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**West Point Class of 1900 [A00008-1]**



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**To the Class of 1900, United States Military Academy**

As the years pass over our heads old scenes, old associations, old friends, mean more and more to all of us. Some say this is a sign of advancing old age. We say it is a sign that we still have an interest in the best things of life.

Over half of the Class are still alive—very much alive. (About 60% of the Class as a whole, about 56% of the graduates).

"The old farm," "the old oaken bucket", "the cottage by the sea", the "old home town",—memories of them are cherished by each of us. We should like to see them again as they once were. But too often the march of time has obliterated the old scenes, the old associations. The friends of our youth are no longer there—we can never bring them together again. We have only memories left.

Where else in the World than at West Point can we find the old scenes and associations of our boyhood unchanged and unspoiled? The Corps of Cadets is still the long gray line of which we once were a part. The barracks in which we lived, the academic building, the old chapel, (in a different place, to be sure), the plain, the camp, "flirtation"—they are all there as they were half a century ago.

And best of all, where else can we see at one time, a hundred friends of our youth, classmates and others, to call up familiar associations, and long dormant memories? Nowhere else in the World!

And so finally, are there any you would rather see than the classmates and friends of Cadet days? Is there any place you would rather go than West Point, the most beautiful spot on earth, every aspect of which is graven on your memory? Is there any experience in your life more delightful than a Class reunion at West Point?

Not many more such opportunities will be vouchsafed to any of us. So let us not miss this one, if it be possible to attend.

Please write at once to Paul Stanley Bond, 2205 California Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and let us know whether you can certainly, probably, or possibly attend. This implies no obligation to do so, but we wish to make some arrangements, and these will depend in a measure on the num-



The Long Gray Line

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ber who will attend. When you write tell us something of late occurrences in your own life and that of your family, or items of interest concerning other classmates with whom you have had contact. We have not had a Class Bulletin since Arthur Hyde died, and it is time for another.

The Class Secretary will write you later concerning arrangements, where accommodations for wives and family members may possibly be obtained, transportation facilities, and other details, and will also send out a report on the probabilities or possibilities of attendance.

Meantime, please let us hear from you promptly, whatever may be the prospects that you will be with us next June week at the Academy.

Sincerely yours,



*W. S. Grant*

W. S. Grant  
Class President



March, 1945



1. Neely	24. Perkins	46. Grant	69. Frost	92. Graham
2. Godfrey	25. Roth	47. Frohwitter	70. Bond, P. S.	93. Amos
3. Soléliac	26. Root	48. Rhett	71. Pillsbury	94. Henry
4. Sullivan	27. Prentice	49. Gleaves	72. Lawson	95. Van Schaick
5. Read	28. Callison	50. Hunter	73. Davis, F. E.	96. Nones
6. Wright	29. Allen	51. Lee	74. Hackenberg	97. Bolton
7. Hyde	30. Haskell	52. Robinson, E. W.	75. Hurt	98. Prunty
8. Simmons	31. Baird	53. Dennis	76. Goethe	99. Wilen
9. Thompson, F. A.	32. Youngberg	54. Dixon	77. Buck	100. McVicker
10. Lane	33. Gibson	55. Ehrman	78. Baer	101. Martin
11. Morey	34. Morris	56. Davis, E. G.	79. Glynn	102. Mumma
12. Yates	35. Robinson, J. P.	57. Craighead	80. Wood	103. Westervelt
13. Joseph	36. Fenner	58. Kershaw	81. Brice	104. Thomas
14. Bowen	37. Cummings	59. Harvey	82. McManus	105. Albery
15. Whitlock	38. Benjamin	60. Doyle	83. Luery	106. McIntyre
16. Rockwell	39. Jackson	61. Gillmore, W. E.	84. Yonge	107. Comly
17. Wilson	40. Adams	62. Sunderland	85. Harris	108. Brown
18. Glade	41. Thompson,	63. Peace	86. Lukesh	109. Carson
19. Stokey	A. C.	64. Weatherwax	87. Pope	<i>Absent</i>
20. Bond, D.	42. Hopkins	65. Browning	88. Barco	Baender
21. Downes	43. Wesson	66. Birnie	89. Currie	Conklin
22. Morrissette	44. Hillman	67. Johnson	90. Gilmore, H. F.	Hall
23. Tidhall	45. Vanderveer	68. Slattery	91. Kay	

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JAMES RUFUS McVICKER, Ph.D., J.D., S.J.D.

Major, Officers' Reserve Corps

1117 East College Street,

Iowa City, Ia.

Cadet, U.S.M.A. ....	June 18, 1896
Honorably discharged .....	January 30, 1897
Corporal, Co. "F", 51st Iowa Infantry, U.S. Volunteers ..	May 30, 1898
Honorably discharged .....	March 24, 1899
Candidate, R.O.T.C. (Fort Snelling, Minn.) .....	August 27, 1917
	to October 25, 1917
Captain, Military Intelligence Section, O.R.C. ....	May 18, 1924
Major, Military Intelligence Section, O.R.C. ....	November 1, 1929
Transferred to Auxiliary Section, O.R.C. ....	August 17, 1932

James Rufus McVicker, son of Horvel Wilson McVicker and his wife, the former Miss Margaret Eben Hill, was born at Hilton Junction, Des Moines County, Ia., July 6, 1876. He attended the public schools of his native town and at Sigourney, Ia., and was graduated from Sigourney High School on May 25, 1895. While residing with his parents at Sigourney, he received an appointment to West Point in 1896, following a competitive examination held the preceding year, which had resulted in his being placed as an alternate.

Following his graduation from high school he clerked for about a year in his Uncle James R. Hill's store in Crescent City, Mo., then returned home and soon after entered the employ of the "Keosauqua County News." Upon receipt of his appointment to West Point, he resigned his position on the newspaper, in March, 1896, in order to prepare for the entrance examinations, which he in June passed with satisfactory grades.

In June, 1896, he reported for duty at the Military Academy, and was admitted as a Cadet and a member of the Class of 1900. Owing to deficiency in his mathematical examination at plebe January, Cadet McVicker was honorably discharged and returned to his home. He was, however, recommended by the Academic Board for reappointment, and was reappointed by his Congressman as an alternate, but declined in favor of Emory J. Pike (Class of 1901),

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who was appointed in his stead. Harry S. McVicker had offered to quit high school and go to work so that his brother could accept reappointment, but James R. McVicker declined to accept this sacrifice. His declination of reappointment was from a sense of duty, his parents being unable to meet debts and mortgage payments without his help.

Soon after returning to his home, Mr. McVicker received an appointment as a rural school teacher, and thus began his career in educational work.

When war was declared against Spain in April, 1898, Mr. McVicker gave up his school to re-enter the military service. On May 2nd he enlisted in the 3rd Regiment of Iowa Infantry, then being mobilized at Des Moines, Ia., and on May 20th he was mustered into Federal service as a Corporal in Co. "F", the regiment being re-designated as the 41st Iowa Infantry, United States Volunteers.

His was one of the regiments selected for service in the Philippine Islands, and he served with it during the concluding phases of the Spanish-American War, and the early part of the Philippine Insurrection. He was honorably discharged on March 24, 1899. His mother died while he was in active service in the Philippines.

Upon returning to the United States Mr. McVicker resumed his duties as a teacher, and spent the following year with the rural schools of his county. He then attended Iowa State College at Ames, Ia., and Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Ind., receiving from the latter his baccalaureate degree in Science in 1902.

In November, 1902, he was elected Clerk of the District Court of Keokuk County, Ia., and was re-elected in 1904, leading his county ticket by several hundred votes in each election. He discharged the duties of this office for the four years, 1903 to 1907.

The first half of the year 1907, Mr. McVicker was Principal of Schools at Present, Ia.; and from September, 1907, until June, 1910, he

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was Superintendent of Schools at Keota, Ia.

He attended summer session courses at the University of Michigan Law School at Ann Arbor, Mich., followed by courses at the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, Ia., where he received his Bachelor's degree in Arts in 1911, and his Master's degree in Arts in 1912. He continued his law courses for a year's work during this time, and a full additional year in the College of Law of the State University of Iowa, earning the degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) in 1913, having taken full advantage of time by attendance at University summer sessions.

For the next four years Mr. McVicker was a practicing attorney at Sigourney, Ia., individually for the first two years, and then for two years in partnership with Hon. Wilson H. Hamilton, now a Justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa.

Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War Mr. McVicker participated as a volunteer in the course of instruction at the second Officers' Training Camp at Fort Snelling, Minn., from August 27 until October 25, 1917. He then resumed educational work, going to Fortéville, Wis., in November, where he superintended the public schools for the remainder of the school year.

During 1918 and 1919 Mr. McVicker was Superintendent of the Dow City, Ia., Consolidated Schools; and for the next four years he filled a similar office in the Belle Plaine, Ia., public schools. He then returned to the Graduate College of the University of Iowa, where he received his Doctorate of Philosophy in 1925, specializing in Political Science. He also received the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence from the College of Law at the same time. Mr. McVicker then resumed the practice of law at Cedar Rapids, Ia., in partnership with Walter R. Hatzabaugh, a law school classmate, continuing through 1925 and 1926.

During these years he gave some time to teaching, serving as a

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Graduate Assistant in the Department of Political Science at the University of Iowa from January to June of 1924, teaching a course in "State and Municipal Government," and during the summer sessions of 1925 to 1928, at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kas., teaching courses in "American State Government," "Political Parties and Electoral Problems," and "National Administration."

Dr. McVicker discontinued his partnership practice of law in August, 1928, and accepted appointment on the Law School faculty of the University of Detroit, at Detroit, Mich., as Professor of Law. He continued there through 1929 to 1930, and in 1930-1931 was Professor of Law at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Ill.

In September, 1930, he entered the Graduate Department of the Law School of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., where he earned the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in 1931, and Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) in 1932. He then resumed individual practice of law at Iowa City, Ia.

In the summer of 1935 Dr. McVicker accepted the office of Acting Professor of Law at the University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, Ky., during the year's leave of absence of Dean Alvin E. Evans. Having concluded this appointment, in the late summer of 1936 he returned to Iowa City, and again took up individual practice of law.

In all, Dr. McVicker has earned, in course, eight academic degrees: three Bachelor's, two Master's, and three Doctor's, a most unusual record and one that called forth comment in the "Iowa City Press-Citizen" in its issue of December 16, 1935. In addition to his service on college and university faculties, Dr. McVicker served for twelve years in public school work, nine and a half years of which were spent in administration.

Dr. McVicker has also done a considerable amount of research and writing. From 1923 to 1925 he served as a Research Assistant on the staff



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of the State Historical Society of Iowa. Among his writings may be mentioned three chapters in the 718-page volume entitled "County Government and Administration in Iowa," edited by Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, and published in 1928 by the State Historical Society of Iowa. His subjects were: Chapter VI, "The Clerk of the District Court"; Chapter VII, "The County Attorney"; and Chapter XI, "The Administration of Justice in the County".

He is the author of an historical monograph of 101 pages, entitled "The Iowa State Bar Association and Law Reform", published by the State Historical Society of Iowa in the "Iowa Journal of History and Politics" in April, 1928. He was the reviewer for the 1925 edition of Turner's "An Introduction to the History and Government of Iowa", published by Houghton-Mifflin Company.

Others of his writings deserving mention are: a brochure entitled "Representative Stipend-Holders in the Graduate College of the State University of Iowa, 1900-1920", published by the University in its series, "Aims and Progress of Research", on July 1, 1928; and a law review article entitled "Fair Comment as Defense to Libel in Illinois", published in "Chicago-Lent Review", February, 1930. He has written a monograph entitled "The Seventeenth Century Justice of the Peace in England", which appeared in the May, 1936, issue of the "Kentucky Law Journal."

With his educational, historical, literary, and legal interests, Dr. McVicker has found time for a further interest in national defense. Since 1924 he has held commissions as Captain and Major in the Officers' Reserve Corps, and has pursued basic and advanced courses bearing upon army organization, field service, military, administrative and international law, the Military Intelligence Service and the functions of the Judge Advocate General's Department. As a reserve officer, Major McVicker completed tours of active service in 1929 and 1930. Called for such service in 1932, he was found to be physically disabled for active duty and

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was thereupon transferred to the Auxiliary Reserve Section of the Reserve Corps with recommendation for his detail if called to limited duty in emergency in the Judge Advocate General's Section.

Major McVicker was married at Lone Tree, Johnson County, Ia., on <sup>Miss</sup> March 12, 1905, to Virginia Matilda Constant, daughter of Henry and Amanda Constant, nee DeKorce. Mrs. McVicker's parents were born near St. Eugene in the Province of Quebec, about fifty miles from Montreal, and both her parents' families removed to Iowa before the Civil War. During that conflict three of her uncles served in Iowa regiments of volunteers.

Major and Mrs. McVicker have five children: Bernadine Constant McVicker,

Bernadine was graduated from Belle Plaine, Ia., High School, in June, 1923, and from the State University of Iowa with the degree of A.B. in June, 1926. She was a high school teacher for two years, and on August 27, 1928, married Raymond E. Norman, also a graduate of the University of Iowa, and she is now an accountant for the City of Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Benjamin was graduated from Iowa City High School in June, 1931, and having enlisted in the Navy was graduated from the Machinists' Mate's school, Hampton Roads, Va., in September, 1932. In August, 1933, he married Miss Dorothy Allmond, of Philadelphia, Pa. His service in the Navy covered the period from August, 1931, to August, 1933.

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Two of Major McVicker's great grandfathers, Duncan McVicker and Jeremiah Hill, were born in Scotland, the one in 1759 and the other about 1746. The latter lived to an advanced age of some years over a century. They both emigrated to the American colonies, the former first settling in New Jersey and the latter in Pennsylvania. Captain Duncan McVicker served in the Second New Jersey Line of the Continental Army, and Jeremiah Hill served as a private in the Third Pennsylvania Line.

His brother, Harry S. McVicker, Superintendent of Keokuk County, Ia., Public Schools, has served in this office since January 1, 1909, and was recently re-elected for another three-year term.

Mr. McVicker was admitted to the practice of law in the State and Federal Courts in Iowa, and became a practicing member of the Bar in Keokuk, Linn and Johnson counties. He is a Mason, holding membership in Webb Lodge, No. 182, A.F. & A.M., at Sigourney, Ia., where he was raised in January, 1900. He has taken the degrees of the Royal Arch Masons of Iowa. He holds life membership in the State Historical Society of Iowa. He is a Phi Delta Kappa man. He became a member of the University of Kentucky Club, Lexington, Ky. He is also a member of Harry L. Stone Camp, No. 31, Department of Iowa, United Spanish War Veterans, at Oskaloosa, Ia., and of the Reserve Officers' Association of the United States. He is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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JR Notes - Capt Duncan McVicker [A00020]

Captain DUNCAN McVICKER (1739-1838)

Duncan McVicker was born in Scotland in 1739.

At the age of 18 in 1757 he went to the North of Ireland and from there immediately came to America, settling in Northern New Jersey. The Scotch or Scotch-Irish were in the North of New Jersey just South of the Holland settlements in the North.

It is said that three brothers came over to New Jersey from Scotland with Duncan.

Duncan McVicker married in New Jersey.

The West Virginia branch of the descendants (through James McVicker, 1739-1832), corroborated by descendants of James McColinus (1745-1800) including Judge John Marshall Hagans of Morgantown and first County McColinus now of West Lenoir, Pa., have consistently maintained that the wife of Duncan McVicker was a McColinus, and the West Virginia branch have given the name as that of Nancy McColinus. Nancy McColinus was evidently not a descendant of James McColinus (1745-1800), but a relative of his. James McColinus after living in North Carolina returned to New Jersey where one or more of his brothers lived. Nancy McColinus was evidently not descended from James McColinus's brother, Alexander McColinus. However, there were three other brothers, John McColinus, Reuben McColinus and Daniel McColinus, from one of whom she was probably descended, and one or more of whom lived in New Jersey.

The name of the wife of Capt. Duncan McVicker has been ascribed as Annie Laurie by Miss Ida Rozanne Sawyer, a great great granddaughter (through Alexander McVicker (1775-1832), of Bedford County, Pa., after her death in New Jersey, and she has had the name of the wife as Annie Laurie inscribed upon the monument which she erected to the memory of Capt. Duncan McVicker and her family in the cemetery just west of Schellsburg, Bedford County, Pa.

In the will of Thomas McConnell (p. 514 Record of Wills, Dept. of State of N.J.), dated January 15, 1777, he mentioned "my daughter Joan (McConnell) the wife of Duncan McVicker," this Thomas McConnell being resided as being of Berks and County and Province of Pennsylvania, N.J. But is this Duncan McVicker the same Duncan McVicker as Capt. Duncan McVicker? It is known that there were many of the name McVicker in New Jersey and also that the name Duncan was a common and frequent one among the Scotch of that day.

Evidently, the wife of Capt. Duncan McVicker was not buried with him at Schellsburg, Pa., and there is no indication found that the wife came with him from New Jersey. There is no indication found that he was married more than once other than as above. There is no satisfactory indication that he ever had a wife living in Pennsylvania.

The similarity in family given or Christian names indicates that the wife of Capt. Duncan McVicker was Nancy McColinus for four of the sons bear the same given names as four of the five McColinus brothers, viz., John, James, Alexander, Daniel. The list of sons of Duncan McVicker is as follows: John McVicker, James McVicker, Alexander McVicker, Daniel McVicker, Duncan McVicker Jr., Joseph McVicker and David McVicker. The Federal census of 1790 for Pennsylvania shows that there were at that time three females in the family of Duncan McVicker in Bedford County, probably his daughters since his wife was probably not then living. The name of one of these daughters seems to have been Mary McVicker, married in Hampshire County (W.) Virginia to Thomas Schilde in 1797.

Alberta Claire (McVicker) Shiden (b. 1895) says: "There is no reasonable doubt about my great grandmother's name being Nancy McColinus. My grandfather who was her grandson (James Madison McVicker, 1808-1895) always said so and he received his information from his father who was her son (James McVicker, 1739-1832).

*Thom. from Judge John Marshall Hagans always said that we were related to him through the McColinus.*

## JR Notes - Distributed shares [A00022]

DISTRIBUTIVE SHARES			
James R. McVicker	11/48		
Mabel A. Brolliar	11/48		
Mabel A. Conant	11/96)		
Norvel G. Wheeler	11/96)	11/48	children of Maude H. McVicker Wheeler 1883-1946
Etta L Beidenkopf	1/16	3/48	only child of Mary F. McVicker Morrison 1859-1947
Katherine E. Smythe	1/48)		*see children of Millie E. Russell Deceased below*
Claborne A. Bevard	1/48)	2/48	children of Margaret Lucinda McVicker Bevard 1849-1920
Maxine W. Tillotson	1/48	1/48	**grandchild of Cornelia McVicker Middleton 1860-1920 being the only child of deceased son Frank E. Middleton **
Joel H. McVicker	1/96)		
Clarence E. McVicker	1/96)		
Ida B. Warren	1/96)		
Millie L. Mears	1/96)		
Laura K. Burkhart	1/96)		
Charles F. McVicker	1/96)	3/48	children of John H. McVicker - John Henry McVicker 1853 - 1895
Cora L. McClure	1/96		
Kathryn M. Fisher	1/96		
Florence M. Pratt	1/96		
Norvel R. Morrison	1/96		
Levi H. Morrison	1/96		
Alfretta C. Leftwich	1/96	3/48	children of Elizabeth Jane McVicker Morrison 1856-1925
Frank E. Middleton	1/96)		
Clyde H. Middleton	1/96)	1/48	** grandsons of Cornelia McVicker Middleton being the two sons of deceased son Clyde Norvel Middleton **
Gertrude A. Collins	1/192)		
Glenn V. Russell	1/192)		
Clayborne A. Russell	1/192)		
Frank H. Russell	1/192)	1/48	*grandchildren of Margaret Lucinda McVicker Bevard *being children of deceased daughter Millie E. Russell
Gracia LaVern Middleton	1/144)		**widow of deceased son of Cornelia McVicker Middleton, William Shanor Middleton **
Elenor L. Alexander	1/288)		**
Winifred LaVern Middleton Mayhew	1/288)		**
Julia Arlene Middleton	1/288)		**
Gracia Ranslae Middleton	1/288)	1/48	** 4 daughters of William Shanor Middleton, Deceased
		<u>48/48</u>	

## John Marshall Hagans [A00030]

## JOHN MARSHALL HAGANS

JUDGE JOHN MARSHALL HAGANS was born in Brandonville, Preston County, Virginia (now West Virginia), August 15, 1833. He received his early education in the public schools, attended the old Monongalia Academy at Morgantown, and later studied law at Harvard University. He was admitted to the bar in 1859, and became associated with Hon. Waltham T. Wiley of Morgantown. During the formation of the State Judge Hagans was both active and conspicuous. He was appointed Reporter for the Supreme Court of Appeals in 1864, and published the first five volumes of the Reports. His story of the formation of the State was published in volume one of these Reports, and was the first accurate account of the events of those tumultuous days to be published.

Many political honors were accorded to Judge Hagans. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Monongalia County in 1862, re-elected in 1863, 1864, and 1870; served as Mayor of Morgantown in 1865, 1867 and 1869; Republican Presidential Elector in 1868; member of Convention that drafted West Virginia State Constitution in 1871; served in 43d Congress 1874-5; member of the House of Delegates, sessions 1879 and 1887. In 1880, as a delegate to the Republican National Convention, Judge Hagans led the fight for the nomination of James G. Blaine for President. In 1888, he was elected Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, re-elected in 1896, but died at Morgantown on June 17, 1900, before the completion of his term.

SKETCH OF THE ERECTION AND FORMATION OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA FROM THE TERRITORY OF VIRGINIA by John Marshall Hagans; Reprinted from Volume I West Virginia Supreme Court Report

From Foreword

"This is a reprint of an article by Hon. John Marshall Hagans, first published in 1865 as a prefix to volume one of the supreme court reports of West Virginia. The title, "Sketch of the Erection and Formation of the State of West Virginia from The Territory of Virginia," is truly indicative of the subject matter. The author in his preface thereto modestly states that the sketch, "whilst \*\*\*\* not designed to attain the dignity of history," is written "in order that the events therein recorded may not pass from the memory." Mr. Hagans was contemporary with the events, and participated in the stirring scenes which he so faithfully recorded. He witnessed the travail of the mother state, and the birth of her illustrious daughter--our own West Virginia. He also witnessed the growth and development of this new state from a war torn and impoverished fledgling into a prosperous and powerful commonwealth. Perhaps no man of his time was better equipped to write the history of that epochal period than Mr. Hagans, and well did he perform the task. On this the sixty-fourth anniversary as a sovereign state it is fitting that this invaluable chronicle be elevated to the "dignity of history," and the facts therein contained more widely diffused among our people. With this object in view, this reprint is issued with the confident belief that it will prove both educational and inspirational.

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Sincerely yours,  
HOWARD B. LEE

Charleston, W. Va.  
June 20, 1927 "

Page 64 shows the election of L. A. HAGANS, of Preston County, secretary of the commonwealth on July 9, 1861.

**Pedigree of Hugh McCollum Beugler [A00032]**

**Pedigree of Hugh McCollum Beugler  
Copied from his application for membership  
Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American  
Revolution**

John McCollum, Private in Capt. Helm's Company, 2nd Regiment, New Jersey  
Reference: New Jersey Men in the Revolution (by Stryker, Adj. General)

John McCollum b. _____ d. _____	married	Ann Smith b. 1743 d. 1830
Ephraim McCollum b. 1765 d. 1830	married	Catherine Sebring b. 1777 d. 1841
Hugh McF. McCollum b. 1817 d. 1890	married	Mary Craig Watson b. 1817 d. 1903
Catherine Ellen McCollum b. 1842 d. 1902	married	James M. Beugler b. 1839 d. 1891

*Hugh*  
JOHN MCCOLLUM BEUGLER (54221-Conn. 3523)  
b. Duboistown, Lycoming Co., Pa., Nov. 26, 1872  
residence: 1130 Ridge Road, Hamden, Conn.

No references for pedigree

HISTORY OF SUSSEX AND WARREN COUNTIES, NEW JERSEY,  
With Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Its Prominent Men and  
Pioneers Compiled by James P. Snell--Author of HISTORY OF HUNTERDON  
AND SOMERSET COUNTIES, NEW JERSEY-- Assisted by Prof. W. W. Clayton and  
a Numerous Corp. of Writers-- Philadelphia: Everts and Peck 1881  
Press of J. B. Lippincott, Philadelphia

Page 68 The following is a list of nearly 1000 soldiers from Sussex  
County who served in the Continental Army and the State Militia  
during the Revolutionary War;

**Captains**

.....  
DUNCAN McVICKERS, lieutenant Second Regiment; captain, ditto

Page 72 **Privates**

.....  
JOHN MCCOLLUM, Captain Helm's Company, Continental Army  
.....

Page 248 NEWTON III Early Settlement, Etc.

Jacob McCollum, who was in the early day a prominent man in this  
township, lived on the farm now occupied by John W. Smith, in  
what has been set off as Hampton. He was one of the County  
Committee of Safety in 1775, Judge of the Courts in 1777, and  
a member of the Legislature in 1778. ....

JR Notes on Kefover family [A00036-1]

PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881)

Philip Kefover (1789-1881) was born May 13, 1789, in Frederick County, Md., He settled in Nicholson Township, Fayette County, Pa., where he became a successful agriculturist. His home farm place is about 2½ East of Masontown, Pa.

Philip Kefover (1789-1881) was married three times:

(1) To Ophelia Elizabeth Lucky who bore him 10 children, as follows--

- 1--James Kefover (1811-1904), married Susan \_\_\_\_\_; lived in Wilton, Muscatine Co., Iowa
- 2--Thomas Kefover (1815-1894), married Sarah Harrison; lived at Woodside, Fayette Co., Pa.
- 3--Philip Kefover (1821-1913), married-1st-Lavinia Malsky-2nd-Eliza Ann (Smith) Murray; lived in Fayette County, Pa.
- 4--William Kefover (\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_), married Sarah Elizabeth Jackson; lived in Fayette Co., Pa.
- 5--Albert Gallatin Kefover (1831-1914), married Sarah Ann Bowers; lived in Fayette Co., Pa.
- 6--John Kefover (\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_), died when a young child
- 7--Mary Jane Kefover (1834-1908), married Henry B. Malsky; lived in Mahaska County, Iowa
- 8--Clarison Kefover (\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_), married Robert Hanna; lived in Clarksville, Butler Co., Ia.
- 9--Margaret Kefover (\_\_\_\_-1818), married Thomas Sessler; lived at High House, Fayette Co., Pa.
- 10--Martha Kefover (1816-1887), married James Hill (1815-1859); lived in Fayette Co., Pa.

(2) The second marriage of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) was to Phoebe Harper by whom he had no children.

(3) The third marriage of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) was to Delilah Boice (1800-1879, died 74th year) who bore him one child, as follows--

- 11-- Elizabeth Ann Kefover (\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_), married George S. Barnery; lived in Fayette Co., Pa.

Philip Kefover (1789-1881) died April 5, 1881, aged 91 years 10 months 21 days.

He is buried by the side of his third wife, Delilah (Boice) Kefover (who died September 29, 1879 in the 74th year of her age) in the Old Frame (Presbyterian) Churchyard about 3 or 4 miles Southeast of Masontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

Inscription engraved on his tombstone:

"Holy Bible ... 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.' "

Inscription engraved on monument to Delilah:

"Holy Bible - Delilah wife of Philip Kefover Sr. died Sept. 29, 1879 in the 74 year of her age.

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.' "

Further data as to Ophelia Elizabeth Lucky, first wife of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) and the ancestress of most of his descendants, is not known to the writer.



## JR Notes on Kefover family [A00036-2]

## FAMILY OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1788-1881)

Philip Kefover (1788-1881) was born on May 12, 1788, in Frederick County, Maryland. He settled in Nicholson Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, where he became a successful farmer. His old farm homestead is located about 2½ miles east of Masontown, Pennsylvania.

Philip Kefover (1788-1881) was married three times:

First marriage to Ophelia Elizabeth Luckey (daughter of \_\_\_\_\_), who bore him 10 children --

- 1 James Kefover (1811-1894), eldest son, married Susannah (maiden name not found); lived in Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, Iowa
- 2 Thomas Kefover (1815-1894), married Sarah Harrison; lived at Woodside, Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- 3 Philip Kefover (1821-1915), married--1st--Lavinia Malby-- married--2nd--Elixa Ann (Smith) Murray; lived in Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- 4 William Kefover (\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_), married Sarah Elizabeth Jackson; lived in Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- 5 Albert Gallatin Kefover (1831-1884), married Sarah Ann Bowers; lived in Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- 6 John Kefover (\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_), died when a young child
- 7 Mary Jane Kefover (1824-1908), married Henry Bovel Malby; lived at Indianapolis, Mahaska County, Iowa
- 8 Clarissa Kefover (\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_), married Robert Hanna; lived in Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa, in the 1870's and 1880's, no later record found
- 9 Margaret Kefover (\_\_\_\_-1910), married Thomas Hensler; lived at High House, Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- 10 Martha Kefover (1815-1867), married James Hill (1815-1858); lived near Masontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

The second marriage of Philip Kefover (1788-1881) was to Phoebe Harper (daughter of \_\_\_\_\_), by whom he had no children.

The third marriage of Philip Kefover (1788-1881) was to Delilah Boice (daughter of \_\_\_\_\_), who bore him one child --

- 11 Elizabeth Ann Kefover (\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_), married George W. Turner; lived in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

Philip Kefover (1788-1881) died on April 5, 1881, aged 81 years, 10 months, 21 days. He is buried by the side of his third wife, Delilah (Boice) Kefover (who died Sept. 29, 1879 in the 74th year of her age). Both rest in the Old Frame (Presbyterian) Churchyard, about 5 or 4 miles Southeast of Masontown, Pennsylvania. Inscription engraved on Phillip's tombstone:

"HOLY BIBLE ... Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." "

Inscription engraved on monument to Delilah:

"HOLY BIBLE ... Delilah wife of Phillip Kefover Sr. died Sept. 29, 1879  
in the 74th year of her age ..."

## JR Notes on Kefover family [A00036-3]

## DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, James Kefover (1811-1904):

Philip Kefover (1789-1881) was born May 12, 1789, in Frederick County, Md. He settled in Nicholson Twp., Fayette County, Pa., where he became a leading agriculturist. His home farm place is about 2½ miles East of Masontown, Pa. He was married 5 times: (1) To Ophelia Elizabeth Lucky who bore him 10 children, James Kefover (1811-1904), Thomas Kefover (1815-1894), Philip Kefover (1821-1875), William Kefover (\_\_\_\_), Albert Gallatin Kefover (1851-1914), John Kefover (\_\_\_\_, died young), Mary Jane Kefover (1824-1892--married Henry B. Malady), Clarissa Kefover (\_\_\_\_--married Robert Hanna), Margaret Kefover (\_\_\_\_-1810--married Thomas Sessler), Martha Kefover (1818-1867--married James Hill); (2) the second marriage of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) was to Phoebe Harper by whom he had no child; (3) the third marriage of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) was to Delilah Boice (180\_-1879, 74th year) who bore him one child, Elizabeth Ann Kefover (\_\_\_\_--married George W. Burner). Philip Kefover (1789-1881) died April 5, 1881, aged 91 years 10 months 21 days, and is buried by the side of his third wife, Delilah (Boice) Kefover (who died Sept. 29, 1879 in the 74th year of her age) in the Old Frame (Presbyterian) Churchyard, about 3 or 4 miles Southeast of Masontown, Pa. Inscription engraved on his tombstone: "Holy Bible . . . Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Inscription engraved on monument to Delilah: "Holy Bible Delilah wife of Philip Kefover Sr. died September 29, 1879 in the 74 year of her age. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

James Kefover (1811-1904), the oldest son of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) and Ophelia Elizabeth (Lucky) Kefover, was born August 27, 1811, in Fayette County, Pa., died at Wilton Junction, Mascatine County, Iowa, October 1, 1904, aged 93 years 1 month 4 days. He married Susan or Susanna \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_, a sister of Rosanna \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_, who married William Beatty, also a resident of Wilton Junction, Mascatine County, Iowa, for some time. The sisters Susan \_\_\_\_\_ and Rosanna \_\_\_\_\_ are said to have been orphans \_\_\_\_\_

James Kefover (1811-1904) and Susan \_\_\_\_\_ Kefover had three children:  
 1 James Robinson Kefover, b. Sept. 4, 1834, d. May 16, 1931, in his 97th year;  
 2 Elizabeth (Libbie) Kefover, b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_;  
 3 Philip Alexander Kefover, b. Jan. 5, 1857, d. Sept. 30, 1897, in his 61st year.  
 James Kefover (1811-1904), his wife Susan \_\_\_\_\_, and their son James Robinson Kefover are buried in the Kefover plot in Oak Dale Cemetery, Wilton Junction, Iowa.

1 James Robinson Kefover (1834-1931) was born near Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died in the Mascatine County Iowa Home, May 16, 1931, in which he had been an invalid inmate since his admittance on June 24, 1926. He was never married, and had lived alone after the death of his father for about 22 years from his 70th year until invalided into the Mascatine County Home in his 92d year. He spoke of coming from Fayette County, Pa., to Mascatine County, Ia., when a boy about 14 or 15 years of age. He was an ardent admirer of the religious doctrines taught by Emanuel Swedenborg (1689-1772). He was a well read man, especially in the Swedenborgian philosophy, as well as in many other lines and an able conversationalist. Until quite advanced in years he had farmed a tract of land he owned about 2½ miles West of Wilton and adjacent to Sugar Creek not far from the Cedar River near Moscow, Mascatine County, Iowa.

2 Elizabeth (Libbie) Kefover, b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_, married Alex. ("Eck") Smith. They had three children, the third child of which marriage died young. The Miller Smith family, of which Alex. Smith was a son, lived at or near Moscow, Mascatine County, Iowa, in pioneer days. It is supposed that the family may have removed to Kansas.

3 Philip Alexander Kefover, born January 5, 1857 (probably in Fayette County, Pa.), died Sept. 30, 1897, at his farm home about 2½ miles West of Kennick, Beckuk County, Iowa. He married (April 22, 1875): Mrs. Bessie Arlia (Upson) Phillips, born

JR Notes on Kefover family [A00036-4]

DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1861): Son, James Kefover (1811-1904):

( 3 Philip Alexander Kefover (1837-1897)--continued-- )

(Mrs. Bessie Arilla (Upson) Phillips, born July 6, 1848, died May 25, 1913. Philip A. Kefover and Bessie Arilla Kefover are buried in Sarden Cemetery, near Keswick, Keokuk County, Iowa. By her former marriage, Mrs. Bessie Arilla (Upson-Phillips) Kefover had 2 daughters: Eva Phillips, born February 15, 1871; and Maggie Elizabeth Phillips, born February 1, 1872, died October 5, 1872. The children of Philip Alexander Kefover (1837-1897) and Bessie Arilla (Upson-Phillips) Kefover:

- (1) Ida Mae Kefover, born August 26, 1876;
  - (2) Nora Bell Kefover, born Dec. 25, 1877, died Aug. 21, 1878;
  - (3) Edith Gertrude Kefover, born Mar. 24, 1879, died July 7, 1880;
  - (4) George William Kefover, born April 12, 1880;
  - (5) Carrie Kefover, born June 10, 1882, died Aug. 7, 1892.
- Misses Eva Phillips and Ida Mae Kefover reside together on the home farm, their address being R.F.D. #1, Box 75, Keswick, Keokuk County, Iowa.

Philip Alexander Kefover (1837-1897) in the early eighties removed with his family from Wilton Junction, Iowa, to What Cheer, Iowa, then a very thriving coal mining town in Keokuk County. After the severe fire in What Cheer in the latter eighties in which his harness store was burned, he gathered his resources and purchased the 80 acre farm near Keswick, Keokuk County, Iowa, which ever afterward has remained the home of his family and on which Miss Eva Phillips and Miss Ida Mae Kefover now reside. He was a man of very genial, lively and jocular disposition, and always interesting company. He was a capital story teller. He was a well beloved relative, a man of exemplary habits, and a fine character. Of such pioneer characters, Iowa was well settled.

George William Kefover, the only son of Philip Alexander Kefover and Bessie Arilla (Upson-Phillips) Kefover, was born Apr 12, 1880, in Wilton, Muscatine County, Iowa. He married (Dec. 25, 1913): Fannie Shafranek, born Aug. 21, 1880. The marriage was solemnized by his kinsman, James R. McVicker, then serving as a Justice of the Peace in Sigourney Township, Keokuk County, Iowa, by special appointment of the County Board of Supervisors. The following named children are the issue of this marriage:

- (1) Evelyn Mae Kefover, born January 10, 1915;
  - (2) Bessie Arilla Kefover, born January 21, 1917;
  - (3) George Philip Kefover, born December 5, 1918;
  - (4) William Alexander Kefover, born September 27, 1920;
  - (5) James R. Kefover, born August 21, 1922.
- The address of George William Kefover is: Hamon, Washington County, Oklahoma, where he and his family reside upon his farm.

While the spelling of the Pennsylvania family as KEFOVER has been adhered to herein by the writer, it must be noted at this point that the sons of the family of James Kefover (1811-1904) adopted the spelling with two g's in the first syllable of the surname, thus KEEFOVER, and that the latter was the one that the descendants spell their name.

~~DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1861): Son, James Kefover (1811-1904):~~

JR Notes on Kefover family [A00036-5]

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HISTORY OF JAMES KEFOVER (1811-1904) FAMILY -- Appendix

WILLIAM \_\_\_\_\_ BEATTY, Brother-in-Law of JAMES KEFOVER (1811-1904)

William \_\_\_\_\_ Beatty, b. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_

married ( \_\_\_\_\_ ):  
Rosanna \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
who was a sister of Susan \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
who married James Kefover (1811-1904).

Children of William Beatty and Rosanna \_\_\_\_\_ Beatty

1 James Beatty, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
m. Hannah \_\_\_\_\_ Upson, sister of Mrs. Bessie Arella Upson Phillips  
who married Philip Alexander Kefover (1837-1897).  
Hannah \_\_\_\_\_ Upson, b. \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_  
children:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2 Jane Beatty, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Anna Beatty, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Elizabeth Beatty, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Juliet Beatty, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
m. William Franklin Morgan, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
a nephew of Horvel Wilson McVicker (1827-1923)

6. Frank Beatty, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
m. Anna \_\_\_\_\_ Granger, b. \_\_\_\_\_ about 85 in 1885  
residence 1007 South 2d Street, S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

~~Notes on the Kefover family are given in the notes on James Kefover (1811-1904) and on William Beatty (1811-1904).~~  
Notes: This outline of the William Beatty family is included in the James Kefover family history because of the close intermarriages of the Beatty and Kefover families: (1) The wives of James Kefover (1811-1904) and of William Beatty were sisters, said to have been orphans who were raised in the McGowan (or McCallister) family (probably in Fayette County, Pennsylvania); (2) the wives of Philip Alexander Kefover (1837-1897), second son of James Kefover (1811-1904), and of William Beatty, eldest son of William Beatty, were sisters. Thus, the two first cousins, Philip Alexander Kefover and James Beatty, married two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Arella (Upson) Phillips and Miss Hannah Upson, respectively; and (3) and Juliet Beatty, daughter of William Beatty, married William Franklin Morgan who was a nephew of Horvel Wilson McVicker (1827-1923, the writer's father) who married Margaret Ann Hill who was a granddaughter of Sarah (Kefover) Hill who was a sister of James Kefover (1811-1904).

~~DESCENDANT OF JAMES KEFOVER (1811-1904) -- SON OF ROSANNA (1811-1904)~~

JR Notes on Kefover family [A00036-6]

DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1798-1881): Son, Thomas Kefover (1815-1884):

Ophelia Elizabeth(Kefover) Springer (1848-1927)

Ophelia Elizabeth Kefover, daughter of Thomas Kefover and Sarah (Harrison) Kefover, was born Jan. 22, 1848, at Woodside, Fayette County, Pa., died Aug. 27, 1927, at Woodside, Pa. She was married on Jan. 23, 1876, at Woodside, Pa., to Zedock Beeson Springer, son of Jonathan Deeward Springer and Elizabeth (Palton) Springer. Zedock Beeson Springer was born Oct. 12, 1856, at Uniontown, Pa., died Oct. 24, 1935, at Woodside, Pa. Zedock Beeson Springer and Ophelia Elizabeth (Kefover) Springer, his second wife, are buried at Uniontown, Pa. He became a member of the U. S. Church, she was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Zedock Beeson Springer was descended from two historic families of Fayette County, served the United States as an illustrious soldier in the Civil War, and after the return of peace became a leading business man of Uniontown, Pa., as will more fully appear in the accompanying sketch of his life(next following this page).

Zedock Beeson Springer and Ophelia Elizabeth (Kefover) Springer had six children:  
 Betsy Ophelia Springer, born Jan. 12, 1877, at Uniontown, Pa. *d. Dec. 28 1948*  
 Anna Louise Springer, born Nov. 28, 1879, at Uniontown, Pa.  
 Sarah Sarotta Springer, born Aug. 30, 1881, at Uniontown, Pa., m. Winfield Mandell  
 Catherine Wyona Springer, born Feb. 1, 1883, at Uniontown, Pa., m. John W. Victor  
 Zedock Beeson Springer, born June 14, 1889, at Woodside, Pa.  
 Nellie Brown Springer, born May 18, 1895, at Woodside Pa., m. Charles S. Honsaker

JR Notes on Kefover family [A00036-7]

DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, Albert Gallatin Kefover (1881-1914)

Henry Stanton Kefover, son of Albert Gallatin Kefover and Sarah Ann (Howars) Kefover, was born Dec. 18, 1886, in Nicholson Township, Fayette County, Pa. He was married on Nov. 22, 1888, in German Township, Fayette County, Pa., to Sarah Jane Johnson, born Aug. 11, 1868, in German Township, Fayette County, Pa., daughter of Nicholas Johnson and Catharine (Barnhart) Johnson. To this union were born three children as follows:

1 Harold Carson Kefover, born Aug. 22, 1889, who served the United States in the World War

2 Elmer Lloyd Kefover, born Nov. 10, 1899, died May 25, 1907  
3 Albert Stanton Kefover, born Apr. 28, 1907, died Feb. 18, 1909

In his earlier years, Henry Stanton Kefover served as a teacher in the public schools of Fayette County. In the latter years, he has followed the carpenter trade in his community. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanton Kefover is in Masontown, Fayette County, Pa., and the postal address is P.O.Box No. 1, Masontown, Pa. Residing with them in the home is their son, Harold Carson Kefover, and the sister of Henry Stanton Kefover, Mrs. Cynthia Jane (Kefover) Ramsey, is also residing in their home.

The notes of the trip of the writer's brother, Harry Scott McVicker, who in company with our father, Norvel Wilson McVicker, visited at Masontown, Pa., June 5-5, 1901, during the occasion of their trip taken from Sigourney, Ia., to our father's boyhood home at Morgantown, W. Va., show that they made the trip from Morgantown to Masontown by steamboat and return. These notes say: 'Monday, June 5--came out and stayed over night with Albert (Gallatin) Kefover --a good man--who stays with the widow Mrs. Jake Mack. Jake Mack was a son of Alex. Mack's half brother ... Albert Kefover, Masontown, Pa. ...  
Wed, June 5--Took boat Adam Jacobs for Morgantown. ...'I hope to see you some time either here or there.' "

## JR Notes on Kefover family [A00036-8]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1799-1881): Son, ALBERT GALLATIN KEFOVER (1831-1914)

Descendants of Grandson, John Austin Kefover and Ellen Amanda (Canan) Kefover:

Bessie Kefover, daughter of John Austin Kefover and Ellen Amanda (Canan) Kefover, was born May 15, 1877, at High House, Fayette County, Pa., and died Jan. 3, 1897, at Fairchance, Fayette County, Pa. She was married on Nov. 1, 1895, at Uniontown, Pa., to Ewing Franks Brown, born [redacted] died Aug. 24, 1898, at Morgantown, W. Va. They are buried at Fairchance, Pa. Their one child, Ewing Franks Brown, Jr., was born Dec. 14, 1896, at Fairchance, Pa. He served the United States in the World War, over seas, in the Railroad Division.

Mary Etta Kefover, daughter of John Austin Kefover and Ellen Amanda (Canan) Kefover, was born May 17, 1878. Residence at 24 North Howard Avenue, Bellevue, Pa. She is a member of the Bellevue Presbyterian Church and a member of the Alpha Bible Class. She has ably co-operated in the gathering of material for the family history and actively shown her interest toward its furtherance and completion.

Alice Kefover, daughter of John Austin Kefover and Ellen Amanda (Canan) Kefover, was born Sept. 18, 1879, at High House, Fayette County, Pa., and died Oct. 31, 1908, at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. She was married to David W. Rider, son of Isaac Rider and Mary (Longenecker) Rider. Their residence was at 81 East Craig Street, Uniontown, Pa. They were members of the Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, Pa.

Clark M. Kefover, son of John Austin Kefover and Ellen Amanda (Canan) Kefover, was born Feb. 14, 1881, at High House, Fayette County, Pa. He was married on Nov. 14, 1907, at Bellevue, Pa., to Florence Ada Boswell, daughter of Joseph B. Boswell and his wife Emma E. (McCrackin) Boswell. The residence is at 184 Irwin Ave., Ben Avon, North Side, Pittsburgh. They have no children. They are members of Forest Avenue United Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, Pa. Clark M. Kefover has membership in the following named Masonic organizations: Fayette Lodge No. 228 A.F. & A.M., Uniontown, Pa.; Pennsylvania Consistory 32d degree, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Allegheny Commandery No. 35, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Syria Temple of the Shrines, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Until recently, Clark M. Kefover was Vice President and General Manager of McCann, a leading store in Pittsburgh and outstanding as a food store in this country. His rise to success and recognition in business leadership has been due to the sterling character inherited from his forbears and his own indefatigable industry and boundless energy. In his early career, Mr. Kefover was employed with the National Bank of Fayette County, Pa., at Uniontown, from which position employment he later left Uniontown to accept a position in the store of Boggs & Buhl, of Pittsburgh, Pa. In his twenty years experience with this firm his work was rewarded in his continuous promotion from one department to another until he became store superintendent. He went from the latter position to accept an offer in McCann & Company, acquiring a substantial interest and becoming a junior member of the firm. For ten years he devoted his unstinted industry and enterprise to the upbuilding of the business with consequent business expansion and its profitable development. He later disposed of his interest but remained as general manager of the firm until January 1, 1931, when with Mrs. Kefover he started a trip around the world. Upon returning from this trip, he resumed his work as the general manager of McCann and continued his duties for some time, when his physical condition again necessitated his retirement from business activities. The great store of McCann & Company came into the ownership of Mr. A. N. Frazer, in 1935, who more recently has transformed it into a unique example of industrial socialization, whereby the employees now own the McCann Store and receive the profits of the business. He turned over his entire interest to the employees through an intervening board of management, called the McCann Trusteeship. Almost the entire McCann stock is held by a trusteeship of four persons, under whose management the profits are divided among the employees, their participation in the division being based on their annual wage or salary after a minimum one year of service as such employee and after commencing the management.

Under this plan, Clark M. Kefover was retained as one of the four trustees-managers.

## JR Notes on Kefover family [A00036-9]

DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1730-1861); Daughter, Martha Kefover (1818-1867):

Grandson, James Rufus Hill (1858-1936):

James Rufus Hill, son of James Hill (1815-1859) and Martha (Kefover) Hill (1818-1867), was born September 8, 1858, died March 28, 1936, at Daytona, Florida. He married on May 26, 1878, Annie Cora Covode, b. August 14, 1855, d. May 12, 1920, at Hendersonville, N.C., daughter of Dr. Joseph Covode and Lydia (Griffith) Covode, of Jennings, Somerset County, Pa.

To James Rufus Hill and Annie Cora (Covode) Hill were born 4 children:

- 1 Nabel Anna Hill, b. April 24, 1876, married on Nov. 25, 1900, Fred J. Trout, b. Dec. 11, 1872, son of \_\_\_\_\_ Trout and \_\_\_\_\_ Trout.  
Home address, 1084 S.W. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida.
- 2 Maud Minerva Hill, b. April 14, 1879, d. August 22, 1903
- 3 Josephine Covode Hill, b. August 25, 1897, d. June 8, 1936
- 4 Mildred Lee Hill, b. January 5, 1894, married on July 27, 1921, at Hendersonville, N.C., Charles Louis Newnan, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, b. Jan. 15, 1888, son of \_\_\_\_\_ Newnan and \_\_\_\_\_ Newnan.  
To Charles Louis Newnan and Mildred Lee (Hill) Newnan were born 2 children:  
(1) Charles Louis Newnan, b. April 25, 1922  
(2) James Herman Newnan, b. Aug. 25, 1925  
P.O. address of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Newnan, Box 105, Annapolis, Md.

Josephine Covode Hill (1897-1936) is buried in the Episcopal Churchyard cemetery at Crescent City, Florida, her grave being within an iron-fenced enclosure, West and a little South of the Episcopal Church, the headstone bearing inscription: "Josephine Covode Hill Born August 25, 1897 Died June 8, 1936."

Maud Minerva Hill (1879-1903) and her mother, Annie Cora (Covode) Hill, are buried in \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery, \_\_\_\_\_, Somerset County, Pa.

James Rufus Hill (1858-1936) is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, about two miles West of Daytona, Florida, his grave being at Grave Site 93, Lot 32, Sec. B. (To the North of his grave is that of Fannie E. Hawkins (1878-1926) and to the South is the grave of Maria C. Swain (1826-1930).)

The writer visited the grave of Josephine Covode Hill on March 26, 1937, and the grave of James R. Hill on October 17, 1929, and on July 20, 1937, in Cedar Hill Cemetery (or Cedar Hill Burial Park as it is also named), West of Daytona, Florida, on the Deland Road.

Uncle James Rufus Hill was ever very respectful of his sister, Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker (the writer's mother). He was kind and generous toward his nephew, James Rufus McVicker, his namesake (the writer), when he employed in his general merchandise store at Crescent City, Florida, during the year following his nephew's graduation from Sigourney Iowa High School, 1895-1896. He was honorable and honest in his dealings. He was of high character, confident ideals, and deep religious faith. He was a highly successful business man and well accredited merchant whose word was as good as his bond and whose name was trusted and honored in the business world.



## Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-1]

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## DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER Sr.

10 Martha Kefever Hill, b. July 20, 1816, d. November 17, 1897  
 (da. of Philip K. Sr.)  
 married (Sept. 22, 1838) James Hill, b. May 22, 1815, d. Jan. 2, 1899

## children:

- |                          |                    |                  |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 Mary Matildah Hill,    | b. June 11, 1837,  | d. Mar. 18, 1883 |
| 2 Elizabeth Ann Hill,    | b. Mar. 7, 1840,   | d. July 17, 1864 |
| 3 Ashbel Fairchild Hill, | b. Oct. 23, 1842,  | d. Nov. 7, 1876  |
| 4 Martha Jane Hill,      | b. Sept. 23, 1848, | d. Jul. 29, 1866 |
| 5 Margaret Emma Hill,    | b. Aug. 11, 1849,  | d. Feb. 18, 1899 |
| 6 James Rufus Hill,      | b. Sept. 8, 1852,  | d. Mar. 23, 1926 |

The old James and Martha Hill home, one mile east of Hasontown,  
 is now the site of a cemetery, Greendale Cemetery and Mennonite  
 Church.

Ashbel Fairchild Hill, b. Oct. 23, 1842, d. Nov. 7, 1876

married \_\_\_\_\_ on March 20, 1870,  
 while a co-editor and publisher of THE GOLDEN CITY (J.M. Foard  
 & A.F. Hill), 636 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California.  
 A. F. Hill, better known as the "O. Job James" of the GOLDEN  
 CITY, was a special feature writer under the latter name,  
 writing humorous articles. Later he was attached to the  
 editorial staff of the Boston Times, in connection with Mr.  
 John C. Moore, ~~and~~ <sup>where</sup> until he left to take charge of the  
 New Hampshire Patriot, Concord, N.H. Soon Mr. Moore also  
 secured a situation on the same paper. Mrs. A. F. Hill informed  
 her husband that Mr. John C. Moore had grossly insulted her, as  
 Mr. Hill alleged. Through entreaties of his wife and intercession  
 of mutual friends Mr. Hill refrained from attacking Mr. Moore,  
 who shortly afterward severed his connection with the Patriot  
 and became editor of the People. Later the two men met and Hill  
 struck Moore with his cane, and he attempt to arrest him was  
 made. The Hills moved to Philadelphia and went to housekeeping  
 there. Mrs. A. F. Hill went <sup>later on</sup> to California to visit her rela-  
 tives and they seem to have separated for good and all.  
 A. F. Hill went to Uniontown, Pa., and worked in the Genius  
 office 1870-1876. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the  
 democratic nomination for the legislature in 1876. Later he was  
 a speaker in the election campaign, and a severe exposure in a  
 drizzling rain and cold and inclement weather brought his  
 severe illness and contributed to cause his death.

A. F. Hill is buried in the Old Methodist Churchyard in  
 Hasontown, just off Church street. A. F. Hill's tombstone:  
 (Granite, 2½ feet above base x 2'x 1')

\*United States Flag --stacked arms

A. F. HILL Member Co. D 8th Pennsylvania Vol. Res. Inf.

Born Oct 23, 1842 Died Nov 7, 1876

Soldier and Author "

## Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A0037-2]

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## DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER Sr.

- 10 Martha Kefover Hill, b. July 20, 1816, d. November 17, 1867  
 (da. of Philip K. Sr.)  
 married (Sept. 23, 1835) James Hill, b. May 22, 1816, d. Jan. 2, 1859  
 children:
- 1 Mary Matilda Hill, b. June 11, 1837, died March 18, 1883
  - 2 Elizabeth Jane Hill, b. March 7, 1840, died July 17, 1864
  - 3 Ashbel Fairchild Hill, b. Oct. 23, 1842, died Nov. 7, 1876
  - 4 Martha Jane Hill, b. Sept. 23, 1843, died July 29, 1866
  - 5 Margaret Emma Hill, b. Aug. 11, 1849, died Feb. 10, 1899
  - 6 James Rufus Hill, b. Sept. 8, 1852, died March 23, 1926

The old home place of the James and Martha Hill family, one mile east of Masontown, Pa., is now the site of a cemetery, Greendale Cemetery and Mennonite Church.

Martha Jane Hill, born September 23, 1843, died July 29, 1866, in her 21st year.

"Thus, ever thus, from childhood's hour

We see our fondest hopes decay

We never love a tree or flower

But it is sure to fade away."

Martha Jane Hill's grave is found in the extreme northeast corner of the old Methodist Episcopal Churchyard on West Church Street in Masontown, Pa.

"The headstone is detached and is found standing at foot of grave, leaning against the fence."--Harry S. McVicker's Notes, June 3, 1901.

Initials: M.J.H. on footstone at Martha Jane Hill's grave beside A. P. Hill's grave.--James R. McVicker's Notes, June \_\_\_\_\_, 1931.

"Alex. Mack says: 'A.P. Hill's grave is one directly south of Martha's.'--Harry S. McVicker's Notes, June 3, 1901.

A. P. Hill "sleeps in the old M. E. cemetery at Masontown on West Church street, not more than ten feet from the pavement where hundreds pass hourly. A fine stone was erected at his grave by the Fayette County Soldiers' Association." -- John W. Williard, Masontown, Pa., January 21, 1835.

Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-3]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER Sr.

10 Martha Kefover Hill, b. July 30, 1816, d. November 17, 1867 (da. of Philip K. Sr.) married (Sept. 22, 1836) James Hill, b. May 22, 1813, d. Jan. 2, 1880

children:

- 1 Mary Matilda Hill, b. June 11, 1837, d. March 13, 1883
- 2 Elizabeth Jane Hill, b. March 7, 1840, d. July 17, 1864
- 3 Abbel Fairchild Hill, b. Oct. 23, 1842, d. Nov. 7, 1876
- 4 Martha Jane Hill, b. Sept. 23, 1845, d. July 29, 1866
- 5 Margaret Emma Hill, b. Aug. 11, 1849, d. Feb. 18, 1899
- 6 James Rufus Hill, b. Sept. 8, 1852, d. March 23, 1926

The home place of the James and Martha Hill family, one mile east of Masontown, Pa., is now the site of a cemetery, Greendale Cemetery and Mennonite Church.

Margaret Emma Hill, born August 11, 1849, died February 18, 1899

married (September 8, 1875):

Norval Wilson McVicker, b. Sept. 5, 1827, d. April 2, 1923

children:

- James Rufus McVicker, b. July 6, 1876
- Nabel Anna McVicker, b. March 11, 1878
- Harry Scott McVicker, b. June 26, 1880
- Maud Hill McVicker, b. Aug. 25, 1883

Margaret Emma Hill McVicker and N. W. McVicker are buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery (Lot No. 3 Block No. 30) northwest of Sigourney, Iowa.

Yonbstone: Margaret Emma Wife of N. W. McVicker. Born August 11, 1849, died February 18, 1899. Aged 49 years, 6 months, 7 days.

"All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come."

She was patient in life's sufferings, and now she

rests peacefully in the faith of Jesus, awaiting the resurrection.

Abode of Margaret Emma Hill after death of her mother and until

she married N. W. McVicker: 1-25-66

1-25-66 APH:MMH c/o William Kefover, Uniontown, Pa. 1-25-66 APH:MMH:

"I did not want to be dissatisfied as first, but if you try and

be contented and mind what Aunt Sarah said says you will have a

pleasant home as long as you desire it." 3-8-68 JRM:MMH (glad

to hear MMH has joined church) and N. W. McVicker residing in

1861-62 APH:MMH, Uniontown, Pa. MMH not well 8-6-66 APH:MMH: sister

1-2-67 APH:MMH c/o James Kefover, Uniontown, Pa. "quite poorly", inquired

2-21-70 APH:MMH, c/o James Kefover, Uniontown, Pa. 1-24-70 JRM:MMH, same.

3-14-71 APH:MMH, 7-17-71 JRM:MMH, 8-8-71 APH:MMH, 9-14-71 JRM:MMH,

10-13-71 JRM:MMH, 11-24-71 JRM:MMH, 12-4-71 JRM:MMH,

1-8-72 APH:MMH, 2-10-72 JRM:MMH, 3-10-72 APH:MMH

10-7-72 APH:MMH c/o Robert Hanna, Clarksville, Iowa. 1-8-73 JRM:MMH,

1-17-73 APH:MMH c/o 1-23-73 APH:MMH, 1-23-73 JRM:MMH, 5-21-73 APH:MMH

5-23-73 JRM:MMH, 8-12-73 APH:MMH, 5-15-73 JRM:MMH

8-2-73 JRM:MMH c/o Wm. Hanna, Cold Water, Ia. 7-17-73 APH:MMH

10-14-73 APH:MMH, 11-14-73 JRM:MMH

12-14-73 APH:MMH, 1-14-74 JRM:MMH

1-14-74 APH:MMH, 2-14-74 JRM:MMH

2-14-74 APH:MMH, 3-14-74 JRM:MMH

3-14-74 APH:MMH, 4-14-74 JRM:MMH

4-14-74 APH:MMH, 5-14-74 JRM:MMH

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("Aunt Patty Hill")

DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER Sr. (1789-1881); Dau., MARTHA KEFOVER (1818-1887):

10 Martha Kefover, b. July 20, 1818, d. November 17, 1887  
m. (Sep 22, 1855); James Hill, b. May 22, 1815, d. Jan 2, 1889  
5th child:

Margaret Emma Hill, b. Aug 11, 1849, d. Feb 16, 1893  
m. (Sep 8, 1875):

Norval Wilson McVicker, b. Sep 8, 1827, d. April 2, 1923  
children, 1st:

James Rufus McVicker, b. July 8, 1876  
m. (March 12, 1905):

Virginia Matilda Constant, b. Oct 30, 1878  
children:

Bernadine Constant McVicker, b. March 1, 1906  
m. (Aug. 27, 1926):

Raymond Earl Norman, b. Jan 20, 1908  
children:

Constance Joan Norman, b. Oct 9, 1929, d. Oct 24, 1929

Gilbert Leroy Kalso, b. Dec 5, 1906  
children:

James Edward Kalso, b. March 18, 1934

Benjamin Franklin McVicker, b. Aug 8, 1912  
m. (August 29, 1933):

Oral Dorothy Almond, b. Aug 24, 1916  
children:

Dolores Anne McVicker, b. April 28, 1934

## Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-6]

DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, James Kefover (1811-1894):

James Kefover (1811-1894), eldest son of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) and his first wife Ophelia (Lackey) Kefover, was born August 27, 1811, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, died at Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, Iowa, October 1, 1894, aged 83 years one month & 4 days. He married Susannah

b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_, a sister of Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_, who married William Heatty, for some time also a resident of Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, Iowa. The sisters, Susannah and Rebecca, are said to have been orphans and were raised in the family of \_\_\_\_\_

James Kefover (1811-1894) and Susannah (\_\_\_\_\_) Kefover had three children:

1. James Robinson Kefover, b. Sept. 4, 1854, d. May 18, 1931, in his 87th year
2. Philip Alexander Kefover, b. Jan. 5, 1857, d. Sept. 30, 1897, in his 41st year
3. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kefover, b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_, m. Alex. Smith

James Kefover (1811-1894), his wife Susannah (\_\_\_\_\_) Kefover, and their son, James Robinson Kefover, are buried in the Kefover plot in Oak Dale Cemetery, Wilton Junction, Iowa.

on Sep. 4, 1854,

James Robinson Kefover (1854-1931) was born near Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died in the Muscatine County Iowa Home on May 18, 1931, in which county home he had been an invalid inmate since his admittance on June 24, 1888. He was never married, and had lived alone after the death of his father for about 23 years from his 70th year until he was invalided into the Muscatine(Iowa)County Home in his 92nd year. He spoke of coming from Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to Muscatine County, Iowa, when he was about 14 or 15 years of age. He was an ardent admirer of the religious doctrines taught by Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1778). He was a well man, especially in the Swedenborgian philosophy, as well as in many other lines, and an able conversationalist. Until quite advanced in years he farmed a tract of land which he owned about 2 1/2 miles west of Wilton Junction and adjacent to Sugar Creek not far from the Cedar River, near Sisco, Muscatine County, Iowa.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kefover, b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_, married Alex. ("Sak") Smith. They had three children, the third child of which marriage died young. The Miller Smith family, of which Alex. Smith was a son, in pioneer days lived at or near Sisco, Muscatine County, Iowa. It is supposed that the Alex. ("Sak") Smith family may have removed to Kansas, over a half century ago.

Philip Alexander Kefover, born Jan. 5, 1857 (probably in Fayette County, Pa.), died Sept. 30, 1897, at his farm home about 2 1/2 miles west of Keosauk, Keokuk County, Iowa. He married on April 22, 1875, at \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs. Beessie Arilla (Upson) Phillips, born July 6, 1848, died May 28, 1918, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_

Philip A. Kefover and Beessie Arilla (Upson) Kefover are buried in Sorden Cemetery, near Keosauk, Keokuk County, Iowa.

By her former marriage, Mrs. Beessie Arilla (Upson-Phillips) Kefover had 2 daughters: Eva Phillips, born Feb. 15, 1871, and Maggie Elizabeth Phillips, born Feb. 1, 1872, died Oct. 5, 1872.

## Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-7]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, James Kefover (1811-1904):

Grandson, Philip Alexander Kefover (1837-1897) -- Continued --

The children of Philip Alexander Kefover (1837-1897) and Bessie Arilla (Upson - Phillips) Kefover, <sup>(1848-1913)</sup> were married on April 22, 1875, are listed as follows:

- 1 Ida Mae Kefover, born August 26, 1878
- 2 Nora Bell Kefover, born Dec. 25, 1877, died Aug. 21, 1878
- 3 Edith Gertrude Kefover, born Mar. 24, 1879, died July 7, 1880
- 4 George William Kefover, born April 12, 1880, married Fannie Shafrenak
- 5 Carrie Kefover, born June 10, 1882, died Aug. 7, 1882

Miss Eva Phillips and Miss Ida Mae Kefover reside together on the home farm, their address being R.F.D. #1, Box 75, Keosauk, Keosauk County, Iowa.

Philip Alexander Kefover (1837-1897) in the early 1860's removed with his family from their residence at Wilton Junction, Iowa, to What Cheer, Iowa, then a very thriving coal mining town in Keosauk County, Iowa. After the severe fire in What Cheer, Iowa, in the latter 1880's in which his harness and shoe store was burned, he gathered his resources and purchased the 80 acre farm near Keosauk, Keosauk County, Iowa, which ever afterward has remained the home of his family and on which Miss Eva Phillips and Miss Ida Mae Kefover now reside. He was a man of very genial, lively and kindly disposition, and always an interesting conversationalist. He was a well beloved relative, a man of exemplary habits, and a fine character. Of such pioneer characters among its citizens and settlers, the young State of Iowa was fortunate.

George William Kefover, the only son of Philip Alexander Kefover and Bessie Arilla (Upson - Phillips) Kefover, was born April 12, 1880, in Wilton Junction, Keosauk County, Iowa. He has successfully followed the career of farming. He married on December 26, 1913, at Sigourney, Iowa, Fannie Shafrenak, born August 21, 1880. The following named children were born to George William Kefover and Fannie (Shafrenak) Kefover:

- 1 Evelyn Mae Kefover, born January 13, 1915 *m. S.E. Reisman, What Cheer, Iowa*
- 2 Bessie Arilla Kefover, born January 21, 1917
- 3 George Philip Kefover, born December 5, 1918
- 4 William Alexander Kefover, born September 27, 1920
- 5 James R. Kefover, born August 21, 1922

The address of George William Kefover is Kasson, Washington County, Oklahoma, where he and his family reside upon his Oklahoma farm.

Note.--While the spelling of the Pennsylvania family as KEFOVER has been adhered to by this writer, it is noted at this point that the sons of the family of JAMES KEFOVER (1811-1904) adopted the spelling as KEFFOYER, and that the latter spelling is used by his descendants.

Note.--James Kefover (1811-1904) and William Beatty married the sisters, Susannah and Rozanna, McClintock, when as tradition has it were orphan sisters raised in the McClintock family of Gen. George B. McClintock (possibly his father's family)--perhaps in a McClintock family of early prominence in Fayette County, Pa.) Philip Alexander Kefover, 3d son of James Kefover (1811-1904) and James Beatty, eldest son of William Beatty, above mentioned, also married wives who were sisters, Mrs. Bessie Arilla (Upson) Phillips and Miss Hannah Upson, respectively. Juliet Beatty, daughter of William Beatty, above mentioned, married William Franklin Keegan, a nephew of Harvel Wilson McVicker who married (3d wife) Margaret Emma Hill who was a niece of James Kefover (1811-1904). It is not known to the writer whether William Beatty came from Pennsylvania to Iowa, or from elsewhere.

## Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-8]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Clarissa Kefover

Clarissa Kefover, daughter of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) and his first wife, Ophelia Elizabeth (Luskey) Kefover, was born on \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_, died \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_. She married on \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_, Robert Hanna, b. \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_, son of \_\_\_\_\_ Hanna and his wife \_\_\_\_\_ Hanna.

Aunt Clarissa Hanna and Uncle Robert Hanna lived in or near Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa, in the 1870's and 1880's. The writer's mother, Margaret Emma Hill, stayed with them from about October 7, 1872, until about September 12, 1873, as indicated by the letters addressed to her from the writer's uncles, Ashbel F. Hill and James A. Hill, mailed to her at Clarksville, Iowa, in care of Robert Hanna. In these letters they refer to "Aunt Clarissa" and to "Uncle Robert." A. F. Hill, January 1, 1873, sends his regards to "Uncle Robert, Aunt Clarissa, Oliver and all the family." William Hanna (about July 17, 1873) lived at the then town of Cold Water (or place so designated as a postoffice) in adjoining Franklin County (there seems to be no such postoffice now). Aunt Clarissa's letter to Mrs. Maggie (Margaret Emma) McVicker, postmarked Bumont, Iowa, March 10, 1887, is the only and last word I have found from Aunt Clarissa Hanna. In it she says that she was staying with Ray, that she planned to stay with "Brother James at Hilton (Iowa) the summer," and that she had no home. Bumont is a town in the West of Butler County, Iowa. Uncle James A. Hill in a letter to Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker of December 17, 1880, says: "I was glad to hear from Aunt Clarissa Hanna." To his several inquiries addressed to different persons at Clarksville, Iowa, the writer has thus far obtained no further information about the family, or of Aunt Clarissa, Uncle Robert, or any descendants or relatives. The writer remembers the visit of Aunt Clarissa at our home in Hilton Junction, Iowa, when he was a young boy, probably in the year 1887.



## Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-9]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1818-1887)

Descendents of Granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann (Hill) Coffman (1840-1884):

Elizabeth Ann Hill, daughter of James Hill and Martha (Kefover) Hill was born March 7, 1840, died July 17, 1884. She married on September 18, 1861, at \_\_\_\_\_, William A. Coffman, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_ son of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

William A. Coffman and Elizabeth Ann (Hill) Coffman had one child:

Gilbert Delmar Coffman, b. Dec. 21, 1882, d. Feb 27, 1935, married on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, his first wife, Ida Mae Hostetler, b. September 2, 1862, d. June 18, 1925, daughter of Daniel E. Hostetler and Martha Elizabeth (Newcomer) Hostetler. To the union of Gilbert Delmar Coffman and Ida Mae Hostetler were born four children:

- 1 Albert Delmar Coffman, b. July 28, 1887, d. Oct \_\_\_\_ 1915, m. Margaret McCombs
- 2 Wesley Ray Coffman, b. Feb 20, 1889, d. (about) Feb 11, 1943, m. Edith McDonald, b. \_\_\_\_\_, children, Graham Coffman, Mary Lee Coffman
- 3 Jacob Russell Coffman, b. Mar. 13, 1885, d. May 2, 1914, m. Nina Jeffries
- 4 Elizabeth ("Essie") Mildred Coffman, b. March 17, 1897, at near Lechrone, Pa., She married on Sept 1, 1925, at \_\_\_\_\_ William L. Rankin, b. Feb 1, 1897, at Uniontown, Pa., d. November 2, 1951, at his residence, 518 Morgantown Street, Uniontown, Pa. They had one child, a daughter, Mildred Jane Rankin, born Sept. 16, 1925, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ who was married on June 19, 1950 to Mr. Edgar Lee Thornburg, at Cumberland, Maryland. Rev. Edgar Lee Thornburg, is a Presbyterian minister at Homer City, Pennsylvania. They have one child, a boy, Lee Rankin Thornburg, born on November 3, 1954, enriching their home at 38 East Elm Street, Homer City, Pennsylvania.

Gilbert Delmar Coffman married a second time on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Mary (Sangston) Hastings, b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, daughter of Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Sangston and \_\_\_\_\_. By her ~~xxxxxxx~~ prior marriage, to \_\_\_\_\_ Hastings, Mrs. Mary Sangston Hastings had one daughter, Nellie Hastings, b. \_\_\_\_\_, who is a teacher in the Public Schools.

Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-10]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881) Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1887);  
Grandson, Ashbel Fairchild Hill (1842-1876):--Continued

The following clipping, presumably from a Fayette County newspaper, reveals an early literary effort—a poem written from the army by A. F. Hill. The prefatory note discloses editorial surprise that the young soldier (19 years) had produced the original poem. A. F. Hill was the author of many interesting and humorous poems thereafter.

\*For the Clipper.  
\* Camp Piermont, Va., Oct. 29th, 1861.  
\* Mr. Editor: If the accompanying is worthy of publication, and you consider  
\* that (being from one of the 'Brunswick Greys,') it would be interesting to your  
\* readers, you will perhaps, give it a place in your columns.

A. F. HILL,  
Co. D, 8th, Reg. Pa. H. C.

\* Certainly, Mr. Hill, certainly, we will publish it, for it is good--excellent.  
\* Did you write it? But never mind, if you didn't, somebody else did, and it may be  
\* none the worse for that, so here it is!

THE SOLDIER'S DREAM OF HOME.

All silent was the night,  
The moon was fast declining,  
And with their glistening light,  
The stars were dully shining.  
No gentle breeze was heard,  
O'er vale or hilltop singing,  
For slightest zephyr stirred,  
With voice so clear and ringing.

I sought a soldier's bed--  
Some slumber fast had boded me--  
My knapsack, 'neath my head,  
My blanket craped around me,  
Thus while the calm repose  
Of slumber settled o'er me,  
Wild fancy upward rose,  
And visions danced before me.

I dreamed the war was o'er--  
This war of desolation;  
And peace, sweet peace, once more  
Smiled on our noble nation.  
I dreamed the time had come  
For which fond hearts are yearning;  
Each to his free old home,  
The soldiers were returning.

My journey's end was nigh  
And I was swiftly nearing  
The scenes of days gone by:  
How to my view appearing.  
I saw the shady grove,  
Hard by the much loved dwelling,  
The soft notes of the dove  
Were in the branches swelling.

The scenes of years ago,  
Faded, across before me,  
The same green fields below,  
The same bright sky was o'er me.  
Thus while I stood, what scene  
Of joy was next to greet me;  
The doors were open thrown,  
And friends came out to meet me.

But hark! What sound I heard!  
Oh can I be mistaken?  
A voice thus strikes my ears:  
"Up boys! hail hail! Awaken!"  
I sprang up and beheld  
The sun's rays brightly gleaming;  
The vision was dispelled,  
And I had been but dreaming.

## Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-11]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1887):

Granddaughter, Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker (1840-1899):

Margaret Emma Hill, daughter of James Hill and Martha (Kefover) Hill, was born August 11, 1840, died February 18, 1899, at Sigourney, Iowa. She married on Sept. 8, 1875, at Muscatine, Iowa, Horvel Wilson McVicker, b. Sept. 8, 1827, d. April 2, 1883, at Sigourney, Iowa, son of Joseph McVicker and Mary Prudence (McMullin) McVicker.

To Horvel Wilson McVicker and Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker were born 4 children:

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1 James Rufus McVicker, b. July 8, 1878,  | m. Virginia Matilda Constant |
| 2 Mabel Anna McVicker, b. Mar. 11, 1878,  | m. Albert Lee Brolliar       |
| 3 Harry Scott McVicker, b. June 28, 1880, |                              |
| 4 Maude Hill McVicker, b. Aug. 28, 1883,  | m. George Victor Wheeler     |

Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker and Horvel Wilson McVicker are buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery (Lot. No. 5 Block No. 30), Northwest of Sigourney, Iowa.

Inscription from Tombstone:

OUR MOTHER  
MARGARET  
EMMA  
WIFE OF  
H. W. McVICKER  
DIED  
FEB. 18, 1899  
AGED  
49 YRS. 6 MS. 7 DS.

"All the days of my appointed time  
will I wait till my change come."  
She was patient in life's sufferings  
and now she sleeps in the faith of Jesus,  
awaiting the resurrection.

Margaret Emma Hill was 18 years of age when her widowed mother died. As to her financial resources realized from the estate of her parents, the Orphans Court Records of Fayette County Pennsylvania show that her Guardian, John Benseker, received on her account from John Riley, her former Guardian, on Feb. 24, 1868, the sum of \$98.75, and that he also debited himself as having received from A. F. Hill, Administrator of the Estate of Martha Hill, deceased, the sum of \$36.75 on Mar. 31, 1868, and the further sum of \$888.68 (probably from the sale of real estate), the total \$922.14, standing as of April 1, 1868. Running partial payments on her account and to her were made currently along the years, with interest charges on the receipts from April 1, 1868, amounting to \$428.44, and also interest credits on the separate disbursements to said date, and that the final balances amounting to \$623.04 were paid over to Thomas Benseker as attorney in fact for Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker, by her said Guardian, John Benseker, and that his final report and account as said Guardian of the Estate of Margaret Emma Hill, minor child of James and Martha Hill, deceased, was approved and confirmed nisi by the Court on March 7, 1877.

With these final proceeds, Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker bought and paid for the home in Southeast Wilton Junction, Iowa, in which home the family dwelt until in December, 1888, when the family moved to Sigourney, Iowa. Thereafter, but a scant rental was received from this Wilton Junction property until in the latter part of the year 1898, when she sold it for \$225.00.

## Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-12]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881); Daughter, Martha Kefover (1818-1887):

Granddaughter, Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker (1848-1899):--Continued--

When orphaned at 18 years, Margaret Emma Hill remained for a year or two in Pennsylvania and then sought her future career in Iowa where relatives had preceded her. She variously worked at millinery employment in different places. In our writing the long delayed record of her early career, the meager recollections of her children as to the accounts related to them by her from time to time will now after nearly 60 years from her decease hardly suffice to reconstruct her story. But our mother was very methodical and she usefully preserved her letters received from relatives. From letters to her from her brothers, Asbel Fairchild Hill and James Rufus Hill, through the years, we are fortunately enabled to supply the record in general of the various abodes of Margaret Emma Hill after the death of her mother in 1867 and until her marriage to our father, Horval Wilson McVicker, in 1875. For the sake of brevity in the arrangement we have used figured dates and the initials only of Asbel Fairchild Hill, James Rufus Hill and Margaret Emma Hill in the list of addressed letters below given to show the several abodes of Margaret Emma Hill as therefrom gleaned:

- 1-4-68 AFH to MEM c/o William Kefover, Haintown, Pa. 1-25-68 AFH to MEM c/o same:  
"I told you that you would be dissatisfied at first, but if you try and be contented and mind what Aunt Sarah Lib says you will have a pleasant home as long as you desire it." 3-8-68 JFH to MEM c/o same (JFH glad to hear that MEM has joined church).
- 8-1-68 AFH to MEM Haintown, Pa. (refers to MEM not well). 8-4-68 AFH to JFH and Mary Matilda (Hill) Allebaugh; inquires as to MEM being "quite poorly."
- 1-24-70 JFH to MEM c/o James Kefover, Hilton, Iowa; 2-31-70 AFH to MEM,  
1-2-71 AFH to MEM, 2-5-71 AFH to MEM, 7-17-71 JFH to MEM, 2-14-71 JFH to MEM,  
10-13-71 JFH to MEM, 11-24-71 JFH to MEM, 12-6-71 JFH to MEM,  
1-1-72 AFH to MEM, 1-12-72 JFH to MEM, 2-20-72 AFH to MEM, 2-10-72 AFH to MEM,  
all c/o same address last above.
- 10-7-72 AFH to MEM c/o Robert Hanna, Clarksville, Iowa; 12-31-72 AFH to MEM,  
1-2-73 JFH to MEM, 1-25-73 AFH to MEM, 4-20-73 JFH to MEM,  
5-12-73 JFH to MEM, 5-21-73 AFH to MEM, 5-22-73 JFH to MEM,  
9-12-73 AFH to MEM, all c/o same address last above.
- 7-3-73 JFH to MEM c/o William Hanna, Cold Water, Iowa; 7-27-73 AFH to MEM,  
7-25-73 JFH to MEM, all c/o same address last above.
- 10-14-73 AFH to MEM Atalissa, Iowa.
- 12-8-73 AFH to MEM c/o James Kefover, Hilton, Iowa; 12-3-73 JFH to MEM,  
1-2-74 JFH to MEM, 1-15-74 AFH to MEM, 1-16-74 JFH to MEM,  
all c/o same address last above.
- 3-7-74 AFH to MEM c/o Mrs. E. Hunkerford, West Liberty, Iowa; 3-1-74 JFH to MEM,  
7-31-74 JFH to MEM, 8-16-74 AFH to MEM, all c/o same address last above.
- 1-11-75 AFH to MEM c/o Henry B. Molebr, Indianapolis, Iowa; 2-22-75 JFH to MEM,  
3-20-75 JFH to MEM, 3-22-75 JFH to MEM, 3-3-75 AFH to MEM,  
all c/o same address last above.
- 2-9-75 and 2-15-75 AFH to MEM c/o Mrs. Tillie Hutchinson, West Chester, Iowa,  
forwarded to Brighton, Iowa.
- 7-9-75 AFH to MEM, Brighton Washington County, Iowa.
- 7-30-75 AFH to MEM c/o J. M. ("Morg.") Kefover, Brighton, Iowa, forwarded to Hilton,  
Iowa.
- (2-2-75 Margaret Emma Hill and Horval Wilson McVicker married, Haintown, Iowa)
- 2-12-75 AFH to MEM c/o James Kefover, Hilton, Iowa.
- 11-25-75 AFH to MEM McVicker, Sigourney, Iowa.
- 12-15-75 and 1-1-76 AFH to MEM McVicker and 2-11-76 JFH to MEM McVicker,  
Sigourney, Iowa.
- 4-17-76 and 5-12-76 AFH to MEM McVicker and MEM 7-4-76 JFH to MEM McVicker,  
Hilton, Iowa.
- 11-7-76 and 11-24-76 Mary E. Allebaugh to Margaret Emma McVicker, Hilton, Iowa,  
relating to the death and burial of Asbel Fairchild Hill.

## Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-13]

DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1897):  
Granddaughter, Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker (1842-1899):--Continued--

In her 19th year while staying at the home of her uncle, William Kefover, in Uniontown, Pa., Margaret Emma Hill joined church. Formerly a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, she joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church while residing at Wilton, Ia., at a series of protracted tent meetings held there about 1896. She was then baptised by immersion in the Cedar River and thenceforth she steadfastly observed the seventh day of the week, Saturday, as the Sabbath--from sunset Friday until sunset Saturday. She was ever a faithful and conscientious Christian and sought to inspire her children always to do right. She gave the writer, her son, a Bible on his 17th birthday.

Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker had good literary taste and interest, liked books, and used to read from them aloud to the writer when he was a young boy. She ever remembered her old home and her relatives in Pennsylvania and in 1896 she told the writer the names which he listed of her relatives, schoolmates and neighbors in Fayette County, Pa., with a view to his calling on them when he should have opportunity. In her girlhood days she was accustomed to riding horseback, and the writer remembers his gleeful interest when 4 or 5 years old in her riding accoutrement, bright spurs and other things with which he liked to meddle in the old loft upstairs at Wilton. She had many nice dresses, fine clothes and shawls, which, with her books, papers and letters, she most carefully preserved in her trunk which she had brought with her from Pennsylvania. She was a beautiful girl and ever had a blessed disposition. She had a great love for nature's grand outdoors--for the flowers, the trees, the birds, the woods and the green fields. She enjoyed making maple sugar, having picnics with the family in some sylvan shade--in some rustic verdant lawn--far out from the teaming town. She ever held most charitable views of others--of her neighbors and her relatives, of the erring and unfortunate people. She fed the tramps who often came, and also the birds. She disliked gossip against persons' characters, but she enjoyed good stories, happy jokes and hearty laughs. She sang with sweet fervor the old time religious songs--the Christian classics of the Rock of Ages--the old hymns inspired of the kindred hearts of saints devoted. While an invalid for the latter years of her appointed time, her kindly disposition was unaffected, her heart was pure, and her love of God was tempered with the sweetness of human kindness.

Norval Wilson McVicker, grandson of Capt. Duncan McVicker (1758-1818) who was a soldier of the American Revolution, was a native of Morgantown, Monongalia County, Virginia. He was upon his own resources from the age of 14 and went West with the tide of pioneers in the early 40's, living successively in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa. He was twice widowed when he married Margaret Emma Hill, his 3d wife. He was a farmer in pioneer days, having sold his farm near Marengo, Iowa County, Iowa, before his 3d marriage and engaged in railroading. He was engaged as a teamster as his principal occupation during his 3d marriage. He was an early member of the Christian Church at Meseco, Iowa. During Rev. Howe's revival meetings at Sigourney in 1801 he was reconverted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. During the Mexican War he volunteered for a military company which however was not called for service. At the outbreak of the Civil War he had a family of six children ranging from first to twelfth years of age. Margaret Emma Hill was 19 years younger than Norval Wilson McVicker, she died at middle age (49) and he lived to be nearly 96. His children by his first and second marriages were grown and either married or doing for themselves when he married for the 3d time. Although crippled from a severe abscess about 1880 and by fractures of the hip subsequently suffered, he continued to work as a teamster until about the age of 75 and then attended to his garden for some years thereafter. He was of a friendly, genial, good-humored disposition and always a man of the sturdy grit of his Scottish forbears. For the first 12 years the family resided at Wilton but the town seemed too unpromising for work and earning and so the family moved to Sigourney, Iowa, in December, 1896. There the family secured a firm establishment, all four children eventually graduating from high school and all becoming teachers in the public schools while the two sons, James R. McVicker as Clerk of the District Court, and Harry S. McVicker as County Superintendent of Schools, have thus enjoyed the esteem of their fellow citizens of Keokuk County, Iowa.

**Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-14]**

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1818-1887):

Descendants of Granddaughter, Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker (1849-1899):

James Rufus McVicker, son of Norval Wilson McVicker and Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker, was born July 6, 1876, in a log house at or near the county line North part of Wilton Junction, Waseca County, Iowa. He married on March 12, 1906, at Lone Tree, Johnson County, Iowa, Virginia Matilda Constant, born Oct. 30, 1878, daughter of Henry Constant (Mar. 10, 1841-Jan. 20, 1892) and Amanda (DeMarco) Constant (Apr. 17, 1847-May 29, 1881).

To James Rufus McVicker and Virginia Matilda (Constant) McVicker were born five children:



## Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-15]

DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1818-1887):

Descendants of Granddaughter, Margaret Emma (Bill) McVicker (1843-1899):

Mabel Anna McVicker, daughter of Norval Wilson McVicker and Margaret Emma (Bill) McVicker, was born March 11, 1878, in the McVicker homestead at Milton Junction, Essentine County, Iowa. She married in 1898, at Sigourney, Iowa, Albert Lee Brolliar, b. January 18, 1868, d. March 19, 1936, son of Christian Brolliar and Mary Jane (Courtright) Brolliar.

To Albert Lee Brolliar and Mabel Anna (McVicker) Brolliar were born 2 children:  
1. Ruth Brolliar, b. Oct. 18, 1896, m. Bruce Bortorff, b. Sept. 24, 1897  
2. James Harry Brolliar, b. Feb. 21, 1903, at Sigourney, Iowa.

Ruth Brolliar, daughter of Albert Lee Brolliar and Mabel Anna (McVicker) Brolliar, was born October 18, 1896. She married on April 25, 1925, at Sigourney, Iowa, Bruce Bortorff, b. Sept. 24, 1897, son of \_\_\_\_\_ Bortorff and \_\_\_\_\_ Bortorff. To this union was born:  
Ruth Harry Bortorff, b. December 8, 1927

Mrs. Mabel A. (McVicker) Brolliar, formerly teacher in rural schools in Keokuk County and laterly teacher in primary grades of South Ward Schools of Sigourney, graduated from Sigourney High School and attended Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls. Her daughter, Ruth (Brolliar) Bortorff, after serving as deputy in the office of County Superintendent of Schools for \_\_\_\_\_ years, married Bruce Bortorff, railway mail clerk operating between Chicago and Omaha.

James Harry Brolliar graduated from Iowa State Teachers College, Bachelor of Arts \_\_\_\_\_. Ruth in Sigourney High School and in the State Teachers College he was distinguished as a specialist in Manual Training Arts. He has since attained similar recognition as a teacher in Manual Training who has demonstrated a specialist's ability to impart devoted interest in his pupils, who year after year have taken high place in the recognition of their manual training exhibits at the Iowa State Fair, Des Moines.

Albert Lee Brolliar, born in a log cabin in Jackson township, Keokuk County, Iowa, Jan. 18, 1868, died Mar. 19, 1936, at Sigourney, was the son of pioneer settlers of Keokuk County, Christian Brolliar and Mary Jane (Courtright) Brolliar, being the 6th child of a family of 12--three girls and 9 boys--4 of whom survived him. "Al," as he was familiarly known, received his education in the rural schools of Keokuk County. In his early manhood he travelled in many parts of the United States and was for some time engaged in surveying in California for the U.S. Government with a party under the leadership of the late Capt. Samuel S. Ernst.

Mr. Brolliar made his home in Sigourney for many years, where for a time he operated a restaurant and was engaged in various enterprises. Always a lover of fine horses, he spent several years in raising and in training trotting horses. He was a frequent contributor of special articles published in some of the outstanding horsemen's journals of the country.

Mr. Brolliar was a Christian all his life and was especially impressed with the evangelistic services conducted by the Hankman brothers in Sigourney several years ago. He had been at the time of his death for many years a member of the Sigourney Methodist Episcopal Church.

Albert Lee Brolliar was survived by his daughter, Mrs. Ruth (Brolliar) Bortorff and his granddaughter, Ruth H. Bortorff, of Cedar Rapids, and his son, James H. Brolliar, of Fairfield, Iowa; also, by one sister, Mrs. Emma Lowen, of Wilson Springs, Ark., and by three brothers--Jacob Brolliar, residing in Oakland, Calif., Christian Brolliar, residing in Oregon, and Charles Brolliar, residing in Sigourney, Iowa; and by numerous other relatives.

Mr. Brolliar's last illness for a few days duration had followed a stroke of paralysis. His funeral services were held on Mar. 21, 1936, under the direction of Rev. F. A. Longnecker, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Sigourney, and interment was in West cemetery.--(Keokuk County News, Mar 19 and Apr. 9, 1936.)

## Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-16]

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HARRY SCOTT McVICKER, b. June 26, 1880, at Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, Iowa, son of Horvel Wilson McVicker and Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker. Printer; teacher; Superintendent, Schools of Keokuk County, Iowa (since 4 January, 1903-1907). Education: Sigourney Iowa Public Schools, Normal Schools, Valparaiso University. Experienced teacher; Principal, Thornburg Iowa Schools; Principal, Webster Iowa Schools, from which place he was called to Superintendent of Fremont Iowa Schools, 1907. Next, elected Superintendent of Schools of Keokuk County, Iowa, and twice re-elected, with gratifying majorities in the vote in each of three popular elections he has continued in this office. When the law vested election of this officer in the hands of Boards of Education in the counties in Iowa, Harry S. McVicker was retained in office and his service continued to be so satisfactory that he has remained as the prevailing choice when other candidates have contested, often having had no opposition to his unanimous re-elections. It is not difficult to find reason for his successful tenure when his service is considered. He is happy in his work and has a good-humored way of treating people while performing his duty. He was a highly successful teacher and deservedly popular in his teaching places. He has the knack of keeping order by being constantly in a good humor while on the job. His pupils would have fought for him. His school constituencies decisively supported his elections as County Superintendent of Schools. When leaving Fremont to assume the duties of this office his high school pupils accompanied him to the train, all cheering him though sorrowful and some saying that they would not return to school without "Mac" as they called him.

Harry made his home with and cared for his aged father who lived almost 86 years. When about 21, Harry took his father, Horvel W. McVicker, then nearing 76, on a trip through West Virginia to the places of his boyhood days which the father had left when orphaned some 60 years before. There they found relatives and boyhood friends and acquaintances of the father. They visited with great interest the father's old home place and the remembered scenes of his boyhood. They found his sister whom he had not seen for about 60 years. They spent five weeks in visiting and traveling about in West Virginia, in Pennsylvania, and in Indiana where the father had lived in his young manhood.

Upon returning from this trip honoring his father, Harry resumed teaching, soon slipping to principalships and school superintendencies. His work has drawn wide recognition outside his county. Educators in Iowa and the country at large have noted his achievements. Eminent leaders have been brought with their messages of inspiration to Keokuk County teachers. Former-President Homer N. Searley, the "grand old man" of Iowa State Teachers College, said: "There is no one like Harry." The LIBERTY BELL JOURNAL devoted an article to a report of Harry's work in Keokuk County Schools. While content to carry on in his characteristic earnestness, many recognitions have rewarded his service. People have discerned merit because able service has been rendered. A chief reward has been that of Harry's making firm friends. He is friendly. He works hard and keeps constantly in a good humor. He aims to render his best service to all as satisfactorily as he can. He well accomplishes this aim. A skilled organizer of his work and of the schools, he plans to have always something interesting for the schools as well as to see that the regular work is carried on toward its goal.

Harry visits all the schools both rural and town, which requires much time each year. He counsels with Boards of Education in different parts of the County to help them in their plans. His Civilian Manual and School Officers' Manual are his individual product, masterpieces in their respective lines. His success may be briefly described as that of one who whole-heartedly likes his work, sharing his energy to help all who wish to improve their school conditions, whether they may be parents, pupils, teachers or directors—working together in common purpose. Harry has been diligent in his work. He stands courageously before the people of his County and has been judged with decisive approval. He secures co-operation by sound leadership and unstinted attention to his duties.



## Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-17]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881); Daughter, Martha Kefover (1818-1867):

Descendants of Granddaughter, Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker (1849-1899):

Maude Hill McVicker, daughter of Norval Wilson McVicker and Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker, was born August 25, 1885, in the McVicker homestead at Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, Iowa. She married on August 14, 1907, at Sioux City, Iowa, George Victor Wheeler, b. December 15, 1868, son of Adrian John Wheeler and Myra L. (De Bough) Wheeler.

To George Victor Wheeler and Maude Hill (McVicker) Wheeler were born 2 children  
 1. Habel Ann Wheeler, b. August 24, 1909, at Oskaloosa, Iowa, m. on May 3, 1927, at St. Joseph, Mo., son of Jesse (Harrison) Conant and Pearl Conant and November 22, 1912,  
 2. Norval George Wheeler, b. June 1, 1911, at Oskaloosa, Iowa

Maude H. (McVicker) Wheeler, in her early profession a member of the Christian Church at Sigourney Iowa and later of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has devoted many years to teaching in rural schools and is now employed in the Linn County Schools near Ely, Iowa (N.P.D. # 1, Ely, Linn County, Iowa). Her daughter, Habel Ann (Wheeler) Conant (2109 Estella Ave., Apt. 304, Los Angeles, California), after pursuing stenographic courses in the Ravensport Iowa High School engaged as a stenographer for several years in the offices of the North American Car Company, at Chicago, and later as a stenographer for a florist company, at Los Angeles, California. Mr. George W. Conant is employed in operating for the Los Angeles Transfer Company.

~~Norval George Wheeler is employed in operating a truck for a florist company at Los Angeles, California.~~

the Los Angeles-Yuma & Phoenix Freight Lines (458 South Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California). Mr. George W. Conant is employed in operating for the Los Angeles Transfer Company.

Norval George Wheeler is employed by Amacoast & Royston (723 Ball Street, Los Angeles, California). He attended High School at Scranton, Iowa, and later was employed as a car recorder at the North American Car Corporation offices, 527 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois. While in Chicago, he attended Crane Technical High School at nights. He was employed as an extra at the Post Office in Chicago for a time. He is now taking an accounting course from the LaSalle University Extension University.

## Decendents of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00037-18]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1819-1867):

Grandson, James Rufus Hill (1852-1928):

James Rufus Hill, son of James Hill (1815-1859) and Martha (Kefover) Hill (1819-1867), was born September 3, 1852, died March 25, 1928, at Daytona, Florida. He married on May 26, 1878, Anna Cora Covode, born August 18, 1833, died May 12, 1920, at Hendersonville, N.C., daughter of Dr. Joseph Covode and Lydia (Griffith) Covode, of Jennings, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

To James Rufus Hill and Anna Cora (Covode) Hill were born 4 children:

1. Mabel Anna Hill, b. April 24, 1878, married on Nov. 25, 1900, Fred J. Trout, b. Dec. 11, 1872, son of \_\_\_\_\_ Trout and \_\_\_\_\_ Trout.  
Home address, 1034 S.W. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida.
2. Maud Minerva Hill, b. April 12, 1879, d. Aug. 22, 1905
3. Josephine Covode Hill, b. Aug. 23, 1837, d. June 9, 1895
4. Mildred Lee Hill, b. Jan. 3, 1894, married on July 27, 1921, at Hendersonville, N.C., Charles Lewis Newman, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, b. Jan. 15, 1888, son of \_\_\_\_\_ Newman and \_\_\_\_\_ Newman.

To Charles Lewis Newman and Mildred Lee (Hill) Newman were born 2 children:

- (1) Charles Lewis Newman, b. April 25, 1922
- (2) James Herman Newman, b. Aug. 23, 1925

F.O. address of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Newman,  
Box 105, Annapolis, Maryland.

The burial places of members of the family of James R. Hill are as follows:

Josephine Covode Hill (1837-1895) is buried in the Episcopal Churchyard at Crescent City, Florida, her grave in a lot enclosed with an iron fence and gate, the headstone bearing inscription:

"Josephine Covode Hill Born August 23, 1837 Died June 9, 1895."

Maud Minerva Hill (1879-1905) and her mother, Anna (Annie) Cora (Covode) Hill, (1833-1920), are buried in \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery, \_\_\_\_\_ Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

James Rufus Hill (1852-1928) is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, about two miles West of Daytona, Florida (called Cedar Hill Burial Park, his grave being in Sec. D, lot 32, Grave Site 5).

The writer visited the grave of Josephine Covode Hill at Crescent City, Florida, March 26, 1957, and the grave of James R. Hill on Oct. 17, 1928, and on July 29, 1957, (in Cedar Hill Cemetery about two miles West of Daytona on the North side of the DeLand Road).

Certification of transcript of Family Bible Record (James Hill) [A00043-1]

State of Iowa }  
Polk County } ss. CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION OF FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

I, James R. McVicker, having my residence with my family at 1117 East College Street, Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa, on oath do state and certify as follows: That I am 68 years of age; that I am a lawyer by profession, having practiced law and taught in Colleges of Law; that I am employed as Assistant State Law Librarian in the Iowa State Law Library, State House, Des Moines, Iowa;

That I have charge and custody of the Family Bible of my Grandfather James Hill (1815-1859), formerly of near Masontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, the said Family Bible bearing the following inscription in writing( within the book)--

"James Hills Book. Bought By him in the year of our Lord 1836."

That the said Family Bible contains written records of members of the James Hill Family, including their births and deaths and the marriage of James Hill to Martha Keffer and of their daughter Elizabeth Ann Hill to William Kauffman.

That James Hill lived on his farm place near Masontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, until and when he died on January 2, 1859, and his widow, Martha Keffer Hill (1816-1867), continued to live on the same home place until her death, on November 17, 1867; that thence and thereafter the possession of James Hill's Family Bible passed into the hands of their daughter, Margaret Emma Hill (1849-1899), who married Norvel Wilson McVicker (1827-1923) on September 8, 1875, at Muscatine, Iowa, and of which union four children were born at Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, Iowa.

That the said Margaret Emma Hill McVicker died on February 18, 1899, at the family home in Sigourney, Iowa, and that thence and thereafter the possession, charge and custody of the said James Hill Family Bible, ~~XXXXXX~~ according to the expressed wish of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the said Margaret Emma Hill McVicker, passed into the hands of her eldest son, James R. McVicker (b. 1876), the affiant, who has kept in his charge the said Family Bible of James Hill (1815-1859), his grandfather, during the succeeding years.

That I, the said James R. McVicker, have transcribed in typewriting onto the annexed sheet all of the family records entered and written in the said Bible, and that I have examined and carefully compared the annexed transcription of the said Family Bible records, being as transcribed by myself, with the original entries as recorded in the said James Hill Family Bible bought by James Hill in 1836, and that I hereby certify that the said annexed transcription of the said Family Bible record of James Hill and his family and of his descendants including the dates of births of his four grand children, being the children of Norvel W. McVicker and Margaret Emma Hill McVicker, viz., James R. McVicker, Mabel A. McVicker, Harry S. McVicker, and Maude H. McVicker, and whose records of births are therein contained, is a true, literal, correct and complete copy of all of the said original entries comprising the said Family Bible record as fully and completely as recorded in the said Bible.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this

13 day of November, 1941

James R. McVicker  
James R. McVicker

Subscribed and sworn to before me by James R. McVicker on this 13 day of November 1941.

L. D. Dumas  
Notary Public in and for Polk County, Iowa.

My Notarial Commission expires July 4, 1942.

Genealogy and History, (3114 5/15/41) [A00044]

FROM:

GENEALOGY & HISTORY - Whole No. 21 - May 15, 1941 - page 27  
Under "ANSWERS"

3114-----

12 & 2295---JRMcV (Ia.); 198--AB (B) J (NY): McVicker; Pa.

"Tavern Owners and License Petitions, Bedford Co., Pa., "  
by Mrs. Helen S. Hill, pp. 45-50, no. 4, v.2,  
The Colorado Genealogist, Denver, Jan. 1941 gives:  
1791--Duncan McVicker, where he dwells in Bedford Twp. at Foot  
of the long ridge on the Glade Road leading to the Glades;  
1792--Where he dwells in Bedford Twp. at the east end of Dry  
Ridge on the road from Bedford to the Glades.--Mt. (D.C.)  
(Genealogy & History, D.C., 3-15-1941)

Abstract of Supporting Evidence for Dly'd Reg of Birth (B.F. McV) [A00045]

ABSTRACT OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE FOR DELAYED REGISTRATION OF BIRTH  
of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN McVICKER, born AUGUST 6, 1912.

- (a) Iowa State Census Record of February 13, 1925, corrected by James R. McVicker's Affidavit of May 2, 1941; age, 12 years; birthplace, (Sigourney, Keokuk County) Iowa; name of father, James R. McVicker; name of mother, Virginia M. McVicker (maiden name, Virginia Matilda Constant).
- (b) Family History or Genealogical Record, originally compiled in 1935 and enlarged by additional data since; date of birth, August 6, 1912; birthplace, (Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa); name of father, James R. McVicker; mother's maiden name, Virginia Matilda Constant.
- (c) Kindergarten Report Card, Sigourney (Iowa) Public Schools, 1917-1918, for month ending September 28, 1917 (age 5 years); (birthplace, Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa); (name of father, James R. McVicker); (name of mother, Virginia M. McVicker, maiden name of mother, Virginia Matilda Constant).
- (d) Certificate of High School Credits, Iowa City (Iowa) High School, graduated June 4, 1931 (age 18 years plus); (birthplace, Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa); (name of father, James R. McVicker); (name of mother, Virginia M. McVicker, maiden name of mother, Virginia Matilda Constant).

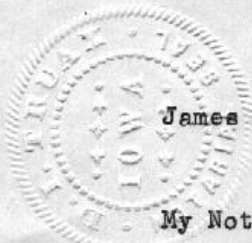
State of Iowa )  
Polk County ) ss.

I, James R. McVicker, father of Benjamin Franklin McVicker, hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

*James R. McVicker*  
117 East College Street, Iowa City, Iowa

Subscribed and sworn to before me by James R. McVicker on this 10 day of June, 1941.

*L. J. Prual*  
Notary Public in and for Polk County, Iowa.  
My Notarial Commission expires July 4, 1942.



## Descendants of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00056-1]

DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881); Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1887);  
Grandson, Ashbel Fairchild Hill (1842-1876);--Continued

**Political Activities.**— In October, 1872, A. F. Hill was associated with Liberal Republican Headquarters, 21 School Street, Boston Massachusetts, his activities then including his speaking at political meetings every night in behalf of Horace Greeley for President of the United States. In 1876, A. F. Hill unsuccessfully sought the Democratic nomination for a place as representative in the Pennsylvania Legislature from Fayette County, and although defeated in this desire he ardently spoke thereafter at political meetings in behalf of the election of Samuel J. Tilden for President of the United States.

Wilson's Biographical Dictionary and Historical and Reference Book of Fayette County Pennsylvania (1900), Vol. I, page 361:

"In the sphere of fiction and romance the county is not devoid of worthy representatives. A. F. Hill has played a versatile role in literary enterprise, being journalist, poet and romancer. He produced "Our Boys," "The White Rocks," "Secrets of the Sanctum," and "John Smith's Funny Adventures on a Crutch."

**Masontown's Authors—Sketches of Its Two Leading Literary Men**—Best known of all Masontown men to the world of letters were Ashbel F. Hill and George W. Linton. They were blood relatives, Linton's mother being an aunt of Hill's mother, both women being Kefovers. Linton was three years Hill's senior and outlived him 15 years. There was something melancholy in the death of each. Linton died by his own hand April 28, 1891, and Hill's death, November 7, 1876, was in part due to the disappointments and excesses incident to the democratic primary campaign of that year.

"George W. Linton was the son of Zetas and Hannah Kefover Linton and was born in German township, December 24, 1853. His mother was a sister of Philip Kefover, of Nicholson township, who lived to be nearly 100 years old. He was a saddler by trade and wrote as a pastime. While his cousin, Hill, was bold and assertive, Linton was modest and shrinking. He had tempting offers of positions on magazines, but he declined them because he had no faith in his ability to fill them. Had he possessed Hill's energy, his success would have been commanding, for of the two writers, Hill was the more ready and fertile, Linton was the more subtle and methodical. Linton was for years a valued contributor to the Standard and in the course of a sketch printed at the time of his death this paper used these words: 'Mr. Linton's writings were singularly free from the personal, vulgar or abusive element that constitutes the stock in trade of some newspaper writers, and he had a contempt for such literary titanic and pretenders. He was passionately fond of a beautiful thought in nature or art for its own sake, and he was an accomplished word artist. He was a contributor to the Standard for nearly 25 years, and whether as a Masontown correspondent, an author of short stories, or of poetry, or as a party to a controversy, such as the 'Vidocq' of the Masontown school building question, he was always entertaining and polished.'

"Ashbel F. Hill was a son of James and Martha Kefover Hill, his mother being a daughter of Philip Kefover, mentioned above. He was born Oct. 23, 1842. His writing talent manifested itself early, and he first came into prominence when a clerk in McCleary's store in Smithfield by publishing in the county papers an account of a street fight which greatly excited the citizens of that town. He dished the affair up in rhyme, under the caption of "A Watermelon Riot," in 18 stanzas of four lines each. It was a great hit and though Hill was less than 18 years old, he at once became the local Byron, and his poem was declaimed by school boys. (This poem was <sup>afterward</sup> inserted by A.F.Hill in Chapter 24 of "White Rocks," when he produced that work.

## Descendants of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00056-2]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1897);  
Grandson, Ashbel Fairchild Hill (1842-1876);--Continued

"Mansontown Authors--Sketches of Its Two Leading Literary Men--Continued

"Shortly after he enlisted in Capt. C. L. Conner's Co. B and entered the service in the 5th Regt. Pa. Reserves. He was mustered in as a private June 21, 1861, and was promoted to Sergeant May 1, 1862. He was in the battles of Bull Run, Manassas, Hunter's Mills, Mechanicsville, Gaines' Mills, Chickahawiny, South Mountain and Antietam. At the last named battle he lost a leg and was discharged from the army in Dec. 1862. He then took up the pen, and became a prolific writer. He was for a time editor of the Golden City in California (writing many special feature articles and poems and many humorous articles under the nom de plume of "O. Job. Jones"). Later he was attached to the editorial staff of the Boston Times, and served there until he left to take charge of the New Hampshire Patriot, Concord, N.H. He was assistant editor of the Philadelphia Mercury. He was a regular contributor to Saturday Night and other periodicals, and some of his stories were republished by Saturday Night. In 1866 he published his first book, White Rocks, by which he is best known. This book had a large sale, and went out of print, but other editions were later published. In this book A. F. Hill immortalizes in song and story the tragedy in which Philip Rogers decoys the young girl, Polly Williams, whom he had deceived, to the high ledge of rocks above Fairchance and murders her by hurling her to the bottom of the cliff. Hill had a varied literary and journalistic career, the most noted chapter in which was his experience with William B. Mann, the well known Philadelphia politician. While on the Philadelphia Mercury Hill wrote a story for that paper wherein were caricatured some of the Quaker City's bosses.

"One of the characters held up to ridicule and merciless satire was one 'William Billman.' The literary portraiture was on all hands conceded to fit Mr. William B. Mann, and the resemblance of the fictitious name to his own satisfied Mr. Mann that he was the gentleman aimed at, and he prosecuted the Mercury for original libel. The trial was one of the most famous in Philadelphia libel cases, and resulted in a victory for the paper, Mann being thrown into the costs. Mr. Hill gives an account of this famous episode in his last book, 'Secrets of the Sanetun.' His two other books were: 'Our Boys' and 'John Smith's Funny Adventures on a Crutch.'

"A. F. Hill returned to Fayette County in the middle 70's and was employed on the Genius of Liberty. In 1878 he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the legislature, but was defeated by a small margin. There were two other candidates named Hill, and A. F.'s friends were free in the charge that many of his votes were counted for the other Hills. He took it hard that his county should have refused him this small honor, and it was believed to have hastened his death, which occurred on the day of the Hayes-Tilden presidential election, Nov. 7, 1878, at the early age of 34." . . . (Newspaper sketch, probably the Uniontown Standard)

Passing beyond the mortal scene at 34, A. F. Hill had compressed within the narrow time of 15 active years a literary and journalistic productivity that has remained a cherished heritage in the memory of his friends and relatives and the citizens of his locality and state throughout the intervening years. But we writing these notes would not seek to say for him what his own work does so much better express, nor clutter up the clear writ record of his own active career. So we have thought it better that we should show from what we have received, coming wafted down to us from the reefs of time in many scattered fragments of papers and notes so numerous that we have only a small portion of them, the appreciation and the tributes of his fellows--those who personally knew A. F. Hill and lived with him and who wrote down what well they thought upon his passing career. And so we but list his literary achievements and the words of his contemporaries, and compile but a little of the record of which there has been much about Ashbel Fairchild Hill.

Descendants of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00056-3]

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McVICKER

Bedford County Pennsylvania

1800 Bedford & St. Clair Townships

	Male					Female				
	Under 10	10-16	18-26	28-45	45 up	Under 10	10-16	18-26	28-45	45 up
Duncan McVicker	.	1		2	1	1	1		1	.
David McVicker	3			1			1	1		
Alexander McVicker	2			1				1		
Joseph McVicker	1		2	1				1		1
<u>1810 Bedford Town</u>										
Duncan McVicker	.	1	1		1	.	.	1		1
William McVicker	3			1				1		
Alexander McVicker	.	2		1		1		2		
<u>St. Clair Township</u>										
Joseph McVicker	2	1		1		1			1	



Descendants of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00056-4]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867);  
Grandson, Ashbel Fairchild Hill (1842-1876):--Continued

AN EARLY LITERARY EFFORT  
(Newspaper clipping)

" For the Clipper.  
"Camp Pierpont, Va., Oct. 28th, 1861.  
"Mr. Editor: If the accompanying is worthy of publication, and you consider  
"that (being from one of the "Bromsfield Greys") it would be interesting to your  
"readers, you will, perhaps, give it a place in your columns.

A. F. HILL,  
Co. D, 8th Reg. Pa. R. C.

"Certainly, Mr. Hill, certainly I will publish it, for it is good--excellent.  
"Did you write it? But never mind, if you didn't, somebody else did, and it may be  
"none the worse for that, so here it is:

THE SOLDIER'S DREAM OF HOME.

All silent was the night,  
The moon was fast declining,  
And with their glimmering light,  
The stars were dimly shining.  
No gentle breeze was heard,  
O'er vale or hilltop singing,  
Nor slightest wephy<sup>r</sup> stirred,  
With voice so clear and ringing.

I sought a soldier's bed--  
Soon slumber fast had bound me--  
My knapsack, 'neath my head,  
My blankets wrapped around me.  
Thus while the calm repose  
Of slumber settled o'er me,  
Wild fancy upward rose,  
And visions danced before me.

The scenes of years ago,  
Unchanged, arose before me,  
The same green field below,  
The same bright sky was o'er<sup>me</sup>  
Thus while I stood, what scene  
Of joy was next to greet me;  
The doors were open thrown,  
And friends came out to meet<sup>me</sup>

I dreamed the war was o'er--  
This war of desolation;  
And peace, sweet peace, once more  
Smiled on our noble nation.  
I dreamed the time had come  
For which fond hearts are yearning;  
Each to his free old home,  
The soldiers were returning.

But hark! What sound I heard!  
Oh can I be mistaken?  
A voice thus strikes my ear:  
"Up Boys! Roll call! Awaken!"  
I sprang up and beheld  
The sun's rays brightly  
gleaming;  
The vision was dispelled,  
And I had been but dreaming.

My journey's end was nigh,  
And I was swiftly nearing  
The scenes of days gone by:  
Now to my view appearing.  
I saw the shady grove,  
Hard by the much loved dwelling,  
The soft notes of the dove  
Were in the branches swelling.

Descendants of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00056-5]

DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867);  
 Grandson, Ashbel Fairchild HILL (1842-1876):--Continued -- HOMECOMING:

At last the one-legged soldier, after the battle of Antietam where he lost his left limb and after a long period of hospitalization, all so well described in his book, "Our Boys,"--came home--not in the springtime of hardy March, brisk April, gentle May or a perfect summer day of June--but in December when no green fields outstretched the homing view. Nevertheless, time was propitious in his realization of "The Soldier's Dream of Home," for

"Thus while I stood, what scene  
 Of joy was next to greet me  
 The doors were open thrown  
 And friends came out to meet me."

Another fading writing on note paper is pertinent in interest here--in the handwriting of the soldier's sister, Margaret Emma HILL (then 15 years old)--the writer's Mother:

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 December 1862

"	Who all came Here when Agh come Home				
"	Salya Boice	Jacob Boice	John Steel	Wash Helmit	John H
"	Helmit	Margaret Malabys	Mary M Allebaugh		James
"	Steel (25)	Morgan Kefover	James Blackford	Martin Blackford	
"	John Riley	John Hague (26)	William Allebaugh	Sarah J Boice	
"	Elizabeth A Kefover		old Mrs Richie	Henry Malabys	Sarah
"	Gilmore (27) Mrs. Hart		Samuel Robinson	Joseph Ross	
"	Delilah Kefover		Elizabeth Rohrer	Anty Rider	
"	Samuel Griffin		Samuel Fern (28)	Jabus linton	
"	Elmiryn Conner	Nancyn Allebaugh	Miss Griffin		William
"	Kefover	George Rohrer	Nancy Rohrer	philip Kefover	
"	Edith Cain	Maryn Steel	Sarah Barber		Samuel
"	Benjamin Foreddisi (29)		Issabelle Kefover		Samuel
"	Allebaugh		George Deffinbaugh (30)		

JRM -> Ben [A00060-1]

1117 East College Street,  
Iowa City, Iowa, Oct. 7, 1937

Dear Ben and Dorothy:

We had wished for your letter and here it came very welcome.

I enclose a page about my cousins living at Media, Pennsylvania, because I thought you might drive out that way sometime and get acquainted with them. I should have gone when I was at Philadelphia as I have never seen them. May be I will get to go to Philadelphia and see you folks again before too long and then call on them.

I went down to Sigourney and saw Harry and stayed a few days. He was in the midst of visiting schools, so I rode around with him to country schools. Sometimes I got out of the car and sometimes I stayed in it while he went in alone.

We have not seen the stream-line trains yet, but have thought of walking down on Summit street and seeing them. That is on the hill, the first corner west of us. We are nearly out to the junction of Muscatine Avenue and we do trade a good deal at the little store (Gumps) on Muscatine Ave., now run by a West Liberty man by the name of Tharp.

We are glad to have the negatives of the pictures which you sent.

We had some peaches but a good many more apples. There are some apples yet, and they keep dropping off. We got quite a lot of grapes.

This house seems nicer in many ways from the Paasch house, but they charge us too much rent as it is an old house and they reserved a room packed full of their goods. We are in it now on the second year.

I did not secure a teaching position for September, and I plan to make a trip out and see some of the Law Schools. It will be some time before I will go, and so can not say yet when but some considerable ways off yet.

Jim did not call perhaps because he had so many to see and was in a hurry, and forgot the address. I guess your Mother had not answered his last letter.

Tom is now on his mechanical engineering work and I guess it will hold him pretty steady. I think he has about 18 hours class work a week.

We would be very glad to see you all. I wonder how your car is now and if you could make it stand the trip. When I came home I rode from Washington, Pa., through to Iowa City in about 24 hours from the time I started from there, but it was a new Chrysler. I rode with Prof. Raymond whose folks live near Vinton (same county as Belle Plaine) and whose classes I had taught. He stopped to see me when they were on their way to Florida in Sept. but I was at Sigourney as I supposed that he had already gone through.

He went up from Washington Pa. to New Liverpool Ohio and came across to Burlington Iowa as he thought he avoided the large cities that way and had a clearer road all through. It was Sunday. We stayed all night in a cabin at a country roadside camp near Watseca Ill.

But this fellow drove too fast for ordinary travel. He had a car he could do it with and the road he took seemed pretty free from much travel. He drove 70 miles an hour a good deal -far too fast, but it did not seem so fast in that car.

JRM -> Ben [A00060-2]

I would like to see you all. I'll bet Virginia will soon be walking. Dolores surely walked early. I well remember that fine supper at Mrs. Jacobs'. I had a very fine time at your house. It was not so hot any more after I left Philadelphia, but I was used to it there as it seemed not much different all the way up from Florida. When I left Phila. for Washington, I took an air-conditioned train and it was cooler all the time from that time on, because Beckley is half a mile up high from sea level and it was cool there, and it was cool riding back to Iowa in the auto, or cool enough. It has been hot here some of the time since, but is cool now and we have a coal fire (first one made with coal this morning) altho we have been burning a lot of tar paper roofing scraps several mornings but now have that all gone, so it will be coal from now on.

It is a nice clear day. The first of the week was cloudy.

I may get something lined up later on but I guess I will have to go out after it as there are so many after all places that letter writing does not seem to finish the job. I think if I could get around to several places and call on them I might stand a chance. I may try that later on if I can arrange to do it.

I enjoyed the stay at your house ever so much and wish I could have stayed longer. I was routed out of Mildred's place in a hurry by having to meet Prof. Raymond on the Sunday morning after I left your place and it took an all night bus ride from Beckley West Virginia to Washington Pennsylvania. I had just eaten the lunch Mildred fixed up and read some in a paper and went to the rest room and in popped Raymond saying: "James R. McVicker, put up your hands." I had left a note at the information desk saying where I was going for I thought it would be just like him to get there a couple of hours ahead of time which he did.

I guess your Mother wrote about the washing machine. You can read about them in the catalogs. We just got in the new big catalogs of Montgomery Ward & Company. I asked for one there and they said they would get me one and for me to call for it there which I did and they had it ready and gave it to me. I also asked for one at the Sears Roebuch store and they had it sent to me by mail and it was delivered. They are nice to have on hand to look up all kinds of things and descriptions and then if you do not want to order by mail yourself you can go and get the store to order it if they do not have it in the store and get it from the store.

Harry is all right so is Mabel so is Maude. Maude is teaching about 15 miles North of here in a country school in Linn County. Mabel is teaching in 2d grade in Sigourney. Bud is teaching manual training at Fairfield. He gets his pupils to compete in exhibitions of their work at the State fair and they take prizes so that makes him solid. He had a chance to go to Waterloo, but was hired at Fairfield and could not get off.

Gildra drove up here and stopped off yesterday.

I will enclose you a copy of the census of 1800 and 1810 Bedford County, Pa. The Joseph McVicker mentioned was my grandfather. The David and Alexander McVicker were my father's uncles. I am not sure whether the William McVicker was my father's brother. I am not sure whether the Duncan McVicker was my father's grandfather or his uncle as his grandfather Capt. Duncan McVicker also had a son Duncan.

I will also enclose some material about my Uncle Ashbel Fairchild Hill who was in the Civil War and lost a leg at the Battle of Antietam. He afterwards wrote four books and was a newspaper editor in Philadelphia, Boston, San Francisco, Concord, N.H., and Uniontown, Pa.

Write soon. Come and see us whenever you can. Love to all. Affectionately,

*Your father  
James R. McVicker*

JRM -> Ben [A00060-3]

I have a cousin living in Media, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. She is Mrs. Abram Bennett Winters and her name before she was married was Juanita Fannie Allebaugh, born near Pittsburgh, Pa., April 10, 1890. Mr. Abram Bennett Winters was born May 7, 1890. I do not know what his occupation is. They have three sons:

- (1) Abram Bennett Winters Jr., born May 7, 1914. He was in the U.S. Army in Honolulu at date of a letter I received from another cousin telling me, March 11, 1935.
- (2) William Arthur Winters, born March 18, 1916. He was also in the U.S. Army in Honolulu at date of March 11, 1935.
- (3) Craig Kennedy Winters, born May 26, 1925, so he is past 12 years old.

This Mrs. Juanita Fannie Allebaugh is a daughter of my first cousin, Ed. J. Allebaugh who lives near Pittsburgh, Pa. He visited our home in Wilton Iowa when I was about 10 years old back about 1886. He is an electrician, altho he once ran a newspaper in Colorado so he had learned the printer's trade. He set type for the Wilton Review while he visited us.

I have met the sisters of Mrs. Winters and they are very fine folks, invited me to come. I have never seen Mrs. Winters, but if I go to Philadelphia again I will try to go out there. I do not seem to have their street number, but a city directory would give that even if the telephone book should not.

If you folks could drive over to Media, you might find them and get acquainted. Mrs. Winters' father and I are first cousins.

Daniel McV -> JRM [A00061]

DANIEL McVICKER,  
Route 5, Box 12,

Grafton, West Virginia  
February 7, 1958

James R. McVicker.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your card received today--wish to know my father's grandfather's and great grandfather's names.

My father's name was JOSEPH McVICKER--he enlisted in the Union Army in '61 to '65 -- has been dead 24 years. He had three brothers, names, JOHN, FRANKLIN and WILLIAM--all war veterans and all dead.

My grandfather's name was DANIEL--he has been dead since 1877.

My great grandfather's name was JOHN McVICKER.

My grandfather had three brothers, names, LEVI, JOHN and JAMES--all dead.

As for NATHAN McVICKER of Morgantown, W.Va., I have often heard of him but never met him. I have always been told he is related but just how near I do not know.

There is an old man who used to live in Clarksburg, W. Va., by the name of WILLIAM McVICKER. He was a Civil Engineer for the Baltimore & Ohio R.R.

There was an old man at Fairmount, W.Va., by name of HILRY McVICKER who claimed to be second cousin, his boys one I know by the name of JOHN still lives there yet.

WILLIAM McVICKER Family live at Rowlesburg, W.Va. Their names are RANDOLPH, DAVID, SAMUEL, JAMES--all living at the above address.

Mr. ELLSWORTH McVICKER of Grafton, W.Va., Route 5 is the only surviving son of LEVI McVICKER.

I myself am the only surviving child by his first marriage. I and my wife were in Des Moines in 1924 at the C.A.R. encampment. The next one will be there again this September. I have first cousins by the name of WEAVER in New Virginia, Iowa, GEORGE WEAVER'S children. My mother was a WEAVER. I myself will be 68 years old this coming March. I have 72 acres of West Virginia soil and I live in the suburbs of the town.

The next McVICKER REUNION will be this year on same day of that last year (September 8) at same place (ROWLESBURG, PRESTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA). I will try and collect some more information by the time you answer this letter. Any information you have would be glad to receive.

I also live within one mile of the \$16,000,000.00 Tygart River dam. I suppose you have read about it in the papers.

If financial condition will permit I shall let you know and would be glad to meet you there.

Yours truly,

DANIEL McVICKER

JRM -> Ben (Request family history) [A00066]

1117 East College Street  
Iowa City, Iowa  
December 2 1941

Mrs. Benjamin F. McVicker  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dorothy:

I have collected information and wish very soon to type a set of the Family History, including marriages and parents of those married. While I have considerable of the details, I lack a few points as to your family which I wish you would please supply in the blank spaces below and return this sheet to me. In case you do not have all of the facts please and in on this sheet what you do have and retain the inclosed copy for securing the remaining points from your parents. Please attend to this promptly as a special reason exists for my wishing to complete this set very promptly. It is likely you will have all the points sent in to me by the time I can get around to this branch as while I will begin at once I have considerable to type up before I come to this. Please fill in the blanks and also check and correct or change any points below as I may not have them correct.

- 1 <sup>ORAL</sup> ~~Opal~~ Dorothy Allmond born August 24 1918 at (Sweet Hall) King William County Virginia  
Given name Oral  
(Is your given name Opal Dorothy as above?) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Maiden name of your Mother in full including her middle name:  
Anna L. Annie Lavinia Astalow born Aug 13 1892  
(date of birth)  
at (Sweet Hall) King William County Virginia Virginia  
(place where born) (state)
- 3 Arthur ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>Governor</sup> Allmond, farmer in Virginia later <sup>Bookmaker</sup> machinist in Philadelphia,  
(middle name if any)  
born Jan. 10, 1889 at King William County in Virginia (?)  
(date of birth) (state)
- 4 The date or year of the marriage of Arthur ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>Governor</sup> Allmond and your Mother  
Anna L. Lavinia Astalow April 29, 1909  
(middle name) (maiden name)
- 5 The date or year of the marriage of Benj. F. McVicker and <sup>ORAL</sup> ~~Opal~~ Dorothy Allmond  
August 27, 1933
- 6 Children:  
1 Dolores Anna McVicker born April 28 1934 at Philadelphia, Pa.
- 7  Mention which child you are in the order of birth (1st, 2d, 3d) in your family?  
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- 8 Mention where your Father's parents were born (both in Virginia?)  
(in what county or place) Mother - King William County Va. Father - Hanover County Va.
- 9 Mention the similar point as called for in #8 (just above) for your Mother's parents  
Mother - Born in Hanover County Va. Father - King William County Va.  
HANOVER

JRM -> Ben, (returned with information) [A00067]

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Iowa City, Iowa  
December 2 1941

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Mo - given name is Oral Dorothy  
(Is your given name Opal Dorothy as above?) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Maiden name of your Mother in full including her middle name:  
~~Anna~~ Annie Levina Custalow born August 13, 1892  
(date of birth)  
at Sweet Hall, Va. King Wilham County, Va. Virginia  
(place where born) (state)
- 3 Arthur ~~Arthur~~ <sup>Governor</sup> Allmond, farmer in Virginia later <sup>Boilermaker</sup> ~~mechanic~~ in Philadelphia,  
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- 8 Mention where your Father's parents were born (both in Virginia?) yes  
(in what county or place) Mother in King William County Va. Father in Gloucester County Va.
- 9 Mention the similar point as called for in #8 (just above) for your Mother's parents Mother born in Kanover County Va. Father in King William County, Va.





JRM -> Ben, Re: [A00068b]

1117 EAST COLLEGE STREET  
Iowa City, Iowa  
February 18, 1944  
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Benjamin F. McVicker  
3804 North Marshall Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Philadelphia -40-

Dear Ben: I herewith inclose the photostatic copy of the page of Family Bible record showing your date of birth and the place of birth with the required certificate of attestation of Notary Public.

There is no Baptissal record of your date of birth or age at the time of baptism when you joined the M.E.Church on April 5, 1925, (baptised that date), as the only record made of your baptism is that of your name and the said date. But you do not need a Baptissal record to prove your age when you have this Family Bible record.

Your paternal grandparents: My father, Norvel Wilson McVicker, was born near Morgantown, Monongalia County, Virginia (now in West Virginia) on September 8, 1827. He was of Scotch descent, a grandson of Duncan McVicker who came from Scotland to New Jersey in 1757 and served as an officer of the 2nd Regiment of Sussex County New Jersey Militia in the American Revolutionary War. Duncan McVicke was married to Nancy McCollum in New Jersey and his seven sons were born there--he also had daughters--and after the Revolution he went with his children to Bedford County, Pa., where he died 1818, and is buried  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile West of Schellsburg in Bedford County. My father's father was Joseph McVicker (1778 about-1854 about) buried in family plot cemetery on McVicker Farm about 2 or 3 miles East of Morgantown. My father died April 2, 1923, and is buried at Sigourney, Iowa.

My mother, Margaret Emma Hill, was born near Masontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, on August 11, 1849. She was of Scotch descent on her father's side, a granddaughter of Jeremiah Hill who came from Scotland to New Jersey and served as a private in the 3d Regiment of Pennsylvania Continental Line in the Revolutionary War. Her maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Luckey was of English descent, and her maternal grandfather, Philip Kefover (1789-1861) was a grandson of Philip Kafauver reported to have come from Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, to Frederick County, Maryland before 1750 (in which year she made a deed to land in that County ).

Your maternal grandparents: Your mother's father, Henry Constant, was born in Canada, March 10, 1841, died at Lone Tree, Iowa, January 20, 1892. He was of French Canadian descent. He was naturalized as an American citizen, received his Certificate of Naturalization from the District Court of Johnson County, Iowa, on October 26, 1868.

Your mother's mother, Amanda DeMarce, was born near St. Eugene, Prescott County, Province of Ontario, Canada, April 17, 1847. She was of French-Canadian descent. Amanda DeMarce was married to Henry Constant in Washington County, Iowa, on December 15, 1864. Three of her brothers, Moses DeMarce, Joseph DeMarce, and Alex. DeMarce served as soldiers in the Union Army in the Civil War of 1861-1865. Your mother, Virginia Matilda Constant, was the 4th child of the marriage (youngest), born on October 30, 1878.

I think that this gives a general line of your ancestry, although many more facts could be added if time were afforded.

Please let me know that you receive this photostat and attestation of the Notary Public, also let me know if you received the record of birth certificate I think I sent you some time ago. These two ought to go places for you. Affectionately your father,

JRM -&gt; David Kelso [A00075-1]

The 51st Iowa Regiment in which I enlisted at Des Moines on May 2, 1898, consisted of 12 companies of about 104 men each when recruited to their full strength together with a band and the staff officers. The men were volunteers as distinguished from men who are drafted into service by the Government. Around the Recruiting Service offices there were many times over as many men failing to get into the service as there were men who were accepted for service, because the men to be accepted were limited in numbers. A few weeks before the people of the United States were indescribably shocked and horrified by the perfidious blowing up of the U.S.S. Maine in the Spanish harbor at Havana, Cuba. A long period of oppressions of the Cuban people had already outraged the civilized sense of the American people, and so this last outrage in the destruction of the Maine with the deaths of two officers and 266 American seaman at their posts of duty aboard their ship riveted to a striking unanimity the demand of the American people that the time had come to clear the Island of Cuba from the Spanish tyranny of four centuries at the call of "Cuba Libre."

I was a soldier in that War, having attained the age of 21 years before I enlisted. I was fully active and conversant in public affairs and fully conversant with the feelings and sentiment of my fellow citizen in my home community whom I am sure constituted a representative cross-section of the American people as a whole. I will boldly say that the American people were fully behind the Spanish-American War, that it was undertaken **virtually** at their demand, and that the conduct of that War on the part of the American Army and Navy fully met with their approval.

Our Regiment was sent to San Francisco, California, where it was encamped and in arduous training from June until the following November and then was transported on the Steamship Pennsylvania to Manilla in the Philippine Islands. We did not immediately disembark but were detailed to act as a Regiment of Marines and were transported around from Island to Island from early December until the first of February, and then we were disembarked at Cavite in Manilla Bay just in time to be almost at once sent into action against the Insurrectos several miles South of Manilla. We were divided up into Company units for outpost and skirmish duty, first on the South Line/<sup>and</sup> around the City and later engaged in many skirmishes and engagements to the North. A large part of the country was low with numerous rice paddies in the fields, so many swamps and streams had to be traversed upon our marches, especially in the rainy season.

JRM -> David Kelso [A00075-2]

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We had been enlisted for the period of two years or during the War so the period of our bounden service was really ended by the end of December 1898 when the treaty of peace was signed and surely later when the treaty was ratified. Nevertheless our Regiment continued to serve unquestioningly until new Regiments were formed to <sup>relieve</sup> ~~relieve~~ our State Regiments. These were United States Volunteer Regiments.

It was about the first of July 1902 that the period of the Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection was officially declared to be ended, yet that Insurrection surely persisted onward unabated ~~until~~ <sup>until</sup> ~~until~~ sometime in 1912. There were fierce engagements and massacres by uncivilized natives during the 10 years from 1902 until 1912, and the United States assisted with its armed forces in the continued carrying out of the pacification.

458,000 were engaged in this war, exceeding the number of those engaged in the Revolutionary War, the Mexican War or the War of 1812. The losses in deaths from all causes were 4.3% as compared with six-tenths of one per cent for the Civil War ~~and~~ and seven-tenths of one per cent in the first World War.

**Mildred -> Ben [A00076-1]**

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**Mildred -> Ben [A00076-2]**

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Mildred -&gt; Ben [A00076-3]



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## The Carolina Inn

CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

Then in about 5 years we moved to Dow City where Papa was Supt of Schools but we only stayed a few months as the folks couldn't find a good house to live in. Papa stayed on for the year but Mamma + us kids went back to Sigourney for rest of that year. We lived in what was called the Klett house.

Then the end of that summer 1919 we moved to Belle Plaine and I don't remember address of that house. We stayed there for 4 years. Papa was Supt of Schools there.

June 1923 we moved back to Iowa City. In the summer we lived in the Delta Chi house then in fall moved to 920 Iowa Ave.

The next fall <sup>1924</sup> we moved to 603 E. Market St.

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Mildred -> Ben [A00076-4]

Yes that would have been Virginia at time Grandpa was born.

Sorry I have been so long in trying to answer your questions.

What have you been doing this summer?

Have you been to see Jim, Eve and baby?

Gilbert + I are going to take a vacation latter part of Aug. He wants to go to W. Virginia to look up some information on some of his old ancestors. I'm not so keen on that.

write soon,

Love,

Mildred



Bernadine -&gt; Ben [A00077-1]

March 26, 1988

Dear Ben and Dorothy,

We were glad to get your letter yesterday. It is sure good you have a Mayo Clinic so close to you. That is where I found out from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester that I have Glaucoma. My eye doctor never found it. I've changed eye doctors now - he is a very good one.

I'm entering the Genealogy outline from Papa's side back to Duncan McVicker who came over from Scotland with 4 brothers. I have it made an outline from Papa's mother's side - goes back to a Jeremiah Hill and Martha Keefoover. Will send when I get a bit. Mildred has most of mamas - the Constant & DeMaue sides. I found some Padell have.

We got into some much needed house cleaning in the basement recently. We have accumulated so much stuff - trying to get rid of some. Nancy wants to save some antique pens but like us to store them. I'd like her to get over soon.

We are planning on going for Amber's birthday next Tuesday. Jill wants to celebrate it then as Shirley gets her chemotherapy shot Wednesday and doesn't feel very good that day. I hope that Spencer is better.

David was here visiting on his way back from Oklahoma where he attended a Post office school. He will go again for the month of June. His Grandpa Sager has cancer of the prostate and is in a nursing home so he visited him.

We expect Dean & Mauran May 1st week.

**Bernadine -> Ben [A00077-2]**

He changed his original plan so we can go to Jack's  
Wedding June 4th if we can. I can't find a new dress  
so may wear one I have - although girls think I need a  
new one.

Hope Ben gets his Diabetes checked when you go to  
Mayo Clinic R. I had a finger blood test at the  
Pharmacy & said O.K. I don't think the lady was as  
good as the Laboratory test I've had other times.

Hope your family are all O.K. and if so folks  
get to feeling real good. Love,  
Bernadine.

P.S. Where my page is you put yours and your  
children in the Genealogy.

Bob & Mit wrote letters fell again and fractured  
his ribs but was getting better. They were not  
getting much sleep. B.

**Bernadine -> Ben [A00077-3]**

* Capt. Duncan McVicker	b. 1739	d. 1-19-1818
Wife: Nancy McCollum (Annie Laurie?)	b. 1748	d. 1820
<u>Children:</u>		
1. James McVicker	b. 1768	d. 1852
2. John McVicker	b.	d. 1814
3. Duncan McVicker Jr.	b.	d.
4. Daniel McVicker	b.	d.
5. David McVicker	b.	d. 1838
6. Alexander McVicker	b. 1773	d. 1832
* 7. Joseph McVicker	b. 1776	d. 1854
8. Mary (Polly) McVicker	b.	d.
9. Elizabeth McVicker	b.	d.
10. Nancy McVicker	b.	d.

(\* ) Indicates our direct line of ancestry

## Bernadine -&gt; Ben [A00077-4]

* Joseph McVicker	b. 1776	d. 1854
Father: Duncan McVicker		
Mother Nancy (McCollum) McVicker		
<u>Wife:</u>		
Mary Prudence (McMullin) McVicker ( m. 1805 )	b. 1787	d. 1835
<u>Children:</u>		
1. James McVicker	b.	d.
2. Aaron McVicker	b.	d.
3. Daniel McVicker	b.	d.
4. David McVicker	b.	d.
5. William McVicker	b.	d.
6. Jane (McVicker) Wolverton	b.	d.
7. Mary "Pop" (McVicker) Morgan	b.	d.
8. Mariah (McVicker) Randolph	b.	d.
9. Lucinda (McVicker) Gerard	b.	d.
10. Millie (McVicker) Protzman	b.	d.
11. Betsy Ann (McVicker) Pope	b.	d.
* 12. Norvel Wilson McVicker	b. 9-8-1827	d. 4-2-1923

(\* ) Indicates our direct line of ancestry







Note from JRM "My great grandfather," [A00078]

My great grandfather, Duncan McVicker (1739-1818), served as a Lieutenant and later Captain in the 2nd Regiment of Sussex County New Jersey Militia in the War of the Revolution. He had 7 sons, one of them my grandfather, Joseph McVicker (1776-1854), settled in Monongalia County Virginia (now West Virginia). He had 12 children, 6 boys and 6 girls, his youngest child, a son, being my father, Norvel Wilson McVicker (1827-1923), born at Morgantown in Monongalia County, (West) Virginia, and left the place of his birth and joined the tide of pioneers to make his own way when he was but 14 years old in 1841. He joined a company of troops to serve in the Mexican War but this company was not called out of the state as that war soon ended. I was born in 1876 and saw service as a Corporal in Co F of 51st Iowa Volunteers in the Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection. I volunteered for service in an officers' training camp at Ft. Snelling for the World War in August 1917 but was not given a commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps until after that War. *(Lived to over 100)*

On my Mother's side, her grandfather, Jeremiah Hill, served in the Revolutionary War and also in the War of 1812. Her older brother, Ashbel F. Hill (1842-1776) served in the 8th Pennsylvania Reserves as a Sergeant and lost his right leg in the Battle of Antietam, and after he returned from the War was a writer, editor, and author.

Your Mother had 4 uncles who served in the Civil War, named DeMarce, one of them, Moses DeMarce, having lost a leg in battle. He and his brother, Joseph DeMarce, lived at Delta, and you have seen them.

Capt. George Washington McVicker, cousin of my father, served in the Civil War with West Virginia troops and was present on duty at the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee to Gen. U. S. Grant, at Appamatox Court House, Virginia, Apr. 1865.

Several other McVicker descendants of Capt. Duncan McVicker served in the Civil War.

I think that the above statements give you the main line of what you inquired about. Let me know of any other data you may wish.

Capt. Duncan McVicker (1739-1818) came from Scotland by way of North of Ireland to New Jersey when he was 18 in 1757. After the Revolution he with 7 sons moved to Bedford County, Pa. This gives you an outline of ancestors on father's side for over 200 years.



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P. McVicker

Monongalia

(The following extracts are from letters of October 26, 1936 and November 11, 1936, from JAMES R. McVicker, of 1117 East College Street, Iowa City, Iowa.)

. . . . I have been searching for the history of Capt. Duncan McVicker in New Jersey before he moved to Bedford County. . . . From what I have gathered, Duncan McVicker was born in Scotland in 1739. In 1757, with three brothers (he being 18) they went from Glasgow Scotland by way of the North of Ireland to the Province of New Jersey. He served as an officer in the 2d Regiment Sussex County New Jersey Militia in the Revolution. Soon after the Revolution with 7 sons (and perhaps 2 or 3 daughters) he moved to Bedford County Pennsylvania, and was an early resident on the Baker farm in Harrison Township. To the best of my knowledge his seven sons were as named in the following paragraphs:

1. James McVicker (1768-1852) who settled before 1800 near Morgantown in Monongalia County (W) Virginia. There are many descendants in that county and elsewhere.
2. Joseph McVicker (1776-1852), my grandfather, who also settled near Morgantown, (W) Virginia, where my father was born in 1827 (d. 1923 at his home in Sigourney, Iowa). Many descendants are in West Virginia and in several other states. My father was an orphan at 14, and went west into Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and finally Iowa. He did not have much knowledge of the history of his family, but had lived with his uncle, James McVicker, for a while. He knew that he had relatives in Bedford County, and other uncles, but I do not think he had ever been there or seen them. He knew that his grandfather, ~~James~~ Capt. Duncan McVicker, had served in the Revolution from what his father, Joseph McVicker, had told him.
3. Alexander McVicker (1773-1832) lived somewhere near Mann's Choice and Schellsburg in Bedford County, on a farm. Capt. Duncan McVicker, in his old age, made his home with his son Alexander McVicker and died at Alexander's home in 1818. Capt. Duncan McVicker is buried on the McVicker plot beside Alexander and Alexander's wife, Jane (Taylor) McVicker in the cemetery about 1/2 mile west of Schellsburg, south of the Lincoln Highway. Three old stones and one modern and very substantial monument stand on the plot, and I will enclose a transcription of the inscriptions with this. I have a very good record of this Alexander McVicker branch because I got into contact with Dr. Winters Duncan Hamaker over 20 years ago and have corresponded with him since, especially frequently the past two years. I have made a transcription of the record from the Alexander McVicker Family Bible (printed 1814) which recently came into Dr. Hamaker's hands after long storage in Meadville, Pa., and which he sent to me from Pasadena, Calif., and which Bible I have returned to him. . . . I will enclose a copy of this.
4. David McVicker (Born -d. about 1833). The History of Bedford County (1884) page 368 says that John McVicker was an early resident on the farm then occupied by A. Miller and that his father, David McVicker, was one of the early settlers on the pike (probably referring to the pike above Schellsburg). It seems that on Feb. 18, 1833, letters of administration were granted to James Taylor on the estate of David McVicker, deceased. This John McVicker was not the John McVicker who was one of the sons of Alexander McVicker, and so I think that he was the John McVicker (1790)- (1869) who was married to Mary Newman (1788-1873). There were two families of John McVickers who were well known to Samuel Boliver McVicker (1833-1914), of Monongalia County, W. Va. that is two Bedford County John McVickers. The other John McVicker's wife was ~~xxxxx~~

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( Extracts from letters, page 2 )

Nancy Demaisen and they lived at Mann's Choice, Harrison Township. David McVicker's wife was named Eve, but I do not have her maiden name nor any other data of her. As I understand it, the John McVicker (1790) - (1869) who was married to Mary Newman was the father of Jesse McVicker ( 1825-1907).

(A penciled note made by Edna McVicker of this line (Bedford, Pa.) adds this: Her father's (Samuell Irving McVicker) parents were Jesse McVicker b Nov. 25 1825, d Mar. 31, 1907 and Ellen Jane Robb b Mar. 25, 1840, d April 7, 1920. Jesse's parents were John McVicker and Mary (Polly) Newman. His grandparents were Betsy Walker and David McVicker. And the following: "This is to certify that Jesse McVicker and Ellen Jane Robb were united by me in Holy Matrimony at Harmon's Bettem on the 11th day of April in the year of our Lord 1858 in the Presence of the bride's relatives and others. Signed Leonard Bittinger Justice of the Peace."

London derry

5. John McVicker, a third John McVicker, son of Capt. Duncan, ~~settled outside Bedford County at an early date before 1800, since no trace of him after his enrollment in the Lenderry Township Bedford County militia list in 1789. I suppose that he may have settled somewhere outside of Bedford County at an early date, perhaps in the 1790's.~~

6. Duncan McVicker Jr. It is well authenticated that Capt. Duncan had a son named Duncan. He also appears on the same militia list along with Duncan McVicker Sr., John McVicker, and James McVicker, in 1789. He also may have settled outside Bedford County at an early date before 1800, since no trace of him after his enrollment has been found.

7. Daniel McVicker (wife named Margaret, but do not know her maiden name or anything else of her) . Daniel seems to have figured in a real estate project in laying out the extinct town of Clarksburgh in Bedford County in 1810-1811. I have no other facts about him.

I have no way of tracing the daughters, if any, and I think there were 2 or 3. Mrs. Florence Gifford of Mansfield Ohio claims to be descended from Mary "(Polly)" McVicker and that Mary McVicker was a daughter of Capt. Duncan McVicker. I am inclined to believe that she is right since the Federal Census of 1790 shows that Duncan McVicker was the head of a family in Bedford County having 2 males over 16, 5 males under 16, and 3 females. One son was probably gone when the census was taken, which I think includes the head of the family as one of those over 16. Mary McVicker married Thomas McBride in Hampshire County ( W) Virginia in 1797. I do not have any positive way of identifying this Mary McVicker, but my notes show that there were probably 2 or 3 daughters of the Captain, so there is probability that Mary McVicker is one of them.

Who was Captain Duncan McVicker's wife? I have found no information of a documentary nature but only the claims that his wife was (1) "Annie Laurie"; (2) "Nancy McCallum"; (3) "Jean McConnell". Annie was found by a research in New Jersey by a great great grand daughter of the Captain; Nancy McCallum was handed down by tradition in the West Virginia branch of James McVicker; and Jean McConnell is named in a recorded will in New Jersey in 1777 by her father Thomas McConnell as "the wife of Duncan McVicker." I do not know if this Duncan was the same Duncan. There have been many Duncan McVickers, and there may have been two or more in New Jersey at that time.

. . . Sarah Jane McVicker was the mother of Dr. Winters Duncan McVicker. He has recently sent me her picture with those of his grandfather Duncan McVicker (1799-1818) and others of his line. . . .

Sincerely Yours, James R. McVicker.

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TRANSCRIPTION OF ALEXANDER MCVICKER'S ( 1773-1832) FAMILY BIBLE RECORD  
(By James R. McVicker, from the Bible loaned by Winters Duncan Hamaker -Nov. 6  
Dr. 1936.)

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES

Alex. McVicker and Jane Tayler joined  
In wedlock In August the 29th Day  
In the year of our Lord One Thousand  
Seven Hundred and Ninety Seven.

Adam P. Hamaker and Sarah Jane McVicker  
was married on the 22 March 1857

George Alexander McVicker and Oella Bledgett  
was married on the 30th October 1866

BIRTHS

John McVicker was born In  
June the 23th One thousand Seven  
Hundred and Ninety Eight 1798

Duncan McVicker was Born Dec<sup>m</sup>  
The 25th 1799

Mary McVicker  
Was Born December the 28th 1801  
~~xxxxxxxthousand Eight Hundred~~

Children of  
Alexander & Jane McVicker

MARRIAGES

Mary - was Married  
To Charles Dannaker  
October the 7th in the  
year of our Lord One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and twenty three

John McVicker was married to  
Nancy Dennison  
February the 26th one Thousand  
Eight Hundred and twenty eight

Duncan McVicker was married to Sarah  
Minnich the 13th day of September  
A. D. 1836

BIRTHS

Mary Jane Dannaker Daughter of  
Mary and Charles was Born July the  
30th Day in the year of our Lord  
one Thousand Eight Hundred twenty  
four 1824

Ann Catherine Dannaker was born  
March the thirtyeth Day one  
Thousand Eight Hundred and  
Twenty Seven 1827

Julia Elizabeth Dannaker was Born  
June the 25th Day in the year of our  
Lord one thousand Eight hundred  
and twenty nine 1829

Alexander Christian Dannaker was born  
Sept. the 12th in the year of our  
Lord one thousand Eight Hundred  
and thirty one 1831

Ema Metilda Dannaker was born  
June the 24 A. D. 1834

(Note: George Alexander McVicker, above, died DesMoines, was city treasurer)

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TRANSCRIPTION OF ALEXANDER McVICKER'S (1773-1832) FAMILY BIBLE RECORD(cont'd)

FAMILY RECORD

BIRTHS

Alexander McVicker Son of John McVicker was born December the 21st one thousand Eight Hundred and twenty eight

Martha Jane McVicker was Born September the 18th one thousand Eight Hundred and thirty at five o'clock in the morning

Sarah Minnich wife of Duncan McVicker was Born November the 5th A. D. 1814

Children of Duncan McVicker and Sarah Minnich McVicker

1. Sarah Jane McVicker was born July the 3d A. D. 1837

2. George Alexander McVicker was born April the 18th A. D. 1841

Frank A. McVicker, son of George A. McVicker & Oella was born February 19th 1868

Sarah Jane McVicker, daughter of George A. & Oella McVicker was born July 25th, 1872

George Hally McVicker son of George A and Oella McVicker was born July 25th 1869

DEATHS

My Father Duncan McVicker Departed this Life on Munday morning the 19th of January 1818 Aged Seventy Nine Years

Alexander McVicker son of Duncan McVicker Departed this Life on Sabath Morning the 5th of August 1832 - aged fifty nine years and 21 days

Mary Dannaker Departed this life on Sabath Evening between 8 & 9 o'clock the 5th day of August 1858 aged thirty six (56) 7 months & 8 days

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER McVICKER was born in the year of our Lord 1773 on the 14th of July

JANE TAYLOR his Wife was born July the 15th in the year of our Lord 1774

~~Duncan McVicker Hamaker son of Adam & Sarah Jane Hamaker Born March 16 1858 Died Infancy~~

Children of Adam P. Hamaker and Sarah Jane McVicker Hamaker

Duncan McVicker Hamaker son of Adam and Sarah Jane Hamaker Born March 16 1858 Died Infancy

Winters D. Hamaker born September 21, 1859

Ida Resanna Hamaker Born August 30, 1861

(Note added: She died February 1876, aged Three years 6 months & days

(Note: Married. 1891 went to Chicago to live. Had son Duncan and a grandson Duncan

DEATHS

Jane McVicker Departed this life on Wednesday Evening between 8 & 9 o'clock the 10th day of September A. D. 1834 aged 60 years one month and 26 days

John McVicker Departed this life January the 21 1866 aged 67 years six months 29 days. Formerly Sheriff of Bedford

Sarah McVicker died May 23rd 1876 aged 61 y 5 mes. 13 days

Duncan McVicker died July 22d 1879 aged 79 years 6 mes & 27 days

Frank A. McVicker Died August 26 1868

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Sherriff of Bedford

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## RECORDS OF THE McVICKER BIBLE

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## MARRIAGES

Alex MC Vicker &  
Jane Taylor  
Aug 29th 1797

Chas. Danaker and  
Mary McVicker  
7th of - 1833

John McVicker and  
Nancy Dennison on  
26th of Feb. 1828

Adam P. Hamaker &  
Sarah Jane McVicker  
on Mar. 22nd 1857

Geo. Alex. McVicker &  
Oella Blodgett  
Oct. 30th, 1866

Duncan McVicker to  
Sarah Minnich  
Sept. 15th, 1836  
(Sometimes recorded  
Salome Sarah)

## BIRTHS

John McVicker  
June 23rd 1796  
Duncan McVicker  
Dec. 25th 1799  
Mary McVicker  
Dec. 28th 1803

Mary Jane Danaker  
daughter of Mary  
McVicker  
July 30th 1824  
Julia Eliz. Danaker  
June 15th 1829  
Alex. Charles Danaker  
Sept. 12th, 1831  
Emma Danaker  
June 24th 1834  
Above were the children  
of Mary McVicker Danaker

Alexander McVicker son  
Of John, Dec. 21st, 1838  
Martha Jane McVicker  
Sept. 18th 1839 (Or 1940)

## BIRTHS

Sarah Minnich (wife of  
Duncan Nov. 5th 1814

Sarah Jane McVicker (Hama-  
ker) July 3rd 1837

George Alex. McVicker  
April 18th 1841

Geo. Harold McVicker  
son of Geo. Alex.

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(At the top of the fourth page of the record, under the heading "Deaths", Alexander, evidently, records in his own hand the death of "my father, Duncan McVicker, who departed this life . . . . January 15th, 1818" The record is nearly all in the hand of my grandfather (DUNCAN McVICKER)

Cordially yours, W. D. Hamaker  
(Oct. 13, 1936)

The above record being incomplete and the original record being hard to read and decipher, Dr. W. D. Hamaker afterward sent me his Family Bible (Alexander McVicker's Family Bible) in order that I might make a complete and exact copies. You will find this complete copy on two pages enclosed.

James R. McVicker

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TRANSCRIPTION OF INSCRIPTIONS ON MONUMENTS ON PLOT OF McVICKER AND HAMAKER FAMILIES IN CEMETERY WEST OF SCHELLSBURG, BEDFORD COUNTY, Pa.

(THE MAIN STONES)

1739	Cap't Duncan McVicker 2nd N. J. Line, Revolutionary War His wife Annie Laurie	1818
	----- Their Son	
1773	Alexander McVicker His Wife	1832
1774	Jane Tayler	1834
	----- Their Son	
1799	Duncan McVicker His Wife	1879
1814	(Sarah) Salome Minnich	1876

----- (Other Side of Tombstone) -----

1831	Adam P. Hamaker His Wife	1875
1837	Sarah Jane McVicker	1922
	----- Their Son	
1858	Duncan McVicker Hamaker	1860

-----  
Their Son

	----- His Wife	
1861	Elizabeth Townsend	1926
	----- Their Son	
1890	Dr. Edward McVicker Hamaker	1915

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(Three Old Stones Brought from former McVicker Plot:)

In Memory  
of  
Duncan McVicker  
Who Departed this life  
January the 19th in the year  
Of our Lord 1818 Aged 79 years

SACRED  
\*\*  
Memory of  
Alexander McV Sen  
of Duncan McVicker  
De<sup>d</sup> this life August  
5th A.D. 1832  
Ag 59 y & 21 d

SACRED  
\*\*  
Memory of  
Jane C o n s t of  
Alexander McVicker  
Who De d Sept. 10th  
A. D. 1834 Aged 60  
years 1 month 26 days

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where is "Aunt Sarah" Minnich McVicker buried? In above plot  
(Salome?) no doubt 6



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A few further facts , abbreviated, concerning McVicker marriage with the family of St.Clair:

General Arthur St. Clair (1734-1818), well known in his identification with Bedford County (then covering much of the western part of Pennsylvania,) and his further activities in the West, lived at one time in Bedford, as first prothonetary and clerk of the courts at the formation of the County 1771:

His daughter married John Murry Robb. To this union there were born three children: Arthur and George, whose fate or history is unknown; and one other son, - John Murray Robb, who married Barbara Shoefeld. Their children were:

1. Margaret Robb married Bailey Hughes - 6 children
2. John Robb married Katherine McVicker, a sister of Jesse. - 4 children.
3. George Robb was killed in the Civil War.
4. Samuel Robb married Sarah Cerley. - 6 children.
5. Elizabeth Robb married Joseph Thomas - no children.
6. Mary Robb married George Boylan - 6 children
7. Ellen Robb married Jesse McVicker - 10 children & one died at birth.
8. Charlette Robb married Henry Shaffer - 8 children & 2 died.

(The above are in present Bedford County families.) 1936

The John Murray Robb, Jr., above, who married Barbara Shoefeld, is buried in the old Union Graveyard near the big covered bridge this side of New Baltimore, in upper part of county.

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Pioneer Library Notes [A00094-1]

- ✓ Mary Ann McVicker Cesena b. 1782
- ✓ Capt. Duncan McVicker b. 1739
- Cap. Capt. age 43 yrs 43 yrs  
when Mary was born
- ① McCollum - Basking Ridge Cem.
- ② Nova of Somerset Co. N.S. burials
- ③ From 1760 - 1885 -
- ④ James McCollum Rev. War  
B 1725 - 1800
- ⑤ Daniel McCollum 1754 - 1842
- ⑥ James McCollum resided in North Carolina
- ⑦ York Co PA - Memorials Co Va. -
- ⑧ John McCollum, Ruben McCollum, Daniel McCollum  
all from New Jersey

Capt. Duncan McVicker  
2nd. N.S. line  
Rev War

Capt. Duncan McVicker  
came to America in 1754

Militia enrollment London Dorr,  
Bedford Co PA. -  
Duncan McVicker, Duncan McV  
John McVicker, James McVicker  
PA Archives 6th Series Vol III pg

Adjutant General of N.S. records show  
Duncan McVicker Lt. - Col. Aaron  
Hankinson's 2nd Regt Sussex Co.  
New Jersey Militia in Continental Ser.  
of Revolutionary War.

Duncan McVicker Bought land in Ohio from 11th Co.  
Cinninnotti land office  
Jan 14 1802 - Sec #3 Top 4 R. 2E - A225 (11)  
James McVicker. 1814 A224 Guernsey Co Ohio

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Pioneer Library Notes [A00094-2]

Capt. Duncan Mc Vicker (Mc Vickers) 1742-1750 - Archives.  
New Jersey - Capt - Rev. War Records New Jersey pg. 40

Duncan Mc ~~Vicker~~ Vicker - 1710 Census  
175-? PA. Member of Families pg. 152 - Bedford Co. PA. 2 males over 16  
PA - Archives, Ser 516: 188 - 5 males under 16 3 Females

Dana (Hone) McVicker  
176-? New York Marriages - 252

McVicker Census - CD 26-1860 - Duncan 1799  
Duncan CD-229 Ky No Tax Va. 1818-1849  
Duncan CD. 252 La. War Records

Family Pages - This file contains  
Nemuckee { Sarah Jane  
B 1837 PA.  
1922 PA.  
Adam Pitt Nemuckee  
m 1857 - Nemuckee  
3 children

Pioneer Library Notes [A00094-3]

Capt. Duncan McVicker  
& Nancy McCollum

- (1) Daniel m. Margaret Wertz
- (2) W. Hiram m. Diana Moore Sarah Cassna
- (3) Duncan m. Joan Mc Connol (md)
- (4) James m. Pernelie McNamee (Va)
- (5) David m. Eva Wertz
- (6) Alovanchu m. Jane Taylor
- (7) Margaret m. Thomas Mc Bride
- (8) Joseph m. Mar Prudence McPhellan (Va)
- (9) Harry Ann m. John Cassna
- (10) John m. Mary Newman

Capt. Duncan McVicker  
2nd. N.S. Line  
Rev War

Capt. Duncan McVicker  
Came to America in 1756

Militia enrollment. London Dorry Tapp  
Bed Ford Co PA. -  
Duncan McVicker, Duncan McVicker Jr.,  
John McVicker, James McVicker  
PA Archives 6th Series, Vol III pg 25-26

Adjutant General of N.S. Records show  
Duncan McVicker Lt. - Col. Aaron  
Hankinson's 2nd Regt Sussex Co.  
New Jersey Militia in Continental Service  
of Revolutionary War.

Duncan McVicker Bought land in Olive Horn. 1st Co.  
Cinninnotti land Office  
Jan 14 1802 - See #3 Tup 4 R. 2E - A225 (NH)  
James McVicker. 1814 A224 Queens Co. Ohio

## History of West Virginia [A00095]

HISTORY OF WEST VIRGINIA Old and New and West Virginia Biography  
 By Special Staff of Writers Volume III Biographical page 585  
 The American Historical Society, Inc. Chicago and New York 1923

Walter T. McVicker controls a prosperous industrial enterprise in the production of chestnut poles for the use of the telephone and telegraph companies, and he has his residence in the thriving little city of Belington, Barbour County. He was born on the home farm, in Union District, this county, December 20, 1881, and there he was reared to adult age, his educational advantages having been those of the rural schools. At the age of 16 he found employment and began to depend upon his own resources, and with money which he saved finally defrayed his expenses of a course in the Mountain State Business College, Parkersburg, West Virginia, finishing his schooling in 1902. In the same year went into the lumber woods of this section of the state as a log scaler, and was thus employed until 1904, when he became a partner in the business conducted by Belington Planing Mill Company, with which he continued his active association until 1908. He was then made eastern representative of the Farrin-Korn Lumber Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, with headquarters in New York City, which position he held for three years. Returning to Belington in 1911 he became connected with the Belington Handle & Manufacturing Company, having been actively concerned in the initiation and development of the substantial business of this company. From October, 1917, to May, 1920, he was a successful field representative of the great Western Electric Company, with which he is still affiliated, but in May, 1920, he founded his independent enterprise in the producing and marketing of chestnut poles at Belington, with the Western Electric Company as his principal customer, making shipments of chestnut poles to the various telephone and telegraph companies throughout the eastern and middle western states. His enterprise thus lends stimulus to the commercial activities of West Virginia.

Mr. McVicker is one of the vital and progressive business men of Belington, served in 1921 and 1922 as a member of the City Council, is an influential member of the local Business Men's Club, is affiliated with Belington Lodge No. 125, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, attends and supports in his home city the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mr. McVicker's father, Granvil G. McVicker, was the son of Levi McVicker, who was one of the early settlers of Taylor County. The descendants of Granvil G. McVicker, the father of Walter T. are as follows: by his first marriage, John Morgan McVicker and Joseph Lee McVicker. By his second marriage, Walter T., of this review; Lonzo C., who served in the employ of the United States Government for a number of years in the Philippine Islands, died November 25, 1920, while on board a vessel enroute to a hospital at Zamboanga, Philippine Islands; Otway S., farmer, in Union District, Barbour County; Hazel, wife of P.H. Fallen, Buckhannon, West Virginia; and Columbus O., who served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, in Company M, One-hundred and Thirty-second Infantry, Thirty-third Division.

January 24, 1916, recorded the marriage of Mr. McVicker to Miss Chloe Sherman, who was born and reared near Belington, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman. Mr. and Mrs. McVicker have two sons: William R. (adopted) and Walter T., Jr.

McVicker Data [A00096]

Mc Vicker data

D.A.R. Lineage Book, vol.75, page 231  
National Number 74624- Mrs Daise Wood Beal, born in Morgantown, W.Va. joined  
the society in 1909 on the following records

- "1-Joseph Wood and Eleanor John
- 2-George W. John(1827-83) m. 1849 Sisson Dorsey(1826-98)
- 3-William John m. Mary McVicker
- 4-James McVicker and Permelia McNamar, his wife
- 5- Duncan McVicker and Nancy McCallums, his wife

Duncan McVicker (1748-1820) was commissioned lieutenant of the 2nd regiment  
of Sussex County militia and promoted captain of the same regiment. He  
was born in Scotland and died in Bedfprd, Pa."

Stryker's Jerseyemen in the Revolutionart war page 401  
"Captains - McVickers, Duncan. Lieutenant, Second regt., Sussex;  
Captain, ditto."

Pennsylvania archives, 5th series, vol.6, p.188 Cumberland county militia  
"Col.Thos. Gibson, Capt. Swansey's company, 2d battalion- Privates  
2d class - Duncan McVicker"

Pennsylvania archives, 6th series, vol. 3, page 25  
"Militia rolls of Bedford county 1783-1790  
List of inhabitants of London Derry township made subject to militia  
laws of this state, taken by Cornelius De Vore, Jan<sup>y</sup> 23, 1789  
Duncan Mc Vicker  
Duncan McVicker Jr."

McCullum Data [A00097]

McCullum data

From History of Grant and Pleasant Districts  
Preston county, West Virginia by Edw. T. King

- p.18- Anne McCollen married Joseph Conner and they went west
- p.54- Isaac King married Elizabeth McCollum, daughter of Daniel(1754-1842)  
son of James(1725-1800)
- p.56- William H. King born 1827, married second wife Elma McCollum born March  
2,1848, died Aug.24,1863, buried at Albright, W.Va., daughter of Daniel  
B.McCollum(son of Daniel, grandson of James) and his wife Ann Mosser.
- p.91- Smith Wheeler born 1800, dæd 1881, married Hanna McCollum, b.Oct.16,  
1805, died March 27,1866, daughte of Daniel and Sarah(Moore) McCollum
- p.114 - Pat Morgan married Eusebia McCollum at Brandonville, March 26, 1868
- p.116 - Col.William H. King married Elma McCollum at Albrightsville, March 1,  
1874.
- p.164 - Sarah, daughter of D. and S. McCollum, died June 24, 1862 aged 64 yea  
Brandonville cemetery.
- p.184 - Pisgah cemetery record - Daniel McCollen born July 26,1813; died  
Oct.27, 1896. Anna McCollum born Dec.29, 1820 died Apr.24,1890.

D.A.R. Lineage Book vol. 72, page 14 National Number 71031 Mrs. J.R. Trotter  
joined the society in 1909 on the following record  
dau. Francis Heermand and Sara M. McGrew  
gr dau. James V.McGrew and Persis Hagana  
gt gr dau. Harrison Hagans and Jane McCollum, his wife  
gt gt gr dau. Daniel McCollum and Sarah Moore, his wife  
Daniel McCollum(1754-1842 served as ensign with the York county, Pennsylvania  
associators of the Flying Camp, and they suffered severely at Long Island  
He removed to Virginia; died in Preston county.

Penn. archives 6th series, vol.2, page 551 - "6th Battalion York county  
militia 1778- Daniel McCollum.

Penn. archives 3rd series, vol.23, p.817- "Miscellaneous list - Daniel  
McCullum, Flying Camp, York county asso., 1776."

JRM -> Walter T. McVicker [A00098]

April 7, 1936

Mr. Walter T. McVicker,  
Belington, W. Va.

Dear Friend:

In your letter of March 18, 1935, you stated you planned to see an Uncle who was then living to secure possible information as to the ancestors.

My father was Norvel Wilson McVicker (1827-1923) born at Morgantown, W. Va. His father was Joseph McVicker born in New Jersey and who lived about 1776-1841. Father's grandfather was Duncan McVicker who came over from Scotland to New Jersey about 1757 with three brothers (names unknown to me for sure).

This Capt. Duncan McVicker (served in Revolution) (1739-1818) had seven sons names as I figure it out as follows:

James McVicker (1768-1852), settled at Morgantown, W.Va.  
Joseph McVicker (1776-1841), settled at Morgantown, W.Va.  
Alexander McVicker (1773-1832), remained at near Schellsburg, Pa. and founded a family, and with whom Duncan McVicker lived in his declining years.

Duncan McVicker, Jr. (dates not known), probably born before 1772 as he was of militia age in 1789, probably left his father's home in Bedford County, Pa., some time shortly before 1790, and no record yet found of him.

David McVicker (dates not known just now), probably founded a family in Bedford County, Pa., according to my facts.

John McVicker (dates not known) and what he did not known as yet, but may have been, or Duncan McVicker Jr. may have been one of your ancestors.

Daniel McVicker (dates not known), probably lived and died in Bedford County, Pa.

Also 3 daughters:

One of them probably Mary McVicker who married Thomas McBride in Hampshire Co., (W) Va., in 1797.

Probably two others, of whom names and dates not known.

I should be very glad to have you give me what you can, whether it seems to connect or not. I am collecting information and may eventually find a place where your facts might connect.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

*James R. McVicker*

I came down from Iowa City, Iowa, to this place last September to teach in the University of Kentucky.

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May 7, 1941

(Please address me at my home,  
1117 East College St., Iowa City, Iowa,  
to which I commute each weekend, having  
a daughter in the University of Iowa. )

Rev. Roy H. McVicker and  
Mr. John H. McVicker  
2112 So. Columbine St.,  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Cousins:

My grateful acknowledgment is due for good letters from each of you replying to my inquiry, respectively dated Feb. 13 and March 4, 1940. In order that you may have reference to what you have already sent me, I enclose copies of these two letters.

As suggested in the last paragraph of Rev. Roy H. McVicker's letter, ". . .if you care to have further information about the George David McVicker tribe I could give you some more detail." In reply, I am greatly interested and I wish you would give me further detail and as much as you conveniently can.

In the letter of Mr. John H. McVicker, mention is almost immediately made of Mrs. Susan E. McVicker who seems to have the earlier history of your ancestors, or considerably of it. Is she living, and if so where? Please advise me how she is related to you, and whether she would probably correspond with me. She mentions that Archibald McVicker was born in Lowden County, W. Va., which I take to have been Loudoun County, Virginia, of which the county seat is Leesburg.

I note that you surmise that my great grandfather, Duncan McVicker (1739-1818) was a brother of Archie's--and I presume you mean the elder McVicker named Archibald who married Elizabeth Burns. That may be the case. However, I am inclined to think that Duncan McVicker was more likely the brother of the father of this Archibald McVicker. Duncan McVicker came over to this country at 18 and was probably the youngest of the four brothers. He came over from Scotland in 1757. So I rather think that he was more likely the brother of the ~~xxxxxx~~ father of the Archibald McVicker who married Elizabeth Burns and whose son Archibald McVicker was born in 1797 (or 1803 as per Miss Susan E. McVicker). I think that the father of the ~~st~~ Archibald McVicker was most likely John McVicker. This John McVicker was one of the fifty endorsers of the Loudoun County Resolutions, a copy of which I enclose for you (complete with references), showing his name among the signers (on page 3), in 1774 (from 23 to 29 years prior to the birth of the second Archibald McVicker according to the two varying dates of 1797 and 1803).



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#2 - James R. McVicker

Daniel McCollum (McCallum) was an ensign in the 2nd company, York Battalion, of the Flying Camp, commanded by Colonel Michael Swope. He served under Captain Gerhart Graeff. His name also appears upon a petition requesting the removal of John McKinley as baggage master. His name also appears upon a miscellaneous list of York Associators in the Flying Camp.

Reference to service in the Flying Camp, Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd series, volume 23, page 807; also 6th series, volume 2, pages 551 and 600.

Some ladies have stated he was born 1754, died 1842, in Preston County, Virginia, where he moved in 1782. We doubt the birth date of 1754, as his name does not appear upon a tax list during the Revolution in Pennsylvania and he would have been of taxable age in 1775.

The York County Historical Society does research work in York County and have access to many church records as well as the court records that are not available to us in the State Library.

Very sincerely yours,

Gertrude MacKinney,  
Director of State Library.

By *Jessica C. Ferguson*  
Genealogist.

JCF'C

C.R. Staples -> JRM [A00102-1]

646 Central Avenue,  
Lexington, Ky., Oct. 24, 1936.

My dear Mr. McVicker:

Certainly am sorry I did not meet you when you were in Lexington for the reason I am interested in any one who is doing family research and besides- my explainer is better than my letter writing.

The name McVicker is not current in this vicinity that I have heard of, but was formerly on our court records.  
Note:-

District Court Book "C", page 612- Fayette County Court House- (Abstract) 8 February 1802- Montgomery Bell, of Fayette County to Daniel McVicar of Clark County, Ky., for a consideration- - leases the Mill built by said Bell - on Hickman Creek and the houses on west side of said creek - - for five years from July 1st next - - Said McVicar to perform the work as far as McCall was bound; i.e.- three pair stones to work bolts - - screene for hopper boy- - furnish garrett with floors, floor over water house - - Put up doors and glass the windows - - and said Bell agrees to put in one pair Red River Stones - - and furnish one scale beam - and will allow said McVicar to build patent elevator and said McVicar to have privilege of cutting cooper stuff at any place below mill. Said McVicar to pay \$500. for each and every year of term - - and on 1st March next to deliver to said Bell the sorrell horse that he(McVicar) rode to this State. (Ackowledged by both on 8 Feb.1802.)

This abstract contains all the facts in above agreement as I have omitted the usual phraseology to be found in such.

The property named is located about 10 or 11 miles south east of Lexington and is now in Jessamine County. The Clark county named is the adjoining county northeastward from Lexington, the county seat of which is Winchester. Their records are in first class shape.

While the spelling is different from that used by you, I am satisfied the family is the same and the only question is to settle just how remote this man was from your ancestor. Possibly he is the Uncle for which search was made.

Kenton and Campbell counties are on north border of the State opppsite Cincinnati and while I pass through both at least once each week, my acquaintances in either are extremely limited. Unfortunately, the older records of Kenton county are maintained at the old court house located at Independence, Kentucky, which is 12 miles out on rddge from Covington. By some political chicanery the circuit and criminal courts are held in Covington and county court maintains an office there with records since 1880 but all previous records are at Independence and two courts a year are held at that point. This makes it impossible for me to visit Independence and would suggest that you

C.R. Staples -> JRM [A00102-2]

try to get in touch with some of the D. A. R. Women in Kenton or Campbell counties. You might write Mrs. Shelley Rouse at Covington asking her to recommend some one to do research work for you. I have not her street address but her husband is a lawyer and you may find same in some of the legal directories.

The name McVicker does not appear upon any of our Deeds, Wills, Powers of attorney or other court records excepting as shown above. I mention this feature because Kentucky County (Now the State) was divided into Lincoln, Jefferson and Fayette Counties. From these all of the 120 counties were divided. Fayette county included all of the present state of Kentucky laying northward and eastward of the Kentucky River and as consequence included both Kenton and Campbell counties.

The only reference to this name in Virginia <sup>I have</sup> records are as follows;

McVicker family- see Virginia Magazine of History  
Vol. 8, page 110.

John McVicker- see William & Mary Quarterly vol. 12,  
first series, page 234.

Now-

(1) Have you examined the pension applications for services rendered in the campaigns of Generals St Clair and later General Wayne. After the treaty of Greenville (Ohio) large numbers of the Militia removed to Kentucky where the Ohio River was a partial protection from roving Indians. During the succeeding years large numbers of these applied for pensions and Richard M. Johnson was very active in their behalf. These activities began with the close of the War of 1812.

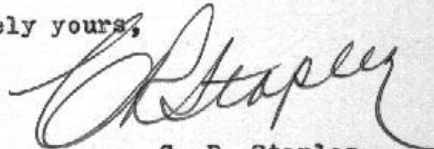
(2) Have you advertised in personal column of the Ohio Historical Publications, or newspapers in vicinities of older parts.

(3) The Polk Directory people used to maintain such sort of services by which one could secure the addresses of certain persons all over the United States, at so much per hundred. You might write them for a catalogue of their services and prices for same.

(4) Have you advertised in the Virginia Magazine of History or the West Virginia Historical Society magazines. Some of the name may still be in those areas.

Sorry I am unable to be of more assistance to you and hope to meet you should you come out this way again. Be sure to let me know how you come out. Its a long road but always interesting.

Sincerely yours,



C. R. Staples  
646 Central Avenue,  
Lexington, Ky.

John H. McVicker -> JRM [A00103]

2112 So. Columbine  
 Denver, Colo.  
 March 4, 1940.

James R. McVicker  
 1117 Ea. College St.  
 Iowa City, Ia.

Dear Sir:

I am interested in your letter telling about Capt. Duncan McVicker and his sons. A letter from Miss Susan E. McVicker also told about the four McVicker brothers who came over from Scotland. She says that Archibald McVicker was born in Lowden County, W. Va. in June, 1803 (Contrast 1797 according to other information. Perhaps someone subtracted 3 from 1800 and got 1797), of Archie and Elizabeth McVicker. My Grandfather, Ira D. McVicker also said that four McVicker brothers immigrated together. It would seem likely that Duncan McVicker was a brother of Archie's.

Archibald McVicker's mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Burns. She was born in Virginia, a first cousin to Robert Burns, the poet. She married Archie McVicker in Virginia. Their son Archibald married Susannah Custer July 2, 1822. Susannah's father's name was David Custer. There were two Ball sisters. One, Mary Ball married Augustine Washington (his second wife) and their second son was George Washington, the first president. The other Ball sister married David Custer's father making David Custer first cousin to Geo. Washington. Susan Custer was first cousin to Gen. George Custer. She gives this list of Archibald's children.

John Daniel McVicker	born	March 4, 1826.
George David McVicker	"	Oct. 22, 1827. #.
Elizabeth A. McVicker	2	Jan. 20, 1830.
Mary C. McVicker	2	Oct. 19, 1833.
Martha McVicker	"	May 31, 1835.
William Hugh McVicker	"	May 15, 1837.
Joseph P. Burns McVicker	"	April 1, 1839.
Margaret McVicker	"	May 25, 1841.
Charles Wesley McVicker	"	Dec. 18, 1843.
Robert Oliver McVicker	"	Jan. 25, 1846.

George David, my great-grandfather was born in Tuscarawas Co. Ohio and died in Eagle Grove, Iowa Sept. 9, 1903. He was a farmer, as was his son Ira D. my Grandfather. My father Roy H. is a Methodist minister. I have three years to work for my M.D. degree.

Tracing ancestors is very interesting work, but difficult due to the surprizing indifference of most people about such matters. I will inquire about the four McVicker brothers and will let you know if I am able to find anything. Anything that you hear will be appreciated. My father has ninety churches under him and so will be away untill after Easter so I am writing in his place.

Sincerely, your cousin,

*John H. McVicker*

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