



Sears Family Association Newsletter

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EDITOR'S EDGE

Dear Sears Family:

Well, I must apologize for being so tardy with this issue. As you can see, this is Vol VIII, No 2 that you expected last December but life's events have overwhelmed me recently. I'll try to do better in the future. You'll notice also that we have moved back to Oklahoma. Again the foibles of working in the Internet industry with its fast changing job situation.

I have extended everyone's subscription by one year and plan to send out the newsletter more often. This is the sixteenth newsletter produced since our Sears Genealogical Catalogue was published in 1992. The "Catalogue" is out of print but can be had on CD for \$15 to Association members. If you print out the "book" of the descendants of Richard Sears today, we number 15,879. There are many more to go of course since we are tracking distaff lines too. To print the book on paper would take nearly 2,500 unedited pages. This is not feasible at the present time of course, but with advances in electronic publishing may soon be possible. About the only thing I can offer to those interested at this time is a CD, which has this information in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files.

Of course then we have the issue of all the other Sears families living in the US and abroad. I hope you can understand my emphasis on the descendants of Richard Sares, as I am one. The number of genealogically distinct Sears families must number in the hundreds and may someday be tied to common English ancestors but also include anglicized names like the French Cyr, German Zaher, Anglo Sear, Sares, Sayers, Sayres (which in British is pronounced that same way as Sears), Portuguese Soares, et al. I document any and all connections to the Sears name in hopes of someday matching that particular piece of this wonderful jigsaw puzzle of a family tree that we are creating as we go. I have not done very much work at all on the other spellings of the name mentioned here. Have to save something for retirement. Also you will find other historians studying these spellings.

I also received information from www.ancientfaces.com which is a new web site devoted to archiving your ancestral pictures. Why not have a picture scanned and placed on this site for the rest of us to see. By the time you go there you will see some Sears faces online! Not that my face is that ancient but just to record something for posterity. I've always maintained the Sears Ears are a distinguishing features above all others. Maybe you can help me confirm this thesis?

I had the idea to profile our ministers and pastors in this issue. Rev Douglas Warren Sears has been a key contributor in this area.

SEARS SAINTS

From Rootsweb ODT, Cape Cod Times, other sources

NAME	age	b.->d.
Newspaper	News Date	Contributor
AGIN, Dorothy E (SEARS)	81	Emporia KS
Emporia G	9-Mar-01	dlcict
BARTON, Jeanette W (SEARS)	92	Cumington MA>Anderson SC
Berkshire Eagle (MA)	26-Sep-00	troll
BRADLEY, Montgomery Sears	83	Boston MA>Naples FL
Bangor D-N (ME)	25-Mar-01	troll
CRAMER, LaVon M (SEARS)	81	Faribault MN>Portland OR
Oregonian	18-Dec-00	jirt
DAVIS, Virginia Thomas (BARNETT) [SEARS]	84	Columbia TN
Nashville Tenn	24-Aug-00	marvin
DICKSON, Mae G (SEARS)	92	Lebanon OR
Albany DH (ALBANY OR)	31-Oct-00	cmc
EXLINE, Linda Denise (SEARS)	48	Weston WV
Charleston DM	14-Sep-00	crsp
FLINNER, Nancy Fae (SEARS)	72	Milo WV>Shreve OH
Wooster D-R	8-Jan-01	bostrack
FRIZZELL, Irene Estella (SEARS)	65	Belmont NS
Chron-Herald	28-Dec-00	kbutler
GEORGE, Karen (SEARS)	34	Somerville MA
Brattleboro R (VT)	30-Mar-01	frgml
GUSTAVSEN, Miriam (SEARS)	96	Danvers MA
Salem E-N	6-Sep-00	matms
LATIMER, LaVerne (SEARS)	90	Salt Lake City UT
Deseret News	12-Nov-00	kwdy
LAWSON, Mary S (SEARS)	91	Adrian MI>Lancaster PA
Lancaster I-J	19-Aug-00	reichard
MACHADO, Stella (SEARS)	53	Attleboro MA>Warren RI
Prov Journal	9-Jan-01	wgroberge
MacLELLAN, Rita Mary (SEARS)	80	Codroy Valley NF>Sydney NS
Chron-Herald	21-Oct-00	kbutler
MAHBOOB, Dianne (SEARS)		Springfield VA
Wash DC Post (DC)	11-Oct-00	troll
McMULLEN, Bessie L "Betty" (SEARS)	81	Newark OH
Newark Advocate	28-Sep-00	buddyc
MIZE, Ella Marie (SEARS)	85	KY
Lexington H-L	18-Aug-00	psf
MOODY, Sally (SEARS)	72	Shepherdstown WV
Hagerstown M-H (MD)	8-Sep-00	gshubert
NEWSOME, Bettie (SEARS)	76	Hatboro PA
Public Spirit	14-Dec-00	maiz
NOEL, Helen Elizabeth (SEARS)	81	Laurel Co KY>Portsmouth OH
Ashland Daily I (KY)	18-Oct-00	dlwv
OVERTON, Rosa L (SEARS)	81	Lineville IA>Rapid City SD
Rapid City J	26-Feb-01	fhwr
PERRONE, Frances M (SEARS) [LONG]	72	Middletown NY
Times Herald Rec	30-Aug-00	wwalton
RICE, Virginia E (SEARS)	39	Atlanta GA
Hamilton J-N (OH)	9-Aug-00	redbird
ROSE, Margaret A "Marge" (SEARS)	86	Rhineland WI>State College Centre DT
College Centre DT	14-Jan-01	plowgal
RYCASKY, Mierva L (SEARS)	85	Doylestown PA
Intelligencer Record	24-Oct-00	mcs
RYCASKY, Minerva (SEARS)	85	Pampa VA>Warrington PA
Gloucester-MGJ (VA)	2-Nov-00	smt
SEARS, A Lorene (MAIER)	84	Coal City IL
Kankakee D-J	6-Sep-00	kob
SEARS, Alice M	96	Dayton OH
Dayton D-N	12-Mar-01	mghearing
SEARS, Alma (HINSON)	92	Hazlehurst GA
Savannah MN	1-Jan-01	they

SEARS, Ann Y (GOODMAN) 93 Tacoma WA>Thomas OK
 Thomas Tribune 22-Feb-01 byjorj
 SEARS, Austin J 87 Corning NY
 Elmira S G 26-Feb-01 ievsi
 SEARS, Barbara A (CRUMLEY) 63 South Dartmouth MA
 Standard-Times 22-Feb-01 pdg
 SEARS, Betsy E (SNEESBY) 89 Chugwater WY>Wasilla AK
 Anchorage D-N 21-Mar-01 dlp
 SEARS, Bob 60 Fall River MA>Aurora CO
 Denver P 6-Nov-00 krns
 SEARS, Burley L 86 Clarksville AR
 Southwest TR 5-Aug-00 mewh
 SEARS, Charlotte F 92 New Orleans LA>Beaumont TX
 Beaumont Enterprise 19-Nov-00 mesn
 SEARS, Christopher H 36 Jacksonville FL
 Florida T-U 11-Nov-00 retftrdoc
 SEARS, Claude E 70 KY
 Lexington H-L 31-Oct-00 psf
 SEARS, Clifton W 90 Millinocket ME
 Bangor D-N 11-Jan-01 troll
 SEARS, Cyril E 94 Fayette Co IL>Orland CA
 Chico E-R 18-Jan-01 mrs
 SEARS, Dan "D I" Vidalia GA
 Savannah MN 13-Dec-00 theg
 SEARS, Delmar Walton 81 Kingsland TX
 San Angelo S-T 9-Dec-00 dhcalc
 SEARS, Donald LeRoy 89 Palestine IL>Bellevue WA
 Register-Guard (OR) 9-Dec-00 carle
 SEARS, Donald Ray 59 Sacramento CA
 Sacramento Bee 10-Jan-01 ncpsac
 SEARS, Donna Beth 41 KY
 Lexington H-L 20-Aug-00 psf
 SEARS, Dora Dale (SMITH) 83 Brantley Co GA>Plant City FL
 Ledger 10-Jan-01 sabshe
 SEARS, Doris M 70 Claremont WY>Hamilton MT
 Missoulian 14-Dec-00 hharley
 SEARS, Ed Rev 73 Sydney OH>Greenville IN
 Green Banner P 10-Jan-01 jhar
 SEARS, Edna B (RENAUD) 85 Newton IA
 Des Moines Register 13-Feb-01 gcegeland
 SEARS, Edna E 69 Smithers WV
 Charleston DM 2-Dec-00 crsp
 SEARS, Ellon (UMPHRIES) 72 Springhill LA
 Shreveport Times 12-Dec-00 pepper
 SEARS, Elois F "Lois" (GOULD) 58
 Cincinnati E/P (OH) 23-Oct-00 geaniel
 SEARS, Ennis 85 Church Point LA>Beaumont TX
 Beaumont Enterprise 19-Jan-01 mesn
 SEARS, Ernest D 80 Oak Harbor WA
 Whidbey N-T 30-Dec-00 ralphlane
 SEARS, Ernest Halsey 77 Nags Head NC
 Coastland T 3-Aug-00 kmnolin
 SEARS, Esther Lorraine "Floogie" 81 Washington DC>Annapolis
 MD Annap MD Capital 14-Sep-00 gilligaloo
 SEARS, Eva (PAYTON) 90 Loup Co NE>Bozeman MT
 Grand Island D-I (NE) 23-Dec-00 jboi
 SEARS, Evelyn (JOSEPH) 79 Detroit MI
 Norfolk V-P (VA) 15-Nov-00 kskat
 SEARS, Fred 80 KY
 Lexington H-L 17-Nov-00 psf
 SEARS, G Eric 10 Ottawa ON
 Ottawa Citizen 15-Mar-01 klf
 SEARS, Garnet 93 Brockville ON
 Ottawa Citizen 12-Nov-00 klf
 SEARS, George 63 IA>Henderson NV
 Las Vegas R-J 7-Nov-00 rosy
 SEARS, Glendon Kenneth "Gump" 68 Springhill NS
 Chron-Herald 31-Oct-00 kbutler
 SEARS, Glenn Morse Jr 88 Shellman GA>Tallahassee FL
 Tallahassee D 27-Mar-01 whamo
 SEARS, Grace T (TAINTOR) 89 Greenfield MA
 Spfld S-R 31-Dec-00 fgibeau
 SEARS, Harry Lee 74 Bradenton FL
 Sarasota H-T 26-Sep-00 sarcher
 SEARS, Hattie () [CRAWFORD] 94 Cuyahoga Co OH
 Cleveland Plain Deale 31-Aug-00 dge
 SEARS, Heather L (SCHAKE) 27 Denver CO>Phelps Co NE
 Kearney Hub 9-Dec-00 jrp
 SEARS, Helen Elizabeth (ARCHIBALD) 84 Antigonish NS
 Chron-Herald 5-Nov-00 kbutler
 SEARS, Helen Evelyn (RICHMOND) 73 Beckley WV
 Register-Herald 29-Sep-00 rds
 SEARS, Helen Mary (FITZGERALD) 92 Washington DC
 Wash DC Post 30-Aug-00 troll
 SEARS, Herman Kyle 72 Beckley WV
 Charleston DM 22-Dec-00 crsp
 SEARS, Herman Watson Jr 72 Beckley WV
 Charleston DM 20-Dec-00 crsp
 SEARS, Horace C WA
 Seattle P-I 25-Oct-00 gmt
 SEARS, Horace Charles 82 WA
 Seattle P-I 20-Sep-00 gmt

SEARS, Ida Mae () 88 Kerrville TX
 San Angelo S-T 6-Aug-00 dhcalc
 SEARS, Jack 71 Macon GA
 Macon T 12-Aug-00 dawgmkr
 SEARS, Jack 67 Alma GA
 Savannah MN 14-Oct-00 theg
 SEARS, James Harold Sr 84 Abbeville SC
 Greenville News 26-Dec-00 wrabb
 SEARS, Jean S (STEPHENSON) 78 London ENG>Auburndale FL
 Ledger 6-Feb-01 sabshe
 SEARS, John Lloyd Austin 87 ON
 Ottawa Citizen 23-Mar-01 klf
 SEARS, John McClure 63 Caney KS
 Wichita Eagle 30-Nov-00 arw
 SEARS, Johnna Frances Miss 57 New York NY>Silver Spring MD
 Wash DC Post (DC) 10-Sep-00 troll
 SEARS, Joseph M 57 Norfolk VA>Little River SC
 Sun News 20-Sep-00 gjma
 SEARS, Joseph S 88 Wheeler Co GA>Plant City FL
 Ledger 12-Nov-00 sabshe
 SEARS, Judy M (HINKLE) 80 Shawnee OK
 Daily Oklahoman 21-Aug-00 ccc
 SEARS, LaVaughn 46 Gadsden AL
 Gadsden Times 16-Sep-00 jfstt
 SEARS, Lillie Mae (CHANNEY) 94 KY
 Lexington H-L 23-Sep-00 psf
 SEARS, Linda (JUDD) 54 KY
 Lexington H-L 15-Oct-00 psf
 SEARS, Lorene (MAIER) 84 Coal City IL
 News-Gazette 6-Sep-00 mlf
 SEARS, Louis A 92 Townsend MA>St Cloud FL
 Worcester T-G (MA) 1-Jan-01 jmd
 SEARS, Louise (CLACK) 79 Charlotte NC
 Statesville L 6-Mar-01 wrabb
 SEARS, Louise (PRESTWOOD) 74 Granite Falls NC
 Hickory R 30-Aug-00 wrabb
 SEARS, Lucille (ROBINSON) 86 KY
 Lexington H-L 17-Nov-00 psf
 SEARS, M Louise (HUNT) 62 Wood's Harbour NS
 Chron-Herald 16-Oct-00 kbutler
 SEARS, Mack Authur 58 Douglas GA>Lakeland FL
 Ledger 22-Feb-01 sabshe
 SEARS, Marion T (TANNER) 70 Mattapoisett MA
 Standard-Times 29-Aug-00 pdg
 SEARS, Marjorie (CAISSE) 88 ON
 Toronto Star 10-Feb-01 klf
 SEARS, Marlene June (MORTENSEN) 70 Nerstrand MN>Hansen ID
 Times-News 30-Nov-00 kwdy
 SEARS, Mary () [SMITHERS] 92 Chestertown MD
 Delaware SN (DE) 23-Jan-01 jesdsn
 SEARS, Mary E (BENNETT) 59 Tewksbury MA
 Chron-Herald (NS) 26-Feb-01 kbutler
 SEARS, Mary Estella 75 Coal City TN
 Charleston DM (WV) 27-Jan-01 crsp
 SEARS, Mary I (CABRAL) 97 Smithfield RI
 Prov Journal 16-Jan-01 wgroberge
 SEARS, Maureen (HULSE) 52 Newburgh NY
 Times Herald Rec 1-Sep-00 wwalton
 SEARS, Maureen (MORRIS) 90 Plano TX
 Dallas M-N 18-Dec-00 kjp
 SEARS, Michael Jr 35 Orlando FL>Pine Bluff AR
 Pine Bluff Com 9-Jan-01 arshub
 SEARS, Muriel N () Caledonia NY
 Rochester D C 29-Aug-00 hkohut
 SEARS, Myrtle Mae 91 KY
 Lexington H-L 5-Nov-00 psf
 SEARS, Nadine (PEAVEY) 80 Wichita KS
 Wichita Eagle 31-Mar-01 arw
 SEARS, Nancy Louise (HOWLETT) 67 Jackson MI>Houston TX
 Jackson C-P (MI) 19-Feb-01 df
 SEARS, Normal William Kingston ON
 Kingston T-W 21-Nov-00 lhmack
 SEARS, Norman Ross 48 Halifax NS
 Chron-Herald 24-Oct-00 kbutler
 SEARS, Norval William Kingston ON
 Kingston W-S 15-Nov-00 lhmack
 SEARS, Oliver Russell 76 Hickory NC
 Charleston DM (WV) 30-Jan-01 crsp
 SEARS, Ona Lorraine (LEGERE) 69 Truro NS
 Chron-Herald 21-Feb-01 kbutler
 SEARS, Pamela Marie (HARPER) 43 Carrollton GA
 Times-GA 2-Mar-01 taral
 SEARS, Patricia F "Bandy" 66 Columbus OH
 Chillicothe G 4-Feb-01 wattenic
 SEARS, Reacie Louise (MEADOWS) 46 Charleston WV
 Putnam Dem 19-Oct-00 cjfree
 SEARS, Reginald L 73 Lohrville IA
 Des Moines Register 25-Oct-00 gcegeland
 SEARS, Richard J 64 Denver CO
 Denver P 27-Jan-01 krns
 SEARS, Robert E
 Stanford AM (CA) 1-Nov-00 bjw

SEARS, Robert Eugene
66 New Castle IN>Leesburg FL *USNS MARY SEARS*
Daily Commercial 13-
Jan-01 jjphethean

SEARS, Robert P
86 West Duluth MN>Beaver Dam
WI Milwaukee J-S 9-
Feb-01 kap

SEARS, Roger
69 Waterbury CT
Voices 31-Jan-01 jmd

SEARS, Rosemary L (SAXON) 47 Fremont OH
Tiffin A-T 25-Nov-00 cdr

SEARS, Tammie (BROWN) 38 Murrieta CA
Californian 31-Oct-00 mts

SEARS, Thomas 56 Los Angeles Co CA>Lubbock TX
Redding R-S (CA) 24-Mar-01 mjedw

SEARS, Thomas Elwood Sr 67 Winston-Salem NC
Winston-Salem J 17-Feb-01 djcov

SEARS, Virginia L (HAWK) 85 Albuquerque NM
Albuquerque J 5-Jan-01 retftrdoc

SEARS, Vivian (DAVIS) 90 Winona MO>Grant NE
North Platte T 13-Oct-00 ldknp

SEARS, Vivian Marie (BOOKER) 82 Gloucester VA
Gloucester-MGJ 12-Oct-00 smt

SEARS, Walter Eugene Sr 88 New Bedford MA
Standard-Times 14-Feb-01 pdg

SEARS, Wanda (DERVIN) 73 Port Perry ON
Toronto Star 11-Nov-00 klf

SEARS, Wayne "Shorty" 50 KY
Lexington H-L 27-Aug-00 psf

SEARS, William Alva 74 Coffeyville KS
Wichita Eagle 12-Nov-00 arw

SEARS, William B 84 Liberty NY>Denver CO
RMN 10-Mar-01 mak

SEARS, William Edward 78 Anderson SC
Greenville News 13-Feb-01 wrabb

SEARS, William F 86 Omaha NE
Omaha W-H 7-Jan-01 capk

SEARS, William H II Fort Lauderdale FL
ATC Press (NJ) 7-Mar-01 cbentiv

SEARS, Willie C 65 Cochran GA
Macon T 11-Aug-00 dawgmkr

SHERMAN, Gertrude H (SEARS) 84 Plymouth MA
Greenfield 13-Jan-01 rwwl

St LAURENT, Catherine "Kay" Gloucester MA
Salem E-N 16-Dec-00 matms

STAPP, Rowena Uldean (BRAMMER)[SEARS] 82 Cincinnati
OH>Bloomington Bedford T-M 18-Sep-00 jjdj

STILES, Annie L (SEARS) 93 Hawley MA
Spfld U-N 8-Jan-01 fgibeau

STOTT, Viola (SEARS) 84 Salt Lake City UT
Deseret News 25-Feb-01 kwday

TURNER, Enid (SEARS)[DOUGLAS] 87 Snyder TX
Odessa A 6-Nov-00 blmcc

TURNER, Linda (SEARS) 55 Ansonia CT>West Palm Beach F
PBP 16-Jan-01 billspa

WADE, Lorna G (SEARS) 85 Flint MI
Flint Journal 21-Mar-01 navalex

WARD, Helen () [SEARS] 74 Washington DC>Stockton CA
Modesto Bee 3-Feb-01 neb

WESTENDORF, Edna (SEARS) 89
Cincinnati E/P (OH) 1-Jan-01 geaniel

WHITE, Raymond Sears Sr 86 Virginia Beach VA
Norfolk V-P 20-Aug-00 kskat

WICKER, Johnnie Ordra (SEARS) 83 Tom OK
Texarkana G (TX) 10-Nov-00 dorisl

YARDLEY, Mildred Roberta (SEARS) 94 Arlington WA>Medford OR
Mail Tribune 20-Dec-00 billeter

A Special Goodbye

Vivian Sears Broberg, 8 Jun 2000. Her daughter, Miriam writes "She was always a determined woman in all respects! Genealogy was one of her favorite "hobbies" – or perhaps loves. She was the author of "Always Westward, History of the Francis West and George Coburn Families." An addendum was published in 1988.

U.S. Navy Launched A Ship Named For One of Our Own - Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Scientist

It won't be just another ship launching when the USNS MARY SEARS rolls down the ways at the Halter Marine Shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi, October 19, 2000. For the first time in its 225-year history, the Navy is naming one of its research vessels for a woman, Mary Sears. Mary is a 9th generation descendant of Richard Sears of the East Precinct of Yarmouth (now Dennis)(her father was-Edmund⁹ Hamilton Sears 2^d, Francis⁸ Bacon Sears, Rev. Edmund⁷ Hamilton Sears, Joseph⁶, Joshua⁵, Joshua⁴, Paul³, Capt Paul², Richard). A marine biologist, the late Mary Sears(1905-1997) was one of the first staff members at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) and a guiding force in its development. She remained on staff for many years and was a Scientist Emeritus at the time of her death in 1997.

A WAVE during World War II, she provided intelligence reports predicting the presence of areas of the ocean where submarines could help escape enemy detection.

The ship will be christened by Alice Rivlin, former Vice Chair of the Federal Reserve, and Leila Sears, sister of Mary Sears, who was also a WAVE during World War II. Gary Kinder, author of Ship of Gold, will give the keynote speech. Many members of the Sears family will also attend the ceremony.

A Navy WAVE she was sent to Washington DC during World War II to work in the Hydrographic Office. Her intelligence reports, "*Submarine Supplements to the Sailing Directions*," predicted the presence of thermoclines, or areas of rapid water temperature change, under which a submarine could hide to escape enemy detection by surface sonar. She established a small oceanographic unit in the Navy's Hydrographic Office and helped expand the role of applied oceanography within the Navy. After the war, she returned to WHOI and served as a Commander in the US Naval Reserve until 1963.

The USNS MARY SEARS will be the sixth Pathfinder T-AGS 60 class (T-AGS 65) ship built by the Navy. Like all of the Pathfinder class ships, it will be a multi-mission oceanographic survey ship capable of surveying in either coastal or deep ocean waters and always forward deployed - having no stateside homeport. Its dual capability is indicative of the U. S. Navy's increased

USNS *Mary Sears*
www.who.edu/media/usns_sears.html
photo by Nancy Copley

emphasis on shallow water or littoral surveying - referring to the water area along the coastline extending inland to where naval influences can still be exerted. The oceanographic data collected by Navy's oceanographic survey ships are necessary to our military forces operating on, over, and above the seas, who must be prepared to sail in to-and out of-anywhere on the globe at a moment's notice.

The Pathfinder class ships, each 329 feet long and displacing 4,700 tons, are equipped with the latest survey technology. They are designed and constructed to provide multiple capabilities, including physical, chemical and biological oceanography; multi-discipline environmental investigations; ocean engineering and marine acoustics; marine geology and geophysics; and bathymetric, gravimetric and magnetometric surveying. The sponsor for the ships is the Oceanographer of the Navy on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. The surveys are conducted for the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command by personnel of the Naval Oceanographic Office. The ship will be operated by the Military Sealift Command. Surveys will be made throughout the world based on needs identified by the Commanders in Chief.

DESCENDANTS DELINEATED

Descendants of William Sears Family Tree Number XII

First Generation

This is an interesting tree in our forest of Sears Family trees. Information was furnished by A Gene Sears and Sue Crawford. Sue even has copies of Sears News from 1981 that are precious. I believe Milt Sears of Dumas, TX produced these early newsletters. He indicated that there may only be two issues and that they were produced with some inheritance from John(No.49) and Lula Sears. I have reproduced the cover of the two Sears News Issues that I have. I will try to get in touch with Milt Sears to see if we can reproduce the whole newsletter.

1. **William Sears** was born in 1740 in , VA. He died in 1831 in , Logan, KY.

BIRTH-DEATH: Wm Sears Genealogy; 1740-1990; Submitted by A Gene Sears,

Toppenish, WA; ; ;

William and his spouse had the following children:

- 2 F i. **Ann Sears.**
- 3 M ii. **John Sears.**
- 4 M iii. **Jacob Sears.**
- 5 M iv. **James Sears.**
- 6 M v. **William Monroe Sears.**
- + 7 M vi. **David Sears** was born in 1780 and died on 21 Nov 1849.
- 8 F vii. **Margaret Sears.**
- 9 M viii. **Harmon Sears** died¹ on 4 Jul 1815.
CRAWFORD, Sue: d. in US Army, soldier
- 10 F ix. **Madeline Sears.**
- 11 M x. **Abraham Sears.**

Second Generation

7. **David Sears** (William) was born in 1780. He died² on 21 Nov 1849 in Logan co, KY.

BIRTH-DEATH-PARENTS: Wm Sears Genealogy; 1740-1990; Submitted by A Gene Sears, Toppenish, WA; ; ;

David married **Katherine Coffman**³.

David and Katherine had the following children:

- 12 M i. **William Sears.**
William married **Matilda Favers**⁴ on 21 Dec 1835 in Logan co, KY.
- 13 M ii. **Adam Sears.**
- + 14 M iii. **Bartley Harrison Sears.**
- + 15 M iv. **Andrew Jackson Sears** was born on 1 Sep 1816 and died on 18 Jan 1891.
- 16 F v. **Emeline Sears.**
- 17 M vi. **George A Sears** was born⁵ in 1820.
George married **Isabella K Bennett**⁶ on 3 Oct 1865 in Logan co, KY.
- 18 F vii. **Julia Ann Sears** was born⁷ in 1823.
Julia married (1) **John R Sherrod**⁸ in 1845 in Todd co, KY.
Julia also married (2) **Asa Wilgus**⁹ on 8 Dec 1852 in Logan co, KY.

- 19 M viii. **Leonard C Sears** was born¹⁰ in 1824.
Leonard married **Margaret Driskill** on 6 Nov 1848 in Todd co, KY. Margaret was born¹¹ on 5 Dec 1832. She died on 4 Apr 1912.
- 20 M ix. **James Sears** was born¹² in 1828.
- 21 F x. **Frances C Sears** was born¹³ in 1830.
- 22 M xi. **Washington Sears** was born¹⁴ in 1834.
- 23 M xii. **Jacob Sears** was born¹⁵ in 1838.

Third Generation

14. **Bartley Harrison Sears** (David, William).

Bartley and his spouse had the following children:

- 24 F i. **Leticia Susanna Sears** was born in 1849/1850.
Email from Glenda Tate Bolinger smartoys@aol.com - my father's maternal grandmother

15. **Andrew Jackson Sears** (David, William) was born on 1 Sep 1816 in , KY. He died on 18 Jan 1891 in , KY.

BIRTH-DEATH-PARENTS: Wm Sears Genealogy; 1740-1990; Submitted by A Gene Sears, Toppenish, WA

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sylvnewman/searsgenealogy.html>

Andrew married **Mary Jane Wimpy**. Mary was born on 23 Feb 1819.

They had the following children:

- + 25 M i. **William Washington Sears**.
- 26 M ii. **James Milton Sears** was born on 12 Nov 1840 and died on 5 Feb 1932.
- 27 F iii. **Lucy Jane Sears**.
- 28 F iv. **Martha Ann Sears**.
- 29 M v. **Jefferson Sears**.
- 30 F vi. **Minerva Sears**.
- 31 M vii. **Henry Wilson Sears**.
- 32 M viii. **Matthew Currence Sears**.
- 33 F ix. **Margaret Elizabeth Sears**.
- 34 F x. **Virginia "Jennie" Sears**.

Fourth Generation

26. **James Milton Sears** (Andrew Jackson, David, William) was born on 12 Nov 1840 in , KS. He died on 5 Feb 1932 in KS.

James married **Amanda Prudence Dunn**, daughter of John Benefield Dunn and Mary Ann "Polly" Duncan. Amanda was born on 26 Mar 1862. She died on 1 Apr 1923.

They had the following children:

- 35 M i. **James Monro Sears**.
- + 36 M ii. **John Andrew Sears** was born on 23 Jun 1865 and died on 21 Nov 1962.
- 37 F iii. **Mary Jane Elizabeth Sears**.
- 38 F iv. **Janette Ellen Sears**.
- 39 F v. **Martha Ann Sears**.
- 40 M vi. **Obed Wimpy Sears**.
- 41 F vii. **Lydia Oliver Sears**.
- 42 M viii. **Benjamin Franklin Sears**.
- 43 M ix. **William Henry Willson Sears**.
- + 44 M x. **Albert Paul Sears** was born on 3 Aug 1883 and died on 19 Sep 1968.
- 45 M xi. **Sidney Sears**.
- 46 F xii. **Lola May Sears**.

Fifth Generation

36. **John Andrew Sears** (James Milton, Andrew Jackson, David, William) was born on 23 Jun 1865 in Vandalia, Fayette, IL. He died on 21 Nov 1962 in Cherokee, Alfalfa, OK.

John married (1) **Anna Laura Pate**, daughter of Squire Johnson Pate and Mary Catherine Patterson, on 12 Feb 1888 in Osborne, Osborne, KS. Anna was born on 10 Sep 1872 in Concordia, Cloud, KS. She died on 15 Sep 1933 in Enid, Garfield, OK.

They had the following children:

- 47 F i. **Grace Alvina Sears** was born on 23 Dec 1889 in Osborne, KS. She died on 28 Jul 1964.
- 48 F ii. **Lottie Mable Sears** was born on 26 Jun 1892 in Osborne, KS. She died on 9 Mar 1941.

Lottie married **Duke Wellington MORLAND** on 22 Feb 1910.

49 M iii. **John Milton Sears** was born on 19 Feb 1894 in Osborne, KS. He died on 10 May 1980.

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John married **Lula Jennings Sears** on 4 Nov 1918.

50 M iv. **Samuel Floyd Sears** was born on 7 Nov 1896 in MO.

Samuel married **Viva Mary Hiatt** on 27 Jul 1921.

51 M v. **Cecil Elsworth Sears** was born on 25 May 1900 in Elsworth, KS, KANSAS. He died on 4 Sep 1969.

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Cecil married twice

52 F vi. **Anna Pearl Sears.**

Anna married

53 M vii. **Lloyd Buford Sears.**

Lloyd married

54 M viii. **Harold Pate Sears.**

55 M ix. **Fay Elmo Sears** was born on 4 Dec 1908. He died on 30 Sep 1970.

Fay married

56 F x. **Laura Mildard Sears.**

Laura married **Charles Halbert SLEMMER.**

+ 57 M xi. **LeRoy Merton Sears** was born on 2 May 1914 and died on 20 Apr 1990.

58 M xii. **Meryl Lynn Sears** was born on 29 Mar 1917 in Rawlins, KS. He died on 23 Oct 1983.

Meryl married twice

John also married (2) **Bertha Cline.**

44. **Albert Paul Sears** (James Milton, Andrew Jackson, David, William) was born on 3 Aug 1883 in Healy Lane, KS. He died on 19 Sep 1968 in Jamestown, CA.

Albert married (1) **Fannie Mae Combs** on 12 Nov 1905 in Steamboat Springs, Routte co, CO. The marriage ended in divorce.

They had the following children:

+ 59 F i. **Edith Fern Sears** was born on 8 Jul 1907 and died on 21 Jun 1986.

Albert also married (2) **Gladys Allen.**, (3) **Permilia Weaver.**

Sixth Generation

57. **LeRoy Merton Sears** (John Andrew, James Milton, Andrew Jackson, David, William) was born on 2 May 1914 in , KS. He died on 20 Apr 1990 in WA.

BIRTH-DEATH-FATHER: Wm Sears Genealogy; 1740-1990; Submitted by A Gene Sears, Toppenish, WA; ; My dad's family was from around Celo Springs, Fairview, OK area. SSDI: 441-12-7541

They had two children:



59. **Edith Fern Sears** (Albert Paul, James Milton, Andrew Jackson, David, William) was born on 8 Jul 1907 in Grand Junction, Mesa co, CO. She died on 21 Jun 1986 in Vallejo, Salona co, CA and was buried in Sonoma, Sonoma co, CA.

Edith married (1) **Roy Allee**, also married (2) **Raymond Allison.**, (3) **Ben Schrum.**

She had a daughter

SEARS PASTORS

This is only a partial list containing nearly fifty Sears's who have dedicated their lives to God's service. I'm sure there are many more people involved. There are a great number of Deacons and other church officers who are involved in this ministry. I would be happy to add any names to this list that are forwarded to me. Editor.

Rev Albert Bacon Sears [27534](Henry, Henry)was born on 8 Nov 1865 in Preble, NY.

pastor of the Baptist church at Oneida

Alfred Nickerson Sears [26757](Thomas, John) was born in 1842.

Itinerant minister of M. E. Church, South. Lived in Louisville, KY.

Allen Sears [7791](Allen, Thomas, Thomas, Silas, Silas, Richard) was born in 1806 in , NY. He died on 4 Dec 1846 in Spencer, Owen Co., IN.

S.P. May p.268, D.S.P., No 1562 He rem. when a young man to Western PA, thence to Cincinnati, OH, where he remained but a short time, and thence to KY. He joined the Meth. Epis. Ch. previous to 1838, and was licensed to preach in that year, and appointed to Taylorsville Circuit as junior preacher; was transferred to Ind. Conference in 1845, and appointed to Vincennes Station, and in 1846 to Spencer Circuit. "Bro. Sears was a man of very strong faith, deep piety, a truly evangelical preacher, and a good pastor."

Rev. Arthur Elliot Sears [6453](Edward, Alden, Judah, Samuel, Paul, Richard) was born on 6 Jun 1823 in Cincinnati, OH. was buried in , 958.

S.P. May p.326 Arthur was a traveling preacher of the Meth. Epis. Church for over 30 years, and is now a local at Wright's, Santa Clara co., CA

Rev. Asahel Parker Sears [6451](Edward, Alden, Judah, Samuel, Paul, Richard) was born on 1 Jun 1816 in , Ontario, NY. He died on 17 Dec 1874 in Auburn, IL.

S.P. May p.325 At the age of 25 Asahel commenced preaching, and continued laboring with the "Christian Church," until a short time before his death.

Rev Barnas Sears [7114](Paul, Paul, Joshua, Paul, Paul, Richard) was born on 19 Nov 1802 in Sandisfield, MA. He died on 6 Jul 1880 in Saratoga, NY.

S.P. May p.371, No 1250 Barnas was buried at Brookline in his wife's family tomb.

Rev Barnas Sears, D.D., LL. D., S.T.D., grad Brown Univ., 1825, and Newton Theo Sem'y, 1829; studied several years at Halle, Leipzig and Berlin; was two years Pastor 1st Bapt Ch, Hartford, CT; afterward Prof Ham. Theo Sem'y, NY, (now Madison Univ) and Prof. and Pres. Newton Theo Sem'y, Newton, MA

In 1848, he succeeded Horace Mann as Sec. Mass. Board of Education, and was from 21 Aug 1855 to Feb 1867, President of Brown University.

From 1867 until his death, he rendered valuable services as General Agent of the Trustees of the Fund given by the late George Peabody for the benefit of Southern education.

He published "Nohden's Grammar of the English Language," in 1842; "Classical Studies," 1843; "Ciceronia, or the Prussian Mode of Instruction in Latin," 1844; "Memoir of Rev Bela Jacobs," 1847; "Life of Luther," 1850; since republished in England with the title "Mental and Spiritual Life of Luther", 1850; numerous reports on education, occasional addresses, and contributions to reviews and other periodicals, and to "Appleton's American Cyclopaedia."

In 1838, and for several years he edited the "Christian Review," and later "Bibliotheca Sacra."

In 1864, he published a discourse on the "Completion of the first century of Yale College."

Dr Sears was in public life from the time he returned to this country from Europe in 1837, until the year of his death, 1880.

Many considered him one of the greatest men of the age, and no doubt he was the foremost educator.

He had made every effort to secure his own scholarship, as his parents were unable to render him much assistance, and what he possessed himself he earnestly wished others to share.

He never was in the company of the young that on parting, they had not something to remember, which he had imparted in a pleasant manner.

His social and domestic life was not so full of incidents as might be expected, considering his peculiar gifts of wit, conversation and quick repartee, for he was a devoted student, even to the last days of his career.

Each year he was accustomed to take some one of the languages, and renew his intimacy with it.

He spoke and wrote with comparative ease, Greek, Latin, French, German, Spanish and Italian, and had a fair knowledge of Hebrew and Sanscrit.

In English he was a sure authority, and it was an absolute pain to him to hear it badly spoken by those who should use it correctly.

His wife was accustomed to say that she almost wished she was book, as then she should receive his attention

occasionally, and his children sometimes remarked that they wished company would come, so that the sound of his voice would be heard.

Such things rather pained him, while he treated them as jests, and he would lay aside pen and paper, and endeavor to "be sociable," but soon he would be seen in his own familiar place, utterly oblivious to his surroundings.

He had a very warm and affectionate nature, and although separated from all his brothers and sisters for many years, he seldom spoke of them without emotion

Of his mother he had the tenderest remembrance; he always described her to his children, who never saw her, as one of the best and sweetest Christians.

His father was quick-tempered and uneven in his spirits, but the mother was uniform and mild.

He had an old uncle Simeon, who used to be rather severe with his mischievous nephews.

Although Barnas was his favorite, he was very impatient at his fondness for books, and when he found him stretched under the shade of a tree, or sheltered from sight in any sequestered nook, he would chide him for laziness, and not unfrequently lay his riding whip about the boy's legs.

In spite of his fault-finding, however, he was proud of his talents, and in later life often said, he "always knew that youngster would make his mark."

While religious in the deepest and truest meaning of the word, Dr Sears was neither sectarian or narrow minded.

He had a broad catholic spirit, and saw good in all men.

When others were sitting in harshest judgement on some unfortunate one, he had a word of exculpation, or a loophole for possible escape.

In a little pocket diary, found in his coat after death, were a few rules for self-government. One was, "Criticise yourself severely, others mildly." Another was, "If not able to say a kind thing of the absent, keep silent."

These maxims were most faithfully observed.

He had inherited a quick temper, but by the time his family were grown, he had it under perfect control.

After he died, an old colored man-servant, who had lived with him for many years, told his associates that he had never heard his master speak angrily, and a colored girl who waited on Mrs Sears seventeen years bore the same testimony.

Every one loved him who served him, and while the whole country took sad note of his death, there was no sincerer regret anywhere than amongst the humble poor, who were connected with him in domestic life.

Notable Americans and What They Did, ed Linda S Hubbard; Gale Research; Texas A&M Library; Pres Brown Univ - 1855

Biography and Genealogy Master Index, 2d ed, Gale Research, ISBN 0-8103-1094-5, p140; Sears, Barnas 1802-1880 Alli, ApCAB, BiDamEd, CyAL 1, DcAmAu, DcAmB, DcNAA, Drake, NatCAB 1,-8, TcCBDA, WhAm HS

Rev Benjamin Sears [4836](Elkanah, Joshua, Paul, Paul, Richard)was born on 21 Feb 1771 in Chatham, CT. He died on 11 Oct 1822 in Delaware, OH and was buried in Bucyrus, Crawford, OH.

S.P. May p.226, No 530, "In early life Benjamin Sears followed farming and coopering, with his father; rem. from Chatham, CT, to New Durham, Greene co, NY, and thence after two years, he penetrated the forest still further, to Delaware, OH, where he resided till his death.

He filled with honor and esteem various military offices.

Changing his views of the Christian religion, he joined the Baptist Church, devoted himself to the ministry, received ordination, and after serving his church for some years, to its great increase, took his leave for a more extended field. He received his appointment as missionary, and traveling with his two sons, John and Benjamin, and John's wife, he went to Fort Wayne, IN, his sons having received appointments to labor as missionaries among the Indians. He returned from the mission to Delaware, and died soon afterward, much lamented as a man of energy and piety.

BURIAL: Oakwood Cemetery Lot D2;

Mayflower Index: No. 29,899 Benjamin; spouse Ann Bigelow; father Elkanah

Caleb Jefferson Sears VDM¹ [46446](John, Robert)was born² on 26 Oct 1805 in Loudoun co, VA. He died³ on 1 Apr 1877 in Penn Twp, Morgan co, OH and was buried⁴ in 1877 in Mt Zion Cemetery, Penn twp, Morgan co, OH.

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/davewright>,4 Sep 98, DaveWright@Compuserve.com,910 Loire Valley Rd, Marion, OH 43302-6754

Merely coincidence that had same name "Sears". His first Wife's name was Absolom "Sine" Maxwell of some notoriety to the early settlers of Manchester Township. He was Pastor of Mt. Olivet Society Methodist Protestant Church Windsor Township, Morgan County, Ohio. Occupation listed as Farmer vs. Methodist Minister on 1870 census.

SPM-p.598 he was a minister in the Prot. Epis. Ch.; his widow lives near Malta, OH

Rev Charles Bowen Sears [12976](Orin, James, James, Moody, Silas, Silas, Silas, Richard)was born on 3 Nov 1857 in Yarmouth, Barnstable, MA. He died on 21 Mar 1954 in Seattle, King, WA and was buried in Bellingham, WA.

S P May No 3849

E-mail from Lynn Olivier, Minnetonka, MN; grandson Richard Burghoffer has a narrative that Rev Sears wrote about his life.

Charles became a Methodist minister in KS and in 1905 moved to the Bellingham Whatcom area of WA. The family followed him and settled in Everett, WA.

Charles Cushman Sears [6793](Ira, Enoch, Benjamin, Samuel, Paul, Richard))was born on 16 Feb 1799 in Dorset, VT. He died on 24 Nov 1838 in Princeton, NJ.

S.P. May p.210, No 1049 Charles Sears read law in Adams, Jefferson county, NY, together with Rev. C.G. Finney, and both were converted to Christianity; he discontinued the study of law, grad. Ham. Col. 1826, and prepared for the ministry. The last year of his life was spent at Princeton, where he was proprietor of a school for boys, preparing them for college, D.S.P.

Rev Clinton William Sears [9575](William, Ebenezer, William, Paul, Paul, Paul, Richard)was born on 27 Apr 1820 in Carroll, NY. He died on 29 Aug 1863 in Urbana, OH.

S P May p 487; No 2275, Rev Clinton William Sears, A.M., graduated 3 Jul 1841, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, and in 1842, from Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, OH; was professor of Ancient

Languages and Literature, IL Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL, and the same in Wesleyan University, Athens, OH; President Illinois Wesleyan University, and for many years and active member of the Ohio and Illinois Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church; was Chaplain of 95th Regt, OH Vol Inf, and died 29 Aug 1863, at Urbana, OH of disease contracted during the Vicksburg campaign; he was buried with military honors in the Wesleyan Cemetery at Cumingsville, near Cincinnati, OH

LAND: IL Land Tract Sales Archive; 1815-1880; IL Secy of State; ; Univ of IL at Chicago; Date: 15 Jan 1857; Acres: 40; Price: \$2.50; Type: Federal; County:Montgomery; Meridian: 3; Township-Range: 09N 01W; Section-Part:11-NWSW; Vol pg: 109; Arch Vol No: 066

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Mayflower Index: No 29,912 Clinton W; spouse Angeline Brooks; father William

Rev. Daniel Sears [7105](Joseph, Joshua, Joshua, Paul, Paul, Richard)was born on 13 Apr 1801 in Sandisfield, MA.

S.P. May p.368 Daniel Sears was a Methodist clergyman, and removed to Wachita, LA

Dennis Sears [2431](Alvan, Alvan, Roland, Roland, Seth, Samuel, Paul, Richard) was born in 1830

SP May pp 480, No 3493, Is a farmer in Hawley, and a licensed Advent minister.

Rev Douglas Warren Sears [22527](Douglas, Chester, Orin, Orin, Heman, John, John, John, Paul, Richard)

Harvard College, BA magna cum laude, 1969; Harvard Divinity School, Master of Divinity, 1976; Boston State College, Master of Education, 1980; Suffolk Univ Law School, JD, 1986; Mass Family Law Journal-Overcoming Barriers to Recovery in Incestuous Child Abuse Claims; Development of Unfit Parent Decisional Standard in Mass.

Douglas is Deputy Director, Div of Dispute Resolution, Dept of Industrial Accidents and Special Assistant Attorney General. He has been visiting minister at Christ's Church Longwood since 1993-; was Assoc Minister, 1st Church in Stoneham (U.C.C.) and Minister, 1st Unitarian Church of Stoneham. Doug writes about: Christ's Church Longwood

"Christ's Church Longwood, widely also known as the Sears Chapel, was built between 1854 and 1860 for David Sears and his family by the noted architect Arthur Gilman, and is based on forward-thinking

ecumenical principles. It has always been interdenominational. The first minister, Rev. J. M. Hubbard, was Congregational; the second, Rev. C. C. Tiffany, Episcopalian; the third, Rev. S. B. Crufts, Methodist; and the fourth, Rev. H. A. Miles, Unitarian. In the 1890s and early years of this century the church was offered for the use of second congregations, and has upon occasions been available for congregations building or repairing their own churches.

"In the 1960's the church was made available to the present Congregation, the two Senior Ministers and the Licensed Minister (Rev. Evrol Officer) trained in Unity, and the Visiting Minister (Rev. Douglas W. Sears) in Unitarian-Universalism. The Revs. Thomas and Louise Newman, Senior Ministers, are entering into their thirty-first year of ministry.

"The Church, inspired by -- but not a copy of -- the ancestral church of the Sears family, St. Peter's Northgate, in Colchester, England - a church listed in the Domesday Book of 1086 - is strongly built of Roxbury puddingstone with a slate roof. It has a large bell, an original Hook organ, windows by Doremus (NYC), and a set of skylights which flood the nave with natural light. Paint analysis by SPNEA in 1992 revealed substantial retention of original paint and stenciling.

"Underneath the Church there are a series of crypts in which are buried the founder of the Church, his wife, parents, many descendants and some friends of the family. Burials include a Civil War General, a minor Swiss nobleman, members of the Winthrop and Adams families, and holders of 17 U.S. National tennis championships, including the first U.S. National Champion (R. D. Sears).

"The Church and grounds have been owned and managed over the years by a series of Massachusetts trusts. The present Christ's Church Longwood Trust of 1913, based on lives then in being is expiring because of the recent deaths of Richard D. Sears, Jr., and Mrs. Emily Sears (Henry Cabot) Lodge. The present trustees created in 1991 a religious and charitable corporation, the Sears Chapel Endowment, to hold the property permanently. Ownership is in transfer between the old trust and the new corporation. Both have holdings in the church - there is a small art gallery, archive and museum in the building; and both insure. The officers of the Endowment are identical with the Trustees, with two additional board members, the Minister ex-officio, and an outside member."

Rev Edmund Hamilton Sears [7108](Joseph, Joshua, Joshua, Paul, Paul, Richard)was born on 6 Apr 1810 in Sandisfield, MA. He died on 16 Jan 1876 in Weston, MA.

S P May, pp 369-370; No 1245, was graduated at Union Coll. in 1834, and at Cambridge Theo. School in 1837; began to preach as a missionary at Toledo, OH, remaining nearly a year, - was ordained Pastor of 1st Church(Unitarian), Wayland, MA, 1839, installed as

colleague of Dr Field, Pastor of the Unit. Church at Weston, MA, in May 1865, and succeeded him as Pastor in Nov 1869.

He visited Europe in 1873, and was severely injured by the fall of a tree in his orchard in 1874.

He was a man of singularly modest and retiring nature. His health had long been feeble, and he shrunk from personal display of any sort. But as a writer, as a preacher, and as a man, he has left a memory which will be long and lovingly cherished by all who knew him.

A saintlier soul has rarely been enshrined in mortal frame.

But for his early impaired health and enfeebled voice, he would have been deemed eloquent in utterance, no less than in style, for his delivery had every attractive and impressive quality, within the limited spaces in which he alone dared to seek a hearing.

Those that knew him felt that his place was with the beloved apostle, in closest union and sympathy with his Divine Master.

There was a sweet serenity of spirit in his whole demeanor, speech and character, which made him in every relation of life unspeakably dear.

Simple, modest, unassuming, even diffident, he was the last person to make of set purpose any manifestation of piety; but a beauty of holiness so pure and radiant as his could not be kept under cover.

All who came within its sphere felt profoundly the sanctity, purity and loveliness of its character.

His style was the transcript of his thought and feeling.

There was a view of high poetic inspiration, not only in those lyrics which are finding their place in the worship of

Christian sanctuaries wherever the English tongue is spoken, but almost equally in his prose, which is never otherwise than rhythmical, glowing and fervent.

Amongst other works of his were: lyrics to the Christmas song "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear", "Regeneration," "Athanasia," "The Fourth Gospel the Heart of Christ," "Sermons and Songs of the Christian Life," "Christian Lyrics etc, and he edited, with Rev R Ellis, "The Monthly Religious Magazine."

In 1857 he published an historical romance entitled "Pictures of the Olden Time," in connection with which he edited the "Sears Genealogy," from papers furnished him by Hon David Sears [5768] of Boston, but which have since been found to contain much erroneous information based upon legends incapable of proof. See ante, "English Ancestry."

Sears In Memorium - 1898 Memorial of Little Katy ; At Sturgis Library, Barnstable, MA

BIRTH-BIOGRAPHY: W J Burke and Will D Howe, Editors, American Authors and Books; 1640-1940; New York, Gramercy Publishing Co, 1943; pp 674-675; Book in Duncan Public Library, Duncan, OK; Unitarian clergyman, hymn writer. His nest known hymns are "Calm on the listening ear of night," and "It came upon a Midnight clear."

BIOGRAPHY:THE GOSPEL IN HYMNS; 1870; ; p 517; from Phebe Ann Glaze, N Hollywood, CA; Rev Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876) American Unitarian. SEARS was a humble clergyman who lives

only in two Christmas hymns. Born in the Massachusetts Berkshires, educated at Union College and the Harvard Divinity School (1837), he spent most of his life as pastor at Wayland, MA. In addition to his preaching he did editorial work for twelve years on the Monthly Religious Magazine and wrote several volumes on religious subjects. His first hymn, written while a divinity student, was "Calm on the listening ear of night" - still frequently used. His second is found in all of our hymnals.

"It came upon a midnight clear" [1846]. No Christmas is perfect without the singing of this hymn. It is one of the finest ever written, not only because of its melodious rendering of the Biblical story of angels and shepherds (stanza 1) but because it is one of the first to emphasize the social significance of the angel's message (st 2-5).

In stanza 2 unrolls the never-ending procession of Christmas days. The remembered angels and their song are reminders that the world was not intended to be weary, its plains need not be sad and lonely, nor its sounds a Babel instead of a symphony. These angels are the very hope of man springing eternally in the human breast.

Stanza 3 hints at the actuality rather than the ideal: the devastations, the slaughter, the hatreds, the vengeance, the struggle for power, the savage greed of men have drowned out the celestial music for two milleniums. As the poet was writing these lines his fellow citizens were killing Mexicans in order that they might enslave more Negroes, and the Civil War was looming over the horizon.

Stanza 4 becomes more personal. It urges all who find the burden of life too heavy-victims of poverty, disease, social injustice-to listen awhile to the angelic reminder that Good Will is heaven's law of life and can yet heal all their wounds.

Stanza 5 relieves the picture of human wrongs by reminding us that the song is still valid. Eternal in the human heart springs the hope, the passionate faith, that what men so desperately have longed for - that "Age of Gold"- will surely come to pass. "Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs" are all answering, "Yes!"

Biography and Genealogy Master Index, 2d ed, Gale Research, ISBN 0-8103-1094-5, p140; Alli, Alli SUP, AmAu, AmAu&B, ApCAB, BiDAMM, ChPo,-S1,-S2, DcAmAu, DcAmB, DcNAA, Drake, NatCAB 8, OhA&B, PoChrCh, REnAL, TwCBDA, WebE&AL, WhAm HS

Mayflower Index: No. 29,932 Edmund H; spouse Ellen Bacon; father Joseph

<http://tch.simplenet.com/bio/s/ehsears.htm>

Sears attended Union College in Schenectady, New York, and Harvard Divinity School. He served at Unitarian churches in Wayland, Lancaster, and Weston, Massachusetts. He also helped edit the Monthly Religious Magazine. His works include:

Regeneration (1854)
Pictures of the Olden Time (1857)
Sermons and Songs of the Christian Life (1875)

Died: January 14, 1876, Weston, Massachusetts.

Wanted: Picture ; Place of burial - If you can help with any of the "wanted" items, would you send us an e-mail?

Rev. Edmund Winslow Sears [8623](Franlin, Elisha , Roland, Joseph, Silas, Richard) was born on 9 Oct 1821 in Groveland, NY.

S.P. May p.453, No 1889 Edmund Sears was a shoemaker by trade; he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1840, and was licensed to preach in 1857, traveled 3 years under presiding elder, and was ordained by Bishop James in 1866.

Has been superintendant of Sunday School 36 years; since 1840 a teetotaler; was appointed Postmaster 1865; resides Moscow, NY.

Rev. Edward G Sears [7128](Simeon, Paul, Joshua, Paul, Paul, Richard) was born on 9 Dec 1813 in Sandisfield, MA. He died on 13 Nov 1878 in Springfield, MA.

S.P. May p.377, No 1262, Rev Edward G Sears was educated at Madison Uni., Hamilton, NY, and at Newton Theo Sem'y, MA, and ordained minister of the Baptist Church. He was a fine scholar, and early in boyhood showed his love for mathematics by secretly borrowing an advanced arithmetic and entirely mastering its contents, and finishing every example in it before his parents knew anything about it.

He was settled in Marshfield, Sharon, North Wrentham, Franklin and other places in Mass, and afterward became a Professor in New Hampton Institute, NH.

He was for a year or two editor of the "Christian Review," in Boston; afterward engaged in manufacturing business in Nashua, NH; in furniture business in Baltimore, MD, and in farming in Agawam, MA, from 1857 to 1865.

In the latter year he became editor of the Springfield, MA, "Daily Union," which position he held until within a year or two of his death, when he retired to a small place he had purchased in the suburbs of Springfield. He had for many years been in poor health.

Rev Franklin Sears' [8511](Joseph, Steven, Joseph, Joseph, Silas, Richard) was born on 8 Aug 1808 in Brewster, Barnstable, MA. He died on 22 May 1875 in Harwich Port, Barnstable, MA.

S.P. May p.448 Was a Methodist minister

DVR, p 274, Franklin and his wife Lucy A record of their children

Yarmouth Register, 29 May 1875, Harwich Port - Died, in Harwich Port, May 22d of paralysis, Rev Franklin Sears, aged 66 years. In his death the Methodist Episcopal Church loses one of her most

faithful and beloved ministers. He has filled regular appointments on the Providence Conference for many years, although never a member of the Conference.

His last regular station was Pocasset, where early in 1872 a stroke of paralysis compelled him to resign his charge and return to the home of his early manhood, at Harwich Port. For the past three years his zeal for the "Master" would lead him still to preach, but physical infirmity hindered. Precious memories of this servant of God will linger in the hearts of all who have known his faith and cheerful hope. With his lifework well done he has passed on to enjoy the fruition of Heaven.

Rev. Freeman Sears [6350](Jonathan, Jonathan, Jonathan, Samuel, Paul, Richard) was born on 28 Nov 1779 in Harwich, MA and was christened on 2 Jan 1780 in E Yarmouth. He died in 1811.

S.P. May p.318 , No 907, Freeman graduated at Williams College, settled as a clergyman in Natick, MA, and was the first minister of the Central Church in that town, in 1802. His will was proved in 1811. Inventory, \$3000. His daughter, Lydia, was named in her great-grand-mother's will, 7 Jan 1815. See ante.

Rev. Gilbert N Sears was born on 1 Jan 1839 in Lempster, NH.

S.P. May p.508 Lives in Shelby, Orleans co., NY

Henry Sears [27135](John) was born in 1798 in , Warren, KY. He died in 1860.

Removed to Montgomery, IL abt 1820, located on a farm in the SW corner, where he lived til his death in 1860. Was a minister in the Baptist Church, 35 yrs. No children.

CONFLICT: Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in MO; BNS News Service from CT State Library F465.H85; p 215; b. 1790, m. Priscilla Prather

Pastor Henry Mark Sears [26754](Thomas, John) was born on 16 Sep 1836 in , Williamson, TN.

Pastor of St. James M. E. Church, Galveston, TX

Rev. Hiram Sears [8836](Abner, Richard, Silas, Joseph, Silas, Richard) was born on 10 Apr 1825 in Yankeetown, Fayette Co., OH.

S.P. May p.462 Hiram Sears emigrated with his parents to the vicinity of Naples, IL, in the fall of 1836; attended the Illinois College at Jacksonville for some time, and graduated from McKENDREN College, Lebanon, IL, in summer of 1849. He united with the IL Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at

Jacksonville, in fall of 1851, and by a division of that conference fell into the Southern IL Conference, of which he has been a member ever since.

He resided in Effingham, IL, and since 1886 has been a missionary superintendant of the Western Seaman's Friend Society, address, Seaman's Bethel Home, Cleveland, OH.

Mr Sears has for years taken much interest in the family history, and has collected much data regarding different branches in the North-West, which he has kindly placed at my disposal for this work.

Rev John Sears [7075](Benjamin, Elkanah, Joshua, Paul, Paul, Richard)was born on 20 Apr 1797 in New Durham, NY. He died on 14 Nov 1856 in Lake Zurich, IL.

SPM p.365(No 1225) John Sears was educated in NY city; ordained to the Baptist ministry in 1822, and appointed a missionary to the Indians by the Baptist B. of M.(Board of Missions), 17 Jan 1821, the appointment being confirmed by Gov. Lewis Cass of Michigan, under army regulations, 16 Jul 1822, and his salary fixed at \$400.

He was appointed to teach the Ottawas, and with his wife arrived at Fort Wayne IN 1 Aug 1822, his father, Rev Benj. Sears, and his brother, Benj. Sears, Jr., a lay minister of the Baptist church, arriving the next day.

Articles of religion were at once drawn up, and on 3 Aug 1822, the first Baptist Church at Fort Wayne was organized.

The Rev Corbly Martin of Staunton, OH, preached on the occasion, and the Rev. Elder Benj. Sears gave the right hand of fellowship.

The members of the first Baptist Church at Fort Wayne, who signed the articles and thus became the founders of the church there, were, Isaac McCoy, Christiana McCoy, Giles Jackson, Mary Jackson, John Sears, Mary Sears, Johnston Lykins, Benjamin Sears, Jr., missionaries; and one woman of the Delaware tribe, one woman of the Miami tribe, and one black man.

Affliction, disappointment and bereavement soon followed Mr. Sears. His father died at Delaware, OH, on returning home to New York. His wife was attacked with sickness peculiar to the country and the season.

His brother Benjamin having labored in the mission but twenty-three days, was taken down, and after a protracted spell of typhus fever, died on the third day of November.

Rev John Sears and his wife left the mission soon afterward - 26 Nov 1822.

He was settled at Franklin, NY, from 1823 to 1827; at Ithaca, NY, from 1828 to 1830; Mecklenburg, NY, from 1832 to 1842; and at Newfield, NY, from 1843 to 1845. In 1846 he removed to Lake Zurich, IL, where he settled on a farm, which remained his home till his death in 1856.

Rev John Milton Sears [27152](Iverson, John) was born on 13 Jan 1830.

Joseph Sears [27143]()was born about 1750/1760 in , King And Queen, VA. He died about 1820 in , Warren, KY.

A Baptist Minister, Revolutionary soldier, settled on a farm in Orange Co., N. Carolina abt 1785, later removed to Warren Co., KY where he died about 1820.

Rev. Lorenzo Sears [11720](Nathaniel, Rufus, Nathaniel, Samuel, Josiah, Silas, Richard)was born on 18 Apr 1838 in Hawley, MA. He died on 1 Mar 1916.

Samuel Pearce May, p 550; Was Rector of Grace Church, Manchester, NH, till 1885, when he was appointed Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature in Burlington University, VT

W J Burke and Will D Howe, Editors, American Authors and Books; 1640-1940; New York, Gramercy Publishing Co, 1943; pp 674-675; Book in Duncan Public Library, Duncan, OK; Educator, author. The History of Oratory (1896); Principles and Methods of Literary Criticism (1898); American Literature in the Colonial and National Periods (1902); The Makers of American Literature (1904); Wendell Phillips (1909); John Hancock (1912); John Hy (1914); etc. English dept, Brown University, 1890-1906. They show him born in Searsville, MA.

John W Sears Archive:Notable Americans - Taught at Brown 1895-1906

Biography and Genealogy Master Index, 2d ed, Gale Research, ISBN 0-8103-1094-5, p140; AmAu&B, ScAmAu, ScNAA, REnAL, TwCBDA, WhAm 1

Rev Oliver M Sears [2250](Azarelah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Jonathan, Samuel, Paul, Richard)was born on 29 Nov 1817 in Ashfield, MA. He died in 1852 in Dalton, MA.

SP May No. 1987,pp 471 Mr. Sears graduated Williams College, and was settled as minister in Dalton, MA.

Rev Peter E Sears [31153](Donald, Earl, Frank, Alvin, Alvin, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, John, Paul, Richard) was born on 19 Feb 1960 in Brockton, MA.

Letter from Harold F Sears, S Yarmouth, MA;graduated Brockton High School. He studied for the ministry at Nyack College, Nyack, NY. The ministry has taken them to two churches in rural PA before becoming the Pastor of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Rutland, VT since 1994.

Rasselas L Sears [6457](John, Alden, Judah, Samuel, Paul, Richard) was born on 25 May 1811 in Bristol, Ontario, NY. He died on 11 May 1844 in Lima, IN. D.S.P.

S.P. May p.200, No 961, grad. Union Coll., 1838; Andover Theo. Sem., 1841; soon after marriage became pastor of Presb. Church in Lima. His memory is still cherished there with devoted affection; in all respects, socially, intellectually and religiously he was a superior man. His widow m. 2d, Rev. O.P. Hoyt of Kalamazoo MI, 24 Dec 1855, and has since lived in Taunton.

Hand note: Rev Rasselas L Sears, became hopefully pious at the age of 17, at which time, he solemnly consecrated himself to the work of the Gospel ministry, if God should spare his life. After encountering various pecuniary embarrassments in obtaining an education, in the autumn of 1838, he was graduated at Union College with high honors. During his college course, he was maintained a consistent Christian character. Though ardent in pursuit of knowledge, he neglected not the cultivation? of his heart. Upon leaving college he engaged in teaching at Utica, NY, where he soon secured the warm attachment of his pupils, and numerous friends, with whom he became acquainted. After pursuing with great industry and success, the prescribed course in the Theo'l Institution at Andover he was licensed to preach the Gospel, and soon after came to Michigan, where he engaged for a year as principal of the Marshall Academy. While there he received a pressing invitation from the churches at Lima and Greenfield, IN, to become their pastor, and acting upon the advice of his friends, he consented to accept the charge. His labors were highly acceptable, and abundantly blessed. Eminently qualified as he was in mind and heart for this work, the recollection of his many virtues will live long in the hearts of his people.

By a naturally feeble constitution, and deeply devoted to his studies, the seeds of an insidious and fatal disease had taken deep root before he was aware of its approach. But so ardently desirous was he to lead sinners to the Cross, and to build up the walls of Zion, that he yielded with the greatest reluctance to the entreaties of his friends to suspend his labors in the ministry. Though the spiritual wants of this new country, his love for his people, the recollection of the years spent in preparation for the ministry, and his tender affection for his beloved companion, all contributed to render life dear to him, yet his wish to be restored to health, if such was the will of God, seemed to arise mainly from his desires to preach the Gospel. But when he became fully aware that his work on earth was done, he desired to be absent from the body, that he might be present with the Lord. Though for him to live was Christ, yet to die was evidently gain. At times, in the early part of his sickness, more particularly, he complained of a want of faith, but usually, all was bright and cloudless, and often times he was favored with enrapturing views of the Savior.

While conversing with a brother in the ministry a few days before his death, he pleasantly remarked, "How blessed it is that God takes his own way in removing the timbers, one after another, that sustain the frail tabernacle?" When he became anxious that his last

hour was come, like the great apostle, when about to leave forever his beloved church of Ephesus, he sent for the Elders of the Church and in a most solemn and affecting manner exhorted them to discharge their duties and weigh well their responsibilities. He told them of his love for them, and the church, in which they were placed, and expressed his satisfaction that he had remained to die with them, instead of returning to the East. His reason continued to the last. He quietly faded away, like a summer cloud, and fell asleep in Jesus, without a struggle or groan. As a man, he was a gentleman, a Christian gentleman, and a thorough scholar. As a Christian he was a humble and eminently devoted servant of the Cross, and an able and faithful minister of the Gospel. The day following his death, which was the Sabbath, attended by his brethren in the ministry, slowly and sadly, his smitten flock bore the remains of this beloved pastor to the grave. Boston Recorder 13 Jun 1844.

Rev Reuben Sears [2151](Sunderland, Benjamin, Samuel, Paul, Richard) was born on 22 Nov 1778. He died on 5 Aug 1846 in Prophetsville, IL.

S P May, No 454, Reuben Sears graduated Union College and was settled over a church in Hudson for several years, but his health failing, he removed to Ballston Spa, where he wrote a poem, extolling the virtues of the mineral waters, which was published in pamphlet form in 1819.

He was afterward settled in Dracut, MA and in New Scotland, Albany Co, NY and died in Prophetsville, IL, 1846.

He was a Presbyterian clergyman, and one of the most conscientious and devoted persons in existence. His whole life was made up of untiring effort for the good of men.

He was one of the first to advocate total abstinence.

In one of his early sermons on the evils of intemperance, he depicts the sad condition from this cause existing among the clergy and elders, also the members of the church, and tells them of the ruin and disgrace they are bringing upon themselves and the church:-and here the very first idea of the possibility of total abstinence seems to have entered his mind, as he exclaims: "Brethren, these things ought not to be; far better than such a state of things should exist, would it be for all to even totally abstain from the use of all intoxicating beverages."

As an anti-slavery man he was a "thorn in the flesh" of the Presbytery and Synod to which he belonged, by his persistent introduction of resolutions denouncing the institution of slavery as "wrong in principle and opposed to true godliness."

He died in the firm conviction that God would order it otherwise in His own good time.

Robert Sears [34031]()

National Faculty Directory, 1998, p 3232, Gale Research, NY, ISSN 0077-4472; Pastoral Ministry, Loyola U Lake Shore Campus, 6525 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60626-5311

Rev Robert Fulton Sears Esq [34567](John, William, John, Robert,) was born¹ on 2 May 1864 in Bristol, Morgan, OH. He died² in 1930.

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

Gibson, Evelyn D., BLACKBURN AND ALLIED DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BLACKBURN, SR, WHO CAME FROM IRELAND TO PENNSYLVANIA IN 1736;: 1580-1976; Lincoln NE, Arbor Printing Co., 1978;

May, Samuel P. THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD SARES (SEARS); s.l., s.n., 1890;pp 598-601; is a teacher in Marietta, OH

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)
Occupation: Teacher, Attorney

Rev. Samuel Paddock Sears [27734](Daniel, Nathan Sayre, Elisha Sayre, Nathan, Daniel, Thomas Sayre) was born on 17 Feb 1815 in Leyden, NY.

Lived in Lowville, NY.

Rev Silas Sears [8774](Richard, Richard, Silas, Joseph, Silas, Richard)was born on 8 Aug 1806 in Rome, Oneida, NY. He died on 20 Aug 1859 in Rome, Jefferson, WI and was buried in Rome, WI.

S.P. May p.457, No 1921, On the 22d Oct 1843, Mr Sears with his wife and four children removed from Camden, NY to Rome, Jefferson co., WI. They suffered greatly from the lateness and rigor of the season, and lost two children by small-pox. Settled in their new home they had a severe struggle to maintain themselves for the first two years, until they could get the ground cleared, and crops planted and harvested.

In 1858, at the request of her pastor, Mrs Sears wrote a long and pathetic account of their trials and tribulations, which was read to the Sunday School in Rome, WI, and which I much regret not having space to print here [see part of it below].

Mr Sears was for many years an honored local preacher in the Methodist Church.

BIRTH: Letter from Carol Aldrich, Tulsa, OK, to Ray Sears, Duncan, OK; 1675-1989; Letter dtd 18 May 1994; ; copy in poss of Ray Sears, Duncan, OK; Ms. Seeley was his second wife. These are probably by his first wife. He and Ms Seeley had 9 children. He was a minister in the Methodist church. Died age 53 years 25 days. Buried: Crowder Cemetery

OBITUARY: Letter from Carol Aldrich, Tulsa, OK; From the Jefferson Co Union: 1921 Residence, Etc

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Parts of this story were published in 1880 in the "History of Jefferson County." The original was probably never returned to her as it has become lost to the family.

Mr Sears located in what is now the town of Sullivan, Jefferson co, WI, 2 Jan 1844. Built the first tavern in the village of Rome in 1848. Sold it to Peter Tubbs, probably in '52 or '53, and bought a farm west of Rome where he died in 1859.

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MEMORIES

On receiving a copy of "The Days of Modern Rome," Millard Seely wrote as follows;

"But the Oak and Maples sing:
"Twist ye, twine ye: even so,
Mingle shades of joy and woe,
Hope, and fear, and peace, and strife,
In the thread of human life.

While the mystic twist is spinning,
And the infant's life beginning,
Dimly seem through twilight bending,
Lo, what varied shapes attending!

Passions wild, and follies vain,
Pleasures soon exchanged for pain;
Doubt, and jealousy, and fear,
In the magic dance appear.

Now they wax, and now they dwindle,
Whirling with the whirling spindle.
Twist ye, twine ye! even so,

Mingle human bliss and woe. 'Scott.

"There is one thing I must tell you about your grandfather (Rev Silas Sears)-- I don't think he ever had an enemy. He was a good, Christian man.

"You spoke about the stone walk on your father's old place. Aunt Betsey Sears laid that walk with her own hands.

Millard Seely.

Jean Sweningsen-History of Sullivan Town N (Jefferson co, WI)

CONFLICT: Death date also 1901!

Letter from Carol Aldrich, Tulsa, OK, to Ray Sears, Duncan, OK; 1675-1989; Letter dtd 18 May 1994; She was one of 18 children. Included is a story she wrote in 1858 for a book printed in 1880 titled "The History of Jefferson County." Some of the story is in the narrative of the Sears Family written by Lottie Cartwright, but her version is also included. Update added later. I have more.

Dan Seeley found out from the Vernon Historical Society that Betsey was buried in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Stark Twp, WI page 24, row 14. Her brother and two of his kids are also buried there. There's a quilt made by Betsey Sears on display in a museum in CA. It's been appraised at \$30,000.

A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE

TAKEN FROM A BOOK TITLED HISTORY OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

BEGINNING PAGE 521 AS WRITTEN BY BETSY SEELEY SEARS

In the quiet village of Rome lives an aged lady, athwart whose path of life has fallen a multitude of sorrows. Everyone knows "Aunt Betsy" Sears. She is sixty-four years of age, and lives alone in a neat little room, over the door of which, on the outside, is this sign: "Job Printer." In one corner of the room are three or four cases of type, each letter standing on end. "Aunt Betsy" has never "learned the boxes," as types are ordinarily "laid" but has a system of her own, as unique as it is original. She never saw any one "set type," and does not even know the advantage of using a "rule." Nevertheless she has managed to acquire a sufficient knowledge of the art of printing to enable her to "print a job with neatness and dispatch," and she frequently has card and circular work to perform for the businessmen of Rome. She "empties her stick by sliding the type from the open portion of that instrument upon a piece of tin, from which it is transferred to a wooden box half an inch deep, and then, "keyed up," as she expresses it. The ink is then applied with a "brayer" almost as old as "Aunt Betsy's" business card, written and printed by herself:

MRS. B. M. SEARS

JOB PRINTER

JEFFERSON STREET, ROME. WISC.

-To the north the fifth door
From Frank Gifford's store

You will find the old lady is
living,

All alone by herself,
For the sake of the pelf,
Attention to business she's giving.

Some years ago Mrs. Sears wrote an account of the trials and tribulations experienced by herself and family when they came to Wisconsin. It is a true picture of pioneer life, vividly portrayed, and full of the sad impressions that only can be wrought upon the minds of those who braved the dangers and trials of early days and suffered the adversities that beset the pioneer in almost every clime. The extensive length of the paper will not admit of its publication in its entirety in these already overcrowded pages, but most of the essential parts are given:

On the 22nd of October, 1843, we left our former home in the town of Camden, County of Oneida, State of New York, with our four little children, to go

to the Far West. Arriving at Buffalo, we found that no vessel was going through to Milwaukee short of three or four days, but the "Julia Palmer" was about to sail for Detroit, and were induced to take passage upon her. We were told that we would find plenty of boats at Detroit that would take us through to Milwaukee, but when we arrived at the Michigan metropolis, we found it necessary to wait for the same vessels we left at Buffalo, and when they came they were so heavily loaded they could not take us on board, and it was the last trip they were going to take.

After remaining in Detroit five days, at a cost of \$ 10.00, there came a man to the tavern with a team and double wagon without any cover on it. He was accompanied by his wife, and they were going to Milwaukee. They agreed to take our family through for \$20.00, we to bear our own expenses; so on the 3rd of November, we set out upon a journey in an open wagon for which we were little prepared. The ground had frozen very hard the night before, and upon it had fallen about four inches of snow. For two weeks, we had very severe weather, when it moderated and the ground and snow thawed together; then it was nothing but mud. This we traveled around Lake Michigan through snow and mud and rain and shine, until we reached Racine. There we heard that the smallpox prevailed in Milwaukee, and so we hired the man to take us across the country to Prairieville (now Waukesha). I had two brothers living at Genesee, in that direction, but when we got within three miles of their place we heard that they also had the smallpox in both families, and had each lost a child with it. There we were, worn out with fatigue, and my little children sick from the time we first put foot on the steamboat at Buffalo, looking forward to an hour of rest, the society of friends and a temporary home; then in a moment to have our hopes dashed to earth-it was too much. It seemed as though I must sink down and die. We had then traveled eighteen days, and I had carried my little babe, twenty-two months old, almost all the way in my lap; for it was so cold I had to keep her under my cloak. The youngest of our three little boys were very ill, requiring the constant attention of his father, who frequently stopped by the roadside with him, and was then compelled to run to overtake the wagon; for our teamster displayed his kindness by refusing to stop for anything or anybody. When we stopped at night, instead of rest I had to cook our suppers, for it would have cost all we had to live in the taverns. When we heard the terrible news of my brother's misfortunes, we stopped at a house on the road and had our children vaccinated. We remained over night in the house with a very kind family. I shall never forget how I felt when the good mother spread a warm biscuit with butter and divided it among my half-starved children. It brought the tears of joy to my eyes. It was the first morsel, except one, that they had received without money, in five weeks.

In the morning, my husband set out for my brothers' homes, but before reaching there he met one of them going to Prairieville. They were overjoyed to learn of our safe arrival. They had expected us three weeks before, not having any intelligence of us, had given us up for lost, and believed we were drowned while crossing the lake. My brother said there was no danger of our taking the smallpox; as they were well of it, and had thoroughly disinfected their houses. So we

went home with him, but it seemed to me as if I was carrying my children to the grave. When we arrived, we found that his wife was nursing a lady with the disease, and therefore we were right in the midst of it. Within nine days, I was taken with varioloid; two days later my little girl was taken sick, and the next day our youngest boy took his bed with the terrible disease. The day before I was taken, my husband started off to look for a farm, and, as he remained away longer than we expected he would, we began to feel uneasy about him. When we started from Detroit, we gave orders to have our goods sent to Milwaukee on a schooner, but up to the time we were taken down with the smallpox, we had not heard anything from them. Never before nor since have I experienced such feelings of sorrow and misery. Three of us sick with a dreadful disease, my husband absent, I knew not where, and every indication that our meager stock of clothing and bedding had been lost on the lake. While I lay groaning in my utter wretchedness, this thought occurred to my mind:

"The darkest time, I have heard them say,
Is just before the break of day."

I stopped weeping and began to hope. Thought I, it may be it that my husband is safe; the children are not dead yet, and possibly, some lucky wave may waft our goods ashore. That day, my husband came home; the children began to appear better, and my brother came from Milwaukee and said he had found our goods and that they were on the way home. I began to take courage and think that all would yet be well. But alas! how soon are blooming hopes cut off. On Wednesday, my husband came home full of bright prospects. He had found a good location, and had stayed and put up a house, calculating to move his family into it the next Monday, little dreaming of what situation we were in at home. When he came, there we were in a pile, three of us in one bed, and nine of us in a little shanty 12 by 14 feet in size. Our two sick children looked so loathsome we could scarcely bear the sight of them. The next day, they grew worse, and on Sunday, at 11 o'clock, the little girl died; on Monday, at 12 o'clock her little brother followed her. It had always seemed to me that if I should ever lose a child, I could never let it go out of my arms, but now two of my loves were dead, and what mother cannot imagine my feelings when I looked upon their innocent faces, covered with the repulsive marks of a terrible disease? They must be hurried into the ground as quick as possible, and I not able to see them buried. But God strengthened my almost exhausted endurance, and I became resigned to my fate. I believe He is too wise to be mistaken, too good to be unkind.

Two weeks from the day my little boy died, we started, in company with the family of my brother, Davis Seely, for Bark Woods. By some means, the teams took different roads, and we became separated. Our team came through Waterville, while my brother's went through the bluffs. I was very feeble from my recent sickness, and everything seemed to conspire against us as we wended our way through the woods, with no guide save now and then a freshly marked tree. At the end of the second day, we reached our destination; but what had become of my brother and his

family? This annoyed us very much all night. The next day we saw Davis coming slowly through the woods but the woeful look upon his face told us plainer than words that something terrible had happened. His little four year old boy had been killed the day before by a leaning tree under which the teamster drove. We thought that our cup of sorrow was already full, but now it was running over. Picture to yourself a family of weary emigrants, looking forward with eager eyes and longing hearts to the time when they should reach their final destination, and be sheltered from the chilling rain that was descending in torrents upon them, and urging forward their jaded beasts as fast as their weary limbs and the roughness of the ground would permit. Suddenly there is a crash. Oh! what a sound to the father's ears, when, from a distance in the rear, he sees it is the head of his son.

He has seen the danger and hallooed to the teamster, but too late. He rushes forward and catches the lifeless body of his boy. "Oh! Mr. De Jayne," he says "you have killed my son! you have killed my son!"

Onward, through the mud and brush, he bore his bleeding child, in agony too great to give vent to tears. They found their way to a little shanty belonging to Mr. Tinney, and there watched and mourned the remainder of the night. ***** The next day, the funeral took place from Mr. Crowder's Tavern. I believe it was the first meeting of any kind ever held in these woods.

When we left my brother Dempster's on the 1st of January, 1844, he calculated to come out in a few days and bring us some provisions. Consequently, we did not fetch anything but a bag of flour and about a pound of butter that I put in my work-basket. But Dempster did not come for four weeks, and during that time, we had very short allowances. We succeeded in getting three bushels of flat turnips, at 18 pence a bushel. This was all we could get for love or money. Potatoes, there were none to be had, and as for meat, I borrowed three pounds of pork of an old settler, and I used to cut two very small slices of it and fry them, and take a little flour and water and make a sort of paste gravy with which to moisten our bread and turnips. I did not dare to cook but two turnips apiece, and they were very small, and I did not dare to peel them before they were cooked, because it would be such a waste. So, with our two turnips and bread and paste we made our breakfast, and with a little water porridge made of "middlings" and sweetened with black molasses, and very poor at that, and a slice of toasted bread, we made our dinner. For supper we had stewed dried apples and bread, and sometimes for a change, we ate our bread plain. This kind of fare lasted for four weeks, when my brother came and brought us some flour, a "porker" that weighed 160 pounds, and forty pounds of butter that we brought with us from York State. Then we had something to eat.

When we arrived at Mr. Crowder's we had but \$20.00. Our shanty had neither floor nor windows, so we were obliged to stay at the tavern till our bill amounted to \$3.00; then we had \$17.00 to live upon the rest of the year. By the last of May, we were eating our last bushel of flour. My husband had cleared a small piece of land, and he could not leave it to go out to work to get something to eat, for he must plant it or go without another year. One night, my brother came to

our house on his way to Genesee. I could not sleep that night for thinking of our miserable situation. In the morning I remembered, when we moved in, we passed a house about two miles beyond Waterville where I saw eighteen hogs plucks hanging up. It occurred to me that, if they had so many hogs, they must have something else. So I told my husband that I was going to run away. He asked me where I was going, but I told him I could not tell him where; I was going to seek my fortune. I filled my satchel with a few articles of my own manufacture, and started with my brother toward Genesee. We were all day going fourteen miles. The misquitoes were so thick that we could not breathe without inhaling them, unless we had something over our faces. We got out at Mr. Davenport's (for that was where I saw the hogs' plucks) just about sundown. They gave us some supper and my brother went on. I told Mrs. Davenport I would like to stay the night with them, but she said she did not see how she could keep me. I told her I would sleep any place if she would only let me stay, and she finally consented to do so. She made a bed on the floor for one of her little girls, and I was assigned a place with her sister, who, during the night, probably mistaking me for an intruder, turned her heel battery upon me with such ferocity that I was compelled to retreat as far as the limits of the bed would permit, and there lay motionless for fear of another attack. In the morning, I began to press my suit, having laid my case before them the night before. I told them that we had just moved to the woods; that our money was all gone; our provisions were nearly exhausted, and we had no means of procuring more; that I had come out there in search of something to do that I might earn some flour. Mrs. Davenport said she had no work for me to do, but told me of several in the neighborhood who hired their sewing done. Then I exhibited the articles in my satchel--knit caps, knit edging, and some white painted standcloths. When she saw the edging, she said that was just the thing she wanted, for she had just bought a damask linen table-cloth, and wanted that to trim it with. I sold her fourteen yards of the lace and one of the standcloths, for \$3.50. Wasn't I rich then! I felt wealthier than ever before. I was fourteen miles from home, and expected to go all the way on foot, but I felt so much lighter that it was a pleasure to walk. I traveled about six miles that day, and called at every house I came to in search of work, but none could I find. Night overtook me at the house of a family named Cobb, and there I remained until the following afternoon, when Mr. Cobb took me in his wagon to the house of Mr. Churchill, where I stayed all night. In the morning I explained my business, and told of my success at Mrs. Davenport's. Mr. Churchill said he was going to Jefferson in a few days, and would get me some wheat, have it ground, and bring the flour to us. I told him I had a new pair of boots I brought from York State with me, that were too small, and that I would let him have them for his wife to pay him for his trouble. That was just the thing he wanted, so when I got ready to go, he sent his brother with a team to take me home. You may be sure there was joy in the camp when I got back and reported what I had done. In a day or two, Mr. Churchill came along; going to Jefferson, and took my money (which amounted to \$4.00, as I had 4 schillings a man gave me for mending his coat). We had one bushel of wheat that

we intended to sow, but the season was so far advanced we thought best not to waste it that way. With the \$4.00 we got eight bushels of beautiful winter wheat ground and fetched to our door (and the one we had made nine bushels), all paid for and Mr. Churchill allowed us 3 shillings in cash to boot for the boots. This lasted till almost harvest, and Mr. Churchill gave us an order for a barrel of flour at Jefferson, and that held out till corn was ripe, and then we had johnny-cake of our own raising.

The following spring, I painted a table-cloth for Mrs. Davenport, for which he paid me \$1.00 and on my way home I met a man (Mr. Sawyer, of the Sawyer House, Jefferson) who had some hams to sell and with my dollar I bought a small one, which lasts us till summer, for I did not dare to cook a piece of it unless a traveler came along and wanted to buy a meal. When the ham gave out, we had 40 cents, all in cash, and my husband took it and went to Melinda's Prairie, and bought five pounds of pork.

The first cow we had cost us \$11.00. The man from whom we bought her owed us \$5.00, and I sold him my shawl and a fine large pair of tailors shears to finish paying for her. The first pig we had cost us \$1.00. It was about the size of a cat and my husband carried it in a bag from Golden Lake, a distance of about eight miles. In September, 1845, our second son, ten years old, took a very severe cold and almost choked to death before we could reach a doctor with him. The nearest physician lived at Golden Lake, and when we got there with our dying child, he was away. Returning the next day, he said he could do nothing for him, and at 9 o'clock the little sufferer passed away. My heart, still bleeding from my former berevement, was now torn open afresh. I thought the past was nothing compared with this; for it seemed my affections had been doubly entwined about our two boys after the others had been snatched from us. An awful task now lay before us; we must return to our friends with our dead boy. The doctor's daughter and her husband returned with us and remained till after the funeral. Two or three weeks later, my husband was taken with the ague, and was not able to do a days work for three months. The only son who had been spared to me and myself had to harvest the corn and draw in the potatoes and turnips and prepare our winter's wood. On the 20th November 1846, a little Badger boy, weighing eleven pounds, came to our fireside.

Before I close this narrative, I will give you a little sketch of the commencement of religious meetings in these woods. When we moved in, there was a man and his wife here who were professors of religion. My brother Davis, my husband and myself completed the little band of five. We began our prayer-meetings soon after we arrived, and have kept them pretty much ever since. The first sermon that was ever preached in this place (the town of Sullivan) was by Brother Allen, a Methodist colporteur, at our house. The first regular preacher we had was Hiram Frinck, and the first quarterly meeting was held in my brother's saw mill.

Your friend and well wisher, Betsy M. Sears

From the Jefferson Co Union 1921 RESIDENCE, Etc
Mrs Betsey M Sears married Mr Bicknell in 1881 or 82, removed to Johnston, WI in the fall of '83; parted

from Mr Bicknell, and removed to Star, WI, March 1868; after George died she removed to Rome, WI, Sept, spent a year on George's claim near Rolfe, IA, 1870-71; returned to Rome, and bought a house there probably in 1872; sold house, removed to Star, 6 Nov 1885; to Rome, WI, 20 Mar 1891; returned to Star 18 Oct 1892. She bought a home in Star in April 1887, which she owned until shortly before her death.

Mrs Sears died at Star (La Farge) 17 May 1901, over 41 years after the death of Silas, living alone much of the time after George died in 1868. It was from 3 Apr 1899(sic) to 14 Mar 1891, that Mrs Nelson lived with her occasionally, at Star; Mrs Sears maintained herself, with occasional help from her son Lowell, until she was granted a pension in 1882 as the mother of Geo W. At one time she had a small printing press; in 1880, she printed a pamphlet of poems, original and selected. Her needlework was artistic and beautiful though unique and original, for she made her own patterns and designs. Probably many specimens of her needlework are still in the communities where she resided, besides those in the possession of her granddaughters.

Her sight failed gradually and she was at last obliged to give up her beloved needlework. She was totally blind for several months prior to her death.

Rev Stephen Sears. [49013](Joseph)

pastor of the 1st Church of the Nazarene, Mishawaka

Rev Theodore Sears [48397] ()

Rev Wiley Sears [19102]() was born about 1800.

Lavern Stodden letter, 4 Sep 96, he was a native of NC. Could RIN 30647, Alfred F Sears also be his son? Son John named a child Alfred F in 1855.

William Sears [27136](John) was born in 1806 in , Warren, KY. He died in Callao, MO.

His wife died several years after his marriage, he married thrice afterward, 19 children. About 1830, he became a Baptist Minister.

Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in MO; BNS News Service from CT State Library F465.H85; p 215; b. 1804, m. Drucilla Faulkner

William Alfred Sears VDM [46568](John, William, John, Robert)was born¹ on 20 Feb 1862 in Bristol Twp, Morgan Co, OH.

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/davewright> ,4 Sep 98, DaveWright@Compuserve.com,910 Loire Valley Rd, Marion, OH 43302-6754
Occupation: Minister

May, Samuel P. pp 598-601;

Gibson, Evelyn D., BLACKBURN AND ALLIED DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BLACKBURN, SR, WHO CAME FROM IRELAND TO PENNSYLVANIA IN 1736

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

SPM-p.600 is a teacher in Marietta, OH

William Sims Sears VDM¹ [46418](Thomas, Robert)was born² on 6 Oct 1820 in Belmont co, OH. He died³ on 9 Apr 1903 in McConnelsville, OH and was buried⁴ in 1903 in McConnelsville Cemetery, McConnelsville, OH.

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As of 1900 William Sims and Phebe had 27 grandchildren living with three dead.

Died of Heart Failure.

Don Sears and Dave Wright visited the McConnelsville Cemetery on April 13, 1996. Reverend William Sims Sears grave is located 4 rows from Simpson's Cross in the direction away from the Donohue Mosoleum.

Occupation: Methodist Minister

Member IOOF

Malta Township, Morgan County, Ohio, Article on Wm Sims Sears that appeared in a May 1900 Edition

Ordination 1847 Morgan County, Ohio

Reverend William Sims Sears enlisted in the Union Army on September 18, 1862 at Marietta, Ohio for a 3 year term of service. He was commissioned a First Lieutenant by Ohio Governor Todd and assisted in raising Company K of the 116th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry (OVI). Lt. Sears resigned his commission four months after enlisting, on January 31, 1863. There is no record as to the reasons for his resignation.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 116th OHIO INFANTRY:

Organized in August, 1862, under Colonel James Washburn, it served in West Virginia until March, 1863, when it moved east to Winchester. The Regiment joined Meade's army on its return from Gettysburg, and in April, 1864, marched with Siegel down the Shenandoah Valley, engaging the enemy near Staunton, where it met with a loss of 176 men.

In June it moved to Lynchburg and suffered greatly in the retreat north from that place, and in July and August fought at Snicker's Gap and Opequan under Sheridan, with severe loss. In March, 1865, the Regiment joined the Army of the James in front of Petersburg and participated in the pursuit of Lee. The

Regiment mustered out June 14th, 1865, with the exception of companies F and K, which were consolidated with the 62nd Ohio. [there is much more]
References: Ohio In The War-Volume II. Whitelaw Reid. Moore, Wilstach & Baldwin.

Cincinnati 1868 Record of the One Hundred and Sixteenth Regiment, Ohio Infantry Volunteers in the War of the Rebellion. By Thos. F. Wildes, late Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment, and Brevet Brigadier General, U.S. Volunteers. F. Mack & Brothers Printers. Sandusky, O. 1884 Private Dalzell, his autobiography, poems, and comic War Papers. James McCormick Dalzell. Robert Clark Co. Cincinnati, O. 1888

Methodist Minister between 1837 and 1887, Morgan County, Outside Malta, Ohio Served 50 Years as Methodist Minister. United with the Methodist Church in Pennsville in 1837 and was licensed to preach about 1840. Ordained in 1847 and entered the Muskingum M.P. Conference in 1847. Had twenty different ministerial posts, including a five year stint in West Virginia. His last post was in Hocking County in 1889.

The census of 1870 counted Joseph H. (age 19) and Wilmetta A. (age 17), twice. They were also listed as "Farm Laborer" and "Assisting Aunt", in the household of William Price. This census listed William Sims as a Methodist Minister with the following individuals in his household. Phebe, James M., Joseph H., Wilmetta A., Harriett C., Eugene W., Henrietta C., and Martha Kate.

Census - 1880 - His wife Phebe, son James M., Retta G., and Martha Kate were living in his household during the 1880 census. In addition, he was living in close proximity to Elijah McLucas and his wife, Elizabeth Combs.

Member of Morgan Lodge Page 390 History of Morgan County charter members were A.W. Stewart, Joab Holt, William S. Seares, George Cain, George Matson, Joseph A. Matson and Ruben Brenneman. Of this number, Joab Holt, George and J.A. Matson were still members in 1886. The first officers were George Cain, N. G.; George Matson, V.G.; A.W. Stewart, P.S.; W.S. Seares, R.S.; Joab Holt, treasurer. Since its organization 169 persons have been admitted to membership in the lodge.

The membership in 1868 was ninety-one. The lodge property is worth about \$2,000. The hall is a large one and probably better furnished than any other lodge room in Morgan County. Present officers: Draper Van Fossen, N.G.; A.S. Brown, V.G.; E.K. Yocom, R.S.; S.B. Yocom, P.S.; John S. Simpson, treasurer.

Mt. Zion Church 1858 Mt. Zion Church PLAC Penn Township, Morgan County, Ohio The Mt. Zion Church, in the northwest corner of Penn Township, was organized by Rev. John Wilson about 1830. Among the original members were James Ady Sr., Mary Ady, Joshua Ady, Thomas Seares, Mary Seares, Margaret Pipe, Mrs. Mary Baird, Samuel Aikens; Joshua Ady and Thomas Seares, trustees. The first church, 18x24 feet, was erected in 1832 at a cost of \$150, which sum also included the price of the churchyard. The present

church, a frame building, 32x36 feet, was built in 1858 and cost \$500.

The pastors have been Revs. John Wilson, Herbert and Hicklin Palferman, Warren, Parrish, Ostrum, C. J. Seares, Tracy, Southard, Scott, Lawson, Warren Ogle, Bowden, Samuel Lancaster, King, Morphy, Thomas Potter, William Dye, W.S. Seares, William Hatfield and Thomas Orr.

Final Post 1889 Hocking County, Ohio "My last ministerial charge was in Hocking County in 1889. I expect to spend my remaining days in McConnelsville." Rev. William Sims Sears, as quoted in an article appearing in a May 1900 issue of the McConnelsville Democrat.

Letter from Kuddy Thomas, Seaman, OH; 1903-1922;
Letter dtd 9 Jul 1994; ;Morgan County [OH]

Democrat 17 Apr 1903; Obituary; "Laid to Rest", The funeral services of the late Reverend W S Sears were held in the M P Church in McConnelsville, Saturday at 10 o'clock. He was a man universally loved and respected and this, no doubt, accounted for the large audience in attendance. He had been a member of the M P Church a great many years and a minister for more than 50 years. The resident ministers were present and all took some part, either in reading scripture, announcing the hymns, which had been selected by the deceased, or leading in prayer.

Reverend Allen read the obituary sketch and added some work in the Conference and of the general esteems in which he was held by all the Conference. Judge E M Kennedy spoke of the deceased as a member of the Masonic Order and of his worth as a citizen in general. T B Tannehil in a few words, commended the upright, honorable Christian character of the deceased and spoke of the confidence all classes of people had in his life and profession. The members of the Malta and McConnelsville Lodges of Masons attended in a body and took charge of the exercises at the grave. The remains were laid to rest in the McConnelsville Cemetery. Thus a noble man has gone from among us.



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The Second Cousins (A Sears Family Chronicle)



Opal and Earl Mitten

Good Professor Sears was blessed with part of her grand-mother's name. Webster says the word means "the ability to govern and discipline oneself by use of reason". All who know her would agree with Mr. Webster.

She was the oldest of three daughters of William Henry Sears, and has recently celebrated her 80th year. The good lady has shared her knowledge and script with the writer a number of times. We are all indebted to her for the and other-kindness.

Since her marriage to Earl Mitten, 28 March 1923, they have remained in the area of her birth, both being first citizens of Western Kansas. A display of her ability is shown in this issue of Sears News.

Listed in this issue of Sears News is the fourth generation of this series of publications. Those who appear are related in at least one of three ways, and in many instances, are related in all three ways: Brothers and Sisters, First Cousins, Second Cousins. Those with a common grandfather are first cousins, and those who would claim a great uncle in the previous issue are second cousins to one another.

Because of many reasons, this generation was born, and resided in many areas throughout the United States, and yet some remained within a reasonable distance of their parents.

Probably the most important con-

tribution to the migrations of this generation was the advent of automobile and the highway systems that provided easier travel to the far distances, seeking their destiny. Secondly, the diversity of occupations of this group was far more extensive than that of their fathers and mothers, who by and large were farm oriented, but this was rapidly being changed to specialized endeavors by the 14 or so members of this generation.

Very few of these folks had duplicated occupations, and very few practiced the trade of their parents.

About half of these listed are living, as well as about half of the spouses are living. The age difference is very extreme in this group, and is represented in twenty six families. There are several names and dates omitted because of being unknown at this time.



The Children of Mildred Elizabeth (Lizzie Sears) Courtney

Back Row, L to R: Ed-Bob-Clyde-Ray-Jasper-Delph -- Front Row, L to R: Maggie-Miracle--Berrie-Retta-Thou-Mildred 1966.

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