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James R. McVicker
1208 Sixth Avenue Southeast
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Feb 7 1956

Mr. Charles P. Glenn
Fairchance, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Glenn: I last received a letter from you dated Sept 27, 1956, I then living in Lexington, Ky., where I was employed in teaching in the University of Kentucky. It was a very full and complete letter which I have valued highly. It contained in answer to my questions a large number of detailed facts regarding JEREMIAH HILL who was my great grandfather.

I have endured a number of changes and vicissitudes in life and I am now living at the above address in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I should have written to you again a long time ago, and I am not too confident upon being able to contact you and to find further information regarding Jeremiah Hill, but you did such an excellent piece of work that your aid and kindness in rendering it further would be a great god-send in this direction.

I succeeded very well in collecting the genealogy of the ~~Keover~~ and the Hill Families, all except that of my ~~grandfather~~ great grandfather Jeremiah Hill, and with your aid and other fortunate pieces of information I did obtain much information, but there has remained the matter of the names of his two first wives to be discovered. Jeremiah Hill was married three times. His son James Hill, my grandfather, was descended from him by his first wife, and that is the most important matter that I seek, the name of his first wife.

Jeremiah Hill died December 23 or 24, 1859, leaving his third wife, Annie Helmick and a family of three children: Rebecca Hill, Sally Hill, and John Hill (the latter killed in a grist mill accident) and who left 7 children, whose record I have. These 7 included George D. Hill whom I have seen in Masontown several years ago, but he did not give me the names of the first two wives. Jeremiah Hill married that third wife, Annie Helmick, in the fall of 1827 in Nicholson Township, Fayette County, Pa., but before that he had been married to his second wife who had died leaving a son William Hill and the son William Hill had likely moved away when some years later the son of that William named Alfred Hill came to Masontown to look up his family (This information given me by the said George D. Hill, of Masontown, grandson of Jeremiah Hill.)

This is mentioned to show the date of his 3d marriage being in 1827.

Returning to his first marriage, his son James Hill, my grandfather was born May 22, 1815, died Jan 2nd 1859. James Hill married Martha Keover Sept 22, 1855, sometimes called "Aunt Patty" Hill, who was born July 20, 1816. But we do not know the name of Jeremiah's first wife, who was the mother of James Hill. That is the crucial information that I want to find, although I would like to know the name of Jeremiah's second wife too. Between the birth of Jeremiah's son James in 1815 by his first wife, and the fall of 1827 when he married his third wife, Jeremiah's first wife had died and he had married a second wife by whom he is said to have had a son William, and this second wife also had died, as he married Annia Helmick (3d wife) in 1827 (fall of the year).

Is it possible that any light can be thrown on this point as to the name of the ~~third~~ first wife, particularly, and incidentally as to the name of the second wife? The period of time is all within the short space of about twelve (12 years (1815-1827)?

Thanking you ever so much, I am, Sincerely yours,

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1937

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

BA-J/MCS

Jeremiah Hill, W.O.40066

Mr. James R. McVicker
1117 East College Street
Iowa City
Iowa

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your request for information in regard to Jeremiah Hill who married Anna Helmick and died in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, W.O.40066, based upon the military service of Jeremiah Hill.

On April 12, 1855, Jeremiah Hill, aged eighty-six years and resident of Nicholson Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, applied for bounty land. He alleged that he was drafted at Funkstown, Maryland, in 1814, served about four months as private in Captains Speaks' and McKee's companies of Maryland or District of Columbia militia and was guard at Georgetown during the battle of Bladensburg.

He died December 23 or 24, 1858, near Masontown, Nicholson Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

On June 25, 1880, Annie Hill, aged seventy-six years and resident of Nicholson Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, with post office at Masontown, applied for pension as the widow of Jeremiah Hill. She stated that she married Jeremiah Hill in the fall of 1827 in Nicholson Township and that her name before marriage was Annie Helmick. She also stated that after the War of 1812 he lived in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and after their marriage he lived in German and Nicholson Township until his death with the exception of two years when he lived in Preston County, Virginia, where he moved in the spring of 1831.

Neither Jeremiah Hill's claim for bounty land nor his widow's claim for pension was allowed as proof of the alleged service was never furnished.

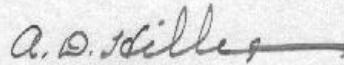
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It was stated that Jeremiah Hill had been twice married before he married Annie Helmick, that when he married the second time his children by first marriage were grown and married, that he had a son by second marriage and that shortly after the death of this wife he married Annie Helmick.

Jeremiah and Annie Hill had three children but the only name designated was that of Rebecca who was born April 1, 1829. Their youngest child was born January 25, 1833. Reference was made to the soldier's son, John. The names of the other children and of his first and second wives were not given.

Very truly yours



A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator

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The assessment records of German Township Fayette County, Pennsylvania, show the following data about Jeremiah Hill. The name first appears on the records for the year 1824. *(Rolls prior to that not yet examined)*

Year.	Occupation & Valuation.	Horses & Valuation.	Cattle & Valuation.	Total.
1824	Superannuated	1 5.00		5.00
1825	0			
1826	0			
1827	Laborer 40.00			40.00
1828	Laborer 40.00			40.00
1829	Laborer 40.00		1 8.00	48.00
1830	Laborer 40.00	1 30.00	1 8.00	78.00
1831	Laborer 40.00			40.00
1832	(0)			
1833	0			
1834	Laborer 30.00			30.00
1835	Laborer 40.00	1 1.00		41.00
1836	0			
1837	0			
1838	0			
1839	Laborer 20.00		1 10.00	30.00
1840	Old 10.00		1 10.00	20.00
1841	Old nil	1 10.00	1 8.00	18.00
1842	Old 20.00		1 10.00	30.00
1843	Laborer 15.00		1 7.00	22.00
1844	Old " 5.00		1 6.00	11.00
1845	Old " 5.00		1 6.00	11.00
1846	Laborer 30.00		1 6.00	36.00
1847	Old 10.00			10.00
1848	Old 10.00		1 7.00	17.00

Name does not appear after 1848.

Name does not appear in years marked 0.

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Charles P. Glenn
Fairchance, Pa.

Fairchance, Pa- Sept. 27, 1936,

James R. McVicker,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir;-

At last; after two months I have started a note to you; Yes, Arthur Hough and Rev. H. H. Hyland have both mentioned your name to me, as having heard from you in regard to genealogical matters.

I can assure you that I was pleased to get your letter.

We can see the "White Rocks" from our back door, on any day the weather is clear- as the crow flies it would be a little more than two miles away- With a glass you can see people upon them and tell whether they are men or women, or children.

The book "THE WHITE ROCKS" is among my cherished possessions. I would like to see a copy of his other works- Up unto a few years ago we had folks here in the town who remembered him, in fact he had a "sweetheart" here. He courted her before the War. When he came back minus a leg, the friendship apparently waned, as the girl in question married a Mr. Teets.

I can find no mention of his ancestors in the write-ups of Ash Hill, in Ellis History of Fayette County, nor in Nelson's History. The Ellis History was published in 1881- Nelson's in 1900.

Our newspaper files in the Library do not run back further than 1860-65. So they do not record the death of Jeremiah Hill.

That he died around 1848 is shown by the enclosed record taken from the Assessments in the Court House. (A friend copied them for me- a Mr. Milton M. Darby, who is employed in the Controller's Office- I have thanked him for both of us.) This list is not yet complete as Mr. Darby has not had time to copy the record prior to 1824- He hopes to do that in a week or so and then I will send you the result. From this list we learn that Jeremiah was not possessed of much personal wealth during the last 24 years of his life.

There is no record of any transfer of property deeds on file, nor no will recorded, and the records run back to 1887- This leads one to think that he was not possessed of very many personal values at any time.

I went to the Library last evening in search of the Pension list of Soldier's of the Revolution, but the hour was late and the clerk was green, and so I did not get to examine it for record of a pension in his name. I will try again soon.

Ellis's History-Page 601- gives Jeremiah Hill as a soldier from German township (surrounding Masontown-which was called Germantown in the early days from the fact of so many German's settling there) in the War of 1812.

You see my information is very meagre- I have not been to Masontown to talk to any of the old timers there- but I will give you the name of John W. Williard- a school teacher of half a century in that neighborhood, who may help you- He has been a very prolific writer to the newspapers for years- He is now around 80 and no doubt has as wide acquaintance as any one in Masontown- He should be able to tell you something, and I am sure he will write you in return.

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Charles P. Glenn
Fairchance, Pa.

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Here is some data that I have ran across which may or may not be of value. I give it for what its worth.

I know from experience that one often stumbles upon something worthwhile, if he ~~tries~~ tries every little thing that may be connected with the name and the family. If any one has an old bible it will invariably be a woman member of the line.

Page 605- Ellis's History-- William R. Allebaugh-(born I judge about 1818-1820- Son of Samuel Allebaugh & Elizabeth Weibel- married Mary M. Hill- William died June 13, 1875.

From the marriage lists of Rev. James Power Baird-(this list is in possession of Rev. H. H. Ryland- he was Rev. Ryland's uncle)

Alexander Mack married Elmira J. Allebaugh- March 27 1862-paying \$5.00 for the ceremony. This Elmira J. was a niece of William R. and Mary M. Hill- Her father being James Allebaugh a brother to William-

Alexander Mack died some few years ago, and I dare say that his wife is dead also, but they left some children who may know something.

From the same marriage record.

Oct. 22 1877- A. M. Hill married Rachel Willus- paying \$2.00 (I give you the entire record including the fee)

June 17- 1880- Hon. Robert M. Hill, M.D. married Lila Strawn-\$5.00 (He was evidently of some importance with his titles and his \$5.00 donation- There should be some record of him some where)

Well I hope that I have given you some little thing-to add to your data. There may be some records in the archives(if they are to be found) of some of those old churches around Masontown- I would ask Mr. Williard if he knows the names of the Rector's of those Churches at the present time- There may be some marriage records or records of the old time members that would reveal something.

In closing I will say that this Jeremiah was evidently of strong physical qualities if he could fight in the War of 1776 and the war of 1812 also.

Yours truly.

Charles P. Glenn

When I get more data- I will send it along-

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What I would like to know but it seems that this fact cannot be asked her, is whether Mrs. Carrie Stewart Mathiot had record proof or research data for Nancy McCollum, or whether she has *herself* assigned the dates, 1748-1820. The dates are remarkable in their implications, and they are the only dates I have ever seen for her. I have seen the family Bible of Daniel McCollum (1754-1842) having the record of his children and he had no daughter Nancy McCollum as was ascribed in one Lineage Book record. This was also stated in 1925 by the Registrar General, N.S. D.A.R., that is that this descent through Daniel McCollum was by them questioned and the lack of record to prove it. What has happened in the light of this objection is that, as far as I know, the record that Nancy McCollum was the wife of Capt. Duncan McVicker, has been accepted but that there is no showing as to whom she was descended from. And after diligent search, I have concluded that she was probably related to Daniel McCollum and the Monongalia and Preston County West Virginia McCollums but just how does not appear. Evidently, Capt. Duncan McVicker and Nancy McCollum were married in New Jersey, probably somewhere in the region of Basking Ridge, where there was a settlement of the McCollum family, and whence probably also the West Virginia McCollum family came. Nancy McCollum may have been the daughter of an uncle of Daniel McCollum (1754-1842) and all indications point that he may have had an Uncle Daniel McCollum in New Jersey. But this record is very hard to secure and resists every attempt to be found.

II. Jeremiah Hill.

I have all his Revolutionary War record both from the State of Pennsylvania and from the Adjutant General, U.S. Army. But they give no dates of his birth or death. Ellis' History of Fayette County (1832) in giving a list of soldiers from German Twp., Fayette County, Pa., lists Jeremiah Hill's name among 37 names of soldiers in the War of 1812-1815 (Page 601, Ellis' History), but the War Department, Adj. General's Office, cannot find such service, and so I think this may be a mistake, from the fact of his service in the Revolution ~~instead~~ and he gotten his name therein misplaced in this latter list.

He was married 3 times, Anna Helmick was his 3d wife. A grandson, George D. Hill, last summer living at 305 East Church Street, Masontown, Pa., was visited by me last summer and he gave me all the information which he could remember and I made notes of it. Two of his sisters (older) from whom I had hoped to get additional information died a few weeks ago, and I have heard from the daughter of one, Mrs. Wm. Ramsey, Mapletown, but she seems unable to find the data. Another, Mrs. Sadie (Sarah) A. (Hill) Hasson, about 80 years of age, lived with her daughter in Uniontown, Pa., but she also recently passed beyond. There are no relatives from whom I have any expectation of securing further information.

It seems to me that the information as to prior marriages of Jeremiah Hill is only to be found from records rather than people. It is too far back to be within the ken or recollection or remembered traditions of now living persons.

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Jeremiah Hill lived to be 103 or 105 years old. A long time ago some article was written about his remarkable career, but that fact was relayed to me through a relative who ascribed it to the wrong publication and there is no way to find it.

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The estimated dates (from George D. Hill's statements/Jeremiah Hill (1746-1851), and another that he died 78 years ago, that is 1858. Probably the date of death might be estimated between 1845-1855. This spring Mrs. Ramsey's daughter wrote me that her mother thought her grandfather died when she was six years old and she now was ~~xxx~~ 84 years of age, that would be in 1858, but I doubt if he lived until 1858. My best guess is that he died between 1844-1854. It is like hunting a needle in a field, I suppose, but if one did know the date of death it might be possible to find newspaper notices and obituary printed at the time.

Upon your suggestion I will later write to the names mentioned as to the Dunkard Church records.

To me it is now very curious that I saw in the handwriting of my Uncle James Rufus Hill, for whom I was named, the following notes at the home of his daughter, Mildred Lee (Hill) Newman, at Hendersonville, N.C., in 1928:

"Jeremiah Hill was the name of my grandfather.
"Patricia Kefover was the maiden name of my father's mother."

To me it is queer because my Uncle James R. Hill's own mother was named Martha (Kefover) Hill, and she was known as "Aunt Patty." It would seem to me that my uncle had his wires crossed on this, were it not for the fact that he was an exceptionally able and accurate man. James R. Hill was a brother of Ashbel Fairchild Hill, author of "The White Rocks" (in Fayette County). My mother was their sister, Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker (1849-1899) who died while I was a soldier in the Philippines 1898-1899.

It may be that Patricia Kefover was thus the name of my great grandmother. I have no record of the name of any other of his first or second wife, and so I do not have any way of tracing it.

I note your question as to Philip Kefover's family Bible, as to who has it? I am collecting data as to his descendants (he being also my great grandfather. I am told that it is not now known as to what became of his family Bible. It may be disclosed eventually.

The notes you gave me on page 3 of your letter are from the inscriptions on the tombstones of Philip Kefover and Delilah Kefover (his 3d wife) in the Old Frame Church cemetery, 3 miles southeast of Masontown. The words, Holy Bible, referred to are evidently in connection with a scroll or representation of the Bible on the tombstones.

I read with great pleasure of your interest in looking further into the records of Miss Mary Sterling for the names of the first and second wives of Jeremiah Hill, one of whom is my own ancestress; and whether from a first or second wife I am descended is unknown, as well as whom. I have regarded rather doubtfully the name of Patricia Kefover, although that may be right. She does not seem to have been a sister of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) and I do not know

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who she could be, if the name be real and not a confusion with my Mother's mother's name, which was Martha (Kefover) Hill (1816-1867) wife of my grandfather, James Hill (1815-1859).

I did not intend to write so voluminously, but hope that what I have written is clear, and may make it more interesting for you in looking over the records of Miss Mary Sterling.

I am collecting data on Capt. Duncan, McVicker (1839-1818)
Jeremiah Hill (17__-18__)
Philip Kefover (1789-1881)
and their descendants.

Enclosures:

Inscriptions on monuments in Schellsburg cemetery showing name of Duncan McVicker's wife as "Annie Laurie."

Inquiry (copy) as to names of wife or wives of Jeremiah Hill.

Name of wife or wives of Capt. Duncan McVicker and origin of each report.

Thanking you for your very kind letter of information and assuring you of my appreciation of it, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
STATE LIBRARY
BOX 608, HARRISBURG

November 4, 1953

Mr. James R. McVicker
1206 Sixth Avenue, S.E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Mr. McVicker:

Miss Abraham has referred your inquiry of October 20 to the Genealogical Section of the State Library.

We regret we have little information relative to the Hill family. We find in the Census of 1850, for German Township, Fayette County, the following information:

Hill, James	Carpenter	Age 35	Born Va.? M?
Martha		36	Pa.
Mary		13	Pa.
Elizabeth A.		10	Pa.
Ashbel		8	Pa.
Martha J.?		5	Pa.
Margaret E.		1	Pa.

It is uncertain whether he was born in Virginia or Maryland- the writing is very indistinct.

Jeremiah Hill's name does not appear upon a tax list in Pennsylvania, from which we infer that he was probably under taxable age or claimed Virginia residence. His name appears upon a muster roll of Captain Thomas Butler, 3rd Pennsylvania Regiment, April, 1780.

We find him in the company commanded by Colonel Thomas Craig, in the U. S. service. His name also appears on a list of non-commissioned officers and privates, in the 3rd Pennsylvania Regiment; after his name is the notation "January 1, 1777 to 1781"; reference, Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, volume 2, pages 957 and 999; also Fifth Series, volume 4, page 127, Jeremiah Hill is listed as entitled to depreciation pay in the 3rd Pennsylvania Regiment.

We have no information as to his activities in laying out the town of Perryopolis, nor do we know where Jeremiah Hill

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Mr. J.R.McV. #2

died. It is probable he or his widow applied for a pension or a land grant. For information relative to pensions write the General Services Administration, National Archives & Records, Archives Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Yours very truly

Douglas A. Portzline
Acting Director, State Library

By Jessica C. Ferguson
Jessica C. Ferguson
Genealogical Librarian

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JR -> T. Ray Fulton [A00572-1]

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July 21, 1936

Mrs. T. Ray Fulton,
100 Ben Lomond Street,
Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mrs. Fulton:

I am very pleasantly surprised to receive your letter bringing important information.

I. Capt. Duncan McVicker

Mrs. Carrie Stewart Mathiot's record seems to be the most accurate one I have found among all D.A.R. entrants on the service of Capt. Duncan McVicker. In fact, as far as I know, she is the only one who gives the correct dates of his birth and death and place of death, that is, correct as shown by actual research. It may be that she has devoted extra careful and thorough research as claimed to me by her son, Harry B. Mathiot, Smithfield, Pa. All other entrants to the D.A.R. seem to have followed the first record accepted and published in the Lineage Books, and that is wrong in several particulars in different cases. She has avoided these errors and stated what other research reveals.

Mrs. Mathiot is the first I have noted who gives any dates for the Captain's wife, Nancy McCollum, and she assigns 1748-1820. In these last I wonder if she has checked by actual research, or has just assigned reasonable dates? These dates do seem to fit all the facts on the assumption that Nancy was the first and only wife. Not only that, but if correct, these dates overthrow other positive views which I have entertained. I have rather positively believed that Nancy did not come with the Captain from New Jersey to Bedford County, Pa., after the Revolution, when he moved there with his seven sons (and probably some daughters). This I have thus viewed because I found no evidence of any wife of his ever being in Pa., no date as to her burial in Bedford County, and on other general negative state of any data about her in Pennsylvania.

I have corresponded for several years with Dr. W. D. Hamaker, formerly member, and later secretary of the Pa. State Board of Medical Examiners (1895-1912), a great-great grandson of Capt. Duncan McVicker, and who was born and grew up at Schellsburg, Bedford County, Pa. To me, he has importance as a witness from the valued fact that until he was about 20 he practically lived with his grandfather, (another) Duncan McVicker (1799-1879) who was a grandson of the (original) Capt. Duncan McVicker (1739-1818), and who (this grandson Duncan) had practically lived with his (this original) grandfather (Capt. Duncan) for about the first 20 years of his life. The tales and traditions passed from the first grandfather directly to his grandson and from this grandson in turn directly to his own grandson. Thus, there seems to me to be an unbroken line of tradition--I am and have long been corresponding with a man who as a boy talked with and heard from his own grandfather who in turn enjoyed the same privilege with his own grandfather who was the original Captain Duncan McVicker--and so the transmission is ~~correct~~ relayed

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to me through only two intermediaries--about the least possible number and under the most advantageous imaginable circumstances.

Dr. Hamaker has written me many letters and answered all sorts of questions for me about his grandfather's recollections about his grandfather, the Captain, but there is almost a total dearth of information as to the wife of the Captain. All I have secured can be summed up thus: Dr. Hamaker seems never to have heard of the wife of the Captain among all these traditions. His information given me is that the wife was a "Miss Laurie," and he received that not from his grandfather but from his sister who made researches in New Jersey prior to her erecting the monument on the McVicker-Hamaker cemetery plot at Schellsburg. That is, that was told Dr. Hamaker by his own sister, Miss Ida R. Hamaker. Of course, when one stops to think, this data could all have thus been naturally forgotten and thus lost.

I have heretofore assumed that the Captain's wife or wives all died in New Jersey before he came to Pennsylvania. But your letter shows Nancy McCollum reported to have outlived the Captain two years--until 1820. It now seems that it may be advisable for me to try further search in Bedford County, Pa.

If Nancy McCollum lived until 1820, she either had separated from the Captain and then stayed in New Jersey, or else she had not and so came with him. The better view is that she came with him. But she does not seem to be buried beside him. The Captain died at the home of his son, Alexander McVicker (1773-1832), near Schellsburg, Bedford County, Pa., and he is buried beside Alexander McVicker and his wife (Alexander's) Jane (Taylor) McVicker (1774-1834) in the cemetery at Schellsburg. On the large monument appears the line as to the Captain's wife: "His Wife Annie Laurie" --no dates-- and this information comes from the search of Miss Ida R. Hamaker, made in New Jersey, perhaps 30 or more years ago.

Since you are kindly interested and I can't help but make this letter somewhat long, then in order to make it more clear I will enclose the page copy of the inscriptions on the tombstones in the McVicker-Hamaker plot in the cemetery at Schellsburg. I do not want to unduly take up your time with speculations --only to say that assuming Mrs. Mathiot's dates for Nancy to be correct, I had better have some further search made for Nancy McCollum in Bedford County.

It may be that Nancy was the only wife, that (as suggested by another) that "Annie Laurie" was her given name (and so it was Annie Laurie McCollum), and that Nancy is a substituted name for Annie like Betsy is for Elizabeth.

Then as to the 3d wife (to make this clearer I enclose a page abstract about the wives or which one was the wife, etc), Jean McConnell, since I have thought that she does not fit into the picture because of my doubt that the Duncan McVicker whom she married was the same person as the Capt. Duncan McVicker who was my ancestor, this doubt may serve to eliminate her for the present. She was real and has the best record proof of any, except that to show whether it was the same Duncan McVicker. There were other McVickers in New Jersey. Duncan was a very common name among them. Duncan McVicker had a son Duncan McVicker Jr., and a grandson Duncan McVicker, the son of his son Alexander McVicker. There was another DUNCAN McVICAR even in Pa. in Cumberland County Militia in 1781 (Pa. Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 6, page 188-189.)

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER Sr.

10 Martha Kefover Hill, b. July 20, 1816, d. November 17, 1867
(dau. of Philip K. Sr.)
married (Sept. 22, 1835) James Hill, b. May 22, 1815, d. Jan. 2, 1859
children:

- 1 Mary Matildah Hill, b. June 11, 1837, d. March 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, 1845, 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 home of James and Martha Hill and family, one mile east of Masontown, is now the site of a cemetery, Greendale Cemetery and Mennonite Church.

Ashbel Fairchild Hill, born Oct. 23, 1842, died November 7, 1876
married _____ on March 20, 1870, while he
was co-editor and publisher of THE GOLDEN CITY (J.M. Peard and
A. F. Hill, Editors and Publishers), 636 Sacramento Street,
San Francisco, California; Mrs. Hill left Philadelphia for
California to visit, taking her passage by ship and not returning.
No children were born of this union of over 4 years.

A. F. Hill is buried in the old Methodist Churchyard in
Masontown, just off Church street. Marking his resting place
is a tombstone of granite, 2½ feet high (above the 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 "

List of A. F. Hill's Books:

- Our Boys, or Adventures in the Army
- The White Rocks or The Robber's Den - A Tragedy of the Mountains
- Secrets of the Sanctum: An Inside View of an Editor's Life
- John Smith's Funny Adventures on a Crutch, or the Remarkable Peregrinations of a One-Legged Soldier After the War

A. F. Hill wrote besides these books numerous poems and many stories and sketches published in story papers and literary periodicals of the time.

His newspaper and editorial work included his services on the following named papers:

- THE MERCURY, Philadelphia, Pa.
- THE GOLDEN CITY, San Francisco, Cal.
- THE BOSTON TIMES, Boston, Mass.
- THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PATRIOT, Concord, N. H.
- THE GENIUS OF LIBERTY, Uniontown, Pa.

In October, 1872, A.F.Hill was associated with Liberal Republican Headquarters, 21 School Street, Boston, Mass., speaking at political meetings every night in behalf of election of Horace Greeley for President. In 1876 A.F.Hill unsuccessfully sought democratic nomination for representative in the Pennsylvania legislature and although defeated he ardently spoke thereafter at political meetings in behalf of election of Samuel J. Tilden for president.

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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. 22, 1835) James _____ Hill, b. May 22, 1815, d. Jan. 2, 1859
children:

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| 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, 1846, | 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 |

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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. Beard
& A.F. Hill), 636 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California.

A. F. Hill, better known as the "O. Job Jones" 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 ^{served} there 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 no attempt to arrest him was
made. The Hills moved to Philadelphia and went to housekeeping
there. Mrs. A. F. Hill went ^{later on} 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 1875-1876. 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
Masontown, 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 "

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER Sr.

- 10 Martha _____ Kefover Hill, b. July 20, 1816, d. November 17, 1867
 (dau. of Philip K. Sr.)
 married (Sept. 22, 1835) James _____ Hill, b. May 22, 1815, d. Jan. 2, 1859

children:

- 1 Mary Matildah 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, 1845, died July 29, 1866
- 5 Margaret Emma Hill, b. Aug. 11, 1849, died Feb. 18, 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, 1845, 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. F. Hill's grave.--James R. McVicker's Notes, June ____, 1931.

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

A. F. 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.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER Sr.

10 Martha Kefover Hill, b. July 20, 1816, d. November 17, 1867
(dau. of Philip K. Sr.)
married (Sept. 22, 1835) James Hill, b. May 22, 1815, d. Jan. 2, 1859
children:

- 1 Mary Matildah Hill, b. June 11, 1837, d. March 18, 1883
- 2 Elizabeth Jane Hill, b. March 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, 1845, d. July 29, 1866
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- 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):

Norvel Wilson McVicker, b. Sept. 8, 1827, d. April 2, 1923
children:

- James Rufus McVicker, b. July 6, 1876
- Mabel 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. 50) northwest of Sigourney, Iowa.

Tombstone: 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
sleeps in the faith of Jesus, awaiting the
resurrection.

Abodes of Margaret Emma Hill after death of her mother and until she married N. W. McVicker:

- 1-4-68 AFH:MEH c/o William Kefover, Uniontown, Pa. 1-25-68 AFH:MEH:
"I told you 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 JRH:MEH (glad
to hear MEH has joined church)
- 6-1-68 AFH:MEH, Masontown, Pa., MEH not well 8-4-68 AFH:Bro. & Sister
(Mary Matildah & James Rufus), Masontown, MEH "quite poorly", inquires
3-30-70 AFH:MEH, c/o James Kefover, Wilton, Iowa, 1-24-70 JRH:MEH, same,
1-9-71 AFH:MEH, 7-17-71 JRH:MEH, 6-8-71 AFH:MEH, 9-14-71 JRH:MEH,
1-1-72 AFH:MEH, 10-13-71 JRH:MEH, 11-24-71 JRH:MEH, 12-4-71 JRH:MEH,
1-12-72 JRH:MEH, 3-30 & 5-10-72 AFH:MEH
- 10-7-72 AFH:MEH c/o Robert Hanna, Clarksville, Iowa, 1-9-73 JRH:MEH,
12-31-72 & 1-23-73 AFH:MEH, 1-9-73 & 4-20-73 JRH:MEH, 8-21-73 AFH:MEH
8-22-73 JRH:MEH, 9-12-73 AFH:MEH 5-15-73 JRH:MEH
- 7-3-73 & 7-25-73 JRH:MEH c/o Wm. Hanna, Cold Water, Ia., 7-17-73 AFH:MEH
10-14-73 AFH:MEH, Atalissa, Ia.

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Abodes of Margaret Emma Hill after death of her mother and until she married N. W. McVicker--continued:

12-8-73 JRH:MEH, c/o James Kefover, Wilton, Ia., 12-6-73 AFH:MEH,
 1-2 & 1-16-74 JRH:MEH, 1-15-74 AFH:MEH
 5-7- & 8-16-74 AFH:MEH, c/o Mrs. E. Hungerford, West Liberty, Ia.,
 6-18 & 7-31-74 JRH:MEH, same address.
 1-11-75 AFH:MEH, c/o Henry B. Malaby, Indianapolis, Iowa,
 3-20-75 JRH:MEH, 5-3-75 AFH:MEH, 2-22 & 3-22-75 JRH:MEH, same address
 6-9-75 AFH:MEH, c/o Mrs. Tillie Hutchinson, What Cheer, Iowa, forwarded
 to Brighton, Iowa.
 6-16-75 AFH:MEH, c/o Mrs. Tillie Hutchinson, What Cheer, Iowa, forwarded
 to Brighton, Iowa.
 7-9-75 AFH:MEH, Brighton, Washington County, Iowa
 7-30-75 AFH:MEH, c/o J. M. (Morg.) Kefover, Brighton, Iowa, forwarded
 to Wilton, Iowa. 9-8-75 M.E. Hill and N.W. McVicker married, Muscatine, Ia.
 9-12-75 AFH:MEH, c/o James Kefover, Wilton, Iowa
 11-23-75 AFH:MEH McVicker, Sigourney, Iowa
 12-16-75 & 1-1-76 AFH:MEH McVicker and 2-11-76 JRH:MEH McVicker,
 Sigourney, Iowa
 4-17 & 6-19-76 AFH:MEH McVicker and 7-4-76 JRH:MEH McVicker, Wilton, Iowa
 11-7-76 & 11-24-76 Mary M. Allebaugh : MEMcVicker, Wilton, Iowa,
 relating to the death and burial of A. F. Hill, at Masontown, Pa.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER Sr.

- 10 Martha _____ Kefover Hill, b. July 20, 1816, d. November 17, 1867
(dau. of Philip Kefover Sr.)
married (Sept. 22, 1835): James _____ Hill, b. May 22, 1815, d. Jan. 2, 1859
5th child:
Margaret Emma Hill, b. August 11, 1849, d. February 18, 1899
married (September 8, 1875):
Norvel Wilson McVicker, b. Sept. 8, 1827, d. April 2, 1923
children:
James Rufus McVicker, b. July 6, 1876
married (March 12, 1905):
Virginia Matilda Constant, b. October 30, 1878
children:
Bernadine Constant McVicker, b. March 1, 1906
married (August 27, 1928):
Raymond Earl Norman, b. January 20, 1906
children:
Constance Joan Norman, b. Oct. 9, 1929, d. Oct. 24, 1929

Gilbert Leroy Kelso, b. December 5, 1906
children:
James Edward Kelso, b. March 18, 1934

Benjamin Franklin McVicker, b. August 6, 1912
married (August 29, 1933):
Oral Dorothy Allmond, b. August 24, 1916
children:
Dolores Anne McVicker, b. April 28, 1934

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER, Sr.

- 10 Martha Kefover Hill, b. July 20, 1816, d. November 17, 1867
 (dau. of Philip Kefover Sr.)
 married (Sept. 22, 1835): James Hill, b. May 22, 1815, d. Jan. 2, 1859
 5th child:
 Maragaret Emma Hill, b. August 11, 1849, d. February 18, 1899
 married (September 8, 1875):
 Norvel Wilson McVicker, b. Sept. 8, 1827, d. April 2, 1923
 children:
 James Rufus McVicker, b. July 6, 1876
- Mabel Anna McVicker, b. March 11, 1878
 married
 Albert Lee Brolliari, b. January 18, 1855 *d. March 19, 1936*
 children:
 Ruth Brolliari, b. October 12, 1896
 married (April 25, 1925):
 Bruce Botterff, b. September 24, 1897
 children:
 Ruth Harry Botterff, b. December 5, 1927
Married Feb 8, 1950
Keith Chastier b. _____
 James Harry Brolliari, b. February 21, 1906
married
Arline Dewey b. _____
- Harry Scott McVicker, b. June 26, 1880 *d. June 1, 1947*
- Maud Hill McVicker, b. August 25, 1883 *d. June - 1946*
 married (August 14, 1907):
 George Victor Wheeler, b. December 15, 1883
 children:
 Mabel Ann Wheeler, b. August 24, 1909, ^{at}Oskaloosa, Iowa
 married (March 14, 1934):
 Harold Semple, b.
George Wilson Conant (Nov. 22, 1912
 Norvel George Wheeler, b. June 1, 1911, ^{at}Oskaloosa, Iowa

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HARRY SCOTT McVICKER, born June 26, 1880, at Wilton Junction, Iowa, printer, teacher, Superintendent Schools of Keokuk County, Iowa (4 January, 1909-). Education: Public Schools, Normal Schools, Valparaiso University. Experienced teacher in rural schools, Principal of Thornburg Iowa Schools, Principal of Webster Iowa Schools from which he was called to superintend Fremont Iowa Schools, 1907. Next, elected Superintendent of Schools, Keokuk County, Iowa, and twice re-elected by popular vote, receiving handsome majorities at each of three popular elections, he is now serving in this office. When the law vested election of this officer in hands of Boards of Education in counties, Harry S. McVicker was retained and his work has been so satisfactory that he has remained the popular choice when candidates have contested, often none having opposed his unanimous re-election. It is easy to find reason for his successful tenure when service is considered. He is happy in his work and has a good humored way of pleasing people while performing his duty. He was a highly successful teacher and very popular with his pupils. He had a knack of keeping order by being constantly on the job in a good humor. His pupils would have fought for him. So he was decisively elected County Superintendent of Schools. When he left Fremont to assume this office his high school pupils accompanied him to the train, many saying that they would not go back to school without "Mac" as they called him.

Harry made his home with and cared for his aged father who lived almost 96 years. When about 21, Harry took his father, Norvel W. McVicker, then nearing 74, on a trip back to West Virginia to the boyhood home which the father had left when orphaned 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 well remembered scenes of his boyhood. They found a sister whom he had not seen since leaving home over 60 years before. They spent five weeks visiting in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and in Indiana where the father had lived in his young manhood.

Upon returning from this trip undertaken as a labor of love, Harry resumed teaching, soon to climb to principalships and superintendencies. His work had drawn wide recognition outside his county. Leading educators in Iowa and the country at large have cited his achievements. Many eminent leaders have been secured to bring messages to Keokuk County teachers. President Homer H. Seerley said: "There is no one like Harry." The LADIES HOME JOURNAL devoted an article to a resume of his work in Keokuk County Schools. While he has been content to carry on in his characteristic way, many recognitions have rewarded his service. People have discerned merit because able service has been secured. A chief reward has been that of Harry's making firm friends. He is friendly. He works hard and keeps constantly on the job in a good humor. He aims to render his best service, and that as satisfactorily as he can. He well accomplishes this aim. He is a skilled organizer of his work and of the schools. He plans to have something interesting for the schools as well as to see that the regular work is carried on.

Harry visits all the schools both rural and town, which requires much time each year. He counsels with Boards of Education of different parts of the county to help them in their plans. His Civics Manual and School Officers' Manual are the product of his individual work and they are masterpieces in their line. Harry's success may be briefly stated as that of one who whole-heartedly loves his work, sharing his energy to help all who wish to improve their school conditions, whether 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 his unstinted attention to duty and service.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER Sr.

- 10 Martha Kefover Hill, born July 20, 1816, died November 17, 1867
(dau. of Philip Kefover Sr.)
married (Sept. 22, 1835) James Hill, b. May 22, 1815, d. Jan. 2, 1859
children:
- 1 Mary Matildah Hill, b. June 11, 1837, d. March 18, 1883
 - 2 Elizabeth Jane Hill, b. March 7, 1840, d. July 17, 1864
 - 3 Ashbel Fairchild Hill, b. October 23, 1842, d. November 7, 1876
 - 4 Martha Jane Hill, b. Sept. 23, 1845, d. July 29, 1866
 - 5 Margaret Emma Hill, b. August 11, 1849, d. February 18, 1899
 - 6 James Rufus Hill, b. September 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.

James Rufus Hill, born September 8, 1852, died March 23, 1926
married (May 26, 1875):
Annie Cora Covode, born Aug. 16, 1853, died May 12, 1920
(dau. of Dr. Joseph Covode, of Jenners, Somerset County, Pa.)
children:

Mabel Anna Hill, b. April 24, 1876
married (Nov. 25, 1900):
Fred J. Trout, b. Dec. 11, 1872

Maud Minerva Hill, b. April 12, 1879, d. August 22, 1903
Josephine Covode Hill, b. Aug. 23, 1887, d. June 9, 1893

Mildred Lee Hill, b. Jan. 5, 1894
married (July 27, 1921) at Hendersonville, N.C.:
Charles Lewis Newman, of Halifax, N.S., b. Jan. 15, 1868
children:

Charles Lewis Newman, b. April 25, 1922
James Herman Newman, b. Aug. 23, 1923

Aunt Annie Cora Covode Hill, educated at Steubenville Seminary, Steubenville, Ohio was of the finest and most considerate disposition. After a funeral service at the home in Hendersonville, N.C., the body accompanied by Uncle James R. Hill and daughter ^{and} was sent to Somerset County, Pa., the former home of the family for interment.

Uncle James Rufus Hill was ever very regardful of his sister, Margaret Emma Hill McVicker. He was very kind and generous toward the nephew, James Rufus McVicker, his namesake, whom he employed in his general merchandise store at Crescent City, Fla., during the year following the nephew's graduation from high school, 1893-1894. The last resting place of Uncle James R. Hill is in Cedar Hill Burial Park (Sec. D, Lot 32, Grave No. 6), near Daytona, Fla. James R. Hill was always honorable and honest in his dealings. He was a man of highest character, confident ideals, and religious faith. He was a highly successful business man and accredited merchant whose word was as good as his bond and whose name was trusted in the business world. From the time of leaving home when orphaned at 15

some of his business and residential locations were: Bruceton Mills, Westmoreland Co., Pa., '81; W.Va. (1/24/70); Stahlstown, Westmoreland Co., Pa. ('74-); Hooversville (Somerset Co.) Pa. ('78-); Crescent City, Fla. ('85-); Daytona, Fla. ('96-); Saluda, N.C. ('01-); Hendersonville, N.C. (1902-1907)

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Mabel Hill and Mabel both ill at time.

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Ligonier (Westmoreland County), Pa. (1907-1909), Hendersonville, N.C. (1909-), Stuart, Fla. (1911-1912), Daytona, Fla. (1913-1917).

"James Rufus Hill was a bright boy. He was great on "ghost" stories. At school he was a fine reader."--John W. Williard, Masontown, Pa., January 21, 1935.

BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL LOCATIONS OF JAMES RUFUS HILL:

Bruceton Mills, Preston County, W. Va.,	1870-1874
Stahlstown, Westmoreland County, Pa.,	1874-
Hooversville, Somerset County, Pa.,	1876-
New Florence, Westmoreland County, Pa.,	1881-
Crescent City, Florida,	1885-
Daytona, Florida,	1896-
Saluda, N.C.,	1901-
Hendersonville, N.C.,	1902-1907
Ligonier, Westmoreland County, Pa.,	1907-1909
Hendersonville, N.C.,	1909-
Stuart, Florida,	1911-1912
Daytona, Florida,	1913-1917
"Hendersonville, N.C., winter and summers for two years"	1917-1920 "where Mother died"
"Daytona, Fla., in winter Hendersonville, N.C., in summer each year until his death in 1926"	

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER Sr.

11 James _____ Kefover, oldest son of Philip Kefover Sr. and ^{Elizabeth Luchey} ~~Delilah~~ Kefover, b. Aug. 27, 1811, d. Oct. 1, 1904, aged 93 yrs. 1 mo. 4 days. married; Susan _____ b. _____ d. _____

(William _____ Beatty married her sister, Roseanna _____)

James _____ Kefover and Susan _____ Kefover are buried in the Wilton Cemetery, Wilton, Muscatine County, Iowa.

children:

James Robinson Kefover, b. Sept. 4 or, 1833 or, 1834 or, d. May 16, 1931, 97 y

Elizabeth _____ Kefover, b. _____ d. _____

married: Miller _____ Smith, b. _____ d. _____

children:

Alex _____ Smith, b. _____ d. _____

Elizabeth (Libbie) _____ Smith, b. _____ d. _____

_____ Smith (3d child, boy, died young)

The Miller Smith family lived at Moscow, Iowa in early days.
Philip Alexander Kefover, b. Jan. 5, 1837, at Wilton, Iowa, d. Sept. 30, 1897, age 60 y 8 mos. 25 days
married (April 22, 1875):

Mrs. Bessie Arilia (Upsen) Phillips, b. July 6, 1848,

d. May 25, 1918

(Philip A. and Bessie A. Kefover are buried in Sorden Cemetery, Keswick, Keokuk County, Iowa.)

2 daughters of Mrs. Bessie A. Kefover by her former marriage:

Eva _____ Phillips, b. Feb. 15, 1871

Maggie Elizabeth Phillips, b. Feb. 1, 1872, d. Oct. 5, 1872

children of Philip A. and Bessie A. Kefover:

Ida May (Mae) Kefover, b. Aug. 26, 1876

George William Kefover, b. April 12, 1880

married (Dec. 25, 1913);

Fannie Shafranek, b. Aug. 21, 1880

children:

Evalyn Mae Kefover, b. Jan. 10, 1915

Bessie Arilia Kefover, b. Jan. 21, 1917

George Philip Kefover, b. Dec. 5, 1918

William Alexander Kefover, b. Sept. 27, 1920

James R _____ Kefover, b. Aug. 21, 1922

(address: Ramona, Washington County, Oklahoma)

Deceased children of Philip A. and Bessie A. Kefover:

Nora Bell Kefover, b. Dec. 23, 1877, d. Aug. 21, 1878

Edith Gertrude Kefover, b. Mar. 24, 1879, d. July 7, 1880

Carrie _____ Kefover, b. June 10, 1882, d. Aug. 7, 1882

James Robinson Kefover was born near Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, 1833 or 1834, d. in Muscatine County Iowa

Philip _____ Kefover Sr. was born in Maryland or Virginia of German descent, settled in Nicholson Township, Fayette County, Pa., where he became one of the leading agriculturists. He died April 3, 1881, aged 91 years 10 months 21 days. Delilah _____ Kefover, wife of Philip Kefover Sr., died Sept. 29, 1879, in the 74th year of her age. They are buried in the Old Frame Churchyard, 3 or 4 miles southeast of Masontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

Family of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) [A00577-1]

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FAMILY OF PHILIP KEEFOVER (1789-1881)

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Philip Kefover (1789-1881) was born on May 12, 1789, in Frederick County, Maryland, son of Jacob Kefover (Kefauver) and his wife Mary (Iseminger) Kefover (Kefauver) who came with their children including Philip from Frederick County, Maryland, to Springhill Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and settled there sometime between the years 1790 and 1800. Philip Kefover settled in Nicholson Township, Fayette County, Pa., where he became a successful agriculturist. His old farm homestead is located about 2½ miles East of Masontown, Pa.

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

First marriage to Opheelia Elizabeth Luckey, who bore him 10 children:

- 1 James Kefover (1811-1904), married Susannah _____ (maiden name not found);
Lived at Wilton Junction, Mascatine County, Iowa
- 2 Thomas Kefover (1815-1894), married Sarah Harrison; lived at Woodside,
Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- 3 Philip Kefover (1821-1915), married--1st--Lavinia Maleby--2nd --Eliza Ann
(Smith) Murray; lived in Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- 4 William Kefover (1827-1914), married Sarah Elizabeth Jackson;
lived in Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- 5 Albert Gallatin Kefover (1831-1914), married Sarah Ann Bowers;
lived in Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- 6 John Kefover (____-____), died when a young child
- 7 Mary Jane Kefover (1824-1902), married Henry Bowel Maleby;
lived at Indianapolis, Mahaska County, Iowa
- 8 Clarissa Kefover (____-____), married Robert Hanna; lived at Clarksville,
Butler County, Iowa, in the 1870's and 1880's
Mentioned as widow at date of Philip Kefover's will, April 22, 1880.
- 9 Margaret Kefover (____-1910), married Thomas Sessler;
lived at High House, Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- 10 Martha Kefover (1816-1867), married James Hill (1815-1859);
lived near Masontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

Second marriage of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) -- to Phoebe Harper--no children

Third marriage of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) -- to Delilah Boice, who bore him one child:

- 11 Eliabeth Ann Kefover (1847-1904), married George W. Burner;
lived in Fayette County, Pennsylvania

Philip Kefover (1789-1881) died on Apr. 3, 1881, aged 91 years, 10 months, 21 days. He is buried by the side of his third wife, Delilah (Boice) Kefover, in the Old Frame (Presbyterian) Churchyard, about 3 or 4 miles Southeast of Masontown, Pennsylvania.

Inscription engraved on Philip's 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.' "

Family of Philip Keefover (1789-1881) [A00577-2]

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

James Keefover (1811-1904), eldest son of Philip Keefover (1789-1881) and his first wife Ophelia (Luckey) Keefover, was born August 27, 1811, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, died at Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, Iowa, October 1, 1904, aged 93 years one month 4 days. He married Susannah _____, b. _____, d. _____, a sister of Rosanna _____, b. _____, d. _____, who married William Beatty, for some time also a resident of Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, Iowa. The sisters, Susannah and Rosanna _____, are said to have been orphans who were raised in the family of _____

James Keefover (1811-1904) and Susannah (_____) Keefover had three children:

- 1 James Robinson Keefover, b. Sept. 4, 1834, d. May 16, 1931, in his 97th year
- 2 Philip Alexander Keefover, b. Jan. 5, 1837, d. Sep. 30, 1897, in his 61st year
- 3 Elizabeth (Libbie) Keefover, b. _____, d. _____, m. Alex. Smith

James Keefover (1811-1904), his wife Susannah (_____) Keefover, and their son, James Robinson Keefover, are buried in the Keefover plot in Oak Dale Cemetery, Wilton Junction, Iowa.

on Sep. 4, 1834,

James Robinson Keefover (1834-1931) was born/near Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died in the Muscatine County Iowa Home on May 16, 1931, in which county home 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 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 (1688-1772). 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 farmed a tract of land which he owned about 2½ miles West of Wilton Junction and adjacent to Sugar Creek not far from the Cedar River, near Moscow, Muscatine County, Iowa.

Elizabeth (Libbie) Keefover, 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, in pioneer days lived at or near Moscow, Muscatine County, Iowa. It is supposed that the Alex. ("Eck") Smith family may have removed to Kansas, over a half century ago.

Philip Alexander Keefover, born Jan. 5, 1837 (probably in Fayette County, Pa.), died Sept. 30, 1897, at his farm home about 2½ miles West of Keswick, Keokuk County, Iowa. He married on April 22, 1875, at _____, Mrs. Bessie Arilia (Upson) Phillips, born July 6, 1848, died May 25, 1918, daughter of _____

Philip A. Keefover and Bessie Arilia (Upson) Keefover are buried in Sorden Cemetery, near Keswick, Keokuk County, Iowa.

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

Descendants of Philip Kefover [A00579-1]

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

Grandson, Philip Alexander Kefover (1857-1897) -- Continued --

The children of Philip Alexander Kefover (1857-1897) and Bessie Arilia (Upson - Phillips) ⁽¹⁸⁴⁸⁻¹⁹¹⁸⁾ Kefover who were married on April 22, 1875, are listed as follows:

- 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, 1878, died July 7, 1880
- 4 George William Kefover, born April 12, 1880, married Fannie Shafranek
- 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, Keswick, Keokuk County, Iowa.

Philip Alexander Kefover (1857-1897) in the early 1880's removed with his family from their residence at Wilton Junction, Iowa, to What Cheer, Iowa, then a very thriving coal mining town in Keokuk 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 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 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 Arilia (Upson - Phillips) Kefover, was born April 12, 1880, in Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, Iowa. He has successfully followed the career of farming. He married on December 25, 1913, at Sigourney, Iowa, Fannie Shafranek, born August 21, 1880. The following named children were born to George William Kefover and Fannie (Shafranek) Kefover:

- 1 Evalyn Mae Kefover, born January 10, 1915 m. *S.E. Reisman, What Cheer, Ia.*
- 2 Bessie Arilia 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 Ramona, 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 KEEFOVER, and that the latter spelling is used by his descendants.

Note.--James Kefover (1811-1904) and William Beatty married the sisters, Susannah and Rosanna _____, whom as tradition has it were orphan sisters raised in the McClellan family of Gen. George B. McClellan (possibly his father's family;--perhaps in a McClelland family of early prominence in Fayette County, Pa.) Philip Alexander Kefover, 2d son of James Kefover (1811-1904) and James Beatty, oldest son of William Beatty, above mentioned, also married wives who were sisters, Mrs. Bessie Arilia (Upson) Phillips and Miss Hannah Upson, respectively. Juliet Beatty, daughter of William Beatty, above mentioned, married William Franklin Morgan, a nephew of Norvel 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.

Descendants of Philip Kefover [A00579-2]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER(1789-1881): Son, Thomas Kefover (1815-1894):
(1789-1881)

Thomas Kefover, son of Philip Kefover/and his first wife Ophelia Elizabeth (Lucky) Kefover, was born _____, 1815, _____, died March 24, 1894, at Woodside, Fayette County, Pa. He was married to Sarah Harrison, born Mar. 3, 1818, died Oct. _____, 1898, at Woodside, Pa. They are buried in Old Frame Churchyard, Southeast of Masontown, Pa.

Thomas Kefover and Sarah (Harrison) Kefover had six children:

- Isabelle Kefover, born Jan. 28, 1841, died Mar. 19, 1872, married James Sangston
- Anna Harrison Kefover, born May 12, 1846, died Oct. 2, 1915, married Isaac Franks
- John Morgan Kefover, born June 18, 1845, died November 18, 1877, m. Laura M. Steffy
- Ophelia Elizabeth Kefover, born Jan. 22, 1849, died Aug. 27, 1927, m. Zadock Springer
- Pierce Warren Kefover, born July 22, 1853,
- Robert Plummer Kefover, born ^{Aug.} Mar. 4, 1855, died Mar. 26, 1919, m. Hannah Hostetler

Sarah (Harrison) Kefover and her daughter Anna Harrison (Kefover) Franks are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Descendants of Philip Kefover [A00579-3]

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 DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, Thomas Kefover (1815-1894):

Ophelia Elizabeth (Kefover) Springer (1849-1927):

Ophelia Elizabeth Kefover, daughter of Thomas Kefover and Sarah (Harrison) Kefover, was born Jan. 22, 1849, at Woodside, Fayette County, Pa., died Aug. 27, 1927, at Woodside, Pa. She was married on Jan. 22, 1876, at Woodside, Pa., to Zadock Beeson Springer, son of Jonathan Downard Springer and Elizabeth (Fulton) Springer. Zadock Beeson Springer was born Oct. 12, 1855, at Uniontown, Pa., died Oct. 24, 1905, at Woodside, Pa. Zadock Beeson Springer and Ophelia Elizabeth (Kefover) Springer are buried at Uniontown, Pa. He became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, she was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Zadock Beeson Springer was descended from two historic families of Fayette County. He served the United States as an illustrious soldier in the Civil War, and later became a leading business man of Uniontown, Pa. as more fully appears in the accompanying adapted sketch of his life next following.

ZADOCK BEESON SPRINGER (1855-1905):

The death of Zadock Beeson Springer occurred at his home in Nicholson Township, Fayette County, Pa., Oct. 24, 1905, from valvular disease of the heart with complications. He passed away while sitting in his chair talking with his brother, Alfred M. Springer.

Zadock Beeson Springer was a member of two historic Fayette County families, the Springers and Beesons. He was the great grandson of Jacob Beeson, who with his brother Henry founded Uniontown. John Beeson, Zadock Springer's uncle, was one of Perry's gunners on board the famous "Lawrence" in the Battle of Lake Erie, and fired the shot that sent the British flagship down. For this service he was granted a medal by the state of Pennsylvania, which is treasured by his descendants as priceless. Over a century ago, Zadock Springer's grandfather, Zadock Springer, was one of the owners and editors of the Genius of Liberty, of Uniontown, Pa.

Zadock Beeson Springer was born in Uniontown, Oct. 12, 1855, the second son of Jonathan D. and Elizabeth (Fulton) Springer. His father was one of the pioneer merchants of Uniontown, was proprietor of one of the first drug stores in the town, and in 1840 established the hardware store on Main street that was in 1905 being conducted by Frey & Gilmore and which for almost half a century was the only hardware store in Uniontown. Zadock became his father's partner in the hardware business. His father died in 1877, and Zadock succeeded to the business. He prospered greatly. In 1881, he bought the corner at Broadway and Penn streets and opened a big agricultural implement store there. He was a bank director, and a factor in the business world. But his open-handed generosity in endorsing for his friends cost him too dearly. Heavy losses as an endorser and as bondsman for a defaulting state official brought about his financial embarrassment in 1899. He then removed to the farm in Nicholson Township, where he had resided until his death. During President McKinley's first term, he served as a storekeeper and gauger in the Fayette County Pennsylvania revenue district.

Zadock Springer was a Lieutenant in Co. "K", 116th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was captured at Ream's Station and was for nine months in Libby prison. He was wounded at Cold Harbor. He was the last surviving officer of Company "K." In the history of the 116th Regiment, Springer's old command, Major General St. Clair A. Mulholland, later pension agent at Philadelphia, pays him a tribute for bravery. He described how Springer and another officer, "strolling along through the woods, their swords over their arms, and chatting pleasantly, stumbled into a whole brigade of Confederate infantry, and disregarding the order to surrender, risked death and miraculously escaped in the storm of rebel bullets." General (then Colonel) Mulholland modestly omitted to state that he was the "other officer."

Descendants of Philip Kefover [A00579-4]

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 DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1861): Son, Thomas Kefover (1815-1894):

Ophelia Elizabeth (Kefover) Springer and Zaddock Beeson Springer (continued):

Mr. Zaddock Beeson Springer was first married in 1856 at Ottawa, Illinois, to Mrs. Susan Jones, whose maiden name was Leonard. Shortly afterward they went to Uniontown to live. Six children were born to them, all living at the time of Mr. Springer's death, except Mrs. White: (1) Mrs. C. S. Francis, (2) Mrs. A. M. Claybaugh, and (3) Mrs. Seymour Van Bremen, all of Uniontown; (4) Mrs. Albert Turner, of Vinton, Iowa; (5) Alice, deceased, wife of James White, of Scottdale; and (6) Jonathan D. Springer, of Rome, Georgia. Mrs. Springer died in the early seventies. Three years afterward, Mr. Zaddock Beeson Springer was married to Ophelia Elizabeth Kefover on Jan. 22, 1876, at Woodside, Pa.

Ophelia

Zaddock Beeson Springer and Elizabeth (Kefover) Springer (his second wife) had six children:

- 1 Daisy Ophelia Springer, ^{of Woodside} b. Jan. 12, 1877, at Uniontown, Pa. d. Dec. 28, 1948, of a stroke.
- 2 Anna Louise Springer, b. Nov. 26, ¹⁸⁷⁸ at Uniontown, Pa.
- 3 Sarah Saretta Springer, b. Aug. 30, 1881, at Uniontown, Pa., m. Winfield Mundell
- 4 Catherine Wyona Springer, b. Feb. 1, 1885, at Uniontown, Pa., m. John W. Victor
- 5 Zaddock Beeson Springer, b. June 14, 1889, at Woodside, Pa. d. 1-1-1949 (?)
- 6 Nellie Brown Springer, b. May 18, 1895, at Woodside, Pa., m. Charles S. Honsaker

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 DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, Thomas Kefover (1815-1894):

John Morgan Kefover (1843-1877):

John Morgan Kefover, son of Thomas Kefover and his wife Sarah (Harrison) Kefover, was born June 18, 1843, at Woodside, Fayette County, Pa., died Nov. 18, 1877, at Brighton, Washington County, Iowa. He was married on Aug. 28, 1866, at Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, Iowa, to Laura Melissa Steffy, born in Penna. 1841, died June 5, 1884, at Washington, Iowa. She was the daughter of Daniel Steffy and his wife Steffy. John Morgan Kefover and his wife Laura Melissa (Steffy) Kefover are buried at Brighton, Washington County, Iowa. A few years after his death she ~~but~~ remarried to Harve Burns, Washington, Iowa, in 1881 or 1882, of which marriage one son was born Albert Burns, now of St. Joseph, Mo.

John Morgan Kefover served the United States in the Civil War as a soldier in Company "F" of the 8th Iowa Cavalry. He was commonly and familiarly known as "Morg." Kefover. His son, Plummer Warren Kefover, says in a report to the writer (Oct. 6, 1936): "My father, John Morgan Kefover, of Brighton, Iowa, was called "Morg" Kefover by everybody, even his Mother." John Morgan Kefover was a section foreman on the railroad through Brighton, Iowa, for some time before and after the year 1876. Pierce Warren Kefover and Robert Plummer Kefover were out to Iowa and worked with their brother John Morgan ("Morg") Kefover on the railroad at Brighton for a season, and as stated by Pierce Warren Kefover to the writer at Pierce's home in 1935, he was a track inspector at Brighton during this time. Letters of Ashbel F. Hill to his sister, Margaret Emma Hill (the writer's mother) say: "I am glad 'Morg' is coming (from Iowa) . . . Why don't you come with 'Morg'? They all want you to. (date of July 30, 1875)" . . . and later letter-- "I have just seen Plummer and Pierce Kefover. They have been on a big trip West. They told me they saw you. They say they would not like the West to live in. (date of June 19, 1876)."

John Morgan Kefover and his wife Laura Melissa (Steffy) Kefover had ~~four~~ five (5) children, as follows:

1 Anna Bell Kefover, born Sept. 8, 1867, at Wilton Junction, Iowa, married on at James Edw. Nichols, of Brighton, Iowa, born Sept. 26, 1863 died Apr. 17, 1926. Mr. and Mrs. James Edw. Nichols have one daughter, Grace Nichols, born July 1, 1888, at Brighton, Iowa. Mr. James Edw. Nichols is deceased. Mrs. James Edw. (Anna Bell Kefover) Nichols lives in Orlando, Florida. Anna Bell died March 9, 1952, buried at Orlando, Fla.

2 Alberta Kefover, born 1869, at Wilton Junction, Iowa, married Alfa Owens, now of Denver, Colorado. She died 1916 at Eldon, Iowa. To their union two sons were born: Frank Owens, b. 1916, who now lives in Denver, Colorado; and Lawrence Owens, ~~born 1916~~ b. 1916, who lives in Eldon, Iowa.

3 Myrtle Acunath Kefover, born Sept. 16, 1873, at Brighton, Iowa, married E L Rich on at at. They are now living in Denver, Colorado. Address, Mrs. Myrtle Rich, 1047 High Denver, Colorado.

4 John Morgan Kefover, born Nov. 19, 1877, ^{son of his Father with} at Brighton, Iowa, served the United States in the Spanish-American War in the Navy, and re-enlisted in the Army and served in the Philippine Islands and in Alaska. He married, lives in Denver, Colorado, and a further report of his family and that of his sister, Mrs. Myrtle A. (Kefover) Rich, are to be secured. Address, John M. Kefover, RFD #2, Box 124, Arvada, Colorado.

5 Plummer Warren Kefover, born Oct. 23, 1871, at Brighton, Iowa, has twice married, with three children of the first and six children of the second marriage, of which see reports, forward.

Albert Burns, b. at Washington, Ia., son by Mrs. K's 2d marriage.

Descendants of Philip Kefover [A00579-6]

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 DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, Thomas Kefover (1815-1894):

Descendants of John Morgan Kefover (1843-1877)-(Continued):

Plummer Warren Kefover (spells his name Keefover), son of John Morgan Kefover and Laura Melissa (Steffy) Kefover, was born Oct. 23, 1871, at Brighton, Washington County, Iowa. He first married on Aug. 21, 1891, at Wellsburg, W.Va., ^{his 1st wife} Clara Boyd, born Sept. 21, 1871, at Smithfield, Ohio, the daughter of _____ Boyd and his wife _____ Boyd. Of this union were born three children:

¹ Annie Rebecca Keefover, born April 16, 1892, at Denison, Texas, married _____

² Alice Jane Keefover, born Sept _____, 1894, at Toronto, Ohio, married Charles Boughton, on _____ at the son of _____ Boughton and his wife Boughton. Alice Jane (Keefover) Boughton and husband live at Dennison, Ohio.

³ Charlotte _____ Keefover, born Sept _____, 1898, at Lorain, Ohio, married _____

and his first wife Clara (Boyd) Keefover were divorced
 Plummer Warren Keefover/~~was divorced from his first wife Clara (Boyd) Keefover~~
 in 1899, since when her residence has been at Dennison, Ohio.

He married on July 18, 1906, at Jamestown, North Dakota, Ida Mai Setterstrom, his second wife, born Sept. 10, 1881, at LaCrosse, Wis., the daughter of Peter Setterstrom and his wife Janice (Olsen) Setterstrom. ~~Married to Mary Plummer Keefover~~
 To the union of Plummer Warren Keefover and Ida Mai Setterstrom were born six children:

¹ Marion Guest Keefover, born May 30, 1907, at Jamestown, N.D., d. Oct. 5, 1912

² Ralph Warren Keefover, born June 3, 1908, at Jamestown, N.D., married Mary Katherin Towe on June 10, 1929, at Nashville, Tenn. See record forward.

³ Genevieve Myrtle Keefover, born Dec. 12, 1909, at Jamestown, N.D.

⁴ John Morgan Keefover, born April 15, 1912, at Rubio, Iowa.

⁵ Gertrude Marie Keefover, born Dec. 31, 1914, at Muscatine, Iowa, married (July 18, 1938) ^{(in Danversport, Iowa) Larry Callisle, son of Froggy, & in Bedford Co., Ky. Sept 9, 1911, son of James Linnell Froggy (Nevada, Ill.) and Fannie Callisle (Iowa, Ill.)}

⁶ Laura Mai Keefover, born Sept. 5, 1917, at Lewistown, Mont., d. Dec. 16, 1918

Ralph Warren Keefover, son of Plummer Warren Keefover and Ida Mai (Setterstrom) Keefover, was born June 3, 1908, at Jamestown, N.D., married on June 10, 1929, at Nashville, Tenn., Mary Katherin Towe, born _____ at _____ the daughter of John Wesley Towe (d. 1919) and his wife Sally (Bloodworth) Towe (d. 1914), of Tennessee. To this union have been born three children:
 (1) Billy Jean Keefover (daughter), born Mar. 15, 1930, at Charleston, S.C.;
 (2) Betty Marie Keefover (daughter), born Oct. 21, 1933, at Nashville, Tenn.;
 (3) John Warren Keefover (son), born Aug. 11, 1936, at Nashville, Tenn.

Plummer Warren Kefover has accustomed himself to the spelling of his surname as Keefover since his early youth while in school, as had also adapted the latter spelling (Keefover) the sons of James Kefover (1811-1904), James Robinson Keefover (1854-1951) and Philip Alexander Keefover (1837-1897), of Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, Iowa.

Descendants of Philip Kefover [A00579-7]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, Thomas Kefover (1815-1894):

Descendants of John Morgan Kefover (1845-1877) -(Continued):

Plummer Warren Kefover (b.1871) has principally followed the occupation of railroading during his active career. His father, John Morgan Kefover (1845-1877) served the Rock Island Railway as a section foreman at Brighton, Iowa. About the middle seventies two brothers of John Morgan Kefover, namely, Pierce Warren Kefover and Robert Plummer Kefover, came out from Fayette County, Pa., to Brighton, Iowa, and there worked on the railroad for a time. So in his early youth, Plummer W. Kefover turned to railroading. There was a diversion from that employment for a time during when he sojourned in Pennsylvania, about 1890. For over a year he carried the mail for his Uncle Isaac Franks from Morgantown, W. Va., to Smithfield, Pa. He worked for David Hayden one summer and was with Albert Sessler about a year. After these early employments with relatives in Pennsylvania, he resumed the work of railroading. About the middle nineties or before, he lost his left leg in a railway accident. After that injury, about 41 years ago or so, he visited again for a while in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

About February, 1898, he was at the University Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa, where Dr. Middleton, the head surgeon of the Rock Island Railway, operated on his left leg for ~~nerve~~ nerves trouble. About two years ago, in 1955, while employed on a Federal Public Works project, he fell while lifting a heavy piece of timber and was caught beneath it, causing a severe injury to his right leg. While at Vanderbilt University Hospital at Nashville, Dr. Johnson told him that he would eventually have to lose the leg but refused even at Plummer W. Kefover's urging to operate then on account of his already having the left leg off, but after four months of intense suffering and upon his own insistence the amputation of his right leg was performed, leaving him deprived of both legs.

Since the amputation of his right leg, he has not suffered much from that source but on the contrary says that he has much improved in health so that at 65 he appeared to be not over 50 years of age. He now works at his home on a place which he has rented in the environs of Nashville, where he is engaged in vegetable gardening and raising chickens. He does not use a rolling chair, but wears knee boots—accustoming himself to work about six hours a day in spading, cultivating and attending to his ground and crops of his garden, then taking off his boots to rest his legs the latter part of the day.

Plummer Warren Kefover says that he now has a strong reserve of energy so that he is not satisfied unless he is busy at something. He likes to read and to study. He is intensely interested in the doctrines advanced in the Watch Tower Publications, and is a devoted student of the Scriptures in the light from that direction. He was formerly a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church while living in Muscatine, Iowa, but he became interested in the special Bible study more recently engaging his attention through the reading of Pastor Russell's and Judge Rutherford's books. He is a firm believer in the Second Coming of the Savior and in the Resurrection.

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 DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, Albert Gallatin Kefover (1831-1914)

Albert Gallatin Kefover was born in Fayette County, Pa., February 10, 1931. He died, August 10, 1914, in German Township. He married Sarah Ann Bowers, born November 26, 1829, in Nicholson Township, parents Jacob Bowers and Lydia (Poundstone) Bowers. Sarah Ann (Bowers) Kefover died August 24, 1896. Albert Gallatin Kefover and wife Sarah Ann Kefover are buried in Lutheran Cemetery. He was a son of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) and his first wife, Ophelia Elizabeth Kefover whose maiden name was Lucky. The given name of Albert Gallatin Kefover was in namesake of the distinguished Secretary of the Treasury in President Thomas Jefferson's Cabinet, Albert Gallatin, who was appointed to this post in 1801. Before his acceptance of the post, he journeyed to Fayette County, Pa., and disposed of his interest in an arms factory to his partner in the enterprise, Melchior Baker. This factory had been established by Albert Gallatin and Melchior Baker in 1799, to supply guns and arms in the impending danger of foreign war. The factory was located near New Geneva in that part of Springhill Township which is now Nicholson Township, on land that was later owned by Philip Kefover (1789-1881). The arms factory was operated on this land for a few years longer by Melchior Baker and was then discontinued due to the competition of the Federal Government in this line in its manufacturing armories at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, and Springfield, Mass. (See Ellis' History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania (1882), pages 700-701.)

Albert Gallatin Kefover and Sarah Ann (Bowers) Kefover had six children:

1 John Austin Kefover,	b. May 9, 1853,	d. May 6, 1924	m. Amanda Canan
2 Mary Lydia Kefover,	b. Aug. 20, 1855,	d. _____	, young
3 James Elmer Kefover,	b. Oct. 21, 1857,	d. Mar. 18, 1890	m. Laura Crawford
4 Cynthia Jane Kefover,	b. Jan. 23, 1860	d. Sept. 13, 1938	m. C. W. Ramsey
5 Ewing Hernando Kefover,	b. Nov. 6, 1865,	d. Apr. 15, 1926	m. Sarah Harrington
6 Henry Stanton Kefover,	b. Dec. 10, 1866	d. Apr. 12, 1944	m. Sarah Jane Johnson

John Austin Kefover, son of Albert Gallatin Kefover and Sarah Ann Kefover, was born May 9, 1853, in Nicholson Township, and died May 6, 1924, in West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. He was married July 6, 1876, at Uniontown, Pa., to Ellen Amanda Canan, daughter of James J. Canan and his wife Elizabeth (Norris) Canan. Ellen Amanda (Canan) Kefover was born Nov. 20, 1855, at Hopwood, Fayette County, Pa., and died May 3, 1924, at the family home, 53 West Craig Street, Uniontown, Pa. John Austin Kefover and Ellen Amanda (Canan) Kefover are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Uniontown, Pa. They ~~both~~ died within 72 hours of each other, he ~~having~~ being unaware of his wife's death when he succumbed in the Hospital to which he had been taken for operations which were successful toward a restoration, when he contracted pneumonia followed by other complications. They had so lived in nearly half a century of happily married life, a quarter of a century of which was spent in Uniontown, that a sympathetic bond of attachment was evidenced to a marked degree during their last illnesses. Both were devout Christians, being active in the work and members of the Third Presbyterian Church. John Austin Kefover was a member of the John Knox Bible class and his wife was a member and regular attendant of Class "15." He had followed an industrious life, by trade a blacksmith, painter, and wagon-maker. He was a member of the Uniontown Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

John Austin Kefover and Ellen Amanda (Canan) Kefover had six children:

1 Bessie Kefover,	b. May 15, 1877,	d. Jan. 5, 1897,	m. Ewing Franks Brown
2 Mary Etta Kefover,	b. May 18, 1878,		
3 Alice Kefover,	b. Sep. 18, 1879,	d. Oct. 31, 1908,	m. David W. Rider
4 Clark M. Kefover,	b. Feb. 14, 1881,	d. Jan. 8, 1950	m. Florence Ada Boswell
5 Nellie Diana Kefover,	b. Oct. 14, 1890,		m. Alonzo Byron Craig
6 Marshall William Kefover,	b. Aug. 14, 1894,	d. _____, 1950,	m. Mary Carolyn Ellison

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, Albert Gallatin Kefover (1831-1914)
 Descendants of Grandson, John Austin Kefover (1855-1924) and Ellen Amanda (Canan) Kefover (1855-1924):

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 Emma E. (McCrackin) Boswell. Mr. and Mrs. Clark M. Kefover reside at 164 Irwin Ave., Ben Avon, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. They have no children. They are members of Forest Avenue United Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, Pa. Clark M. Kefover is a member of the following named Masonic organizations: Fayette Lodge, No. 228, F. & A. M., Uniontown, Pa.; Pennsylvania Consistory 32d degree, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Allegheny Commandery No. 35, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Syria Temple of the Shrine, Pittsburgh, Pa. For several years he has served as Vice President and General Manager of the McCann Company, engaged extensively in the Retail Food Business, Pittsburgh, Pa.

A former Uniontown boy who attained a well-earned competence enabling him to retire from business at the age of 49 years and with his wife to embark upon a trip around the world, Clark M. Kefover has since been active in the conservation for others of the business establishment whose interests he had so faithfully promoted. His rise to success and his recognition in business leadership have been due to the sterling integrity inherited from his forbears and to his own indefatigable industry and unstinted energy. In his early career, he was employed with the National Bank of Fayette County, at Uniontown, Pa., from which employment he later on was called to accept a position in the store of Boggs & Buhl, at Pittsburgh, Pa., and so left home at Uniontown to enter upon his career in the larger city. In his twenty years service with the firm of Boggs & Buhl, his productive work was rewarded in his continuous promotion from one department to another until he became the store superintendent. He went from the latter position to accept a place in McCann & Company, dealing in retail pure food products, acquiring a substantial interest in and becoming a junior member of this firm. For ten years he devoted his unbounded industry and enterprising service 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 they embarked upon their trip around the world. Upon returning from this voyage, he resumed his service as the general manager of McCann & Company and continued his duties for some time until his physical condition again necessitated his temporary retirement from strenuous business activities. The great store of McCann & Company, outstanding as a food products business in the whole country, came into the ownership of Mr. Alexander N. Fraser, its president-treasurer, in 1933, who more recently has transformed it into a unique example of industrial socialization, whereby the employees of the business now own the McCann & Company Store and receive the profits of the business. Mr. A. N. Fraser turned over his entire interest to the ~~employees~~ established employees through an intervening board of management, the McCann Trusteeship. Almost the entire McCann & Company stock is held by a trusteeship of four persons as trustees and business managers with substantial salaries provided for their active services as managers of the business and the faithful promotion of its best interests. Under the management of these trustees, as it is provided, the profits of the business are divided among the established employees, their participation in the division and sharing of profits being based upon their annual wage or salary after a preliminary one year of service, as such employee, and after compensating the management. Under this plan, the trustees were constituted as Mr. Alexander N. Fraser, president-treasurer, Mary E. Eichelberger, secretary and advertising manager, D. E. Robinson, vice president and general manager, and Clark M. Kefover, vice president and one-time part owner.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, Albert Gallatin Kefover (1831-1914)

Mary Lydia Kefover, daughter of Albert Gallatin Kefover and Sarah Ann (Bowers) Kefover, was born Aug. 20, 1855, in Fayette County, Pa., and died ~~Sept. 21, 1862~~ Sept. 21, 1862.

Oct. 28, 1879
 James Elmer Kefover, son of Albert Gallatin Kefover and Sarah Ann (Bowers) Kefover, was born Oct. 21, 1857, at Woodside, Pa., and died Mar. 18, 1890. He was married ~~in 1879~~ (Oct. 28) at Uniontown, Pa., to Laura Crawford, born Apr. 6, 1861, at Uniontown, Pa., daughter of Wm. _____ Crawford and his wife Ann (Smith) Crawford. Laura (Crawford) Kefover died May 22, 1922, at Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. James Elmer Kefover are buried at Uniontown, Pa. The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Elmer Kefover:

1 Lena Kefover,	b. May 11, 1880,	m. James T. McSteen
2 Lucy Kefover,	b. Dec. 15, 1881, d. Oct. 6, 1889	
3 Frances Kefover,	b. Nov. 11, 1883,	m. Frank McKinley
4 William Kefover,	b. May 6, 1890	

Lena _____ Kefover, dau. of James Elmer Kefover and Laura (Crawford) Kefover, was born May 11, 1880, at Uniontown, Pa. She was married on Dec. 24, 1907, to James T. McSteen, born Nov. 26, 1880, at Pittsburgh, Pa., son of Bartley James McSteen and his wife Bridget (Kinlin) McSteen. Mr. and Mrs. James T. McSteen reside at 6 University Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lucy _____ Kefover, dau. of James Elmer Kefover and Laura (Crawford) Kefover, was born Dec. 15, 1881, at Uniontown, Pa., and died Oct. 6, 1889, at Uniontown, Pa. She is buried at Uniontown, Pa.

Frances _____ Kefover, dau. of James Elmer Kefover and Laura (Crawford) Kefover, was born Nov. 11, 1883, at Uniontown, Pa. She was married on June 22, 1901, at Pittsburgh, Pa., to Frank McKinley, born Nov. 22, 1877, at Pittsburgh, Pa., son of Mortimer McKinley and ~~his~~ his wife Veanna (Jones) McKinley. Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinley reside in Pittsburgh, Pa. They have two children, as follows:
 1 Frank E. McKinley (Jr.), b. Feb. 25, 1905, at Pittsburgh, Pa., m. Mary Griffith;
 2. Charles _____ McKinley, b. Oct. 6, 1906, at Pittsburgh, Pa.

William E _____ Kefover, son of James Elmer Kefover and Laura (Crawford) Kefover, was born May 6, 1890, at Uniontown, Pa. He was married Oct. 10, 1928, at Pittsburgh, Pa., to Elizabeth Bour, born Nov. 22, 1904, at Pittsburgh, Pa, dau. of John Bour and his wife Friedericka (Leins) Bour. Mr. and Mrs. William _____ Kefover reside at Pittsburgh, Pa., 1026 Morningside Ave.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, Albert Gallatin Kefover (1831-1914)

Cynthia Jane Kefover, daughter of Albert Gallatin Kefover and Sarah Ann (Bowers) Kefover, was born Jan. 23, 1860, at Smithfield, Pa. She was married on May 30, 1887, at _____, Ohio, to Cyrus Washington Ramsey, born June 20, 1835, at Cross Crick (Creek ?), Pa., died Feb. 16, 1918, 1919, at Pittsburgh, Pa., son of John Ramsey and his wife Jane (Moore) Ramsey. He is buried at Sewickley, Pa. Cyrus W. Ramsey was a descendant of Capt. William Ramsey who served in the Revolutionary War of the American Colonies against England and in the French and Indian Wars. Cyrus W. Ramsey was of the Presbyterian faith, a member of the Masonic Fraternity, F. & A. M., by occupation a railroad engineer, and a member of the Veteran Employees Association of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Cynthia Jane (Kefover) Ramsey is of the United Presbyterian Church, having been active in church work, and having faithfully participated in American Red Cross activities during the World War. Her postal address is Box No. 1, Masontown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus W. Ramsey had one child, a son, Frank Howard Ramsey, born March 30, 1888, at Pittsburgh, Pa., and who on June 25, 1920, married Anna Louise Roessle, of whom see forward.

RAMSEY - On Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1938, at 5:30 a. m. Jane Kefover, widow of Cyrus W. Ramsey and mother of Frank H. Ramsey. Funeral from Abell's Chapel, East North Ave. at Sandusky St. Services Thursday at 2:30 p. m. Interment private. (Uniontown, Pa., papers please copy.)

→ Burial in the Sewickley (Pa.) Cemetery beside the grave of her husband, Cyrus W. Ramsey

Frank Howard Ramsey, son of Cyrus Washington Ramsey and his wife Cynthia Jane (Kefover) Ramsey, was born March 30, 1888, at Pittsburgh, Pa. He was married on June 25, 1920, at Pittsburgh, Pa., to Anna Louise Roessle, born May 5, 1889, at Pittsburgh, Pa., daughter of William Henry Roessle and his wife Elizabeth (Goebber) Roessle. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard Ramsey reside at 6521 Ebdy Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., and have one child, a daughter, Louise Ramsey, born April 16, 1921, ~~at~~ at Pittsburgh, Pa. ^{with her} Frank Howard Ramsey was graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, Pa., ~~B.S. in Metallurgy~~, *B.S. in Metallurgy*, 1910, and has pursued post-graduate courses in the University of Pittsburgh and Columbia University, New York. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta (undergraduate fraternity), and a member of Omicron Graduate Chapter. He is an ex-member of the American Institute of Mining, ~~Engineers~~ ^{and Metallurgical Engineers}. He is listed in "Who's Who in Advertising" 1931. His business activities include his service as representative, Liberty Show Printing Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., and previously he headed his own advertising agency.

Anna Louise (Roessle) Ramsey was graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, ~~A.B.~~ ^{A.B.}, 1911, and pursued a course as student of Miss Mary Richmond, New York School of Social Work. Her professional activities have included: her service as social worker, Pittsburgh's Associated Charities, later Family Society; Philadelphia Family Society; Associate Director, American Red Cross, Washington, D.C.; and Executive Secretary, Children's Aid Society, Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, and a member of the American Association of Social Workers.

During the World War, Mrs. Anna Louise (Roessle) Ramsey was an Associate Director of the Red Cross, in charge of Civilian Relief. She is now Executive Secretary of the Children's Aid Society of Allegheny County and also of Western Pennsylvania (comprising 14 counties).

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, Albert Gallatin Kefover (1851-1914)

Ewing Hernando Kefover, son of Albert Gallatin Kefover and Sarah Ann (Bowers) Kefover, was born Nov. 6, 1863, at _____, died Apr. 15, 1926, at _____. He was married on _____ at _____ to Sarah Ann Herrington, born _____ at _____, daughter of _____ Herrington and his wife _____ (_____) Herrington.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Hernando Kefover were born seven children as follows:

- 1 Albert Lawrence, Kefover, b. _____
- 2 Harry Rush Kefover, b. _____
- 3 George ~~Kefover~~ Kefover, b. _____
- 4 Frank _____ Kefover, b. _____
- 5 David _____ Kefover, b. _____
- 6 Paul _____ Kefover, b. _____
- 7 Anna _____ Kefover, b. _____

No specific reports or other information has been received as to this family, and I do not have their postal addresses.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, Albert Gallatin Kefover (1831-1914)

carpenter

Henry Stanton Kefover, son of Albert Gallatin Kefover and Sarah Ann (Bowers) Kefover, was born Dec. 10, 1866, in Nicholson Township, Fayette County, Pa. *Died Apr. 12, 1944.* He was married on Nov. 22, 1888, in German Township, Fayette County, Pa., to *(died Nov. 2, 1944)* Sarah Jane Johnson, born Aug. 11, 1868, in German Township, Fayette County, Pa., a daughter of Nicholas Johnson and Catharine (Barnhart) Johnson. To this union were born three children as follows: *(Observed Golden Wedding, Tues. Nov. 22, 1938; Sandy Bottom, Masontown, Pa.)*

1 Harold Carmon Kefover, born Aug. 22, 1889, who served the United States in the World War *(at home, time of his Mother's death - note)*

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 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 Carmon Kefover, and the sister of Henry Stanton Kefover, Mrs. Cynthia Jane (Kefover) Ramsey, also resides with them.

HENRY S. KEFOVER, 77 years, 8 months, 2 days, died at his home in Sandy Bottom, Masontown, Wednesday, April 12, 1944, at 12:45 p. m., after a short illness. One son, Harold, of Masontown, survives, as do several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Friday, with short rites at the home at 2:30, followed by the regular service at 3 o'clock in the Masontown Mennonite church. Rev. Paul Roth will officiate. Burial in Greendale cemetery, under direction of Honaker Funeral 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 3-5, 1901, on 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 and return by steamboat. These notes say:

"Monday, June 3, 1901—Came out and stayed over night with Albert 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. ...

June 4—Stayed all night at Henry Kefover's in Masontown. ...

J. M. Howard a good friend of Hill family. ...

Wed. June 5—Took boat Adam Jacobs for Morgantown. ...

'I hope to see you sometime either here or there.' "

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Son, John _____ Kefover (18__ -
18__):

John _____ Kefover, son of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) and his first
wife Ophelia Elizabeth (Lucky) Kefover, was born _____ 18__, _____
_____, died _____ 18__, _____

Daisy Ophelia Springer in a letter to the writer, dated May 20, 1955, gives a
list of the ten children of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) and his first wife Ophelia
Elizabeth (Lucky) Kefover, including the name of John Kefover. In this letter
she states: "John Kefover died when a small child."

On June 26, 1935, in a conversation with the writer at her home at High House,
Laura Ellen (Sessler) Hayden, confirmed the above statements, and added the
statement that John Kefover while a young child drank white whiskey in the field
and that it killed him.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1798-1881): Daughter, Mary Jane Kefover (1824-1902)

Mary Jane Kefover, born Apr 24, 1824, died Mar 19, 1902 (daughter of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) and 1st wife Ophelia Elizabeth (Lucky) Kefover married (Sept 5, 1842):

Henry Bowel Maleby, born Sep 2, 1823, died June 4, 1894

children:

1 Calvin Miles Maleby, b. Apr 26, 1844, d. Jul 8, 1913, at Saul Tel, Veterans Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif.

2 Margaret H. Maleby, b. May 16, 1846, d. _____

3 William Cass Maleby, May 21, 1848, d. Jan 31, 1930, What Cheer, Iowa

4 Martha Matilda Maleby, May 5, 1850, d. Dec 25, 1933, Miami, Florida

5 Albert Pierce Maleby, b. Feb 7, 1852, d. Apr 5, 1920, San Francisco, Calif.

1 Calvin Miles Maleby—spelling of Maleby changed to Malaby on his enlistment papers as soldier in Civil War, so spelling of family name became intermixed. b. Apr 26 1844, d. Jul 8, 1913, at Saul Tel, Veterans Hosp., Los Angeles, Calif. married (~~xxxxxx~~, Feb 25, 1869):

Hannah Ann Ross of Masontown, Pa., b. _____ d. Apr 28, 1887, Bellevue, Colorado

children: Etna Iowa b Feb 20, 1870; d. Feb 8, 1908

Henry Ross, b. May 27, 1871, _____

Charles Sumner, b. Mar 28, 1874, _____

Frederick Grant, b. Jul 8, 1876, _____

Alma Malaby, b. Sept. 15, 1880, _____

Lillian Gertrude Malaby, b. Oct 22, 1883 _____

2 Margaret H. Maleby, b. May 16, 1846, d. _____

married (_____)

Porter Smith, b. _____ d. _____

children:

Mary (Mollie) E. Smith, b. _____ 1871 _____

married (Nov 15, 1900) at What Cheer, Iowa

Grant Nicholson, b. _____ d. Feb. 27, 1932

children:

Mary Nicholson, b. _____

Olive Nicholson, b. _____

Frank Smith, b. _____ (d.) _____

married (_____): _____ b. _____

Lois Smith, b. _____ lived in Fairchance, Pa.

married (_____): _____

Evans Mosler, B. _____

Stanley Smith, b. _____ lived near York, Pa. ²/_A

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881), Daughter, Mary Jane Kefover (1824-1902)

- 3 William Cass Maleby (spelled his name as his Father did, Malebey
 b. May 21, 1848, in Fayette County, Pa., d. Jan 31, 1930, at What Cheer, Iowa
 He enlisted in the 14th Pa. Cavalry in the Union Army in the Civil War.
 He marched with Sherman to Washington to be mustered out in the Grand Review
 and was honorably discharged on May 30, 1865. While he was in the service
 his parents removed from Pennsylvania to Indianapolis, Mahaska County, Iowa.
 After returning from the War he visited his uncle, James Kefover, at
 Wilton Junction, Muscatine Co., Iowa, and there met Miss Mary Cecelia Rainey,
 whom he married the next year.
 Married, Mary Cecelia Rainey, b. Feb 14, 1847, d. Jul 21, 1899
 children:

Laura Labussa Maleby, b. June 30, 1871, d. Feb 5, 1942

m. 1887 Everett Smith, b. _____ d. _____

children:

Dot Evelyn Smith, b. _____ d. _____

m. Herbert B. Stewart, b. _____

children:

Bruce Stewart

Bud Cleo Smith, b. _____ d. _____

m. _____

Maude _____ Pical, b. _____

John Henry Rufus Maleby, b. Dec 28, 1878, d. June 14, 1919

married (_____)

Stella Lawson, b. _____ d. _____

no children

remarried: && _____

Zilpha Edith Maleby, b. July 15, 1878, d. _____ 1848 Waukegan, Ill.

m. Sept 3, 1899

John Logan Walden, b. Feb 29, 1876, d. _____ 1954 Waukegan, Ill.

children

Letha Gladys Walden, b. June 27, 1900, d. Dec 10, 1924

m. (Dec 28d 1920):

Gail Berfield, b. _____ Dayton, Bio

3 children

Max Maleby Walden, b. Dec 7, 1903

m. Oct 3, 1921

Ruth Needham, b. _____

children:

Bennie Max Walden, b. Aug 7, 1922

Don Lawrence Walden, b. Mar 12, 1910,

m. Jan 1, 1925

Leona Harriet Peterson, b. Apr 14, 1903

children:

Donald Leon Walden, b. Oct 27, 1926

Bud Wayne Walden, b. July 22, 1914

Sid Clarence Walden, b. Nov. 23, 1920

Lena Rosetta Maleby, b. May 22, 1881, _____

m. (_____)

John Darland, b. Mar 4, 1903

No children

Ada Margaret Maleby, b. Oct 30, 1883, _____

m. George Ebert, b. _____

Live at Bismark, N.D. 622 W. Thayer, Avenue.

No children

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEPOWER (1739-1881), Daughter Mary Jane Keover (1824-1902)

William Cass Maleby (1848-1930--continued
children--continued

_____ b. _____ d. _____ (son)

_____ b. _____ d. _____ (daughter)

William Cass Maleby (1848-1930) remarried Sept 28, 1904, at What Cheer, Iowa: Mrs. Frances Barlow Parkinson, b. Apr 6, 1869, in England, her former husband, Rev. Frederick Parkinson, Episcopalian minister, having drowned on June 20, 1898, by accident in the Water Reservoir at What Cheer, Iowa
Daughter of Mrs. Parkinson: Miss Frances Parkinson, b. _____

Calvin Miles Malaby, b. Apr 26, 1844, Smithfield, Fayette Co., Pa., d. Los Angeles, Cal., ~~dx~~ July 8, 1913, at Saul Tel Veterans Hospital. He served in the Civil War in Co. K, 2nd Pennsylvania, Heavy Artillery, and as an aid to General U.S. Grant. On Feb 25 1869 he married Hannah Ann Ross, daughter of Hannah Ross, of Masontown, Pa., and shortly they went on to Iowa. They soon, with his brother Albert, moved to Fort Collins, Colorado. Later Calvin moved to Belleview, Colorado, still later on to Delta, Colorado. At Belleview his wife died April 28, 1887. Their children were born as follows:

- (1) Etna Iowa, Feb 20, 1870, d. Feb 8, 1906
- (2) Henry Ross Malaby, May 28, 1871 d. Nov 13, 1948
- (3) ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Charles Sumner Malaby, March 28, 1874 d. Mar 23, 1920
- (4) Frederick Grant Malaby, July 8, 1878 d. Mar 28, 1897, thrown by bronco
- (5) Alma Malaby, Sep 13, 1880, m. Earnest Loughridge, R.5 Box 383, Grants Pass, Oregon
- (6) Lillian Gertrude Malaby, Oct 22, 1883

For the account of history and families of (1) Etna Iowa Malaby, (2) Henry Ross Malaby, (3) Charles Sumner Malaby, (4) Frederick Grant Malaby, (5) Alma Malaby, refer to the Report by Miss Graecia Britten, pages 3,4, 5,(1954).....

Lillian Gertrude Malaby, b. Oct 22, 1883, youngest child of Calvin M. Malaby, born at Fort Collins, Colorado, Oct 22, 1883. She first married Frederick Hatch and lived at Denver and Cripple Creek until a big strike and mining tie up at Cripple Creek when they moved to Charleston, Washington (now suburb and part of Bremerton, Wash.) Here Frederick Hatch was killed in a fall in the Navy Yard on Sep 13, 1905. ~~THEIR CHILDREN WERE AS FOLLOWS: (1) CHARLES WILFRED HATCH b. MAY 15, 1904, m. MARGIE CAVENESS, b. AUG 22, 1904. Children of Frederick Hatch and Lillian Gertrude Malaby:~~

Charles W. Hatch b. June 22, 1902, m. (May 15, 1924)

Myrtle Margie Caveness, b. Aug 22, 1904

No children except niece taken into their home being his sister's daughter Mae Gertrude Hatch, b. June 27, 1904, in Charleston Washington m. (September 1922)

Carl J. Meyer, b. Oct. 11, 1903. _____
children:

William Meyer, b. apr 25, 1925

m. (_____)

Clara Mae Gee

children:

Lawrence Michael Meyer, b. June 13, 1946

Lorraine

Lorretta b Oct 15, 1937

Lydia b. May 10, 1948

Williard L. Meter, b. Oct 31, 1928

He is a Sergeant in U.S. Army stationed at Tokyo, Japan

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 DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881), Daughter, Mary Jane Kefover (1824-1902) 29

Lillian Gertrude Malaby — Continued (Daughter of Calvin Miles Malaby)

After the death of her first husband, Frederick Hatch, Lillian Gertrude Malaby remarried. Her second husband was Robert More Britten, born in Wisconsin May 5, 1880. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War—served in the Philippine Islands. Upon his return from service, he settled at Charleston, suburb of Bremerton, Washington. Robert M. Britten died at the Veterans Hospital, Vancouver, Washington, July 10, 1947. The children of this remarriage of Lillian Gertrude Malaby to Robert M. Hatch were as follows:

Graecia Britten, born in Charleston, Washington, June 10, 1908. She is employed as a stenographer in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

Ivah Alberta Britten was born in Charleston, Washington, now a part of Bremerton, Wash., on Feb 23, 1911. She graduated from High School at the head of her Class. She married on April 23, 1932, Dale Luark, born _____ at Tahuya, Wash. At the time of her death he was employed at the Ammunition Depot, later known as the Bremerton Annex. Ivah died Nov 15, 1936. Their children are as follows:

Lorraine Esther Luark, born in Bremerton, Wash., ~~XXXXXXXX~~ on May 22, 1933. She married John Thomas of Idaho in Feb 1952. John Thomas is at present a member of the U.S.Navy (Mar 1855).

Margaret Ivah Luark was born in Bremerton, Wash., Nov 12, 1936; now attending Special School in Bremerton, Wash (Mar 1955).

Martha Matilda ("Tillie") Maleby, b. near Uniontown, Pa., May 5, 1850
 d. in Miami, Florida, Dec 25, 1933, burial in mausoleum, Woodlawn Park,
 Miami, Florida.

Married, (Sep 25, 1873): James Irvil Hutchinson, b. Mar 10, 1844,
 at Peru, Indiana, d. ~~May~~ Dec 8, 1938, at his home in Miami, Florida.
 First Lieutenant, Co. "C", 87th Indiana Infantry Volunteers, Union Army.
 (Address: 1785 S.W. 10th Street, Miami, Florida.)

(He was married after he bought his farm, having farmed it 5 years before marriage)
 Children:

(1) Carrie _____ Hutchinson, b. Sep 24, 1874, d. Sep 20, 1878

(2) Mary Louise Hutchinson, b. July 2, 1879, d. Jul 19, 1933, buried in mausoleum
 at South Bend, Indiana

married (June 24, 1896) at What Cheer, Iowa

Jesse Rowland Ford, b. July 7, 1873, d. June 29, 1898, drowned in Water
 Reservoir at What Cheer, Iowa

children:

Helen Rose Ford, b. Jan 23, 1898

married (_____): (Lived at 2905 Pierce St., Sioux City, Iowa)

J _____ W _____ Runnels, b. _____

children:

Eugene _____ Runnels, b. Sep 26, 1917

Irvin Ford Runnels, b. Feb 16, 1918

Carol _____ Runnels, b. Aug 29, 1925

(2) Mary Louise Hutchinson Ford remarried (_____)

Al _____ Winters, b. _____ d. _____ 1933 or 1934

(They lived at South Bend, Ind., Mr. Winters travelled for a match company)

They had no children, but adopted an Italian boy named:

John _____

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881), Daughter, Mary Jane Kefover (1824-1902)

Daughter, Martha Matilda ("Tillie") Maleby—Continued (Children—Continued)

(3) Rose Elizabeth Hutchinson, b. May 13, 1883 _____
 (Member, D.A.R., James McElwee Chapter, Sigourney, Iowa, No. 208618)
 married (June 28, 1905)

Henry James Pascoe, b. Nov 14, 1881 _____
 (Address, R.F.D. #2, What Cheer, Iowa)

Children:

Irvin James Pascoe, b. Mar 12, 1907
 Married (_____)

b. _____
 (Lived at Lakewood Suburb, Cleveland, Ohio)

Ruth Eleanor Pascoe, b. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Dec 9, 1909
 (Teacher of Public School Music, Lake City, Marengo, Sigourney)
 Married: (_____)

(Live on the Home Farm of Irvin Hutchinson, N.E. of What Cheer, Iowa)

Waldo Dale Pascoe, b. Dec 20, 1916, d. Jan _____ 1946
 (James R. McVicker visited the Pascoe Home, Feb 27-28, 1935)

(4) Jennie Maria Hutchinson, b. Mar 12, 1885
 Married June 18, 1908

Benjamin Gottlieb Yahnke, b. Aug. 23, 1882
 (Address: 1785 S.W. 10th Street, Miami, Florida
 (James R. McVicker visited the home in Miami, 1928, also June 12-13, 1937)

 Albert Pierce Malaby served as a soldier in the Civil War , b.near Smithfield, Pa.
 Albert Pierce Malaby, b. Feb 7, 1852, d. April 5, 1920, at San Francisco, Calif.
 Married(June 20, 1871): (Adopted the Malaby spelling as did Calvin Malaby)
 Elizabeth Buncough Hawk, b. June 5, 1853, Oct 17, 1947 in Los Angeles, Cal.
 children:

(1) (Dr.) Zachary Taylor Malaby, b. July 6, 1876, near Indianapolis, Iowa
 Served in the Spanish-American War in the Philippines, Hospital Corps,
 Captain and Surgeon, California Regiment.
 Married (Mar 6, 1897)

Georgianna H. Rankine, b. Oct 24, 1872, St. Johns, New Brunswick, Can.
 Children: d. Jan 24, 1951, Pasadena, Calif.

Zachary Taylor Malaby Jr., b. June 15, 1898 (Address, 913 E.
 Married (Jul 5, 1930) Wilshire Ave., Fullerton, Calif.)
 Edna Pearl Hoxie, b. Nov 8, 1910

Children:

Georgianna _____ Malaby, b. Mar 21, 1931
 Avis Louise Malaby, b. June 4, 1933
 Avis Louise Malaby, b. November 23, 1901
 Married (June 17, 1920) (733 Calavaras, Altadena, California)
 John Albert Russell, b. Mar 4, 1899, d. Aug 8, 1928, Pasadena, Cal.
 No children

(2) Daisy Malaby, b. Sep 30, 1877
 M. (_____)

(4) Richard _____ Bryson, b. _____
 Malaby b.11/16/1882 Address: Mrs. Daisy Malaby Bryson, 4176 LaSalle, Culver City, Calif.
 was married twice.

(4) (1) (3) Alberta _____ Malaby, b. Nov. 27, 1879 (Address:
 Richard Malaby M. (_____) (Mrs. Alberta(Malaby)
 Jr. in Denver. Stickney, b. _____ (Stickney,115 Ashland
 He adopted name (4) Richard _____ Malaby, b. Nov. 16,1882 (Ave., Ocean Park,
 of his Mother: Address: 1411 West 4th St., Los Angeles, California (Calif
 Richard Eich

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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 (Luckey) 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 R. 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 Dumont, 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 May, that she planned to stay with "Brother James at Wilton (Iowa) the summer," and that she had no home. Dumont is a town in the West of Butler County, Iowa. Uncle James R. Hill in a letter to Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker of December 17, 1890, 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 Wilton Junction, Iowa, when he was a young boy, probably in the year 1887.

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 DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

Martha Kefover, daughter of Philip Kefover (1789-1881) and his first wife Ophelia Elizabeth (Lucky) Kefover, was born July 20, 1816, died November 17, 1867. She married on Sept. 22, 1855, James Hill, born May 22, 1815, died Jan. 2, 1859, son of Jeremiah Hill and his wife Patricia (Kefover) Hill.

James Hill and Martha (Kefover) Hill had six children:

- 1 Mary Matildah Hill, b. June 11, 1837, d. Mar. 18, 1883, m. Wm. R. Allebaugh
- 2 Elizabeth Ann Hill, b. Mar. 7, 1840, d. Jul. 17, 1864, m. Wm. A. Coffman
- 3 Ashbel Fairchild Hill, b. Oct. 23, 1842, d. Nov. 7, 1876,
- 4 Martha Jane Hill, b. Sept. 23, 1845, d. Jul. 29, 1866,
- 5 Margaret Emma Hill, b. Aug. 11, 1849, d. Feb. 18, 1899, m. Norvel W. McVicker
- 6 James Rufus Hill, b. Sept. 8, 1852, d. Mar. 23, 1926, m. Annie Cora Covode

The former homestead of James Hill and Martha (Kefover) Hill is now the site of a cemetery, Greendale cemetery and Mennonite Church, one mile East of Masontown. They are buried in the Old Frame Churchyard, about three miles Southeast of Masontown, Pa. Inscriptions copied from their tombstones by their grandson, Harry S. McVicker, in June 1901:

"Sacred to the Memory of James Hill died January 2, 1859 in the 44 year of his age
 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life.'

Martha wife of James Hill died November 17, 1867 in her 52 year

'Farewell, I leave you children,

Trusting in God who reigns:

Farewell the world's few pleasures,
 And O farewell its pains.' "

Extract from letter of John W. Williard, of Masontown, Pa., Jan. 21, 1935:

"James Hill was a carpenter of ability. He was a 'hewer' of timber. I have heard my father say that 'Jim' Hill went into the forests, cut down the trees, hewed his logs and notched the corners for the house he wished to build. Every log went into its place when brought together. He built the two-story log house in which A. F. Hill was born and where I was born 13 years later and lived until I was married. The house is standing but it has been framed."

Martha (Kefover) Hill was familiarly called "Patty" Hill and "Aunt Patty" by her friends and younger relatives. She worked indefatigably to keep her family in comfort. After the death of her husband, James Hill, she would arise very early and drive to Uniontown in a light wagon loaded with vegetables which she had industriously gathered and prepared for sale. Her homestead contained 9 acres. Eventually, Ephraim Sterling leased her coal for \$3000.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

Descendants of Granddaughter, Mary Matildah (Hill) Allebaugh (1837-1883):

Mary Matildah Hill, daughter of James Hill and Martha (Kefover) Hill, was born June 11, 1837, died March 18, 1883. She married on _____ 18____, at _____, William Rider Allebaugh, born _____ 18____, died June 13, 1875, son of Samuel Allebaugh and Elizabeth (Weible) Allebaugh. Mary Matildah (Hill) Allebaugh and William Rider Allebaugh are buried in the Cumberland Churchyard, Masontown, Pa. Their home was in Masontown, Pa.

William Rider Allebaugh and Mary Matildah (Hill) Allebaugh had 5 children:

- 1 Anna Eliza Allebaugh, b. Apr. _____, 185____, m. John VonStein
- 2 Alma Belle Allebaugh, b. Nov. 3, 1858, m. David H. Whitaker
- 3 Charles Delbert Allebaugh, b. _____ 18____, d. Sep. 12, 1925, m. Emma Odbert
- 4 Edwin Josiah Allebaugh, b. May 5, 1865, *died Nov 6, 1953*, m. Tracy B. Kuhn
- 5 Gertrude Mary Allebaugh, b. _____, 1872, d. _____, 1898, m. Jesse Hanable

(died Sunday, July 5, 1942)
 Anna Eliza Allebaugh, daughter of William Rider Allebaugh and Mary Matildah (Hill) Allebaugh, was born _____ 185____, at Masontown, Fayette County, Pa. She married on _____ 18____, at _____, John VonStein, born _____ 18____, died on _____, 1932, at *Quincy Hospital* ~~Quincy, Adams County, Pa.~~ *Quincy, Adams County, Pa.* son of _____ VonStein and _____ VonStein.

John VonStein and Anna Eliza (Allebaugh) VonStein had 6 children:

- 1 Fred _____ Von Stein, b. _____
- 2 John _____ Von Stein, b. _____
- 3 Ralph _____ Von Stein, b. _____
- 4 Unger _____ Von Stein, b. _____
- 5 Elizabeth _____ Von Stein, b. _____ m. Roy Neel
- 6 *Rufus James* _____ Von Stein, b. Aug. _____ 1891.....d. _____ 191____

ALLEBAUGH—On Friday, Nov. 6, at 11:35 p. m. Edwin J. Allebaugh of 1819 North St., Beechview, formerly of Ross Township, husband of Tracy Kuhn Allebaugh and father of Mrs. Juanda Winters of Merin, Pa., Mrs. Alma Ball of Beechview, Mrs. Anna Decker of Carrick, Mrs. Lillian Gatto of Chuskill Valley; also seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Friends received at the Raymond S. Phillips Funeral Home, 1823 Broadway at Pauline Ave., Beechview, where services will be held on Monday, Nov. 9, at 2 p. m.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

Descendants of Granddaughter, Mary Matildah (Hill) Allebaugh (1837-1885):

Alma Belle Allebaugh, daughter of William Rider Allebaugh and Mary Matildah (Hill) Allebaugh, was born on Nov. 3, 1858, at Masontown, Pa. She married on Nov. 1, 1882, at Masontown, Pa., David Hamilton Whitaker, born Dec. 27, 1857, at Neville Island, Allegheny County, Pa., died Sept. 8, 1929, at his home, 1328 4th Avenue, Coraopolis, Pa., son of Isaac Whitaker and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Whitaker.

To David Hamilton Whitaker and Alma Belle (Allebaugh) Whitaker, were born 4 children, the last an unnamed son who died in early infancy:

- Edna?
- 1 Elizabeth Isabelle Whitaker, b. Feb. 7, 1884, d. at about 6 weeks of age
 - 2 Elizabeth (Hamilton) Whitaker, b. June 24, 1887
 - 3 William Arthur Whitaker, b. Aug. 11, 1889, d. Oct. 18, 1918, m. Blanche Robinson

William Arthur Whitaker might be said to have served in the World War—for the reason that he was employed by American Railways Express to transport soldiers' bodies, who had died of influenza in training camps, thereby contracting the dread disease of which he died.

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 DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

DESCENDANTS OF GRANDDAUGHTER, Mary Matildah (Hill) Allebaugh (1837-1883):

Charles Delbert Allebaugh, son of William Rider Allebaugh and Mary Matildah (Hill) Allebaugh, was born _____ 1860, died Sept. 12, 1925 and is buried in Royal Palm Cemetery, St. Petersburg, Florida. He married on _____ 1882, in Greensboro, Green County, Pa., Emma ^{with} Odbert, born on Feb. 25, 1861, died on Feb. 4, 1937, at St. Petersburg, Fla., daughter of James Odbert (1816-____) and Hannah (Crider) Odbert (1823-1886). ^{July 1} (Married at Brownsville, Pa.) ^{Aug. 3} ^{Oct. 19}

Charles Delbert Allebaugh and Emma F^{rances} (Odbert) Allebaugh had three children:

- 1 James Delbert Allebaugh, b. Apr. 3, 1883, d. _____ 1916, m. Nell Fromme
- 2 Jeannette Allebaugh, b. Sep. 17, 1887, d. Aug. 13, 1916, m. (1) Barker (2) Gibson
- 3 Edith Allebaugh, b. Jun. 23, 1889, d. Aug. 19, 1889

1 James Delbert Allebaugh, son of Charles Delbert Allebaugh and Emma F^{rances} (Odbert) Allebaugh, born Apr. 3, 1883, died _____ 1916 in California and is buried at Los Angeles. He married on _____ at _____, Nell Fromme, b. _____, and they had one child, Maxine Allebaugh, b. Nov. 2, 1902, d. Jan. 13, 1927 and ~~who~~ is buried at Royal Palm Cemetery, St. Petersburg, Fla. This daughter, Maxine Allebaugh, married on _____ at _____, Adams, b. _____, of Louisville, Ky., and to this union was born one child, Louise ^{Avinelle} ~~Averill~~ Adams, on April 17, 1921.

2 Jeanette Allebaugh, daughter of Charles Delbert Allebaugh and Emma F^{rances} (Odbert) Allebaugh, born Sept. 17, 1887, died Aug. 15, 1916. She married first Plummer Barker and they had one child, Hilda Madonna Barker, born Jan. 21, 1907, died Jan. 30, 1922, and who is buried at Royal Palm Cemetery, St. Petersburg, Fla. After divorcing Plummer Barker, Jeannette (Allebaugh) Barker married a second time to Gail Gibson, of Morgantown, W. Va., on _____, and to this union was born a daughter, Janet Brown Gibson, on May 25, 1916, who is living with her father, Gail Gibson, at Morgantown, W. Va.

Thus, the surviving descendants of Charles Delbert Allebaugh (1860-1925) are but the two, his great granddaughter, Louise ^{Avinelle} ~~Averill~~ Adams, and his granddaughter, Janet Brown Gibson.

Descendants of Philip Kefover [A00579-27]

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 DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

Descendants of Granddaughter, Mary Matildah (Hill) Allebaugh (1837-1883):

Edwin Josiah Allebaugh, son of William Rider Allebaugh and Mary Matildah (Hill) Allebaugh, born May 5, 1865, at Masontown, Pa., *died Nov 6, 1953*
 (P.O. address, Box 309, RFD No. 7, Seville Plan, Bellevue, Pa.—suburb of Pittsburgh)
 He married on June 9, 1889, at _____, Tracy (Terissa) Barbara Kuhn,
 born Nov. 25, 1872, at _____, daughter of _____ Kuhn and
 _____ Kuhn

Six children were born to Edwin Josiah Allebaugh and Tracy (Terissa) Barbara (Kuhn) Allebaugh:

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1 Juanita Fannie Allebaugh, b. Apr. 10, 1890, | m. Abram Bennett Winters |
| 2 Alma Matilda Allebaugh, b. Jan. 24, 1892, | m. Joseph Roy Bair |
| 3 Edwin John Allebaugh (Jr.), b. Feb. 9, 1894, d. Jul. 15, 1894 | |
| 4 Anna May Allebaugh, b. May 27, 1897, | m. Clifford Job Decker Jr. |
| 5 Edna Minnie Allebaugh, b. Sep. 8, 1896, d. Jan. 13, 1900 | |
| 6 Lillian Grace Allebaugh, b. Sep. 2, 1907 | |

1 Juanita Fannie Allebaugh, daughter of Edwin Josiah Allebaugh and Tracy (Terissa) Barbara (Kuhn) Allebaugh, was born April 10, 1890, at _____
 She married on _____ 19____, at _____ Abram Bennett Winters,
 born May 7, 1890, son of _____ Winters and _____
 Winters. To Abram Bennett Winters and Juanita Fannie (Allebaugh) Winters
 were born 3 children: (P.O. address, Media, Philadelphia County, Pa.)

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| (1) Abram Bennett Winters Jr., b. May 17, 1914 | } in army in Honolulu, Ha. 11, 1925 |
| (2) William Arthur Winters, b. Mar. 18, 1916 | |
| (3) Craig Kennedy Winters, b. May 26, 1925 | |

2 Alma Matilda Allebaugh, daughter of Edwin Josiah Allebaugh and Tracy (Terissa) Barbara (Kuhn) Allebaugh, was born Jan. 24, 1892, at _____
 She married on _____ 19____, at _____ Joseph Roy Bair,
 born Jan. 20, 1891, son of _____ Bair and _____ Bair
 To Joseph Roy Bair and Alma Matilda

(Allebaugh) Bair were born 3 children:

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|---|
| (1) Betty Jane Bair, b. May 19, 1920 |
| (2) Joseph Roy Bair Jr., b. Feb. 17, 1922 |
| (3) Alma Grace Bair, b. Sep. 25, 1923 |

(P.O. address, Mrs. Alma M. Bair, 1619 Methyl Ave., Beechview, Pa.—suburb, Pittsburgh)

3- Edwin John Allebaugh, born Feb 9, 1894, died July 15, 1894

4 Anna May Allebaugh, daughter of Edwin Josiah Allebaugh and Tracy (Terissa) Barbara (Kuhn) Allebaugh, was born on May 27, 1897, at _____
 She married on July 15, 1919, at _____, Clifford Job Decker Jr., born
 Nov. 26, 1895, died Apr. 27, 1936, son of _____ Decker and _____
 Decker. (Address, Mrs. Anna M. Decker, 54 Merritt Avenue, Carrick,
 Pa., suburb of Pittsburgh.)

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| 5- Edna Minnie Allebaugh, born Sept 8, 1896 1896, died Jan 13, 1900 |
| 6- Lillian Grace Allebaugh, born Sept 2, 1907, m. _____ <i>Batto</i> |

Edwin J. Allebaugh visited the Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker family in Wilton, Muscatine County, Iowa, (in 188____), and for a time worked in the Review Printing Office. He also visited his Uncle, James R. Hill, and family, in Crescent City, Fla., about that time, earlier or later. Later on he conducted a newspaper at Lamar, Prowers County, Colorado (in the "beautiful Arkansas Valley"—irrigated), for a time. He returned to Pennsylvania where he for many years worked as an electrician. He was a great hero to the writer in old Wilton Junction, Iowa.

Descendants of Philip Kefover [A00579-28]

MOTHER'S RACE TO SON IS LOST

Pittsburgh Sailor Dies After Explosion

A Beechview mother lost a race with death, when her young sailor son, injured in the explosion at Norfolk last week, died as she sped by train to be with him.

The death of Petty Officer Joseph R. Bair, 21, brought to three the Pittsburgh toll in the Naval air base blast which killed 24 others and injured 290. One other Pittsburgher was killed and one injured.



Joseph Bair

Petty Officer Bair died Saturday night in a Navy hospital at Portsmouth, Va., when Mrs. J. R. Bair, of 1519 Methyl St., was notified her son had died, despite three blood-transfusions.

Wife at His Side

At his side, however, was his wife, Mrs. Gladys Klein Bair, 21, of Madison Ave., Library, who had been living in Norfolk for the last month.

Mrs. Bair, chairman of the Red Cross unit in Beechview, and wife of a railroad man, said her son had been enthusiastic about his work as an aviation machinist's mate 3rd class at Norfolk. A graduate of South Hills High School, he enlisted last November, and received his basic training at the Great Lakes station, being transferred to Norfolk two months ago.

Former Carrier Boy

A former carrier boy for The Press, Petty Officer Bair was a deacon of the Beechview Christian Church and superintendent of the Sunday School, his mother said.

His body was returned here for burial.

The other Pittsburgh casualties were Seaman William Anthony Madden, 17, of 5403 Penn Ave., who was killed, and Seaman John Joseph Pirt Jr., of 5336 Holmes Ave., who was injured.

Deckler and (Address, Mrs. Anna M. Decker, 54 Merritt Avenue, Garlick

Pa., suburb of Pittsburgh. Nov. 26, 1925, died Apr. 23, 1928, son of

Edmund J. Allebaugh visited the Margaret Emma (Hill) McKicker family in Wilton, Muscatine County, Iowa, (in 1887), and for a time worked in the Review Printing Office. He also visited his Uncle, James R. Hill, and family, in Crescent City, Wis., about that time, earlier or later, when he conducted a newspaper at Lamar, Provera County, Colorado (in the "beautiful Arkansas Valley" - translated), for a time. He returned to Pennsylvania where he for many years worked as an electrician. He was a great hero to the writer in old Wilton Junction, Iowa.

DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1768-1881): Daughter, Mary Allebaugh, daughter of Granddaughter, Mary Allebaugh (Hill) Allebaugh, born May 8, 1865, at Masontown, Pa., died Nov. 8, 1907, at (P.O. address, Box 302, RFD No. 7, Seville Plan, Bellevue, Pa.) He married on June 9, 1889, at _____, daughter of _____, born Nov. 25, 1872, at _____

Six children were born to Ed and Josephine Allebaugh and T. (Kuhn) Allebaugh: 1. Juanita Fannie Allebaugh, b. Apr. 10, 1890; 2. Alma Matilda Allebaugh, b. Jan. 24, 1892; 3. Edwin John Allebaugh (Tr.), b. Feb. 9, 1894, d. Jul. 12, 1898; 4. Anna May Allebaugh, b. May 27, 1897; 5. Edna Minnie Allebaugh, b. Sep. 8, 1898, d. Jan. 12, 1900; 6. Lillian Grace Allebaugh, b. Sep. 2, 1907

I. Juanita Fannie Allebaugh, daughter of Ed and Josephine Allebaugh (Kuhn) Allebaugh, was born April 10, 1890, at _____, and she married on _____, at _____, born May 7, 1890, son of _____ and _____, (P.O. address, Media, Pa.) were born 3 children: (1) Abram Bennett Winters Jr., b. May 17, 1914; (2) William Arthur Winters, b. Mar. 18, 1916; (3) Craig Kennedy Winters, b. May 28, 1922

Ed and Josephine Allebaugh, daughter of Ed and Josephine Allebaugh (Kuhn) Allebaugh, was born Jan. 24, 1892, at _____, and she married on _____, at _____, born Jan. 20, 1891, son of _____ and _____, (Allebaugh) Bair were born 3 children: (1) Betty Jane Bair, b. May 19, 1920; (2) Joseph Roy Bair Jr., b. Feb. 17, 1922; (3) Alma Grace Bair, b. Sep. 25, 1923

(P.O. address, Mrs. Anna M. Bair, 1819 Methyl Ave., Beechview, Pa.) 7. Edna Minnie Allebaugh, born the P. 1898, died July 15, 1919, at _____, daughter of Ed and Josephine Allebaugh (Kuhn) Allebaugh, was born on May 27, 1897, at _____, and she married on July 15, 1919, at _____, Nov. 26, 1895, died Apr. 23, 1928, son of _____, (Address, Mrs. Anna M. Decker, 54 Merritt Avenue, Garlick

Pa., suburb of Pittsburgh. Nov. 26, 1925, died Apr. 23, 1928, son of _____, (Address, Mrs. Anna M. Decker, 54 Merritt Avenue, Garlick

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

Descendants of Granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann (Hill) Coffman (1840-1864):

Elizabeth Ann Hill, daughter of James Hill and Martha (Kefover) Hill, was born March 7, 1840, died July 17, 1864. 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, 1862, d. Feb. 27, 1933, married on _____, at _____, his first wife, Mrs. Ida Mae Hostettler

(~~_____~~) Hostettler, b. Sept. 2, 1862, d. June 16, 1923, daughter of Daniel F. Hostettler and Martha Elizabeth (Newcomer) Hostettler (Newcomer) To the union of _____

Gilbert Delmar Coffman and Mrs. Ida Mae Hostettler (Hostettler) Coffman were born ~~_____~~ four children:

- 1 Albert Delmar Coffman, b. July 26, 1887, d. Oct. _____, 1915, m. Margaret McCombs
 - 2 Wesley Ray Coffman, b. Feb. 20, 1889, m. Edith McDonald
 - ~~3 Elizabeth (Essie) Mildred Coffman, b. Mar. 17, 1897, m. Wm. L. Rankin~~
 - 3 Jacob Russell Coffman, b. Mar. 15, 1893, d. May 2, 1914, m. Nina Jeffries
 - 4 Elizabeth Essie Mildred Coffman, b. Mar. 17, 1897, m. Wm. L. Rankin
- all 4 born in log house on William A. Coffman's farm, near Leckrone, Pa.*

1-Albert Delmar Coffman, son of Gilbert Delmar Coffman and Ida Mae (_____) (Hostettler) Coffman, was born July 26, 1887, at near Leckrone, Pa., died Oct. _____, 1915, married on _____ at _____ Margaret McCombs, b. _____ at _____, daughter of _____ and _____

Albert D. Coffman and Margaret (McCombs) had 2 children:

- (1) Dorothea Coffman, b. Mar. 17, 1912, at _____, who married Jack Hanrahan, b. _____ at _____, ~~son of _____~~

~~_____~~ To the union of Jack Hanrahan and Dorothea (Coffman) Hanrahan was born:

Mary Ann Hanrahan, b. _____

- (2) Albert _____ Coffman, b. Jan. 1914, the second child of Albert Delmar Coffman and Margaret (McCombs) Coffman.

2-Wesley Ray Coffman, son of Gilbert D. Coffman and Ida Mae (_____) (Hostettler) Coffman, was born Feb. 20, ^{near Leckrone, Pa.} 1889. He married on _____ at _____, Edith McDonald, b. Dec. 18, 1900, at _____, daughter of _____

and to this union were born children:

- (1) Graham _____ Coffman, b. June 18, 1921
- (2) Mary Lee Coffman, b. Feb. 17, 1925

Wesley Ray Coffman's address is 308 Littlefield Bldg., Austin, Texas.

3-Jacob Russell Coffman, son of Gilbert D. Coffman and Ida Mae (_____) (Hostettler) Coffman, was born Mar. 15, 1893, near Leckrone, Pa. died May 2, 1914, at _____

He married on _____ at _____ Nina Jeffries, born _____ at _____, daughter of _____

4- Elizabeth (^{Essie}) Mildred Coffman, daughter of Gilbert D. Coffman and Ida Mae (_____) (Hostettler) Coffman, was born Mar. 17, 1897, at near Leckrone, Pa. She married on Sept. 1, 1923, at Leola, Washington Pa. William L. Rankin, b. Feb. 1, 1897, at _____, son of Charles A. Rankin and Victoria (Shires) Rankin. They had one child:

- (1) Jane Mildred Jane Rankin, b. Sept. 16, 1925

Gilbert Delmar Coffman married a second time on _____ at _____, Mrs. Mary (Sangston) Hastings, b. _____ at _____, daughter of Dr. _____ Sangston and _____ By her prior marriage, to _____ Hastings, Mrs. Mary (Sangston) Hastings had one daughter, Hallie Hastings, b. _____

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

Descendants 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, 1862, d. Feb 27, 1933, married on _____, at _____, his first wife, Ida Mae Hostetler, b. September 2, 1862, d. June 16, 1923, 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 26, 1887, d. Oct ____ 1913,
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, 1893, 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, 1923, 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, ~~XXXXXX~~ 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 5, 1954,
enriching their home at 36 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 ~~marriage~~ prior marriage, to
_____. Hastings, Mrs. Mary Sangston Hastings had one daughter,
Hallie Hastings, b. _____, who is a teacher in the Public Schools.

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 DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):
 Descendants of Granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann (Hill) Coffman (1840-1864):

Continued—Notes:

Elizabeth Ann (Hill) Coffman is buried in Lutheran Churchyard, about 4 miles Northeast of Masontown, Pa.: "A fine large granite monument with inscription: 'In Memoriam Elizabeth A., wife of William A. Coffman, died July 17, 1864, aged 24 years, 4 mos. & 10 days 'The good Jehovah full of love An angel bright did send Who took my well beloved wife To joys that never end.' " (—Harry S. McVicker's Notes, June 1901)

Eventually, William A. _____ Coffman married a second time, on _____ at _____ to _____

By this second marriage William A. _____ Coffman and _____ had the following named children, half-sisters and half brother of Gilbert Delmar Coffman:

1 _____, b. _____

2 _____, b. _____

3 _____, b. _____

4 _____, b. _____

In June, 1901, Harry S. McVicker, upon his visit to relatives in Fayette County, Pa. (accompanied by father, Norvel W. McVicker), called at Cousin Gilbert Coffman's home at McClellandtown, Pa. Cousin Gilbert Coffman was not at home. Mrs. Coffman was very hospitable.—From Harry S. McVicker's Notes, June, 1901.

In June, 1931, while visiting at Gilbert Coffman's home, McClellandtown, Pa., the writer with a party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Coffman, Miss Hallie Hastings, Mrs. Mildred Rankin and Jane Rankin (then 5 years old), visited the WHITE ROCKS, the scene of Ashbel F. Hill's story. This place is several miles from Uniontown on the Fairchance road. Arrived at the entrance in the wooded park below, we left the car parked with an attendant at the gate, and then walked about a mile and a half up a long slope of hilly woods, over wild paths, over which a little creek was running in one place, finally coming out onto the WHITE ROCKS, a dangerous height of several hundred feet of precipices, over one of which the story relates in A. F. Hill's book that the villain threw his sweetheart, Polly Williams, to her death when she had accused him of murdering her father, which act of murder he had raved about in a delirium when he was previously ill at her relatives' house. Polly Williams is buried in the nearby cemetery at the foot of the slope, as shown by her tombstone attesting her death of over a hundred and twenty-five years ago. After descending from the WHITE ROCKS, we drove to few miles to the scene of an old mill, where we were joined by Mr. William L. Rankin and enjoyed a sumptuous picnic lunch, after which we viewed Braddock's Grave nearby.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

Grandson, Ashbel Fairchild Hill (1842-1876):

Ashbel Fairchild Hill, b. Oct. 23, 1842, d. Nov. 7, 1876, m. _____ Harris on Mar. 20, 1870, at San Francisco, Calif., while he was, with J. M. Foard co-editor and publisher of THE GOLDEN CITY, 636 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California (J.M.Foard and A.F.Hill, Editors and Publishers). Of this union of over four years there were no children. In 1874 the A. F. Hill family were living in Philadelphia, when Mrs. Hill left for California to visit her relatives and when Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hill seem to have separated.

Ashbel Fairchild Hill was named for Rev. Ashbel Fairchild, who resided at Smithfield, Pa., and was for many year minister in charge of the Smithfield Presbyterian Church, as well as of the Old Frame and Tent churches.

John W. Williard in a letter of Jan. 21, 1935, quotes from Ellis' History of Fayette County (1880) referring to A. F. Hill: "Ashbel Fairchild Hill was born Oct. 23, 1842, and died at the close of the Presidential campaign, Nov. 7, 1876. He was a member of Capt. Cyrus L. Conner's Company and lost a limb in the war. During his soldiering he wrote 'Our Boys,' later he wrote 'The White Rocks,' 'Secrets of the Sanctum,' ('John Smith's Funny Adventures on a Grutch'), and several romances for literary papers."

Mr. Williard continues in his letter: "If I remember correctly he lost his leg at the Battle of Antietam or South Mountain. . . . Mr. Hill took an active part in the Democratic campaign for Tilden and Hendricks, as a speaker. The last time I saw him alive was at a Democratic meeting where he was the speaker and I was a secretary. He worked on newspapers in Philadelphia and California. He wrote up the grafting of one William "Bill" Man of Philadelphia. He put the two words together and made it read "Billman." Suit was brought for damages. "Bill" Man lost the case. A "black bird" is not a "blackbird.""

Mr. Williard says: "He (A.F.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. . . . Lieut. Charles Howard and Major Surgeon Dr. Neff of Masontown were soldiers in the Philippines, members of the noted "Fighting" Tenth Pennsylvania regiment. Major Neff, now deceased, was a chum of A. F. Hill. Mr. Hill wrote an article for one of our county papers and told of the Senior Dr. Neff's treatment of his leg and did not charge a cent for his services."

Miss Elizabeth Whitaker, in a letter of July 10, 1951, says that "Dr. Neff was a great friend of Uncle Ash and we always understood that he was the one who started the movement for the placing of the monument."

Marking the last resting place of A. F. Hill in the old Methodist Churchyard, in Masontown, just off Church street, is a tombstone of granite with inscription thereon as follows:

(U. S. 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

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

ASHBEL FAIRCHILD HILL.
(From THE Genius of Liberty.)

With sorrow and regret we have to announce the death of Ashbel F. Hill, Esq., which took place at the McClelland House in this place, on Tuesday, November 7, 1876, at 3 o'clock P.M. He had taken an active part in the political campaign, and on Saturday afternoon, October 28th, delivered an address at Geneva during a drizzling rain, and his clothing became wetted through and through. In this condition he drove to Uniontown a distance of fifteen miles, and was completely benumbed and exhausted upon his arrival here. A severe cold resulted, followed by intense fever, and although he had the best medical attention, his system never recovered from the severe attack, and he passed quietly away on Tuesday afternoon last. His remains were taken to Masontown on Wednesday morning, and will be buried there to-day (Thursday) at one o'clock.

Mr. Hill responded to the call of his country for volunteers, early in 1861, and was a member of Company D raised in this county by Capt. C. L. Conner, and attached to the Eighth Regiment of Pennsylvania Reserves, commanded by Col. Hays, afterwards by Colo. Oliphant and Baily. He was mustered in as a private, June 21, 1861, and promoted to Sergt. May 1, 1862. He participated in the engagements of Manassas, Bull Run, Hunter's Mills, Mechanicsville, Gaines' Mill, the battles of the Chickahominy, South Mountain and Antietam. At this last named battle he lost a leg, and was discharged from the army by Surgeon's certificate in December 1862. Mr. Hill was a fine scholar and a writer of fine abilities; was at one time editor of the Golden City in San Francisco, assistant editor of the Philadelphia Mercury, and was a contributor to Saturday Night and other literary papers. He was the author of several widely read publications, most popular of which were, "White Rocks," "Our Boys," "Secrets of the Sanctum," "John Smith's Funny Adventures on a Crutch," and of the serial published in the Genius of Liberty entitled "Abel Gray, or a Romance of the National Road," which is still fresh in the minds of thousands of our readers. Mr. Hill was a candidate for the nomination for General Assembly in this county and lacked but a few votes of being successful. As a man he was eminently social, generous, and full of noble impulses. He had a host of friends in this county who feel deeply grieved at his untimely departure.



FULL TITLES LIST OF A. F. HILL'S BOOKS:

- Our Boys or ^yAdventures in the Army
- The White Rocks or the Robbers' Den--A Tragedy of the Mountains
- Secrets of the Sanctum; An Inside View of an Editor's Life
- John Smith's Funny Adventures on a Crutch, or the Remarkable Peregrinations of a One-Legged Soldier After the War

A. F. Hill wrote, besides these books, numerous poems, articles, sketches and serials published in several different literary periodicals of his time. The list is too numerous and not sufficiently known to the writer to be compiled at this time.

A. F. Hill's newspaper and editorial work included his services on the following named papers:

- THE MERCURY, Philadelphia, Pa.;
- THE GOLDEN CITY, San Francisco, Calif.;
- THE BOSTON TIMES, Boston, Mass.;
- THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PATRIOT, Concord, N.H.;
- THE GENIUS OF LIBERTY, Uniontown, Pa.

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Grandson, Ashbel Fairchild Hill (1842-1876):—Continued

Political Activities.—In October, 1872, A. F. Hill was associated with the Liberal Republican Headquarters, 21 School Street, Boston, Mass., his activities then including his speaking at political meetings every night in behalf of election of Horace Greeley for President of the United States.

In 1876, A. F. Hill unsuccessfully sought the Democratic nomination for representative in the Pennsylvania legislature from Fayette County, and although defeated for this nomination he ardently spoke thereafter at political meetings during the campaign in behalf of the election of Samuel J. Tilden for President of the United States.

A Literary Representative.—Nelson's Biographical and Historical ^{Dictionary} ~~Reference~~ and Reference Book of Fayette County Pennsylvania (1900), Vol. I, page 361, says: "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."

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 ever since remained a cherished heritage in the grateful memory of his friends and relatives and the citizens of his locality and state throughout the intervening years. But we would not seek to say in his behalf what his own work does so significantly prove, nor by this late day expressions tend to clutter up the clear writ record of his own active career. So we have thought it better that we should only seek to show from what we have received, coming wafted down to us from the reefs of time in the form of many scattered fragments in various papers and newspaper notes so numerous that we have ever seen but only a small portion of them, the appreciation and tributes of his fellows—of 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 some of his personal and literary achievements and set out the words of his contemporaries and compile but a little of the record of which there has been so notably much about our uncle and hero of our boyhood days, Ashbel Fairchild Hill.

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

A newspaper clipping of a sketch published in the Standard, highly valued by the writer for its literary and genealogical history, follows:

MASONTOWN'S AUTHORS.
Sketches of Its Two Literary Men.

George W. Linton and Ashbel F. Hill were Cousins and Became Men of Note in the World of Letters--Their Writings, and Their Melancholy Deaths.

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.

(Picture: A. F. HILL, Soldier, Journalist and Author. Born, 1842, Died 1876.)

George W. Linton was the son of Zetas and Hannah Kefover Linton and was born in German township, December 24, 1859. His mother was a sister of Philip Kefover, of Nicholson township, who lived to be nearly 100 years old. He was a sadler 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 ^{own} ability to fill them. Had he possessed Hill's energy his success would have been commanding, for of the two writers, while 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 titmice 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."

The following among Mr. Linton's unpublished poems, being one of the manuscripts found after his death, will give an idea of his poetical talent:

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 George W. Linton: An unpublished poem)

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BY THE FOUNTAIN; Or, The Sprite's Story.

The willow that stands by the meadow way,
 So graceful and green in the light of day,
 Like a stately ship on a tranquil sea
 Is a landmark fair on that summer lea;
 And the breath of its shade to the wand'rer there
 Is a grateful relief ~~from~~ the sun's fierce glare.
 But the boy who passes this graceful tree
 As he drives his flock from the grassy lea
 Will furtively look at the shadow there
 And hasten away with a frightened air.
 While the maiden's heart must be bold indeed
 Who will saunter along--nor hasten her speed--
 Nor feel in her soul a terror and dread
 When the sighing wind in the willow o'erhead
 Falls on her ear like a voice from the dead.
 And the bravest will shake like the frailest reed
 As they stoop to drink in their driest need
 From the fountain that sparkles with babbling play
 In the shade of the willow by the meadow way.
 For the peasant will tell with a faltering tongue
 Of tales that are told and of songs that are sung
 When the midnight's purple is in the skies
 By a beautiful maid with starry eyes
 Who haunts this fountain so fair to the sight,
 Hides there by day and chants there by night.
 I sit in the shade of this graceful tree
 That shadows the fountain so fair to see,
 Whose waters so limpid on a moss grown stone
 Are babbling perchance of days that are gone.
 I list to the music till over my soul
 A dreamlike forgetfulness seemeth to roll.
 The meadows have faded--the hills they are gone,
 But the fountain is there with the moss-grown stone
 And a fairy form rises from the depths of the spring
 And in accents enchanting this strange song does sing:--

SONG.

I dwell in the fountain
 Unseen by man's eye;
 Like the eagle that soareth
 Remote in the sky
 My eye doth discover
 Them loved one and lover
 When they deem no one nigh.

I note each endeavor
 Of one false and base
 To crush a fair spirit
 With the blight of disgrace,
 To darken and sadden
 The heart of a maiden
 And bring shame to her face.

I haunt with a demon
 One false to his plight--
 A demon that mocks him
 In the depths of the night.
 From dreams shall he waken
 By fiends overtaken
 In deadliest affright.

Nor shall he while waking
 Earth's sunshine enjoy;
 Unrest like a phantom
 His peace shall destroy;
 Each hope of the morrow
 Shall bring naught but sorrow
 Like a blight to annoy.

But list to the story
 I sadly relate
 To each passing mortal
 Oft brought here by
 fate,

And know, oh! how sadly,
 What doom strange and
 madly
 Sometimes the purest
 await.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1881):
Grandson, Ashbel Fairchild Hill (1842-1876):
MASONTOWN'S AUTHORS -- Continued-- Ashbel F. Hill:

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 4 lines each, a few of which ran thus:

"This place can't very well be beat
For brawls and riots on the street;
And I will tell you of a fight
That did the people all excite.

"A country boy to make it pay
Brought watermelons here that day;
He took them in the crowd to sell
And for a while succeeded well.

"There was a raising in the town
Which called the folks from miles around,
And men and boys from far and near
To have a time had gathered here.

"As melons come but once a year
And consequently sell quite dear
Cal Wistar thought it would be fun
To hook the very nicest one."

While the boy was searching for the thief, Cal let the melon drop from under his coat tail, then began the melee that finally involved half the town. 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. Shortly after he enlisted in Capt. C. L. Conner's Co. D and entered the service in the 8th 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's Mills, Chickahominy, 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, and later was assistant editor of the Philadelphia Mercury. He was a regular contributor to Saturday Night and other periodicals, and some of his stories are yet being republished by Saturday Night. In 1865 he published his ___ book, "White Rocks," by which he is best known. This book had a large sale, is now out of print, but another edition will be issued this fall. In this book Hill immortalizes in song and story the tragedy in which Phil 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 pretence 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 criminal 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 Sanctum." His other two books were: "Our Boys" and "John Smith's Funny Adventures on a Crutch."

Hill returned to Fayette County in the early 70's and was employed on the Genius. In 1876 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, November 7, 1876, at the early age of 34. He was buried at Masontown. His brother Rufus now lives in Florida. His sister Mary was the wife of the late William R. Allebaugh, and they have five grown up children.

O.J.S.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881) Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

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 Pierpont, Va., Oct. 28th, 1861.

" Mr. Editor: If the accompanying is worthy of publication, and you consider that (being from one of the 'Brownsville 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, 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 glimmering light,
The stars were dimly shining.
No gentle breeze was heard,
O'er vale or hilltop singing,
Nor slightest zephyr 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 blanket wrapped 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:
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.

The scenes of years ago,
Unchanged, arose 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 hear!
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.

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 DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

Grandson, Ashbel Fairchild Hill (1842-1876):--Continued

The writer has been tempted (and yields) to flavor this sketch with a little of A. F. Hill's home correspondence.

First, a six-inch square of note paper, browned with time (over 75 years ago), hardly deciphered by the aid of a reading glass, bears a letter written on both sides of the paper to her brother A.F.Hill in the Army by the writer's Mother when she was about 12 years old:

"Dear Brother: I take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well at present and hope that these few lines may find you in the same state of health. I got your letter and was glad to hear from you. When you draw money again please get your likeness taken and send it to me to keep and use it as my own for you sent to Martha and Tilly and I do not want you to forget this and besides I never get to see your likeness for Martha keeps it in her box and Mother has got a good likeness of you. Now do send to me another.

" I want you to get a furlough and come home to see us and we would be glad. I have read to more books of the bible through since I wrote to you. You must read your bible testament and be a good Boy for you know Death is a solem thing to those who're not living prepared to die But those who are in Jesus' care shall meet him in the sky. I came across this little piece of poetry last winter. I wish you would write HOME every week for I can hardly wait till to weeks. No more at present. Emma Hill to A. F. Hill."

"To Emma:

Hanover County, Va., June 21st

"Dear Sister:

You seem to think hard because I could get a likeness taken for Mother. I sent that likeness home for you all. It has a ring in so that it can be hung up to the wall. You must remember that things are very dear here. That likeness cost a dollar and a half. I got one taken without a case to send to a friend and it cost a dollar and a quarter. Every thing is dear here. I gave that letter to Morg. long ago. Your Brother, A. F. Hill."

"Falmouth, Va.,

"Dear Em

" As my ink is nearly out and I would have to go some distance to get more, I will write with a pencil. Well Em you are determined to write as long as you can. Well I like to get letters from you. Of course you ought not blame me for writing to all of you at once, Because you all get to hear what is in the letter and it is only trouble for nothing for me to write the same thing over two or three times. We have moved to Falmouth, it is a little town on the Rappahannock River. There is no news to tell. So I can't write much. You will know all that is in Mother's letters. I wish you would quit boning me about a likeness. I have the money but there is no artistes here. I am sure I can't get my likeness unless somebody takes it for me. We will soon all be home. Nothing more at present. Your Brother, A. F. Hill. Take good care of Mage.

(Mage was the dog at home)

"To Marth Ruffy and Emma

"Dear Sisters and Brother

" I will now write you a few lines although there is little to tell. Tell Mother she need not be alarmed about 500,000 more troops being ordered out. It is all fudge. We have now an army of 600,000. With them we can sweep the Rebellious states of the South from the line to the Southern shore. No doubt we will be after Christmas getting home but I think all the fighting will be over by Christmas. But we will be kept a month or so I expect after the fighting is over. No more at present, write soon. Your Brother, A.F.Hill. Take good care of Mage and be good children."

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

Grandson, Ashbel Fairchild Hill (1842-1876):--Continued

THE HOME*COMING SOLDIER

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 well described in his book of his Company History, "Our Boys,"--came home--not in gay springtime or in gentle summertime--but in December when no green fields outstretched the homing view. But nevertheless, the time was propitious in his ~~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."

A faded writing on note paper is pertinent in interest here--in the neat handwriting of the soldier's sister, Margaret Emma Hill (then 13 years old):

" 24
" December 1862
" Who all came Here when Ash come Home
" 2
" Salyn Boice Jacob Boice John Steel Wash Helmit John H. Helmit
" Margaret Malaby x ~~Margaret~~ Mary M Allebaugh x James Steel (25)
" Morgan Kefover James Blackford Martin Blackford John Riley
" John Hague (26) William Allebaugh x Sarah J Boice x
" Elizabeth A Kefover x old Mrs Richie Henry Malaby Sarah Gilmore (27)
" Mrs Hart Samuel Robinson Joseph Ross x Dalilah Kefover
" Elizabeth Rohrer Anty Rider Samuel Griffin Samuel fern (28)
" Jabus linten x Elmilyn Conner Nancy Allebaugh Miss Griffin
" William Kefover x George Rohrer x Nancy Rohrer x philipp Kefover
" Edith Cain Mary Steel Sarah Barber Benjamin Foreodisi (29)
" Isabelle Kefover x Samuel Allebaugh George Deffinbaugh (30) "

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1739-1861): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):
Granddaughter, Martha Jane Hill (1845-1866):

Martha Jane Hill, daughter of James Hill and Martha (Kefover) Hill, was born Sept. 23, 1845, died July 29, 1866, in her 21st year.

Martha Jane Hill's grave is found in the Northeast corner of the old Methodist Episcopal Churchyard off 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. F. Hill's grave."--James R. McVicker's Notes, June 3, 1931.
"A. F. Hill's grave is one directly South of Martha's."--HSM Notes, June 3, 1901.

"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."

in June 1901

Epitaph copied by Harry S. McVicker from
Headstone of Martha Jane Hill's grave.

Martha Jane Hill was a rural school teacher. Among the papers of her sister, Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker, were found two school attendance rolls, one dated June 15, 1865, and the other, Aug. 6, 1865, each with an identical list of names barely decipherable by the aid of a reading glass, as follows:

Allen Bare	Sarah E. Farrier	Samuel Hill	Maria J. Longanecker
Jacob Bare	William Farrier	Sarah A. Hill	Nettie Longanecker
John H. Bare	Nancy Gilmore	David Honsaker	John Q. Riffle
William Cain	Adam Helmit	George Honsaker	Phillip Riffle
Henry Darrel	Emma Helmit	Barbara Ann Johnson	Ellsworth Smith
James Darrel	Mary M. Helmit	Daniel Johnson	James P. Smith
Luke Darrel	Rebecca J. Helmit	Rebecca Johnson	Frank Vanderslice
Margaret Darrel	James R. Hill	Barbara A. Kelso	Jennie Vanderslice
Elizabeth A. Edington	Mary E. Hill	Elizabeth A. Longanecker	John W. Vanderslice

Memoranda written on the margin of the first attendance page (June 15, 1865), probably being names of visitors at a school exhibition or attendants at a school party: Jennie Neff--Maggie Ingram--Mary Rohrer--Carrie Robinson--Mattie Debolt--Sarah Favyhead--Cecil Weltner--Lib Hag ~~g~~ (Hughes?)--Jennie Hill--B. A. Johnson--Emma Hill--Maggie Schnellaly--Maggie Lewellen--Mary A. Sparks--Nettie Longanecker--Samuel Ache--Hugh Gilmore--Samuel Farren (Farrier?)--George Dill--Dave Woods--James Weltner--Bige Farmer--James Parshall--Joey Farmer--Alpheus Debolt--Mattie Debolt--Nancy Debolt--Martha Jane Hill--Tye Riffle--Will Newcomer--Maggie --- (Masontown--Smithfield--Uniontown--McClellandtown--Greensboro--Stahlstown-- }
(Charmicletown--Woodbridgetown--Smithfield--New Geneva-- }
Nell Brill--Hannah J. Riley--Carrie Robinson--Tacy Farmer--Maggie Schnellertz--Lizzie Hag ~~g~~ (Hughes?)--Matty Debolt--~~any Frank~~ Nancy Debolt--Amy Franks.

On the margin of the 2d attendance page, (date at top of page Aug. 6, 1865) the writing being taken down in this copy as it appears:
Smithfield--Martha Jane Hill--Masontown--Smithfield--Lettie Campbell--
Silas Townsend.

(The translation of the above names by the writer is somewhat uncertain, and presumably some of them are incorrectly translated. However, this old document replete with names may have such considerable local interest and historical value as to be worth the attention bestowed upon it.)

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

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

Margaret Emma Hill, daughter of James Hill and Martha (Kefover) Hill, was born August 11, 1849, died February 18, 1899, at Sigourney, Iowa. She married on Sept. 8, 1875, at Muscatine, Iowa, Norvel Wilson McVicker, b. Sept. 8, 1827, d. April 2, 1923, at Sigourney, Iowa, son of Joseph McVicker and Mary Prudence (McMullin) McVicker.

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

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1 James Rufus McVicker, b. July 6, 1876, | m. Virginia Matilda Constant |
| 2 Mabel Anna McVicker, b. Mar. 11, 1876, | m. Albert Lee Broliar |
| 3 Harry Scott McVicker, b. June 26, 1880, | |
| 4 Maude Hill McVicker, b. Aug. 25, 1883, | m. George Victor Wheeler |

Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker and Norvel Wilson McVicker are buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery (Lot. No. 3 Block No. 50), Northwest of Sigourney, Iowa.

Inscription from Tombstone:

OUR MOTHER
MARGARET
EMMA
WIFE OF
N. 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 Honsaker, received on her account from John Riley, her former Guardian, on Feb. 24, 1868, the sum of \$96.75, and that he also debited himself as having received from A. F. Hill, Administrator of the Estate of Martha Hill, deceased, the sum of \$56.73 on Mar. 31, 1868, and the further sum of \$666.66 (probably from the sale of real estate), the total \$820.14, 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 \$426.46, 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 Sessler as attorney in fact for Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker, by her said Guardian, John Honsaker, 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 Southwest 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.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

Granddaughter, Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker (1849-1899):--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 40 years from her decease hardly suffice to reconstruct her story. But our mother was very methodical and she carefully preserved her letters received from relatives. From letters to her from her brothers, Ashbel 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, Norvel Wilson McVicker, in 1875. For the sake of brevity in the arrangement we have used figured dates and the initials only of Ashbel 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 MEH c/o William Kefover, Uniontown, Pa. 1-25-68 AFH to MEH 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 JRH to MEH c/o same (JRH glad to hear that MEH has joined church).
- 6-1-68 AFH to MEH Masontown, Pa. (refers to MEH not well). 8-4-68 AFH to JRH and Mary Matildah (Hill) Allebaugh: Inquires as to MEH being "quite poorly."
- 1-24-70 JRH to MEH c/o James Kefover, Wilton, Iowa; 3-31-70 AFH to MEH,
1-9-71 AFH to MEH, 6-8-71 AFH to MEH, 7-17-71 JRH to MEH, 9-14-71 JRH to MEH,
10-15-71 JRH to MEH, 11-24-71 JRH to MEH, 12-4-71 JRH to MEH,
1-1-72 AFH to MEH, 1-12-72 JRH to MEH, 3-30-72 AFH to MEH, 5-10-72 AFH to MEH,
all c/o same address last above.
- 10-7-72 AFH to MEH c/o Robert Hanna, Clarksville, Iowa; 12-31-72 AFH to MEH,
1-9-73 JRH to MEH, 1-23-73 AFH to MEH, 4-20-73 JRH to MEH,
5-15-73 JRH to MEH, 8-21-73 AFH to MEH, 8-22-73 JRH to MEH,
9-12-73 AFH to MEH, all c/o same address last above.
- 7-3-73 JRH to MEH c/o William Hanna, Cold Water, Iowa; 7-17-73 AFH to MEH,
7-25-73 JRH to MEH, all c/o same address last above.
- 10-14-73 AFH to MEH Atalissa, Iowa.
- 12-6-73 AFH to MEH c/o James Kefover, Wilton, Iowa; 12-8-73 JRH to MEH,
1-2-74 JRH to MEH, 1-15-74 AFH to MEH, 1-16-74 JRH to MEH,
all c/o same address last above.
- 5-7-74 AFH to MEH c/o Mrs. E. Hungerford, West Liberty, Iowa; 6-15-74 JRH to MEH,
7-31-74 JRH to MEH, 8-16-74 AFH to MEH, all c/o same address last above.
- 1-11-75 AFH to MEH c/o Henry B. Maleby, Indianapolis, Iowa; 2-22-75 JRH to MEH,
3-20-75 JRH to MEH, 3-22-75 JRH to MEH, 5-3-75 AFH to MEH,
all c/o same address last above.
- 6-9-75 and 6-15-75 AFH to MEH c/o Mrs. Tillie Hutchinson, What Cheer, Iowa,
forwarded to Brighton, Iowa.
- 7-9-75 AFH to MEH, Brighton Washington County, Iowa.
- 7-30-75 AFH to MEH c/o J. M. ("Morg.") Kefover, Brighton, Iowa, forwarded to Wilton,
Iowa.
- (9-8-75 Margaret Emma Hill and Norvel Wilson McVicker married, Muscatine, Iowa.)
- 9-12-75 AFH to MEH c/o James Kefover, Wilton, Iowa.
- 11-23-75 AFH to MEH McVicker, Sigourney, Iowa.
- 12-15-75 and 1-1-76 AFH to MEH McVicker and 2-11-76 JRH to MEH McVicker,
Sigourney, Iowa.
- 4-17-76 and 6-19-76 AFH to MEH McVicker and 7-4-76 JRH to MEH McVicker,
Wilton, Iowa.
- 11-7-76 and 11-24-76 Mary M. Allebaugh to Margaret Emma McVicker, Wilton, Iowa,
relating the death and burial of Ashbel Fairchild Hill.

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 DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):
 Granddaughter, Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker (1849-1899):--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 1886. She was then baptized 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--on some rustic verdured lawn--far out from the teeming 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.

Norvel Wilson McVicker, grandson of Capt. Duncan McVicker (1759-1818) 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 Moscow, Iowa. During Rev. Howe's revival meetings at Sigourney in 1901 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 18 years younger than Norvel 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, 1888. 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.

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

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

James Rufus McVicker, son of Norvel 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, Muscatine County, Iowa. He married on March 12, 1905, 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 (DeMarce) Constant (Apr. 17, 1847-May 29, 1931).

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

- 1 Bernadine Constant McVicker, b. Mar. 1, 1906, *at Sigourney, Iowa* m. Raymond Earl Norman, b. 1-20-1906
- 3 Benjamin Franklin McVicker, b. Aug. 6, 1912, *at Sigourney, Iowa* m. Oral Dorothy Allmond, b. 8-24-1916

Bernadine Constant McVicker, daughter of James Rufus McVicker and Virginia Matilda (Constant) McVicker, was born March 1, 1906, at Sigourney, Iowa. She married on August 27, 1928, at Iowa City, Iowa, Raymond Earl Norman, b. Jan. 20, 1906, son of David Hampton Norman and Sarah (Sadie) Elizabeth (Brindle) Norman.*

Raymond Earl Norman and Bernadine Constant (McVicker) Norman's children:
1 Constance Joan Norman, b. October 9, 1929, d. October 24, 1929

_____ daughter of James Rufus McVicker and Virginia Matilda (Constant) McVicker, was

She married on August 30, 1932, at Iowa City, Iowa, Gilbert Leroy Kelso, b. December 5, 1906, son of Edward Leroy Kelso and Elfie Pearl (Kirkpatrick) Kelso. Gilbert Leroy Kelso and Mildred Hill (McVicker) Kelso's children:
James Edward Kelso, b. March 18, 1934, at Greensburg, Pa.

Benjamin Franklin McVicker, son of James Rufus McVicker and Virginia Matilda (Constant) McVicker, was born August 6, 1912, at Sigourney, Iowa. He graduated from the Iowa City Iowa High School in 1931, and on his 19th birthday he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. While stationed with his ship, the New Mexico, in the Naval Harbor at Philadelphia, Pa., he married in 1933, Oral Dorothy Allmond, b. Aug. 24, 1916, daughter of Arthur Allmond and Anna L. _____ (_____) Allmond, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Benjamin Franklin McVicker and Oral Dorothy (Allmond) McVicker's children:
1 Dolores Anne McVicker, b. Apr. 28, 1934, *at Philadelphia, Pa.*

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

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

Mabel Anna McVicker, daughter of Norvel Wilson McVicker and Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker, was born March 11, 1878, in the McVicker homestead at Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, Iowa. She married in 1896, at Sigourney, Iowa, Albert Lee Broliar, b. January 18, 1855, d. March 19, 1936, son of Christian Broliar and Mary Jane (Courtright) Broliar.

To Albert Lee Broliar and Mabel Anna (McVicker) Broliar were born 2 children:

- 1 Ruth Broliar, b. Oct. 12, 1896, m. ⁴⁻²⁵⁻¹⁹²⁵ Bruce Bottorff, b. Sept. 24, 1897
- 2 James Harry Broliar, b. Feb. 21, 1906, at Sigourney, Iowa.

m. Milane Dewey, b.

Ruth Broliar, daughter of Albert Lee Broliar and Mabel Anna (McVicker) Broliar, was born October 12, 1896. She married on April 25, 1925, at Sigourney, Iowa, Bruce Bottorff, b. Sept. 24, 1897, son of ~~Scott C.~~ ^{B.} Bottorff and ~~Anna~~ ^(Dysart) Bottorff. To this union was born:

Ruth Harry Bottorff, b. December 5, 1927, at Chicago, Ill.

m. Keith Charlier, son of Mrs. Nedra B. Charlier, of Omaha, on Feb 3, 1950.

Mrs. Mabel A. (McVicker) Broliar, formerly teacher in rural schools in Keokuk County and latterly 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 (Broliar) Bottorff, after serving as deputy in the office of County Superintendent of Schools for ~~about 10 years~~ ^{18 years}, married Bruce Bottorff, railway mail clerk operating between Chicago and Omaha.

James Harry Broliar graduated from Iowa State Teachers College, Bachelor of Science ~~for Education of 1930~~. Both 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 Broliar, born in a log cabin in Jackson township, Keokuk County, Iowa, Jan. 18, 1855, died Mar. 19, 1936, at Sigourney, was the son of pioneer settlers of Keokuk County, Christian Broliar and Mary Jane (Courtright) Broliar, 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 W. Brunt.

Mr. Broliar 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. Broliar was a Christian all his life and was especially impressed with the evangelistic services conducted by the Monkman 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 Broliar was survived by his daughter, Mrs. Ruth (Broliar) Bottorff and his granddaughter, Ruth H. Bottorff, of Cedar Rapids, and his son, James H. Broliar, of Fairfield, Iowa; also, by one sister, Mrs. Emma Lowen, of Silcoam Springs, Ark., and by three brothers--Jacob Broliar, residing in Oakland, Calif., Christian Broliar, residing in Oregon, and Charles Broliar, residing in Sigourney, Iowa; and by numerous other relatives.

Mr. Broliar'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. W. 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.)

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HARRY SCOTT McVICKER, b. June 26, 1880, at Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, Iowa, son of Norvel Wilson McVicker and Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker. Printer; teacher; Superintendent, Schools of Keokuk County, Iowa (since 4 January, 1909-1947). 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 96 years. When about 21, Harry took his father, Norvel W. McVicker, then nearing 74, 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 climbing 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 H. Seerley, the "grand old man" of Iowa State Teachers College, said: "There is no one like Harry." The LADIES HOME 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 Civics 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.

Descendants of Philip Kefover [A00579-48]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

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

Maude Hill McVicker, daughter of Norvel 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 Sigourney, Iowa, George Victor Wheeler, b. December 15, 1883, son of Fernando Wheeler and Elmyra L. (DeBough) Wheeler.

To George Victor Wheeler and Maude Hill (McVicker) Wheeler were born 2 children:

- 1 Mabel Ann Wheeler, b. August 24, 1909, at Oskaloosa, Iowa, m. on May 3, 1937, at Yuma, Arizona, George Wilson Conant, b. November 22, 1912 at St. Joseph, Mo., son of Jesse Conant and Pearl (Madison) Conant.

- 2 Norvel George Wheeler, b. June 1, 1911, at Oskaloosa, Iowa

m. Bonnie Bankhead

children:

George Thomas Wheeler, b. May 10, 1947, Inglewood, Calif.

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 (R.F.D. # 1, Ely, Linn County, Iowa). Her daughter, Mabel Ann (Wheeler) Conant (2109 Estella Ave., Apt. 304, Los Angeles, California), after pursuing stenographic courses in the Davenport 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.~~

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

for 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,

Norvel George Wheeler is employed by Armacoast & Royston (723 Wall 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, 327 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.

Descendants of Philip Kefover [A00579-49]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):
Grandson, James Rufus Hill (1852-1926):

James Rufus Hill, son of James Hill (1815-1859) and Martha (Kefover) Hill (1816-1867), was born September 8, 1852, died March 25, 1926, at Daytona, Florida. He married on May 26, 1875, Anna Cora Covode, born August 16, 1853, died May 12, 1920, at Hendersonville, N.C., daughter of Dr. Joseph Covode and Lydia (Griffith) Covode, of Jenners, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

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

- 1 Mabel Anna Hill, b. April 24, 1876, married on Nov. 25, 1900, *d. Mar 3, 1956*
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, *Funeral Mar 7 1956, interment, Woodlawn Cemetery, Miami, Fla.*
b. April 12, 1879, d. Aug. 22, 1903
- 3 Josephine Covode Hill, b. Aug. 23, 1887, d. June, 9, 1893
- 4 Mildred Lee Hill, *graduated St. Joseph's Academy, St. Augustine June 16, 1915*
b. Jan. 5, 1894, married on July 27, 1921, at Hendersonville,
N.C., Charles Lewis Newman, of Halifax, Nova Scotia,
b. Jan. 15, 1868, 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, 1923

P.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 (1887-1893) is buried in the Episcopal Churchyard at Crescent City, Florida, her grave in a lot inclosed with an iron fence and gate, the headstone bearing inscription:

"Josephine Covode Hill Born August 23, 1887 Died June 9, 1893. "

Maud Minerva Hill (1879-1903) and her mother, Anna (Annie) Cora (Covode) Hill, (1853-1920), are buried in _____ Cemetery, _____ Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

James Rufus Hill (1852-1926) 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 3).

The writer visited the grave of Josephine Covode Hill at Crescent City, Florida, March 26, 1937, and the grave of James R. Hill on Oct. 17, 1928, and on July 29, 1937, (in Cedar Hill Cemetery about two miles West of Daytona on the North side of the DeLand Road).

Descendants of Philip Kefover [A00579-50]

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DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP KEFOVER (1789-1881): Daughter, Martha Kefover (1816-1867):

Grandson, James Rufus Hill (1852-1926):

James Rufus Hill, son of James Hill (1815-1859) and Martha (Kefover) Hill (1816-1867), was born September 8, 1852, died March 25, 1926, at Daytona, Florida. He married on May 26, 1875, Annie Cora Covode, b. August 16, 1853, d. May 12, 1920, at Hendersonville, N.C., daughter of Dr. Joseph Covode and Lydia (Griffith) Covode, of Jenners, Somerset County, Pa.

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

- 1 Mabel Anna Hill, b. April 24, 1876, married on Nov. 25, 1900, (d. Mar 5, 1959) Fred J. Trout, b. Dec. 11, 1872, son of _____ Trout and _____ Trout.

Home address, 1034 S.W. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida.

Funeral Mar 7 1959, interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Miami, Fla.

- 2 Maud Minerva Hill, b. April 12, 1879, d. August 22, 1903

- 3 Josephine Covode Hill, b. August 23, 1887, d. June 9, 1893

- 4 Mildred Lee Hill, b. January 5, 1894, *graduated from St. Joseph's Academy, St. Augustine, June 16, 1915,* married on July 27, 1921, at Hendersonville, N.C., Charles Louis Newman, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, b. Jan. 15, 1868, son of _____ Newman and _____ Newman.

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

- (1) Charles Louis Newman, b. April 25, 1922

- (2) James Herman Newman, b. Aug. 23, 1923

P.O. Address of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Newman,
Box 105, Annapolis, Md.

Josephine Covode Hill (1887-1893) is buried in the Episcopal Churchyard cemetery at Crescent City, Florida, her grave being within and iron-fenced enclosure, West and a little South of the Episcopal Church, the headstone bearing inscription: "Josephine Covode Hill Born August 23, 1887 Died June 9, 1893."

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

James Rufus Hill (1852-1926) is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, about two miles West of Daytona, Florida, his grave being at Grave Site #3, ~~Lot~~ #32, Sec. D. (To the North of his grave is that of Fannie E. Dawkins (1875-1926) and to the South is the grave of Doris C. Swain (1929-1950).)

The writer visited the grave of Josephine Covode Hill on March 26, 1937, and the grave of James R. Hill on October 17, 1928, and on July 29, 1957, 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 regardful 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), whom he employed in his general merchandise store at Crescent City, Florida, during the year following his nephew's graduation from Sigourney Iowa High School, 1893-1894. 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.

JRM -> Fannie G. Williams [A00580]

A00580

1117 East College Street,
Iowa City, Iowa,
October 12, 1937

Mrs. Fannie G. Williams,
3721 Piney Branch Road,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Williams:

I recall the pleasure of the conversation with you one morning in early August in the Census Department reading room in the new Commerce Building, in which conversation you stated that you would research census records for 50¢ per hour.

I may wish a considerable amount of such research from time to time for the genealogy of both my father's and my mother's lines but I am unemployed in teaching at present. However, I would like to have you make a start for me anyway on some specific assignments. On the morning that I met you I abstracted from the Census of Monongalia County Virginia (now W. Va.) of 1850 the record, a copy of which I enclose.

It is said that my grandfather, JOSEPH McVICKER, was then living, but he was perhaps old and retired and living with the family of his daughter whose maiden name was Fernelia McVicker but who was then married to JOSEPHUS S. PROTZMAN. There is some conflict as to whether he died (i.e., JOSEPH McVICKER) in 1841 or in 1854, but two reports place the date as after 1850 so that he ought to be in that census if these reports are correct and one is claimed to be based on record. As I did not find him maintaining a separate home as head of a family, it is likely that he was living then with a daughter as none of his sons then lived there and so I think he may have been living with the family of his daughter, Mrs. Josephus S. (or "Seep") Protzman. But another query comes in here and that is as to whether Josephus S. Protzman then lived in Monongalia or in Preston County (if the latter had been sliced off then). If you find said JOSEPH McVICKER (my grandfather) in the Census of 1850, please make note of all the record for the family in which he was then sojourning as a member of it.

Then I wish to secure the record in the Census of 1850 for JEREMIAH HILL (my great grandfather) in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. I understand that he was then living in German Township or in Nicholson Township, Fayette County, Pa. While you are at it please abstract the record in Fayette County for the following named families:--i.e., from the Census of 1850:

JEREMIAH HILL (having a son John and ~~Annie~~ (Helmick) Hill) *wife of Jeremiah Hill, et al*
JAMES HILL (having sons Ashbel F., James Rufus and 4 daughters)
WILLIAM HILL (having a son Alfred Hill and perhaps others)

Jeremiah Hill was married three times and had thus 3 different successive families, but the above are all the clues I have as to the different families. There were numerous other families of HILLS in that county who were not related to Jeremiah Hill, as the name HILL has always been common everywhere.

Jeremiah Hill's three marriages:

- (1) to Patricia Keffer by whom he had a son James Hill (my grandfather)
- (2) to _____ by whom he had a son William Hill who had a son Alfred Hill
- (3) to Annie Helmick by whom he had a son John Hill and daughters Rebecca and Sallie Ann, and this John Hill had 7 children including John, Samuel D., Jennie (Johnson), Nancy (Brooks), Mary E. (Ramsey), Sarah A. (Hasson), and George D. Hill.

I mainly want Jeremiah Hill but wish also these other census records while you are at it. I am, Sincerely yours,

JRM -> Fannie G. Williams [A00581]

A00581

1117 East College Street,
Iowa City, Iowa,
November 8, 1937.

Mrs. Fannie G. Williams,
6721 Piney Branch Road, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Williams:

Your letter of Oct. 30 with Monongalia County Virginia and Fayette County Pennsylvania census reports for Josephus Protzman and Jeremiah and James Hill families, respectively, received. I am enclosing your stated fee, \$1.00, and I thank you.

I am sorry that you did not find my grandfather, Joseph McVicker, with the Josephus Protzman family in Monongalia County Virginia in 1850. He is reported to have died at their home in 1854. However, he had a daughter in Salem, (West) Virginia, and another in Morgansville, (West) Virginia:

Mrs. Mariah (McVicker) Randolph who married Peter Fitz Randolph on December 4, 1831, and they lived at Salem, Harrison County, (West) Virginia;

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann (McVicker) Pope who married Colmore Pope on December 28, 1840, and they lived at or near Morgansville, Doddridge County, (West) Virginia.

I would be glad to have you take a look in these two counties for the census of 1850 and if you find these families you can see whether Joseph McVicker was with them, and while you are at it please take off the census report for these two families.

You surprise me with the census for Jeremiah and James Hill. Tradition was that Jeremiah was born in Scotland but you record the place as "D.C." (District of Columbia). Of course that was not yet formed when he was born, but the locality may be correct. I have had a hard time running him down. I see that you say his son James Hill was born in Maryland, and this again surprises me, as I supposed in Pennsylvania. That fact throws light on where Jeremiah Hill married his (supposedly) first wife--Patricia Kefover--indicating Maryland. In the nearby Frederick County, Maryland, there were Kefover families into whose families I have researched but they have as yet found no Patricia. I have been skeptical that it was Patricia Kefover, but the odds are against my skepticism, all the more so now since it must have been a marriage in Maryland and not in Pennsylvania. However, the Maryland name was Kefauver, but they are also of the same stock as the Fayette County Pennsylvania Kefover family. My mother's name was Martha Kefover. It appears that her grandmother's name was Patricia Kefover (or Kefover) almost too much for me to believe. That is to say, Mother's Mother was Patricia Kefover and Mother's grandmother was Patricia Kefover (or Kefauver), since she seems to be from Maryland). There are two genealogists working on the Kefauver genealogy of Maryland named Kefauver, and they have exchanged all sorts of data with me and sent me the census records of Maryland. I am working up the Kefover genealogy of Pennsylvania and they are working up the related family of Maryland Kefauvers. I have no idea what town or county in Maryland that the Hills lived in. I suppose that the D.C. records could not have anything about Jeremiah if he did live there.

If you have any suggestion I should be glad to hear it. I am,

Sincerely yours,

JRM -> Fannie G. Williams [A00582-1]

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1117 East College Street,
Iowa City, Iowa
November 25, 1937

Mrs. Fannie G. Williams,
8721 Piney Branch Road,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Williams:

Your letter of November 11 suggests that I wait to remit 50¢ for your last report (Peter F. Randolph, Harrison Co., Va.--my Aunt Mariah McVicker Randolph's family) until the next remittance due for other searches, so I will remit this 50¢ next time.

The Comore Pope (my Aunt Elizabeth Ann McVicker Pope's) family which you looked for in Doddridge Co., Va., may not have been settled there until after 1850 but may have been in Monongalia Co. As long as I know about them they have been in Morgansville, Doddridge, Co., but I note that several of the descendants now live in Monogalia Co., and the family may have been there in 1850, at which records you looked to see if my grandfather Joseph McVicker was then attached to the ~~Pope~~ Josephus Protzman family (i.e., Monongalia County).

I have much conflicting information about Jeremiah Hill, great grandfather. You have localized his birthplace in D.C. (District of Columbia, possibly Dominion of Canada). Tradition has it he was born in Scotland. But if he was born in territory afterward District of Columbia, that was then probably in the Province of Maryland. You have also disclosed in your report of census of 1850 for Jeremiah Hill and James Hill that the latter was born in Maryland. James Hill (my grandfather on mother's side) was son of Jeremiah. Tradition has it that wife of Jeremiah was Patricia Kefauver. There were families named Kefauver (or Keefober) in Frederick Co., Md. So these several things are tying in together, and so I will enclose copies for your review and you can then let me know if you think you may be able to have access to Maryland records which may unravel the history of the marriage of Jeremiah Hill.

1- Copy of your report of census of 1850 for Jeremiah Hill.

2- Copy of letter from Adg.Gen'l's Department showing a Jeremiah Hill served in 54 Pa. Reg't in Revolution, 1777-1783. Family tradition says Jeremiah Hill served in Revolution. But the Jeremiah Hill referred to in this letter may not be the one. From your census report of age he could have been, *if born about 1761.*

3- Copy of letter of Feb. 8, 1937, from Veterans Administration showing facts such as to identify this Jeremiah Hill as my great grandfather. But note that the age is stated as 86 in 1855, which would render him but 8 years of age when he enlisted in 1777 if he were the one. Your census age 89 in 1850 and this pension record age 86 in 1855 both come from Jeremiah Hill, my great grandfather. The census age is consistent with service in Revolution, but the other would ask us to accept that a boy of 8 enlisted in 1777 and served 8 years in the army.

Note also he claimed to have been drafted at Funkstown, Md. in 1814, that service he claimed was in Maryland or Dist. of Columbia militia. (A letter from Adj.Gen'l of U.S.Army of Mar. 6, 1937, says: "...records show...that one Terry Hill (name also borne as Jerry Hill) served in that war (1812) as a private in Lieut. John Lindsey's company from the 33rd regiment in the County of Henrico attached to the 8th Regiment (Coleman's) Virginia Militia. His service commenced Jan. 17, 1814; he was transferred to Capt. Anthony Turner's company, 8th Regiment (Coleman's) Virginia Militia Feb. 9, 1814, and his service ended Apr. 12, 1814.")

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4- Letter dated Mar. 3, 1937, verifying that the age is rightly set out as 85 in 1855 from the record.

Also I would like census reports of the McVICKER families in Bedford County, Pennsylvania as follows:

for 1850
for 1840
for 1830
for 1820

I have reports for 1790, 1800, 1810, enclosed, good provided they are complete.

The 1790 report was taken by myself from the published census report (First Census--Heads of Families) of 1790, and if this is complete as published and indexed, as it ought to be, then the report is as per the copy enclosed.

The 1800 and 1810 reports were taken from the records for me by a kinsman while at Washington, last February, and should be presumably complete, but if they do happen to omit anything that probably would be the very facts I need.

Also I would like the census report of 1850 for JAMES McVICKER (my uncle) of CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS. If you find N.W. McVICKER in that County, please include him as he was my father.

I would like the census report of 1800 for DUNCAN McVICKER of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. He and his family were there in 1790, and he may have been my father's uncle, Duncan McVicker Jr., whom I have not been able to trace.

This may be quite an order and I had better stop now until the next time.

I shall be much interested to note what you may think about your finding Jeremiah Hall.

Appreciating your reports, I am,

Sincerely yours,

James R. McVicker
1117 East College Street
Iowa City, Iowa

JRM -> Fannie G. Williams [A00583-1]

A 00583

1117 East College Street
Iowa City, Iowa
December 24, 1937

Mrs. Fannie G. Williams,
6721 Piney Branch Road, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Williams:

I have received your letter of December 8 with enclosures and appreciate your reports.

I enclose draft issued by Iowa State Bank & Trust Co. (Iowa City, Iowa), No. 27489 dated Dec 23 1937 for Two (\$2.00) Dollars, drawn to First National Bank, Chicago, Ill., by Ben S. Summerwill, Pres't by J.H.S., payable to my own order and by me endorsed to you. This is in payment of your statement of Nov. 11 1937 for 50 cents to be remitted when other searches might be made, and also your statement in your letter of Dec. 8, 1937, for three hours work amounting to \$1.50, total--\$2.00. Please let me know if you receive this all right.

I am glad that you held the copies sent you relating to my great grandfather, Jeremiah Hill, who was supposed to have served in the Revolutionary War and also in the War of 1812.

I should have written you before but have had to make two extended trips which have delayed me.

I note that the price per hour is still 50 cents per hour until after January 1. My income has been in abeyance since my teaching last year, so I am cramped for funds. I am not employed at present.

You say: "In regard to finding Jeremiah Hill, the early Maryland records are very good. Prior to 1773, all the area west of Baltimore county was Frederick County. Then Washington County was formed, and in 1778, Montgomery Co., and later Prince George's County. If you wish I will search these county records, though it may be futile."

Your census report for Fayette Co., Pa., 1850, showed two things now in point: Jeremiah Hill was said to have been born in D.C. (Dist. of Columbia), and his son James Hill (my grandfather) was said to have been born in Maryland, (circa 1815). Jeremiah is said to have married Patricia Keffer (or Kesauver, Keefober) and there was a Kesauver (Keefober) family in Frederick Co., Maryland, descendants of whom are living there but they while searching genealogy have not found said Patricia.

I would be "awful" glad if I could find out marriage or any further facts of this early family as my own great grandmother is said to have been Patricia K., or any facts as to whether said Jeremiah has a Revolutionary War record from elsewhere (Md. or Va.). I have presumed that the Jeremiah who served from Pa. (3d Pa. line) was he and believe it probably was, but there is this Maryland angle. I do not like to incur a long search entailing much expense with futile results while I am so financially cramped for funds.

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JRM -> Fannie G. Williams [A00583-2]

However, if you are willing to go ahead from the facts you have in this letter and the reports in your hands (copies) and further search the most probable sources, letting me know just what sources you do find negative, I will pay you for from 8 to 9 hours time at your present rate of 50 cents per hour.

When and if I do get a salary again I can stand the raise for I like your work and your methods. But now I can't afford much as I have one son in college here and other numerous expenses. I do not like to speak at all of expenses as your work is so good but I am bound by the circumstances.

I may wish quite a number of additional census reports from time to time when I get into the writing out of my material but I hardly know now.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

James Hill was born in Maryland the Jeremiah Hill family may be in some of the early Maryland census reports. James Hill my grandfather was born May 12, 1815 in Fayette Co., Pa.

I note that the price per hour is still 50 cents per hour and I am not employed at present.

In regard to finding Jeremiah Hill, the early Maryland records are very good. Prior to 1793, all the area west of Baltimore county was Frederick County. Then Washington County was formed, and in 1797, Montgomery County and later Prince Georges County. If you wish I will search these county records, though it may be futile.

Your census report for Fayette Co., Pa., 1830, showed two things now in point: Jeremiah Hill was said to have been born in D.C. (Dist. of Columbia), and his son James Hill (my grandfather) was said to have been born in Maryland, and his son James Hill (my grandfather) was said to have married Patricia Kellover (or Kellover, Kellover) and their son a Kellover (Kellover) family in Fayette Co., Pa., but that, because of them are living there but they while searching genealogy have not found said Patricia.

I could be "certain" that if I could find out marriage or any further facts of this early family as my great grandfather is said to have been Patricia K. or my father as to another said Jeremiah had a Revolutionary War record from Lancaster (Pa.). I have presumed that the Jeremiah who served from Pa. (3d Pa. line) was my grandfather; but there is this Maryland angle. I do not like to incur a long search entailing much expense with little results which I am so financially cramped for funds.

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History of Pocahontas Co. WVA (1901) [A00593-1]

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History of Pocahontas County, West Virginia
By William T. Price
1901

Published at Marlinton, Pocahontas County, W. Va. by Price
Brothers, Publishers, in 1901

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RICHARD HILL

Richard Hill, whose ancestral blood courses the veins of a great many worthy citizens, now claims our special notice in this paper. It is generally believed he came to this region soon after the armies of the Revolution were disbanded, from North Carolina. He was one of the more distinguished of the early pioneers as a scout and a vigilant defender of the forts.

Upon his marriage with Nancy McNeel, daughter of the venerated pioneer of the Levels, John McNeel, he settled on Hill's Creek, on lands lately occupied by Abram Hill's family. As long as Hill's Creek flows and murmurs his name will be perpetuated. There were three daughters, Elizabeth, Martha, and Margaret; and seven sons, Thomas, John, Abraham, Isaac, William, Joel, and George.

Elizabeth became Mrs. John Bruffey, and lived on Bruffey's Creek. In reference to her family the following particulars are given. Nancy Bruffey married Levi Hooker, from Connecticut, a dealer in clocks, and settled in Missouri. Eliza Bruffey became Mrs. Robert Moore, near Edray. Late in life her family went to Iowa. George P. Moore, now of Edray, is one of her sons. Davis and Clark were the other two, now in Iowa.

Martha Bruffey married James Ewing, and lived some years near Marlinton, and finally settled in Nicholas County, West Virginia.

Margaret Bruffey married Morgan Anderson, now of Hills Creek.

Julia Bruffey ~~married~~ was married to William McClure, on Little Anthony's Creek.

Lavinia Bruffey married Claiborne Blaine and went west.

Harriet Bruffey was married to Wesley Cruikshanks and went west.

Page 118: Bradford Bruffey married Miss Mary Watts, of Greenbrier. T. A. Bruffey and Mrs. Ida Sarver are his children.

Murray Bruffey married Miss Lizzie Craig, and lives in Nicholas County.

John Bruffey, Jr., married Maggie Hill, daughter of George Hill, son of the pioneer.

Martha Hill was married to George Gillilan, of Greenbrier County, near Falling Spring. In reference to her family the following particulars are in hand:

Richard Gillilan married Miss Mary Handley, and lived near Frankford. Richard's daughter, Jennie, is now Mrs. Wallace Warwick Beard, of Hillsboro. Another daughter, Sarah, became Mrs. Stuart, and went west; and

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another daughter, Mattie, was married to Cyrus McClung, of Frankford.

Margaret Hill, daughter of the pioneer, was married to Samuel Gillilan, brother of George Gillilan, just mentioned, and settled in Illinois. Her children were Electa, Talitha, Nancy, Lydia, John, Samuel, and Shadrach Chaney. Shadrach Chaney, while a mere boy, was sent to mill, and was killed upon his arrival at the mill by another lad, who claimed to be in ahead of Shadrach. His mother's grief was unexpressible, as may be readily believed.

Thomas Hill, in his day a very prominent citizen of Pocahontas, married Anne Cackley, daughter of Valentine Cackley, Sr., of Mill Point. First lived on Hills Creek, and then located her Hillsboro, where he spent most of his life. Their family were five daughters and three sons: Martha, Mary, Nancy, Eveline, Lavinia, William, Richard, and George.

Page 119: Colonel John Hill married Elizabeth Poage, and lived near Hillsboro. When far advanced in years, he migrated to Missouri, and located in Davies County. So many families from this region have gone to that county that it might be called the Missouri Pocahontas. In this family were seven sons and four daughters. Margaret, who became Mrs. Chesly K. Moore; Nancy, (Mrs. William McMillion); Elizabeth and Mary, who married in Missouri. The sons were Richard, William, John, Thomas, Robert, Davis, and George.

Abraham Hill married Sallie Burr, daughter of Aaron Burr, of Greenbrier County, and lived on the old Hill homestead. In his family were nine sons and one daughter. John, Richard, Thomas, George, Aaron, Joel, Doctor, Peter, William, and Rebecca. This daughter was first married to the late William Cackley, near Mill Point. She is now Mrs. A. J. Overholt. Lee Cackley is her son, living on Stamping Creek.

The writer remembers Abraham Hill with feelings of strong attachment, for many reasons. He wrote me several letters while I was a student at college, manifesting great interest in my personal welfare and speaking words of christian encouragement, all of which I reciprocated to the best of my ability. He came near sudden death while baiting for wolves with poison. A puff of wind blew some of the strychnine into his face; he never recovered fully from the effects, though he survived many years.

Isaac Hill did his wooing in the Lower Levels, and won the confidence and affections of Jennie Edmiston, and settled on Hill's Creek. Two sons and two daughters composed his family: Nancy, Rebecca, William, and Richard.

Page 120: William Hill, son of Richard, married Ann Ray, near Locust, and settled in Nicholas County. There were three sons and two daughters in this family, Elizabeth, Nancy, John, Archibald, and Joseph.

Joel Hill, son of the pioneer, paid a number of visits to Greenbrier County, and when he came home with his young wife, Rebecca ~~Levi~~ Levisay, his friends found out what the attraction had been. In this family were six daughters and two sons. Mary Frances is now Mrs. Sherman H. Clark; Ann Eliza was married to Oscar Groves, of Nicholas County; Martha was married to Mansfield Groves, of the same county; Melinda became Mrs. Levi

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Gay, near Marlinton, first wife; Caroline was married to D. A. Peck, first wife. Her daughter is now Mrs. Adam Young. Lucy was married to William Curry. Mrs. T. A. Bruffey is another daughter.

Allen Hill was in Missouri at the breaking out of the War. Being suspected for cherishing Confederate sympathies, he was slain by over zealous Union partisans.

Richard Washington Hill married Margaret Watts, of Greenbrier County, and lives on the homestead. He served a term as Sheriff of Pocahontas County.

George Hill, son of Richard Hill of honored memory, married Martha Edmiston. He was married twice. By the first marriage there were four sons and a daughter: Margaret, Franklin, Claiborne, Isaac, and William. George Hill's second marriage was to Rebecca Cruikshanks. By this marriage there were four sons and two daughters: Henrietta, Minnie, Wallace, Joel, Chalmers, and Sterling.

Page 121: This venerable man died early in the forties, full of days and greatly respected. The writer was at Colonel John Hill's home when he returned from the burial of his father, and listened for hours to his reminiscences of his grand old father; but alas, so much has faded from his memory that he would like to write.

Richard Hill, whose family history we have just endeavored to illustrate, with the assistance of our lamented friend, Mrs. Nancy Callison, his worthy granddaughter, seems to have ~~be~~ been endowed with a charmed life. It would be better to say that in the providence of God he had a mission to perform, and was immortal until that service should be accomplished.

The Indian brave that slew James Baker, one of the first schoolmasters in this region, had shrewdly planned to shoot Baker in the act of crossing the fence and kill Richard Hill with his tomahawk before he could be able to recross and escape to the Drennan house, near Levi Gays.

While Richard Hill was repairing his broken rake in the rye field at Edray, near the grave yard, an Indian in the fallen tree top aimed repeatedly at his breast, and put his finger on the trigger time and again, and every time something seemed to restrain him. The Indian thought it was the Great Spirit, and seemed to have felt it would not do to kill a friend of the Great Spirit, and thus incur his anger.

Page 122: Then while scouting in the mountains toward Gauley he was thrice aroused by alarming dreams, and when the morning dawned he discovered that an Indian had tried three times to steal upon him and kill him while he was asleep.

There is a tradition that a detachment of Indians were in ambush for several days near Mr. Hill's home on Hill's Creek, for the special object of capturing or killing him, as they had come to feel there would be little or no use to raid this region while he was alive or at large. They had taken up the idea that the owner of such a nice house

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would dress much better than anybody else, and would not work with his own hands. They saw men at work in reach of their guns, but none of them dressed to suit their ideas as to how Mr. Hill would be attired. It so turned out that Mr. Hill was one of the hands, and it was his workday dress that beguiled the Indians and prevented his being shot at or captured.

Richard Hill was one of nature's noblemen, who relied more on pure, genuine character than mere superficial appearances, and therein lay the secret of his safety and success. A pure character and a ~~gentle~~ genteel appearance make a lovely sight, but a genteel exterior and an impure character make a nuisance that is simply unendurable to all except human John Crows or vultures.

Note: Copied by Mrs. Don Harper (Wilma Beard), Elkins, Randolph county, West Virginia, July 15, 1956 for J. R. McVicker, Attorney, 1206 Sixth Avenue S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Note: All the towns and counties mentioned in this article are located in or near Pocahontas county. Rev. William T. Price, author of History of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, was the father of the present publisher of the weekly paper, The Pocahontas Times, at Marlinton, W.Va., the county seat of Pocahontas. His name is Calvin Price.

When Mr. Price wrote the book, several persons are mentioned under different headings that belong to other families, like under a family heading it mentions the person one marries, and that person is a son or daughter of some other family mentioned elsewhere. In case you see something in this article of special interest, perhaps something more could be found under a different heading.

I was late in getting this article to you, but with company and regular routine of things to do, I had not found the time. I hope this will at least be of some interest to you, even if not of actual value.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Don Harper (Wilma Beard)

Mrs. Don Harper (Wilma Beard)
Elkins, W. Va.
July 15, 1956

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JAMES RUFUS HILL (September 8 1852 - March 23 1926)
Hendersonville, N.C., and Daytona, Florida

In sketching the life of James Rufus Hill (1852-1926), the writer, his nephew and namesake, would here add tribute to a beloved relative whom from the writer's early years he idealized and admired. From the beginning of his teens in 1869 the writer treasured and preserved in file every letter of his Uncle James down through 1925. From Uncle James' generous gift in May 1893 came the funds which supplied the writer's high school graduation suit of clothes. In the Fall of 1893, he employed the nephew to clerk in his general merchandise store at Crescent City, Florida, where for the following year of 1893-1894 a treasured personal association was added to the youthful idealization and a first hand acquaintance formed whose influence coupled with correspondence throughout the years, brought ever-increasing pleasure and mutual understanding of minds attuned.

James R. Hill in experience was a self-made man. One of that free American type of numerous boys who in their early teens trudged away from home and family fireside with only a handful of personal belongings to enter upon employment, James R. Hill rose through the years of competitive struggle to be the creator and owner of an estate of comfortable competence at his retirement in middle age.

A merchant in his calling, he followed that career in a number of widely separated places, and after he retired from business he likewise resided in several different far distant places as the demands of uncertain health required. The list of these various places and the dates of sojourning therein is supplied from the letters to the writer's Mother and himself from his Uncle James as supplemented by the notes of Cousin Mildred Lee (Hill) Newman for the later period of her father's life. From these sources we have compiled the following tabular outline of the business and residential locations of James R. Hill from his latter teen age until his death in 1926:

BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL LOCATIONS OF JAMES RUFUS HILL

Bruceton Mills, Preston County, West Virginin	1870-1874
Stahlstown, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania	1874-
Hooversville, Somerset County, Pennsylvania	1876-
New Florence, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania	1881-
Crescent City, Putnam County, Florida	1885-
Daytona, Volusia County, Florida	1896-
Saluda, Polk County, North Carolina	1901-
Hendersonville, Henderson County, North Carolina	1902-1907
Ligonier, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania	1907-1909
Hendersonville, Henderson County, North Carolina	1909
Stuart, Palm County, Florida	1911-1912
Daytona, Volusia County, Florida	1913-1917
"Hendersonville, N.C., winters and summers for two years where Mother died	1917-1920"
"Daytona, Fla., in winter and Hendersonville, N.C., in summer each year until his death in 1926"-	1920-1926

A bright, industrious boy in early home and school life, he is thus characterized for this period by his schoolmate and life-long friend of Masontown, Pennsylvania, John W. Williard: "James Rufus Hill was a bright boy. He was great on 'ghost' stories. At school he was a fine reader." (--In letter to the writer, January 21, 1955)

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James R. Hill was faithfully religious, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church during his latter life. He was more than a professing Christian, and he believed in letting one's light shine in the direction of being definitely helpful to others. He was an active participant in religious services and taught Bible classes in the Sunday School. His service is well remembered by prominent persons in Daytona, one of whom told the writer on July 29, 1937, of James R. Hill's service in teaching Bible classes in the Congregational and the Methodist Episcopal churches there and of the popular esteem in which his talent was held.

He was a Mason who had progressed through the official chairs. He was a leader in community and civic affairs. He took a lively part in the counsel in commercial clubs. He fostered civic improvements and actively promoted them. In the middle 1880's he led in the building of the canal connecting the arms of Lake Stella with the railway landing some two to three miles West of Crescent City, Florida, and in installing thereon a steam packet that furnished the town a transportation route by water to the railway. It is not too much to say that he took an active part in all matters of civic and public improvement in every community in which he lived -- for he was a talented leader whose ability marked his career for wise counsel, sound influence and the other essentials of leadership among his fellow citizens.

Without the advantages of wealthy parents, James R. Hill was afforded the priceless heritage of early training by religious and cultured parents in a country home. His people were God-fearing persons. Of his relatives, some had recognized literary gifts as did his cousin George W. Linton and his brother Ashbel F. Hill. Himself of marked ability as a writer, as instanced in his "Legend of Lake Crescent" and other journalistic contributions, he would doubtless have gone far in a career of writing had he turned his productive ability in that direction. His literary, forensic and personal address eminently fitted him for leadership -- as an editor, a congressman, or a governor -- for he was a man who could do things so as to be ever well attended with the approbation and co-operation of his fellow citizens and with that unflinching reciprocal consideration he had for others that is the rarest jewel in the crown of diplomacy and personal tact.

He was ever neat and tasteful in his attire, modest and unassuming in his manner toward others and possessed of that forceful personal magnetism that readily secures attentive and willing listeners. He was an able conversationalist, gifted with lively presence of mind, quick wit, clear thinking and sustained speaking, and a mental alertness that was delightful to his associates.

His father, James Hill (1815-1859), was a carpenter, some of whose handiwork according to John W. Williard, stands after a century. And James R. Hill, too, liked tools and enjoyed working with them -- he liked to construct things.

Having the true "Hill spunk", he recovered his broken assets after two unsatisfactory experiences with plunging business partners who involved his firms against his judgment or approval. And when he emerged anew, again upon his own sole footing, the business creditors extended to him the full credit indispensable to his individual enterprising. And so he builded his edifice of success, founded upon the eternal granite of honor and integrity.

On a day in 1926 came a message from Daytona not expressed in the writing or the words of our beloved uncle. The nephew's forty years file of letters received from Uncle James R. Hill had been unknowingly finished some weeks before, when last he wrote. The more than thirty years since last we saw him, now pointed backward to 1894 when memory records him at Lake Crescent wharf to see the writer embarked for his journey homeward to Iowa -- the parting cheery voice of Uncle James and waving handkerchiefs of others -- our last pictured memory of that beloved family. Forward -- we look to cherished vision of reunion beyond -- in which again to greet beloved spirits and to hear the welcome cheery tone of a remembered voice.

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The youngest of six children, James R. Hill was the last survivor of them by more than a quarter of a century. He had surpassed the allotted three score and ten years and if living would be 85 years old (1937). ~~He had surpassed the allotted three score and ten years and if living would be 85 years old (1937).~~ The lad who had left home and set his face toward the outer world at tender years in the 1860's, achieved a place of firm foundation. He was honest and honorable throughout. He was of high character, confident ideals, and deep-abiding religious faith. He stood approved from first to last, emerging throughout the tests as a highly successful business man and a well accredited merchant whose word was always as good as his bond— and whose name—James R. Hill—was trusted absolutely in the business world. Moreover, he lived the more abundant life of the spirit and of social service— his career a striking exemplification of the impregnable truth that character counts.

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The following newspaper article from the _____, the clipping of which was loaned to the writer by Mildred Lee (Hill) Newman, is relevant to the family history of the writer's Aunt Annie (Covode) Hill and is interesting in its historical disclosures:

"CASE" AND COMMENT
PASSING OF A WONDERFUL WOMAN
MINERVA (COVODE) RUPPEL

Mrs. Minerva W. Covode Ruppel, widow of former Judge William H. Ruppel, passed from this life to the spirit life of the world beyond at 11:00 Monday evening, after an illness of nearly two months' duration.

LIVED SERENE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Since the death of Judge Ruppel which occurred on February 1, 1919, Mrs. Ruppel has resided quietly, unobtrusively in the fine Ruppel home on East-Main Street, Somerset, where her time and activities were given mostly to church and charitable work in which she most delighted; but her mind also encompassed all questions of public and community interest; questions of national and international scope, all of which she envisioned as a deeply versed student, even as a publicist.

FORTUITOUS ORIGIN

On every public question Mrs. Ruppel preserved what may be called an "inherited attitude" devised and bequeathed from her rich ancestral setting. Her great-grandfather, Garrett Covode, was kidnapped on a street in Amsterdam, Holland, by a sea captain, who brought him to Philadelphia and sold him into bondage as a "redemptioner," his term of service lasting several years after attaining his majority, during which he had served as a "domestic" in the household of General George Washington, before the Revolution. After gaining his freedom he went to York, where he reared a family of four children, and removed to Westmoreland County, where he died in 1826, and where Jacob Covode, his only son, reared a family of seven, four sons and three daughters: Mary, John, Jacob, Susan, George, Anna and Dr. Joseph Covode—a distinguished physician and father of Mrs. Ruppel.

PIONEERS OF ABOLITION

The wife of Jacob Covode was Anna Updegraff, a Quakeress whose ancestors in Philadelphia prepared and published the first protest against human slavery ever issued in America, the proximate cause of their formal protest having been the tolerance and recognition of slavery by William Penn as a legal institution in Pennsylvania. That manifesto was followed by the powerful writings of the immortal John Woolman, in which he inveighed against toleration of the slave trade by the Society of Friends — the Quaker Church; — but the Updegraff manifesto, which was neither an anonymous declaration, nor even a "round robin," was a general protest, making its appeal to public opinion irrespective of sect or religious belief; and that protest contained essentially, perhaps, the first true interpretation of "America," the real America as we know it today, wherein all men and women are equal and free, and the sovereign people may rule whenever they elect to rule; and thus all Americans may inherit not only the "attitude" to be in all things right but also the power to enforce the rights as the majority determines "the right" by their will and suffrages; — hence, also, America, in its inception the mere spawn of liberty, is now, because of the broader and higher vision of the rarest few of her pioneers — is now not only "a place on the map" but a living idea, forged into reality by the unction and breath of "inherited public opinion" in the fires of the most sanguinary fratricidal struggle in the world's history; upon the anvil of war.

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HONEST JOHN COVODE

One of the sons of Jacob Covode was the famous Congressman John Covode of Westmoreland County, the close and staunch friend of President Lincoln, and whom Lincoln dubbed "Honest John Covode of Pennsylvania," the deserved and distinguishing sobriquet that stuck with him through all his remaining life. The two men had many personal traits and characteristics in common and both were men of rugged, heroic stature. One day Lincoln said to him: "Do you know why I came to love you so much so soon after our first meeting? It was because I found you to be honest. You are 'honest John' and I am 'honest Abe.'" During the Civil War President Lincoln sent Mr. Covode on many important secret missions that required fine discretion and great tact to carry out, both of which the great Westmorelander possessed in high degree; and few Congressmen in the Civil War period stood forth in the service of the Union cause with equal distinction and recognition. He was made Chairman of the Special Congressional Committee to investigate the charges against President James Buchanan, whose report, exonerating the President, was published in 1860, and afterwards he was a prominent member of the Joint Committee of House and Senate that investigated the conduct of the War up to 1865. After the death of President Lincoln, President Andrew Johnson sent Mr. Covode to the South to aid in the work of Reconstruction of the seceded States; but, finding that his views on Reconstruction differed with those of the President, he requested to be recalled to Washington to resume his labors in the House. He served in all twelve years in Congress, being the first time elected as an Anti-Mason candidate to the 34th Congress in 1854. He declined re-election to the 42nd Congress in 1874 because he disagreed with the policies of President Grant, though he cherished Grant's friendship as he had that of Lincoln and Johnson before; but by refusing re-election he exemplified as always the inflexible "Covode attitude" --to espouse the cause of right irrespective of after-consequences or "subsequent events." After his resignation from the mission to the South upon which President Johnson had sent him Mr. Covode notwithstanding, accompanied the belligerent President on the spectacular tour through the North and West, which made a stop at Johnstown, where the station platform collapsed with disastrous results immediately after Mr. Covode had introduced President Johnson to the great out-door audience there assembled.

Illustrating the confidence of the plain people in "Honest John," an incident is related of one of his constituents, who on learning that the Civil War had actually begun, exclaimed:—"O, that is too bad; this war must be stopped; where is John Covode?"

Such a grand, true character could not exist in American public life today. He would be snuffed off the stage by the flaming breath of intolerant fanaticism.

Mrs. Ruppel was the third daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lydia Griffith Covode, of Jenner township. For many years Doctor Covode was the only physician in Northwestern Somerset County, where he enjoyed an extensive and an eminently successful practice. Having first received a good academic education, he studied medicine in the office of Dr. George B. Fundenburg in Pittsburgh and graduated from the Pennsylvania Medical College in Philadelphia in 1849, he was thoroughly well equipped for such a brilliant career in his chosen profession as his success therein so abundantly demonstrated.

Besides Mrs. Ruppel, five other children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Covode only two of whom survive Mrs. Ruppel, namely, Mrs. Margaret Griffith of Johnstown and Mrs. Bertha Caffin of Sewickley; those previously deceased having been: Lillie, Anna C. (Hill), and Robert G. Covode.

Through her mother, Lydia Griffith, daughter of Samuel Griffith, Mrs. Ruppel was a direct descendant of Michael Hillegas, first United States Treasurer. But Mrs. Ruppel lived not in the fabled past, but in the throbbing present. Her honored lineage was her heritage and patrimony, but these served only to emphasize her modesty, her graciousness, and the noble generosity of her nature.

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Somerset, Pa., May 27, 19____. -- A very large number of people attended the funeral services for Mrs. Minerva W. (Covode) Ruppel, widow of former President Judge William H. Ruppel, who died at her East-Main street home at 11 o'clock Monday night.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. I. Hess Wagner, pastor, with burial in Union cemetery.

The following excerpt is noted from the NATIONAL CYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY, vol. II, page_____:

"Michael Hillegas, merchant, was born in Philadelphia in 1728, a son of Michael Hillegas who came to America from Germany. He became interested in a sugar refinery, was active in municipal affairs, and after serving as Treasurer of the Committee of Safety of which Benjamin Franklin was President in 1774, was appointed by the Continental Congress as Treasurer of the United States in 1775. This office he held until 1789. He was empowered by the General Assembly in 1781 to revise and publish the resolves of the Committee of the Province of Pennsylvania and the proceedings of the Provincial Conference of Committees held in Carpenters' Hall in 1776, the Declaration of Independence, etc. This volume he published in 1782. He died in Philadelphia, September 29, 1794."

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HISTORY OF BEDFORD, SOMERSET AND FULTON COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA (1884)

JOSEPH COVODE, M. D. (Portrait, Facing Page 430)

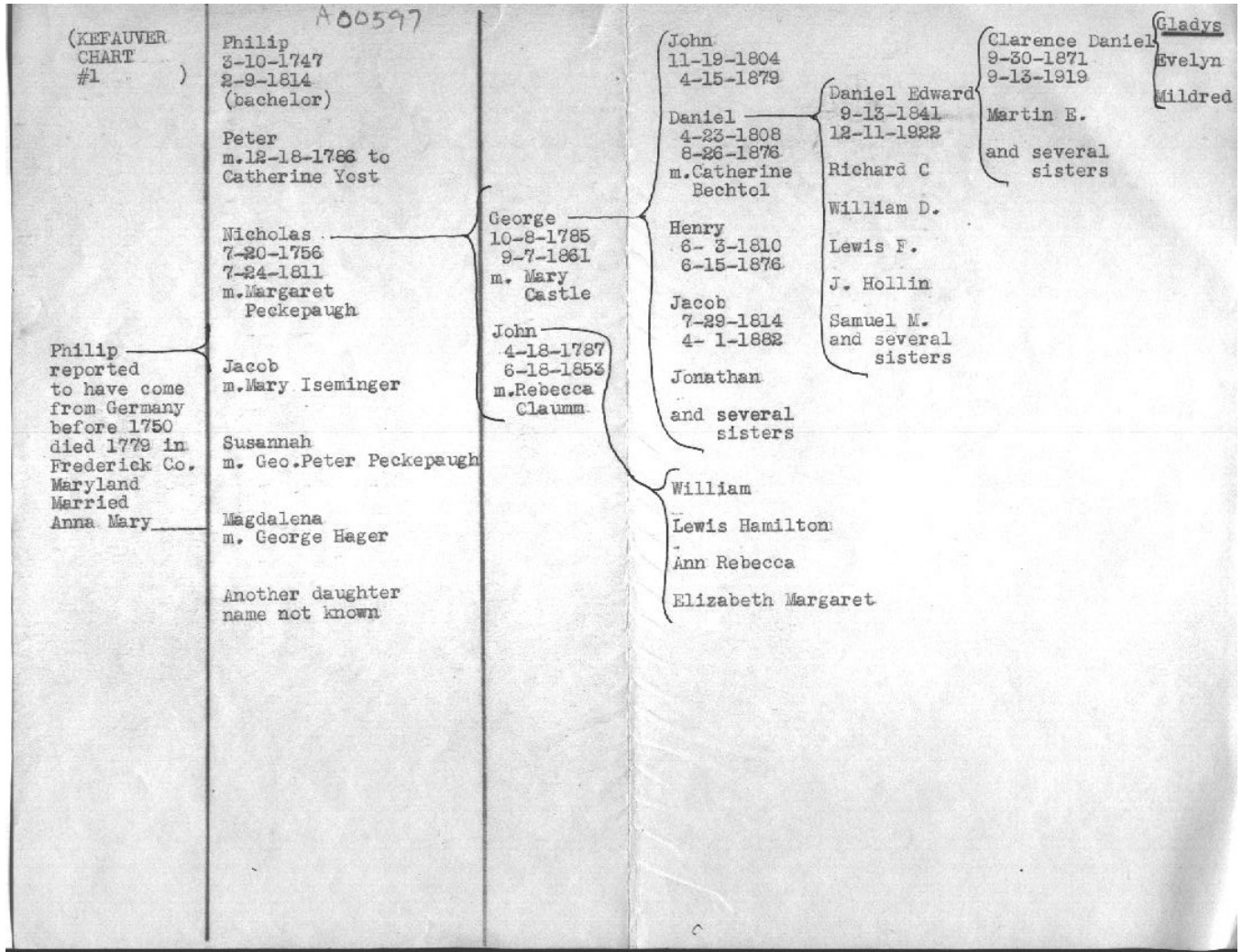
Dr. Covode, one of the oldest practicing physicians in the County of Somerset, was born in Ligonier valley, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1822. Garrett Covode, the progenitor of the family, was a native of Amsterdam, Holland. When a child he was kidnapped in the streets of his native city by a sea-captain, who brought him to Philadelphia and under a then existing law sold him into bondage as a "redemptionner," in which condition he was held for some years after arriving at manhood, and was employed as a domestic servant in the household of Gen. Washington. After the completion of his term of servitude he went to York County, and from thence to Westmoreland, where he resided until his decease, which occurred in 1826, at the advanced age of 94 years. During the War of the Revolution he served his adopted country, but in what capacity or for what length of time is not known. The name of Garrett Covode does not necessarily represent that of the Hollandish family from which he was born, as it was coined or originated by the sea-captain who stole him, and by him conferred upon the boy.

He reared a family of four children. Jacob, the only son, was born in York County, and grew to manhood in Westmoreland County. He was a pioneer in all that the name implies. He died at the age of 82. He married Anna Updegraff. She was a Quakeress, and it is among the traditions of her family that two of her ancestors, uncles, together with a person named Wood, prepared and published a protest against the decision of William Penn, recognizing the validity of negro slavery. This protest is said to be the first anti-slavery manifesto published in this country. To them were born seven children, four sons and three daughters: Mary, John, Jacob, Susan, George W., Anna, and Joseph. John Covode, extensively known as one of the most prominent and able men in the commonwealth, was for many years member of Congress. He led an active and useful life, and died in Westmoreland.

Joseph Covode was reared on the farm of his father. He received an academical education, and at the age of 22 years began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. George B. Fundenberg, of Pittsburgh, graduating at the Pennsylvania Medical College at Philadelphia in 1849. Shortly after he came to Jenner Cross Roads, where for 34 years he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession. For many years he was the only physician in the Northwest portion of the county, his practice extending from near Johnstown, on the North, to near Somerset, a distance of 20 miles. But few practitioners have led a more active and useful life than Dr. Covode, or have attained a greater degree of success in the practice, and none have secured a larger portion of public esteem. He possesses the essential qualities of the successful physician --firmness and compassion blended with kindness and discretion.

In 1853 the Doctor was married to Miss Lydia Griffith, daughter of Samuel Griffith, Esq., of Jenner. The Griffith family is one of the oldest and most prominent families in this section of the county. Six children have been born to them: Lillie Covode (deceased), Anna Cora (Covode) Hill, Minerva W. Covode, Robert G. Covode, Margaret Covode, and Bertie K. Covode.

Kefauver Chart #1 [A00597]



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KEFAUVER
(KEEFOBER)
CHART —
FREDERICK
COUNTY
MARYLAND

Philip (1st),
reported
to have come
from Germany
before 1750
Died 1779 in
Frederick Co.
Maryland
Married
Anna Mary
(her surname
not known)
Will made on
Dec. 27, 1778
—shows that
he had 7
children
His grave not
located

*Philip
3-10-1747
2-9-1814
(bachelor)

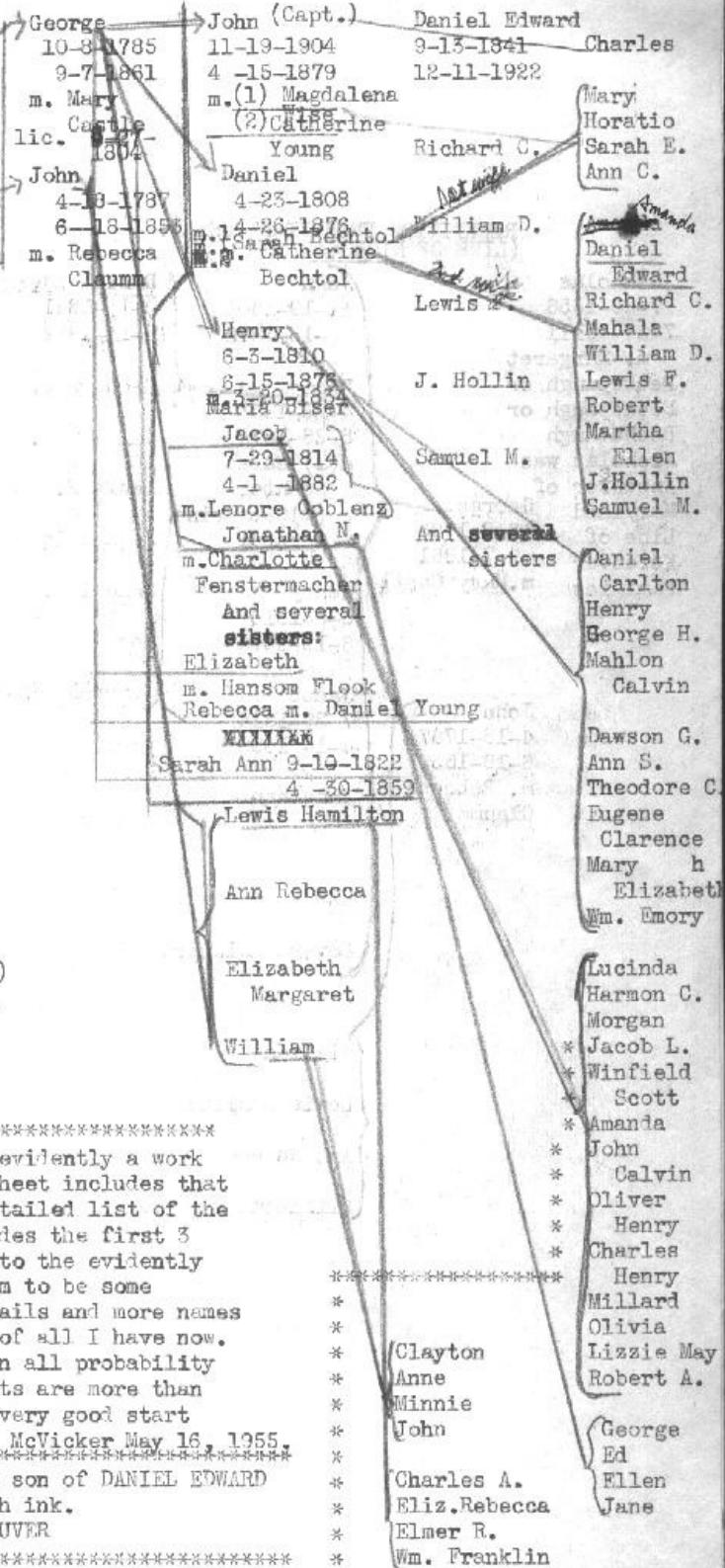
Peter
m. 12-18-1789
Catherine Yost
Peter moved to Va.
Nicholas
7-20-1756
7-24-1811
m. Margaret
Peckebaugh
license 4-15-1784
Nicholas was
ancestor of the
Maryland
Families

Jacob
m. Mary
Iseminger
license 7-25-1783
Moved to
Fayette Co.
Pennsylvania

Susannah
m. George Peter
Peckebaugh
or Peckebaugh
m. 12-15-1784

Magdalene
m. George Hager
12-3-1781

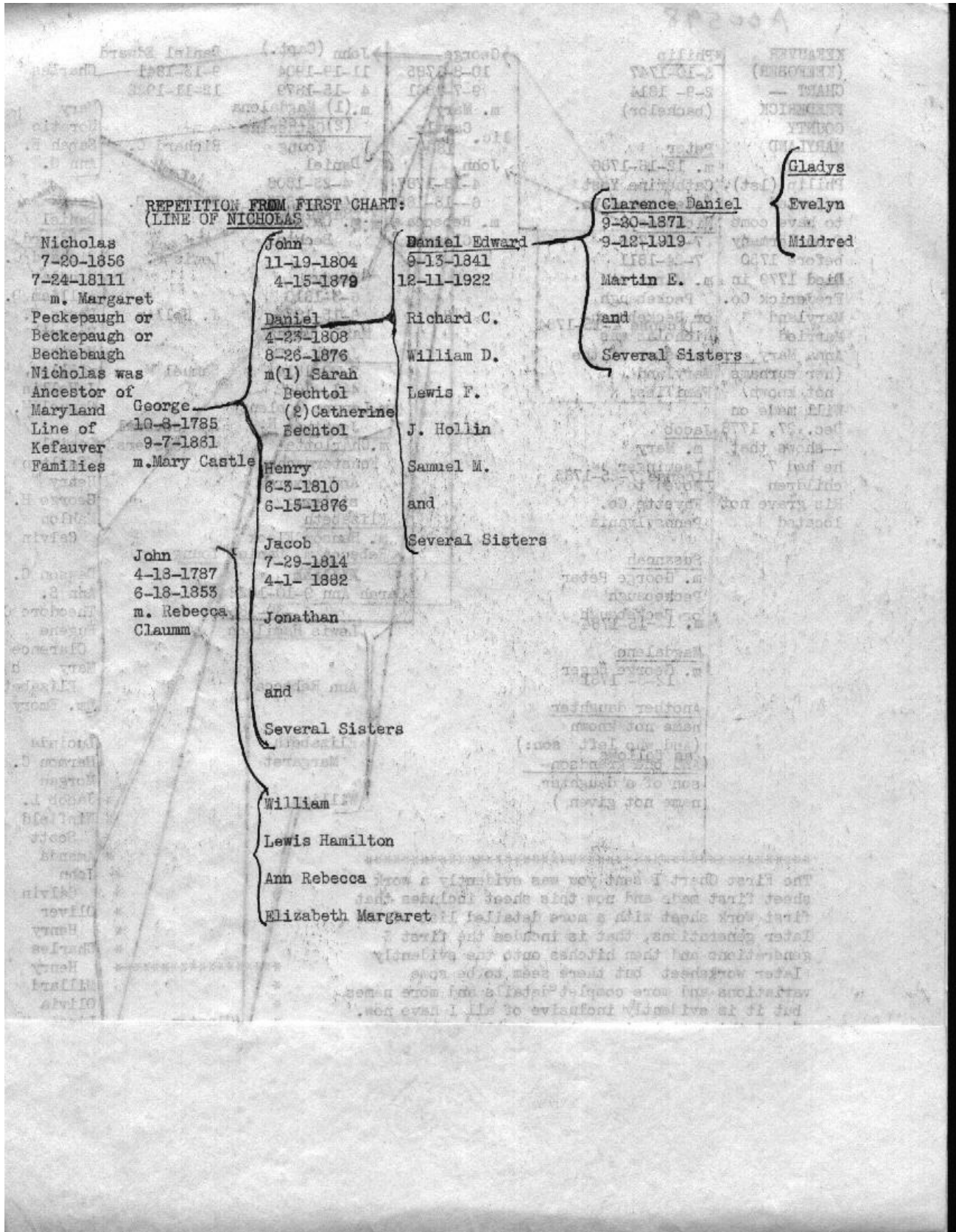
Another daughter
name not known
(And who left son:
see follows
(And one grandson—
son of a daughter
name not given)



The First Chart I sent you was evidently a work
sheet first made and now this sheet includes that
first work sheet with a more detailed list of the
later generations, that is includes the first 3
generations and then hitches onto the evidently
later worksheet but there seem to be some
variations and more complete details and more names
but it is evidently inclusive of all I have now.
But I think it is incomplete in all probability
and especially since both charts are more than
20 years old. But it is a very good start
as Genealogy goes. James R. McVicker May 16, 1955.

My father was CLARENCE DANIEL son of DANIEL EDWARD
whose name is underscored with ink.
GLADYS A. KEFAUVER

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