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EDITOR'S EDGE

Dear Sears Family:

Thank you for continuing to support this project. This newsletter is late but it is primarily due to an address change! You may notice at the Masthead that we now live in Osterville on Cape Cod. A wonderful sequence of events led to the move and we continue to be blessed.

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I have done quite a bit of work documenting the Tombstones at the Ancient Sears Cemetery in West Brewster and also in pinning down locations of other cemeteries on the Cape. There is no end to the wealth of information that I should be able to uncover here in the various libraries. This includes old maps with homes located on them and new glimpses into the various works in progress by other Cape genealogists. I will continue to try to expand the information stored in our database of both Cape Cod and other Sears families throughout the country.

I was privileged on my 2,000 mile drive from Oklahoma to the Cape to stay overnight with the Community of the Holy Spirit in Brewster, NY. The name of the town is not a coincidence as many Cape families settled there in the 1700s. One of these was Benjamin Sears and the Sisters of this community have restored the house that Benjamin built in 1747. Sister Penelope Mary also has done a lot of Sears research in the process of learning about the history of the house. You will find enclosed a wonderful personal history by Margaret Eliza Sears which gives you a glimpse into the life of a Sears farm family in the mid 1800s. Maybe this will encourage you to write your own personal history. We recently learned at a meeting of the Cape Cod Genealogy Society that nobody's life is boring. We are all so different that we don't realize the interest that other family members may someday have in the things we consider hum-drum.

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History of the Sears Family of Danbury, Conn

By Margaret Eliza Sears
b. 1831 - d. 1915

You have asked me to write my autobiography. I do not think it is so much my own life that you wish as it is a history of our family and since I am the last of my generation perhaps I can give you some facts which you can get from no other source, though much that I may write is contained in the Sears Genealogy published in 1890 by Samuel P May of Newton, MA.

You would doubtless like to know of our ancestors as far back as we can trace them, especially those who first came to America.

Brother Herman's wife, Almira, as early as 1870, took great interest in tracing the Sears ancestors, but much that she gathered from various sources and believed to be true proves on thorough investigation to be unreliable.

Rev. Edmund Sears of Boston published in 1857 a book called "Pictures of the Olden Time", to which was appended what purported to be a correct record of the ancestors of our family. These "Pictures" could then be relied on as authentic, make interesting reading for Sears descendants but more thorough researches prove them to be largely figments of the imagination or traditions that have grown by repeated recitals.

In 1883 Mr Samuel P May of Newton, Mass., a gentleman whose health had been impaired by too close application to business, in order to employ his mind during the

time of enforced idleness and to gratify his wife and children, undertook to trace her ancestry, - she was born a Sears. Others of the same name, on learning of his intention, having confidence in his ability to prosecute such a work with due thoroughness and accuracy, urged him to enter more extensively into the history of the family.

His book was published in 1890. He spent seven years in investigating the reliability of the statements of Rev E. H. Sears, in searching ancient records in this country and in England, and in corresponding with members of the Sears family wherever he could find those who were sufficiently interested to furnish him with any information they possessed. I corresponded with him six years, tracing as far back as I could our branch of the family.

Mr May's researches failed to substantiate much that Rev E. H. Sears had published, in fact, they disproved the latter's statements as to the original Richard Sears, the first who came to America. That he was English there is no doubt, but that he belonged to the Colchester family of Searses could not be proved. But Richard Sears, or Sayer, came from England to Massachusetts about 1632, first settling at Plymouth, then crossing to Marblehead, 1637-1638. As many of the settlers at Marblehead came from the Channel Islands, Guernsey and Jersey, Mr May thinks Richard Sears might have come from one of them.

Early in 1639 Richard Sears crossed with others over to Cape Cod and settled on a tract of land which they named Yarmouth. Here he lived till his death in 1676.

Our branch of the family is descended from Silas, the second son of Richard. He died in Yarmouth in 1697-8, aged about 60, leaving a wife, four sons and three daughters.

Silas Sears, 2d, married Sarah Crosby of Yarmouth, and by her had eight children. His seventh child, James, continues our branch of the family. He was born at Yarmouth, Mass., Mar 30, 1704. He married there Desire Tobey in 1730. She died on Federal - more commonly called Joe's Hill, Conn., July 28, 1781, aged about 74. James died at the same place, Mar 17, 1791, aged 87 nearly.

Just when James Sears and his family left Yarmouth is uncertain, as is also the time of their settling on Federal Hill, since the burning of his house in 1793 destroyed most of the family papers. His first four, possibly five, children were born at Yarmouth, Mass. The fourth, Seth, was born Oct 31, 1736.

Cousin Oscar Weed had a deed conveying 52 acres in the town of Windham, Conn, from Robert Hibbard, Jr and Ruth his wife to James Sears, late of Yarmouth, Mass., the consideration being 275 pounds, the date, July 10, 1739. Their fifth child, Knowles, was born in 1738, but whether at Yarmouth or Windham is unknown.

The family probably removed to Federal Hill, in the northwestern part of the town of Ridgefield, (it is now a part of the town of Danbury) about 1740-1745. The name of James Sears appears in the tax lists of Ridgefield in 1746. Four of his younger children, if not more, must have been born on Federal Hill. Certainly the youngest, my grandfather, Comfort Sears, was born there March 20, 1751.

James Sears bought from the government a large tract of land, 1000 acres or more, partly in New York state, but mostly in Connecticut. As was common in those days he built his house on a hill, near the top of Federal Hill and near the boundary line between New York and Connecticut, but in the latter state. Most of the land was rough and covered with timber, as it is to this day. But James Sears reared here a family of ten children, six of them being boys. All married and raised families of their own, some settling within a few miles of their father's home and others going far away.

James Sears was one of the organizers of the Congregational Church of Ridgebury, the northern society of Ridgefield, in 1769. That he was a strict observer of the Sabbath is shown by an incident handed down in the family tradition. At that time wild turkeys were plentiful in the country. One Sabbath morning he was told that a flock of them were destroying his corn. He seized his gun and started out to shoot them, but remembering it was the Sabbath he returned and put up his gun, remarking, "You did not get me that time, Mr Devil!"

After the death of his wife, Desire (Tobey) Sears in 1781, James Sears lived with his son Comfort on the family homestead until his death in 1791.

Their eldest son, David, settled at Lenox, Mass. and raised a large family, having 11 children. During the Revolution he espoused the cause of England, as did his brother Knowles, the fifth child. James, the fifth son, settled in Canada, but not till after the war. He lived at Lenox, Mass. and joined a Massachusetts regiment. His brother Thomas, who settled in South East, fought in a New York regiment, becoming a captain in the army. He had 9 children, one of whom married Ezra Young and had 11 children, one of these being Thomas Sears Young, who died at Lakewood, New Jersey, April 3, 1904, nearly 91 years old.

Comfort Sears, the youngest child of James and Desire Sears, was born on Federal Hill, or, as more often called, Joe's Hill, March 20, 1751. He married Eunice Crane, - daughter of Judge Joseph Crane (Of South East, N.Y.), from whom Joe's Hill derived its name, - Dec 18, 1777. She was born in South East, Nov 29, 1754.

Comfort and his wife began housekeeping either in the house with his parents or in a house of his father's nearby on the farm. After his mother's death in 1781, Comfort and his wife lived in his father's house, the latter dying in 1791. They raised a family of 10 children, three boys and seven girls, all living to marry and have children of their own.

After his father's death Comfort Sears came into possession of a large part of the former's farm. His opportunities for education had been very limited and wishing to give his children a better chance, he built a schoolhouse on his grounds and his neighbors were glad to join him in hiring a teacher for all the children nearby.

During a cold night in February, 1793, the schoolhouse took fire and burned to the ground. The dwelling house was also burned. Two men driving by discovered the fire, aroused the family and helped to rescue them from the flames. In getting a barrel of pork out of the cellar, Comfort injured one of his feet, an injury which caused his death from gangrene thirty-four years later.

How much of the furniture was saved we do not know. Most of the family papers were destroyed by the fire, a loss greatly regretted by the Sears descendants.

A new house was built on the same site but the schoolhouse was not rebuilt, as a public school was then opened at Mill Plain, a village down the hill, a mile and a half east of them. There the children were sent thenceforth for their schooling.

Comfort Sears never united with the church but was a scrupulously honest man in all his dealings, strict in his observance of the Sabbath and kindly and generous to those in need. He had however a quick temper, which sometimes made him harsh in punishing his children, for which he later grieved. His wife was of milder disposition and often soothed the hurts his hasty words had caused.

Comfort Sears did not enter the army during the Revolutionary War but sent a substitute. As the only son left with his parents, who were then past seventy, he was needed at home.

He lived at the old homestead all his more than seventy-six years. He died Dec. 24, 1827.

Comfort's daughter Eunice, born Feb. 4, 1784, married James Weed of South East, Dec 18, 1810. During the early part of 1814 a malignant fever prevailed in that section and was in many cases fatal. Neighbor[s] had to assist one another in caring for the sick. James Weed in help[ing] care for others took the disease and died of it May 8, 1814, leaving his wife a widow with a son not quite a year and a half old. A second son was born four months after the husband's death, on Sept 8, 1814. These two sons were Joseph Oscar and James Orville, Weed.

After Eunice Weed had lost her husband, her father, Comfort Sears built a small house for her just west of his a garden, where she could [live] under her parents' care and protection.

Eunice Crane Sears, the widow of Comfort, who died in 1827, remained at the homestead living with her son, Joseph Crane Sears, who came to live with her after his father's death, but when in 1836 he bought his older brother James's farm in Mill Plain and moved there, Eunice Sears Weed and her younger son, James Orville, left the house her father had built her nearby and came to live with her mother at the homestead. To Eunice Weed's house, now vacant, came her older son, Joseph Oscar Weed, who had married in 1837, with his wife. Here two children were born to them, George Elmore and Mary Frances, Weed.

Eunice Crane Sears, widow of Comfort, died Jan. 23, 1839, aged 84.

I think it unnecessary to trace all the children's families descended from Comfort and Eunice Crane Sears, but will mention them briefly where they have not been connected intimately with our own family.

Their oldest child, Thirza, born on Joe's Hill, Ridgefield, Conn., as were all their children, was born on March 22, 1779, and married Oct. 24, 1796, William Sears of South East, N.Y., a descendant of Richard Sears through another line. They settled at Neversink, Sullivan Co., N.Y., where they raised a family of twelve children, eight boys and four girls. William Sears died at Neversink in 1864 in his 89th year. Thirza, his wife, had died there in 1861, almost 82 years old.

The second child of Comfort and Eunice was Esther, born 1780 and married to Jeremiah Griffith 1799. She died in 1811, leaving four children.

The third child was Desire, born 1782, married 1815 to Czar Benedict of Danbury, Conn., but they removed to Madison Co., N.Y., where they lived henceforth. She died in 1854. Of her four children, only one, Edwin, lived to maturity. He and his mother visited at my father's a few times when I was a child. I visited Edwin at Hamilton, N.Y., and when he lived at Clinton. Sister Henrietta went to Hamilton with me once. Edwin died at Utica, N.Y., not far from 80 years old. He left one son, an only child, who lives at Hamilton, married but has no children, only an adopted daughter.

The fourth child of Comfort and Eunice Sears was Eunice, who married James Weed of South East, as before mentioned. She lived in the house near her father's till her children were grown to manhood. Her older son, Oscar, learned the saddler's trade with George Keeler in the village of Ridgefield. Later he worked at his trade in Norwalk, Conn., where he met and later married Ann Eliza Quintard, in 1837.

Not long after the marriage they came to his mother's house to live as she and her younger son, James Orville Weed, had moved into the old homestead with her mother, Eunice Sears, when her brother, Joseph Crane Sears, moved to Mill Plain in 1836. Oscar and Eliza Weed had two children, George Elmore, born Oct 3, 1839, and Mary Frances, born

Oct 7, 1842. The latter married Daniel R Sears of South East, Dec 19, 1872. They live at Brewster, NY - have no children. Eunice's older son, Joseph Oscar Weed, lived on his farm till 1861, when he sold to an Irishman.

James Weed married his second cousin, Sarah E Crane of South East, in 1843. They lived in the homestead with his mother, Eunice Sears Weed, -her mother, Eunice Crane Sears, having died in 1839.

Eunice Weed was a woman of pronounced individuality even for those days. She chose to have her own table, keep her own cow, and be independant as far as possible. She loved to walk, calling on her neighbors, always with her knitting. One day while walking to a neighbor's a quarter of a mile distant and knitting as she went, she unconsciously dropped her ball some time before reaching the place and had to retrace her steps guided by the yarn till she came on the ball.

Eunice frequently walked the nearly two miles to spend the day at Joseph Crane Sears's farm down at Mill Plain, walking home at night in time to milk her cow. She would visit also another brother at Mill Plain, Lewis Sears, a farmer, adjoining Joseph on the south.

While milking her cow the morning of July 7, 1858, Eunice Weed was stricken with apoplexy. Her son James, going out soon after her, saw her leaning against her cow in a peculiar [manner], went to her and found her unconscious. With the help of his wife he carried her in the house and laid her on her bed. She spoke but once, saying, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly." She died the following day, July 8, 1858.

Aunt Eunice had some peculiar traits but we all loved to see her come. She was fond of musical sounds, Brother Elmore's violin playing pleasing her especially, but she could scarcely distinguish one tune from another.

When we could have one of the horses we would take her up the long hill home at night, - if she would let us. Frequently she insisted on walking.

Her son, James Orville Weed, lived at his grandfather Comfort's old homestead till his death in March 1891. The following year his widow, Sarah, sold the farm and the old home, which had been in the family over 150 years, passed into the hands of strangers, since none of the descendants was in a position to buy it, though many of them were fond of the old place and loved to revisit it.

The fifth child of Comfort and Eunice Sears was Camilla, born in 1786. She married Elijah Crosby of South East, July 4, 1810. They removed to Western New York, where she died in 1815, aged 29, and leaving no children.

The sixth child but the first son of Comfort and Eunice Sears was James, born Nov. 10, 1788. He lived on his father's farm till he was 21 years old, marrying before he was 20, Deborah Crosby of South East, sister of Elijah above, the husband of Camilla Sears Crosby. James and Deborah began housekeeping in a house of his father's only a short distance away. In that house his first child was born, George Belden Sears. When James became of age he bought a farm in Mill Plain, two miles east of his father's, at the foot of Joe's Hill. Four more children were born to him at Mill Plain, -Gould Boughton, April 18, 1811; Camilla Maria, August 9, 1816; Eliza Ann, May 13, 1823; and Clark Crosby, Oct 23, 1827.

In 1836 James sold his farm to his brother, Joseph Crane Sears, and moved with his two younger children to Orleans in Ontario co, N.Y. His three older children had married but followed their father a few years later "Out West", - that part of New York State was considered far west at that time in Connecticut.

Here James Sears became a prosperous farmer, honored and respected by his neighbors and taking an active

part in church work. After a few years he sold his farm in Orleans and bought another place at Seneca Castle in the same county, doing his own work and picking his apples the fall preceding his death.

His wife, Deborah, had died at Phelps, N.Y., Feb 3, 1849. Several years later he married a second time, - Mrs. Charity Hopkins, a widow. She died in 1883.

George Belden Sears, eldest son of James and Deborah, grew to manhood in Mill Plain. He was of studious habits and prepared himself for teaching, which became his life's work. He began at fifteen years of[missing page 10-13]

...successful, having established in a large practice in Newark and surrounding towns.

In September, 1906 he married Catherine Mead of Newark. His mother being an invalid, confined to bed or chair, he brought his wife to father's home and the young people became the housekeepers, his parents living with them.

Henry Francis Twitchell, 3d son is a graduate of Rutgers College New Brunswick, N.J. His taste for study led to his becoming a teacher and he is head master of an academy at Short Hills, N.J. He married Miss Leslie Wells of Short Hills in 1902. They have a son John born in Oct 1903 and a son David born in 1906. All these Twitchell boys are as fond of music as were their parents, Adelbert B and Marietta.

Clark Crosby Sears, youngest child of James and Deborah, born at Mill Plain, Conn., Oct 23, 1827, married Harriet E Warner at Phelps, N.Y., 1852, and removed to Quincy, Mich. about 1860 or 61.

They have four children:-

I Chas. Sumner Sears, b. at Seneca, N.Y., 1853,- is a physician at Quincy, Mich.

II Florence Sears, b. at Clifton Springs N.Y., m. Miles D Campbell, a lawyer. They have no children.

III Helen D Sears, b. at Seneca Castle, N.Y., Dec 18, 1859, m. Sereno Mansell at Quincy, Mich. 1883. Has daughter Ruth.

IV George W Sears, b. at Quincy, Mich., 1863

Joseph Crane Sears, second son but eighth child of Comfort and Eunice Crane Sears, was born Dec 18, 1792, in the house which his grandfather, James Sears, built when he first came to Federal Hill, 1740-45. This house was burned in Feb 1893, and many records of the family were destroyed. His father, Comfort Sears, rebuilt on the same spot but did not rebuild the school house, in which the fire started, as by that time there was a public school in the village of Mill Plain, a mile and a half from his home and there his children went for their education.

Joseph C Sears remained at home working on his father's farm till his marriage, Oct 26, 1814, to Patty M Barnum, who was born in South East Dec 9, 1793. They began housekeeping in a house of his father's standing on the boundary line between New York and Connecticut. In this house his oldest child, Herman Barnum Sears, was born Nov 11, 1815. The mother died three days later. The babe was taken by his mother's sister, Mercy Barnum, who kept him till his father married again, Feb 22, 1818.

During this interval Joseph Sears, desiring a better education, availed himself of the instruction of Mr Russell Miner, who conducted a private school for boys at South East to fit them for college. After a course of study with Mr Miner Joseph taught school for some time.

Joseph Sears's second wife was Mary Ann Brush, who was born in South East Jan 3, 1796. Her grandfather, Jacob Brush, lived at Huntington, L.I., previous to and during the Revolutionary War. The family came from England originally but I do not know when. They must have come in

the early part of the 18th Century or in the later part of the 17th.

The Brush family had a fine property on Long Island but suffered so much from the depredations of the British soldiers and from the lawless element during the war that Jacob Brush left his property and with his family crossed the Sound to Norwalk, Conn but did not settle there. He purchased a large tract of land in New York State, just across the line from Connecticut, in the southern part of the town of South East, a pleasant valley having Joe's Hill on the north and another range south, with a branch of the Croton River flowing through it into the East Branch.

Some of Jacob Brush's sons were in the American Army. One, Zopher Brush, fell into the hands of the British and was imprisoned on the warship off Brooklyn. Learning that he was to be shot in a few days, he feigned sickness and was allowed on deck. He thus had a chance to drop overboard at dusk and escaped with a friend. By walking nights and hiding days they at last reached Huntington, L.I. Here they were given a chance to rest up and were provided with new clothing. Zopher crossed L.I. Sound in a rowboat to Connecticut and rejoined the army. His companion on reaching Huntington came down with a fever, which kept him there six weeks.

John Brush, the youngest son of Jacob, was born in 1761 and was too young to join the army. When old enough to take a wife he went to Huntington to get one. Experience Platt, one of a large family, was his choice. Her brothers had been in the American Army. One was captured by the British and confined in the old Sugar House of New York, where the prisoners suffered many hardships, especially from hunger. His sister Phebe learning of his hard lot, filled a basket with food and walked from Huntington to New York, a distance of 50 miles or more, to relieve him. When she went to the prison she was refused admittance. She went to the Governor and by her persistence was at last let in.

John lost his wife, Experience Platt, who was born at Huntington July 24, 1764, married Nov 25, 1785 and died Jan 15, 1788, leaving a daughter named for herself, Experience, 13 months old. This child became in time the wife of Anson Crane, first cousin to Joseph Crane Sears.

John Brush went again to Huntington for a wife, choosing the second time Mary Platt, a sister of his first wife. She was born June 14, 1768, married Oct 19, 1788, and died Nov 13, 1800.

She had five children:-the first two died young.

I John Platt Brush, b. Jan 7, 1793, m. Polly Brush 1819. d. July 8 1869. They had 4 children, Mary A, Abner, Lucy, and Jacob.

II Mary Ann Brush, b. Jan 3, 1796, m. Joseph Crane Sears Feb 22, 1818, d. Dec 13, 1872

III Jacob Brush, b. Apr 18, 1798, d. Jul 8, 1819

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Soon after Joseph Crane Sears and Mary Ann Brush were married they began housekeeping in the same house of his father's on the boundary line between New York and Connecticut where he had lived with his first wife. They could not have lived there long, perhaps one or two years, for in March, 1821, they were living at De Forest Corners, where their oldest daughter, Martha M, was born on March 5th. Joseph Sears was then a partner with Benjamin De Forest in conducting a general country store. Here too their second child, Jacob Brush Sears, was born. How long Joseph C Sears continued in mercantile business I have no means of determining, but after leaving that he returned to farming on a farm located on Gage Street, originally a part of the tract which his grandfather purchased from the government. It is in

South East, N.Y. and here their third child, Alonzo Elmore, was born Oct 3, 1825 (was 35).

Joseph Sears, after the death of his father, Comfort Sears in the spring of 1828, went to live with his mother on the old homestead. His youngest sister, Polly, was the only child left with her mother. She married Nehemiah Perry, Oct 22, 1831, and they commenced housekeeping in the south part of the town of Patterson, N.Y. They had one child, Mary.

It was on the old homestead that the three younger children of Joseph and Mary A Sears were born, Esther Camilla, August 21, 1829; Margaret Eliza, August 27, 1831; and Henrietta Louisa, March 31, 1835.

While living in South East the family attended the Presbyterian church in the north part of the town and continued to do so until they moved to Mill Plain in 1836. Joseph Sears was always interested in affairs of church and town. In 1826 he was one of the committee to raise money to pay the pastor's salary in the N. Presbyterian church of South East. In Feb 1829 he was a delegate to represent this church at Presbytery. In the fall of 1834 he was elected to represent his town, Ridgefield, in the Legislature at Hartford. It was during his absence at Hartford that his youngest child was born March 31, 1835. His landlady asked the privilege of naming the baby, which was granted, and she was called Henrietta Louisa.

During the summer of 1834 Mr and Mrs Sears, taking with them Camilla, then in her fifth year, visited his sister Thirza, wife of William Sears, living at Neversink, Sullivan co, N.Y. They went by their own conveyance, as it was the only way of making such a trip at that time, and carried their own provisions in a small wooden chest, stopping at country taverns and hospitable farm homes as night overtook them. They crossed the Hudson on a flat-bottomed rope ferry. That was a great journey for those days, taking more time to accomplish than it now does to cross the continent.

In the spring of 1836, having purchased the farm of his brother James at Mill Plain, Joseph Sears moved his family there. The farm contained 130 acres, lying in the valley at the foot of Joe's Hill, two miles east of the old homestead. It consisted mostly of arable and grazing land with very little woodland. But he retained 70 acres or more of land on the hill which he inherited from his father. That was mostly grazing and woodland whence he obtained his fuel. Coal was not yet in use through the country at that time.

In the village of Mill Plain, scarcely half a mile from his home was a public school which his children attended.

Adjoining the farm of my father, Joseph Sears, on the south his younger brother Lewis owned a farm. He had married Sarah Crosby, a sister to Deborah, wife of his brother James. They had four children, three boys and one girl, whose ages were near those of the four younger children of Joseph C. and Mary A Sears.

Lewis Sears had only a common school education but was a thoughtful reader of good books. He was unusually fluent and correct in speaking on any subject which had engaged his attention. He studied the Bible carefully and taught it in Sunday school to attentive listeners. He was faithful in attendance at prayer meetings and his remarks there showed great thoughtfulness. He held the office of deacon many years up to the time of his death, Nov 10, 1868.

In the village lived also Mr and Mrs Elias Burchard with a family of children (two boys and two girls) whose ages corresponded to those of the Sears children. Mr Burchard kept a store a short distance from the school, and in it was the post-office. He too was a deacon of the church and was also a Justice of the Peace. In that quiet village there were few disturbances for him to settle.

These three families were leaders in all the public enterprises of the village and they were careful to secure good teachers for the school, which was a large one. They established a circulating library and filled it with valuable books, only a small number of which were fiction. How well it was patronized I do not know but I do know that my brother Brush derived great pleasure and benefit from it. It was established in the early 40's.

Here in Mill Plain we children grew up amid healthful surroundings, enjoying the pleasures of a country village and sharing the labors of a life on a farm. Our parents were of that [page 20]genial nature which takes pleasure in promoting the happiness of others and attracts the young, so our home was often enlivened by the presence of the young people of the neighborhood, some of them bringing their musical instruments, violins, flutes and clarinets, and our impromptu concerts were very enjoyable.

Brother Herman had gone to New York to learn the jeweler's trade in 1830, before my birth, so he was not with us except on his occasional vacations.

On moving to Mill Plain in 1836 my parents changed their church connections from the Presbyterian church in South East, N.Y. to the Congregational church in Ridgebury, the northern parish in the town of Ridgefield, Conn., it being less than half the distance away, namely, three miles. The pastor was then Rev Nathan Burton, a fine old man, with peculiarities in preaching. About 1839 or 40 he was succeeded by a younger man, Rev Z B Burr. Not far from that date the old church was remodeled and a parsonage built, where the young minister and his wife began housekeeping. They never had any children of their own. I shall have occasion to mention them again.

Here in the Ridgebury Congregational church I first attended Sunday school, having Mrs Burchard or Mrs Nathan Bennett for teacher. It took all of Sunday to drive three miles to attend two preaching services, with Sunday school between them, and then drive home again. But there were few Sabbaths on which there was not a wagon load of us to go.

In October 1838, brother Elmore met with a serious accident. He, with brother Bush and a hired helper, had been picking corn in a field at some distance from the house and they were returning at noon with an oxcart loaded with corn. Elmore and the hired man were riding on the corn while Brush drove the team walking beside the [page 21] oxen, in their passing over some inequality of the road the corn slid, throwing Elmore off in front of one of the wheels, which the heavy cart pushed over his body nearly crushing the life out of him. The others picked him up and carried him home as soon as possible. The news spread at once through the village and many came to inquire and offer assistance, among them a quack doctor who happened to be at Mill Plain, - one known as a "natural bonesetter". He examined Elmore and said there was no bone broken, the bones, the short ribs having bent under the pressure without breaking. The boy was only thirteen years old and the bones had not become hard and brittle like those of an older person.

How well I remember the anguish of my parents as they watched at his bedside all the afternoon and all night praying that he might be spared to them. Many of the neighbors shared their vigil. I was only a small child just past seven, but I can never forget that night.

When the regular doctor came he bled Elmore as was the custom of those days. This he repeated from time to time as he visited the patient. It is not surprising that the boy was a long time in convalescing.

When Elmore became strong enough he would go to one of the two village stores where Dan Seymour worked. Dan played the violin, doing it well. It did not take long for

Elmore to learn to play as Dan was a willing teacher for such an apt pupil and one who had a fine appreciation of harmony. Father bought Elmore an instrument, which proved a source of pleasure for all of us and our friends.

When Father bought the farm at Mill Plain there was an old-fashioned house on it which proved too small for the needs of his [page 22] family as the children grew up, so he made arrangements to build another. His plans were made in 1839 and that fall and the following winter were spent in collecting materials for the house, no small undertaking in those days. The timbers for the frame were cut from his woodland on the hill farm two miles away. There was a great quantity of snow that winter, which made it easier to get the logs down the hill. They were hewed and framed on the ground where the house was to be erected. All the siding, shingles, lath and plaster were drawn by horses from Norwalk, twenty-two miles away. The old house stood 300 ft. back from the street. The new one was built in front of that with spacious grounds around it.

As soon as the frost was out of the ground, in the spring of 1840, the work began in earnest,- digging the cellar, hewing the timbers and framing them, and getting ready for the raising. And what an event the raising was!-not only to us children, but to all the neighborhood and the surrounding country, too, for the "Captain", as Father was familiarly called, was building on a larger scale than any in that section.

When the frame was ready the heavy sills were placed in position on the cellar walls and the different sections were put in an order convenient for lifting into their proper places. The great event was at hand. Invitations to the "raising" had been sent to all the surrounding country and they came, men and boys, in great numbers.

For days Mother had been busy preparing food for all these helpers,-doughnuts by the bushel, cards of gingerbread, cookies and I know not what all,- while cider and probably something stronger, beside coffee, were the liquid refreshments provided.

The day was fine. The boss carpenter understood his business [page 23] and stationed the men where they could do most efficient work. Then he shouted, "All together! heave, ho! heave, ho! Steady there! heave, ho!" So section after section was lifted and placed in position, the rafters were put up and the raising was over, amid cheers and shouting and no accident had marred the day.

All through the summer the work went on and cold weather came before the house was ready for occupancy. Thanksgiving was at hand,- it must be celebrated in the new house. So we moved in tho there were finishing touches still to be put on and the carpenter's work bench still occupied one of the parlors. I remember helping carry little things from the old house to the new.

An important event occurred while we were still in the old house, brother Herman's marriage. This took place Jan 1, 1840. Herman had met his bride, Miss Almira Raymond, at the home of his aunt, Mrs Joshua Barnum, "Aunt Sally", as we called her was a stylish and popular milliner in New York. Her husband was a brother to Herman's mother, a kind-hearted man but somewhat intemperate. Almira was working at millinery with Mrs Barnum and there Herman met her. They were married at the home of her father at Patterson, N.Y.

Herman had then become a manufacturer and, in partnership with Charles Osborn, was making jewelry in Reade St N.Y. He came from the city to Mill Plain and drove from there to Patterson. The weather was very cold and the ground thickly covered with snow. Before reaching his destination he was glad to stop at Uncle Nehemiah Perry's to get warm. Sister Martha and brother Brush were the only ones of our family to attend the wedding.

The following day at evening there was a reception for them at Father's. The old house was filled with guests,- uncles and aunts,[page 24] cousins and friends, many who lived within a few miles and some from New York, came to greet the young couple. And what a beautiful bride she was! How long they stayed I do not remember, but not long I think,- his business demanded his attention and they began keeping house on Reade St, near his factory.

Two apprentice boys boarded with them. One of them came down with the small pox and before the family knew what the disease was they were all exposed to it and in due time Almira came down with it. Alas for that beautiful face! It was sadly marred, but time softened the marks and Almira was still a fine looking woman.

Late in November a little daughter came to cheer them, whom they named Mary Augusta. Not until Jan 26, 1847 did they have another child, a son, whom they named Joseph Raymond, and three years later, Jan 2 1850, another, Charles Elmore.

Nov 5, 1856, the morning after the Presidential election, when James Buchanan defeated John C Fremont, the first Republican candidate for the Presidency, a second daughter came. I was spending that winter with them. Herman came down to breakfast and whispered in my ear, "We have a little Jessie upstairs." Fremont's wife's name was Jessie and the rallying cry during the campaign had been, "Fremont and Jessie", but the child was named Carrie Judson. On the 6th of September, 1860, a third son, Herman B, was born. More of these later.

To return to Father and the family, after we were settled in the new house there remained much to be done removing the old one, grading the grounds, planting trees, etc. Plenty of work out-doors and in the house, and we were all expected to help according to our abilities in all the work of the family. But we had much satisfaction in it all. Both Father and Mother took pleasure in promoting our happiness as far as they could, but we were kept steadily in school. No trifling excuse would be accepted for our remaining at home. But in September, 1842, brother Herman and his wife induced my parents to let them take me to New York with them to spend the winter. Almira and her baby had spent some weeks with us in the summer and had then gone to her father's at Patterson. When they were ready to go home Father took me there and after a few days we went to Fishkill, a distance of about 30 miles, and then embarked on the old steamboat Columbus for New York. How strange everything was to my young eyes, but it did not take me long to learn the streets near us so I could do errands and help Almira in the care of the baby.

I did not attend school but Herman had me take lessons in penmanship from a private teacher, a Mr Goldsmith, which I enjoyed very much. After a stay of seven months in the city I returned home with brother Elmore, who had come for me. We went by steam cars to Bridgeport and then by the Housatonic R.R. to Newtown, some eight or ten miles from home, where Brush met us with a team.

In a few days I was back in school as before. One day on my return from school Mother asked me how I would like to go and study with Mr and Mrs Burr, our minister and his wife. I liked that idea. I was fond of study and they had taken a fancy to me and thought they would like to fit me for Mt Holyoke Seminary. They lived at Ridgebury, three miles away. They kept a good horse and rode about the parish taking me with them a great deal. They treated me as though I were their child and after a few months asked Father and Mother to let them adopt me as their own. But my parents were unwilling to give away one of their children and when the matter was referred to me I was unwilling to be given away. I

was, however, fond of both Mr and Mrs Burr and as long as they lived they were my good friends. While with them I always assisted Mrs Burr in the work about the house, but wanted to go home once a week. I made good progress in my studies, but did not stay with them till I was old enough to go to Holyoke.

On returning home I went again to the public school. Miss Ann Sutton, an excellent teacher, had at that time charge of the school for many seasons.

One day in September, 1845, Rev Oliver St John visited school, as was his habit whenever he was in the neighborhood. He had had a private school at Cornwall, Conn. for some time, but was about to move to Easton, Pa, having accepted a position as Superintendent of public schools there. But he had a special object in visiting the school that day. After the pupils were dismissed he asked Miss Sutton if there was a girl in her school who would make a good companion for his wife and assist her in the care of her daughters. As remuneration she could study privately with them, attend a private school taught by his brother-in-law, or go to a public school in the city and they would give her music lessons on the piano.

Miss Sutton thought that would be a fine opportunity for me. Rev St John asked her to speak to my mother about it before saying anything to me. Mother, knowing how anxious I was to study, thought here was my chance. Father was not altogether satisfied but consented to my going.

The St Johns were going in a few days and wished to take me with them but Mother could not have me ready so soon, so I was to follow a week later. Brother Herman met me in New York and a few days later took me to the boat for Perth Amboy, where I took a train for White House, NJ, at that time the terminus of the NJ Central RR. There a stage coach waited to take passengers and the mail the [page 27] remaining 25 miles to Easton. The only other passenger was a quiet boy of about sixteen years. Four good horses comprised the team, changed once during the trip. At each post-office the driver got down to water the horses and slake his own thirst with something stronger. As we came to one post-office the horses stopped in good form but the driver did not get off till a young man came out and waked him up. Then he got down in a sleepy way and went in for another drink while they changed the mail. We crossed the Delaware River by a long covered bridge and were at Easton.

The St Johns were staying at the house of her sister, whose husband, Mr Thurston, was principal of a private school at Easton. There I was left. It was Friday night. Saturday a party of us were taken for a ride up the Delaware River to Y Gap, not so far as Water Gap, but the scenery was beautiful. Sunday I went to church with some of the family.

Early that week the St Johns went into the house that was to be their home, on the grounds of La Fayette College, which stands at the top of a precipitous hill north of the city, - or did in those days,- and was approached by a circuitous roadway or by staircases up the steep hillside. I know there were 200 steps in those stairs. It was a hard climb but it paid to get there and see the beautiful views.

The St Johns house was a long wooden structure, cheaply built, standing some 200 ft or more back of the college and had been put up to provide students a place where they might do their own housekeeping. The experiment had proved a failure and the building was vacant. There was a large garden but it had not been cultivated, so hardy vines and shrubs had grown at their own sweet will. There were several large old peach trees in the garden, with a few remarkably fine peaches on them. These I discovered and appropriated as no one claimed them,- [page 28] they were delicious.

The St Johns, having moved in a few pieces of furniture, began living there in a very slack way. The door, on the east side of the house, opened into a large barn like room nearly 40 ft. square. Across the south end of the house two smaller rooms had been furnished to serve as parlor and bedroom for Mr and Mrs St John. At the other end of the house, across the great open unfurnished room, was a long dining room with stationary tables then there were two bedrooms unfurnished, with kitchen in the rear.

For two weeks I took the two little girls to a neighbor's house to sleep,- Professor Coffin and his wife had kindly offered sleeping quarters for us. Mrs Coffin was a lovely woman. She was an invalid. They had three children, a daughter of 15, a son of 10, another daughter of 8 years. These children had been taught by their parents and were far ahead of others their age. In fact Selden Coffin, this boy of 10, was pursuing the studies of the second year of college. The time spent with this family was the brightest spot in my life at Easton, which was, however, short.

Never a word did either Mr or Mrs St John say about my attending school or studying at home after they had me there. They had deceived my parents and me. They simply wanted a nurse girl without paying her wages. They had an Irish servant who did what housework was done. After our going to Prof Coffin's to sleep for two weeks, the St Johns made beds on the floor in one of the unfurnished rooms at the north end of the house and the children and I slept there. When I realized how things were going, that there was to be no schooling for me, I wrote my parents and soon received directions to pack my trunk and come home.

Mr St John brought my letter when he came in Friday at dusk. [page 29] As soon as I had read it I said to him, "Will you have the stage come for me to-morrow morning?- I am going home." They were profoundly astonished and told me I could not go,- I must certainly stay until they could get someone to take my place; I could not get home on Saturday, etc, etc. But I told them I had plenty of friends in New York I could go to, and I was going to-morrow. And go I did. They were to pay my fare one way but when I left in the morning Mr St John handed me one dollar, saying he had no more and that was all I got from them.

I reached New York before dark, going to brother Herman's. He then lived on Morton St. Almira seemed to be expecting me. She said she knew I would not stay at Easton. Elmore and Camilla were both at Herman's. Camilla had been with Aunt Sarah Barnum several months as her secretary and bookkeeper, a position which she held for some years, yes, up to the time of her marriage, but spending several weeks at home every summer and at any other time when Aunt Sarah could spare her. I stayed several weeks in New York. Much of my time was passed in the picture galleries. Paintings had great attractions for me. The Dusseldorf Academy was my delight.

When at last I returned home I resumed my studies under Miss Sutton.

In 1842 my father was for the third time sent to represent Ridgefield in the State Legislature, sitting at that time in New Haven. While there he boarded at West Haven in the home of a Mr Smith, Mrs Smith being a cousin on the Crane side. She had a daughter about 17 years old, a bright, pretty girl, whom Father brought home with him when he came in May. Charlotte Smith was her name. This cousin became a favorite with all the family and our friends. A few years later her father died and she went South to teach in a [page 30] family. For a few years we lost track of her but I hunted her up about the time she married Rev Joseph S Heacock of Gloversville, NY, in 1853. Our friendship continued till her death in 1906.

Brother Brush developed a fondness for tools and for working in wood greater than for farming as he grew up, though he was faithful in all his work, being especially thoughtful and helpful to Mother whenever about the house. He eventually became a carpenter.

On the 4th of February, 1846, Brush married Harriet Northrop, daughter of Ezra Northrop of Mill Plain. Father had a house built for them just across our garden. Sometime in 1855 Brush decided to go west and took his family, wife and two children, to Wisconsin. After a few months they became homesick and returned. He bought some land in Mill Plain two miles west of Danbury and built a house near his father-in-law. He lived there till 1864 or 65, when he removed to Vineland, NJ and here he lived till near 1900, when, his health having become impaired, he and Harriet went to Troy, PA, to live with their daughter Mary, Mrs Robert McMahan. He died there June 23, 1903. Harriet is still living, May 30, 1908. (Later, - she died Mar 11, 1911)

As Elmore grew up he showed a fondness for study and for a time read law in the office of Col Nelson White in Danbury. His health was never vigorous and he had to give that up. He later taught school several seasons and obtained an appointment as principal in a public school at Cold Spring, NY. He took with him as assistant Susan A Smith. After a year or two in school he formed a partnership with Weston Gray of Mill Plain and bought out a store at Cold Spring. When gold was discovered in 1848 in California, the excitement throughout the country was intense. Weston Gray took the fever and went with his cousin Henry Gray to California in 1849 to seek gold. Weston died [page 31] there, after a year or two Henry returned.

Elmore sold out his store at Cold Spring and went to New York to become a salesman for the firm of Osborn & Sears. He visited all the principal cities north and south with a trunk full of jewelry, - genuine, no sham in their goods. He at last bought out Herman's interest in the business, but it was continued under the same name until the Civil War broke out in 1861. This caused such heavy losses that they were obliged to close their business.

In the spring of 1862 Elmore obtained a position in Washington, DC, where he became very ill and his physician advised him to send for his wife. Elmore instead hired a man to take him to New York. Too weak to continue the journey to his home in Harlem, he went to a friend's house, where he died July 30, 1862.

I see I have omitted to tell of his marriage to Susan A Smith, his assistant in the Cold Spring school. They were married June 23, 1853, and for some years boarded in New York, but in the fall of 1856 they rented a cottage in Audubon Park, Washington Heights, and began housekeeping. The following winter was very cold, with much snow. I spent that winter at brother Herman's, going out to Washinton Heights frequently. Just before Christmas Father and Mother came to the city and spent ten days, most of the time at Herman's, but some days at Elmore's, and I took them to Newark to visit cousins.

Susan in February gave birth to a daughter named Marion. In 1858 they moved to Harlem.

Margaret Eliza Sears, b Aug 7, 1831 on Joes Hill, CT (present O'neil place) d May 26, 1915, Bloomfield, NJ at a sanitarium.

Lydia V H Potter writes a postscript to Miss Sears narrative about 1929: The Searses of Danbury lived many years ago on Joe's Hill on the property now well known as that of the O'Neil Brothers, east of the New York - Connecticut state line. It was in 1907 that I first saw this place and even then its ownership for over a century and a half by James Sears and

his descendants had passed out of the common knowledge. Members of the Bradley Sears family of New York state still owned the property half way down the western slope of the ridge, now the Mathews estate. The two Sears families were distantly related through a common ancestor, Richard Sears..... Silas, Richard's second son, was the ancestor of the Connecticut branch and his grandson, James Sears, came to this locality with his wife and children around 1745. He bought from the colonial government a tract of over 1000 acres of land mostly on the eastern slope of Joe's Hill.

James Sears' purchase was mostly in Connecticut, and was not at that time in the town of Danbury. It was a part of the so-called "New Patent".... [James Sears] name first appeared on the tax lists of Ridgefield in 1746. The New Patent was transferred to Danbury in 1846, one hundred years later. ... [skipping to page 10] Bradley Sears's daughter Melissa, wife of David Hall, both still spoken of in the neighborhood with respect and affection could never become reconciled to the loss of the old name. " I don't care what they call the ridge over in Connecticut, - they always said Joe's Hill across the line, - in New York state it's Federal Hill. I just can't bear Joe's Hill, so ignorant, so wrong for our slope!"

Joe's Hill of Connecticut, one of the most remote and sparsely populated outlying districts of Danbury, is fortunate in having in Miss Sears an accurate and competent recorder who described its early life in much detail. It has to-day, on the more than 1000 acres of the six farms comprising most of its area, less than a score of all-the-year residents, of whom only two are children.

Contrast this with the Joe's Hill of James Sears, who was [page 11] here by 1745 with five children, beginning to help indoors and out, and when the rest of them were born, up to ten in all, the hill must fairly have swarmed with sturdy biys and girls. All grew up and most of them were scattered, to marry and raise large families of their own, - how large comes out in their father's will, - David 11 children, Knowles 14, Thomas 9. Comfort the youngest son and child, inherited a large part of his father's farm. He had 10 children.

In 1791 Comfort built a schoolhouse, for which he had five children waiting, all girls, -Thirza 12, Esther 11, Desire 9, Eunice 7, Camilla 5, James 3, doubtless had the freedom of the schoolhouse, right in his own yard. But who were those neighbors who sent their children to the school and helped Comfort pay the teacher? Miss Sears mentions the name of no near neighbor on the hill outside the family. The Stephen Norris deed of 1750 gives as a boundary line the road from the "Peter Hall house (Dutches County-Oblong dis-N Y Colony-to the house of James Sears Ridgeberry Parish-Ridgefield dis=", here was one family just over the line. Copies I have of deeds of 1784 show Joseph Field to have been an owner north of the road and Elnathan Field, his father, south, between Hall and Sears; and east of Elnathan Field, Israel Hamblin, then south of him, Recompense Thomas, Jr, owned the land below James Sears's down the new road.

The schoolhouse burned in February, 1793, and was not rebuilt, Miss Sears says, as there was then opened in Mill Plain a public school, to which Comfort sent his children thereafter. This school must have belonged to a Ridgebury district, since the 1769 Danbury First Society committee distinctly described the Danbury Mill Plain district to extend west only to the town line passing through the outlet of Mill Plain pond. Mr William Field whose last year at the [page 12] Mill Plain school house was 1867, told me there was one previous to that on the same lot, but flush with the road and without grounds. His father, Isaac Thompson Field, boen in 1818, attended a still earlier school on the south side, near the

present Canfield cider mill. This was probably the schoolhouse to which Comfort sent his children.

Miss Sears, whose mother was her father's second wife, Mary Ann Brush, makes an interesting story of Jacob Brush's bringing his family over from Huntington, LI, in 1777. He bought a large tract of land in the Mill Plain Valley, just west of the NY state line.

In 1836, when Eliza was five years old, her father, Joseph Crane Sears, moved from Joe's Hill to a farm he had bought in Mill Plain, so her impressions were vivid of the life down there as she grew up and she tells them effectively, - her education, her good times, her visits away, her pride in her father's leadership in public affairs.

A valuable part of Miss Sears' History is the picture she gives, through two or three generations, of the typical large, farm raised, early American family spreading over the country in ever widening activities, industrial, cultural, professional. The Searses of Joe's Hill migrated mostly to New York state, Ohio and Michigan. Descendants of Comfort's oldest son, James, a successful farmer of Western New York, early made connections by marriage in Newark, NJ, where in time a large and influential circle of Sears relatives and friends was established.

Probably the best known Sears in Newark was George Belden Sears, the oldest son of James, an educator of real distinction. He taught in Farrands' Newark Academy, famous for college preparation, and in 1859 was elected Superintendent of the Public [page 13] Schools of Newark, which office he held till his death in 1877. Among the young relatives there were many college graduates engaged in business and professional careers. Several of the Sears descendants had marked ability in music and were much sought after as members and directors of societies devoted to the pursuit of that art.

It was into this favored environment that Margaret Eliza Sears, after pursuing advanced studies for some time at Mt Holyoke, was welcomed. She spent the greater part of her life at Newark, winning an enviable standing as a teacher in the public schools. Her death occurred in 1915, but still today in Newark men and women of varied activities hold her in grateful remembrance for the proved value to them of her firm and inspirational training for success and happiness.

Miss Sears probably wrote the History in the leisure of her later years, though her firm handwriting shows not the least tremor of age. While unfinished the work is fairly complete considering what she set out to do. She devised it as follows:-"On my death this record of family history is to be given to one of my nieces,-either to Miss Anna S Perry or her sister, Mrs Emma C Smith, or to Mrs Marion S Orton, of Metuchen, NJ.

The History is now in the hands of a nephew of Miss Sears, Mr Joseph E Platt, Trust Official of the Danbury National Bank, whose mother, Mrs Martha M Sears Platt, was Margaret Eliza's oldest sister. Mr Platt kindly called my attention to the History some time ago and consented to my copying it for the Library that others, also interested in Joe's Hill, might have the pleasure of reading these early annals. December 1930 Lydia V H Potter

Other records copied by Sister Penelope Mary of St Cuthbert's (handwritten)

I Sarah Sears of the Town of South East in the County of Dutchess Do hereby voluntarily Decline taking upon myself the task of Administrating upon the Estate of my Late Husband Seth Sears Deceased, Wish Letters of Administration may be Granted to my Two sons Seth Sears and Eleazer H Sears --

Witnefs my hand and Seal this 19th day of October 1809
Sarah x [her mark] Sears

Witnefs ????? Weis??
George Dudley

To the Suragate for the County of Dutchefs

In a Putnam County register, p 561 (typewritten)
#459

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I, Benjamin Sears of the town of South East, in the County of Putnam and State of New York, being in perfect mind and memory, Do this eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty two make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say.

First- It is my Will and I do hereby order and direct that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid by my executor hereafter to be named, within one year after my decease.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my grand-son Benjamin Smith, the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars to be paid to him the said Benjamin Smith by my said Executor within one year after my decease.

Thirdly - I give unto my grandson Aaron Sears, my gun and accoutrements, to be delivered to him by my said executor when the said Aaron shall arrive to the age of sixteen years. Whereas I have heretofore in my opinion given unto my son Peter, and to my son Isaac and to my late son Herman deceased, in lands and money, a full and equatable proportion of my estate, Therefore

Fourthly - I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel and to his heirs and assigns forever, all the real and personal estate, and property of every kind whereof I shall die seived, provided, and upon the express conditions, that the said Smauel shall and do comfortably support, maintain and in every respect provide for me, both in sickness and in health during my natural life, and pay all my just debts, funeral charges and the legacies above mentioned in this my last Will and Testament as herein directed.

Lastly - I make, constitute and ordain my son Samuel Sears, to be my sole executor to this my Last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof, I the said Benjamin Sears have to this my Last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

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BENJAMIN x SEARS (Seal)
mark

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said Benjamin Sears as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us whose names are hereunto subscribed as witnesses, who, at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other, have have written our names.

CARSO CRANE
SAMUEL FILED
JOSEPH CRANE

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State of New York]SS:
Putnam County]

Be it remembered that on the seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven personally appeared before me Jeremiah Hine,

Surrogate of the County of Putname aforesaid, Carso Crane one of the subscribing witnesses to the Will of Benjamin Sears late of the town of South East in the said County deceased who being duly sworn declared that he did see the said Benjamin Sears deceased seal and execute the instrument hereunto annexed and impressed with the seal of office of the said Surrogate which said instrument purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said Benjamin Sears deceased bearing date the eighth day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty two; that he heard him the said Benjamin Sears publish and declare the same as and for his last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof he the said Benjamin Sears was of sound disposing mind and memory to the best knowledge and belief of him the said Carso Crane, and that he together with Samuel Field and Joseph Crane the other witnesses to the said Will did severally subscribe their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

In testimony whereof the said Surrogate hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal of office.

Be it also remembered that on the seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven personally appeared before me the said Surrogate Samuel Sears, Executor in the aforesaid Will named and was duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual oath in that case provided.

JEREMIAH HINE, Surrogate

(Handwritten)

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Sears of Southeaft Precinct County of Dutchefts and State of New York being in perfect hilt of Body and of perfect Mind and Memory, thanks be given unto God; Calling unto Mind the Mortality of My body, and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make and ordain this my Laft Will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in Decent Chriftian Burial, at the direction of my Executors Nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I Shall Receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God. And as touching such Worldly Estate Wherewith it has pleased Gd to Blefs me in this Life I give, Devise and Difpose of the same in the following Manner and form: First I give and bequeath to Abigal my Dearly beloved wife one third part of all my Household goods debts and moveable Effects. Also I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Sears five pounds current Money of the State of New York to be Raised and levied out of my debts and moveable effects Also I give unto my Dauter Lydia Twenty shillings Also I give unto my Dauter Abigal twenty shillings Current money of New York to be raifed and Levied out of my Debts and Moveable effects Also I give unto my son Sunderlin one ox of the pair that he Borrowed of one the Other he muft be Accountable my Executor for to be Divided with the rest of my livestock together with my household goods Debts and Moveable Effects Equally Amongst my sons Benjamin, Stephen, and Seth and my Dauter Mercy and I do Constitute, Make and Ordain my son Seth Sears and my son in Law Shaw Young to be my Executors of this my Laft Will and Testament and I Do hereby Utterly Difallow, Revoke and Difannul all and every other diformer Testaments, Wills, Legacies Bequests and Executors by one in Any Ways Before Named, Willed and Bequeathed satyfyng and confirming this and no other to Be my Laft Will and testament. In Witnefs

Whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty four.

Benjamin Sears

Signed, sealed, published pronounced and declared by the said Benjamin Sears as his laft will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

James Sackett
Edmond Wright
Joseph Sackett

DESCENDANTS DELINEATED

Descendants of Robert Sears Generation 5 VIII-74

John M⁵ Blackburn [36570] (Ann M⁴ Sears, John Manley³, Robert², Sears¹), born 26 May 1834 in Brookfield, Noble, OH; died 7 Mar 1879; buried 1879 in Bristol Twp, Morgan, OH. He married abt. 1855, **Louisa Dye** [36569], born 15 Dec 1834; died 1 Mar 1915; buried 1915 in Bristol Twp, Morgan, OH.

Notes for John M BLACKBURN

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH;

Birth, Death: [S38] page 5

Burial Place: Oak Grove Cemetery, [S38] page 5

!Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; Gibson Evelyn D. Blackburn and Allied Descendants of John Blackburn Sr. (Lincoln, Nebraska: Arbor Publishing, 1978), p. 144.

Notes for Louisa DYE

Birth: [S49] page 5; [S38] page 5

Death: [S38] page 5

Burial Place: Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio [S38] page 5

Children of John M BLACKBURN and Louisa DYE were as follows:

+ 244 i **Belle⁶ Blackburn** [36571], born abt. 1856. She married **Sears** [36572].

245 ii **William H⁶ Blackburn** [36577], born 16 Nov 1859; died 7 Mar 1863; buried 1863 in Bristol Twp, Morgan, OH.

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH; Burial Place: Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan County,

Ohio Burial: [S38] Burial: page 5

VIII-94

Elizabeth Ann⁵ Sears [46633] (William Alfred⁴, John Manley³, Robert², Sears¹), born 21 Sep 1827 in Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. She married on 2 Nov 1848 in Morgan County, Ohio, **Butler Lyle** [46634], born 1822 in OH.

Notes for Elizabeth Ann SEARS

Dave Wright GEDCOM, Record [I408@ (RIN 222) Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

Birth-PARENTS-marriage: May, Samuel P. THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD SARES (SEARS); s.l., s.n., 1890;pp 598-601;

Birth: [S22] Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio, Page 65
Living 1850 Bristol Township, Morgan County, Ohio 1850 Census:

Notes for Butler LYLE

Dave Wright GEDCOM Record [I409@ (RIN 223), Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;CONFLICT:b. 1820

Birth-Marriage: Gibson Evelyn D. Blackburn and Allied Descendants of John Blackburn Sr. (Lincoln, Nebraska: Arbor Publishing, 1978), p. 144.

[S12] Volume "B", February 1841 to November 1853

Birth: [S22] Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio, Page 65

Occupation: Farmer , 1860, Bristol Township, Morgan County, Ohio, [S21] Page 22

Property 1600 Acres 1860, Bristol Township, Morgan County, Ohio, [S21], Page 22

Living 1850 Bristol Township, Morgan County, Ohio Living in close proximity to his father-in-law, William Alfred Sears, Isaac Needham, Butler Lyle, Robert Massey Fulton, Louis G. Harding, Thomas Harding, James Moler and Joseph Carr.

Resident in his household during the 1850 census were:

Elizabeth Ann Sears, 23, his wife
Laura, 1, his daughter, [S22] page 65

1860 Bristol Township, Morgan County, Ohio [S21] Page 22

married [S12] Volume B, Feb 1841 to Nov 1853

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohmuskin/cch1/query014.htm#1113>

LYLE, SEARS posted by Bill Lyle on Wednesday, October 1, 1997

I am looking for information about my great-grandfather, Butler LYLE. He and his wife Elizabeth SEARS owned property in Muskingum Co., Oh. in 1850's. I am interested in finding out information on them and their family.

GEN 306.81. Early marriages of Morgan County, Volumes I & II. McConnellsville Library. Volume "B", February 1841 to November 1853.

Children of Elizabeth Ann SEARS and Butler LYLE were as follows:

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| 246 | i | Laura E⁶ Lyle [46638], born 9 Jun 1849 in Morgan Co, OH; died 20 Mar 1855; buried 1855 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. Dave Wright GEDCOM !Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; !Birth-DEATH-CEMETERY: Muskingum County Cemtery Book: Meigs and Rich Hill Townships;p. 5; Muskingum County Genealogical Society, 1981; pp ; Photocopies in poss of Wendy Farley Wildwood, FL. Birth: [S22] Birth: [S38] Muskingum County, Page 5 Death: [S38] Death: Muskingum County, page 5 Burial Place: Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio Burial: [S38] Burial: Muskingum County, Page 5 |
| 247 | ii | Emmet⁶ Lyle [46640], born 25 Aug 1851 in Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. Birth: [S21] |
| 248 | iii | Everett⁶ Lyle [34977], born 13 May 1860 in Bristol Twp, Morgan, OH; died 25 Aug 1861 |

in , OH; buried 1861 in Bristol, Morgan, OH, Oak Grove Cem. !Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; !Birth-DEATH-CEMETERY: Muskingum County Cemtery Book: Meigs and Rich Hill Townships;p. 5; Muskingum County Genealogical Society, 1981; pp ; Photocopies in poss of Wendy Farley Wildwood, FL. Birth: [S21] Death: [S38] Death: Muskingum County, page 5 Burial Place: Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio Burial: [S38] Burial: page 5 Dave Wright GEDCOM b. 1857

249 iv **William Alfred⁶ Lyle** [46805], born 4 Nov 1861; died 6 Nov 1943. Bill Lyle. dblyle@sprintmail.com. e-mail from Bill Lyle.

VIII-96

John Winchester⁵ Sears [46550] (William Alfred⁴, John Manley³, Robert², Sears¹), born 10 Aug 1832 in Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH; died 27 Mar 1908 in Morgan Co, OH; buried 1908 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. He married on 25 Apr 1855 in Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio, **Louisa Fulton** [46556], born 9 Dec 1832 in Woodgrove, Morgan Co, OH; died 9 Nov 1919 in Morgan Co, OH; buried 1919 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH.

Notes for John Winchester SEARS

DaveWright@Compuserve.com

Occupation: Farmer

!Birth-DEATH-CEMETERY:Cemeteries of Bristol and Meigsville Township Morgan Co. Ohio; ; Morgan County Genealogical Society, 1975; pp ; Birth-marriage-DEATH: Gibson Evelyn D. Blackburn and Allied Descendants of John Blackburn Sr. (Lincoln, Nebraska: Arbor Publishing, 1978) CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1860; Vol , E.D. Sheet 339A; Family 869 (Bristol Township) CENSUS: 1870 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1870; Vol , E.D. Sheet 24; Family 195

CENSUS: 1880 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1880; Vol 48, E.D. 138, Sheet 11; Family (Bristol Township) Birth-PARENTS-marriage: May, Samuel P. THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD SARES (SEARS); s.l., s.n., 1890;pp 598-601;

!SPM-p.600 they live in Young Hickory, OH

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH; Birth: [S22] Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio, Page 64; [S25] page 6a, 6b Death: [S38] burial records, page 37 Burial Place: Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio [S38] burial records, page 37 Occupation: Farmer 1900 Bristol Township, Morgan County, Ohio [S25] page 6a, 6b

CENS 1880 Bristol Township, Morgan County, Ohio NOTE Resident in his household during the 1880 census: Louisa Fulton, h/w, age 47; Ella Elvira, h/d, age 21; William A., h/s, age 18; Robert F., h/s, age 16; Olive Blanche, h/d, age 13 Estella M., h/d, age 10; Armina B., h/d, age 8; Gertrude,h/d, age 3; [S46] pg. 1a

Living 1870 Bristol Township, Morgan County, Ohio [S10] Living 1900 Bristol Township, Morgan County, Ohio Residing with his wife Louisa Fulton and daughter Gertrude during census of 1900 at age 67. The Gorrell's were living in close proximity. [S25] page 6a, 6b

John and Louisa Sears had a family of nine children. Three daughters married ministers, one son became a minister the other an attorney. One daughter studied medicine and was a physician in Chicago for forty-four years. John, Louisa and six of the nine children are buried in the Oak Grove Church Cemetery. William Alfred's father, John Manley Sears Sr. was the first Sears buried there in 1859 and Blanche Sears Gorrell was the last, in 1958. [S14]

Marriage: [S22] U.S. Government. 1850 U.S. Census. Bristol Twp, Page 64.

Notes for Louisa FULTON

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/dave wright,4 Sep 98, DaveWright@Compuserve.com Record [I295] (RIN 145) Wedding Gift From Brother

!Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

!Birth-marriage-DEATH: Gibson Evelyn D. Blackburn and Allied Descendants of John Blackburn Sr. (Lincoln, Nebraska: Arbor Publishing, 1978)

CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1860; Vol , E.D. Sheet 339A; Family 869 (Bristol Township)

CENSUS: 1870 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1870; Vol , E.D. Sheet 24; Family 195

CENSUS: 1880 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1880; Vol 48, E.D. 138, Sheet 11; Family (Bristol Township)

!Birth-marriage-CHILDREN: May, Samuel P. THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD SARES (SEARS); s.l., s.n., 1890;pp 598-601;

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH; [S14@

Birth: [S14] [S22]

Death: [S38] burial records, page 37

Burial Place: Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio [S38] burial records, page 37
 Wedding Gift From Brother 1855 Her brother George Fulton made her a corner cupboard, dining table and six chairs from walnut. He was a cabinet maker as was his father. [S14] History of Morgan County. McConnelsville Public Library.

Children of John Winchester SEARS and Louisa FULTON were as follows:

- + 250 i **Mary Alma⁶ Sears** [46565], born 3 Apr 1856 in Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. She married **Robert A Lowther** (Rev) [46783].
- + 251 ii **Ella Elvira⁶ Sears** [46566], born 24 Jun 1858 in Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. She married **William H Dye** (Rev) [36424].
- 252 iii **George Hissey⁶ Sears** [46809], born 13 Jul 1860 in Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio; died 1865 in Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio; buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Meigs Twp, Muskingum County, Ohio.
 !Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; !Birth-SPOUSE-CHILDREN-DEATH: Gibson,

Evelyn D., BLACKBURN AND ALLIED DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BLACKBURN, SR Birth-DEATH-BURIAL: Muskingum County Cemetery Book: Meigs and Rich Hill Townships; ; Muskingum County Genealogical Society, 1981; pp ; Photocopies in poss of Wendy Farley Wildwood, FL..Kevin R. Howley. Blackburn Family Tree www.blackburn-tree.org. Blackburn Family Association 449 Garfield St. Denver, CO 80206.

- + 253 iv **William Alfred⁶ Sears** (VDM) [46568], born 20 Feb 1862 in Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. He married **Lissey Shirey** [46656].
- + 254 v **Armina B "Minnie"⁶ Sears** (MD) [46671], born 28 Nov 1871 in Morgan Co, OH. She married **Seth Hill** (MD) [46687].
- 255 vi **Lulu Gertrude⁶ Sears** [46670], born 15 Nov 1876 in Morgan Co, OH; died 1943; buried 1943 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. She married abt. 1898, **Phelps** [46686]. Dave Wright GEDCOM !Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; Birth-PARENTS-marriage-DEATH: Gibson, Evelyn D., BLACKBURN AND ALLIED DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BLACKBURN, SR Birth-PARENTS: May, Samuel P. THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD SARES (SEARS); s.l., s.n., 1890;pp 598-601; CENSUS: 1880 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1880; Vol 48, E.D. 138, Sheet 11; Family (Bristol Township) CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH; Birth: [S25] page 6a, 6b Death: [S38] Death: Muskingum Co, Page 6 Burial Place: Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio Burial: [S38] Burial: page 6
- + 256 vii **Robert Fulton Esq⁶ Sears** (Rev) [34567], born 2 May 1864 in

+ 257 viii Bristol, Morgan, OH. He married **Elizabeth E. (---)** [47469].
Olive Blanche⁶ Sears [36416], born 23 May 1867 in Bristol Township, Morgan, OH. She married **Henry Parker Gorrell** [46691].

258 ix **Estella Myrtle⁶ Sears** [34569], born 31 Aug 1869 in Bristol, Morgan, OH. !Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; !Birth-PARENTS-marriage: Gibson, Evelyn D., BLACKBURN AND ALLIED DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BLACKBURN, SR FL Birth-PARENTS: May, Samuel P. THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD SARES (SEARS); s.l., s.n., 1890;pp 598-601; CENSUS: 1870 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1870; Vol , E.D. Sheet 24; Family 195 CENSUS: 1880 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1880; Vol 48, E.D. 138, Sheet 11; Family (Bristol Township) Birth: [S10] Bristol Twp, Page 31
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/davewright>, 4 Sep 98,
 DaveWright@Compuserve.com
 Also shows b. 21 Aug 1869

VIII-97

Thomas Benton⁵ Sears [46635] (William Alfred⁴, John Manley³, Robert², Sears¹), born 6 Mar 1835 in Morgan Co, OH; died 25 Aug 1869 in Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH; buried 1869 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. He married on 10 Feb 1861 in Brookfield Twp, Noble County, Ohio, **Josephine H Combs** [46609] (see 172), born 14 Apr 1843 in Renrock, Morgan Co, OH; died 13 Jun 1883 in Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH; buried 1883 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH, daughter of Alexander Warren Combs [46599] and Nancy Underwood Dye [46607].

Notes for Thomas Benton SEARS

Dave Wright GEDCOM

Fell 20 feet into a well!Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;11 Mar 1836 conflict

Birth: LDS International Genealogical Index (IGI) 1994 North America.

Birth-marriage-DEATH: May, Samuel P. THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD SARES (SEARS); s.l., s.n., 1890;pp 598-601;

Birth: 6 Mar 1835 [S34] ;[S22] Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio, page 66

Death: NOTE Fell 20 feet into a well [S10] [S38]

Burial: [S38] page 5

Marriage: [S45] 1851-1865, page 79

Thomas Benton Sears and Josephine Combs were Second Cousins

Notes for Josephine H COMBS

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Record [I383@ (RIN 198)

!Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

!Birth-DEATH-CEMETERY: Cemeteries of Bristol and Meigsville Township Morgan Co. Ohio; ; Morgan County Genealogical Society, 1975; pp ; Photocopies in poss of Wendy Farley Wildwood, FL.

CENSUS: 1870 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1870; Vol , E.D. Sheet 24; Family 184

Birth-marriage-DEATH: May, Samuel P. THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD SARES (SEARS); s.l., s.n., 1890;pp 598-601

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH; Birth:14 Apr 1843 [S22] Manchester Twp, pg 307; [S38] burial records, page 37

Death: [S38] burial records, page 37

Burial Place: Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio [S38] burial records, page 37, row 1

Living 1870 Bristol Township, Morgan County, Ohio; Her husband, Thomas Benton Sears had fallen 20 feet into a well the previous year. During the 1870 census, she was living next door to her father-in-law, William Alfred Sears, with her children Frank (8), Ramy (7), Everett (3), and Harlan (1). [S10] Bristol Twp, Morgan Co., Ohio, page 30

Thomas Benton Sears and Josephine Combs were
Second Cousins

Children of Thomas Benton SEARS and
Josephine H COMBS were as follows:

- 259 i **Frank E⁶ Sears** [46647], born 1861 in Morgan Co, OH; died abt. 1894 in Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH; buried 1894 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. He married **Alice B (---)** [46655], born 1864; died 1927; buried 1927 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. Dave Wright GEDCOM Record [I443@ (RIN 236)]
- 260 ii **Raymond "Ramy"⁶ Sears** [46648], born 1863 in Morgan Co, OH. Dave Wright GEDCOM Record [I444@ (RIN 237)]
- 261 iii **Edward Everett⁶ Sears** [46649], born 1867 in Morgan Co, OH. Dave Wright GEDCOM Ohio Death Certificate No. 653, Volume No. 1538 indicates an Edward Sears died on 1/11/1915 in Clinton County, Ohio. There is a possibility that this could be Edward Everett Sears. Record [I445@ (RIN 238)]
- 262 iv **Harlan⁶ Sears** [46650], born 1869 in Morgan Co, OH. Dave Wright GEDCOM Record [I446@ (RIN 239)]
- 263 v **Frank E⁶ Sears** [36490], born 1861 in , Morgan, OH; died abt. 1894 in Bristol Township, Morgan, OH; buried 1894 in Bristol Twp, Morgan, OH, Oak Grove Cem. He married **Alice B (---)** [36498], born 1864; died 1927; buried 1927 in Bristol Twp, Morgan, OH. CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH; Birth: [S38] Burial Records, Page 37 Death: [S38] Death: Burial Records, Page 37 Burial Place: Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio Burial: [S38] Burial: burial records, page 37 Marriage: [S38] Marriage: burial records,

page 37, row 1 !Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; !Birth-DEATH-CEMETERY:Cemeteries of Bristol and Meigsville Township Morgan Co. Ohio; ; Morgan County Genealogical Society, 1975; pp ; Photocopies in poss of Wendy Farley Wildwood, FL. Census: 1870 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1870; Vol , E.D. Sheet 24; Family 184

264 vi **Ramy⁶ Sears** [36491], born 1863 in , Morgan, OH. H: David L Wright, Marion, OH; Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; Shows names as Raney (F) Census: 1870 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1870; Vol , E.D. Sheet 24; Family 184

265 vii **Edward Everett⁶ Sears** [36492], born 1867 in , Morgan, OH. CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; Census: 1870 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1870; Vol , E.D. Sheet 24; Family 184 CENSUS: 1880 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1880; Vol 48, E.D. 138, Sheet 17; Family (Bristol Township); NOTE: Listed as Edward E Sears on this census.

266 viii **Harlan⁶ Sears** [36493], born 1869 in , Morgan, OH. CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; Shows name as Harlow Census: 1870 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1870; Vol , E.D. Sheet 24; Family 184

VIII-98

Mary Emaline⁵ Sears [46551] (William Alfred⁴, John Manley³, Robert², Sears¹), born 3 Jul 1837 in Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH; died 5 Aug 1894 in Deshler, Henry, OH; buried in , OH, McCoomb Cem.. She married on 28 Oct 1857 in Morgan County, Ohio, **Thomas Jameson** (Rev) [46639], born 12 Jun 1832 in Thistle, Baltimore Co, MD;

1 Aug 1999

died 5 Sep 1877 in Deshler, Henry Co, OH; buried in , OH, McCoomb Cem..

Notes for Mary Emaline SEARS

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Record [I288@ (RIN 140)

!Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

Birth-PARENTS-marriage-DEATH: Gibson, Evelyn D., BLACKBURN AND ALLIED DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BLACKBURN, SR
Birth-marriage: May, Samuel P. THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD SARES (SEARS); s.l., s.n., 1890;pp 598-601;

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH; [S22] Bristol Twp, page 64 1850 U.S. Census. Bristol Twp, page 64.

Notes for Thomas JAMESON (Rev)

Dave Wright GEDCOM

!Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

Birth-PARENTS-marriage-DEATH: Gibson, Evelyn D., BLACKBURN AND ALLIED DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BLACKBURN, SR

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH;

Children of Mary Emaline SEARS and Thomas JAMESON (Rev) were as follows:

267 i **Agnes⁶ Jameson** [46790], born 11 Jul 1859 in Manchester Twp, Morgan Co, OH; died 11 Jul 1859 in Morgan Co, OH. !Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; !Birth-PARENTS-DEATH: Gibson, Evelyn D., BLACKBURN AND ALLIED DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BLACKBURN, SR+

+ 269 iii **Charles William⁶ Jameson** [46792], born 24 Aug 1861 in

Bradley Sears [1804-1884]

Mary (Norris) Sears [1806-1890]

Bradley, Mary and son George [1836-1899]

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The Benjamin Sears house now and in a sketch by Sister Penelope Mary of the Community of the Holy Spirit as it might have been showing the original colonial pitched roof instead of the existing mansard roof.

Map of the New York Oblong showing Sears homestead

- Morgan Co, OH. He married (1) **Anna Allen** [46815]. He married (2) **Claudia Frent** [46818].
- + 270 iv **Margaret Vestilla⁶ Jameson** [46793], born 8 Aug 1863 in Morgan Co, OH. She married (1) **Robert Anderson Vaughn** [46839]. She married (2) **Robert A Vaughn** [34625].
 - + 271 v **Claude Erle "Earl"⁶ Jameson** [46794], born 31 Oct 1865 in Morgan Co, OH. He married **Mary Elizabeth "Molly" Dunn** [34462].
 - + 272 vi **Carl Woodward⁶ Jameson** [46795], born 5 Feb 1870 in Morgan County, Ohio. He married **Jennie Leuretta Walker** [46859].
 - + 273 vii **Frederick Bertram⁶ Jameson** [46796], born 8 Mar 1874 in Wood County, Ohio. He married (1) **Lulu Ethelyn Schieb** [46828]. He married (2) **Edith Folk** [34851].
 - + 274 viii **Bessie Elvira⁶ Jameson** [46797], born 15 Sep 1876 in Deshler, Henry County, Ohio. She married **Charles Cary Wolcott** [46824].

VIII-100

Ermina G "Minnie"⁵ Sears [46553] (William Alfred⁴, John Manley³, Robert², Sears¹), born 6 Jun 1843 in OH. She married on 1 Jan 1867 in Morgan County, Ohio, **David Newton Bay** [46642], born 1833 in OH.

Notes for Ermina G "Minnie" SEARS

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Record [I290@ (RIN 142)

Minnie

!Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1860; Vol , E.D. Sheet 339A; Family 868 (Bristol Township)

CENSUS: 1870 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1870; Vol , E.D. Sheet 24; Family 191 (Bristol Township)

CENSUS: 1880 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1880; Vol 48, E.D. 138, Sheet 17;

Family (Bristol Township)
 Birth-PARENTS-marriage: Gibson, Evelyn D., BLACKBURN AND ALLIED DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BLACKBURN, SR

CONFLICT: Gibson gives spouses name as Newton Census lists it as David

Birth-marriage: May, Samuel P. THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD SARES (SEARS); s.l., s.n., 1890;pp 598-601;

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH; Birth: [S22] Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio, Page 64

Also shown as Ermina G Sears vice Arminia C "Minnie" Sears 1850 U.S. Census.

Notes for David Newton BAY

Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

CENSUS: 1870 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1870; Vol , E.D. Sheet 24; Family 191 (Bristol Township)

CENSUS: 1880 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1880; Vol 48, E.D. 138, Sheet 17; Family (Bristol Township)

CONFLICT: b. date abt 1843?

Shown as BOY in May's book

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH; Birth: [S10] Bristol Twp, Morgan County, Ohio, Page 30

Marriage: [S12] Volume C & D, Page 54

Children of Ermina G "Minnie" SEARS and David Newton BAY were as follows:

- 275 i **Cora Blanche⁶ Bay** [46643], born 1868 in Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. Dave Wright GEDCOM !Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; Census: 1870 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1870; Vol , E.D. Sheet 24; Family 191 (Bristol Township) CENSUS: 1880 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1880; Vol 48, E.D. 138, Sheet 17; Family (Bristol Township) Birth: [S21]

- 276 ii **Maude S⁶ Bay** [46672], born 1871 in OH. Dave Wright GEDCOM !Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; Census: 1880 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1880; Vol 48, E.D. 138, Sheet 17; Family (Bristol Township) Birth: [S46]
- 277 iii **Edward E⁶ Bay** [46673], born 1873 in Morgan Co, OH. Dave Wright GEDCOM !Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; Census: 1880 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1880; Vol 48, E.D. 138, Sheet 17; Family (Bristol Township) Birth: [S46]
- 278 iv **Edwin A.⁶ Bay** [47465], born 25 Nov 1882 in Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio.

VIII-105

Ezekiel⁵ Dye [46699] (Catherine⁴ Sears, John Manley³, Robert², Sears¹), born abt. 1824. He married on 10 Nov 1842 in Morgan County, Ohio, **Mary W Westcott** [46708].

Notes for Ezekiel DYE

Record [I517@ (RIN 288)
CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH;

Notes for Mary W WESTCOTT

BETW@prodigy.net. President, Noble County Genealogy Society

Children of Ezekiel DYE and Mary W WESTCOTT were as follows:

- 279 i **Katie⁶ Dye** [46930] married **Danford** [46933].
- 280 ii **Sarah⁶ Dye** [46931] married **Ross** [46934].
- 281 iii **Dye** [46932] married **Newton** [46935].

VIII-113

Simpson⁵ Dye [46680] (Catherine⁴ Sears, John Manley³, Robert², Sears¹), born 1835 in Morgan Co, OH. He married on 10 Oct 1870 in Muskingum County, Ohio, **Ruth Sears** [46561] (see 117), born 1843 in OH, daughter of John Manley Jr Sears [46547] and Martha Sealock [46557].

Notes for Simpson DYE

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH;

Birth: [S46] Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio, page 3
CENS 1880 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio [S46]
Marriage: [S46], Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio, page 3
Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

Notes for Ruth SEARS

DaveWright Record [I304] (RIN 150)
Birth: [S22]
Stomach Disorder 1880 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio page 3
Living 1870 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio Living with Father, John Manly Sears, Jr. [S10]
Living 1880 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio Living with her husband, Simpson Dye, next door to her brother Thomas Jefferson Sears. [S46] Manchester Twp, Morgan Co, Oh, page 3
!Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1860; Vol , E.D. Sheet 345A; Family 950 (Manchester Township)

Children of Simpson DYE and Ruth SEARS were as follows:

- 282 i **Frank⁶ Dye** [46681], born 1872 in Manchester Twp, Morgan Co, OH. Record [I488] (RIN 270) Neurological Disorder Birth: [S46] Manchester Twp, Morgan Co., Ohio, page 3 Neurological Disorder 1880 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio [S46] Manchester Twp, Morgan Co., Ohio, page 3
- 283 ii **William T⁶ Dye** [46682], bn 1875 in Manchester Twp, Morgan Co, OH. Birth: [S46] Manchester Twp, Morgan Co, Ohio, page 3
- 284 iii **Kate⁶ Dye** [46683], born 1876 in Manchester Twp, Morgan Co, OH. Birth: [S46] Manchester Twp, Morgan Co, Ohio, page 3

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Josephine⁵ Sears [46560] (John Manley Jr⁴, John Manley³, Robert², Sears¹), born 3 Jan 1841 in OH; died 4 Mar 1938; buried in Reinersville Cemeteray, Reinersville, Morgan co, OH. She married on 10 May 1863 in Morgan County, Ohio,

Henry Lowe [46572], born 1832 in VA; died 26 May 1902 in Morgan Co, OH; buried 1902 in Reinersville Cemetery, Reinersville, Morgan Co, OH.

Notes for Josephine SEARS

DaveWright - Record [I303] (RIN 149)
CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH
Birth: [S22]
CENS 1870 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio During the 1870 census, she was living with her husband Henry Lowe, son John (6), and daughter Olive Myrtle (1) in close proximity to her father, John Manley Sears Jr., her brother, Erastus Milton Sears, and her first cousin, once removed, Burr Harrison Combs. [S10] pg. 137

Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL

CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1860; Vol , E.D. Sheet 345A; Family 950 (Manchester Township)

Birth: LDS International Genealogical Index (IGI) 1994 North America.

Notes for Henry LOWE

DaveWright
Record [I334@] (RIN 161)
Occupation: Shoemaker
Birth: [S10] page 137
Burial Place: Reinersville Cemetery
Occupation: Shoemaker 1870 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio [S10], page 137
Living 1870 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio with his wife Josephine Sears, son John (6), and daughter Olive Myrtle (1) in close proximity to his father-in-law, John Manley Sears , his brother-in-law, Erastus Milton Sears, and his first (once removed) cousin-in-law, Burr Harrison Combs. [S10] page 137
Marriage: [S12] marriages in Morgan County, Volume C & D, Page 54

Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL

Children of Josephine SEARS and Henry LOWE were as follows:

- 285 i **John⁶ Lowe** [46573], born 1864 in OH. CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH; Birth: [S10]
- 286 ii **Olive Myrtle⁶ Lowe** [46574], born 1869 in OH.

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion Birth: [S10]
Sears⁵ Lowe [46924].
Anna⁶ Lowe [46925]
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- 287 iii
- 288 iv

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Erastus Milton⁵ Sears [46562] (John Manley Jr⁴, John Manley³, Robert², Sears¹), born 1845 in OH; died 2 Oct 1916 in Putnam Co, OH. He married abt. 1867 in Morgan County, Ohio, **Mary E (---)** [46575], born 1844 in OH.

Notes for Erastus Milton SEARS

DaveWright [I305] (RIN 151)
Birth: [S22]
Occupation: Farm Laborer 1870 Morgan County, Ohio [S10]
Living 1870 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio [S10] page 137
Marriage: [S10]
Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL

CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1860; Vol , E.D. Sheet 345A; Family 950 (Manchester Township)

Notes for Mary E (---)

DaveWright
Birth: [S10]

Children of Erastus Milton SEARS and Mary E (---) were as follows:

- 289 i **Minnie⁶ Sears** [46576], born 1868 in OH. Birth: [S10]
- 290 ii **Willard⁶ Sears** [46577], born 1869 in OH. Birth: [S10]

VIII-124

John M⁵ Blackburn [46725] (Ann M⁴ Sears, John Manley³, Robert², Sears¹), born 26 May 1834 in Brookfield Twp, Noble Co, OH; died 7 Mar 1879; buried 1879 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. He married abt. 1855, **Louisa Dye** [46724], born 15 Dec 1834; died 1 Mar 1915; buried 1915 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH.

Children of John M BLACKBURN and Louisa DYE were as follows:

- + 291 i **Belle⁶ Blackburn** [46726], born abt. 1856. She married **Sears** [46727].

- 292 ii **William H⁶ Blackburn** [46732], born 16 Nov 1859; died 7 Mar 1863; buried 1863 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH. Tombstone Inscription: "We loved thee on earth may we meet thee in heaven"

VIII-129

Andrew D.⁵ Blackburn [46804] (Ann M⁴ Sears, John Manley³, Robert², Sears¹), born Jun 1843 in Morgan County, Ohio. He married bef. 1868, **Margaret J (---)** [46821], born Aug 1847 in OH.

Notes for Margaret J (---)

Kevin R. Howley. Blackburn Family Tree www.blackburn-tree.org. Blackburn Family Association 449 Garfield St. Denver, CO 80206.

Children of Andrew D. BLACKBURN and Margaret J (---) were as follows:

- 293 i **Sarah E.⁶ Blackburn** [46822], born abt. 1868 in Ohio.
- 294 ii **Charles A.⁶ Blackburn** [46823], born abt. 1878 in Urichville, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Blackburn Family Association Web Site indicates a of birth for Charles A. Blackburn as (about 1878). The Social Security Death Index indicates a Charles Blackburn, born Jan 17, 1877 and died Nov 1965. No location is given for Residence or Last Benefit. The SS card was issued by the State of Ohio. Possibility that this is the correct Charles Blackburn.

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Robert W.⁵ Combs [46937] (Joseph Napoleon⁴, Nancy³ Sears, Robert², Sears¹), born abt. 1832 in Loudoun County, Virginia; died 30 Oct 1891; buried 1891 in Centerville Cemetery, Reinersville, Ohio. He married on 30 Nov 1854, **Sarah Keever** [46962], born 13 May 1836 in Jefferson County, Ohio; died 15 Feb 1917; buried 1917 in Centerville Cemetery, Reinersville, Ohio.

Notes for Robert W. COMBS

buried at Centerville Saturday afternoon

Notes for Sarah KEEVER

"Services were held Sunday, Feb 18, at her former residence, conducted by Rev. G.W. Sees

and she was laid to rest in Centerville Cemetery beside her husband."

Member Bethel M.E. Church
rcrodaway@msn.com. Fremont, NE.

Children of Robert W. COMBS and Sarah KEEVER were as follows:

- 295 i **Anna J.⁶ Combs** [46963], born abt. 1855 in Ohio; died aft Feb 15 1917 & bef Sep 8 1952. She married **Thomas Dye** [47427].
- 296 ii **Margaret E.⁶ Combs** [46964], born abt. 1856; died aft Feb 15 1917 & bef Sep 8 1952. She married **William Thomas** [47428]. Maggie
- 297 iii **Joseph W.⁶ Combs** [46965], born abt. 1859 in Ohio; died bef. 17 Feb 1917.
- 298 iv **Mary E.⁶ Combs** [47429], died aft Feb 15 1917 & bef Sep 8 1952 in Norwalk, California. She married **J. E. Williams** [47430]. McConnellsville, Ohio Obit card catalog, Mrs. Robert W. Combs.
- + 299 v **Val⁶ Combs** [47431] married **Eva Dearth** [47436].
- 300 vi **Effie⁶ Combs** [47432], born 18 Aug 1869 in Center Twp, Morgan County, Ohio; died 8 Sep 1952 in Reinersville, Morgan County, Ohio; buried 1952 in Smith Chapel Cemetery, Beverly, Ohio. Died at Lowe's Rest Home Miss Effie Member of Bethel Methodist Church
- 301 vii **Charles E.⁶ Combs** [47433], died aft. 8 Sep 1952. obit of Effie Combs, 9/11/1952, pg 6.
- 302 viii **Clarence⁶ Combs** [47434], died aft. 8 Sep 1952. obit of Effie Combs, 9/11/1952, p6.
- 303 ix **Vallandigham⁶ Combs** [47435], died bef. 15 Feb 1917. obit of Effie Combs, 9/11/1952, p6.

VIII-139

Sarah Jane⁵ Combs [46938] (Joseph Napoleon⁴, Nancy³ Sears, Robert², Sears¹), born abt. 1834 in Loudoun County, Virginia; died 1930 in Akron, Iowa. She married abt. 1862 in Illinois, **Edward Petty** [46966].

Children of Sarah Jane COMBS and Edward PETTY were as follows:

- 304 i **Joseph⁶ Petty** [46967], born 1863 in Illinois.
- 305 ii **Elsie⁶ Petty** [46968], born 1865 in Illinois.
- 306 iii **Milwaukee⁶ Petty** [46969], born 1868 in Illinois.
- 307 iv **Ella May⁶ Petty** [46970], born 1872 in Iowa.
- 308 v **Emma⁶ Petty** [46971], born 16 Aug 1876 in Iowa; died 1955. She married **John L. Barman** [46972].

VIII-140

Joseph Thomas⁵ Combs [46939] (Joseph Napoleon⁴, Nancy³ Sears, Robert², Sears¹), born 7 Sep 1835 in Loudoun County, Virginia; died 2 Nov 1923 in Gravity, Taylor County, Iowa. He married on 22 Jan 1858 in Morgan County, Ohio, **Keziah McDonald** [46973], born 22 Jan 1858 in Morgan County, Ohio.

Children of Joseph Thomas COMBS and Keziah MCDONALD were as follows:

- 309 i **Sarah Jane⁶ Combs** [46974], born 28 Dec 1858 in Morgan County, Ohio; died 21 Jan 1935 in Omaha, Nebraska. She married on 19 Sep 1877 in Taylor County, Iowa, **Abednego Cass Davis** [46975].
- 310 ii **Joseph Elmer⁶ Combs** [46976], born 4 Sep 1861 in Morgan County, Ohio; died 3 Feb 1892 in Taylor County, Iowa. He married on 17 Apr 1884 in Taylor County, Iowa, **Anna Marie Cook** [46977].
- 311 iii **Sevilla Ellen⁶ Combs** [46978], born 1864 in Henry County, Illinois; died 27 Mar 1887 in Taylor County, Iowa. She married on 2 Apr 1884 in Taylor County, Iowa, **John Lower** [46979].
- 312 iv **Francis Marion⁶ Combs** [46980], born 1871; died in Fleming, Colorado. He married on 31 Mar 1892 in Taylor County, Iowa, **Nellie Severns** [46981].

- 313 v **Edward Melvin⁶ Combs** [46982], born 13 Jul 1878; died 8 Dec 1886.

VIII-141

Mary Nancy⁵ Combs [46940] (Joseph Napoleon⁴, Nancy³ Sears, Robert², Sears¹), born abt. 1837 in Virginia; died 1912 in Taylor County, Iowa. She married David Davis [46983].

Children of Mary Nancy COMBS and David DAVIS were as follows:

- 314 i **Burr⁶ Davis** [46984]
- 315 ii **Mary Jane⁶ Davis** [46985], born 18 Dec 1859 in Illinois; died 8 Sep 1921. She married on 7 Feb 1883, **Lee Bird Freeman** [46986].
- 316 iii **James William⁶ Davis** [46987], born abt. 1865; died 1929. He married on 24 Dec 1889, **Martha Sue Gartrell** [46988].
- 317 iv **Sarah Margaret⁶ Davis** [46989], born 19 Jul 1867 in Woodhull, Illinois; died 4 Mar 1956 in Clarinda, Iowa. She married on 1 Sep 1886, **Benjamin C. Freeman** [46990].

VIII-142

Burr Harrison⁵ Combs [46941] (Joseph Napoleon⁴, Nancy³ Sears, Robert², Sears¹), born 27 Dec 1839 in Loudoun County, Virginia; died 25 Feb 1918 in New Market, Iowa; buried 1918 in Guss Cemetery, Taylor County, Iowa. He married (1) on 10 Mar 1870 in Henry County, Illinois, **Lucretia Ann Painter** [46991], born 7 Nov 1850 in Morrow County, Ohio; died 4 Jan 1892 in Taylor County, Iowa; buried 1892 in Guss Cemetery, Taylor County, Iowa. He married (2) on 7 Jan 1904, **Elizabeth Quimby** [46992].

Notes for Lucretia Ann PAINTER

Buried beside her husband

Notes for Elizabeth QUIMBY

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Children of Burr Harrison COMBS and Lucretia Ann PAINTER were as follows:

- + 318 i **Charles⁶ Combs** [46993], born 19 Jan 1871 in Woodhull, Henry County, Illinois. He married **Ida Carolina Wirth** [46994].

- 319 ii **Cora Mae⁶ Combs** [46995], born 20 Jan 1872 in Henry County, Illinois; died 17 Jun 1908 in St. Joseph, Mo. She married on 23 Dec 1891 in Taylor County, Iowa, **Arthur James Darnold** [46996].
- + 320 iii **George⁶ Combs** [46997], born 6 Nov 1874 in Taylor County, Iowa. He married **Lydia Lathrop** [46998].
- 321 iv **Rose Nellie⁶ Combs** [46999], born 30 Jul 1876 in Taylor County, Iowa; died 8 Jul 1960 in Clarinda, Iowa. She married on 2 Mar 1892 in Taylor County, Iowa, **Allie E. Pullen** [47000].
- 322 v **Ned⁶ Combs** [47001], born 14 Aug 1880 in Taylor County, Iowa; died 4 Apr 1970 in Clarinda, Iowa. He married abt. 1903, **Laura Thompson** [47002].
- + 323 vi **Lizzie⁶ Combs** [47003], born 19 Apr 1884 in Taylor County, Iowa. She married **Charles Andrew Thompson** [47004].
- 324 vii **Lloyd⁶ Combs** [47005], born 15 May 1886 in Taylor County, Iowa; died 14 Mar 1952 in Creston, Union County, Iowa. He married on 22 Mar 1905 in Taylor County, Iowa, **Glennis Johnson** [47006], born 22 Mar 1905 in Taylor County, Iowa.
- 325 viii **Osie Mable⁶ Combs** [47007], born 21 Jun 1889 in Taylor County, Iowa. She married (1) bef. 1905 in Clarinda, Iowa, **Earl McAlpin** [47008]. She married (2) in 1923 in St. Joseph, Misi, **Gail Berger** [47009].

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Nancy Ellen⁵ Combs [46957] (Burr Harrison⁴, Nancy³ Sears, Robert², Sears¹), born 17 Feb 1841 in Woodgrove, Morgan County, Ohio; died 1 Mar 1929 in Cumberland, Spencer Twp, Guernsey County, Ohio; buried 2 Mar 1929 in Cumberland Cemetery, Spencer Twp, Guernsey County, Ohio. She married on 24 Jan 1857 in Morgan County, Ohio, **Leander Beckett** [47014], born 22 Nov 1832 in Green Township, Monroe County, Ohio; died 27 Dec 1915 in Cumberland, Spencer Twp, Guernsey

County, Ohio; buried 30 Dec 1950 in Cumberland Cemetery, Spencer Twp, Guernsey County, Ohio.

Notes for Nancy Ellen COMBS

Mormon Church IGI Data has year of marriage as 1858. Otherwise, the month and day match.

Notes for Leander BECKETT

Cumberland Cemetery is off State Route 83. Obit

Children of Nancy Ellen COMBS and Leander BECKETT were as follows:

- + 326 i **Sarah⁶ Beckett** [47395], born abt. 1859 in Brookfield Twp, Noble County, Ohio. She married **Ezra Caldwell** [47396].
- 327 ii **John Bell⁶ Beckett (Sr.)** [47401], born Jan 1861 in Brookfield Twp, Noble County, Ohio.
- 328 iii **Elmer E.⁶ Beckett** [47402], born Jul 1863 in Brookfield Twp, Noble County, Ohio. Occupation: Farmer
- 329 iv **Martha Jennie⁶ Beckett** [47403], born Nov 1867 in Brookfield Twp, Noble County, Ohio; died aft. 1920.
- + 330 v **William Harry⁶ Beckett** [47404], born 27 Dec 1871 in Hirambsurg, Brookfield Twp, Noble County, Ohio. He married **Mary Belle Fulton** [47412].
- 331 vi **Charles M.⁶ Beckett** [47405], born Aug 1874 in Brookfield Twp, Noble County, Ohio. Occupation: Teacher
- 332 vii **Mary O'Della⁶ Beckett** [47406], born 4 Nov 1878 in Brookfield Twp, Noble County, Ohio; died 17 Aug 1944 in Cumberland, Guernsey County, Ohio; buried 19 Aug 1944 in Cumberland Cemetery, Spencer Twp, Guernsey County, Ohio.

VIII-161

Sylvester W⁵ Combs [46619] (Burr Harrison⁴, Nancy³ Sears, Robert², Sears¹), born 4 Sep 1848 in Morgan Co, OH; died 8 Feb 1925 in Morgan Co, OH; buried 1925 in Reinersville Cemetery, Reinersville, Morgan Co, OH. He married on 11

1 Aug 1999

Jan 1872, **Alice Swank** [47017], born 1855; died 3 Feb 1938 in Zanesville, Ohio.

Notes for Sylvester W COMBS
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Record [I393@ (RIN 208)

Notes for Alice SWANK

Entered Bethesda Hospital, Zanesville, Ohio on January 24, 1938 and subsequently died there on 2/3/1938.

Children of Sylvester W COMBS and Alice SWANK were as follows:

333 i **Logan⁶ Combs** [47423], died aft. 3 Feb 1938. Obit of Alice Combs, 2/10/1938.

VIII-165

John C⁵ Combs [46623] (Burr Harrison⁴, Nancy³ Sears, Robert², Sears¹), born 2 Sep 1858 in Morgan Co, OH. He married **Caroline J. Caldwell** [47021].

Notes for John C COMBS
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Record [I397] (RIN 212)

Notes for Caroline J. CALDWELL
Carrie

Children of John C COMBS and Caroline J. CALDWELL were as follows:

334 i **Charles M.⁶ Combs** [47424], died 26 Apr 1962 in Washington, Pennsylvania. He married (1) **Stella Garrett** [47425], died bef. 26 Apr 1962. He married (2) **Elsie Martin** [47426], died aft. 26 Apr 1962. Native of Woodgrove vicinity
Obit

VIII-167

William A⁵ Combs [46614] (Nimrod Ashby⁴, Nancy³ Sears, Robert², Sears¹), born 1841 in Morgan Co, OH. He married **Nancy Jane Hill** [46762].

Notes for William A COMBS
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Children of William A COMBS and Nancy Jane HILL were as follows:

+ 335 i **Clara Belle⁶ Combs** [46763] married **Edward Lockett** [46764].

VIII-198

William A⁵ Combs [36460] (Nimrod A⁴, Nancy³ Sears, Robert², Sears¹), born 1841 in , Morgan, OH. He married **Nancy Jane Hill** [36607].

Notes for William A COMBS

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH;
Birth: [S22] Manchester Twp, Page 307
Marriage: [S59]

Children of William A COMBS and Nancy Jane HILL were as follows:

+ 336 i **Clara Belle⁶ Combs** [36608] married **Edward Lockett** [36609].

VIII-205

Thomas Jackson⁵ Sears [46427] (William Sims⁴, Thomas M³, Robert², Sears¹), born 14 Oct 1846 in Morgan co, OH; died 3 Aug 1916 in Malta, Morgan co, OH; buried Aug 1916 in Union Cemetery, Malta twp, OH. He married on 3 Jun 1875 in Morgan County, Ohio, **Mary Olivia Wade** [46473], born Aug 1851 in Morgan co, OH; died 3 May 1928 in Malta Twp, Morgan Co, OH; buried 1928 in Union Cemetery, Malta Twp, OH.

Notes for Thomas Jackson SEARS

Dave Wright
Resided : Front Street , 1876, Malta, Ohio, [S14]
Birth: [S25] page 5a, 5b
Death: [S39]
Burial: Union Cemetery section 1, row 26, stone 12 [S39]
Occupation: Carpenter ABT 1876, Malta, Ohio, Worked for the Brown-Manly Plow Company [S14]
Occupation: Foundry Foreman in Wood Shop 1900, Morgan County, Ohio, [S9] p 5a, 5b
Occupation: Factory Worker 1880 Morgan County, Ohio, [S46] page 9a, 9b, [S14]
Living ABT 1903, Malta, Ohio, [S1]
Obituary article regarding Reverend William Sims Sears
Living, 1870, Malta Township, Morgan County, Ohio, according to the Census of that year, at age 23 he was living with his Grandmother, Mary Daniel-Sears (age 75), Aunt Alzira (age 52), Aunt Elizabeth Hann (age 33), Uncle James Hann (age 32) Cousin William Hann (age 3), and Cousin Frances Hann (age 1). His Occupation was listed as "Carpenter". [S10]

Living 1850 Malta Township, Morgan County, Ohio [S22]

Living 1860 At age 13, during 1860 census, he is not listed as resident in his father's (Wm Sims Sears) household. [S21]

Living 1900 Malta Township, Morgan County, Ohio Living with wife Mary O., daughter Jessie M., son Austin E. and son William Russel. [S25] page 5a, 5b

Living 1880 Malta Township, Morgan County, Ohio Wife Olivia, son Harry, daughter Clara and Brother-in-Law Eli Wade were living in his household during 1880 census.

[S46] page 9a, 9b

Marriage: Ceremony officiated by Reverenc C.A. Naylor. marriage license applied for by Duston Wade. [S12] marriage Book-E, GEN306.81, McConnelsville Public Library

CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1860; Vol , E.D. Sheet 407A; Family 241 (Malta Township) ; Possibly this Thomas was living with or visiting grandparents when census was taken .

CENSUS: 1850 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1850; Vol , E.D. Sheet 121; Family 192 (Malta Township)

Notes for Mary Olivia WADE

Birth: [S39]; [S25] p 5a, 5b

Death: [S39] [S42], page 69

Burial Union Cemetery, section 1, row 23, stone 7, [S39]

Children of Thomas Jackson SEARS and Mary Olivia WADE were as follows:

- 337 i **Harry W⁶ Sears** [46476], born 12 Dec 1875 in Malta, Morgan Co, OH; died 18 Nov 1880 in Malta, Morgan Co, OH; buried 1880 in Union Cemetery, Malta Twp, OH. He is buried in section 1, row 26, stone 17, along with his two-year younger sister, Clara D. Sears. It may be deduced that he and his sister died of the same infirmities since they expired one day apart. Birth: [S39] Birth: [S42] page 38 Death: [S39] Burial records [S42] : page 38 Burial Union Cemetery is buried in section 1, row 26, stone 17, along with his

two-year younger sister, Clara D. Sears.

- 338 ii **Clara D⁶ Sears** [46477], born 1 May 1878 in Malta, Morgan Co, OH; died 17 Nov 1880 in Malta Twp, Morgan Co, OH; buried 1880 in Union Cemetery, Malta Twp, OH. Birth: [S39] burial records [S42] page 38 Death: [S39] burial records Union Cemetery Burial: [S39] Burial: burial records Living 16 NOV 1880 PLAC Malta Township, Morgan County, Ohio [S42] page 38
- + 339 iii **Carl H⁶ Sears** [46479], born 1881 in Malta Twp, Morgan Co, OH. He married **Nellie (---)** [46760].
- 340 iv **Jessie M⁶ Sears** [46480], born Jun 1884 in Morgan Co, OH. She married **Sheridan** [47422]. Birth: [S25] page 5a, 5b
- 341 v **Austin Earl⁶ Sears** [46478], born 27 Jun 1886 in Morgan co, OH; died 22 Dec 1900 in Malta, Morgan Co, OH; buried 1900 in Union Cemetery, Malta Twp, OH. Died from a rupture. Section 1, row 26, stone 16 Burial section 1, row 26, stone 16 [S39] p 36
- + 342 vi **William Russel⁶ Sears** (D.D.S.) [46481], born May 1889 in Morgan co, OH. He married (1) **Carmen P Parsons** [46482]. He married (2) **Marie Dunnington** [46484].

VIII-206

Mary J⁵ Sears [46428] (William Sims⁴, Thomas M³, Robert², Sears¹), born 12 Sep 1848 in Morgan co, OH; died 14 Mar 1933 in Franklin co, OH. She married on 2 Dec 1869 in Morgan County, Ohio, **Jacob B McLucas** [46447], born Dec 1845 in OH; died 18 May 1918 in Montgomery co, OH.

Notes for Mary J SEARS

Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1860; Vol , E.D. Sheet 430A; Family 557 (Penn Township)

CENSUS: 1850 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1850; Vol , E.D. Sheet 121; Family 192 (Malta Township)

Living ABT 1903 McConnelsville, Ohio [S1] obituary article of Reverend William Sims Sears Living 1860 Penn Township, Morgan County, Ohio NOTE Living with parents [S21] Living 1900 Morgan County, Ohio -Living on Barnesville road in the northeast suburbs with her husband, Jacob B. McLucas, daughter Williamette, and son Harry. [S25] page 4A & 4B married by R.S. Welch, VDM

Notes for Jacob B MCLUCAS

Occupation: Attorney - Enumerator
!Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

Birth: [S25] p 2A & 2B
Occupation: Attorney 1900 Morgan County, Ohio, [S25] page 4A & 4B
Occupation: Enumerator 5 JUN 1880 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio Manchester Twp, Morgan County Census, had accurate, easy to read handwriting which was probably developed as a necessity for his occupation as an Attorney.

Occupation: Enumerator [S46] page 4a, 4b Living 1900 Morgan County, Ohio Residing on Branseville Road in the northeast suburbs with his wife, Mary J. Sears, daughter, Williamette, and son, Harry. [S25] page 4A & 4B
Marriage: NOTE married by R.S. Welch, VDM [S12] marriage Book-E, GEN 306-81, McConnelsville Public Library married by R.S. Welch, VDM

Children of Mary J SEARS and Jacob B MCLUCAS were as follows:

- + 343 i **Anthony⁶ McLucas** [46664], born Apr 1875 in OH. He married **Emma** (---) [46665].
- 344 ii **Williamette⁶ McLucas** [46662], born 26 Dec 1876 in OH. Birth: [S25] page 4A & 4B
- 345 iii **Arthur⁶ McLucas** [47421] Obit of Harriett Dye, November 25, 1943.
- 346 iv **Okey M.⁶ McLucas** [47445], born 19 Nov 1879.
- 347 v **Harry⁶ McLucas** [46663], born Oct 1888 in OH. Birth: [S25] page 4A & 4B

VIII-207

Joseph H⁵ Sears [46433] (William Sims⁴, Thomas M³, Robert², Sears¹), born 30 Oct 1850 in Morgan co, OH; died 16 Apr 1931. He married on 20 Apr

1876 in Athens County, Ohio, **Anna Perseacia Thompson** [46677], born 1851 in IL; died 8 Mar 1920 in Franklin Co, OH.

Notes for Joseph H SEARS

Also listed on 1870 Census as a Farm Laroer on his Uncle's Farm(William Price). William Price married Henrietta (Walters) Price,sister of Phebe Walters.
Occupation: Farm Laborer on Family Farm

Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1860; Vol , E.D. Sheet 430A; Family 557 (Penn Township)

NOTE Also listed on 1870 Census as a Farm Laroer on his Uncle's Farm (William Price). William Price married Henrietta (Walters) Price, sister of Phebe Walters.

Birth: [S10]
Manchester Twp, Morgan Co, Village of Reinersville, Ohio, Page 141, Family 112

Occupation: Farm Laborer on Family Farm 1870 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio [S10] Village of Reinersville, Page 141, Family 112
CENS 1880 Malta Township, Morgan County, Ohio [S46] pg. 10a

Living 1903 Columbus, Ohio [S1] obituary article of Reverend William Sims Sears Living 1870 Malta Township, Morgan County, Ohio Listed as "Farm Laborer" in 1870 census on the homestead of his Uncle (by marriage), William Price. His Aunt Henrietta Walters, was the sister of his Mother, Phebe Walters-Sears. [S10]

Malta Township, Morgan County, Page 123, McConnelsville Library
Living 1860 Penn Township, Morgan County, Ohio Living with parents [S21]
Marriage: [S51] Page 6-181

Notes for Anna Perseacia THOMPSON

Birth: [S46]

Children of Joseph H SEARS and Anna Perseacia THOMPSON were as follows:

- 348 i **Gertrude E⁶ Sears** [46678], born 12 Jan 1877 in Morgan Co, OH; died 7 Jan 1945. Dave Wright Birth: [S46]

349 ii **Francis⁶ Sears** [46679], born 22 Oct 1878 in Morgan Co, OH; died 17 Oct 1903.

VIII-210

Harriett C⁵ Sears [46436] (William Sims⁴, Thomas M³, Robert², Sears¹), born 6 Jan 1857 in Morgan co, OH; died 22 Nov 1943 in Renrock, Noble co, OH; buried 1943 in Renrock M.P. Cemetery, Noble co, OH. She married on 6 Jan 1881 in Morgan County, Ohio, **Hiram E Dye** [46448], born 1849; died 15 May 1926 in Noble co, OH; buried 1926 in Renrock M.P. Cemetery, Noble Co, OH.

Notes for Harriett C SEARS

DaveWright

Died at the home of her daughter Leura Dye Dickinson of Renrock.

Occupation: Student

Hattie Member of Renrock Methodist Church

Obit

Birth: [S21] Penn Twp, Page 152

Death: [S48] page 69

Burial Place: Renrock M.P. Cemetery, Noble County, Ohio [S48] page 69

Occupation: Student 1870 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio [S10]

Living MAY 1900 Renrock, Ohio [S1] Article re:Rev Wm Sims Sears

Living 1903 PLAC Renrock, Ohio [S1]

obituary of Rev. Wm. Sims Sears

Living 1870 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio Living with father and mother during 1870 census [S10] Village of Reinersville

Living 1860 Penn Township, Morgan County, Ohio Living with parents [S21]

Living 1880 Morgan County, Ohio Living with Daniel S. Wadsworth during census of 1880, doing housekeeping. One of Daniel's sons was named Dye Wadsworth,

suggesting that his wife Elizabeth was a Dye before the marriage. The fact that Harriet Marries Hiram E. Dye, the next year in 1881, lends credence to this theory. [S46]

CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1860; Vol , E.D. Sheet 430A; Family 557 (Penn Township)

married by her Father, Reverend William Sims Sears [S12] marriage Book "F", September 19, 1878 to March 25, 1889

Notes for Hiram E DYE

Birth: [S48] p 69

Death: [S48] page 69

Burial Place: Renrock M.P. Cemetery, Noble County, Ohio [S48] page 69

Children of Harriett C SEARS and Hiram E DYE were as follows:

- 350 i **Leura⁶ Dye** [46694], died aft. 22 Nov 1943. She married **Dickinson** [47417]. Record [I510] (RIN 283)
- 351 ii **Stella⁶ Dye** [46695] married **Thorla** [46808].
- 352 iii **Florence "Flo"⁶ Dye** [46696] married **Stiers** [47420]. Record [I512] (RIN 285)
- 353 iv **Hazel⁶ Dye** [46697] married **Allison** [47418].
- 354 v **Ethyl⁶ Dye** [46698] married **Geninden** [47419].

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Eugene W⁵ Sears [46416] (William Sims⁴, Thomas M³, Robert², Sears¹), born 28 Mar 1859 in Morgan co, OH; died 14 Dec 1929. He married on 2 Mar 1886 in unknown, **Minnie Ha Ha McDougal** [46417], born May 1868; died 1 Jul 1921 in Columbus, Franklin co, OH; buried 2 Jul 1921 in Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus, OH.

Notes for Eugene W SEARS

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According to the Frank M. Williams letter, Eugene lived with him following the death of his son Lou Roy.

Resided 956 Carpenter Street

Death: [S5]

Occupation: Carpenter between 1891 AND 1898 Columbus, Ohio

Occupation: Erector of Elevators 1910 Columbus, Ohio [S4]

Occupation: Laurymaker in Autoshop 1920 [S27] page 2a, 2b

Resided 956 Carpenter Street, 1924 Columbus, Ohio NOTE From 1891 to 1892 lived at 264 W.

Town Street and between 1894 and 1898 lived at 184 Mitchell, Columbus, Ohio. [S2] p1891-1892

Living 1903 Columbus, Ohio [S1] obituary article of Reverend William Sims Sears

Living 1870 Manchester Twp, Morgan County, Ohio Living with Father and Mother during Census of 1870. [S10] Manchester Twp., Morgan County, Village of Reinersville, Page 141, McConnellsville Library

Living 1860 Penn Township, Morgan County, Ohio NOTE Living with parents [S21]

Living 1920 Columbus, Ohio at 386 Gates St. with wife Minnie during 1920 Census [S27] Volume 73, Sheet 2, Line 34, E.D. 26 Marriage: [S16] Her Family Tree Chart

Notes for Minnie Ha Ha MCDUGAL

There is a three year variance in Sara Finton's date of birth for Minnie Ha Ha and the 1910 U.S. Census. The census has her date of birth as May 1868 and Sara's date is 5/14/1865.

Died from complications associated with cirrhosis of the liver at Mount Carmel Hospital. Occupation: Seamstress Resided 386 Gates Street Native- Scotch/English Birth NOTE There is a three year discrepancy regarding Minnie Ha Ha's date of birth as Sara Finton's data indicates her DOB was May 14 1865. Birth: [S4] Death NOTE Died from complications associated with cirrhosis of the liver at Mount Carmel Hospital. Death: [S5] Burial Place: Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio Burial: [S6] Burial: July 2, 1921 Edition Occupation: Seamstress 1910 , Columbus, Ohio [S4] Resided 386 Gates Street, 1921, Columbus, Ohio [S6] Friday, July 1, 1921, Obituary NOTE 1920 Franklin County Census, Page 2B, indicates that her Father was Scotch from Scotland and her Mother, Eunice Stevens was English, from Canada [S25] Franklin County, Page 2B

Children of Eugene W SEARS and Minnie Ha Ha MCDUGAL were as follows:

- 355 i **Mary Belle⁶ Sears** [46431], born Mar 1890 in OH. Occupation: Grocery Clerk CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright Birth: [S25] Occupation: Grocery Clerk 1910 Occupation: Place Columbus, Ohio Occupation: [S4]
- + 356 ii **Lou Roy⁶ Sears** [36241], born 14 Feb 1887 in Milford Center, Union, OH. He married **Alice Cowley** [46415].

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James Frank⁵ Sears [46451] (John Harrison⁴, Thomas M³, Robert², Sears¹), born Nov 1848 in

Morgan co, OH; died 29 Dec 1927 in Malta Twp, Morgan Co, OH; buried 1927 in Union Cemetery, Malta Twp, OH. He married on 25 Dec 1873 in Morgan County, Ohio, **Rachel M Miller** [46472], born Sep 1849 in OH; died 20 May 1933 in Malta Twp, Morgan Co, OH; buried 1933 in Union Cemetery, Malta Twp, OH.

Notes for James Frank SEARS
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Ohio Online Death Index and his last Will and Testament has December as the month of death while the Morgan County Death Records and the burial records of Malta Union Cemetery have November. The date and year coincide among all four ces.

Buried with his wife, Rachel Miller, in section 2, row 20, stone 13. d. 29 Nov 1927 [S10] page 255 Birth: [S39]; [S25] p 1A & 1B Death: [S39] burial records [S42] page 65 Burial NOTE Buried with his wife, Rachel Miller, in section 2, row 20, stone 13. Burial: [S39] burial records CENS 1900 Penn Township, Morgan County, Ohio NOTE Resident in his household during the 1900 census were: Rachel Miller, age 50, his wife Myrtle Harris, age 24, his daughter Clark Harris, age 25, his son-in-law Elvira Sears, age 20, his daughter Herbert W. Harris, age 1/12, his grandson CENS [S25]

Living 1870 Penn Township, Morgan County, Ohio NOTE According to the 1870 Census, at age 21 he was living and working on his parent's farm. [S10]

Marriage: NOTE Ceremony officiated by Reverend T. Ogood, Minister. T.J. Sears applied for the license. Marriage: [S12] marriage Book-E, GEN306.81, McConnelsville Public Library

Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1860; Vol , E.D. Sheet 427B; Family 521 (Penn Township) Ceremony officiated by Reverenc T. Ogood, Minister. T.J. Sears applied for the license.

U.S. Government. 1870 U.S. Census. page 255.

Notes for Rachel M MILLER
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Birth: [S39] burial records ; [S25], page 1A & 1B
Death: [S39], burial records, [S42] page 85
Burial: Union Cemetery, with her husband, James F. Sears, at section 2, row 20, stone 13. [S39] burial records

Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL; Ceremony officiated by Reverenc T. Ogood, Minister. T.J. Sears applied for the license.

Children of James Frank SEARS and Rachel M MILLER were as follows:

- + 357 i **Myrtle "Mertie"⁶ Sears** [46658], born Mar 1876 in Morgan Co, OH. She married **Clark Harris** [46660].
- 358 ii **Eva May⁶ Sears** [46475], born 1 May 1878 in Penn Twp, Morgan Co, OH; died 28 Aug 1882 in Penn Twp, Morgan Co, OH; buried 1882 in Mt Zion Cemetery, Penn Twp, Morgan Co, OH. Birth: [S11] Gravestone Death: Gravestone Death: [S42] page 44 Burial Place: Mt. Zion Cemetery, Penn Township, Ohio BURI NOTE row 2 Burial: burial records, page 16
- 359 iii **Elvira⁶ Sears** [46659], born Feb 1880 in Morgan Co, OH. Dave Wright Record [I459] (RIN 248) CENS CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH; Birth: [S25] page 1A & 1B CENS 1900 Penn Township, Morgan County, Ohio CENS [S9]
- 360 iv **Roselma Miller⁶ Sears** [47476] - Elma

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William H⁵ Sears [46452] (John Harrison⁴, Thomas M³, Robert², Sears¹), born Sep 1850 in OH. He married on 11 Jun 1885 in Morgan County, Ohio, **Rachael Hartley** [46667], born Apr 1858 in OH.

Notes for William H SEARS
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Birth: [S10] page 255 ; [S25] page 4a, 4b

Living 1870 Penn Township, Morgan County, Ohio
NOTE According to the 1870 Census, at age 19, he was living and working on his parent's farm.

Living 1900 Morgan County, Ohio NOTE Living on Barnsville Road in the northeast suburbs with his wife Rachael, son Leonard, and daughter Mable. [S25] page 4a, 4b
Marriage: [S25] page 4a, 4b

Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL

CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1860; Vol , E.D. Sheet 427B; Family 521 (Penn Township)

Notes for Rachael HARTLEY
CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright
Birth: [S25] page 4a, 4b

Children of William H SEARS and Rachael HARTLEY were as follows:

- + 361 i **Lennard H⁶ Sears** [46668], born Feb 1887 in OH. He married **Blanche A Alderman** [47407].
- 362 ii **Mabel⁶ Sears** [46669], born Apr 1889 in OH; died Mid 1970s in CA. She married (1) **Thompson** [47468]. She married (2) bef. 21 Jan 1932, **Fan** [47479]. Birth: [S25] page 4a, 4b

VIII-220

Ida Roberta⁵ Sears [46455] (John Harrison⁴, Thomas M³, Robert², Sears¹), born 1858 in OH. She married **King** [47467].

Notes for Ida Roberta SEARS
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Birth: [S10], page 255
Living 1870 Penn Township, Morgan County, Ohio [S10]

Birth-PARENTS: PAF GEDCOM; 1996; Wendy Farley, Wildwood, FL;

CENSUS: 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan Co, OH; 1860; Vol , E.D. Sheet 427B; Family 521 (Penn Township)

Children of Ida Roberta SEARS and KING were as follows:

363 i **Vera Sears⁶ King** [47475] will of Marietta Sears.

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Harriet "Hatta"⁵ Sears [46458] (John Harrison⁴, Thomas M³, Robert², Sears¹), born 1866. She married on 30 Aug 1888 in Morgan County, Ohio, **Harry M Stone** [46487].

Notes for Harriet "Hatta" SEARS

Hattie or Hatta
CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH
Birth: [S10] page 255
Living 1870 PLAC Penn Township, Morgan County, Ohio
[S10]
marriage Book-F married by J.B. McCormick, Minister.

Notes for Harry M STONE

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH

Children of Harriet "Hatta" SEARS and Harry M STONE were as follows:

364 i **Margaurite⁶ Stone** [47477] married **Lawler** [47478].

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John H⁵ Sears [36294] (John Harrison⁴, Thomas M³, Robert², Sears¹), born 18 Nov 1869 in , Morgan, OH; died 26 Apr 1937 in , Morgan, OH.

He married in BET 1901 AND 1905 in unknown, **Elsie Mercer** [36496], died 24 Apr 1906, buried 1906 in Union Cemetery, Malta Twp, OH.

Notes for John H SEARS

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright
Birth: [S10] page 255 ; [S42] page 78
Death: [S42] page 78
Living 1870 Penn Township, Morgan County, Ohio [S10]
Living 1900 Penn Township, Morgan County, Ohio, Living with Mother, Harriet Maxwell during 1900 census. [S25] page 1A & 1B
Marriage: BET 1901 AND 1905
John A Sears (more likely John H Sears)

Notes for Elsie MERCER

CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion

Her name was deduced from Malta Union Cemetery Records, Page 36 [S39]
DEAT NOTE Presumably died giving birth to her daughter Elsie E.
Burial Place: Malta Union Cemetery [S39] page 36

Children of John H SEARS and Elsie MERCER were as follows:

365 i **Elsie E⁶ Sears** [46654], born 1906 in Morgan Co, OH. Dave Wright GEDCOM
CONTRIBUTOR: David L Wright, Marion, OH;
Birth: @S27@

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