for this much - but if her ancestor,
 Asbury Comwell, was the brother of Joshua
 Shockley, the woman is wrong about the
 wife of Wm 66 being named Susan whom
 she died in, ^{Dec,} 1841, for we know his widow
 I have been Sarah who was dead by Mar. 9,
 1841, when Jas. C. Robbins petitioned the
 court to value their property.

This, I am afraid, is boring to you.
 Mr. Miller said in his last letter that a
 Wm. Comwell of Brownsville, Pa., had once seen
 the original Yates Comwell ^{Bible} that he brought ~~from~~
 England to America. It was in Washington State,
 either ^{at} Seattle or Spokane, and so old, he said,
 the owners would not let him touch it.

What a pity to have it so far from Delaware,
and lost to us now. Thank you for the
other nice things that you said, for your
good wishes, and for recommending me to
others interested in their family trees. With
every good wish to you.

Sincerely,

J. S. Massey

Hartford City Ind
Sept 2 1921.

Dear Stella and
family. Received your
letter but neglected
writing I was sick at
that time and after
that was called to Howard
Co by the sickness of
sister Sarah Shaw
she died yesterday
morning Sept 1.
Crystal copied the
birth and deaths as
they were in the
Bible Now Stella I
want you to send me.

your childrens pictures
and I would not mind
having yours and your
husbands. I suppose
Sarah has gone home
by this time Write
and come when you
can

Aunt Fern

P.S

When writing address

Mrs Corriet Bales
Hartford City
1209 North Walnut St.

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Louisa Conwell, was born in
the year of our Lord 1806.
John and Sarah Conwell
his father and mother
Sussex county State of
Delaware.

David C. Shockley, son of
W^m B. Shockley and
Louisa his wife departed
this life Sept. 24th 1832
in Muskingdom Co.
Ohio.

Sarah Ann, daughter
of W^m B. Shockley
and Louisa his wife, died
Jan. 17, 1842.

Elizabeth B., daughter
of W^m B. Shockley and
Louisa his wife
departed this life Jan.
15, 1842.

Benjamin F. son of
W^m B. Shockley and
Louisa his wife died
Dec. 26, 1864.

x W^m B. was born
x Mar. 21st 1801.

x Louisa Conwell daughter
x of John Conwell and
x Sarah his wife was
x born Jan 1st 1806.

W^m C. son of W^m B.
Shockley & Louisa his wife
was born Nov. 5th.

1826, in Sussex Co. Delaware

Sarah Ann, daughter
of W^m B. Shockley
and Louisa his wife
was born May 20th 1827
in Sussex Co. Delaware.

Elisha H., son of W^m
B. Shockley and Louisa
his wife was born
Oct. 1st, 1828 in
Muskingdom Co. Ohio.

David C. son of W^m
B. Shockley and Louisa
his wife was born Sept.
18th 1831. Muskingdom

Co. Ohio.

Elizabeth B. daughter of
Wm B. Shockley and
Louisa his wife was
born Nov 1st 1833
Licking Co. Ohio.

Emoline B. daughter
of Wm B. Shockley and
Louisa his wife was
born Apr. 5th 1835.
Licking Co. Ohio.

Louisa J. daughter
of Wm B. Shockley
and Louisa his wife
was born Jan. 15th
1837. Licking Co. Ohio.

John W. son of W^m B.
Shockley & Louisa his
wife was born. Apr. 29,
1839. Henry Co. Ind.

Benjamin F. son of
W^m B. Shockley and
Louisa his wife was
born Apr. 12, 1841 in
Henry Co. Ind.

Mary A. Shockley
daughter of W^m B.
Shockley & Louisa
his wife was born;
Apr. 5, 1843.

John C. son of
Wm B. Shockley
and Louisa his wife
was born May 1,
1845.

Sarah C. daughter
of Wm B. Shockley &
~~Louisa his wife~~
was born Mar. 28,
1848.

Nancy E. daughter of
Wm B. Shockley and
Louisa his wife was
born Aug. 28, 1850.
Henry Co. Ind.

Harriet Francis,
daughter of Wm B.
Shockley and Louisa
his wife was born Oct. 18,
1853.