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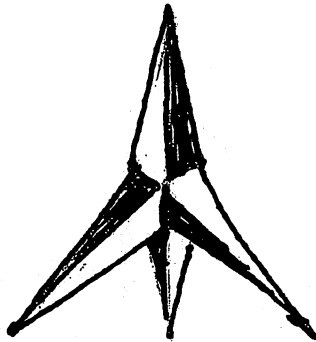
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*The caltrap (sometimes caltrop, calthrop or cheveltrap) was a devise placed in the way of an approaching enemy to hinder their attack. Regardless of how a caltrap fell to the ground, there would always be one of the four prongs standing straight up. Speeding horses were therefore vulnerable to fatal injury, and likely the defenders would be given more time to take better aim at the enemy..*

*Though caltraps are reported to have existed before the year 1000, Robert Trapps (1477-1560) is the first person known to have used them in heraldry.*



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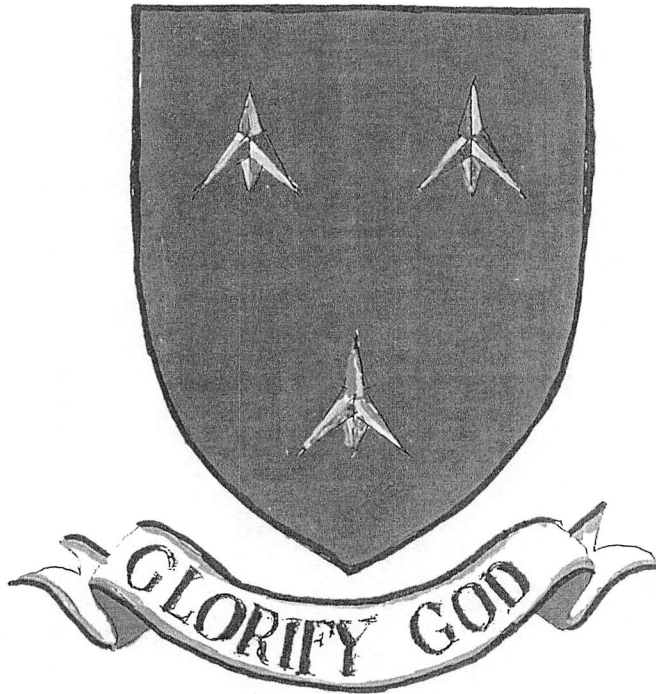
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#### ARMS OF THE ENGLISH TRAPPS

With or without the blessings of the College of Heralds. *Argent : 3 caltraps sable* (most often with no attempt at differencing or regard for precedence) seems to have been used intermittently at will as tribal arms by various branches of Trapps in England for four centuries before the *Trappes -Lomax* branch eventually registered it as such in 1950.

Appropriately enough, the English Trapps were the first known to use 3 caltraps as charges. In the years since, others have adopted the arrangement, i. e. BELLWOOD and HORSMAN, thus limiting to some extent the choice and combinations of color for differencing the Trapps' arms. Though hardly a problem yet, limited to the five colors in common use, as coming generations of Bellwoods and Horsmans may also difference with color, that means of differencing could eventually become exhausted.

As illustrated above, the ancient arms are differenced using Norman colors and proposed as tribal arms for all the descendants of Thomas & Mary Trapp of Martha's Vineyard, the description here being:

*Gules; three caltraps or .*

#### ARMS OF OTHER FAMILIES INCLUDED

Though all arms included throughout this series are based on information in print, on gravestones or from other sources, it is expected that few as herein presented will be endorsed by the College of Heralds. Eldest sons well provided for were less likely to migrate to the colonies, and younger sons after the Revolution would have no need to difference the arms of their family. Nor has any attempt been made to ascertain the chronological order of English families that allied with the Trapp family.

But any shield known to have no relationship to the family has long since been rejected

### The PRESENTATION OF LINEAGE

Each traditional way of presenting information was abandoned in turn due to being either inadequate, unwieldy, confusing or too repetitive for the present account. What was found to work best was a combination of the old ways, used here, it is thought for the first time.

Facing the first page of each chapter is a chart outlining the connections of those to be discussed. Each sibling with their descendants (if any) follow in chronological order, (if known) the sibling being double-spaced and their descendants single-spaced with all succeeding generations indented in regular outline form. If several generations follow, lower-case is used to allow for more information

### ILLUSTRATIONS

At the time I began this work four decades ago, including photos would have greatly increased the cost of publishing. Small sketches would not have and seemed in some cases to facilitate clarity in a text where the same names were repeated generation after generation. No attempt at the time was made to collect photographs.

### Why Monograms were sometimes included at the end of chapters

It was necessary that the lineage chart to each chapter always be on the left side of the page-opening. This might cause an additional page to be added at the end of the preceding chapter. Partially to assist the printer to keep the order, it seemed good to have no blank pages. If no pertinent illustrations were available one of CARL KLEMISH *Monograms* (published in 1869) might be enjoyed by all and even adopted by others.

The monograms included have no connection to any person included in the chapter and are nothing more than a beautiful space-filler.

## PREFACE

Forty years seems the proper period sometimes required of those who wander about in deserts. That finished, I now, like Moses, see the rewarding end afar, and know that others will reach it, though the completion of the journey is yet denied me. As to the history of the Trapp family. the place where I began was truly a desert, but with the help of a number of you still with us, and others that are erroneously called *deceased*, the desert has become a fertile field.

Forty years may not always be required of those that are better tuned to God. As tolerant and permissive as society may have become, *virtue* seems the strongest tie that binds those of heaven and those of earth, as *obedience* is regarded as evidence of the love of God. Weak as my claim to *virtue* or *obedience* may be, a dream remembered from 1968 tells me that this is true.

I had just succeeded in resisting a strong temptation and was wondering if I had not been "stupid" to pass up that particular "opportunity", as I lay down for an afternoon nap. The dream that followed eventually proved so accurate that not only was my wavering faith secured, but a historical dispute - at least for myself -was resolved. Details may be found in Chapter I under *What Mary and the Sailors had to say*.

In time, other dreams that proved helpful followed Mary's. though in general they were of a lesser magnitude. They diminished in frequency as my faith in Jesus Christ grew. But in total, they left no room for doubt. Love and memory are no more buried in the grave than they are all left behind in the High School Building. Life and Memory undoubtedly continue - at least for some, and likely will remain after the reuniting.

In the meantime, the words attributed for Thomas Trapp's thoughts remain pertinent:

*Flee sin thereat, live Godly still.*

Those words would not have been easily carved into stone, but they might well prove even harder to follow, even knowing the reward is a great one.



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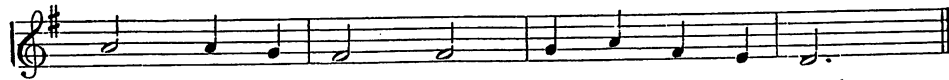
# Dedication

SINE NOMINE

R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, 1906



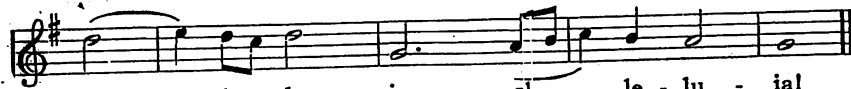
1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, Who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:



thee . . . . . by faith before the world confessed,  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;



Thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.  
Thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Chapter I

### WHY I NEVER DOUBTED THE LEGEND OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

The answer to the question might well have been "Because it was obvious". Yet in the late 1960's and well into the '80's I had the impression that I was the only living person that actually believed it. Doubtless there were other believers that had become silent, but every known source then in print doubted, if it did not actually deny that white settlers existed on the Island before 1642. That the legend became so thoroughly discredited due to the flawed work of a single historian is now the only unbelievable detail about it - nothing fantastic was ever found in any version of the legend itself.

Enough accounts of stranded sailors and abandoned colonies are known to historians that we may well imagine that other such instances went unrecorded to eventually become entirely forgotten. But I suspect that Martha's Vineyard was never entirely abandoned, and one fact kept the memory of the Vineyard Legend from ever fading. The Peace family remained there where they often saw property legally owned by others that they were convinced should rightfully have been their own.

The character of those who witnessed for the legend then is most important.. Of those who believed and passed the legend down, I have found not a single instance where the veracity of any one of them was ever questioned. They lived out their entire lives on a small island where neighbor knew neighbor quite well. Of those who shared the legend, a majority were respected clergymen. That the combined testimony of this entire body of respectable citizens should be ignored and replaced by a singular most questionable source defies comprehension.

But if they were telling the truth, then the ugly story of how the "black-book" came to

disappear. must also be true at least to some degree.

### The Legend

The following account by Rev. James Freeman was first published by the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1807 as *A Description of Duke's County*. The information was republished that same year in Kendal's *Travels in the United States* and again was republished by the NEHG in 1859. With all the combined exposure, no contemporary challenge has been found to any part of it.

One traditionary account is that in the fall of 1632 or a year or two later, a vessel bound from England to South Virginia fell in with the shoal of Nantucket, came up through the Vineyard Sound and anchored off Cape Poage on account of distemper, which plague raged among the passengers and crew, twenty-five of whom died; or according to another account, scarcity of provisions was the occasion. Four men and their families requested to be put ashore preferring to take their chances with the natives, rather than to pursue the voyage under such distressing conditions. They landed at the spot (Peas Point) since called Edgartown. Their names were JOHN PEACE, TRAPP, THOMAS VINCENT, BROWNING or NORTON. A red-coat presented by Peace to the Chief or Sachem secured at once the good offices of the tribe and they were treated with hospitality. In order to shelter themselves from the approaching winter, Peace and his company made excavations in the hill near the water, whence they could command a full view of the harbor, and remained there joined by others at different times until 1642 the whole number of families amounted to thirty-four.

A letter from Rev. Thaxter to Dr. Freeman dated Dec. 12, 1814 apparently survived and confirmed his belief in the legend and added that the town records went no further back than 1661. He was convinced that the division of full shares to the Mayhew group while the earlier settlers received only half shares was pertinent. He mentioned that the younger Mayhew at least had resided on the Island before Mayhew received a grant and had collected a church by 1641 and concluded, "Experience Mayhew must have had evidence of the fact, otherwise it is presumed that he would not have said it."

A precise tally between Freeman's account and the list of those who signed "Mayhew's Offer" in 1642 can hardly be expected. Yet considering that others unwilling to sign may well

have existed, and female heads of household were apparently not invited to sign, Freeman's estimate of thirty four families is entirely believable.

#### Stain From The Black Book

No doubt one John Peace recorded and kept the earliest divisions of land on Martha's Vineyard in a ledger bound in black leather, as nearly all of the accounts assure us. At the time of his wake, a request was made to consult the record and after the book had been handed to them it was never seen again. None of the narrator's appear to have thought it necessary to name the culprit. Suspicion would inevitably implicate Gov. Mayhew or his associates. Being the central figure of the counter story to the legend alone would make him the first suspect. In fiction at least the first suspect is rarely proved to be the guilty party. I have made no effort to learn who might have profited most from the disappearance of the earliest land records.

Without all of the irregularities, the story might seem questionable, but irregularities are to be found. The research of a member of the Peace family earlier in the 20th century that abundantly established that fact seems to have been ignored. My own much later effort found an identical pattern in regard to the Trapp family property. Though they actually acquired no property from Mayhew's divisions of land\* they had a surprising amount of property the records establish that they sold during the century that followed.

#### What Mary and the Sailors had to say

One afternoon in the spring of 1968 I lay down for a short nap. I had only begun to trace my ancestors and had gotten no further than information in my grandfather's Bible, which gave the birthday of my great-grandfather in 1803. I had been told that he came from one of the Carolinas and I knew of no ancestors that were not southerners.

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\* Thomas Trapp did receive 10 acres in 1659 which was confiscated in 1660 when he was voted "not of this town". The property was then given to JOHN GEE.

I had scarcely gotten to sleep when I heard an ordinary voice, almost in a whisper saying "Trapp's Pond" which was answered by another voice almost in a whisper responding, "He doesn't know that yet".

Not unlike an earlier TV after warming up suddenly "coming on", I then saw her in the central foreground standing in front of some lake. She introduced herself as Mary, my own "grandmother" (or so I understood at the time) and the man standing by a row-boat at the extreme left holding an oar as my "grandfather", or so I recorded on a 3X5 card immediately after waking. I have since thought that Mary may have included her surname "Peace", but if she did, it was interpreted as a virtue, rather than a surname.

At the time I only knew of one ancestress named Mary, my maternal grand-mother, but from the first, this self-assured narrator did not fit the impression left behind of Mary Williams Stigall, a most docile peace-maker.

"Mary Stigall", I asked uncertainly?

Had I been more sensitive, I might have been laughed out of my own dream by earlier sea-faring relations that I knew to be standing on the deck of some ship somewhere. Though I neither saw them or their ship, I heard them very well, and sensed good-will, even when they laughed after one of them had declared. "We avoid stegales when we can".

Mary continued, seeming to totally ignore the interruption. She mentioned how frightened she had first been at the thought of having to go by boat to attend some wedding on the island just off the coast of Virginia: the very one I was seeing as she spoke. I gather that the large inviting house that I then saw, was the scene of the wedding, and considered that grandpa must have rowed her to the island in that very row-boat, after she made up her mind to attend.

She told of tearing up a warrant for her husbands arrest and I wondered what Grandpa Stigall had done. While he left behind an unenviable image, he had a reputation for honesty and I

had never heard of him being arrested. Still the only incredible part was that Mary had acted so decisively.

I asked about the brown marble columns with the gold Corinthian Capitols that had been conspicuously added to the house. Mary answered that they came off a Spanish or Portuguese ship that was in trouble off the coast, due to either sickness or shortage of provision. By this time I well understood that the family she was telling about was not the Stigalls.

Mary might have shared more anecdotes, had she not been interrupted by some irreverent voice from the sailor's chorus, "Tell him about the lady that was nearly naked when she got married."

There was a second remaining to hear the uproarious laughter, that I am uncertain did not include a "cat-call" before the screen went blank and I awoke. The show was over, but I was well aware that I had been given a rare communication. From the first I did not doubt any of it, though I expected many of the details to be symbolic.

Can anyone blame me? Spanish or Portuguese ships, wedding ceremonies with nearly naked brides (and in Virginia, too!), an ancestral mansion I had never heard of off the coast of Virginia, something about a black book - it was a lot to take in. Little did I expect so many of the details that Mary had previewed would be so soon confirmed as facts after I acquired a copy of Bank's *History of Martha's Vineyard*.

But from the moment I first read about it, in spite of all the information omitted and all the truth that was distorted, I knew that the legend was essentially true.

#### **OTHER DETAILS REMEMBERED**

The house was a goodly-sized two-story and every window was dimly illuminated by either candles or fire-light. I think all the windows had glass, though that might have been most unusual at that time and place and there were eight of them on the front alone.

The house was of local, though worthy construction and apparently had never

been painted. I am unable to explain why it appeared elegant, or would have without the columns from the ship. Very likely it was the *Mansion Seat* mentioned in the property of MALACHAI BROWNING, the father of Mary, that Thomas Trapp later acquired.

Failing to correctly identify the time-period, I nevertheless witnessed a number of details of the clothes they wore. The knee-britches that "Grandpa" wore, I mistook for "riding pants" that were popular during my own childhood with everyone that owned a horse. At a distance, the "cap" on his head passed for the style of one in the 1920's or '30's.

Though I remembered nothing of the style of the dress that Mary wore, I yet remember quite vividly the material. It was a dainty floral print of a greenish-blue monotone; a significant contrast in a dream that otherwise consisted of black and various shades of gray.

Each detail remembered has since been found to have been typical of what might have been expected in the seventeenth century.

But one glaring inconsistency remained. Mary had indicated that the island was off the coast of Virginia. Surely she would have known the difference between Virginia and Massachusetts.

Re-reading history, much later, I was reminded that until CAPT. JOHN SMITH'S voyage in 1614 when he for the first time\* referred to the area as New England, that part of the world was known as "the northern part of Virginia".

I am now uncertain if Mary might not have said "Northern" Virginia at the ~~time~~, but if so I failed to make the distinction.

This detail places the time-frame for the earliest white settlers there at least two decades earlier than had earlier been supposed. At the risk of over-doing it, I can not

\* Claim has been made of a somewhat earlier Italian map recording "New England".

resist pointing out how cleverly Mary managed the communication.

"Grandpa" silently stood in the left background, in her future. Who would not be proud of such an intelligent, plucky ancestress. She may not have expected me to take so long to figure it out, but she expected that I eventually would.

### **FACTS ASSISTING THE REJECTION OF THE LEGEND**

Oddly, the fact that the legend waited two centuries before being written down and printed was not the handicap. All indication is that it was accepted as fact at the time, and for a century that followed. But other factors were to be reckoned with.

Some suggestion has already been implied, that accepting the legend as true may tarnish the image of Gov. Mayhew; a prized ancestor to many. It would seem that if he himself did not cause the disappearance of the black book, like Richard Nixon, he failed to call to account his follower that did. or to right the wrong.. The false image that Banks created of a Governor who generously distributed his personal property among the inhabitants is much to be preferred over one that takes advantage of a time of grief to steal property from others. No doubt the real truth lies somewhere between these extremes, though I suspect closer to the second.

Ironically, it was the effort to record the legend truthfully that may have done most to prevent the pieces of the legend from falling into their proper place. By adding logic, each narrator seems to have arrived at a false time-frame. The annual return of Thanksgiving takes precedence (particularly in New England) over any memory of Jamestown, which easily yields first place to the Pilgrims. That was in 1620, of course, and the Mayhew's arrival in 1642 places the arrival of the earliest settlers in the 1630's.



Wrong! Families tend to repeat Christian names generation after generation, and no name was more ordinary than John. It undoubtedly was an earlier John Peace, than the husband of Mary Browning who gave the red-coat to the sachem and this occurred well before 1630.

## BEYOND

In contrast to Mary, who appeared always serious, the sailors were jolly, even earthy to some extent. All seemed to have a good laugh at the idea of a semi-nude bride, and one joke that brought laughter - something about a mosquito on the ocean's surface - after all this time, still has not been "caught". The one about avoiding steg gales whenever possible would unexpectedly become clear decades later.

I was reconstructing the coat-of-arms of one William Steghull from the 14th century, and coupling it with Fairbain's early inclusion of the Stegall family crest. Suddenly it became apparent that the azure (blue) area represented the sea, whose waves were lapping at the side of the ship (argent or white) whose hull had no mast or "stigs" but only a place to insert them (the gules or red lozenges). A gale then, of a magnitude to blow away the sails and stegs, would have been a good thing to avoid.



As truthful as unsolicited information from a dream may be, as I myself have so ably demonstrated, it may not always be received in a perfect state. Plus, false information can be transmitted that way also. As to consulting a medium, in my own opinion, this disrupts the divine plan for us. While we are certain to get answers, by no means are we certain to get truth.

But among those who trace their ancestry, the idea is not an uncommon one, that ancestors themselves sometimes assist the search.

## Chapter II

### Those That Gosnold Left

Should the claim of the Italian map labeling "New England" prior to 1614 prove valid, coupled with Mary's use of the term "off the coast of Virginia" for the location of Martha's Vineyard, it becomes obvious that the first settlement on the Vineyard occurred much earlier in that century than had later been supposed.

June 18, 1602 Captain Gosnold left apparently twenty people, if not on Martha's Vineyard, at least in that vicinity. Though the island has been identified by someone as Cuttyhunk, unless those that so identified it had additional information that I have not been able to discover, no definite identification is possible from the contemporary record, though two separate accounts survive.

Not that either chronicler was inadequate. It was simply that few land marks at the time had names and distances between points were vaguely estimated, if stated. A condensation of their movement from some island "in the latitude of 43 degrees where the French had traded" (Maine) given by Brereton is sufficient to explain:

standing southerly off the sea (in) a fresh gale of wind, we found ourselves embayed with a mighty headland . . . . parcel to the main. From this place we sailed about the headland almost all points of the compass. At length we came upon many fair isles; all of them 3 or 4 leagues from the main. From there we sailed to another island to the northwest within a league or two of the main. We went from this island to the main in our light horseman. . . . returned to the island from whence we came.

Obviously, few if any locations can be ascertained from that description. But though the specific island where Gosnold left the "planters" may remain debatable as well as their number and sex, there can be no doubt about the fact. Brereton states:

But after our bark had taken in so much sassafras, cedars and furs, skins and other commodities as were thought convenient. some of our company *that had promised Capt. Gosnold to stay* having nothing but a saving voyage in their minds, made our company - which was small enough to begin with - even smaller. So as Capt. Gosnold seeing his strength to consist of but twelve men and they meanly provided, determined to leave for England, leaving the island with as many true sorrowful eyes as were desirous to see it. So the 18th of June, being Friday, we weighed (anchor) and with indifferent fair wind and weather came to anchor the 23rd of July, being also a Friday, before Exmouth.

Gabriel Archer's words (NORMON CHARLIER *Discoverers of America*,

Thomas Crowell, 1968) confirm Brereton's

The 18th we divided the victuales, viz. the ship's store for England and that of the planters, which by Capt. Gilbert's allowance could be but six weeks, whereby there fell out a controversy rather for *that some seemed secretly to understand of a purpose of Capt. Gilbert had, not to return* with supply of the issue those goods should made by him to be carried home.

The ancient belief of the Vineyard inhabitants that Gosnold named Martha's Vineyard for his daughter seems to shift the spot-light to Martha's Vineyard. Though even if this was an established fact, it would actually prove little one way or another, apparently the belief was regarded as circumstantial evidence of the legend and must be denied. A letter dated May 14, 1976 from HENRY BEETLE HOUGH to the writer states:

Dr Banks asserted that Bartholomew Gosnold did not have a daughter named Martha and ridiculed any supposition that there was any such Martha or that the island could have been named for her. But along came a historian by the name of FULMER MOOD, who demonstrated that Gosnold did have a daughter by that name, and that the likelihood was she was the Martha of Martha's Vineyard.

Recent research confirmed that not only did Gosnold have a daughter named Martha, one of his sisters as well as his mother-in-law also were named Martha.

We can not know why Banks deliberately misinterpreted evidence that in any way supported the legend. Possibly there was a privateering heritage he expected the first settlers would be glad to forget, or perhaps it was simply a preference for the Mayhews or a dislike of the Peaces.

Banks explains that Brereton's phrase, *saving voyage*, meant profitable voyage. Likely anyone's interpretation of that phrase will be questioned, but it seems more likely to me that the planters had from the outset made some commitment to settle. Though they would have preferred a better start, the prospect of insufficient food for the voyage home coupled with the danger they would face on the voyage returning them to America to fulfill their commitment was enough to convince them to remain where they were.

### **The Secret Understanding**

Archer seems to imply that he did not know anything about the *secret understanding* between Gosnold and the planters. A focus on the times may provide us a clue. KARL SCHLIEFF states of SIR WALTER RALEIGH *his idea of commerce and trade was to establish bases in America for privateering.*

Schlieff added that Gosnold had earlier commanded at least one privateering voyage and mentioned that it was rumored that he was with Essex at the sacking of Cadiz, Spain. Likely there were other activities that did not make the records.

QUEEN ELIZABETH flourished when the planters were left behind in 1602. She still lived the following year when MARTIN PRING loaded his ship with goods for his voyage to America. News of her death reached him and his crew as they waited at Milford Haven for fair winds.

Spain was regarded as a threat long after the Spanish Armada. It is reasonably certain that Elizabeth and Raleigh had thoughts in common. Though the greatest prizes from

privateering were already history, Elizabeth had not lost her appetite for Spanish treasure, though she would have to continue to publicly disapprove.

Apparently Martha's Vineyard had not been the planned site of the settlement from the beginning, but it would do.

Elizabeth's death in 1603 changed everything. JAMES I in order to achieve peace with Spain, brought privateering to an end. After that, privateers were only pirates - outlaws! I have found no real evidence to link anyone of the legend's surnames to privateering or piracy though the Cape Cod area had the reputation of harboring at least the latter throughout most of the 18th century. Still, not everyone in that vicinity was involved.

While there is no evidence to link any of the Trapp family to such, there is ample suggestion that they had associations with others that did so. LADY KILLIGREW, who enjoys the dubious distinction in the American Heritage book on pirates as being the first known female to follow that calling, was the mother-in-law of ROBERT TRAPPS (1530-1576) a distant cousin of the Vineyard settlers of that surname. JOYCE TRAPPES-SAXI was the wife of a "merchant adventurer", and her second husband, FRANKLIN, though described in his will as a "cloth worker" left or added to her great wealth - a castle, a fine residence in London as well as enough assets to endow both Cambridge and Oxford and to establish a school in Essex :

We have no further details of those that *seemed secretly to understand of a purpose of Captaine Gosnold had not to return*, whether they were left on Cuttyhunk or Marthas Vineyard. There is no way of knowing how many of them returned to England at their first opportunity, nor how many did not survive that first winter. It seems likely, however, that some mention of multiple deaths might have been included by Martin Pring, who visited the islands in 1603 had that been the case. While Pring mentions encountering people in various places, he seems to have had little to do with them after they were unable to inform him of where he might find

sassafras. He gives no clue as to race, referring only to "people".

It seems likely that everyone, including the settlers themselves, wished to give the settlement a low profile. In spite of there being no proof - those involved in questionable activity can hardly be expected to willingly supply us with proof - I have the suspicion that Martha's Vineyard was one of the few settlements established as a base for privateers. We of a different age can scarcely judge individuals of that time fairly. Lady Killigrew, as example, was respected during her day and her sons were ambassadors for Queen Elizabeth; one being entrusted with advice for MARY QUEEN of Scots that had it been heeded might have saved her throne.

Even I prefer the concept that America was founded by those that wished to worship God in their own way, and there is, in fact, reason to believe so. Martha's Vineyard, being somewhat self-contained, in spite of the number of her population that were sea-faring, had less national impact.

#### THE CHELMSFORD VICINITY

Each grid on the map represents a five mile square. Whether significance or mere co-incidence is the case is not known, but this area seems to have an affinity to the settlement of Martha's Vineyard.

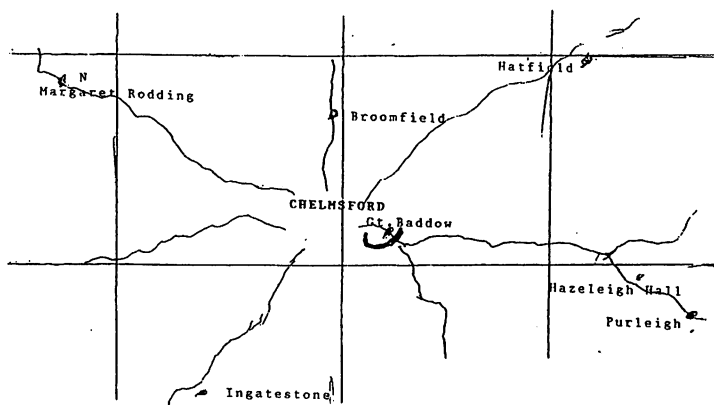
GREAT BADDOW has been credited as the source of the Peace family. It is also stated to have been the place where William Vincent married Mary Bure in 1630. Mary Bure is said to have been the sister of Jane Bure, who married Thomas Trapp. Both couples are believed to have settled on the Vineyard. Gosnold himself was connected to

the Bure family. His mother, DOROTHY BACON (related to SIR NICHOLAS) was from Hasset, just off this map, is reported to have married a descendant of the Bures in Essex.

INGATESTONE was a temporary location of the Trapp family at the turn of the 16th century to the 17th. From there one of the family took his family to Holland, and others migrated to America.

Just off the map to the east is Maldon, from whence came the BROWNINGs. A later Thomas Trapp helped his friend, Lewis Martin gather the harvest in Purleigh, seen here in the lower right-hand corner.

It seems likely that most of Martha's Vineyard's earliest settlers came from this area of England.



**Between 1602 and 1641**

We have little knowledge of any thing that happened on the Vineyard between 1602 and the arrival of the Mayhews. Presumably everyone got along. No doubt individuals were born, others arrived from different places, some died there and others migrated to more promising earthly locations; all without leaving any record.

Many, possibly most of the male population were sea-faring. In the earliest surviving records that began soon afterward, we find that men of the Trapp family were mariners of various distinctions, including a few Captains. While no details of any of their boats or small ships have come down to us, we know that such existed. Return voyages to England were likely far more common than we might suppose.

One of the Thomas Trapps whose signed the agreement with Mayhew in 1641 is believed to have been the man who married JANE BURE at Great Baddow, Essex October 28, 1630. Five miles or so past Great Baddow to the east is Purleigh, where their assumed son, also named Thomas Trapp helped his friend, Lewis Martin, gather the harvest in 1658.

Jane Bure Trapp is said to have been the sister of wife of WILLIAM VINCENT who married at Broomfield, Essex in 1633. Both grooms may have been born on Martha's Vineyard, and returned to England for brides.

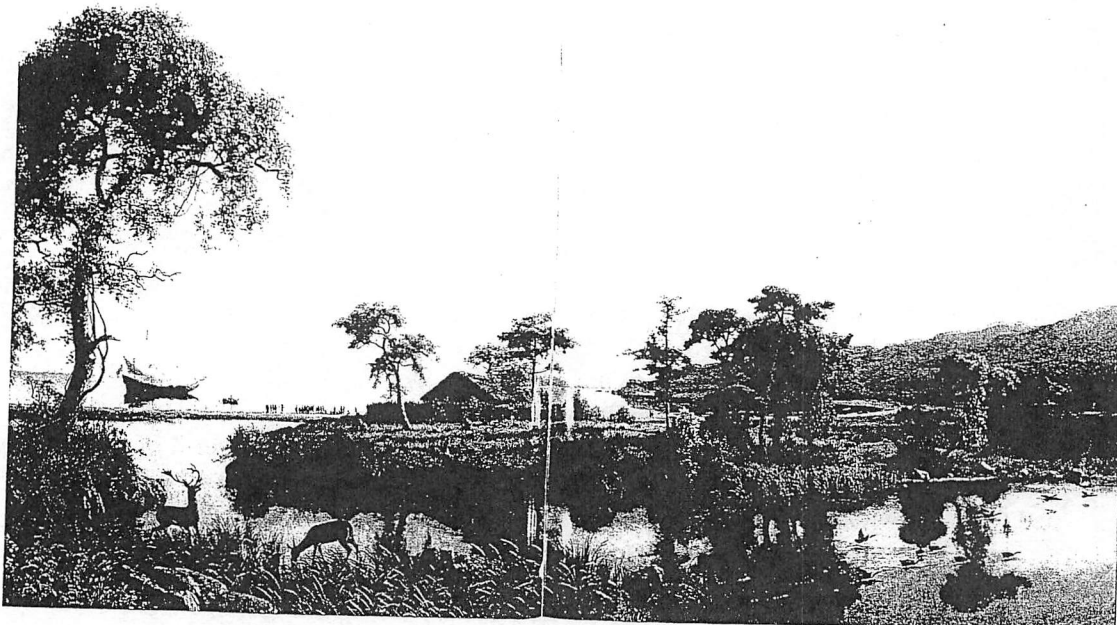
If there were two adult men of the combination of names, THOMAS TRAPPS, residing on Martha's Vineyard in 1641, as the document suggests, the relationship is not immediately obvious, and neither was designated "Junior". The Thomas Trapp born in 1634 would have been only age seven or so.

All other men of that combination of names appear to have been deceased by 1659, when our subject, born about 1634 comes better into focus.

MARY BROWNING came later, and likely did not arrive many years before the Mayhews. By then almost certainly most were referring to the area as New England, though change may move more slowly on an island. She was married to John Peace by 1649. It is suspected that he was the son of the first John Peace there, if the settlement did occur in 1602. Even so, he seems to have lived a long life, dying in the 1670's.

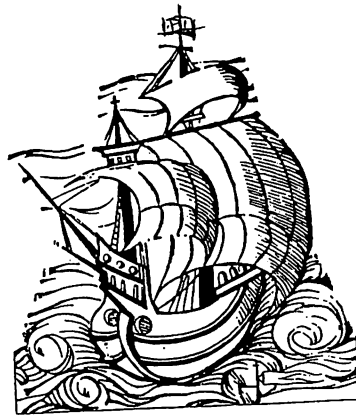
Beyond knowing the general vicinity in Essex from whence both the families of Mary and Thomas came, the specific links back to England may be open to question.

*Accurately or not, the idea that it was on Cuttyhunk that Gosnold left the planters is firmly entrenched in historical publications. ALBERT BIERSTADT, America's most financially successful artist of his day, lived for some years in New Bedford, Massachusetts. The story of the settlers of 1602 - seen leaving the ship at left - inspired the painting he entitled GOSNOLD AT CUTTYHUNK.*



*New Bedford Museum, New Bedford, Mass.*





## OF SEAFARING

By the end of the 17th Century, fewer men of the family earned their living at sea. Of those that did, it seems remarkable that none were found to describe themselves as fishermen - mariners, mates and a captain or two, but no fishermen.

Of course, none described themselves as smugglers either, though with the unpopular high tax England demanded on foreign goods, smuggling seems likely, especially in the Cape Cod area, and would have been regarded by most of the colonist as only slightly less than a patriotic act.

A proven conclusion to the previously mentioned privateering theory is unlikely to ever be resolved, however likely it may seem. Assuming that it was true, the passing of Queen Elizabeth (who seems to have been entirely supportive) and the advent of James I ( who was an enemy of the privateers) would have ended privateering. Most would have given up the habit at that point, rather than to be out-laws.

But the attachment to the sea seems to have been stronger in Samuel and in his descendants. Old habits are sometimes difficult to stop, though Capt. Samuel Trapp (the first of the family to be known by that title) must not have found his life at sea - whatever it may have been - entirely to his liking, for he became an inn-keeper of Norwich during the 1740's, though he continued to be known as "Capt. Trapp".

His son, Caleb, we know to have been a "prize-master" during the Revolutionary War. Whether previous experience had any part in preparing him for that role, we are unlikely to ever know for certain.

With the death of Capt. Trapp's, grandson, Ephraim in October 1809, the seafaring chapter of the family comes to an end. Ephraim had been a mate on the ship commanded by Capt. Whiting, that made a voyage to the Caribbean, where he contracted a fever. He died on the island of St. Bartholomew, only age 29.

## Chapter III

## THOMAS &amp; MARY TRAPPS

Thomas is thought to have been born on the Vineyard in 1634. He may have been the son of Thomas & Jane (Bure) Trapps, who married at Oct. 28, 1630 at Gt.Baddow Essex , a location more often associated with the Peace family who migrated to the Vineyard.

Our first well-focused view of the younger Thomas is on his return from England in July of 1659 following what must have been a trying voyage that had claimed the life of his friend, LEWIS MARTINE (Martin) of Gt. Baddow. Likely Martha's Vineyard had been the planned destination of Lewis as well, for he probably had relatives there. It has been claimed that the island during that time was as often called Martin's Vineyard, but nothing of any man of this name nor his family seems to have been handed down.

Lewis death aboard the *Exchange* caused some details of their time in England to be recorded. The following is from the *NEHG REGISTER, 1859 Vol. X*, page 27:

## LEWES MARTINE

Inventory of ye goods of Lewes Martine, deceased, taken at ye request of Thomas Trapp by HENRY POWNING & JOHN PHILLIPS Amt. 64 pounds-16 shillings-11 1/2 pence.

Whereas administration to ye estate of Lewes Martine was given 21 July '59 to Thomas Trapp in behalf of MR. JOHN ANDREWS to whom it was given, and ye said Thomas Trapp failing to give securite to ye recorder, who on finding ye said Thomas Trapp conveying himself and ye said goods to ye jurisdiction of Martin's Vineyard to THOMAS BURCHARD who married ye said ANDREWS mother, ye said Burchard having wrote to MR.ELLIOT to give securite to ye court for ye said goods 'til magistrates finding ye said Trapp hath used 6 pounds

of ye said goods for paying his own passage and other charges and being informed of ye great paines ye said Trapp took with ye said Lewes Martine whiles alive & about ye goods judge mete yt he be allowed ye 6 pounds 7. Whereas he pretends his own chest was broken up and some goods taken out. The magistrates judge mete to order yt ye marshall with ye said Trapp in sight of ye recorder overhald ye, goods now in hand with ye inventory thereof and what is found to comit into ye hands of MR. JOHN ELLIOT who is to give ye recorder secutite &c. 22 Sept.'59.

THOMAS TRAPP'S own deposition dated July 21, 1559 is rich in detail.

Thomas Trapp, aged 20 or thereabouts saith Lewis Martine of Porley in Essex husbandman to me well knowne having wrought with him several times at harvest time last year in England and was also with him when he took up a parcel of goods and borrowed seueral times money of Mr. John Andrews of Fenchurch Strete, London, lynn draper and coming over he said Martine in ye ship Exchange. Capt. JOHN PIERCE commanding. called me, Thomas Trapp to him and said. Thomas I am sycke and weak & know not how ye Lord will dispose of me, but if I should dye I would have all yt I have on board and ye produce of yt go to yer cousin John Andrews for he is my best friend I have in ye world, and ye deponent furthur saith yt ye said Lewis Martine for several months lodged at ye said John Andrews and had his dyet also free for what ever he heard. Taken on oath before ye magistrates 21 July 1659 ,

EDWARD RAWSON, recorder

It is unclear how the legacy next came in to the custody of ROBERT GIBBS, a merchant of Boston, but Gibbs eventually produced a letter of attorney signed by JOHN ANDREWS, the beneficiary. Before then ( May 1660) Thomas Trapp was back on the Vineyard.

He had arrived in ample time to receive a ten-acre "lot on the line" in the division of land in December 1559. But likely various voyages made him so infrequently a presence there that it was convenient to vote him "not of this town", so that he did not share in the division of land August 22, 1660.

Insult was added to injury July 26, 1663 when it was "voted by this town that JOHN GEE shall have the lot given to Thomas Trapp, it being forfeited."

Even so, Thomas was one of the witnesses June 21, 1660 when PETER FOLGER

at the request of TRISSTAM COFFIN SR. and PATTACOHANET, sachem of Tuckanock "divided" the land.

Perhaps he was not so far or so permanently distant after all. After the Dutch captured New York in 1671, Thomas was among those who believed they had an opportunity to neutralize Mayhew's unstated, but growing power, which was rooted in New York, if anywhere. In 1673 several petitioned Massachusetts to annex Martha's Vineyard, but they were ahead of their time. Massachusetts did not rush to receive them. Five days after the petition had been presented, Mary met the authorities at her front door. They had a warrant for the arrest of her husband, JOHN PEACE. Little did they expect that after accepting the warrant Mary would immediately tear it to shreds as they watched.

Though there were many who resented Mayhew, I have gained the impression, correctly or not that none resented him more thoroughly than did John Peace and Thomas Trapp, which bonded their strong friendship. Thomas was among those who witnessed John's will in 1674. Though presumably in good health at the time, John was older and seems to have died not many years afterward. Banks states that Thomas, then as town clerk, made an inventory of the estate.

Mary, John's second wife, was much younger. Their first child had been born in 1649. Following his death in the mid 1670's, we know from various deeds that she married Thomas, who was closer to her own age, and their first child, a son born in the late 1670's, they would name John.

The surviving deed books record them mainly as grantors of deeds. The one exception when any were grantees involved the former property of USSELTON at

Tisbury. Francis Usselton seems to have livened up every place he went. He sued Thomas JONES in 1660 for defamation of character. JAMES PEACE sued Usselton for "belying his wife" but undoubtedly Usselton's most dramatic moment in court occurred in 1671 in Newport when he addressed the Governor as "Your honorable wife".

Mayhew was among those that did not care for Usselton's style, and sent JAMES & JOHN PEACE, RICHARD SARSON, JOHN EDDY and JOHN GEE to forcibly evict him. As a reward for their success, Mayhew gave them a deed to Holmes Hole Neck.

Thomas Trapp had no part in Usselton's eviction, but he acquired James Peace share June 31, 1669 and Richard Sarson's the following February 12th. Afterwards there would be a few exchanges of property within the family, but even then the decline had begun. Among those not known to have been closely related to the family who bought at different times were RICHARD SARSON, MATTHEW MAYHEW, JOHN NORTON, ISAAC NORTON, BENJAMIN NORTON SR. THOMAS LOWTHROP, SUSANNAH VINSON, BENJAMIN MANTER, the widow DAGGET and JAMES WAPTHA.

Bank's states of him that

He held numerous and important minor offices in the town and county. He was water-bailiff and crier in 1667, juryman, 1679, deputy sheriff 1694-1700 and town clerk 1700 till his death. This event occurred Oct. 15. 1719 in his 86th year . . .

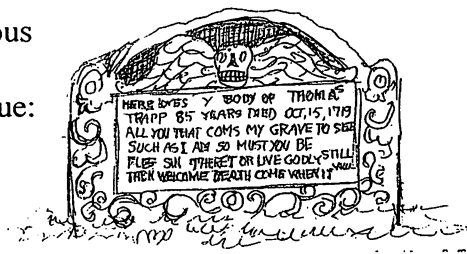
His death then came on 47th anniversary of his courageously signing the appeal to Massachusetts. Probably by then, no one remembered the date.

Shortly before this, a member of the family or perhaps a friend brought back

from some distant voyage four large boulders that have proved to be incredibly durable.

I noted no other stones in the entire cemetery that were as well preserved, and many others less than half their age were not as legible. Each inscription was no doubt a labor of love of some then surviving member of the family. While the epitaph on Thomas marker expressed a thought in common with numerous others of the time, the expression, even so, was unique:

All you that coms my grave to see  
Such as I am so must you be  
Flee sin thereat live Godly still  
Then welcome death, come when it will

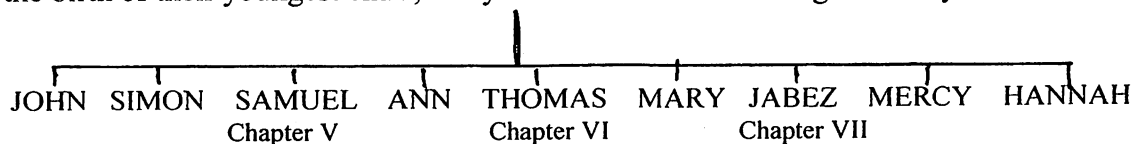


MARY is said to have survived him, but no details are known. They had:

JOHN -SAMUEL - SIMON - ANN - THOMAS -MARY - JABEZ - MERCY -HANNAH

If my own theory of the time of the arrival of the first whites on Martha's Vineyard is correct, the JOHN PEACE born 1608 - credited with giving the Sachem the red coat - was not yet born. No doubt the story is true, but the red-coat would have been presented by an earlier John Peace. It is also obvious that neither of the two names, THOMAS TRAPPS to appear on the document of 1642 were the Thomas Trapp born in 1634. He would have only been age eight in 1642. Records and facts are meager and it is likely that individuals of the same combination of names are sometimes confused.

THOMAS TRAPPS (1634-1719) is assumed to have married only once. From information given in various deeds, and other sources it is obvious that his wife was MARY BROWNING PEACE, the widow of JOHN PEACE. By 1690, the year given for the birth of their youngest child, Mary would have been over age 50. They had:



THE FORTHCOMING CHAPTER IV ACCOUNTS FOR ONLY THE FOLLOWING: The others will be discussed in the chapters indicated above.

John Trapp m. SARAH LOTHROP - no issue

Simon Trapp unmarried

Ann Trapp m. JOSEPH NORTON - some of their descendants are included.

Mary Trapp m. WILLIAM COLES - no issue known

Mercy Trapp m. SAMUEL PEACE - some descendants are included

Hannah Trapp apparently never married

#### THE RARE STONES

Four gravestones of the Trapp family in the old cemetery at Edgartown, Mass. are not only among the oldest, they are today arguably the most well-preserved and legible to be found there. Obviously then, they were not native stone, for no others of the same variety were noted. All four were apparently carved following the four deaths that occurred between 1717-1719. Thomas, the patriarch in 1719,, his son John in 1719, John's wife in 1718, and Abigale Eddy Trapp in 1717, the first wife of his son Thomas. Three of the four featured a skull; only the wife of John Trapp was spared, the skull in this single instance being replaced with a plant.

But when Leota Trapp Bennett visited the grave of William Trapp in Elizabeth City, N.C. she found one other similar one. It was somewhat later, 1788 but again linked to the same family, if not the same voyage that imported the other four. The central figure then seems to have been Thomas Trapp Jr. It was his father who died in 1719, his first wife, Abigale who died in 1717, his brother John in 1719 and his brother Johns wife who died in 1718. It was his grandson who died in N.C. in 1788.

We are inclined to imagine these stones came from some distant isle, but Thomas Jr. is not known to have been one of those of the family that followed the sea, and how he came into possession of them if he did, is not known.

## Chapter IV

Some NORTON and the PEACE descendants, plus  
an accounting of the Sons and Daughters that died without issue

### JOHN TRAPP

He was likely born at the family home that had been the *mansion seat* of MALACHAI BROWNING sometime in the late 1670's. It apparently stood on Planting Field Way beside the large lake known even today as *Trapp's Pond*, located at the north-west corner of Edgartown. From the beginning there had been a close friendship between the Trapps and Peaces, and it is likely that from the first their property adjoined. Now the ties were stronger than ever, and he would grow up in the same household that included his older half-brothers and half-sisters, the orphans of John Peace.. All indication is that they all got along well with each other.

John became a carpenter and by October 14, 1708 was well enough established to take a wife. She was a widow, SARAH LOTHROP HUCKINS, somewhat younger than himself, born March 4, 1683. the daughter of THOMAS and SARAH (MAYHEW) LOTHROP. They seem to have prospered and Sarah evidently regarded her in-laws with affection.

One deed with John as grantor, merits special attention, as it indicates that John was a man of peace.



The deed was to JOHN BUTLER and was dated February 4, 1713. It is quoted here in part:

Whereas there has been some controversy in law by John Trapps embracing a certain parcel of land being next joining the ditch called AYERS ditch in Edgartown, John Trapps, carpenter (grants) to JOHN BUTLER two acres by the Browning lot on the north foot of the hill on the west side of the swamp . . . now for an end to all striff in consideration of future peace.

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June 26, 1713 Thomas, John's father "for natural affection to my son" granted ten acres of "upland . . . at a place called Plantingfield Way . . . bordered on the south where the house of JAMES PEACE now standewth . . . eastward of my now dwelling house . . . northward to a line dividing my land and that of James Peace in Plantingfield RICHARD AREY, deceased . . . MALACHAI BROWNING deceased.

Neither would have expected that the aging father would outlive the son. John was only 42 at the time of his death February 3, 1717.

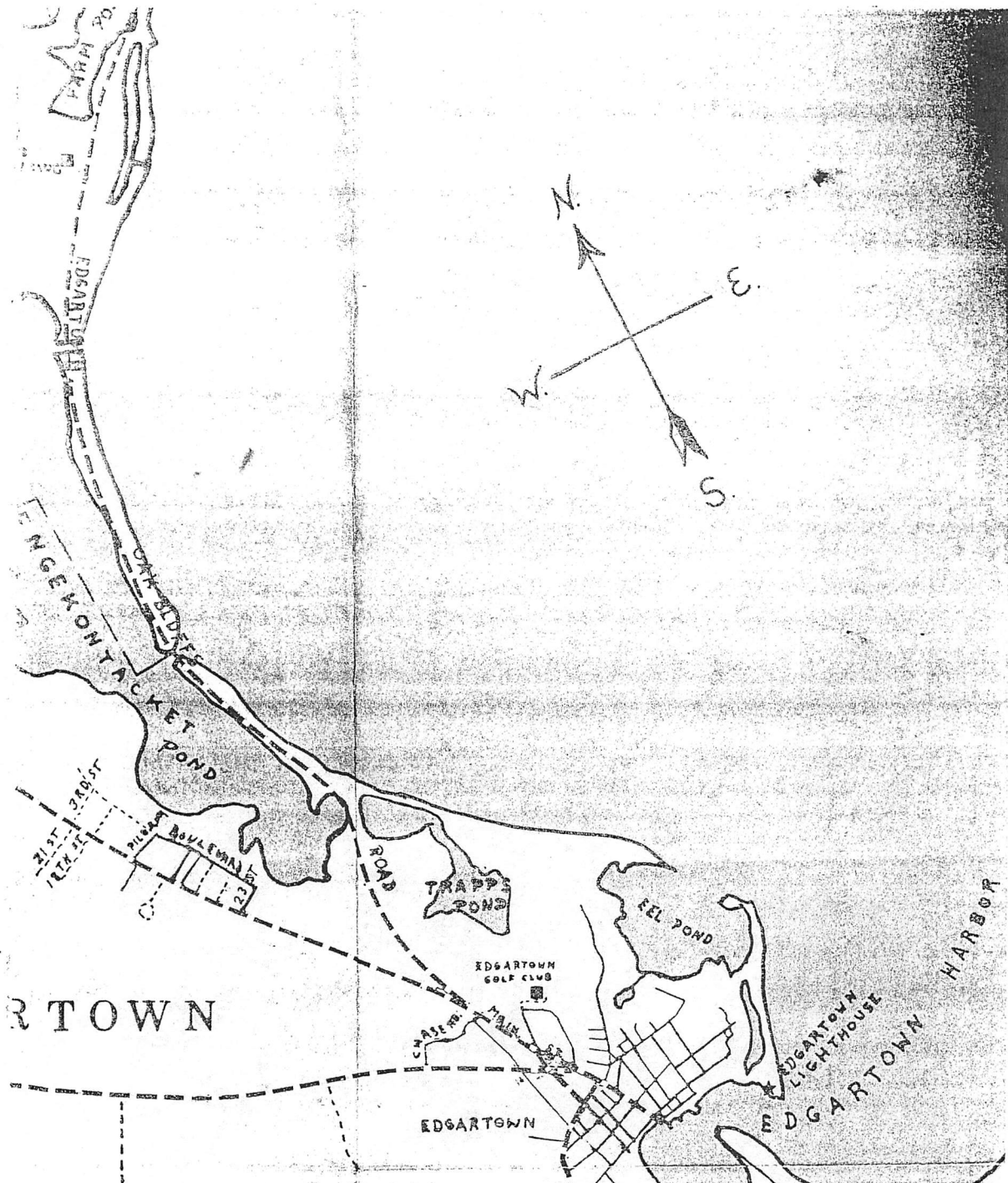
Sarah did not long survive him. Her will is dated April 17, 1718. She mentioned a number of Lothrop's at Falmouth, HOPE, her niece, SARAH, daughter of Elizabeth, TABITHA DYMOCK, her sister-in-law, but she did not forget her late husband's brothers, SAMUEL, JABEZ, SIMON & THOMAS, and named Thomas, "my loving brother in law" her executor". Some suggestion that she was held in deep affection

Other Deeds of John Trapps mentioning other landmarks of possible interest were:

March 7, 1703 John acquired Lot #25 from THOMAS LOTHROP, mariner (Sarah's brother) , , . running to the lands now or late in the tenure and occupation of Thomas Trapp. . upland meadow or marsh."

March 4, 1704 (John acquired from, BENJAMIN NORTON two acres of "wood lot . . . located on the eastern side of a place called Niles Brooks in Edgartown . . . third from the iron, south of NICHOLAS NORTON'S path . . . west by a lot of the late ISAAC NORTON north of RICHARD SARSONS.

This portion of ROY G. MEEKINS' 1973 map details the general area the first white settlers are most closely associated with. Note that most of the surnames are repeated in the few deeds involving only John's property. Tradition has it that the Indians taught them how to catch fish in the Eel Pond. Plantingfield Way, now regarded as private property is the line running more or less north and south, from Edgartown, seen here between Trapps Pond and Eel Pond. The scale is one inch to .75 mile.

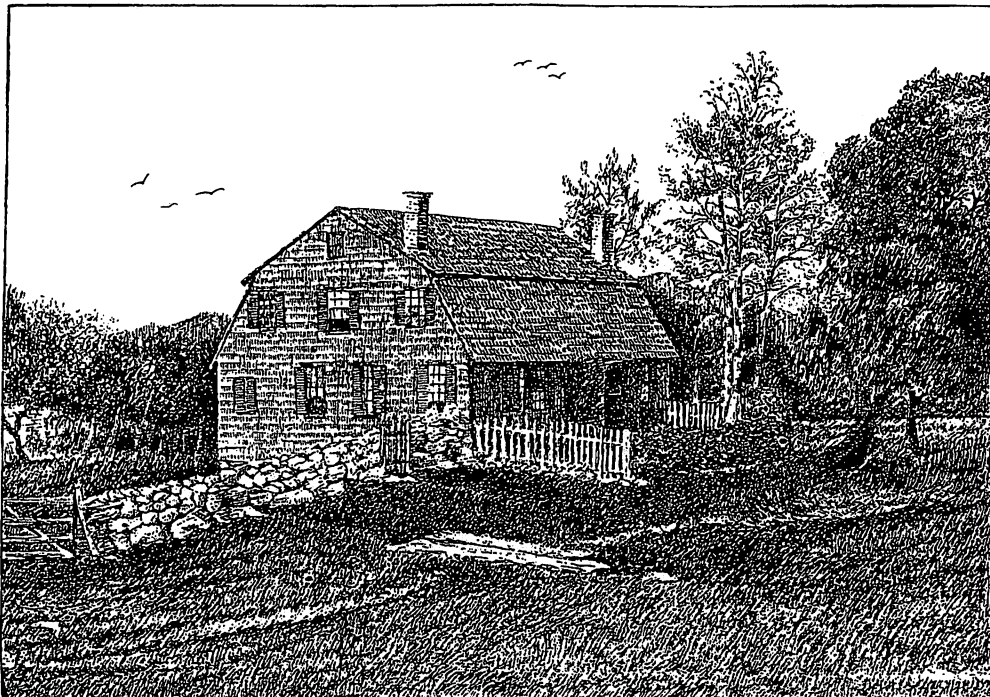


by the Trapps is that they shared one of the four treasured stones brought back from some distant voyage, and carved it for her headstone.

Witnesses to her will were BENJAMIN SMITH, ABIGALE PEACE and MATTHEW MAYHEW. Her gravestone reveals that she died June 18, 1718 aged 35 years - four months - 14 days.



Banks states that BENJAMIN SKIFF'S first wife was SARAH LOTHROP, unlikely to have been identical with the widow Huckins that married John Trapp. Even so, the house below would likely have been familiar to both women.



THE OLD SKIFF HOUSE, CHILMARK.

**SIMON TRAPP**

He is believed to have been born in the latest 1670's in the family home previously mentioned. Little is actually known of him other than his joining with other members in the sale of family property. With his siblings he made a sale to JOHN NORTON Feb.10,1743. With JOHN ALLEN he witnessed the sale of more by JABEZ TRAPP to JOHN ISHAM.

From JAMES WAMPETHA Simon acquired 20 acres on Chappaquidick October 20, 1751, but sold this and other property there to THOMAS AREY the next year.

Simon was apparently the last member of the family to remain on the Vineyard. He would have been a very old man - in or near his nineties - when he made the following deposition January 22, 1766:

Samuel Trapp of Edgartown, of lawful age, testifieth and saith that he remembers 50 years ago or thereabouts JOSEPH PESUCPH, WILLIAM PSEUCPH and SASACHENE PSEUCPH all Indian men of Chappaquidick dwelt in a wigwam on a tract of land lying near and northwesterly on a pease of salt meadow now known by the name of Major's Meadow on Chappaquidick near the swimming place and saith further that the Indians above named lived on and improved the said place. JOHN SILAS afterwards lived on and was interrupted by the Indians in his improving by their pulling up of his fence on the said land, and further ye deponent saith not.

## ANN TRAPP

She was born about 1680 likely at the family home near Trapps Pond. In 1702 she married as his second wife JOSEPH NORTON, the son of NICHOLAS NORTON of Edgartown. Joseph's first wife was MAE BAYES, the daughter of THOMAS BAYES.



Bank's describes Joseph as "one of the leading citizens of the Vineyard, it's first representative to the General Court of Massachusetts in 1692 and commissioned as Justice to the court of Common Pleas in 1702.

They resided a Mobers Bridge until his death in 1741. Ann made her will in September 1750 which was proved August 7, 1753. They had:

SYLVANUS NORTON (1718-1801) married 8 Nov. 1751 HANNAH NORTON (1719-1786)  
NOAH NORTON b.1752.

JAMES NORTON, born Christmas 1754. Died young.

BENJAMIN NORTON born Christmas 1754 m. Jan. 1, 1797 HANNAH and had:

SARAH NORTON b. Apr. 13, 1800 died unmarried Oct. 23, 1869

MILLICENT NORTON born 1767 m. ABNER LUCE b. 1762, son of ZACHEAS & his wife SARAH (SOG) LUCE of Tisbury.

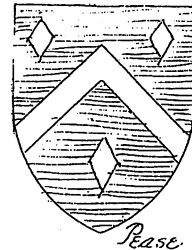
ANN NORTON  
EUNICE NORTON

## MARY TRAPP

She was born about 1685 at Edgartown. She married June 4, 1716 WILLIAM COLES, born 1689 at Little Milton, Co. Oxfordshire. He became a pilot of Edgartown. Both he and his widow are stated to have died in 1765. No issue was mentioned.

## MERCY TRAPP

She was born about 1690 at Edgartown, where she married January 4, 1710  
 SAMUEL PEACE born 1686, the son of JOHN &  
 ABIGALE (MERRY) PEACE. Abigale was the  
 daughter of JOSEPH & ELIZABETH PARKHURST  
 MERRY. Elizabeth was the daughter of GEORGE  
 & PHEBE PARKHURST of Ipswich. and the widow  
 of EMANUEL HILLARD of Hampton, New Hampshire.



Mercy pre-deceased her husband, who made his will in December 1764, which  
 was probated February 25 1765. They had:

BENJAMIN PEACE m. May 23, 1737 HANNAH GREEN of Boston, who died before 1764.

Known child:

BENJAMIN PEACE 1745-1832

ABIGALE PEACE (1716-1798) m. 1740 BENJAMIN BURGESS (1712-1752)

DR. BENJAMIN BURGESS m. 1772 SUSAN, d.o. BENJAMIN & ZERVIAH (ATHER)  
 MANTER

MARY BURGESS m. MITCHELL DAWES

HENRY L. DAWES, senator from Massachusetts.

JOHN PEACE (1720-1747) m. ABIGALE BURGESS b. 1720. d.o. BENJAMIN & DORCAS  
 (SMITH) BURGESS. She survived him and m. 2nd SAMUEL NICKERSON

LYDIA PEACE b. 1740 m. 1762 SAMUEL BRADFORD

SHUBAEL PEACE b. 1742 m. DORCAS CLAGHORN, d.o. SHUBAEL &  
 EXPERIENCE (HAWES) CLAGHORN.

DORCAS PEACE b. 1744 m. BAYES NORTON, s.o. SAMUEL & MARY NORTON  
 d. o. JACOB & DINA (COFFIN) NORTON.

JOHN PEACE 1746-1831 m. 1771 HANNAH HILLMAN 1754-1843, d. o. BENJAMIN  
 & LOVE (CATHCART) HILLMAN

LYDIA PEACE 1776- 1856 d. unmarried.

SUSANNAH PEACE B, 1780 N, 1805 EPHRAIM MAYHEW, s. o. EPHRAIM &  
 JEDIAH (SMITH) MAYEW, d.o. ELIJAH & BETHANIE (HARLOCK) SMITH

ABIGALE PEACE b. 1782 m. 1805 LOTHROP MERRY

JOHN PEACE b. 1787 m. 1830 SOPHRANIA P. LAMBERT, d.o. ABASJAI &  
 HEPHIBAH (COFFIN) LAMBERT

MARTHA PEACE b. 1787

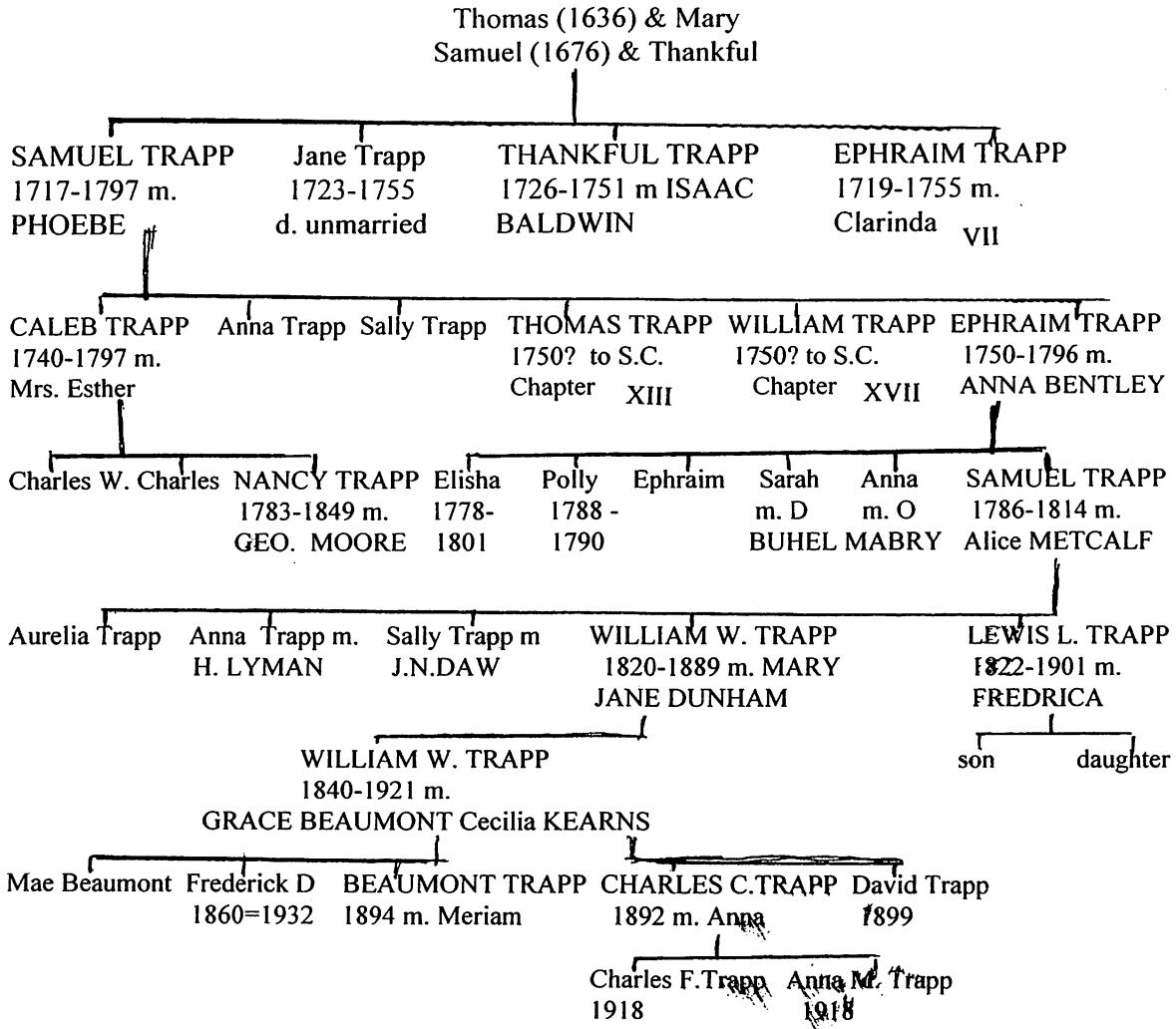
MERCY PEACE b. 1723 m. SHUBAEL BURGESS s.o. BENJAMIN & DORCAS BURGESS

HANNAH TRAPP

She was born about 1692 at Edgartown. She earned her living as a seamstress and was apparently unmarried in 1742.







## Chapter V

## Samuel &amp; Thankful Trapp's Descendants

Samuel is thought to have been born about 1680, likely at home on Plantingfield Way, Edgartown. He likely was in his thirties when he married March 16, 1714 THANKFUL PEACE, born October 8, 1698, the daughter of BENJAMIN & JEAN (AREY) PEACE and the granddaughter of RICHARD & SARAH (MARCHANT) AREY. Arms



of the Peace family appeared in the 1849 NEGHS *Register* with the description

*Azure, a chevron between three lozenges or.*

Samuel "entered her Majesties service" April 20, 1711 and served three months and fifteen days under CAPT. WILLIAM PICKERING on the *Province Galley*. For this service he was paid 2 pounds -19 shillings. ("grter" is written in one of the blanks.)

It was apparently Mary's share that "Samuel Trapp, yeoman" paid 35 pounds in Gold to his brother-in-law, WILLIAM COLES for. This was adjoining property on Plantingfield Way

being a third part of all lands and meadows that was set to our mother MARY TRAPPS wife of THOMAS TRAPPS, both deceased . . . from the lands of THOMAS PEACE and SAMUEL PEACE.

Samuel apparently was deceased before 1742. It is unknown when either of them died. They had

Children of Samuel & Thankful (Peace ) Trapp not listed in chronological order.

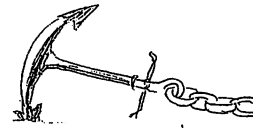
JANE	EPHRAIM	THANKFUL	SAMUEL
b.1723	b. 1719	b.1726	b.1717

JANE TRAPP was born at Edgartown July 17, 1723 and was unmarried in 1755.

THANKFUL TRAPP was born at Edgartown May 13, 1726. She married April 4, 1751 at Windham, Ct. ISAAC BALDWIN and their migration westward placed them at Wyoming, Pa. at the time of the 1778 massacre and ultimately in Chemung Co. New York, where many tales of their heroism are told. Isaac and at least three of their sons served during the Revolutionary War. (see pages 221-223 for details)

EPHRAIM TRAPP b. 1719 is the ancestor of the first family of the surname in Scotland. See Chapter VIII.

SAMUEL TRAPP was born September 2, 1717 at Edgartown. Little is known of his early life, other than he went to sea at a young age; a life at which he was well fitted. He soon became a Captain, a title that would stick long after he had moved to Norwich, Ct. and given up life at sea.



He had lingered some time more on the Vineyard after selling much of the property there in February 1747 to his uncle, WILLIAM COLES for 334 pounds, a good sum at the time; especially if the loss of the black book made the title in any way vulnerable. The sale included:

the dwelling house where the said SAMUEL TRAPP now lives, with 20 acres bounded on the southwest- by ENOCH COFFIN, on the west by THOMAS TRAPP and on the northeast by the Plantingfield.

Samuel moved from the family home to a smaller one on the remaining property but this arrangement would prove temporary. He sold likely his last 20

acres October 28, 1748 to ENOCH COFFIN. Borders mentioned were:

east by land belonging to GEORGE GARDMER of Nantucket. . . north by ENOCH COFFIN and on the east partly by land belonging to CAPT. THOMAS BAYES, long deceased.

It was time to move on. Norwich would be a natural choice. His uncle Thomas already resided there, as well as a number of families he had known on the Vineyard: the BURCHARDS, CASES and COLLIERS to mention a few. In addition JOHN PEACE had left property there.:

It was shortly after this that Samuel is believed to have met and married PHOEBE. She was born about 1721, likely near Mansfield, Connecticut, where she is buried. How and where they met is not known. They became Inn Keepers of Norwich, by one account leasing the old Leffingwell Inn. The positively known facts of this time come from the records of Norwich Second Congregational Church, that in their earliest days met at the Inn of "Captaine Trapp". It must have been a solid structure, surviving to this day after having been moved from it's original lot to another location from which it was moved to it's present site.



We are indebted to MIRIAM D. TERRY who in 1937 published *Old Inns of Norwich* which included priceless photographs from which the enclosed sketches are made. Not all that is seen here has survived the two moves to the Inns present location, but it likely did exist during the time that Thomas was innkeeper.

Note the stone retaining wall that stretches from the front yard, providing a ground level entrance into the cellar and on past the little of the backyard that is visible in the picture.

Caulkins possibly speaks of that wall following her mention of the arrival of the new minister:

Mr. WHITTAKER arrived with his family and goods by water 22 April 1760. A room for preaching had been prepared in the tavern kept by Samuel Trapp and a bell to take the place of the sabbath drum was suspended in the rear of the house from a scaffolding erected upon a rock.

The Inn was later at some point stated to have become the "well known" residence of one CAPT BENJAMIN COLT or COIT, but nothing more is known of that.

It is uncertain if Samuel was ever anything more than the land lord to the new church His name is not found among the pew holders in the new church, though THOMAS TRAPP JR., his cousin shared Pew #7 with BILL BARKER. One of the other charter members would become well known: BENEDICT ARNOLD.

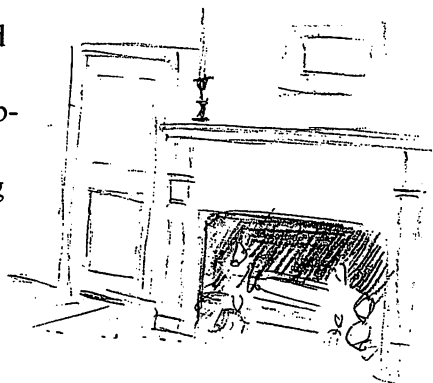
A footnote to "Items of the Society Expenditures" from January 1761 mentions a sum "to pay the freight of Mr. Whittakers family and goods from ye Jersies to this place and, April last":

12 pounds to Capt. Trapp for ye use of his house nine months to hold worship in  
four pounds - 1 shilling - 2 pence  
and for hanging and ringing the bell, 20 shillings

Samuel received from them an annual rent of 6 pounds and apparently the young church continued to meet there until the new church building was "roofed over". The last payment was made July 12, 1764.

Likely the room where they met survives to this day, though which one it was may

remain uncertain. The sketch of the chimney corner is based on a photograph in Terry's aforementioned work. I was recently saddened to discover on a website that the Second Congregational church has long been disbanded..



### **Samuel Trapp, the Patriot**

As early as October 1765 it was predictable that Samuel would cast his lot with the colonist. His name appears near the top of the list of petitioners who were protesting and announcing that :

a public meeting to be holden in New Haven of the second Thursday of October 1765

The purpose was to try to oppose the new taxes that England was demanding.

Though still in his latest fifties when hostilities actually started, Samuel could still serve, though likely his health would not allow him to take part in active duty.

As Thomas Paine would soon write at Valley Forge, "These are the times that try men's souls". PHOEBE, the wife of Samuel Trapp died Oct. 7, 1771, age 50 and was taken to Mansfield, Ct. for burial. Possibly she had property or relations there, which later influenced her grandchildren to settle in that area.

Her one apparent namesake, PHOEBE TRAPP her grand-daughter, would be born soon after in South Carolina and grow up to marry WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON.

The following letter from ANDREW HUNTINGDON to JOSHUA

HUNTINGDON is dated August 19, 1776: (Huntingdon Papers p.320-321)

Sir,

Enclosed is a receipt for one chest of Arms &c which we are directed to forward to his Excellency, GENERAL WASHINGTON should be glad you would deliver the Rect. to the proper person that may receive sd box of CAPT. TRAPP & give him Rect.

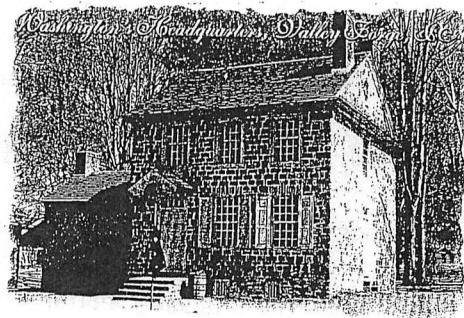
I have wrote you two or three letters since you went away but have not been favored with any answer. I did expect some money before this time. The people who have demands for it are calling daily on me. I want some money to pay the Guards I hired for the Magazine. It amounts to more than five pounds week for the Guards &c. I recde yesterday 100 barrels more of powder from GENERAL WARD. As to news we have none this way. I am hourly expecting some bloody news from New York. May God defeat our enemies is the earnest prayer of your Affectionate Brother.

ANDW. HUNTINGTON

Give my love &c as is due. CAPT. ANDREW HUNTINGDON (superscribed) to CAPT. JOSHUA HUNTINGDON in Camp New York. favr. CAPT. TRAPP

As history informs us, all was not as well in New York as the patriots might have wished, but the news might have been considerably more bloody had the patriots not known when to retreat.

Very likely "Capt. Trapp" served again, and again, for we may well assume that dependable men were called on repeatedly, and responded, especially if one of their sons was with Washington at Valley Forge that terrible winter. Huntingdon's men were located some distance west of Gen. Washington's headquarters, it may have been here that Samuel requested and persuaded Gen. Washington to allow his son, Thomas, serving with the Connecticut First, to come home for a furlough from mid-November to mid-December 1777. The furlough itself is in the records.



Samuel was nearly seventy before peace came. Likely he had long since given up the Inn.

It could be con-incident that it was in New London, Ct. where Thomas returned from South Carolina to enlist in early 1777, but by 1790 Samuel and others of the family had removed to there. The one female in Samuel's household was possibly a servant. Yet he was not without family or kin living nearby. Heads of families listed immediately before him were CALEB TRAPP, JONa MOORE and DAVID EDWARDS. Those listed immediately after were RICHARD JO, SAMUEL CRANDALL, GUY BROOKS, NEAMIAH ROBERTS & E' PHRAIM TRAPP.

That is our last glimpse of him. It pleases me to imagine that he was self-sufficient to the end.

For several reasons the following are believed to have been the children of Samuel and Phoebe, though the chronological order is not known.

CALEB EPHRAIM SALLY THOMAS & WILLIAM





## CALEB TRAPP

He was born June 20, 1747 at Norwich, Ct. and remained there as late as 1774, having been billed that year by THOMAS RIX for goods delivered to "JAMES, the Indian."

It would have been soon after that, about 1775 that he married "MRS. ESTHER", most often so designated. though being born February 2, 1753 she was actually five years younger than Caleb. Her maiden name is unknown, but it seems likely that she was related to those of the surnames HYDE and LAMB whose cemetery lot in Norwich would be shared with some of Caleb's and her own children. Especially of interest is the earlier "Mrs. Esther":

*In memory of MRS. ESTHER, wife to DAVID LAMB who died December 29, 1788 in ye 88th year of age.*

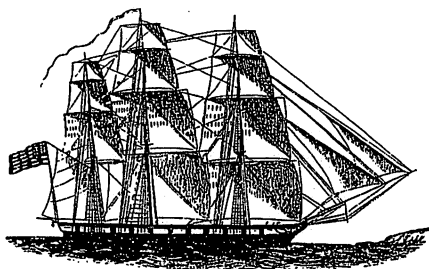
.Another event much discussed there in 1775 was the death of CAPTAIN WILLIAM BILLINGS, whose home stood "next to the store of CHRISTOPHER LEFFENWELL, and who had died "universally lamented of a fever in Dominica while on a voyage to the West Indies.". But if other news of 1775 did not cause universal lamentation, undoubtedly it did change the world. Caleb was about to leave behind the comparatively restrained atmosphere of Norwich, for the lively one of New London, of which SIR GEORGE COLLIER, commodore of the British fleet in New England from 1776 to 1779 would state:

*The place was a famous receptade for privateers and was thought on that account to injure British trade as much as any harbor in America.*

### **Capturing & recapturing the Ship**

Caleb quickly fit into the picture. In the summer of 1777 he was serving as officer on board the *Trumball*, commanded by CAPT. HENRY BILLINGS, when the *Trumball* recaptured the *Betsy*. She was a sloop earlier commanded by ELIZUR GOODRICH, master of Wethersfield who had *On October 26, 1776 left New London for Mary Galande, West Indies, loaded with flour, pork etc. to return with salt.* Instead, Capt. Goodrich was *captured by a*

*British privateer and carried off to Tortula.* The record of the *Betsy* during that period suggests



*Sloop-of-War.* \*

that a ship was more easily captured than would otherwise have been thought. In addition to the previously mentioned capture by the British in October 1776 and the recapturing by those on board the *Trumball* in July of 1777,

she would again be recaptured soon after by the owner and again recaptured by the Colonist as it left Nova Scotia bound for Amsterdam August 7, 1781, but this is getting ahead of the story

Returning to July 12, 1777, no doubt a most satisfying moment for CAPT. BILLINGS, anticipating the eternal gratitude of CAPT. GOODRICH when his ship would be returned.

Caleb, undoubtedly an authoritative figure, having served for some time as the *prize-master* was appointed her captain for the voyage back to Connecticut. All might have gone well had the *Betsy* actually been loaded with salt as had been planned, or at least claimed.

Both English and Colonial Privateers appear far more civilized than might have been supposed - too much so Caleb thought as his objection was over-ruled, but there would be little pleasure in being proven correct. HENRY TROTTMAN, part owner at the time made the following deposition August 6, 1777:

HENRY TROTTMAN, gentleman, being duly sworn, deposeth that on or about the 12th of July last, about 5 o'clock a.m. in latitude 42 degrees, 26 longitude 50 degrees 30 or thereabouts the brig *Betsy* BAILEY WARREN master, owned in Barbados and Liverpool loaded with rum and sugar - part the deponents property, the other part consigned to him bound for Quebec, was chased, fired and taken by a privateer sloop of 12 guns and about 70 men, called the *Trumball*, HENRY BILLINGS master of New London. All the crew of the brig except two men was taken out of the brig directly and 7 men were put on board the brig out of the Privateer; the deponent's son, the said two men and himself remained on board.

The next day in the afternoon Capt. Billings came on board the brig with Capt. Warren & spent some hours on board the brig when the said Billings gave consent and was willing and gave consent for Capt. Warren to tarry and remain on board the brig with those that were

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\* FRANCIS SANDFORD from Halifax confirmed much of HENRY TROTTMAN'S testimony and added that the *Trumball* had twelve guns and was "mounting twelve cartridge guns and twelve swivels." It must therefore have appeared something like the sloop illustrated, though possibly somewhat smaller.

already left, but the prize-master and his people objected and would not consent to it, when Capt. Billings ordered several things to be taken from the brig, such as a small cask of spirit, a bar, sugar, limes, cordage etc. & after consenting to the exchange of one of the men that was left on board for one that was taken out the evening before, Capt. Billings and Capt. Warren left the brig wishing us well and a safe trip to Boston.

The deponent's son and himself remained prisoners and two men did their duty as seaman on board under the command of CALEB TRAPP, the prize-master who did all he could to get to Boston, New England, until the 21st of the month about 9 o'clock in the evening when the two men that was left on board and the deponent's son having previously agreed to it surprised the watch on deck and other watch and confined them except one man who offered to ship in the deponents service, they get them the vessel about; the prize-master being below asleep knew nothing about it until about 2 o'clock next morning when he wanted to come upon deck but could not, the common being shut.

As soon as the vessel was about, the deponent had the men bound & they went to sleep in the boat.. The next day he shipped another of their crew, set the prisoners some bounds and suffered them on deck occasionally & proceeded directly to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he arrived the 2nd day of this month after a disagreeable time from bad weather.

Quite possibly sampling the cargo not only enabled Caleb to sleep soundly, but also assisted his waking by two o'clock next morning - undoubtedly a most sobering experience.

#### **Remained in New London**

Presumably the disaster of 1777 did not damage Caleb's career, for he is afterwards addressed as *Captaine Trapp*. Two of their children died the following year, and they would lose their last son in 1787. The fact that all three were buried in Norwich possibly indicates that they did not expect the move to be permanent.

Caleb's household in 1790 indicates that his wife and three youngest daughters still survived then, but "Mrs. Esther" died January 19, 1796. and only his daughter, Nancy who married GEORGE MOORE is known to have survived into the 19th century. Caleb scarcely made it himself. He is recorded on the 1800 census, but died in December 1802. The family bible records the following

children:

CHARLES - NANCY - CHARLES WASHINGTON - NANCY - LYDIA - BETTY

CHARLES TRAPP was born August 1776 likely at New London and was drowned Oct.16,1778, as is recorded in the family bible.

*Charles Trapp, son to Captain & Mrs. Esther Trapp died October 12, 1778, age 2.*

NANCY TRAPP was born October 6, 1778 likely at New London and died June 4, 1782  
*Infant daughter of Captain & Ester Trapp died 4 June 1778 at Norwich.*

CHARLES WASHINGTON TRAPP was born in September 1781 likely in New London and died "in ye 6th year his age" January 19, 1787. His gravestone at Norwich was scarcely legible a century later.

NANCY TRAPP, the only known surviving child of Caleb & Esther, was born Sept.5, 1783 and married at Norwich November 25, 1802 GEORGE MOORE, born at Norwich April 20, 1777. Caulkins adds:

*The Moore family was large and their dwelling had the reputation of being the seat of hospitality and festive enjoyment. Col. Moore was buried at Trinity Church graveyard, New York City. Two sons, John as a merchant and Benjamin as a physician remained some years more in Norwich. Another son, Richard Chandling Moore became the distinguished Bishop of Virginia.*

Nancy's death November 23, 1849 was recorded at both Mansfield. Issue included:

CHARLES MOORE, b. March 21, 1804 at Norwich m. NANCY MORGAN who d. age 60 in 1866 (Preston V.R.) Apparently the parents of:  
NANCY MOORE who m. JOHN R. ROBINSON of Norwich

MARY ANN MOORE, b. 27 Nov. 1805 at Norwich m. Nov. 6, 1850 at St. Paul's, Albany, N.Y. GURDON CHAPMAN, Rev. W.I.KIPS officiating .

GEORGE MOORE JR. b. Jan 10, 1810 at Norwich d. 22 Feb. 1833 m. in 1832 ABIGALE DAVIS of Webster. no issue.

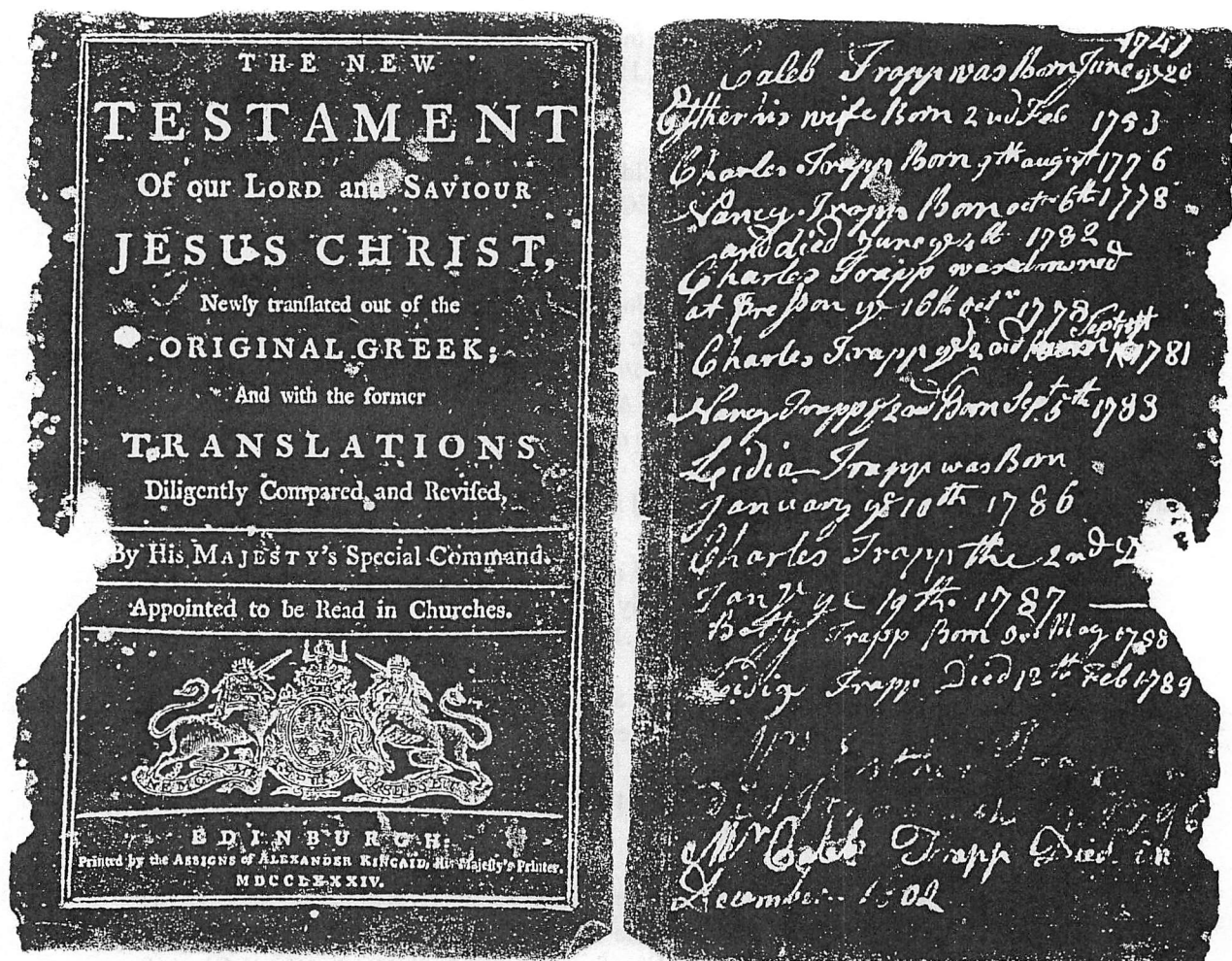
DAVID MOORE b. 27 April 1812 at Norwich m. JANE HERSHELL Jan 3, 1836. Rev. JOHN M. GIBBON, officiating. The 1860 directory lists David as a Confectionary and Ice Dealer of 105 Main, Central Wharf and also of YOUNG & MOORE, 168 Franklin.

LYDIA TRAPP, daughter of CALEB & ESTHER was born January 10, 1786, and apparently flourished in 1790. She was not located on the 1800 census.

BETTY TRAPP was born in 1788 and was apparently still living in 1790.

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In comedies mention of someone having stolen a Bible is likely to bring laughter, the act being so incongruous. We do not know precisely how Ephraim Trapp came into possession of a Bible published in England in 1784 by "His Majesty's Special Command" designed for the Anglican Order of Service, but we do know that he was a prizemaster. All of the family known in New England that held church membership seem to have been Congregationalist - none were known to have been Anglicans at the time. Some entries recorded predate the publication year, and all were made by the same hand. But there was no point in a perfectly good Bible going to waste. Perhaps it didn't. Many men of the family later were Baptist preachers and others left behind a reputation for being deeply religious.



It is unknown how the following are related:

LUCY TRAPP married November 16, 1796 JOHN SHIELDS at the Congregational Church, Norwich.

SARAH (SALLY) TRAPP m. April 2, 1805 JOB GLOVER at the Congregational Church, Norwich. An account in the *Connecticut Herald* has not been available. They are thought to have been the parents of:

LUCYH M. GLOVER who m. PHILO BABBIT at New Milford, Ct. Oct. 14, 1846

## EPHRAIM TRAPP

He was born in the early 1750's at Norwich. almost certainly the namesake of his uncle who died in 1755...

He served as needed during the Revolutionary War, at one time in LATIMERS 6th Regiment. and on a different enlistment in the 8th Regiment, commanded by COL. HUNTINGTON. We know little of either enlistment, other than in the 8th he was issued gun #8 and a cartridge box; property of the Colony of Connecticut and appraised at 2 pounds - 18 shillings. His cousin, JABEZ TRAPP about his same age, served with him, possibly joining slightly later, being issued Gun # 177. Possibly Ephraim, given #8 was among the first to enlist.

The parish register records that:

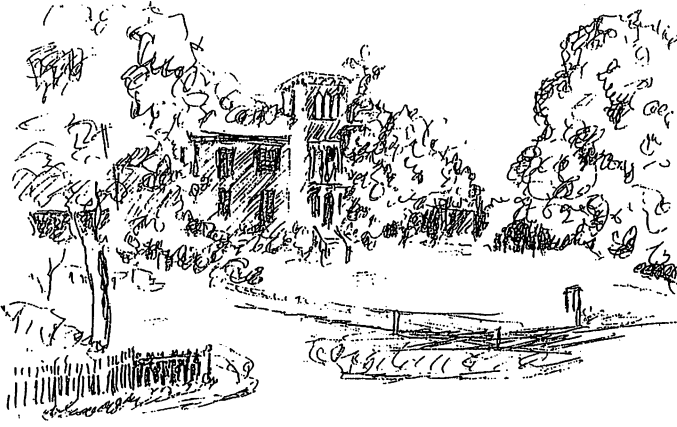
*Mr. Ephraim Trapp & Miss Anna Bently, both of Norwich were married March 22. 1777 by Rev/ Ephraim Johnson.*

They survived the war, and were recorded in New London in 1790. But Ephraim apparently died sometime between 1794 and 1797.

Anna married secondly on January 18, 1798 MR. JOHN LANCASTER of Norwich, apparently of a very prominent family. He was born about 1737, the son of ROBERT & ELIZABETH LANCASTER, whose family coat-of-arms description is quoted: :

*Argent. two bars invected between as man hor(gibbages?) gules.  
On each glaunch a lion passant, guardant of the field.*

John, age 62, is not known to have previously been married and is presumed to have been the last of the line. Anna was about age 44.



*The Lancaster Mansion  
Norwich, Connecticut*

CAULKINS believed the Lancaster mansion had earlier belonged to GENERAL. JABEZ HUNTINGDON, whose residence was known to have stood on that lot

As illustrated, alterations and additions are believed to have occurred through the years; particularly the entrance tower.

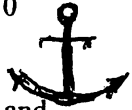
JOHN LANCASTER having no children of his own, the mansion passed in turn to the children of EPHRAIM TRAPP; After the death of his son Ephraim, it was left to his daughter, ANNA TRAPP MABRY.

The children of EPHRAIM & ANNA

ELISHA - EPHRAIM - SARAH - SAMUEL - POLLY - ANNA

ELISHA TRAPP was born Aug. 8, 1778 at Norwich and died there August 14, 1801. Mentioned in the news was the death of Elisha Trapp of Norwich, *who died on passage from South Carolina to New York September 11, 1800.* No contemporary Elisha Trapp is known.

EPHRAIM TRAPP was born Feb. 8, 1781 at Norwich and from New London went to sea by age 17. The *Seaman's Protection Certificate* describes him May 5, 1798 as of light complexion and 5 ft. 2 inches tall. A later certificate issued May 20, 1802 reveals that at age 21 he was 5 ft. 10 inches tall. He was mate on the ship commanded by CAPT. WHITING on a voyage to the Caribbean where he contacted the fatal fever. He died on St. Bartholomew's Island in late October 1809. His body was brought back to Norwich for burial Nov. 24th. He was age 28 and unmarried. Obituaries are reported Jan 8, 1810 of the *Connecticut Mirror* (p.7), the *Connecticut Herald* (p.72) and the *Norwich Courier* (p. 79).. .



SARAH TRAPP was born Feb. 8, 1783 at Norwich. It is unknown if she was the Sarah Trapp of Columbia, Ct. who married Jan 21, 1826 at New London, DILLON BUEL of Lebanon, Ct. or the Sarah Trapp whose obituary appeared April 23, 1805 in the *Connecticut Herald*, page 10.

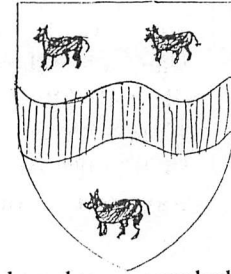
SAMUEL TRAPP, born 1786 and his descendants temporarily delayed.

POLLY TRAPP was born at Norwich Sept. 17, 1788 and died there September 8, 1790.

ANNA TRAPP was born Aug. 10, 1795 at Norwich, where she married Nov. 27, 1817 MR. ORIMEN MABRY, the ceremony performed by REV. JOSEPH STRONG. They had:

ELISHA LYMAN MABRY b. August 22, 1818  
 WILLIAM HENRY MABRY b. Feb. 1, 1819 d. Sept. 20, 1822  
 ANNA MARIA MABRY b. Sept. 30, 1821  
 WILLIAM HENRY MABRY b. Dec. 27, 1823

SAMUEL TRAPP was born at Norwich June 8, 1786 and migrated at about age 20 to Coventry, Ct. where he established a black-smith shop. On June 30, 1808 in nearby Mansfield, he married ALICE METCALF of Mansfield. The arms at right appears in the Metcalf Family Genealogy with the description:

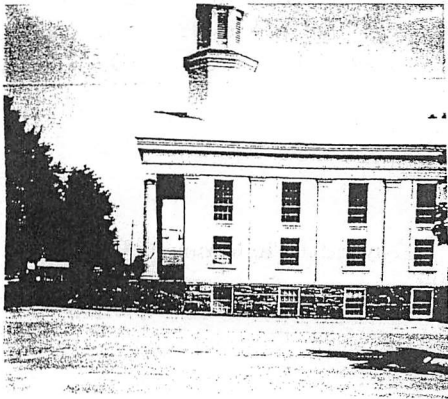


*Argent; a fesse wavy gules between three calves stanant sable.*

Their household in 1810 was recorded at Coventry and by 1820 had expanded. In 1830, they had removed to Mansfield, after which they appear to have gone their separate ways. ELLIS (Alice) stayed in Mansfield, and her household in 1840 included one male under age 10, one male under age 15 two females under age 20 as well as Alice, herself. Samuel, a "widower" had returned to Coventry, where again he was a blacksmith.

Alice died age 67, April 1851 and is buried in the Curley Cemetery at Mansfield. Samuel died age 70 September 17, 1834 and is buried at Coventry. They had:

AURELIA - ANN - SALLY - WILLIAM - LEWIS



The ancient First Church of Coventry, Ct.

AURELIA was baptized at Coventry May 22, 1809 and died unmarried April 29, 1836. She is buried in the Nathan Hale Cemetery, Coventry.

ANN TRAPP was born at Coventry Aug. 8, 1810 and married there Oct. 16, 1836 HARVEY LYMAN, son of JACOB JR. & MARY WOODWARD LYMAN of Coventry.

SALLY TRAPP was born March 27, 1813 at Coventry, where she married Oct. 4, 1837 JAMES NEWTON DDAW of Mansfield, the son of DANIEL & MAHITABEL (PALMER) DAW of Coventry.



WILLIAM WALLACE TRAPP, son of Samuel & Alice, was born March 18, 1820. His birth was registered at both Coventry and at Mansfield, where he remained from the time of his marriage 29 November 1849 to MARY J. DUNHAM, born 1825. Their infant son was unnamed at the time of the 1850 census; apparently there was some hesitation before naming him Junior. William, as a machinist, prospered. Their personal estate in 1860 was recorded as \$7,500.

Mary J. died age 65 Oct. 29, 1888. William survived her briefly, dying age 69 January 14, 1889. They are buried in the Curley Cemetery. An obituary of William is stated to have been printed in the *New London Gazette*, p.221. They had:

WILLIAM WALLACE TRAPP JR. was born in May 1850 at Mansfield, where he attended school. He married Jan. 1, 1883, GERTRUDE BEAUMONT, born Aug. 12, 1851, the daughter of HENRY GEORGE (1821-1904) & JANE E. (NORTON 1830-1900) BEAUMONT. The coat of-arms appearing on the gravestones would be described:



*Argent: a lion rampant sable.*

William died in 1921. Gertrude still flourished in 1920, the date of her death is unknown. They had the following:

MAE BEAUMONT TRAPP was born in 1884 and died in 1891..

FREDERICK D. TRAPP was born in 1890 and died age 42 in 1932. He is buried in Hartford. It is unknown if he married.

BEAUMONT H. TRAPP was born at Coventry in 1894. By the time of the 1920 census he was married to MERIAN C. TRAPP -both age 26- and they resided at 282 Washington St., Hartford. CLARA BEAUMONT, age 56 resided with them.

MAE BEAUMONT was born 1898 and died in 1899.

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It is suspected that WILLIAM WALLACE TRAPP (1850-1921) fathered the following by CECILIA KEARNS,(b. 1879) who was recorded in his household in 1900,

In 1900, JOHN KEARNS of Rochelle Village, Tolland Co. listed two grandchildren

DAVID TRAPP b. Nov. 1889, New York At age 29 was in the household of his younger brother, Charles in Rockville, Ct.

CHARLES C. TRAPP b in New York in 1892. In 1910 he resided at Rockville, Ct In 1920 was married to ANNA, age 25, born in Pa. and lived on Dorothy Street, Hartford. with his brother, David, and their twin daughters:

CECILIA F. TRAPP age one and a half, born Ct.

ANNA M. TRAPP age one and a half, born Ct.

LEWIS L. TRAPP, the youngest known child of Samuel & Alice, was born at Coventry April 9, 1822. Possibly the separation of his parents sometime after 1830 left scars. In 1850 he was an inmate in a mental institution. Few might be expected to recover, back then.

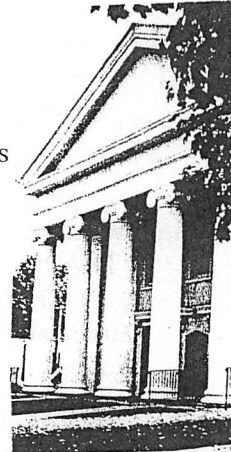
Remarkably, Lewis did!

About 1853 he married FREDERICA. In 1860 they resided in New Haven; Lewis was stated to have been 36 - Frederica 29.

He enlisted as a Corporal Oct. 18, 1862, serving in Co. K of the 27th Infantry, and was soon promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Months later - May 3, 1863 he would be captured at Chancellorsville, Virginia

It is not known if he was released in some exchange of prisoners or if he escaped, but the record reveals that he was discharged from service the following July.

Sometime after the family migrated to Illinois, where July 12, 1890 Frederica filed for assistance. Lewis had become an invalid. The date following, April 25, 1901 is thought to have been Lewis' date of death.



SALLY TRAPP, daughter of Samuel & Phoebe is thought to have been born at Norwich during the 1750's. All that is known of her is contained in a single paragraph of a letter from JEDIAH HUNTINGDON to his father, JABEZ HUNTINGDON, dated May 1, 1763

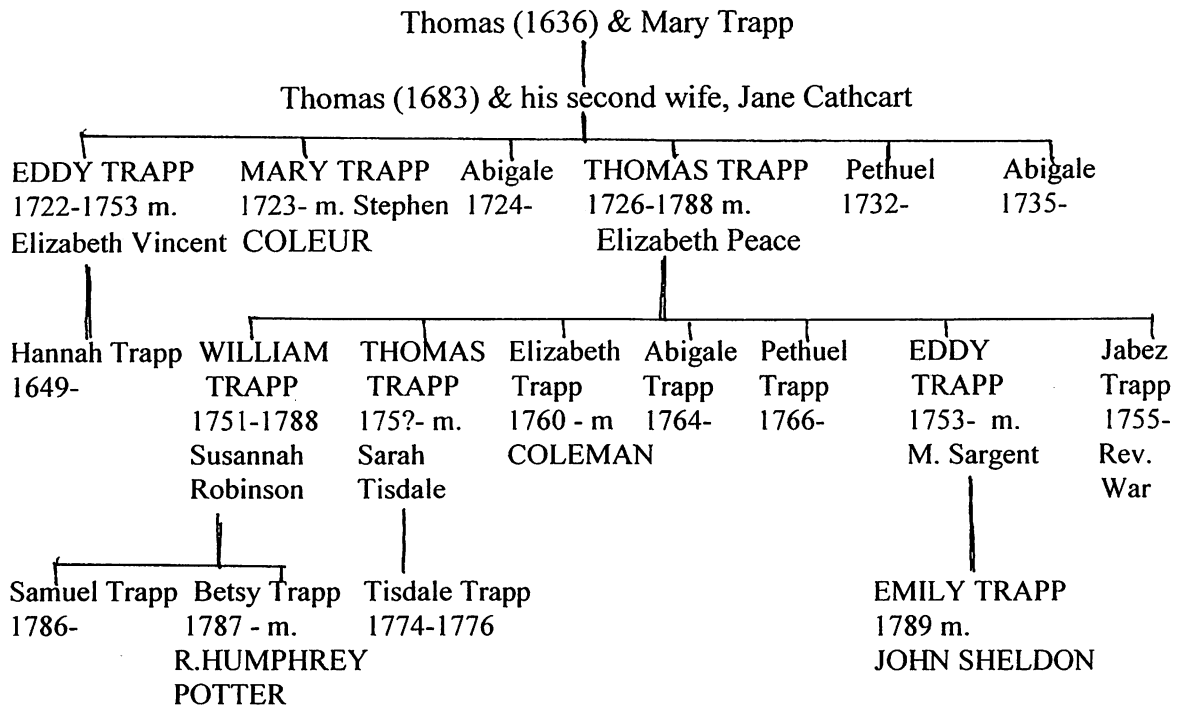
PEABODY sets out on Wednesday for Boston, and since you left MIS GRANT has died. SALLY TRAPP is at the point of death and also NOAH SMITH'S wife. Except for these tis a general time of health in the town.

Your dutiful Son,  
Jed Huntingdon

THOMAS TRAPP migrated to Fairfield Co. South Carolina. An account of his life and his descendants begins in Chapter XIII

WILLIAM TRAPP migrated to Fairfield South Carolina and received land from GEORGE III. An account of him and his descendants begins with Chapter XVII

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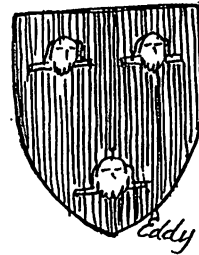


Names capitalized are known, or believed to have had descendants.

## Chapter VI

Thomas & Jane (Cathcart) Trapp  
& Their Descendants

Thomas was born in 1683 in Edgartown, likely in the family home on Plantingfield Way. He seems to have prospered as a carpenter, judging by the number of deeds that refer to him, and was ready to start his family by 1716.



He married first at Tisbury Jan. 18 that year.

ABIGALE EDDY was the grand-daughter of JOHN & HEPSIBAH (DAGGET) EDDY, by deduction born October 14, 1687. The diary of WILLIAM HOLMES of Chilmark records Feb. 16. 1717:

*I heard last night that two persons died at Old Town last week, viz. MATT PEACE and THOMAS TRAPP'S wife; the first of malignant fever and the second of asthma.*

Abigale was given one of the rare stones for her marker and was spared the skull & wings that graced the others, that device being substituted with foliage, but again the inscription was a labor of love:

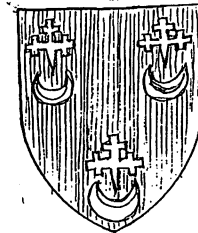
*Here lies ye body of Abigale Trapp, wife to Thomas Trapp, aged 29 years 5 mo.  
Died February ye 14, 1717.*

Thomas waited nearly two years before remarrying, April 4, 1719. JANE CATHCART was the daughter of ROBERT GERSHOM & PHOEBE (COLEMAN) Cathcart of Tisbury, apparently closely related to his first wife, Abigale.

The Eddy and Dagget shields were given in Mrs. St. John Sheffield's *Eddy, Sheffield, Dagget & Allied Families*. The Cathcart shield is taken from R. Haight's *Summer, Hatch & Allied Families*.

The two matching, leather-bound volumes remain the most impressive genealogies that I have seen in the US or Europe.

Though different authors are given, the similarity could only have resulted from frequent interchange of information between the two.



*Cathcart*



Both Thomas and Jane are believed to have lived their entire lives on the Vineyard, but the date of death for either is not known. A summary of deeds follows, in hopes that more can be learned.

They had:

EDDY - MARY - THOMAS - PETHUEL - ABIGALE

1709 Thomas or his father received the lot originally granted to STEPHEN CODMAN from ELIAS BRIGDON.

1717 Thomas bought the "upland meadow at Sasraccantucket" formerly the property of JOHN DAGGET.

1719 May 14 Thomas received from his father the 1st and 4th lots upon the line, formerly the property of JAMES PEACE . . . including a half-acre acquired from MATTHEW formerly the property of PETER FOLGER.

1719 he sold to ENOCH COFFIN the "lot of upland lying near Edgartown, 10 acres bounded west by ISAAC NORTON . . . had belonged to LUCK HILL .

1731 he sold his share of the 4th lot acquired from his father to NICHOLAS NORTON

1733 he sold property at Holmes Hole to ISAAC LAWTON of Portsmouth, R.I. (deed implies RICHARD SARSON as friendly, but hints of property being vulnerable to false claim.

1740 he sold to ENOCH COFFIN land "near the house that did belong to STEPHEN PEACE, late deceased. . . on south by land of GEORGE MARTIN . . .deceased.

1741 he sold to ENOC COFFIN one-half acre of meadow on Chappaquidick at Ewasqua, formerly

belonging to PETER FOLGER and two acres of upland "eastward of my now dwelling house".  
1749 He transferred to JOSEPH CLEVELAND "land set off to me " . . .and four and one-half acres bounded . . east JABEZ TRAPP . . . south MATTHEW NORTON and north SAMUEL & ISAAC NORTON.

1751 he sold to ENOCH COFFIN property including "dwelling house . . . upland swamp . . tract adjoining Plantingfield Way . . bounded east by GEORE GARDNER of Nantucket . westerly by ye land now in improvement of WILLIAM TRAPP and partly by a pond called ye Great Pond or Trapp Pond. about 15 acres, one tract where my now dwelling house standeth, twenty acres . . . east by ENOCH COFFIN and north by southern part of Plantingfield Way.

1770 one Thomas Trapp sold the last of the property on the Vineyard.

No Trapps owning property were found anywhere within the state of Massachusetts in 1771

EDDY TRAPP was born in the early 1720's, and becoming a mariner. had relocated in Connecticut by the early 1740's. At that time Indian Raids on outlying farmsteads, had become so common and wide-spread that the Colonist realized that the only way to stop them would be deal a devastating blow to the French, who were known to be the source of the problem. This meant capturing Fort Louisburg, considered the most formidable fortress in the world at the time. . It was located just south of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The trials the volunteers would face is more fully accounted in the paper, *The Glorious Destiny of Eddy Trapp* but he, with the others, did not hesitate to serve, even after being fully warned of the hardships ahead. Only the experience proved even worse!

The following letter from JONATHAN LAW of Milford to GOV. WILLIAM SHIRLEY July 11, 1747 is quoted:

Sir,

In answer to that of Mr. Sectry WILLARDS of the 6th Instant: We have not any french prisoners in this colony at present that I can learn, yet hope we may have all proper benefit of the flag of truce you are sending to Canada. We have had many french prisoners here since the reduction of Cape Briton who have been released without any change for them, which may be used as an argument for the redemption of ours in Canada.

As we expect to be at our proportion of change agreeable to times proposed by your

general court: so that there be remembrance of MR. HEZIKIAH HUNTINGDON JUNR.  
CAPT. SAMUEL STOREY, PETER HARRIS JUNR, EDDY TRAP and LEMUEL MARTIN.

A list of prisoners "belonging to the colony of Connecticut returned to Boston in the flag of truce from Quebec" August 16, 1746 includes only the names of PETER HARRIS, EDDY TRAPP and HUGH BRADFORD. A postscript adds " examined by J. WILLARD, Secry."

It is not known if the marriage of Eddy to ELIZABETH VINCENT, daughter of THOMAS & SARAH (MARTIN) VINCENT occurred before he left for Canada, or after his return. He returned to the Vineyard, but his good health was never to be regained and there was little that he could do besides to go deeper and deeper into debt, with fewer and fewer of the family remaining there to help him.

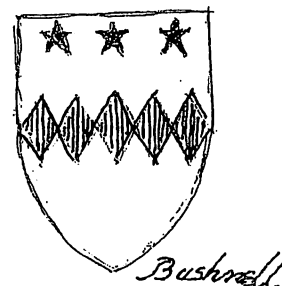
Likely the one bright spot was the birth of his daughter in 1749.

Eddy died in 1751, scarcely more than age thirty. Elizabeth tried to carry on, totally unable to repay the debts. Life would not have been easy with presumably the responsibility of a young daughter. But she remained a widow for nearly seven years, when an alternative presented itself.

We have no way of knowing what the condition of the second marriage may have cost her in embarrassment. An old English custom allowed a widow to marry again without the second husband being required to assume the debts of the deceased first husband IF the widow would be willing to marry in the nude or semi-nude.

Elizabeth married secondly ELIJAH WEBSTER March 28, 1757. It must have been a relief to leave the Vineyard after so many difficult years. Likely it was a better marriage than the pre-requisite might suggest, but in any case Elizabeth survived him and

and married thirdly at Lebanon, Ct. March 2, 1774 BENAHAH BUSHNELL, the son of BENAHAH & ZERVIAH (LEFFENWELL) BUSHNELL. He was a widower, well-connected to a number of families. He had first married HANNAH GRISWOLD, the daughter of JOHN & HANNAH GRISWOLD of Lyme, Ct. and secondly BETSY WEBSTER, likely a relative of Elizabeth's second husband. The Bushnell shield is printed in the Genealogy of GEORGE E. BUSHNESS. who shares the description:



Argent: five fusils in fesse gules, in chief three molets sable.

No issue is known of Elizabeth's later marriages, nor the date and place of her death.

HANNAH TRAPP, daughter of EDDY TRAPP was baptized at Edgartown March 12, 1749.

MARY TRAPP was born Sept. 25, 1726 at Edgartown. She married at Norwich, Ct.

August 25, 1746 STEVEN COLUER. They had;

STEPHEN, ye son of STEPHEN COLUER & MARY his wife" was baptized at Norwich, May 26, 1749.



THOMAS TRAPP was likely born at home on Plantingfield Way, Edgartown. He was baptized at Edgartown February 2, 1729. At Norwich, he married October 5, 1750, ELIZABETH PEACE of Somers, Ct. They are thought to have attended the services held in the inn of their cousin, CAPT. SAMUEL TRAPP. In the new church, completed in 1764, THOMAS TRAPP JR. shared Pew 7 with BILL BARKEK.



*Second Congregational Church  
of Norwich, Connecticut*

"Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Trapp Jr." died at age 41 in April, 1772. Thomas is not known to have married again.

The record of three men of the combination of names, Thomas Trapp known to have resided at Norwich during this period can not always be confidently sorted out. but in May 1774:

This assembly do establish Thomas Trapp Jr. to be Ensign of the Ninth Company of Train Band in the town of Norwich in the 3rd Regiment of the Colony.

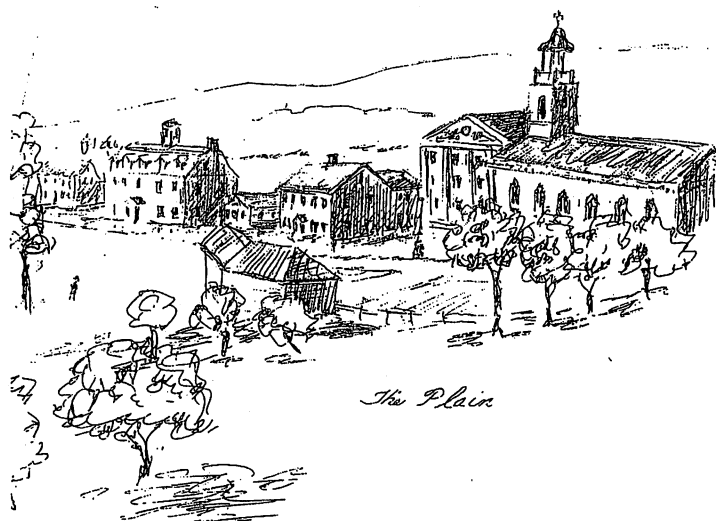
Apparently this was also called the "Chelsea Company" and was commanded by CAPT. GERSHOM BREED, Thomas serving under LT. BENJAMIN DAVIS when a review was held in May 1764 "on the plaine" in Norwich.

Sometime after the Revolutionary War both Thomas and their son William are thought to have had business or were otherwise employed in North Carolina. This might explain why one Thomas Trapp failed to show up at court in Norwich March 1, 1785 to answer charges brought by ELIHU MARVIN & THOMAS MUMFORD, and if so, would imply that Thomas left Norwich between Feb. 23 and March 1, 1785. The Thomas Trapp,

\* Charles J. Hoady, *Colonial Records of Connecticut, Vol. 14* p 276

whose death in N.C. was reported in the *Norwich Packet* might be doubtful as being identical had not their son William, definitely identified died near Elizabeth City only 4 months later. The cause of death in both instances, is unknown, possibly some epidemic.

Possibly one of his happier moments occurred in May 1764 when as Ensign Trapp, he had a part in a Review held "on the plaine " at Norwich.



THOMAS & ELIABETH had the following:

WILLIAM - THOMAS - BETTY - ABIGALE - PETHUEL - EDDY - JABEZ

WILLIAM TRAPP was born at Norwich April 2, 1751 and baptized the following day. He served in the 13th Connecticut Militia during the Revolutionary War, and presumably as a dashing hero returned home to win the hand of SUSANNAH ROBINSON, born 1st October 1721 at Coventry, the daughter of DANIEL ROBINSON.

William & Susannah were married in the church of Coventry April 22, 1785, where they appear to have resided.

The likelihood that both William and his father were in business or otherwise employed in North Carolina in the year 1788 has previously been mentioned.

His gravestone in the Methodist Cemetery, Elizabeth City confirms his identity beyond doubt, stating that he was born in 1751, died Aug. 5, 1788 and was *formerly of Norwich, Connecticut.*

Susannah remained a widow for five years before marrying SOLOMON JANES

at First Church, Coventry July 25, 1793. He was the son of SETH & SARAH (LARABEE) JANES, who shared ancestors with GROVER CLEVELAND.

Unlike the Solomon of Biblical fame, Solomon Janes could not accumulate and keep them. *Divorces of Connecticut* records that he deserted Susannah and committed adultery. He was required to pay a total of \$200 alimony, June 4, 1802.

No issue was known of the marriage to Janes. William & Susannah had:

SAMUEL TRAPP was baptized at Coventry, Ct in April 1786

BETSY TRAPP was baptized at Coventry, Ct. in October 1787. She was married at Norwich Nov. 24, 1805 to RICHARD HUMPHREY POTTER by REV. WALTER KING ( *Connecticut Herald* Dec.3, 1805) and died age 70, May 23, 1858. She is buried at Waterford.

THOMAS TRAPP is stated to have been baptized at Norwich Nov. 10, 1757. It is unknown if this was an adult baptism, if some clerical error could have occurred, or if in fact he was a teen-ager Feb.21, 1772 when he married SARAH the daughter of EBENEZER & HOPE (BASSET) TISDALE born Nov. 11, 1720 at Taunton, Plymouth Plantation. Sarah was the widow of DANIEL DEEMING of Wethersfield, who died in 1765.



A genealogy of the Tisdales states that Thomas Trapp had served during the Revolutionary War.

If Thomas survived the war, it is apparent that he and Sarah were not living together in 1800, when she was listed as head of household. She lived to a very advanced age, dying. Nov. 1, 1814. (*Connecticut Herald* Dec.6, 1814,p. 158, *Connecticut Mirror* Nov. 28, 1814, p. 126, *Hartford Courant* Nov.29, 1814 p.32)

They had:

TISDALE TRAPP died age 2, January 3, 1776.

ELIZABETH (BETSY) TRAPP was born 27 February 1760 at Norwich.

ABIGALE TRAPP was born April 2, 1764 at Norwich. .

PETHUEL TRAPP was born July 2, 1766 at Norwich. Like his Uncle, given the same name, his fate is unknown.

EDDY TRAPP, born May 16, 1763 at Norwich, would have been about age 17 at the time the following occurred:

Ede Trapp, son of Thomas Trapp, LEMUEL WENTWORTH, son of JAMES WENTWORTH, HANNAH FORSEY and ELIZABETH WINSHIP, a minor, all of Norwich, on the evening following the 27th of May last past - it being the Sabbath - did meet and convene together and walk in the street in company upon no religious occasion, all which is contrary to the statutes of this colony, for which take the testimony of PETER LATHAM and EUNICE MANNING. 11th day of June 1770.

If no questionable intentions are camouflaged in euphemism summarizing the incident, the authorities are painted a very ugly color.

As recorded, we are left to conclude that the guilt of so grievous a sin as walking in the street in the company of three other people "upon no religious occasion" proved more than Hannah could bear. Overcome with remorse, it is recorded that she "confessed" and paid a fine of 3 shillings June 13, 1770, much to the delight of Peter and Eunice, no doubt.

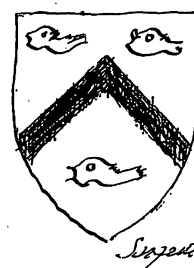
ELIZABETH WINSHIP, three years younger than Eddy, was the daughter of CAPT. JOSEPH WINSHIP and the grand-daughter of JABEZ LOTHROP. Capt. Winship had sailed from Charleston, Mass. Oct. 11, 1765

and was spoke with on the coast the following December 18th in a storm, but has since not been heard of, but is supposed was lost in the said storm, his son Joseph being on board with him.

Eddy and Lemuel Wentworth continued friends and were business partners in 1774 when their apprentice, EBAN WATERMAN JR. distinguished himself in the gallery of the Meeting House of the West Society by "talking in the time of devine service in a merry manner to make sport." He pled guilty and paid a fine.

Eddy married March 16, 1778 at the First Church of Mansfield, Ct., MIRIAM SARGENT, born Feb. 12, 1755, the daughter of SAMUEL & HANNAH (BALDWIN) SARGENT. A genealogy by JOHN & AARON SARGENT, included the coat-of-arms, and traced the family from Courteen Hall, Northampton to Maldon, Essex before coming to America.

Eddy is believed to have died sometime before the 1790 Census, Miriam would survive him for many years, being recorded as head of household as late as 1830.



"Widow Trapp", age 85 died October 12, 1839 and was buried at the First Church of Mansfield. Obituaries are reported in *New England Review* Nov. 1839, *Hartford Evening Courier* Oct. 25, 1839, *Christian Secretary* Oct. 25, 1839 and in the *Times* October 26, 1839.

EMILY TRAPP was born about 1789 and married at Mansfield May 20, 1799 JOHN SHELDON, born 1776 the son of JOHN & PERVIS (HOYD) SHELDON and grandson of DAVID HOYT. John, a saddler died at Mansfield Nov. 6, 1845. They had:

HENRY SHELDON b. Aug. 15, 1801, m. Sept. 6, 1829 ABIGALE KING of Windham and removed to Oswego, N.Y. in 1842.  
 WILLIAM SHELDON b. Aug. 14, 1803, d. 1826.  
 JOHN SHELDON b. July 24, 1806 d, 1826  
 EPHRAS HOYT SHELDON b. Aug. 4, 1809 m. ALTHEA INGALLS of Mansfield and is believed to have had:  
     ELLEN SHELDON  
     MARY E. SHELDON  
 CHARLOTTE SHELDON b. Feb. 4, 1812 m. WILLIAM HALL of Mansfield and died Jan. 18, 1842.

JABEZ TRAPP was born April 3, 1755 at Norwich. During the Revolutionary War he served in the 8th Regiment, commanded by Col. HUNTINGDON and in the 29th, from which he apparently being discharged was allowed to keep the Gun #177 he had been assigned, a bayonet and a cartridge box.

Jabez was admired by his commanding officer, JOHN PARK who either dedicated one of his poems to him, or made Jabez the subject of "Ad Puerum", published in Park's *Lyric Works of Horace, Translated into English verse, to which is Added a Number or Original Poems by a Native American*.

Other than apparently being given the gun and bayonet nothing further is known of Jabez following the war.

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PETHUEL TRAPP, son of Thomas & Jane was baptized April 10, 1732 at Edgartown Massachusetts. He apparently died young.

ABIGALE TRAPP was baptized March 2, 1735 at Edgartown. She was living as late as 1751.

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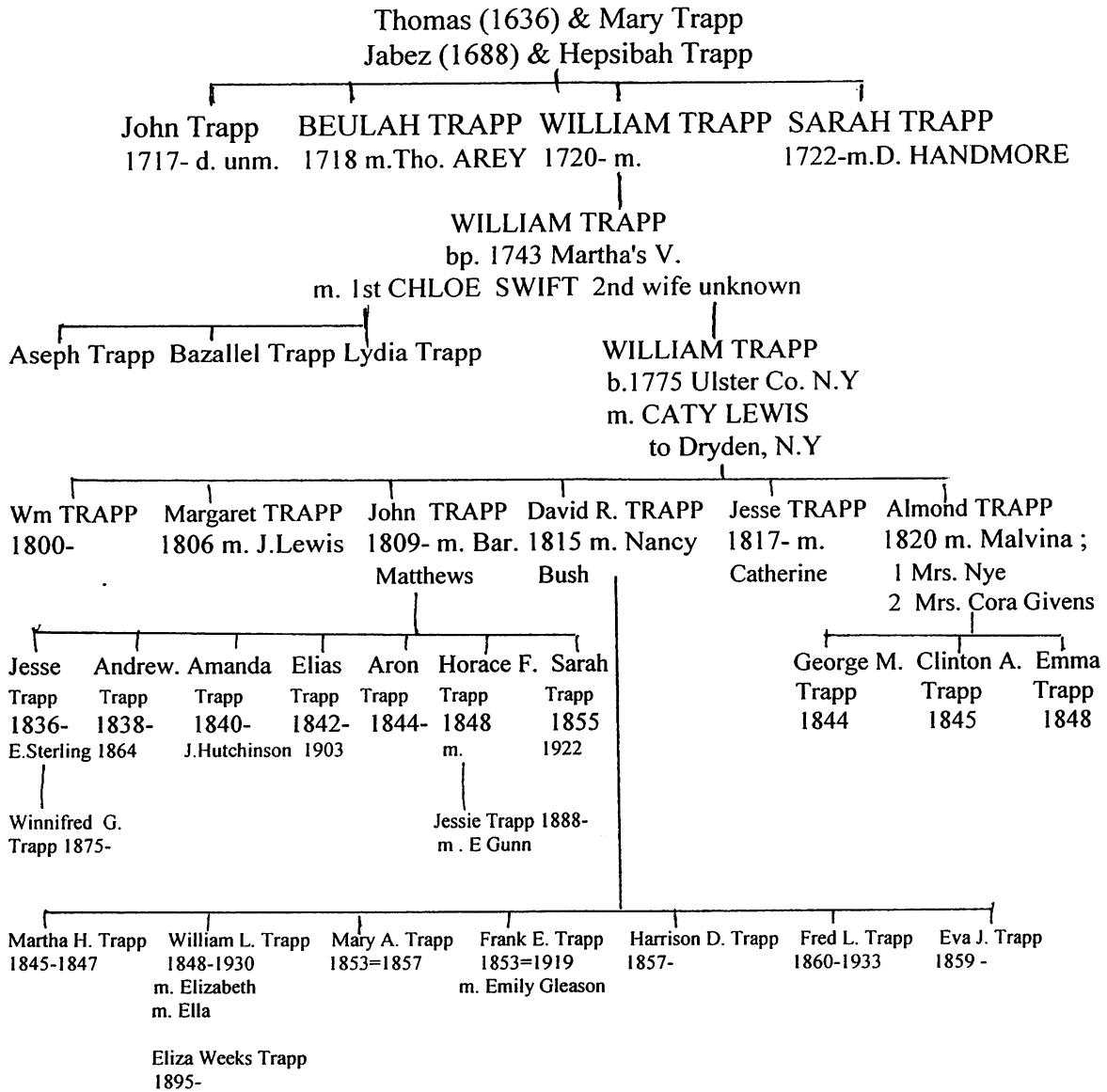
It is unknown how the following were related:

MRS. HANNAH TRAPP, age 77 died Sept. 14, 1824 *Herald* p. 342, *Courant* p.222

MISS TRAPP of Norwich died at Preston May 17.1813 *Connecticut Mirror* p 82

The only known descendants of THOMAS & MARY (CATHCART) TRAPP to survive into the 19th century were through their great-grand-daughter, EMILY TRAPP born 1789, who married JOHN SHELDON.





Chapter VII  
 Jabez & Hepsibah Trapp  
 & their apparent descendants

Jabez was born about 1688, likely at the family home on Plantingfield Way, Edgartown. As a young man, he too went to sea.

He married at Edgartown Dec. 10, 1716 HEPSIBAH DAGGET, born 1692, the daughter of JOSHUA & HANNAH (NORTON) DAGGET. The family coat-of-arms, previously mentioned are described:



*Gules: two greyhounds combatant or, collared argent bell pennant. Crest a Unicorn's head.*

Nothing is found to indicate that their lives might have been other than comfortable until about 1743 when the list of their sales of property begins to increase in number. The cause, however, could have been other than falling on hard times. It was during this period that other members of the family began to leave, and possibly Jabez, by then in his upper fifties, was no longer able to look after the property. Their one previous sale almost 20 years earlier, had been to Jabez brother-in-law, probably more for the benefit of the grantee than themselves.

One deed is particularly noteworthy. July 30, 1745 they sold or deeded to their



son in law, THOMAS AREY one acre of the house lot "where my own dwelling house stands, the westerly half of the said house to be divided through ye middle of ye chimney and so through ye center of ye house." The arrangement seems to have been less satisfactory than either party anticipated, with the result that both parties eventually moved to other locations.

Hepsibah appears to have predeceased Jabez, who seems to have realized that he was nearing the end when he made his will June 15, 1750. which was probated less than a full month later, July 13th.

A summary of the deeds listing them mostly as grantors follows:

April 11, 1724 to WILLIAM COLES, mariner (Jabez brother in law) "one acre where the now dwelling house of the said William Cole now standeth in the old general fence line bounded on the south by the road or highway . . . on the east by land of THOMAS CLAGHORN and on the west by the said Jabez Trapp.

February 10, 1743 Jabez Trapp, mariner, Thomas Trapp, carpenter, Simon Trapp, laborer and Hannah Trapp, seamstress sold to JOHN NORTON land bordered south by said Thomas Trapp. carpenter where Mr. Thomas Trapps, late of Edgartown, deceased, his house formerly stood . . along a fence formerly belonging to Samuel Trapp land of the said Simon Trapp . . and Enoch Coffin.

July 30, 1745 (previously mentioned sale of half the house to THOMAS AREY.

Sept. 11, 1746 To THOMAS AREY ( HANNAH DAGGET, widow had deeded property to her two son-in-laws, JABEZ TRAPP and JOHN ISHAM of Hartford.) the two brother in laws sold to THOMAS AREY land bordered by BROTHERTON heirs, SAMUEL OSBURN and JACOB DAGGET o f Sherborn, Nantucket. Witnesses ENOCH COFFIN, SHOBAL BUTLER, HEPSIBAH TRAPP & DEBORAH ISHAM.

Sept. 17, 1746 the two brother in laws sold "the house where Thankful Dagget widow seamstress now dwells being the eastern most half - 9 1/2 acres bounded by MAJOR MAYHEW . JOHN MARCHANT and BROTHERTON DAGGET.

September 24, 1746 to CHRISTOPHER BEETLE Witnesses SIMON TRAPP & JOHN ALLEN.

Jabez & Hepsibah had the following:

JOHN BEULAH WILLIAM SARAH

JOHN TRAPP, born at Edgartown July 18, 1717 is said to have died unmarried.

BEULAH TRAPP born at Edgartown about 1718, she married there Sept. 4, 1740

THOMAS AREY, born May 12, 1716, the son of RICHARD & LYDIA (NORTON)

AREY. Thomas became a master mariner and they removed to Truro, Ma. where

Beulah died in October 1779. Thomas died June 1787. They had:

THOMAS AREY b. about 1742 m. Nov. 2, 1769 MARY SUMMER, b. June 4, 1749. Thomas died July 1774. They had:

MARY AREY B. Sept. 20, 1770 d. 1781

THOMAS AREY b. Sept. 10, 1772

MARY AREY b. Jan. 9, 1746 m. JOSEPH HUXFORD, who fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill. He was b. Oct. 20, 1749 the son of JOSEPH & ESTER (EGAN-HAINES) HUXFORD. Mary died 1774. Joseph d. April 28, 1828. They had:

SAMUEL HUXFORD b. Oct 18, 1782 m. SUSANNAH SPRAGUE Nov. 22, 1801

JOSEPH HUXFORD b. Sept. 7, 1785 m. PRESCILLA BROWN.

ELIJAH AREY b. Feb. 1752 m. Feb 22, 1754 ANNA PEACE (1774-1807) d. o. BENJAMIN & ANNA (BUTLER) PEACE. They had:

HENRY AREY b. ca 1776 m. CYNTHIA BUTLER, d. o. HENRY & ELIZABETH (RIPLEY) BUTLER. He died at sea.

BETSEY AREY b. 1778 m. 4 March 1804 FREEMAN RIPLEY, s. o. CORNELIUS & THANKFUL (PEACE) RIPLEY.

GEORGE WASHINGTON AREY b. Sept. 6, 1780 m. 27 March 1803 MARY

MARCHANT d.o. CORNELIUS & HESPIBAH (PEACE) MARCHANT.

POLLY AREY b. 1782 d unmarried July 6, 1821

THOMAS AREY bp. Sept. 11, 1787 d, Dec. 24, 1830 at New Haven, Ct.

HEMAN AREY b. Dec. 20, 1788, m. MRS. SALLY (WORTH) THAXTER, widow of JOSEPH THAXTER.

MARTIN AREY b. June 12, 1791 m. Dec. 1, 1814 MARGARET PEACE, d. o.

SALATHIEL & LOIS (NEAL) PEACE. He d. Jan. 2, 1823 in South America. she married 2nd JOHN VINSON.

WILLIAM TRAPP was born about 1720 at Edgartown. His wife's name is unknown, but he is believed to have married about 1742. He seems to have been the last of the family to purchase property on the Vineyard. Dec. 30, 1751 he acquired from JOHN NORTON land:

bounded on the northeast by MER SERSON (Mr. Sarson?) on the northwest by MILES BROOKS' lot, on the southwest by JOSEPH PEACE where a fence now standeth belonging to the said WILLIAM TRAPP. witnesses DAVID HAMMER & JOHN BEETLE.

But William also was soon to sell out. May 28, 1753 he sold to ENOCH COFFIN: all that remained to him.

several tracts and parcels of upland swamp and meadowland situated in Edgartown on the north side of town between Plantingfield Way and the late MILES BROOKS and on the north by a pond called the Great Pond, or Trapps Pond on the east of Plantingfield and JOHN NORTON and south by NICHOLAS NORTON, JOSEPH PEACE & CHRISTIAN COFFIN.

William is assumed to have been the father of the WILLIAM TRAPP baptized at Edgartown Sept. 5, 1743.

WILLIAM TRAPP, baptized at Edgartown Sept. 5, 1743 is believed to be identical with the William Trapp who married at "Barnstable, Sandwich, Ct," about 1765, CHLOE SWIFT. . She was the daughter of REUBEN & HANNAH (DEXTER) SWIFT. Chloe possibly died in childbirth with their third child, or soon after. Her children were mentioned in the will of MOSES SWIFT of Kent

From various summaries of summaries in print of this family, it is not readily clear if the named children ASEPH, BAZALLEL & LYDIA were the step-children, or the children of William Trapp. George H. Swift, whose research appears thorough seems to have concluded that their surname was Swift. William Trapp apparently would still have been a teen-ager when LYDIA was born March 31, 1759. ASEPH was born March 23, 1763, The date of BAZALELL's birth has not been found, nor any further trace of the sons, but Lydia married JOHN HOPSON of Kent, Ct. and the JOHN TRAPP HOPSON (March 26, 1865-July 17, 1949) buried there was most likely her descendant, likely suggesting that her step-father was fondly remembered.

SARAH TRAPP born about 1722 at Edgartown, married DAVID HANDMORE.

WILLIAM TRAPP of Ulster Co. N.Y. is thought to have been identical with William baptized on Martha's Vineyard in 1743 and to have first married CHLOE SWIFT who died in the late 1760's. If so, he would later have afterwards migrated to Ulster Co. N. Y. and at some point remarried. In 1790 his household included apparently a son (William Jr.?) under age 16. Living nearby was James, the Revolutionary War Soldier. a close cousin.

WILLIAM TRAPP was born July 6, 1775 probably in Montgomery township of what was at the time Ulster, Co. N.Y. He married at the Dutch Reformed Church of Shawangunk (Ulster Co.) Oct. 31, 1800 CATHERINE B. (CATY) LEWIS, by deduction born May 7, 1781 and by 1810 they had migrated to Tompkins Co. N. Y. settling in Dryden, though they were living in 1820 in Ulysses township.

Both would be buried in the Pioneer Cemetery of the Presbyterian Church on East Main Street, Dryden. Catherine died Feb. 27, 1838 age 56 years-9 months - 20 days. William died October 30, 1847, age 72 years -5 months - 24 days. With the exception of *Remasse; aer W.*, CHARLES SANDWICH'S file at Dryden lists the following as their children:

WILLIAM - MARGARET - JOHN - DAVID- JESSE

ALMOND - RENSSELAER W.

WILLIAM TRAPP was born about 1803, likely in Montgomery township but grew up in Tompkins County, N.Y. where he acquired property in Groton in 1834 from AMASA COBB who had migrated to Ohio. It adjoined William's residence, extended to lot #7 in the village of McLean that bordered the land of R. LANING.

Though William had apparently married and established his family before 1840, no details are known.

MARGARET TRAPP was born about 1806 and grew up in Tompkins Co. N.Y. She married JOHN LEWIS born about 1802.

JOHN TRAPP was born Sept. 24, 1809 and grew up in Tompkins Co. He married BARBARA MATTHEWS. born Dec. 8, 1811 in Pennsylvania. They were in Ohio by 1838 and were in Lucas Co. by 1840 where they remained in 1850. John died Feb. 21, 1864, Barbara died August 37, 1888. They had:

JESSE - ANDREW - AMANDA BARBARA - ELIAS - ARON - HORACE F. - SARAH ALICE

JESSE TRAPP was born 28 August 1836 in Pennsylvania, but grew up in Waynesville twp. Lucas Co. Ohio. He served with distinction as a Sergeant Major during the Civil War, as was mentioned in the report of his Company Commander:

Colonel:

I have the honor to report the following part taken by the 14th Ohio in a charge September 1, 1864: at 5:27 p.m. the regiment consisting of 19 officers and enlisted men was in line without knapsacks and moving forward on the rebel works. The brigade was in a double line and the 14th, occupying the left of the second line immediately in right of the Thirty-Eighth Ohio, the moving troops was slow in advancing so when we were ready to charge the men were in splendid line and unfatigued.

The charge was a brilliant success in which we carried two lines of the enemies men. The charge was made in splendid style with a will that could not fail of success. Every officer and every man appeared determined to break the rebel line . . . It is impossible to make special mention of any officer of the regiment for deeds of gallantry for all did their part nobly.

Of the enlisted men I would make honorable mention of PRIVATE JOSEPH WARNER of Co. A. for deeds of bravery and noble daring who bore the colors and was among the first and foremost to reach the second line of rebel works, where he planted the colors on top but no sooner had he planted them than he was shot and the colors fell. Cpl JOHN S. SNOOK of Co. G. of the Color Guard then caught them and planted them again upon the works, and by his own hand held them til the victory was won.

SERGT. MAJ. JESSIE TRAPP was severely wounded in the arm at the opening charge, but remained upon the field doing his duty bravely till the whole works were taken.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

C.W.KIRK Capt. Commanding.

Jesse returned home a hero and on June 23, 1867 at Grand Rapids, Ohio, he married ANN ELIZABETH STERLING. By 1870 they had settled in Gratiot Co. Michigan, Summer township

and their household included ANNA M. NOBEL, who by 1880 was age 19. Jesse died March 1, 1891 at Alma, Michigan. They had:

WINNIFRED GRACE TRAPP was born July 17, 1875 in Michigan. She was a teacher/librarian there and died unmarried in 1962.

ANDREW TRAPP was born in Ohio March 7, 1838. He served in the Civil War, and was killed August 6, 1864.

AMANDA BARBARA (JANE) TRAPP was born in Ohio May 18, 1840. She married JOSEPH A. HUTCHINSON. She died Feb. 19, 1932. They had:  
son Hutchinson, whose wife died in 1948  
CHARLOTTE HUTCHINSON

ELIAS TRAPP was born in Ohio September 4, 1842.

ARON TRAPP was born in Ohio September 15, 1844. He died in 1903

HORACE FREDERICK TRAPP was born in Ohio May 18, 1848 and died December 6, 1924. His wife's name is unknown. They had;

JESSE TRAPP b. Jan. 29, 1888, m. ETHEL GUNN and had:

FRED L. TRAPP b. 1909. of Whitehouse, Ohio in 1971. They had:

VICKIE TRAPP m. RYAN. In 1971 was of Monclova, Ohio.

SARAH ALICE TRAPP was born July 22, 1855 in Ohio, likely in Lucas Co. She died Nov. 2, 1922.

DAVID R. TRAPP was born May 2, 1815 likely in Tompkins Co. N.Y. He married

\*NANCY ANN BUSH Jan. 21, 1844, who by one account was the daughter of ROBERT BUSH, born May 27, 1826.

According to Miss Hutchison, David and Nancy had shared a log-cabin with David's married brother Jessie & Catherine Trapp. From the number of transactions in land listing his name, one would conclude that this was not done out of necessity.

\*files of CHARLES M. SANDWISH & Biblical Records given to the Courtland Co. Historical Society in July 1942 by MISS STELLA TRAPP of 748 Beech St. Syracuse.

David died May 7, 1871 in Virgil according to a transcript of the *Courland Democrat* of "cancerous affection of the stomach". Nancy survived him, dying at age 96 Sept. 8, 1822. They had:

MARTHA M. - WILLIAM J. - GEORGE H. - MARY A. - FRANK A. - HARRISON D. -  
EVA J.- & FRED L.

MARTHA M. TRAPP was born in August 1845 and died there September 6, 1847. (birth dates conflict. Possibly she died the 18th and was buried the 21st) She rests in the Pioneer (Presbyterian) Cemetery.

WILLIAM J. TRAPP, b. Jan. 8, 1848 at Dryden m. 1st ELIZA WEEKS who apparently died in child bearing July 23, 1785. He m. 2nd ELLA EDSALL, who d. July 5, 1929. He d. Feb.23,1930.

ELIZA WEEKS TRAPP b. 1895 at Dryden

GEORGE H. TRAPP was b. Jan. 27, 1850. He m. JENNIE WEEKS, who d. May 20, 1905. She was probably a member of McLean Baptist Church, which recorded her death. George died May 24, 1934.

MARY A. TRAPP was born April 3, 1852 and died the following May 4th.

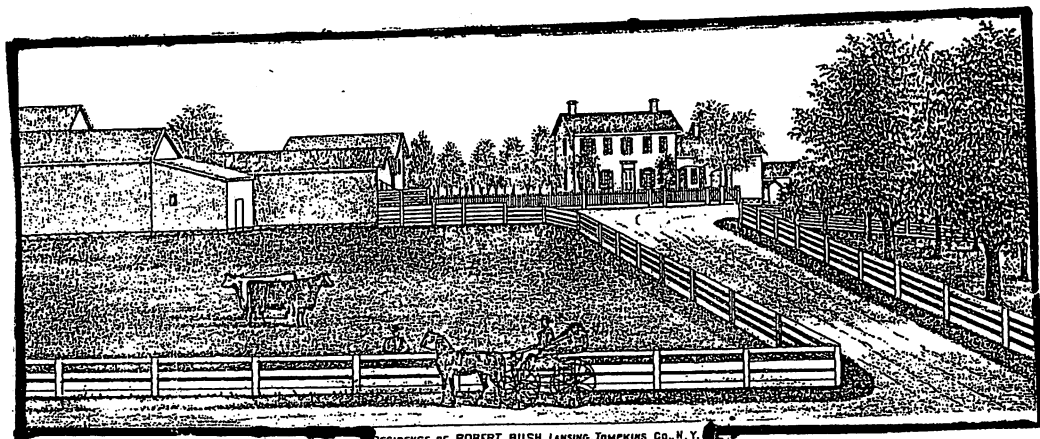
FRANK E. TRAPP was b. April 26, 1853. He m. EMILY GLEASON who d. July 4, 1890. Frank d. Dec. 2, 1919. They are thought to have had:

FRANK G. TRAPP b. ca 1882 - d. age 53 years- 6 months July 28, 1935.

HARRISON D. TRAPP was b. Feb. 12, 1857 and d. Feb.7, 1959, age 101 years - 11 months.

EVA J. TRAPP was b. July 4, 1859.

FRED L. TRAPP was b. Feb. 22, 1860 and d. age 73, February 27, 1933.



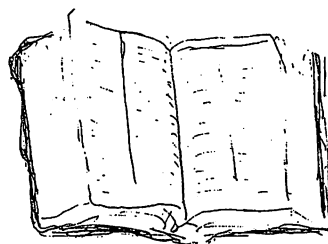
RESIDENCE OF ROBERT BUSH, LANSING, TOMPKINS CO., N. Y.

JESSE TRAPP was born in 1817, likely in Tomkins Co. and married about 1844 CATHERINE, a native of N.J.. Though prosperous (Jesse's real estate was valued at \$12,000 in 1850) they are reported to have shared half of a log cabin near Virgil, N.Y. with David & Nancy. Both Jesse and Catherine are thought to have died before 1880. having seen their children reach maturity.

GEORGE MARIN - CLINTON A. - EMMA A.

GEORGE MARTIN TRAPP was born about 1844 in New York.

CLINTON A. TRAPP was born Nov. 10, 1845 in New York. He married Sept.26, 1871 CLARA ROSE. Miss Hutchison added that they had a daily family devotion, called an "alter" in their home for 59 years, likely suggesting that one of them died about 1930



EMMA A. TRAPP was born about 1848, age 2 in 1850

RENSSELAER W. TRAPP married MINERVA JAMESON

CHARLES M. TRAPP, s. o. R.W. & MINERVA died age 3 July 17, 1858. He is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery (Presbyterian) on Main Street in Dryden, N.Y.

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It is not known how the following are connected to this family:

LEROY DAVID TRAPP b. ca 1876 d. Dec. 7, 1950 (Cortland) age 74  
ESTHER M. TRAPP d. Oct. 25, 1961 (Cortland) buried in the same lot. ) (Cortland Cem. Sec.B Lot 7

STELLA M TRAPP d. June 12, 1969 age 83 Cortland Mem. Sec. B. Lot 8

JESSE R. TRAPP b. ca 1868 d. age 58 Dec. 20, 1925

McLean Cemetery, Tompkins Co. N.Y.

CELIA A. TRAPP d. age 68 July 24, 193?

CORA LOUISE TRAPP d. Jan 31, 1972 age 91 at Dryden. Possibly Cora, the daughter of Almond who married Mr. Givens was her namesake.

ELLAN TRAPP died age 62 July 25, 1969



ALMOND TRAPP was born in New York Nov.7, 1820 in or near Dryden. SELKREG states of the family that they were among the earliest settlers of Courtland and that Almond was a "self-made man".

At age 25 Almond married MALVINA THOMAS, born September 15, 1827, the daughter of MICHAEL THOMAS of Dryden. Selkreg adds that they acquired the JOHN HUTCHINS farm in 1860 and the THOMAS GIVENS property, which included a residence in Courtland.

Almond died October 7, 1907. Malvina died September 7, 1914 They had:

ELIZA TRAPP b. 1849 who married GEORGE HARD. The Courtland County *Standard* index is quoted:

DIED HARD: Eliza, wife of George Hard and daughter of Alvis and Malvina Trapp, age 21 years.

SUSAN TRAPP lived to maturity.

One daughter married GEORGE NYE

CORA M. TRAPP, b. 1855 m. Philo(?) GIVENS and had:

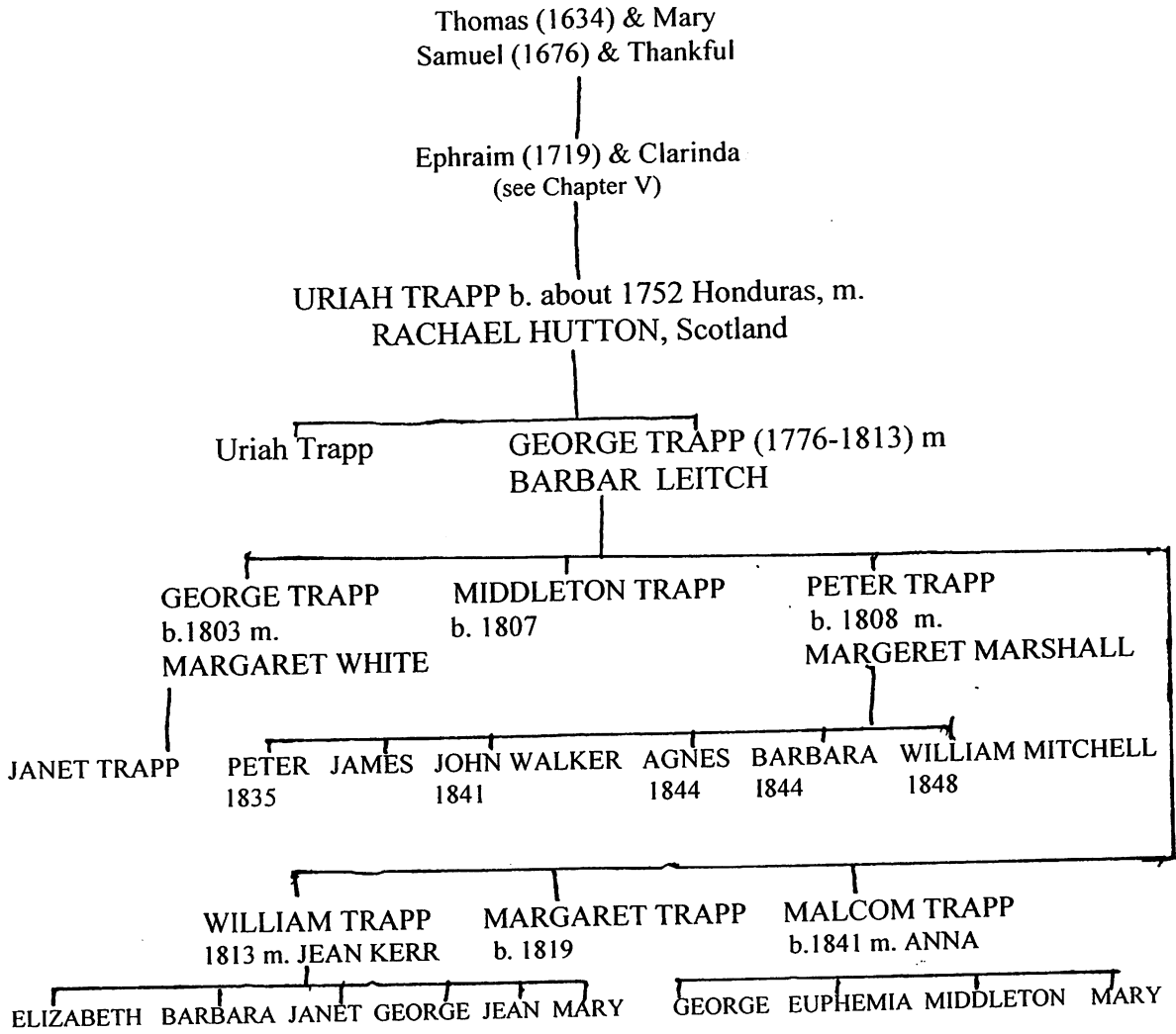
EDWARD A. GIVENS b. 1884. He married Eva TRAPP and died in 1926 in a farming accident "at the corner of Grace Street and Route 13 in Courtland.. N. Y. They had:

LAURA MAE GIVENS 1923-1990. She m. E. HOURS and is buried in the McLearn Baptist Churchyard.

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Though the precise relationship between JAMES, WILLIAM and KASEY TRAPP is likely to remain uncertain, there can be no doubt that it existed

THE EXODUS OF LATER DESCENDANTS



## Chapter VIII

## The Trapp Family of Scotland

EPHRAIM TRAPP, son of Samuel & Thankful, was born at Edgartown, Massachusetts 21 December 1719. He too likely went to sea at an early age, thereby discovering the potential for profit in the mahogany trade from Honduras. He went into business there with GIDEON NORTON, also from Martha's Vineyard,

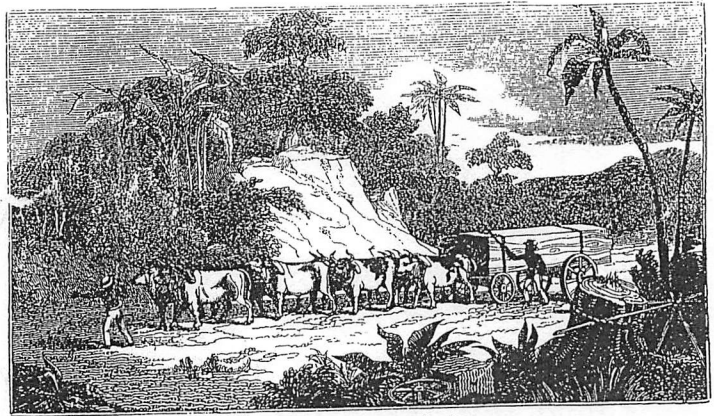


Banks states that he married a native woman, CLARINDA, it is thought about the year 1750. It is unclear if his early death resulted from some injury at lumbering, or perhaps one of the many fevers that plagued the warm climates in earlier times.

In his will is dated April 26, 1755, he describes himself as being of Martha's Vineyard, a log-cutter of the Bay of Honduras. He mentioned a number of slaves, SCOTLAND, WILL, DIANA, and QUAMINA, whom he left to GIDEON NORTON. He named GEORGE HUME, the guardian of his son, URIAH, and made provision for any unborn son that Clarinda might then be carrying. He instructed that URIAH be sent to England to be taught "latin and greek, and other languages that



would help him in business". He did not forget his sisters, JANE & THANKFUL. He no doubt was well aware that he was a long way from home. Those called to witness his will appear to have been total strangers, except for possibly PETER RINDLE..



—Transporting Mahogany at Honduras.

The first paragraph added to the will was dated May 5, 1755. The second followed February 11, 1756:

Personally appeared before me JOHN BULL of the Bay of Honduras and CAPT. JOHN SPURRIER of the ship *Phanix* of Holland, and made oath on the holy evangelist that they were present and did see the within named EPHRAIM TRAPP sign the within instrument of writing as his last will and testament, he being at the same time in sound and disposing mind and memory. John Bull and Mr. Spurrier sworn before me this 6th day of May 1755.

Memorandum this 11th day of February 1756:

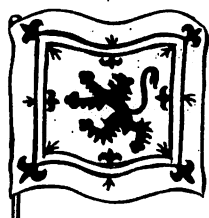
Personally appeared before me PETER RINDLE and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he was present and did see EPHRAIM TRAPP the testator within named being then of sound mind and memory sign, seal and publish and declare the within written instrument to be his last will and testament and that JOHN BULL and JOHN SPURRIER were also present together with him subscribed their respective names as witnesses to the same in presence of the said testator and further that he knows nothing of any other will suite void by the said testator which may tend to disadvantage of the within written.

(signed RICHARD JONES)

Ephraim would have been only age 34. The following is his only known son:

URIAH TRAPP

URIAH TRAPP, son of Ephraim & Clarinda, was born in the 1740's in Honduras. By his father's will, at age 14 he was to have been apprenticed and educated in England, at some trade "which he shall chuse" but for some reason he was sent to Scotland, instead.



He was baptized at North Leith, Midlothian

December 1, 1766. Presumably having served his apprenticeship, he married RACHEL HUTTON at Scoonie, Fife about 1771.

They are the ancestors of the oldest family of the surname in Scotland The late GEORGE TRAPP (1906-199?) in a letter to the writer Feb. 17, 1772 states:

There are now a number of families of the name in Scotland and around Falkirk, Stirlingshire (where I was born), Laurieston, Lambert etc. obviously and to my knowledge descended from that common source, but there are others, e.g. in Dunoon, Argyle, Ayrshire (Trappe) and probably in Comrie, Grieff, etc. Perthshire, who I jalouse are incomers from England and elsewhere at a later date.

Uriah and Rachel are assumed to have had only two sons:

URIAH TRAPP    GEORGE TRAPP

URIAH TRAPP was christened at Scoonie, Fife January 9, 1772. Some indication that he may possibly have later lived with relatives in New York State has been noted. Otherwise his fate is unknown.

GEORGE TRAPP was born in 1776 in Scotland. He married February 24, 1803 at Bruntisland, BARBARA LEITCH and died at Laurieston, Oct. 22, 1839. They had:

GEORGE - MIDDLETON - PETER - WILLIAM - MARGARET - MALCOM - BARBARA -  
MARY

GEORGE TRAPP was born May 5, 1805 at Falkirk, Stirling, and is thought to have been the George Trapp who married MARGARET WHITE and had:

JANET TRAPP was baptized 21 Sept. 1834 at Gorbals, Lancashire.

MIDDLETON TRAPP was born Feb. 14, 1807 at Falkirk.

PETER TRAPP was born Dec/ 8, 1808 at Falkirk. He married at Laurieston about 1813 MARGARET MARSHALL. He died at Laurieston July 13, 1889, age 80. They had

GEORGE - PETER - JAMES - PETER- JOHN WALKER - AGNES - BARBARA -  
WILLIAM MITCHEL and MARGARET ANDERSON TRAPP

GEORGE TRAPP born Dec. 19, 1832 was baptized at Falkirk Feb.9,1833. He married at Laurieston August 14, 1857 ANN WALKER .He died at Laurieston 30 June 1894, age 61. They had:

PETER TRAPP b. Jan. 5, 1861 at Laureston. m. at Glasgow June 30, 1897.d. April 26 1948 at Falkirk, age 87.

GEORGE TRAPP b. Dec. 30, 1906 at Falkirk m. at Glasgow Dec.26, 1945 ALICE MARY THOMPSON

IAN PETER TRAPP b. Jan.10, 1949 at Huntly.

PETER TRAPP was born Nov. 30, 1835 and baptized Dec. 20th at Falkirk.

JAMES TRAPP was born in Scotland in the 1830's. Apparently married and migrated to the US A descendant was DONNA DURANT SORENSON of Salt Lake City, Utah.

JOHN WALKER TRAPP was born Sept. 22, 1841 and baptized Oct.31 at Falkirk. Though the dates do not correspond precisely, he is believed to have been identical with John Trapp of New Haven, Ct. age 35, born in Scotland and married to ANNIE, 29, a native of Connecticut. If so he died Dec.23,1898 and is buried in East Haven. No issue is known.

AGNES TRAPP was born August 28, 1844 at Falkirk.

BARBARA TRAPP, apparently a twin if no clerical error occurred.

GEORGE TRAPP  
MA, BSc, PhD(Glas), DipEd, BCom, LLB(Edin), FLS, FRGS

Born in Falkirk on 30 December 1906, George was the son of Peter Trapp and his wife, Jane. His early years at Falkirk High School laid the basis for his outstanding academic career and furnished him with a lifetime of happy memories. When he left school in 1924, it was to spend the next nine months in the Foundry Technical Institute, Falkirk, where he acquired a keen interest in theoretical and practical metallurgical chemistry. And he was to continue to work during his vacations at the Camelon Iron Foundry under the supervision of his father, who was Chief Engineer. When he matriculated at the University of Glasgow in 1925, however, it was in the School of Botany where he proved himself to be 'an excellent student, intelligent, keen and capable'. He graduated MA in 1929 and BSc(Hons) in 1930. For the next two years he embarked on research and was elected, by the University, Exhibitioner to the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and awarded the Dobbie Smith Gold Medal. Already he was showing signs of being an excellent teacher - he acted as demonstrator to various colleges of students and is remembered for his 'pleasing personality'. It was perhaps a foregone conclusion that in 1932 he entered Moray House College of Education in Edinburgh and was awarded the Diploma in Education with distinction a year later. He resumed his scientific research at the University of Glasgow and gained a PhD in 1934. The results of his research were published in the *American Journal Phytopathology*, in the *Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh*, and in the *Transactions of the British Mycological Society*.

In 1934, George returned to Falkirk High School as Assistant Science Master, teaching Botany, Geography and Chemistry with 'marked competence and success'. The Rector of the time noted 'with ample scholarship, he brings to his work an alert, orderly mind, unusual ease and lucidity of speech, and a friendly briskness that evokes interested response from his pupils'. He rapidly rose in his profession. In 1937 he was appointed to take charge of Biology at George Watson's Boys' College and had to develop the subject practically from scratch. Colleagues and boys alike found him 'pleasant and easy to work with'. He identified himself with every aspect of school life, particularly games and athletics and other outdoor activities, and encouraged his pupils to travel on the continent, imbuing them with his own great love of France. He was nominated Convener of the Science Committee of the Educational Institute for Scotland and member of the Central Advisory Committee with responsibility for drawing up new schemes in biology. Then the war years intervened and with the school now functioning part-time George did voluntary work with the Education Department in Edinburgh and embarked on studies in the Organisation of Industry and Commerce that were to lead in 1940 to the degree of BCom from the University of Edinburgh and the Darling Scholarship for excellence in commercial and administrative subjects. He had now done a thorough study of organisation in industry, commerce, mining and municipal undertakings and was well qualified to hold a post on the administrative side of education.

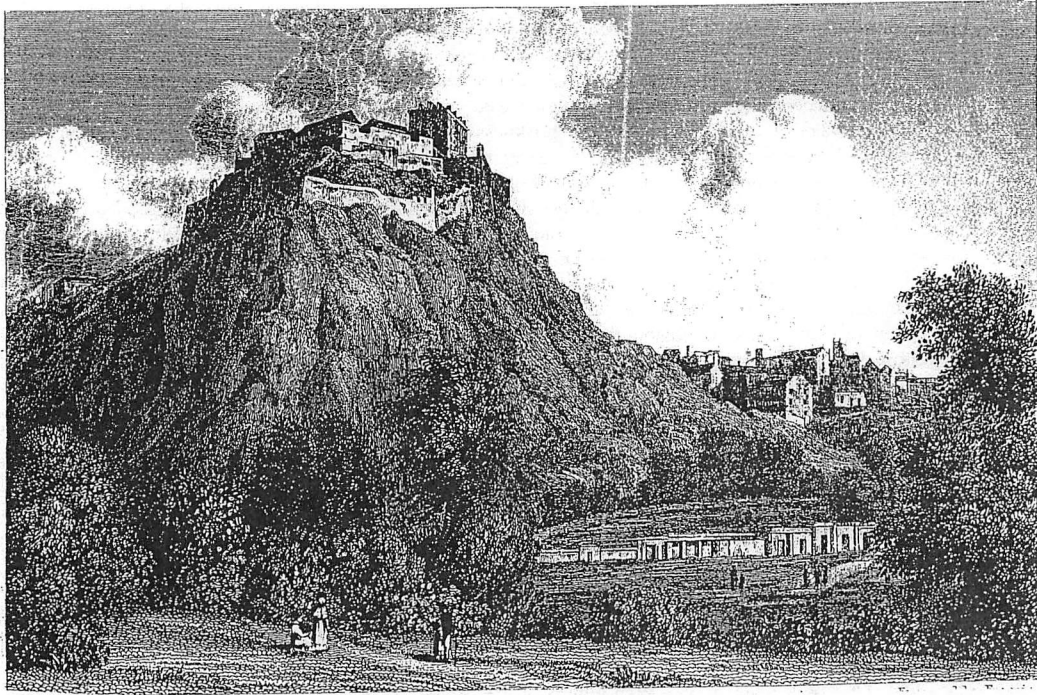
In recognition of his intellectual achievements, he was elected a Fellow of the RSE in 1941 and of the Linnean Society of London in 1943. He was bitterly disappointed when, in 1942, his application for a commission in the RAF Volunteer Reserve was refused 'owing to the greater field of usefulness available to him in education'. And so, in August 1943, he was appointed Assistant Director of Education for the County of Aberdeen, bringing his broad experience of educational administration to bear upon the post for the next five years. Here too he met and married Alice and took his bride with him to Huntly in June 1948 when he was appointed Rector of the Gordon Schools. Here it was that his children Ian, Joan and Alison were born and against this background of happy family life there ensued twelve years of outstanding achievement as a headmaster. The school roll increased rapidly; many pupils gained distinguished places in University Bursary Competitions; in the Scottish Leaving Certificate examinations the number of passes doubled; in technical, commercial and homecraft courses great progress was achieved. The success of pupils in competition with other schools in sport and music was outstanding, and, in 1959, a team from the Gordon Schools defeated teams from all over Britain in General Knowledge competition to be acclaimed 'Top of the Form'. Much of this was attributed to George's leadership. It was remarked at the time 'Dr Trapp takes a very keen interest in the welfare of his pupils in a happy and well disciplined school. He easily commands the respect, loyalty and co-operation of staff and pupils'. Tributes are paid to his affable and courteous nature and his 'grand sense of humour'. Above all, he was constant in rectitude. Shortly after coming to Huntly, he chose as motto for the Gordon Schools '*In Fas Constans*' which was to be his guiding principle as a headmaster. He wrote in an article on Discipline (*Educational Record of the Province of Quebec 1959*): 'In dealing with delinquency we must have understanding, we must have patience, justice, reason, and, above all, humanity with warmth and kindness of heart, but we must have with these human qualities the no less essential virtues of firmness and an uncompromising determination not to be deviated from the path of duty'. He believed passionately in the power of a 'disciplined and idealistic education' to remedy 'the confusion of motives and directions in the life of mankind', training the young in 'civic virtues and responsibility'. In all this, he maintained the Head is 'undoubtedly the *sine qua non* of an efficient system of order and discipline'. By the undeviating application of the principles hinted at, he can build up his school into 'a clear beacon of good order and discipline, a shining example to the community'. Such indeed was the Gordon Schools under his leadership. We may also be justified in detecting some personal reference from experience in his recognition that even the most devoted of Heads may function in a less than ideal context. 'He is forced to realise that in the present state of society he has little support from the powers that be, and stands alone, isolated, but backed by the strength of moral conviction and the still strong sanction that springs from maintaining the right, the good and the true, in spite of decadent influences in present day public life and administration.'

So in 1960 this most distinguished of headmasters left Huntly with his wife and children. They made their home in Edinburgh where, at the age of 63, George was to add the LLB to his list of academic credentials. Personal experience and professional insight alike led to the publication of articles in the *New Law Journal: Private Prosecution in Scotland* (1975) and *The Application of Absolute Privilege* (1980). He died on 15 May 1996 in Edinburgh, survived by his devoted wife and children.

In preparing this account I am indebted to the Reverend Fleur Houston MA (Aberd, Cantab), BLitt (Oxon), Cert d'Etudes Francaises (Sorbonne).

CHRISTINE WHITELEY





*Edinburgh Castle*

Print after a drawing of W. Westall  
published in GREAT BRITAIN ILLUSTRATED  
by Charles Tilt. 86 Fleet St.  
London 1830

WILLIAM MITCHELL TRAPP son of Peter & Margaret, was baptized at Falkirk Dec. 2, 1848.

MARGARET ANDERSON TRAPP was born July 14, 1851 at Falkirk

WILLIAM TRAPP, son of George & Barbara was born Feb. 14, 1813 at Falkirk. He married JEAN KERR about 1835. They had:

ELIZABETH TRAPP was born Feb. 7, 1836.

BARBARA TRAPP was born Oct. 9, 1836 at Glasgow by report, and was baptized at Falkirk March 14, 1837. At age 18 she married at Falkirk Manse, WILLIAM MIRK, age 21, a baker of Falkirk. Witnesses were her Uncle, MALCOM TRAPP & ROBERT BROWN.

JANET TRAPP was born Aug. 4, 1839 at Falkirk

GEORGE TRAPP

JEAN TRAPP was born Feb. 27, 1843 at Falkirk.

MARY TRAPP was born Jan. 1, 1847 at Falkirk

MARGARET TRAPP was baptized at Falkirk, June 23, 1819.

MALCOM TRAPP was born about 1820, likely at Falkirk. He married about 1840, MARY . They had:

GEORGE TRAPP was born Jan. 14, 1841 and baptized July 8, 1842 at Falkirk.

EUPHEMIA TRAPP was born July 8, 1842 at Falkirk.

MIDDLETON TRAPP was born April 1, 1855 at Falkirk.

MARY TRAPP was born July 18, 1856 at Falkirk

BARBARA TRAPP

## KASEY TRAPP'S connection

We are indebted to JIM KURCHARSKI for his discovery of JAMES TRAPP baptismal record: October 12, 1760 at Walkill Valley, N.Y., the son of KASEY TRAPP. The father's name had been uncertainly transcribed in 1934 as *Kasey* or *Henry*, but obviously Kasey is correct.

James, himself confirms the year to have been 1760 in his application for a pension due him for his service during the Revolutionary War, and states Montgomery township. Ulster Co. N. Y (later Orange Co.) to have been his place of birth.

Kasey apparently died during or soon after the War and is not found on the 1790 census. But James is, as well as WILLIAM TRAPP, whose son William was baptized October 31, 1780, also at Walkill. Both James and William's households were recorded in Montgomery Township. Beyond doubt at least James & William were closely related; being the only households of the surname in the entire state of New York, other than HENRY TRAPP of Montgomery Ward, New York City whose family apparently contained sons, daughters and one slave.

It was James household in 1810 that listed 2 slaves and in 1820 one free Negro. Whether there is any continuity is uncertain, the gaps possibly are explained that from 1790 the Negroes were actually free, and moved about on their own.

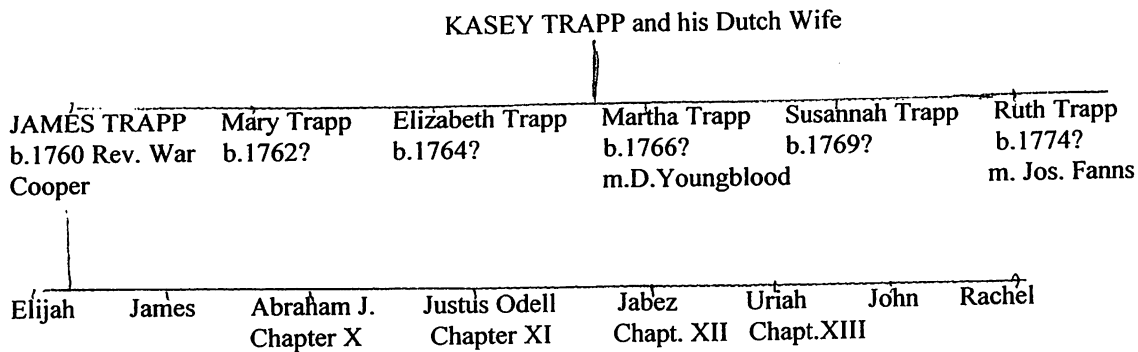
Walkill Valley Church is stated to have become Goodwill Church and to have been only two miles from Montgomery. But Kasey and his family must have lived at a considerably greater distance, and Walkill Valley Church was not so convenient. On two different occasions two daughters were baptized the same day (though it is possible there was two sets of twin daughters). But REV. JOHN CUTHBERTSON'S adds a comment August 26, 1764 on the occasion of the baptism of two of James sisters:

*They rode 32 miles on the 26th to JAMES SIMPSONS with MR. WHITESIDE*

It is thought that Kasey's wife was of Dutch extraction. A surviving letter from ELIZA SEARS in 1912 to FRED TRAPP of Dryden, N.Y. tells of information handed down by MARTHA TRAPP PRATT:

*She thinks one of her grandparents was Dutch and the other English, but she can't remember which was which.*

Kasey's parents, date and place of birth remain unestablished, but it is suspected that he was born on Martha's Vineyard, the son of Jabez & Hepsibah.



## Chapter IX

## James Trapp. his Sons &amp; Sisters

From James application for a pension due from his service in the Revolutionary War, we learn that he was born in 1760 at Montgomery, Ulster County New York. The name of the County would later be changed to Orange.

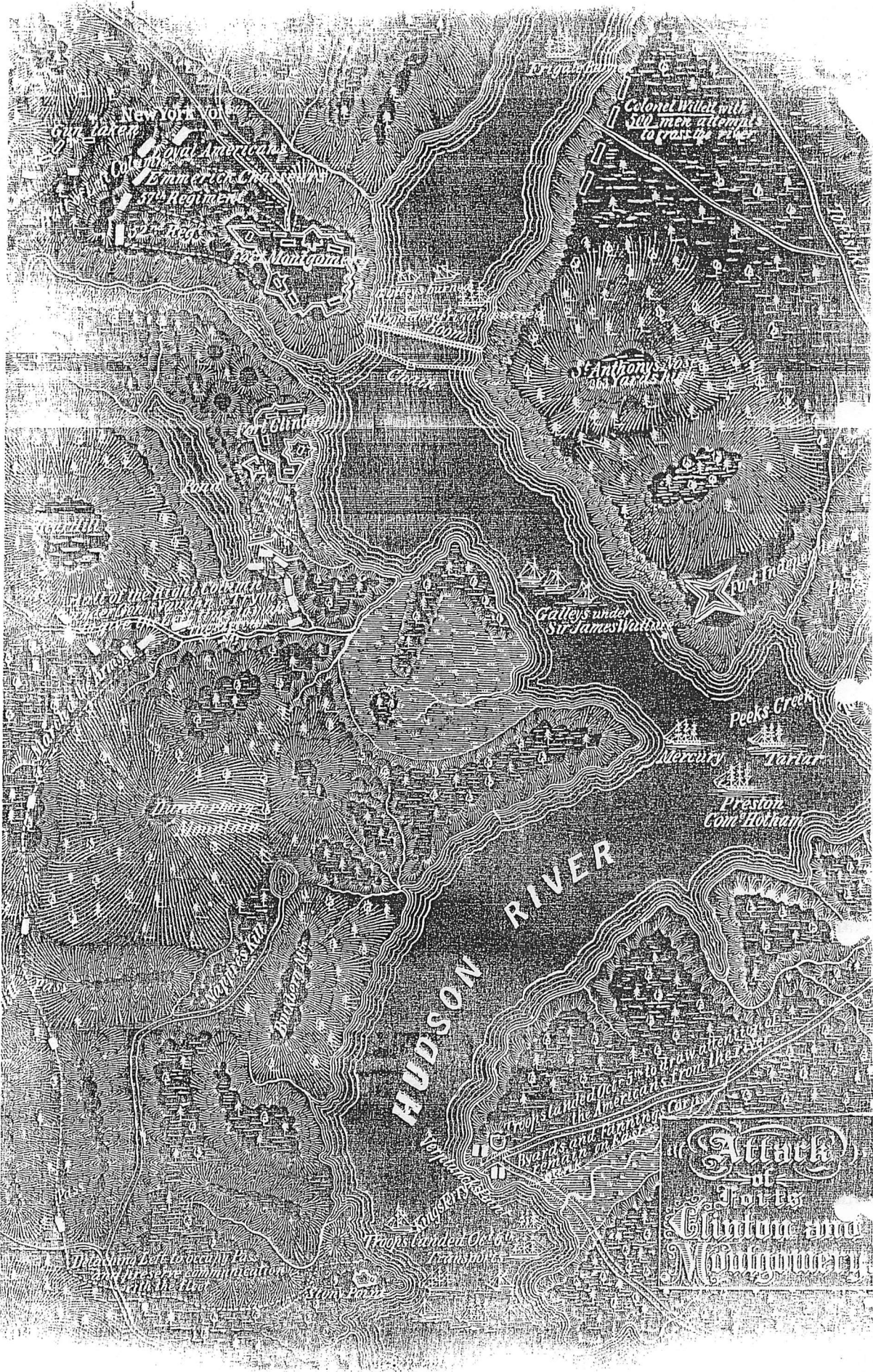
James left Montgomery in the spring of 1776 to serve for five months as drummer in in GRAHAM'S Company. He was scarcely more than age 15 at the time Being 5ft. 7 1/2 inches tall, James would have fit the



image ARCHIBALD WILLARD had in mind for his famous painting *The Spirit of '76*.

James remembered participating in a skirmish at "King's Lindge" and being stationed at White Plains.

James enlisted a second time at Montgomery about May 1, 1777 to serve for six months in the Regiment of Capt. JACOB ROSE. For most of that enlistment he was ill and did not take part in any battles. He remembered that GENERAL CLINTON had visited the fort during that time, as had CAPT. HAMPIAN of the Continental Troops. James had been discharged from that enlistment at Fort Montgomery, at the time under the command of COL. McLAUGHLIN.



New York City  
Royal American  
Colonel's Regiment  
Colonel's Regiment  
Colonel's Regiment

Colonel Waller with  
500 men attempts  
to cross the river

Fort Mifflin

Fort Mifflin

Fort Clinton

Galley under  
Sir James Watson

Peaks Creek

Mercury

Tartar

Preston  
Court House

HUDSON RIVER

Attack  
on  
Fort  
Mifflin  
and  
the  
Hudson  
River

James enlisted for the third time in Montgomery about May 10, 1778, that time to serve in CAPT. HANCE ROBINSON'S Regiment. They went as a company of rangers to the Indian Camp west of the Shongum Mountain, took some prisoners and then returned. James was discharged between Numbockus and Mama Cotten. He did not remember the Continental Troops being engaged in any battles during that enlistment.

James enlisted for the fourth and last time in the spring of 1781. He "entered into a clap of ten in the town of Montgomery" that included WILLIAM DALES, JAMES DOUGLAS, WILLIAM SMART, EAHARN DECK, JOHN HOLE and four others whose names James was unable to remember.

Today it is difficult to comprehend why James application was denied, when it is so easy to consult the records. In addition, a witness in James behalf, SAMUEL SOULE was known by one of the examiners to be truthful, reliable and trustworthy. JONATHAN ODELL of Groton Co. then age 72 had served under CAPT. JACOBUS ROSE in PAULEY'S Company at the same time that James had served in a different company. WILLIAM WALLACE, age 74 remembered James serving with himself under CAPT. BURNS in the New York State Troops, commanded by COLONEL PAULDING.

Asked to give the names of neighbors who might testify as to his character, James named JAMES PARKER, GEORGE CONRAD and JOHN & BONETER BIMAS or BOWAS. In addition, JOHN BOWER JR. was on hand to swear that he knew James personally, and that it was generally believed in the town that James had served in the Revolutionary War.

The summary states;

*James Trapp of Lansing, Tompkins County deficient specification which must be supplied and proof thereby obtained from the New York .*

One suspects that no great effort was made to obtain the proof and as late as 27 May 1932 A.D.HILLAR then assistant to the Archives Administrator explained in a letter to Mr. CHARLES LAY of Elucid Ave., Almira, N.Y that the reason James claim was denied was because he was unable to remember the names of his commanding officers in some instances as well as having no discharge papers in his possession. I wonder if Mr. Lay was satisfied with his explanation.

Luckily James had been prosperous. Mrs. ELIZA SEARS remembered impressions of him that had been handed down:



Great, great grandfather Trapp was a cooper, plying his trade near where the Shonharrie Creek empties into the Hudson River. Where he came from, we do not know, but he was a successful business man as a great deal of shipping was done in barrels and demand among the River towns was almost unlimited. He had boys that he took out of school as soon as they could write their names and read a few halting sentences, and compelled them to work very hard without pay in the barrel business. There were no holidays. Working days were from daylight to dark and great, great grandfather felt no compunction to be pleasant to them. He said that by hard work until they were 21 they would just about have reimbursed him for food, clothing and the expense of bringing them up. After that they could go. When the older boy reached the age of 21 he was a little surprised to have his father present him with a horse, a saddle & bridle, a gun and \$100 cash, and tell him he was free to go on his own. A couple of years later our great-grandfather, Abraham Trapp had the same experience and also rode west. . . neither knew where the other brother had gone or saw each other or any of their family again.

The early effort of Mrs. Sears and her preserved correspondence is invaluable, confirming the obvious: that William & James of Ulster Co. in 1790 were related, and that contact between descendants existed well into the twentieth century. That the story of the ancestor, since identified as James was essentially true seems confirmed by facts:

Some of the brothers on the whole did become widely dispersed and some of them are known to have been coopers.

In 1810 James household included two slaves. He was still living in 1832. it is assumed having survived his wife. From a composite of sources a list of their descendants follows; though the chronological order as given may not always be accurate:

ELIJAH - JAMES - ABRAHAM J. - JUSTUS ODELL - JABEZ - URIAH -  
 (see Chapter X) (see Chapter XI) (see Chap.XII) (see Chapt. XIII)  
 JOHN & RACHEL

ELIJAH TRAPP was born about 1785 likely at Montgomery, New York. In 1840 he was between the ages of 50 and 60 and in addition to his household in Newfield Township, Tompkins Co. including a female in his age group, assumed to have been his wife, there were two males under age 30, one female under 20 and two females under age 15. It is likely, therefore that he had surviving issue, though they remain unidentified.

JAMES TRAPP was born about 1793 likely at Montgomery, N.Y. By 1820 he was head of his household in Seneca Co., Ontario Township. J.C.TRAPP, a cooper, was head of a household in Seneca Co., N.Y. but by 1850 they were recorded in Ulysses Township, Tompkins Co. He e was 57 and his wife Anna, also a native of N.Y. was 54. They had:



JUSTIS TRAPP was born about 1828 in N.Y. and was a boatman in 1850.

MARY J. TRAPP was born about 1831 in N.Y. At age 19 she resided with MINOR McCOBURN, a farmer of Seneca Co.

PAULINE TRAPP was born about 1833 in N.Y. and in 1850 was age 17

URIAH TRAPP was born May 3, 1836 in N. Y, recorded in 1850 and died Feb. 26, 1914

MARTHA TRAPP was born about 1842 in N.Y. and was age 8 in 1850. She is believed to be identical with MARTHA TRAPP PRATT of Buffalo, N.Y. who survived into the 20th century.



ABRAHAM J. TRAPP (see Chapter X)

JUSTICE ODELL TRAPP (see Chapter XI)

JABEZ TRAPP (see Chapter XII)

JOHN TRAPP was born about 1805 in New York, likely in Montgomery. He married January 28, 1822 MARY BROCKET and they were of Ulysses, Tompkins Co. by 1830. his household then including a male under age 5 and one female under age 15. By 1840 they had moved to nearby Enfield and others had joined them, including a Revolutionary War pensioner, JOHN FLETCHER, age 82.

RACHEL TRAPP

As will be seen on the map of the facing page, the Trapps had begun to settle in that vicinity no later than 1820. At bottom is Newfield, where Elijah's household was recorded in 1840. At the top left we see a border of Seneca Co., the county where James lived in 1820 before moving across Cauga Lake to Lansing in Tompkins by 1832. Just south of the Seneca Co. line is Ulysses, where James Jr and John's households were recorded, and south of there is Enfield, where Elijah had lived in 1830.

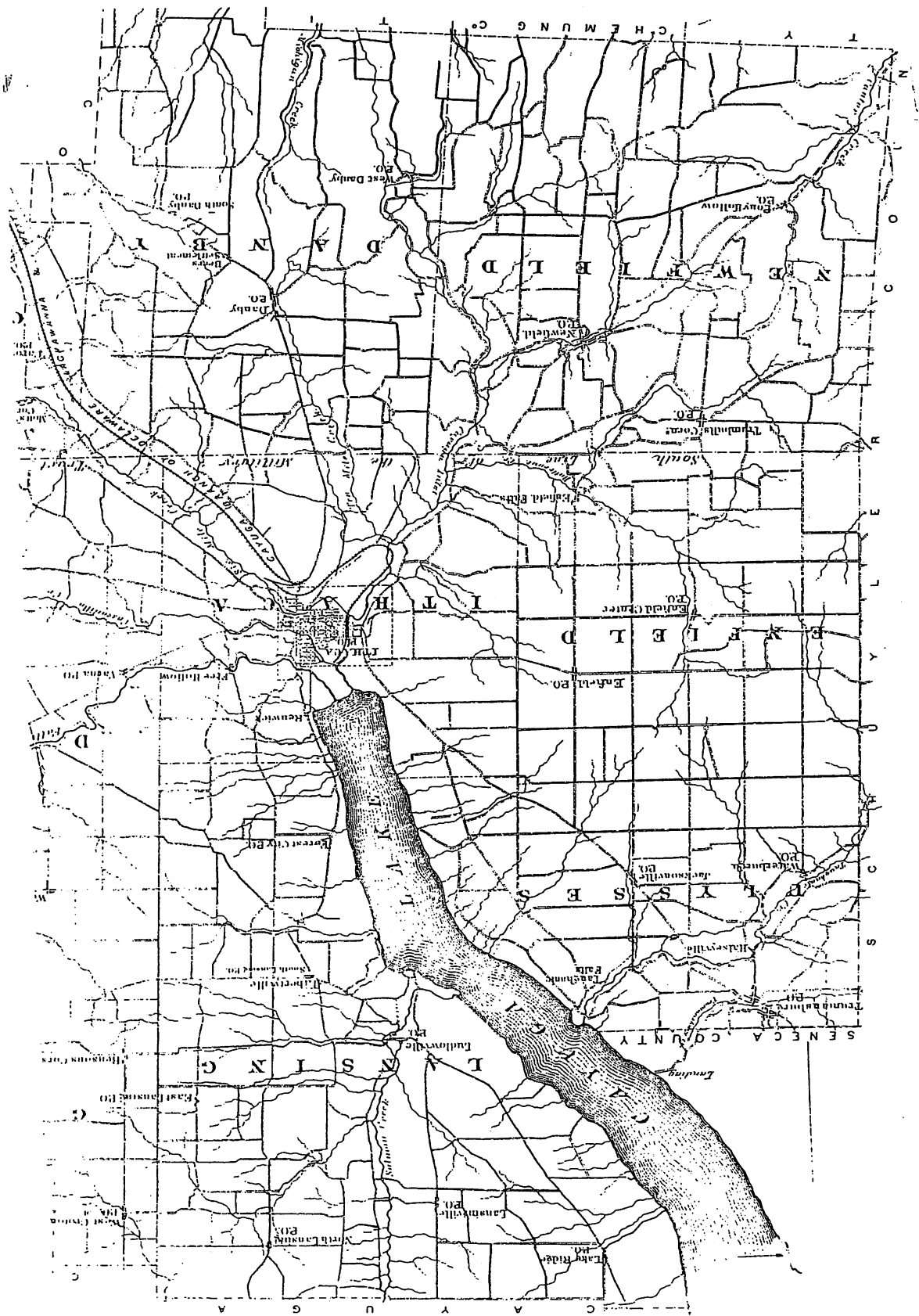
IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW THE FOLLOWING FROM OSWEGO CO. NEW YORK FIT IN:

STEPHEN TRAPP b. 1845 N.Y. appears with wife CLARA, b 1849 in Worcester Township in 1880, They had:

ANNA R. TRAPP b. 1873

RARESFIRD TRAPP b 1843 N.Y. with wife ALACE b. 1849 were in Palermo Township in 1880 with son:

FRANKEY TRAPP b. 1875



MARY TRAPP, presumed to have been the daughter of Kasey, was likely born about 1762. With her sister Elizabeth, she was baptized at the Dutch Church in 1764.

ELIZABETH TRAPP, with her sister Mary, was baptized at the Dutch Church August 20, 1764.

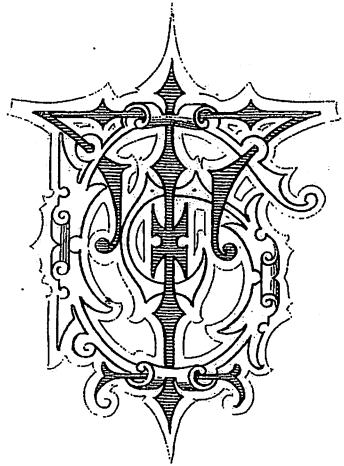
SARAH TRAPP was baptized at Walkill Valley N.Y. with Elizabeth Aug. 26, 1764

ELIZABETH TRAPP was baptized at Wallkill Valey, N.Y. Aug. 26, 1764

MARTHA TRAPP, born likely about 1766 was baptized at the Walkill N.Y. with sister. Susannah Oct.27, 1769. She married there Dec.22, 1794 DANIEL YOUNGSBLOOD.

SUSANNAH TRAPP was baptized with her sister Martha at Walkill Valley Church Oct. 27, 1769

RUTH TRAPP was baptized at the Walkill Valley, N.Y. ch October 9. 1774 and was married there February 11, 1800 to JOSEPH FANNS. of the Shawanquck Reformed Dutch Church. .

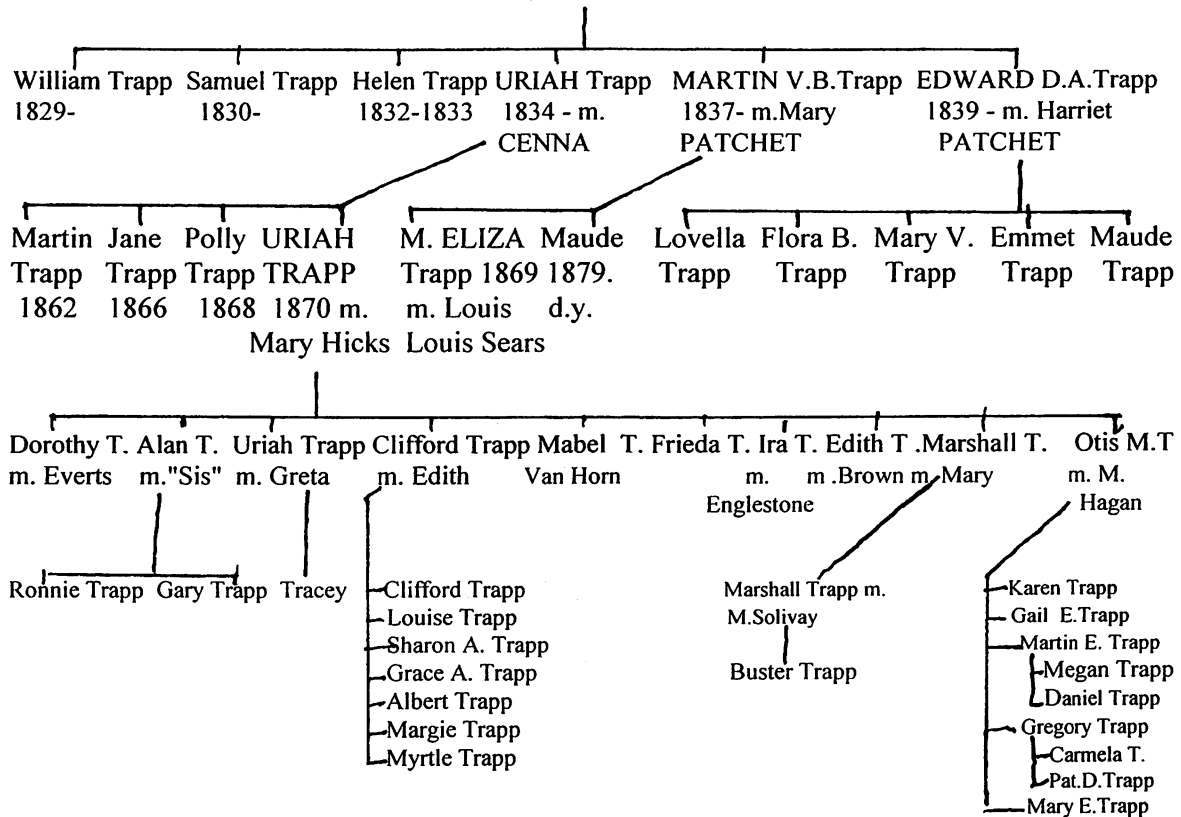


For Chapter X

Kasey Trapp (?1740)

James Trapp, Rev. War Soldier & Cooper

ABRAHAM J, (1791) & POLLY TRAPP



## Chapter X

## Descendants of ABRAHAM J. &amp; POLLY TRAPP



Abraham was born in 1791, probably near Montgomery, New York. Like his brothers, he served his father, learning the trade of a cooper until at age 21 he was given a horse, saddle, bridle and \$100 and sent into the frontier to make his fortune. Mrs. Sears summarizes:

Abraham had the same experience and rode west. He stopped in the vicinity of Baldwinsville, finally locating at West Phoenix. . . Abraham met his fate in Polly Bishop Brunson, the pretty daughter of Samuel & Jerusha Bishop. Polly was anything but a simple, unsophisticated country girl. She had married a young medical officer in the Army, Capt. Fuller Bronson, M.D. stationed at Governor's Island, New York.

It was a time of peace and the personnel at the Fort had little to do but enjoy themselves in the liveliest port city on the eastern seaboard. The dancing, card-playing, drinking and petty gambling went on without end.

Polly was also different in being literate and read much for pleasure. Then the most enjoyable life suddenly fell apart with the death of her young husband. She stayed on in New York, having no wish to exchange the pleasures of city life for the rigors of Liverpool salt-boiling, but being an affectionate daughter, she decided to come home for a summer visit to her family.

There she met the handsome Abraham and both fell deeply in love, though two more unlikely people would be hard to imagine. Abraham was nearly literate, earnestly and deeply religious, without assets except his little farm, but undeniably handsome. Polly was literate, luke-warm about religion, finding pleasure in things mildly sinful, such as a lively game of cards or reading a romance; very apathetic about domestic virtues, but pretty as a picture.

Apparently it was a very happy marriage, and they stayed deeply in love to the end of their days. Abraham often worried about his wife's soul and out behind

barn he used to raise his voice in a shout to the Lord concerning her welfare, while she is said to have stood in the kitchen door listening and giggling. She on the other hand was a somewhat wasteful and far from efficient housewife, but they composed their differences and lived quite happily.

Mr Fred Sears adds that Abraham settled at West Phoenix, town of Lysander that he fought in the war of 1812, died July 31, 1876 age 85 and is buried in Chase Cemetery.

Polly was born March 12, 1800 and died January 29, 1886. "Legend has it that she smoked a pipe." They had:



WILLIAM - SAMUEL - HELEN - URIAH - MARTIN VAN BUREN - EDWARD DUNN A.

WILLIAM TRAPP was born about 1829, likely near Baldwinsville, N.Y. He was unmarried in 1851.

SAMUEL TRAPP was born about 1831 in New York.

HELEN TRAPP born January 11, 1832 in New York, died young

URIAH TRAPP was born about 1834. He married CENNA, while serving as a Private in Co. A. of the 122nd New York Volunteers. Kurcharski states in a letter to the writer, dated Jan. 5, 2000:

*During the battle of Cold Harbor June 1, 1864, while lying on his right side reloading his rifle, he was shot three times in his left leg. After spending three months in the hospital, he returned to duty.*

In 1880 they were of Inondago Co., Lysander township.  
Uriah died March 18, 1903 and is buried in Chase Cemetery at Lysander, N.Y. They had:

MARTIN TRAPP was born about 1862 in N.Y. was age 18 in 1880

JANE TRAPP was born about 1866 in N.Y. was age 14 in 1880.

POLLY TRAPP was born about 1868 in N.Y. was age 12 in 1880 .

URIAH TRAPP, son of Uriah & Cenna was born about 1870 in N. Y. He married MARY HICKS and had:

DOROTHY TRAPP m. 1st BILL EVERTS and later TRAVATO. She had:  
SUSIE EVERTS

ALAN TRAPP married "Sis" and had:  
RONNIE TRAPP  
GARY TRAPP

URIAH TRAPP married GRETA and had:  
TRACEY TRAPP

CLIFFORD TRAPP married EDITH and had:  
CLIFFORD TRAPP  
LOUIS TRAPP  
SHARON ANN TRAPP  
GRACE MARIE TRAPP  
ALBERT TRAPP  
MARGIE TRAPP  
MYRTLE TRAPP

MABLE TRAPP married JOHN VAN HORN and had:  
BARBARA VAN HORN  
MICHAEL VAN HORN

EVA TRAPP married SIMMS

IRA TRAPP married ENGLESTONE and had:  
BETTY ENGLESTONE  
CHUCK ENGLESTONE  
DICK ENGLESTONE

EDITH TRAPP married BROWN and had:  
MARGARET BROWN  
IRA BROWN  
LOUIS BROWN  
HENRY BROWN  
ANNE BROWN

MARSHALL TRAPP married and had:  
MARSHALL TRAPP married MARY SALIVAY and had:  
BUSTER TRAPP

LYDIA MAE TRAPP



OTIS MARTIN TRAPP (1909-1990), son of URIAH & CENNA is reported to have been the last of the family born at Baldwinsville. He married MARGART HAGAN and had:

OTIS MARTIN TRAPP m. EDNA EBBINGHAUS and had:

KAREN TRAPP m. CHESTER NIGAWSKI and had:

CHESTER NIGAWSKI

GAIL ELIZABETH TRAPP m. in 1983 JAMES KURCHARSKI and had

WILLIAM JAMES KURCHARSKI

JENNIFER LYNN KURCHARSKI

MARTIN EDWARD TRAPP m. DIANE LACHMAN and had:

MEGAN NICHOL TRAPP

DANIEL MARTIN TRAPP

GREGGORY TRAPP m. JENNIE SERAFING and had:

CARMELA TRAPP

PATRICK DOMINIC TRAPP

MARY ELLEN TRAPP m. ANTONY PROTOCOLLA and had:

NICHOLAS MARIOA PROTOCOLLA

KIMBERLY PROTOCOLLA

STACEY ANN TRAPP

Otis Martin married secondly LEONA NEWMAN and had:

PAUL TRAPP

JEREMY URIAH TRAPP m. and had:

MARTIN V. TRAPP

IDA J. TRAPP

POLLY E. TRAPP

RACHEL VIOLA TRAPP

MARY J. TRAPP

FRED M. TRAPP

AMY M. TRAPP

RACHEL TRAPP, daughter of URIAH & CENNA was born in N.Y. about 1872. She died between 1880 and 1912.

MARY TRAPP was born in N.Y. about 1874 and was living in 1880.

FREDDIE TRAPP was born in N.Y. about 1876 and was age 4 in 1880.

MARTIN VAN BUREN TRAPP was born March 22, 1837 in West Phoenix Township, New York. The following account is by his grand-daughter, MRS. ELIZA TRAPP SEARS:

Grandpa grew up barely literate, very religious and full of strange prejudices and strong opinions. He was very good-looking and often told me without a blush that he had the handsomest black beard in Baldwinsville. He was a young man at the time of the Civil War, enlisted in the 1st New York Regiment and served throughout the battles in the wilderness. His religious conviction made him very uneasy about the murders he might have committed and he would never talk about the actual fighting, only to say that he was in the artillery and knew where a cannon ball went.

About daily life in the army he was quite loquacious, and it was easy to believe that the real Civil War was sort of a four-year picnic: cooking over a campfire and delightfully sleeping on the ground.

At the time grandfather enlisted, he had no convictions about slavery, the state of the Union or the rights of Negroes. In fact, he had never seen a Negro. What interested him was the \$50 bounty for enlistment. Up to that point his life had been generous of subsistence, but a bit short of cash, and he had never seen that much money together.

The dangers of war did not impress a sharp-shooting young hunter - he'd just shoot first, have a few years of camping out and all that money.

Unfortunately EDWARD DUNN ALLEN (TRAPP) age 16 (sic) felt the same way about it and proposed to accompany his big brother on the great adventure. He was a big boy for his age, but well known in Baldwinsville, and found it impossible to enlist there. However in Plainfield he wasn't known and succeeded in signing up.

Polly was furious. She said it was all Martin's fault for making it sound like such an appealing adventure, and he was to look after the child and bring him home safely, or not come home himself.

Evidently Martin stood in considerable awe of his mother and the thought of having to account for the safety of Edward Dunn Allen so preyed upon his mind that he often missed a lot of fun. Edward, on the other hand was not very cooperative but mildly daring and about as careless of self-preservation as could have been expected of one so young. Poor grandfather had to jump fast to keep his brother out of trouble.

During one peaceful interval, grandfather, having developed a case of dysentery, decided to go to the hospital in Washington for treatment. He was an ambulatory patient and proved so helpful in that time of male nurses that they invited him to stay on and help.

Edward seemed safely provided for, and he agreed. Suddenly the telegraph began to pour out the news of the bloody Battle of Gettysburg and he realized that his regiment had been called into action and Edward Dunn Allen with it.

He hadn't much hope, but he hurried to rejoin his regiment and found Edward unharmed and as full of pep as ever. Years of practice in squirrel hunting must have been an asset to both boys who survived the Civil War unwounded and unmarked.

They married sisters - MARY & HARRIET PATCHET and settled won on

adjoining farms.

Eliza was Mary & Martin's only (surviving) child, and he never let her forget that he would have preferred a boy. One of his prejudices was that women were mindless creatures, invented to wait on men and incapable of making decisions, a wise choice or a solid accomplishment. This maddening attitude seldom irked grandma. She only smiled pleasantly and by hook or crook, got her own way.

The smoky-hollow house was a case in point. Grandpa built it himself, and he was not a very accomplished carpenter. It consisted of one room upstairs and two rooms below, making a kitchen and living-room and a lean to addition for a downstairs bed room; a salt box in shape made of chocolate brown boards.

He considered paint an unnecessary nonsense and over the years the boards weathered to that color. His Civil War camping out had rendered him impervious to cold and feminine comforts were unneeded luxuries. The farm had a wood lot and there was no lack of fire wood. When grandma expressed an interest in plaster and wallpaper, he brushed it off as another feminine fancy; expensive and completely unnecessary. She did not agree and began to save flour sacks from the family's weekly baking. They were made of indestructible heavy paper, and these she nailed over the stringers and covered it with a pretty wallpaper. Even Grandpa was impressed and went so far as to brag that his Mary was really a smart woman.

Due to rudimentary carpentry the floors proved very draughty, so he banked the house for warmth by driving stakes into the ground about two feet from the house, banking them with boards and filling them with sand. The ugly barrier was covered with snow in winter but it's summer aspect annoyed Grandma. So she covered it with a layer of top soil and planted a riot of petunias, zinnias, snapdragons, larkspur and other gay annuals. This ruffle of bright blossoms against the chocolate brown house was so picturesque that cars used to stop while strangers took snap-shots and once a Sunday painter set up his easel outside the fence and painted the scene.

Unfortunately this house burned to the ground in 1925 and Grandma lost all of her possessions. She died in the spring of 1926 before they could rebuild.

In 1880 they were recorded in Cayuga County, Ira township Martin was 42, Mary, born in England, was 39 and his mother-in-law, BETSY PATCHETT (formerly HAW of Lincolnshire, lived with them. Eliza was 11. and their youngest daughter, MAUDE, who would die young, was age 1.

Martin would be well remembered by his great grandson. FREDERICK SEARS, who shared a number of anecdotes of Martin's last years.

After Grandma died in the spring of 1926, Grandpa, age 89 became a full time resident of Sorrel Hill. He delighted in visiting old neighbors and spent part of the summer at Smokey Hollow with his nephew, EMMET TRAPP, which did give mother a rest..

He was very proud of his service during the Civil War, and his pride increased as the years rolled by. He reminisced more than ever about his experiences. The survivors of the Battle of Gettysburg organized a club and every couple of years they had a reunion at the battleground. This must have started about the beginning of the 1900's for I have recollections as a very small boy of Grandpa coming home from one of these reunions and bringing us kids some souvenir trinkets. He had not attended for

but expressed a keen interest in going back to Gettysburg for the 1927 get-together. Dad and he agreed that after the crops were planted, he and mother would take him by car to Gettysburg. The Reunion was scheduled for the 4th of July week-end. I was in my last year in high school in 1927 and after the roads dried up on occasion I was permitted to drive the car to school. It was nearly five miles and our roads at that time had not even been graveled. An extra errand had to be run when Grandpa wanted to go to town for a barber-shop shave and beard trim. His long white beard came down to his chest and was always spotless even though he chewed tobacco.

There came a nice warm day in the early part of May and grandpa decided he wanted to go into town with Dick and me so that he could do his errands. Plans called for my taking him back during the noon hour. He had many friends to visit and it was no problem for him to kill time if he had someone to talk to and something to sit on or lean against, I parked the car where he could wait if he wished.

Paying the barber and the few nicnacks that he might buy were about the only times that Grandpa ever used his own money. His clothes and the "Little Yara" tobacco that he chewed were all he needed. The family used to speculate on how much money Grandpa was carrying. It was a closely guarded family secret and we all were made to realize the seriousness of the situation if the wrong people found out about it.

He received a pension, as far back as I can remember it was \$82 per month, a tidy sum for those days. Grandpa never put a penny in the bank. He explained that the Bible warned against letting your money out for usury, "Even if you don't accept the interest you support a sinful cause after you let the bank use money to make money for themselves".

We estimated that he was carrying between ten and twelve thousand dollars on his person. When he died at the age of 96 in 1933, he had over \$8,000 sewed into his coat and vest.

Not finding him in the car, I took a quick look around the four corners. My apprehension mounted when I crossed the bridge and called at GEORGE BLANCHARD'S Monumental Works, one of Grandpa's favorite places to visit, but he had only remained a short time there at mid-morning.

Grandpa often found the Barge Canal Locks an interesting place, but he was not there. I called home, and now my anxiety was being shared by the whole family. Grandpa was now a missing person, and I called the State Police. There was nothing left to do but to continue to ask questions. I traced his steps across the river bridge, the canal bridge, and found someone who had seen him standing in front of the Baptist Church. I knew the trolley always stopped at that corner.

I acted on a hunch and headed for the Syracuse Trolley Terminal. Locating the starter, I asked him if he had seen an old gentleman with a long white beard walking with two canes get off the trolley from Baldwinsville. He said, "I did. I personally helped him get off about 10:30 this morning. He thanked me and headed across the road down Clinton Street. He was as independent as could be and asked no questions of anyone."

Grandpa was on his way to Gettysburg! The D.L. & W. Railroad Station was a few blocks down Clinton Street. It was about 2 o'clock when I confronted the ticket agent with my problem. He said, "Yes, Sir. He went out on the 12 o'clock train."

I expressed my anxiety and asked if I could use a phone to share my news with the folks at home. He invited me into his office and listened to my conversation. As

my story unfolded, the agent joined in our anxiety. By the time I had finished, the agent had the Captain of the Railroad Police in his office. When I confided that Grandpa might have several thousand dollars on his person, the Captain said, "Don't have a fear. I will dispatch a reliable officer in plain clothes to stay right with him until he gets back off the train back here in Syracuse".

Towards evening the third day a taxi drove into the yard with Grandpa. All of us sighed with relief. Grandpa got out of the cab, dragged himself into the house and collapsed in his rocking chair. He didn't stir for three hours.

"Everyone was so kind and helpful", Grandpa said. The first leg of the trip was a little lonely until the train stopped somewhere and a fellow got on and sat right down by him. "We got to talking and he turned out to be the nicest fellow that ever lived. He spoke well and seemed to know a lot about things I was interested in. It turned out that he was going to Gettysburg to put flowers on his father's grave. When He found out I was going there too, we became real buddies, and we stayed together the whole trip".

As previously mentioned, Mary died in the spring of 1926. and Martin survived to the age of 96 dying in 1933. They had only two daughters. Their second daughter, MAUDE, born in 1879, though age 1 in 1880, is believed to have died in infancy.

MARY ELIZA TRAPP was born about 1869 near Lysander, N.Y. The following account by her son, Frederick Sears begins at the time she had finished local Grammar School. : .

Mother's education fell into Martin's category of frills and when she finished the grades of the district school he refused any further responsibility. Education beyond the barest literacy was unnecessary for girls. Anyway, she should stay home and help her mother.

Unfortunately the Baldwinsville Academy not only required students to buy their own books, they charged non-residents a small tuition. Somehow she must earn the money.

It was a remarkably good season for wild blackberries, so she determined to make a start picking berries and walking three miles into town to sell them. One of her customers was AGUSTA HOWARD, the wife of the local jeweler. She was a big-hearted, kindly woman who sympathized with educational ambitions, and invited my mother to live with her as an all-around "mother's helper". Eliza thus classified as a resident, needed no tuition and either the Howards paid her a small stipend from which she bought her books, or they bought them for her.

She helped with breakfast and getting the children off to school, and then went herself. After school, she did whatever was necessary until the children went to bed, and then did her own studying.

This worked out to the satisfaction of everyone concerned and the eternal gratitude of my mother until she graduated from high school. Then she had a year at Oswego Normal School and got herself a job for a year teaching in a district school. She loathed teaching, but saved enough money to pay for a course in a business school, and became a bookkeeper for ANDREWS BROTHERS wholesale Grocery in Syracuse. There she was happy and remained a valuable employee until she married.

Eliza married February 10, 1896 LOUIS J. SEARS, a descendant of AZRA & ELIZABETH (BETTS) SEARS, who moved from Reseller in the winter of 1819 to Sorrel Hill. Many of their descendants that followed were shared by JIM KURCHARSKI. They had:

## MARY SEARS

HANNAH SEARS b,1901 grad. College 1923 m. WALTER RHODES.(1896-1968)

JAMES LOUIS SEARS b. 1903 grad. College 1924 m. HELEN FITZGERALD .They had: :

MARY HELEN SEARS b.1929

ELEANOR MARGARET SEARS m.1965 ALBERT LOUIS FALLA b. Nov.13, 1929 :

MARY ELIZABETH FALLA 1960

ALBERT LOUIS FALLA Nov. 16, 1961

MARGARET ELEANOR FALLA 1965m. JAMES A. STAGER and had:

SIMON J. STAGER b, Nov. 2. 1985

ELIZABETH ANN SEARS b. 1936 m, NIEL F. O'DONNELL and had:

JOHN FREDERICK O'DONNELL m. MARSHA MARTELL SHANAHAN

RYAN O'DONNELL

ANDREW O'DONNELL

NICOLE O'DONNELL

ANN ELIZABETH O'DONNELL Jan 3, 1964

MICHAEL O'DONNELL b. July 15, 1966

MARY ANN O'DONNELL b. Nov. 8, 1970 m.. 1st ALFRED E. PRINGLE and  
2nd VERNON SNOW.

JAMES LOUIS SEARS b1937

JOHN PATRICK SEARS b. 1940 m. CAROL JEAN OSBURN and had:

JAMES LOUIS SEARS b. 1974

ELLEN MARGARET SEARS b.Feb 20, 1965 m. PETER M. RAYHILL

AMY ELIZABETH SEARS m. PHILIP N. NICHOLS

FREDERICK R. SEARS b. 1908 d. July 2, 1994 m. DORIS A. VANDERVEER

KENNETH ALAN SEARS m. GRACIA EMELINE HARDING and had:

FREDERICK RUFUS SEARS Oct. 3, 1969

BRUCE HARDING SEARS b. Jan 16, 1962 m. DeANN KENNEDY

BRADLEY TRAPP SEARS b. Apr, 4, 1963 m. 1st GRETCHEN H. COOK and  
2nd RUTH ANN SAYA.

GEOFFREY CLARK SEARS June 13, 1969

KARLA ANN SEARS b. May 3, 1938 m. EDWARD a. CAPORIN, supervising engineer  
of Westinghouse near Annapolis. She died in Jan. 11, 1981. They had:

SUSAN CAPORIN b Feb. 28 m. JONATHAN M. SIMMONS and had

JAMES EDWARD SIMMONS

JESSE SIMMONS

ROBERT ALAN CAPORIN b.Feb 18, 1960 m. JACQUILINE M. JONES

ALEXANDER CAPORIN of Chesapeake Community College m.

LISA K. HALLORIN.

RICHARD M. SEARS b 1911 m. RUTH A. MALTBY

NANCY ALICE SEARS b.Dec. 11, 1936m. RALPH G. STOWELL

HANNAH G. STOWELL b. Feb 12, 1961 m THOMAS H. STRACK

SUSAN SEARS STOWELL b. March 9, 1962 m. ROBERT C.LUCAS and had  
JUSTIN CLAUDE LUCAS

JEFFREY NIEL STOWELL b. Aug. 5, 1961

JUDY MARIE SEARS m. b. Feb. 24, 1936 m. RICHARD L. SCHUBERT &  
ERNEST HACKNEY

JOHN LEROY SCHUBERT b. Sept. 6. 1968

ANNA JOYCE HACKNEY b. Sept. 15, 1957

DEBRA MARIE HACKNEY b. Jan 18, 1959

VALERIE MAE HACKNEY b. June 12, 1960m. JOHN H. SNOBELEN

ERNEST FRANCIS HACKNEY b, June 3, 1961 m. LAUREN K. REPOSO and  
 MICHAEL TRAVIS HACKNEY  
 GERALD MICHAEL HACKNEY m. JOANNE L. MIDDLETON  
 RICHARD ARTHUR HACKNEY b. June 24, 1962 m. MARY C. CHEVLIER :  
 AMANDA LEIGH HACKNEY b. Nov. 6, 1985  
 RICHARFD ARTHUR HACKNEY Sept. 15, 1963  
 He m. 2nd JULIE C. MUNIZ  
 RICHARD LOUIS SEARS b. Aug. 21, 1939 m. CAROL ANN POWERS and had:  
 RICHARD EDWARD SEARS b 1971  
 JEAN ELEANOR SEARS b 1974  
 RUTH IRENE SEARS b 1942 m. THEODORE QUICK and had:  
 KENNETH HUGH QUICK  
 TIMOTHY MARTIN SEARS b. 1946 m. MARIE LILLIAN BROWN and had:  
 THOMAS MARTIN SEARS b 1966  
 TAMMIE MARIE SEARS b 1969  
 THOMAS LYMAN SEARS b, 1947 m. JOAN ELIZABETH PROCTOR and had:  
 JENNIFER LEE SEARS b, 1976  
 TIMOTHY DUANE SEARS b. 1977  
 MICHAEL THOMAS SEARS b. 1979  
 He married DEBORAH DAVIS and had:  
 SCOTT M. SEARS 1968  
 PHOEBE IVA SEARS b. 1963  
 TRACEY TRAPP SEARS b 1956 m. CATHY WHALEY and had:  
 KELLY M. SEARS  
 TRACEY M. SEARS. b, 1979

EDWARD DUNN ALLEN TRAPP was born May 11, 1839; slightly older than his grand  
 niece envisioned in her account of his Civil War experience with his older brother, Martin  
 Trapp, though no doubt the older brother did feel a responsibility for him. His marriage to  
 HARRIET PATCHETT is thought to have occurred in 1863.

It has been previously mentioned that she was the sister of MARY PATCHETT  
 who married his brother, Martin, and that the two families settled on adjoining farms at  
 Smokey Hollow, near Lysander, N.Y.

Edward died January 13, 1881. They had:

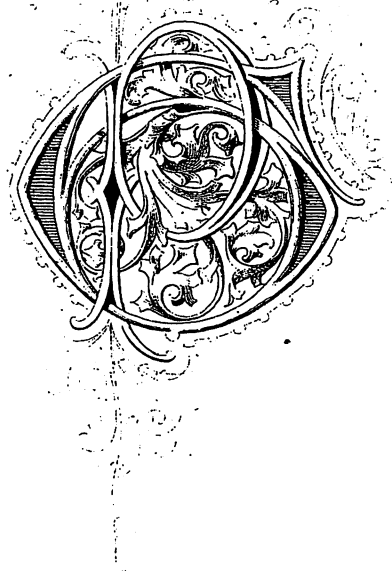
LOVELLA TRAPP, born Oct. 1864 was apparently unmarried in 1900.

FLORA B TRAPP

MARY VIOLA TRAPP

MAUDE TRAPP

EMMET TRAPP b. 1873 N.Y. In 1910 of Lysander pos. m. Miriam Suellen 40 b.Italy



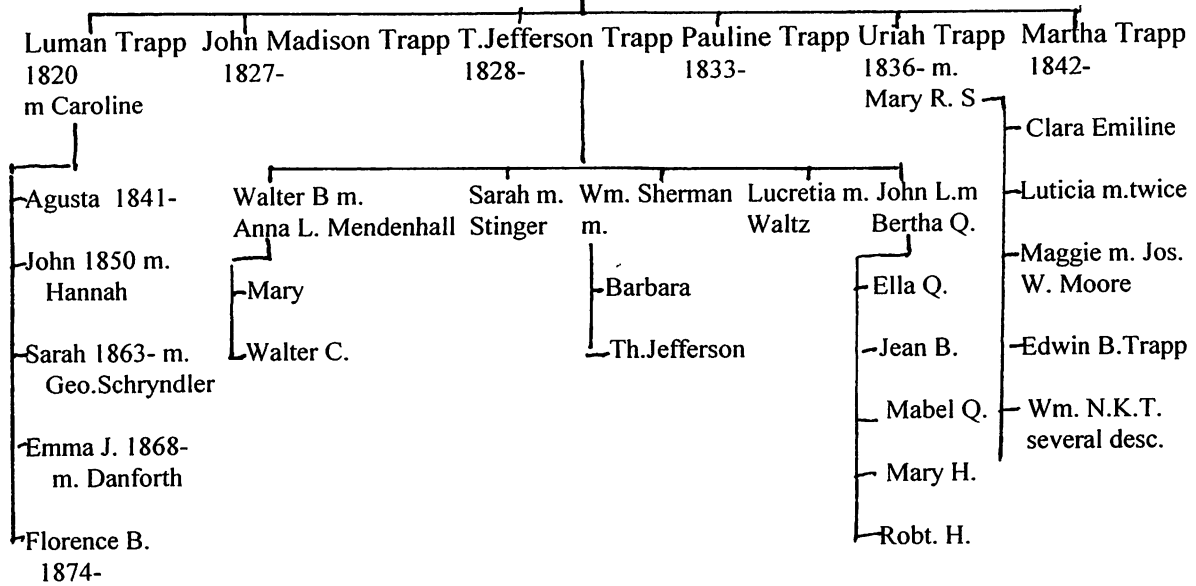


Chapter XI

Kasey Trapp (1740?)

James Trapp (1760)

JUSTUS ODELL (1795) & JOHANNA TRAPP



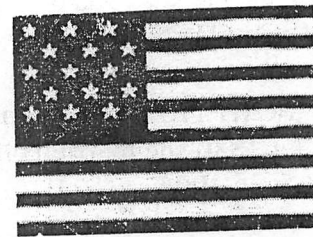
## Chapter XI

## Descendants of Justus Odell &amp; Johanna Trapp



JUSTIS ODELL TRAPP, likely the namesake of JONATHAN ODELL ( his father's friend who testified in James behalf when he applied for a pension from the War) was born October 14. 1784 in Ulster County, New York.

He enlisted from Ulysses, NY in the war of 1812 and served under DAVIS in SWIFT'S detachment of the 1st Regiment of NY Militia and later with his brother,



URIAH TRAPP in McMahan's Regiment. Odell would later be promoted to Ensign

By 1819 he was married to JOHANNA BARTHOLOMEW, born in 1796. Their household was recorded in Ulysses from 1830 through 1850. They are said to have lived near Frog Point on Cayuga Lake, where Odell made the transition from cooper to wagon maker.

Odell died May 6, 1870 of diabetes. Johanna died May 20, 1881 of congestion of the lungs. Both are buried at Trumanburg, N.Y. They had

LUMAN - JN.MADISON - T.JEFFERSON - PAULINE - URIAH - MARTHA

March 10, 1835 Odell acquired half of Lot #19 in Ulysses from JAMES & MARGARET SILL. He acquired the other half Feb. 7, 1837 from JOHN & MARY LEWIS. ALFRED WELLS, clerk.

LUMAN TRAPP was born about 1820, likely near Ulysses, N.Y. He acquired property in Ulysses from his parents in 1838. He married first about 1840 CAROLINE, born about 1823.. In 1850 Luman was stated to have been a black-smith and wagon maker and living with them was CHARLES SWISSY, a carriage maker.

In 1880 Luman was 60, married to HELEN age 47. They resided at 41 Mill Ithaca

AGUSTA M. TRAPP was born about 1841, likely in Ithaca, N.Y. She was age 9 in 1850.

JOHN TRAPP was born in 1850 probably in Ithaca, N.Y. Sometime after 1880 he married HANNAH M.

SARAH TRAPP was born about 1863, likely by Luman's second wife. Sometime after 1880 she married GEORGE SCHRYNDLER and was residing in Green, N.Y. in 1908.

EMMA J. TRAPP was born about 1868, likely in Ithaca, N.Y. She married Mr. DANFORTH.

FLORENCE B. TRAPP was born about 1874, probably in Ithaca, N.Y. She was age four in 1880.

JOHN MADISON TRAPP was born about 1827 in New York. One source reported that he migrated to Des Moines, Iowa , apparently of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa , Genesis township, with MARGARET TRAPP in 1870. Mrs. Eliza Sears in a letter to Mr. Fred Trapp of Dryden, N.Y. in 1912 states:

Odell had two sons: Jefferson & Madison. Madison came to Syracuse on business when father was a small boy - he thinks about 10 or 12. Madison mentioned his father telling him to hunt up Uncle Abraham and go see him before he came home and he made him promise that Abraham should come see his father. They were poor people, but they worked hard and got grandfather a new suit of clothes and fixed him up to go to Tompkins County, where he made a visit of three weeks duration.

THOMAS JEFFERSON TRAPP was born October 18, 1834. He was a blacksmith of Ithaca, New York and married to JANE LUGER, a few years younger, and also a native of N.Y. A grand-daughter, ELIZABETH TRAPP of Sacramento in 1971 stated that he had been a cooper of Watertown, N.Y. Jane was apparently deceased by 1900 when he was living alone in Williamsport, Pa., aged 75, By 1910 age 85, his daughter LUCRETIA WALTZ resided with him. They had:



WALTER BRADLEY- SARAH E. - WILLIAM SHERMAN - LUCRETIA - JOHN LUGER

WALTER BRADLEY TRAPP Sept. 16, 1850 in NY, d, Aug. 9, 1976 m. ANNA LOUISA MENDENHALL

WALTER C. TRAPPE b ca 1876 m. HELEN SUNDERLAND b. ca 1874  
MARY TRAPPE

SARAH E. TRAPPE b. ca 1855 m. STINGER

WILLIAM SHERMAN TRAPP b. Nov. 29, 1856 d, Dec. 10, 1915

BARBARA TRAPPE

THOMAS JEFFERSON TRAPP m.

JOHN L. TRAPP m.

Thomas Trappe

Carleton Trappe

Walter B. Trappe Sept. 9, 1894 - May 1976

Lucretia Trappe

William S. Trappe

Bertha Alice Trapp b. Jan 30, 1892 m. HOWARD BERND b. Aug. 31, 1894-Oct. 1905. of Boothyn, Pa in 1921 *Schwenkenfelder Families*

SHERMAN TRAPPE b. ca 1896, Pa.

LUCRETIA TRAPP m. WALTZ

AMY WALTZ m. EISENMENGER

JANE WALTZ m. VANDERCHEK

NETTIE VANDERCHEK Dec. 31, 1892- Jan. 1984

JOHN LUGER TRAPP Sept. 9, 1860 -Dec. 13, 1926 m. BERTHA ALICE QUAY

ELLA QUAY TRAPP March 15, 1892- June 9, 1912 m. 1. RAYMOND L. BUTLER,  
m.2 EDWARD PETERS

BOBBY PETERS

DONNA PETERS

JEAN BERND TRAPPE m. HARRY WILLIAM HANNIGAN

NANCY ELAINE HANNIGAN

JOHN THOMAS HANNIGAN

BARBARA JEAN HANNIGAN

(children of JOHN LUGER & BERTHA ALICE TRAPP continued)

THOMAS ALBERT TRAPP Oct.29, 1889 - Jan. 1965 m. RUHANNAH SHAW

BERTHA ALICE TRAPP Jan. 30,1892 - Oct. 1965 m. HOWARD P. BERND

JOHN WALTER TRAPP m. 1 HELEN LINDGREN & m. 2 CAROLINE LORD

MABEL QUAY TRAPP m. 1. FRANK CORREA b. May 2, 1895 - Jan. 27, 1987 (She  
m. 2. CHARKES PITCHER m. 3. OTTO RICHARD WINNE

HELEN CORREA m. HAROLD A. WONDELECK

JEREMY WONDELECK

HAROLD F. WONDELECK m PAM R. ROBERTS

Nicole Wondeleck

Jason Wondeleck

Allison Wondeleck

JOHN THOMAS WONDELECK m. NANCY McNALLY

Jeffrey Wondeleck

Robyn Wondeleck

P. RUDY WONDELECK m. 1 DEBRA MATHIASON by whom he had the  
first two listed below. m. 2 KELLY TAYLOR by whom he had the last to listed.

Mathew Wondeleck

Jennifer Wondeleck

Ayon Wondeleck

Marisa Wondeleck

JULIA M. WONDELECK m. STEVEN YAFFEE

Anne Yaffee

Catherine Yaffee

DAVID ANTHONY WONDELECK June 2, 1957 - Nov. 23, 1957

J. MATTHEW WONDELECK m. STEPHANIE KING

Emily Wondeleck

Janice Wondeleck

ROBERT ARTHUR WONDELECK m. KATHY TUCKER

Henry Wondeleck

Audrey Wondeleck

JOHN TRAPPE CORREA June 8, 1927 - Oct. 8, 1950

MARY HALL TRAPP April 27, 1903- March 12, 1980 m EDWELL D. JORDON

MARY ELIZABETH JORDON m. ARTHUR JOHN KREIENSIEK (Aug.1, 1923 -  
Aug. 3, 1991)

RONALD ARTHUR KREIENSIEK

Eric Phillip Kreiensiek

Kimberly Deanne Kriensiek

KATHERINE ELIZABETH KREIENSIEK Sept 7-14, 1950 8 days

PARTICA J. KREIENSIEK m FRANK DELLAGIUSTINA

Theresa Jane Dellagiustina

Natalie Dellagiustina

DAVID JOHN KREIENSIEK m. THERESA RENE BURGESS

Sandra Rene Kreiensiek

JACQUELINE L. JORDON Aug. 31-Oct 11 1963 m. SHERMAN M. NASH

GLENN SHERMAN NASH m. DIANA L. HERMS

GLEN SHERMAN NASH m. DIANA L. HERMS  
 Michael Sherman Nash  
 BARBARA L. NASH m. STEPHEN L. STRANN  
 Nicholas Lee Strann

ROBERT HOWARD TRAPPE b. Aug. 16, 1908 m. 1st. BERNICE BLACK and 2nd  
 F. WOLVERT  
 JANE LOUISE TRAPPE m. CHARLES STIVERS

PAULINE TRAPP, daughter of ODELL & JOHANNA was born in NY about 1833. She  
 remained in her father's household in 1850.

URIAH TRAPP was born in NY in 1836 and likely remained in Tompkins County as late as  
 1860. He married about 1857 ROSETTA SMITH ( b. in Ohio March 19, 1836 d. April 20, 1918  
 in Iowa). They lived for a time in Pennsylvania. but were in Iowa by 1870, in Warren County,  
 Otter twp. by 1880. They had Clara E., Luticia S., Maggie F., Edwin Buggler- William Nelson  
 Kraft.:

CLARA EMALINE TRAPP Feb.5, 1851-January 14, 1859

LUTICIA S. TRAPP Sept.13, 1859-May 23, 1888. m.1. H.J. BLOOD, m.2. HENRY MARSH

MAGGIE F. TRAPP Jan.9, 1866 - 1895. m. JOSEPH MOORE

COLEEN TRAPP m. HARRY BICKSLER (Feb. 26, 1888 - Feb. 26, 1966)  
 CHRISTINE BICKSLER  
 SHARON BICKSLER  
 SANDRA BICKSLER

EDWIN (EDDIE) BUGLER TRAPP b. 1871 Iowa -Jan. 8m 1914

WILLIAM NELSON KRAFT TRAPP Aug. 27, 1895 - Aug. 1, 1935 m. SARAH ISSA  
 DOUGLAS

EDWIN STEWART TRAPP Aug. 12, 1893 - Dec. 17, 1914

GLENN ERRINGTON TRAPP Aug. 27, 1895 - Jan. 11, 1945 m. 1. RUTHCOZETTE  
 CLINE

PHYLLIS RUTH TRAPP m. ROYAL MARVIN EPPARD (April 5, 1914-  
 Feb.27, 1997)

Janet Eileen Eppard

Dennis Lee Eppard m. with a daughter

SONJA JEAN TRAPP m. CHANG had a son and 2 daughters

Glenn Errington Trapp m. 2. MABEL FOOR

MARY HELEN TRAPP

WILLIAM E. TRAPP b. 192? m. SHIRLEY NICHOLS

Diane Trapp

David Trapp

Gary Trapp

BARBARA ANN TRAPP Nov.6, 1924 - Jan. 18, 1925

Glenn Errington Trapp m. 3rd BLANCH McCLUNG\

FRED TRAPP

FLORENCE PAULINE TRAPP, d.o. Wm. N.K & Sara A.I Trapp) m. ROBERT HENRY RIEHM

RICHARD BRUCE RIEHM m. DONNA SUE KING

Robert Bruce Riehm m. Tammy

RBM m. 2 Julie

Jessica Riehm

Rachel Elizabeth Riehm

Timothy Riehm

Abigale Marie Riehm

Linda Sue Riehm. m. Randal B. Probst

Randal Bruce Probst Oct. 2, 1947-Nov. 1988 m. Susette

Daniel

Nathan Kyle Probst

Elsie Gabriele Probst

Tessa Victoria Probst

LSRB m.2. Douglas Thomas Trudel

Katherine Marie Trudel

WILMA JEAN TRAPP 1924-1928

EDWIN B. TRAPP Nov. 14, 1925 - Feb/ 5. 1926

ESTER GAIL TRAPP Apr. 25, 1929-May 28, 1929

G. ERRINGTON TRAPP m.3 BLANCHE McCLUNG

FRED TRAPP

HOBART DOUGLAS TRAPP Nov.16, 1896 - Jan. 1986 m. LENA EDWARDS

HOYLE TRAPP 1898 - d.1898

WILMA ADA TRAPP Oct. 31, 1906 - Sept. 1959 m. JOHN MULLINS

ARVID WILLIAM TRAPP Jan 30, 1909 - July 8, 1891 m. FERN

WALTER TRAPP

PHILLIP TRAPP 1911-1911

MARTHA TRAPP daughter of JUSTUS ODELL & JOHANNA TRAPP b. about 1842. Resided near  
Ulysses, New York.

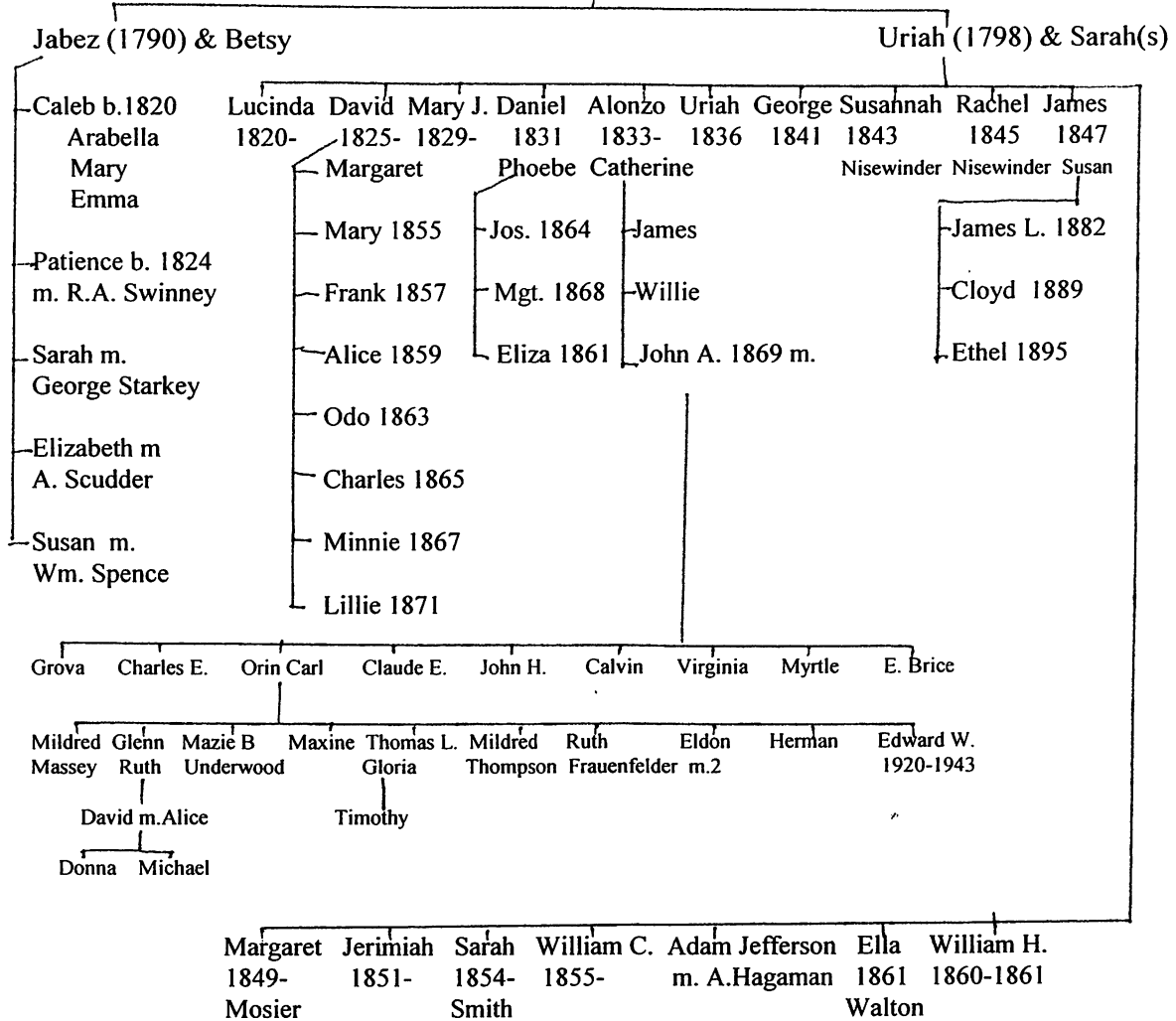




Outline of Chapter XII

Kasey Trapp 1740-

James Trapp 1760-



## Chapter XII

### On to Ohio

Jabez, son of James is thought to have been born in the 1790's in or near Montgomery, N.Y. As a young man he served in the war of 1812 in the 10th Regiment of the New York Militia, under the command of COL. BLOOM..



He married BETSY soon afterward and they migrated westward to Genoa, N.Y. in Cayuga County where their household was recorded in 1820; apparently with three sons and a daughter, all under age 10.

They had moved to Lansing and the family had increased by 1830 with another son and three additional daughters. . It is suspected that Jabez died not long afterward, for in 1840 Betsy appears as head of the household. Shortly after, it seems that the family migrated probably with relatives to Ohio. The following are believed to have been their children:

CALEB L. - PATIENCE - SARAH ANN - ELIZABETH - SUSANNAH

CALEB L. TRAPP was born in New York about 1820. By 1850 he was married to JULIA A., a native of Ohio, who could hardly have been more than sixteen at the time. She died the next year, April 22, 1851 age 17 years - 1 month- 16 days, having given him a daughter, Mary, the previous year.

He married secondly about 1855, HENRIETTA, also a native of Ohio who bore him at least two daughters and they were still residing in Warren County, Ohio, where Caleb was recorded as a stone-mason in 1860. Henrietta's fate is not known.

Caleb had remarried for a third time to a MS. RHODES by the 1880s when he next appeared in Dade County, southern Florida. He is credited with starting the first public school in the area, soon to become Coconut Grove, a name that seems to have pre-dated Miami, though it would later be a part of Miami.

His wife is reported to have been the first person to pass the test for teachers there, and became one of the first public school teachers. South Bay Shore Drive, formerly *Rhodes Boulevard*, was named for her family. *Trapp Avenue* near there was named in honor of Caleb.

Caleb Trapp, an aging stone-mason, was estimated to have been age 70 in 1887 when he and his son Harlan built the Trapp home on two and one-half acres. Actually the 1850 and 1860 census returns of Ohio, indicating that he was born in 1820, he was not quite age 70.

From the first the house was an attention-getter, being constructed of stone at a time when all other homes were framed - wooden ones. *Caleb's Trapp Avocados* seem to have enjoyed local fame for several years as they were shipped to hotels that became resorts. C. L. Trapp - no doubt Caleb - owned eighty acres south of Miami, assigned to avocados.

Caleb no doubt eventually became too old to continue as a stone-mason, but apparently the good life continued for some time. He was one of the eight founding members of the Coconut Grove Yacht Club as real estate values, over all continued to climb. The portions of their lot that they sold were exclusive. The heir to the Beechnut Chewing Gum estate built his mansion on part of it.

But nothing lasts forever, and worse times were ahead. Apparently for a time the neighborhood values declined and the Trapp home deteriorated for years, before finally being placed on the National Register in 1994. The hurricane, Katrina is reported to have seriously damaged the roof of the main structure in 2005, but the property having been acquired by VICTOR & LISA MENDELSSOHN, there now are plans to restore it with the help of the architect RICHARD HEISENBOTTLE. And prices of real-estate in the neighborhood again seem on the rise. A three-bedroom house on Trapp Avenue is currently (2008) being offered for sale for nearly \$800,000.

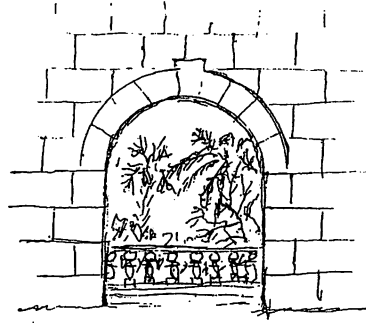
Caleb had the following:

MARY TRAPP ( by 1st wife, Julia) born in 1850, in Ohio. Living in 1860.

EMMA TRAPP (by 2nd wife, Henrietta ) born about 1856 in Ohio. Living in 1860

ARABELLA TRAPP (by 2nd wife, Henrietta) (living in 1860)

(continued)



HARLAN TRAPP, presumably born by 1870, place unknown, married about 1895 MINNIE B., a native of Iowa, authoress of *My Pioneer Reminiscences* (1907), of which is reported in the Special Collections Division of the University of Miami Libraries. Her words were summarized by some source on the Internet:

When a native Iowan, MINNIE TRAPP traveled to South Florida with her new husband, HARLAN TRAPP, she described the setting this way: *It was wild country. the atmosphere was humid. Mosquitoes by the hundreds buzzed around and caused great discomfort even the smallest amount of sunbath.*

Dispite the discomfort, though, she and her family stayed in the area . . . for the beauty of the tropical sunset over lush foliage helped her overcome her reluctance.

HARLAN TRAPP shared the Avocado supplying with his father and Minnie's *Reminiscence* is reported to tell of socializing with entrepreneurs.

PATIENCE TRAPP, daughter of Jabez & Betsy Trapp, was born May 24, 1824 in Tompkins Co. N.Y. She married at Rossburg, Warren Co. Ohio October 18, 1841 ~~RESE GILLETTE STEVENS~~ TACY SWINNEY of Indiana (*Sharpless Family*, William Cope et.al. 1887). They had:

LORINDA PECKHAM SWINNEY b. Feb. 19, 1844 Delaware In. m. at Poston April 29,

~~LEOPOLD~~ EPHRAIM STEVENS, s. o. JONATHAN & HARRIET (DAY) STEVENS:

EMMA ETTA STEVENS

MARY ELIZABETH STEVENS

~~LOUISIANA~~

REESE GILLETTE STEVENS

MARY ELLEN SWINNEY b. Aug. 8, 1846 m. RICHARD SIMSTIDE of Greensburg, Indiana. They had:

CORA SIMSTIDE

CLARA SIMSTIDE

DANIEL WEBSTER SWINNEY b. June 4, 1848 m. April 11, 1868 ~~RESE GILLETTE~~

SALVERS of Marion, In. They had:

NANCY EVILINE SWINNEY

~~LESTER ANN~~ ANN SWINNEY

PATIENCE SWINNEY

JERIMIAH SWINNEY

SARAH ELIZABETH SWINNEY b. Oct. 1, 1855 m. Aug. 10, 1875 ~~RESE GILLETTE~~

JOHN CORBY SWINNEY b. April 30, 1857 m. July 16, 1879 NANCY J. MOORE of Sidney, Ill. They had:

~~LESTER ANN~~ LUKANE SWINNEY

MARY PEARL SWINNEY

SARAH ANN TRAPP b. 182? m. GEORGE W. STARKER April 18, 1842 ~~RESE GILLETTE~~

ELIZABETH TRAPP b. 182? m. ALFRED SCUDDER March 12, 1844 at Warren Co. Ohio. ~~It is thought to have been the son or grandson of ALFRED SCUDDER, b. Feb. 17, 1771 who m. in Warren Co. Ohio Sept. 12, 1822 MARGARET CODDINGTON.~~

SUSANNAH TRAPP b. 182? m. WILLIAM SPENCE Aug. 18, 1845 at Warren Co. Ohio

*(Nothing more is known of the descendants of JABEZ & BETSY TRAPP)*

URIAH TRAPP is thought to have been the youngest son of James, the Revolutionary War Soldier, and therefore born in Ulster Co. N.Y. about 1798. The facts pattern the tradition of the father sending each son into the wilderness at age 21 to earn his fortune

Uriah appears to have gone farther before he stopped. He is almost certainly the first person of his surname to reach Ohio, receiving land in Wayne County as early as 1822. Somewhere in Pennsylvania along the way he married SARAH. We are indebted to Mrs. Bartholomew for her insight in identifying Sarah as the daughter of D.SNARLS, who was buried in the Munson Cemetery, Medina Co. Ohio. Likely they named their first born son after her father. Sarah Snarls Trapp apparently died in 1841.

Uriah married secondly March 24, 1842 in Wayne Co. Ohio, SARAH KRONTZ, the daughter of PHILLIP & SUSAN A KRONTZ, also natives of Pennsylvania. She was considerably younger than Uriah. Her grave, by Uriah gives her dates 1820-1894.

Listed in their household in 1860 was 18 year old ELIZA BILLINGS, who later that year bore him a son.

DAVID S. - MARY J. - DANIEL - ALONZO - URIA H. - GEORGE - SUSANNAH - RACHEL - JAMES - MARGARET - JERIMIAH - SARAH C. - WILLIAM C. - ADAM J. - WILLIAM H.

DAVID S. TRAPP was born mid-August, 1825 in Pennsylvania. By 1850 he was a saddler and married to MARGARET, a native Ohioan age 20. by Aug. 10, when his age was given as 24. They were recorded a week later, apparently a difficult one. David was a year older and Margaret was 22.

They left Ohio during the mid-1850's, being apparently in Indiana in 1855. By 1859 they were in Dodge, Minnesota, Mantor County, where David prospered as a farmer. Margaret was only 26. By 1880 they were in Cerro Gordo County Iowa, Genis township. Margaret was 47. They had: .

MARY - FRANK - ALICE - ODO - CHARLES - MINNIE - LILLIE - MARY J.

## Children of DAVID S. &amp; MARGARET TRAPP

MARY TRAPP was born about 1851 in Ohio. She was age 9 in Minnesota in 1860.

FRANK TRAPP was born in Indiana in 1855. Apparently died young.

FRANK TRAPP was born in Minnesota in 1857 and was age 23 in Iowa in 1880. apparently unmarried.

ALICE TRAPP was born about 1859 in Minnesota and age 1 in 1860o

ODO TRAPP was born in Minnesota in 1863 and was age 17 in Iowa in 1880.

CHARLES TRAPP was born about 1865 in Minnesota and was age 15 in Iowa in 1880.

MINNIE TRAPP was born about 1867 in Minnesota and was 13 in Iowa in 1880.

LILLIE TRAPP was born about 1871 in Iowa, likely in Derry Gordo County where in 1880 she was age 9.

MARY J. TRAPP, daughter of Uriah & Sarah, was born about 1829 in Ohio, and died age 19. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

DANIEL TRAPP, born in Ohio about 1830 in 1850 was stated to have been a farmer attending school. In spite of slight discrepancies, he is believed to have been identical with DANIEL TRAPP, born Ohio, age 61 of Whiteside Co. Portland township in 1880, who was married to PHEBE, age 38 born in Pennsylvania. Daniel Trapp, born February 1828 in Ohio was an inmate in a home for soldiers and sailors in Illinois in 1900.

JOSEPH TRAPP born about 1864 in Illinois was age 16 in 1880

MARGARET TRAPP was born about 1868 in Illinois and was age 12 in 1880

ELIZA TRAPP was born about 1870 in Illinois, and was age 9 in 1880.

ALONZO TRAPP was born In December 1833 in Wayne Co. Ohio and was taking time from farming to attend school as late as 1850. He married in Wayne Co. Sept. 19, 1859 CATHERINE BENSINGER, born Nov. 1837 and they were recorded in 1860 in Medina County, Harrisonville township, the closest post office being Lodi.

Alonzo served during the Civil War which after December 7, 1911 provided him a pension.

By 1900 they were of Wadsworth Township, Medina County, which stated that Alonzo's parents were natives of New York, and Catherine's parents were natives of Pennsylvania.

Alonzo died in 1914. Catherine died in 1824, Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Medina Co. Ohio. They had:

JOHN A. - WILLIE - JAMES A.

JOHN A. TRAPP was born in May 1860 in Ohio. He lived with his Uncle James in 1880 to attend school. About 1884 he married MARY MARIA KEIM, born June 1864 in Ohio. In 1900 they were renting a farm in Harrison Township, Medina County. They had been married 16 years and all seven of their children were living. Maria died in 1914. John A. died Oct. 26, 1918. They Had:

GROVA M. TRAPP was born in Ohio Sept. 1885. He is reported to have married and had 3 children.

CHARLES E. TRAPP was born Sept. 12, 1887 in Ohio and was attending school in 1900.

ORIN CARL TRAPP was born Sept. 12, 1889 in Ohio and married Sept. 7, 1916 MUNZIE P. CLINKER, born 1896. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Harrisville, Township. They had:

MILDRED TRAPP m. HOWARD A. MASSEY and had:

KEITH A. MASSEY m. DIANA JO MOULFORD and had:

TIMOTHY ALLEN MASSEY

TINA MARIE MASSEY

TIFFANY MAE MASSEY

ALLEN RAY MASSEY m. DONNA D. SAYLER

ELLEN RAY MASSIE m. SYLVIA BARON CONKLIN

GLENN TRAPP m. RUTH SILL and had:

DAVID GLEN TRAPP m. ALICE MEEK and had:

DONNA TRAPP

MICHAEL TRAPP

Daughter

MAZIE BERNICE TRAPP m. JOHN UNDERWOOD and had:

DEBORA UNDERWOOD

ALLEN DEAN UNDERWOOD

TERRY UNDERWOOD

MAXINE TRAPP

THOMAS E. TRAPP m. GLORIA JEAN SAYDER HOXWIRTH and had:

TIMOTHY EUGENE TRAPP

MILDRED TRAPP m. CARL THOMPSON and had:

JOHN A. THOMPSON m. FAITH MARIE

LYNN THOMPSON m. SHANNON BLOUGHTON

PATRICA THOMPSON

ALICE MARIE THOMPSON

ANN LOUISE THOMPSON

LESLIE EUGEN THOMPSON

LINDA MAE THOMPSON

MARY TRAPP m. RONALD DUDICK

CARL TRAPP m. FAE LAUBY

WILMA JEAN TRAPP m. DONALD J. McFARLAND and had;

SCOTT McFARLAND

SHELLY K. McFARLAND

GWENDOLYN TRAPP



Carl & Fae concluded)  
 ROBERT CARL TRAPP  
 RICHARD ALLEN TRAPP  
 WANDA JOY TRAPP  
 RUTH TRAPP m. WILLIAM ROSE FRAUNFELTER  
 KAREN SUE FRAUNFELTER  
 SHARON ANN FRAUNFELTER  
 CHERYL LYNN FRAUNFELTER  
 ELDON ARTHUR TRAPP b. 1935 Sgt. US Marine Corp m. 1st ANNA  
 PAULINE DWARER and m. 2nd EDNA A. BLACKBURN.  
 HERMAN TRAPP, possibly Herman A. Trapp of Salem, Ohio in recent  
 years.

CLAUDE E. TRAPP, son of John A. & Mary, was born August 1891 in Ohio.  
 He married FLOSSIE RINGLER, b. March 3, 1895, the daughter of FRANK &  
 CORA MAE (GARA) RINGLER. Flossie died Jan. 9, 1958. He died July 9,  
 1963 at West Salem, Ohio. Both are buried in Woodlawn, Medina Co.

JOHN TRAPP apparently died young

CALVIN B. TRAPP was born August 1895 in Ohio and was age 5 in 1900.

VIRGINIA TRAPP was believed to have married and had 8 children.  
 Was possibly the daughter, Flossie b. July 1898

MYRTLE TRAPP married CHARLES SHEETZ and had:  
 ROBERT SHEETZ

E. BRICE TRAPP 1895-1968 is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. Nearby is  
 EVELYN C. TRAPP 1898-1969  
 EDWARD W. TRAPP 1920-1943

WILLIE TRAPP

JAMES A. TRAPP

URIAH TRAPP, son of URIAH & SARAH was born about 1836 in Ohio. The *Record of California men in the War of Rebellion 1861-1865* lists Uriah Trapp of Ohio.

JAMES TRAPP was born August 1847 in Ohio, likely in Wayne Co. He married SUSAN HAGAMAN, b. Oct. 1855. Their household in Congress Township in 1880 included his mother SARAH TRAPP age 58, MAUDE ARCHER, "grand-daughter" age 5, and DAVID McCAULEY age 64. By 1900 they were of Ashland Co. Montgomery Township and had three children of their own, all living. James was a stone mason, literate and owned his own home. They had:

JAMES L. TRAPP was born August 1882 and at 16 was a painter who attended school.

CLOYD B. TRAPP was born April 1889 in Ohio and was attending school in 1900.

ETHEL R. TRAPP was born August 1895 in Ohio. Was age 5 in 1900

MARGARET TRAPP was born about 1849 in Ohio. She married April 26, 1865  
GEORGE MOSIER.

JERIMIAH TRAPP was born in 1851 in Ohio. He was unmarried in 1880 and residing  
with his brother JAMES.

SARAH CATHERINE TRAPP was born about 1854 and was attending school as late as  
1870. She married WILLIAM H. H. SMITH.

WILLIAM C. TRAPP was born in 1855 in Ohio and died October 1861 He is buried in  
the Munson Cemetery, Harrisonville Township, Medina Co.

ELLA TRAPP was born ca 1861 and married a MR. WALTON.

WILLIAM H. TRAPP, son of Uriah and Eliza Billings, was born in 1860 and died the  
next year. He is buried in the Munson Cemetery. Medina Co. Ohio.

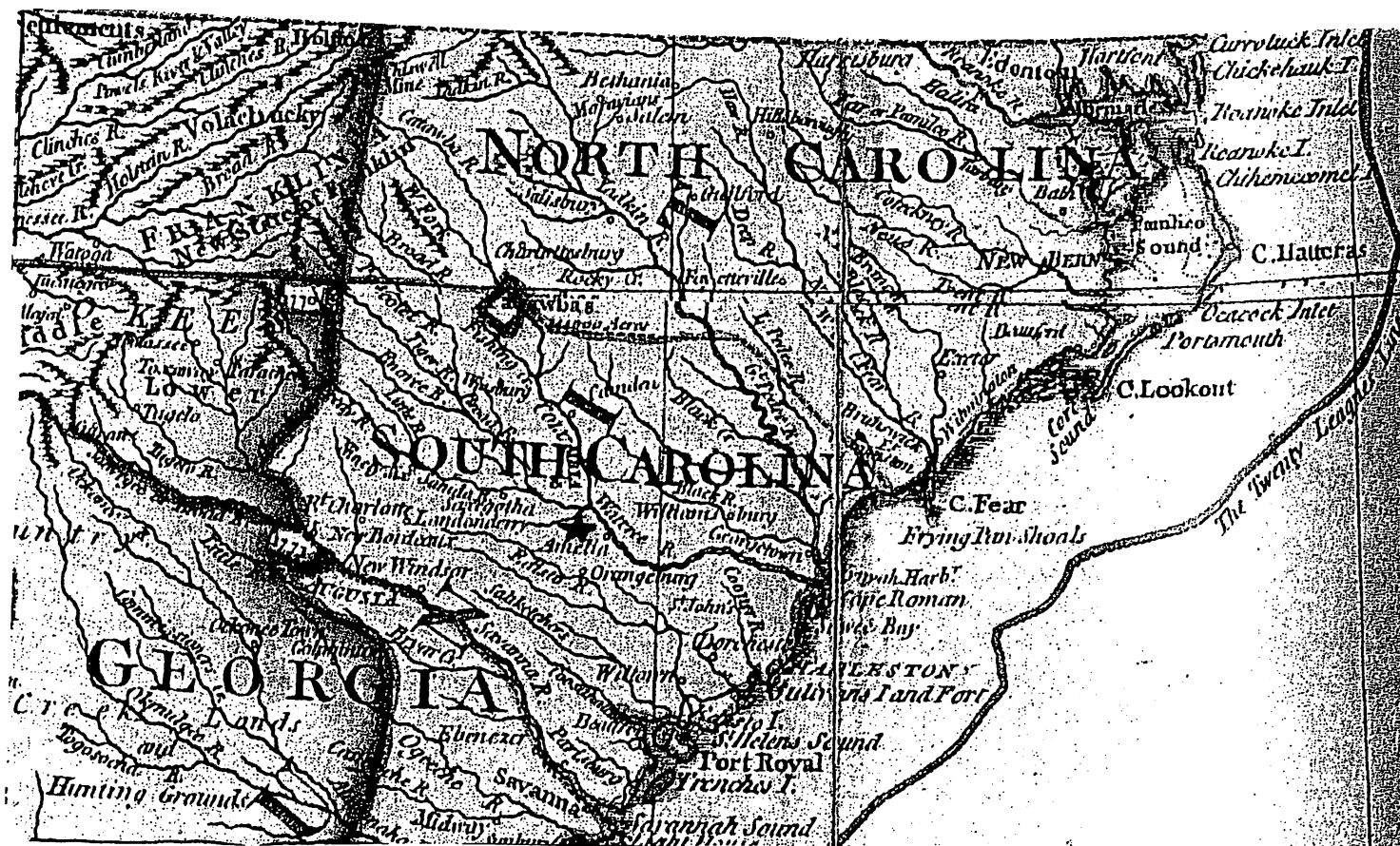
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Likely related:

JACOB TRAPP'S household was near URIAH TRAPP'S in Congress Township, Wayne Co. Ohio in 1830

GEORGE TRAPP'S first known son GEORGE WASHINGTON TRAPP was born in Ohio, and died in  
Indiana in 1847 leaving descendants there.

## From CONNECTICUT to FAIRFIELD, SOUTH CAROLINA



In the early 1760's, THOMAS and WILLIAM Trapp would almost certainly have traveled by ship from Connecticut to the mouth of the Wateree River, seen here just north of Charleston, S.C. As time-consuming as travel on the inland streams could be, it is likely that most of the rest of the journey - if not all - would have been made in a smaller boat to what became known as "Trapp's branch of Cedar Creek" - not illustrated, but located in the vicinity of the star (★) drawn in the approximate middle of the map.

Though some trails had expanded into primitive roads by the time of this 1785 map more than twenty years later, none were considered significant enough to be indicated. Roads would not compete with rivers and streams for some time to come. Even as late as 1800, if cousin ELISHA TRAPP, who died on passage from S.C. to New York returning to Norwich, Ct. Sept. 11, 1800 - if Elisha had visited in Fairfield, S.C., he had likely followed much of the same route of the 1760's.

Thomas and William of Fairfield County, S.C. were most fortunate in surviving and establishing families. Other family members from Norwich, Ct. were not. A cousin, THOMAS TRAPP, who left Norwich in late winter or early spring of 1785 died in North Carolina April 17, 1788. His son, WILLIAM TRAPP, born at Norwich in 1751 also died in North Carolina less than four months later, August 5, 1788 and is buried in the Methodist Cemetery at Elizabethtown, N.C.

Unlike William of Fairfield, Thomas received no Royal Grant of Land, but nevertheless settled on adjoining land to William "on Trapp's Branch of Cedar Creek". This property would be surveyed for him in 1799 and granted June 16, 1800.

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# THE STATE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, greeting.

**K**NOW YE, That in pursuance of an act of the legislature, entitled, "an act for establishing the mode of granting the lands now vacant in this state, and for allowing a commutation to be received for some lands that have been granted," passed the 19th day of February, 1791; We have granted, and by these Presents do grant unto *Thomas Trapp his*

heirs and assigns, a plantation or tract of land, containing

*four hundred and eighty-two acres or more*  
*for him the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 1799* situate  
in the District of Camden Fairfield-  
County on the Drains of Cedar Creek waters  
of Broad River bounded by a line running  
S 4° by John Smiths land, the land of John  
Williamson S 8° to Unknown S 16° by  
William Trapp

having such shape, form and marks as are represented by a plat hereunto annexed, together with all woods, trees, waters, water-courses, profits, commodities, appurtenances and hereditaments whatsoever thereunto belonging, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of *four hundred and eighty-two* acres of land and all and singular other the premises hereby granted unto the said *Thomas Trapp his* heirs and assigns for ever, in free and common socage.

Given under the Great Seal of the State.

WITNESS <sup>Honore</sup> ~~his Excellency~~ *John M. S. Brayton* ~~Esquire~~ Governor and  
Commander in chief in and over the said state, at Columbia, this *seventh*  
day of *July* Anno Domini, one thousand *eight hundred*  
and of the sovereignty and independence of the United  
States of America the *twenty-fifth*

*John L. M. S. Brayton*

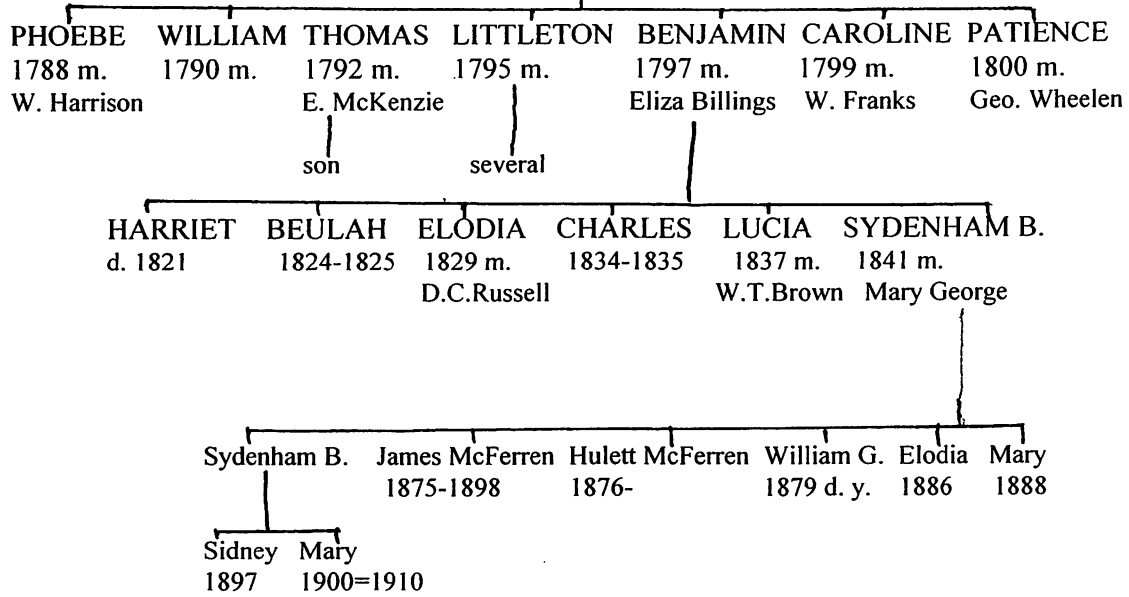
And hath hereunto a plat thereof annexed, representing the same, certified by

*John M. S. Brayton* Surveyor-General.  
*16 June 1799*

For Chapter XIII  
 Thomas (1634) & Mary Trapp  
 Samuel (1676) & Thankful Trapp  
 Samuel (1717) & Phoebe Trapp

Lt. Thomas Trapp (?1745)

Chronological Order and Birth Years are estimations.



## Chapter XIII

### Lt. Thomas Trapp & His Family

Thomas was likely born at his father's inn in Norwich, Ct. in the late 1740's or earliest 1750's. By 1765 William Trapp had received his first Royal Grant of Land in Craven County - soon to be Fairfield County - and if Thomas did not accompany him from the beginning, he joined him soon after.

Considering the danger they would face, it seems likely that they lived together for a short time on William's grant, but it did not take long before Thomas staked out his acreage on the other side of what was already known as "Trapp's Branch of Cedar Creek." Thomas felt the King's blessing was unnecessary and that "squatting" was an ample means to an undisputed title. He could protect his own.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GUESS, who made frequent mention of Thomas, leads us to conclude that Fairfield at the time was no place for weaklings. In his *South Carolina, Annals of Pride & Protest* (Harper Bros., New York, 1957) he quotes Anglican priest Father WOODMASON who was there at the time:

Rouges and robbers swarmed into the back country with honest pioneers and for many years preyed almost at will on isolated settlers. As Woodmason tirelessly named their depredations: they stole cattle and horses, broke up cowpens, turned families naked into the woods, plundered stores, "ravished married women",

“deflowered virgins” and committed other cruelties unheard of. He reports they sometimes put irons in the fire and burned the flesh of persons to make them confess where they concealed money” and on one occasion “They carried off about twenty of the finest girls in the country into the woods with them - and kept them for many months as their concubines in common among themselves til they grew past shame - and never could be brought back to a life of virtue.

Charleston was a long way off, and Thomas and William would be pretty much on their own, except for a few neighbors that they could trust.

The *Regulators* were organized to punish those guilty of criminal acts in their vicinity. Thomas quickly joined them. We do not know specifically what part he had in publicly whipping those that were guilty, or even burning down the houses of those that harbored thieves, but the situation was desperate, and the *Regulators* remained popular with the honest settlers.

Charleston would likely have preferred to know nothing about what went on at the frontier, but a number of the Regulators concluded that Charlestown, providing no services was due no taxes. Possibly if GOV. MONTAGU had sent more honorable men to collect the taxes, the reaction of the settlers might have been more restrained. The inevitable warrants for arrest that followed, were often torn up as they were presented, but eventually the opposing group, the *Moderators* captured RUDOLPH BUZZARD, one of the *Regulators*.

Thomas Trapp was among the five Regulators who then rushed to free Buzzard, but instead, were captured also. Their being marched to Charleston, imprisoned, tried and pardoned, as more evidence against the moderators was presented, was fully reported in the *Virginia Gazette* of 1769.

But the experience likely nurtured the love of Independence that culminated in

the War for Independence.

### **Thomas During the War**

Other than Thomas being recruited the same day and place as the later celebrated SGT. JASPER July 1, 1775 and that he did leave home to serve the following August 5th, we know nothing for certain of Thomas first enlistment. It is likely that he had a part in some or all of the nearby conflicts that occurred during his six-months enlistment, but his actions as a private are not documented as well as the later ones as he gained rank. The following happened during that time.

Tories captured amunition the Colonist were sending to secure the good will of the Indians in October 1775.

There was a siege at "96" in November 1775 and the Battle of the Canebreaks immediately followed.

The last opportunity for action during that enlistment would have been the "Snow Campaign" in North Carolina, in which the Colonist successfully opposed the Tories, but the march back to Fairfield through the 14 inch snow that fell took another toll. Though no evidence is known that Thomas had a part in that either, a marker in the Woodward Cemetery south east of Winnsboro, S.C. states that THOMAS WOODWARD did! Likely Woodward called on men he knew to be trustworthy. Thomas Trapp had served with him as a Regulator.

As action faded temporarily in the south, it heated up in New England. Thomas enlisted in the Connecticut First as a Corporal at the end of February 1777, and though he would be granted two furloughs during the nearly three year period, we know that he was on duty at the time of each occurrence. He then would have taken part in the Battle



## Thorntree, Facade

Image provided by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History



FAIRFIELD PLANTER'S HOMES that pre-date the Revolutionary War.

Nothing specific is known of the plantation house located on Thorntree Creek that Lt. Thomas Trapp acquired from the Craig family right after the war.

We can not assume that it had the pleasingly-balanced proportions of its neighbor, *Thorntree* (above) for in my own semi-humble opinion, *Thorntree* is the winner in that respect. But the houses of that time and place - including the two homes of the Trapp family - have so many characteristics in common that a stereotype is likely to describe it.

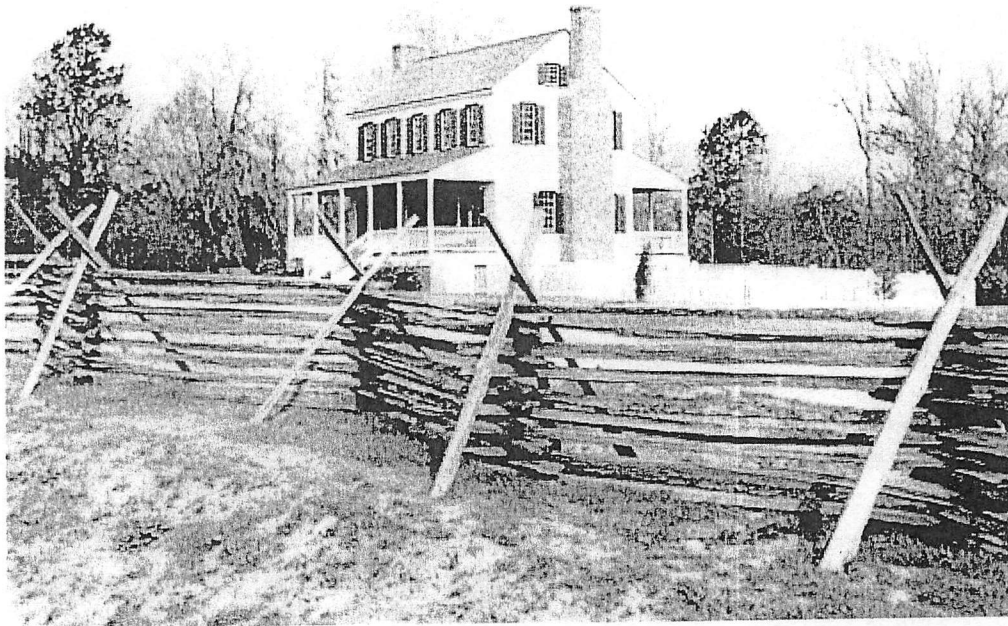
It sat along the crest of the creek's bank surrounded by a picket fence, and was built on piers just in case of backwater and to make it less accessible for prowling animals or snakes. Until recent years, the cold winter winds that blew all about the house, including underneath it, were simply tolerated and even if all four fireplaces were used simultaneously, the degree of comfort taken for granted today would not have been achieved.

The inviting front porch ran the entire width of the house, and an identical back porch added symmetry and at the same time assured the house would be as cool as possible in summer. The house being only one room thick with open windows on three sides and a connecting door between the two first floor rooms (symmetrically placed doors if the two rooms were separated by a hall) would benefit in summer from a breeze from any direction. More often than not, there were only two bed-rooms upstairs; each with a fireplace that was certain to be used in time of sickness at least.

A separate kitchen out back, often the log-house the family had first built on the property would actually have been a more comfortable place in winter, and would have reduced the chance of fire destroying the main house.

*Thorntree* was built in 1749 by JAMES WITHERSPOON who died shortly before the War. It is unknown if GAVIN WITHERSPOON was a willing host to the many Tories and 100 British Dragoons who camped there in 1780, for it is reported that altogether there were 9 Colonial soldiers of that surname in the War, and Tories are assumed to have been rare in Fairfield County.

## Thorntree, Right Oblique



We are looking at the back of the house in these photograph supplied by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. Rail fences, as seen in the foreground, being more common, enclosed larger areas. Picket fences, most often, were used only for front yards and possibly family plots in community cemeteries. Never would a rail fence have enclosed the front yard at the same time a picket fence enclosed the back yard.

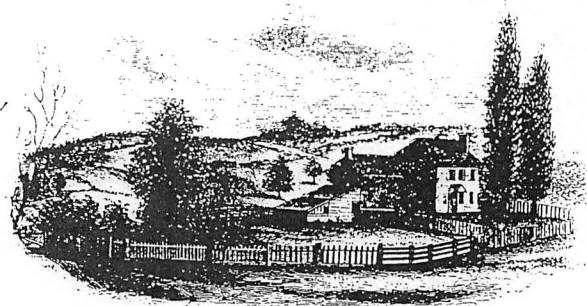
If further proof is needed, we have only to look at the photograph on the preceding page. There is no front gate in the rail fence. The white picket fence that enclosed three sides of the house would likely have been impressive as one walked up the incline from Thorntree Creek.

of Germantown (Philadelphia) and retreated with Washington afterward to Valley Forge.

He would have been later at Monmouth Court

House (N.J.), at various places along the

Hudson River and at Morristown, N.J.



Thomas was apparently transferred to a Calvary unit by January 1779, but by then it was apparent that the Colonist were winning, and Thomas would be released 20 days early from his three year enlistment on Feb. 8, 1780.

But things were not going well back in South Carolina. SIR HENRY CLINTON, whom Thomas and a few thousand others had “chased” into New Jersey had captured Winnsboro, Thomas own County Seat.

Likely it was GENERAL NATHANIEL GREEN who promoted Thomas to Lieutenant. Though not under his command earlier, they had both served in a number of the same Battles back in New England. Thomas would have had little opportunity to have been elected by his own men, apparently being part of the action from the moment he had returned. It is a matter of record that Thomas served on horseback along the Congaree River, Orangeburg, Monk’s Corner and at Eutaw Springs.

Names well known to history, Thomas likely knew personally. He was probably among those trained by GEN. VON STEUBEN back at Valley Forge, would have heard about MOLLY PITCHER while at Monmouth, if he did not actually know her. Likely he had known BENEDICT ARNOLD since childhood and was there when Arnold was known to be the real hero. He had probably seen SGT. JASPER daily.

### After the War

Thomas & William Trapp of Fairfield served on a Petit Jury in Camden in 1782. Thomas, in meeting all the challenges that faced him on the frontier and during the war had likely had little time to think of starting a family, but he is believed to have married about 1785.

One source states that his wife was Elizabeth, but how reliable that conclusion may be is not known. He was eventually given his land on "Trapp's branch of Cedar Creek" and towards the end of his life acquired a plantation on Thorntree Creek, near Fairfield's eastern border and may have been the Thomas Trapp who acquired from BENJAMIN SIMMS of Green Co. Ga. in 1802, a Negro boy named BOB, of whom we find no further trace.

The late JEAN LOFLIN of Baton Rouge found that the estate of Thomas Trapp was administered April 19, 1813 but no details are known.

The chronological order of those assumed to have been his children is estimated, though not entirely known. He had:

PHOEBE - WILLIAM - THOMAS - LITTLETON - BENJAMIN - CAROLINE - PATIENCE

PHOEBE TRAPP was born about 1788 in Fairfield east of Winnsboro. She married as his second wife a neighbor of the family plantation on Thorntree Creek WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON whose first wife, ELIZABETH PERRY was deceased. William Henry was the son of REUBEN HENRY HARRISON, an earlier settler along the Wateree River. No issue is known.

*a surviving house, on Broad St.  
of the period and immediate  
vicinity of William Trapp's  
residence*



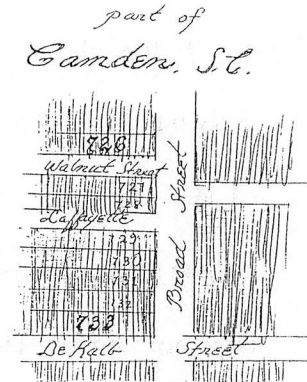
WILLIAM TRAPP was born about 1790 in Fairfield Co. S.C. He acquired the family plantation on Thorntree Creek about 1808 and likely lived there until 1813, with time out to serve in AUSTIN'S Regiment of the South Carolina Militia during the war of 1812.

July 17, 1813 he purchased from THOMAS COMPTON Lot # 733 at the intersection of DeKalb & Broad Streets in Camden, a prime business location even today. On June 23, 1814 he purchased a residence further north up Broad Street, lot # 726 where the First Baptist Church now stands. BERNARD BARUCH would be born next door in 1876.

The location of TRAPP, VAUGHN & PATTERSON in Camden existed from 1816 to 1824, continuing to carry the names of partners after their decease. Willie Vaughn died in 1820 and it was in making some impossible commitments to acquire the Vaughn share that William's financial troubles began, that may well have shortened his days.

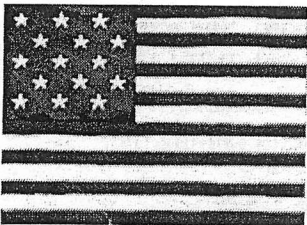
The *Southern Chronicle* September 4, 1822 announced the death of William Trapp, "formerly a merchant of this place who died at Liberty Hill on the 30 ult." Austin F. Peay promptly requested to be appointed the administrator of William's estate, and succeeded. Perhaps there is a valid reason why the estate was moved to Lancaster County, where it was finally resolved July 4, 1828. But the Trapps are not known to have ever owned property there.

Though apparently married, William is believed to have died without issue.



THOMAS TRAPP was born about 1792 likely at Thorntree Creek Plantation. He was hardly more than age 17 when his father deeded land in Fairfield to him, and he was scarcely 20 when he left to serve in FOLDER'S Artillery Battalion in the war of 1812.

The very first issue of the *Camden Gazette* January 10, 1818 announced the marriage of Mr. Thomas Trapp of Kershaw to Miss ELIZABETH McKENZIE of the same. They had been married the previous Christmas Eve by Rev. ISAAC SMITH.



The arm of the McKenzie family were given in the family genealogy and described as:

*Azure, a Stag's head caboused or.*

The census returns of 1820 suggests that by then they had a son.

Within the next two years, the Trapps were to suffer a disastrous financial reversal, and would leave Camden.

While the believed son has never been identified and the information given later is not a

precise fit, they are believed to be the ancestors of the later family of Camden and other localities of Kershaw County, additionally allied to the same McKENZIE family.

LITTLETON TRAPP, born about 1795 was likely the namesake of a South Carolina hero of the Revolutionary War. Littleton signed some receipt at Camden in 1820 (L28262) and was married to a slightly older lady by 1825. The 1830 census seems to suggest that by then they had two sons and two daughters under age 5.

Littleton is believed to have died sometime during the 1840's, place unknown. A mulatto of the same combination of names, born in SC in 1866 may possibly have been his namesake.

It is unknown if any of his descendants survived him, but the mulatto of that name fared better in that respect. He soon settled in Alachua County Florida, where his descendants might be found well into the 20th century.

BENJAMIN TRAPP (born about 1797 in Fairfield Co.SC) and his descendants, will be given a longer account following those of his sisters.

CAROLINE TRAPP was likely born in Fairfield Co about 1799, She too migrated to Jones Co. Georgia where she married WESTERN FRANKS March 25, 1822.

PATIENCE TRAPP, probably born in eastern Fairfield Co, SC, was the last known of the New England family named for a virtue. She married CHARLES WHEELER in Jones Co. Ga. November 10, 1825

BENJAMIN TRAPP was born in SC IN 1797, likely on the family Plantation on Thorntree Creek. Possibly he did not wait for the looming financial disaster to strike before leaving home, and salvaging what he could, headed for Georgia before it struck in 1822.

Benjamin was in Jones Co. no later than May 2, 1823, the day he married ELIZA BILLINGS. She was born in 1803, the daughter of SAMUEL (1771-180?) & ELIZABETH (McCULLOUGH) BILLINGS. Like the Trapps, the Billings were also descended from Massachusetts; Samuel being the son of SAMUEL (1739-1789) who had married in 1764, BEULAH FAY (b.1744) at Hardwick, Massachusetts .

Whatever the details may have been, Benjamin seemed to not only have been better able to recover from the reversal himself, but also to provide a home for his two sisters until the time of their marriage.

On August 26, 1824 he acquired six slaves from BOLAR ADEN. Only one of them, NAT, is thought to be identified. He was 18 when Benjamin in Bibb Co, sold him to WILLIAM BARROW.

Benjamin enjoyed the honor of becoming CAPTAIN of Jones Co. Nov.11, 1825 and served in that capacity until August 17, 1827

In spite of his success, it was not entirely a happy period. Two of their daughters and a son born between 1824 and 1835 did not long survive. They continued at times to acquire property near Clinton as late as 1832. Records of the DUKE family mentioned that their ancestor was the highest bidder at a public auction for property during the time that Benjamin Trapp was the Sheriff of Bibb Co.

Benjamin & Eliza are believed to have offered hospitality to OSMUND TOPEL TRAPP for a short time during the mid 1830's, though he had apparently reached Neshoba Co. Ms. by 1838.

By 1840 they had relocated in Gill City, a suburb of Macon, Georgia.

Their household in 1850 included their daughter, ELODIA married to D. CHESTER RUSSELL, a native of Connecticut and MARGARET McDANIEL, whose relationship was not stated.

Benjamin must have given up all hope of having a survivor in the male line when his last, Sydenham was born in January 1841. Benjamin would not live to see his son reach maturity, for he apparently died sometime during the 1850's. He is reported to have as sheriff sold at auction property in Houston Co. (later Bibb) to ABRAHAM DUNCAN. Jan. 3, 1843. Eliza continued to prosper after his death during the worst period that southerners had ever known.

She removed with the remaining members of her household to Randolph County, where in 1870 her real estate was valued at \$5,000. Her widowed daughter, Elodia was still with her, and her grandson, WILLIAM RUSSELL was employed at Ellerkin's Drug Store. Eliza is believed to have died during the 1870's.

Benjamin & Eliza's descendants follow:

HARRIET ANN TRAPP was born in the spring of 1821. Some forgotten epidemic in Clinton during June of 1828 claimed a heavy toll on the family. Harriet died June 22, age 7 years - 5 months, only five days after her sister Beulah died. Their obituaries appeared together in the *Macon Telegraph*, *Georgia Republican* and the *Statesman & Patriotic*.

BEULAH ADELIN TRAPP was born Dec. 31, 1824 and died June 17, 1828 age 3 years- 5 months - 17 days. (obituary with sister, Harriet Ann as stated).

apparently a son TRAPP born after 1825 was living in 1830

ELODIA TRAPP was born about 1829 married in Bibb Co. May 13, 1847 D. CHESTER RUSSELL, a native of Ct. thought to have died during the Civil War. They had:

WILLIAM RUSSELL b. ca 1856. Living in 1870.

CHARLES CEKLEY TRAPP was born in early 1935 and died "Saturday last past, age 11 months -21 days (*Georgia Messenger*).

LUCIA N. TRAPP was born about 1837 She married in Bibb Co. Dec.21 1854 W.T.BROWN.

SYDENHAM BENJAMIN TRAPP was born in Macon, Ga. in Jan. 1841.

The name Elodia, thought to have been a unique name in the history of the Trapp family, reappears in Barbour County, Alabama as ELODIA TRAPP in February 1901 became the bride of SAMUEL WIER DICK. Had this been the daughter of Benjamin & Eliza (Billings) Trapp, Elodia would have been about age 72. and the widow of Chester Russell for more than thirty years, as far as known. She might have been expected to have used her married surname, *Russell*. Barbour Co. Alabama is not known otherwise to have figured in the family history



SYDENHAM BENJAMIN TRAPP, the only surviving son of Benjamin & Eliza (Billings) Trapp was born January 16, 1841 at Macon, Georgia.

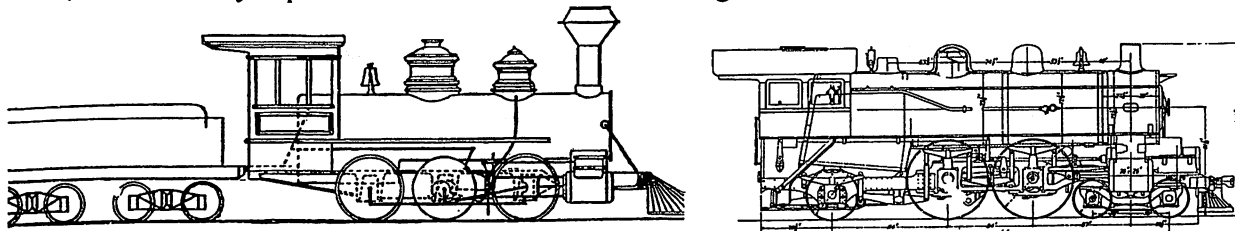
He entered Southern U. at Greensboro in 1859, but left in May 1861 to be among the first volunteers of the Georgia Siege Artillery, serving as the Post Quartermaster. He survived the war and returned to his mother's household, where he was recorded as a clerk in a wholesale house in 1870. Later that same year he married MARY E. GEORGE.



In 1880 their growing household was recorded in Randolph County and they lived for a time at Cuthbert, Ga. By 1882 they resided in Montgomery, Alabama, where Sydenham enjoyed a budding career with the Rail Road. He became the "director" of the *Montgomery & Eufala* Line

It is unknown if any relationship existed between Sydenham and one BENJAMIN TRAPP, a clerk with the L. & N. Railroad, who resided at a different address, or if Sydenham helped Benjamin in any way to secure that position.

But Sydenham's career with the rail-road does not appear to have continued. His best endeavor for the remainder of his life appears to have drawn on his first experience following the war; from his early experience in wholesale merchandizing.



Grimshaw's 1908 edition of *Locomotive Cathedism* suggests that both types of engines, illustrated were still then in ever, day use.

The *Forest City times* (Arkansas) reported September 8, 1895:

The S. B. TRAPP family of Anniston, Alabama arrived in this city Wednesday to make their home here. Mr. Trapp will be engaged in merchandizing.

They appear to have returned shortly after to Montgomery, for by March 7, 1897 Sydenham was president of the Alabama Convict Board. Some suggestion may be found in the BOOKER T. WASHINGTON'S letter of March 7th to the New York *Evening Post* that Sydenham wished to make improvement in the prison system. In speaking of the "hundreds of convicts now in the Alabama Penitentiary, coal mines, chain gangs etc. he tells of Sydenham's hope of establishing prison libraries:

*.To this end Mr. Trapp has asked me to aid in the establishment of permanent libraries in the various places where the convicts are kept. If persons who wish to help establish these libraries will send books (new or old) to me, I will see that they are put into the hands of Mr. Trapp for the purpose named When the books are sent it should be stated that they are for the penitentiary library. Books containing easy reading matter would be most useful.*

But they must have lived in Forest City long enough to make a lasting impression, and for their son to meet his future bride. Yet they were recorded again in Montgomery in 1900 at 492 Perry Street, one of the city's most fashionable addresses. Down the street was the

Governor's Mansion. Many of the old mansions survive today (2006) as lawyer's offices, but those at 592- 493 have long since been replaced by a church.

As president of the Convict Board. Sydenham that same year denied payment to a lawyer who had unsuccessfully defended one MR COLLINS accused of murder in Montgomery in 1897. The case of MILO ABERCROMBIE, atty. vs. Trapp went as far as the Alabama Supreme Court and was still undecided in February 1899. Sydenham claimed that it was not proven that Collins did not have the funds to pay for his own defense.

Sydenham's obituary sent to the *Forest City Times* by his wife's sister, MRS. JOHN F. KIDDO, mentions that he migrated for a time to Oklahoma, City where he established a wholesale factory to manufacture "vinegar, cider and pickles". A fire destroyed everything, and so they returned to Alabama - possibly to Cuthbert.

"On Friday morning January 20, 1911 the messenger called and took his spirit away". It is not known when Mary died. Sydenham & Mary had:

SYDENHAM JR. - JAMES M. - HULET M. - WILLIAM G. - ELODIA - MARY

SYDENHAM TRAPP was born in November 1871, likely in Randolph Co. Ga. The *Forest City Times* included the following Nov. 15, 1895:

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, CAPT. W. H. McDANIEL at 3:30 o'clock MISS NANNY McDANIEL & MR. SYDENHAM B. TRAPP of Anniston, Ala REV. MR. CULVER of the Methodist Church in Anniston officiating. The bride is the second daughter of CAPT. & MRS. W. H. McDANIEL. The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. S. B. Trapp of the firm of Trapp, Tyler & Co., wholesale grocers of Anniston.

In 1900 they were boarders with M. H. THOMAS of Forest City. The *Maryland Genealogical Magazine* (Vol. 20) adds that Nannie was the daughter of WILLIAM HOWISON & MOLLIE

(FONDERN) McDANIEL, and thus descended from LORD BALTIMORE.

By 1910 their son SID was age 12 and five year old BEATRICE HAMPTON resided with them. In 1920 SYDENHAM was a boarder on Ave. E., San Antonio, Texas. Another boarder at that same address was LEOLA F. TRAPP, a native of Indiana, age 19. SYDENHAM & NANNY had:

SYDENHAM TRAPP, born June 1897 at Forest City Arkansas. The *Times* June 4 1897 included: *After the shower Tuesday night rolled by Wednesday morning and the sun burst forth with brightness and joy that came under it's ray. The sunshine crept into the home of CAPT. & MRS. W. H. McDANIEL and the Captain is the happiest man in St. Francis County. It's a boy, and it's parents, MR. & MRS. SYD TRAPP are correspondingly happy.*

Sydenham apparently never married and remained in Forest City as a boarder with WILLIAM SANDERSON of Dillard St. in 1920 after his father had migrated to Texas. He died April 6, 1921

MARY HOWISON TRAPP, born August 4, 1906 was given a glowing obituary by the *Times* following her death Jan. 11, 1910.

JAMES McFERRIN TRAPP was born about 1875, likely in Randolph Co. Ga. The *Forest City Times* mentioned in November 1898 *S. B. Trapp Jr. received information yesterday of the death of his brother, JAMES TRAPP at Manila September 22, 1898. Mr. Trapp was a member of Co. G 14th Infantry and had the respect of officers and associates. As a model soldier he was brave and generous to a fault. . . His death was caused by heart failure. He dropped dead while on duty November 18, 1898.*

(Children of SYDENHAM & MARY TRAPP concluded)

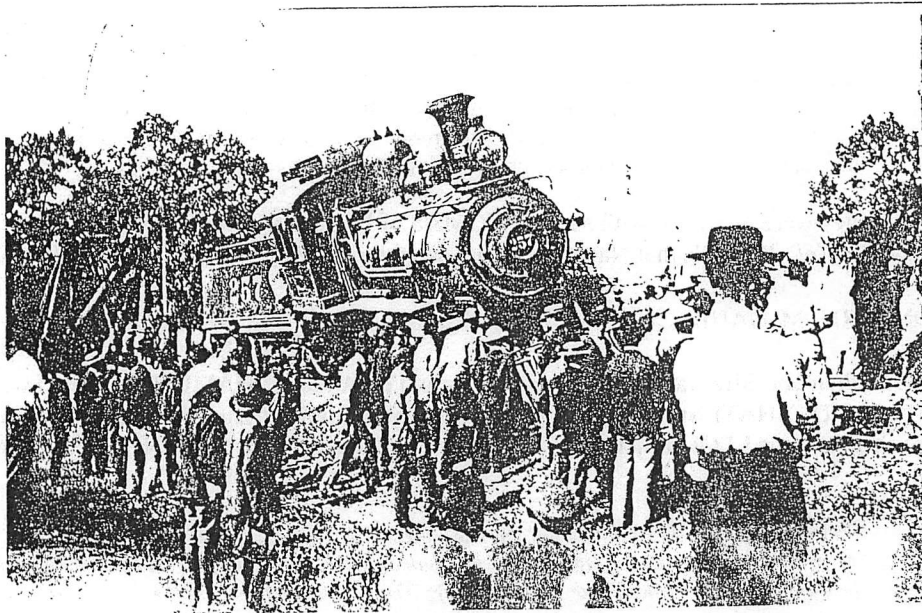
HULET McFERRIN TRAPP, born in April in Georgia , married MAJ. NOBEL WYLIE and lived in Anniston, Alabama at the turn of the century. .

WILLIAM G. TRAPP was born in 1880 and age 7 at the time of the census. He is thought to have died young.

ELODIA TRAPP was born in 1881. At age 19 she remained in her father's household.

MARY TRAPP, born in December 1888 in Alabama was living in 1900

IT IS THOUGHT THAT THIS BRANCH DIED OUT IN THE MALE LINE.

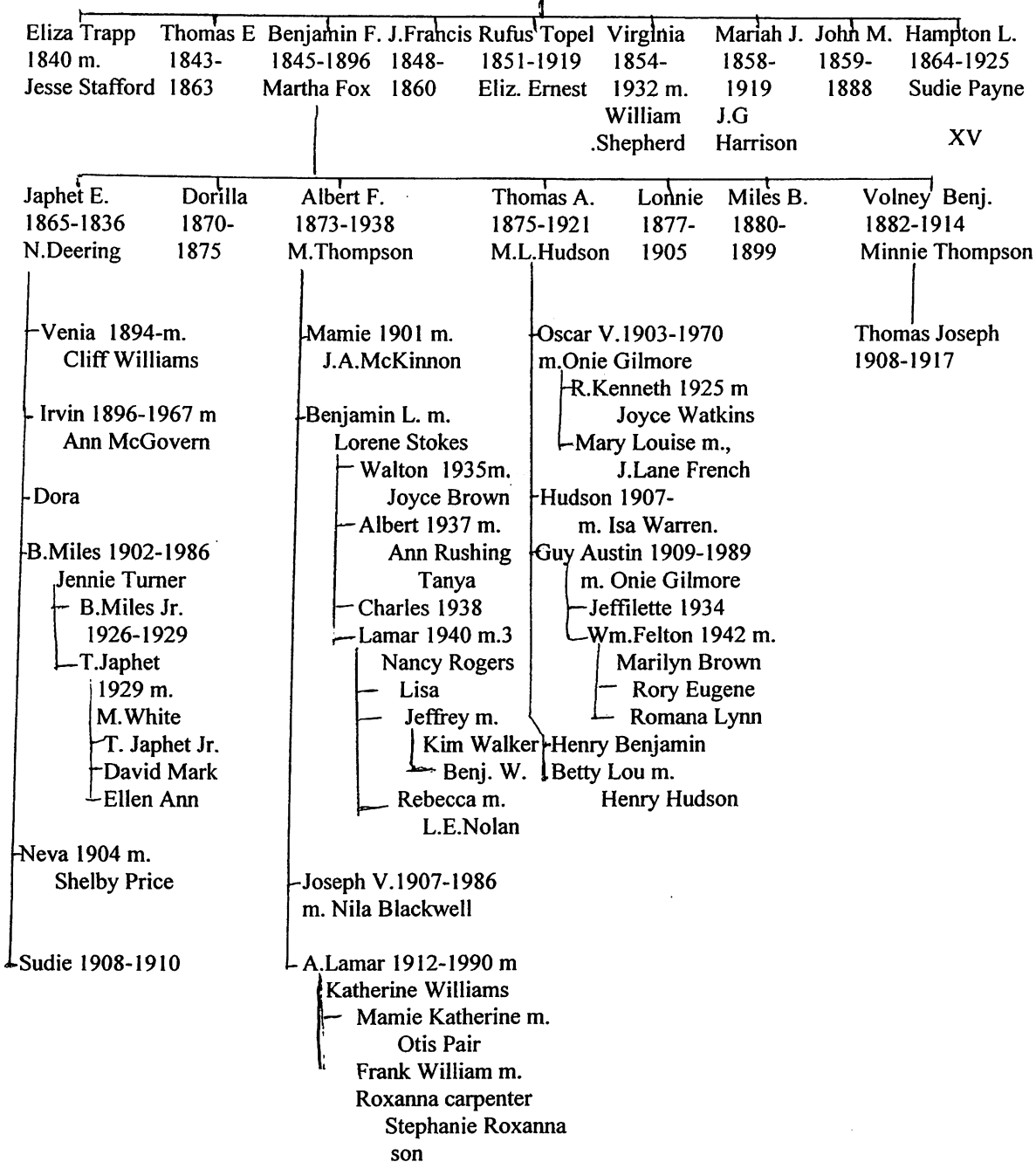


This train wreck on the L & N Railroad would have occurred in the 1890's during the time that Sydenham was the director of an affiliate line.



Thomas (1634) & Mary  
 Samuel (1676) & Thankful  
 Samuel (1717) & Phoebe  
 Thomas (1750?) &

OSMUND TOPEL (1803) & MARY ANN



## Chapter XIV

The descendants of  
OSMUND TOPEL & MARY ANN (LEARD) TRAPP

Osmund was born May 8, 1803, likely on the Thorntree Creek Plantation in eastern Fairfield Co., SC. It remains to be established if he was the son, or the grandson of Lt. Thomas Trapp, owner of the plantation. Though Osmund was married and had a son before 1830, it appears that he with his family, still resided on that plantation, or in any case, had remained in that immediate vicinity at that time.

He may have been the namesake of OSMUND WOODWARD, who lived in that neighborhood, and most likely "Topel" honored some forgotten man of the so-spelled TOBALL or TOBEL family of neighboring counties. The Topel family had been noted for centuries in Finland for their education, and must have passed on the correct spelling from the first to the Trapps before they died out in the years following. I wish that they knew that their surname was perpetuated in the Trapp family throughout the 20th century.

Nothing is known of Osmund's first wife, other than she was a widow with a daughter by a previous marriage. She and Osmund must have married by 1829, for they, with their son appear on the 1830 census of Fairfield. It is thought that she died very shortly after in giving birth to their second son, who survived.

No hint was handed down that relationships between Osmund and his in-laws ended with bitter feelings, though it must have been strained for a time before Osmund accepted the inevitable. But it is suspected that if the two sons he was remembered to have had, survived to maturity, they took on the surname of their mother's family. After

her death, Osmund had wanted to keep the family together, but circumstances as well as his in-laws were against it.

There seemed little hope of reviving the family prosperity. staying in Fairfield but moving westward promised much. As the in-laws continued to withhold their approval for his step-daughter being included in his westward migration, and she could not bear to be separated from her half brothers, the best solution seemed then, for Osmund to leave his sons behind, also.

It would not take many years for contact to be lost, though memories of them and questions as to how they fared would be passed down to the present generation.

While the concerns of his in-laws are understandable, in fairness to Osmund, based on the reputation he enjoyed, their fears and suspicions were groundless. I am indebted to the late J. COOK WILSON for preserving the following clipping by BRELAND published in the *Neshoba Democrat* sometime during the 1920's and to the forgotten lady of the County Draft Board, who went out of her way to locate and send it to me during the early 1970's:

When Neshoba County was young, there came a man who settled here by the name of O. T. Trapp, coming from Georgia or one of the Carolinas. He had married back in his old home state, but his first wife had died . . . After the death of his first wife, O. T. married Mary Ann Laird, likely in Newton County. He settled some seven miles southwest of Philadelphia on the Philadelphia-Hillsboro Road, where he farmed and raised his family of boys and girls . . this is but a very imperfect history of this splendid family. I have not consulted any of the members of the family and what I have written here is entirely from memory. At some convenient season, I hope to go more into details of their history. A number of prominent men and women have come from this family.

It appears that Breland actually remembered with remarkable accuracy. Osmund seems to have left Fairfield in the early 1830's and lingered for some time in Georgia, most likely with BENJAMIN & ELIZA TRAPP in Clinton. before making it all the way

to Mississippi. The family Bible of Hampton Trapp records the date of Osmund's marriage to Mary Ann as September 30, 1838. She was the daughter of ALEXANDER & JANE E. (RAINEY) LEARD, reported to have migrated from South Carolina to Mississippi by 1832.

They named their first daughter born in Mississippi in 1840, ELIZA, it is suspected in honor of Eliza Billings Trapp. Their first son was given the name Thomas, a favorite family name through the centuries, but probably in this instance he was the namesake of the Lieutenant. Their second son was named BENJAMIN, the name of Eliza's husband.

Osmund & Mary Ann did not go directly to Neshoba Co. though they seem to have always been near it's borders.. A surviving index suggests that they paid taxes in Kemper Co. in 1843 and the 1850 census locates them in Winston County, where Osmund was a school-master. Likely they were not living luxuriously, and Osmund secured an appointment with the Governor in Jackson Nov. 7, 1855 to apply for the position of State Accessor. He did not get the position.

But an opportunity had opened up in Neshoba County. They acquired a farm from the TULLOS family, and likely immediately went about building the one room log school that would be remembered years later, though it did not exist for many years. Benches for the students were made of split logs with pegged legs and there was a fire place. Though the years of it's existence was not stated, the fact that Osmund's own children were said to have attended the school at White Oak Springs established in 1865 implies that by then Osmund's own school was history. White Oaks also was not



destined for longevity, and soon gave way to Johnsonville School where Osmund's daughters and grand-daughters would find positions as teachers..

Though it is thought that part of the house illustrated exists from Osmund's day - it is undoubtedly older, the walls being built of vertical rough boards in contrast to the rooms on the other side of the open hall being of horizontal planed boards, as seen in the sketch, it has evolved into a style that existed in the 1880's and later. Through the years it had grown with the family to eight rooms of various sizes before they all began to leave home and eventually abandon it sometime after WWI. It still stands as a restorable ruin (2005) though the sunken lane that led to it has become again a strip of woods and undergrowth, scarcely penetrable.



*The Old Trapp Homestead*  
*Near Philadelphia, Mississippi. begun 1855*

Both Osmund and May Ann reached the age of 77. He died December 18, 1880 and she died December 8, 1896 at the home of their youngest son, Hampton. Both are buried in the churchyard of Good Hope Baptist Church. They had:

ELIZA - THOMAS E. - BENJAMIN F. - JAMES FRANCIS - RUFUS TOPEL -  
MARY VIRGINIA - MARIAH J. - JOHN M. - HAMPTON LEE

ELIZA TRAPP was born in 1840, likely in Winston Co. Ms. and possibly the namesake of Eliza Billings Trapp, the wife of Benjamin. Eliza Trapp married in Neshoba Co. 1858 JESSE D. STAFFORD, born in South Carolina in 1824. He died of yellow fever while serving as a Confederate soldier. Eliza was living in 1880. They had:

MARY JANE STAFFORD Dec. 8, 1859-July 30, 1937 m. about 1875 FRANK R. RHODES,  
Dec. 9, 1845 - June 4, 1925 s. o. Wm. WATSON RHODES (1818-1870). & ELIZABETH  
(LEWIS) RHODES.

JESSE WALTON RHODES Sept. 21-1876 - Feb. 8, 1930 m. 1st Nov. 1, 1897 EVIE BARNETT  
m. 2nd Dec. 18, 1904 EMMA POSEY Jan. 26, 1881-March 25, 1961 (County-Line Cemetery)

BENJAMIN F. RHODES b. Sept. 1879 -Feb. 5, 1948 m. 1st S.M. TURNER, m. 2nd Jan. 27, 1918  
CORA BRELAND

MARCUS E. RHODES Dec. 12, 1888-June 24, 1896

OTTA MAE RHODES b. Nov 6, m. 1st ANDREW JOHNSON m. 2nd GRIFFIN

ORA V. RHODES March 18, 1892-Jan 7, 1898

VERA RHODES Dec. 10, 1899-Oct. 9, 1975 m. CLAY BANKSTON June 3, 1902-Aug 10, 1988

JEAN BANKSTON m. RAY HAMIL of Union, Ms.

STAFFORD BANKSTON m. LOU

JOAN BANKSTON M. RICHARDSON

KATHY RICHARDSON m. M. SMITH

RUBY BANKSTON m. POSEY

SADONIA C. STAFFORD 1863- m. Nov. 12, 1878 THOMAS J. RHODES (not known to  
have been related to Frank R. Rhodes other than being brother-in-laws)

SILAS RHODES

LEONA RHODES

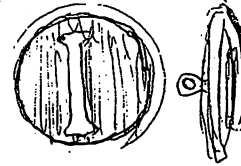
daughter RHODES



A reunion of Eliza's descendants and their spouses was held in Union, Ms. in 2003. Pictured are 1. BEATRICE RHODES SMITH, 2. LOU BANKSTON, 3. CECIL RHODES, 4. SELMA RHODES RUSHING, 5. ZULU RHODES SHACKLEFORD, 6. STAFFORD BANKSTON, 7. KATHY RICHARDSON SMITH, 8. JEAN BANKSTON HAMIL 10. RUBY BANKSTON POSEY.

THOMAS E. TRAPP was born about 1843, likely in Winston Co. Ms. There is an undoubted, yet unconfirmed tradition in the family that he died on the way home returning in hopes of recovering from wounds or either an illness contacted during the siege of Vicksburg. He is said to be buried in an unmarked grave at Brandon, Ms.

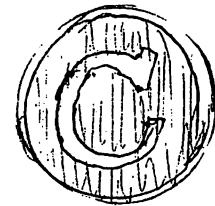
One Thomas Trapp enlisted at Granada Dec. 8, 1861 and served 40 days in Co. A. of the 3rd Mississippi Infantry, before the company was disbanded Jan. 21, 1862. T. L. Trapp served in the 10th Calvary and First Brigade Militia.



BENJAMIN F. TRAPP was born November 23, 1845, likely in Winston Co. Ms. As a teen-ager, he enlisted in Company A of the 11th Mississippi Calvary under the command of PERRIN. During the war he married MARTHA L. FOX born June 6, 1844, the daughter of AARON & ADELAID (CARLTON) FOX.

He died April 10, 1896. Martha's household in 1900 included her widowed sister-in-law, MARIAH J. HARRISON (no doubt born there in that same house) and her niece, NEVA HARRISON.

MARTHA died April 13, 1919 and is buried beside Benjamin in the Churchyard of Good Hope Baptist Church. They had:



JAPHET C. - DORILLA - ALBERT F. - THOMAS A. - LONNIE - MILES B. - VOLNEY B.

JAPHET C. TRAPP was born Dec. 16, 1865 likely at the old home place. He was married Feb. 19, 1893 Miss NANCY JANE (Nannie) DEERING J.C. WALTON officiating. Arms of the Deering family were given as

*Gules, three bucks heads cabossed or.*

Japhet died in 1938. Nancy, born in 1878 died in 1952. Both are buried in the Churchyard of Goodhope Baptist Church. They had:



VENIA TRAPP born ca 1894, m. CLIFF WILLIAMS who d. 1964. They had TRAPP WILLIAMS living in 1971

IRVIN BENJAMIN TRAPP, M.D. was born June 10, 1896 likely at the old home place. Trapp, Mississippi at the time was the nearest Post Office. Irvin practiced in Philadelphia, Ms. and m. Nov. 21, 1942, ANN McGOVERN, b. Aug. 29, 1903. He died January 18, 1967, Ann died March 22, 1988. Both are buried in Cedarlawn Cemetery, Philadelphia, Ms.

NORA V. TRAPP was born in December 1897. She was living in 1900.

BRUNER MILES TRAPP was born July 7, 1902. He became a faculty member of Duck Hill H.S. and m. 1926 JENNIE LEE TURNER. He died about 1986. They had:

BRUNER MILES TRAPP JR. b. 1926 Duck Hill, Ms. d. 1929.

TURNER JAPHET TRAPP, Lt. Col US Army b. Sept. 14, 1929 at Duck Hill. m. MARTHA WHITE, b. March 7, 1929 at Coffeyville, Ms. They had:

TURNER J. TRAPP JR. b. July 16, 1952 St. Marcus, Texas

DAVID MARK TRAPP b. Feb. 12, 1957 Ft. Rucker, Alabama

ELLEN ANN TRAPP b. Nov. 10, 1959 Vicenza, Italy

NEVA TRAPP was born about 1904. She married about 1925 SHELBY PRICE and had  
MILBURN PRICE  
NEVELYN PRICE

SUDIE LEE TRAPP, namesake of SUSAN TILITHA PAYNE TRAPP was born April 7, 1908 and died Oct. 16, 1910. She is buried in the churchyard of Dixon Baptist Church.

DORILLA M. TRAPP was born Nov. 9, 1870 and died September 1, 1875.

ALBERT F. TRAPP was born Nov. 12, 1873. He married New Years Day 1901 MAGGIE VIRGINIA THOMPSON b. June 25, 1876 at Philadelphia, Ms. He was a mail carrier in 1910. Maggie died March 22, 1939 and he married again on Jan. 1st, this time in 1940 MRS. C. S. SANDERS, born BARNETT. He died April 28, 1958.

MAMIE F. TRAPP was born Christmas Eve 1901 at Philadelphia, Ms. She m. J. A. McKINNON. She d. in late Dec. 1971  
J.A. McKINNON II  
WILLIAM McKINNON  
JOSEPH McKINNON died age 2 weeks.

*Trapp, Mississippi is not known to have been more than a general store and post-office. The area originally called Darden Ridge, the post-office served the area from about 1881 scarcely into the 20th century*

BENJAMIN L. TRAPP, son of Albert F. & Maggie Virginia (Thompson) Trapp, was born March 24, 1905 Philadelphia, Ms. He m. Feb. 28, 1935 LORENE STOKES, born Aug. 22, 1909. She d. April 8, 1979. He d. March 12, 1985. Both are buried in the Churchyard of Coy Methodist Church, Preston, Ms. just across the border from Neshoba County.

WALTON TRAPP b. Sept.25,1935 at Philadelphia, Ms. He m. JOYCE BROWN fl. 2005.

HARVEY ALBERT TRAPP b. Jan. 9, 1937 at Philadelphia, Ms. He married ANN RUSHING fl. 2005. They had:

TANYA TRAPP m. NOWELL  
MAGGIE NOWELL b. ca 2003

CHARLES TRAPP b. Sept. 8, 1938 Philadelphia, Ms. He was unmarried in 2002.

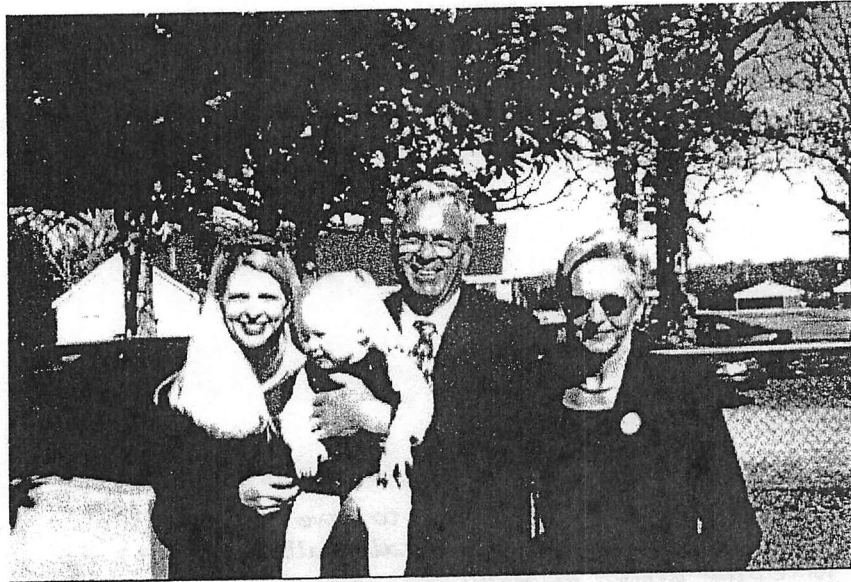
LAMAR TRAPP b. Nov. 6, 1940 at Philadelphia, Ms. m. thirdly NANCY ROGERS They had:

ALISA (LISA) TRAPP m. ALAN MATZ  
SUSANNAH MATZ

JEFFREY TRAPP m. KIM WALKER

BENJAMIN WALKER TRAPP

REBECCA SUE (BETTY)TRAPP b. Philadelphia, Ms. Dec. 14, 1945 m.  
LOUIS EARL NOLAN and had:  
CASEY LEWIS NOLAN engaged in 2005 to CAROLINE PAIGE  
CARDON ( no further information)



**Betty Nolan (right) with brother Harvey Trapp, his daughter Tonya Trapp Nowell and granddaughter Maggie Nowell at Coy Methodist Church in Kemper County, Miss., March 22, 2004**

JOSEPH V. TRAPP , son of Albert & Maggie, was born September 20, 1907 in Philadelphia, Ms. He married July 16, 1934 NILA BLACKWELL, the daughter of GROVER & FLORENCE (SMITH) BLACKWELL of Montose, Ms. They lived in Eldorado, Ark. where Joseph was in the lumber business. A letter from Joseph to the writer Feb. 16, 1973 recalled his childhood visit to his Uncle Hampton, about 1915:

I do remember that I spent a week with Uncle Hamp when I was real small. Uncle Hamp lived in the first house south of the Fairground. That week your father took me and the other boys - I only remember Aubrey - possum hunting every night. We also had work to do and to me that time was the hardest I had ever known. It was putting pea vine hay in the barn . . . They also had cows to milch and it was a mystery to me how that machine could separate the cream from the milk.

I remember Uncle Hamp was keeping the paupers at that time. I think the County paid him \$12 per month for each one for room and board. He kept a number of small houses across the road for that purpose.

I remember Aubrey visiting us one week and we took him to the picture show, which was a new thing in Philadelphia, and the cartoon was about a skunk. I never before, or since have heard anyone laugh as much as Aubrey did.

That night it turned real cold and when Aubrey and I went to bed we piled the fireplace high with coal. When we woke up the next morning, a piece of coal had fallen out and we had a nice hole burned in the floor.

Nila died June 30, 1896 at Eldorado. Her intimate friend, DELORES THOMAS of Line Ave. had framed their photograph when I visited the following year, and told of Joseph's final days.

Joseph had been disappointed with some professed Christian back in Neshoba Co and in spite of Nila's faithful service to her Baptist Church, had never joined. The day after her funeral, Joseph was hospitalized, and sent for her pastor. After "accepting the Lord", Joseph died July 5, 1986, having survived Nila only 5 days.

They had no children.

ALBERT LAMAR TRAPP was born July 3, 1912 at Philadelphia, Ms. and married there June 9, 1943, KATHERINE WILLIAMS. He enlisted in the Coast Guard August 13, 1944 and served for the duration. He died January 12, 1990 at Meridian, Ms. Katherine was still living in 1993. They had:



MAMIE KATHERINE TRAPP b. Philadelphia, Ms. m. OTIS PAIR who d. April 1987.

STACEY KATHERINE PAIR resided on the Gulf Coast in 1987

(continued)

FRANK WILLIAM TRAPP, atty. Pres. of student body, "Ole Miss", Line Back "55" m.  
ROXANA CARPENTER and had:

STEPHANIE ROXANA TRAPP

Son

THOMAS ALEXANDER TRAPP, son of Benjamin & Martha was born June 10, 1875, likely at the old home place. On January 20, 1900, before J.J. INGRHAM, Thomas married MARY LOU, the daughter of WILLIAM HENRY & ELIZABETH ANN (WILSON) HUDSON. They acquired a farm near High Hill Baptist Church, in whose churchyard both are buried. Thomas died February 9, 1912 and Mary Lou died September 13, 1929. The following, written by R.I. BRELAND was published in the *Neshoba Democrat*

In the columns of the Neshoba Democrat I read a notice recently that turned my mind back down the pages of time. Many notices had had this effect recently and this has been a peculiarly hard year on my friends of the yesteryears: but the notice of Tom Trapp . . . as I read and meditated I was a boy again. Tom and I were school boys at the old Johnsonville School out west of Philadelphia some seven miles.

TOM SIMMONS was the teacher on this special occasion. Tom Trapp was white headed and when he got a bit mad or excited the skin of his head turned red. Simmons had a way of giving one of the boys a long switch and telling him to rap any boy seen doing anything wrong or idling his time. Many were the stinging raps that fell on the tightly drawn pants of unsuspecting boys.

Tom Trapp seemed to be the favorite with the teacher and he was found with the long birch limb more often than the other boys. With eager, wishful eyes, he would watch his companions and at the least excuse the voice of the switch was heard in the silent class-room. Tom would get excited over his work and the skin on his head would take on the scarlet hue.

W. T. SIMMONS was well-liked by his pupils, for all were kids together, but as to the education we received - we'll leave that for another day.

As I think of Tom Trapp there troops before me a score or more of other tow-headed boys; my schoolmates of the yesteryears. There were other Trapp boys: HAMP, JAPHET, ALBERT, VOLNEY, MILES and LONNIE. Then again there were the KIRKLAND boys: DICK, ED & WILL, the JOHNSON boys; JACK, COLUMBUS, BILL, HIRAM, BELL, CHARLIE, HUGH & WILLIAM. There were PERRY boys, JIM ROBERT AND WALTER, the DEERING boys, JACK, FRANK & WESLEY, the PAYNE boys, ANDREW, FRANK, MARION, OLLIE & WARREN, and OSCAR SAVELL was there also.

These and many others I see again in my retrospection as we play around the old log school-house and say our "a-b, ab, a-c ac" etc. Those were great days, but they lie far behind, but their memories are as fresh as if the scenes were enacted but yesterday.

As I think of W.T.SIMMONS, the old schoolmaster of that day, the faces of other men and women who taught at the old Johnsonville School come into view. There was JAMES B. MERKELL, the first teacher I went to school to at this place, STEVEN J. TULLOS, MISS SALLIE SMITH, JOHN WL. LEWIS, R.S. KIRKLAND, MISS MARIA TRAPP, J. FRANK BRELAND and perhaps others.

Very few of these teachers of long ago are now living. One by one they had crossed the mystic stream, like Tom Trapp and so many other of my dear friends of that day.

I have only mentioned the boys of my school days so far. Just the same a

a multitude of fair-haired and rosy-cheeked lasses come into my retrospection. Some half-dozen POWELL girls, HARRISON, JOHNSONS, KIRKLANDS, LEWIS, PAYNES, TULLOS and McNAIRS: so many that space forbids going further. They were all mighty pretty and sweet, all of them, and first or last I claimed each of them as my sweetheart, but I never had the courage to tell them so. Like myself, they married and have grown families of their own, those that did not droop and die while the dew of spring life was upon them.

Tom Trapp is gone, I could mention a score more of that happy care-free group of children about whom I am now thinking who are gone. It seems the good die young and only the puny like myself are left to think and sigh as one by one the others go. Ere long the union will be complete on the other side. "Au Revoir", dear schoolmates.

THOMAS ALEXANDER & MARY LOU had the following:

OSCAR VOLINA TRAPP was born Oct. 1, 1903 and was married before J.L. CANNON June 13, 1924 to VELMA M. GILMORE, born July 30, 1904, the sister of ONIE GILMORE who married Oscar's brother, Guy Austin. Oscar died April 14, 1970. They had:

RORY KENNETH TRAPP b. May 8, 1925 m. JOYCE WATKINS. Was fire-chief of Meridian, Ms.

MARY LOUISE TRAPP b. Oct. 30, 1929 m. JAMES LANE FRENCH and had:

SHELIA FRENCH b. October 13, 1952

Infant son born Oct. 1, 1931 d. Oct. 10, 1931 age 9 days.

HUDSON TRAPP b. 1907 Neshoba Co. m. there March 23, 1931 ISA WARREN. He became an engineer in the oil industry at Gladewater, Tx. where he died and was buried.

GUY AUSTIN TRAPP was born Dec. 26, 1909 and m. Jan. 24, ONIE MAE GILMORE b. Sept. 21, 1913 who was living in 2003. He died Dec. 13, 1989 and is buried at High Hill. They had:

JEFFILETTE (JEFFIE) TRAPP b. Christmas Eve, 1934. Retired secretary from Jackson, Ms.

WILLIAM FELTON TRAPP b. July 17, 1941 m. Sept. 6, 1963 MARILYN BROWN. Of High Hill, Ms. in 2003 They had:

RORY EUGENE TRAPP m.

ROMANA LYNN TRAPP

HENRY BENJAMIN TRAPP (1914-1965) m. MARGARET. resided St. Petersburg, Fla. no issue.

BETTY LOU TRAPP m. her distant kinsman, HENRY HUDSON of Sumall, Ms. He was the son of GILBERT & RUTH (BROOM) HUDSON.

HENRY TOM HUDSON m JUANITA BROOM. Issue includes DENISE HUDSON.

MARLTON HUDSON m. WANDA BROOM (sister of Juanita)



LONNIE TRAPP, son of Benjamin & Martha WAS BORN 11 October 1877, likely at the old home place. He attended the old Johnsonville school, eventually becoming a teacher himself.

Like many of his generation, he became stricken with tuberculosis. There was no known cure at the time. His best hope was to go out west somewhere. Something unknown : enabled some victims to survive.

Highly recommended as a teacher, he had no difficulty finding a position in Texas. For a time he thought that he might win.

Dr. RUSH, from Philadelphia, Ms. was on the train returning from a medical convention in Shreveport February 21 1905 when the conductor came through Dr. Rush' car, hoping to find someone who might identify the body of a young man in the car ahead who had just died on the train. Dr. Rush volunteered in hopes that he would be there in time. No one knew that Lonnie was on his way home..

He was buried among his kin in the Churchyard of Goodhope Baptist Church.  
(Information, Mrs. Ray Hamil)



MILES B. TRAPP was born January 31, 1880, likely at the old home place. To celebrate July 4 in 1899 he family packed a lunch for a picnic at a favorite spot on Pear River. There was a place for the boys to swim. The day turned to sorrow, when they were unable to revive Miles. I fancy I remember my father saying that he had gotten caught in a whirlpool.

VOLNEY BENJAMIN TRAPP was born 27 April 27, 1882 and had left home by 1900 to board in the household of JAMES WILBERSON. He was already earning his living as a painter. On Christmas Eve 1907 he married MINNIE THOMPSON, the sister of MAGGIE THOMPSON who married his brother, ALBERT.

The house he built for Minnie, since much added to and enlarged, exist to this day; now an attraction of Philadelphia.

Volney died June 18, 1914, age 32. Minnie remarried on Christmas Eve 1916. THOMAS B. BEAL. Minnie Beal (1888-1869 is also buried in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Philadelphia. Volney had no surviving issue:

“THOMAS JOSEPH, son of V.B. & Minnie Trapp”  
20 November 1908 - 13 August 1917

JAMES FRANCIS TRAPP, son of OSMUND & MARY ANN was born in 1848 in Winston Co, Ms. He died of typhoid fever age 11 in 1850. His place of burial is unknown.

RUFUS TOPEL TRAPP was born Marcy 16, 1851 in Winston Co. Ms. He married about 1875 ELIZABETH ADELAIDE ERNEST, born July 13, 1861. He died March 10, 1919. Elizabeth died August 17, 1935, They had 5 daughters:

LYDIA OLIVE - LELA EDNA - CORA LEE - EFFIE ELMER - HAZEL ETOIL

LYDIA OLIVE TRAPP was born Oct. 22, 1877 in Neshoba Co. and married there Christmas 1899, HUGH H. OLIVER, born May 7, 1869. He died Feb. 2, 1955. She died Feb. 25, 1962. They had:

CECIL DEWITT OLIVER, b. Aug. 10, 1902 m. HAZEL SPARKS, b. Jan. 31, 1910 and died without issue Nov. 20, 1967.

GATES ERNEST OLIVER. b. Feb. 25, 1907 m. Sept. 9, 1935 CLARA HURT, b. June 24, 1913 and had:

GATES ERNEST OLIVER JR. b. Feb. 2, 1939 m. KAY H. DAVIS b. July 16, 1941 and had:

DAVID GATES OLIVER b. Sept. 11, 1968.

ROBERT EDWARD OLIVER b. July 1941 m. MARGARET BOOMER, b. Sept. 10, 1941. and had:

STEVEN EDWARD OLIVER b. Oct. 12, 1968

ROWENA E. OLIVER b. Sept. 12, m. HOWARD M. FARMER b. Nov. 23

LELA EDNA TRAPP was born April 9, 1879 in Neshoba Co. Ms. She m. Sept. 4, 1913 J. LONNIE HAYES b. 3 Oct. 1881 and d. May 2, 1937. They had:

J. LONNIE HAYES JR. b. Oct. 9, 1916-Oct.11, 1916 age 3 days.

ERNEST TOPEL HAYES b. Dec 27, 1919 m. BILLIE WATSON b. Feb. 2, 1923. Had:

JUDITH ANN HAYES b. 28 January 1947 m. GERALD B. HOOPER II and

JOHN DOUGLAS HOOPER b. 17 March 1971

STEPHEN ERNEST HAYS b. 22 June 1951

CORA LEE TRAPP was born April 9, 1883 in Neshoba Co. Ms. m. Jan. 1, 1902 WILLIAM JAMES VANCE, b. Jan. 2, 1884 and d. Nov. 28, 1967. They had:

ODELL CARLTON VANCE b. Feb 16, 1903 m. 9 Feb. 1946 HELEN EDWARDS b. Feb.28, 1928 and had:

JARVIS WAYNE VANCE b. Jan. 5, 1947 m. Aug. 26, 1965 FRIEDA BROOKS.

DAVID MURREL VANCE twin, b.& d. Dec. 20, 1949

FRIEDA ELAINE VANCE twin b. Dec. 20, 1949

CARLTON EUGENE VANCE b. 23 Oct. 1953

ORVIE TOPEL VANCE b. 31 July 1907 m. July 3, 1933 MAUDE BEATRICE REGAN b. Oct. 2, 1913, and had:

MARY ANN VANCE b. 12 Dec. 1934 m. 1st. MR. JORDON and m. 2nd.

CHARLES MASON and had:

TERESA ELLEN JORDON

LAURA ANN MASON  
 SAMUEL WRIGHT VANCE b. Feb. 5, 1938 m. 1st. GLADYS FAYE BENNET  
 (mother of the 1st two) and 2nd. MARY LOU SHANYFELT (mother of next  
 two)

GERALD VANCE  
 JIMMY VANCE  
 LEISA VANCE  
 SAMUEL VANCE

ALICE FAYE VANCE b. Sept. 25, 1939 d. March 12, 1956.

JANICE CAROL VANCE b. Feb. 8, 1949 m. MICHAEL PEOPLES

RUFUS MURREL VANCE b. 26 May 1909 m. NELL. no issue.

EMMA ELIZABETH VANCE b. Feb. 10, 1915 m. April 10, 1948 CLARK WILLIE  
 JONES and had:

TERRI ANN JONES b. 9 Oct. 1955

JOHN URIAH VANCE b. May 17, 1917 m. Oct. 1961 KAYE FLAKE and had:  
 WILLIAM VANCE  
 LINDA KAYE VANCE

SAMUEL THERREL VANCE b. 1918 m. ZINNIA no issue;

OLIVE ODESSA VANCE b. 1919 m. WILLIAM H. HINTON and had  
 CHERRIL SUSETTE HINTON

WILLIAM JAMES VANCE JR. b Christmas 1923 m. MARTGA and had:  
 BILLY STUBB VANCE  
 SHERRI LYNN VANCE  
 MURRY VANCE  
 CORA LEE VANCE  
 KERRY DAWN VANCE  
 MICHELLE ANN VANCE  
 MELISSA VANCE

EFFIE ELMER TRAPP was born Jan. 12, 1891 in Neshoba Co. Ms. and married 13  
 Nov. 1905 GEORGE WILLIAM SAVELL b. Jan. 17 1891 who d. Nov. 3, 1970. She  
 died June 1, 1955. They had:

ALTON MORGAN SAVELL b July 20, 1912 m. Nov. 12, 1938 MILDRED SMITH, b.  
 May 10, 1921. He d. May 14, 1967. They had:

MARY BETH SAVELL m. LARRY TUCKER and had  
 DAVID TUCKER  
 DARON TUCKER

MARTHA BELL SAVELL m. RICHARD RAY and had:  
 RICHARD RAY

BRENDA KAY SAVELL b. Dec/ 1947  
 KATHY SAVELL

OTIS LINTON SAVELL b. Nov. 17, 1913, son of Alton Morgan and Mildred Smith SAVELL m. April 25, 1944 LOURENE BUREN SCOTT, b. 1918. He died Nov. 13, 1967. They had:

LINDA LOU SAVELL

REBA DEAN SAVELL m. CHARLES KOSKI and had:

CHARLES KOSKI

MONA DEAN SAVELL b. 28 May 1916 m. June 12, 1937 MARTIN VAN BUREN SCOTT b. 15 Oct. 1914 and had:

JERRY MARTIN SCOTT b. Oct. 3, 1943 m. Aug. 6 1962 IDA MAC STUART and had:

RITA ANN SCOTT b Jan 17, 1963

PATTIE MARIE SCOTT b. 22 Dec. 1965

JERRY MARTIN SCOTT JR. b. Dec. 3, 1968

PATRICIA ANN SCOTT b. Aug. 29, 1947 m. Aug 17, 1965 FRANK REEVES and had:

DEANNA KATHRYN REEVES b. June 4, 1971

ZEONA LYDIA SAVELL b. Feb. 20, 1918 m. May 27, 1930 JAMES TRUMAN SCOTT and had:

LYNA MAVIS SCOTT b. June 16, 1941, m. 1st DONALD D. RITCHIE and 2nd July 9, 1963 LINWOOD EVERETT KEEN b. July 12, 1937.

THERESA DARLENE RITCHIE b. June 15, 1958

TAMIE MARIE KENE b. June 24, 1964.

BOBBY DARNELL SCOTT b. June 17, 1942. m. 1st a German girl and 2nd Dec. 2, 1966 CORNELIA WIGGINS RAWSON b. 6 Oct. 1941. They had:

LAURA LEE SCOTT b. 25 July 1967

BETTY CARLYN SCOTT b. 29 Dec. 1945 m. July 9, 1965 TIMOTHY REID McCULLY b. Aug. 4, 1945

GREGG SCOTT McCULLY b. Dec. 9, 1965

AMY JANEEN McCULLY b. May 10, 1971

RUFUS CARLTON SAVELL b. Dec. 20, 1920 m. Sept. 26 1946 ELLERY LORRAINE GAMBLE and had:

MARK SAVELL

MIKE SAVELL

MARILYN SAVELL

LEXI CLAIRE SAVELL b. 20 June 1922 m. DWIGHT DAVID WILLIAMSON and DWIGHT D. WILLIAMSON JR. b & d. Aug. 20, 1941

SANDRA WILLIAMSON m. DAN FROZEMAN

ROY DWIGHT WILLIAMSON m. WANDA

GEORGE WILLIAM SAVELL b. 28 Feb. 1923 d. April 2, 1923

CRESSIE CLIO SAVELL b. 28 Feb. 1924 m. 1st. BILL JENKINS and 2nd. PAUL T. CRAWFORD.

CAROLYN FAYE JENKINS m. MAXIE WILLIAMS and had:

JEFFREY PAUL WILLIAMS

CLARA WILLIAMS

MARY ANTONY WILLIAMS b 27 June 1971

PAUL T. CRAWFORRD JR. m. BABS PARAMORE and had:

SCOTTIE CRAWFORD

DEBBIE CRAWFORD

JOHN KERMIT SAVELL b. July 20, 1926 m. 1st GLORIA and 2nd CLARA BRYANT  
no issue.

Infant SAVELL stillborn.

HAZEL ETOIL TRAPP, youngest daughter of Rufus & Elizabeth was born April 14,  
1901 in Neshoba Co. Ms. She married 29 December 1920 JAMES HERBERT  
NICHOLSON, born 8 August 1899 and died at Baton Rouge in 1972. They had:

LINDA JEAN NICHOLSON b. Jan. 16, 1924 m. March 29, 1945 GRADY WADELL  
LOFTON b. April 16, 1928 and had:

RODNEY KAREN LOFTON b 30 Aug. 1940 m. JESSE ARNOLD and had:  
REBECCA ELIZABETH ARNOLD b. 24 Sept. 1976

OUIDA JOYCE NICHOLSON b. Sept. 15, 1925 m. May 18, 1946 HENRY A. HOOD  
and had:

LINDA LEE HOOD b. Sept 6, 1947 m.

SHIRLEY ANN HOOD b. Nov. 25, 1948 m. SIDNEY COVINGTON b. Dec.  
21, 1947

BILLY RAY COVINGTON b. Sept 17, 1968

RITA FAYE HOOD b Dec 21. 1949 m. Dec. 2, 1967 RAYMOND L. GILMER  
and had

STEPHANIE RENE GILMER b. 23 July 1969

SARAH JACQUELINE NICHOLSON b. Nov. 12, 1927 m. Dec. 8, 1945 PHILIP  
MARTINA JR. b. Aug. 14, 1954. They had:

PHYLLIS DIANE MARTINA b. 7 Dec. 1948 m. June 19, 1969 WILLIAM  
BERGERON JR. b. Dec. 5, 1946 and had:

JEFFREY SCOTT BERGERON b 24 June 1971

CHARLOTTE JACQUELINE MARTINA b. Jan. 7, 1954

SHARON ELIZABETH MARTINA b July 15, 1957

PHILIP NICHOLSON MARTINA b 2 March 1960

JAMIE BETH NICHOLSON b June 10, 1930 m. Feb. 16, 1958 GEORGE HERBERT  
POWELL.

MARY ANN VIRGINIA (GINNY) TRAPP, daughter of Osmund & Mary Ann, was born  
about 1854. She became a teacher at Johnsonville School. She married Dec. 30, 1879  
WILLIAM F. SHEPPHERD b. 1854. She died in 1932. He died in 1943. They had:

CARRIE MALCOM SHEPPHERD b. Oct. 26, 1880 d. June 30, 1882 of typhoid fever.

RAYMOND R. SHEPPHERD b. May 17, 1883 m. 1st IDA S. MAYO, b. 18 Sept. 1892  
who d. April 7, 1969. He m. 2nd CLENNIE WEBB.

OPAL LUCILLE SHEPPHERD b. June 28, 1907 m. June 19, 1926 ANDREW SCITZ,  
b. May 1887, d. May 21, 1971. They had:

BILLY MARCELL SCITZ b. March 7, 1927 m. 1950 and had:

FRANCES MARCEL SCITZ b June 23, 1953

SANDRA ROCHELLE SCITZ b June 18, 1956

FRANCES EVELYN SCITZ b. Feb. 2, 1930 m. May 19, 1950 CAROL  
BAILEY and had:  
RONALD CAROL BAILEY b. Sept. 14, 1954  
DONNA BAILEY b. Aug. 12, 1955

Infant son SHEPPHERD b. Dec. 1913

EDNA MAVIS SHEPPHERD b. July 1, 1916 m. IREL DEWEESE  
SUE DEWEESE m. JOHN GENTRY  
BARBARA ANN GENTRY  
JUDY DEWEESE

JAMES MAXWELL SHEPPHERD b. June 15, 1918 m. DAPHNE SANIFER and had:  
GLENN MAXWELL SHEPPHERD June 30, 1961  
TRACEY SHEPPHERD b. July 28, 1963

WEBB RANDOLPH SHEPPHERD b Sept. 3, 1820 m. DOROTHY BAKER b. Feb. 12,  
1922 and had:  
BEVERLY SHEPPHERD b. July 28, 1959  
LETHA SHEPPHERD b. Aug. 4, 1962

BONNIE RUTH SHEPPHERD b. June 2, 1922 m. WALTER STRONG b. 1916  
LYNETTE STRONG b. Dec. 4, 1945 m. JOHNNIE MILLER  
VICKIE MILLER b. 1965  
LISA MILLER b. 1967  
JAMES STRONG b. Dec. 4, 1946  
BOBBY STRONG b. Dec. 4, 1947 m. VICKIE and had:  
GREGG STRONG

EMMA JEAN SHEPPHERD b. Aug. 12, 1924 m. ALBERT WINCHENBACH and had  
CINDY WINCHENBACH b June 30, 1953  
MARY WINCHENBACH b. Oct. 23, 1960

LAVATA KATHLEEN SHEPPHERD b. April 23, 1929 m. L. C. BLACKLEDGE and  
RONALD BLACKLEDGE  
JACKIE BLACKLEDGE  
BETTY ANN BLACKLEDGE b. Dec. 8, 1954

WILLIAM FRANKLIN SHEPPHERD b April 1933 m. DEBORAH STEVENS and had  
FRANK SHEPPHERD b. 1964  
LESA SHEPPHERD b. 1966

RAYMOND JAMES SHEPPARD b May 17, 1883 d. Feb. 6, 1968 m. EDELLA  
MOORE b. Dec. 6, 1884 d. April 28, 1958. They had:  
RAYMOND LION SHEPPHERD b Aug. 12, 1910 m. MAUD LUBY and had:  
EMMA DELL SHEPHERD m. JUNIOR LOPER and had 3 sons.  
EUNICE CADDO SHEPPHERD m. JEFF ALLEN and had:  
MARTHA NELL ALLEN m. BRYANT ROGERS  
SCOTTIE ALLEN

ORVAL SHEPPHERD b. March 7, 1889 d. Dec. 11, 1994.

BENJAMIN AMOS SHEPPHERD b. Dec. 14, 1891 m. MARY KENNEDY about 1918 and died Feb. 27. 1954.

WILLIAM THERWIN SHEPPHERD b. July. 13 m. ROSE GARVIE and had  
 MARILYN SHEPPHERD b. 1945  
 WILLIAM SHEPPHERD b. 1948  
 RUTH SHEPPHERD m. ETHEL J. COATS and had:  
 BENJAMIN COATS  
 RUBY SHEPPHERD m. COCKER and had:  
 JANET COCKER b. 1948  
 DEBIRAG CICJER

MARIAH J. TRAPP, daughter of O. T. & MARY ANN, was born September 10, 1858. She married September 21, 1890 as his second wife, JAMES G. HARRISON, born March 27, 1843 part of whose acreage would be given as a place for the Neshoba County Fair. His first wife, GEORGIANNA had died in 1889.

He died less than two years later March 12, 1892 and Martha returned to the old Trapp homestead with her daughter, their only child.

NEVA HARRISON b. July 11, 1892 Neshoba Co. MS m. May 25. 1919 WILLIAM JAMES VANCE. She became post-mistress of Neshoba, MS sometime before her death June 22, 1953. William married 2nd MRS. EVA BOYKIN, the d. o. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN & AMANDA (FOX) LEWIS. (Amanda was the sister of MARTHA FOX TRAPP)  
 HELEN VANCE m. a Mr. WINDHAM. (One Sid and Helen Windham owned a small store in Chaille, MS. from 1956 into the '90's and flourished there in the building into the new millennium.)  
 MARTHA VANCE m. LEWIS  
 KENNETH VANCE

JOHN M. TRAPP was born August 11, 1859 in Neshoba County . He died unmarried September 10, 1888,

HAMPTON LEE TRAPP, youngest child of O. T. & MARY ANN (LEARD) TRAPP was born Oct. 19, 1864 at the old Trapp Homestead in Neshoba County. The final year of the Civil War could scarcely be called a prosperous time, but the years that followed were far worse.

An attempt to confiscate all cattle and other destruction during the war had induced poverty that would still be in evidence well into the next century. Going to bed hungry was not unknown, and many of "Hamps" generation, including in time his wife, would be regarded today as small people.

The date of this snap-shot is uncertain - likely in the early 1920s a few years after all the family had moved from the homestead. It and other photographs indicate that Hampton was a good-sized man, well above six feet tall, so it is reassuring to know that he

rarely suffered the hunger that was so prevalent at the time.

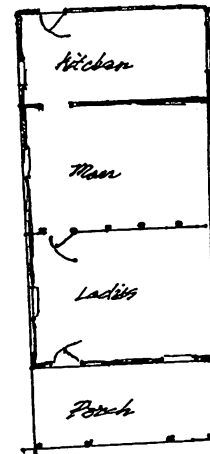
The Indians there always being a peaceful tribe, were said to have been more prevalent than whites in some of the nearby villages during this time, especially in Neshoba. When I visited Philadelphia with my Dad in 1946, though the Indians no longer dressed as one might expect of a typical tribe, they still retained their own identity. At a time white women wore shorter skirts, the Indian ladies wore dresses of a combination of primary colors, the lower skirts covering their ankles. Hampton seems to have had good friends among them.

Hampton married September 28, 1890 SUSAN (SUDIE) TILITHA PAYNE, the daughter JOSIAH CLARK (1844-1877) & MARGARET (WALTON) PAYNE of Newton, County. They said their vows before S. H. STRIBBING, likely a close neighbor. It is unknown if he was a minister or a J. P.

The Neshoba County Fair was very soon to become big news locally, and their farm-house was directly up the hill from the fairground, their farm possibly adjoining the fairground. The first year of the fair, so many kin and uninvited (though not unwelcomed) guest arrived that Sudie scarcely had time to enjoy the fair herself

This resulted in them building one of the first cabins on what is today known as Founder's Square. It was unlikely to be of more than a good sized front porch, two good-sized rooms with a small lean-to kitchen on back. Electricity would not reach rural Neshoba Co. for several years to come. Early photographs show the earliest cabins to have had very high ceilinged rooms. Used only in July, there would have been no need for a fireplace.

The two rooms, one for the boys and the other for the girls were thought ample for not only all fourteen members of the family but all the in-laws and grand-children that later wished to pile in. BEATRICE YATES WELCH had fond memories of being among those that visited annually and witnessed to a good time being had by all.



The fair was held only one week out of each year, but weekly excursions into Philadelphia were almost as much fun. The typical visit began with the arrival there a little before noon and might extend through the last showing of the movie, though most would like to return home before dark.

If you had had enough of the visiting and already seen the show, you might get a ride in the direction of your home with a neighboring family, while your folks continued to visit. One such ride would always be remembered and often retold by Hampton & Sudie's children.

Farm folks rarely walked their pet dogs on a leash through the town, or anywhere else, but the family dogs often made the trip into town, leashed behind the farm-wagon. They would patiently wait under the wagon while the family enjoyed visiting, for the return trip home. The family with whom Hampton's children hitched a ride home is forgotten but with the wagon tail-gate removed, all of them found a place seated on the



back of the wagon bed (floor) to dangling their lower legs, while they admired the leashed dogs that followed

The ride was uneventful until going down a steep hill before they reached home, the wagon brakes did not fully slow their descent and for a moment it seemed likely the wagon would overrun the horses hitched to the front.

The dogs leashed to the rear had to run at full speed in order to stay on their feet. A small puppy, also leashed, was running for all it was worth and they feared that it was in danger of being dragged along when a small voice behind them declared admiringly, *Dodd damn! Can't t'at li'l' t'ing run fas'!*

But just before that happened, the wagon reached the bottom of the hill and order was restored. other than any correction to the small voice.

Neshoba County seems from the first to have been made up of small farms and villages. I am unaware of any large plantation that required slaves. Laura Ackerman Yates preserved an anecdote of Hampton's tiny youngest daughter. Erdice the first time that she saw a black person. Erdice was so frightened that she ran. I do not remember the details of how she returned or soon came into contact with the feared black woman, but Erdice never forgot what the woman said to her, *White child, I would not harm one hair on your head.*

One visit by an Indian - I seem to think of him as an Indian Chief, though that is far from certain - would be handed down by the family.

In the Indian culture, I have the impression that it was not common for women to be included in men's visits. But while the Indian was visiting with Hampton, Sudie made coffee and took it to them

Knowing beforehand that it was about time for the Indian's wife to go into labor, Sudie asked, "Isn't it about time for Clementine to be delivered?"

"She had it last night."

"That's great! Was it a boy or a girl?"

"I don't know. I didn't pay any attentioin."



A reconstruction of a typical cabin built around Founder's Square. Possibly a loft above the few rooms provided additional sleeping space.

At the visitation of their youngest daughter, Erdice, quite unexpectedly I would learn more when I observed to Uncle Topel that Aunt Erdice had suffered a great deal of injustice in her lifetime, none of which was her fault.

He readily agreed, and shared the following story from her childhood to show that the same was true even then. By choice, I will do no research to bring the story into better focus. The surname of the accuser was a beloved one from my childhood and kin of his name from Neshoba Co. enhanced my life. This is the story as I remember Uncle Topel telling it:

Coldwater School was destroyed by fire during the early 1920's. One man, I believe the father of a teacher there collected his dogs in an attempt to trail the arsonist. At some point, the dogs picked up a scent that led them to Hampton's front door.

This was scarcely remarkable, since all of the family frequently crossed the school ground going about their daily errands, but it was enough to convince the father that Hampton was the culprit. The accuser had no luck convincing the authorities, nor the neighbors that Hampton was guilty, and for a time, Hampton simply ignored him. But the accuser's daughter, older than Erdice, was in the same class-room. She succeeded where her father failed by convincing all the girls in the room that Erdice should be ostracized.

As Erdice became more and more unhappy, she begged her parents to allow her to walk miles in order to attend a different school. This was clearly injustice, but it was for this reason that Hampton sold out, took his family to Union, Ms. where Erdice could attend school in town. They would keep their cabin on *Founder's Square* and be able to visit with friends each year.

Erdice might have become bitter. Instead she became a stronger Christian. It would be interesting to know if the young lady who concluded that Erdice was unworthy of companionship enjoyed a life as filled with loving friends and family as did Erdice.

A likely explanation of how the accuser arrived at the wrong conclusion is offered in the next chapter in the account of Erdice's older sister, Gertrude.

Hampton died at Union March 6, 1925, and was brought back to Good Hope for burial. Sudie would love to have kept the cabin at the fairground, but a prominent politician informed her that it was condemned, but he could give her \$25 for it. Likely Sudie, who would soon follow her children to Louisiana, questioned if she would be able to return often and in any case she did not feel up to paying for repairs right then. Sudie agreed.

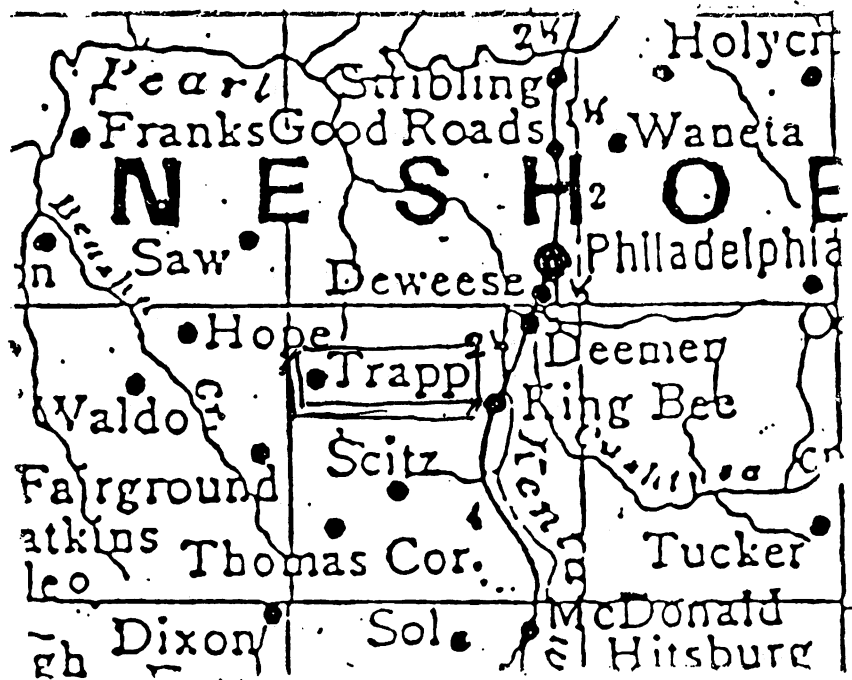
Her daughter, Nola, who did return yearly, felt that her mother had been taken advantage of at a time of grief; especially since the politician continued for several years to use it without making any repairs.

Sudie would live her final years in the home of her daughter, Nola Yates. She died age 93 April 2, 1963 and is buried by her two daughters who predeceased her in Chase Cemetery. An account of the children and descendants is given in the following chapter. They had:

GERTRUDE ELSIE - NOLA B. - A. CLAYTON - ALDA UNA - HOMER LEARD - CARLOS R. -

AUBREY MAURICE - ERDICE U. - OTHA TOPEL

Note the surnames STRIBBLING, SCITZ & DEWEESE on this early map of Neshoba County.



#### CORRECTION & ADDITION

The sketch (p. 138) was made following my first visit to the house, based upon memory, photographs I took at the time and imagining what it looked like before the long front porch acquired a room at each of its ends. Only the middle section of the porch remained as a porch. Not going into the house and prevented in places from close proximity, I was unable even on the second visit to get a clear idea of the way the back porch recessed as it passed the kitchen, though I was accurate in the detail that a pantry off the kitchen blocked the end of the back porch. But the sketch as illustrated includes one too many rooms as seen past the back porch. Also, a closer look at the barn's interior revealed that only some of the hardware was hand made. probably most had been manufactured.

Though a dream that I had forty years ago is not forgotten, I can not claim to have found the least confirming evidence since, but the details being yet remembered, I pass them on in case they do mean anything to others.

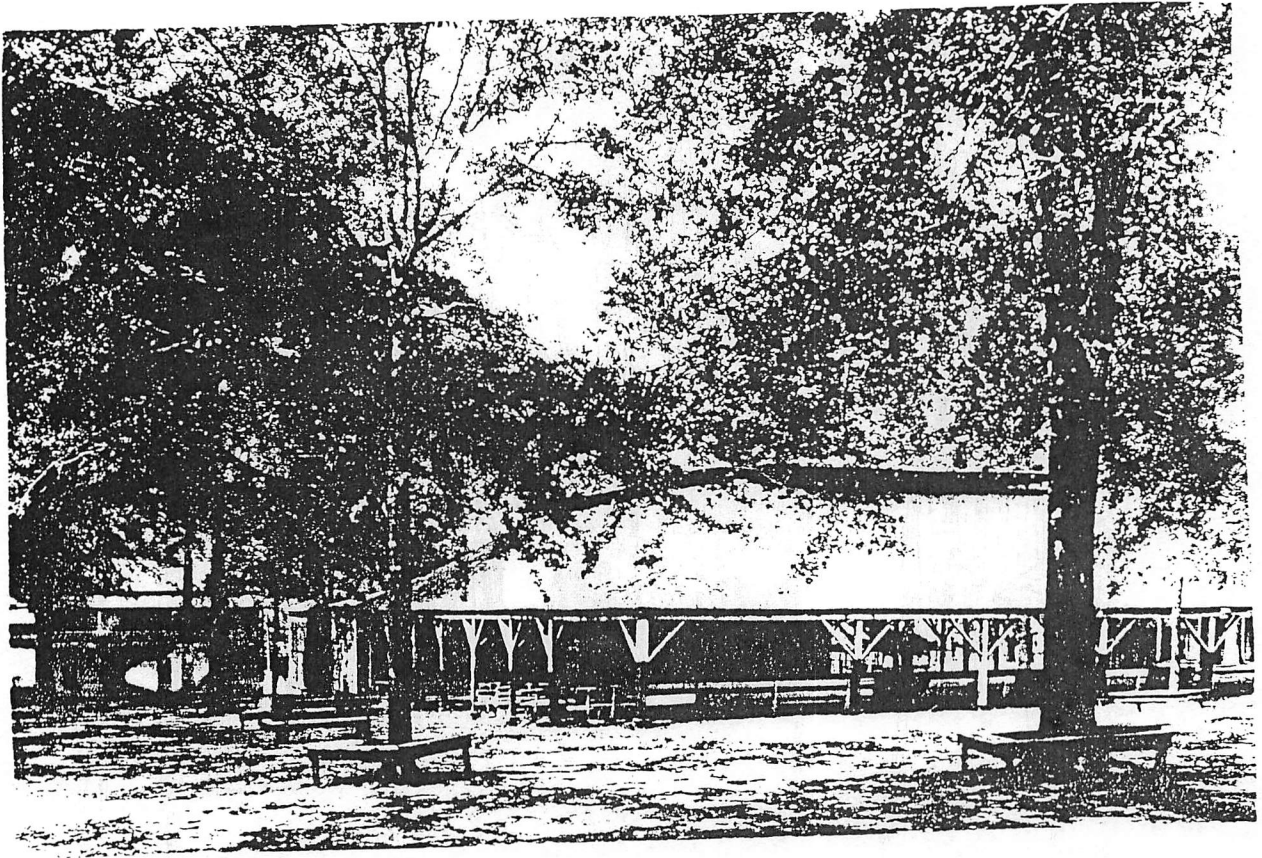
The yard of my childhood home bordered the railroad that ran through Chase, La. At midnight a train bearing Confederate dead stopped in front of our house and began to unload bodies beside the tracks. I yet remember the large headlight of the engine illuminating what I thought a remarkable distance. I remember somehow being compelled against my will to look into the face of one of the deceased soldiers.

It proved in no way unpleasant, other than being sad. What I saw was a handsome soldier, blond bearded and young. Afterwards in my own mind I identified him as Thomas (see p. 140). I have no idea, never having seen a photograph of Thomas, if he was blond or not, though many of the Trapps were blond earlier, as was I until I reached my mid-twenties, and one of my sons is yet a blond well into his forties.

I have no clear idea how Ellis lane, two miles north of Chase became involved in the dream, but I should not be greatly surprised if some person surnamed Ellis was present at the time of Thomas death.



Founders Square  
Nebraska County Fairground  
12/19/10



The Pavilion on the Neshoba County Fairground, not only survives to the present day, but has become the hub of one of Mississippi's major attractions each season.

#### ST. VALENTINE SUSPECTED OF ASSOCIATION WITH SOME BAPTIST

The story is told of an 18th Century Anglican Bishop in Texas who was asked if he thought it was possible to obtain salvation if one was not an Episcopalian. Reluctantly the bishop admitted the possibility, before adding, *but no true gentleman would ever think of doing such a thing*. Actually the bishop's response might have been considered mild had the question been asked to others of their denomination. Not only churches, but each ethnic group had a distinctive culture all its own.

In a most rural part of Illinois settled mainly by German immigrants in the late 19th century there was built in the early 20th century, a modest, but lovely Roman Catholic Church. St. Valentine was chosen as the patron saint. The Church well served the rural population as long as there was one though all Catholics, like their protestant counterparts, longed for the day when all Christians would see the light.

Down a rutted road less than a mile from the center of a village soon to be known as Chase, Louisiana, in a large farm house was born in January 1906 a little girl. Chase was predominantly a Baptist-Methodist Community, all of whom, though believing in the virgin birth of Christ, had hardly any strong ties to the date December 25th. As a result, a Valentine's Day Celebration rivaled Christmas, and in some cases was actually enjoyed more, for as the little girl later said, "*Everybody got Valentines.*"

The little girl grew up and married a dedicated Christian, who was later to be ordained in Chase Church. Their own little girl, Deanie, grew up and years passed quickly. With the advent of WWII, Deanie left college to accept a job as a Secretary at the local Air Base, later being transferred to a promotion in Houston. A letter from Deanie arrived from there that contained some painfully contrasting news. She was marrying a wonderful man *who was a Roman Catholic* and if that wasn't bad enough, his surname, *Geiger* sounded suspiciously German. Over 90% of the people of Chase were descended from British, as was proper.

Our father was distressed! He could think of nothing to save his daughter from such an awful fate. Finally, in desperate hopes of finding reassurance (or possibly facts that might spare her if she only was aware of them) he wrote a letter addressed to an unnamed *Pastor of the Baptist Church, Oblong, Ill.*, and fearfully awaited a reply. When the letter from Oblong arrived, it was only marginally reassuring. The Geiger family were highly respected. But the Oblong pastor -or rather the pastor at Oblong - sadly admitted in answer to another question, that *most Roman Catholics DID drink socially*. Only after actually meeting Jim, did all the doubts and fears disappear.

The war was over, and Jim was sent to serve in Japan. Deanie, by that time pregnant, could not fly to him until after the baby would be born and was something like six weeks old. She came home to Chase to live in the meantime, bringing a photo album that included a picture Jim had taken of the picturesque, St. Valentines Church. But it is doubtful that anyone thought of any church in the early hours of **February 14, 1947** in the excitement of getting Deanie to the hospital in time, nor even afterward as they rejoiced in the healthy delivery of JAMES MICHAEL GEIGER JR.

If St. Valentine was showing off, he gave everybody one more chance to notice **February 14, 1954** when their other son, JOHN CLAYTON GEIGER was born in California, but I doubt anyone did.

More time passed. Dr. James Michael Geiger Jr. decided to specialize in ophthalmology at Shreveport, La. and there met a pretty nurse, PATRICIA HARRISON. He would soon be told her birth date, **February 14th**, of course, so they decided to be married **February 14, 1974**. What they did not realize until after their marriage was that both of them had ancestors that had been active in the earliest days of the Neshoba County fair held one week each year and located well over two hundred miles away. Patty's ancestor, Mr. Grantham, is listed as one of the founders. Mike's grandfather at about age 6, was one of the very earliest employees, gathering pine-knots from the forest to provide light in the evenings there, and Mike's great-grandfather had built one of the very earliest cabins around Founder's Square.

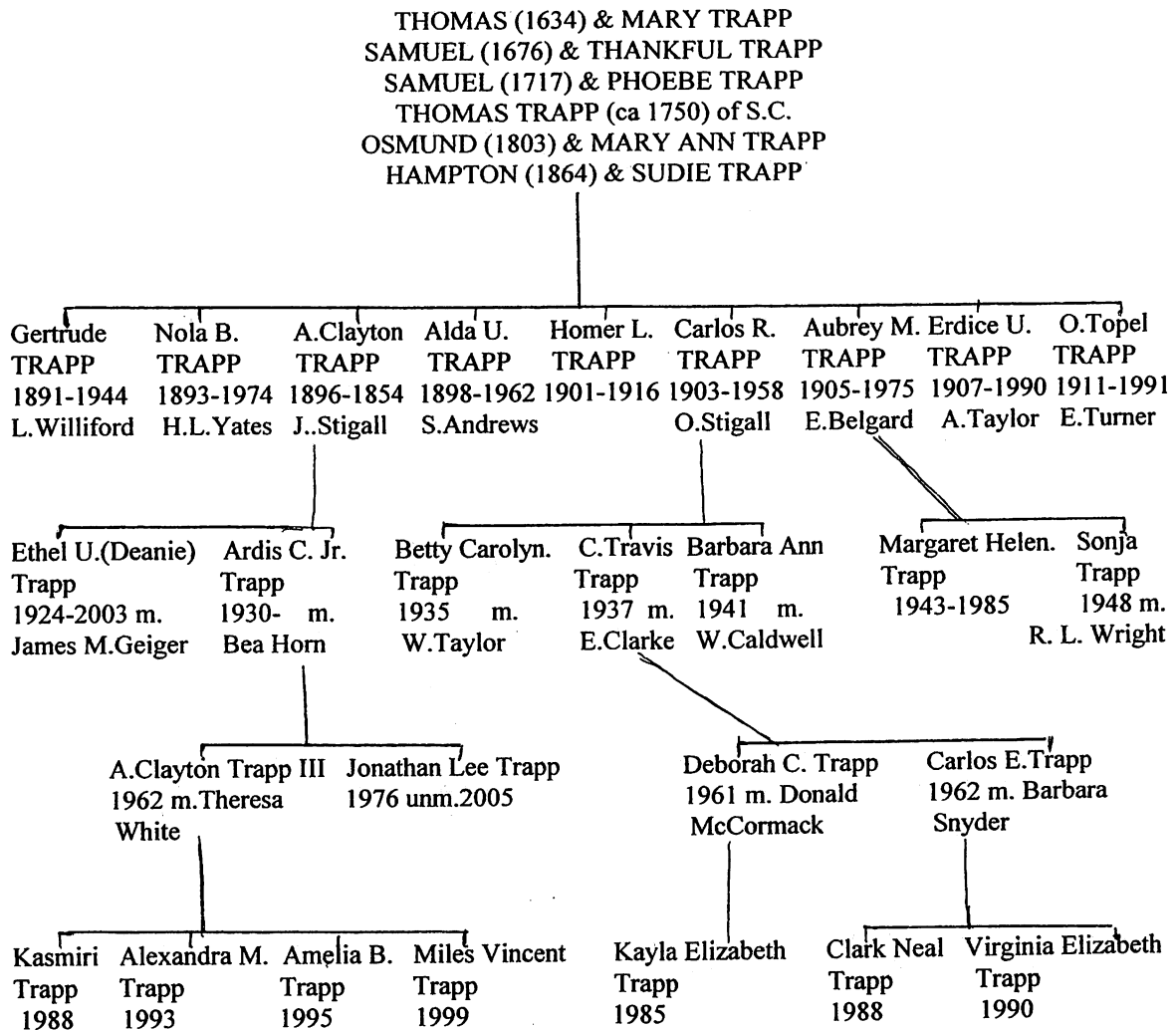
Altogether, there seemed to be a number of remarkable instances, not easily dismissed as coincidences. Do I think that St. Valentine was out to get attention? Yes, but not from personal vanity. I expect he would be saddened if he thought anyone might think him so shallow as to be an exhibitionist.

But good has come from the union of those two people of contrasting backgrounds. Two fine sons and good marriages speak for themselves. But I am reasonably certain that our Dad, though he loved Jim, never ceased to pray that his grand-children would somehow become Baptist, whom he was convinced offered a clearer and more reliable plan for achieving salvation. But there seemed little hope that it would happen for all four of them were being educated in Catholic Schools. But Jim proved too fine a son-in-law for Dad's earlier low opinion of the Catholic Church not to improve.

But fate offers surprises. Today, the two oldest grandchildren, Mike and Sue that our Dad prayed so fervently for as long as he had breath can be described as "born-again" Christians. Mike offers his skill each summer to providing free surgery for those of third-world countries who are in need. None of Dad's grandchildren became Baptist, as he had no doubt requested, but otherwise his prayers were fully answered. He died two months after the arrival of his second grandson, and never saw his youngest grand-daughters, one of which died in early childhood.

I would not want anyone to imagine that I doubt Salvation is in any way less obtainable in the Roman Church than any where else true Believers seek God. But even so, God sometimes grants the specifics we request, though they may be of secondary importance. As to Deanie's two youngest children, John and Judy, both today are active Episcopalians. All things considered, I expect that Dad is content. As to *St. Valentine's Church*, it still stands, well-endowed, but the people are all gone. St. Valentine himself, famed for ignoring the Pope's interdict and continuing to marry young couples in holy wedlock, will long outlive the current degradation attempted by some cards that bear his name. Miracle of all miracles, Baptist, other denominations and Catholics have begun to cooperate fully on import issues.

Those of the surname to be accounted for in Chapter XVI



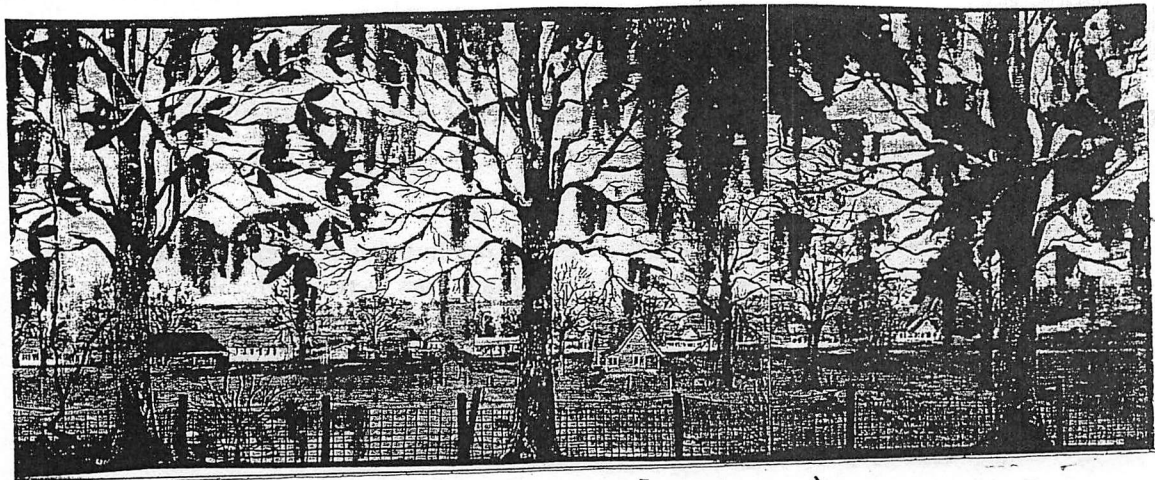
## Chapter XV

## To Chase, Louisiana

The explanation as to why the family left Neshoba County has previously been given in full on page 148 but it is likely that opportunities at Chase, La. at the time also played a part in the decision. For those who farmed, the land there had the reputation of producing a bale of cotton per acre; thought quite remarkable at the time and in addition, the sawmill was thriving.

Nola Trapp (1893-1974) had married Jake Yates in 1913 and right after WWI had moved to a house yet extant (2005) as the home of Bill Stigall. Clayton would live with them from about 1921 until he married in 1923.

The remaining family members soon followed to Chase or nearby locations, and most of them would be buried there



1. Chase School (all cousins attended) 2. Chase Church where Clayton would become pastor. 3. Part of the old Stigall "town house" where Clayton and his family lived. 4. Jake & Nola Yate's home.



GERTRUDE ELSIE TRAPP, daughter of Hampton & Sudie, was born July 13, 1891 near Trapp, Ms. and was teaching school by age 18 at latest. An anecdote from that time has been handed down.

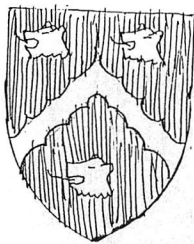
Asked when she and the young man she was dating at the time were to be married, she responded, "I'm in no hurry to swap a good \$25 job, for any two-bit man".

It has previously been mentioned that she met her husband after becoming a craft instructor at some veteran's hospital. He was LEO WILLIFORD of the Seattle Willifords, whose coat-of-arms was found in the Seattle Library during the early 1960s. The arms was described :

*Gules, a chevron engrailed between three leopard's heads or.*



Leo was a talented painter and had the manners of a gentleman.



though he often described himself as being the black sheep of the family.

The memory from 1942, remembered by Travis Trapp in 1997 takes on humor, being out of character:

The earliest days of WWII were grim. Gasoline was severely rationed and for many there seemed no hope of keeping a car. Some cars were sold for a song, while others were jacked up and kept in barn aisles and garages with hopes for better days. Without some job considered essential, new automobile tires could not be bought for love nor money. Travel had indeed become limited.

Coming through Chase on official business, Topel thought that Carlos and his family might enjoy visiting with Aunt Erdice while he made inspection of some dairy somewhere west of Gilbert. Carlos and his son Travis accepted the offer.

They had no more than parked in Erdice' front yard when they heard a raucous racket approaching from the direction they had just came. They could think of no machine they had passed capable of a sustained noise like that.

As they continued to listen, Uncle Leo's coupe came into the clearing, leaning at a peculiar angle. There was now no mistaking the source of the noise. When the coupe pulled along side Topel's car to park, they could see there was no tire on the left back wheel. Leo and Gertie and driven all the way from Gilbert "on the rim".

As Gertie greeted her brothers, Leo walked in silence completely around the year old Pontiac, whose tires had just been replaced with new ones. Giving vent to his frustration, Leo's unusual greeting was, "Well I'll be a son-of-a-bitch!"

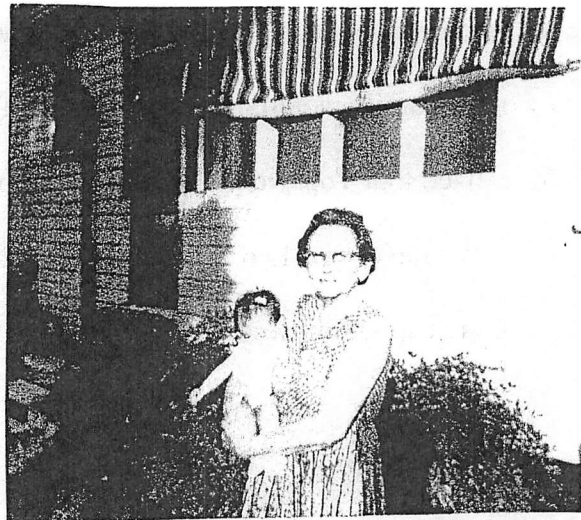
Carlos was highly offended, as Travis vocabulary was augmented.

Gertrude died suddenly April 22, 1944 at their apartment in Gilbert. It seemed even worse when we learned that Leo had their 14 year old little poodle put to sleep too. Any of the family would gladly have taken Topsy. but Leo was the only one of the family that realized that Topsy could never adjust to another family.

We never saw Leo again. Somehow Nola learned that he had died in some Veteran's hospital out west about 1960.

NOLA B. TRAPP was born October 17, 1893 at home near the Fairground. She married in April 1912 HUBERT LESTER YATES (February 18, 1892 - October 24, 1973), the son of JAMES O. & SUE ELLA (WELLS) YATES, all natives of Neshoba County, MS who had migrated to Franklin Parish, Louisiana following WWI.

The modest Yates home in Chase was somewhat larger than some of ours, but it was not the size of the house, so much as the size of the hearts of those that lived there that made it a favorite gathering place for kin. The lot is believed to have contained little more than two acres. Yet after WWII Jake bought a used-tractor and like the Johnsons, who lived next door (also from Neshoba Co.MS) he generously



Nola holding her great-granddaughter LISA FARMER in 1962. She stands in her back-yard in front of her well-stocked pantry.

provided vegetables to all the neighbors and friends for miles around.

Jake died at Chase October 24, 1973 and Nola survived him for little more than a year, dying alone Nov. 5, 1974. Her body was discovered by LAMAR JOHNSON, who came by to see why she had not come by to spend the night with them, as she often had since Jake's death.

They had:

BEATRICE YATES - MARZINE ELDRIDGE YATES - HUBERT LESTER YATES

BEATRICE YATES was born in Neshoba Co. Ms. Feb. 17, 1913 and died July 24, 1978 at Monroe, La. She married April 17, 1932 ROBERT WELCH, son of WALLACE & MARY (BEASLEY) WELCH. Robert died Dec. 5, 1989. Both are buried at Chase. They had:

BOBBY SUE WELCH was born at Chase May 21, 1933 and m. Aug. 16, 1951 JOHN E. FARMER (div. 1982) and had:

MARY SUSAN FARMER b. Aug. 19, 1952 m. BUEL D. POLK and had:

JAMES BUEL POLK b. Jan. 10, 1974

AMANDA SUSANNE POLK b. Sept. 9, 1976 m. MARCH 25, 2000 TODD EVERETT

DONALD EVERETT

JANICE ANN FARMER b. Feb. 1, 1957 m. Apr. 23 1976 DONALD LAZARRE

LESLIE AMELIA LAZARRE b. April 1, 1978

BRANDON ROBERT LAZARRE b. Oct. 7 1980

LISA LYNN FARMER b. Jan. 4, 1962, m. 1st ROBERT de LATIN and 2nd Jan. 1, 1996

DAVID MITCHAM

AMELIA De LATIN b. April 6, 1986

ALLISON DeLATIN b. Nov. 13, 1992

JACOB TYLER MITCHAM b. June 10, 1998

JANICE ANNETE WELCH b. Sept. 7, 1938 m. by Rev. LEA JOYNER June 24, 1956 to

JESSE HANCHEY JR. b. Jan 3, 1936, son of JESSE & AUDREY (HOWELL) HANCHEY.

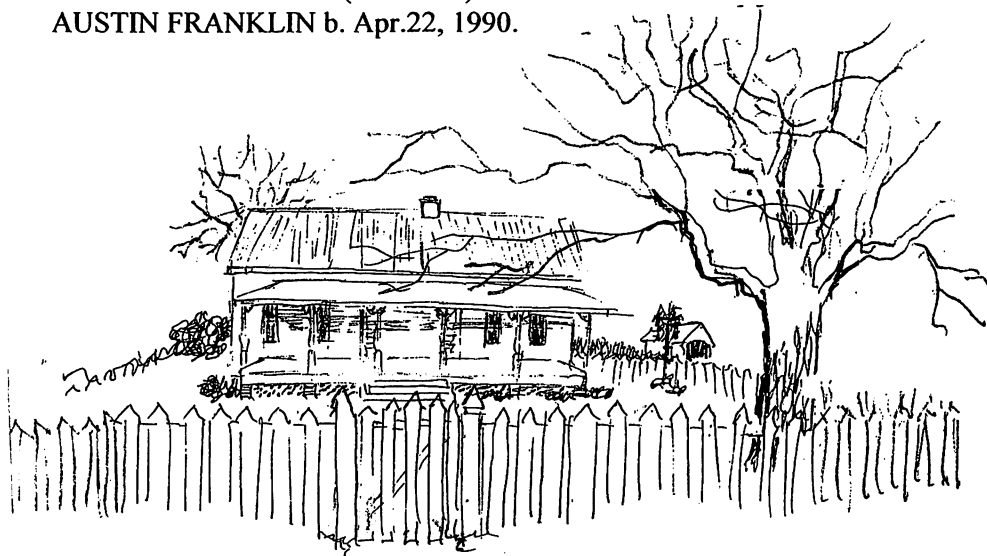
They had:

JACKIE SUE HANCHEY b. March 2, 1958 m. by Rev. LEA JOYNER to BILLY THOMAS McDOUGLE

ADDISON McDOUGLE b. Oct. 5, 1991

JENNY LORA HANCHEY b. April 5, 1962 m. 1st by Rev. LEA JOYNER Aug. 6. 1983 to RONALD RAY FRANKLIN (div. 1996) m. 2nd DAVID KEITH HUNT.

AUSTIN FRANKLIN b. Apr. 22, 1990.



*The Yates Home (East Epiphany)  
at Chase, Louisiana*

MARZINE ELDRIDGE YATES was born March 21, 1915 in Neshoba Co. MS. but grew up in Chase, LA. He married April 24, 1938 VELMA MOSLEY. He served in WWII. He survived Velma by only a few years, dying in the late 1990's. They had:

LANNY YATES, b. September 2, 1939 in Texas. He was remembered to have married twice and had one son:

PAUL LANNY YATES, b. Jan. 13, 1968 at Conoga Park, Los Angeles Co. California. He m. Dec. 22, 1990 in Salt Lake City, CHRISTINE LYNN MEAD, b. May 3, 1970 at Provo, Utah. They had:

PAUL DARREN YATES b. April 28, 1995 Woodlands, Montgomery Co. Texas  
BREANNE ALISE YATES b. Oct. 14, 1998 in Sandy, Salt Lake Co. Utah

HUBERT L. YATES was born Oct. 6, 1924 at Chase, La. He served on a submarine in the USN during WWII and married June 21, 1959 LAURA LOVE ACKERMAN of the Washington D. C. area. He died in June 1994 and his ashes were returned to Chase for burial. They had:

ALLEN LESTER YATES b. July 1, 1960, currently of Albany, NY. He gave up a career in law for one as an artist.

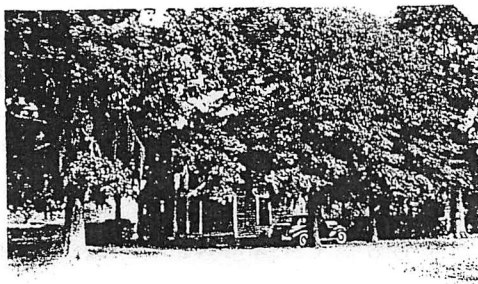
ROBERT LEWIS YATES b. Dec. 21, 1961. m. & div.

PAUL LANNY YATES b. Oct. 21, 1965 m. Oct. 19, 1991 at Arlington, Va. AMY KENDAL WADSWORTH, d. o. William a Wadsworth Jr. They had issue before divorce.

MARY LOVE YATES b. Dec. 27, 1961 m. ROBERT MAX SOELDNER, s. o. Max Soeldner of Falls Church and had issue:

ROBERT SOELDNER

JAKE SOELDNER



Clayton lived over half of his lifetime  
in this house in Chase that his wife had inherited.

ARDIS CLAYTON TRAPP was born near Trapp, Ms. April 12, 1896. As a young boy, before the advent of electricity he was one of the first employees of the Neshoba Co. Fairground, annually gathering pine knots from the forest to burn at night for light.

While still a small boy, a friend of the family was convinced that he would become a preacher; a fact often remembered by his sister Erdice, after the prediction came true.

He migrated to Chase in late 1920 or 1921 and taking an active part in Chase Church he was elected secretary of the Sunday School in 1922.



On August 23, 1923 he was married by REV. AMOS OYER to JESSIE MAE, the youngest daughter of BROCK PELLHAM & MARY (WILLIAMS) STIGALL. Witnesses were EDNA MAE LOFTON (later ECHART), CLARENC MORE & MAYDELL WELLS, who soon after became Clarence first wife.

Jessie Mae was born Jan. 7, 1906 at the family farm less than a mile from Chase.

Clayton was ordained at Chase Church Sept. 12, 1931, the document signed by his pastor, R.L.COOK and the Church Secretary IMON McDUFF. An accompanying letter of the same date, bears the same signatures:

Chase, Louisiana

This certifies that Bro. A.C.Trapp is a member of Chase Baptist Church in good standing and is held by us in high esteem. After having opportunity for judging we believe him to have been called by God to the work of the Gospel Ministry. We hereby license him to engage his gifts as Providence may afford him opportunity. And we pray the great head of the church to endow him with all needful grace and crown his labor with abundant success.

Providence did afford him opportunity; especially during WWII when the number of pastors serving as chaplains in the armed forces added duties for the pastors remaining "on the home front." He officiated at countless weddings, gave eulogies at hundreds of funerals and visited many who were sick or in trouble. He pastored a number of churches in Franklin Parish, sometimes simultaneously: Chase, Egypt (later Magnolia), Mixon, Lone Cedar and Oak Grove.

The end came April 4, 1954 and the services the following day left no room for doubt that he was greatly loved by the people. Funeral services were held at both Chase followed by a long procession to Oak Grove Church that had faithfully paid his salary through his long illness. Neither church could contain the crowd, nor easily display all of the flowers.

Eulogies were given by Reverends ARNOLD, BOYETTE, IMPSON, KEYES, JONES, WROTEN, McNAIR, SMITH, SPINKS and TAYLOR. No complete account of memorial offerings is now possible, though the list is suspected to have been even longer than the following, who sent flowers:

M/M Jack Alford	Franklin Singing Convention	M/M Bailey Martin
Earl Allbritton & family	Cleve Goodman family	J.A.Morgan & family.
Sidney Allbritton family	Cleve Goodman Jr. & family	M/M Lamar Moore
Effie Allbritton	M/M Mack Goodman	M/M J.A.Mashburn
Clinton Beach family	Green Acres Brotherhood (Bastrop)	New Zion Church
Ida Beasley family	Bud Guimbellott & family	Northern Regional Office
J.H. Beasley family	B.A.Guimbellot & family	Oak Grove Church
Boys from the Highway Barn	Rita Gunn	Luther Payne families
M/M A.C.Breckenridge Jr.	Tim Hernandez & family	Edna Parnell
Leo & Elinor Boudurant	Travis Hernandez & family	Miss Lea Parnell
Mrs. Grace Brooks	M/M Wesley Herrington & family	M/M Allen Price
Browder family	V.W.Hill Sr. & family	M/M R.L.Quave
M/M W.H.Brownell	M/M Devon Johnson	M/M Willie Smith
L.S.Bryant & family	J.S.Johnson family	Arthur Stigall family
J.Q. Chapman family	J.P. & Mary Kerykendale	Eldon & Clair Stigall
Chase Community	Morris Keys family	Marion Stigall & family
K.N.Chase family	Jewel Kramer	M/M William Stigall
Minnie & Doris Chase	Mrs. J.P.Kiper	Guy M. Stigall family
G.L. Coulter	J.A.Lewis family	W.L., Nelson & I.C.Spruells
Georgann Cox	M/M Charlie Lewis	M/M John Talbert
Ed Cupit family	D.P.McDuff family	N.N.Taylor family
M/M J.B.Collingsworth	Ena McDuff	Trapp family
M/M James Davis	Jn.L., Pett & DeLane McDuff	Lillian & Ann Trisler
Louis Clayton Dean & family	H.I.McDuff family	Bee Wallace & family
Mrs. Annie Ellerbe, Nolan & Aubrey	T.B.McDuff family	Mrs. Bessie Wallace
Mrs. Ellerman	Lone Cedar Church	Lee Warner family
Egypt Church	M/M Claude Lupo	Arnold Warner family
J.B. Eley family	Mint & Sadie Magee	W.W.Welch family
L.E.Emfinger family	M/M Richard Mock	M/M P.V.Watson
Esso Guards, Baton Rouge	Mulhearn	Luther White family
M/M O. Willes	M/M Jack Williamsj	
Niel Womble family	Phil Williams family	
M/M Bill Whitten	Marzine Yates	
Bernice Williams		

Jessie Mae's last years were brightened from time to time by manifestations of remembrance from the churches, and visits from friends. She died April 27, 1967 in a one car collision following a heart attack. Though of a lesser magnitude, Chase Church was unable to hold all those who came to pay her final respect. Both are buried at Chase.

They had:

ETHEL UNDINE (Deanie) TRAPP ARDIS (Ard-Art) CLAYTON TRAPP JR.



ETHEL U. (DEANIE) TRAPP was born July 12, 1924 at Chase, La. and graduated with honor from Gilbert H.S. in 1939. She attended Northeast for two years before accepting a secretarial job at Selman Field, from which she was promoted to a higher position in Houston, Tx. There she met LT. JAMES M. GEIGER (later Lt. Col.) born May 31, 1925, the son of JOHN & BERTHA (KELLER) GEIGER, of near Oblong, Il. James boyhood home, illustrated at right, is no longer extant.



Jim & Deanie were married at the chapel of Lackland AFB. Tx. May 4, 1946. Before settling in Alexandria, La. they lived in Japan, Bermuda and locations in Georgia and Calif.

For a number of years after their retirement, they grew prize-winning roses.

Deanie died July 28, 2003. A memorial mass was held at the Episcopal Cathedral, Alexandria the following Aug. 9. They had:

J. MICHAEL GEIGER JR. MD b. Feb. 14, 1947 Winnsboro, La. m. Feb.14,1974 Alexandria  
PATRICIA HARRISON, d.o. ROBERT STANLEY & MARY ELIZABETH (BOYD)  
HARRISON, b. Feb.14, 1954. Currently of Fayetteville, N.C. They had:

ELIZABETH ELAINE GEIGER b. June 6,1976

J. MICHAEL GEIGER III Lt. USMC b. April 8, 1981 Shreveport, La. m. May 20,2006

KATE MARIE SHAWHAN

JOSHUA HARRISON GEIGER b. Nov.3,1988 Hawaii

SUSAN GALE GEIGER b. Aug. 8. 1948 Tachikawa, Japan m. 1st GARY MOTLEY and 2nd  
DAN FOSTER. Currently of Newmarket, N.H.

NICOLE MOTLEY b. April 5, 1970 Alexandria m. ARON SANDERS of Colfax, La.  
separated in 2004

ABIGALE FOSTER b. Feb.12 1977 Mildenhall, England m. ADAM MAGEE

DEREK ALAN FOSTER b. Jan 13, 1978, Mildenhall, England m. Dec.15,2001

SHELLEY LYNN POKORNY of Greenland, NH. They had:

MASON STEWART FOSTER b. Dec. 16, 2005

JOHN CLAYTON GEIGER, atty. b. Feb. 14,1954 m.1 Feb. 9, 1985. ELIZABETH  
CLAIRE SLATER at *Most Holy Name of Jesus Church*, New Orleans and by her had the  
first listed child. (div.) He m. 2. at the Episcopal Cathedral, Alexandria, Nov. 3,2001  
LORI DURANT-HAWTHORNE and by her had the next two children listed:

EMILY GEIGER b. 198? New Orleans,

JOHN JOSEPH GEIGER b Jan. 4, 2003 Alexandria

ISABELLA GRACE GEIGER b. Oct. 29,2004

JUDITH KATHLEEN (JUDE) GEIGER b. Aug. 24, 1957 Bermuda. m. 1. RUSTY SAMPLES at  
the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Alexandria (div.) m. 2. GLENN REYNOLDS, atty. of Pineville,  
and 3. RUSSELL S. KNIGHT Jan. 7, 2007 at Camp Hartner, the Episcopal Retreat in the *Chapel  
of the Holy Family*. He died only five months later, June 17,2007. The combined choir, from  
members of all the local Episcopal Churches gave a fine performance, including the best  
performance of *Abide With Me* that the writer ever heard.

MARY ELAINE GEIGER, b. Jan. 8, 1960 - September 29, 1962

ARDIS CLAYTON TRAPP JR. was born Dec. 4, 1930 at Chase, La. in the room at left, that would later be the scene of numerous weddings and still later many piano lessons.



I served two years as a French-hornist during the Korean War in mainly the 5th Armored Division Band and afterward completed a double major in both piano at Northeast (since named ULM), completing a masters at NSU in 1962.

I married Beatrice, youngest daughter of Dr. & Mrs. A. E. Horn of Seattle who was also a teacher in England and the time, and we lived for 20 years in Europe - England and Germany, where I was longest on the faculty of Heidelberg High School.

We returned to the States after retiring in 1980 and sadly separated in 1995. I no longer teach, but continue to serve as judge of the National Guild of Piano Teachers throughout much of the US. We had:

ARDIS CLAYTON TRAPP III was born October 5, 1962 at Mildenhall, England. I will allow him to describe himself, quoting from the back of his recent novel:

Clayton Trapp is an apostate lawyer (internationally published on subjects including politics, power chords and cathedrals) who graduated from several of the finest schools without attending any of them much. Clayton currently lives in England with his wife, four children and dog, Blackberry.

In 1991 Clayton met Theresa White, born Nov. 16, 1966 at Prescott, Ariz. the divorced wife of CHARLES ED. GORDON MONROE, by whom she had a daughter, Kasmiri at Bend, Oregon.

KASMIRI TRAPP (adopted) b. Nov. 22, 1988

ALEXANDRA MARIE TRAPP b. July 4, 1992 near Eugene, Oregon

AMELIA BEVIN TRAPP b. Nov. 8, 1995 Oregon

MILES VINCENT TRAPP b. Dec. 26, 1999 Olga, Washington

JONATHAN L. TRAPP was born May 5, 1976 at Stuttgart, and christened the following Sunday at Wharton Chapel, Heilbronn. Unlike his brother, I think Jonathan would be pleased to name his schools. After graduating from L.S.U. he received a scholarship to the Chicago Institute of Art, and currently is on the faculty of Indiana State University.

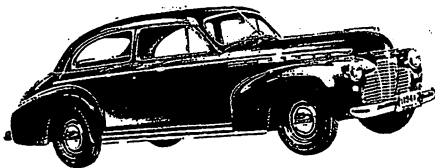
ALDA UNA TRAPP was born August 4, 1898 near Trapp, Mississippi. She first married March 23, 1925 CARRAWAY CANNON. Alda's temperament was not well suited to the role of a farmer's wife, and the marriage was not destined to be of long duration. Among her duties was to take a bucket of fresh water to Carraway, where ever he happened to be working in the field, each afternoon..

Likely there were signs that all was not well before the afternoon she delivered the water, and terminated both the conversation and the marriage with the declaration, "Here is your bucket of water, Carraway. I'm Leaving!"

The quotation would be paraphrased occasionally by other wives who were mildly displeased with their husbands with the not -too- subtle "You are about to get your bucket of water"

We younger ones would watch in great anticipation, expecting her to literally "pour it on him."

Alda's second marriage to SGT. SIDNEY ANDREWS was more fortunate match. He adored her "in sickness and in health" and faithfully cared for her during a long final illness. By then they had retired to Buffalo, Texas, where she died Dec. 28, 1962.



I located this photograph of a 1941 Chevrolet, which undoubtedly would recall the happy moment when they drove theirs out of the show room. Actually, I believe

theirs was even fancier, having white-wall tires, horizontal chrome stripes behind the front wheels, and sporting a metallic maroon paint.

Sidney remarried, and though the family would have accepted his second wife with open arms, he seemed embarrassed as if he was somehow untrue. Sadly we lost contact.

Alda's body was brought back to Chase for burial beside her sister and mother.

HOMER LEARD TRAPP was born June 12, 1901 and died May 23, 1916. The following obituary was written by a young cousin, KIPS HARRISON and in recent years was among the memorabilia of the late MARGARET TAYLOR ELLIOTT of Lambert, Ms.

On the 23rd of May 1916 the angel of death called at the home of Mr. H.L. & Mrs. Sudie Trapp and took from them one of their precious sons, Homer L.

Homer was born June 12, 1901, being 14 years-11 months-10 days old. He was such a bright boy and always greeted everyone with a smile. The writer heard his grandmother say that he was the most patient sick person she had ever seen and during his illness never murmured about taking his medicine.

Love for Homer was manifested by numerous bouquets, fruit etc. sent him by his schoolmates and others while he was sick. Every aid that physicians, father, mother, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends could give, was given him, but without avail. He was carried to Newton Sanitarium, but even there nothing could be done for him: not even encouragement given.

It was so hard to give up our loved one! Our father whispered, "Suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven". We thank God that he does not always call the sinner, but calls those that are ready to meet him. We know Homer is resting in that heavenly home for his assurance was given when his eldest brother made enquiry of him only a few days before the soul took its flight. He answered that he was not afraid to die.

With this blessed assurance he should not be mourned after. but we should all try to live nearer to God each day and when the summons comes, for us to be ready to meet our loved one.

Truly the passing of Homer was sad beyond expression, but let us remember that our loss is heaven's gain. I want to say to the broken hearted mother, who nursed the deceased so patiently who shed so many tears for him, "Weep not, for surely Homer is in heaven, where there is no sadness, tears, heart-aches or pain." Dear Father, mourn not, for Homer stands at the pearly gates awaiting the time when he shall clasp your hand and say, "All is well! Come on in". To you sisters and brothers, do not weep, but resolve to live closer to Jesus Christ and bye and bye you shall meet Homer face to face where death and sorrow are unknown.

After funeral services were conducted by REV. F. M. BRELAND the remains were laid to rest in Good Hope Cemetery to await the resurrection.

I am not certain that Homer kept standing by the pearly gates. I was privileged to be with my father the morning he later died. He said something that I did not understand, and moving closer asking him to repeat it, he explained, "I was talking to Homer".

When I explained that I was the only person with him at the moment, he asked me if I couldn't see Homer sitting there in the chair in the corner. I repeated that I was the only person there at the moment and suggested that the medication might be too strong. He did not argue with me and I heard no further conversation.

Maybe Homer did say "All is well! Come on in", but I am inclined to imagine that it was a repeat of their earlier conversation, only they had exchanged lines.

"Are you ready?"

"Yes".

CARLOS ROSCOE TRAPP was born August 20, 1903 and as a young man was

employed as a mail-carrier at Epps, La.

He married at Delhi, La. August 15,

1933, OLGA LORENE STIGALL, the

daughter of MABE & SARAH

(THORNHILL) STIGALL, born Sept.

9, 1914 near Gilbert. The home of Olga

at the time of her marriage, would be



as familiar to their children as their own. Carlos died suddenly April 14, 1958. Olga

would continue as the post-mistress of Chase until her retirement in the 1990's. She

would be honored in 1999 for having taught the adult Sunday School Class for over 55 years. Her 90th birthday was celebrated in 2004. They had:

BETTY CAROLYN - TRAVIS ROSCOE - BARBARA ANN

BETTY CAROLYN TRAPP was born July 14, 1935 at Chase, where she married August 29, 1954 at Chase Church, REV. WILBURN S. TAYLOR, the pastor, at the time a graduate student at New Orleans Seminary. He was born April 16, 1929 at West Monroe.

They left Chase not long after to accept a call to Holly Ridge. Known pastorates after that included Dry Prong, a number of churches in Missouri and New Brunfels, Tx.

They had

EVELYN RUTH TAYLOR, b. July 12, 1955 m. at Fair Park Baptist Church, West Monroe BRUCE CARROL (div) and secondly at Monticello, Ark. July 4, 1986, TIMOTHY NORRELL. She had:

BENJAMIN TAYLOR CARROL b. May 30, 1982

CAROL NORRELL

TIMOTHY LUKE NORRELL b. Jan 18, 1991

GLENN STANLEY TAYLOR b. Nov. 14, 1956 Winnsboro, La. m. JANET GRAY in Florida in 1987

JENNIFER TAYLOR b. Dec.26

MAGGIE TAYLOR b. Jan.

LAUREN ELLEN TAYLOR b. Oct.2,1960 at Delhi, La. m. Aug. 1979 DAVID DYHE (div)

CARLOS TRAVIS TRAPP was born Nov. 29, 1937 at Winnsboro, La. He married at Lone Pine Church in 1960 ELIZABETH CLARK, born June 26, 1941, daughter of C.EDWARD & EUGENIA CLARK. She died Sept.26, 2000. Their son gave the eulogy.

DEBORH CAROL TRAPP b. Jan 23, 1961 Port Arthur, Tx. m. 1st RICHARD QUINTELLA (DIV) AND 2ne March 3, 1969 DONALD McCORMACK of Houston.

KAYLA ELIZABETH TRAPP b. July 12, 1985 Houston

ROBERT MICHAEL McCORMACK b. June 2, 1991

CARLOS ELDON TRAPP b. Oct. 21, 1962 , namesake of his grandfather Carlos, and his Uncle, Eldon Stigall. He m. BARBARA EILEEN, b. Aug. 9, 1962, daughter of JACK & VIRGINIA (WELLS) SNYDER. Carlos is currently pastor of Bethel Church near Bastrop La. They had:

CLARK NEAL TRAPP b. 22 December 1988, Ft. Worth, Tx.

VIRGINIA ELIZABETH TRAPP b. July 4, 1990 Ft. Worth, Tx.

BARBARA ANN TRAPP, daughter of Carlos & Olga was born Aug. 15, 1941 at Winnsboro, La. She married May 21, 1958 at Chase Church WALTER METER (PETE) CALDWELL III of West Monroe, La. He drowned while on a hunting trip in Arkansas Nov. 17, 1996. They adopted two children:

WALTER METER CALDWELL IV, atty. was b. May 21, 1965 m. Apr. 12, 1990  
 MARY ELLEN, d. o. WM. & EMILY (BLOMTUIST) HIGDON. They had:  
 MADELINE WHITNEY CALDWELL b. Sept. 14, 1990  
 KAYE ANN CALDWELL m. CHARLES McBRIDE

AUBREY MAURICE TRAPP was born June 21, 1905 at home near the Neshoba County Fairground. He migrated to Louisiana during

the early 1920's. He married June 10, 1942

EUNICE BELGARD. Her nephew, PAULDON

TAYLOR often addressed her as "Aint you Nice"

(exclamation mark!).

Aubrey died February 18, 1975, Eunice survived him, dying November 28, 1992. Both are buried in the churchyard of Central Baptist Church west of Wisner, Louisiana.



They had:

MARGARET HELEN TRAPP was born August 18, 1942, not normal, but greatly beloved by her family. She died January 30, 1985 during a particularly cold winter. It is unusual in Louisiana to have to delay burials, but the ground was solidly frozen and the roads being closed, no out of town guest were able to attend her funeral.

SONJA TRAPP was born Aug. 24, 1948 and married 1st July 20, 1960 YORK EARL SHEPPARD (div.) and 2nd as his second wife, May 7, 1976 R.L. WRIGHT JR. b. May 19, 1938, JASON WRIGHT b Aug. 25, 1978,

ERDICE UNDINE TRAPP was born July 28, 1907 at home near the Neshoba County Fairground. The unjust persecution of her older peers has been previously mentioned but as she herself advised during her later years, "If life hands you a lemon, add some sugar and make lemonade."

Her profound faith in God enabled her to do precisely that during more than one period, and the adjective had a unique flavor as all who knew her referred to her as a sweet lady.

She married at Union, Ms. Sept. 11, 1926 AUBREY ROGER TAYLOR, son of CHARLES LEROY & BELL TAYLOR of Union. In 1931

they moved to Louisiana and lived at locations within Franklin Parish until about 1945 when Aubrey's brother, Shelby, secured him a good job with the state of Mississippi. It seemed at first that all of their difficult years were behind them. They moved into the smaller house seen in the middle background that Democrats might call the "Taylor Compound" at the west edge of Union. I am told that none of it survives today.

Like many of us before and since, Aubrey did not resist the temptation that came his way and eventually abandoned his family. I ask of God a special blessing on Shelby for seeing them through what otherwise would have been an even bleaker time. Aubrey later had bitter regrets, but not all that is broken can be mended, though certainly forgiven. He died at Ferriday, La. Nov.



10, 1971 and it pleases me to know that he is buried near his mother-in-law and two of his wife's sisters at Chase. Erdice lived her last years in the home





of her daughter, Margaret at Lambert, Ms. where she died March 22, 1990. Their descendants follow:

CAROLYN MARGARET TAYLOR b. Aug. 25, 1927 Union, Ms. m. 1948 GENE ELLIOTT, b. July 24, 1921 at Crowder, Ms. the son of WALTER E. & MARGARET (REPRESS) ELLIOTT. They moved to Lambert, Ms. where Gene was a banker and Margaret taught in the High School.

Gene died suddenly March 30, 1967, but Margaret survived to rear their family. She died about 2000. They had the following; all born at Lambert.

ROGER DALE ELLIOTT b. Nov. 21, 1949 m. 1st ROBIN SWEENEY (div.) and 2nd on Nov. 14, 1985, LIZ WIRTZ.

WALTER EUGENE ELLIOTT b. July 15, 1954 m. 1st CLAUDIA MURPHY (mother of the first two children listed) and 2nd June 30, 1985 mother of the third child.

ERICA ELLIOTT b. March 8, 1977

TRAVIS ELLIOTT b. Jan. 23, 1979

MARGARET ANN ELLIOTT b. July 3, 1986

SIDNEY ANDREW ELLIOTT b. April 14, 1951 m. July 7, 1977 RHONDA CONN and in 1990 resided at 2835 Stoneway Lane, Memphis, Tn. 38128. They had:

JASON BRANDON ELLIOTT b. Nov. 27, 1977

CAROL JEAN ELLIOTT b. July 20, 1962 m. Aug. 4, 1984 at First Baptist Church, Lambert, STEPHEN MICHAEL BELCHER, son of EUGENE & BETTY (KILLGORE-BOULARTE) BELCHER.

STEPHEN MICHAEL BELCHER JR.

JANET FISHELL BELCHER

VICTOR LEE TAYLOR b. Christmas Eve, 1930 at Union, Ms. m. MICKEY SHEELY. He died July 29, 1977 and is buried in Lambert. She married again, J.D. WELLS of Austin, Tx.

CLYDE LEE TAYLOR b. Aug. 31, 1953 at Louisville, Ms.

DEBORAH LYNN TAYLOR b. July 9, 1954 Louisville, Ms. m. McBRIDE.

ROGER PAULDON TAYLOR b. March 26, 1934 at Winnsboro, La. m. 1st CAROL CURLIEK, mother of the following and 2nd in 1984 PATSY HENDREN. He died only months afterward at Charleston, S.C. Oct. 14, 1984.

PAUL STEPHEN TAYLOR b. 29 Nov. 1959 California

LOREY TAYLOR b. March 27, 1961 Midway Island

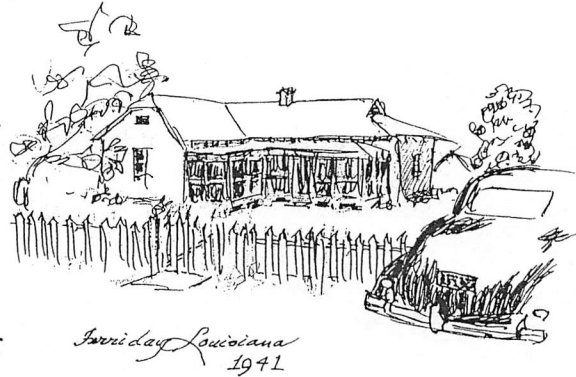
JOHNNY TAYLOR b. Sept. 1962 in California

OTHA TOPEL TRAPP was born April 9, 1911 at home near the Neshoba County Fairground. After his father's death in 1925, he lived for a time with his brother Carlos in Epps, La. where he graduated from High School in 1927.

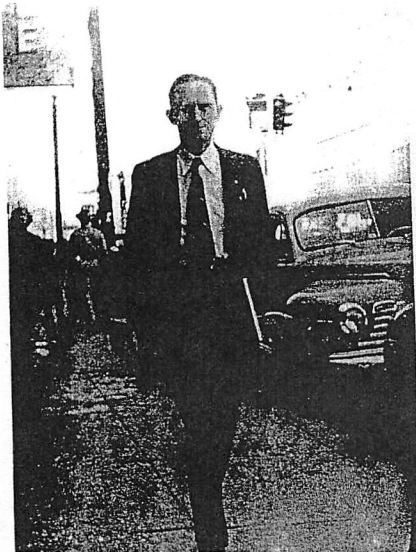
He was married on his 30th birthday in the home of his brother, Clayton, who officiated.

The bride was ETHEL TURNER, a native of Elizabeth, La., who had become the Public Health Nurse of Franklin Parish. They soon after

moved to this house in Ferriday, La., where they lived briefly before moving to the new stylish apartment near Winnsboro H.S.



Many of his kin gathered at the Bus Station in Jan. 1945 to see him off to serve in WWII. We did not know that the War would be over in 9 months, and he would spend that time at Camp Swift, near Bastrop, Texas.



After the war both he and Ethel gained positions with the Ouachita Department of Health, and moved to Monroe, where they would remain.

Topel died in June of 1991. Ethel survived until Nov. 6, 1998. We were surprised to learn that she had earlier written poetry.

In the meantime, she had made a complete transition from her fun-loving Cajun heritage, becoming quite religious in adopting the Baptist

culture of her husband. She once asked me if Episcopalians didn't drink quite a bit. I admitted that they sometimes did, but seldom took more than a thimble full at Communion. She laughed!

The following is one of her poems, preserved by the late Margaret Taylor Elliott:

#### THE OLD TURNER HOMEPLACE

The last time I saw it was several years ago  
The weeds had taken over as time had dealt it's blow.  
Abandoned - alone it stood, a remnant of yesteryears  
I quickly rubbed my eyes as I brushed away the tears.

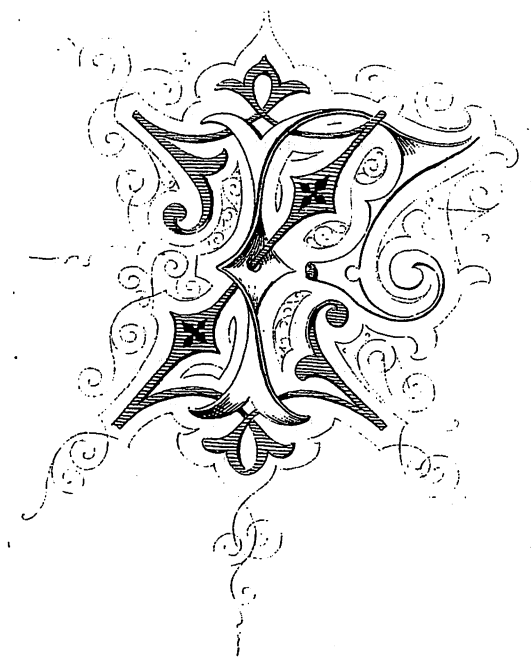
The old frame house abandoned by those that went their way  
but it wasn't all in vain, it had seen better days.  
The old porch just stands there without a swing or chair.  
Mama and Papa are gone; they no longer live there.

The old shingles tattered and worn held their own through the years  
They had heard the fiddles playing and the stomping and the cheers.  
When Saturday Night came round the fiddles and guitars came out.  
The old rafters shook with dancing as folks came from round about.

But those days are in the past, and the old house is gone.  
Everything is silent. Only memories linger on.

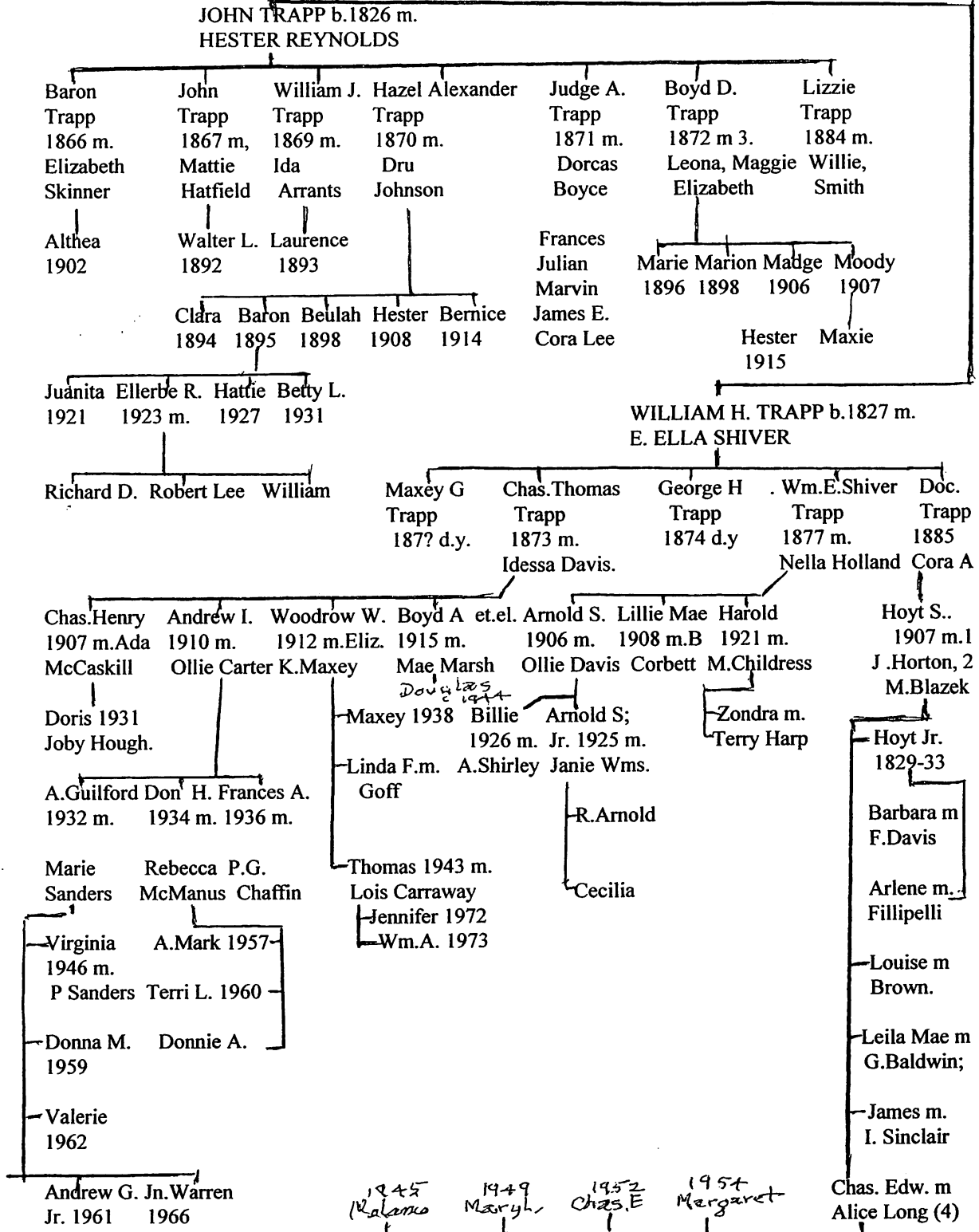


At their camp on Lake Bruin, 1950's



THOMAS (1634) & MARY TRAPP  
 SAMUEL (1676) & THANKFUL TRAPP  
 SAMUEL (1717) & PHOEBE TRAPP  
 THOMAS TRAPP (1750?)

THOMAS (1790) & ELIZABETH



## Chapter XVI

## THE FAMILY OF KERSHAW COUNTY

While I regret that there is less overlapping information than many might wish - especially in the face of a number of inconsistencies - I am unable to dismiss the idea that those of this chapter are descended from THOMAS TRAPP and "MISS ELIZABETH McKENZIE", who were married on Christmas Day 1817. This happy event was published in the very first issue of the *Camden Gazette* January 18, 1818 and mention was made that they exchanged their vows before REV. ISAAC SMITH

The 1820 census locates them in Camden and possibly suggests that by then they had a son. I have been unable to learn what happened to any member of this young family after all the property owned by the family in Camden was lost within the years immediately following - unless the ELIZABETH TRAPP, a widow with two grown sons still at home (who for the first time appears on the census of Kershaw County) in 1860 was identical with Elizabeth McKenzie Trapp.

But a number of conflicting facts, not immediately resolvable, discourage that assumption. The widow was slightly younger than Elizabeth McKENZIE, as her age was reported on the 1860 census. And both of the widow's sons were slightly too young to have been identical with the presumed older son born between 1818 and 1820. J. P

was born closer to the year 1826 and N. W. about 1828.

Though it can be readily concluded that neither of the men were the presumed older son of Elizabeth McKenzie Trapp, they might well have been younger sons of hers. Considering the fact that ladies sometimes liked to appear younger than they actually were, the difference between the two women's ages would not have been too wide to consider the possibility of identity.

The failure to state actual names of family members in that section of Kershaw County makes it impossible to be certain of any conclusion, much less to offer proof. The "widow Trapp" who mortgaged land to JAMES R. PRINCE & SON in 1870 could have theoretically been any one of a number of widows, but it seems more likely that she was the Elizabeth of the 1860 census.

The son J. P. (born about 1826) could have been the JAMES TRAPP who owned 52 acres in *Gum Swamp* in 1876, the JOHN TRAPP, who married HESTER REYNOLDS in 1863 or the JOHN T. TRAPP who deeded land to BILLIE SAM WILLIAMS in 1868 as far as the few facts that are currently known indicate.

The son, N. W. (born about 1828) was a planter with an estate of \$1,000 and a personal estate of \$500, as recorded on the 1860 census. This prosperity appears compatible with the story of William Trapp's adventure "out west" (see page 182) though the letter *N* does not. William Trapp, inspired by the Gold rush of 1849, must also have been born about 1828. Time-wise the details of both accounts seem to correspond. William had returned home a prosperous young man by 1860. Neither of the sons were married at that time, though both would marry soon after.

But there are additional reasons to consider that N.W. and J.P. could be identical with William and Johnny, the two brothers known and remembered by descendants to have established their respective families in Kershaw County. They are the only two known to have lived in that locality. Their history is as much associated with Antioch Baptist Church and family members were as often buried there as with the City of Camden where they more often made their living or established their respective businesses.

Gum Swamp, which so far I have been unable to locate on any map, is mentioned at the beginning of this chapter, and at the end in the account of the Cleveland School fire of 1923. I feel that over all, the evidence establishing the link between both J. P. and Johnny and also the one between N. W. and William, is convincing.

The earlier link between Elizabeth McKenzie Trapp and the widow Elizabeth of 1860 might be somewhat less convincing - though both were natives of South Carolina - were it not for the close association of these two families in the years that followed: the Trapps and the McKenzie..

In one instance, a son born *Trapp* took on the surname of McKenzie;



JOHN TRAPP married in Kershaw Co. March 3, 1863 HESTER A. REYNOLDS. Born about 1845 she was undoubtedly much younger than John. Little is definite, but he could have been the John T. Trapp who deeded land in 1868 to BILLIE SAM WILLIAMS.

He is thought to have died in the 1870's. Hester appears as head of the household in 1880, then in DeKalb township. By 1900 they had moved to Bishopville, Sumpter Co.

Her gravestone at Antioch states that she died July 28, 1917, age 72. They had:

WILLIAM J. - JOHN - BARON - ELIZA - HAZEL ALEXANDER - MOODY D. -

WILLIAM JAMES TRAPP was born about 1864. He married about 1890 IDA ARRANTS born in April 1868 and their household was recorded in Bishopville, SC in 1900 and 1910. Ida died Jan. 31, 1950.

LAWRENCE W, TRAPP b. Oct. 1893. a resident of Camden when he enlisted in April 1918. He served in Army hospitals until Dec. 16 that year, being honorably discharged, the war being over. He died July 28, 1955 in Darlington Co. SC. It is unknown if he married..

JOHN TRAPP was born August 1867 in S.C. He married 1st about 1890 MATTIE HATFIELD who died young, possibly in child bearing.

In 1891 he acquired property from W.J. REYNOLDS & WM. H. TRAPP. By 1900 he was married to MARY GOFF, b, Jan. 1875 and they were of DeKalb township. By 1910 they had moved to Lancaster County. He had:

WALTER LOUIS TRAPP, b. Aug. 24, 1892. After his father remarried he lived for a time with his uncle, Baron Trapp. He was employed by the Southern Depot of Camden. He died in 1935 and is buried in the churchyard of Antioch Baptist Church. He had:

JUANITA TRAPP b. Nov. 30, 1921 at Camden. m. in 1941 SAM W. KIRKLAND  
 DIANE KIRKLAND b. Oct 2, 1942 m. 1st BOBBY GENE REYNOLDS and  
 2nd JEFFERSON GUEST of McBee, S.C.  
 GINA DIANE REYNOLDS b. Feb 21, 1965  
 CYNTHIA SUZANNE REYNOLDS b. Oct. 8, 1967

ELLERBE RICHARD TRAPP b. July 13, 1923 at Camden, Enlisted in the Navy Nov. 27, 1941 and served on the *Oclus*, being honorably discharged Oct. 6, 1945. He married JULIA PUCKETT of Kansas City and had:  
 RICHARD DONALD TRAPP  
 ROBERT LEE TRAPP  
 WILLIAM TRAPP

HATTIE THELMA TRAPP b. Nov. 14, 1927 in Camden. m. KIMBALL HUGGINS  
 JACQUELINE LOUG HUGGINS m. BERT MAYS of Bethune, S.C.  
 REBECCA MAYS

BETTY LOIS TRAPP b. Feb. 2, 1931 at Camden m. CLYDE L. RUSSELL from Mo.  
 LAWRENCE (LARRY) RUSSELL  
 STEPHEN KYLE RUSSELL

BARON D. TRAPP, son of John & Hester, was born about 1866. He operated the first bus station in Camden and married ELIZABETH SKINNER, born Aug. 17, 1882, who died Aug. 27, 1905. She is buried at Antioch. Baron did not remarry, but provided a home for others. They had:

ALTHEA (LETHA) TRAPP b. about 1901 m. by 1920 VERNON TINKLER ?  
 SINCLAIR, b. about 1902. They were of Ridgeway, S.C. and had:  
 MYRTLE SINCLAIR m. LARRY THOMPSON  
 ELIZABETH SINCLAIR unmarried in 1978

ELIZA TRAPP born 1868, fl. in 1880 but apparently died young

HAZEL ALEXANDER TRAPP born April 10, 1870 married about 1893 DRUCILLA (DRU) JOHNSON, born Sept. 1880. In 1900 they were of Bishopville, S.C. and in 1920 of Lee County. He died Dec. 18, 1936 and is buried at Antioch. They had:

CLARA TRAPP, b. about 1894 was age 15 in 1880

BARON C. TRAPP b. April 26, 1895 at Lucknow, S.C. enlisted at Bishopville as a Private and served in Co. M of the 324th Inf. from Nov. 9, 1918 until June 18, 1919 being honorably discharged June 25, 1919. He married about 1921 LUCILLE ARRANTS and had:

ILGA TRAPP b. July 26, 1922 at Camden m. JOHNNY OUTLAW who was deceased by 1978. They had:

Infant Daughter OUTLAW was born & died Oct. 28, 1942  
 DIANNE OUTLAW m. MICHAEL R. GALLOWAY  
 JOHNNY OUTLAW JR.

BEULAH BELL TRAPP was born May 13, 1898 and d. unmarried March 2, 1967. She is buried at Antioch.

HESTER (HETTIE) TRAPP was b. about 1908 m. JAMES WILEY DAVIS, ( brother of Idessa & Cora who married Trapp brothers) and had:

SARAH DAVIS unmarried in 1978  
 IVERA DAVIS m. BOYKIN  
 JOLENE DAVIS m. McILWAINE  
 BETTY DAVIS m. DAVID JONES

BERNICE TRAPP b. ABOUT 1914 was age 6 in 1920 at Bishopville.

JACK LEMUEL TRAPP, son of H.A. & Drucilla Trapp was b. Sept. 23, 1916 and died unmarried March 26, 1952. He is buried at Antioch.

MOODY D. TRAPP, b. August 1872 in Kershaw Co. SC. m. 1st LEONA, who died young. He m. 2nd MARGARET (MAGGIE) McCASKILL, b. Nov. 1879. By 1900 they were of Church St. Pleasant Hill, Lancaster Co.. Sometime after 1906 they moved to Union Co. NC where in 1910 they resided at 411 Single Ave., Charlotte. Maggie died Jan. 3, 1919 and Moody married 3rdly ELIZABETH TOWNSEND, by whom he had four children

MARIE TRAPP ( by Leona) b. Aug. 1896 SC unmarried in NC in 1920

MARION TRAPP (by Maggie) b. about 1906 SC m age 14 in NC in 1920

MOODY TRAPP (by Maggie ) b. 1907 in Camden, d. age on month.

HESTER TRAPP (by Maggie) b. 1915 age 5 in 1920

MAXIE TRAPP (by Maggie) b. about 1918, likely in Charlotte, NC

MELVIN TRAPP (by Elizabeth)

EUNICE TRAPP (by Elizabeth)

NELL TRAPP (by Elizabeth)

JUDGE A. TRAPP was born about 1871 in Kershaw Co. . He m. DORA BOYCE about 1905, who was born about 1888. They had:

FRANCES TRAPP

JULIAN TRAPP, b. about 1914 in Kershaw Co.

MARVIN TRAPP b. about 1915 in Kershaw Co.

JAMES ELVIN TRAPP b. about 1916 in Kershaw Co.

CORA LEE TRAPP b. about 1920, being age 10 months at the time of the census.

THOMAS A. TRAPP was born about 1877, likely in Kershaw Co. Fl. in 1880 but died young.

LIZZIE TRAPP was born May 1884 likely in Kershaw Co. She m. young WILLIE T. SMITH and was known to have had 13 children, 9 of which were remembered in 1978:

HOWARD SMITH

WILLI MAE & LILLIE MAE SMITH (twins)

ETHEL SMITH

LOUISE SMITH

MARVIN SMITH

BLANCHE SMITH

LESLIE SMITH

LORENE SMITH

WILLIAM H. TRAPP was born in 1828 in Kershaw Co. S.C. He was the brother of Johnny Trapp and the possibility that he was the son of Thomas & Elizabeth (McKenzie) Trapp has already been discussed. By 1860, the census returns indicate prosperity seemingly confirming the following story told me in 1977 by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Trapp in their home on Broad Street, Camden, affirmed by Louise Brown at that time.

About the time of the 1849 Gold Rush, William went west. It was not remembered how far or in what way he did accumulate "his fortune", though it was thought that he never traveled as far as California.

When William was satisfied that he had earned enough, he placed the money in his saddle-bags and began the long trip toward home. One evening at night-fall he found that his path lay through a thick wood.

He could not see the house well, just off the path, but it was within hollering distance and yelling from where he was, he was given permission to approach.

A closer look at the occupants aroused his suspicion, but his horse was tired and he realized that he would be at a disadvantage if he attempted to out-run them. Instead, he begged their hospitality for the night and at supper and gave the impression of a poor boy who had failed and was on his way home, defeated!

He explained that he had slept in the open so often that he could not sleep without his saddle-bags for a pillow, and being tired, he wanted to get to bed early to get a fresh start in the morning.

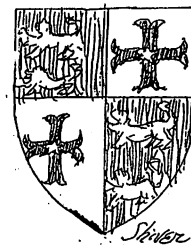
Time past. He could hear them whispering in the next room and later, after they thought he was asleep, he could hear just enough of their conversation to realize that they were arguing about whether or not they should kill him and find out if there was anything of value in those saddle-bags. It was the woman who most opposed the idea, claiming they would get nothing for their trouble. Couldn't they see that he was just a poor boy on his way home? Perhaps she spoke slightly louder than usually, but if so her companions seemed to attribute this fact to her frustration.

It was a long night. At daybreak, William knew that his horse was rested, and attempted to leave without attracting their notice. He was not so fortunate. Encountering two of them he apologized for not being able to pay for their hospitality but he needed to be on his way.

He knew that they did not entirely believe him, but as they pondered, he left, knowing that if they did give chase, he was now at a better advantage. They watched as he rode away.

The saddle-bags, in fact, contained enough to enable William to buy a cotton-gin and have a little left over, possibly enough to make a few loans. It is recorded that he provided a lien to one RUMS BOSWELL IN 1869. He was established!

February 11th that year he married ELLA ELIZABETH SHIVER, Rev. JAMES ERWIN ROGERS, officiating. Her family arms were given by MARCUS O SHIVER with the description:



*Quarterly: 1st & 4th: sable, two cats-a-mountain peasant or, and 3rd & 4th: argent, a cross molene, a mullet of the field.*

Both William and Ella made the record in 1889: William being listed as a defendant (Roll #16, p.50) and Ella acquiring some property from THOMAS HOLLAND and mortgaging other property to the Bank of Camden, which would be repaid by 1893.

William died in 1894 and Ella died the following year. They had:

MAXEY GREGG - CHARLES THOMAS - GEORGE H. - WM. EDWARD SHIVER - DOCK.

MAXEY GREGG TRAPP. His gravestone in the Antioch Churchyard provides no dates.

CHARLES THOMAS TRAPP was born May 25, 1873, likely in the Antioch community. He married SARAH IDESSA DAVIS, born April 14, 1891, the daughter of JAMES WILEY DAVIS, possibly identical with the Rev. James Wiley Davis who officiated.

Charles Thomas & Idessa with their two year old son were recorded in Kershaw's De Kalb district in 1910.

He died March 25, 1939. Idessa survived him nearly 40 years, dying Jan. 5, 1971. Both are buried at Antioch. They had:

CHARLES HENRY - ANDREW ISRAEL - WOODROW W. - BOYD ALLISON - MAYDELL ELLA - MELVA - MADELINE - BILLIE

CHARLES HENRY TRAPP was born Nov. 2, 1907. He married LAURA ADA McCASKILL who was born June 1, 1907. He died May 5, 1956. She survived him forty years, dying June 4, 1983. They had:

DORIS TRAPP married JOBY HOUGH and had:

MARY HOUGH m. RONNIE GARDNER and had:

JUDY GARDNER

another daughter GARDNER whose name was not recalled.

ANDREW ISRAEL TRAPP was born Jan. 1, 1910 at Camden. His middle name was given in honor of James Israel McKenzie. He m. Dec. 26, 1929 OLLIE MAE, the d. o. JOSEPH & MINTA JANE (TARTE) CARTER of Lotta, SC.

Andrew joined the Navy Oct. 10, 1943 and served as Petty Officer First Class aboard the *Climera*, being honorably discharged October 28, 1945.

Though I only met him on two occasions, I can testify that he proved a good friend when I needed him. The fuel pump on a used Buick convertible that I had just bought in Virginia in 1980 gave out just before I reached Camden. All businesses were closed on that Saturday afternoon, but once I had phoned Andrew, he persuaded the parts store to open and located a mechanic to replace the fuel pump. One never has too many friends or kin like that.

Ollie died April 20, 1982. Andrew died Nov. 12, 1985. Both are buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Camden. They had:



ANDREW GILFORD TRAPP was born October 28, 1932 at Camden. He married first MARIE SANDERS, mother of the first two children listed below and later he married LILLIAN McMANUS, b. Jan. 31, 1939. In 1978 they resided at 102 Friendship Road, Camden. It appears that he married for a third time, BILLIE K. TRAPP being listed as his surviving wife at the time of his death, June 15, 1988. No issue of a third marriage is known.

VIRGINIA MAE TRAPP b. May 31, 1956 married POLK SANDERS

DONNA MARIE TRAPP b. March 17, 1959

VALERIE TRAPP b. March 1962

ANDREW GILFORD TRAPP b. Oct. 7, 1961

JOHN WARREN TRAPP b. March 29, 1966.

DONNIE HUGH TRAPP b. June 19, 1934 at Camden. He married REBECCA McMANUS and in 1978 resided on Friendship Road, Camden. He died Dec. 30, 1992. They had:

ANDREW MARK TRAPP b. Oct. 4, 1957 and died Nov. 21 at Camden, where he had served as a law enforcement officer. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, which stood on the lot much earlier owned by his kinsman. Mark is not known to have married.

TERRI LYNN TRAPP b. Oct. 28, 1960,

DONNIE ALLEN TRAPP m. CHARLENE

FRANCES ARLENE TRAPP, b. Oct. 21, 1936 at Camden m. PHILIP GRANT CHAFFIN, b. Jan. 1, 1924 and had:

PHYLLIS LORAIN CHAFFIN m. MIKE WATTS

RALPH GRANT CHAFFIN b. May 26, 1958

KIMBERLY ANN CHAFFIN b. Jan. 18, 1963

WOODROW WILSON TRAPP b. Dec. 12, 1912 (son of Charles Thomas & Idessa) likely in Camden. He m. July 29, 1933 ELIZABETH KENNEDY MAXEY, who survived him, dying April 21, 1999. WWT died April 15, 1996. They had:

MAXEY GREGG TRAPP b. July 23 1938 at Camden. He d. July 1, 1940 and is buried in the Quaker Cemetery, Camden.

LINDA TRAPP m. FREDERICK GOFF and had:

HAROLD GOFF b. Dec. 29m 1961

MICHAEL GOFF b. April 12, 1964

LINDA TRAPP GOFF b. Jan. 13, 1975.

THOMAS WILLIAM TRAPP b. ca 1943 at Camden m. LOIS CARRAWAY who died Dec. 17, 1999. They had:

JENNIFER TRAPP b. June 26, 1972

WILLIAM ASHLEY TRAPP b. Jan. 13, 1975.

BOYD ALLISON TRAPP, son of Charles Thomas & Sarah Idessa, was born Feb. 26, 1915 at Camden and m. there Oct. 3, 1938 MAE McNELL MARSH. b. Dec. 14, 1917. They were of 1502 Lee St. at the time of his death July 15, 1978. He is buried in the Quaker Cemetery. They had:

DOUGLAS TRAPP b. June 11, 1944. He had not married in 1978

MAYNELL ELLA TRAPP was b. in 1917 at Camden. She was married at her home to JOSEPH VICTOR WARD Dec. 26, 1936 on the 7th anniversary of her brother, Andrew's marriage to Ollie. She died in 1969, having had:

JOSEPH VICTOR WARD JR. m. DEBBIE PEACH and had:

JOAN WARD

JIMMIE WARD m. BRENDA RABON, but died without issue in 1967.

ANDREW WARD m. SILVIA RABON and had:

MICHAEL WARD

MONICA WARD

MELVA TRAPP was b. in 1919 at Camden. She d. May 27, 1920 and is buried at Antioch.

MADELINE TRAPP was b. ca 1920 at Camden. She d. April 14, 1922 and is buried at Antioch.

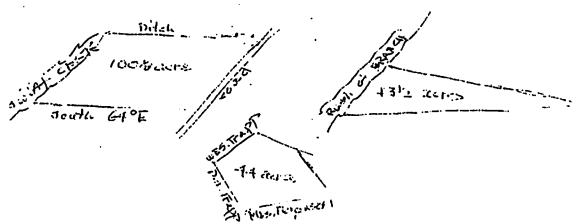
BILLYE TRAPP was b. ca 1922 at Camden and d. May 6, 1924. She is buried at Camden.

GEORGE H. TRAPP, son of William H. & Ella, was born about 1874. He flourished at age eight, but apparently died young. No dates were given on his gravestone at Antioch.

WILLIAM EDWARD SHIVER TRAPP was born Feb. 3, 1877 likely in Antioch Community. Though only age 19 at the time of his father's death in 1895, he filed a petition March 20, 1896 for the guardianship of his siblings, Dock & Leila. In 1900 he resided with his brother Charles Thomas. About 1904 he married NELLA R. HOLLAND, b. Aug. 16, 1881.

A number of plats of his property are preserved at the Kershaw County Court House, one signed by R.W. MITCHAM.

In 1920 they resided at 613 Lafayette St., Camden. He was 49, She was 38.



He died September 16, 1931. She died March 17, 1956. They are buried at Antioch Baptist Church. They had:

ARNOLD SHIVER - WILLIE EDWARD - ELLIOTT O. - RALPH - HAROLD

ARNOLD SHIVER TRAPP was b. June 29, 1906. He m. OLLIE DAVIS. He d. June 12, 1975  
Ollie was born July 1, 1905 and d. Dec 1, 1993. They had:

BILLIE TRAPP b Sept. 9, 1926 at Camden. She m. ALBERT SHIRLEY and had:  
ALBERT SHIRLEY JR. b Nov. 28, 1946 m. SUSAN KRAMER and had:  
DAVID ALBERT SHIRLEY b. March 17, 1968  
DAVID ARNOLD SHIRLEY b. Feb. 3, 1971  
DOUGLAS ALEXANDER SHIRLEY b. April 5, 1978  
BETTY SHIRLEY b. Jan 8, 1949 m. JAMES MICHAEL FISCHER

ARNOLD SHIVER TRAPP b. June 3, 1925 at Camden. He m. JANE WILLIAMS, was  
a veteran, having served in the USAF in Korea. He was a member of the Laurelton Park  
Baptist Church and died age 76 December 23, 2004. They had:

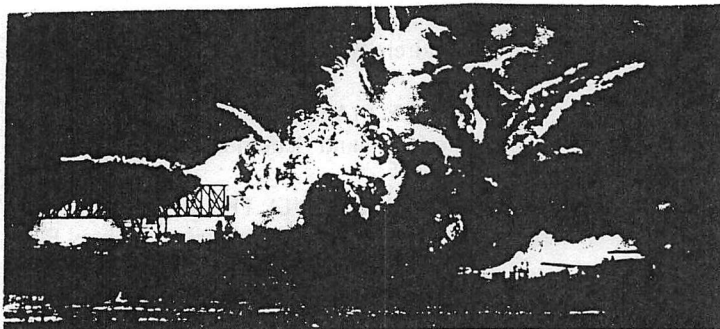
ROBERT ARNOLD TRAPP res. at Lexington in 2004

CECILIA TRAPP m. to "Gary of Gilbert" by 2004

WILLIE EDWARD TRAPP, b. 1908, the twin of Lillie Mae, was killed by a car in 1935.

LILLIE MAE TRAPP was born in 1908. She m. BURNEY CORBETT of Kershaw Co. and had:  
MYRON CORBETT  
DOROTHY CORBETT  
GENEVA CORBETT  
BOBBY CORBETT  
BETTY CORBETT  
ELIZABETH CORBETT

ELLIOT O. (ELLIE) TRAPP was born Nov. 8, 1916 in Kershaw Co.. He enlisted in the US Army  
June 7, 1940 and was at  
Pearl Harbor the "day  
that will live on in infamy",  
Dec. 7, 1941. He was  
honorably discharged from  
the 15th Infantry Dec. 30.  
1943. He never married.



Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941

RALPH TRAPP was born  
at Camden June 5, 1917.  
He also served in WWII  
as a Tech 5, and likewise never married

HAROLD TRAPP was born July 12, 1921 at Camden. He joined the US Air Force at Boykin, SC  
Jan. 14, 1943 and was honorably discharged Oct. 7, 1946. H m. MOZELL CHILDRESS and in  
1978 resided at 702 Lafayette St. Camden, They had:

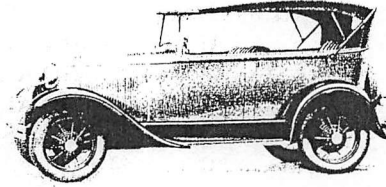
RODNEY TRAPP - ZONDRA TRAPP



DOCK S. TRAPP was born Christmas Eve 1885 and was orphaned at age 9. About 1906 he married his cousin, CORA ADA DAVIS, born Nov. 17, 1881 the daughter of JAMES WYLIE . DAVIS. After WWI he established the first Ford dealership in Camden

In 1920 their household at 1211 Mill St. included RANKIN & WILMA WEST, and also ROBERT & MARIAN BEVERLY.

Possibly they had removed to some rural location near the Cleveland School not long after, for two of their daughters perished in the Cleveland School Fire of May 17, 1923. (see J. O. Mosley's account at the end of this present chapter). They had the following:



HOYT S. TRAPP was born Dec. 13, 1907. He m. 1st JESSIE HORTON, by whom he had a son and a daughter, and he m. 2nd MARGARET BLAZEK by whom he was said to have had two daughters. He died Oct. 4, 1982.

HOYT S. TRAPP JR. b. May 29, 1929, was killed by an auto in Englewood, NJ Sept. 13, 1933.

BARBARA TRAPP, b. at Camden, m. FRANK DEVINE and had:  
MICHAEL DIVINE  
STEPHEN DIVINE  
SCOTT DIVINE

ARLENE TRAPP b. at Camden m. PATRICK FILLIPELLI and had:  
KEVIN FILLIPELLI  
CRAIG FILLIPELLI

ELEANOR LOUISE TRAPP, b. March 17, 1910 m. JACKSON C. BROWN JR. She was one of the primary sources on the records of this family. They had no children. She died in the 1970's I believe.

EMILY MAE TRAPP was b. Nov. 9, 1912. She perished with her sister Vera in the Cleveland School fire May 17, 1923.

VERA VIRGINIA TRAPP was b. Nov. 2, 1914 and was only age eight when she perished in the Cleveland School Fire.

LEILA MARIE TRAPP . b/ Nov. 22, 1915 served in the Waves during WWII. She m. 1st J. W. JOHNSON, 2nd GLENN BALDWIN and 3rd LEO G. RADCLIFF. She had:

MARIE ELIZABETH BALDWIN m. JAMES LOWRY JR.  
JAMES T. LOWRY III  
MATTHEW LOWRY  
ROBERT GLENN BALDWIN m. JOYCE PATTERSON  
HEATHER MARIE BALDWIN

JAMES TRAPP als McKENZIE was b. April 28, 1919 and reared by his married sister, Leila. He changed his name to McKenzie and married about 1940 IDA MAE SINCLAIR. They had:

MARTHA CAROLYN McKENZIE b. Dec. 27, 1941. she m. EDWARD GLENN RAMBO and had:

ANITA RAMBO

GLEN RAMBO

JAMES EDWARD McKENZIE b. Feb. 9, 1944 at Camden. Was of Merit Island, Fla. and unmarried in 1978.

CHARLES EDWARD TRAPP b. Oct. 15, 1921. He enlisted in the USN at Camden Sept. 16, 1940 and served aboard the *USS America* from January 1944 to February 1945, having been promoted.

He married ALYCE LONG and had issue. dying January 6, 1999.

MELANIE TRAPP b Dec. 11, 1945. She m. MARLIN MATHIASON

MARY LOUISE TRAPP b. ca 1949 m. STEPHEN PARSONS and had:

ALICIA PARSONS b. Philippine Is.

CHARLES PARSONS b. Philippine Is.

STEPHANIE PARSONS b. Philippine Is.

CHARLES EDWARD TRAPP JR. b. Oct. 24, 1952.

MARGARET TRAPP b. Aug. 7, 1954 m. WAYNE LOUGHEED and had:  
CHRISTOPHER WAYNE LOUGHEED

VIRGINIA MAE TRAPP b. March 30, 1924 m. 1st ADRIAN A. BRACEY and m. 2nd C. PARNELL JR.

RICKY R. BRACEY m. ANN WATTS

ASHLEY RENE BRACEY

KERI ANN BRACEY

CHERI LYNN BRACEY m. RAYMOND DARNELL RHODES and had  
VAN DAREN RHODES

WILLIAM RICHARD TRAPP b. April 2, 1930 at Camden m. ROBBIE MOTHERTON of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. They had:

GAIL TRAPP, adopted b. Dec 5, 1946 m. JAMES T. NANCE JR.

PATRICK NANCE

GREGGORY NANCE

JENNIFER GAIL NANCE

RICHARD RONALD TRAPP b. Nov. 19, 1953 Murfreesboro, TN. He m. & had:

MICHELE LOUISE TRAPP b. April 17, 1977

JOHN WILLIAM TRAPP b. July 18, 1978

DEBRA LEISA TRAPP

CLEVELAND SCHOOL , a rather modest frame building named for GROVER CLEVELAND consisted of two good-sized class-rooms on the bottom floor and an auditorium taking up the entire upper floor. The night of May 19, 1923 the students were prepared to present a play, *Topsy Turvey* and the place was packed. The auditorium was approached by a single indoor staircase, none too wide. Electricity had not yet come to the rural south in 1923 and the auditorium was lit by oil lamps, one of which was accidentally overturned and ignited the curtains of the stage. The fire quickly spread.

What had been intended as an evening of comedy brought forth excruciating tragedy. Though now hardened by years of violence witnessed on TV, some of the scenes that night may yet haunt us. In the panic to get down the staircase, many were trampled and eventually the overloaded stair case collapsed with the combined weight. Some jumped from the auditorium's windows (from the second story) to be seriously injured as were others who attempted to catch those that jumped ..

One father who had escaped the building only to discover that his little daughter remained in the burning auditorium, declared before he went back in that if he could not rescue her, he would be with her when she died. He succeeded in reaching his daughter and managed to bring her to a window so that the kin would see them and know that they died together.

It is unclear if EMILY and VERA TRAPP were students of Cleveland School (The family were residing in Camden in 1920) or if the family had returned to their native area just to see their kin or friends in the play.

Extracted from  
THE TERRIBLE CLEVELAND FIRE  
J. O. Mosley

Emily Trapp, eleven, and Vera Trapp, nine, were the daughters of Mr. & Mrs. D.S. Trapp who were born and reared in the Antioch section of Kershaw County , a few miles from Cleveland (School). Mr. Trapp is now a prominent businessman of Camden and Mrs. Trapp was Miss Cora Davis, who is closely related to the Smith and Davis families that are so numerous throughout this section of South Carolina, and have done so much for it's development. United States Senator E. D. Smith is a relative of Mrs. Trapp. We were fond of Mr. Trapp's brothers and (his) only sister when we attended the Gum Springs School together as well as the Church and Sunday School. All those making good in the world, the brothers as businessmen in Camden and the good sister is homemaker for our good friend, Ex. Supt. of Education . I. J. McKenzie who is also a leading businessman of Camden.

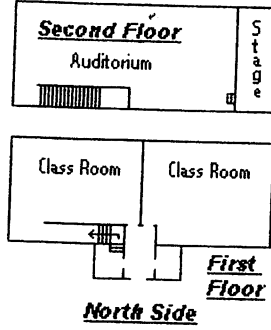
We heard a friend of the family remark that they were the most pleasing children she had ever known and we did not think it strange, for they had inherited a jovial disposition from their fond parents and their grandparents before them were pleasing to meet and to greet.

Could it have been one of J. A. Mosley's ancestors who first commented, "Yes, I know. But aside from that Mrs. Lincoln, how did you enjoy the performance?"

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**Scarborough Genealogy**

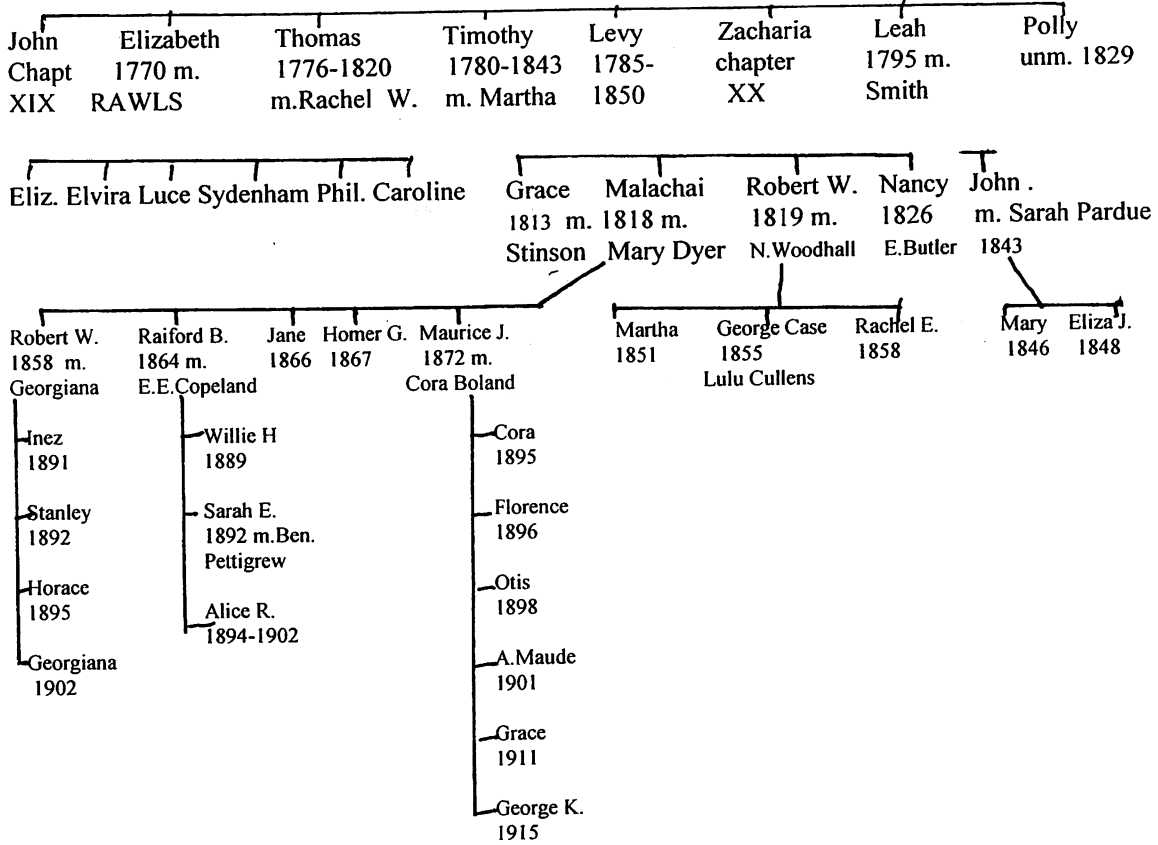
**Camden, South Carolina**

A fatal design of the building was the 30" wide stairway to the second floor. It started in the boy's cloak room, just to the left of the main entrance. After a few steps, it made a left turn and continued to the second floor.



Thomas (1636) & Mary Trapp  
 Samuel (1676) & Thankful Trapp  
 Samuel (1717) & Phoebe Trapp

WILLIAM (174?-180?) & ELIZABETH TRAPP



## Chapter XVII

## WILLIAM &amp; ELIZABETH TRAPP of Fairfield Co.

WILLIAM TRAPP is thought to have been the son of Samuel & Phoebe Trapp of Norwich, Ct., and to have been born in the 1740's. His close relationship with Lt. Thomas Trapp, assumed to have been a brother, and the unrest and danger on the frontier when they arrived is previously given on pages 120-122. After William's grant of land from King George III in 1765, he apparently felt that conditions were stable enough to establish his family. His first wife is thought to have been ELIZABETH LILLY, the daughter of *John Lwelly*, part of whose estate William would eventually acquire.

No evidence has been found to suggest that William supported the American Revolution in any way, but had he been a Tory it is unlikely that he would have been granted additional land after the war. Exact borders have not been established, but most of his holdings, in total amounting to hundreds of acres appear to have been along Cedar Creek slightly south-east of present day, Winnsboro. It is therefore somewhat surprising to discover that he was a member of Little River Baptist Church, somewhat south of Monticello, S. C. apparently several miles distant from wherever his residence was located. One need no further evidence of good character than long-sustained membership at Little River, organized in 1768 and William remained there to the end. The following is recorded Feb. 13, 1796:

The church came together and agreed to chuse Brother David Andrews and Brother William Trapp as elders. Brother Kind and Brother Benet chosen to ordain them the 2nd Saturday and Sunday in September.

Oddly, no other members of his family were found to be recorded there. Little River could seem formidable to the timid. Members were frequently dismissed and no details that caused the dismissal were spared. Elizabeth, wife of William, apparently died during the 1780's

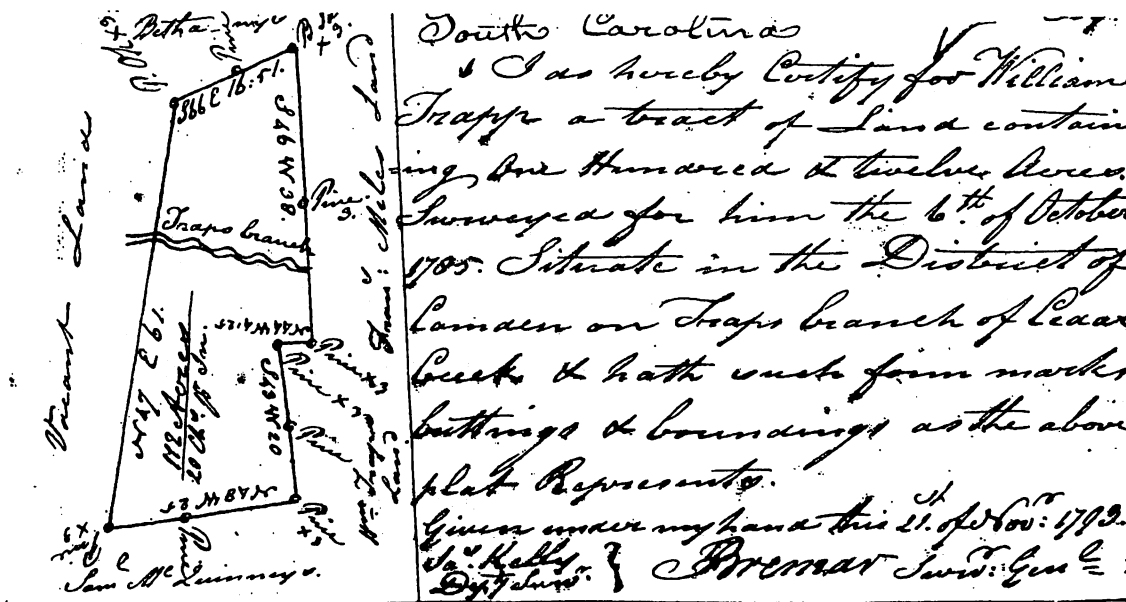
William's second wife, also ELIZABETH was much younger, born about 1775. The households of William and Lt. Thomas Trapp were the only ones of that surname in S. C. in 1790 and in 1800 only the household of William's son, JOHN had been added.

William was listed as *dead* on the undated membership list of Little River sometime between 1802 and 1804, judging by the position between pages dated in the Minute Book.

Elizabeth is listed as head of the household from 1810 to 1830.

William's estate is stated to have been divided into eleven parts. Assuming that his widow accounted for one part, it is assumed that he then had ten surviving children, eight of which are believed to have been identified:

JOHN - ELIZABETH - THOMAS - TIMOTHY  
 LEVY - ZACHARIA - LEAH - POLLY



Note that "Trapp's Branch of Cedar Creek" was a landmark as early as 1765.

SOUTH-CAROLINA.

**G**EOERGE the *Third*, by the Grace of GOD, of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE and IRELAND, KING, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING: KNOW YE, THAT WE of our special Grace, certain Knowledge and mere Motion, have given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our heirs and successours, DO GIVE AND GRANT unto

*William Trapp his*  
heirs and assigns, a plantation or tract of land containing *One Hundred Acres situate on Cedar Creek in Craven County Bounded on all sides by Vacant Land*

And hath such shape, form and marks, as appear by a plat thereof. hereunto annexed: Together with all woods, under-woods, timber and timber-trees, lakes, ponds, fishings, waters, water-courses, profits, commodities, appurtenances and hereditaments whatsoever, thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining: Together with privilege of hunting, hawking and fowling in and upon the same, and all mines and minerals whatsoever; saving and reserving, nevertheless, to us, our heirs and successours, all white pine-trees, if any there should be found growing thereon: And also saving and reserving, nevertheless to us, our heirs and successours, one tenth-part of mines of gold and silver only: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said tract of

*One Hundred* acres of land and all and singular other the premises hereby granted unto the said

*William Trapp his*  
heirs and assigns for ever, in free and common soccage, the said

*William Trapp his*  
heirs and assigns yielding and paying therefor unto us, our heirs and successours, or to our Receiver-General for the time being, or to his Deputy or Deputies for the time being, yearly, that is to say, on *every* twenty-fifth day of March, in every year, at the rate of three shillings sterling, or four shillings proclamation money, for every hundred acres, and so in proportion according to the *number* of acres, contained herein; the same to commence at the expiration of *Two* years from the date hereof. *Provided always*, and this present Grant is upon condition, nevertheless, that the said

*William Trapp his*  
heirs or assigns, shall and do yearly, and every year, after the date of these presents, clear and cultivate at the rate of *Three* acres for every hundred acres of land; and so in proportion according to the number of acres herein contained; AND ALSO shall and do enter a minute or docket of these our letters patent in the office of our Auditor-General for the time being, in our said Province, within *six* months from the date hereof; AND upon condition, that if the said rent, hereby reserved, shall happen to be in arrear and unpaid for the space of *three* years from the time it shall become due, and no distress can be found on the said lands, tenements and hereditaments hereby granted; or if the said

*William Trapp his*  
heirs or assigns shall neglect to clear and cultivate yearly and every year, at the rate of *Three* acres for every hundred acres of land, and so in proportion, according to the number of acres herein contained, or if a minute or docket of these our letters patent, shall not be entered in the office of our Auditor-General for the time being, in our said Province, within *six* months from the date hereof, that then and in any of these cases, this present Grant shall cease, and determine and be utterly void; and the said lands tenements and hereditaments hereby granted, and every part and parcel thereof, shall revert to us, our heirs and successours, as fully and absolutely, as if the same had never been granted.

Given under the Great Seal of our said Province.

WITNESS *The Honorable William Bull Esquire*

*Lieutenant* Governor and Commander in chief in and over our said Province of South-Carolina, this

*Twenty third Day of August*

Anno Dom. 1765 in the *Fifth* Year of our Reign.

*William (L. M. S.) Bull*

Signed by his Honor the *Lieutenant*

Governor in Council  
*Pat. Simpson Secy.*

And hath thereunto a plat thereof annexed, representing the same, certified by

*John Trapp Deputy*  
Surveyor-General,

dated *17<sup>th</sup>* April 1765.



JOHN TRAPP , was born in the mid or late 1760's. His descendants will be given in Chapter XVIII.

ELIZABETH TRAPP, born in Fairfield Co. SC in the late 1760's. She married as his second wife JESSE RAWLS SR., the son of LUKE & ELIZABETH (MILES) RAWLS, who had migrated to Fairfield Co. SC from NC. Both Jesse and Elizabeth were deceased before 1850. The following are stated to have been their children, though the chronological order is not known entirely .

LEAH RAWLS, born between 1787-98, migrated with her brother JOHN to Chickasaw Mississippi in 1850. She died unmarried

TIMOTHY DAVID RAWLS born June 27, 1797 in Fairfield Co. SC died there in 1854-1855 and is buried in the Turner Cemetery.

MARY A. RAWLS married JOHN SELEY DELASHMEIL and migrated to Chickasaw County, MS. They had:

CORNELIA DELASHMEIL  
 JOHN SELEY DELASHMEIL JR.  
 AQUILLA DELASHMEIL  
 ROBERT DELASHMEIL  
 MORDECAI DELASHMEIL  
 BARTLETT DELASHMEIL  
 ROSALINE DELASHMEIL  
 MARY ANN DELASHMEIL died in some epidemic.

JESSE RAWLS JR. born about 1800 in Fairfield, SC m. PANONA MYERS and had:

MINORE RAWLS  
 JOHN WADE RAWLS  
 JEREMIAH RAWLS  
 JEFFERSON RAWLS  
 WILLIAM W. RAWLS

WILLIAM RAWLS

JOHN T. RAWLS b. 1807-8 Fairfield, SC served with his brother Zechariah in the Seminole War, and migrated to Chickasaw, MS where he died unmarried.

DORCAS RAWLS migrated with her brother John to Chickasaw, MS and died unmarried

LUKE RAWLS

ZACHARIA RAWLS born 1813-4 in Fairfield served in the Seminole War. He married MARY A. FERGUSON

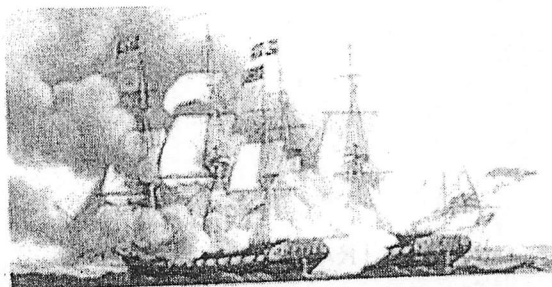
MALACHAIR RAWLS (apparently known as Ike)

SUTIE RAWLS

Harris Rawls born 1771-4 is thought to have been by the first wife. He m. ANNA COON about 1804 and presumably was deceased before 1850

SARAH TRAPP born about 1775 apparently never married. Her household in 1829 included four others and in 1850 she resided with her younger sister, LEAH SMITH. Sarah was at that time age 75.

THOMAS TRAPP, born in Fairfield Co. S.C. about 1776 was likely the namesake of his uncle, Lt. Thomas Trapp.



1812 was undoubtedly a busy year for him. He served in FOLDER'S

Artillery Battalion from South Carolina, and made quite a splash in Milledgeville, Ga. in December that year. Both the *Riding Express* and the *Gentleman's Magazine* brought his name to the attention of the reading public. Well received there, he settled in Baldwin County, Ga. and never left. His name appears on the tax lists from 1814 until 1820, the year of his death.

He married there June 16. 1814 RACHEL WOOTEN, fourth daughter of JOHN & MARY (SIMMS) WOOTEN, also S.C. natives. Thomas later was chosen as the guardian of JOSEPH SIMMS of Milledgeville.

He died May 3, 1820, highly respected, several publications printing his obituary, using the title, "Esq." mentioning that he had been "for many years a public officer of Baldwin Co." An *"account of the sales of the personal estate and property of Thomas Trapp, deceased"* was held Dec. 6. 1820. *"A good many items were bought by Mrs. Trapp, John Wooten & Phil Cook Sr."* (Loflin Letters)

RACHEL survived him many years. In 1850 her household included her sister, MARY McGRIFF, age 64, JOHN WOOTEN, 22 and Rachel was age 60, her real estate valued at \$5,300 and her personal estate at \$18,200.\*

"Mrs. Mary McGriff died May 19, 1861, age 68". Thomas & Rachel had:

ELIZA TRAPP m. MANLY and fl. 1850

ELVIRA TRAPP m. RUSSEL and fl. 1850

LUCE TRAPP apparently unm. in 1850; pos. LUCIA M. TRAPP who m. Dec. 21, 1854 in Bibb Co. Ga. W.T.BROWN

SYDENHAM TRAPP fl. 1850 thought to have d. soon after. His namesake was son of Benjamin & Eliza of Jones Co. Ga.

PHILLIP TRAPP living in 1821 was not mentioned in 1850.

CAROLINE TRAPP m. in Baldwin Co. June 27. 1832 ZACHARIA ROBINSON  
Neither mentioned in 1850

\* No serious loss if she exchanged it for Confederate Money. She is not known to have survived the war.

TIMOTHY TRAPP was born in 1780 in Fairfield Co. S.C. He seems to have accompanied his brother Thomas to Milledgeville, Ga. in 1812 and soon after married MARTHA, one year younger than himself. Tax Lists confirm their presence there intermittently from 1814 to 1830.

In 1834 Timothy suffered some tragedy he would never overcome. The following is from the *Records of Admission* to the South Carolina State Hospital:

January 9, 1835  
Timothy Trap, a widower male 55 insane six months. Supported by Comm'r's Poor.  
Pauper Fairfield S.C.

Timothy Trapp, farmer died Feb. 13, 1843 of Consumption.

He was not exactly a widower. Martha survived him many years. She took part in the land lottery of 1840, recorded as head of household that year. In 1850, age 68 she lived with her daughter, Grace, but in 1860 had re-established her own household in Baldwin Co with an estate valued at \$300. Timothy & Martha had:

GRACE - MALACHAI - ROBERT W. - NANCY - ELIZA - JOHN

GRACE TRAPP b. about 1813 Baldwin Co. Ga. m. there Feb. 27, 1840 WILLIAM STENSON, L.L.SMITH, J.P. officiating. William is thought to have died not long after. In 1850 her household included her mother, her sister Nancy and her son.

WILLIAM STENSON b. about 1847, age 3 in 1850.

MALACHAI TRAPP b.1818 Baldwin Co. apparently had left home before his father's mental breakdown and likely knew nothing of it. Unclaimed letters addressed to him were reported Jan. 1, 1837 in both Forsyth Co, in Monroe Co. and in Milledgeville.

He married in Morgan Co. Ga. Feb. 6, 1850 MARY J., the daughter of DAVID DYER. The couple were recorded later that same year back in Baldwin Co., Malachai age 31, Mary J. 18. They seem to have prospered.

In 1860, as an overseer, Malachai had accumulated real estate worth \$300 and a personal estate of \$1,000. Mary J. is thought to have died in the late 1860's.

He remarried Oct. 16, 1877 MISS RACHEL A. HARRINGTON, REV. C.B. ANDERSON, officiating. No issue of this marriage is known.

Malachai was again alone in 1880, age 62, other than some of his children

## Children of MALACHAI &amp; MARY J. TRAPP continued

RAIFORD BOSTWICK TRAPP b. Dec. 28, 1864 near Milledgeville, Ga. m. June 10, 1888 ELIZABETH COPELAND b. Dec. 8, 1871, the d. o. JAMES & SALLY (TEMPLES) COPELAND. She died Feb. 12, 1942.

WILLIE H. TRAPP b. March 31, 1889- June 15, 1889 Haddock Co. Ga.

SARAH E. TRAPP b. July 14, 1892 m. Jan. 3, 1909 BENJAMIN F. PETTIGREW

ALICE R. TRAPP April 18m 1894 -June 11, 1902 (buried Hopewell Methodist Church)

JANE TRAPP b. about 1866 f. 1880

HOMER G. TRAPP b. about 1867 fl. 1800

MAURICE J. TRAPP b. June 10, 1871 . He married CORA BOLAND, b. Oct. 23, 1872 She d. June 11, 1956 and both are buried in the Crowell Cemetery, Taylor Co. Ga. In 1920 her mother EVILINE BOLAND age 72, resided with them. .Maurice died August 23, 1947.

EDNA TRAPP b. March 1895 probably in Taylor Co. Ga. .  
Edna D. Trapp, daughter age 24, was in his household in 1920

FLORENCE TRAPP b. May 1896. apparently died that year.

FLORENCE M. TRAPP April 15, 1897-September 27, 1904. (Crowell Cemetery)

Infant Trapp born and died in 1909

HAZEL M. TRAPP 1913-1913

OTIS TRAPP b. June 1898 -apparently unmarried in 1920. d. 1928

AUDIE MAUDE b. 1901 Taylor Co. Ga. age 18 in 1920

GEORGE K. TRAPP b. 1915 Taylor Co. Ga. age 15 in 1920

GRACE TRAPP b. 1911 Taylor o. Ga. age 9 in 1920

remaining in his household. MALACHAI & MARY J. had:

ROBERT W. TRAPP b. Oct. 1858 Baldwin Co. Ga. m. GEORGIANA. b. Dec. 1869. They were in Taylor Co. by 1900 and remained there in 1920. The following obituary was published in the *Butler Herald* Dec/6, 1923:

MRS. R. B. Trapp Sweetly Rests

Like a leaf which gently drops to the earth Mrs. R. B. Trapp passed away quietly and gently at her home near Reynolds last Friday after a long and painful illness.

Mrs. Trapp had been a great sufferer. Tender hands administered to her and splendid physicians attended her in their effort to alleviate her suffering and so stay the hand of her malady but in spite of these untiring efforts, she died as stated above, surrounded by her loved ones and a large circle of friends

Attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, the funeral was held Saturday: the floral offerings being rich and beautiful.

Surviving Mrs. Trapp are her husband and the following children. :Messrs Horace and Stanley Trapp, Misses Inez and Georgia Trapp

Card of Thanks

Through a sense of appreciation and sincerity we wish to thank the host of loving friends who so faithfully administered to our mother and wife to the end of her last day in an effort to prolong her life and give her comfort and happiness, and who so beautifully expressed their sympathies and comforted the bereaved ever with unparalleled service and loving kindness.

We wish to especially thank Dr. J. E. Mangham for his untiring efforts and express to him our unvarying confidence in his wisdom, sincerity and magnanimity .May God's richest, blessings rest upon each of you.

R. W. Trapp  
Inez Trapp  
Georgia Trapp  
Horace Trapp  
Stanley Trapp

At the 1920 census and apparently throughout 1923 none of the children were married

INEZ TRAPP born Oct. 1880

STANLEY TRAPP b. Feb. 1892

HORACE TRAPP born Jan. 1895

GEORGIA TRAPP born about 1902

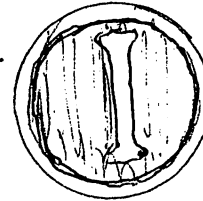
ROBERT W. TRAPP, son of Timothy & Martha was born Nov. 14, 1818 in Baldwin Co. Ga. He was appointed with JOHN EDGE by SAMUEL HALL, J. P. to appraise the estate of JOHN B. CLAY that included "a horse and much else".

Robert married March 14, 1849 NANCY WOODHALL, born Dec. 29, 1816. The following year his real estate was valued at \$2,500.

Like Malachai, & Rachel, he did not collect his mail promptly, and the Milledgeville P.O. reported an unclaimed letter addressed to him as late as April 1, 1849. Likely they did not want to know the content.

That same year (1849) Robert was granted the administration of the estate of ISAAC WOODHALL, likely his father-in-law. LOUISA WOODHALL born about 1839. presumably Nancy's younger sister, lived with them for several years.

Though nearly 43, Robert W. enlisted at Milledgeville Aug. 4. 1861 to serve under Cpt. W. J. EVANS in Co. F of the 6th Ga. Inf. Before leaving he filed a letter resigning as the guardian of Louisa Woodhall, though she remained in his household. The record shows that he served intermittently until Jan. 31, 1864



Robert returned from the war much poorer, but also much more aware of public affairs. His real estate, valued at \$7,500 in 1860 was reduced to \$1,000 in 1870.

He attended a meeting of the Democratic Party Sept. 23, 1874. With W. G. ALLEN and A.F. WILMONT, Robert was appointed Tues. April 25, 1877 to investigate vagrants of the 321 District. He was the runner up for Sheriff and served on the jury of Baldwin Co. from 1877-1886.

Nancy died Nov. 14, 1888. Robert died June 4, 1897. They are buried at Sandy Hill, 5 miles from Milledgeville. They had

MARTHA TRAPP b. about 1851, was age 19 in 1870

GEORGE CASE TRAPP b. Dec. 6, 1855. In 1900 resided with his uncle, JAMES WILKINSON of Scottsboro. He was present at the organization of the Bacon Club of Milledgeville in the 1880's. He married LULU CULLENS, a widow and their household in 1920 included JOHN M. COLLINS age 21. George Case Trapp died Jan. 12, 1925 and is buried at Sandy Hill.

RACHEL E. TRAPP b. about 1858 was age 12 in 1870. An undated notice states *We are pleased to learn that Miss Rachel Trapp, daughter of Robert W. Trapp of this county, is improving after a long illness.*

NANCY TRAPP was born about 1826 likely in Baldwin Co. Early July 1850 she was residing with her sister GRACE, but later that year married EDWARD BUTLER, by then of Baldwin Co. Dr. Edward B. Hearn adds that Edward Butler was the son of EDWARD W. & MARTHA (CARLTON) BUTLER, formerly of Mecklenburg Co. Va. and that:

He was a gambler and had lost all his possessions in Butts Co. before he moved to Milledgeville.

ELIZA TRAPP was married to ROBINSON by 1850. both living that year.

JOHN TRAPP, presumed to have been born about 1820 was not listed in the settlement of Levy's estate in 1850. There is thought possibly to have been some connection, for Timothy's descendants are the only known of the surname to have had association with Monroe Co. Ga. where JOHN T. TRAPP married Sept. 11, 1843 SARAH PARDUE, the daughter of ISAAC PARDUE. She is thought to have died in childbirth in 1848. The following is from the *Keowee Courier* of August 15, 1857:

Killed by lightning. John Trapp a young man residing near Milledgeville was instantly killed by lightning last Friday Week.

On Friday last about 11 o'clock Mr. John Trapp was killed by lightning in company of Mr. MARK SMITH under a tree to protect them from a heavy shower. The tree struck killing Trapp instantly and striking Smith down senseless for a while and also killing a mule they had standing near them. This is another solemn warning to all persons to not take shelter under a tree in a thunder-storm.

JOHN and SARAH'S surviving daughters were recorded in the household of their Grandfather, ISAAC PARDUE of Monroe Co. in 1850. He was age 60, born in "Meriland".

MARY TRAPP born 1846 Georgia

ELIZA J. TRAPP b. 1848, possibly married JOHN B. BROWN

LEVY TRAPP, son of William & Elizabeth was born in Fairfield County about 1785. He and his younger brother, ZACHARIA accompanied NATHANIEL TRAMMELL to Milledgeville, Ga. in 1810 and were granted permission to visit the Indian Nation. Very likely the impression they returned with influenced Thomas & Timothy to settle there.

Though no doubt part of the basis for the opinion mentioned by DIXIE HAMMOND "that the Trapp family (of Georgia) were reputed to be very wealthy", the inventory of Levi's household suggests utility and comfort rather than luxury. No single item brought as much money as did the mule. The tax list of 1829 reveals that he was the only white person in his household.

Even a condensed list of his land transactions requires space, but is too rich in



his slaves were sold as follows:

JOHN CAMPBELL bought JIM for \$690 and the boy STOCK for \$791,  
 W.R.SMITH bought ALFRED for \$670  
 JACOB DAVIS bought PRINCE for \$900  
 L. SMITH bought the boy JOHN FOR \$811  
 W.H. TRAPP bought the woman MARY ANN for \$360  
 E.J.PALMER bought the woman MARY for \$405

By August 1850 various farm items had been bought by M. WOOTEN, WM. KENNEDY, DANIEL WOOTEN, LEVI SHARP, JOHN RAINES, L. SMITH, F. DOUGLAS, J.M.ROBERTSON, J.C. WILLIAMSON, L. CARTER, J.J. DUBOSE, WM. McCREIGHT (BLANK) & L. WARING.

The following items were sold at his former home, Jan. 8, 1851, bringing a total of \$294.24.

T.C WILLIAMSON	bed	\$11.00	L.H. SMITH	a lot of axes	\$2.25
W.H. TRAPP	bed & stead	18.00	W. H. TRAPP	sundries	1.75
	two blankets	1.00	J. RAINES	lot of hoes	.80
L. SMITH	lot of books	2.00		lot of plowstocks	.65
JOSEPH HINNANT	30 & half yds bagg.	3.96	JORDON BEARD	spinning wheel	3.45
	31 lbs. of rope	2.48	J.D.DAVIS	spinning wheel	2.80
JOHN HOWELL	saddle/bridle	9.00		churn	.10
L.H. TRAPP	cross-cut-saw	3.50	W.J. ALSTON	one gin-heard	52.00
WM. BOYTS	saddle-bags	1.75	J.B. COLEMAN	lot of curry-combs	.25
J.D. DAVIS	lot of plowshares	2.65	JOEL DURHAM	wagon/harness	71.50
MRS. HOWELL	pair steelyards	1.00	GEORGE TUCKER	one mule	75.00
L. SMITH	2 augers	.85			

LEAH TRAPP born about 1795 was unmarried when she joined Sandy Level Baptist Church. She was baptized the following Sunday. (Letter from H. B. McLEAN, clerk in the 1970's)

Her marriage to SMITH occurred soon after. She was a widow age 55 in 1850 when her household included (n addition to her son) SARAH TRAPP, 75 and MARY JORDON, 56. The entire household were stated to have been born in Fairfield.

GEORGE SMITH b. about 1828, a planter age 22 in 1850

POLLY TRAPP was unmarried in 1829 and deceased before 1850.

details dear to genealogist to be overlooked. A chronological listing would include:

Dec. 27, 1815 "a plantation on both sides of Broad River, partly lying in Newbury Co. from MARY RICHARDSON, widow of HENRY RICHARDSON , formerly owned by HAMBLE ABRAHAM NOTT.

1816, Levy & Zacharia Trapp were conveyors in a mortgage to ABRAHAM NOTT (bk.X 295)

Feb. 6, 1816 S.D.ALSTON divided 372 acres "by permission of Levi & Zacharia Trapp.

Aug. 8, 1821 Levy bought Zacharia's share for \$1.500 of 225 acres whose former owners were RICHARD SPENCER, WILLIAM STUNDY and D.HENRY RICHARDSON. Border owners included WM. LANDERD & DAVID R. EVANS. Witnesses LABAN CHAPEL, S.D.ALSON MARY, wife of C.O.TRAPP.

That same day Levy & Zacharia sold 482 acres on Little River to CHARLES BELL for \$4,682 Former owners were RICHARD SPENCER, SAMUEL MOBERLY & JOHN WAGGONER. Bordering owners were JAMES WOODWARD, ROBERT BANKHEAD, CHARLES & THOMAS BELL, WILLIAM HAMILTON, a minor WINN, & DAVID EVANS, Esq. Witnesses LABAN CHAPPELL & S.D. ALSTON.

Aug. 12 & 13, 1822 Levy & Zacharia sold 149 acres to WILLIAM LAUDERDALE, at the time tenants were PATRICK GLADNEY & JOHN McDOWELL. Former owner ESMOND MANNAHAN. Witness E. YARBOROUGH & S.ALSTON. (Mary Lauderdale later married M. LEMMONS and their historic home was included in JULIAN'S *Fairfield Houses*.

1823 Levy & Zacharia sold property to JOHN BROWN

1824 Levy appointed administrator of the estate of his nephew, AARON TRAPP

Dec. 18, 1824 Levy acquired land on Cedar Creek from SAMUEL & MARY TAYLOR of Edgefield bordered by lands of JESSE HENDRICKS, AARON SMITH et. el. Witnesses: S.D.SMITH & WILLIAM SAWYER.

Dec. 31, 1825 Levy bought the shares of JOHN & SAMUEL TRAPP from their brother Aaron's estate.

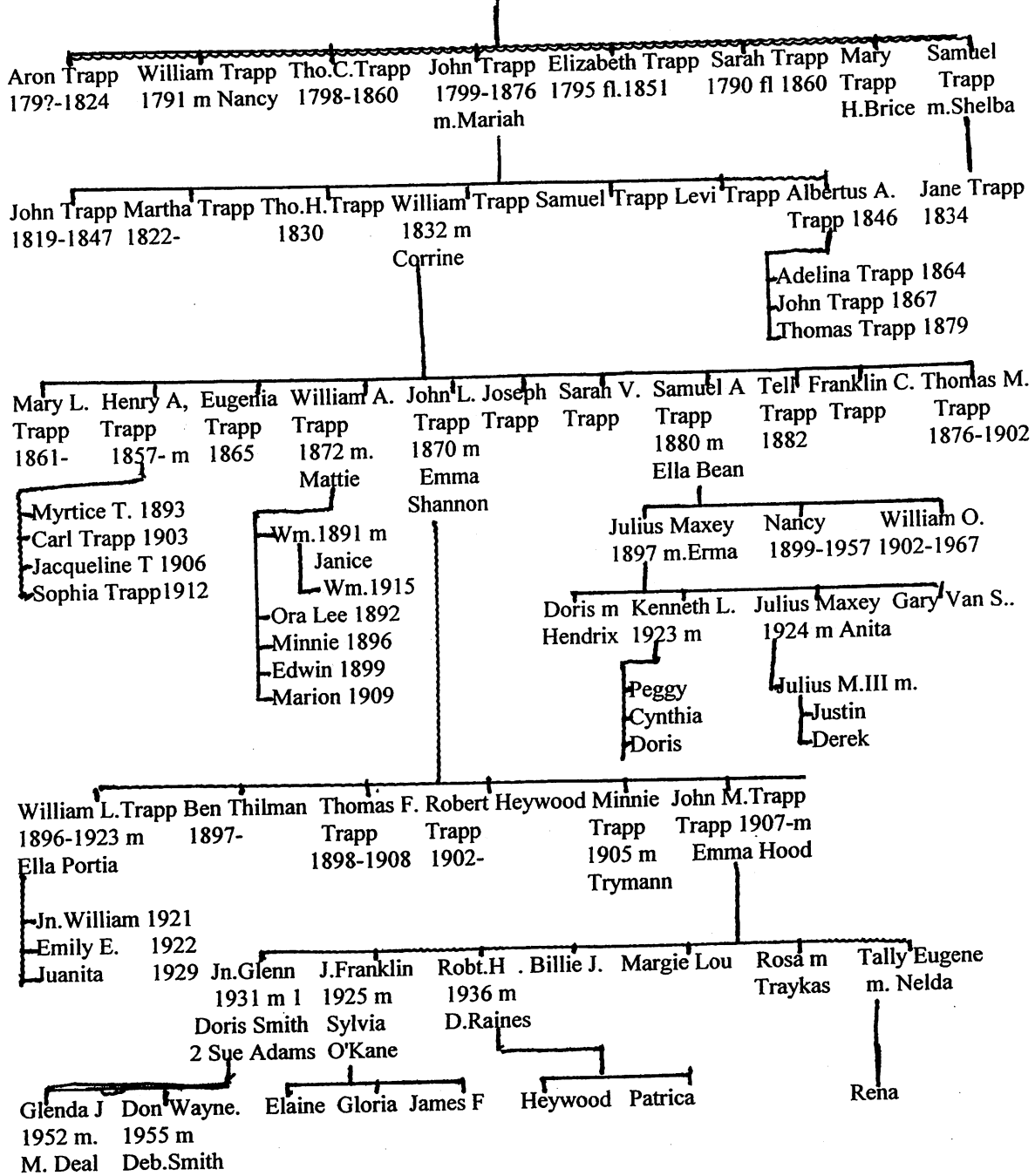
July 2, 1827 Levy with SAMUEL BROWN put up \$12,000 for Zacharia to deliver to JOHN BUCHANNAN, the commissioner for land on Broad River bounded by LABON CHAPPELL & CHRISTIAN FRESHY. Slaves mentioned were SQUIRE & his wife ALSSE and their children: MARY, KESIH, CATHERINE & CHARITY (possibly from the estate of HENRY OWEN) Witness, GEORGE TURNIPSEED.

July 15, 1829 Levy gave a plantation on Little River to Zacharia & his business partner, OSMUND WOODWARD. Witnesses were WILLIAM MOORE & RICHARD NOLT.

Levy never married and died in testate sometime in September of 1850. From the number of his namesakes, it appears that he was much admired by the family. I like to think that Squire and his family stayed together until the children were grown.

Thomas (1634) & Mary Trapp  
 Samuel (1676) & Thankful Trapp  
 Samuel (1717) & Phoebe Trapp  
 William (1745) & Elizabeth Trapp

John (1769) & Mary (Colly) Trapp

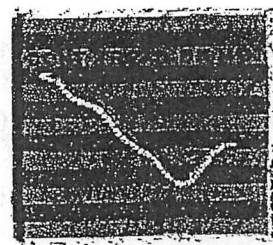


Chapter XIX  
 John & Mary (Colly) Trapp  
 & Their Descendants

John, born during the later 1760's was without doubt the first of the surname to be born in the state of South Carolina and likely within the entire south. We may well imagine the fairly new log cabin on Cedar Creek and conclude that no doctor was in attendance.

As he grew, the Indian trails were widening slightly to accommodate farm wagons, but outside the clearing, the forest remained primeval - not infrequently a hiding place for rouges, robbers or worse. Boys quickly became men.

Though still in his teens, he served in Col. TAYLOR'S Regiment and was paid 10 pounds - 11 shillings - 5 pence "for personal Military Service as a private on horse and foot in the Militia"



Apparently he returned home a hero and swept MARY COLLEY off her feet. Details to feed our romantic appetite are found in a most unlikely place: Fairfield Deed Book A, p. 51:

Little River, 1st January 1788 there was lawfully married together John Trapp & Mary Colly, inhabitants of the county aforesaid . . . certified by JACOB GIBSON, M.C. . . personally came and appeared before me JOHN SMITH and WILLIAM TRAPP being sworn upon the Holy

Evangelist of Almighty God did declare that they were personally present at the Plantation House of JAMES ANDREWS JR. . . on Broad River. . . sworn 19 Jan 1788!  
JOHN BUCHANAN, J.P.

The wedding occurred then in the north-west corner of Fairfield - near Capt. Taylor's home, quite a distance from "Trapp's Branch of Cedar Creek" in the south-east corner. Could the Colonel have made the introductions? There would have been few guest. Travel on Broad River was time-consuming.

John & Mary first lived in Fairfield Co and by 1790 apparently had two daughters and had acquired a slave. By 1792 they had moved across the border into Richland Co. where their holdings extended to, and it was either at his or his father's home\* that the "Inquisition over the body of GARDNER WILLIAMS" was held May 7, 1792. The jury believed

. . . the said man to receive his deth by shot with a gun loaded with shot and likewise believe he was shot in the back trying to escape . . . and the verdict of the said William's wife was that he was shot by WILLIAM MASSEY.:

The new road came through in 1797. ELISHA HAIGOOD was in charge of overseeing the new road from MINOR WINN'S across Little Cedar Creek to the old Columbia Road and Big Cedar Creek, and JOHN TRAPP was in charge of overseeing the road from Big Cedar Creek to the County line.

They moved back across the border into Fairfield.

Our last glimpse of John is on Dec. 16, 1818. Though he is on his way home for Christmas, it is less than merry. Earlier that day he had paid a fine of \$600 to get out of jail. The charge is not recorded - likely John felt that it was not just, but later "*he thought it fit to remit the said fine and unexpired period of imprisonment upon a payment of cost*"

\* John's family was the only one of the surname Trapp in Richland at the time. Wm. Trapp was foreman.

to the prosecution", signed, JOHN GEDDES, Governor.

Mary is thought to have predeceased John, who is known to have been deceased before 1824. They had:

ARON - WILLIAM - THOMAS C. - JOHN - ELIZABETH - SARAH - MARY - SAMUEL

ARON TRAPP was likely born In Richland County during the 1790's and of legal age in 1815 when he sold property to CHARLES BROOM and to WILLIAM COMPTY.

Perhaps a story lurks in the records; perhaps not. Aron is recorded:

April 20. 1818 (Bk.DD p.190):

I hereby relinquish all my right, title, claim and interest in a certain negro woman named DAPHNY indemnified to me by WILLIAM SHAVER by mortgage.

But Aron acquired Daphny Feb. 22, 1821 from WILLIS WHITAKER, the purchase being witnessed by DR. FERGUSON and WILLIS WHITAKER JR. Aron signed a note for \$500 Dec. 12, 1822 payable to LEWIS ELSEY to complete the payment for some land and another slave of William Shaver, called PEGGY. LEVY TRAPP endorsed the debt June 6, 1822.

SAMUEL TRAPP acknowledged indebtedness to Aron Feb. 22, 1823.(Loflin letters)

Aron sold 160 acres on Cedar Creek that had originally been granted to JOHN WINN to JOHN BROWN Nov. 28, 1823.

Aron died not long after. Levy was the administrator of his estate, and a bill of sale to Leah, Zacharia and himself was witnessed by JESSE RAWLS, DAVID HUNTER and DAVID HAMILTON January 15, 1824.

WILLIAM TRAPP was born about 1791, He married NANCY about 1815 and their household in Richland County was slowly increasing in number by 1820, including five male slaves and ten female slaves.

Nancy joined Sandy Level Baptist Church May 2, 1835 and was baptized the following Sunday. She was deceased by 1838. (Letter from H. B. McLEAN of Blythwood 1972, Clerk) She bore him six children.

William later married Martha, 30 years younger than himself, and is thought to have out-lived her, dying Jan. 3, 1870. She was the mother of his youngest, Albertus Allen Trapp.

JOHN - MAR? HA - THOMAS M. - WILLIAM - SAMUEL - LEVI - ALBERTUS A.

JOHN TRAPP was born about 1819. By his will Feb. 18, 1847 he left land in Richland County and Fairfield Counties to his uncle, THOMAS C. TRAPP and his estate and chattles to his brother, THOMAS M. TRAPP. witnesses were JOHN T. SHARP, JOHN LORIC & HENRY H. PRICE. Probate May 7, 1847.

MARTHA TRAPP was born about 1822 in Richland County. She was apparently unmarried in 1850, then age 28, but not listed in her father's household in 1860.

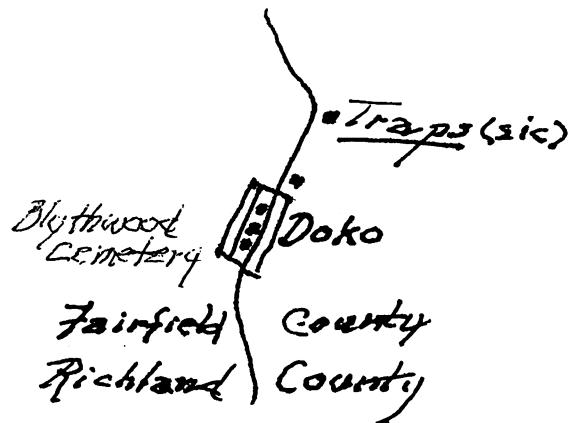
THOMAS M. TRAPP was born in 1830 m. about 1855 ELIZABETH, b. S.C. about 1825 were of Rigsby Fork, Itawamba Co. Ms. by 1860 with real estate valued at \$1, 375 and a personal estate of \$455. They were still listed there in 1870. He was presumably deceased by 1873. No issue is known. (One Thomas M. Trapp b. ca 1876 d. 1902 - Asbury Cemetery., Blythwood)

WILLIAM ARTHUR TRAPP was born January 25, 1831 at Blythwood, S. C. about 1832. He was unmarried at the time of the 1860 census but married CORRINE O. LOWREY born Jan. 7, 1839 soon after. Wm. Arthur, stating he was the eldest (surviving?) son, petitioned to be the administrator of his father's estate.

Their household was indicated on the 1876 map near Fairfield's southern border, just north of *Doco*, a village not destined for longevity. William died Jan. 7, 1879 and in 1880 Corrine was listed as head of the household, and continued to increase to 1900. She apparently was the CARMINA TRAPP who conveyed land in Richland County to John L. Trapp Sept. 19, 1913.

William & Corrine were parents of the first eight listed:

Henry A. - Mary J. - Eugenia - John L.-Joseph - Sarah V. - William A. - Thomas M.- Tell -Franklin C.



William B. Elkin's map of 1876 pin-points the home of William & Corrine Trapp within two miles of Richland County; the 2nd house north of Doko- a village with 3 houses, four streets and high hopes.

HENRY ALEXANDER TRAPP, son of William & Corrine was born Jan. 5, 1857 at Charleston, S. C. and married Aug. 8, 1887 at Calhoun, Ala, EUGENIA ADDERINE YOUNG, b. Jan. 1870 at Birmingham. They lived for some time in Cottonwood, Calif. She d. Nov. 22, 1916 at Quannah, Hardman Co. Texas. He died at Red Bluff, Calif. May 25, 1926. They had:

CHARLIE TRAPP b. May 5, 1892

AUDREY MYRTICE TRAPP b. May 9, 1893 in Louisiana, age 29, in 1920

MINNIE LAVADA TRAPP b. May 11, 1894

HENRY TRAPP b. March 17, 1895

MARY TRAPP b. Oct. 5, 1899

CARL TRAPP b. Sept. 28, 1902, age 17 in 1920

EUELL JACKSON TRAPP b. Jan. 18, 1906 at Louisville, Denton, Texas

RITA TRAPP (twin) b. May 14, 1909

REBA TRAPP (twin) b. May 14, 1909

SOPHIA TRAPP b. about 1912, age 8 in 1920

MARY J. TRAPP was born about 1861, fl. 1880.

EUGENIA TRAPP, d.o. William & Corrine was b. about 1864, fl. 1880.

WILLIAM TRAPP, b. ca 1867 (age 3, 1870)



JOHN L. TRAPP, s. o. William & Corrine was b. March 1868 in S. C. He m. EMMA SHANNON, b. April 1876 and they lived on Settlement Road, Richland Co. He died age 71 in 1941 They had:

WILLIAM L. TRAPP, son of John L. & Emma was b. June 12, 1896 m. ELLA PORTIA. He d. Feb. 28, 1923. and is buried in the Asbury Cemetery, Blythwood.

JOHN WILLIAM TRAPP b. Aug. 19, 1921 Blythwood. Served in Normandy and the Rhineland in WWII. Hon. Discharge as Corporal Nov. 2, 1945

EMILY TRAPP b. Feb. 1922, S.C.

JUANITA TRAPP b. Feb. 12, 1929 at Blythwood, S. C.

BEN TILLMAN TRAPP b. June 12, 1897. age 22 in 1920.

THOMAS FRANKLIN TRAPP b. June 6, 1898. d. Nov. 29, 1908. 10yr.-5 mo.-21 days

ROBERT HEYWOOD TRAPP b. about 1902-d. March 2, 1954 Richland Co. S. C.

JOHNNY M. TRAPP b. Feb.5, 1907 m. 1929 EMMA HOD fl. 1980 at Blythwood. had:

JOHN GLENN TRAPP b. June 20, 1930 m. 1st DORIS SMITH and m. 2nd June 4, 1964 MINNIE SUE ADAMS, d.o. BEN ADAMS of Lancaster Co. S.C.

DONALD WAYNE TRAPP b. Dec. 21, 1955 m. Debbie Smith of Mt. Holly N.C.

GLENDIA JOE TRAPP b. Dec. 12, 1952 m. MICHAEL DEAL 1977

JAMES FRANKLIN TRAPP b. Oct. 19, 1933 m. SYLVIA O'KANE

ELAINE TRAPP unmarried 1980

GLORIA TRAPP

JAMES FRANKLIN TRAPP JR.

ROBERT HEYWARD TRAPP b. Feb. 19, 1936 m. DORIS RAINES

HEYWARD TRAPP

PATRICIA TRAPP

BILLIE JEAN TRAPP b. Oct. 15, 1938 m. KENNETH WILLIAMS

MARGIE LOIS TRAPP b. Oct. 1941 m. HERMAN KIRBY

ROSA TRAPP m. DAVID TRAKAS

TALLEY EUGENE TRAPP b. 1942 m. NELDA

RENA TRAPP .

MAGGIE DORA TRAPP, d. o. Johnnie M. & Emma, was born Feb. 1, 1900

EMILY ELIZABETH SHANNON TRAPP, d.o. Johnnie & Emma was b. Apr.4, 1908 m. ENSMINGER

VIRGINIA TRAPP( d.o. Johnnie M. & Emma) b. 1911 m. GEORGE HOOD

JOSEPH TRAPP, twin s.o. William & Corrine was born March 1870. d. without issue.

SARAH TRAPP, twin d.o. William & Corrine was b. March 1870.

WILLIAM A. TRAPP, s.o. William & Corrine was b. Oct. 1872. m. MATTIE, b. 1874 S.C. They had:

WILLIAM TRAPP b. Feb. 1891 S.C. m. JANIE. res. Winnsboro, Rd. in 1920. They had:

WILLIAM TRAPP b. ca 1915

ORA LEE TRAPP b. Sept. 1893. fl. 1910

MINNIE or MATTIE TRAPP b. May 1896 S. C. m. JIM HOOPER

EDWIN TRAPP b. Sept. 1899. fl. 1910

MARION TRAPP b. 1909 resided with Mattie Hooper in 1920

SAMUEL A. TRAPP b. June 1873 m. ELLA D. BEAN b. 1880 at Blythwood. He d. Jan. 6, 1905 and is buried in the Asbury Cemetery, Blythwood. She d. July 5, 1973, age 92 They had:

JULIUS MAXEY TRAPP b. Oct. 7, 1897 Atlanta, Ga. m. at Balton, Md. 1920 ERMA TANGELLUTIG. He d. March 4, 1968. They had:

DORIS TRAPP b. Dec. 28, 1921 Balto, Maryland m. Sept.4, 1945 WILLIAM B. HENDRIX and had:

DOUGLAS W. HENDRIX b. March 4, 1946 m. Nov. 18, 1967

STEPHEN D. HENDRIX b. Jan. 20, 1972

JOAN HENDRIX b. March 18, 1948 m. July 15, 1974 ANTHONY M. SERIO

KENNETH LEROY TRAPP b. Feb. 6, 1923 m. SHIRLEY BROWN and resided 8033 Colony St. Severn, Md. in 1980's. They had:

PEGGY TRAPP b. July 15, 1951 m. LOSCALYZO

CYNTHIA TRAPP b. Aug. 9, 1953 Maryland

DORIS (DORIE) TRAPP b. Oct. 8, 1956

JULIUS MAXEY TRAPP JR. b. Jan. 29, 1924 Balto, Md. m. at Wilmington, Del. ANITA HOFFHEISTER and had:

JULIUS MAXEY TRAPP III, b. Wilmington Del. m. in 1968 DANNAN.

JUSTIN TRAPP b. Oct. 1, 1962

DEREK TRAPP b. Jan. 27, 1974

GARY VAN SANT TRAPP b. June 2, 1956 m. CYNTHIA

NETTIE F. TRAPP b. Sept. 11, 1899 d. Feb.27, 1957 buried Springfield Cemetery, Greenville.

FLORENCE H. TRAPP ( d. o. Samuel & Ella ) b. Aug. 10, 1901.d. Jan 8, 1957 buried Springfield Cemetery.

WILLIAM O. TRAPP b. July 8, 1902 b. July 8, 1902 in Atlanta. m. FRANCIS HOLLIS, b. Aug.10,1907 d. May 13, 1961 (Springfield Cemetery, Greenville, S.C.)

FRANKLIN C. TRAPP s.o. William & Corrine was b.ca 1875

THOMAS M. TRAPP b. 1876 d. 1902 (buried in the Asbury Cemetery, Blythwood)

TELL TRAPP b. April 1882 fl. 1910

SAMUEL M. TRAPP, son of WILLIAM & NANCY was born in Fairfield Co. in 1834. He was living in 1850.

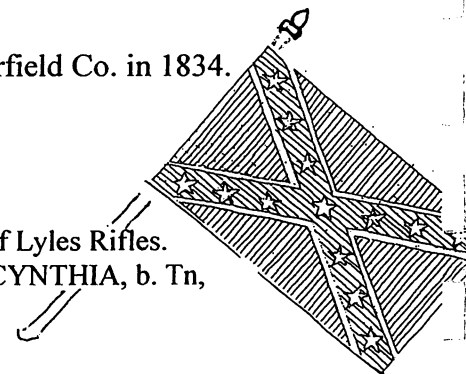
LEVI TRAPP, born in Fairfield ca 1837 was unmarried in 1860.

ALBERTUS ALLEN TRAPP b. ca. 1846 in Fairfield Co. served in Co. B of Lyles Rifles. Apparently identical with ALEN TRAPT of Lamar Co. Ala. in 1880 m. to CYNTHIA, b. Tn, then age 25. They had:

ADALINA TRAPP b. 1864 Alabama age 16 in 1880

JOHN TRAPP b. about 1867 Mississippi, age 13 in 1880

THOMAS TRAPP b. about 1869 in Alabama. age 10 in 1880



THOMAS C. TRAPP born about 1798 Fairfield Co. S. C. apparently never married but provided a home for siblings and kin. In 1850 he was a planter age 52 whose estate was valued at \$1,000. Residing with him were SARAH TRAPP, age 60, ELIZABETH TRAPP, age 55 and REBECCA PRICE, age 35

By the will of his nephew John, he received in 1847 100 acres adjoining lands of ANDREW RHIME and JOHN SHARP SR.

In August 1860 the value of his real estate remained the same, but he had acquired a personal estate of \$3,000. Only Sarah Trapp, then age 70, remained in his household.

The Mortality Schedule of 1860 lists the death of THOMAS C. TRAPP, "slave owner" in Edgefield Co. The subject's brother, REV. JOHN TRAPP had long resided in Edgefield, and it is thought that Thomas C. died while visiting him.

It is suspected that he was the "Thomas C. Trapp involved in most, if not all of the following transactions:

1836 granted land to JOSEPH CRAIG (Fairfield MJM 396)  
Jan 18, 1838 granted ELIJAH DAWKINS 135 acres on 25 Mile Creek, part of original grant to QUINTON CRAIG.  
Acquired land in Richland from John T. Trapp  
Sept. 1 1869 Richland Tho. C. Trapp Fiduciar JOHN M. HUMPHRIES Dec. 1, 1869 (Box 89 Pk 2214)

JOHN TRAPP was born about 1799 in Fairfield. He migrated with his brother Samuel to Edgefield County by 1825, where John at first taught school. The following is from *History of Edgefield* in giving an account of Mountain Creek Baptist Church from 1798:

Mr (N.W.) HODGES continued to preach there occasionally. The church grew rather slowly for some years, but in 1829 a revival was experienced by the said little church and also throughout the neighborhood. Among the number converted was JOHN TRAPP a young man from Fairfield County who was teaching in the neighborhood.

He was a young man with great promise, and the church gave him all the encouragement possible. He soon applied for a license to preach but continued to teach school also until 1832 when he was ordained to the ministry and laying all else aside gave his whole life to preaching the gospel.

The church grew rather slowly until about the year 1840. Several members obtained letters of dismissal, moved about 10 miles northeast and organized Damascus Baptist Church. Note this if there should be nothing more said about Damascus.

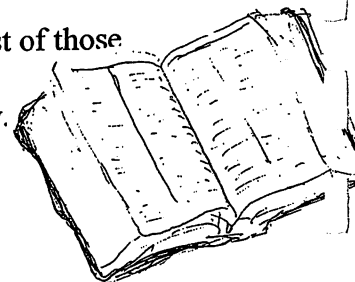
The church grew and prospered until in the year 1852 there was a gracious revival, eighty new members were baptized. At this time Mountain Creek was one of the strongest churches in the northern part of the Association, the membership being - colored people were then included - over 500. In 1856 a number of members branched off and organized Olive Branch Baptist Church.

In 1859 there was another revival and sixty persons professed religion and were baptized. During the Civil War the Church suffered great loss in membership and financially. In 1866 there was another great revival and 98 were baptized and five restored. The meeting lasted for 17 days and was conducted by Rev. John Trapp, who received some help from a Methodist Minister living near the church.

Though beginning to feel the feebleness of age, Mr. Trapp continued to preach when able "without money and without price". He died 27 August 1876, having been pastor continuously from 1832 with exception of the years 1855-1856.

John married MARIAH about 1835, but had no children. It would be satisfying to know for certain his view of slavery. Being biblically oriented, John would have been inclined to tolerate it. But he accepted slaves into membership of his church, and he must have silently objected to the institution that seemed at the time the most practical way to make the most of his nearly 700 acres of land. Undoubtedly in not owning slaves, he was setting an example.

The number of weddings where he officiated is incalculable. Even a list of those recorded in the *Edgefield Examiner* and other newspapers of his day is lengthy.



The 1850 census lists John as a "Baptist Preacher" age 51, having an estate of \$7,500. Mariah was 45 and their household included ELIZABETH McCURY, age 28, SIMEON ADAMS, age 10 and JOSIAH BROOKS, then age 7, who would still be with them in 1860.

The account given of Bethany Church mentioned that JOSEPH TALBERT was clerk and that JAMES SHADRACK had been ordained deacon.

Rev. John Trapp served as pastor to the close of 1874. Under his administration the church prospered. He was greatly beloved and was finally compelled to resign on account of age and infirmities incident thereto. HEZIKIAH EDWARDS and PETER QUATTLEBAUM were made deacons in 1863 and in that same year R.W. SEYMOUR was ordained to preach one Sunday each month as an assistant to Rev. Trapp, the regular pastor.

Only one familiar with an earlier practice of Baptist Churches in earlier times, known as the "annual call" can fully appreciate John's record. Few Baptist Churches were too small to contain at least two opposing factions.

To have been pastor of Damascus for sixteen years was noteworthy. To have been pastor of Bethany for twenty-four years was indeed remarkable! But to have pastored any church for over 40 years, as John did Mountain Creek, was a feat I suspect worthy of half-a-page in the *Guinness Book of Records*.

Surely he was God's servant. It has been mentioned that he died Aug. 27, 1867. It is unknown if Mariah survived him.

ELIZABETH TRAPP was born about 1795. Her signature appears on various deeds. She apparently never married, and was mentioned in the settlement of Levy's estate in 1851.

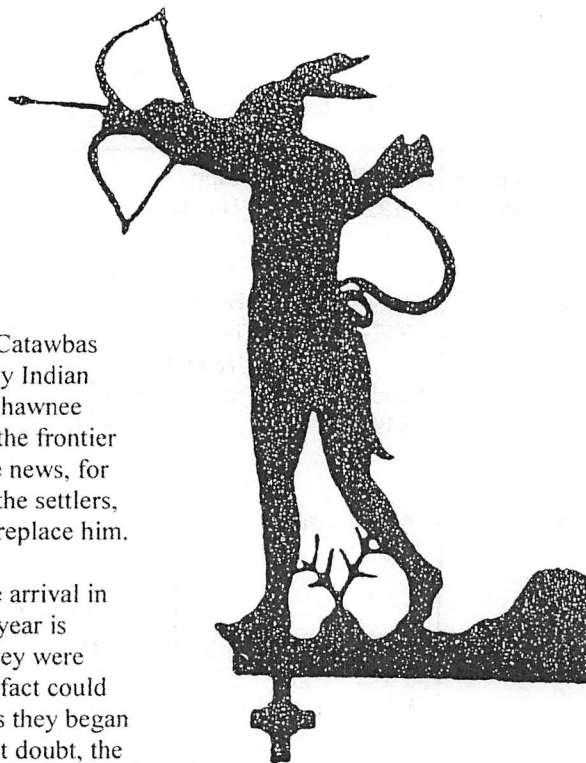
SARAH TRAPP was born in 1790, likely in Richland Co. S.C. Other than her signature on various deeds, nothing more is known of her. At age 70 she was in the household of her brother, THOMAS C. TRAPP.

MARY TRAPP born in the later 1790's was found by the late Jean Loflin to have signed a note May 23, 1822 mentioning "three-fourths to Captain Trapp". Her ancestor, Capt. Samuel Trapp of Norwich, Ct. was undoubtedly deceased by that date, and who the later Capt. Trapp may have been is not known.

Mary appears to have been the wife of HUGH BRICE by 1851.

SAMUEL TRAPP born about 1800 had migrated to Edgefield Co. in 1825, where we lose track of him. He may possibly have been identical with SAMUEL S. TRAPP who married in Crawford Co., Ga. August 31, 1830 SHELBA A. GASSET, the daughter of WILLIAM (b.S.C. 1786) & JANE (b. S.C. 1796) GASSET. Jane Trapp, their grand-daughter was living in 1850.

JANE TRAPP was born in Georgia about 1834 and was age 16 in 1850.



#### KING HAIGLER

News of the death of King Haigler of the Catawbas would have spread quickly in 1763, first by Indian drums. He had been murdered by seven Shawnee Warriors out of Virginia. Each settler on the frontier would have felt less secure as he heard the news, for Haigler had always been a good friend to the settlers, and only God knew the leader that would replace him.

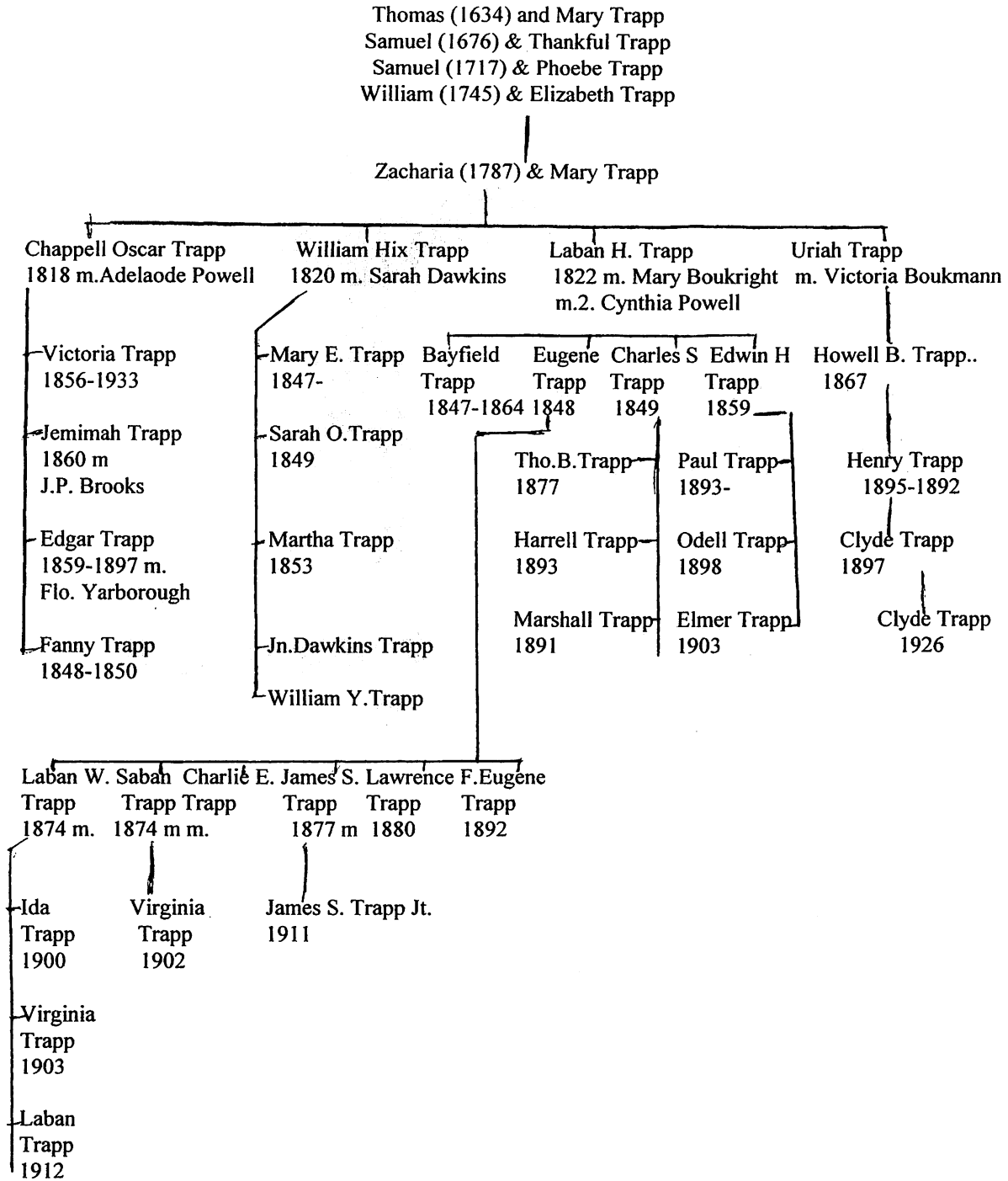
Neither the date of Haigler's death, nor the arrival in South Carolina of the Trapp brothers that year is known, but regardless of whether or not they were there to hear the news as it happened, this fact could scarcely have added to their confidence as they began their new life in the wilderness, for without doubt, the murder would have been a subject of conversation for sometime.

Only members of the tribe ever knew the actual burial place of their King. One MAURICE MOORE stated that Haigler's grave was dug ten-feet square in order to include his possessions - including a rifle, powder flask, gold and silver coins - and at first had been guarded by 16 warriors. Even so, gamblers from Virginia are said to have got the warriors drunk, and then rifled the grave.

Among the Memorials dedicated to Haigler's memory today are two weathervanes on public buildings; one in Winnsboro SC and the other in Camden SC.



Chapter XXI



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## Zacharia &amp; Mary Trapp &amp; their Descendants

Zacharia was born August 24, 1787 in Fairfield Co., S.C. He would have been no more than age 13 when he made the excursion with NATHANIEL TRAMMELL and his older brother, Levy from Milledgeville, Ga. into the Creek Nation.

The year of his marriage to MARY, the daughter of LABAN & MARGARET (ADAMS) CHAPPELL is not known, but some suggestion is found in the census returns of 1820 that by that year they had two sons and ten slaves, nine of which would become mortgaged Feb. 1, 1825 to THOMAS HEATH of Richland County. Described were:

JOSHUA, a male between 40 & 50, HARRIET, a woman between 40 & 45, VENN, a girl about 17, JENNY, a girl about 16, JOSHUA, a boy about 10, HANNAH a girl about 12, BILE, a man about 26, ALSEY, a woman about 20 and ISAAC, a boy about 10.

1827 was a year of considerable expansion. Zacharia bought 777 acres on Broad River from his father-in-law on July 2nd. He was also named the administrator of the large estate of HENRY OWEN and the guardian of the two children, ELLEN & ANTHONY OWEN that same year. .

From a deed July 15, 1829, it is learned that Zacharia and OSMUND WOODWARD were business partners. Levy Trapp that day sold them for \$1,000 his home and 200 acres "on the waters of Little River" for the purpose of "indemnifying

and saving the said partnership from all trouble, expense and liability." It was stipulated that there should be no penalties, should the loan not be repaid.

July 20, 1830 Zacharia acquired additional property from LEVI GORE, who had married ELIZABETH OWEN, the widow of Henry.

Zacharia's will, dated June 13, 1849 was witnessed by DANIEL SCOTT, JOHN KENNEDY and SAMUEL CREIGHT. He expressed the wish that:

Should it be necessary to sell any of the Negroes for the purpose of paying my debts, it is my wish that they be bought by my children or humane masters.

A newspaper of Columbia reported July 1, 1849:

Died on the 29th ult of the same place (Fairfield) after a lingering illness, Zacharia Trapp, age 61 years, 10 months and 5 days.

MARY continued to be recorded on each census through 1860, and is believed to have died during the years of the Civil War. The chronological order of their children as given, may not be entirely accurate.

CHAPPEL O. - WILLIAM HIX - LABAN H. - CAROLINE - URIAH - MARY - LEVI



Chimneys of the house known as Chappell Oscar's suggest the house to have been of even earlier vintage. possibly originally built by Zacharia. Much altered in the fashion of pre-WWII, the above sketch was made after a brief visit in 1978. It is now suspected that the central front gable was a later addition and that earlier the porches front and back had no upper galleries.

CHAPPELL OSCAR TRAPP was born Dec. 18, 1818 in Fairfield. About 1853 he married ADELAIDE POWELL, some years younger than himself, and is stated to have established a private school that same year.

Apparently this was not done out of necessity to increase his income, for the family were comfortable enough before the Civil War, and hardly destitute afterward. The epitaph on his gravestone likely explains:

*He loved God and Little children.*

Flattering as it may seem to have some achievement remembered in the news a full century afterward, it is doubted that *if* Chappell Oscar was aware of BILL McDONALD'S account in 1977 he would have been greatly pleased, nor with JAK SMYRL's caricature.



McDonald, unhampered by facts, took the opportunity to poke fun at the quality of education and morality (or the appearance of the same) that existed at the time by having the examiners ask him if his lips had "ever been sullied by demon rum or painted ladies?" It would have been most unlikely that such a question would have been necessary. C.O.T. was by then age 51 with four children of his own.

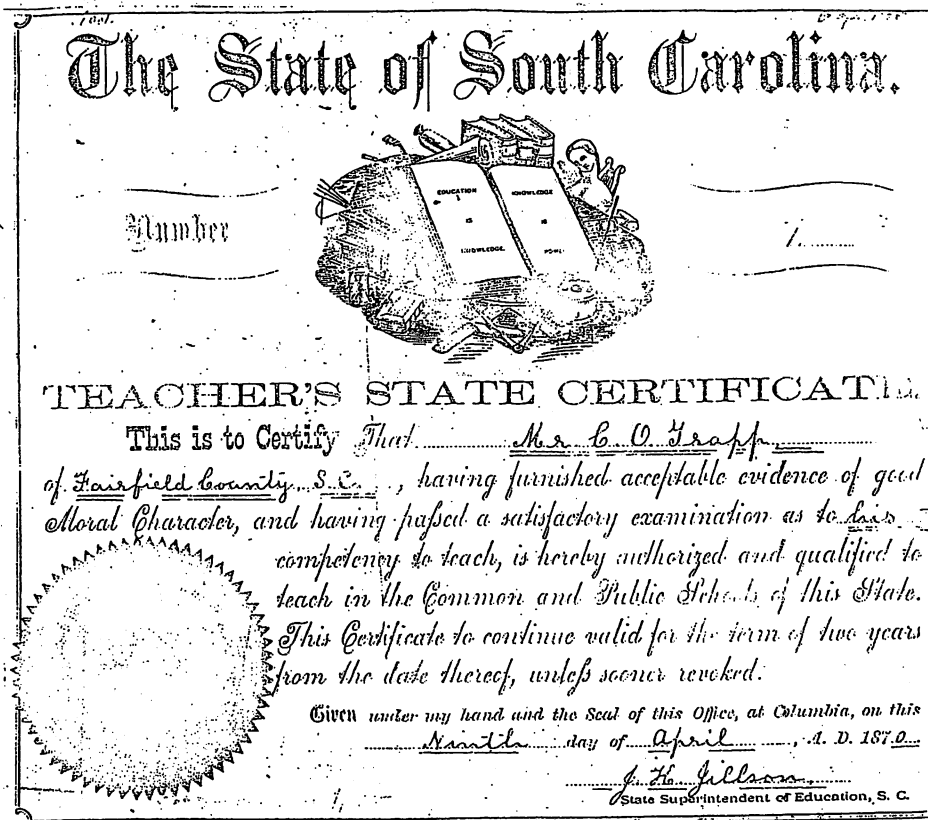
Though McDonald was likely correct in suggesting there was no standardized test for teachers at the time, this would not have amounted to the "Hurrah" he implied. It was a time in history that former Confederates would expect no indulgence, and the last line stated on the certificate itself, "unless sooner revoked" was designed to keep teachers in line.

When I visited his home-site in 1978 a large area, by then overgrown had been left in the middle of the field back of his former home, known as the family cemetery. Few grave-stones were still standing. Dating from the later 1800's, these were the most recent ones. Likely

many had been buried there to require that much space. Later members of the family were buried in the churchyard of Crooked Run Baptist Church. It is unknown how many of earlier generations, if any, had been buried there. .

A granite marker stood on the site of his former school in 1978 to commemorate the event:

Site of  
Private School opened 1853 by  
CHAPPELL OSCAR TRAPP,  
son of  
ZACHARIA & MARY CHAPPELL TRAPP  
born 1818 and died 1875  
Married ADELAIDE POWELL in 1853  
1841 graduate of University of South Carolina  
Issued first Teacher's Certificate  
in South Carolina April 9, 1870.  
Erected 1976 by Trapp  
and Powell descendants.



He and Adelaide had the following:

FANNY - VICTORIA C. - JEMIMAH C. - EDGAR C. - LULU

"Little Fanny Trapp" April 8, 1855 - Feb. 1, 1856 daughter of C.O. & S.A. TRAPP.

VICTORIA C. TRAPP was born Jan. 1856 and died unmarried in 1933. She is buried at Crooked Run.

JEMIMAH C. TRAPP was born about 1860 in Fairfield. In 1881 she married JAMES POPE BROOKS JR. and died in Dec. 1925. She is buried at Crooked Run. (Info gratefully received from the late Mrs. H.B. SHEALY )

EDGAR BROOKS b. Feb. 17, 1882 m. LYDIA DERRICK a widow and d. Oct.27, 1956

JAMES POPE BROOKS b July 19, 1883 n, Oct. 6. 1903 SALLY RUFF and d. May 29, 1935. Mrs. Shealy was a descendant.

LULU BROOKS b. July 1, 1885 m. ALEXIS G. GOLDSMITH and d. Mar. 17, 1961

ADELAIDE BROOKS b.Apr. 4, 1887 m. HENRY FAULKNER BRAY Dec. 26. 1907.

CHAPPELL OSCAR BROOKS b. June 1, 1889 m. LOIS ELLISON a widow and d. March 29, 1961

HAROLD BROOKS b. July 1891 m. ETHEL BECKHAM and d. May 17m 1940.

ERNEST BROOKS b. Aug. 25, 1894 m. BERNICE WOOTEN and d. July 26. 1948.

RAYMOND BROOKS b. May 26. 1898 m. VEDA MILLER May 18. 1918 and d. June 16. 1956.

AUBREY BROOKS b. Sept. 5, 1902 m. MARY DIXON June 1927 d. Sept. 1, 1939

EDGAR TRAPP was born June 1859 in Fairfield. He married September 8, 1897 FLORENCE YARBOROUGH, who died only seven months later. Her gravestone was one of the last standing in the family cemetery in 1978:

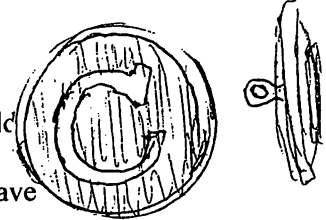
FLORENCE Y.  
wife to EDGAR TRAPP  
born 27 April 1878  
married 8 Sept. 1897  
died 8 March 1898  
*He giveth his beloved sleep.*

Edgar did not remarry, but provided a home for his sisters. He died in 1939 and is buried at Crooked Run. His estate was administered by ROY BROOKS.

LULU TRAPP was born October 1868 in Fairfield and died unmarried June 29, 1910. She is buried at Crooked Run.

WILLIAM HIX TRAPP was born June 24, 1820 at Fairfield. He married about 1845 SARAH E. DAWKINS, born March 18, 1824, the daughter of COLONEL JOHN DAWKINS (1787-1853) and his wife, MARTHA. In 1850 their household was recorded quite near the household of Williams brother, Uriah. It may have been after the death of Col. Dawkins that they lived in the house, whose description follows

Though past age 40 when the Civil War began, William Hix would serve as a Private in Co. C. of the 6th Calvary Regiment. He is stated to have been age 45 at the time of surrender.



Like many southerners, William Hix suffered a considerable financial reversal following the Civil War. He was recorded as a teacher in 1870 with no real estate, and a personal estate of only \$300. But his descendant would remain in what became known as the "old Trapp House" for the remainder of their life.

In 1880 three little girls surnamed HUTCHINSON appear for the first time in William's household. They are identified on one occasion as his step-daughters, and on another as his grand- daughters. LIZZIE MAE was 11 , b. ca 1869, LEILA was 10, b. 1870 and CORA was 8, b. 1870. It is unknown if they were any way connected to the HUTCHINSON family of Fonti Flora, the adjoining plantation to the north. Leila and Cora remained in the household in 1900.

William Hix Trapp died March 10, 1905. Martha died in the spring of 1908. Their place of burial is variously reported as being at New Hope A.R.P., at the Dawkin's Free Cemetery and at Monticello Methodist Cemetery. Likely the name of the cemetery was changed through the years. They had:

**MARY ELIZABETH - SARAH O. - JOHN DAWKINS - CARRIE VICTORIA & WILLIAM Y.**

MARY ELIZABETH TRAPP was born ca 1847 and was unmarried at age 22.

SARH O. TRAPP was born about 1849 and was unmarried in 1870.

MARTHA TRAPP was born about 1853. She was not listed in 1870

WILLIAM Y. TRAPP was born August 1861. He was age 39 in 1900 and not further identified definitely, but in spite of inconsistencies is believed to have been the subject mentioned in the memoirs of KATHLEEN THEUES O'BEAR , who gives details of motoring about the area in 1907:

Presently Stoney exclaimed, "Oh I know where we are. This is Mr. George Trapp's place and we will see his house soon now." Then the house loomed up before us in the dim dawn. We roused the old gentleman, who kindly invited us in. We fell asleep almost immediately in our chairs. Fay, utterly worn out, stretched at length on the piazza and slept. He had been at the wheel since 10 o'clock the day before.

We were roused by a colored girl bringing an invitation from MRS. WILL DeHINES who lived near, for all of us to come there for breakfast. Mr. Trapp had already told us that his niece, who kept house for him, was not at home.

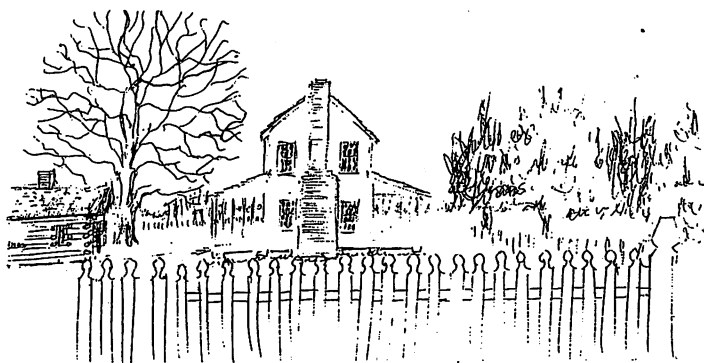
We found the DeHines kind people. In the meantime, Mr. Trapp had sent some men to pull the car out of the mud-puddle and they had it out front washing it clean.

Just as we finished breakfast we heard a great blowing of car horns and here came JACK DeSportes in one car and RALPH McDOWELL in another, and so the cavalcade started home

While the family member may possibly remain a matter of doubt, there can be little in regard to the house itself. She stated that the car was a *Chalmers Detroit*, known by that combination of names only for the 1907 model, two years after the death of Wm. Hix, who would have been described as an "old gentleman" if he were alive.

It is not known if W.Y.T. married, but two graves without dates are reported as being side by side in the New Hope A.R.P. Cemetery. One was W.Y. TRAPP and the other simply, "Mrs. Trapp".

Could Mrs. DeHines had been one of the sisters of W.Y.?





THE OLD TRAPP HOME NEAR MONTICELLO, S. C.

JULIAN BOLICK correctly stated that the Trapps had been in the area in 1790 and had acquired the home through marriage. He noted that it was of ancient construction, a fact born out by having much in common with other Fairfield houses known to have pre-dated the Revolutionary War.

It now seems likely that it was an old house, then the home of COL. JOHN DAWKINS when his daughter Sarah married William Hix Trapp in 1845. It is uncertain if the young couple actually lived there before the death of the Colonel in 1863.

KATHERINE PEARSON BLAIR TOMLIN of nearby Fonti Flora who was kind enough to accompany me on a search for the house in 1978 pointed out that that had been the very first part of Fairfield Co. to become settled, the house being just off Broad River on an unnamed tributary. The house is of a style most closely associated with S.C. that settlers from there would spread to other parts of the south. In time, the log kitchen out back would be replaced by enclosing part of the back porch.

Though this house undoubtedly existed in 1820, unless it was the residence of J. Hutchinson, it was omitted from the map of Fairfield by J.A. THORPE that year.

Elkins map of 1876 not only confirms the existence of the house, but states that it was the residence of "W. Trapp". In addition, a road had been put through from Monticello, S.C. and changes were noted on the landscape. White Hall had become Dawkins and Bunker Hill was by then Pearson. From the upper windows, occupants could now see the occasional passerby that passed to the north or to the south, or toward Monticello to the east, or Fonti Flora to the north.

In 1978 enough old cedar trees in pairs on either side of the drive remained to tell of a former border of them that once lined the lane all the way from the landing up the hill to the front gate.

The front porch had by then caved in, and a thick, almost impenetrable growth of vines covered the entire front yard and much of the house itself. Still, the house seemed restorable for a dedicated owner, although there seemed little hope for that. The area had again become as isolated as before; the main roads bypassing it. But I was not certain that a greater obstacle was the gloom. Possibly it was entirely my imagination that it had long been an unhappy place.



LABAN H. TRAPP was born in Lexington Co. S.C. in 1822. He first married about 1845, MARY BOUKRIGHT, who died sometime after 1851. He married secondly about 1858 CYNTHIA V. POWELL, the daughter of AARON & FRANCES POWELL.

Though over 40, Laban served during the Civil War, first as a private in the 6th Calvary under COL HOPE AIKEN and later as a sergeant in the Boyce Guards with his younger brother, Uriah, who as a 3rd Lieutenant.



*sketch of a Confederate Sgt.*

The 1870 census locates them in Township #10 of Fairfield. Laban, age 48 apparently died the following year. The *Baptist News* records:

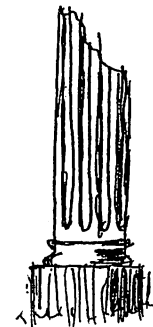
Died in Fairfield Co. on September 10, 1872 in the residence of her daughter, MRS. CYNTHIA TRAPP, MRS FRANCES POWELL, consort of Aron Powell deceased age 73 years. Had been a member of the Baptist Church for over 50 years and at the time of her death was a member of Buffalo Baptist.

B.F.CORLEY

Cynthia was listed as head of household on each following census up to 1910, when her age was recorded as 61. Her household in 1880 included an orphan, WILLIAM LEITNER, age 10, listed as a "household servant". By 1900 all of their surviving sons had migrated to Texas. They had:

**BAYFIELD - EUGENE - CHARLES S.- EDWIN - HARRIET**

BAYFIELD TRAPP was born in 1847 in Fairfield County. Presumably large for his age, he enlisted in Company F. of the 12th Regiment. He was only 17 when he died following the Battle of Richmond, Va. Though the exact location was known, no traditional marker identified his resting place in 2005.



EUGENE TRAPP was born March 1848 likely in Fairfield Co. He married about 1873 VIRGINIA, his same age and by 1880 they resided in Union County, Fish Dam twp. S. C. They left shortly afterward and were in Texas no later than 1892. By 1900 they were of Dallas. Virginia apparently died before 1910, when Eugene with his youngest son were residing with ROBERT BLACKMAN of that city.

LABAN W. TRAPP b. March 1874 likely in Union Co. S.C. He married by 1900 ADA COLEMAN, d. o. HENSLEY COLEMAN, b. 1834 and at that time resided on Harewood St., Dallas. By 1920 they had moved to Hickory St.

IDA M. TRAPP b. 1900 Dallas, Tx. not found in 1920

VIRGINIA TRAPP age 17 in 1920 b. Dallas, Tx.

LABAN TRAPP JR. b. Dallas about 1912 was age 8 in 1920

CHARLIE E. TRAPP b. 1874 S.C. likely Union Co. m. ALPHA BRADEY, a widow b. May 1872 in Tn. In 1920 they were of Woodside Ave. Dallas. His married step-son resided with them.

CLIFTON BRADEY b. 1894 m. CORA b. Tx. about 1896

JAMES S. TRAPP b. March 1876 likely in Union Co. S. C. m. about 1910 MIRIAM b. about 1880 in Texas. Were of 406 Dagget St. Ft. Worth in 1920.

JAMES S. TRAPP JR. b. about 1911

LAWRENCE S. TRAPP b. Union Co. S.C. 1880 apparently died young.

SALLIE TRAPP b. April 1882 Texas was age 8 in 1900

EDNA TRAPP b. August 1886 in Texas was age 4 in 1900

DAISEY TRAPP b. Nov. 1887 Texas was age 12 in 1900.

F. EUGENE TRAPP b. 1892 Texas with his father was in the household of ROBERT BLACKMAN of Dallas in 1910.

CHARLES S. TRAPP was born in August, 1849 in Fairfield Co. S. C. He was erroneously recorded in 1860 as Carlotta. He had regained his rightful name by 1870, then recorded in his fathers household as "farm manager". He had migrated to Texas by 1877 and had first married HATTIE, b. May 1863 in Texas. By 1910 his wife was listed as CYNTHIA, age 49, also a native Texan. They remained in San Jacinto Co. in 1920. They had:

THOMAS D. TRAPP b. Nov. 1877 in Texas, age 32 in 1920 apparently unmarried.

HARREL TRAPP b. about 1893 in Texas age 27 in 1920, apparently unmarried.

MAGGIE LEE TRAPP b. Oct. 1894 in Texas. unmarried in 1920.

HATTIE D. TRAPP b. Sept. 1895, age 24 in 1920.

MINNIE LEE TRAPP b. May 1898 in Texas, age 22 in 1920

MARSHALL TRAPP b. Feb. 1899 Texas, age 21 in 1920.

EDWIN H. TRAPP b. in Fairfield Co. S.C. in 1859. Remained in S.C. in 1900 but soon after migrated to Texas, also. Edwin married about 1891, ALICE HARRELL a native of Miss.

Their household in Coryelle Co. in 1900 included his wife's siblings: HENRY H. HARRELL b. Aug. 1869 in Alabama, and MAUDIE HARRELL b. May 1873, Ms. and JOHN JOHNSON b. May 1884, whose relationship was not stated. The boarders and in-laws were gone by 1910 and a son had been born.

In 1920 Edwin was an officer of the Texas State Juvenile Training School. Listed separately that year was his family in Gainsville, Coryelle Co.

DANIEL (DAN) TRAPP b. June 1893 Texas. In 1900 she was age six.

ODELL TRAPP b. Oct. 1898. Was age 21 in 1920

ELMER TRAPP b. about 1903. Was age 17 in 1920.

ELLA TRAPP b. in Fairfield Co. S.C. about 1862. The *Baptist Paper* reported her marriage:

February 21, 1878 on the 7th inst. by Rev. R.R.VANN - MR. T.F. VANN to Miss ELLA TRAPP of Fairfield.

Ella Vann, presumably a widow and her two sons were in her mother's household in 1900.

ROBERT E. VANN b Nov. 1880 in S. C.

EDWIN VANN b. May 1882 in S.C.

HARRIET L. (HATTIE) TRAPP b. in Fairfield County .S.C Nov. 1863 was age 43 in 1910 and in Cynthia Trapp's (71) household..

CAROLYN M. TRAPP, the daughter of ZACHARIA is thought to have been born by 1820, but no dates are known. She was married to JESSE G. LYLES before 1850.

URIAH TRAPP was born August 1828 in Fairfield Co. S.C. and married about 1851

VICTORIA BOUKMAN, born 1838, the daughter of JACOB & REBECCA (CHAPPELL)

BOUKMAN, and the grand-daughter of JOHN SPINGER CHAPPELL.

Uriah served as 3rd Lieutenant in the Boyce Guards with his older brother Laban, A memorial plaque recording his service in Co C of the S.C. 2nd Calvary is stated to have been placed on his grave.



Victoria apparently died during the 1880's. but Uriah did not remarry. He remained in Township # 9, Fairfield, his daughters still living with him in 1900.

They had:

"Little Ben, infant son of U.C. & V.C. Trapp. (no dates)

ALISE TRAPP born about 1856 was age 4 in 1860

REBECCA TRAPP born Oct. 1859 had moved from Fairfield to Richland Co. by 1900, living with her sister, CHALMERS. Before 1920 they were of Columbia, S.C.

MARION TRAPP born Feb. 1864 remained in Fairfield in 1880. In 1900 she was of Washington D.C. but by 1910 was head of a household in Richland County that included her two sisters. In 1880 they resided at 2815 Wilson Road, Columbia, the household including also a nephew: HARRY TRAPP, age 25.

HOWELL B. TRAPP born Nov. 28, 1867 in Fairfield, married about 1893 LUCILLE (LUCY) WHITE, b. Feb. 9, 1874 who d. June 26, 1939. He d. Feb. 6, 1945. They are buried at Crooked Run Baptist Churchyard. They had:

CATHERINE TRAPP b. April 1894 S.C. Was unmarried in 1920

HENRY (HARRY) TRAPP b. Oct. 24, 1895. lived with his Aunt Marion in 1920.

CLYDE H. TRAPP b. Nov. 1897 S.C. age 21 apparently married and had:

CLYDE H. TRAPP JR. b. Columbia Feb. 27, 1926. Enlisted there in Navy Feb. 23, 1944, Served 19 months on *U.S. Oclus*. Honorably discharged A. A.M. 2nd Class Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla June 14, 1946.

MARION TRAPP b. May 1899 S.C. was head of household in Columbia in 1920.

CHALMERS (CHALLIE) TRAPP b. about 1902. Living with Marion 1920

GEORGE W. TRAPP b. ca 1904, was age 16 in 1920

JAMES W. TRAPP b. ca 1908. Owned a country store near Blythwood, SC that was still in operation as late as 1971

MAXEY G. TRAPP b. 1910. Enlisted at Columbia Dec.8,1939. Posted to Rome 20 August 1943. Served in France and the Rhineland. Honorably discharged October 7, 1945.

NETTIE WESTON TRAPP b. 1912 SC, d. October 14,1915, Buried at Crooked Run.

MARY D. TRAPP b 1914. age 6 in 1920

CHALMERS TRAPP, daughter of Uriah & Victoria, was born in April 1874 in Fairfield County, SC. She spent her last years in Columbia, dying April 18,1956

HAMDEN TRAPP, the youngest child was born about 1877 likely in Fairfield Co. He was age 3 in 1880



Credit: Chicago Historical Society

Best known as an illustrator of historical books, Alonzo Chappel (1828-1887) in 1858 painted this scene of the infamous Massacre at Wyoming. Chappel's depiction of colonial loyalists and their Indian allies' battle with patriot militiamen captures the viciousness of the conflict that erupted on the Pennsylvania frontier during the American Revolution.

Other Known Descendants of THOMAS & MARY TRAPP  
who served in the Revolutionary War

MARY AREY d.o. Thomas & Beulah (Trapp) Arey m. JOSEPH HUXFORD, who fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

THANKFUL TRAPP b. May 3, 1726 on Martha's Vineyard, the d. o. SAMUEL & THANKFUL (PEACE) TRAPP. She m. at Windham, Ct. April 4, 1751 ISAAC BALDWIN, by one account a builder of water-mills. They lived for a time in Canterbury, Ct. but had migrated to Wyoming, Pa. by 1772, and suffered from the Indian Massacre there in 1778, after which they left for what was then Newton, Tioga Co. N.Y. (Today changed names Elmira, Chemung Co. N.Y. Isaac and at least three sons served in the Revolutionary War.

ISAAC BALDWIN JR. wounded while serving in Sullivan's Campaign fighting the Iroquois Army with his father. Both are buried in the Baldwin family cemetery at Lowam, Chemung Co. N.Y.

THOMAS BALDWIN A Sergeant in the Continental Army wounded in the battle of Newton.

*During the fight he stole alone to a hiding place behind a clump of small trees and bushes and fired upon the fleeing Indians as they passed his place of concealment. He was finally discovered by an Indian who aimed and fired at him as he ran. The ball hit him in the knee breaking his knee-cap and crippling him for life. Shortly afterward he was pursued by a fleet-footed warrior, and seeing that flight was impossible he dropped suddenly to the ground and laid himself lengthwise behind a large log.*

*The Indian approached cautiously until within a few rods of the log, when the sergeant slowly raised his hat upon a stick in order that the crown might be seen above the top of the log. The Indian, supposing that the hat covered Mr. Baldwin's head fired and struck it.*

*As he jumped forward in great glee to claim the scalp of the paleface, the Sergeant discharged his gun and the Redskin dropped to the ground, dead.*

*VINE BALDWIN, son of Thomas Baldwin, is said to have been the first white child born west of the Allegheny Mountains.*

Thomas seems also to have been regarded as a hero in several localities. Source is assumed to have been the "Elmira Advertiser" in 1881:

*The pages of Wyoming history everywhere tell of his daring and successful exploits, one of which Mr. Miner thus gives: 'On Friday 7th of September 1781 a band of Indians made an attack on the Hanover settlement and took of Arnold Franklin and Roswell Franklin Jr., sons of Lieut. Roswell Franklin, who had shot an Indian the preceeding June*

*Several horses were stolen and much grain in stack consumed by fire. In April following, Sunday the 7th, 1782, the Indians . . . rushed into Lieut. Franklin's house and took off his wife and four remaining children, one an infant: set fire to the building, which, with the furniture not plundered, was consumed to ashes.*

*Parties went immediately in pursuit. Sergeant Thomas Baldwin led seven determined men with great celerity, taking an unfrequented course to head the savages. Arrived at Wyalusing, near sixty miles, they were satisfied by examining the fording place that the Indians had not crossed the stream; pushing on till they came to the mountain nearly opposite Asylum, a slight breastwork was thrown up and arrangements made to receive the enemy.*

*Every precaution had been taken to conceal the defense by setting up bushes*



*in front; but the wary chief on approaching, discovered the snare, changed the route of his party, leaving the path and attempted to ascent the hill and pass Baldwin's party 50 or 60 rods more easterly.*

*The attack was instantly commenced; a mutual fire opened and continued for some time with spirit and yet with caution - the Indians being desirous to get off with their prisoners and plunder, and the pursuing party being afraid of hurting Mrs. Franklin and the children.*

*In the midst of the firing, the two little girls and the boy sprang from their captors and found refuge with their friends. Instantly the savages shot Mrs. Franklin and retreated.*

*The chief, either to preserve the infant prisoner as a trophy, or to save himself from being a mark for the American Rifles, raised the babe on his shoulder and thus bearing her aloft, fled.*

*Having recovered three of the children, and seeing the bleeding remains of their mother, the Yankee's suspended pursuit. Mrs. Franklin was buried as decently as circumstances permitted and the children were brought safely to Wyoming where they arrived the 16th. Two of the men, Sergeant Baldwin and Oliver Bennet, were wounded, the former severely, by the enemy's fire.*

The account concludes by stating that both Sgt. Thomas Baldwin and his brother Waterman were both members of CAPT. ROBERT DURKEE'S Company and served all through the War. They were in the battle of Bound Brook, at milestone and in the Hartley campaign of 1778, the Sullivan Campaign in 1779 "and in several other important actions, and ended active service at Yorktown in 1781 assisting at the capture of Cornwallis and his army"

WATERMAN BALDWIN was the third son of Isaac and Thankful. 'many incidents of him . . . are preserved . . . stamp him as being a man in a thousand - brave, chivalrous, generous, tender-hearted, prudent, trustworthy - the friend, confident and companion of the highest in the land, the protector and defender of the humblest. He was a silent man, speaking infrequently, and then with few words. He possessed the exceedingly rare quality of never being in the way and never being out of the way, every time where it was expected that he should be. He was identified with many daring exploits in the Revolution and was three times taken prisoner by the Indians.

*During his last capture it was decided that he must be burned and preparations were begun to that end. The terrible ceremony had proceeded so far that "Wat", as he was familiarly called, had shaken hands as a last farewell to many of the prominent braves and was about to grasp the hand of Cornplanter, the famous Indian chief. His wonderful coolness and intrepidity at such a moment so struck the chief that he refused to allow the ceremony to take place and at once adopted Baldwin as his son. He was later on released and allowed to go to Philadelphia, then the seat of the US government, to effect a treaty. . . .*

*On one occasion while pursued by some Pennsylvania officers, he fled over the hills to New York state, taking the river road. His trail was discovered and the men of the law were hot upon it. High above the mountains Baldwin came upon the home of a family . . . whose best building was the milk house built on the side of a hill, over a spring. Watt had long before had performed some act (of kindness) for this family, which the wife who happened to be alone, remembered. She saw as he rode up that he was in trouble and heard the galloping horses farther down the hill. She suggested that he ride into the milk house and rest himself.*

*It was at best a cooped-up place, but Rhonoke (the horse) went into it as though he knew why . . . never making the slightest noise. The woman threw the officers off the track and Wyatt continued on his way to New York.*

Baldwin is reported to have been one of General Washington's most trusted messengers. When a surveying party was sent to determine the line between Pa. and N.Y. one of the number was killed by an Indian. The tribe was pursued and compelled to surrender the murderer to the Whites. It was decided to send the Indian to Niagara for trial, and a subscription was taken up. Only 14 cents was raised but Baldwin and a few others agreed to deliver him there for that amount.

He seems to have been the hero of several localities and at least in one novel *Chedayne of Katona* by Ausburn Tamer and has been compared to Harvey Birch, whom Cooper made immortal. The *Elmira Advertiser* Aug. 20, 1975 was quoted as the source of information stating that he had been a merchant of Pittson until 1798 when he removed to Elmira had a sawmill and a store there. He married CELINDA HAZEN. He possessed a silver-mounted, a gift from GEORGE WASHINGTON.

RUFUS BALDWIN

HENRY BALDWIN

ADA BALDWIN, b. ca 1762. "The *Elmira Advertiser* says she was taken prisoner by the Indians at the Massacre of Wyoming in 1778 at the age of sixteen, shaved, painted and sent out on foot over the mountains and through the swamps to the Delaware at Easton. Charles Candee Baldwin tells that the *Advertiser* gave her experience in captivity as "startling and remarkable" before adding "but I am unable to relate to it".

ANNE TRAPP d. o. Thomas & Mary, was born about 1680 at Edgartown, Mass. She m. ca 1702 JOSEPH NORTON, the son of Nicholas Norton. One of their grandsons, the son of SYLVANUS NORTON (1718 - 1801) served as follows:

NOAH NORTON, b. CA 1752 served Oct. 14, 1775 as Corporal for one month 20 days under COL. BENJAMIN SMITH

Noah served again as a Private under the same Col Smith from Jan 23, 1776 for one month and 9 days.

Noah served from Mar. 1, 1776 for eight months and 20 days under the same Col. Smith and was one of a group who captured the *Harriot* and brought her into Edgartown.

Noah's application for pension was made at Brookeville, Hancock Co. Maine He is said to have sons: JOSEPH, SETH LEMUEL, NOLAN JR. & DAVID and apparently daughters LYDIA married to TIBBITS and a grandchild, ROSALIA LOMBARD.

Noah Norton is stated to have been buried in White's Corner Cemetery, Montville, Maine.

ISAAC & THANKFUL BALDWIN'S descendants continued at Elmira N.Y. apparently for several generations. The following is from REV. THOMAS K. BEAVER'S records

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19, 1860 at the Meeting house JOHN S. BADWIN & CORNELIA A. MORRELL

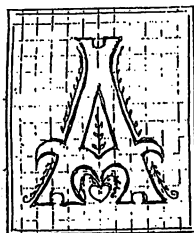
Having been a piano major, I had hoped to find that it was one of Thankful's descendants established the Baldwin Piano Co. but although the branch from Erie Co. Pa. and the one from Elmira may be remotely related. these were not Thankful's descendants.

It is estimated that one out of every ten persons listed in the index is assigned an inaccurate page number. At this point, only days short of my 78th year, I feel that I must give priority to completing Volumes I and III as embarrassing as it is to duplicate such a flawed section.

I had considered leaving off the Index entirely, but it is hoped that as imperfect as it may be it will prove better than no index at all.


I truly regret the inconvenience that is certain to result.





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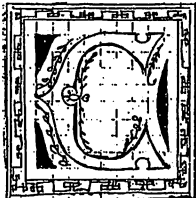
  
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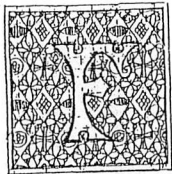
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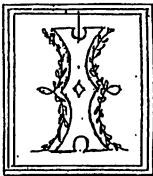


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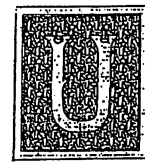


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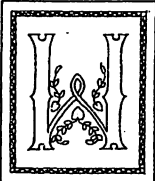


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